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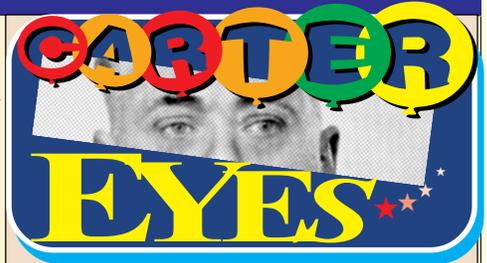
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Books by Benjamin Dykes to arrive soon

SEVERAL years ago, Ben Dykes published a new, comprehensive translation of Guido Bonatus's *A Book of Introduction to the Judgments of the Stars* (*titile per Holden*), which Prof. Dykes shortened to **Bonati's Book of Astronomy**.

The original edition was two very nice hardcover volumes, which I declined to stock as the price was north of \$250 for the set. Prices on that level require more sales help than a humble bookseller can give.

IAM pleased to announce that Prof. Dykes has now reprinted the best of his massive work in six smaller volumes:

Basic Astrology, \$29.95 - 248 pgs

146 Considerations, \$12.95 - 89 pgs.

Horary, \$29.95 - 278 pgs.

Elections, \$24.95 - 180 pgs.

Mundane Astrology, \$29.95 - 341-ish pgs.

Lots, \$12.95 - unknown number of pages.

— All of these will be available in a week or two.

Guido Bonatus, a 13th century Italian astrologer whose dates are unknown, is

regarded as one of the most important of all Medieval astrologers. His massive work has been studied by everyone who can read Latin. Its translation into English is an epochal event, long overdue.

ALSO from Professor Dykes, two collections of various Persian authors: **Persian Nativities I**, which contains Mashaallah's **Book of Aristotle**, and Abu'Ali al-Khayyat's **On the Judgment of Nativities** \$45.95 - 420 pgs., and,

Persian Nativities II, containing 'Umar al-Tabari's **Three Books of Nativities**, and, Alubater's **On Nativities**. \$45.95 - 350 pgs.

I will have all of these on-line & available for purchase as soon as I can get stock. Look for announcements in upcoming newsletters.

These are exciting times for astrologers. I daily watch science collapse further into foppishness and fads. By contrast, Astrology is charging ahead.

Do you suppose that at some point there will be some seminal event, and the evil, stupid rubbish of the "Age of Enlightenment" will be discarded in favor of actual truth and knowledge? Or am I simply dreaming? If it is ever to happen, it will be astrologers who will lead, as there is no one else who can. So now I am looking at all of you, and wondering . . .

MY experience with these systems is that the symbolic method is more psychological in effect & sometimes produces *obvious* effects some time after exactitude; on the other hand, the same directions calculated in right ascension work extremely close to time; in fact, as a rule they are within a very few days of the exact arc.

I believe that these methods, together with the unquestionably useful lunar secondaries, constitute a pretty complete guide to the life *once the map is properly rectified*. I emphasize this, for in my opinion directions to & by the angles are of very first importance, but of course, until the horoscope has been rectified neither these nor any cusps can be used.

Transits & lunar secondaries are of great use as indices of the exact day on which directions will operate. Pre-natal or converse secondaries are, I believe, unreliable, and I am disposed to think that their supposed action is often only the effect of a coinciding direction in right ascension —

The Zodiac & the Soul

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for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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



STAR OF THE WEEK

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BELLATRIX gamma Orionis 21 II 05

Notes: A slightly variable pale-yellow star on the left shoulder of Orion. The name means the Female Warrior, but according to Bullinger it signifies Quickly Coming or Swiftly Destroying.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is like Mars & Mercury; and, to Alvidas, Mercury & Mars in good aspect. It gives great civil or military honour but danger of sudden dishonour, renown, wealth, eminent friends & liability to accidents causing blindness & ruin. If prominent in a woman's horoscope it makes her loquacious & shrewish, and gives a high-pitched hard and sharp voice.

If culminating: Quarrels, hatred, fraud committed or suffered, forgery, swindling, coining & perjury.

With Sun: Vacillating, changeable, indecisive . . . —from **Fixed Stars**, by Robson

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The Aquarian Age comes full circle:

— The Second Coming and Final Judgement —

I wrote a number of articles on the Aquarian Age back in 2007 & 2008, when this was a monthly newsletter. But no examination of Aquarius can be complete without a passing glance at these two hoary chestnuts: *The Second Coming of Jesus Christ*, and, *The Final Judgement of the Living & the Dead*.

WHEN I still believed it, I once started a book on the **Second Coming**, or, to use the terms some believers use, The Reappearance. Basically, the story goes like this:

At the start of every Age, it is said that God himself incarnates to set its keynote. This seems true of Pisces, with Christ. We can expand this to include Buddha (563-483 BC), Confucius (551-479 BC), Muhammad (570/1- 632 AD), and maybe Plato (427/8-348/7 BC). Which gives us hope it will happen again sometime about now, that God will return in the guise of Christ. But then we try to remember such creatures from the Age of Aries, or the Age of Taurus. And can't find them. Here is the Christian version:

In Luke's story of the **Last Supper**, Jesus tells Peter & John to follow *a man with a jug of water* (which symbolizes Aquarius) to a *furnished room* on an *upper floor*. "Upper floor" in this case being a place that is not yet "on the ground", (i.e., physically manifest), in other words, in the Age beyond the present one, which in Jesus's day was Pisces. There, the thirteen will gather as a group of equals, which is, again, Aquarius. The requirement that it be "furnished" indicates the disciples & their followers are expected to have completed the necessary preparatory work.

In **Acts**, we learn that after the Ascension, Christ was to return the same way in which he had left. Which is also said to refer to the Second Coming in the Age of Aquarius.

I WILL skip over the centuries of fruitless waiting, of endless wasted hopes, and start with **Charles W. Leadbeater** (1854-1934).

Leadbeater was an early **Theosophist**, hand-picked by **H.P. Blavatsky** (1831-1891) herself. Before she died, she prophesied the Second Coming would be in the 1990's, a century in the future.

Not content to wait, Leadbeater decided

to train candidates who could handle the enormous Christ energies & thereby bring Christ back in Leadbeater's own lifetime. These candidates were discarded abruptly in 1909 when Leadbeater found the young, filthy, sickly **Jiddu Krishnamurti** (1895-1986) walking on the beach near **Adyar**, India. Leadbeater was staggered by the size of the boy's aura (the largest he had ever seen) and instantly decided that Krishnamurti should be the one to bring Christ into the modern world. Neither Krishnamurti, nor his parents, were given any choice in the matter.

Christ would not come forth directly, but rather would "overshadow" an able disciple. Which was the usual means and is why there is this "Jesus Christ" nonsense: Christ overshadowed the rabbi Jesus.

Unfortunately, men of Krishnamurti's level of development are not well connected to the planet & as a result, rarely amount to very much. K, as he eventually termed himself, needed associates who could put his words into action. He needed Leadbeater, frankly. Which Leadbeater failed to understand. Instead, Krishnamurti was beset by opportunists, such that, in **August of 1929**, he gave up in disgust & called it quits.

Subsequently, **Alice Bailey** (1880-1949) said that Christ would return sometime after 1948, almost certainly by the year 2000, and by the year 2020 at the absolute latest. You will note Pluto's entry into Aquarius scheduled for that year.

Benjamin Creme (born December 5, 1922, Scotland) took up the banner in the 1970's, claiming that Christ was due to return, in person (no overshadowing necessary) any minute now. According to Creme, it was only necessary that we, the human population, arrange the necessary press conference. While numerous conferences have been organized (including the famous fiasco of **June 21, 1982**), to date the intended party has never appeared. At various times it was rumored that media mogul Ted Turner was working behind the scenes, but I have never seen evidence to support it, and I was once part of Creme's group.

He has been in the news recently. It appears Benjamin Creme is still unable to distinguish the astral from the physical; I will withhold the probable reason why. I think we can definitively say that, more than 30 years on, his mission has failed.

And while it might still happen (we have ten years to go, according to Bailey), I am skeptical. A Second Coming will divide the world into two camps:

The Camp of True Believers (if there are any) will accept everything he says, on blind faith. Which is true of Creme's followers, as well as the faithful adherents of **Sathya Sai Baba**. Who was to be a herald, by the way.

And the Camp of those who refuse. This camp is divided in two: Those who will never accept any such leader, and true believers who want anyone but That Guy.

Since it's possible for me to think of just about anything, a few days ago I thought up a possible method. It's a variation on the Good Cop/Bad Cop routine:

Christ appears & is immediately labeled a pretentious buffoon. An opportunistic national leader (yours? mine?) declares that whatever this doofus Christ can do, he – a mere mortal – can do better. If our mortal is honest (which is unlikely!) he could use Christ as a "whipping boy" and get a great many things accomplished.

But it's more likely the good cop/bad cop routine would end the same way that Krishnamurti's attempt did more than 80 years ago.

In times of economic collapse, of world wide warfare, there are always calls for divine intervention. It was this way in World War II and it is the same now. But how is this to happen? Did we not create this mess ourselves? Are we to be like the banks, Too Big to Fail? Are we to be rescued, like little children? Or grovelling cowards?

WHEN you can't make the plan work no matter what you try, chances are you have made a mistake somewhere & should go back and check your work.

In this case, what Blavatsky actually said was that Christ would **not** return as a man, but, rather, that a **Christ-like spirit** would be born in the hearts of men. Which is in keeping not only with the collegial nature of the Aquarian Age, but with what we've actually seen over the last century. Individuals fade, but ideological movements, once started, become more powerful over time.

Blavatsky apparently thought that on some specific date in the mid 1990's, we would go to bed our usual mean, nasty selves, but wake up the next morning transformed

by a magical Christ energy that had come, unannounced, in the night. Which makes about as much sense as Creme's longed-for press conference.

And this was because Blavatsky hated the Church & would have nothing to do with it. Charles Leadbeater was of a different opinion.

Charles was a young, single, English Vicar in the south of the country when he chanced to meet Helena, who was impressed by him. The story goes that shortly afterwards Blavatsky sent a letter to Leadbeater that he should abandon his life – and his upcoming marriage – and meet her on the docks of London for a voyage to India, giving him less than 48 hours to make up his mind and do so. He did.

Leadbeater's Church of England is a carbon-copy of the Roman Catholic Church, except with a more pleasant, more bumbling sort of management – one the Romans ought to copy, in my view. Leadbeater had a positive attitude towards the Church, and, once his clairvoyant powers had been fully developed, eventually turned his attention on it, writing the seminal text on its secret rituals, **The Science of the Sacraments**.

Having studied the book, my conclusion is the Church was an evolutionary project, as I have noted elsewhere in this series. The end result was to be the gradual development of kinder, gentler hearts, beating in the chests of men. Given the structure of the Aquarian Age, this advancement was to have been largely completed by the year 1900.

Such that, when Aquarian group consciousness started to form in the middle of the 20th century, it would form along the lines of the Christ-ennobled hearts.

But in this, its primary mission, the Church failed. By the 16th century it was such a cesspit that Luther revolted. Which split the Church, whereupon any number of fanatics established their own churches, based on nothing but their own egos. It wasn't that the Church lost perhaps half its membership & was suddenly on the defensive, but that scores of competitors had been

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unleashed, all with the belief that the Bible could be made into a personal religion, and that one's direct, individual relationship with "God" (pompous nonsense) was somehow more important than the careful administration of the Host.

Such that, in Europe, a new world of nervous, competitive, individual egos suddenly appeared. Instead of unifying around commonly shared beliefs, European nations & societies splintered into a thousand inchoate pieces. Such that, when the Age of Pisces ended, there were no universal principles around which the inner Christ energies could consolidate. No universal hearts. Only the open heart can link man to man. Only the open heart can produce love & brotherhood. Universal love can only be developed in Pisces by means of the awakened heart. To go back to Luke & his story of the Last Supper, the *upper room* (coming Age) must be *finished* (prior work completed) before the *meal* (Second Coming) can be *served*. For a symbolic text, that's about as explicit as it gets.

Aquarius, by contrast, is an Age of group consciousness. If Pisces (rulers: Jupiter & Venus) bequeaths awakened hearts to Aquarius, then those hearts will overwhelm selfish Aquarian brains and a heart-centered group awareness will result. But without those hearts, Aquarian group consciousness (ruled by Saturn & Mercury; whereas heart ruler Sun is in detriment) produces little more than a selfish, cruel, raving mob.

It is not for me to say that Christ's overall project has failed, but I am not hopeful. To me, it looks as if Christ himself cannot come, because there are too many divisions in the world, and that the Christ energy will not magically save us, for our hearts are not pure. Which leaves us with:

FINAL Judgement. In the **Nicene Creed**, we read the following: *He will come again in glory to judge the liv-*

ing and the dead . . .

Which esotericists say is due to happen at the end of the Aquarian Age, which is to say, at the beginning of the subsequent Capricorn Age.

Which would be a Third Coming, which means that when – or if – he comes now, he won't be sticking around.

It seems instead that in about 2000 years we will have a replay of the story of **Sodom & Gomorrah**, which I analyzed in the **April-May 2008** issue of this newsletter: At evening of the last day of Aquarius, Saturn, Lord of the Age, came to the city, to judge. His host, Lot, invited him to his evening meal, his supper. Which was to be the Last Supper he would eat in his home. He served his guests unleavened bread: The same substance which the Host is made from. Shortly afterwards, Lot's house was surrounded by a mob, which demanded the two angels (Saturn and Mars) be turned over to them. The next morning, Saturn, in cooperation with his Capricornian co-ruler, Mars, destroyed the city with sulphur, a substance ruled by Capricorn, Saturn and Mars. (*Rulerships as per Cornell.*)

What was Lot's occupation? He was a shepherd. He had a flock. If his flock was of men, not sheep, then he was the last priest. Lot lost his flocks in the **Battle of the Vale of Siddim** (Genesis 14). When he offered unleavened bread to his guests, his Last Supper was to be the Church's Final Mass.

WE have been down this road before. The failure of the Church to transform the hearts of men in the Piscean Age, leads to the failure of the Second Coming in Aquarius. As a result of which the Aquarian Age, as a whole, fails, forcing Capricorn's judging (*avenging?*) angels to cleanse the Earth of man and his filth.

So what will Sagittarius bring? I am surprised to discover there is still more to the story. It turns out that **Superman** was a stalking horse. Yes, Clark Kent, Lois Lane, DC Comics. In the 1940's & '50's, the Second Coming was as close as it was ever to get. — *More next week.*

