



NEWSLETTER

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Comings and Goings

COMING back around the end of the month, **Aleister Crowley's Thoth Tarot Deck**. I don't normally bother you with tarot, but it's nearly 18 months it's been gone, and Crowley's deck is second in importance only to the Rider Waite. I had been fearful that economic conditions would make it impossible for the publishers, **US Games**, to reprint, and I am happy to be wrong. The cards will be printed in Belgium, which means by **Carta Mundi**, the finest tarot printers on the planet. We are taking orders now, we will ship as soon as stock arrives.

GOING, sorry to say, is H.L. Cornell's massive **Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology**. We've published it since 2003. **Amazon** got a copy a week ago, the **AFA** took three more a couple of days later. Which leaves a single copy on the shelf. It will not be reprinted. The money I needed for that, the money we all needed for a lot of things, got sucked up & stolen by Wall Street.

But all is not quite lost. I have 60 defective copies (parts of pages 19 and 455 are missing), which I will make good from my files. I was supposed to destroy them, but I can't bear to throw away good books. The regular price for good copies was \$89.95. I sold them directly at \$74.95. **The corrected ones will go for \$40.00.** When they're gone, they're gone. You won't get this chance again, and Amazon won't get them at all.

Quite by accident, I discovered that Cornell is the greatest medieval medical astrological reference of them all. Which wasn't Cornell's intention, but the books he studied, the books he meticulously cross indexed to create his Encyclopaedia were all, ultimately medieval in origin. He remains the only astrologically-based medical doctor in print. His opinions are definitive.



DUELING DICTIONARIES

THE TWELFTH HOUSE

James Wilson, 1819: If no planet be there, and its lord have no aspect with the ascendant or its lord, there will be few private enemies. If the lord of the ascendant have a good aspect with the lord of the 12th from bad houses, his enemies will injure him under false pretenses. If the aspects be evil... he will have many enemies, much trouble and imprisonment.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: Termed the House of Bondage & Self-Undoing, it is also the House of Initiation & ultimate understanding. While it is frequently tenanted by the signifiers of scandal, self-approbation & hardness of heart, its qualities can be advantageously employed for work done in seclusion. . .

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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| 09 | 02:38 | ☽ ✖ ♀ | |
| | 04:59 | ☽ ✖ ♀ | Void |
| | 10:45 | ☽ ☿ | |
| | 18:46 | ☽ ☐ ♃ | |
| | 19:59 | ☽ ♂ ♀ | |
| 10 | 09:06 | ♀ ☿ | |
| | 12:40 | ♀ ♀ | |
| 11 | 12:10 | ♀ ✖ | |
| | 12:40 | ☽ ✖ ☿ | Void |
| | 23:25 | ☽ ☿ | |
| 12 | 04:41 | ☽ ♂ ♀ | |
| | 07:20 | ☽ △ ♃ | |
| | 09:02 | ☽ ☐ ♂ | |
| 13 | 01:35 | ♀ △ ♃ | |
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| | 20:55 | ☽ ♂ ♀ | |
| | 21:59 | ☽ ✖ ♀ | |
| | 23:19 | ☉ ♂ ♀ | |
| 15 | 01:33 | ☽ ♂ ♃ | |
| | 07:16 | ♀ ✖ ♀ | |
| | 15:20 | ♂ ✖ ♃ | |

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STAR OF THE WEEK



SADALSUUD beta Aquarii 23 ♁ 32

Notes: A pale yellow star situated on the left shoulder of Aquarius.

From Al Sa'd al Suud, the Luckiest of the Lucky, so called on account of its heliacal rising marking the period of gentle and continuous rain.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn and Mercury; to Simmonite, of Uranus; and to Alvidas, of Uranus in sextile to the Sun. It is said to cause trouble and disgrace

With Sun: Occult interests, psychic, wealth through opposite sex involving litigation, domestic harmony.

With Moon: Reputation through occult matters, respect of friends, favourable for gain, peculiar domestic conditions.

— from **Fixed Stars**, by Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Planets in any First House

THE Moon in the First House denotes many CHANGES and much UNCERTAINTY and INSECURITY in a matter preferably evaded, and PUBLICITY if not intercepted. 4th-House interests to the fore, also those ruled where Cancer appears. Usually a woman in the case works for nothing. Well-aspected or in mutual reception, publicity or any change under consideration should be beneficial. A bad aspect to the Sun, Jupiter or Venus while Cancer is on the 8th cusp brings many creditors or bankruptcy. In a critical degree or square Mars, a crisis develops & comes to public notice & if afflicting Neptune there is a scandal. Any aspect to Mars involves an OPERATION.

THE Sun in the First House denotes an IMPORTANT matter and brings LIGHT on the case quickly, clearing the way for an earlier solution; with greater success when well-aspected to the Moon, Jupiter, Mars and the ruler of the querent; to Venus, some gain with more expense. The querent has certain RIGHTS and recognized standing in the case; all conditions improve. If in bad aspect to the malefics, expect delays & disappointment in the case; and in health questions an adverse answer unless in mutual reception; danger of accidents or weak sight and loss of a family member. Matters of the 5th House to the fore, and those of the house where Leo appears. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960. *But who phones an astrologer at sunrise, I wonder?*

Another Birthtime for President Obama

MR emails to propose a late degree of Gemini rising for Mr. Obama's chart. Set in Hawaii, that would be a rectified birth time of 2:50 – 3:00 AM, AHST, on August 4, 1961, Honolulu. MR likes this chart as it puts the Saturn-Uranus opposition just past the MC/IC axis. The chart can be tweaked to put transiting Uranus (retrograde) conjunct the MC on Election Day.

My feeling is that Senator Obama's win was widely expected and so therefore not Uranian at all, but on the other hand, during the campaign Mr. Obama had a most strange succession of successful voids, so the possibility of a backwards Uranus producing an expected result cannot be ruled out. (**Dewey Beats Truman**, that's a Uranian outcome. Remember?) Uranus initially hit 19 Pisces in March, 2008. By which time it was already clear that he had won the nomination & probably the big prize at the end as well.

I saw something else in the chart. I relocated it to Chicago, but I did it as if he was actually born in Chicago. In other words, I keep a late degree of Gemini on the ascendant. Relocation is justified, as Mr. Obama has called Chicago his hometown for many years, but I cheated the calculations.

I used 2:25 am CDT, Chicago, and got 28 Gemini rising, and 3 Pisces on the MC. Uranus hit that in the early spring of 2004 & was still in the neighborhood when Obama had his breakthrough at the Democratic National Convention on July 27, 2004. Which was a truly Uranian moment.

But you will say, Wasn't Obama's birthtime settled long ago? Did Mr. Obama not publish his actual **birth certificate**, did it not state the time of birth as 7:24 pm, and should not that have settled the matter?

Well, no. To anyone who could read a chart, it settled nothing at all. You have an abstract, impractical, futuristic Aquarius rising, coupled with a flighty, fidgety two-faced Gemini Moon, along with a chart that screams out its need for a partner to lead him. Which is all the stuff in Leo in 7th / Virgo in 7–8. Which is before we start reading the 4th house for daddy or the 10th for mommy. Fifteen years ago Obama wrote a book about his parents (**Dreams from My Father**), which is odd as the 7:24 pm chart's 10th house (Mom) is completely empty, and while the 4th has the Moon, the Moon's sign does not match the sign on the IC, which means the Moon

has little interest in the father.

The book the 7:24 chart would write, with Uranus in Leo on the descendant, Mars on the 8th house cusp, Venus in 5, would be **How to Get Girls to Pick You Up** — so you can get all their money.

BUT look what we can do with a Gemini rising chart: The ruler, Mercury, is in the 2nd, but wants to be in the 3rd. Mercury puffs himself up in Leo, and as the extended meaning of the third is Everyday Life, a puffed up Leo Mercury in 3 wants to be a Big Man Around Town. A community leader, perhaps. This agrees perfectly with the Sun's position & is why I cheated with the relocation.

But what's more interesting is this also describes Obama's father, as the same Mercury rules the 4th, which is the father. Since a puffy Mercury rules both the ascendant, as well as the father, the son will tend to idealize the father, very possibly confusing his own identity with his father's. A "Junior" by his very nature.

Since the 4th also rules ultimate outcomes, we see that with both Mars & Pluto in the 4th, **the fate of Obama's father** was not good.

So what about the Birthers? Those who say that Obama was not born in Hawaii? Are they right? I will put it to you this way:

My experience has been that popular beliefs, in the form of instincts, ruled by the Moon, are **usually right**. But also,

My experience is that the public gets the reasons for their beliefs wildly **wrong**, and for precisely the same astrological reasons. Lunar instinct lacks all intelligence, which comes from Mercury. That Mr. Obama was not born in Hawaii is possible. That he was born in Kenya is flatly absurd. If you're looking for an alternative birth place, first try Obama's "home town" of Chicago.

As there is very little of Gemini left on the ascendant, Obama's de facto Cancer first house implies, just under the surface, that he's sensitive & that he cares. While we think of him as a Gemini (mistaking his ascendant for his Moon), with Venus at 0 Cancer, not far underneath his Gemini facade, he is a Cancer we really want to like.

George Washington was born on February 11 — Thomas Edison's birthday. The explanation next week.



WHY WHERE
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ELECTIONAL
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Part 47:

Making Contracts

LET the Moon be in the ascendant or in a sign of the same triplicity, and if possible essentially dignified, or in good aspect to her dispositor. Fortify the lord of the eleventh and place it in a strong position.

Partnerships & Agreements

THE ascendant, its lord & the planet from which the Moon last separated denote the party who began the business; the seventh, its lord and the planet to which the Moon next applies denote the other party; the tenth & its lord denote what will happen between them; and the fourth & its lord denote the end of the business. The party prospering most or most stable in the matter may be judged by noting whether the ascendant or seventh cusp is better aspected by the lord of the tenth, or is more essentially dignified.

Place the Moon, the ascendant & its lord at the time of making the agreement or partnership in mutable signs, especially Gemini or Virgo. If Sagittarius or Pisces be chosen let the Moon be received by Jupiter. . .

— *Electional Astrology*, 1937

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Aphorisms concerning the ☽.

☽ in a nocturnal Geniture in the ascendant, being in a Sign she delights in, and if she be then at full, she imports great increase of Honour and Preferment, the Native will be exalted more than his Brethren, &c.

☽ in the first in ♀ to ☉ in the seventh, in ♀ to ♃ in the fourth, gives Wealth and Authority by Magistracy and Embassies.

☽ in the ascendant, ☉ in partile ♀ with ♀, gives Church-preferment.

☽ in ♃ upon the cusp of the ascendant, the ☉ being also in ♌, gives great Honours.

If the ☽ be with Cor Leonis, ♃ in the tenth in ♈ to ♁, and strong, the ☉ with ♏, it prefers the man, though he be the Son of a Clown.

☽ with ♃ in ☽, and in mid-heaven or ascendant, imports, the Native shall have good fortune, grace or favour with his Prince, or some great man, and shall be much entrusted.

They prove eminent men in whose Nativities the ☽ is illustrated with the aspects of many Planets, or else joined to an eminent fixed Star.

They who have an unfortunate Nativity, as to Riches and Honour, yet if they have the ☽ with any fixed Star of great magnitude, shall at one time or other be preferred to some Power unexpectedly, and again be cast down as suddenly. — *Christian Astrology, Book 3, An Easie and Plain Method*, by William Lilly

PTOLEMY'S TETRABIBLOS

From Book 2, Chapter 3:

The Familiarity of the Regions of the Earth with the Triplicities and the Planets

THE second quadrant consists of the southern division of Asia Magna. Such of its parts as are contained in India, Arriana, Gedrosia, Parthia, Media, Persia, Babylonia, Mesopotamia, and Assyria, are situated in the south-east of the whole earth, and have due familiarity with the south-east triplicity (composed of Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn), and consequently with Venus, Mercury and Saturn, in matunine figuration. The nature of the inhabitants of these countries is obedient to the dominion of these ruling influences; they worship Venus under the name of Isis; and they also pay devotion to Saturn, invoking him by the name of Mithranhelios [Mithras-Sun – Dave]. Many of them likewise foretell future events; and they consecrate to the gods some of their bodily members, to which superstition they are induced by the nature of the figuration of the planets before mentioned. They are, moreover, hot in constitution, amorous and lustful, fond of acting, singing, and dancing, gaudy in their dress & ornaments; owing to the influence of Venus. Saturn, however, inclines them to simplicity of conduct; and, in consequence of the matunine figuration, they address their women publicly. There are also many among them who beget children by their own mothers.

— *Tetrabiblos*, by **Claudius Ptolemy**. Translated by J.M. Ashmand, 1822.

Arriana—Afghanistan. Gedrosia—Balochistan (SW Pakistan). Parthia—NE Iran. Media—NW Iran. Assyria—N. Iraq. Babylonia, Mesopotamia—Iraq.

