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Rapture!

WAS May 21. And this isn't 20-20 hindsight. Any fool could have predicted the outcome. I, chief among fools, in fact did so, before the Bel Air post office clerks at some point back in March, I think.

Harold Camping had done the hard work of finding the date, and then even harder work to bring it to the world's attention. But even he could not do everything. He had no idea how events of that day would actually play out. Since I have my Sun and Moon in the opposite houses to his, I had the necessary contrast to complete his work. On Saturday, May 21, 2011, the Rapture actually happened. Here's how:

God might be supreme, but ever since the Burning Bush episode he hasn't wasted time with pyrotechnics. If he wants to send us a **delegate**, he has him take ordinary birth, just like the rest of us. So if he wants to rapture people, knock their clothes off & lift them bodily into heaven, he already has the

means to do that. It's called tornados.

And though I've heard Harold, some 89 years old, has backed away from his May 21 prediction and now favors October 21, this only shows the old man has gone senile. There are few tornados in October.

So if you've had enough & wanted rescue (and don't we all !!), then on the ordained day, you must seek out a tornado. As it happens, the midwest is full of tornados at this time of year, and as it happens, the **Weather Channel** will tell you exactly where you may find them. — Such was my prediction. Any reasonably intelligent elder of Mr. Camping's church should have had bus loads of eager Rapturees standing by, waiting on the forecast.

An on May 21, the day itself, the Weather Channel, in fact, broadcast live from Tornado Ground Zero, in NE Kansas / NW Missouri. Top weather broadcaster **Mike Bettis**, along with **Dr. Greg Forbes**, the nation's leading tornado expert, were **live, in the field, physically chasing the Rapture Tornado**, broadcasting to the entire world as it happened. Yet only one person was raptured. How could Camping's people have missed this? It was so obvious!

God put a lot of work into this. He was not happy with the result. The very next day, he forcibly raptured more than 100 innocents of Joplin, Missouri. He picked Joplin to send a message to nearby **Tulsa**, the source of much related nonsense. — *The loss of life was a great tragedy.*

Not a joke. My apologies.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

EGOISM and Selfishness (continued from last week) are essentially exaggeration of our instinct of self-preservation & of the individualizing principle. In a very general sense it may be said,

LEO is, in good types, very unselfish, affectionate & ready to help others; but is frequently egoistic in the extreme

VIRGO is self-centered.

LIBRA is often lazy, and dislikes contact with the sadder aspects of life, but is distinctly unegoistic.

SCORPIO goes to extremes, but is usually devotedly selfless towards its special idols.

SAGITTARIUS is generous with material help, but often careless of others & slapdash in its manner.

CAPRICORN acts from principle rather than from the heart; it is self-protective, and is seldom willing to do more for others than is strictly due to them.

AQUARIUS is unselfish in the service of causes & ideals, rather than individuals.

PISCES is good natured & as a rule far from selfish; it can, however, show a certain amount of egoism in its liking for preaching at others.



STAR OF THE WEEK



RIGEL beta Orionis 16 II 59

Notes: A double bluish white star situated on the left foot of Orion.

Influence: According to Ptolemy & Lilly it is of the nature of Jupiter & Saturn, but later authors consider it favourable & similar to Jupiter & Mars. It gives benevolence, honour, riches, happiness, glory, renown & inventive or mechanical ability

If rising: Good fortune, preferment, riches, great & lasting honours.

If culminating: Great military or ecclesiastical preferment, anger, vexation, magnanimity, much gain acquired by labour & mental anxiety, lasting honours.

With Sun: Bold, courageous, insolent, unruly temper, hasty actions, bloodshed, many enemies, great good fortune, military success.

With Moon: Much worry & disappointment, injuries to life & fortune, sickness, bad for gain, ill-health or death to wife or mother.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Planetary Arrangement in the Chart

Concentrated:—

PLANETS concentrated into groups denote ability to concentrate his forces & specialize, applying himself sedulously & industriously to the matter in hand and the main interest in life. He is not one to be turned aside from his goal or objective; and even if on the occidental side of the chart so that others dictate his life to great extent he is able to bide his time & apply himself to his objective until his chance comes, late though it may be. He may be a lone wolf in life because he concentrates his interest in the inanimate impersonal employment that demands his devotion & his time.

This is the most significant arrangement of the planets as a rule, because it shows us at a glance which section of the chart we are to read, & which angular house he will reflect in his temperament.

Paired or alone:—

PLANETS in pairs give power to bring two forces together for completion of a special effort so far as the matters of the house tenanted are concerned; to direct, manage or plan, and to work cooperatively. Lacking such paired planets, the person works best alone or in a group if that is how his planets are arranged, but not with a partner because he may be overwhelmed and not suited to that double harness. — **All Over the Earth Astrologically**, 1963

Chart of the Week:

HAROLD CAMPING

(chart on pg. 4)

MY remarks about Mr. Camping, like my remarks about his Rapture, will be sarcastic and tongue-in-cheek, but before I start I wish to say how loathsome I find preening idiots like him. He has ruined the lives of thousands, and very likely caused actual deaths, due to his absurd ideas & his egoistic certainty that he was right.

Harold Camping, according to Wiki, was born on July 19, 1921, in Colorado. Someone on-line has Boulder as his birth place, which is as good as anywhere. His birthtime is unknown.

To my surprise, Harold Camping is a full moon birth. I would not have guessed. So as I cannot read a chart without a time and as I think placing a full moon to be relatively easy, I will proceed with my usual guesswork.

Full moon in houses 1 & 7 is me against the world. Or at any rate, Me against You.

Full moon in 2 & 8 is My money vs: Your money. On a bad day it's *how much do I have to pay not to die?*

Full moon in 3 & 9 I explored last week. Does Harold look smart to you? No, I don't think so either, but he is a religious nut (9th), so let's set this aside for later.

Four & Ten is a patriot or a leader or a very public/private person of some sort.

Five & Eleven is compulsively creative, or sexual, or very into sports & teamwork. That's not Harold.

Six & Twelve is a sickly recluse, or a doctor in a large institution, or a cook in the military, or a cog in a wheel, etc.

And that's all the possibilities. The only one that sounds remotely possible is 3 & 9. So how do we make a full moon across those houses into a complete idiot, as Mr. Camping has proven himself to be?

Well, the Sun in Camping's chart is not alone in Cancer. Along with him are Pluto, Mercury and Mars. That's a stellium of four planets. Religion is the ninth house and Harold has always been a very religious man. He was a member of the **Christian Reformed Church** from birth up to 1988, when he was 67 years old. Harold's acceptance of his parents' religion makes me doubt he has four planets in Cancer on his 9th house cusp. Planets want to Do Things, and the more planets, the More They Want To Do. Four planets in Cancer on the 9th, Pluto and Mars among them, at some point in his life Harold

is going to have a very deep, personal crisis that must be resolved by some 9th house means. Which are, deep study & reflection, or extensive travel, or religious re-examination. In his life, Harold has done none of these things. As sketchy as his Wiki entry is, this much is still clear.

We put his Moon in 9, a very different picture emerges. Harold's Moon is in Capricorn, where it is debilitated. You may think I'm a genius & simply know things, but in fact I **have books and know to use them**. I went straight to **Oken**, where, of Moon in Capricorn, I read, . . . *as a feeling of security through the structure & control of the immediate environment, as well as a tendency to use an instinctual understanding of people for self-aggrandizement*.

Sakoian & Acker, another favorite reference, says, *The Moon in the sign of Capricorn indicates a reserved & cautious nature inclined to be cold & austere. Natives with this position take life seriously & identify emotionally with material rather than spiritual values*.

Reserved & cautious? Would that explain why Camping "emerged" only in old age? When Camping first predicted the End of the World in 1988 he wasn't exactly young. But what about this "materialistic" side? Doesn't religion transcend the materialistic? Let's go a few pages further into Sakoian & Acker:

Moon in the 9th house: *This position of the Moon indicates a deep emotional attachment to religious, social, and ethical values instilled in early childhood. . . . The Moon in this house can limit the scope or depth of spiritual understanding, through emotional bias and identification with parental attitudes & experiences. . . . If the Moon is afflicted, a narrow, dogmatic social & religious outlook can result.*

So Camping's Moon is cold, austere, materialistic and traditional, with limited understanding. There might be other rectifications for Harold's chart, but this looks good to me. That gives Harold a birth time of about 1:00 am. Get yourself good books and never be afraid to use them. That's what they're for.

So, how does a weak, defensive Moon, all alone in the 9th, turn into a major spiritual leader? Because it's not enough to place one planet. We must place all of them.

I should explain to all that when I rectify & read charts, I always use the Placidus sys-

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Part 41:
Health & Accidents

continued:—

8. The houses correspond to the signs, and a malefic in say the 2nd may affect the health not only through the sign containing it but also through Taurus, the sign normally corresponding to the 2nd house. To determine whether house or sign will be affected note the conditions of the house corresponding to the sign & of the sign corresponding to the house. Thus Saturn in Gemini in 2nd may affect lungs (Gemini) or throat (2nd house corresponding to Taurus). To determine which will suffer note whether there are afflictions to the 3rd house (corresponding to Gemini) or to Taurus (corresponding to 2nd house). If Taurus is afflicted judge that the throat will suffer, but if the 3rd house is worse look to the lungs. If judgment cannot be formed in this way note also the conditions of the planetary rulers.

9. The house positions of the luminaries & ruler are important & if these are in the 4th, 8th, or 12th they denote poor health throughout life. The same effect frequently follows if they are in conjunction with the rulers of these houses. Afflictions from these rulers or planets in these houses are worse than from other bodies or positions.

10. The house & sign position of the afflicting planet shows not only the general part of the body affected but also the particular spot. The beginning of a sign rules the upper parts of the organs subject to it, the intermediate degrees rule the middle, and the end of the sign rules the lower parts. Furthermore the odd signs & houses rule the left side in a man and the right in a woman, while the even signs & houses rule the right side of a man & the left of a woman. —

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

June 1:

- 1215—Genghis Khan captures Beijing
- 1495—First batch of Scotch whiskey

Extracts from

Mundane Astrology

by H.S. Green

on the solar eclipse of
 June 1, 2011, 5:03 pm EDT,
 at 11 degrees, 2 minutes of Gemini

Eclipses in Common Signs, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, Pisces, may produce complicated & involved effects which are not always easy to trace unless they are at an angle. They do not so often result in some one great & striking event as do other eclipses. They bring about labour troubles, strikes, crime, sickness, and want; they cause trouble connected with religion & education; and they are followed by accidents in travelling, both at sea and on shore. . . .

Eclipses in Airy Signs, Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, are said to cause high winds & destructive storms; Parliament is unfortunate, Bills fail, party splits and defections occur; foreign affairs cause trouble, disturbed or changed relations between the nations, questions arise relating to treaties or alliances. . . .

The eclipse in Washington falls in the 8th house

Eclipses in the Eighth House.—Unfortunate for the Monarch & Government. Many deaths; if a solar eclipse, death of some person eminent in the state, among Royalty, nobility, or statesmen; if a lunar eclipse, death of common people or of some eminent woman. Bad for the health of the country, sickness or an epidemic may follow. Danger of crimes of violence. Trouble through financial affairs. — **Mundane Astrology**

Dave adds, 11 Gemini is very near the descendant of the 5:10 pm US chart, which has 12 Sag 21 rising. It is also near the descendant in the 4:50 pm chart, which has 8 degrees 14 minutes Sag rising. It falls in the first house of the 2:17 am chart, which is popular with many. The **eclipse is polar**, it is visible in northern Scandinavia and Canada.

Is This You?



0°–10° Sag rising
The Sagittarius decanate

(I regret the illustration last week was in error. — Dave)

Appearance of the first decanate:

The Sagittarian body is usually tall, slender, well made & somewhat stooping. The neck is set far forward on the chest like a horse, the prototype of the first 15 degrees. The eyes are fine, often hazel, the nose short, the mouth rather large & genial, the chin firm. The body is short-waisted & wide in the hips, the legs long & well-shaped, making the whole figure graceful, possessing the easy swaying movement of the racehorse. **Joel McCrea**, the film actor, in appearance is typical of this decanate.

The first decanate is ruled by Jupiter. It denotes an open minded, sympathetic, kindly disposition, inclined to be touchy if taken advantage of. When well aspected there is considerable intuition & mental independence; when afflicted the mental powers become chaotic, resulting in restlessness & dissatisfaction. — **Man & the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.

June 1:

- 1779—Benedict Arnold court-marshaled
- 1801—Brigham Young born
- 1831—North Magnetic Pole discovered
- 1890—Frank Morgan (Wizard/Oz) born
- 1926—A. Griffith, M. Monroe, born
- 1958—Charles de Gaulle assumes power
- 1974—Heimlich maneuver published
- 1980—CNN begins broadcasting



Harold Camping

July 19, 1921

Boulder, CO

proposed 1:00 am

tem. The exact origins of the Placidian system are somewhat murky, it may go much further back than the 16th century monk for whom they are named. The system is based on the time it takes a sign to rise in the east, and functions as a short-cut for primary directions. A rudimentary system was used by Valens, but it took Arabic numbers to actually calculate cusps with accuracy. Placidus is phenomenal for rectification and natal chart interpretation, which is what I use it for. *Other house systems have other uses.* You must pick the house system that is appropriate for your work. If I am asked I might deliver a very boring article on the subject.

BUT back to Mr. Camping and his third house cusp, which we have determined to be Cancer. I am not interested at the moment if all four Cancer planets are in the 3rd, or if some are hanging around late in the 2nd, as all clearly want to be in the 3rd, one way or another. The question is, can they be shown to work in the 3rd in a way that is similar to how Mr. Camping has led his life?

At this point I would probably peek in another book, but this is a useful test of how good **Frances & Louis** really were. They describe the third house as *thinking*. The next page, they add *periodicals, papers, books, writing, telephone, television, radio, and speech*. A little further on they include, *short distance travels and comings & goings which bring us into contact with people*. Elsewhere I have heard that the third house rules ordinary schooling.

When I put all of this together, the third house, to me, represents daily life. When I see a stellium in the 3rd, or when I find the Sun or Moon in the sign of Leo in the 3rd, I judge that we have someone who is busy about town, or who wants to be a big shot in his community. Not a big shot to his family, not a big cheese in his state of residence, not someone who craves political power. A powerful third house makes for a town gadfly. Not a leader, as the third grants no leadership qualities. Third house dominant people who end up as mayors (for example) get there by acclamation, rather than any craving for power *per se*. Third-tenth house blends are another matter, of course.

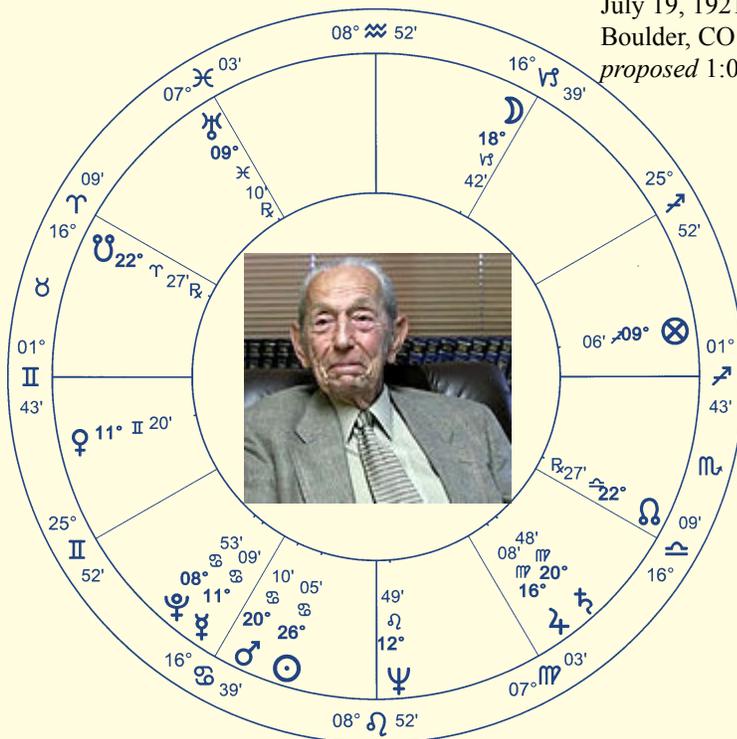
Which pretty much describes Harold. Remembering that his Moon is weak & in a cautious sign & opposed by a good many planets, it is understandable that wasn't until 1958, at the age of 37, that he first got into radio. Which, right from the start, was the means by which he could preach the Old Time Religion he was born into. Radio

quickly came to dominate his life. Harold had found his calling. Ever since then he has gradually, slowly, cautiously, taken the wraps off his 9th house Moon. I often say that debilitated planets want to be in the house opposite. Camping's Moon, in Capricorn, is debilitated. Camping's Moon wants to be a star on the radio, which in fact he has been since at least 1961. What does he do on-air?

According to Wiki, he gives Biblical interpretations. At various points he has taken calls live on-air, so he presumably gives answers straight off the top of his head. This is the sort of thing full moons across 3 & 9 are good at.

So how does someone who, after a slow start, end up truly believing himself to be uniquely brilliant? How can a Sun/Moon paring across 3 & 9 be wasted with advanced Biblical Numerology? How can Harold Camping be so incredibly wrapped in his own ego as to prophesy events which are not only flatly impossible but which have no historical parallels whatever? (Not anywhere in the known universe!) How could he be so dense as to never once chance across the myriad number of **others** who have previously failed? Utterly, miserably, humiliatingly, devastatingly failed? Not a single success in sight, not now, not ever?

This, too, Mr. Camping's chart will tell us. Moon in Capricorn in 9 is rigid & dogmatic in terms of religion. Sun in Cancer in 3 is personable, direct & likeable. Mars gives energy & enthusiasm. Mercury in Cancer picks up the Ascendant & Venus (both in Gemini), making radio an outlet for Camping's verbal expression, which, Venus in Gemini, is always composed of the most beautiful words. Pluto would give them all a kick start, but he is far, far away at the very beginning of the sign. Early in Camping's life, transiting Pluto conjuncted Camping's Mercury (age 3), his Mars (age 9), and his Sun (age 14). If a time of 1:00 am is more or less accurate, Pluto opposed his Moon



around the age of 9. These transits presumably left lasting scars and may well have reaffirmed a deep belief in God as his personal savior, being that the 3rd house is opposite the 9th, of religion, and that religion may well have functioned as his personal "life raft" as it were. The Pluto-Moon opposition was presumably his unique spiritual test. Combine with a formidable intellect and the result is a militant certainty as to his very personal calculations.

So here's how Harold Camping stacks up. Newton has Sun & Moon in the same houses, but opposite signs. (Isaac Newton: January 4, 1643 NS, 1:28 am, Grantham, UK.) In Newton's chart, the Moon in Cancer is strong, but the Sun, in the Moon's sign of debility, repudiates it, forcing a "rational" rather than "emotional" nature. But, paradoxically, the strong Moon feeds the Sun all his best ideas anyway. Note that both Camping, and Newton, feature debility. Camping's Moon in Capricorn is debilitated, whereas Newton's Sun, in the sign of the Moon's debility, wants his Moon to simply go away.

In my case I have Sun debilitated in Aquarius in 9. Again, debility. Sun in Aquarius is never sure of itself & is always ready to step aside for something else.

Look now at the results: Newton takes what the Moon feeds him and with it produces a "hyper rational" reality, one that the world as a whole has accepted for some 300 years.

In my case, my Sun's insecurity leads to

a constant churning of ideas. The results are brilliant, but often invisible and just as often lost altogether.

With Camping, the Moon's babyish insecurity forces the Sun to pander to it, which is the nature of the opposition itself. Thus Camping early on got stuck in childish delusions. Look at the picture in the chart (above). It was taken in 2011, presumably before May 21. It shows an *eighty-nine year old man*.

Look at his beaming face! Look at his confidence! He has forecast the End of the World, a disaster of unparalleled magnitude, an event that will change not only his life, but the lives of every single person he knows, beyond comprehension. He is proud of himself and his ability. Like as not he himself can expect to lose personal friends, perhaps even family members, who didn't quite "measure up". But no matter! He holds his head high. The human equation, reality itself, is trivial by comparison. Camping has God in his pocket, Camping is God's Master, Camping is greater than God. Camping is drunk from 89 years of his own knowledge.

Such is the power of a full moon across the third and ninth houses, such is the importance of the signs the Sun and Moon are in. And such is the power of astrology. I am in awe.

LAST week I said the Sun & Moon in 3 & 9 could touch the infinite, could know the secrets of the Gods themselves. I am flabbergasted to learn that Camping has taken me at my very word. May 11, 2011, was not the first of his proposed dates. Camping had previously speculated on May 21, 1988, and September 7, 1994. I have read elaborate astrological analysis of May 21, 2011, the day itself, but in my opinion this is trivial. Camping's dates relate to Camping and to no one and nothing else. The Sun on May 21 of any given year is very near a 1:00 am ascendant, and the Sun on September 7 of any given year is very near Camping's Jupiter. The midpoint of Camping's Sun and Moon is, in fact, his nodal axis. The Sun on October 21 is only a few degrees beyond his south node, i.e. only a few degrees beyond his Sun/Moon midpoint. Camping's elaborate calculations may be nothing more than rationalizations for his south node and two solar transits.

Sun/Moon = Node is defined as a relationship. At first I was puzzled, as Camping seems to have had no significant relationships over his long life. But then I realized that, as with everything else, house positions define midpoints, just as **houses define everything in astrology**. In Camping's chart, his 9th house Moon is God, his 3rd house Sun is knowledge, the nodal midpoint becomes a *Knowing Relationship with God*. That Camping himself identifies October 21 as a significant date defines this as a south node relationship. The fool's relationship. Need I say that October 21, 2011, will come and go without event?

Harold Camping's chart is uniquely structured that he has spent his life in a quest to materialize, concretize, God Himself. Camping says the Bible is true, and while it might not necessarily be literal (Camping is not that dumb), his analysis, the sort that only a 3/9 dominant person can do, has given him concrete results. **The day the world ends**. Think about that! It is a staggering accomplishment. That he is wrong only shows the epic scale of his attempt, the sheer boldness of his claim. We may lay the blame for his failure to his debilitated Moon, with perhaps a nod to childhood Plutonian trauma.

Of Camping's revised date, October 21, 2011, my wife said, Well, they can be raptured, the world ended, with a hurricane!

No, I shot back. That would be Noah. God ain't gonna do that again, he already said as much. This is where I think the strain of Camping's failure to understand the events of May 21, 2011, has led to mental disability. Perhaps if we are lucky it will only be temporary. The world expects great things of Harold Camping, and while his remaining time may be short, our hopes have been raised.

As I had no space on pg. 1, **my whole-hearted apologies for trivializing the massive weather disasters, human suffering and loss of life, of this past spring.**