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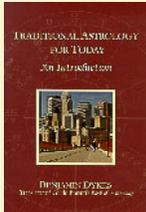
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New This Week:

Traditional Astrology for Today, An Introduction, by Benjamin Dykes. This is important, as it is the professor's first proper book. All his previous books have been translations of ancient



authors, though with lavish notes. I had hoped his first book would be similar to **Helena Avelar & Luis Ribeiro's** excellent book, but Dykes is more interested in philosophy (the first section) and political correctness in the second. I am hopeful that in his next book, like in my next book, we will both settle down and make proper meals of our subjects. We should both get busy.

I confess I haven't really looked at Dykes' many **translations**. I've presumed the books to be innovative and the translations to be good and competent, which makes the books worthy of your attention.

Fifteen years ago I thought these translations would be the salvation of astrology, but since then I have sunk into my own neo-**Morin** method of interpretation, which is so powerful (see my notes on **Rick Perry**, pg. 2) that I wonder why we need **doryphories** and whatnot. I am near the end of Vettius Valens and while I know the Greeks were very good, their number system was primitive. Unless you had an **observatory** in your backyard with 50 years of records, or a **mechanical device** of some sort, the best you could do with astrology, like Valens, was guess. Valens did not have an ephemeris. He had counts, based on where planets were on the day Augustus Caesar died. In his charts, Valens mostly has his signs right. Sound crude to you?

Now, with an Arabic-number based, Placidian house, Morin interpretive framework, we have vastly increased the power of astrology. All we need do is wake up and use it.

With steadily falling sales (**It's the Great Recession, Stupid!**) I am tempted to bite the bullet and hit the lecture circuit where I can jump start groups of you into a more powerful astrology than anything you have done before. But, given my age, sedentary lifestyle, and inexperience in front of the public, I am not certain I could make the transition.

ASTRO MED A to Z FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Immortality (Sexual). This subject has been more fully discussed by medieval than by modern writers, but we must, in reading the former, make allowance for changes of habits and moral standards.

Guido Bonatus says that if "Venus and Mars are both in masculine signs, the native will be moderately affected" in such matters; but if they are oriental he shall be more immoderate, inclined to incest, etc. If they are occidental and in feminine signs, his spirits will be "nasty and brutish," and so much the more if Saturn cast any ray to them. But if the native be a woman and have these planets oriental in masculine signs, she will dislike male lovers. If they are in feminine signs and occidental, the reverse.

The discovery of Uranus and Neptune has thrown much light upon this subject. Their afflictions, especially if affecting the 5th and 7th houses, invariably concern the morality and incline to irregular behavior. Most of all this seems to occur in the case of violent oppositions between Taurus and Scorpio involving the 5th or 7th.

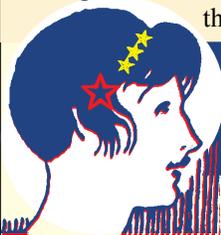
— **An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**

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STAR OF THE WEEK



Magical Influence of the Constellations

1. Andromeda: Gives love between husband and wife and reconciles adulterers. **2. Aquila:** Gives new honours and preserves the old. **3. Ara:** Gives chastity. **4. Argo Navis:** Gives security on the waters. **5. Canis Major:** Cures dropsy, resists plague, and preserves from beasts. **6. Cassiopeia:** Restores weak bodies and strengthens members. **7. Centaurus:** Gives health and long life. **8. Ceius:** Makes one amiable, prudent, happy by sea and land, and helps to recover lost goods. **9. Cygnus:** Frees from palsy and the quartan ague. **10. Draco:** Gives craft, ingenuity, and valour. **11. Hercules:** Gives victory in war. **12. Hydra:** Gives wisdom and riches, and resists poisons. **13. Lepus:** Guards against deceit and madness. **14. Lyra:** Preserves phrenetical and mad people. **15. Ophiuchus:** Drives away poisons and cures venomous bites. **16. Orion:** Gives victory.

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

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Person Affected by a Transit

THE degree of the Sign on the Ascendant together with the planet ruling that Sign—and any planet in the First House itself—represents the native himself. Any heavy transit on these points energizes him and he responds or reacts according to whether the transiting planet is good or bad by nature and also by the good or bad aspects it makes from that point, activating whatever was promised at birth.

In the same way, take the Sign on the 5th cusp and its ruler and any planet in the 5th for any person represented by the 5th House, as listed on pg. 124, who now responds or reacts to a transit there. Do this with the persons of all the houses when under transit. The native will be drawn into it only if the transit also aspects the Ascendant, its ruler or a planet in the First House; and he responds or reacts according to the nature of the aspect made.

An eclipse or occultation falling on or opposite an afflicted malefic planet in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th or 11th House endangers the life of a member of the family or social circle or someone connected with the employment or career. For the ordinary house-rulership of persons we have quoted pg. 124, but an additional clue in describing the person is given by the planets listed as follows:

Mercury denotes a child, teen-ager, school-mate. Mars is a brother, lover or younger man. The Sun is a man of prestige or importance to the native. — **All Over the Earth**, 1963

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES Rick Perry *The Ambitious Man*

WITH Rick Perry, long-serving governor of Texas, we have reached the very bottom. I did not think it could possibly go this low. Palin, Bachman, Gingrich, they are all venal and corrupt and dishonest, yes, all of them thoroughly unfit for the job, but each of them actually wants the presidency. They're hungry.

I was asked a month ago to do Perry's chart. So I checked his **Wiki bio**, and from that concluded that he was unlikely to run, and if he did run, he would be like a summertime mirage, gone before we knew he was there. And at the time I was also stuck. I did not have a birth time, I had no sense of the man and so could not find a time, and I dislike reading charts without that.

This was solved on Thursday when **Eric Francis**, of **Planet Waves**, excitedly emailed those of his Inner Sanctum with this:

R--- just got back to me on this and said that he called over to the County Clerk's office this morning and a clerk there read the information to him over the phone from the birth certificate in hand. Wow, I wish every County Clerk's office was that accommodating.

The time of birth he got was 10:40 am, on March 4, 1950, in Haskell, Texas. I have learned to be extremely distrustful of such sources, so I set the chart: 27 Taurus rising, 9 Aquarius for the midheaven. You will find the chart on **pg. 4**. Here is the confirmation of the time:

In 2007, Perry decided that every 12 year old girl in the state of Texas was to get some super vaccine sex-shot that would prevent them ever having cervical cancer. He dug in his heels and insisted. Some people said it was because Merck, the drug manufacturer, had hired Perry's former chief-of-staff to lobby for them. Some others said it was because Merck's \$6000 payoff to Perry's "campaign". The shots were said to cost \$120 each, and it was difficult to opt out.

Look at Perry's chart. What's the house of children? The 5th. Where do you go to get children? The 5th. What's the house of casual sex? The 5th. What sign is on Perry's 5th house cusp? Virgo. The sign of the virgin. You had to be a virgin—a child—or the vaccine wouldn't work. What do we find in Perry's virgin 5th house? We find Saturn, planet of government, conjunct the Moon,

planet of the physical body. It's also the marker of a sexual prude. A depressed one, at that, as Moon-Saturn conjunctions are always depressed, by definition. Depressed, but grimly determined to do what fate compels them.

Rick Perry is a full moon birth. Before this year I had never stumbled upon so many full moons: Newton and Goethe and Howard Camping and New Gingrich and Karl Rove and now Rick Perry. Perry eventually relented in his insistence, which is a full moon quirk. Sun oppose Moon, mind vs: emotions, one is never at rest. One eventually reconsiders just about every opinion. Though, unlike Newton or Goethe or Camping, the struggle between Perry's Sun and Moon never reaches great intellectual heights. This is more a man who mumbles to himself.

What sets Perry apart from the other presidential contenders is his utter lack of ambition. Which is why he is the very absolute bottom. On Friday, **Alexander Cockburn** (pronounced "co-burn"), of Counterpunch, published his analysis of Perry, praising him for his utter shrewdness and perfect timing. This is nonsense.

Rick Perry is that second-string state flunky who is satisfied to be Agriculture Commissioner or Lieutenant Governor, which, in fact, are two of his former jobs. These are two of a number of obscure state posts that go to unambitious, well-heeled non-entities. You have similar elective posts in your state.

PERRY would probably have served his term as Lieutenant Governor and drifted on to some other invisible job, except that the then governor of Texas, George W. Bush, resigned the post to become president. Which made Perry governor, where he has been ever since. He is now one of the longest serving governors in US history. If Texas was a state like New York or California, where governors have a great deal of power, this would be an accomplishment. But Texas governors are, uniquely, almost without any duties whatever. It is an ideal position for lazy men, which is why you so rarely hear of them. If Perry was an ambitious man, he would have left the governor's mansion after one term to run for the Senate, where he would have a national

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Part 53:

Signs and Finance

concluded:—

The final aphorism for gain:

6. Venus and Jupiter in the 7th with the north node, or the north node with Mercury, brings riches through the wife.

Loss: 1. South node in the 2nd causes want, poverty and loss by theft.

2. Lord of 2nd combust, the Part of Fortune unfortunate and afflicted causes confiscation of estate and bankruptcy.

3. Lord of 2nd conjunct, square or opposed by Saturn or Mars, and both retrograde, cadent and weak by sign indicates perpetual poverty.

4. The 8th or its lord afflicted may cause loss of estate by the wife's death.

5. The Moon in 8th and lord of Ascendant in the 2nd or 12th, retrograde, denotes loss by gambling or speculation.

6. Mars and Saturn in 4th, or cardinal signs on angles and containing Mars and Saturn gives poverty and misfortune throughout life unless very well aspected by Jupiter.

7. Jupiter in the 6th, retrograde, and lord of 2nd in an unfavorable sign or afflicted denotes poverty.

8. The majority of planets retrograde or below the horizon indicates failing fortune.

—Next week starts Chapter 7, *Occupation and Position.*—

—**A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, 1922

July 31:

- 79—Mt. Vesuvius starts eruption
- 1799—Napoleon leaves Egypt for France
- 1839—England captures Hong Kong
- 1873—Albert Bridge in Chelsea opened
- 1914—Japan declares war on Germany
- 1939—Germany and Russia sign treaty
- 1942—Battle of Stalingrad begins
- 1966—Lunar Orbiter I photographs Earth

The Mundane Second House

from **Raphael's Mundane Astrology**

HEAD TO HEAD

The second house of the Mundane Map has special reference to the financial condition of the Nation, the revenue, national exchequer, stock exchange, banks, commerce and trade. At the Sun's entry into Aries it affects the Budget in Parliament. Any planet that may be in the house, or the planet which rules the sign on the cusp of the house, whether a malefic or a benefic, is the significator of the national wealth for the period of time ruled by the figure.

If the ruler of the second house be therein, or in its own sign, well placed and aspected, then the period will be favourable for the nation's wealth. If a malefic be therein, then the period will be unsatisfactory.

The lunation falling in the second house depends upon the aspects thereto. It will produce changes in financial affairs, but if well aspected shows increased revenues, improvement in the national exchequer, and a more prosperous time for stocks and shares, especially gilt-edged securities. If evilly aspected, it will cause heavy national expenditure, financial and bank failures, and losses on the Stock Exchange.

The Sun in the second house, well-aspected, is favourable for the revenue, denoting increase of receipts, and a brighter outlook generally for the money market. If afflicted it denotes great waste of public revenue, increase of taxation, and heavy expenditures.

The Moon in the second house shows great fluctuation in the revenue and on the money market, in stocks and shares, but if well aspected shows an increase of receipts in the Exchequer. — **Mundane Astrology**, by Green, Raphael and Carter.

Is This You?



0°–10° Pisces rising
The Pisces decanate

Appearance of the first decanate:

Pisces people usually have large fishy eyes, set in a small sensitive pale face, and even when young, are bulky in body; doubtless the result of inadequate glands. Some are also clumsy in movement, turning their feet and flat insteps East and West as they shamble rather than walk. Yet so contrary is the sign that many born under it are light on their feet, in spite of their weight and make excellent dancers.

The first decanate of Pisces is ruled by Jupiter. Dual experiences rule this sign. Like the other mutable signs, there is the possibility of two extremes of development. With the unevolved soul there is rarely much control over the emotions or the moods of the moment. The advanced soul, however, is capable of mystical realizations of a subtle order. The mind then becomes receptive to higher influences, instead of being dominated by anybody in the vicinity. If seriously afflicted, the nature is secretive, morbid and in extreme cases, even corrupt.

Few Pisces people have much ambition and are only too often inclined to leave the world and its inhabitants to their own devices and find peace in a life of contemplation. The late **Lord Rosebery** was a Pisces type, possessing its elusive and melancholy tendencies.

— **Man & the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.



platform. Or perhaps run for mayor of one of the major Texas cities. If he were ambitious he would have run for president in 2008, or if not then, he would have announced in 2009 or 2010. Instead, he waits until a year before the conventions. Any more, that's not nearly enough time.

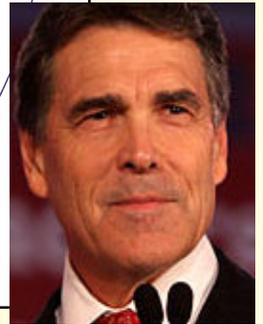
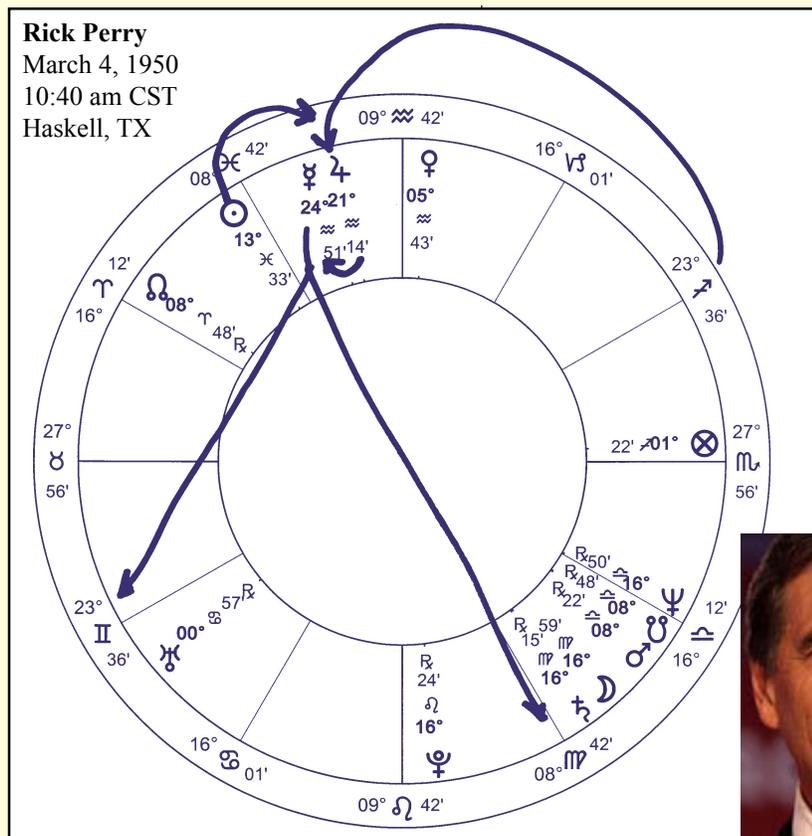
Can we see this in his chart? Yes. Lack of angular placements. Sun in 11. Moon in 5. Ruler of the ascendant—Venus—in 9. Mars virtually in the 6th, fixed signs on the angles. Nothing to make this man want to get up in the morning and do something for himself.

In the 10th house, a long way from the MC itself—though still in Aquarius—we find Jupiter and Mercury conjunct. They are opposed by Pluto in the 4th house. The opposition tends to use patriotism (love of home: 4th) for one's own self-aggrandizement, but a single aspect does not make for a political career. While Venus is in the 9th and very near the MC, my personal experience tells me there is less than one degree of orb on the backside of the MC.

When Eric Francis emailed Perry's time of birth, he set off a wave excited emails, people puzzling out Perry's chances to become president. Some of these analyses sounded more like astronomy than astrology. One pointed out that with the upcoming stresses in Perry's chart, he couldn't not run. Another observed that declaring for the office on a full moon with Mercury retrograde was a sure ticket to oblivion.

AND while I would normally agree with the oblivion forecast, Barack Obama has changed all that. Obama announced on a void of course moon, he made major decisions on void of course moons, the election was a void of course moon and his inaugural was a void of course moon. Perry is a full moon who announced on a full moon (one that fell on his Jupiter/Pluto opposition), and you will note that on the day after the election on November 6, 2012, Mercury will go retrograde (November 7). Which will be sort of like waking up the morning after in an unexpected fog.

No, what I'm really curious about is who is behind Perry. Where the money comes from. Because while Perry may not be ambitious, and while he may not be a genius, he's not stupid. He needs backers, he needs money—and lots of it—and most of all, he needs people who can guide him onto the national stage, where he, like Obama, has zero prior experience. Perry would not have thrown his hat into the ring if he was not reasonably assured of all three.



Because I suspect that Rick Perry, precisely because he is so very unambitious, is the perfect foil for those who want a president they can control. By this time we should be realistic: Barack Obama is a one-term lame duck with no prospects for a second term. Obama has been useful for those he serves (Wall Street and the military), but the rest of the country has had enough. There will shortly be a new sock-puppet, and Perry just might be it.

Saturday morning. Today I read reports that Rick Perry is a closet gay. While “gay” is a big crude sledgehammer, the natal chart — yours, mine or Perry’s — can tell us a great deal about sexual proclivities. Here’s how you do it:

Start with the sign on the ascendant. For Perry, that’s Taurus, ruled by Venus. While Taurus and Venus are both female, this merely means they are lazy and like money and other good things. Taurus rising males are no more likely to be gay than anyone else.

We find the ruler, Venus, in Aquarius. Venus in Aquarius wants to act out. Do bizarre things. These are not sexual things per se, because Venus has not landed in a sexual house, but we will keep this in mind for later.

Next, we look at the two houses of sexual expression, the 5th and the 8th.

On the cusp of Perry’s 5th is Virgo. Virgo

doesn’t like sex. It thinks that if you kiss you get GERMS, that it’s just not clean. Given compulsions elsewhere in the chart it typically finds itself driven to sex (aren’t we all!) but it will submit at a remove.

We find the ruler of the 5th, Mercury, in Aquarius in the 10th. Aquarius is the androgenous sign, Mercury is the androgenous planet. It is in the 10th house, which means its opinions about sex are on public view (as in the case of the mass vaccinations mentioned earlier), but that doesn’t make Perry gay. Or, for that matter, not-gay. Just ambivalent or (remembering Moon/Saturn) hostile. Germs are germs, whether gay or straight. The tendency to go overboard—Mercury’s conjunction with Jupiter—is checked, as Mercury is trying to get away from it (widening orb). Mercury in Aquarius is powerfully placed and will try, when it can, to be fair. Or weird.

In Perry’s 5th house we have problems. The Moon/Saturn conjunction is, in a word, depression. There is a great deal of personal fussiness, as well as the certainty that an extremely conservative personal regimen is the proper way to do things. There is also a certain undefinable “don’t touch me” about it. Perry was 32 when he married and has produced two children, now grown. I expect it took him some time to reconcile himself to the necessity of siring children.

Perry’s 8th house has Sagittarius on the

cusps. It is ruled by Jupiter in Aquarius in the 10th. With such a heavy load in the 5th, I doubt Perry ever got to the marital payoff of the 8th (**transformative sex**), since few mortals get to that anyway. Perry instead uses his 8th as a means of fund-raising. Why don't we short-circuit this "fund-raising" nonsense and restore its proper name: Bribery. More on that later.

THE final detail in our quest for Perry's sexuality is his choice of partner, which is the 7th house cusp.

The sign on Perry's seventh house cusp is Scorpio, the intense, the secretive, the jealous, the powerful. The ruler is Mars. We find Mars in Libra, retrograde. With Placidus cusps we find Mars nominally in the 5th, but when a planet's sign matches that of the next house, we consider that ne'er-do-well planet to be on the "wrong side of the tracks" (cusp) and that it will be eager to get into the house (proper society) where it feels it belongs. In short, such a planet aspires. It has goals.

Except when that planet is retrograde. A planet, retrograde on the wrong side of the cusp, is a planet that does not want to go further. When in a fixed sign it stops altogether and has to be dragged, kicking and screaming. When in a cardinal sign, it makes clever plans to stay where it is. When in a mutable sign, it is confused and does not permit itself to be led. Which in all cases discolors the house itself. (These notes are true of all houses, *except for angles*. The back side of an angle is a wall. I have tested this many times.)

Perry's Mars has a further problem, in that it is conjunct the south node. **Judith Hill** notably said the north node was like a faucet, flooding the room, while the south node was like a drain, sucking energy away. The south node sucks Perry's male energy away. Which would seem to be his wife.

On balance, Rick Perry does not seem to be a sexual creature. At all. He is sexually dysfunctional. "Rick Perry is gay" is therefore wrong. For Perry, "gay" would be something to aspire to, if he could get over his fear of uncleanness and impropriety, if he could get past the joyless duty of the act itself.

But Rick Perry is not like you or me. Perry is not your typical aging male with fading libido. Since December 2000, Rick Perry has held the supreme leadership position in his state. He is in a position of power. People around him respond accordingly. He is, in other words, a target. Thusly empowered, Perry has—presumably—been able to act out, *to resolve*, the one area of life that has always upset and

frustrated him: His own sexuality.

Perry's 8th house is empty, which means marital life is, to him, important only as it advances his career (10th), as that is where the ruler of the 8th may be found.

Perry's 7th house is empty, which means his partner/spouse is not important, and actually may be a nuisance and a drain. She is, at any rate, very well hidden. On his Wiki page you will note that while Perry's professional life goes on and on, his personal life gets one brief paragraph. This is what we expect when the ruler of the seventh house is found hiding twelve houses away. Which is to say, the ruler of Perry's 7th house is in his 6th.

But Perry's 5th house holds his Moon. Opposite a flabby Piscean Sun, conjunct a powerful Saturn, the issue of sex has dogged this man his whole life. Like as not, with the ruler Mercury in Aquarius, he initially sought intellectual solutions to the "sex problem" and read many books and studies, which is yet another reason why giving young girls strange vaccines was so appealing to him. But as he matured he likely moved beyond the intellectual approach (Mercury in Aquarius is bigger than that), especially as the trappings of his office would let him do so, and with ease. Men in their 50's have a great sense of power and entitlement.

IT was therefore inevitable that someone—allegedly a **supporter of Ron Paul** (Robert Morrow)—would step up to the plate and offer money to anyone who would confess to sexual encounters with Perry. My guess is that he'll have a lot of takers.

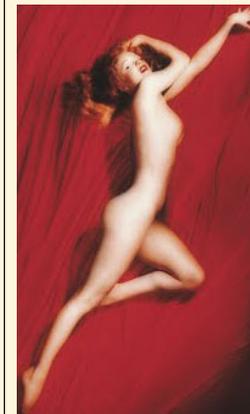
After sex there is money. As far as the 8th house "pay to play" goes, Perry is allegedly being **bankrolled by the Bank of America**. BofA is at the moment slowly collapsing, but as a big massive institution there will still be plenty of divisions carrying on as normal. Right up to the end, whenever it comes. And if Bof A is doing it, so are all their friends. After all, Perry has his Sun in the house of friends, and what else are friends for? Friends who give him money, that is. With friends like that, of course he's feeling cocksure moving onto the national stage.

You will note the ruler of Perry's 11th house, Jupiter, is in the twelfth house from the 11th. Interpretation: Perry's backers are well-hidden. You will also note that same Jupiter is also the ruler of one of Perry's money houses, the 8th, and that it is conjunct the ruler of Perry's other money house (the 2nd), Mercury. Money from Perry's supporters presumably goes straight into

Perry's own pockets, Jupiter to Mercury, 8 to 2. (And you were wondering how to use dispositors!) With both in the 10th, this scam, like all good scams, happens in plain sight. Like the Madoff scam, plain-sight scams are the hardest of all to spot. Where else does the money go? Look again at the other house Mercury rules, and then wonder no more about Mr. Morrow. Wonder instead when the roof flies off.

Finally, why did Perry start his campaign with a massive prayer meeting? Why not? Chart ruler Venus is in the house of religion, the 9th, and the sign on the cusp, Capricorn, is ruled by Saturn in Virgo in the 5th. Capricorn makes it that Old Time Religion, Saturn in Virgo and the 5th make that religion primarily concerned with sexual repression. You're going to see a lot of this, by the way, as an increasingly stressed society increasingly acts out sexually (Gay! Gay! Gay!), thus creating backlash. Perry isn't religious (the 9th house is nearly empty: Venus is stranded), so much as repressed.

In fact a lot of full moon births are late bloomers. Perry presumably thinks he is one of them, when he has merely been captured, and then promoted, by larger forces. As he was, long ago, when Bush first captured and then promoted him. Such a man is, in the end, merely a fool. There is no democracy in America, there has not been democracy for many years. In a little more than 14 months we will go to the polls and vote for the man we have been told to vote for. Which might just be Rick Perry. If I sound scornful and angry, I am.



Saturday noon:

Had a phone call from a guy who lived in Texas for a couple of years. He says half the state loves Perry, the other half thinks he smells but can't quite figure out why. Look no further than his natal chart.

Astrology strips the powerful bare. Always has. Always will. Practice astrology as I do, if you are brave, and the powerful will call us witches and burn us at the stake. Are you ready for that? Astrology is the ultimate Freedom of Speech. **Use it!**