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A year-end guide to Mundane Astrology:—

## Earthquakes

**T**HE shaking or quaking of the earth. The earthquake signs are Taurus & Scorpio. Severe afflictions from Herschel [Uranus], Saturn, Jupiter & Mars in Taurus cause earthquakes. They are usually produced by eclipses, and can be traced by the various rules given for mundane Astrology; we have no record of earthquakes occurring when the planets were not in violent signs.

**Zadkiel** in 1834 published the following rules for predicting earthquakes:—

1. Earthquakes generally follow close upon the heels of eclipses.
2. At the period of the earthquake, many aspects will be found between the planets in the heavens; also, as regards the places of the planets at the preceding eclipse, but chiefly the place of the Sun & Moon.

3. Earthquakes happen more frequently when there are planets—especially Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars in the signs of Taurus & Scorpio.

4. If there have been no recent eclipse of the Moon, within a month, look to the last eclipse of the Sun.

5. The planet Jupiter, in aspect with Venus or Mercury, more especially the conjunction, opposition, and parallel declination, has a powerful influence in causing earthquakes—especially when in Taurus or Scorpio.

6. If no eclipse has taken place within three months, look to the planets' places at the last new or full Moon of the quarter, *i.e.*, the lunation nearest to the Sun's crossing the equator or tropic.

7. Earthquakes generally happen when there are several planets in or near the tropics or equator.

8. Earthquakes may always be expected near the perihelion of great comets, and when they approach within the orbits of the planets Uranus and Saturn.

9. Let all, or as many as possible, of these circumstances be combined before any very extensive earthquakes be predicted. — *from Alan Leo's Dictionary of Astrology. To be published in two weeks.*



**I**T therefore would follow that the Nativity indicates the general destiny of the life, for the soul, once incarnate, cannot reverse its choice. Further, although a nativity cannot represent the condition of the soul in its extra-spatial & supra-temporal state, it can represent its present relation to material things & its possible psychological reactions. It is in fact the record of its past successes & failures in its attempts to adapt itself to an alien condition. Self-consciousness & intelligence, and pain too, result from an acute perception of its essential unlikeness to that which is around it, and therefore we say that evil aspects denote vigour of mind & sometimes even of body.

The greatest difficulty of practical astrology, I think, is to differentiate between what will affect character and what will work out in terms of destiny, as for instance, loss of health, position, money, or other possessions. Frequently the same aspect appears to affect both. Certain technical rules have been given, but they are not infallible. — **The Zodiac & the Soul**, by C.E.O. Carter, 1928

### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

23	21:57	☾ Δ ♀	Void
28	04:19	☉ 06♁ 19	Last Quarter
29	15:06	☾ Δ ♀	Void
	15:29	♂ □ ♃	
	20:50	☾ ♁	
30	07:22	♀ ♀	Hooray!!
	11:52	☾ ✕ ☉	
31	19:58	☾ Δ ♃	Void
01	01:22	☾ ✕	
	02:31	☾    ☉	
02	14:03	☾ ♂ ♀	
03	02:09	☾ □ ♃	Void
	07:39	☾ ♀	
	21:37	☾    ☉	

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## STAR OF THE WEEK



**PELAGUS** (Nunki) *sigma Sagittari* 12 vs 15

**Notes:** A small star situated on the vane of the arrow at the Archer's hand.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Mercury. It gives truthfulness, optimism & a religious mind.

**With Sun:** Influential public position, favourable for domestic & family matters.

**With Moon:** Successful writer on science, philosophy, education or agriculture, unorthodox in religion, defeats enemies, many friends, illness of a Saturnine nature.

**With Mercury:** High government position, popular criticism, wealth, anxiety on account of illness to wife or mother.

**With Venus:** Heart rules head, favours from opposite sex, many friends.

**With Mars:** Reserved, diplomatic, strong mind, courageous, energetic, straightforward, false friends, favourable for gain.

— *from Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson

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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Lost Cats

**T**HE missing cattle, small animal or pet is where you find the ruler of the 6th by house & Sign, according to the Tables for Distance & Direction, given on pages 72 & 74. The Water Signs denote lowlands near water or a field with a brook, etc. The Earth Signs signify a little higher level & dry ground. Fire Signs show middle level or rising ground near planted areas. Air Signs denote highlands & hilly places in open areas.

The animal will be found if the rulers of the 6th & 1st are in good aspect or mutual reception, or if the Moon translates the light between them, or if they are both applying to an aspect of a third planet that is slower in motion than either of them (collecting their light: as an owner inquiring of a neighbor & finding his lost dog already there) or if the ruler of the 6th is retrograde, or well-aspected by the Moon or in the 1st House or well placed by Sign & in the 2nd, 5th or 11th & in good aspect with Jupiter, Venus or the Sun.

The animal will not be found if there is no good aspect, mutual reception, translation or collection of light between the rulers of the 6th & the 1st; or if the ruler of the 6th is combust or peregrine or in bad aspect to the ruler of the 1st or the Moon; or is direct & swift in motion in the 3rd or 9th, or afflicted in 5th (its misfortune-12th): or if the ruler of the 9th is in the 8th or 12th or conjunct Saturn or Mars.

#### Should I have a pet?

Not if there is a malefic in the 6th or if the ruler of the 6th afflicts the 1st cusp, its ruler, a planet in the 1st or the Moon. . . — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960

## Chuck & Dave & Firdaria

**L**AST week GJ took my challenge to explain Firdaria to me. She proposed the chart of Prince Charles, heir to the British throne. Charles was born November 14, 1948, at 9:14 pm GMT, in London. His chart has 5 degrees Leo rising. Entering his data [here](#) (night birth), GJ told me that Charles is now very depressed that things are not going well in his life, having entered his Mercury Firdaria on November 14, 2010, little more than a month ago. I said forecasting Charlie's psychological state was silly, whereupon we snarled and spat on each other. This, by the way, is how astrologers greet one another. Dogs sniff each others' butts, astrologers, like cats, claw each others' eyes out. Always have, always will. Now you know.

If Firdaria is so hot, I said, explain his marriage to Diana Spencer on July 29, 1981, during his Mars period. Which GJ did.

The marriage was in order to produce an heir to the throne. Mars rules Chuck's 5th house of children (Scorpio) and is, in fact, domiciled in the 5th (in Sagittarius). Mars rules his MC (Aries), which meant that producing a child is necessary for his public standing—which is true. In a night chart, Mars is the triplicity ruler of all water signs, which reinforces its nominal rulership of Scorpio. GJ also points out that Scorpio was on the 7th house of his November 1980 solar return, meaning his problem with children could be solved, at some point during the year, via marriage. 1980 was a nine year for profections (advance the chart 30° a year), highlighting Charles' 9th house. Charles' 9th is empty, but its ruler, Jupiter, is natively in his 5th, which is, again, children.

This may scream "children", but none of these, not the Firdaria, not the return, not the profection, timed the wedding, on July 29, nearly three-fourths of the way into the return/profection. Nor did any of it have much to say about the bride, Lady Diana. Marriage first, children later is how it's supposed to go.

I had more prepared, but then I started thinking about my own Firdarias. My Mercury is in the 9th & during my Mercury Firdar, from age 18 to 31, I travelled internationally. My Moon is in the 3rd. During my Moon Firdar, from age 31 to 41, I travelled domestically. Heck, I kept on travelling during my Saturn Firdar, despite the fact that Saturn is in my 5th. Of course, that was also the time that I dated the most. I'd been dating since my

Mercury period & went on dating during my Moon period, and then it came to me: The Firdar highlights the house the planet is domiciled in. NOT the one it rules, or at least, not primarily. And if it does anything with triplicity rulers, well, I can't find it in my chart.

I'm a day birth, so I started with the Sun Firdar. My Sun is in the 9th. Guess what? My daddy (Sun) dragged us around from town to town in Kansas when I was growing up. To a small child, that's as much a 9th house affair as an adult emigrating to a foreign land. I attended half a dozen different schools before I graduated high school, which is also 9th.

And it made no difference that in Mercury I travelled for myself, or that in Moon I travelled with a partner, or that I kept travelling while in Saturn.

What about the houses the Firdar planet rules? In Chuck's case, Mars rules the house it was in, as well as his MC. During his Mars period, November 1980—November 1987, his feud with Lady Di nearly destroyed the monarchy as a whole. That's Mars whacking the MC. Once started, it went on through his north node, south node, and most of his Sun Firdars. Just as, once I started travelling, I kept on travelling, even when the Firdar had me kissing the girl next door.

How about my dad? My Sun rules my 4th house. Which is **my** family, not his. As a five year old, I didn't have a family. I have an army of younger siblings. What did daddy's meanderings mean to them? Ken, a night birth, a year after me: 12th house Moon, the first nine years were invisible. Followed by 11 years of a 10th house Saturn: By the end of the Firdar, he had become prominent at an early age. Even though he was moved about, just as I was, **Brother Ken did not "experience" travel at all.** Sister Barbara was a day birth a year later. First house Sun, her first eight years of daddy's wanderings hit her full in the face. **Rashomon!** The events were the same. The Firdar's stories were all different!

What do we know about Firdaria? **First:** It emphasizes the house the planet is in. **Second:** It builds during its course. **Third:** Events begun during the period will continue after it ends. **Fourth:** There is some tendency to influence the houses the planet rules. **Fifth:** You can't use it for timing. **Sixth:** You can't predict all that it may bring: Mars brought Charles combat with his 7th house.



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**Part 19:**

**Personal Appearance,**

*continued*

**Mars.** Gives medium height & a strong & muscular body with large bones & broad shoulders. The face is round, with sloping forehead, prominent brows, aquiline nose, and often a mark or scar on the face. The hair is often red or light, crisp & curly, but sometimes black. The eyes are hazel, sharp & piercing, and the complexion fresh or ruddy.

**Jupiter.** Adds bulk & robustness to the body, tending to stoutness in later life. The bearing is dignified, and the face oval, with high forehead, arched brows, full beard, brown or chestnut hair, blue or brown eyes, and a fresh or sanguine complexion.

**Saturn.** Gives leanness, with a thin sometimes melancholy face, large ears long nose, heavy brows, dark or black hair, dark, small & deep set eyes, bad teeth, pale or sallow complexion, and a downward look when walking. [Abraham Lincoln, anyone? — Dave]

**Uranus.** Adds height & sparseness, giving a wiry, muscular, and rugged appearance. The features are strongly marked, and the face is often good-looking, with dark hair & eyes, and a pale complexion.

**Neptune.** Gives medium height & thinness, sometimes inclined to softness & plumpness. The face is long & thin, nervous looking as if strained or startled, often prematurely wrinkled, and with light, soft & silky hair, blue eyes, usually very sleepy or dreamy looking, a clear complexion & a light coloured skin.

By means of the above descriptions we are able to obtain a good general idea of the native's personal appearance. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, 1922

CHARLES CARTER ON

**Personal Appearance**

**T**HE principal factor in the determination of this matter is the ascending degree, together with all planets in close aspect with it, and the signs containing them.

A planet on the M.C. will also affect the appearance, especially if in aspect with the asc. ; and any satellitium, or group of planets conjoined in one sign, will leave a mark.

The influence of the Luminaries may often be traced, and is sometimes powerfully marked.

A setting planet is important, as being in aspect with the asc., and it occasionally happens that the native's appearance is better described in terms of a setting planet and its sign than by the asc. itself.

**Cardinal Signs** tend to produce a rather tall, straight, moderately thin body, Aries being often scraggy, Cancer medium, Libra plump, and Capricorn lank.

The head is generally round in Aries and Libra, somewhat longer in Capricorn, but with marked cheek-bones, and rather broad, with a pointed chin, in Cancer.

**Fixed Signs** produce a heavy, solid build, broad shoulders, and an upright carriage. The head is usually square, with a strong jaw and chin.

**Mutables** are inclined to be round-shouldered, often have loose lips and half-open mouths, and, except Pisces, are seldom fleshy. They have the oval type of face, and usually small chins, but good foreheads.

The typical appearance of the signs may be briefly outlined :

**Aries.**—A quick, sharp, wide-awake appearance ; there are two distinct types, one with a rather Red Indian physiognomy, the other with a round head, short snubbed nose, and aggressive chin. This type is usually short-sighted and pushes its head forward, wearing pince-nez. — **The Principles of Astrology**, by C.E.O. Carter, 1925

HEAD TO HEAD



**Is This You?**

10°–20° Gemini rising  
 The Libra decanate

**Appearance of the second decanate:**

The lack of self-esteem is phenologically revealed in the drawing of this decanate by the falling away at the back of the head. The figure is characteristic of the sign Libra rather than Gemini, being short-necked, and is likely to become stout in middle life.

The Libra decanate of Gemini is ruled by Venus. This combination gives artistic ability, quick perception, but lacks continuity. The talents are thus often misapplied, either through a general unsettled feeling or else through lack of self-esteem.

**WESTERN** astrology is based upon induction. Eastern astrology is derived from ancient traditions, either in book form or handed down from one astrologer to another from generation to generation. In India no one dreams of arguing over whether astrology is true or not, they accept it as a guide in their daily lives. Even the most illiterate family would not think of marrying youth to a girl if their birth charts proved inimical to each other. — **Man & the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.

**December 31:**  
 1853—Gasden Purchase, for a rail road.  
 1862—USS Monitor sinks, Cape Hatteras.

