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Maynard Calendars for 2012 Are Here!

FROM September onwards there is waiting and waiting but no news. The end of October brings hints and rumors, always useless. Then, suddenly, real news. *The calendars are at the port of entry. The calendars are enroute to the wholesalers. The calendars are enroute to us.* In a bad year the stories are misleading, but in a good year, the calendars come even before the news about them. This was a good year.

Jim Maynard has been making calendars for nearly 40 years and knows his craft. This year's cover art is by Pat Brown, and first appeared on Maynard's 1977 calendar. It shows sunrise at **Stonehenge**. Mercifully, Maynard does not justify Stonehenge by claiming it to be an ancient observatory, so I do not need to say that Stonehenge was no more an observatory than the **Cathedral at**

Chartres. To my surprise, checking the Wiki page I find all mention of Stonehenge as an observatory to have been deleted. Stonehenge is now thought to have been a healing site, because of all the deformed bodies found in graves thereabouts. Similar, so Wiki says, to Lourdes, in France, except without the spring and without the rocks and without a conventional religious building to house the hopeful. All of which can be found at Lourdes, but not on the Wiltshire plain.

While I've never visited Stonehenge (and would like to), I once hitched in the general vicinity of Lourdes, in southern France. I well-remember the non-stop Italian buses packed with sincere pilgrims. Wiki Stonehenge gives the reason why: They were not coming to be healed, but to die and be buried. — Is "science" always this hopeless?

Stonehenge, as well as all (or most, at the very least) of the ancient Celtic standing stones of England, Corsica and Brittany, were earth batteries, designed and built expressly to enhance the local fertility of plants, animals and humans. Their accidental successors are the great stone naves of the Gothic cathedrals, and while it's tough to make out the polarities in the churches, the positive/negative/ground features of Stonehenge are blindingly obvious. Why am I the only one who can see it?

ASTRO MED A to Z

Leadership. Aries, Leo, and Capricorn may be styled signs of leadership, and the ideal leader should have all three strong. Of the three, Aries leads by its energy, courage, and power of evoking loyalty, but it usually meets many opponents, as we can see in the cases of **Gordon, Mrs. Besant,** and **Savonarola**, and many Aries people at some time or other of their lives, if not frequently, are carried away by their own energies and make serious blunders. Capricorn rules by diplomacy and tact, and by appeals to self-interest in the lower types, and to moral principles in the higher. The Sun is a natural commander and often leads by sheer personality. **Lord Kitchener**, although his birth-time is unknown, probably belonged to this class, and in his case we can also see the popularity with the masses that a good Cancer element often bestows.

The Uranian leader is probably yet to come, but to a certain extent, and in a distorted way, we may perhaps class under this planet the dictators and semi-dictators of this present epoch. It must be born in mind that, in their appropriate spheres, each sign may figure as leader, if the rests of the map supports it.

—from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter.

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STAR OF THE WEEK



AGENA beta Centauri 23 ♃, 57

Notes: On the right foreleg of the Centaur.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Venus and Jupiter. It gives position, friendship, refinement, morality, health and honour.

With Sun: Mental activity, rashness, success, many friendships.

With Moon: Sarcasm and bitter speech, strong passions.

With Mercury: Great mental ability, sarcasm, material gain, speaking, writing and championing the masses.

With Venus: Poetical, strong passions, rash friendships with women.

With Mars: Legal authority, honour as speaker or writer, great mental and physical powers.

With Jupiter: Intellectual success, legal and Church authority, professional honour.

With Saturn: Thoughtful, shrewd . . .

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Second House Questions

Shall I Become Rich, and How?

THE 2nd House answers questions concerning wealth or poverty but this is comparative and always contingent on what the natal chart reveals. Neither great wealth nor poverty can be expected if not shown at birth, and your answer must always be conditioned accordingly.

Jupiter, Venus or the Sun in or ruling the 2nd bring money. If the querent's ruler of the Moon is conjunct any one of them in the 2nd, 11th or any angular house, and not badly afflicted, money will flow to the querent. The trine and sextile are also promising. If the Moon translates the light from the ruler of the 2nd to the ruler of the 1st, or these are in each other's houses, money will come to him. Fortuna or its dispositor in the 1st, 10th or 11th in good aspect to the 1st or 2nd cusp or their rulers will bring good fortune to him.

If riches are promised but the significators are not free from affliction by Saturn, Mars or Uranus, or are retrograde, slow in motion or not well placed by Sign, the wealth will be lessened or slower in coming; money may come but unless in Fixed Signs may be dissipated and leave the querent poor, in the last analysis. If the significators are square or opposition the Sun or Mars and Fortuna, money will be harder to come by, and high expense or extravagance will deplete his resources if the significators are not in Fixed Signs (which show a more secure hold, at least in part). Saturn afflicted makes inroads on the finances through duty to others. —

Simplified Horary Astrology, 1960

CASEY at the BAT

WEEKLY BATTING PRACTICE STARRING DAVE AS CASEY

NO JOY IN MUDVILLE

THIS past Wednesday at 2:00 pm EST came the big test of the **Emergency Broadcast System**. This is a cold-war dinosaur that old timers, like me, remember from the 1960's. Designed to tell us what to do in the event of a nuclear attack, or so they always claimed.

On nights when sleep, much less dreams, refuse to comfort me, I find myself watching TV in the wee hours. Where I would occasionally find EBS tests, typically around 4:00 am. All channels at once, broadcast as well as cable. Ruined more than one old movie.

So I was suspicious, to say the least, when advance notice came of some sooper-duper EBS test scheduled for the middle of the day on Wednesday, November 10. On the face of it, there was no reason for such a public test. Yes, even old fossils have to be updated and modernized from time to time, but there was a well-established time and format for such things. The only reason, *the only reason*, to bring this "test" out of the hours of darkness, into the light of day, was if the EBS was intended to be used. For real. On that date, or some date in the very near future.

So you will forgive me if I was jumpy last Wednesday. In the week before the test I heard reports on the radio (**WBJC**, a college-run classical station) that we might hear all manner of things during the "test" and that we should ignore them if so. The "test" was to be "only a test." As they used to say in the old days.

So, after procrastinating for a week, on Wednesday morning, the day of the test, I ran the chart for it. It is a standard astrological belief that we may know the motives behind a scheduled event by reading the chart for it. And here is where the mighty Cayce's bat comes in, taking his first big swing, and why this is batting *practice*, instead of an actual chart. I goofed.

Put it down to my supremely confident, excessively powerful 9th house Mercury, my chart ruler. It wants concepts. It does not care for details, but if details are at hand, it knows how to make the best of them.

The test was on Wednesday, November 10, 2011, at 2:00 PM, Washington DC. By mistake I ran the chart for 2:00 **AM**, did not check my work and did not find the mistake. Friends, don't let this happen to you. It was

later pointed out to me by a friend who I would gladly name and thank publicly, but whom I don't think wants the publicity.

I present that chart on pg. 4 as it is a good example of how details in a chart (presuming it's an accurate chart), when read, can take you in surprising directions.

In the (wrong) 2:00 am chart, 18 Virgo rises. The ruler is Mercury, which is at 8 degrees of Sagittarius, in the third house. Mercury in Sag is enthusiastic, but mindless as well as debilitated. It is rootless, in that the cusp of the third is Scorpio, which Mercury is not associated with. It wants to be in Gemini and the 9th, where it will be just as rootless. Sagittarius also is out of synch in the third and would much rather join Mercury in the 9th. Reduced to personages, what we have is a rootless individual with a local (3rd house) standing who would much rather be grandstanding in some foreign affair or other (9th). The Emergency Broadcast System is designed to warn US *locals* of an *international* attack. Houses *three* and *nine*. A few degrees further along, I find the south node in Gemini very near the MC. That's bad speech on a grand scale.

I then find Mars at the ultimate (29th) degree of Leo, exactly trine a void Moon, at 29 of Aries. I find the Moon in the 8th house of death and Mars in the 12th of sneak attack, with Mars ruling the Moon. (Sneaky will kill you?) Sun and Mars are in mutual reception, which has the force of a conjunction.

In a mundane chart the 6th house represents the nation's military. With Aquarius on the cusp, we are specifically referring to air-based or air-launched weapons, and with Neptune in the 6th we have deceit and misdirection. Which is to say the military does not know what it is doing (situation normal, all fouled up: SNAFU). Disposed by Saturn in the second, whatever use is made of the military will be an expense that must be paid.

Uranus in the 7th represents the "enemy." In Aries, he is well in our sights, as both the Sun and Mars rule over him. That it is Uranus tells us he is a stranger. The sign on the cusp of the 7th is Pisces, ruled by Jupiter, which is not in the 8th, but wants to be the 9th, which confirms the enemy to be foreign.

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Part 65: Chapter VIII
Parents, Relatives
and Home

Parents. The 10th and 4th houses rule the parents, but it is not quite certain by which house a particular parent is ruled (see pg. 30). The general significators are the Sun and Saturn for the father, and the Moon and Venus for the mother (according to some authors the Sun and Venus by day, and the Moon and Saturn by night), and it is usually advisable to base conclusions on the conditions of these planets. If well aspected or accompanied (within 30°) by benefics a long and fortunate life is indicated, but afflictions to these significators or to planets in, or the rulers of, the 10th and 4th denote trouble or death. If the significators are afflicted, debilitated, and not assisted by Jupiter or Venus, the parents will be unfortunate, obscure, or humble. If Saturn afflicts the Sun and both are weak and cadent, or Mars is elevated above and rising before them the father is full of infirmities, and if the aspect falls in other houses and especially in angles he may die. Mars elevated above the Sun causes sudden death or injuries in the face and eyes, but if above Saturn, bodily pains. The significators of the parents afflicting each other and afflicted by the malefics often denotes trouble between parents themselves or their separation. If Venus is in conjunction with Saturn and either rules the 7th in a child's map, there is some likelihood of its being illegitimate, especially if Neptune is also afflicting. Illegitimate children are said often to have the Asc. in aspect with the Moon and not the significator of the father, further indications being the absence of aspect between the lords the 4th and 2nd and the Moon; Venus joined with Mars or Mercury; and Moon conjunct south node as a slight indication.
 — *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson.

Ptolemy on
the Parents

from Chapter 5, Book 3, of the *Tetrabiblos*

IN conformity with nature, the Sun and Saturn are allotted to the person of the father; and the Moon and Venus to that of the mother; and the mode in which these luminaries and planets may be found posited, with reference to each other, as well as to other planets and stars, will intimate the situation of affairs affecting the parents.

Thus, for example, the degree of their fortune and wealth will be indicated by the **doryphory**, or attendants of the luminaries. If the luminaries be accompanied (either in the same signs in which themselves are placed, or in the signs next following), by the benefics, and by such stars or planets as are of the same tendency as themselves, a conspicuous and brilliant fortune is presaged: especially, should the stars, which attend the Sun, be such as rise *before him*; and those, which attend the Moon, such as rise *after her*, and these stars be also well established in the prerogatives before mentioned. Likewise, if Saturn or Venus be matutine, and in proper face, or in an angle, it foreshows the prosperity of either parent respectively, according to the scheme. (See Book I, chapter 26) If, however, the luminaries hold no connection with the planets, and be unattended by any **doryphory** [*do I smell John Frawley about?— Dave*] the adverse fortunes of the parents, their humble state and obscurity, and then denoted; especially, if Saturn and Venus may not be favourably constituted. The parents are also subject to a state of vicissitude, never rising above mediocrity, when the luminaries may have a doryphory of a condition or tendency foreign to their own: as, for instance, when Mars may ascend near in succession to the Sun, or Saturn to the Moon; or if the benefics be found constituted unfavourably, and not in conformity with their own natural condition and necessity. — *The Tetrabiblos*, by Claudius Ptolemy.

Is
This
You?

0-10° Gemini rising
The Gemini decanate

Appearance of the first decanate:

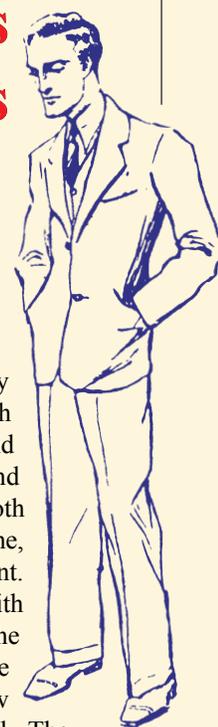
Geminians are usually tall and slight, with long arms, hands and fingers. The face is thin and sometimes hatchet-shaped, both the nose, which is often aquiline, and the chin being prominent. The mouth is well-shaped with a pressed-out appearance of the lips. The eyes are wide-set, the complexion good. The brow is broad and the hair plentiful. The body is short in comparison with the legs, carried somewhat rigidly, particularly as to the shoulders, which are very flat and often high and wide. The women of this type often have rather masculine voices although feminine and smart in appearance.

The first decanate is ruled by Mercury. This combination gives a kind and willing nature, an intellectual mind influenced by advanced thought. Yet there is often a certain wrong-headedness, which stands in the way of material success. The disposition is clever, versatile, nervous although stimulating. Men born under this sign make excellent journalists and love to influence others into their way of thinking.

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

November 15:

- 1777—Articles of Confederation approved.**
- 1791—Georgetown University opens**
- 1806—Lt. Zeb Pike sees Pike's Peak.**
- 1864—Sherman burns Atlanta.**
- 1959—The "In Cold Blood" murders**



Jupiter is only marginally conjunct the Moon, as the Moon is still in the previous sign. When it very shortly shifts into Taurus (by whatever progressed speed you want to use), the situation will change fundamentally, perhaps for the better, perhaps not.

Does Venus conjunct Mercury make things better? No, I don't think so. Debilitated Mercury wants to jump across the chart into the familiar territory of Gemini, but Venus has no such desires. It remains in the third. It "sugar coats" whatever Mercury decides to tell the world.

Finally, note that Neptune is exactly opposite Mars, which is always an aspect of conflict, that they are trine and sextile the Moon, which, opposite Saturn in Libra, gives the Moon a bloodthirsty coldness. Mars and Neptune form a T-square with the Sun, in Scorpio. Do you see why this chart, wrong though it was, grabbed my attention?

I next turned to the probable target, Iran. Which means consulting Nicholas Campion's priceless **Book of World Horoscopes**. In the store, for sale, I have the current Wessex Astrologer edition, but in my library I have every prior edition, back to the Aquarian Press original of 1988. My own personal favorite is the blue hardcover of 1999. Trim and compact, it fits easily in the hand, which is important for a big, thick book.

Campion says the chart for October 7, 1906, noon, in Teheran, is still valid, but the US never had a problem with that chart. The US has a problem with Ayatollah Khomeini and the Iranian Revolution of 1979. That chart is set for the Ayatollah's return to Iran on February 1, 1979, 9:33 am, Teheran. I ran that chart, and then, as I customarily do, I checked the ascendant and the Moon against Campion's. The matched. (If I made more mistakes, I would be in the habit of checking my work more carefully. The woman who pointed out the mistake said that she, like me, has Mercury in the 9th, but hers was retrograde. Retrograde, in her case, means she checks her work. This is why you cannot get delineations from a book, because astrology always depends on context.)

And as I feared, the Iranian chart lit up the (wrong!) Test chart. Iran's north node exactly on the Test ascendant. Iran's Saturn very near by. Moons in the same sign (Aries). Venuses in the same sign (Sag.). Marses in opposite signs. Iran Pluto near Test Saturn. Iran Uranus near Test Sun. Suns in square. Iran MC near Test Pluto. With the exception of the Test angles, all of these also apply to the *accurate* Test chart, at 2:00 pm,

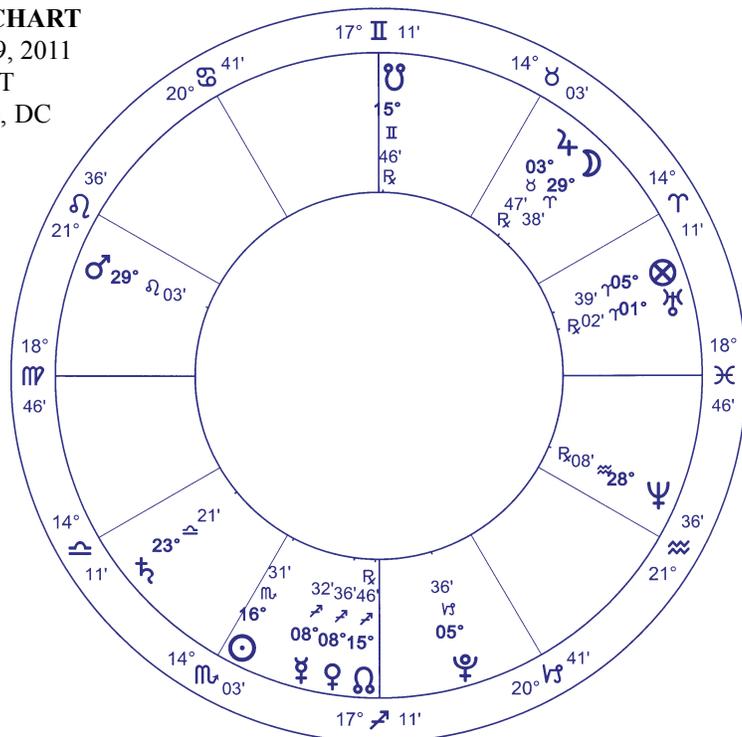
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WRONG CHART

November 9, 2011

2:00 am EST

Washington, DC



which I will get to later.

The next phase of the investigation was to establish the nuclear fingerprint. The US and Israel want to target Iran because of its nuclear activities. Which may, for all anyone knows, mean actually using one or more nuclear weapons against them. Which means going back to the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, 8:16 am JST. This chart had previously been active at the Fukushima disaster from last March.

I nearly fell out of my chair. Every house cusp (Placidus) on the Hiroshima chart was within one degree of the same cusps on the (wrong) Test chart! Which, to me, established intent. We then look at the planets to find out what kind.

The Hiroshima Uranus straddles the distance between the Test south node, and the (wrong) Test MC. Which is an amazing feat, since in the (wrong) Test chart there's only 1° 25' between the two. Hiroshima Mars is only a few degrees behind them.

Pluto is two degrees behind the Hiroshima south node, from 5 to 7 Capricorn. Is this significant? Yes, it is. Pluto was at 7 Capricorn last March when Fukushima blew up, causing the worst nuclear catastrophe since, well, Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Pluto will again be at 7 degrees the end of next month, and again in a long station next summer. Hold your breath and *PRAY* we do not have another nuclear disaster. Pluto is said to rule nuclear power. It was at 18 Cancer

when it was discovered. Hiroshima happened when Saturn reached that same degree, which is to say, an immature or insecure government (Saturn debilitated) used the power of Pluto to destroy a homeland (Cancer).

Next up was the chart of Israel. I used the 4:32 pm chart of May 14, 1948, with 29 Libra rising. This put the (wrong) Test Moon exactly on the descendant, indicating the US to be Israel's partner, or, most likely, probable enemy. The Israeli Mars was less than one degree from Test Mars.

AT this point, having terrified half a dozen people via **Facebook**, I was interrupted by Ariel, who informed me that I had the wrong Test chart. Two **PM**, not **AM**. The proper ascendant was just shy of 8 Pisces, not 18 Virgo. The Moon was at 5 Taurus, not 29 Aries. Oddly enough, from 2:00 am, to 2:00 pm, the MC/IC axis flipped exactly, from 17 Gemini, to 17 Sag. Which made the Test MC/IC the inverse of Hiroshima. The proper Test Mercury and Venus were now fully at 9 of Gemini. Nine is a critical degree in the Hiroshima chart, as Pluto is at 9 Leo, while the Moon and Saturn are at twice that, at 18 Cancer, with the ascendant very nearly 18 Virgo.

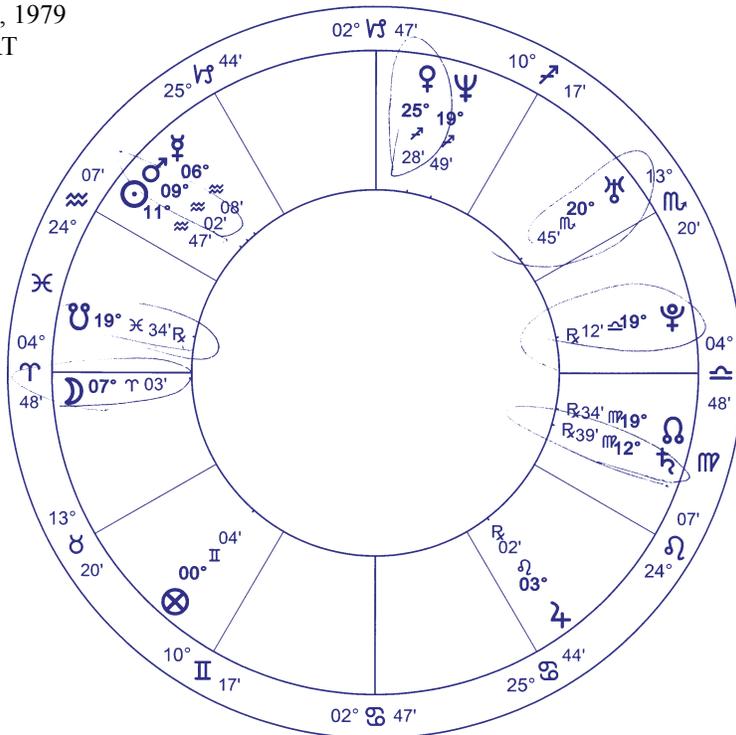
So what was last Wednesday's test all about? It is still hard for me to believe it was as stated, an innocent upgrade of an old system. Pisces rising, it is trying to be universal in some sense. Ruler Jupiter conjunct the Moon in Taurus in the second, it was about

Iran Revolution

February 1, 1979

9:33 am IRT

Tehran



money. Jupiter also rules the MC. Mercury is in Sag in the 9th, while it wants to be in Gemini in the third. Which is an effort to take grandiose, exalted ideas and make them of every day use, except that Mercury is debilitated, so it can't. Mars is still in the last degree of Leo, but now in the 6th house. Which in mundane charts is the military. Here, Mars is at the end of its rope (last degree) and unable to reach the foreigners on the 7th house cusp, the 7th house being ruled by a debilitated Mercury in both the house (9) and the sign (Sag.) of foreigners. Con-junct Venus, it is as if the Iran is laughing at us. Which they are.

NUCLEAR WAR

THERE needs to be things said about nuclear war in ways that are not often discussed.

In 1970 there was a book, **The Jesus Factor**, by Edwin Corley, with a shocking premise: Nuclear bombs worked just fine on test stands, but did not work, could not be made to work, while in motion, which is to say, they were useless for military purposes. Nuclear powers (so called) around the world had been in a complete, blind panic for a quarter-century, praying their country would be the one to figure out how to fix the bug and thereby put an end to a dangerous bluster.

The book was supposedly fiction, but it read too much like fact for comfort. According to Corley, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were faked, and were actually massive

firebombings using conventional forces. I found this book in a grocery store book rack c.1971 and ate it up. It's exactly the sort of thing that grabs me. Corley's book was reprinted numerous times, as recently as the late 1980's.

Subsequent events were disturbing to say the least. One was in 1984, when I was briefly

living in a house headed by Catherine, a late-in-the-day opera singer (she since seems to have disappeared), who lived on **Boulevard East** in Weehawken, NJ. The house had a glorious view of mid-town Manhattan, directly across the Hudson. She told us of a short-term boyfriend who, according to her, was working on the early neutron bomb, who became disenchanted with it, and, with a few other unhappy people, found that a certain mental exercise could prevent the detonation of such a bomb.

In that instant it flashed in my mind that there wasn't much difference between a chain reaction that detonates a bomb, and a very similar reaction in which the "life" of the bomb dies in front of you. Nuclear bombs, so it seemed to me, had a preference for blowing up, but if there was intervention right at the very beginning of the process, the chain reaction process could be "flipped" into a stable, and permanent, inertia. This person intended to use his top secret clearance to stop the neutron bomb project, but was soon removed from it, for reasons that were never clear. Without advance knowledge of when the bombs would be detonated, he could not stop them. This was a straw in the wind.

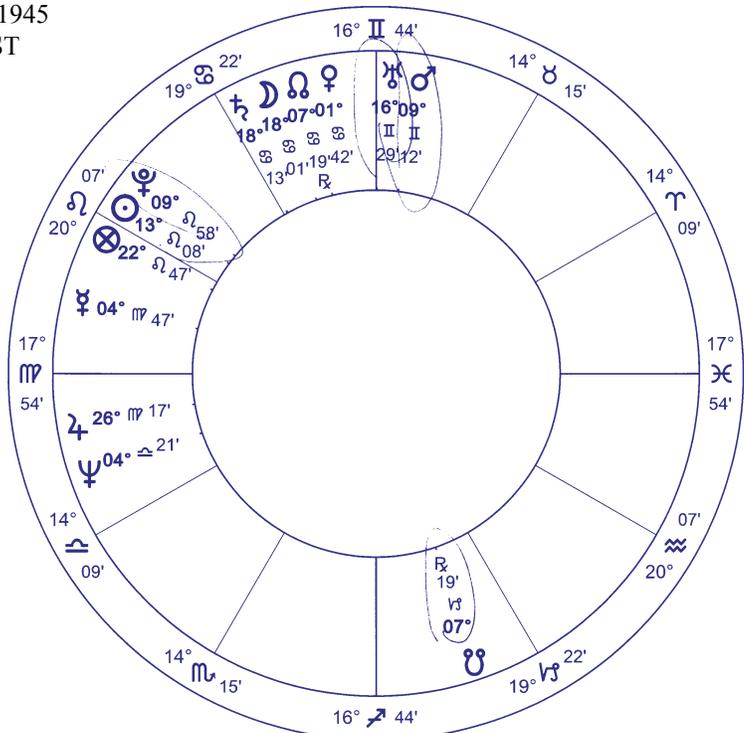
For a time, from the late 1980's to the mid 1990's, I was associated with **Benjamin Creme's** project to bring Christ-Maitreya back into the world. I was of course just one of many flunkies. (I have since established, to my sadness, that the Reappearance will

Hiroshima bomb

August 6, 1945

8:16 am JST

Hiroshima



not happen. Someday I will review the Aquarian Age and tell you why.) Creme, now quite elderly, lives in London but still travels the world promoting his cause. I had the privilege to be seated across from him at a diner given in his honor at New York's **Pen and Brush Club**, c.1988.

I managed to get him to talk. In the process of his drinking at least a quart of Scotch (an alcoholic friend was keeping track, I wasn't as I cannot drink, alas), I queried him on Corley's book, and got a most amazing tale.

Creme in fact has conscious access to various disembodied spooks who themselves have access to akashic records. Some of you will think this quite fantastic, but I myself have long studied the area and am, myself, very nearly able to do this on my own. Creme's great failure, in fact, is not his contact with "beings from beyond," but that these spooks do not, in fact, have any direct contact with Maitreya and so cannot speak on his behalf. They, like Creme, merely advocate. They are pious, they are earnest, they are sincere, but they are also completely at sea. The mere fact of channeling invisible entities do not make those entities infallible. However, their access to hard facts is another matter entirely. One in which they may well have solid information. Skeptics think channeling to be a hoax, while the credulous think anything other worldly to be the Word of God Himself. The truth is that disembodied voices are just disembodied voices. No better or worse, no less real, than you or me.

So far as the validity of Corley's fable, Creme confirmed it immediately, with one major change. Echoing Alice Bailey's **Externalization of the Hierarchy** (from 1945, which I have read), Creme confirmed that Hiroshima and Nagasaki were real atomic blasts, which had been expressly permitted by the Great and Sagacious Masters of the Wisdom and The Kings Holy Bullwhip, and if I sound mocking, I am and for reason. I increasingly think the [so called] **Masters of Wisdom** to be blundering fools.

Creme then went beyond Corley's book – published, remember, in 1970 – and stated that Nixon and Kissenger had dropped nuclear bombs on Haiphong at Christmas, 1972, and that the Israelis had dropped a nuclear bomb on Cairo during the Yom Kippur War of 1973. Creme also gave one or two other occasions in which nuclear bombs had been used, which I have since forgotten. In each case, detonation was "prevented by the activity of the Masters." And, no, neither Catherine, nor her boyfriend, were any-

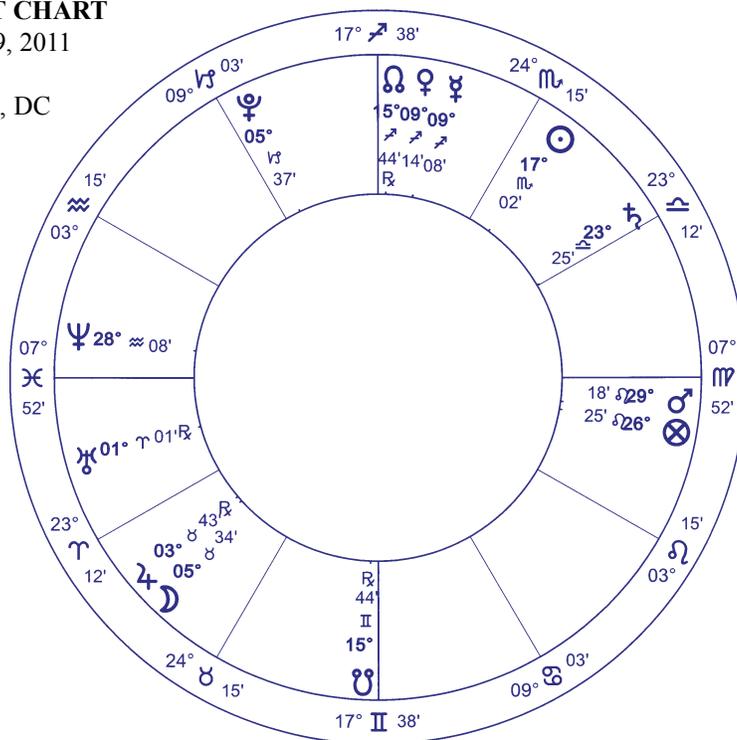
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where around.

Roughly four years later, in Brooklyn, I again had the opportunity to be in the same small room with Creme, who notably avoided me. I did not press him.

Around 1995, in Woodland Hills, CA, I was about to take part in a Transmission meditation with Creme himself presiding, when he pointed to me and said that the meditation would be unsafe and that I should leave. I was surprised, as over the years I had joined him in Transmission meditations half a dozen times. I snarled, I think, and left. I took the hint and have not been back. A leader has the right to chose his associates.

AT this point, Fidel Castro enters. In a comment on hurricane Gustav, which hit Cuba in August, 2008, Castro **wrote**,

In Herradura, looking at the devastation all around him, Army Corps General Leopoldo Cintra Frías shared his admiration for and amazement at the people's courage and said, "This is like seeing a nuclear explosion." He came close to seeing one in Southwest Angola, if the South African racists had decided to drop one of the seven bombs supplied them by the U.S. government on the Cuban-Angolan forces. That was a calculated risk, however, and the most convenient tactics were adopted. (emphasis: Dave)

Castro is as shrewd a man as any who has ever lived. Which is the only reason he will die peacefully in his own bed, of natural causes. He retired from active leadership in Cuba in 2008. He has since been writing his memoirs, more or less. He has elsewhere stated that Israel and the United States conspired to give South Africa the bomb, or at the very least, look sideways while South Africa developed it.

As for Castro's story, that South Africa was prepared to use seven nuclear weapons against Angolan-Cuban forces in SW Angola in 1988, there are several questions. One, how did Castro know there were seven bombs, and that they were targeted against his forces? Spies cannot normally get that level of detail. From what I have seen elsewhere, **Russian intelligence** (Sigint) can decrypt and decode in real time and has been known to pass the results to its favored clients, and Castro was certainly one of them. At the time, South Africa was losing the war. Nuclear weapons could have given it a decisive victory, had they been used. Castro is not naive in this regard, he knows what battle is like, he knows that an army that is losing will use anything and everything to avoid defeat. Could it be that he knows of these seven bombs because his troops recovered every one of them? All having failed?

So here is the evidence that nuclear weapons do not work in battlefield situations: Corley's book.

Catherine's story.

Creme's story.

Castro's story.

And the fact that, since 1945, no nuclear weapons have been used in combat situations.

Against this is the generally accepted belief that nuclear weapons will actually work in a combat situation. If you think about it, given the many thousands of nuclear weapons in the world, as well as the ceaseless wars of the past 66 years, it is unbelievable that no one has tried, and all too believable that at least several men have.

WHICH brings me back to Iran and the bomb. Iran cannot be permitted to develop a nuclear bomb because maybe, just maybe, they will figure out how to make one work in a battlefield situation. Which is a risk that cannot be permitted. Which makes what Corely wrote 41 years ago still eerie. That every nuclear power is presumably stung by the fact that the bomb does not work, and terrified that someone, somewhere, will figure it out and hold the rest of the world hostage.

Meanwhile our idiot Tibetan Masters, having permitted the Oppenheimer's **Trinity test**, having permitted Hiroshima and Nagasaki, having permitted hundreds of test explosions over the past 66 years, have no one but themselves to blame. (That they are known to meddle—see **Bailey**—but insist upon remaining blameless should, of itself, disqualify them as leaders of this planet.) If Trinity had been stopped, if Trinity had been a failure, the Manhattan Project would have been dead in its tracks. In trying to be half this and half that, the Masters have led the world into a replay of the latter chapters of Genesis. Where, if you can read the symbols, you will find the probable history of the current Aquarian Age. Which, by the way, is grim.

Meanwhile there remains the terrifying possibility that the Masters' ability to stop nuclear weapons may, as the Aquarian Age plays out, eventually come to an end, and for reasons that are not entirely under anyone's control. If I sound frightened, I am.

So what exactly was the reason for last Wednesday's very public test of the Emergency Broadcast System? I am hoping that we never find out.

Some day when the mighty Cayce swings, he will connect his bat to the ball. But as for myself, last Wednesday I blew it. And that is batting practice for the week.