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I read 'em so you can, too

New Books for October

TIME again for your trusty Taste Tester, I mean, humble book reviewer, with this month's Tempting Treats. (Gee, you'd think I was in the business of selling these things.)

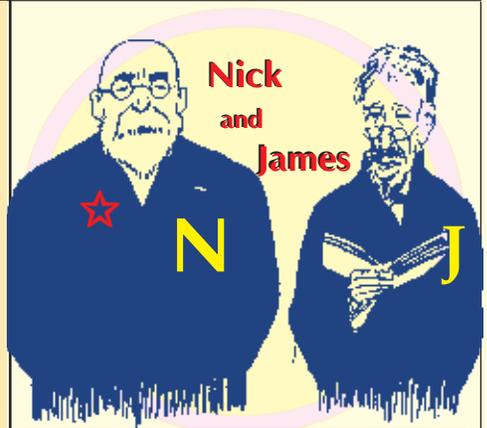
First up, **Judith Hill's** fabulous new book, **The Lunar Nodes, Your Key to Excellent Chart Interpretation**. It starts with a transcription of a lecture she gave many years ago. It includes audience questions, as well as some of the most practical chart reading tips you will find anywhere. The book goes on with node to planet conjunctions & squares, nodes in signs (the best I've yet come across), nodes in houses, nodes & physical appearance, nodes & transits, nodes & death & more. More than you can imagine.

The AFA has reprinted **Jack Gillen's** book, **The Key to Speculation on the New York Stock Exchange**. Gillen was hot back in the 1970's with his stock market forecasting. He's quirky and many of the incorporation charts are dated, but his technique is solid & many of his tips are priceless. Now if you can make them work in the current crazy market.

Not so tasty was **Interceptions Heralds of a New Age**, by the **Reverend Alice Miller**. Did you know that if you have interceptions in your chart, you are a Special Person? For what kind of **Starseed** or **Starborn** you might be, get the book & read along. For a tasty example of how I read charts, read my review.

Jeffrey Sayer Close has come up with **Self Evident Astrology**™. I am trying to be nice here, but Jeffrey is just plain weird.

Not to be missed, the reprinting of **Jeffrey Wolf Green's Pluto Volume 2: The Soul's Evolution Through Relationships**. Green's approach may be a bit dated, but as he disappeared a couple of years ago, you should get this while you can. Published by Jeffrey's daughter, **Deva Crystal Green**, who has herself written **Pluto and Your Karmic Mission**. Which I haven't seen. A morsel for next time, perhaps. — Dave



DUELING DICTIONARIES

LORDS

James Wilson, 1819: Julius Firmicus says it is the lord of that sign into which the Moon enters next after birth, except it be one of the luminaries, which cannot be taken as being universal signifiers. Others are of the opinion, that it should be that planet (not being a luminary) that has most dignities in the places of the lights, the ascendant, the midheaven & the Part of Fortune.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: Lord of the Year. In an Ingress Figure judgment is formed on the basis of its position & aspects, especially such aspects as it forms with the Moon. Well placed, it is interpreted as follows; but afflicted, the reverse is prognosticated: Sun: Propitious for governments & high governmental officers; food plentiful. . .

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

13	04:36	♃ ♀	♁
	10:06	♃ ♀ ♃	
	10:52	♀ ♀ ♃	
	18:31	♀ ♀ ♀	
	21:21	♃ ♀ ♀	Void
14	07:46	♃ ♀	
	22:47	♀ ♀	
15	05:20	♀ ♀ ♀	
	17:21	♀ ♀ ♀	
	23:33	♃ ♀ ♀	
16	07:55	♃ ♀ ♀	
	10:19	♃ ♀ ♀	Void
	10:30	♃ ♀	
	13:57	♃ ♀ ♀	
	15:33	♀ ♀ ♀	
	22:15	♀ ♀ ♀	
17	00:47	♁ ♀ ♀	
	05:23	♃ ♀ ♀	
18	05:34	● 24♁ 59	New Moon/Void
	06:25	♀ ♀ ♀	
	14:23	♃ ♀	

Extracted from **AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2000-2020**. Get yours!

HALLOWEEN APPROACHES!



STAR OF THE WEEK



FORAMEN eta Argus 22 ♁ 17

Notes: An irregularly variable reddish star situated in the stern of the Ship [Argo], and surrounded by the Keyhole Nebula.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn & Jupiter. It causes peril, dignity, piety, usefulness & acquisitiveness, and gives danger to eyes.

With Sun: Danger of shipwreck. — from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

MAYNARD 2010

The 2010 edition of the best Astro-calendar ever is expected mid-November. We are taking pre-orders & will ship as soon

as stock arrives. Here are your options: **Celestial Influence Wall**, EST or PST **Celestial Guide Datebook** (spiral) **Astrologer's Datebook** **Pocket Astrologer**, EST or PST

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Lilith in the Houses

FUNDamentally, Lilith goes after human beings & is intent on injuring them PERSONALLY – which will be physically, materially or functionally according to whether she is in an angular, succedent or cadent house in the natal chart. By & large, we group the houses in sets of four this way, and all of them employ as their first keyword that of the angular-1st, succedent-2nd or cadent-3rd house in the First Quadrant of the wheel & always personal.

The 1st, 4th, 7th & 10th Houses are angular and DENY greatest good if Lilith is there. It will be physical (1st) or because of the family and father (4th), the partner or enemy (7th), or the employer or mother (10th), because all of these can afflict the native personally, being in evil aspect to the First House by conjunction, square or opposition. These are mundane aspects (formed by houses only), but if Lilith is in bad aspect to a malefic (or if she is conjunct an evil fixed star) she injures by zodiacal aspect also, both denying AND afflicting.

In the chart on the opposite page we see Lilith in the 1st House denying personal & physical good, and injuring the body by afflictive evil aspect to malefic Pluto – therefore the person is physically afflicted (a dwarf) which is a 1st house effect; & the malefic being in the 10th emphasizes the denial of vocation he would prefer; the 7th may refuse matrimony; the 4th (Mars there) denies home life & so he was rejected at birth & put out of the home. — from *The Dark Moon Lilith In Astrology, 1961*

nasa lays an egg



EARLY Friday morning America time (is there any other time, really?), NASA slammed the LCROSS (Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite) into the Moon. On board were one visible camera, two near-infrared cameras, two mid-infrared cameras, a visible light spectrometer, two near-infrared spectrometers, and a photometer. A hundred million bucks sacrificed in the belief that violent impact would discover water just under the surface of a deep crater at the lunar south pole. If only a big enough splash, I mean, hole, could be made.

I wasn't on tenterhooks. I knew what the result would be. **If lunar craters were formed by boiling**, as some suspect, then the intense heat drove off lunar waters long ago. It was said that a lunar orbiter had detected hydrogen (ie, traces of water) in the bottom of the Cabeus crater. Well, yes. You will find a microscopically thin film of water in most permanently shady places on the moon. It comes from the Earth. It is the net result of lunar tides. And that ain't rocket science.

Nor was I surprised to hear there wasn't a big splash or plume of debris. The Moon boiled because there wasn't oxygen to burn. Burnt things have no springiness. Here on Earth there are how many hundred pounds of lunar soil available to study? Did anyone bother?

NASA is a crystal-clear example of brilliant engineering enslaved to dumb science. Engineering excellence brings the probe to its distant destination. Whereupon "scientific" experiments fail. Repeatedly. Over & over again. And every time they do, there is the same excuse:

"The LCROSS science instruments worked exceedingly well and returned a wealth of data that will greatly improve our understanding of our closest celestial neighbor," said Anthony Colaprete, LCROSS principal investigator and project scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. "The team is excited to dive into data."

Except they didn't find any water. Just another dry hole! If NASA can come up with a use for theirs, maybe they can come up with a use for some of ours.

Engineering is the ceaseless struggle against the elements, the endless tinkering, the trials by error, the original do-it-yourself brigade, invention itself. Engineering in fact built every civilization known to man: Egyptian, Babylonian, Sumerian, Indian, Chinese, Mayan, Incan, Roman, Greek, Moslem, Eu-

ropean, and, yes, our own. Without exception. Engineering is the study of What Works. The same engineering principles that built the Pyramids, are today at work building skyscrapers in the Persian Gulf, as well as the next generation of rockets to the Moon & to the planets & distant stars beyond. Engineering it is that claws Knowledge from the darkness.

Science, by contrast, is its shabby step-sister. It guesses, it supposes, it builds elaborate houses of cards, it is "logical", it "deduces", it is full of preening egos. All fighting for attention. Which leads me to:

Dave's Formula for Pain Management

which I discovered last night. Wracked with pain from a broken molar, the end result of an accident 30 some years ago, I succumbed to the necessity of taking Vicodin. It's nasty stuff – go Wiki. I put a pill in my left hand but couldn't make myself swallow. Five minutes went by. I was out of pain. Not a lessening of intensity. The pain was gone. I held the tab in my hand for two hours. No pain at all. There's very good metaphysical reasons why holding a pain pill in your left hand may take the pain away, but rather than bore you with that, know that I taped the pill to the palm of my hand & had the best night's sleep in three days. (Being worn out after 24 hours of intense pain helped.) This morning I could eat again. Drink liquids. Chew. That same pill, now in pieces, is taped to one of my fingers.

American medicine is expensive not because of greedy insurance companies, though they don't help any. Medicine is expensive because of all the engineering gizmos that cost millions of dollars each but which, like NASA's space probes, don't actually work, nor even give a worthwhile diagnosis. And for the same reason: While the engineering is excellent, the science behind it is shoddy. "Science" says the body is a machine made up of independent parts. This obsession is the best that "science" can do. The best it will ever manage. Next time I will tell you why.

You want medicine? There is **Saunders, Culpeper, Blagrove, Cornell**, there is **Brother Aloysius**, there are many, many more, all shunned. I turned a pill into a poultice. Next time you're in pain, hold the pain pill in your left hand. If in five minutes it's brought solace, you've discovered something. If not, get relief! Swallow it!



WHY WHERE
WHAT WHO
WHEN

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 30: Let's Eat, iii Making Jams & Wine

IN making jam the Moon should be in Scorpio or Taurus in good aspect to Venus.

When making wine or other drinks place the Moon in Pisces or Taurus in good aspect to Venus. Avoid aspects from Saturn, which make the drink harsh, and from Mars, which makes it strong and also gives danger of breaking the bottle containing it; but good aspects from Mercury, Jupiter, or the Sun are advantageous.

Adinner, feast or banquet should be begun when the ascendant & its ruler are fortunate, and when the Moon, its dispositor, the fifth cusp & its ruler are well aspected, and all are free from affliction from Mars & Saturn, and are in reception with the rulers of the seventh & eleventh houses.

— **Electional Astrology**, 1937

October 15

- 1582 – First day of the Gregorian Calendar
- 1815 – Napoleon begins exile on St. Helena
- 1863 – CSS Huntley sunk (1st submarine)
- 1888 – “From Hell” sent by Jack the Ripper
- 1894 – Alfred Dreyfuss arrested
- 1917 – Mata Hari executed
- 1945 – Pierre Laval shot by firing squad
- 1946 – Hermann Goering poisons himself

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Rules for Operations

as taken from the
Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology, by H.L. Cornell, M.D.

STATISTICS show that operations are more successfully performed when the Moon is increasing in light, between the New & Full Moon, and heal more quickly, and are less liable to complications than when the Moon is past the full and decreasing. Note the following Rules -

- (1) Operate on the increase of the Moon if possible.
- (2) Do not operate at the exact time of the Full Moon, as the fluids are running high at this time.
- (3) Never operate when the Moon is in the same sign as at birth.
- (4) Never operate upon that part of the body ruled by the sign thru which the Moon is passing at the time, but wait a day or two until the Moon passes into the next sign below, and especially if the Moon be in conjunction, square or opposition Neptune, Uranus, Saturn or Mars at the time. This rule should be especially followed in major operations. Ptolemy says, "Pierce not with iron that part of the body which may be governed by the sign actually occupied by the Moon."
- (5) Do not operate when the Moon is applying closely to the square or opposition the Sun, Saturn or Mars.
- (6) Let the Moon be increasing in light, and in sextile or trine Jupiter or Venus and not afflicted by Mars.
- (7) Let the Moon be in a fixed sign, but not in the sign ruling the part to be operated upon, and such sign of the Moon also not on the ascendant.

(8) Do not operate when the Moon is applying to any aspect of Mars, as such tends to danger of inflammation & complications after the operation.

(9) Avoid operations when the Sun is in the sign ruling the part upon which the operation is to be performed.

(10) Never operate when the Moon is combust, or within 17 degrees of the Sun, and with the Moon opposite Mars at the same time.

(11) The Moon should be free from all manner of impediment.

(12) Jupiter, Venus, and the ruler of the ascendant should be in the ascendant or in the M.C., if possible, and free of Mars affliction.

(13) Fortify the Sign ruling the part of the body to be operated upon.

(14) A Mars hour is evil for surgical operations.

(15) Do not cut a nerve when Mercury is afflicted.

— *The above from page 609* —

Immediately preceding the above, Cornell warns (pg 608-9):

Undesirable Elemental Spirits are often present at Operations to absorb the life force from the blood of the patient, introduce Astral infections, and prevent recovery. Every operation should be preceded with prayer to prevent the presence of Elementals, and to place an Aura of Protection about the patient.

and, a paragraph later: Operations Dangerous - Performed when the Sun is in the 12th house, in conjunction Saturn or South Node, and Mars afflicted in the 6th House at the same time.

Dave adds: It's also known that a prominent Neptune may lead to complications with anesthesia & that Jupiter in hard aspect to the Moon can cause too much bleeding.

There are about a dozen copies of Cornell remaining. It will not be reprinted, the world is no longer rich enough. After that, there are some 60-ish crudely-printed, defective copies (I will make them good) that will be sold for perhaps \$30 each, but only when all the good copies are gone. Get a good copy while they're still available.

