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An Easie and Plaine Method Teaching How to judge upon Nativities

IN 1647, William Lilly, renowned throughout England, sat down to write his famous book on astrology. He was ill, but he had foreseen that. He decided that rather than struggle with clients while sick, he would give himself a year to study, reflect, and write. But before he was quite finished with his book, plague swept through London, killing two of his servants, and forcing Lilly and family to flee to the countryside.

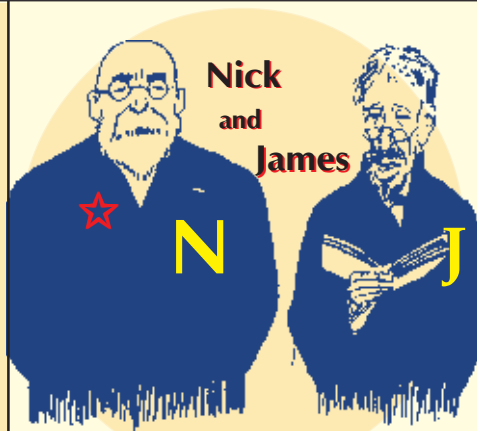
This is Book Three, **An Easie and plaine Method Teaching How to judge upon Nativities**, the conclusion of his great work, **Christian Astrology**.

In this astounding book, Lilly gives not only his own hard-won knowledge of natal

astrology, but also what he gleaned from close study of the greatest astrologers in history, as found in his own astrological library, one of the largest of its day. In this book you may learn:

- How to determine the Hyleg, or Apheta, the *Prorogator of Life*.
- How to determine intelligence, stature, shape and complexion of the native.
- If the native will be rich, and, if so, whether by fair means or foul.
- The illnesses he may suffer, if he may die a violent death.
- *Of Marriage*: The number and kinds of spouses, where they may come from, if there will be children or not, and if so, an idea of their number.
- The kind of career best suited to the native, and much more.

In the section on Directions and Forecasting, Lilly gives comprehensive interpretations for Primary Directions, Solar Returns and Profecions. The book concludes with a priceless analysis of the Nativity of an English Merchant, including more than twenty years of forecasts, up to the time that Lilly judged to be the end of the man's natural life.



DUELING DICTIONARIES

At Random

James Wilson, 1819: Traveling: According to Ptolemy, the luminaries & particularly the Moon, declining from angles & occidental, causes traveling. This must mean being in the 9th or 3rd houses, for she is occidental & cadent in both of these. I have reason to suspect there is some truth in this, which is too seldom the case in other matters. Sometimes he says Mars occidental & ... **Nicholas deVore, 1947: Trimorion:** An aspect in Mundo which embraces three Houses, hence a Mundane square, but which in some instances may actually extend to as much as 120°; hence in Primary Directions it was sometimes called the killing arc, since 120 years were deemed the natural limit of life.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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STAR OF THE WEEK



ARCTURUS alpha Bootis 24 ♃ 22

Notes: A golden yellow star situated on the left knee of Bootes.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars & Jupiter, but Alvidas substitutes Venus & Mercury conjoined. It gives riches, honours, high renown, self-determination & prosperity by navigation & voyages.

If rising: Good fortune, with many cares & anxiety through own folly.

If culminating: High office under Government, great profit & reputation. If at the same time with Sun, Moon or Jupiter, ample fortune & great honour.

With Sun: Success through slow & patient plodding, friends among clergy, favourable for gain & for dealing with the public & lawyers.

— from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

October 21
1879 – Electric Light Bulb!
1944 – First kamikaze attack

1959 – Guggenheim Museum opens

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Part You Play

THE most direct action on your own accord comes from planets square, semi-square or sesquare the Ascendant or a planet in the 1st House, arousing you. A strong conjunction falling in your First House is also a personal incentive, usually bringing changes. The quincunx or “Finger of God” aspect is generally operative after some frustrating condition or someone over you moves out of your way so you are free.

The opposition is non-cooperative & forces you to work against the odds, difficulties or some jealousy. Trines & sextiles, semi-sextiles & parallels grant desirable results with help from relatives, friends & strangers. If you have both good & bad aspects operating simultaneously you are repaid for losses.

Which way to turn

THE nearest source of help or comfort to turn to will come from the house that is sextile to the 1st House if it contains a planet or if its ruler is in the 1st House or in good aspect to the ruler of the Ascendant or to a planet in the First House itself. With planets in the 11th or 3rd you always have the aid of friends, relatives or neighbors when needed.

The next-nearest source is the house that trines the 1st House if it contains a planet or if its ruler is in the 1st or in good aspect to the ruler of the Ascendant or to a planet in the 1st house. With planets in the 5th or 9th you always have what help you ask from children, in-laws or strangers, though some distance & consequent wait must be expected. —from *The Way of Astrology*, 1967

More on “A pill in the hand...”

SURPRISING response to my note last week, that holding a pill in my hand had brought relief from pain. Thanks to John C. for the neat tag, “a pill in the hand.” He reports the same unwillingness to swallow the things. Karen K., who does energy work, wondered why she hadn’t thought of it. I wondered that of myself.

I can’t tell you that a pill in the hand will work for you, because we’re all different, but there is more to it than mere hand-holding.

Underlying & interpenetrating the physical body is an energy body. One of the big secrets in medieval medicine – which has been lost to the modern world – were numerous ways of healing by working directly with the energy body itself. Bypassing the physical altogether.

As I’ve mentioned before, **Blagrave** constantly tells us to put three solar herbs in a small bag (such as fennel, centaury & daffodil), tie it closed & wear it around the neck. Why solar (Sun) herbs & why around the neck? Because the heart is ruled by the Sun, and “around the neck” does not imply a choker. A satchel worn around the neck will fall naturally on the breastbone, which is very near the heart, thus putting the herbs in close proximity. What strengthens the heart strengthens the body as a whole. Strengthen the body & the cure is half done already.

Since I suffer from a weak heart, once I figured out what Blagrave was up to, I wanted one of those satchels. Alas, it’s too late in the season to start a garden & I wouldn’t know **chevril** from **centaury** anyway. But, I thought, gold would work as well. I remembered a gold ring from a failed relationship 20-some years ago & tore through the house to find it. Nice heavy man’s 18K thing, but it would need cleaning. I put it in a glass jar & set it outside at sunrise on a Sunday. I “harvested” it a week later, at sunrise on a Sunday, tied it onto a shoelace & put it around my neck, in accordance with Blagrave’s rules. The water, full of solar energy, I drank.

I’ve been wearing it two weeks. Here’s what I think:

Unlike herbs, gold has a heavier energy. The energy is expressed by the shape, so the ring functions as a flywheel. It seems to be stabilizing & strengthening my heartbeat, which is good.

The shape of an object is important. Many women wear small gold crosses around

their necks, and not always for strictly religious reasons. The esoteric function of a cross is to disturb & disrupt the surrounding energies. When worn around the neck as a golden cross, it wards off infection, or it would, except the crosses women wear are too small & have too little gold to have any real impact. So far as I can tell, the Latin cross, the Celtic cross, and the equal armed Greek & Maltese crosses all have the same basic properties, in other words, they all ward off bad energies. It is for this reason the Church uses the **Sign** compulsively, it is for this reason they encourage their adherents to use it, and it is for this reason those adherents so often actually do so. Much to my surprise, the fact that their Leader & Founder & Great White Father was nailed to one & died on it has nothing whatever to do with it.

Many of you are familiar with copper bracelets, which prevent arthritis. I myself wear one, after I noticed the start of this evil disease some three years ago. My father, his mother & several of my brothers & sisters have all suffered from it.

Blagrave does not use metals or precious stones in his work. He has other ideas. In the springtime he bores holes in hazelnut trees, takes pus from his patients’ open wounds, mixes them with the sawdust, puts them in the holes & stops them up. As the sap rises it heals the trapped pus. Which, as it’s magnetically attached to the remaining pus in the actual wound, pulls the infection from the patient, resulting in cure. Once we understand the underlying energy nature of the body, this is not hard to follow. Nor is this the only medicinal use of trees that I have found.

Even more dramatic, he takes the patient’s excrement, carefully dries it in the dark, mixes it with soil, and in it plants the herbs necessary to cure the ailment. He gives the plant to the patient & instructs that as the plants are tended, so the patient will recover.

MY Chinese herbalist doctor was unhappy when she saw the ring around my neck. Wear it for a year, she said, then come back & see me. Well, yes, I replied, I expect to wear it for many years. It appears the better part of Chinese medicine was stripped away from what is now known as **Traditional Chinese Medicine**, leaving only the fragments that would be acceptable to western science. My daughter thinks I am a wizard, with a ring around my neck & pills taped to my fingers. She’s not the first to think so.

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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 31: Buying Tools & Utensils

WHEN buying tools & ironmongery the Moon should be in good aspect to Mars, especially if the article is made of iron or steel; to Jupiter if it is of tin; to Venus if of copper; to Saturn if of lead; and to Mercury and Uranus if of aluminium. When buying drills, gimlets, screws, screwdrivers, nails, hammers & similar tools with a driving action, the Moon should be in a cardinal sign, especially Aries, and well-aspected. For planes & grooving tools the Moon is well placed in Taurus, Libra & Aquarius; for saws, Capricorn & Aquarius; for measuring instruments, Gemini & Virgo; and for scissors & cutting instruments, Gemini. In the purchase of household utensils, the Moon should be free from affliction & in a sign ruling the article in question or well aspected by the planet ruling that sign. For crockery, afflictions involving Cancer should be avoided. For glass & ornamental brass articles the Moon should be in Leo; for pots & pans, Taurus and Virgo are good signs, and a favourable aspect from Mars is beneficial.

— **Electional Astrology**, by **Vivian Robson**

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*The Introductory
from my ephemeris:*

AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris

2000–2010
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The **Mean Node** retrogrades $19^{\circ} 20'$ per 365 day year, or about $3.124'$ per day.

JULIAN Day is calculated from noon, GMT, which means that a midnight ephemeris (such as this one) will always show it ending as a half-day. If you divide the Julian Day for January 1, 2000, by 365.25, you get a number of years a few minutes shy of exactly 6712, or, to be precise, January 1, 4713 BC (there was no year 0). This system was invented by **Joseph Scaliger** in 1583. It is based on the **Indiction cycle** of 15 years (used in dating medieval documents), multiplied times the **Metonic cycle** of 18 years (lunar), times the **Solar cycle** of 28 (in the Julian calendar, the number of years to complete one leap year cycle). The product of these numbers is 7560. Scaliger found that all three cycles were last together on January 1, 4713 BC, hence his choice of that date. Which, so far as he - or anyone else - knew, predated all historical dates.

Ayanamsa: Lahiri, the standard ayanamsa, as used in India. There are many minor variations derived from it. To convert from the tropical zodiac to a Lahiri-based sidereal zodiac, convert tropical longitudes to 360° notation (as shown below) and subtract the ayanamsa for the month. With this you may then determine the Nakshatra.

The Fixed Stars in Natal Astrology

from **Fixed Stars**, by *Vivian Robson*

THE extent & magnitude of the effects brought about by the stars depends upon several factors, namely, (a) apparent size, (b) celestial position, (c) nature of the planet through which they operate, and (d) general nature of the horoscope.

(a) **Apparent size.** The magnitude of a star bears a definite relationship to its intensity. A 1st magnitude star is of great power, a 2nd magnitude star is appreciably weaker, and so on down the scale, the effect of stars below the 4th magnitude being very small except in the case of clusters.

(b) **Celestial position.** The nearer a star may be to the ecliptic the greater its power, and in the northern hemisphere a star with north declination is more powerful than one with south, the reverse holding good in the southern hemisphere. It has frequently been said that stars with great latitude cannot affect us, but it is very doubtful if this assumption is correct, and experience, particularly in the case of comets, seems to indicate that bodies in all parts of the celestial sphere are capable of exerting an influence upon the earth & its inhabitants.

(c) **Nature of the planet through which they operate.** As already pointed out the fixed stars give strength & energy to the planets & modify their effects, but at the same time the nature of the planet exercises a strong controlling influence upon the result. The greatest effect is obtained when the star & planet are both of the same nature, and in such cases the influence of the planet is raised to a vehement pitch, though at the same time the malefic effect of the star is diminished. Thus if the planet Mars falls upon a star of its own nature its power is increased. . . In other words if a planet falls upon a star of similar nature to its own it acquires intensity. . . —
from **Fixed Stars**, by *Vivian Robson*

