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## Wisconsin



Wisconsin was admitted to the Union on May 29, 1848. Penfield rectifies the time to "11:41 am CST", Madison, noting that sources said the state came into the union "around noon". You should note that Standard time was not in existence in 1848, and that "noon" would refer to time in Washington, not Madison. Penfield gives the state Virgo rising, with Gemini on the MC. Sun & Mercury are in the 10th. The Moon is late in Aries in the 8th.

Current governor Scott Walker was born on November 2, 1967 in Colorado Springs, CO. Time is unknown, but note these two factors well: First, he behaves like an egotistical brat, and, second, he lacks oppositions. Can you think of another recent politician who lacked oppositions? God, I can: George W. Bush. When a manager or executive or leader lacks oppositions, what does that mean?

**It means no one has ever told him NO.**

### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

01	04:03	☉ ✕ ♄	Void
	05:15	☉ ☿	
	13:38	♀    ☉	
	14:49	♀ ✕ ♄	
02	02:39	♀ ☿	
03	14:37	☉ ♂ ♀	Void
	16:48	☉ ♃	
	20:19	☉    ☉	
04	02:50	♂ ✕ ♀	
	07:29	☉ ♂ ♂	
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	12:57	☉ ♂ ♀	
	22:24	♀    ♃	
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	05:15	☉ ♃	
	10:59	☉ ♃ ☉	
	23:44	☉ ♂ ♃	
07	05:38	♀ ♃ ♃	
	13:22	☉ ♂ ♃	

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And no one ever will. Not in his entire life. Such men do not compromise, they do not negotiate, they do not understand the very concept. Hello Wisconsinites, are you scared yet? With Mars in Capricorn and Saturn in Aries as outliers, Walker's chart consists of Virgo and Scorpio: Which is masterful micro-management of details, Scorpio to Virgo. Let's rectify. What's the single most self-centered, tone-deaf area of the chart? Well, of course: Houses 1, 2 & 3.

So let's give Walker a birth time of 2:25 am MST & put Pluto in Virgo on the ascendant. It destroys Venus in its wake, as they are dead conjunct. Chart ruler Mercury is in intense Scorpio, tending towards the third house, and it's retrograde, which means secretive. If 2:25-ish am MST is correct, Walker was born exactly three hours after a total solar eclipse (official at 6:24 am GMT). With a Moon both debilitated and under the sunbeams, Walker's emotions are well-hidden. Mars & Saturn are square & mutual reception, with Mars exalted as final dispositor.

To sum up: Pluto rising, Moon, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn in debility, with Mercury retrograde, Mars and Saturn in mutual reception with Mars as final dispositor, Scott Walker is one very powerful, very nasty man. **WHY IS ASTROLOGY NOT TAUGHT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS?** He will take the Koch brothers for a ride. As he is also inarticulate & unappealing, we may yet be spared a President Walker.



## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Stars in Medieval Magic

**Aldebaran:** Gives riches & honour.  
**Algol:** Gives success to petitions, makes the wearer bold & magnanimous, preserves the body, protects against witchcraft, & turns evil & spells back upon those who work them.  
**Algorab:** It makes the wearer angry, bold, courageous & a backbiter, gives bad dreams, the power of summoning or driving away evil spirits & protection from winds & the malice of men & devils.

**Alphecca:** Gives chastity & love & goodwill of men.  
**Antares:** Gives understanding & memory, help against evil spirits, and the power of driving them away & binding them.  
**Arcturus:** Cures fevers, retains the blood, and acts as an astringent.  
**Capella:** Makes the wearer honoured & exalted before nobility & cures the toothache.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## On Saturn

**W**HEN we deal with an empty house we read it as an outside or world condition into which we are born on the planet Earth. Planets in houses, however, bring those affairs down to earth so to speak where Saturn must wrestle with them by mundane HOUSE conjunction, square or opposition in developing the basic pattern even though they are as yet in aspect only by house.

It is essential that you accept your pattern with understanding if you are to develop its best points. If Saturn is well-placed by Sign (Capricorn, Aquarius, Libra or any Earth or Air Sign), or is in mutual reception with another planet (each in the sign that the other rules) which gives him status as though in his own Sign of dignity, then instead of reacting to the exigencies of bad mundane aspects he responds by handing them with diplomacy, tact & patient waiting so that the pattern eventually emerges as it should. This type of Saturn is the good & kind Teacher who knows what the native requires to improve his field.

If your natal Saturn is weakly placed by being in his detriment of Cancer or his fall in Aries and not in mutual reception, then difficulties arise in life to delay or deny the best opportunities at the right time to develop your pattern. You are forced to bow the head & bend the knee in dealing with the planets in square or opposition, recognizing Saturn as Taskmaster, because you react instead of responding. The moment you stop wrestling with him & learn his lesson you learn the way to achieve your pattern and you are a nobler person. . . . — [Here & There in Astrology](#), 1961

# Vettius Valens

**I**AM informed that Vettius Valens' book was an informal collection of notes to be passed around among people he personally knew. This tells me a great deal.

If he was serious about writing a book he would have set it in verse. As he did not set in verse he presumably did not speak in verse (see Elizabethan English, aka the plays of Shakespeare & his contemporaries — as well as rap, surprisingly enough). If Valens did not speak in verse then he was presumably of the lowest classes & uneducated as a child.

There may have been language differences as well. If Greek was spoken in both Antioch (Valens' birthplace) & Alexandria (where he lived), it was certain to be different dialects, but if Valens came from the educated classes he would still have written his book in educated Alexandrian Greek (i.e., verse), even if he had to transpose his "low Deutsch" into "high Deutsch", to give a German example. See [Dorotheus](#).

Which also accounts for Valens' compulsive scholarship. Informally trained, L--G---- read popular psychology voraciously as a teen, but never read anything she didn't like and as she made no formal study, her resulting ineptitude shows in virtually every book she ever wrote. (Apologies to bring her into this.)

Formally trained people, like many professors, are widely read but, often, personally timid. They confidently parrot everyone else's opinion but become upset when challenged, as they have little of their own to fall back on. Too many years as a student, sitting in a chair, methinks.

A failure, a repetitive failure, which is what Valens seems to have been, is compulsively, repeatedly shown his own inadequacies & as a result grasps, claws, fights his way, simply to survive in the world. Presuming they are not actually killed in intellectual combat, when these rather slow-maturing people finally "arrive", they hurl ideas around like brickbats. Your ideas, my ideas, Valens' ideas. Let's go smash some ideas together & see what turns up. Always a surprise. Which is what I read in Valens: A smorgasbord of ideas from all manner of sources. Which is why his book is so valuable.

Secrets  
From A,  
Stargazer's  
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

## Venus in Pisces

**T**HEY'RE gooshy, mooshy, want always to be dominated in bed (though they'll pretend otherwise!), and they have an obsessive sweet directionless perversity in manners of romance. You must always tell them you love them and mean it (actions speak louder than words!) or they get hurt, silent, sweet, and pouty. Then they slip off and make a raving fool out of you.

So why, in the name of Jesus, is this the best of the love signs? Look what *happened* to Jesus. No one could stand his love. He paid a mighty high price for his ability to love boundlessly & forever, and the Big Guns lashed out at him. That's what happens to Venus in Pisces when they get mixed up with folks who can't love as well. Venus in Pisces gets crucified. It's the sucker of the zodiac. It's a great position for everybody whom Venus in Pisces loves.

Love is mixed up with religion for this gang. They see God in you. They love everybody, but they love you special. Folks who feel inadequate or have little faith in themselves can't abide this high-quality Light. So they step on old Venus in Pisces and crawl off under their rocks. Venus in Pisces weeps for them and wishes the best for them, in life, genuinely sorry for these people.

In truth, a Venus in Pisces can't fall in love with you unless they feel a bit sorry for you. Affect a limp. You can be a lonely saint or a lonely whore but pick an extreme. Look dashing. Better still, look like a fish, with big bulging eyes, or a frog, with a little pot-belly. I'm serious. Ugliness is merely a temporary setback. As soon as they fall in love with you, you're the handsomest man on God's green earth, the world's most tantalizing woman. If you're good-looking, practice looking like an iguana. It will help you.

Common sense, not to mention mental health, would dictate that people with Venus in Pisces should read to the blind twice a week and pick lovers who will appreciate & compliment the astonishing range of their feelings. © [Debbi Kempton-Smith](#), 1999

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

**Part 28:**  
**Character & Mind**  
*continued*

**T**HE more aspects there are to Mercury the better, even if many are bad ones, as an unsuspected Mercury tends to lack of balance. About the worst affliction to Mercury is from Uranus, as this causes twisted, inverted, erratic, and eccentric ideas, and insanity, or at least liability to nervous breakdown. Other positions indicative of a tendency to insanity are Mercury afflicted by Mars in a day map, or by Saturn in a night map; Saturn afflicting the Asc. by night, or Mars by day, especially if in a watery sign; Moon conjunct Sun in a sign ruled by Saturn, or Moon opposite Sun in one ruled by Mars. Good aspects from Jupiter or Venus will avert the greatest danger and judgment must be formed by comparing the strength of the afflicting planets with that of the planet casting good aspects.

The general type of character given by each of the signs when rising or containing the planets is as follows:


**ARIES:** . . . **NEPTUNE**, imaginative, poetical, scheming. **URANUS**, abrupt, inventive. **SATURN**, industrious, touchy, deceptive. **JUPITER**, enthusiastic, hopeful, judicious. **MARS**, positive, idealistic, argumentative, irritable. **SUN**, self confident, commanding, rash, independent. **VENUS**, idealistic, ardent, demonstrative. **MERCURY**, quick, fluent, impulsive, exaggerative, clever, quarrelsome, greedy. **MOON**, enthusiastic, irritable, penetrative, disobedient, unconventional.

— *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson.

**March 3:**  
1284—Wales becomes English.  
1845—First Presidential veto overridden.  
1875—Bizet's *Carmen* premieres.  
1924—Ottoman Empire abolished.

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**Niobe**

**T**HE glyph for Niobe represents the circle of Being, of pride—held in a teardrop. The Greek Niobe boastfully compared her children to those of the immortal, Leto, and for this hubris suffered the punishment of having her children slain by Artemis and Apollo. The asteroid, Niobe, then stands for inordinate “pride in fertility and in children.” It shows the perils that attend such an investment in one’s children or procreative ability (see this also as pride in “creative products”) and indicates hard lessons in learning humility & detachment. It can show loss of children, separation from children, and long grief.

When retrograde, the individual often is the instrument of his parents’ learning regarding pride and ego-investment in children (them!) as delineated by the remainder of the aspect pattern. There is often inner fear of fertility and parenthood or some sorrow in connection with birth, virility, fertility, creativity or children.

Directions & transits of Niobe will demonstrate the evolution of the pride and its consequences.

**Niobe by Aspect:**

**Ascendant:** [+]  
To be surrounded by one’s children & to feel well in their company; to find it easy to get along with children; to revel in their company.

**M.C.** [c]  
One is “known for” their pride in children; public appearance with children; children affecting the career or reputation; the “children” that one is so proud of may be “employees” or others for whom one is an authority figure or whom one represents; individual may feel more like a parent than an authority . . .  
—from *Mechanics of the Future Asteroids*, © 1988, 1991

**DOG OF THE MONTH**



The Pisces dog is an adorable pet, and big or small needs absolutely loads of affection. He will go to anyone who will pat him on the head or stroke him. Never leaves your side, even when walking,

so he is a joy to be with. Also he gives you an excuse to take that much needed stroll.

Left alone at home, while you go shopping or whatever, he will hang his head and look mournfully at you as you leave.

They are real people dogs and you can easily relate to this one. Definitely will blubber all over you, so be prepared for undying affection.

Sometimes they seem to see and react to things that are not readily apparent to your sight. Could be disconcerting or amusing, depending on your frame of mind

© 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**

**M**ost 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**

**March 3:**  
1938—Oil discovered in Saudi Arabia.  
1997—The Sky Tower opens in Auckland.  
2002—Switzerland joins the UN

