



NEWSLETTER

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Your cheerful book excerpt for the week:

Of the Black Plague caused of Saturn in Cancer

YOU must understand that the cause of this Plague is, as aforesaid, of Flegm, thin Water, and Melancholy mixed, Flegm & Water having the dominion; and they that are taken with this Plague have much heaviness, weakness, and faintness, with a cold shivering three or four days, and sometimes seven or eight days before they be sick, and they cannot eat their meat, but are cold inward; and if the Humours apply to the Brain, then they are heavy and drowsy with sleep, and the Sores come forth and appear commonly about the ears or neck, or in the face; and if the Humours settle to the Heart, then the Parties are fearful, timorous & faint, and the botch comes forth under the Armpits, Breast & Shoulders, or Back; if the humour rest in the Liver, and something affect the Heart withal, then they vomit, and the Sores will come forth in the Groin, Buttocks, or thighs, and in this case it is good to vomit much, and to purge; and if the Brain & Liver be both infected, then

the Party vomits much, and is very sleepy, and most commonly they die within three or four days after they be taken with it, and there is seldom remedy, or none at all.

And you shall understand that this Plague was not infectious, because it came of a cold cause; and there was nothing that bred it so soon as eating of fresh Herrings & Cucumbers, and fruit, and such things as breed slimy Flegm & Water; and most commonly where it took a house, it went round amongst children & servants, that were all of one kind of feeding; and those two years was a great plenty of fresh Herrings, and much fruit; and there died in the year 1593 eighteen hundred a week, and most of the Doctors of Physick did fly from London, and Dr. Foreman stayed by it, and thanks God he saved many. — **Astrological Judgement & Practice of Physick**, by Richard Saunders, 1677

When they tell you that medieval doctors did not know anything, don't you believe them! I am skeptical that modern medicine could handle anything remotely like the rapid, savage fury of a plague. Saunders's book was so good, Franklin named his almanac after him: Poor Richard. Wiki shows the usual anti-astrology bias in substituting some other Richard entirely.



On Directions

WITH every direction we are concerned with four considerations:

1. The essential character of the two bodies.
2. The signs occupied.
3. The houses occupied.
4. The houses ruled.
5. The nature of the aspect, as such.

1. The Sun has relation to the activities of life, the public or professional life, one's honour, repute, achievements, and the positive & masculine side of one's work. The Moon is related to the domestic, moral, interior, and emotional aspect of life, which is negative & feminine. The Midheaven has relation to attainment, publicity, opportunity, and the chances that the environment give or deny for self-expression; it is, as it were, a door or outlet of self-expression, which the good & bad directions alternatively open & shut. The ascendant relates to the personal life & in particular to the physical body & health . . . — **Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology**

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)
Notes

04	13:09	☉ □ ♂	
01	03:42	☽ ✕ ♃	Void
	05:08	☽ ☿	
	06:42	♀ ♂	
02	04:15	☽ △ ☉	
03	14:56	☽ ♂ ♀	Void
	17:34	☽ ☿	
04	17:53	♂ ♂ ♀	
	22:14	☉ 14X 11	Last Quarter
05	08:46	☽ △ ♀	
	15:27	☽ ✕ ♀	
06	01:37	☽ ♂ ♃	
	05:50	☽ ♂ ♃	Void
	05:51	☽ ♃	
	06:20	☽ ♂ ♃	
	06:28	♃ ♃	
07	06:11	♂ ♃	
	14:32	☽ ✕ ☉	

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STAR OF THE WEEK



RIGEL beta Orionis 16 II 58

Notes: A double bluish white star situated on the left foot of Orion.

From Riji, the Foot.

Influence: According to Ptolemy & Lilly it is of the nature of Jupiter & Saturn, but later authors consider it favourable & similar to Jupiter & Mars. Alvidas likens it to Mercury, Mars & Jupiter. It gives benevolence, honour, riches, happiness, glory, renown & inventive or mechanical ability.

If rising: Good fortune, preferment, riches, great & lasting honours.
If culminating: Great military or ecclesiastical preferment, anger, vexation, magnanimity, much gain acquired by labour & mental anxiety, lasting honours.

With Sun: Bold, courageous, insolent, unruly temper, hasty actions, bloodshed, many enemies, great good fortune, military success. — **From Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Angular, Succedent or Cadent

SUCCEEDENT houses start from the Second House which involves self-preservation & finances so that any planet in, square or opposition the Second shall be interested in the native's safety, money & possessions. The more planets in succedent houses, the more irons the native has in the fire, and the more likely he is to act as treasurer for others, particularly if the Eighth House rules or holds the Moon, the only celestial body that, like the mother-Moon, is the natural conservator of other people's gains.

People who are shy with others, never asking assistance because of their backwardness, often have many planets in cadent houses which stand back & usually take longer to succeed in life in the chosen field. In this writer's opinion, the cadent houses govern what we really do not need in order to live & can very well do without. Consider the 3rd, ruling our kinfolk, neighbors & kindergarten amusements; and the 6th of small animals & services to be rendered & visits to the dentist's & the nurse for shots; the 9th of religion that has gotten the world into much tragedy, and college training so often unnecessary for success, not to mention in-laws & other aliens & strangers who are not always trustworthy. The cadent 12th House of karma & similar mistakes to be accounted for, imprisonment & hospitalization as well as ambush & murder we could do without.

A planet standing alone in a cadent house fends for itself in the native's behalf. The main interests will be associated with mercurial pursuits . . . **Astrological Essays**, 1979

The Galactic Center

from Nicholas DeVore's
Encyclopedia of Astrology

THE gravitational center around which the Sun revolves. Astrology has hypothetically placed this at 0° Capricorn, which is exactly confirmed by recently published results of thousands of calculations of spectroscopic radial velocity measurements, and other thousands by the parallax method of determining proper motion, by Charlier, Stromberg, Wilson, Campbell & More, and Smart & Green. In consequence the astronomers have arrived at a position of the center of the Milky Way Galaxy at R.A. 270°, declin. +29.7°. Therefore at the time of the Winter Solstice, the Galactic Center is a few degrees South of the Sun.

The Sun's actual travel is estimated at 200 miles per second in orbit. As it is placed about 30,000 light-years from the center of the Milky Way Galaxy, one complete orbit is estimated to require 200 million years. Its apparent motion toward a point near Wega in the constellation Hercules, as measured by nearby stars, is 12 miles per second—which should not be confused with its computed actual rate of travel.

The plane of the Sun's orbit is presumed to be approximately that of the Galactic Center, which is inclined to the Earth's orbit by about 50 degrees.

Friendly Planets

Ptolemy appeared to believe that those planets which have rulership, exaltation or triplicity in each other's Signs should be classed as friendly planets. Other authorities class them as follows:

- Sun—unfriendly only to Saturn.
- Moon—unfriendly only to Mars & Saturn.
- Venus—unfriendly only to Saturn.
- Mars—friendly with Venus only.
- Jupiter—unfriendly only to Mars.
- Saturn—friendly only to the Sun, Mercury & Jupiter.

Just how Saturn can be friendly to the Sun when the later is unfriendly to him is nowhere explained, and James Wilson says the entire concept is nonsense. However, a little thought will discern its basic truth when the qualities of the various vibrations are considered . . . — **Encyclopedia of Astrology**

Secrets
From A
Stargazer's
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

The Chart of a Building

LOUISE Duncan knocked herself out foraging through the old clippings & came up with the official birthday for the **Empire State Building**. This extraordinary building even celebrates its birthday every year, as befits its unique personality. The building had a bumpy start—Jimmy Walker was mayor of New York then, but everybody wanted Al Smith, the old mayor, to cut the ribbons, so they got him instead. Smith wanted his two grandchildren to cut the ribbons to symbolize the future generations, but the kids couldn't get the scissors to work, so Smith ripped the ribbons himself at exactly 11:15 am on May 1, 1931.

People born in 1931 are extraordinary, every one of them. They have terrible conflicts within themselves (see all the big squares in the Empire State Building's chart) and as a result of the pressure they often achieve eminence in some way. Like the building they learn to bend & sway while still retaining their unique character, head & shoulders above the crowd. Newsman Dan Rather and Cosmicman Ram Dass both spring from the crop of '31.

The Empire State Building is no longer the tallest building in the world. It isn't even the tallest building in New York anymore—the soulless twin monstrosities downtown took care of that. But for most folks who come to visit from all over the world it is still their favorite, the structure with a soul and a heart . . . and a lurid past. As of this writing fourteen people have hurled themselves to their deaths from the Empire State Building. In 1945 a B-25 bomber got lost & crashed into the building. One guy jumped off and the winds were so high he was *blown back onto the building*. It surprised him so much he decided to live & crawled back in through a window. — **Secrets from a Stargazer's Notebook** © *Debbi Kempton-Smith*, 1999

June 1

- 1495 – First batch of whiskey
- 1533 – Anne Boleyn crowned queen
- 1779 – Benedict Arnold is court-marshalled
- 1831 – North magnetic pole discovered

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WHY WHERE
 WHO WHEN
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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 63:

Dental Treatment

SEE that the Moon is not in Aries or Taurus, and keep Mars & Saturn free from affliction. Afflictions to Jupiter or such as involve the fixed signs should be avoided. If anaesthetics are to be used take care that Neptune is well aspected, both in the radical & election maps.

Circumcision

LET Venus be exalted above Mars & applying to a good aspect to Jupiter; and let the ascendant, its lord, Venus & the Moon be unaspected by Saturn. Let the lord of the ascendant be ascending in latitude, and place the Moon & its dispositor in northern signs & succedent houses. See that the Moon is not in Scorpio & that Mars is not in any angle. *(Dear ladies: This procedure is near-universal in America & is performed within hours of birth, which means the success or failure can be judged by advancing the natal chart slightly. — Dave)*

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

June 1

- 1857 – *Fleurs du Mal* published
- 1922 – Royal Ulster Constabulary founded
- 1935 – First driving tests in the UK
- 1974 – The Heimlich maneuver published

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



Hopi

WHILE Hopi would seem, on the surface, to have limited application, a large number of people have a strong affinity for Native American peoples & culture. For individuals who subscribe to reincarnation, the position of Hopi in their charts has validated “memories” & fears & other, seemingly out-of-context, behavioral items related not only to a Native American experience, but to **identification to any oppressed minority** — whether for racial, ethnic or religious reasons. Hopi is a place then to examine the prejudices that so divide our world — be they based on ethnic, economic, racial, territorial, religious or behavioral differences.

As with other place name asteroids, Hopi is also prominent when one travels to the American West or sites especially associated with Indians or minorities.

In cultures outside the United States, Hopi has reliably reflected attitudes toward “indians” (of that culture), indigenous peoples & minorities. Look to Hopi to address racial, ethnic or territorial claims. Tied to more psychological points (Moon, Pluto, Psyche,) Hopi can be a point where the subconscious receives/retains a residue from the impact of native culture.

Hopi will show as incidents with minorities (including Afro-Americans) and reactions to what is perceived as discrimination (on whatever basis). — *from Mechanics of the Future Asteroids*, © 1988, 1991

DOG OF THE MONTH



Most Gemini dogs are extremely intelligent & easy to communicate with. Just tell them once to ‘sit’ or ‘outside’ and they will immediately do it.

Lots of energy, no staying around the house for this one.

Will fetch your paper, and all you have to do is talk to him, a real people animal.

He seems fascinated by the sounds his vocal cords can produce, and may happily carry on a canine conversation with himself.

Will do anything for a ride in the car. Sticks his nose out of the window & the faster you go, the better he likes it.

These dogs especially like to play providing they’re not hungry.

When you want him to come to you, try rattling paper bags & he’ll come running.

Geminis like plenty of love & affection.

© *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

Most 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**

June 1 Birthdays

- 1890 – Frank Morgan, the Wizard
- 1921 – Nelson Riddle, arranger
- 1926 – Andy Griffith, actor
- 1926 – Marilyn Monroe
- 1973 – Heidi Klum, supermodel

