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## Dark Days Approach

**A**utumnal days approach. Time to shake off a summer's lethargy. Time to get back to work!

The long-awaited Saturn-Uranus opposition is exact on Tuesday, September 15 at 8:50 am local time (EDT). As **Michelsen & Pottenger** discovered years ago, the exact time of such an event is actually unknowable, but my local city fathers have seen fit to have me report for jury duty forty minutes later. Should be fun!

This, the second of four Saturn-Uranus oppositions has Saturn moving rapidly direct, Uranus staggering slowly backwards. I've heard that termed, 'ships that pass in the night,' but as the Sun will conjunct one, and oppose the other the very next day, these battleships are unlikely to pass quietly.

I'm itching to plug my compilation of Sepharial's books on **How to Make Money!**,

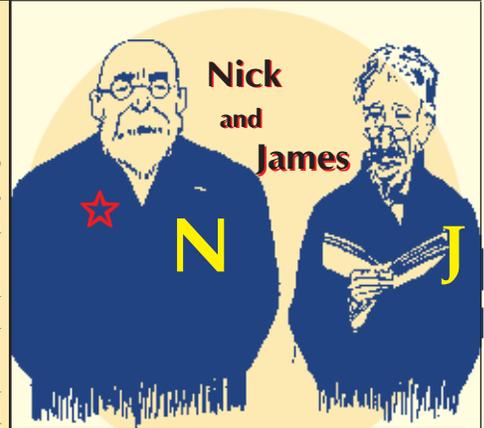
but frankly you'd have to be plumb crazy to go throwing your money at a market as rigged as this one, and if you haven't been reading **Zero Hedge** lately, well, get to it!

So what do you do when, so far as I can tell, things are about to explode? Aside from keeping your head down, I mean?

Well, **The End of The World** arrived in Iceland last fall. Big bank scam collapsed the economy outright. Suddenly bereft of money, income, jobs & investments, brave Nicelanders got down to work. The toil, sweat & hard work of making a **baby boom**. If that's what it takes, I'm willing to do my part!

Can astrology help? Well, a mysterious someone named "**Olivia**" used to have books on how to use astrology for Hot Dates. None of this "*Will you still like him in the morning?*" stuff, like you will read in, I don't know, **Liz Greene** or **Ronald Davison** or all the other astro-romantic writers. In emergencies, details like that go out the window!

Short of that, Ladies & Gentlemen, I give to you: Chocolate. Chocolate soothes all aches. Heals all wounds. Solves all problems. Chocolate, the Universal Cure-All. Amazingly enough, unlike money, it grows on trees. No chocolate trees around here, but heck, you can't have everything!



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### PART OF FORTUNE/Fortuna

**James Wilson**, 1819: The opinion of Placidus before he had seen that of **Negusan-tius**, was that the  $\oplus$  moved on the path of the  $\mathcal{D}$ 's latitude & he was right, if anything can be called right that is fundamentally wrong: for as the  $\odot$ , having no latitude, is always in the ecliptic, therefore uniform with the horoscope according to the course of the ecliptic, so the  $\mathcal{D}$  should be uniform with the  $\oplus$  according to the course of the ecliptic...

**Nicholas deVore**, 1947: Its symbol, a cross within a circle  $\oplus$ , is that used by astronomers to represent the Earth. It is the ancient Chinese symbol *Tien*, a field; used by the Egyptians to signify territory. It is generally considered that the house position of  $\oplus$  . . .

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

|    |       |                                     | Notes       |
|----|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 01 | 03:43 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♁}$            |             |
|    | 18:28 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♂}$ $\text{♀}$ |             |
| 02 | 19:27 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♂}$ $\text{♃}$ |             |
| 03 | 05:20 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♂}$ $\text{♅}$ | Void        |
|    | 15:59 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♁}$            |             |
|    | 16:20 | $\text{♀}$ $\square$ $\text{♂}$     |             |
| 04 | 00:26 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♁}$ $\odot$    |             |
|    | 00:58 | $\text{♀}$ $\text{♁}$ $\text{♀}$    |             |
|    | 16:03 | $\odot$ $12 \times 15$              | Full Moon   |
| 05 | 13:47 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♂}$ $\text{♃}$ |             |
|    | 16:54 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♂}$ $\text{♃}$ | Void        |
| 06 | 02:15 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♁}$            |             |
|    | 11:46 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♁}$ $\odot$    |             |
|    | 14:01 | $\mathcal{D}$ $\text{♂}$ $\text{♀}$ |             |
|    | 20:52 | $\text{♀}$ $\text{♁}$ $\odot$       |             |
| 07 | 04:46 | $\text{♀}$ SR                       | Merc Retro! |

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

### On the First Day of September

1972: Bobby Fisher beats Boris Spassky  
1979: **Pioneer 11 visits Saturn**.



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**DENEbola** beta Leonis 21  $\text{♌}$  45

**Notes:** A blue star in the Lion's tail. From Al Dhanab al Asad, the Tail of the Lion, or, according to Bullinger, the Judge, or Lord who Cometh. Frequently abbreviated to Deneb & so given in most astrological works, but this title properly belongs to another star already described.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn & Venus; to Wilson & Pearce, of Saturn, Venus & Mercury; to Simmonite, of Uranus; and, to Alvidas, of Mercury, Uranus & Mars. It gives swift judgment, despair, regrets, public disgrace, misfortune from the elements of nature, & happiness turned to anger, & makes its natives noble, daring, self-controlled, generous & busy with other people's affairs.

**If rising:** Riches, preferment & good fortune, attended by many dangers & anxieties through own folly, benefits seldom last...  
— From **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### When Planets Change Direction

**T**HE year in which a planet changes direction & turns either Direct or Retrograde is usually singled out for importance in the life. Whether in the past or future it is desirable to progress the chart for that year in order to account for what has already happened because of that planet's influence, or to see what is still to take place: either way, it will register very strongly.

Allowing for a lifetime of 90 years we go forward 90 days in the natal ephemeris for the PROGRESSED area, & we also go backward 90 days in the natal ephemeris for the PRE-NATAL area, remember that in either case we consider the developments to materialize during the 90 years AFTER birth.

The number of days before or after birth showing any planet marked either D or R (Direct or Retrograde) is taken as the number of years after birth & indicates the native's age thereby, for chart-progression.

**U**SING Char #8 page 28, we note simply the birthdate Feb. 24, 1957.

Going forward 90 days we find no change during February, but Saturn turns R on March 23d which is 27 days after birth or 27 YEARS after, denoting the year 1984 for special significance. Uranus turns D on April 10, 45 days after birth or age 45. 2002 would therefore be worth progressing. Both Jupiter & Mercury turn D on May 19th at age 84, the year 2041. — *from Foundations of the Astrological Chart, 1959.*

## LOVE FORMULAS~2

By Nance McCullough

### Chapter 1 The first priority: Harmony

[continued from last month:]

**I**T is highly recommended that a minimum ratio of two harmonious aspects to one disharmonious aspect be present when comparing the planets of the two individuals involved (ten sextiles, trines, good conjunctions, and/or excellent 1st & 7th house placements in contrast to five squares).

The composite chart is discussed in Chapter 3 & is the "bottom line." If the composite chart is very harmonious, whereas the planetary chart comparison is not, there is a possibility the relationship can survive. The problems in the planetary comparison will not disappear, but will lessen with an excellent composite chart.

The above -mentioned ratio of harmonious-to-disharmonious aspects (two-to-one) is considered rock bottom for sustaining any union. Any proportion less than this bare minimum presents a challenge. The smaller the ratio of good-to-bad, the greater the challenge; i.e. a learning experience. Even when the matching of aspects reveals the two beneficial to one detrimental ratio required, there still exists a need for compromise on both sides for the merger to survive unless the ratio is wide, such as a four-to-one ratio of positive to negative aspects. When we find the ratio in a closer degree (i.e., ten sextiles, trines, and good conjunctions against seven squares), our relationship slowly deteriorates.

With the two-to-one harmony to disharmony prevailing, harmonious events happen at least two-thirds of the time, and disharmonious events happen not more than one-third of the time. This ratio is livable. When the proportion is less than two-to-one (eight good, eight bad, for instance), disagreeable actions surface more often. No sustaining relationship can take this barrage, and this type of relationship deteriorates more rapidly.

— *from Love Formulas 2, by Nance McCullough. Used by permission.*

## Secrets From A, Stargazer's Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

### Void of Course Moon, aka the twilight zone

**T**HAT crusty genius, Al H. Morrison has done more to publicize this weird Moon period than any astrologer in the five-thousand-year history of the art. Medieval soothsayers knew about it. William Lilly wrote about it in his 1600's book, *Christian Astrology*, and then it seems everybody shut up about it.

Then Al came along & started making trouble... He cranked out tens of thousands of void-of-course Moon sheets; he demanded that astrologers & lay persons try it out...

Years ago I did not want to believe the void-of-course Moon worked. I went for part-time job interviews. I never got the job when the Moon was void of course. I made plans. The plans altered when the Moon was void of course. I bought clothes & never wore them when I bought them on a void Moon. . . . © *Debbi Kempton-Smith, 1999*

## Helpful Hints For Upcoming Brides



From *Never Throw Rice at a Pisces*,  
by Stacey Wolf, \$13.95

**B**OTH Taurus & Virgo are good at balancing their creativity with the tough choices. They splurged on Aviva's hair & a good photographer & saved money on almost everything else. Her artistic older sister decorated the courtyard & a family friend decorated the drive & walkways. Besides two professional flower arrangements, they ordered six dozen lavender roses & placed them in their own vases around the house, they even borrowed champagne flutes from friends in the neighborhood.

And how did all the planning bode for the mother-daughter relationship? They battled a bit over the music, the color scheme, & oddly enough, the beef. "I talked to my mother more than I'd ever spoken to her in my entire life," says Aviva. . . . (© *Stacey Wolf, 2007*)

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1715 Louis XIV dies.

1752 Liberty Bell arrives in Philly.

1804 Juno discovered

1807 Aaron Burr acquitted of treason.

1862 Confederates attack retreating Union

1870 Battle of Sedan

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Part 24: *Cheap pleasures:*  
**Bathing**

Let the Moon be in Libra or Pisces, and in good aspect to Venus, when bathing for pleasure or cleanliness. In taking medicinal baths consider the planet causing the illness. If it is Saturn, and the illness is of a cold or moist nature, let the Moon be in a fiery sign in good aspect with the Sun. If Mars is the cause of the illness, and it is of a hot or feverish nature, let the Moon be in a watery sign, in good aspect with Jupiter or Venus.

**Buying or Wearing  
New Clothes**

Fortify the ascendant, its ruler & the Moon. Let the ascendant & the sign containing its ruler be cardinal, and if possible let the Moon be in Aries (except from the 7th to the 15th degrees, and 22° or 23°), or in the first 15 degrees of Libra, or the first 18 degrees of Virgo, or the first 19 degrees of Sagittarius, or the first 20 degrees of Pisces. The Moon may also be in the first 20 degrees of Taurus, for there it promises pleasure & satisfaction, but it should not be in any other fixed sign, especially Leo or Scorpio, the former being particularly evil for the purpose. The Moon should be in sextile or trine to the Sun.

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

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**ASTEROID OF THE MONTH**  
**Ceres**



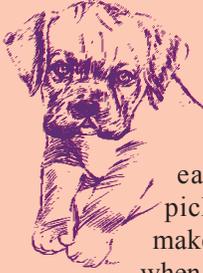
[an eye-opener - Dave]  
**S**EE Ceres primarily as issues that deal with the mother-child relationship (or variations thereof), the nature of that relationship & events that center on FOOD & "taking care of" (plants, animals & people) and "growing things" (including cysts & warts!). If the connection of Ceres with "food" is followed, it will be seen to indicate food preferences (ie., w/Venus, for sweets, w/Nep-tune for soft drinks, liquids & seafood, w/Hades, junk food, instances of disgust with food), events that deal with the planning or scheduling of meals (ie, = Cupido: family meals; = Jupiter or Kronos: gourmet food or foreign foods) and attitudes towards cooking, food preparation, shopping & grocery stores.

The symbology between the Mother-as-Nurturer and Food-as-Nurturing/Sustaining is profound. The attitudes toward food will be seen to mirror the nurturing & the relationship between the individual & his Mother or caretaker. Ceres indicates how well one feels protected, accepted, cared for and truly nurtured by his environment & the world, as well as does it show his individual NEED for protection & emotional connection.

Ceres also has a darker side (re: Demeter) and seems to play an important role in death charts & vindictive themes regarding children. Ceres can indicate an extended period of mourning & long term feelings of grief & loss.

... from **Mechanics of the Future Asteroids**, © 1988, 1991

**DOG OF THE MONTH**



**T**HE Virgo dog will always be house trained easily. He is quite picky about whom he makes friends with, but when he is sure you are his

friend, he will be loyal forever more.

They are responsive to your needs, utterly reliable & intelligent, and will obey your commands instantly. The only time these dogs get out of hand is if they think they have been treated unfairly. Then they can really bark up a storm.

This is one of the cleanest dogs around. Try teaching him to fetch the paper or your slippers. You & he will be delighted.

These dogs can go from town to town with you & take to new surroundings quite easily. Even if they have been used to the country, they can make the adjustment to city life easily.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across.

 **The New Newsletter**

**M**ost people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last fifteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a tiny slice, for your amusement.

'Til next week – **Dave**  
**9/1/01: Release of Le Voyage Dans la Lune, from Verne's De la Terre à la Lune.**

