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## The Orbit of the Moon

*is not what you think.*



**T**HIS week the AFA sent me a copy of their newest book, **Black Moon Lilith**, by M. Kelly Hunter. Isn't she the one that wrote that other book? You mean, **Living Lilith, Four Dimensions of the Cosmic Feminine** —? Yes. Same one. And only a couple of years ago, too.

Hunter's new book focuses on the empty second center of the Moon's elliptical orbit around the Earth. This is in keeping with **Kepler's laws**, that all orbits are in fact eccentric and have two focal points. The Earth, or the Earth/Moon barycenter, is one. The empty second point is Hunter's Black Moon,

aka the Biblical Lilith. More or less.

So I went looking for this second focal point. And I discovered something interesting. The Moon, in fact, does not orbit the Earth. Never did. Never will. **Can't**.

The Earth & Moon are, in fact, dual planets who weave in and out of each other's orbital paths, in the process creating the illusion that one "goes around" the other. From New Moon to New Moon, the Earth/Moon pair travels one-thirteenth of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. One-thirteenth of the orbit is approximately 45 million miles. The "Moon's orbit around the Earth" has a diameter of approximately 500,000 miles. Dividing one into the other, we discover the Moon fails to actually orbit the Earth by a factor of 90. Which means the Moon would have to make nearly 1200 orbits in a year. It manages only 13.

Which sort of wrecks Hunter's Black Moon premise. Well, maybe not. There is still an empty focal point, only we need to look further afield. The Moon's empty focal point is in fact the same as the Earth's empty focal point. Given the Earth's orbital eccentricity, it can be found a little to the left of the Sun. Sorry about that. **Parke**, are you listening????

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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	12:18	♂ II ♀	
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## STAR OF THE WEEK



ALTAIR alpha Aquilae 1 ♑ 56



**Notes:** A pale yellow star in the neck of the Eagle.

**Influence:** Ptolemy gives Mars & Jupiter. . . It confers a bold, confident, valiant, unyielding, ambitious & liberal nature, great & sudden but ephemeral wealth, and a position of command, makes its natives guilty of bloodshed, and gives danger from reptiles.

**With Sun:** Public honour, notoriety, favours from superiors, many friends & some envious ones who cause trouble through writings, some ill-health & losses, danger of bites from venomous animals.

**With Moon:** Interest in a strange or ancient discovery, disappointment & loss over property & gain, some profit & preferment, friends become enemies, trouble through companies or public affairs, difficulties through or misfortune to children.

**With Mercury:** Many difficulties, misfortunes, etc. — from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson



## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Reading Your Chart

part 3

THE majority of planets above the horizon allows a larger scope of interests on a wider plane & more likely to attract attention to those interests than when below the horizon in the less-brilliant sphere of activity, that belong to the dark half of the chart. You are more outgoing & much easier to understand. The majority below the horizon narrows the scope of interests to those attracting less outer attention; you are less outgoing & much harder to understand.

Planets in angular houses are definite & active, their characteristics more noticeable in your appearance & demeanor, and their power surer to bring you publicity. In succedent houses you work quietly but persistently and with less publicity—still less in cadent houses, working behind the scenes so to speak & achieving your renown from within walls.

Natal planets are always stronger when placed in the Signs or Houses they rule naturally, where they thus have prominence that gives you higher standing in life because of their dignity plus the attention you command in the matters signified by that house. Your planets have ACCIDENTAL DIGNITY in any angular house whether they rule it or not, the more so when in the 10th of superior standing & public respect.—

*The Way of Astrology*, 1967

January 31:

1606—Guy Fawkes executed.  
1747—First VD (STD) clinic, London.  
1917—Unrestricted submarine warfare.  
1929—Leon Trotsky exiled.  
1943—Germans at Stalingrad surrender.

# Astrology and Medicine

### Introductory notes:

I was furious, and then ashamed, of the lies that Parke Kunkle told the world two weeks ago. Are Astrologers so stupid, so intellectually flabby, that we permit this nonsense? We talk of 13th planets & dark moons & depth psychology & just plain make stuff up and is it any wonder that people take us at our word and think we are fools? It is time to get serious. It is time to show the world Astrology.

By use of Astrology, you may know what ailments you will be subject to. By use of Astrology, you may know your prognosis once you become ill. By use of Astrology you may know the means of your passing. By use of Astrology – and this only if you are very, very careful – you may know the date of your death.

Medicine without astrology is inconceivable. Doctors who do not construct the charts of their patients are no better than blind men stumbling about in a hurricane. It's not that I wonder how doctors treat their patients without the use of astrology, it's that I am frankly amazed that doctors, shorn of astrology, are of any use whatever.

Some of you will disagree and point to this or that doctor, this or that hospital, this or that technique. I agree there are exceptions to this bleak picture. I only ask, How long did it take for the doctor to arrive at the proper diagnosis? How long to chance upon the proper treatment? Any doctor who stays in contact with his patient for years on end will do a dang fine job, but what if you don't have such a doctor? What if it's an emergency? What if you've been generally healthy for years & years? What if you're one of the millions of Americans who have no health insurance? What if you're one of the tens of millions whose health insurance is, unknown to you, actually worthless?

Do you suppose all doctors are like **Gregory House**? Have you actually watched that show? **House** is 50 minutes of patient-endangering, cost-soaring WILD GUESSES before the solution is magically pulled from a hat. It is, in fact, the **Physician's Desk Reference** run backwards.

**A**STROLOGY is Knowledge. Astrology is Power. Learn to read your chart and you will never again be at the mercy of doctors, good or bad. So let's start.

Your natal chart is the key to your per-

sonal ailments and diseases. What will afflict you. Will you be generally healthy? Will you be generally unhealthy? Here are the starting points:

- Sun sign.
- Moon sign.
- Ascendant and planets conjunct.
- The chart ruler & its sign.
- Aspects these make to each other.
- Aspects from the benefics.
- Aspects from the malefics.

In my chart I have Sun & Moon opposed, from Aquarius (blood) to Leo (heart). I consequently have a very stressed heart. I had elevated blood pressure & heart palpitations in my 20's. By my early 50's these had become dangerous & I now take better care of myself.

But what about my colon? Colon problems are common. A close friend has colitis? Should I be concerned?

No. I should not. I have Mars in Scorpio, which rules the colon. My intestines, like my Mars, are strong.

How about diabetes? Some members of my family suffer from that. **Carter** gives the formula. In brief, planets at 17° ♈ - ♀ produce diabetes. I don't have that.

How about epilepsy? Generally if you have it, you know, but what about your newborn? Will he or she have it? The formula, in brief, is an afflicted Mercury in no aspect to the Moon, but you should study the classical rules carefully, as there are tricks.

Jupiter or Venus, in good aspect to the ascendant or its ruler, make for good health. Saturn in hard aspect makes for poor health. Mars in hard aspect can make for a life of fevers or debilitating injuries.

In my case, Jupiter sextile both ascendant & chart ruler, the chart ruler trine the ascendant, Saturn trine both the ruler & the ascendant, my health has been, despite my grumbling, surprisingly good, and this despite a debilitated Sun in hard aspect to Pluto.

**Learn Astro-Medicine and become your family's physician.** Be their first line of defense. Know in advance what the possibilities are. I will have more next week, but the subject is vast & I cannot cover it in detail. Here are two books to start: Carter's **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, for specific degree areas, and Robson's **Student's Text-Book**, for ailments specific to individual signs. Both will reward study.

# ★ STUDENT'S CORNER ★

STUDENT'S CORNER

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

## Part 23:

## Eyes & Ears

THE favourable aspects from the benefics show the amount of help & relief that may be obtained [for eyes stressed by conjunction with malefic nebulae]. One of the worst positions is when the Moon is in the 7th house, the malefics in the 1st, and the Sun also in an angle.

4. The Moon in conjunction with the Sun near Cingula Orionis (in about 24 Gemini [Orion's Belt—Dave]) causes blindness in at least one eye.

5. The Sun or Moon afflicted in the Milky Way (from about 21 Gemini to 5 Cancer and from about 16 Sagittarius to 7 Capricorn) often causes blindness.

6. Sun opposite Moon free from affliction & not in angles causes a squint.

7. The following positions have some effect in causing blindness or defective sight. (i) Sun conjunct Mars in the 8th & Moon opposite Saturn from Gemini, Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius or Aquarius; (ii) Moon conjunct Saturn in Cancer or Capricorn in square or opposition to Mars; (iii) Moon in 4th square Saturn Mars and Sun in 8th; (iv) Moon in M.C., Sun in Asc, and Saturn in 9th.

## EARS

Defective hearing is usually caused by afflictions to Mercury. The following positions denote a tendency to deafness:—

1. Mercury afflicted by Saturn, and especially when Mercury rules the 6th.

2. Mercury ruling 12th or 6th & afflicted in one of these houses or conjunct Sun.

3. Mercury conjunct Sun afflicted by a malefic ruling 6th.

4. Mercury in Capricorn afflicted by the malefics. —*A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, 1922

## The Eyes & Ears

from *The Manual of Astrology*  
by Sepharial

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The Sun in Aquarius, afflicted by Saturn, especially by the opposition or conjunction, stone-blindness frequently results. The sign Aquarius corresponds to the etheric vibrations, and therefore has affinity with the sense of sight.

The Sun & Moon being in opposition from Aries & Libra gives weak sight, and sometimes sore eyes. The same if the Sun or Moon be in Aries & afflicted by Mars or Saturn.

[Pluto rising, squared by the Sun & Moon will also cause weak sight & accentuate the liability to blindness more especially if the signs Taurus, Leo or Aquarius are involved.]

If a malefic planet occupy any of the nebulous parts of the Zodiac already referred to, and afflict the Sun or Moon by aspect, then danger of blindness will arise from an accident, more particularly if the malefic be elevated above the luminary.

In this matter it is better to have the Moon afflicted than the sun, for it gives greater hope of relief.

## EARS

Mercury ruling the 12th house, and afflicted by the malefics, Uranus, Saturn, or Mars, or being in conjunction with the Sun, deafness ensues. The same happens when Mercury is in the 12th house, and so afflicted by malefics or in conjunction with the Sun. Mercury, ruling the intellect, is thus held in bondage, as denoted by the signification of the 12th house.

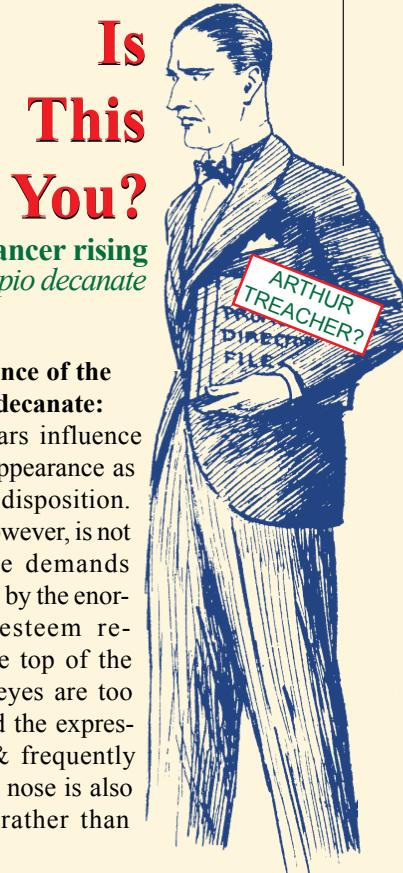
The third sign of the zodiac (Gemini), which is ruled by Mercury, corresponds to the atmospheric vibrations, and therefore has affinity with the sense of hearing. —*The Manual of Astrology*, by Sepharial.

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### Appearance of the second decanate:

Here the Mars influence affects the appearance as well as the disposition. The brain, however, is not equal to the demands made upon it by the enormous self-esteem revealed at the top of the head. The eyes are too close-set and the expression wary & frequently furtive. The nose is also Scorpionic rather than Cancerian.

The **Scorpio decanate of Cancer** is ruled by Mars. The Mars influence gives greater willpower, acquisitiveness & desire for conventional success. There is also much curiosity regarding the lives of others, which sometimes leads to gossip & errors of judgment through too free-speaking.

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

**Anrias PS:** After the January Lunation 1910, when Uranus was elevated in the tenth house in conjunction to the Sun & Moon & in opposition to Neptune & square Mars, Saturn & Jupiter, certain Indian astrologers considered that prophecies based on the influence of planets other than Uranus & Neptune were likely to be frequently nullified, owing to the increasing power of the outside planets. Since then Pluto has been discovered and probably adds to the subtle upheaval . . . (pg. 36, note)

