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Robert Blaschke REST IN PEACE



Monday one of my suppliers said it was discontinuing Blaschke's books. I was surprised, I asked why. Request of the publisher, they said. That didn't sound right, so I looked up Earthwalk's phone number & left a message. A few minutes later, Mr. Blaschke's wife phoned back. She said,

Robert Blaschke passed away at 7:18 pm, January 18, 2011, in Santa Monica, CA, his birthplace. I knew the end was near. I did not want to believe the day had come.

He is a great loss. There are so few among us who are genuinely creative and vital, who have new and refreshing points

of view. Astrology is such an old science, we badly need our Blaschkes!

I cannot honestly say I knew him. He came to Maryland a few years ago and made a point of taking me to lunch. I was curious about his books. He said he had seven planned. He told me what the remaining two were. I, of course, forgot. According to his wife, the sixth book was to be on triple conjunctions. Because he kept setting himself ever greater goals, the books became harder and harder to research and write, and the time between them became greater as well. In this, his books reminded me of the symphonies of Jean Sibelius, the great Finnish composer, each of which were greater than the previous.

His books will remain in print, hopefully for many years to come. In the stress of his passing, his wife was confused as to how to continue with his work, EarthWalk Astrology, and mumbled the wrong thing to his distributor. This has now been sorted out.

Robert Blaschke had a most interesting chart. When sufficient time has passed, I may delineate it. — Dave

ASTRO MED A to Z

ASTHMA. 18° Gemini-Sagittarius and 4° Virgo-Pisces appear to be the most important areas. There is generally a Saturnian affliction to the 3rd house.

Example: Female, born Belfast, December 29, 1876, beginning of Sagittarius rising. Saturn in 3rd in 4° Pisces; Moon 15° Gemini opposition lord of the 3rd.

Max Heindel also gives a case with Jupiter conjunct Saturn in 3rd in Virgo, square bodies close to 18° Gemini.

Sometimes planets are found in or near 4° Pisces/Sagittarius and 18° Virgo/Pisces. See a case, female, born about 2:50 am GMT, May 26, Hastings (UK).

Moon is often in Virgo and Sagittarius; sometimes in Capricorn and Aquarius, and rarely in the first seven signs, except sometimes Taurus or Gemini.

Taurus or Scorpio prominent often denote a bronchial tendency.

BANDY LEGS are for some reason especially frequent in natives of Scorpio. Jupiter in this sign square planets in Aquarius seems particularly prone to cause them.

—from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter.

ALMANACK for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

18	05:50	♀ ♂ ♀	
15	03:44	☾ ☽ ♀	
16	01:13	☉ ♀ ☽	
	07:07	☾ △ ☽	Void
17	09:58	☉ ♂ ☽	
	14:13	☾ ♀ ☉	
18	08:36	☉ 29♁ 20	Full Moon/Void
	09:40	☾ ♀	
	14:10	♃ ♀ ♀	
	19:22	♀ ☐ ♀	
19	00:26	☉ ♀	
20	07:19	☾ ☽ ♀	Void
	09:01	☾ ♀	
	22:44	♀ ♂ ♂	
21	01:07	♀ ♂ ☽	
	04:18	♂ ♂ ☽	
	09:48	☾ ♀ ☉	
	20:54	♀ ♀	

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February 18:

- 1841—First filibuster, lasts to March 11
- 1885—Huckleberry Finn published
- 1911—First airmail, 6 miles
- 1930—Pluto discovered
- 1979—Snow falls in Sahara Desert



STAR OF THE WEEK



FOMALHAUT alpha Piscis Australis 4 ♃ 01

Notes: A reddish star in the mouth of the Southern Fish. From Fum al Hut, the Fish's Mouth. It was one of the four Royal Stars of Persia in 3000 BC, when as the Watcher of the South it marked the winter solstice.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Venus & Mercury. It is said to be very fortunate & powerful & yet to cause malevolence of sublime scope & character, and change from a material to a spiritual form of expression. Cardan stated that together with the stars rising with 12 Gemini it give an immortal name.

If rising or culminating: Great and lasting honours.

With Sun: Dissipated, easily influenced by low companions, gain through inheritance but unproductive of good, may suffer for some crime committed, danger of bites from venomous creatures.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Retrograde Transits

WHEN the planet being transited is retrograde it means that there will be a repeat performance when it goes direct. For example, in the Ingress Chart covering our first successful orbit of the earth – made by Astronaut Glenn – Uranus was retrograde & the ascendant was in Leo 26:36. Uranus turned direct in May, 1962 in Leo 26:24, conjunct that cusp when Astronaut Carpenter made our 2nd orbit in May.

If your transiting Natal or Progressed ruler is stationary on your birthday it denotes a period of feeling at a standstill. The house it is in tells you the department it affects. It will go direct or retrograde, however, as shown in the ephemeris: if turning direct it tells you to go ahead in the matters of the house it is in then; but if turning retrograde, be on your guard & proceed cautiously. Persons with Cancer or Leo on the Ascendant always go forward because the Rulers never go retrograde.

If your transiting Natal or Progressed Ruler is already retrograde on your birthday it signifies that you will go back & do something over during the year; also that by the house it is in, you and somebody there will become reconciled or reunited.

Any natal significator retrograde by transit & aspecting a natal planet indicates a return to an interest or activity or locality that engaged your attention in the past, according to the planet and its natural personal significance & the house it is in. Transiting Mercury however has a dual & contradictory influence if retrograde & aspecting a natal planet. — **All Over the Earth**, 1963

The Sex Outlook of the [ascending] Signs

by the irrepressible Vivian Robson. A Valentine's treat. From **ASTROLOGY AND SEX**

ARIES is a rash, impetuous, and headstrong sign, and tends to be impulsive in love affairs & marriage as in everything else. As befits a marital sign it is passionate, but at the same time there is a good deal of idealism, and sexual indulgence is a matter more of sudden impulse than of deliberate seeking. It makes a very positive type which does not harmonize well with a positive partner, so that it tends to seek someone of a weaker nature whom it can impress with its masculine qualities and can protect. . . .

THE sign Taurus has a very strong sex nature which is chiefly physical, but at the same time it is not by any means a fickle sign. The Taurus man is often inclined to be lustful, and this may frequently drive him to excesses. The tendencies to sexual self-indulgence, however, are comparable with the equally strong tendencies to over-eating, and are due for the most part to purely animal instincts, and not to the search for the ideal, love of variety, or the desire for new experiences shown by many of the other signs. At heart, Taurus is faithful, good-natured, easily satisfied & patient. . . .

THE outlook of Gemini is a purely mental one, and sex interests are quite secondary so far as the sign itself is concerned, though other positions in the horoscope may bring them into prominence. Gemini is essentially a cold-blooded sign, without affection & without morals. It is a kind of living question-mark, always seeking to know the reasons for everything & always analyzing its own & other people's thoughts, speech, actions & reactions. Mental vivisection is a particularly Geminian habit, and is usually accompanied by extreme, but quite unintentional & unconscious cruelty. It wants to "see the wheel go round" and is entirely unmindful of the effect of the process upon its victim. . . .

CANCER is extremely imaginative & emotional & its sex outlook is romantic, sentimental, protective & very largely maternal. In some ways it is a changeable sign, and it is certainly subject to rapidly fluctuating moods, but it is capable of great tenacity & faithfulness where the affections are concerned. These are two characteristics that are of great importance, one being the fear of ridicule, and the other hatred of criticism, both of which & especially the latter, deeply affect married life. Cancer in its highest form gives a domesticated nature. . . .

THE sign Leo is an intensely loyal, generous, and magnanimous one, but it is not as a rule all fortunate in marriage. This may be due to misplaced affection, unwise & impetuous love-making, and too implicit a faith in human nature, but there is generally a deeper reason. Some peculiarity of outlook will often spoil marital happiness, and in probably the majority of cases the question of children will be involved. Leo has a deep love of children and is frequently denied them, or loses them by death, or in some other way experiences great sorrow through a child. . . .

VIRGO is the natural sign of virginity & therefore does not really favour marriage at all. The Virgo native is usually sufficient unto himself to a greater or lesser extent, and can usually adapt himself quite comfortably to a celibate life. The old maid of caricature, with her cat or parrot, her fussiness and faddishness, her curiosity, and her love of somewhat malicious gossip, is a typical product of Virgo. . . .

ALTHOUGH Libra is the marriage sign by virtue of its relations to the seventh house, the fact that Libra is rising or strongly occupied in a horoscope by no means implies that marriage will take place. Libra has an intense desire for sympathy, love, understanding & companionship, but it is an extremely idealistic sign & is hard to satisfy. Fundamentally Libra has little interest in men, and this characteristic is shared by both the men & women of the sign. The women are romantic, and tend to be "in love with love" rather than with any particular person other than themselves. . . .

THE sign Scorpio is by far the strongest & most extreme of all, and the natives of no other sign can rise to such great heights or sink to such abysmal depths as those of Scorpio. It is a very strongly sexed sign, and the Scorpio native can stand long continued excesses which would quickly break down the constitution of most other signs. As might be expected, the outlook is usually a markedly sexual one, though it is not invariably so, for the ability for continence & self-control is quite as great as the desire for self-indulgence. The Scorpio native has an eye to the main chance as a rule, and frequently contracts a marriage that offers considerable material advantages. The Scorpio nature is an intensely proud one. . . .

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

Part 26:

Deformity; Character

7. According to Ptolemy the new or full Moon nearest before birth should be examined, together with the dispositors of the luminaries. If at birth the Moon, Mercury and the dispositors of the birth luminaries, or most of these bodies, are in no aspect to the luminaries or their dispositors at the lunation, the birth will be monstrous, and if the luminaries at birth are in the bestial signs Aries, Taurus, Leo, Sagittarius and Capricorn, it will not be human. The nature & disposition of the creature may be judged by the nature of the aspecting planets.

CHAPTER IV

Character and Mind

THE most important significators of character are the Sun, Moon, the rising sign, and its ruler, but all the planets have some effect, especially if they aspect the significators. The rising sign describes the native's outlook on the world & the side of his character that is most in evidence, the Moon describes his personal attributes, and the Sun the deeper & inner side of his character. If the Sun is stronger than the Moon the inner character will be stronger than the personality & vice-versa. If the Ascendant is strong & the Sun is weak the native will not have the inner strength to carry through what he begins, but if the Ascendant is weak & the Sun strong he will make resolutions & plans that he will not be able to carry out.

The signs containing the majority of the planets indicates the general type of character. Cardinal signs denote activity, energy, ardour, ambition, love of fame, restlessness. Fixed signs denote firmness, stubbornness, will power, plodding, organizing, patience, conservatism. — *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson.

Judgment of the Horoscope: Character

CHARACTER & destiny interact perpetually in life. The man of will & wisdom is able to a large extent to control circumstance. But this is true only of his more mature years; in childhood he necessarily endures the limitations of his environment, and consciously & unconsciously is affected & modified by it, while the ordinary person remains to a large extent the passive recipient of environmental influence throughout his life.

Hence, astrologically, we cannot draw a clear line between that portion of the nativity which works out in terms of character & that which is shown in destiny. In a general sense positions in angles tend to affect the life of physical manifestation, while the succedent houses affect the feelings & character, and the cadent houses the mind. But it will be found that in practice there is an infinite interblending of action, just as there is in real life. If we find a cardinal planet, such as Mars, in a cardinal house and sign, and ruling cardinal houses, then we may be fairly sure that his action will chiefly affect the external life. But such a confluence of planetary action is comparatively rare.

In deciding whether a given aspect will work out in terms of character or of destiny the following principles may be of value:

1. So far as character is concerned, contradictory influences tend, as life advances and the character becomes formed, to cancel out.

Thus in children or childish adults we may find alternative good & bad temper, due perhaps to such contradictory influences as Venus rising in Libra & Moon in Scorpio. But, as the nature becomes stabilized, one or other characteristic, in all probability that which is least compatible with the needs of the environment, will die away. — *The Principles of Astrology*, by C.E.O. Carter.

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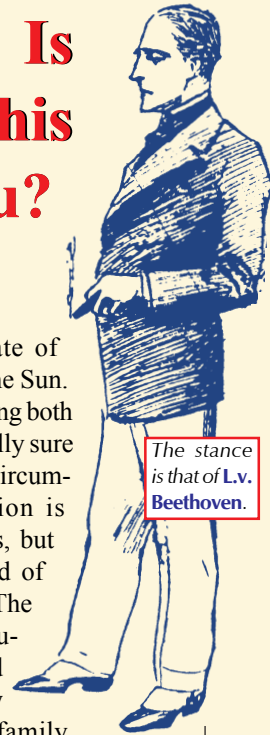
0°–10° Leo rising
The Leo decanate

THE first decanate of Leo is ruled by the Sun. These people, being both fixed & positive, are usually sure of themselves under all circumstances. The disposition is frank, proud & generous, but lordly in manner & fond of show and ostentation. The first decanate is less fortunate than the others and the life is handicapped by false pride, poverty & family difficulties. Thus the mind resents the restrictions caused by the surrounding conditions & so becomes austere & somewhat distrustful of others, yet apt to become assertive at the wrong time. If Saturn is afflicted the health will suffer through some hidden frustration or inhibition, for Saturn rules the opposite decanate of the sign Aquarius.

Appearance of the First Decanate

THE body is usually powerfully built, with large bones, yet shapely withal and of a good presence. The face is square, the eyes fine, although sometimes set rather close together. The mouth is well shaped, but often somewhat thing and severe in expression. The chest is full & the back has considerable slope to it. The walk is upright & supple, suggesting the lion, monarch of all he surveys.

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



The stance is that of L.v. Beethoven.

HEAD TO HEAD



February 19:
1807—Aaron Burr arrested for treason
1847—Donner Party rescued
1945—US invades Iwo Jima