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Happy Birthday America . . . !

NOTE that on July 4 this year, America's birthday, the entire day was void. (For more on voids, see Debbi Kempton-Smith on pg. 2) A void birthday for a void administration, I would guess that nothing much Washington tries this coming year will amount to much, though as Washington is the biggest, baddest 800 pound gorilla in the room, "not very much" can still be one awful mess.

Looking at current permutations of the 4:50 pm chart for July 4, 1776, Philadelphia, a standard solar return puts the year's Sun in the 10th, though with late Gemini, not Cancer, on the MC. SR Mars at 10 Gemini is near the 4:50 descendant. SR south node is about to pass over natal Mars. The end of August we will have the finale, the third pass of our eighth Saturn return. Eight is a bad number. The second pass, in March, brought us war with Libya. The first pass, late November last year, saw brief hostilities be-

tween North and South Korea.

Solar arcs for the year, SA Saturn is exactly on the 4:50 pm DSC: Our friends don't like us, or we them. We smack back as our natal Uranus is right there.

Remember there are a many opinions as to exactly when the deed was done, way back then. If 4:50 pm is not the right time, then SA Saturn/SR Mars won't be on the descendant and we won't end up smacking anyone (which would be a relief), but SA Saturn is only months away from conjuncting natal Uranus no matter how you cut it.

Conference on Traditional Astrology in the 21st Century

THE AFA wants me to remind you the deadline for the pre-registration discount ends on August 1. The Conference itself runs September 22 thru the 24th and will be held at the Embassy Suites in Tempe, AZ. Jack says they have two from Japan and another from Australia, so it looks like a good turnout. Registration is \$150 if before August 1; it will be \$200 thereafter. More details [here](#).

Not sure if I will have Vettius Valens done in time or not. He turns out not to have lived in Alexandria, but in the Crimea. Lots of surprises like that.

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

GOUT. Rules are given by recent authors, copied from Lilly and Gadbury, but they are hardly satisfactory. It would appear that the disease is intimately connected with about 25° of the mutable signs. The 5th and Venus are frequently involved, denoting the cause, and the horoscope as a whole will confirm to the rules given for Rheumatic Ailments (q.v.). Thus, Henry VIII had Mars, Jupiter & Neptune in affliction in the above degrees. Saturn in Aquarius in the 6th was also in affliction with all three, and the 5th was heavily involved.

The poet Milton had Sun square Mars in 25° Pisces. In another case gout occurred when Mars, radically square Neptune, was in 28° Pisces being on the cusp of the sixth radical.

Gratitute is mainly a Jovian virtue, and is probably least in evidence in persons born under signs in which the planet is debilitated, or in whose natiivities he is very weakly placed.

— *An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*

ALMANACK for the week (all times GMT)

05	00:47	♀ Δ ♁	
	01:16	☾ ♁	
	18:09	♀ □ ♃	
06	00:20	☾ ✕ ☉	Void
	12:17	♂ Δ ♁	
07	03:54	☾ ♁	
	13:53	♃ Δ ♀	
	21:44	♀ □ ♁	
08	06:29	☉ 15♁ 47	1st Qtr / Void
	13:57	♀ ♁ ♀	
09	00:30	♀ ♂ ♀	
	06:06	♀ ✕ ♃	
	06:32	☾ ♁	
	08:19	♀ ✕ ♁	
	11:19	☉ II ♂	
10	00:36	♁ SR	
	13:05	☾ Δ ☉	Void
11	09:07	☾ ♁ ☉	
	09:47	☾ ✕	

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STAR OF THE WEEK



SIRIUS alpha Canis Majoris 14 ☿ 14

Notes: A binary star, brilliant white and yellow, situated in the mouth of the Greater Dog. From Seirios, Sparkling or Scorching, or according to some authors from the Egyptian god Osiris. Among those people it was also Thoth and Sothis.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Mars. It gives honour, renown, wealth, ardour, faithfulness, devotion, passion & resentment.

If culminating: High office under Government giving great profit & reputation.

With Sun: Success in business, occupation connected with metals or other martial affairs, domestic harmony. If rising or culminating, kingly preferment.

With Moon: Success in business, influential friends of opposite sex, favourable for the father, good health, beneficial changes in home or business. If a malefic be with Scheat, death by fiery cutting weapons or from beasts. — *From Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Clues in Reading an Event

Public or Private:

THE 1st, 10th, 7th & 4th are out-in-the-open-Angular houses. The Sun or Moon there signifies an event or the activity in an event taking place in public; but if intercepted, the event or the activity took place within a room or vehicle or enclosure or between two intercepting agencies, also coming to public notice.

In the 4th House & in the Sign on the 4th cusp the Sun or Moon signifies an event or activity occurring in a building or place of residence. Exactly conjunct the 4th cusp, it happens directly on the threshold or at the doorway, gate or entrance of a residence or public building. In the 4th & in the Sign on the 5th, it occurs in front of or near a place of residence, etc. In the Sign on the 4th but in the 3rd House it happens behind the scenes of a place of residence, etc. as a porch, garage or out-building.

In a Succedent house (2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th) it denotes privacy & some secrecy; more quietly and involving taking a chance to some extent. Intercepted, in a private place or within an enclosure or railing there, somewhat set apart from the rest of the area.

In a Cadent house (3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th) the event or activity is semi-private-and-semi-public such as prayers said in a church, medical examinations, the airing of secrets in a letter, signatures and so on. — [Here and There in Astrology](#), 1961

July 4:

- 1054—Crab nebula blows up.
- 1754—George Washington surrenders.
- 1802—West Point opens.
- 1803—Louisiana Purchase announced.

THE ELECTION YEAR APPROACHES

ASTROLOGY AND POLITICS

YOU can have Astrology, or you can have Democracy. One or the other. You cannot have both, they are incompatible. Me, I want good government and I want astrology to help me get it.

This has to do with the real reason astrology was banished, why it is condemned, why it always will be condemned.

You were told that astrology contradicts “Science”, but a close examination of Isaac Newton’s chart shows this opinion—for that it what it is—to be based on contradictions in his chart, specifically the Sun and Moon in powerful opposition from the wrong houses, leading to his (and our) repudiation of lunar-based instinct, upon which much knowledge, as well as the best astrology, is based.

Astrology was banished because it remorselessly exposes our leaders for who and what they really are. They cannot hide from astrology, no one can. The best they can do is suppress astrology, by whatever means are available. Which means whatever a gullible public can be persuaded to believe. When the Church was absolute, astrology was against the will of God. Whatever is against the Will of God will get you condemned to eternal damnation. When science deposed the Church, astrology was banned because it was against science. If you are against Science, you are a self-confessed idiot. Remember the people who promoted science did so, in part, because they wanted the Church’s money and power for themselves. In both cases, the members of each group must go along with what they are told to believe, or they will be excluded. No one wants that.

Televangelist **Pat Robertson** hates astrology, because his Bible and his God told him so. Astronomer **Carl Sagan** labeled astrology a “pseudoscience”. Both positions, it turns out, are simply covers for the rich and powerful who don’t want their evils exposed.

Note carefully the key difference between these two condemnations. The “scientist” Sagan simply declares astrology to be false. Hear Sagan’s presentation and you will note he presents no evidence whatever, for two reasons. One, Sagan, so far as I am aware, never presented evidence for any of his opin-

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Secrets From A, Stargazer's Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

What the Heck is the Void of Course Moon?

LET the expert, **Al H. Morrison**, explain: “Every couple of days there comes a time which is best used for subjective, spiritual, non-material concerns, like prayer, yoga, play, psychotherapy or passive experience, sleep or meditation. This period may last a few seconds, or it may be three days and nights in a single session.”

It begins when the Moon in transit makes the last major aspect it will make before it changes from one sign of the zodiac to the next. It ends when the Moon enters the next sign. The name of this period is: Void-of-Course Moon. You may call it a silly season, or vacation from normal living.

“Decision making in such periods turns out later unrealistic. Creativity diverges into unplanned directions, improvisations, false starts, error. Business moves fail to generate profits or meet unexpected difficulties. If you buy any object it usually fails of its intended use.”

All I can add to Mr. Morrison’s observations is that void-of-course Moons are pretty jolly times to get sloshed on wine. A writer friend reports that comedy writing goes well on the void. If you’re planning a trip, find out what time the plane or train will arrive and *don’t arrive in your destination town when the Moon is void* if you want to stick to your agenda. If you’re happy to take what comes and you’re not on business, the void’s okay.

Think of this time period as a tunnel. You enter the Lincoln tunnel in New York. When you drive through the tunnel, the radio doesn’t work. The moment you leave the tunnel you are in a new state—New Jersey.

Learn to make your schedules around void Moons; leave leeway for emergencies, cancellations and goof-off time. Do your routine tasks, and take a long lunch!

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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 46:
Accidents

Accidents are caused by serious afflictions from Mars, Saturn, or Uranus, especially when these planets are rising or afflicting a rising planet. The signs most conducive to accidents are the "violent" signs Aries, Libra, Scorpio, Capricorn and Aquarius and to these may be added Gemini also. It is found that the latter half of Libra is frequently productive of accidents when containing the malefics or afflicted luminaries. The cardinal signs and angles are of chief importance and the position of the Sun or Moon afflicted in houses 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 is also conducive to accidents.

1. Afflictions from Mars cause accidents through fire, burns, cuts, scalds (especially if Mercury be in a watery sign), wounds and bullets (when Mars is in one of the "human" signs Gemini, Sagittarius or Aquarius), and bites (especially when Mars is in Scorpio or Pisces). Mars in the 12th in Gemini, Leo or Libra gives danger from horses or large animals. The nature of the sign, whether watery, fiery, etc., or human or animal, together with the house, will show the source of the danger and the nature of the accident.

2. Afflictions from Saturn cause falls (especially in airy signs), blows, bruises, sprains, dislocations, and accidents from falling bodies. If in Sagittarius there are falls from horses, and in Aquarius from steps or downstairs. When Saturn is elevated in the 10th and afflicting the luminaries there will be violent falls especially if Saturn rules the 1st or 8th. Mars conjunct Saturn gives liability to accidents under directions even when these planets do not afflict the luminaries, and if the conjunction takes place in Taurus in the 4th there is danger from the fall of ruined buildings.

3. Afflictions from Uranus cause sudden & unexpected accidents from machinery, electricity, lightning, and explosions.

The part of the body affected is in all cases shown by the sign containing the malefic or the afflicted luminary. In general there is frequently a mark, scar, or mole on the part of the body ruled by the signs containing the malefics and often on the face if the malefics be rising.

The severity of the accidents must be judged from the strength of the afflicting planets and the amount of help received. Good aspects from Jupiter and Venus when themselves strong will avert serious danger & give "miraculous escapes"

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Pandora

PANDORA represents the opening of the proverbial Pandora's Box/Jar and being surprised at some of the clowns that pop out! Pandora is an uninformed curiosity; it's wondering "what would happen IF..." it's facing unexpected consequences and unanticipated results. It's a point of enticement—one thought they saw *bubbles, bangles and beads* and found beetles, bugs, and bric-a-brac. Pandora is a tendency to want to "stir things up" and encounter newness. Pandora also represents the "hope" that in spite of it all, things will work out for the best.

You'll recognize Pandora at work whenever you hear someone say, "Yes, but I didn't know THAT was gonna' happen!" Pandora initiates a whole new ball game; it throws you a curve ball; it shows you that "with two, you get egg roll." And it uses curiosity and a desire for change to propel you into an entirely unexpected circumstance. Pandora has an uncanny ability to "make mountains out of molehills" (and chocolate pudding out of lettuce and tomatoes!) As is true with any point, Pandora is both the good news and the bad. Often it leads one to paths they would not have tried—the sudden circumstance or consequence forces exploration of untried or latent talents. Once in a while, Pandora gets us "in" *over our heads* but that too can be a useful learning.

Pandora in Aspect:

Ascendant: A fantastic combination for a rabble-rouser or agitator, this combination creates a person who is either insatiably curious or simply easily bored and mischievous; they like to have "stuff" happening.
— **Mechanics of Future Asteroids.**

DOG OF THE MONTH



A real house dog he won't stray very far; he'd rather stay home than ride in a car.
The Moonchild dog is exceedingly good with children, and tolerant, even if his tail is pulled once too often. For the affection the youngsters bestow on them they will probably do anything. They love playing together & this is natural for both.

Your dog will know where his food is kept & whenever he feels like eating will go & sniff there. The kids get used to this & feed him nice doggy cookies when you're not around.

Tends to get a bit round with age, so watch the calories.

They're enterprising & you can teach them tricks, like balancing acts, when they slow down from all the noise & carrying on.

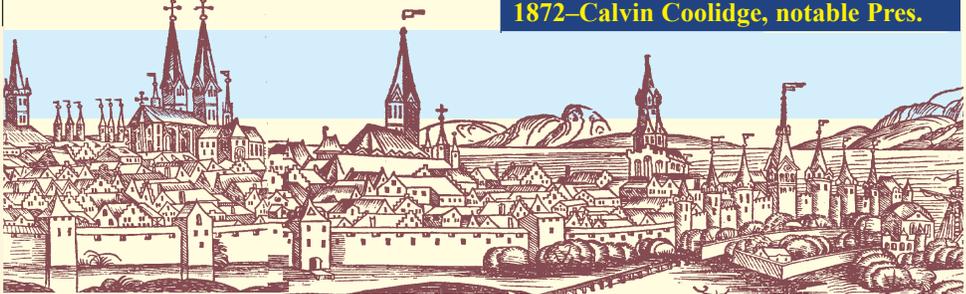
© **Marian Futterman, 1976, Your Dog and Astrology, \$3.00.** Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across.

 **The New Newsletter**

Most people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last fifteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

July 4 birthdays:
1816—Hiram Walker, booze maker.
1826—Stephen Foster, songwriter.
1872—Calvin Coolidge, notable Pres.



ions. He merely blusters. Second, he presents no evidence because all serious efforts to refute astrology have failed.

The man of religion, Robertson, is far more circumspect. He admits astrology to be real, he admits astrology to be powerful. His objection is that astrology is evil and therefore you should stay away from it.

And as the world is divided into Science and Religion, these two contradictory condemnations have served to keep astrology at bay, if not for this reason, then for that. Together they have, deliberately or accidentally, legitimized rule by frauds and cheats, they have enabled the rich and powerful to get and remain rich and powerful, at our expense. Worst of all, they have convinced **you** that astrology is therefore of little practical use.

The self-motivated individuals who put themselves forward as candidates to rule over us might have our best motives in mind, or they might not. Elected office naturally attracts those who pursue private profits at public expense. Regardless of what they claim. It might be they start off as wide-eyed innocents, but the reality of corruption quickly sets in.

By use of astrology, you may know, without any doubt, what your leaders really are. You may know if they are telling the truth, you may know if they will make war or peace, if their rule will enrich the average citizen, or only themselves and their sponsors.

Using houses, using signs, using rulerships, we can do to our leaders what I've been doing to Hollywood stars. We can rectify their charts (in most cases) and learn a great deal about them. Which I plan to do with select candidates in the coming months.

So what astrological results will we find? We will find our leaders to be venal, corrupt, dishonest, greedy, lying, thievish petty individuals. Are there exceptions? Yes, but exceptions are invariably marginalized and rarely rise to great power.

Using the natal charts, aspects to the Moon are often all we need to look for.

Hard aspects from the Moon to Neptune, which on the surface indicate idealism, often produce results ranging from delusion to outright deceit.

Hard aspects from the Moon to Saturn, which often appear to produce sincerity and hard work, often result in cruelty.

Hard aspects from the Moon to Pluto, which appear to be intensity, can often result in the power-crazed, willful destruction of existing law.

Hard aspects from the Moon to Mars, which can appear to be enthusiasm and energy, can result in bloodlust. As everyone who has run for office knows, the art of being elected is the art of hiding who you really are. Wolves in sheep's clothing. This problem is inherent in elected government, there is no solution.

Astrology is the tool that separates the wolf from his disguise. Provided that you, the astrologer, do not succumb to fuzzy-headed myths and vain fancies, you will find astrology to be a thorough, merciless tool. No one can hide.* For this reason, Astrology and Democracy are incompatible. Those of you who know history will note the fall of astrology coincided with the rise of elected forms of government. This was not a coincidence.

You will think I am gloomy. If astrology can tell us who the candidates really are, then, surely, good candidates will win over bad.

And they will, initially. But it's like the idealist who joins the police force, eager to reform it from within. Once a cop, he finds policing to be a brutal and brutalizing profession. He either gets hardened, or he is forced out. There are no other options.

Politics is a corrupting profession because elected leaders do not work in a vacuum. They are subject to a thousand outside influences, advisors, media, lobbyists, consultants, subordinates, friends, family and others. NONE of whom need present us with their astrological details. And ALL of whom are very good at twisting "facts" to get what they want.

Leaders are subject to every form of manipulation, and no matter how smart, no matter how good natured, no matter how cunning, even the best of them will eventually fall prey. To say nothing of those who seek office merely for their own enrichment. These pressures, which are unique to public

office, are the reason why elective office cannot be reformed. It is the reason why a politician's chart must be read differently from those of ordinary mortals.

Are there exceptions? Good, honest leaders who can rise to the very top? Yes there are, but there are not many, there never have been, and you will note they do not need astrology to acquire power. The problem has always been their extreme scarcity.

If astrologers succeed in becoming political pundits, if they succeed in swaying the electorate, I expect astrology will be quickly banned, and for precisely the same reason it was banned in the Roman Empire: As a grave danger to the ruling elite. Which, for a select few of us, might be the best thing that ever happened, as newly aware politicians will eagerly employ us, in secret. Which, by the way, a few politicians already do.

Here in America, the 2012 election season is already upon us, has in fact been in full tilt for some time. There are numerous people running for President, and various others who will influence the selection and who are therefore of interest.

Next week I will present the first of 2012's many pretenders. I haven't yet decided which one, they all look so deliciously corrupt to me. To many of us, next year's elections already appear to be a fraud.

IT was not for nothing that Ben Franklin was skeptical a Republican form of government could long stand. At the end of the Constitutional Convention he was asked, "Well, Doctor, what have we got—a Republic or a Monarchy?" His reply: "A Republic, if you can keep it."

*Nancy and Ronald Reagan are said to have hidden their actual birth data, as far back as the 1950's, if not earlier. He allegedly subtracted a year from his, she allegedly added one to hers. And though I'm beating a dead horse, the man known to us as Barack Hussein Obama was born in Chicago on an entirely different date, of entirely different parents, with an entirely different name. He got his present identity fair and square: He stole it. No, he was not born in Kenya.