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## New BOOKS for JULY

### NEW BUSINESS:



**Dr. Heber J. Smith** was Evangeline Adams' teacher. Adams' biographer, Karen Christino, says he was born in 1842 & died in 1898. The AFA has just reprinted his celebrated **Transits of the Planets**. In which

he refers to Teddy Roosevelt's shooting of October 1912. In **Astrological Pioneers of America**, Holden puts the date of Smith's death after 1913 & remarks, *He is said to have been the author of a treatise on transits that is still in print, but from internal evidence this seems doubtful.* (pg. 146) Smith would have been 70 when Teddy was shot, so it's unlikely Smith's present book was one of Adams' early guides. Smith was 16 years older than Roosevelt, 26 more than Adams.

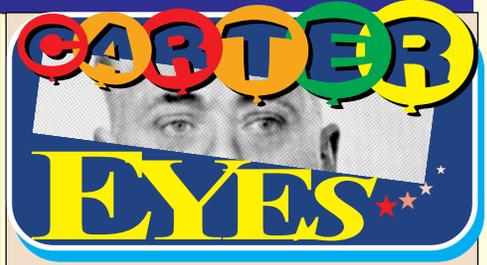
But wherever it came from, whoever wrote it, it's a very good book.

### OLD BUSINESS:

In addition to his translation of Bonatus, **Prof. Benjamin Dykes** has also translated four books by Persian authors, published in two volumes:

**Persian Nativities vol. 1** includes Masha'allah's **Book of Aristotle**, which, among other things, will tell you what to do with the triplicity rulers you learned about in **Dorotheus**. The volume also includes a new translation of Abu'Ali al-Khayyat's **Judgements of Nativities**, which had previously been translated by **Holden**. Dykes says that what Holden translates as houses are not really houses, but I would point out to all that this controversy exists only in this small corner of astrology and nowhere else. It has no justification and is based on multiple misunderstandings.

**Persian Nativities vol. 2** includes 'Umar al-Tabari's brief **Three Books on Nativities**, composed largely of formulas, and, Abu Bakr's **On Nativities**, which is a very large collection of aphorisms. As I mentioned in my notes on these books, even with my quibbling, astrology is richer today than at any time in the last 300 years. With Hindsight's **Hellenistic** track, and Prof. Dyke's Latin & Persian, only the 17th century English remain to be rediscovered.



### ASTROLOGY OF ACCIDENTS

## Localized Influences

#### CARDINAL SIGNS

Beg. of Cancer-Capricorn. *Drowning*.  
4°-8° Aries-Libra. *Bloodshed*  
6° Cardinals. *Gunshot* (especially 6° ♀-♁).  
10° Cardinals. *Burns*.  
15°-19° Cardinals. *Blows*.  
20°-24° Cardinals. *Blows*  
17° Cardinals. *Gunshot/violence/wounds & cuts*.  
23° Cardinals. *Gunshot*.  
End of Aries-Libra. *Drowning*.

#### FIXED SIGNS

Beginning of Taurus-Scorpio. *Drowning*  
24°-28° Fixed. *Blows*.

#### MUTABLE SIGNS

0°-9° Mutables. *Blows*  
1°-9° Mutables (especially 1°-5°) *Gunshot, wounds and cuts*. (Aldebaran/Antares?)  
13° Mutables. *Suicide*.  
15°-19° Mutables. *Blows*.  
16° Mutables. *Gunshot* (especially ♀ ♁)  
17° ♀ ♁. *Scalds, wounds and cuts*.  
25° Gemini. *Scalds*.

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)  
Notes

08	06:10	☾ Δ ♄	Void
	07:51	☾ ♀	
	11:32	♀ ♀ ☾	
	23:55	♀ ♂ ♀	
09	05:35	♀ ✕ ♄	
	16:30	♀ ♀ ♄	
	23:45	♀ Δ ♄	
10	10:17	☾ □ ♄	Void
	11:32	♀ ♀	
	11:38	☾ ☽	
11	04:13	☾ ✕ ♂	
	05:31	♀ ♄ ♀	
	08:13	♀ Δ ♄	
	14:30	☾ ♀ ☾	
	19:40	☾ 19 ☽ 24	Solar Eclipse
12	11:49	☾ ✕ ♄	Void
	12:54	☾ ♄	

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## STAR OF THE WEEK



**CANOPUS** alpha Argus 15 ♄ 05

**Notes:** A white star in one of the oars of the ship Argo. Named in honour of Canopus, the chief pilot of the fleet of Menelaus, who was killed in Egypt by the bite of a serpent on his return from the destruction of Troy.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn & Jupiter; and, to Alvidas, of the Moon & Mars. It gives piety, conservatism, a wide & comprehensive knowledge, voyages & educational work, and changes evil to good.

**If culminating:** Great glory, fame & wealth, dignity & authority by the help of an old clergyman or influential person.

**With Sun:** Domestic affliction, trouble with father or parents, financial loss, danger of accidents, burns & fevers, unfavorable end to life.

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

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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Have I a Secret Enemy?

**Y**ES, if a malefic rules or is in the 12th House; and if strong by Sign & not afflicted he is powerful. If in bad aspect to the ruler of the Ascendant he is very active against the querent; & if angular will succeed. The house he rules in the chart designates a person of that house who is fomenting trouble behind the scenes, & reveals the matter that is the basis for the enmity; but if in good aspect to the ruler of the 1st, he will restrain his rancor & do nothing to harm the person.

The enemy is dangerous & powerful if the ruler of the 12th is elevated over the ruler of the 1st or disposes it, or is stronger by Sign & angular by house or is a major planet while the querent is represented by a minor planet; but if this is reversed, the querent is the stronger of the two, overcoming his enemy. If the same planet rules the 1st & 12th & is badly aspected by the Moon, the querent is his own enemy & has gotten himself into trouble and if his ruler is in an angular house (out in the open) the truth will out. If it is Mars or Mercury & afflicted he has cheated, and if conjunct Neptune, Venus or Uranus, he is guilty of very unwise associations or attachments now active.

No, there is no secret enemy if the benefics Jupiter & Venus are angular or in the 1st or 12th & not in bad aspect with or disposed by a malefic; or the Sun if dignified or exalted by Sign & house; or if there are several mutual receptions in the chart; or Jupiter ruling the Ascendant; or the ruler of the Ascendant in its dignity or exaltation or else in mutual reception. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960

## Resonance & the Moment of Birth

**I**F Astrology falls from the sky like rain from a cloud, if astrology is an exterior influence acting on us, then birth happens when the soul falls into the body, bringing astrology with it. This was my previous belief, as it seemed reasonable.

But if planets resonate each other – which in fact they do – then everything on our planet is already soaked in the combined vibrations of the Earth and all the other bodies in the solar system. Such that “astrology happens” as soon as the baby is clear of its mother. In other words, the moment the cord is cut is the moment for which the chart must be set.

But that body is empty until the first inhalation “sucks in” the nearby soul, an event which, years later, is compulsively remembered as “falling dreams”.

Which is to say there is a fundamental antagonism between the body, a product of the astrology of the birth moment, and the soul, which does not appear to have any astrological signature at all.

By “soul”, I mean consciousness, provided you have any. Most people have instinctive consciousness, which is to say, “radar” & “sonar” that keep us from bumping into each other (like bumper cars at the amusement park) while having about the same ideas & opinions, likes & dislikes, as everyone else.

Actual consciousness starts with love & wisdom from the heart (seat of the soul), but as this is easily trampled by strong emotions from the solar plexus (instinct), the heart requires a certain mental cunning. It’s when the heart & mind are both active that the soul can be seen in the incarnated individual. Are such persons tranquil & serene? Absolutely not! They deploy their emotions both as defense (radar) and offense. The result is a hurricane of (emotional) force, which is how you will know them.

Which brings up the 12th house, and many other unhappy astrological features, such as T-squares & difficult aspects. The fact that you feel these limitations so powerfully indicates that your soul is awake & aware & conscious & fighting the limitations imposed on it by the astrology of the birth moment.

And synastry. Synastry works fine for unevolved people. His Moon trine her Sun, if you’re a matchmaker, you can bank on it. But once the person becomes self-aware, there is a constant struggle between what one

“should” like, based on simple astrology, and what actually happens, based on the soul’s tastes & choices, and, not incidentally, who was screwing whom the last time they met up, lifetimes ago. Such that we have all sailed straight past the “right” partner, bearing the ideal astrological factors, and instead headed directly to that one person with whom we will spend the rest of our lives, battling.

Again we see that when we have the proper astrological framework, old puzzles are solved. You might as well talk about the affinity of Chevys with Fords, and how the 1961 Plymouth was completely incompatible with the 1965 VW Beetle. It would make about as much sense. It’s not the cars, but the drivers in them, the souls behind the bodies, that are in ultimate control. The chart is subordinate to the soul that possesses it.

Your physical body is your natal chart, but you are not your body, nor are you your chart. You are its guest, or host, or managing director, or perhaps its victim, call it what you will. Your natal chart is something that has been imposed on you. It’s not you.

Our goal, therefore, is to learn to use our chart to best express the soul that is stuck in it. Just as when you’re driving your car. Your goal is to use the car to get to your destination in the most agreeable way possible.

Another way to look at it: Our bodies represent FATE. Our souls are Free Will. The more soul-aware we are, the better we will deal with our fate. How do we become “soul aware”? Remember the heart. The heart frees itself from the tyranny of the body & its emotions by developing the mind, but for the longest time the mind is weak, an endless labyrinth of confusion. (I find rapid word associations to be a fine way of strengthening the mind.)

Once the heart & mind have fused, they employ the full strength of the emotions to force their will upon the world. Only then does the triad of the fully empowered human emerge.

Death, the natural sort, liberates the soul from the astrology of the body, bringing relief. (If it were otherwise, the dead would find cremation a rather unpleasant experience.) Or it would. In modern America, a unique combination of factors has resulted in Past Lives that Bite. This past week I was asked to explain my bizarre remarks about Jesus Freaks. Which is where I will begin next week.

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## ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 67:

### Marriage, part 2

**L**ET the Moon be increasing in light & motion (especially light), and if possible past the first quarter & not in conjunction with a malefic in the ascendant, for that signifies strife & discord. If this position be found in either nativity, the party having it will have chief power & will make strife, but if the Moon be above the earth he or she will nevertheless be inclined to make peace again. Be certain to fortify Venus, who is chief significator, and take care she is not cadent, combust, retrograde, nor in fall, detriment, or afflicted by the malefics. No marriage can be good if Venus is weak or afflicted, nor can it be very bad if Venus is strong & well-aspected. If possible put Jupiter in sextile or trine with Venus, or Venus in reception with Jupiter, and the Moon in a sign ruled by either one of their terms & if possible in good aspect with them. Or place the lord of the seventh in good aspect to Venus, Moon, or lord of the ascendant, but make the lord of the seventh be disposed of by them by one of the essential dignities. Let the Moon, Jupiter, and Venus if possible be in sextile or trine to each other, but the trine is best & in the watery triplicity.

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

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### Hygiea

**H**YGIEA represents “the health”. It does not have a broad range of meanings but takes its importance through the definition supplied by the aspecting points, which will sketch health problems. Hygiea also addresses issues that deal with hygiene – and the axiom that “Cleanliness is next to godliness.” In this respect, Hygiea has a bit of the Virgo flavor.

The glyph for Hygiea is the caduceus – the staff of the medical profession. Historically, the staff would be circled by serpents. I use the three intertwined circles here as a reminder that the health is “body, mind & spirit” and the condition of one’s health serves many masters. Wonderful lessons can be learned through poor health! And no judgement as to personal culpability is to be made from a body that apparently fights its owner.

In using Hygiea to outline specific health problems, remember that it is not the sole indicator. Traditional indices (such as the 75 & 150° aspects, the Saturn/Neptune axis, and Hades in some combinations) are not to be ignored. In using midpoint systems, observe periods when Hygiea comes to a health-related axis, point or midpoint.

As usual, trines to Hygiea from retrograde planets do not sustain as wholly positive influences due to the psychological anxiety & strictures of the retrograde point. Difficulties may come later in life (as described by the retrograde) — *from Mechanics of the Future Asteroids*, © 1988, 1991

## DOG OF THE MONTH



*A real house dog  
he won't stray  
very far, he'd  
rather stay home  
than ride in a car.*  
The Moonchild dog is exceedingly good with children, and tolerant, even if his tail is

pulled once too often. For the affection the youngsters bestow on them they will probably do anything. They love playing together & this is natural for both.

Your dog will know where his food is kept & whenever he feels like eating will go & sniff there. The kids get used to this & feed him nice doggy cookies when you're not around.

Tends to get a bit round with age, so watch the calories.

They're enterprising & you can teach them tricks, like balancing acts, when they slow down from all the noise & carrying on.

© 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**

July 7

1456–Joan of Arc convicted again  
1543–France invades Luxembourg  
1798–Quasi-war rescinded  
1898–U.S. annexes Hawaii  
1928–SLICED BREAD APPEARS

