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New Books



From left to right, above. The images, as well as the titles, are clickable & will take you directly to my reviews:

MAN AND THE ZODIAC, by David Anrias, is an excellent study of character types. I've been excerpting it on pg 3 of this newsletter.

ALL THE SUN GOES ROUND, by the British celebrity Reina James, are twelve short stories on the signs of the zodiac.

HAVE WE MET BEFORE, by Emma Belle D., is reincarnation & relationships.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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THE TRANSITING PLANETS, by Sakioan & Acker, was originally titled **Predictive Astrology**. Good, solid book.

JUPITER'S DANCE, by Martin Goldsmith, gets a rave review in the current TMA, but not from me.

(Looking for a good book on Jupiter? Try Stephen Arroyo's **Exploring Jupiter**. Not only an excellent book, one of the very best books ever written about a planet.)

INTRODUCTIONS TO TRADITIONAL ASTROLOGY, translated & arranged by Benjamin Dykes, are an assortment of books, compared & contrasted.

THE KEY TO YOUR OWN NATIVITY, by Alan Leo, will be in print in about two weeks. Quite possibly Leo's masterpiece, well-worth study.

Coming Soon:

Alan Leo's Dictionary of Astrology, edited by Vivian Robson. Leo's last book. Incomplete at his death, Robson searched Leo's archives to construct the book Leo would have written, had he lived. I am going to change the page headings to show the contents of the pages themselves, and add Selected Topics of Interest.



STAR OF THE WEEK



ANTARES alpha Scorpii 9 ♂ 55

Notes: A binary star, fiery red & emerald green, situated on the body of the Scorpion. It was one of the four Royal Stars of Persia in 3000 BC.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars & Jupiter. It causes malevolence, destructiveness, liberality, broad-mindedness, evil presages & danger of fatality, and makes its natives rash, ravenous, headstrong & destructive to themselves.

If rising: Riches & honour, violence, sickness, benefits seldom last.

If culminating: Honour, preferment & good fortune

With Sun: Pretend religion, insincere, honour & riches ending in disgrace & ruin, military preferment, danger of treachery, violence committed or suffered, fevers & sickness, injuries to the right eye, violent death. If rising or culminating, great honour through violence attended by difficulties, etc.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Mercury

PEOPLE are commonly classed as introverts or extroverts, the former inclined to turn & look inward, the latter looking outward. They get away from dissatisfaction by turning their individual way so that extroverts dispel their discontent by running away from it, as an unhappily-married person will turn to someONE else, an outer interest: whereas the unhappy introvert turns to someTHING else of inner interest: each takes flight from reality in his own way but it is the way his natal Mercury directs. Whether it is the best way is something the astrologer can reveal.

Extroverts generally have their planets dispersed around the wheel. When cornered by a question they can't or won't answer they spread out like their planets & talk in all directions or change the subject. Good politicians are notable for this: listen to them on the "Meet the Press" program and you will readily recognize the extroverts: they get outside a problem question and are very diffusive. Their Mercury is usually direct, at least in the adult years.

Introverts generally have their planets more concentrated in the chart. They stay on the beam as it were and go to great lengths to bring out the answer to a problem question (sometimes maddingly so) and especially if their Moon has wide latitude (5:18 being the widest): they take in more territory then, and no smallest detail escapes them. Their Mercury is usually retrograde at birth, probing within for the answer to a question, mostly achieve by in-tuition.

— *All Over the Earth*, 1963.

December 1

1955—Rosa Parks stays seated.

1960—Paul McCartney arrested.

Christmas shopping days are upon us!

A good year for publishing

Starting with Joseph Blagrave's **Astrological Practice of Physick**, which was published last March, to date this year we've managed to publish thirteen books, with a fourteenth on the way. We now publish over 40 titles.

NOW, with the holiday season fast approaching, the people you know & love are itching to get you a gift which you will long remember. Help make them happy! Print this page & circle your favorites in **red**. There's plenty of time to ship before the big day.

Every publisher has a philosophy. The ones who don't have one anyway. Up to this year, mine was to publish unique books of interest. Compelling one-offs, like **Blagrave**. This year, things changed. I brought out the complete **Charles Carter**, and then **Vivian Robson**. I'm now working my way through **Alan Leo**. More books by **Sepharial** will follow.

I'm also moving away from esoteric topics, such as **Primary Directions** and **Prenatal Epochs**, towards fundamentals. In part, I'm shifting with the economy. When times are hard, it's the basics you want.

And in honor of my ongoing second Saturn return, this summer I announced the Two Hundred Book Retirement Plan, also known as the 200 book hope-I-don't-drop-dead life insurance policy. With 40-some books in print I still have a ways to go, but today's life expectancy calculation says I should make it to 77.5. (Some week soon I will give you a primer.)

I want to emphasize the fact we have these wonderful books, that you can find them all for sale in a single place, is perhaps the most precious thing that has ever happened with astrology. I don't mean just the books that I publish, but all the many titles, from many different publishers, all available and at your fingertips. Maybe that's the way things are going to be from here to eternity, but somehow I doubt it. I thought that Weiser & ACS & CRCS & MacCoy's would just go on & on, too, but all but CRCS have gone, and they are no longer prominent.

I am often asked for E-books, and I laugh. E-books, like **IBM punch-cards**, will vanish with the next generation of computers. (Five years? Ten? If we're lucky.) Leaving you with nothing. On my private shelves, in the library I have plundered for the books I publish, there are many books over half a century old. All just as readable today as the instant the ink first hit the paper.

Which is why books make such a good holiday present. Especially now. Unique assortment combined with economic turmoil makes for interesting times, as the Chinese are fond of saying. Books are cheap, the knowledge they contain is permanent, the time to get them is now. A printed book will last forever, or at any rate, longer than you or me. Next year, will there be jobs? Will there be money? Who knows! Who cares! You will still have your books. Live for now!

By Charles Carter:

- The Principles of Astrology**
- Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation**
- Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**
- Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology**
- Zodiac and the Soul**
- Essays on the Foundations of Astrology**
- Astrology of Accidents**
- Political Astrology**

By Vivian Robson:

- A Beginner's Guide to Practical Astrology**
- A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**
- Fixed Stars & Constellations in Astrology**
- Electional Astrology**
- Astrology and Sex**

By Alan Leo:

- The Key to Your Own Nativity**
- The Progressed Horoscope**
- Alan Leo's Dictionary of Astrology (soon)**

By Sepharial:

- The Manual of Astrology**
- Primary Directions**
- Sepharial on Money**

By William Lilly:

- Christian Astrology, vols. 1 & 2**
- Christian Astrology, vol. 3: Natal charts**

Medical Astrology:

- Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology - Cornell**
- Astrological Judgement - Saunders**
- Astrological Judgment & Urinalia - Culpeper**
- Astrological Practice - Blagrave**
- Man and the Zodiac - Anrias**

More:

- AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2010-2020**
- Horary Astrology - Appleby**
- Modern Text-Book of Astrology - Hone**
- Book of Instruction - Al Biruni**
- Carmen Astrologicum - Dorotheus**
- Matheseos Libri VIII - Firmicus Maternus**
- Tetrabiblos - Ptolemy**
- Prenatal Epoch - Bailey**
- Encyclopedia of Astrology - de Vore**
- Dictionary of Astrology - Wilson**
- Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized - Charubel**
- Sabian Symbols - Roche**

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This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**. It is now in print.

Part 15:

Infant Mortality

THE conjunction of Jupiter or Mars to the Hyleg preserves life, but if the Sun is Hyleg the effect is less, as some of the benefic influence is destroyed and if Jupiter or Mars rule the 4th, 6th, 8th or 12th, their influence is greatly lessened.

Other positions unfavourable for length of life are:—(a) Malefics in the Ascendant; (b) ruler of the Ascendant combust, cadent, retrograde or in the 8th; (c) Sun or Moon in the 6th, 8th or 12th, or afflicted from those houses, or by their rulers; (d) Sun conjunct or opposed Moon, especially if it is at the same time an eclipse.

Afflictions to the Moon, whether it be Hyleg or not, are of primary importance in the case of an infant, and the last and next aspects of the Moon should be considered. If in a severely afflicted map it separates from a benefic & applies to a malefic the evil is strengthened, but if from a malefic to a benefic there is more hope of improvement.

A Student's Text-Book of Astrology, by Vivian Robson.

This ends Robson's chapter on Infant Mortality & life expectancy. I was surprised his research did not turn up the Alcochoden, as the Hyleg by itself is only a fragment. Take the exact degree of the Hyleg. Determine the planets ruling the sign, exalted in the sign, and the Face, Term and Triplicity. The planet which is in the 1st, 7th, 9th, 10th, 11th, in conjunction, trine or sextile to the Hyleg, is the Alcochoden (more or less). Each planet bestows a certain number of years. A lot, if they are angular. Less if succedent, few if cadent. Planets in close conjunction, sextile or trine to it add their years (if benefic), or subtract (if malefic). It's tricky and takes practice. More in a week or two.

The Physical Constitution

from **The Manual of Astrology**
 by Sepharial

HEAD TO HEAD

A primary consideration in the horoscope of a newly-born child is that of its constitution & the likelihood of its reaching mature years; for, if life is denied at the outset, it will be manifestly absurd to predict anything concerning the fortunes, marriage, profession, and other incidents of adult age.

Consider, then, the nature of the rising sign, its lord or ruler, the nature of the planets rising (if any), the condition of the Moon, & the lord of the 8th house.

Should Saturn, Uranus, or Mars be found near the rising degree, afflicted by the ruler of the 8th house, and the Moon at the same time afflicted by the Sun, the premature death of the infant may be expected.

If the ruler of the ascendant be in the sixth house, afflicted by the ruler of the eighth, without assistance from Jupiter or Venus, then the child will be very sickly, and will die before reaching maturity.

In these & similar cases, the greater the affliction of the *significators of life*, *vis.*: the Sun, Moon, the ascendant, and its ruler, the shorter will be the life. When *all* of these significators are afflicted, without assistance from the benefics, the child is either still-born or dies immediately after birth. [see Mozart]

A male child born at the eclipse of the Sun, or a female at the eclipse of the Moon, seldom draws breath, or is born only to see the light and die. This happened in the case of the Duchess of Fife's first child, which was born during an eclipse of the Sun on Tuesday, 17th June 1890, the eclipse falling on the cusp of the fifth house in the horoscope of the Princess. — **The Manual of Astrology**, by Sepharial

Is This You?

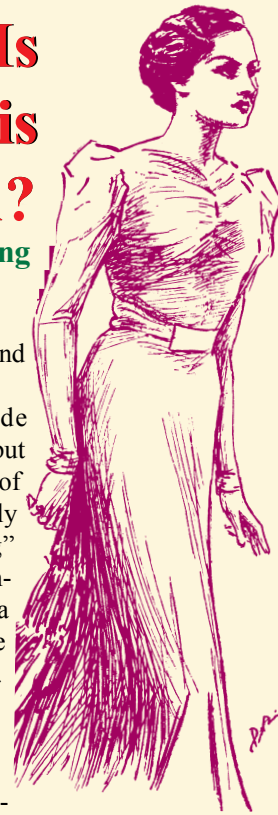
10°–20° Taurus rising
The Virgo decanate

Appearance of the second decanate:

NOTE the wide Taurus face, but the tall figure of Virgo, also the slightly prominent "Hapsburg" underlip with almost invariably accompanies a strong Virgo influence upon the ascendant. The walk has a certain self-conscious elegance so frequent with a strong Virgo influence.

The *Virgo* decanate of Taurus is ruled by Mercury. It gives appreciation of music, and usually acquires money & social position through the efforts of others. This is achieved subconsciously through benefic aspects. The mind is matter-of-fact and sometimes detached, possessing considerable discrimination, intuition & artistic ability.

Pluto was only discovered in 1930 & it is therefore much too early to allow oneself to form fixed & conclusive opinions upon this orb in any final manner. We must confess to a very marked prejudice against "Pluto" because he invariably comes up associated with underworld activities & curious affairs of violence. At the time of the Great War in 1914 Pluto was on the Summer Solstice conjunct of Saturn. — **Man and the Zodiac**, by David Anrias



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