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News you can use — *This just in:*—

DUST OVER EUROPE

ICELAND, as everyone knows, grew the Banks that Ate England. And Holland. And eventually, Iceland itself. Whereupon, the wise leaders of England & Holland demanded a pound of Icelandic flesh, but Nicelanders, suddenly on crash diets, had no flesh to spare. This led the wise leaders to beat up on the nice people. This was not nice.

But the God of Iceland had not abandoned his people. Deep within the bowls of Iceland itself, there was a rumbling, and then a stirring and finally an eruption. A month ago. It was a warning. Would the wise leaders play nice? Regrettably, no.

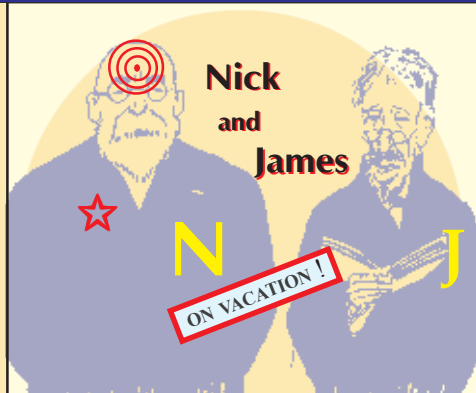
So, this past week, having given ad-

equate warning, the Gods of Iceland sent clouds of smoke and ash to England and Holland. And Ireland and Norway and Sweden and Denmark and Belgium and Germany and Poland and France and Spain and Switzerland and Italy and Greece and on & on & on. Just for good measure. Talk about your uncontrolled rage. And all the airports closed. It was that, or first-borns.

All European airports north and east of Lisbon are CLOSED for the duration. How much duration? (Do you really wanna know?) The Unnamable Volcano who has laid Europe low has a big brother. A really big brother. If he joins in, it's going to be dark over Europe for a very loooooong time.

Which means that orders to Europe will be arriving much more slowly than we would like. Presuming it stays open, the Lisbon airport is not prepared to be the new gateway to Europe. Portuguese railroads probably won't be able to handle the volume. Nor the Spanish railroads behind them. How to get U.S. Mail to Europe??? Ships are not bothered by ash, but they are dreadfully slow.

There used to be gods here, there & everywhere, but anymore, only small islands have them. The smaller the island, the bigger the god. Hawaii, anyone?



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21	14:08	☾ ✕ ♃	Void
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	23:58	☾ ☉	
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	07:44	♀ △ ♃	
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	10:42	♀ □ ♂	
	15:43	☉ △ ♀	
	18:09	☾ ♂ ♃	
	18:22	☾ ♂ ♃	Void
	20:18	☾ ♃	
26	23:27	♃ ♂ ♃	

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

April 22: Earth Day!
1889-Oklahoma land rush, noon.



STAR OF THE WEEK

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HAMAL alpha Arietis 7 ♂ 48

Notes: A yellow star situated in the forehead of the Ram & commonly known as the ram's Following Horn. From Al Hamal, the Sheep. Symbolically called the Death Wound and often incorrectly named El Nath.

Influence: According to Ptolemy, it is of the nature of Mars & Saturn; and to Alvidas, of Venus & Saturn. It causes violence, brutishness, cruelty and premeditated crime.

With Sun: Dissipation, evil associates, loss and disgrace.

With Moon: Patient, slow success through hard work, trouble through love affairs but favorable for marriage, marriage partner gains by business or speculation.

With Mercury: Dull mind, many friends, great determination, tactful, greatly influenced by marriage partner.

With Venus: Handsome, quiet, envious . . . — from Fixed Stars, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Moon and the Overweight Problem

PEOPLE whose natal Moon is moving away from the Sun so that she is increasing in light & so getting bigger, are more prone to obesity because she rules physical development and has been empowered by conjunction to the Sun, ruler of growth, to enlarge in size to her limit which is her Full Moon or obesity phase. For several days before & after the conjunction she is crescent; her ideally slender form, though human beauty requires a little more padding.

The Moon has four phases or quarters. Her conjunction to the Sun marks her New Moon period which is her 1st quarter lasting seven days, during which she increased in size until she squares the Sun and this generally describes the adult as well-rounded. From being well-rounded, her 2nd quarter of another seven days increases to her Full Moon period opposing the Sun, describing the adult as quite plump. In her 3rd quarter of seven days she leaves obesity because she is decreasing in light (weight), and by the time she again squares the Sun at the beginning of her last quarter she describes the adult as well-rounded, as before. In her last quarter, moving to conjunct the Sun, thus losing in size, the adult is described as well-rounded inclining to slenderness. From the effects of the Moon's quarters we can know the native's approximate weight and if reduction is required we take action during her decreasing phase. — **The Way of Astrology**, 1967.
To be continued.

April 22:

1912—Pravda, "truth" founded, St. Pete.

1945—Adolf Hitler admits defeat.

1964—New York Worlds Fair opens.

1970—The first Earth Day!

FROM THE GATES OF HEAVEN

SPECIAL REPORT BY DAVE NIKON

IAM standing in the middle of the Main Street of Heaven. It must be a hundred yards wide with a row of ten story buildings on either side.

There are thousands and thousands of people swarming in the street. They are pouring out of the buildings & milling about, as if it was Grand Central Station at rush hour. It's been like this ever since I got here, hours and hours ago, and looks like it will go on.

Some people call this place the Pearly Ghats, but I can't see any place names or building numbers. Funny thing, but no one's going in the buildings. Only coming out. Addresses are only useful for people coming to a building, but no one comes here. They only leave. So there's no addresses. Not in this part of Heaven, at any rate.

I am now trying to push my way through the throng, to get to one of the buildings. Here in the center of the street there are many, many joyful reunions, of long lost friends, of family members, reunited. In getting closer to one of the buildings, I seem to be passing through various zones. From the "reunion zone", I am passing into a "waiting zone", where people are eagerly awaiting the arrival of friends from inside the building. Some of them are holding cards with names on them, like you see at the arrivals lounge in an airport.

As I get closer to one of the buildings, there seems to be a small gap in the mob of people. On one side there are people waiting. On the other, people streaming out of the building. Many look happy. Some look dazed. Many are clearly seeking someone. There is a dank, rotten odor that comes with them, it seems to be coming from the building itself.

I am now entering the building. The stench is overpowering. Inside it is dark, there is no electricity. Hundreds of people, the newly dead, are surging out of the very depths of the building, stumbling into a huge lobby, streaming out the doors.

And now I see something that makes me sad. It seems that many people, when they get to the lobby & see the doors & Heaven & freedom just a few feet beyond, panic. They scream, they try to go back, but can't. Instead they press themselves against the far walls of the lobby & stare out, in blank terror. As I have seen this behavior before, I will tell you that many of these people can

be led out of the dark & into the fresh air & sunshine, but there is no one inside to take them by the hand. As I had just seen some of their friends outside the door, I beckon for them to enter & lead their friends out. This almost always works, there are only a few so frightened they will not respond to an old friend. But it's a Catch-22. Those stuck in the lobby won't come out unless led, but those waiting outside won't enter, unless someone brings them in. I've been "matchmaking" since July 5, 1984, but I can only help a few. There are so many who need help.

Well, yes, there's Jesus & Buddha & Krishna & all the rest & they each have their own pavilions, but in the main buildings, where I am right now, people are largely terrified of them, of Jesus in particular. So they stay away, though sometimes I've spotted Jesus in disguise.

I'm sorry, the stink is just so bad in here, I can't breathe anymore. Did you ever meet foreigners with really bad body odor & they insisted on getting just too close for comfort? (And they said the same thing about you & your odor?) I gotta get out of here.

I'm back outside again. I can breathe! Now I see it's not really a street at all. It's a big plaza, or square. Being inside was tiring! I'm letting the crowd sweep me along. Now I see people linking up into big groups, all hugging & kissing & holding hands. It's turning into a line dance & we're spiraling up a small hill. Can't see what's at the top, but we'll get there soon. There is laughter & happiness, the sun is brilliant, the air is clear and clean and we are coming to the top of the hill and —

OH MY GOD! It's a giant bottomless pit! And they're throwing themselves into it! They couldn't stop themselves if they wanted to. There is this wind, this sweet, delicious wind that is intoxicating them, sucking them in. The girl holding my hand is the sexiest girl I have ever seen, I want her, I want her bad. Where are we going?! I shout. To the Earth, she screams. To the Earth! To the Earth! To the Earth! and before I can stop her she's gone! It takes all my strength to tear myself free & cling to the edge, in terror.

I stay there for the longest time, in shock. Thousands are throwing themselves in, like lemmings. Throwing themselves into another life, another hell. This is Heaven?

Next: Other Heavens, other places.

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Part 57: Taking Medicine

LET the ascendant be the sign ruling the diseased part of the body, and see that it is free from affliction. Fortify the Moon and take care that it is not in conjunction or opposition with the lord of sixth, eighth or twelfth at the decumbiture, or in the patient's radical map, or in the election. It is best to have no aspect from the Moon to these planets, but if one cannot be avoided let it be a sextile or trine, if possible with reception. Let the Moon be in the eastern half of the map.

If the illness is all over the body let the ascendant be a human sign, Libra being the best, and let the Moon and lord of the ascendant be also in human signs, strong and free from affliction, especially by the above signifiers. It is favourable to let the ascendant be in Libra or Scorpio with the Moon therein in conjunction or good aspect with the benefics. Avoid all aspects from the malefics if possible, and if not let them be good ones, but take care that the Moon is not aspected by two malefics or going to combustion. — **Electional Astrology**, by **Vivian Robson**

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How to Read Details

from **Astrology & Sex**
by **Vivian Robson**

THE process simply consists in renumbering the houses starting from that which rules the particular person or matter under consideration. Thus, suppose we require the derivative rulership of the houses in relation to marriage. This is primarily ruled by the seventh house, and it is therefore necessary to renumber the houses from the seventh, which will become No. 1, the eighth being No. 2, the ninth No. 3, and so on. This process may be continued indefinitely and will be found to cover the smallest trivialities with extraordinary accuracy. To take a ridiculously extreme case, the fifth house would furnish any details that might be required about a cat owned by the daughter of a charwoman employed by the wife's sister-in-law! This is arrived at as follows:—The seventh house is the wife; the ninth (third from the seventh) is her brother; the third (seventh from third from seventh) is his wife or his sister-in-law; the eighth (sixth from seventh from third from seventh) is the sister-in-law's charwoman; the twelfth (fifth from sixth from seventh from third from seventh) is the charwoman's daughter; and finally the fifth (sixth from the fifth from sixth from seventh from third from seventh) is the required cat.

If we refer this to the accompanying map we find Saturn in Aquarius on the cusp of the fifth house & we should therefore be justified in assuming the cat in question was a black one which had probably a weak leg due to a fall from a height, all of which is a free rendering of Saturn in Aquarius. [!!]
— **Astrology & Sex**, by Vivian Robson, 1941

From Book Four of Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice

by **Julius Firmicus Maternus**

The Part of Fortune

5. The Part of Fortune shows the quality of life, the amount of inheritance, and the course of good & bad fortune. Also love & the affection of men towards women, the effects of child-care, and all desires. It shows the fatherland in an easy way. Abram called it the Place of the Moon.

6. Therefore observe who is the ruler of the sign and of the degree of the Part of Fortune, that is, in whose terms the Part is; also in what house each ruler is, whether on first or second angles, in favorable or dejected houses, in their exaltation or fall; whether each ruler is in aspect to the Part of Fortune and if they, on the angles, are in aspect to each other.

7. When you have carefully investigated all this, then observe who is the ruler of the degree of the Moon (in a nocturnal chart) or of the Sun (in a diurnal chart) and see if this ruler is in aspect to the Part of Fortune. If one planet is found to be the ruler of all these degrees and is favorably located in signs in which he rejoices, or in his exaltation, or his own house, this indicates a lucky chart. If this planet is well located with the Sun and Moon and in good aspect to the Part of Fortune, still greater good fortune is indicated by the multiple aspect. If the Part of Fortune is on one of the angles in aspect to the Moon, this indicates even greater good fortune.

— **Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice**, by Firmicus Maternus.

April 22 Births:

1658 – Giuseppe Torelli, Italian composer.
1724 – Immanuel Kant.
1870 – Vladimir Lenin.
1904 – Robert Oppenheimer.
1923 – Bettie Page.

