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Solar Eclipse on Friday

AT 4:54 am EDT on Friday, July 1, there will be a **partial solar eclipse**, at 9^h12. As it falls some 16 degrees from the node (at 23rd) it will be a partial eclipse, visible off the coast of Antarctica, the outer edge of the Moon's shadow barely grazing this planet.

While I think any contact of the Moon's shadow with the surface of the Earth to be evil and noxious, this is, or would be, a very weak event. What makes it of interest is that Saturn on the day will be at 10^h42, almost precisely square, and that all three bodies will be in cardinal signs.

In a healthy world we would shrug this off as no big deal. But the world is not healthy at the moment. There are two simple ways one may judge the overall health of the planet. One is the prevalence, or absence, of large scale war. The other is the prevalence of severe weather. Severe weather has become endemic in many place on the globe



the past dozen years. The scientific crowd has a whiz-bang theory of global warming and wants to attribute all events to that. Which might be true. I am told the Chinese have a theory that anger creates wind, that the angrier the world gets, the nastier the resulting weather. It seems obvious to me that anger, as an intense emotion, is a substance like any other and when prolonged must accumulate and produce some visible results.

The eclipse falls on Lady Di's 50th birthday, and to my surprise, she is back in the news. There is a **new novel** that suggests she faked her death and now lives in the Midwestern town of Kensington (inside joke). I almost want to believe it, except that her accent and upper class manners make her impossible to hide in this way.

HS Green says eclipses in a cardinal water sign cause flash floods (well, more or less). **Raphael** says eclipses in the first decanate of Cancer cause severe weather. The square to Saturn adds stress in general.

And a big shout out to **Kate Middleton**. Saturn is sitting smack on her Mars at the moment, the eclipse will do her no good.

ASTRO MED A to Z

FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Goitre. The commonest indication of ordinary goitre is an affliction between Taurus and Leo, often involving the Lights or asc. on the one hand and Jupiter on the other. Often Mars joins in this configuration, and the particular hylegical point affected may be in good aspect to one of these planets and in bad aspect to the other. Bodies are often in 4^o Aries-Libra and more rarely the corresponding areas of Cancer and Capricorn. About 20^o Taurus-Scorpio is another common centre of affliction. The Moon, Venus, and Jupiter are often found setting. Another area that seems to have importance is 27^o Leo-Aquarius. Only when the basic meanings of these areas are understood shall we be able to understand why they are tenanted in some cases and not in others, and what modifications in the character of the disease ensue.

Gluttony is usually connected chiefly with Taurus. It is probable that Venus in this sign or in Cancer, especially if in aspect with Mars, may produce a love of food in particular . . .

— **An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**

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for the week (all times GMT)

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28	07:57	☾ II	
	05:18	☉ ♂ ♀	
	11:39	♀ II ☉	
29	05:48	☾ II ☉	
	06:24	♀ II ♀	
30	07:34	☾ ♂ ♀ Void	
	07:41	☾ II ☉	
	16:14	☾ ☿	
	21:24	♀ II ☉	
01	03:22	☾ ♂ ♀	
	08:55	☉ 09 ^h 12 Solar Eclipse	
	11:39	☾ ☐ ♃ Void	
02	05:38	♀ ♃	
	18:08	♀ II ♂	
	21:44	☾ ♃	
03	00:17	☉ ☐ ♃	
	16:27	☾ ✕ ♃ Void	
04	04:17	♀ ☿	
	17:27	♀ △ ♀	

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STAR OF THE WEEK



ALHENA gamma Geminorum 9^h 16

Notes: A brilliant white star in the left foot of the Southern Twin, often called the Bright Foot of Gemini. It has been called "the wound in the tendon of Achilles."

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mercury & Venus. It bestows eminence in art but gives liability to accidents affecting the foot.

With Sun: Pride, love of ease, luxury & pleasure. There may be martial honours but danger of losing them. [This star is conjunct Friday's eclipse. — Dave]

With Moon: Good health, honour, riches, pleasure & society, domestic benefits.

With Venus: Material concerns, love of dress, pleasure & flattery, artistic & musical ability.

With Saturn: Caution, reserve, studiousness, prominence in science or art, some domestic discord, sickness to the children, unexpected losses but possibility of wealth, ill-health at the end of life.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Training New Horary Teachers in Class

THE direct & successful approach to reading a horary question lies in knowing the rules that comprise the formula and applying them from a strictly impersonal standpoint. Teaching a class of 12 student-teachers over a twelve week semester is amazingly simple when following a repetition method, which amounts to individual instruction that produces 144 individual readings from only twelve charts as read by the twelve students themselves for one another.

Each student brings his notebook and Jacobson **HORARY**.

Set the chart beforehand for ten minutes after the class is to begin, so that it can be copied by the students as you write it on the blackboard with the Moon's APPLYING aspects listed underneath it.

At ten minutes after the class starts, each student asks his own horary question & enters it in his notebook for future reference.

Ask a student here & there to select the house ruling his question & point it out in the chart on the board & name the planet ruling the Sign on that house, also pointing it out in the chart on the board. It signifies something of importance and thus is called a SIGNIFICATOR. Ask if it is aspected in the Moon-list because if it is it will register actively in the answer to be given.

The House of the Question

Have a yardstick in hand to hold against the chart, to show such a person's 1st house (Ascendant), then go forward the required number of houses to reach the one ruling the person or matter inquired about. — **In the Beginning Astrology**, 1975

Get set for your

Second Saturn Return

I SHOULD be fair and start off with definitions. In every chart you will find Saturn, in a particular degree of a particular sign, in a specific house. That's its natal placement.

Saturn – the planet – has a 29.7 year orbit. Which means that by the ages of 29 and 30, Saturn has slowly trekked through all the signs and houses in your chart until he has finally returned to where he started.

This moment is known as a Saturn Return. Astrologers warn 20-somethings to watch out for it, as it is a most unpleasant experience. It's a lot like being forced to grow up years after you thought you had. For those who miss the astrological warning, there's the popular belief that turning 30 is a big letdown. Which it is.

The first Saturn return gets written up in a lot of books, transit books especially, as a lot of astrological authors are in their 30's & 40's & so have a first-hand idea what they're talking about. **Rob Hand**, in **Planets in Transit**, written when he was 34 years old, says,

Consciously or unconsciously, you are pruning your life of everything that is not relevant. . . However, do not dwell upon these losses, for they are necessary in order to clear the decks for the major period of action in your life.

Which is good advice for the return at age 29. Hand then goes on to say,

If this is your first return of Saturn, particularly, you should roll with the punch and voluntarily let go of these elements.

Which sounds as if, age 30-something, he's not yet sure what the second Saturn might bring. If so, it would be understandable. He then continues with,

If you try to hold on, you may be somewhat successful, but twenty-nine years from now the second Saturn return will be much more difficult.

Back in the '70's & '80's there was a conceit that mega-cycles like this, 29 years for Saturn, 12 for Jupiter, 40 for Uranus, etc., had meaning & could be conceptualized. Which might have come from **Rudhyar**, or might have come from our father's or grandfather's generation, who all seem to have been happily married at 18, got jobs, had kids, watched them grow up before eventually retiring with gold watches & pensions. Which was pretty much my father's story, but

it wasn't mine.

My life has been chaotic, so I can't tell you, from my own experience, that if you didn't suffer enough at your first Saturn return, that the Big Bad Bogey Man will come & get you at your second. I don't know how anyone possibly gets off easy at the first Saturn return, and if you've not yet experienced it, know that you'll live through it.

But in talking about the mistake of *holding on* to the wrong things at the first Saturn return, Hand is setting us up for his best guess at a bad second Saturn return. Which is:

Then you will be much more firmly established on paths that are inappropriate for you. If this is your second return [i.e., age 59 or so – Dave], you are faced with the need to make radical changes.

This, back in the day, was ritualistic. We were constantly admonished that if we didn't get the planet right the first time (whichever planet it was), the second time it came around things would be Just Gawd Awful. Sounds logical but doesn't make any sense.

I cite Hand's book as it is a most excellent treatise and is not only the first book I consult for transits, but very often the only one — and I have lots of others on the shelf. Nor is it fair to mock him, as he is now into his 60's and knows well what the second Saturn will bring. As he aged, Robert Hand, like all of us, found other things to do with his life and so never quite got around to revising his text as his ideas changed, as his wisdom matured. Like all creations, including this newsletter, **Planets in Transit** is an artifact in time. It cannot help be anything but. Hand's book is still the best in the field.

SOME years ago I had a different idea. **The second Saturn return is when you retire.** Even though official "retirement" in America is 65 or 62 or 67, the second Saturn is really the ending, the closing out, of the busy working period of life, and the opening of something quite mysteriously different. As of this moment in my second Saturn return, Saturn has made a direct pass, and a retrograde pass. It will make the third and final pass in August, which is not far off.

So, two-thirds of the way through the process, what do I think? I think retirement is still the main event. That increasingly I really don't want the fuss, I don't want the

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Part 40:

Special Aphorisms relating to health

continued:—

GOUT. (a) Both luminaries afflicted in watery signs.

(b) Luminaries in conjunction with or opposition to malefics in Aries, Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio, Capricorn, Aquarius or Pisces, the luminaries or malefics having house or exaltation in the 1st or 6th.

(c) In nocturnal maps Mars, Venus and Moon angular in opposition to Saturn in Taurus, Leo, Sagittarius or Pisces.

(d) Saturn in Pisces opposite Mars or Sun or Moon.

(e) Saturn in Virgo, Sagittarius, or Capricorn in 6th or 12th, square or opposite Mars, Sun or Moon.

FEMALE AILMENTS. (a) Moon in conjunction with or in good aspect to Venus causes regular catamenia, but if afflicting each other they will be profuse & weakening especially if at the same time Mars afflicts Venus. [catamenia = menstruation]

(b) Saturn afflicting Venus causes catamenia to be irregular, painful or suppressed.

(c) Saturn and Venus in Capricorn, afflicted by Moon in Libra indicates danger of catemenia never occurring, and consequent barrenness.

CONVULSIONS are caused by afflictions from fixed signs, Mercury being at the same time afflicted by Mars or Uranus.

STONE. In a diurnal map Saturn and Mars in 7th or 8th, or Mars in the 6th in Libra or Scorpio, afflicting Moon, or Moon in Libra or Scorpio afflicted by Saturn.

TUMORS AND ABSCESSSES are caused by the planets or luminaries afflicted in Cancer or Capricorn. If the afflicting planet be in Virgo or Pisces, it often produces an abscess on or near the liver. —*A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, 1922

Causes of Gout

From the
Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology
 by H.L. Cornell

The Sun in Taurus & afflicted by Jupiter; the Sun afflicted in Scorpio; the Moon afflicted in Gemini or afflicting the hyleg therefrom; the Moon hyleg, and to the conjunction or ill-aspect Saturn by direction; the Moon afflicted in Sagittarius; the Moon in Gemini or Capricorn, conjunct or ill-aspected any of the malefics as promissors; a Moon disease; the Moon to the conjunction Saturn by direction; the Moon in Virgo, conjunct or ill aspecting Saturn (or Mercury if he be of the nature of Saturn) at the beginning of an illness, or at the decumbiture (Horary); Neptune in Pisces and afflicting the Sun; Neptune, Uranus or Saturn in Libra and afflicting the Sun or Moon; Saturn in Taurus, Leo, Libra, Sagittarius, Capricorn or Pisces and afflicting the hyleg; a Saturn disease; Saturn in Leo, gout in the heart; Saturn in signs that rule the arms, hands, legs and feet tend to gout and rheumatism in these parts; Saturn

afflicted in Scorpio; Saturn in Scorpio or Sagittarius, occidental and afflicting the Sun, Moon or Ascendant; Saturn afflicted in the sixth house or afflicting the hyleg therefrom; Saturn afflicting the hyleg or ascendant; Jupiter afflicted in Taurus or Sagittarius; Mars in Scorpio and afflicting the Moon or ascendant; Mars in Scorpio in the 6th house; Mars in Capricorn; Venus afflicted in Sagittarius or Capricorn; Mercury in Capricorn, conjunct or ill-aspecting any of the malefics as promissors, and due principally to worry & melancholy; a Taurus, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces disease, and by afflictions in these signs; etc., etc. — **Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology**, by H.L. Cornell

Is

This You?



0°–10° Capricorn rising
The Capricorn decanate

Appearance of the First Decanate

The figure is usually thin & bony, possessing prominent features and a protruding chin. The neck is frequently short & thin, whilst the voice becomes harsh and unpleasing. The body is often short with narrow shoulders, which appear the more marked as the face is often far too large for the body. The eyes are small & lacklustre, the hands ugly. Elderly feminine members of this sign are frequently given to making spasmodic & even grotesque gestures in order to elaborate some commonplace incident, & they revel in the obvious, for nothing is too small for comment as far as they are concerned. Thus they appear as amazing phenomena of tedious restlessness to people born under other signs.

The first decanate is under Saturn & denotes an ambitious mind, possessing the power to rise above the early environment to positions of responsibility. Yet fears & doubts will hamper these achievements, for the nature is often lacking in sympathy & usually conventional in outlook. People of the older generation born under this sign seem frequently inclined to humourless merriment & goat-like caperings, alternating with fits of melancholy. Younger Capricornians are far more free from inhibitions & complexes & so tackle their problems in a more straightforward fashion. — **Man & the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.

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bother, I don't want to continue with the level of activity I maintained all these many years. These are things for younger people. I want fewer ideas, fewer things in general, but I want them to be better, stronger, more pure. If I can't get them, then I may simply let things slide. Or I might gather up a surprising amount of force and make it happen, because, at this age, Saturn confirms that I know how to get things done. I have the resources, I have the contacts, I have the raw ability. It's off the top of my head, it's at my fingertips. If it's important, then it's now easier than ever to MAKE IT HAPPEN. Which is the reason why you are told to respect your elders, as they can have nasty tempers.

In other words, I have come to think the second Saturn return, unless you're just plain hyper, to be rather pleasant. While mine is not quite over, and while we all know of nasty outer planet transits where the first (direct) pass was uneventful and the second (retrograde) pass was uneventful but the third & final (direct) pass produced a screaming mess, I don't sense anything like that coming towards me.

Which surprises me, as no one associates anything pleasant with the planet Saturn.

Instead, all of a sudden, after four years of writing a newsletter and nine years of publishing books and eighteen years of running a bookstore, this spring, in the middle of the return itself, I have suddenly become a minor astrological star. At my age? What a strange, unexpected thing.

In the first return, in the second return, Saturn sits in judgment, totaling up the good and the bad, rendering his verdict. In the first return, well, we haven't yet done much so there's not much he can do but send us naked into the wilderness to prove ourselves, to Be or to Not Be, to Live or Perish, sink or swim, as the case may be.

And so, like a prodigal son, into the world we go. And the years pass.

At the second return, we tramp our way out of the cold, back into the warmth and safety of the cabin, bearing our scars, loaded with the treasures we have fought and won, what we have torn from the earth itself. We present these, we present 30 years hard work, to Saturn.

And this is where Saturn starts to look, to me, a lot like Santa Claus. An old man with a long gray beard. He's making a list, he's checking it twice. If you've worked hard, if you've been good, might you be rewarded? Taking stock. Is the second Saturn return where you get your just due, for better or worse?

Christmas falls in Capricorn, the sign ruled by Saturn, and December is a cold, dark month. We arise on the Christmas morning and with apprehension, search our Xmas stockings. Have we been naughty, or nice? Will we find lumps of coal? Will we find sugarplums? Or maybe a bit of both?

Of course I am not saying that if you've been good then the second Saturn return will take all your troubles away. Nor am I saying that if you were bad that your problems will only get worse. There are no such simple outcomes. For example, in the period of time after my first Saturn return, up to my second, I did not save for a rainy day, so, now, I have no pension, I have no investments. Social Security, when it arrives in three years will not be very much, so, like it or not, I must go on earning a living for many years to come. In fact I am not retiring, but I am shifting gears.

In terms of family, I was very late taking a wife and starting a family. I have only one child, a ten year old daughter. So, like it or not, I must continue to provide for her for at least another ten years. Had I started younger, I might instead have reached my second Saturn with adult children who might take care of me. When my father reached his second Saturn return, he had a 39 year old son: Me. And a 38 year old son, and a 37 year old daughter and six more children as well, the youngest being 26 at the time, which is still fully mature. Unlike myself, my father reached his second Saturn having completed his responsibilities to his family. He had earned the reward of grandchildren. Which he greatly enjoyed.

In these areas I was irresponsible – or perhaps just destitute – and so earned myself lumps of coal, rather than sugarplums. Saturn — Kris Kringle — Father Time — Santa Claus — puts each life into the balance, and judges accordingly.

So what do you expect to find in your stocking on the Christmas morning of your second Saturn return?

Postscript
WOMEN, by the way, have a completely different experience. A girl who gets married right out of high school and settles down and has a family, suddenly reaches her 40's and watches her children leave the nest, leaving her alone for perhaps the first time in her life. This is a landmark event in many women's lives, and is not marked by major Saturn or Jupiter or Uranus cycles. And, no, the Saturn opposition at age 44-5 does not explain

this level of raw intensity.

Many women ("middle aged housewives") seek answers, seek to discover why their lives turned out the way they did, how and why their children became the adults who left them behind, why their domestic lives were as they were. The women who turn to astrology often become excellent students, as they are driven by an intense desire, a great need, for answers.

Their next great turning point is when their husbands retire and end up cluttering the living room, sitting sadly immobile in their favorite chair, watching endless TV, grumbling about this or that.

For many women, the first Saturn return, age 29, is a coming of age. In the case of my mother, she began birthing children at her first nodal return, age 19, and largely ceased doing so by age 29, her Saturn return / nodal demi-return. I have always thought that decade, 18 to 29, to be a woman's ideal child-bearing years. Men largely do not experience their first nodal return. Many women do.

Men do not experience anything like what women experience in their mid-40's, when their children leave home. Nor, unless their husband is a certain number of years older than they, do women experience the second Saturn return in the way that men do. For women, the second Saturn return is an abstraction, as women do not "retire". The departure of your children, the arrival of your retired spouse, are more powerful, more immediate, more transforming as events.

There is yet a third milestone that many women face, which is the sad day their husbands pass away, leaving them alone and bereft, prisoners of memories. It is the unmistakable sign their lives are effectively over.

Women's lives are different, and as much as we talk of equality between the sexes, men will never be faced with childbearing, nor its consequences. I think these events supersede simplistic astrological formulas, like Saturn returns.

Are these three great transitions, the empty nest, the return of the husband, his eventual demise, shown in a woman's natal chart? Of course they are. They will turn up as transits from this planet to that, directions, progressions of various sorts. They will be found in solar returns. To my knowledge there has yet to be a book that describes these events in astrological terms, a book that does women justice. It is long overdue.