



# NEWSLETTER

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GROUNDHOG DAY

## NEPTUNE RETURNS

**N**EPTUNE returns to what? I hear you ask. To where we found it. Long, long ago, in a land far, far away. Neptune, the planet of fairy tales, myths & adventure, was discovered September 23, 1846, at 25 ♌ 53R. As if an omen, Saturn was dead conjunct at 25 ♌ 09R. I always thought that Saturn was the best thing that ever happened to Neptune. (The Moon, if you're curious, was in Scorpio.)

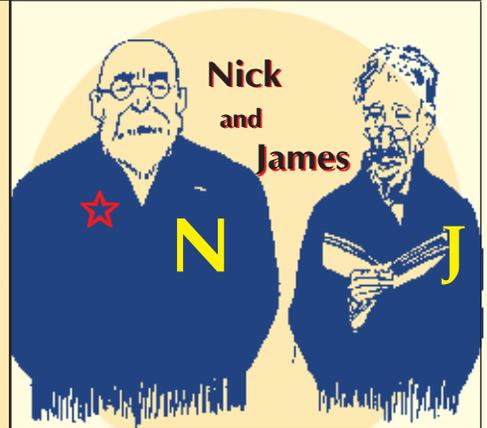
I think we've done rather well with it. Neptune started life as a nasty malefic, but a lot of people now think of it as a close companion. Planetary interaction is a two-way street. For the last 164 years, we've been messing up Neptune, just as much as it's been messing up us. (Imagine what Earth Logic is doing to those poor Neptunians!)

So now it's returned to 25 & change Aquarius. Neptune first got there April last year. It's now about to pass that point for the third & last time. In celebration of this

event, the Australian CIA (**Cosmic Intelligence Agency**, a more clever, certainly more harmless, group than the American CIA), has prepared a 30 minute video they want to sell you (\$20AUD, plus postage). I haven't seen it, I don't know anything about it. See the trailer [here](#).

**I**N the mail on Friday, a flyer that Bill Meridian put out for his upcoming book, **The Predictive Power of Eclipse Paths**. It was supposed to be in print a month ago, but Bill tells me he's running late. It will be soon. Format looks like 8.5 x 11, which means the price should be \$40-\$60.

**S**UNDAY, February 7, is the Super Bowl. Who will win? Don't look at me. I haven't watched a football game in decades. But you can use astrology to find out. Specifically, **John Frawley's** book, **Sports Astrology**. Frawley expressly tackles the problem of making money with sports wagers. He's just about the only person to ever attempt that. I wonder if you could use John's techniques to beat the stock market. Heaven knows, it needs a beating rather badly just now.



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### CLIMATE

**James Wilson**, 1819: A portion of heaven contained between two parallel circles, whose diurnal arcs are half an hour different from each other. The Globe is divided into 48 climates,—24 northern, and 24 southern. The First Climate begins at the equator, where the diurnal arc is 12 hours, and extends to the next Climate, where the diurnal arc is 11h 30 m. and so onto the polar elevation, where, at a certain season, the Sun sets not during the 24 hours.

**Nicholas deVore**, 1947: The precursors of the modern Tables of Houses. They were calculated for every 30' shortening of the diurnal and nocturnal semi-arc as one proceeds north or south from the equator.

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)  
Notes

02	04:17	☾ ♀ ♃	Void
	13:42	☾ ♁	
	20:49	☾ ♂ ♃	
03	14:15	☾ △ ☉	
04	09:28	☾ △ ♀	Void
	15:55	☾    ☉	
	16:56	☾ ♃	
05	23:49	☉ 17♌ 04	Last Quarter
06	08:02	♀ ✕ ♃	
	16:12	☾ □ ♀	Void
	17:41	♃ ✕ ♀	
07	00:04	☾ ✕	
08	05:44	♀ ♂ ♀	

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

- Feb. 3—Mendelssohn's birthday.
- Feb. 4—Dan Quayle's birthday.
- Feb. 5—Hank Aaron's birthday.
- Feb. 8—Evangeline Adams's birthday.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

**CASTRA** epsilon Capricorni 20 ♑ 20

**Notes:** A small star in the Goat's belly

**Influence:** Of the nature of Saturn & Jupiter. It gives malevolence, destructiveness and an uncontrollable temper.

**NASHIRA** gamma Capricorni 21 ♑ 56

**Notes:** Situated in the tail of the Goat. From Al Sa'd al Nashirah, the Fortunate One or Bringer of Good Tidings; or, according to Bullinger, the Record of the Cutting Off.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn & Jupiter; and, to Simmonite, of Saturn. It causes overcoming by evil, which is turned to success, and gives danger from beasts.

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

Feb. 7 birthdays—1812 Charles Dickens; 1885 Sinclair Lewis; 1906 Puyi (China)

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Being Backward About Coming Forward

**T**O be backward about coming forward is to be rather shy & reluctant to take the first step in meeting others or to accept an invitation to do so. In the natal chart, if the Sun or the ruler of the Ascendant stands alone by Sign this is generally the case but overcome if one of these is in mutual reception anywhere in the chart, affording him an opportunity to change places with his innate self-sufficiency & express more camaraderie. If alone by Sign but with other planets in the same house, he is one alone in a crowd so to say: physically present sans interest.

### The Retrograde Condition

**W**HEN Mercury of speech, or the ruler of the Ascendant of self-expression, is retrograde and thus disinclined to take part, the native is not interested in arguing or defending himself; he stands back & remains discreetly silent when others criticize him overtly or covertly for his natural reticence which they consider aloofness. Retrograde planets reveal the departments of life (houses) where you know how to remain silent & when it is a good policy to do so: they have a way of retiring to a stronghold within.

### Human Signs

**P**TOLEMY sees estrangement from others if the Ascendant OR its ruler is not in a human sign such as Gemini, Virgo or Aquarius. This, however, gives us an either-or-differentiation that is usually confusing to the new student who wants to know which outsider is whom, and how to read them both. . . . delineation being our primary stumbling block in the beginning.  
— **Astrological Essays**, 1979

# CLIMES

**T**HE third book of the new **Masha'allah** treatise deals with climes, and as climes have been mysterious to me, I Wickied it. Climes are bands of longitude based on the longest day of the year (summer solstice), in half-hour intervals. Here in Bel Air, latitude 39N32, the longest day of the year is 14h46m from sunrise to sunset, which puts us in the 6th of 33 climes, but in the system of seven climes, we're in the 4th, ruled by the Sun. The fifth, a bit to the north, is ruled by Venus. The first clime, which starts about 16 degrees north of the equator, is ruled by Saturn. I'd tell you more, but I've sold all my copies of Masha'allah for the week. More will arrive on Wednesday.

**Ptolemy** takes climes & divides them into east & west. The division is along the Red Sea & up the Adriatic. He uses the Mediterranean as a north/south division. The result is four quadrants of very different peoples. The quadrants, in modern terms, are:

1. Europe, of the north-west.
2. Africa, of the south-west.
3. North-eastern Asia, including Russia.
4. South-east Asia, including the Middle East.

The north-west, i.e., Europe, is ruled by Aries, Leo & Sagittarius, which is to say, the triplicity of Sun, Mars & Jupiter. Europeans are, consequently, impatient, industrious, war-like freedom-lovers.

Opposing Europe, from the south-east, is an area ruled by Taurus, Virgo & Capricorn. Which is Venus & Saturn, more than Mercury. Ptolemy says such peoples because of their proximity to Europeans, have certain European traits, and have favorable temperament of mind & body, courage & impatience with restraint. Further out in this quadrant, India, Persia, Mesopotamia, etc., are known for obedience.

The north-east quadrant, which is to say, Russia, is under Gemini, Libra & Aquarius, which is Mercury, Venus & Saturn. They are rich, dainty in diet, and skilled in magic. Don't look at me, I'm just copying what Ptolemy says. He gives lots more details in the second book of **Tetrabiblos**.

Secrets  
From A,  
Stargazer's  
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

## URANUS IN PISCES

**A**REN'T you ever scared of being attacked?" I remember Uncle Henry asking once over a beer.

"Oh, no," said my pretty Mama. "If I see anyone coming I'm ready for them," she cackled, pulling out a can opener from her purse. Maybe would-be muggers sensed that here was a woman with formidable weaponry loose on the streets; maybe Mama had such fine psychic tuning she always knew where not to go, who knows? Uranus in Pisces or the twelfth house is in the position of lightning radar, and this eccentric sensitivity is both a blessing & a curse to all the folks who have it.

Do you know where your Uranus is? This is where you are honest, sometimes brilliant. It is the part of your life where you race.  
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ints  
For  
Upcoming  
Brides



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

## READY TO ELOPE YET?

**T**HEY knocked around a couple of ideas before picking a weekend & choosing the kitschiest chapel in Las Vegas. Right before jumping on a plane, they e-mailed friends & family with the surprise news & a link to the chapel's Web cam.

At the appointed time, the chapel picked them up in a white limo (apparently the pink Cadillac was in the shop). The got married by Elvis, who made them vow to "love each other tender," before singing three romantic songs. They danced with two showgirls in hula skirts, the photographer took about 30 great photos, and they were back at their hotel in 45 minutes.

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Part 46:

**JOBS**, part 2

**Starting in Employment  
 or Taking Up a Position**

**L**ET the luminaries be in their dignities, or at least not afflicted by the malefics. Let Jupiter be in the ascendant & the Sun in the midheaven. Let the seventh & second houses be strong & fortunate, for if these are occupied by the malefics it shows trouble through money or associates, especially if Jupiter and Venus do not aspect them favourably.

**Entering the Church or  
 Beginning Serious Studies**

**F**ORTIFY the ascendant, the third house, and their lords, the Moon and its dispositor, the Sun, and also Jupiter, which is the general significator of religion. If possible let the luminaries be in Sagittarius or Pisces, or let either of these signs be rising. For mystical pursuits fortify Neptune also, and for study fortify Mercury. If possible let the significators be in good aspect to each other, to their dispositors, or to each other's houses.

— **Electional Astrology**, by Vivian Robson

Martha Lang  
 Wescott's  
**ASTEROID  
 OF THE  
 MONTH**



**EROS**

**E**ROS deals with "smitten" love, compulsive attachment & passion; it represents what turns you on & defines sexual interest, technique & experience. Eros also represents the sexual or reproductive organs. The disposition of Eros also addresses puberty & sexual maturity.

While its usual manifestation is "physical", it can show other fields of interest that hold a particular "turn on" for the individual. There is often some sensual or physical pleasure or sensation associated with supportive aspect planets. It sounds silly, I know, but Eros "increases the pleasure," it can make aspecting planets into a kind of *lover*. Under duress, Eros (and conjoining planets) registers physical displeasure.

And Eros is *joie de vivre*, the passion—for life, the thirst for survival & "living to the fullest." It is an essential element of the survival instinct, and for this reason, it is often prominent in death charts when the "drive to live" is shadowed by transit and/or directions or progressions.

Where retrograde, the sexual interests & compulsions of other people create marked difficulty; there is a troublesome history in connection with sex or physical stimulation, and some repression of the effect of the total Aspect Pattern involving Eros. There are also apt to be premature sexual expression, one seeks some kind of unconventional fulfillment.

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

**DOG OF THE  
 MONTH** **AQUARIUS**



Aquarius dogs do an awful lot of barking. Very excitable and jealous if you give any obvious preference to any other animals in the house.

If a big dog he is like an overgrown teddy bear, especially when he wants to be petted. The smaller dogs in this sign tend to be harder to understand as they feel they should be a bigger dog, so consequently they want to eat more than they should. Instead of giving them more, pet them as often as possible and talk to them.

Once they have marked their territory out, they feel that without their consent no one should enter into it. Basically they feel protective towards all members of the family because they feel that you're not smart enough to take care of yourselves.

© 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**

**February 7**

- 1497—The bonfire of the vanities.
- 1819—Raffles leaves Singapore.
- 1882—Last bare-knuckle heavyweights.
- 1979—Pluto moves inside Neptune.
- 1986—Baby Doc flees Haiti.
- 1991—IRA attacks 10 Downing Street.

