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Sale days continue:—

One-of-a-Kinds

THIS week the AFA sent a box of **one-offs**. They're still cleaning up from 35 years of Mr. Cooper, still finding things on forgotten shelves. They include books by Marc Robertson, Marc Edmund Jones (just not his good ones, alas), Richard Nolle, Gary Noel, Sioux Rose, A.E. Partridge (no, not the famous one), Patricia Crowther & more.

Of note: Books by Diane & Rudy Flack (A is A Publishing) are now in private distribution & when the existing supply is sold, they will be no more. They publish annoying comb-bound books, but the contents were generally good.

IN other news, the Vivian Robson mystery deepens. Despite what some still think, he wasn't a girl, but aside from odd copies of his books, he has completely & entirely disappeared. Over at the **Astrologer's Memorial** (the wonderful work of **Donna Cunningham**), it says, *He was the British curator of Geology and Paleontology in the British Museum. This is wrong.* I emailed the folks on Great Russell Street but they could not find him. They suggested their sister organization, The **Natural History Museum**, in South Ken. Which I often visited when I lived in London, long ago. That's where you will find paleontology. But they couldn't find him, either.

His library card has been found. From 1917 onwards, he had privileges at the Museum's reading room. One of the great delights in rediscovering his books is that he was hugely well-read. Which is in his chart: May 26, 1890, 12:04 pm, Birmingham UK. He died on December 31, 1942. The Museum suggests searching the records at **Kew**. We have addresses for him in Putney & Hammer-smith, we know he had a BSc., but I want a photo & I'm getting desperate. I will offer a copy of his **Student's Text-Book** to the first person to find one.



Alcoholism & Drug-Taking. We nearly always find that the Lights are in weak mundane positions & signs, or else they are badly afflicted, especially in or from Fire or Water, or both. Fire gives the convivial drunkard, Water the weak or besotted one.

The fifth house is nearly always afflicted by Neptune or by planets in watery signs, and Mars is very frequently afflicted by Neptune, in or from Pisces.

Certain degrees are commonly involved in afflictions, e.g. 11° of cardinals and 9° and 25° fixed.

See also, for drug-taking, Rosetti's & Coleridge's maps, and note that good aspects between Neptune and the fifth house sometimes occur, denoting the pleasure, transient though it is, obtained in this manner.

Alcohol is a typical Fire drug & its action is to augment all the fiery activities of our nature, such as conviviality, optimism, animal spirits, self-confidence, and often combativeness. On the other hand, it banishes the watery characteristics, such as carefulness, prudence . . . — **An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**

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for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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	13:24	☽ ☉	
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STAR OF THE WEEK



ACUBENS alpha Cancri 13 ♃ 47

Notes: A double star with white & red components situated on the southern claw of the Crab. From Al Zubanah, the Claws.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn & Mercury. It has been called "The sheltering or hiding place," & gives activity, malevolence & poison, making its natives liars & criminals.

THE SEVENTH NAKSHATRA, ASLESHA 12 ♃ 26

The Embracer. Symbol, a Wheel. Regents, Sarpas, the Serpents. Ruled by Mercury. A sharp asterism belonging to the lowest caste & favourable for punishment, torture, imprisonment, exorcism, mesmerism & separation or union when containing the Moon. Those born on the lunar day will deal in perfumes, roots, fruits, reptiles & poison, and will be skilled in medicine & dishonest. With the Moon here at birth native will be dishonest, ungrateful, a clever swindler . . .

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

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Sun & his Sign Leo

THE Sun rules large & showy structures, mansions & palatial edifices, great halls, theatres & pleasure-resorts, gambling, sports clubs, show-boats, towers & minarets, impressive villas & castles set on cliffs; whatever is constructed magnificently & gives pride of ownership & pleasure, and is easy to see from afar.

If the Sun is in a house having to do with a question about real or personal property, say that it is large, showy, and more or less costly for the querent to build, buy or maintain because the Sun increases the value of whatever is represented by the house he rules or is in.

The Sun also increases the assets of the department he is in & they are traceable to the preceding house whose SUBSTANCE it is. In Chart #1, page 19, he is in the insurance-9th (benefit payable for injury or death as ruled by the preceding house, the 8th). You would say that it was greater in amount, and the premium was overly large for the person to meet, but he took pride in owning it because the Sun gives pride where found.

In this case, the querent's father had named her beneficiary in his Will which disposed of life insurance only. (The ruler of the 8th in the 9th is confirmation of benefit through a death.) Mars is ruler of the father-4th and is in the 8th-of-Wills and since he has already been aspected by the Sun ruler of the 8th itself, the action of making that Will has already been taken; and it has to do with the insurance because the Sun-ruler-8th is in the 9th.

— **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960

August 7 Birthdays

1860 – Alan Leo

1876 – Mata Hari

1942 – Garrison Keillor

A preview of *The Student's Corner*:

Vivian Robson

vs:

Charles Carter

SO I've been wondering about Vivian Robson & Charles E.O. Carter. Carter is three years older (Aquarian Sun, Taurus Moon, Libra rising) & early on makes contact with Alan & Bessie Leo & becomes their heir over at the **Theosophical Society**. Where he remains for the rest of his long life (1887-1968)

Robson, a Gemini with a Virgo Moon & ascendant, is first to publish (1922), books which went through many printings with major publishers & which quickly became standards. Carter, by contrast, had the rapidly fading Theosophists & their publishing house (the **Krishnamurti** fiasco of the 1920's would ruin them), but Robson had the sales.

Early on there was sniping. Who do you suppose Erwood had in mind when he wrote this: "*There is too great a tendency nowadays to float about in a comfortable haze of so-called esotericism.*" (**Beginner's Guide**, 1931) –?

Ernest Owen (we're going to have these boys around for a while, you might as well know their names) in **An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology** (1924), says this, "**Gout. Rules are given by recent authors, but they are hardly satisfactory.**" Who might one of the recent authors have been? Here's Erwood in 1922: "**Gout. (a) Both luminaries afflicted in watery signs . . .**" (**Student's Text-Book**, 1922).

Owen exhausts himself with a hundred sad charts of the injured & dead to arrive at, "*Another feature is the frequency – not unexpected – of Martian conjunctions*" in his analysis of burns in **The Astrology of Accidents**, published in 1932. Erwood beat him by a full decade, and had more punch: "*Afflictions from Mars cause accidents through fire, burns, cuts, scalds (especially if Mercury be in a watery sign), wounds & bullets (when Mars is in one of the "human" signs Gemini, Sagittarius or Aquarius) and bites (especially when Mars is in Scorpio or Pisces).*" (**Student's Text-book**)

I can report that Vivian Erwood Robson, 1890-1942, never worked at the British Museum, nor the Natural History Museum, as I have been in touch with both organizations. During WWI he worked at the Admiralty & lived in Putney (1917). In the 1920's, he lived in Hammersmith.

Secrets
From A,
Stargazer's
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

Where Are You Going?

DO you remember that old *Twilight Zone* one in which the guy gets captured by extra-terrestrial gorillas and they have a book called *To Serve Man* that no one can translate? The man thinks they're idealists & gets into the spaceship; at the last moment he discovers it's a cookbook. That's the predicament of the twelfth house Sun person. You get screwed unless you listen to the inner voice & help your fellow man. You don't feel like other people. It is as if you live in an eggshell, a spacesuit that subtly isolates you from other people. This isolation is a sign of your specialness. No other Sun position is better equipped for helping people with their emotional problems. You can get inside another person's skin & visit for a little while. Lawrence Olivier's twelfth house Sun helped him *become* his characters.

Mao Tse-Tung, Tchaikovsky, Steve McQueen, Audrey Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Havelock Ellis, Judy Garland, Robert Mitchum, William Randolph Hearst, Mahatma Gandhi . . . these are the twelfth housers. It is a distinguishing characteristic of the twelfth house Sun person to believe that she is here to serve humanity. Of course, you don't have to agree with them, but that's how these people feel!

Don't let the old-fogey astrology books scare you with lines like "the twelfth house is the house of hospitals & self-undoing." Most of the folks born with this Sun position are healthy as *horses*. You might work in a hospital or an institution, or you may just let your friends cry on your shoulder a lot.

The first chart is Jean MacArthur's a highly gifted Washington DC psychic. [March 9, 1931, 8:00 am, Chicago] . . . [H]er office was strewn with signed photos from people you & I would call Very Big Deals. Joan had a mile-long waiting list, but somehow she could always make time for the poor, the sick at heart, the man with no kidneys, the crippled girl who wanted a family.

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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 71:

Wedding Charts, continued

IF the birth map can be obtained observe the following rules:—Make the significators in the woman's map apply by good aspect to those in the man's, or let his dispose of hers, or let hers translate the light of the benefics to his, or be in reception with his by house or exaltation out of a good house, for this denotes happiness, contentment & good fortune. If benefics or planets aspected by benefics be in the radical mid-heaven at the time of marriage, the couple will have issue in the first year. If in the birth map the lord of the tenth is in the ninth, there will be no conception in the first month. If in the radical maps the Moon of one be in the twelfth house of the other, that one whose Moon is so placed will be subordinate to the other. Also that one will be subordinate who has the lord of the ascendant, Moon or Sun (if the man, and if the woman the lord of the ascendant, Moon or Venus) disposed of by the significators of the other party, or applying to any aspect of them unless there be strong reception, which causes mutual amity. That one whose radical significators are strongest & most essentially fortified is usually the dominant partner.

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

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ASTEROID OF THE MONTH



Icarus

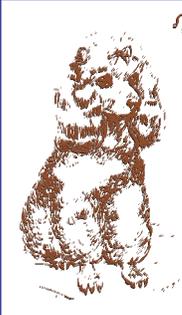
ACTIVITIES that are prototypic of Icarus include: skiing, hang-gliding, snowmobiling, motor cycling, speeding & racing. And these demonstrate the essence of the asteroid: the desire to escape limitation or restriction, the desire for a moment of "free fall" or speed, the draw of a peak experience. Icarus is the "fast break" impulse.

Check the House, Sign & Aspect Pattern of Icarus to see what is perceived as a limitation or restriction, what the person feels he or she **has to get away from**. Icarus often shows "sudden escapes" and leave-taking. Like the mythological base, Icarian-escapes are often characterized by irresponsible surges; the consequences are not fully understood & warnings are not heeded. All that registers is the need to get away or to "do" the aspecting planet or serve its demands. With conjunctions involving Icarus, the other planet is likely to be interpreted as a vehicle FOR freedom at one point, later to become an albatross and the very thing (or person) that one wishes to flee.

Where natal Icarus is retrograde, there is a tendency to accept restrictions (of aspecting planets or asteroids). The mind set seems to be: "Well, maybe I can't swim with this (aspecting planet/asteroid) tied around my neck, but I can survive by treading water"! And, indeed, there seems to be no satisfactory escape; the person has had a few experiences that have taught them that they seem to leap out of the frying pan & into the fire . . .

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

DOG OF THE MONTH



The Leo dog is really the KING of them all, or so he thinks. He is a fine actor & can be taught to do tricks for company if you are patient—but do not punish him if he doesn't get them right away, he can be feeling tired that

day.

He stylishly trots beside you when you're out walking, and is very alert.

Quite an intelligent dog of distinction and dignity, with a lively personality. These animals love extra attention, and they will look at you inquisitively when you talk to them.

Very sensitive egos, so don't raise your voice, or they'll pout for days. Give them the latest new toy if you want to make up to them. He respects his master, but wants you also to reciprocate.

© 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

Most 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 slice, for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

August 7

1606 — Macbeth premiered
1782 — Purple Heart established
1794 — Whiskey Rebellion suppressed
1940 — Alsace-Lorraine annexed
1959 — Lincoln Memorial penny
1964 — Gulf of Tonkin
1976 — Viking II orbits Mars

