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Planetary Hours

I have been wanting to play with planetary hours for years. Scott Silverman, in Miami, told me about **Timaeus**, a shareware program that puts the current hour in your Windows system tray & beeps at you when the planetary hour, calculated to your precise geographic coordinates, changes. I've had it running for a week & while the program needs tweaking (sound effects, volume, glyphs, etc.), I've noticed that when the hour changes, so does whatever was going on. Almost to the second. I haven't noticed it changing FROM things ruled by one planet, TO things ruled by the other planet, but I'm still getting used to it.

In theory, if you combine the planetary hour with the ruler of the day, you would have a unique weekly guide to life. During the Mercury hour on a Jupiter day (the fifth hour on Thursday), you would talk (Mer-

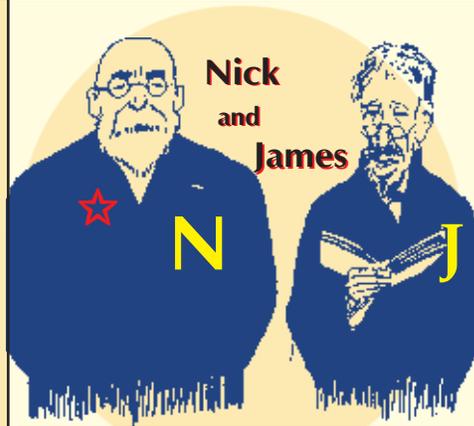
cury) about philosophy or religion (Jupiter). On the other hand, on a Jupiter hour on a Mercury day (the fourth hour on Wednesday), would just be a lot busyness & chatter.

I see no reason why the actual sign positions could not be incorporated, especially when the ruler of the hour is disposing the ruler of the day. Right now, it's a Venus hour on a Saturn-day, where the two planets are in mutual reception (Capricorn to Libra). Which makes for a fairly serious hour, even if Saturn, retrograde, isn't quite up to it.

The Next Calendar

Maynard & Llewellyn will always be with us. But why not a third? This is the time of year to think about that. How about we combine the best of those two, but instead of pages & pages of astro introduction that no one ever reads, why not feature a Theme for the Year?

How about: An Astrological Year In Province - ? Followed the next year by Twelve Famous Astrologers Bare All & Tell Why. (I'll leave that to your imagination!) Followed the next year by An Astrological Analysis of Bon Jovi's Upcoming Concert Schedule. Or maybe A Year of Astrological Pie Recipes. The publisher would propose a theme & then accept submissions. So far as I'm concerned, as a bookseller I'm looking for a 9 x 12 inch format, with stock arriving no later than the first of September. Anyone interested?



DUELING DICTIONARIES

ORIENTAL

James Wilson, 1819: What effect the increase or decrease of light may have on a planet must be proved by experience, for the orientality of planets being so very contradictory, has been little attended to by any astrologers. Placidus generally blinks the question, as he does in some other rules laid down by Ptolemy, which he was unable to comprehend, and unwilling to contradict. **Nicholas deVore**, 1947: Planets are said to be stronger when oriental of the Sun & occidental of the Moon. (3) Applied to the Sun, a special significance is involved in that when the Sun is setting in one hemisphere it is rising in the other. Therefore the Sun is said to be oriental in Houses 12, 11, 10, 6, 5, or 4 . . .

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

19	14:37	♀		♀	
	16:13	♀	#	♂	
20	04:28	☉	≡		Aquarius!
	06:07	☽	♂	♄	Void
	18:37	☽	♄		
	19:55	☽	✳	☉	
21	03:43	☽	♃	♄	
22	06:08	♀	Δ	♄	
	19:47	☽	✳	♄	Void
23	04:41	☽	♃		
	10:54	♁	03♃20		First quarter
	21:44	☽	#	☉	
24	15:38	☉	Δ	♄	
25	03:04	☽	□	♄	Void
	09:04	♀	#	♂	
	11:12	☽			
	21:18	☽	Δ	☉	

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January 21

1789 – First American novel, in Boston.

1793 – Execution of Louis XVI

1883 – Brisbane gets 18.3 inches of rain



STAR OF THE WEEK



ALTAIR alpha Aquillae 1 ≈ 55

Notes: A pale yellow star in the neck of the Eagle. From Al Tair, the Eagle, or, according to Bullinger, the Wounding. Sometimes called "The Bird of Jove"
Influence: Opinions are divided as to the exact nature of this star. Ptolemy gives Mars & Jupiter, Wilson, Saturn & Mercury, Simmonite, Uranus; and Alvidas, Uranus & Mercury in sextile to the Sun. It confers a bold, confident valiant, unyielding, ambitious & liberal nature, great & sudden but ephemeral wealth, and a position of command, makes its natives guilty of bloodshed, and gives danger from reptiles.

With Sun: Public honour, notoriety, favours from superiors, many friends & some envious ones who cause trouble through writings, some ill-health & losses, danger of bites from venomous animals.

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

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Ruler of the Horoscope

part 4

IF Capricorn is on the Ascendant, Saturn is the ruler, both guide & taskmaster, leading the person into environments where patience, thrift, tact & self-discipline will be necessary in handling the limitations & responsibilities he will meet. The death or misfortune of a family member, delays & obstacles, often a handicap or physical difficulty or disability may be expected of this guide. All 10th House matters & people take precedence, the career most of all. Marriage is either quite early or quite late & ended by the mate's death. Home life is upset & children soon on their own.

IF Aquarius is on the Ascendant, Uranus is the native's other self, leading him along unusual & difficult paths into unpredictable environments or unexpected turns of events that give a colorful or public life & always contacts with large crowds. From beginning to end, there is a cross to bear in one way or another, usually involving marriage & health problems, some form of crippling, and never knowing when the lightning will strike next. The guide is eccentric or erratic, and the native's life departs from the norm accordingly, usually both at the start & the finish. 11th House matters come to the fore with emphasis on everything that tends to occur because of large-scale circumstances that materialize at the time seemingly out of the blue. — **All Over the Earth Astrologically**, 1963. *To be continued.*

January 21

1911 – First Monte Carlo rally.

1921 – Italian Communist Party founded

More on Houses

HOUSES are how astrology organizes itself. Learn to use houses & the details you will get will amaze you. Without houses as a framework, you will have only an odd collection of generalities, as that is all you can expect from aspects, planets, signs & houses, when they are out of context.

What's Your Sign?

No, let's rephrase that. **What's your House?** Try this: In your mind, fix a clear image of each of the twelve houses. Then think of someone you know well. What house(s) best represent him? Look at his chart. What planet(s) does he have in that house? Is it the Sun, the Moon, or the ruler of his ascendant? Or does he have a stellium in that house? In no case will it be an unoccupied house, nor will it be a house with a singleton outer planet in it.

You've heard of Cardinal, Fixed & Mutable, as they apply to signs. Apply the same idea to houses: Angular (1,4,7,10), Succeedent (2,5,8,11) & Cadent (3,6,9,12).

Planets in angular houses make you get out & DO THINGS. In the first, you do them for yourself. In the 7th, your partner does them for you (or makes you do them), in the 4th, you do it for the memory, in the 10th, to show off. Active people have angular planets. The most dynamic have cardinal planets in those angular houses. People with fixed sign planets in angular houses are determined & unyielding. People with mutable planets in angular houses drive themselves from one thing to the next.

Planets in succeedent houses (2, 5, 8 & 11) are where you want to HAVE things. Have money (2), have fun or children (5), have an intimate peer (8), have friends (11). Planets in Cardinal signs are aggressive & will pursue these things, planets in Fixed are glad to have / are stuck with – or without, planets in Mutables have no control over what they get or when or how they get it. Know someone with sex on the brain? Betcha he's got cardinal signs on succeedent house cusps & planets in Cards in 5 and/or 8. (See how simple this is?) Which is me, dear friends.

Planets in Cadent houses (3, 6, 9 & 12) make you DEFENSIVE. The world is a strange place & you must be on your guard

at all times. Cardinal planets in cadent houses compel you to hunt down ambiguity & kill it. Fixed planets in cadent houses make barricades, behind which plans are carefully crafted. Mutable planets in cadent houses live in chaos. I presume that after a time, they get used to it.

SOME professions are entirely dominated by just one house. Scientists come to mind. Many of them have debilitated 9th houses. Why the 9th? Because many people take up science, not in a quest for knowledge – which would be 3rd house – but from a fear of the unknown & a craving for security – which is 9th. Which makes Science a religion substitute. Such people, while repudiating “God” (whatever that may be), embrace “Science” as a god-substitute. All attributes normally given to “god” are transferred to “science”. Including dogmatism & intolerance. We've again run into the local high school science teacher who uses the school's planetarium to compulsively denounce astrology. Gee, I would think the planetarium gizmo would give him enough to play with, he wouldn't need to embarrass himself denouncing anything.

My neighbor, here at the Center, is a high-school physics teacher. (Is the world trying to introduce me to these people?) Who is a very nice man & a very good neighbor. For all I know, years ago he got his job & they said, Well, we need a physics teacher, can you manage? And he thought (so I suppose) Well, I'd rather be a coach, but I guess I can manage. And ever since, has just gone on.

But perhaps not. A couple of years ago he got himself ordained a minister in some fundamentalist sect or other. One that doesn't require him to knock on doors & convert the neighbors, thank, ah, well, you know.

So why do Scientists, the Clergy, and Astrologers all hate one another? Could it be they are all stuck in the 9th house & just do not get along with one another? Funny thing about the 9th. It's the house of ultimates. Compare it to the 5th, of Kinky Sex. I like kinky sex & you like kinky sex, but it's never occurred to anyone that my kinky is better than your kinky, and to the extent that it has, it's because some 9th house twit (the Church, anyone?) wants to impose outside rules (9th house) on a purely 5th house activity.

Since you asked, personally I'm convinced there's a God out there someplace, but that place is so remote & so far away that I doubt I will ever come across him. So I don't worry about him in the least. In my opinion, a male & a female, properly joined, are God (singular). So not a He, but a You'n'Me!

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WHY WHERE
WHO WHEN
WHAT

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 44: Near to my heart Learning Music

REGARD the chief significators Venus, Mercury and the Moon. Place Venus in some of her own dignities (the stronger the better) and let Mercury apply to her also from some of her dignities. Let the Moon be similarly placed, especially in Pisces, or separating from Mercury and applying to Venus. Let the ascendant be in a suitable sign, and let Venus, and if possible Mercury also, have dignity therein. See that Mercury, Venus and the Moon are angular, but if it is not possible to place the Moon in an angle let her be in the ninth house, strong & well aspected. When learning singing place the lord of the ascendant in the ninth, strong & free from affliction. Put the Moon in Capricorn, which causes a carrying voice, or in Gemini or Virgo. Fortify the 9th & its lord and let them be free from all afflictions from the malefics; and also fortify the tenth & its lord if adopting singing as a profession. Bonatus says that to excel all others in singing place Mercury direct & joined to Venus retrograde, either in the houses, exaltations or other dignities of either of them.

— **Electional Astrology**, by **Vivian Robson** [*How very Age of Pisces is this detail. Contrast with the (Piscean) sketch for Science given last week. — Dave*]

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Aphorisms from Astrology and Sex by Vivian Robson

VIII. Planets in Scorpio.

44. Sun. To a woman money or property by marriage, but danger of separation, or the death of the husband.

45. Moon. Favours marriage in a man's horoscope, but to a woman brings trouble through the opposite sex, disharmony in marriage, and trouble through other women. Money may be obtained through marriage, but trouble will accompany it, and it may be wasted, or have to be spent freely upon others.

46. Venus. Jealous love nature & strong passions. Dangerous attachments & risk of betrayal. Misfortunes through the opposite sex. An unhappy attachment may lead to suicide or murder. Partner previously married. Delay in love & marriage, or loss of partner by separation or death. Money may come through marriage, but only after much trouble and difficulty. If Scorpio rises, or Venus is the ruler, most of the harm is caused by the native.

47. Mars. Gain by marriage but partner will be unhappy. Danger of violence to or from the partner.

48. Jupiter. Critical or peculiar attachment. Unusual family experiences. Gain by marriage, and by the death of the partner, but liable to trouble or loss through the partner's actions.

49. Saturn. Sorrowful love affairs. Secret intrigues and domestic ties. Danger of venereal diseases. — **Astrology & Sex**, by Vivian Robson, 1941

January 21

1905 – Christian Dior born.
1924 – Benny Hill born.
1941 – Placido Domingo, tenor, born.
1954 – First nuclear powered sub launched.
1968 – Battle of Khe Sanh begins, Vietnam.
1976 – First commercial Concorde flight.

From Book Seven of Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice

by Julius Firmicus Maternus

Number of Wives

1. One wife is indicated if Venus is on the MC in trine aspect to the Moon with favorable influence of other planets. But if she is in any other house, you will find the number of wives by counting the signs from Venus to the house of marriage. In women's charts you will find the number of husbands this way. Let others verify this method: it has not been proved by us.

2. Venus with Mars in the sixth house will make men & women adulterers. If they are in the house of Saturn & are in conjunction with Saturn himself in his house, in a woman's chart this makes public prostitutes; in a man's chart they either have prostitutes for wives or are joined in impure lust with homosexuals.

3. If you locate the house of marriage exactly, and the ruler of that sign is in the sign itself, marriage is indicated when the first years of that sign are completed. But if the ruler of that sign is so located that he is not in aspect in any way to the house of marriage, that is, to his own sign, and if another planet is located in that sign, marriage is indicated to take place when the first years are completed of the planet which is found in the house of marriage. If no planet is in that sign, marriage will occur after the anafora of that sign.

4. There is another more subtle way of discovering this: count the degrees of all the planets, add them all up and, beginning from the house of marriage, divide the number of degrees among the signs, allotting thirty degrees to each. In whatever sign the last number falls, the marriage will occur when Jupiter reaches that sign.

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

