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## Maynard Calendars Arrive Wednesday, November 16

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**I**f it's fall it must be time for **Maynard calendars** and fresh wine! Not quite the two best things in life, but very good and worth the wait.

Maynard calendars for 2012 should arrive next week Wednesday, November 16. I am triangulating a bit, based on the day that Jack says he will have them, calculating how long it will take to get from him to me, allowing for the Memorial Day holiday on Friday.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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09	05:47	☾♁♂	Void
	07:46	☾♃	
	18:55	♀♁	
	22:49	☾♃☉	
10	20:16	☉18♃05	Full Moon
11	04:16	♂♃	
	16:28	☾♁♀	Void
	20:11	☾♁	
12	21:23	☾♂♀	
	22:15	☾♂♀	
13	19:24	☾♁♃	
14	03:43	☾♁♀	Void
	07:20	☾♁	
	08:59	♂♃♀	

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We have several hundred orders. To make the best use of our time, to get as many calendars shipped on the day of their arrival, we will begin processing orders and charging cards next weekend, November 12-13.

**F**OR many years we have heard that 2012 will be a fateful year. With increasing protests in the cities and loony tunes for a US presidential race, we are about to find out! The Mayan calendar? Glad you asked. The generally accepted end of that calendar will be December 21, 2012, at 11:13 am GMT, the Winter Solstice. More than a year off. It's not marked in your ephemeris? It is in **mine!**

I have never thought the world would end, or even that it could, but it is increasingly clear that vast changes are upon us, with more to come in the near future. The first decades of the 21st century, like the first decades of the 20th and the 19th, are watersheds. We must all survive as best we can. A good calendar will help.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

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**NORTH SCALE** beta Librae 19♎32

**Notes:** A pale emerald star situated in the northern scale of the Balance. Its proper name is Zubeneschamali, the Northern Claw, a reference to the ancient celestial sphere in which Libra was omitted and Scorpio occupied 60°.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter and Mercury. It gives good fortune, high ambition, beneficence, honour, riches and permanent happiness.

**If rising or culminating:** Honour, preferment, good fortune.

**With Sun:** Great good fortune, high position, transitory difficulties eventually proving beneficial.

**With Moon:** Active mind, organizing ability, benefits through new and influential friends, valuable gifts, uses friends' names to obtain money but matter is amicably settled, high position, love of respectable women.

— from **Fixed Stars**, by Robson

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### The Compulsion to Eat

**T**HERE are many kinds of hungers besides the one that is normal to the body for its replenishment or natural growth, and many hungers have nothing to do with appetite per se. Denial, frustration or other emotional maladjustments often drive people to find solace in eating which appeases and thus silences, at least for a time, the sufferer's emotional pangs.

The cause of this woman's compulsion to eat was unceasing resentment over marital estrangement (but not separation) dating back to 1920 when Saturn the ruler of marriage-7th moved by age-arc 26:32 to 2:50 Scorpio square the Moon ruler of the Ascendant while the Moon 29 Leo squared the Sun. The Part of Fortune thus in 17:18 Libra squared the marital-7th but in the 4th & they were strangers under one roof. The Sun and Moon in Fixed Signs do not forgive easily.

Natal Mars badly placed by Sign and house, square Saturn-ruler-7th in the home-4th means domestic inharmony. Saturn retrograde in the 4th brings coldness in the family. Estrangement is shown by Neptune's solstice point 19 Cancer conjunct the Ascendant and thus opposition the marital-7th. But there would be no divorce because the divorce planet Uranus is not in the 7th or 10th; not even his solstice point 22 Aquarius, which would also denote divorce. — **The Way of Astrology**, 1967. *The chart in question was a Johndro Birth Locality chart, using Right Ascension instead of Sidereal Time, set for May 20, 1893, NW of Chicago, IL.*

# HOW ASTROLOGY WORKS

**T**HIS past week I was asked for a rationale for **Vimshottari dashas**.

For those of you not up on Vedic astrology, Vimshottari dashas are a 120 year predictive cycle in which the Sun, Moon, and the five classical planets (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn) and the two nodes, each get a specific allotment of the 120 years. Each of these periods is called a "dasha", as in Mars dasha, Jupiter dasha, etc. Each of these periods (which are years long) are then subdivided into smaller segments with each of the nine bodies getting a share. These subdivisions are then further sub-divided, and subdivided, etc. Vimshottari dashas commonly go three levels down, which more or less gets us down to a week or two, but can be fine-tuned even further. There is a more-or-less similar Greek system known as **Firdaria** which, according to Western scholars, Vimshottari is said to be derived from, but my reading of Vettius Valens tells me this is not true.

But I digress. The question was, Where do dashas come from? To me this was the same question as, *Where does Astrology come from?*, and, *How does Astrology work?*

Some years ago I became frustrated with the general lack of astrological grounding and sat down and decided to work it out for myself. Took about three years, but I think I've got it. If you think I've written this before, I have, but there is 2000 years of inertia to combat, so I will be returning to it, again and again, as mine is the only theory that works and repetition is the only way it will displace ancient muddle.

### SOURCE

Because astrological energies are powerful enough to produce physical effects upon the Earth, those energies must themselves be very heavy and dense. A comparably dense energy is electricity, which needs special materials (copper wire) in order to work at all. Such dense energies are always produced locally as they too heavy to travel. Therefore if astrological energies come from the sky, they must be "stepped down" (concentrated, solidified, densified, etc.) before they can produce visible effects in the physical world. For energy to be "stepped down," there must be an agent that

can do this work. Such agents are typically quite massive, as mass itself is needed. Electrical transformers come immediately to mind. So far as astrology is concerned, the likely mass is obvious: The earth itself.

The Earth as astrological transformer explains much, but also opens a can of worms. The earth, a largely liquid sphere 8000 miles in diameter with a giant iron crystal in its center (so they say), is under great pressure and produces high heat. It has a strong gravitational field, a fluid and very extensive magnetic field, and enough raw electricity to continually discharge into its own atmosphere virtually every second of every day. This huge sphere of stupendous mass, twirling about on its axis once every 24 hours with a Moon nearby that produces visible tides, doubtless has many resonances and frequencies that we know little if anything about.

It is for these combined reasons that I have "chopped off" the sky altogether and now attribute astrological energies, specifically the signs of the zodiac, to the earth itself.

In my theory, the Earth has twelve great resonances (at least!) which we know as the signs of the zodiac. Because these are powered by the sheer mass of the earth itself, they are of overwhelming strength. Because they are directly under our feet, we cannot escape their influence (not even for a single second), but precisely because of that, a great many people have become completely deaf and cannot hear them. Like walking into a room with some old smell in it. You, a stranger, smell it immediately, but those who have long been in the room are entirely unaware of it.

### ZODIACS

The Tropical Zodiac is defined by the Earth's relationship to the Sun, for it is the Earth-Sun relationship which it represents: Sun crossing the equator going north: Aries and the Spring equinox. Sun crossing the equator going south: Libra and the Autumnal equinox. Maximum north declination: Cancer and Summer. Maximum south: Capricorn and Winter. Thirds of these: Individual signs. There is nothing celestial  
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**Part 64:**

**Rank and Position**

*Aphorisms, continued:—*

7. Moon in the 10th in Capricorn, opposite Saturn in Cancer in 4th make the native incapable of honour. [Note both planets are debilitated by sign, and by house — *Dave*]
  8. Moon in Scorpio, in 10th, opposite Mars in Taurus causes an unfortunate life. [Again, both debilitated by sign.]
  9. Lord of Ascendant between 15° Libra and 15° Scorpio causes trouble in business. [*Via Combusta*]
  10. Lord of 10th or Sun afflicted by Moon or Saturn causes misfortune.
  11. Saturn on cusp of 4th, and lord of 10th conjunct Mars in a fiery sign causes a catastrophe. [Saturn on 4 is end of life, Mars conjunct ruler of 10 in fire is a public disaster.]
  12. The following positions are all indicative of honour and preferment:— (a) Sun in conjunction with Venus in Leo, or with Jupiter in Sagittarius, or with Mars in Aries, (b) Sun, Jupiter and Mars in trine to each other in fiery signs, (c) Sun, Moon and lord of the 10th all in trine, (d) Sun in Cancer in trine to Jupiter in Pisces and Moon in Scorpio, (e) Moon in 280 Leo, Jupiter in 10th trine Mars, and Sun conjunct North Node, (f) Moon conjunct Jupiter in Cancer in 10th, (g) Lord of Ascendant rising in its own sign [*Bill Clinton: Venus in Libra*], (h) Moon exactly rising in Taurus, or Sun exactly rising in Leo, and unafflicted, (i) Sun in 0° Aries on MC, (j) Sun conjunct Moon in 10th, (k) Moon in good aspect to lords of MC and Ascendant.
- *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson. *Next week begins Chapter 8: Parents, Relatives and Home.*

**November 11:**  
 1620—Mayflower compact signed  
 1675—Leibniz demonstrates calculus  
 1926—US Route 66 established  
 1930—Einstein invents a refrigerator  
 1966—Launch of Gemini 12

**CHAPTER SIX**  
**The Rank or Position**

**I**F the majority of the planets, including the Sun and Moon, the ruler of the ascending sign and mid-heaven, are rising between the meridian and the fourth house [*in the left-hand side of the chart*], the native will rise in life and become his own master. If the majority of the planets are in cardinal signs, and in the quadrant between the ascendant and meridian, the native will rise to a very good position in his sphere of life, and will outrun his compeers.

The majority of planets in angles and cardinal signs, make the native a prominent figure in his own walk in life. Most of the planets being in the cardinal signs brings the native into prominence early in life. In fixed signs success is slower, but more enduring; in common signs it only comes by the assistance of others, or in the service of others, and the native generally has "too many irons in the fire," and goes from one pursuit to another, a "rolling stone, gathering no moss."

The planets essentially and accidentally dignified, *i.e.*, in their own signs and in angles, gives much hope of success.

Jupiter or Venus in the meridian always raises the native to high positions in his own sphere, and often far above that of birth.

When several planets are in square or opposition from cardinal signs, the native strikes out some original and remarkable line in life, gaining thereby a certain renown, but liable to much opposition and criticism.

Many planets well-placed between the fourth and seventh cusps, is a good augury of success after marriage; or in a horoscope where marriage is denied, success in the latter part of life.

Planets well aspected in the fourth house indicate a successful termination to the career. — *The Manual of Astrology*, by Sepharial.



**Is This You?**

**20°–30° Taurus rising**

*The Capricorn decanate*

*Appearance of the third decanate:*

Note the wide Taurus shoulders yet leaden expression, associated sometimes with strong Saturn influence and often with Capricorn rising. The body is rarely tall with this decanate.

The *Capricorn* decanate of Taurus, ruled by Saturn, makes the mind over-cautious and less intuitive than the others. The strong desire to be loved is frustrated through earthy inability to sense correctly the outlook of either sex. It tends to ruin love affairs and home conditions generally in consequence. The life is under a cloud, despite strong powers to break away from early training or the parents' psychology. — *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias

**ECLIPSE LIMITS**

When a conjunction of Sun and Moon occurs within 18°31' from either node, the major solar eclipse limit, a solar eclipse may occur; within 15°21', the minor solar eclipse unit, a solar eclipse will occur; within 11°15', the major central solar eclipse limit, a total or annular eclipse may occur; within 9°55', the minor central solar eclipse limit, a total or annular eclipse will occur. — *Encyclopedia of Astrology*, by Nicholas DeVore.



or star-based here.

So what about the Sidereal Zodiac. That's star-based, isn't it?

Nope. The Sidereal zodiac is based on the *apparent* position of the stars in contrast to the *known* position of the Sun. What causes the slow, 1° every 72 year drift, Sidereal to Tropical? **This is due to the wobble of the Earth's axis**, which completes one "orbit" every 25,000 years or so. What causes this wobble? The Moon. **It is the Moon's tidal effect upon the mass of the Earth that causes the Earth's orbital wobble and therefore the Sidereal zodiac.** If there was no Moon, there would be no wobble and therefore no Sidereal zodiac. The Sidereal zodiac is *not* based on star positions. Despite what western Siderealists and Vedic pandits may think.

If this is true, then, looking about at the other planets in the solar system, we observe that as all of them have pretty much the same relationship to the Sun as the Earth has, they presumably all have Tropical zodiacs of one sort or another.

So far as a Sidereal zodiac, Mercury and Venus, lacking moons, very likely have no wobble and therefore no sidereal zodiac. We can also deduce that planets whose moons are not very massive, by comparison to the mass of the host planet, presumably have no wobble nor sidereal zodiac. This would include Mars, with two tiny moons, and probably also includes the gas giants, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. All of whose moons are comparatively tiny, at least, as far as the host planets are concerned.

Which leaves Pluto and its moon, Charon. Charon has a diameter half that of Pluto. The two are locked together, presenting the same faces to each other. If there is another sidereal zodiac elsewhere in the solar system, Pluto and Charon share it.

The tropical zodiac is not better or worse than the sidereal. One comes from the Sun, the other from the Moon. Each has unique advantages, as has long been known.

Which brings up a useful point. Any theory that actually does explain astrology will continually reaffirm what we have long known and what we have long practiced. So far as I can tell, the stars in the constellation Leo do not produce any Leo energy at all, but the Leo energies produced by the earth are real and tangible. Astrology is a system that uses the Earth's own energies and shows how these combine in real time and space. That these Earth energies have long been misattributed is a tragedy, but not a fatal flaw. ☞☞☞, dear reader, do not understand how

your television works and, ☞YOU, dear reader, do not need to know how it works. You only know that it does work and that you can rely upon it. It is the same with Astrology.

### TROPICAL VS: SIDEREAL SIGNS

I am a Tropical astrologer and make extensive use of the tropical signs of the zodiac. Are the Sidereal signs the same, or different? This is a tricky question.

I am familiar with Vedic astrology, which is based on the Sidereal zodiac, but I am unable to make it "come to life," and so do not use it. This is a personal failing. However, I have several hundred Vedic astrology books and have scanned most of them. It seems to me that Vedic astrology makes little use of the Sidereal signs in delineation (much use is made in calculation), which makes me think that Sidereal signs are not as "real" as Tropical signs.

But when we think about it further, the twelve signs of the zodiac are based on dividing the *solar year* by 12. Since the Sidereal zodiac is lunar, not solar, it makes no sense to use solar-based signs in the Sidereal zodiac. The Moon makes 13 and a fraction orbits in a solar year. Not twelve. Twelve signs make no sense from a lunar, Sidereal zodiac standpoint.

So if one solar orbit equals twelve solar-based signs, and if the Sidereal zodiac is based on the Earth's axial wobble of 25,000 years, this being a "lunar year," then, things being equal, if we divide the 360 degree solar year by twelve to get solar signs, then shouldn't we divide the 25,000 year "lunar year" by twelve to get lunar signs? *Et presto:* The twelve great Astrological Ages, approximately 2200 years each. The Astrological Ages are therefore the "months" of the *lunar zodiac*, and from my own research, they are just as viable as the much shorter 30-day-ish solar signs.

### HOUSES

If, as I hypothesize, the (Tropical) signs are *in* the earth and *of* the earth and acquire their great strength and power from the *sheer mass* of the earth, then houses, which are produced by the Earth's daily rotation on its axis in relation to the Sun which illuminates it, exist primarily on the *surface* of the earth. Like **Sherman-Williams** paint, the astrological houses "cover the earth," but, like paint and pigment, they are most likely only "skin deep." If so, it is of no importance. No creature has ever left the immediate surface of the earth long enough to escape from sheer house inertia, and I

doubt anyone ever will. Because houses "cover the earth," because, like the Sun, there is nothing they cannot "see" (nothing new under the Sun), houses account for all possible interactions on this planet.

If signs are the energies *in* and *of* the planet, then houses, or "channels," lying on the *surface*, are the *ways* in which these energies are used. Is the "third energy" (Gemini) similar to the third house? Well, yes, broadly speaking, but one is the "beer" in your mug, the other is the "foam" on top of it.

### ANGLES

This morning angles appeared to me as similar to polarized light. Get a camera, put a polarizing filter on the front of it, go outdoors and stand with your back to the Sun. Turn the filter until you see the "polarizing effect" — the sky goes a dark, rich blue. The filter has to be exactly positioned (within a very few degrees), or there is no effect. That's what angles are: A precise degree.

Think about this from the viewpoint of the Sun, looking at the Earth. The Sun sees the round ball of the Earth, fully lit. Draw an imaginary line from the top of the earth, to the bottom, bisecting the earth into two equal halves. That, to the Sun, is the Earth's Midheaven, with the Earth rotating underneath. That single line. Imagine a single ray of light projected upon that line, like a simple plane, from Sun to Earth.

Now consider the terminator, the edges of the earth, the limit of what the Sun can illuminate, again as seen from the Sun. Imagine that as another great plane, a plane that divides the earth into night (far side) and day (near side).

So on the one hand you have what amounts to a vertical north/south knife-edge, hurtling from the Sun, and, when it arrives, it "slices through the Earth" and comes to rest on the "backstop" or "cutting board," which is the plane dividing day from night.

Viewed from their point of intersection somewhere in the vicinity of the earth's North Pole (at the equinoxes, exactly at the poles), these two planes are at right angles to each other. With the polarizing filter analogy, (three of the angles are, in fact, created by light itself) these two planes are very narrowly focused, thus creating the "angular effect." This is how the Sun "sees" the Earth. This is why there are angles.

This can be extrapolated to people. Imagine your midheaven is a thin line that runs from the center of your forehead, down your nose, your chin, down your breast bone,

etc. Imagine your ascendant is a line down your right shoulder, the descendant on your left, the IC your spine. This isn't how it "really is." This is intended as an analogy.

Angles are presumably those places where the earth's internal sign energies "erupt" onto the surface of the planet itself. Angles function as "windows" or "doors," and they are quite narrow.

## PLANETS

The Earth, Moon and Sun do not exist by themselves. What of the planets?

It is absurd to believe that Mars has a direct influence on individual humans. Any more than I get a personal, daily phone call from Barack Hussein Obama telling me, a US citizen, what to do. Yes, he is my leader, just as Nicholas Sarkozy is the leader of all the French and Vladimir Putin is the leader of all Russians, but no leader deals directly with the rabble he rules. All leaders work through intermediaries. Such is the case with the planets.

It is plainly obvious that planets are in harmonic resonance with each other. They all orbit in the same, narrow plane, based on the Sun's equator. They all orbit in the same direction. With the exception of Uranus, which is knocked on its side, all planets have their north poles pointing in the same direction. All planets revolve on their axis, turning in the same direction. All the moons of all the planets that have moons all revolve in the same direction, which happens to be the same direction the planets have around the Sun. There is a logical progression in distances, starting with the Sun, from Mercury out to Neptune, with the exception of Mars and Jupiter, but this is because Jupiter is so massive it prevented a planet from forming between it and Mars.

In sum, in every way in which we can detect, the various planets are in harmony, in resonance, with each other. Which is what we would expect in a peer-to-peer relationship.

When we look at the twelve great astrological energies (aka signs of the zodiac) which we now know to be inside the earth (not external to it), we see that each of these resonates to the Sun, the Moon, or one or another of the other five visible planets.

Because we are now looking at energies inside the earth itself, we are now no longer surprised at the many interrelationships which we observe. Venus may be ruling Taurus and Libra from the third house of Aries, for example. When we focus on the interior of the planet, rulerships are clearly understood. We no longer have the crippling

problem of a planet in this part of the sky ruling some other part of the sky with no visible means of connecting the two. Instead, we have energies inside the earth working in some strange and mysterious fashion, which, if we are clever, we might just puzzle out.

## MIDPOINTS

This also explains a great many things about midpoints. It was easy enough to believe that a planet in Aries, and another in Gemini, produced a midpoint in Taurus, but it was quite amazing to find it also produced an active midpoint in far away Scorpio. And another in Leo, and a fourth in Aquarius, to say nothing of semi-squares. Empty space cannot do this. Resonances inside the earth can. It can also produce as many **harmonics** as you like. **David Cochrane**, of Cosmic Patterns, is working with harmonics in the hundreds. Which, to our mutual surprise, actually do work, as I was briefly one of his test cases.

**Composite charts** are synthetic constructs made of the midpoints of identical planets from two different charts, charts separated both in time, and in space. Composites were invented several decades ago and have proven to work quite well, better than anyone imagined, in fact. But how can a composite Sun, if it represents a midpoint of empty space, work? Empty space has no value, because it's empty. A composite of two Earth resonances, a composite *in* and *of* solid matter, like the composite **colby-jack** cheese, yes, that will work. Which brings up

## DEGREES

In an effort not to be shown up by Vivian Robson, Charles Carter expended great work determining that specific degrees created specific results in natal charts. He published the results in **An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, which I've been serializing on pg. 1 of this newsletter. In the back of the book he gives a summary. Seven degrees of Aries-Libra, for example, produce jaundice. The empty space above us cannot do this, but the (presumed) defects in the Earth's own resonance can.

How and why is the Earth "defective" in this sense? I do not know. I only know that when solid objects resonate, that such resonances have qualities. I am a theorist, I lack the means to make objective experiments. It might be that, say, the presence of a certain isotope of Uranium in the earth produces a resonance which gives a tendency to jaundice in humans. A sphere the size and complexity of the Earth has

never been studied in this fashion, nor with this level of detail.

## ASPECTS

Modern science has made the world a mechanical monster. Astrologers, who live under their influence, have tried to follow suit. The result has been aspect-oriented astrology which has largely stripped away many of the subtleties. Yes, aspects are important. The earth is clearly sensitive to the precise angular placements of the planets. Such placements not only amplify the many varied interrelationships, but also trigger many others. Aspects are a critical detail, but they are not the main feast, nor could they ever be. For the past several months I have been dazzling you with rectified charts using little other than the many interrelationships of the energies of the earth itself. Rarely bothering with aspects at all.

Back in the late 1940's, **J.H. Nelson**, an engineer at RCA in New York, was put in charge of radio transmissions to and from Europe. Everyone knew solar flares disrupted radio transmission. Nelson discovered that angular placements of Mercury and Venus, lying between the Sun and Earth, played a part in that. Using that, his forecasts of "radio weather" got much better, but still not perfect. And though it made no sense to him at the time, and perhaps still makes no sense to many of you, even now, when Nelson included the angular placements of all the other planets, out to and including Pluto, his forecasts became dramatically more accurate. Excitedly he presented his findings to his fellow scientists and was amazed to find himself condemned as an astrologer and shut out of the scientific community.

What had Nelson discovered? He had discovered that radio broadcasts, as they travel mostly through the air and space above the earth, are largely free of the much heavier, much denser astrological energies inside the earth. As a result, radio broadcasts respond to exact planetary aspects and to very little else.

## THE BIRTH CHART

We now have a picture of a very active, very dynamic, very powerful EARTH. It has all kinds of vibrations, all manner of resonances. The vibrations have vibrations. These vibrations get together in ways that would make the Kama Sutra, to say nothing of your local porn studio, blush with shame and envy. Astrology, as we know it, *Western* astrology and *Vedic* astrology and *Hellenistic* astrology and *Medieval* astrology and *Chinese* astrology and *Tibetan* astrology and

*Burmese astrology and Japanese astrology and Persian astrology and Egyptian astrology and Celtic astrology and Mayan astrology and all the many other astrologies, all of these astrologies combined barely scratch the surface of what is possible, though we may be bold enough to believe that we already know most of what's important to the human kingdom, though we may be fooling ourselves.*

So what's it like to live on this incredible sphere? This brings up the orbital sander analogy. Take an electric (orbital) **sander**. Take the sandpaper off the bottom of it. Turn it sander side up, put a coin on it, and turn it on. Instantly the coin vibrates in resonance to the underlying vibration of the sander. Imagine the sander's overall vibration changes from moment to moment. Every time it does, the coin matches it.

Now imagine that about 8% of the mass of the coin suddenly breaks off. Follow this carefully: At the moment of separation, the larger coin fragment will have a "significant event," having suddenly lost an appreciable amount of its overall mass, but will largely go on as before. By comparison, the smaller fragment is immediately overwhelmed by the "vibration of the moment," losing almost all of its previous vibration and taking on the current vibration, whatever it may be. *Et voilà*: A precise depiction of the birth moment. This is why birth, not conception, is so important. It is when we take Astrology out of the sky and put it *on* and *in* the earth, that we finally understand *why* it is *what* it is.

## SYNASTRY

It is then a simple matter to say that different people, born at different times, with different initial vibrations (birth charts), will innately like or dislike other individuals, or, for that matter, like or dislike themselves. Fragments that split off from their mothers and "come to life" at different times and in different places will each forever have their own unique vibrations. When the underlying planetary vibrations conspire to bring disconnected fragments near each other, some will resonate in harmony, and some will simply bounce off. A bigger version of a sander is a **kettle drum**. Throw a dozen coins on one, and then gently give a roll with the sticks, watch what happens.

Next comes another round of pure physics:

## DECAY

Newton says a body in motion will tend to stay in motion, while a body at rest will tend to stay at rest, but these rules apply to bodies in a vacuum, which does not exist on

this planet. On earth, when you throw a ball into the air, it will fall back to earth. Which is to say that our initial birth vibrations tend to decay over time. Astrologers have long known about this decay, and we have long had precise terms to describe and measure it, but we have previously never attributed decay to its proper source.

The birth vibrations of every one of us decays over time. Exactly as simple physics would insist. Western astrologers measure this decay with Primary directions, Secondary progressions, Solar Arcs, and a variety of other means, but we've had it exactly backwards. Instead of the zodiac *progressing* one day a year, we are all *decaying* at the rate of one year for every day. Which brings up

## FORECASTING

Given that the earth is uniquely sensitive to simple planetary aspects, it is easy enough to use them to approximate transit events for those born under any given planetary configuration, aka planetary vibration. Exactly as we've long known. And just as we've also long known, "progressions" are the key to what transits hit us, and the exact time when they do. Now that we know that "progressions" mark our own, unique *rate of decay*, we can at last understand what we have been doing.

Different cultures, with their different astrologies, measure the rate of decay by different means. Which brings me back to dashas. There are a great many dasha systems in Indian astrology. Vimshottari is simply the most common, the most widely used. There is a 36 year Yogini dasha, as well as various Jaimini systems, etc. As to which is best, any system, expertly handled, will give good results. There is a breed of Indian astrologers who have one distinct advantage over their western counterparts: Spirituality.

A spiritually-oriented, God-worshipping astrologer will almost always do better than an atheist astrologer, and for this important reason: In aligning himself with the "godhead", he is unwittingly aligning himself with the energies of the planet as a whole. This isn't western Christianity or even New Age spirituality with their competitive elements. (As in, God told me so, or I am more spiritual than you, etc., both of which are tiresome.) Indian, usually Hindu spirituality, is much different. In their pantheon of gods are several that will EAT YOU. Which makes their supplicants rather more humble. If you attain spirituality and find yourself in harmony with the gods, you

will perforce find yourself in harmony with astrology itself, as astrology, the energy of the earth, is by definition the energy of the gods. Which, by the way, is the underlying reason for the increasing failure of materialistic science. I shall not escape this without a glance at

## MYTHOLOGY

Astrologically speaking, what is myth and why does it work? Why is it that we can assign astrological values to newly discovered planets? Again, the answer does not come from "out there," but down here.

This goes back to the nature of birth itself. While the mother may deliver a healthy child, metaphysics holds that if no soul desires it, the baby dies on the spot. Stillbirth. Which is to say that for every human body, there is an independent "life energy," an individual, which vivifies it, which gives it life. Which, at the moment of death, departs, never to return. I apologize for this distraction, for stepping outside the "fourth wall" of the discussion, but it is essential to realize that human consciousness is an independent force in the world, and what that means for the subject under study, Astrology.

As an independent force, humans, *en masse*, are not only impacted by the earth's astrological energies, but also directly influence those energies. This is most apparent with the human impact on weather, where massed human emotions, especially when negative, create exaggerated weather patterns, as we now increasingly see around the world, and as I have mentioned before. (Weather, as Sepharial noted, is highly sensitive to the earth's astrological energies. Which it should be, since the atmosphere lies directly next to the source of all astrological energy, the Earth itself.)

Personally I would just as soon believe astrologers who use mythology to be mistaken, but from long experience I know better than to make such an arbitrary judgement. It therefore seems to me that there is a part of the Earth's overall vibration which humans can bend to its will.

This is most evident in the ongoing development of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Each of these were initially viewed as purely malefic. Some of us still think they are, but it is also true that the "rough edges" of all three have softened over time, as delineations have become ever more nuanced. Have the planets themselves changed? No. Planets are several orders of magnitude (powers of ten) away from transient year-to-year ephemeral changes.

There is also the observation that what astrology is, and how astrology is used, clearly changes from decade to decade, generation to generation. To some extent, this is a trap door that permits anything and everything, but, as we've seen over the past 20 years with the re-emergence of medieval and Hellenistic astrology, there is a fundamental, underlying hard reality to astrology that cannot be denied. Over time we forget that, and, every now and then, it comes thundering back.

When we define a new body, we are not defining a distant, celestial body, but instead have chanced upon a new Earth resonance which we can ascribe to that body, far, far away. What Hermes said long ago is still true, but not quite in the way we have long thought: As above, so below. We are equal actors in the drama.

### HOW FAR UP?

If astrology is of the earth, and if human life is conditioned upon the existence of astrology, then I rather suspect we will never venture very far from this planet, as we will run out of astrological "oxygen" if we try. In metaphysics there is a concept of a "ring pass-not," a barrier beyond which one may not go. I rather suspect the Moon to be the Earth's ring pass-not. I rather doubt there ever will be a manned mission to Mars, but if it does come about, I would suggest first sending plants or simple crawling creatures a few million miles out, to see how they do.

### TRILOGY

From the Sun we get light and dark, the houses, the angles, the Tropical zodiac. The Moon is his partner. She vivifies everything she touches. From her we get the Sidereal zodiac and the Astrological Ages. The Earth provides the signs of the zodiac, which have a reflection on the surface with houses. The planets Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are secondary.

What we have is a primary trio of Sun, Moon and Earth. Which is the well-known Sun-Moon-Ascendant, the ascendant being the Earth. Or, if you like, the trinity of the godhead. Or First Ray (Sun), Second Ray (Moon), Third Ray (Earth). Note that Rays 4, 5, 6 and 7 are said to be a subset of the third. Which, if the Earth represents the third ray, would make sense, in that the four subsidiary rays would be developed, not from the Sun or Moon, which are external to us, but from mother Earth herself.

**Numbers.** Look at this: If the Earth is one of Three, and contains in itself the Four, adding three and four gives seven. Multiplying three times four makes twelve.

Three, four, seven and twelve are the most significant numbers on Earth, and they are produced in this fashion. By comparison, humans are qualified by the number 5. Five fingers on the hand, five toes on the foot, four limbs and a head. Fiveness. Metaphysics have long noted the discrepancy between the numbers of the Earth, and the numbers of the humans who live on it and have concluded that humans are, in fact, in some way alien to this planet. Invited guests, I think.

### SCIENCE

The agreement has long been that unless and until astrologers could come up with some creditable theory to explain and justify astrology, that science was free to sneer at it. I have now given that theory. Does this mean that science will make peace? Of course not. When, some three centuries ago, science denounced astrology, they also degraded themselves. It will take a new generation of savants to restore its former luster. I will not live to see them.

### CONCLUSION

Astrology is the ceaseless interplay of the earth's resonances upon each other, and upon each one of us. Even if you still think Astrology to be some external, celestial force or energy, you cannot deny the simple fact that a body the size of the Earth will have myriads of its own energies and resonances, and that what science has uncovered to date can hardly account for all the many possibilities. These Earth energies radiate from the very center of the Earth, some 4000 miles below us. They are primordial, they are fundamental, they are vastly powerful and it is only because we live, for the most part, in such close harmony with them, that we can imagine them to be illusory. Of these energies, Astrology merely skims the surface. Understand astrology's conceptual basis, work consciously with the Earth's own energies, and you will work miracles. The possibilities are simply astonishing.

You have a part to play in this. With a coherent theory of astrology, which this may be, or which it may inspire, we can change the world. We can overthrow the neo-Newtonian materialism that has long cursed the planet, we can regain the wisdom of our ancestors. I cannot do this alone. If you agree with this summation, then please take the time to learn it and to use it. If you found it to be infuriatingly stupid and are inspired to create and promote your own theory, by all means, do so. Sometimes the wrong theory leads us to the right one. The only claim I make for my theory, the only one I can make, is that it makes sense to me, that as much as I try to sling mud at it, it comes through unscathed.