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## New Books for 2012

### Introducing Andrea Gehrz

**A**NDY Gehrz is a sign-language interpreter turned Greek translator. Her first published translation was of **Porphyry of Tyre**. Her second, newly released, will make you sit up and take notice: **Book I of the Anthologies**, by Vettius Valens. While I was fussing with my edition of the Riley translation (which will be all nine books), Gehrz has scooped me, and everyone else. She has produced a good, clean, easy to read translation in a book with spacious layouts. It's pretty much what you want and what you're expecting. Andy promises this will be the first of all nine books, and if they're all priced at \$29.00 each, the complete Gehrz edition will be expensive, but they will also be very good.

*Two from the Wessex Astrologer:—*  
**The Tapestry of Planetary Phases**, by Christina Rose, is a reworking of Rudhyar's **Lunation Cycle**. Rose describes her book as, *working with the phases . . . to 'enter' the astrological heavens in awareness of unfolding life reflected in its perpetual cycles*. This is the grand sweep of life, which Rose uses to explain individual turning points. In my notes I excerpted her delineation of David Ickes. Lots of reference chart data in the back of the book, the publisher tells me there was not space to render them all as charts. And,  
**Luna, The Astrological Moon**, by Paul F. Newman. This book is pretty much everything about the moon that you haven't heard of before, but which is interesting to know anyway. Such as "magic squares," which is a medieval form of Sudoku. Charts in this book include the premiere of movies, first publication of books, and the birthday of Laura Croft, Tomb Raider. ~~~~~



**Mechanical Ability** is due to a combination of Mercury and Mars; and the great fixed star Rigel, in the foot of Orion, has been also specially recorded as having this effect. I have noticed it rising in the nativity of an ironmonger, and it is setting in the map of the late Crown Prince of Germany, who found solace during his exile in Holland in amateur work as a smith. It culminates in the horoscope of Louis XVI, who had a similar hobby. Aries and Leo are usually present in the horoscopes of engineers.

**Medical Ability.** Doctors almost invariably have either Virgo, Scorpio, or Pisces prominent, as well as often the corresponding houses. It is very common to find Venus in aspect to Saturn or in one of the Saturnine signs. Common degree areas are about 4° Cancer-Capricorn, and sometimes the same parts of Aries and Libra, while the corresponding degrees of Virgo and Pisces may appear, owing to their connection with dietetics. 22° of the negative signs seems to be degrees of sympathy and befriending. . . — **An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**

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for the week (all times GMT)

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### 2012

**T**HE celebrated and fated year of 2012 is now upon us. It promises to be a rough ride. Fasten your seat belts, hold the hands of those you love, and hang on tight. — *Dave*



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**PELAGUS** *sigma Sagittarii* 12 vs 33 aka **Nunki**

**Notes:** A small star situated on the vane of the arrow at the Archer's hand.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter and Mercury. It gives truthfulness, optimism and a religious mind.

**With Sun:** Influential public position, favourable for domestic and family matters.

**With Moon:** Successful writer on science, philosophy, education or agriculture, unorthodox in religion, defeats enemies, many friends, illness of a Saturnian nature.

**With Mercury:** High government position, popular criticism, wealth, anxiety on account of illness to wife or mother.

**With Venus:** Heart rules head, favours from opposite sex, many friends.

**With Mars:** Reserved, diplomatic, strong mind, courageous, energetic, straightforward, false friends, favourable for gain.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Mars and his Signs Aries and Scorpio

**M**ARS rules places of action: forges, prizefighting and other arenas; slaughterhouses, operating rooms, kilns and machine shops; burned ground or devastated areas (as battlefields or sites where holocausts have occurred).

If Mars rules or is in the First House, say that the querent has suffered an injury or violence in the matter inquired about, in a place where force was evident or a collision. If Mars is in the house ruling the matter inquired about, say that it involves trouble, and is near a place where action occurs. If Mars and the Moon are in any aspect whatsoever, good or bad, there has been or will be an operation (perhaps only minor).

**ARIES** rules newly-opened tracts or ploughed ground and pastures, virgin territory, sandy stretches, burned or hilly ground and unfrequented areas affording a place of refuge for lawbreakers, free-thinkers and nudists. EAST.

**INDOORS:** the fireplace, chimney, furnace, bake-oven; a room where cutting is done; a kennel; the ceiling or roof; the east wall in the room, a long a straight line.

**SCORPIO** rules swamps, bleak stretches, drains, spots where vermin and reptiles breed; rubbish dumps, places of rot or stench, stagnant pools, tarpits and oil pools, locations subject to flooding; ruins near water, cesspools; if Saturn is there, the drains from mortuaries; if Venus, vineyards and orchards. It is north by east. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960

# Losing Your Virginity

**S**INCE all the readers of this newsletter have already lost their virginity, this will be along the lines of a post-mortem.

Since astrology describes the energy of the Earth in its ceaseless relationship with the Sun, Moon and planets, it logically follows that astrology defines and describes everything that happens, everything that can happen, on this planet. All we need to do is find the formula and then apply it.

Unique among the twelve houses, the 8th house rules transformation, in other words, dynamic processes in general. (For the moment we are not interested in the other things ruled by the 8th house.) In addition to death, the 8th house has two distinct rulerships over sex. The 8th house rules married sex, in other words, the static duties the husband has to the wife, and the wife to the husband. And it rules virginity, or more precisely, the dynamics of its loss.

The setup will be the same as for death. A transit or progression to the 8th house cusp, or its ruler, or planet in the 8th, will time the event. The nature of the event will be shown by the 4th house, which traditionally shows the End of Things, as in, the end of your virginity. Which will be expressed by the nature of the sign on the cusp of the 4th, its ruler, and planets in the 4th.

At first I thought that was it, but as soon as I read for myself, I realized the 4th house was merely the stage and the actors were the 5th house, the cusp, its ruler, and planets in the 5th.

You are all grabbing your charts and seeing how it played out in your life, many, many, many, many years ago. (My how old we all are!)

One woman with Pisces on the 4th house cusp was so drunk (Pisces: unfocused water) that neither she nor her boyfriend were quite sure they had actually done it. So, south node in Cancer on her 8th, the next night they went back to her house (Cancer) stone sober and did it for real.

Another woman had Gemini on the 4th house cusp. Its ruler, Mercury, was conjunct Saturn in the 7th in Virgo. The 7th house being the house of the partner himself, her first lover was both quick witted and older. From the day they first met, until they first

did the deed (they were both virgins), nine months passed, which is also Saturn and I rather think, Virgo as well.

In my case, I lost my virginity when my 8th house cusp had progressed, by solar arc, to become the solar arc descendant. In other words, the 8th house “ran into” the partner. The 4th house being Leo, the woman I was with was “singular”, in other words, I never met any of her friends. The ruling Sun in the 9th house, she was a stranger to me. Virgo on the 5th house cusp, the event was intellectual, rather than emotional. Saturn intercepted inside the 5th house, the event was incomplete, and, Saturn striking yet again, there would be further delays until the process was “finished”. Never mind what these details were.

I quickly discovered, you will too, that while the astrology is absolute, human free will with regards to sex is strong. The loss of virginity will play out in unpredictable ways. Look carefully and you will see concrete astrological symbolism, but not necessarily in the ways you had expected. This will give you an appreciation of the difference between astrological energies, on the one hand, and the power of free will, on the other. The chart gives you the ingredients. Your free will figures out how to best use them.

Which brings up rape. I would just as soon glide over that, but rape is distressingly common. It horrifies me to realize that many of you have been a victim of rape. As you will learn when you examine charts, men are not always the aggressors nor are women always the victims. Presuming you are learning to use the tools I am giving you, not merely parroting what you read, it will be clear that some people are born with a propensity to rape or to be raped. In other words, there are people whose sexuality is not under their control.

While free will is absolute in absolute terms, individual lives are relative, being bounded by birth at one end and death at the other. **Past life studies show**, again and again, that unresolved traumas in one life weigh down the next life, until those traumas are resolved, or until time has obliterated them. By “weighing down” I explicitly  
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Part 71:

## Friends and Enemies

If the significator [of the friend/11th house] is in, say, the 2nd house and is afflicted by Saturn in the 7th (which is the 6th from the significator) he [the friend] will probably be an invalid, and so on. The actual house containing the significator denotes the conditions under which the person will be met, or the nature of the link between him and the native.

4. The strength of the significators of enemies in relation to that of the ruler of the Ascendant indicates whether the enemies will be successful in harming the native or not. The stronger and more elevated the ruler the less the native has to fear.

5. A satellitium in any sign or house brings many acquaintances among people represented by the sign or house, but usually few friends.

The following are the influences of the signs when rising or signifying friends or enemies, together with certain effects due to the planets when posited therein:—

**ARIES.** Never sees faults in friends. Intellectual friends. Saturn, Jupiter or Venus, friends among relatives. Jupiter, acquaintances through travel, gain from enemies. Mercury, quarrelsome or assertive friends. Moon, romance or adventures with friends.

**TAURUS.** Loyal but dominating friends, bitter and unrelenting enemies. Planets here denote friends in the domestic circle. Saturn, liable to treachery, trouble from women, a few faithful friends. Jupiter, spiritually-minded friends, often ungrateful. Mars, famous or notorious friends, powerful opponents. Mercury, friends among women dogmatic and faithful.

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

## Friends and Benefactors

from *The Manual of Astrology*  
by Sepharial

The eleventh house, the ruler of the eleventh, Mercury, and the luminaries, are the chief significators.

If the luminaries, the benefics, or Mercury, are found in the eleventh house, well placed and aspected, the native will have many friends by whom he will benefit. But if the benefics be retrograde in the eleventh, or afflicted therein, those who would befriend the native oftentimes cannot. The same if the luminaries or planets, otherwise well placed, be afflicted in the eleventh.

The malefics in the eleventh, the native will suffer through his friends, and great care will be needed in the selection of them. If a malefic planet be in the eleventh, in its own sign or exaltation, then the injury denoted will not be the result of unfaithfulness, but some of the friends will be the cause of unconscious wrong to the native. But if the malefics be found in the eleventh, afflicting the Sun, Moon, or Mercury, then the friends are false, designing, and in every way harmful to the native.

Saturn therein causes deceit; Uranus, estrangement and quarrels; Mars, all kinds of extravagance and strife. Neptune causes plots and deceptions, frauds and seductions.

The Moon anywhere in the horoscope, afflicted by Saturn, shows false friends.

If the luminaries and Mercury be found powerful, and free from the afflictions of the malefics, or in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus, or indeed to any planets, a quiet and successful life will be experienced, with many sincere friendships and happy associations. — *The Manual of Astrology*, by Sepharial

## Is This You

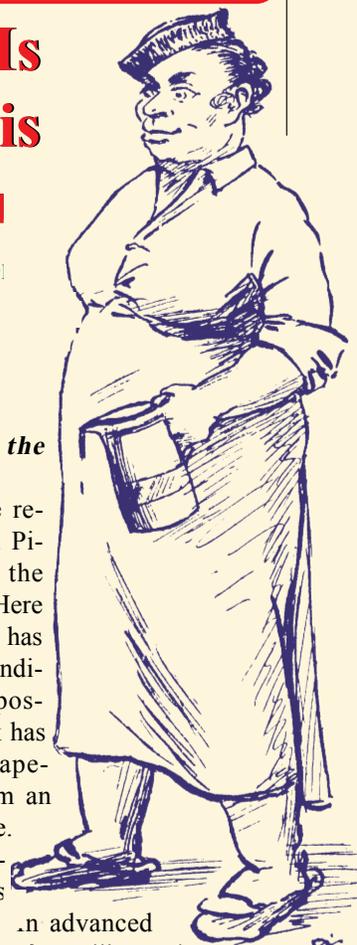
20°–30° Cancer rising  
*The Pisces decanate*

### Appearance of the third decanate:

This example resembles the sign Pisces rather than the pure Cancerian. Here the afflicted ruler has made existing conditions all but impossible. Thus drink has become an “escape-mechanism” from an otherwise hard life.

The *Pisces* decanate of Cancer is ruled by Jupiter. An advanced types a strong love of travelling and adventure soon lead to an interest in occult or psychic pursuits. These people experience many changes and upheavals in their life, and thus often attain recognition as writers or travellers. Madame H.P. Blavatsky was born under this decanate.

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



- December 31:**  
1600—British East English Co. chartered  
1695—Window Tax, England  
1759—Guinness first brewed  
1831—Grammercy Park deeded to NYC  
1857—Ottawa capital of Canada  
1862—West Virginia admitted to US  
1904—1st New Years at Times Square  
1951—Marshall Plan expires

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mean that in those lives, and concerning these explicit areas, free will is limited or does not exist. This is especially true of the first half of your life, when, as you would expect, one can suffer greatly from one's previous life. Rather like a hangover. The best resolution, I suspect, is the second Saturn return. Which I myself have just come through.

If this horrifies you, it horrifies me, too, to know that death does not wash everything away, that children arrive still in the makeup and costume of their past lives, still bearing their scars. If you're curious, this has long been known. In Catholic cosmology, a mangled version of this was called "original sin." In response, the Savior created not one, but two sacraments expressly to deal with it: Baptism, which washes it away generally, and Confirmation, typically administered to seven-year-olds, where they expressly repudiate their own past wrong-doing. I got both of these as a child and, having figured them out, can state categorically they *do not work*.

The power to administer sacraments is given to priests through the sacrament of Ordination, which is said to trace back in an unbroken line to the risen Christ himself. If sacraments do not work, then either the chain was broken (which I think unlikely), or this relic of the Piscean Age has been negated by Aquarian Age, which arrived in 1913. Which declining Church membership over the past century would seem to confirm. When the magic is gone, people leave.

Thus we each bear the accumulated scars of our individual past lives. In terms of raping or being raped, you are looking for malefics in the 5th (bad experiences with sex) or in the 8th (bad life in general), especially when these are in hard aspect to the Sun, Moon and/or ruler of the ascendant.

Consider that actual attacks are the exception, not the rule. Those with distressed 8th houses will likely act out in terms of money and finance. Those with distressed 5th houses will focus on children. Theirs, if they have them, the children of others if not.

Is this the same as sexual preference? In my view there is overlap, but sexual distress and sexual preference are clearly different. As for the claim that one is "born gay" and is therefore helpless, this is absurd. We are all born with pre-existing conditions (i.e., conditionally limited free will), as the Church has always said ("original sin") and as the natal chart will prove. We are to make the best use of our lives as we can. In other words, overcome what we dislike, in order to find and enjoy what we do like, in order to more fully enjoy whatever comes beyond

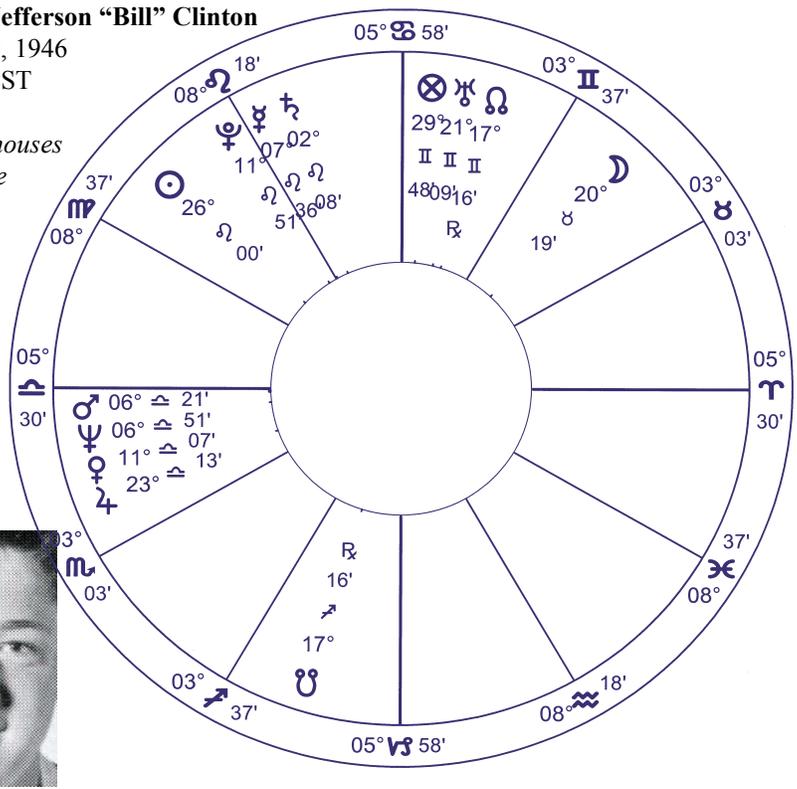
### William Jefferson "Bill" Clinton

August 19, 1946

8:51 am CST

Hope, AR

Placidus houses  
mean node



life. This is life, in its most fundamental form. The need for a solution to rape and raping is of far greater importance than a preference for partners. See how astrology strips away masks and illusions? Don't take my word for it. Get [Hans TenDam's book](#). It opened my eyes.

**F**OR an example of loss of virginity I will use the natal chart of former president Bill Clinton, a well-known romantic. He was born on August 19, 1946 at 8:51 am CST, in Hope, Arkansas.

I have always had the impression that Bill didn't chase women so much as women chased him — and that he didn't protest very much when he was caught. Clinton's 5th house, the house of casual sex, is empty. Empty houses are areas in which we do not have a great deal of interest. On the other hand, in the 8th house we find Clinton's Moon, which is sensitive to the emotional states of others. It is ruled by Venus, which we find in Libra in the first house. Libra is the sign of balance, the first house is what we project to the world. The result is a man who is visibly (1st house) sensitive to the women around him. Which doesn't seem to make a lover out of him, but, as I mentioned, if you pursue him he won't protest much.

I regret I don't know when Bill Clinton might have lost his virginity (and, yes, he was born with it) as I'm not that good with progressions and solar arcs and whatnot, but the

process, how he lost it, is more clear.

Capricorn on the 4th house, he had to prepare for it, presumably by thinking and wishing and desiring. The 4th, 5th and 7th houses being empty, he had no idea who his partner would be, but here we come to an interesting tweak in Clinton's chart.

Opposite the empty 7th is its ruler, Mars, debilitated in Libra. Opposite the empty 5th is its ruler, the debilitated Saturn in Leo. Next to it is a debilitated Mercury, in Leo. All of these planets would rather be in the houses opposite. Which, if I am not mistaken, gave Bill the fantasy of having sex, of having dynamic (Mars) romantic partners.

In other words, based on what's commonly accepted about Bill Clinton and what is shown in his chart, I am tweaking not only the generally accepted rule about empty houses (that they are not important), I am also tweaking one of my personal rules about debilitated planets, that they want to be in the house opposite, to arrive at this conclusion:

*Debilitated planets project fantasies into the opposite houses. The ability to act on these fantasies depends on the chart as a whole.* This will especially be the case if those houses are otherwise empty. It is an absolute rule that **if the delineation does not fit the person, the delineation must be changed**, but the result must always adhere to astrological basics. No wild flights of fancy.

This is clear with Bill's empty 7th house.

In Aries, a cardinal sign on an angular house, Bill should have had a series of active, powerful wives who came into his life, turned it upside down, and who then left abruptly, leaving him in the lurch. The house being empty, Bill does not have the final say.

Instead he's only had one wife: Hilary. In Bill's chart, she is ruled by a debilitated Mars in Libra in the first, smack on Bill's ascendant. She identifies with Bill, and Bill identifies with her. They really are inseparable. One would presume that as it's Mars, that they must battle, and as it's the angles, those fights must be in public, but as the sign is Libra (the sign of open warfare, by the way) and as Venus, its ruler, is in Libra and the first, the fights seem to never happen, or to just melt away if they do. That's a powerful Venus.

It's even more clear with the 5th. Saturn and Mercury both want to be in the 5th. Bill fantasizes about sex, about bedroom games, about children, but as a young man did not really know much, the 5th being empty.

**S**O what was Bill's first time like? I think it went something like this:

Capricorn on the 4th says he had planned for it. Saturn ruling from Leo and the 11th, the woman was both unique as well as from among his friends. She was older. Co-ruler of Capricorn is Mars. Mars in the sign of Libra, its debility, makes her a tomboy. At any rate, Bill thought of her as a tomboy, since Mars is square to the 4th cusp. He was not concerned that she was older (might not have known it) since Saturn is inconjunct to the 4th cusp.

As for what actually happened, which is the 5th house, you will note the absence of water signs. This was not a profoundly emotional moment. With Aquarius on the 5th and its principal planets opposite, this was experimental. Try something out, see if it works. The old doctor and nurse game comes to mind, as does "you show me mine and I'll show you yours!" (Yes, I mangled that.)

Overall, it was a easy experience for Bill, since behind it all was Venus in Libra, his chart ruler. He looks so adorable, the girls have always been all over him. Which is to say that Bill's Libra ascendant/Venus in Libra in the first made his private fantasies about sex and girlfriends actually come true. We should all be so lucky.

With this as a start, Bill has continued ever since. It isn't so much that Bill Clinton chases women, but that they chase him, and that he enjoys being caught and tries to get himself caught as often as he can. So far as Hilary is concerned, she lies smack on Bill's

ascendant. She has him by the balls, she has physical possession. Where is Bill's heart? That would be his Moon. That's in Taurus in the 8th. The 8th is the house of married sex, not fun'n'games. The 8th, and the Moon, are both ruled by Venus in Libra, and in Libra we find Mars. Which is Hilary.

Yes, there's Neptune in between Mars and Venus. Hilary does have to work to keep track of Bill, but, overall, she doesn't have to work all that hard. She learned long ago that she was the only one he loved, the only one he could ever love, and it might have been the wedding ceremony itself that sealed it.

So far as girlfriends are concerned, all Bill could give them, all he could give Monica, was sex. By contrast, he gave Hilary power. And as sexy as he is, Bill Clinton is a very powerful man.

As was guessed at the time, Hilary's anger was not that Bill had "cheated", but that he had risked everything the two of them had spent their lives working for: The presidency.

All virile, powerful men separate sex from power. They physically empower their wives, while amusing themselves with maids and servants. Jack Kennedy was the same, and for exactly the same reasons. As single men they seek out a woman who understands this particular quirk, and then marry her so she stays around. The wife gets power and permanency. The girlfriends each get a few good nights, memories for their old age.

You want to know about the impeachment? That was a long time ago. Before I went on and on about rape I had a section on that, but this week's analysis has gone on long enough. The impeachment of Bill Clinton was a showdown between his Leo Sun in a succedent house, and his Libran chart ruler Venus, in the first. It was never a contest. Venus won easily. Angularity counts for a lot.

I miss Bill. We all do. I wish he were still president.

So, how did you lose your virginity? Was it true to your chart?

[Wanna piece of me?](#)

## Dave's Chart Analysis

**I** STARTED this newsletter in 2007 as a way of selling books, but it's never sold very many. Instead, it's been selling me. Over the last few months many of you have asked for readings and it's now time to honor my readers and give myself to them.

If you've read my [newsletters](#) you know the kind of readings I do. I am a *chart analyst*. I find details in a chart and make sense of them. While I can entertain by simply reading your chart, to get my best work you should have a question, you should make a demand. Because I read charts in great detail, I'm good with really hard questions. So don't be afraid.

**Format:** I'm best with emails. This gives me time to think things through and to state things clearly. You have a reference should you have follow-up questions, which I can then answer, as I don't expect to get it exactly right the first time. I want a dialogue, I need your input. The results will surprise you.

This past week I did an analysis for a woman in New York. On Saturday she replied, *In everything you have ever written I received answers to questions, connections and understanding to obscure visions, and doors flew wildly open. There is no price for that. Your insight into suggestion for me have been visions I have seen and didn't know what to make of and you nailed it.*

Dang. That sure impresses me.

**Fee:** The amount astrologers charge is based on popularity more than anything else. I will start at **\$150**, but that may change. The woman I quoted (above) thinks I should charge a lot more. I am looking for about three clients a week, but this may vary.

Please note that I am an *analyst*. I want to help you solve a problem. I am not a fortune teller, I don't know (or care) when your luck will change, when you will get rich or when Mr. Right will walk into your life. I am not interested in writing a personal daily horoscope. To make the best use of my work, you must be willing to dialogue, and to put my solutions into practice.

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