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VETTIUS VALENS: One month later . . .

I'VE been working on Valens for a month. Friday I finished setting the text, which came to 327 pages. This isn't the finished size by any means, as there are 84 pages of front matter (the translator Mark Riley's Survey), as well as around 50 pages of charts & an unknown number for tables & summaries. My goal is to make a book that you can pick up and use. So the book will have nearly 500 pages and cost around \$50. That's a lot.

Valens is daunting. Early on I asked around for help. I really shouldn't bother. I have a chart full of oppositions. Help is never given to such a chart, I should know that by now. Some believe Vettius Valens to be indecipherable. Other think any publication will fail — as all recent attempts have. Still others think I am too ignorant to com-

prehend the subject, which, let's be fair, you will know soon enough.

From what I gather, the prevailing ideas about Valens seem to be incomplete. There seems to be a dispute over how he calculated this or that Lot, which gives the impression that Valens is a book about Lots. This is not true. For the most part, Valens uses only Fortuna and Daimon (Spirit).

There is also a belief, which seems to be quite really ancient (like contemporary to Valens himself), that he used some simple set of Chronocrators for forecasting. That there are simple, unique values, that Chronocrators are in some way a western version of Vimshottari dasas, with a cascading hierarchy of planetary rulers.

This is false. Valens has many, many different sorts of counts, all of them overlapping, all of them simultaneous, all of them starting with the rising time of the ascendant based on the latitude (klima) of birth. It is such a complex system that I suspect it was largely reactionary: Something happened & you found a count to explain it. Valens himself admitted it was a difficult system. Computers would do quite well with it, actually. Which means that Valens might finally have come of age.

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

22	00:57	☉ # ♃	
	21:49	♂ # ♃	
23	20:08	☽ □ ♀	Void
	20:46	☽ ♂	
24	02:03	☽ △ ☉	
25	15:13	♂ ♃	
26	01:26	☽ ✕ ♀	Void
	01:58	☽ ♃	
	12:08	☉ 05 ♃ 29	Last Quarter
	15:49	☽ ♂ ♀	
27	01:40	♀ ♂ ♀	
	06:53	♀ ✕	
	10:43	♀ ♀	
	12:20	♀ # ♀	
	14:29	♀ # ♀	
	14:49	☉ # ♂	
28	03:19	☽ ✕ ♂	Void
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	12:11	☉ □ ♀	
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FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

CANCER (continued from last week): *The typical indication is that the Sun is nearly always related both to Jupiter & to Saturn, either by aspect or by sign.* Thus it may be in aspect with both, or in aspect with one either in or from a sign ruled by the other. For example, it may be in Sagittarius in aspect with Saturn, or Saturn may aspect it from a sign of Jupiter. The aspect need not be evil, but if it is not, then the Sun is usually in bad aspect to Mars, Uranus, or Neptune as well.

Neptune seems sometimes to take the place of Jupiter, and this planet is frequently in aspect (not always evil) to Mars or Saturn, or both.

About 25° Virgo-Pisces is a common area of affliction. It seems to be connected with swollen conditions generally, tumors & growths.

I have a few cases in which the Moon is afflicted in the beginnings of the cardinal signs by Venus and Mars. Example, Male, born 8:30 am, October 29, 1849, Winchester.

— An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology



STAR OF THE WEEK



DIFDA (Deneb Kaitos) beta Ceti 2 ♃ 44

Notes: A yellow star on the Whale's tail. From Al Difdi al Thani, the Second Frog

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn. It causes self-destruction by brute force, sickness, disgrace, misfortune & compulsory change.

With Sun: Mental disturbance, some loss keenly felt, accidents such as burns, scalds & cuts.

With Moon: Pioneer, reckless, headstrong, violent temper, many quarrels, bad for gain & business.

With Mercury: Active mind, writer or speaker upon subjects of public welfare, seeks to enact laws of benefit to the community, favourable for social affairs.

With Venus: Reserved, passionate, many secret love affairs.

With Mars: Passionate, violent, subject to accidents . . . — from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson



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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Mars

MARS in good aspect to Uranus bestirs one by much energizing power that sooner or later frees the person from untoward conditions related to the house in which Uranus appears; that is where one must be free. Uranus retrograde is loath to break bonds but yet is sure to do it finally in one devious way or another, and assuredly if he is in the 1st, 4th, 7th or 10th.

In bad aspect to Uranus, Mars activates him to great disregard for the conventions in general & the rules & regulations best observed where he is posited by house. Mars rules force & Uranus rules unpredictable resistance; in tandem they register explosively.

Mars in any aspect to Neptune is under idealistic urges for which he is willing to fight. He is often active in fighting for the underdog & vociferously because his voice is loud & sometimes rocks the room. If either one is in a cadent house it shows troubled circumstances behind the scenes involving relatives.

Mars/Neptune aspects give great love of color & an unusual way of combining colors. The life or personality is more colorful, too, and always very active. If Neptune is angular, a person there is truly loved & excused for what little oddities he may display.

Mars in any aspect to Jupiter or Venus is more or less active in furthering the benevolent & gainful side of life; energetic in pursuing academic or artistic treatment of whatever the house represents & quick to espouse & put into operation such causes. — **From Outer Space to Planet Earth**, 1982.

Current Events

Here's some data for you:

JAPAN: Campion gives three charts: First, February 11, 1889 at noon in Tokyo (untimed, but a day event). This is the Meiji Constitution. Second, the post-war Constitution, May 3, 1947, noon, Tokyo. This was a series of daytime events. Third, restoration of Japanese sovereignty on April 28, 1952, 1:30 pm GMT (note!), Tokyo. Of the three, the first and third are the most important.

NUCLEAR: We start with the discovery of Pluto, which even I think rules nuclear energy. That was on February 18, 1930, Flagstaff, Arizona. Hiroshima was bombed on August 6, 1945, 8:16 am JST, Hiroshima. This is a Japanese-American chart, the positions apply to both countries, though, of course, more severely to Japan than the US.

THE QUAKE: March 11, 2011, 2:46 pm JST, Sendai, Japan. The exact coordinates seem to be 38N19'19", 142E22'08".

FIRST EXPLOSION AT FUKUSHIMA: March 12, 2011 at 3:36 pm. Note that Uranus is now in Aries.

SPRING EQUINOX 2011: March 20, 2011, 7:21 pm EDT. You should run this for Washington, DC, Tripoli, Libya, Paris, London, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Singapore. How Singapore fits in this I don't know. They should pray they don't.

You should also study:

SOLAR ECLIPSE from January: January 4, 2011, 4:03 am EST. A glancing strike in the far south Pacific, east of New Zealand. Set for Christchurch and Tokyo. Also,

LUNAR ECLIPSE, of December 21, 2010, 3:13 am EST. **Set this for Tokyo.** This is where things get nasty. It is squared by the full moon on March 20, 2011, 2:10 pm EDT. This is a **super moon** chart. I haven't previously paid them attention. Set for wherever you think the world will blow up next.

LIBYA: Gaddafi himself is the creator of the modern Libyan state, which was by military coup on September 3, 1969, Tripoli. Preparations started at 2:00 am, key positions were occupied by 4:00 am, complete control was established by 5:00 am, the government was proclaimed, by radio broadcast, at 6:30 am (all from Campion, you should have **this book**). Gaddafi's alleged birth data, like that of most Arab leaders, is known to be wrong, but we may presume September 3, 1969 to be a significant day in his life.

FRANCE: The French have many charts,

but for Sarkozy's venal affair, we need consider only the chart for the 5th Republic. It came into existence on October 5, 1958, 00:00 hours, Paris. Its first official act was on October 6, 1958, at 6:30 pm, Paris.

ENGLAND: The customary chart is set for January 1, 1801 at 0:00 hours, London.

Nikolas SARKOZY was born on January 28, 1955, at 10:00 pm, Paris.

David CAMERON was born October 9, 1966, 6:00 am, London.

The **UNITED NATIONS** was October 24, 1945, at 4:45 pm EST, Washington, DC. Since 1991 it has been used by warmongers as a way of bypassing their nationally mandated requirements for declaring war. The Security Council now resembles the monarchs of old, dividing the world among themselves for private gain.

I heard that Saudi Arabia & Bahrain had sent support to the Anglo-French-American attack against Libya, but once the attack was underway they got cold feet. As I write on Sunday afternoon it seems the overall assault on Libya has fizzled. The Americans are saying that now that the No Fly zone has been established, their job is done. The English seem to be happy they got to bomb something. Which strands the French. Paris wants a puppet regime in Tripoli in order to steal Libyan oil. Domestically, Sarkozy wants to beat up on Moslems to shore up his right-wing anti-immigrant political base. This is very sordid and very French.

When you hear that America accounts for half the world's total military spending, what that means, in plain language, is that unless there is active American military support, no country has the ability to project force beyond its borders. Which dooms the rebels in eastern Libya and makes this affair an absurd fiasco. Unless there is some development, Gaddafi will be more powerful than before. Which is Libya's problem. Not ours.

An essay at **Mercury Mail** says Libya is like Iraq and Yugoslavia: A nation made up of many conflicting pieces, held together by a smooth, savvy political operator. Take out Tito, or Saddam, or Gaddafi and the place falls apart at once. Exactly the sort of country that foreigners shouldn't meddle in. Where's Obama? I hear he's on vacation in Rio. That's what we elect presidents for: To be on vacation. Why doesn't he stay there?

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Part 31:

Character: Sag, Cap, Aquarius, Pisces

SAGITTARIUS: Neptune: Inspirational, utopian ideas. Uranus, rebellious, turbulent, over generous. Saturn, honest, trustworthy, sensitive. Jupiter, refined, kind, courteous, humane, fond of gambling & speculation. Mars, impulsive, rash, rebellious, talkative, generous. Sun, generous, proud, sincere, restless, love of show & luxury. Venus, light hearted, susceptible, fond of pleasure. Mercury, inspirational, passionate, talkative, rebellious, rash. Moon, energetic, restless, kind, sincere, fond of change & sport.

CAPRICORN: Neptune, crafty, subtle, designing, selfish. Uranus, acquisitive, restless, romantic. Saturn, apprehensive, suspicious, discontented, treacherous. Jupiter, autocratic, severe, orthodox. Mars, brave, enterprising, tactful, industrious. Sun, subtle, reserved, serious, conservative, conventional, self-controlled. Venus, fickle, irresolute, restricted & ambitious affections. Mercury, tactful, suspicious, patient, critical, discontented, scientific, irritable. Moon, fond of show or fame, selfish, covetous, very economical, cold, calculating.

AQUARIUS: Neptune, humanitarian, broad minded. Uranus, eccentric, impressionable, scientific. Saturn, observant, thoughtful, slow in speech & action. Jupiter, humane, cheerful, broad & tolerant mind, more philosophical than religious. Mars, nervous, clever, hospitable. Sun, obedient, cheerful, idealistic, democratic, prudent. Venus, faithful, obliging, chaste, romantic, effeminate, timid. Mercury, eloquent, observant, humane, refined, intuitive. Moon, tolerant, in-offensive, sociable, political & scientific, fantastic imagination.

PISCES: Neptune, sympathetic, peculiar ideas. Uranus, fanciful, despondent. Saturn, indecisive, lack of hope & courage, sensitive. Jupiter, hospitable, philanthropic. Mars, satirical, humane, receptive, passionate, timid & bold alternatively. Sun, hospitable, restless, changeable, lack of initiative, arrogant. Venus, hospitable, sympathetic, impressionable, philanthropic, obstinate. Mercury, superficial, imitative, too receptive, muddled, little depth. Moon, dreamy, inconstant, quiet, easy going, restless, retiring, easily discouraged, lacks common sense or humor, intemperate. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, 1922

**From
 Some Principles
 of Horoscopic
 Delineation**

by C.E.O. Carter

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An afflicted Venus seems, first & foremost, to be liable to signify an unhappy childhood. For a child has poor, because undeveloped, powers of self-adjustment. Children tend to be either violent or timid: in the former case they are checked & so made unhappy; in the later case timidity is itself an unhappy state of mind. Next, a weak Venus is said to destroy conjugal happiness, making the native unloving, or else the victim of one that is. It is not good for associations with one's daughters or with any young girls. And, despite attempts made nowadays (which are checked at every turn in practical astrology) to deny each planet more than one sign, Venus does rule Taurus and its connection with financial affairs is plain to see; hence its afflictions often manifest in this sphere.

Taken all in all, one is tempted to regard Venus as almost the most important planetary body and the one that alone makes life not only pleasant, but even possible.

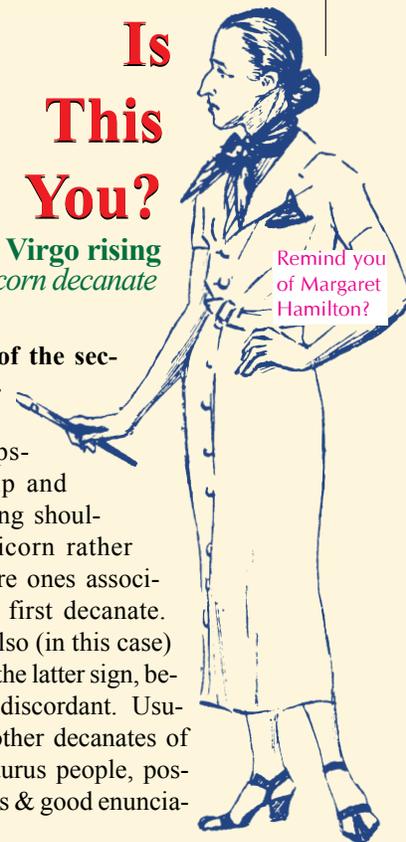
Mars, on the other hand, is often dangerous to life. Yet he is a necessary part of the planetary scheme—as, indeed, we must believe to be the case with all the members of our system, difficult though it may be at times to think so. Mercury, with his rulership over the nervous system and its highest development, the brain, really makes man what he is—the thinker—and for that matter even natural intelligence, such as we see in animals and even in certain forms of vegetation, would be impossible without him. — **Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation**.



**Is
 This
 You?**

**10°–20° Virgo rising
 The Capricorn decanate**

Remind you of Margaret Hamilton?



Appearance of the second decanate:

Note the Hapsburg under-lip and also the sloping shoulders of Capricorn rather than the square ones associated with the first decanate. The voice is also (in this case) influenced by the latter sign, being harsh and discordant. Usually the two other decanates of Virgo, like Taurus people, possess soft voices & good enunciation.

The *Capricorn* decanate of Virgo is ruled by Saturn. This combination gives an artistic mind possessing musical & literary tastes. The nature is genial yet retiring and somewhat reserved. The family fortunes tend to suffer at the end of life, which comes more and more under the influence of Saturn. The mind is too self-centred to make satisfactory contacts with others of either sex, largely through the earthly inability to intuit their minds or emotions correctly.

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

March 23:

- 1400 – Tran Dynasty of Vietnam deposed
- 1801 – Tsar Paul I of Russia murdered
- 1879 – War: Chile, Bolivia, Peru
- 1933 – Reichstag passes Enabling act
- 1983 – Reagan's Star Wars initiative
- 2003 – 29 US soldiers killed, Iraq.

