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## Dave's own Fudge recipe

**M**Y mother made fudge, and whatever a mother or father does, their children believe that they can do, too. My mother made bread two or three times a week. So today I make bread. I always have, though I only do it once every other week.

I did not attempt fudge until after I had left home and was in college. I had a two-volume paperback edition of **Joy of Cooking** and followed the recipe. Except that I did not have baking chocolate. I had cocoa, as I love hot cocoa (try it with a dash of instant coffee crystals). But not to worry. In the reference section of Joy are equivalents. For two ounces of grated chocolate, Joy says you can use 6 tablespoons of cocoa, and 2 tablespoons of "fat". Unsalted butter, if you please!

Now I think that when you substitute cocoa for chocolate you get lousy results. If it was today, I'd say, I'm not poor, I will get the right ingredients and do a good job. Back in the 1970's I was young and poor and stupid and could still make mistakes. And as a result of having been cheap and

ignorant when I was younger, now when I go into a chocolate shop and sample the best fudge in the house, I invariably find it of poor quality. Nothing like mine.

It wasn't until I made a batch for an old girlfriend and saw her reaction that I discovered how good mine was. A tiny piece is all you need. Eat a bunch and you'll get "high" from the chocolate. I always do.

The recipe, straight from Joy:

1 cup, minus 1 tablespoon, rich milk. I have been known to use half whole milk and half half'n'half.

2 cups sugar

1/8th teaspoon salt

6 tablespoons cocoa (Hershey's is good) and 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

You are expected to know your basic candymaking: Heavy pot, careful attention to the heat so as not to burn, no stirring while the mixture heats – or cools, the "quilting" pattern that signifies the exact temperature (I never use a thermometer), the soft ball stage, etc. Then, add another 4 tablespoons of butter and 1-2 teaspoons of vanilla. You must beat and beat and beat before it loses its sheen and solidifies. Sometimes it never does, there is so much fat. I think that while you're reading these notes, I am going to make a batch. Cheers!



**Longevity**, continued from last week:

The Sun was most often in the 4th, 9th, and 12th houses, and in no case in the 7th. [These are indicators of longevity, not brevity. — Dave] It is in 33 cases either in aspect with, or disposed of by, Saturn, and in the three remaining cases it is in Virgo or Taurus. The aspects are by no means always technically good. Aspects between Venus and Jupiter are common. In 38 cases Jupiter is in Gemini or Virgo in 13. An interesting example of suicide at the age of 80 was born at Geneva, 11:30 pm, May 16, 1831, and hanged himself September 2, 1911. Here the Sun is trine the rising Neptune and exactly square to Saturn in Leo in the 7th: did the native end his life after losing his wife? It would seem likely.

**Liver.** This organ is ruled by Jupiter and in my view also by Neptune. In cases wherein it is afflicted by disease I am struck by numerous afflictions between the Lights and Neptune and by formations involving Gemini-Sagittarius. In six cases of cancer of the liver, the Moon is in Gemini in three and aspects are also remarkable. Also Sun-Pluto afflictions.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ANTARES** alpha Scorpii 9 ♂ 56

**Notes:** A binary star, fiery red and emerald green, situated on the body of the Scorpion. From Anti Ares, similar to, or the Rival of Mars. It was one of the four Royal stars of Persia in 3000 BC, when as Watcher of the West it marked the Autumnal Equinox. Sometimes called Shiloh and Cor Scorpio, the Scorpion's Heart

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy is of the nature of Mars and Jupiter. It causes malevolence, destructiveness, liberality, broad-mindedness, evil presages and a danger of fatality, and makes its natives rash, ravenous, headstrong and destructive to themselves by their own obstinacy. **If rising:** Richness and honour, violence, sickness, benefits seldom last. **If culminating:** Honour, preferment and good fortune. **With Sun:** Pretended religion, insincere, honour and riches ending in disgrace and ruin, military preferment, danger of treachery . . .

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

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## How to Delineate a Chart

**T**O read a chart successfully it is wise to follow a formula that becomes mentally operative as soon as you look at the wheel with its Sign and degree placements of the planets in the houses. The eye stimulates the brain to remembrance of associated keywords that it combines as a description. Thus the Moon in the First House in Aries, let us say, brings to mind *Many changes early in life undertaken independently and related to the family* (Moon natural ruler Fourth house) *activated around age 14* (progressed Moon then opposite herself, a Full Moon) and at cycle *age 28 and every 28 years thereafter* as a New Moon, always sure to go forward, since the Moon and Sun never retrograde. There shall be more involvement with others when increasing in light because of taking in a wider area. *Decreasing in light*, the circle narrows down to less. All this describes the effect on man and woman alike.

Following along in this example we would describe the person whose chart it is. The First House rules the early environment, health, manner of birth and any physical impairment of liability to accidents or ill treatment by a parent; the general temperament and the way your personality registers at introductions. You would say this Moon in Aries has a warm and friendly manner (Fire Sign) and a sympathetic maternal interest, thus involving herself in burdensome activities that would not free her for months, seeing that the Moon, the developer, is required to bring to complete fruition whatever she has started. . . —

**From Outer Space to Planet Earth**, 1982



(chart on pg. 4)



**T**HIS week I take up the chart of the late **Steve Jobs**, co-founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Apple Computers, who died on October 5, 2011, at the young age of 56. Not being enamored of Apples and i-things, I was surprised to learn that Jobs was not a computer programmer, but rather a designer. You should know that I am not an expert on astrology software programs, but that **Hank Friedman** is.

Steve Jobs was born on February 24, 1955, at 7:15 pm, in San Francisco. He was known for fanatic attention to detail, and a severely formal sense of design. His chart presents few problems in delineation and is a good example of tracing rulerships around the chart.

Jobs had fussy Virgo rising. The ruler, Mercury, is retrograde in Aquarius in the 5th house. Aquarius is a strong placement for Jobs' chart ruler. Mutable Virgo gives a love of details, Aquarius, a fixed sign, gives stability, and as a "universal" sign, also gives breadth of outlook. Mercury retrograde, it tends to "chew the cud," going over and over things until they are, with a nod to the ascendant, *perfect* in every detail. Mercury in the 5th house, there is great creativity.

The 5th house has Capricorn on the cusp and Venus hard on it. The lower form of Venus in Capricorn is tasteless and would just as soon make scribbles. The higher form of Venus in Capricorn is elegant and refined. It likes the old masters. The classical forms. What granny liked, whatever is old, whatever that was. **Mikhail Gorbachev**, the last Soviet leader, has Venus in Capricorn and has always dressed very well. From the pictures I've seen, Jobs was the opposite. For a long time he dressed like a slob. Then he found black, the color of Saturn, and adopted it as a uniform.

In its turn, Venus is ruled by Saturn in Scorpio in the 3rd. The third is the house of every day life, Scorpio is intensity, Saturn is NO! which means, in sum, that Jobs could never be satisfied.

Note what I am doing here. I am not blindly reading my astrology books. I am using *simple keywords to build an interpretation*. I don't really know where I am going until I have all the keywords, all the pieces,

strung out in front of me. Looking ahead, I see Mars out there. He's going to be important, too. I look at all the pieces and then I have the whole story.

Steve's Virgo ascendant (keyword: detail) takes me to its ruler, Mercury (dexterous), which I find retrograde (re-do) in Aquarius (universal) in the 5th (creative). I find Venus (beauty) in Capricorn (severe) on the 5th house cusp (creative), which is ruled by Saturn (NO!) in Scorpio (intense) in the third (every day life). Noting degree positions, I find Venus tightly trine to the ascendant and Saturn tightly sextile both of them. Mercury is a wide inconjunction to the ascendant and square to Saturn. *Aspects reinforce rulerships*. Already a picture is building of a very unpleasant person. Which confirms what I have read.

In its turn, Saturn is ruled by Mars, which I find in Aries in the life-or-death 8th house. This is a man who will bet his life, a man who knows what the stakes truly are, a man who will not settle for second best, as well as a man who may well pass away at a young age. Mars in Aries, the sign of the sword, says he would die by knife, or, as it turned out, by surgery. Steve Jobs, like many others, died as a result of inept surgery, specifically long-term consequences from the pancreatic surgery of July, 2004.

Before I take up Steve Jobs' death, I want to highlight one or two other factors in his chart. The seventh house is Pisces, ruled by Jupiter. I find Jupiter in Jobs' 11th house, of friends. This indicates a partner chosen from among friends. Since friends are not lovers, when the 7th ruler is in the 11th, the native has difficulty distinguishing between friends and lovers. Jupiter, the ruling planet, says this friend will be someone "larger than life." As this is not, by definition, a peer to peer relationship, there can be hesitation about marriage. The specially selected Jupiterian friend may feel the native (Jobs himself) to be beneath her and thus not give consent. This amounts to an aphorism, and this is how aphorisms are made.

When the ruler of the 7th house is found in the 11th, any opposition to that ruler indicates problems with children, since children are ruled by the 5th house. Such as we find

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The 4th house rules the domestic life and the residence. Afflictions to planets here or the ruler show unhappiness and changes, while good aspects indicate the reverse. In choosing a residence it is necessary to consider the rising sign and that on the cusp of the 4th. The house should face towards that point of the compass ruled by the sign on the 4th (see Chap. xii). Cardinal signs on the angles denote corner houses and prominent or elevated positions or on a cross road; fixed signs denote houses in the middle of streets and low lying positions; and mutable signs houses near the end of streets and flat and inconspicuous positions. The number of the house should harmonize with the planet in or ruling the 4th, the planetary numbers being as follows:— Sun, 1 and 4; Moon, 7 and 2; Mercury, 5 and 9; Venus, 6 and 3; Mars, 9 and 5; Jupiter, 3 and 6; Saturn, 8 and 4; Uranus 13; and Neptune 16. Where two numbers are given the first is positive and the second negative [as in, Aries/positive, Taurus/negative, etc. — Dave] Any number of several digits must be reduced to unit value by adding the digits together, thus  $127 = 1 + 2 + 7 = 10 = 1$ , i.e. positive Sun.

The effect of the signs and planets upon domestic matters is as follows:

**ARIES.** Saturn, early troubles, death of uncles and aunts. Mars, trouble through parents. Venus, feelings affected by father and his affairs. Moon, mother plays an important and often unfortunate part in life.

**TAURUS.** Saturn, loss of brethren, peculiar domestic experiences, death of father if in 8th or 12th. Jupiter, sorrow through relatives. Sun, fortunate for father. Venus, strong domestic ties. Moon, friendly with relatives, more sisters than brothers, often supports mother. **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson.

## Medical Astrology

from the

**Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology**

by H.L. Cornell

**I**N every Nation and Tribe there is a remedy, an Herb or Mineral, for the cure and alleviation of every disease known to such locality, and the Medicine Men of such communities generally know of such Remedies. Every Herb is governed by a Planet, but the highest efficacy of such herbs depends largely upon time they are gathered, and under the right planetary influence. [See **Blaggrave** — Dave] Medical Astrology deals with the Star Map of Birth from the health standpoint, showing tendencies, weaknesses, the parts of the body most afflicted from birth, the probable degree of vitality, and the times along thru life, under directions, progressions, transits, etc., when accidents, disease and ill health are to come in the life of the ordinary individual and the time of duration of such indisposition, when it may begin, and when it will end in the course of Nature, the quality and nature of the disease, and the planetary aspects be more favorable again for normal health, peace of mind, and freedom from worry and anxiety. In Ancient Times all Physicians were required to be Medical Astrologers and to know the Planetary Causes of Disease, and the Philosophy of Disease, before they were permitted to Practice upon, or Treat the Sick. This practice should be revived today and the subject of Medical Astrology taught in every School of Healing, whether it be in Schools which teach the use of Drugs, or in the Drugless Healing Schools. . . . It is my desire to spend the remaining years of my life visiting the various Schools of Healing over the World, to Lecture and bring before the Faculties the value of Medical Astrology as an aid in Diagnosis and Prognosis. — **Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology**, pg. 502, by H.L. Cornell.

## Is This You?

20°-30°

**Gemini rising**

*The Aquarius decanate*

The appearance of the third decanate:

The example shown here combines the height of the Gemini decanate with that of the Aquarian man at his best, and often resembles the Gemini decanate of Aquarius.

The *Aquarius* decanate of Gemini is ruled by Saturn. This influence gives greater success than the previous decanates, if Saturn be well-aspected at birth, thereby obtaining help through old people. This combination gives greater depths to the sign and the subconscious reacts upon the conscious mind through intuitive flashes. Success is sometimes attained through the expression of the emotions in a restrained way.

### The Planets with Relation to the Body

**Saturn** rules the spleen, the liver and the bony structure. It is a masculine or hermaphrodite planet according to the *Brihat Jataka*, an Indian fifth century astrological book.

**Mars** rules the muscles, the sinews and the sex organs. It rules the internal generative system in women. — **Man and the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.



with Jobs. Venus is tightly opposed Jupiter, at 21° Capricorn.

Jobs had a child by Chris Ann Brennan, with whom he lived with for many years but whom he never married. Jobs denied paternity, claiming he was sterile, rendering mother and child destitute. This was at a time when he was becoming rapidly wealthy. This plays out explicitly in his chart:

Pisces on the 7th house cusp, ruled by Jupiter in Cancer, both signs being fertile, indicates a wife who is fertile, although Jupiter being retrograde, she might be slow to figure that out. Jobs' excuse was that he was "sterile." This belief is shown by Capricorn on the 5th house cusp, the house of children. If Cancer is the most fertile sign, then Capricorn, the opposite sign, is the least. Therefore a 5th house Capricorn would seem to be an indicator of few or no children.

This was reinforced by the ruler of Capricorn, Saturn, which was in fertile Scorpio. Saturn in Scorpio would make Scorpio not fertile, or at the very least, less fertile. In the third house of the mind, Jobs would be aware of this, and this is before I note that Mercury in Aquarius (waking consciousness), is square to the house cusp itself.

It gets more grubby. Lisa Nicole Brennan-Jobs, the daughter, is represented by Venus in Capricorn, just as one would expect. Opposite Jupiter (the mother), this would indicate the mother did not want or did not expect the child, whom the mother would see as a burden. For Steve Jobs there was yet another factor:

Venus rules his 2nd house, of money. The child would therefore have claim to Jobs' money. Jobs did not want that. With his Mars in Aries in the 8th, Jobs wanted other people's money. Opposite Neptune in the 2nd, he was presumably paranoid his money would be stolen. How much easier to disown the child and claim he was sterile. No one ever said this was nice.

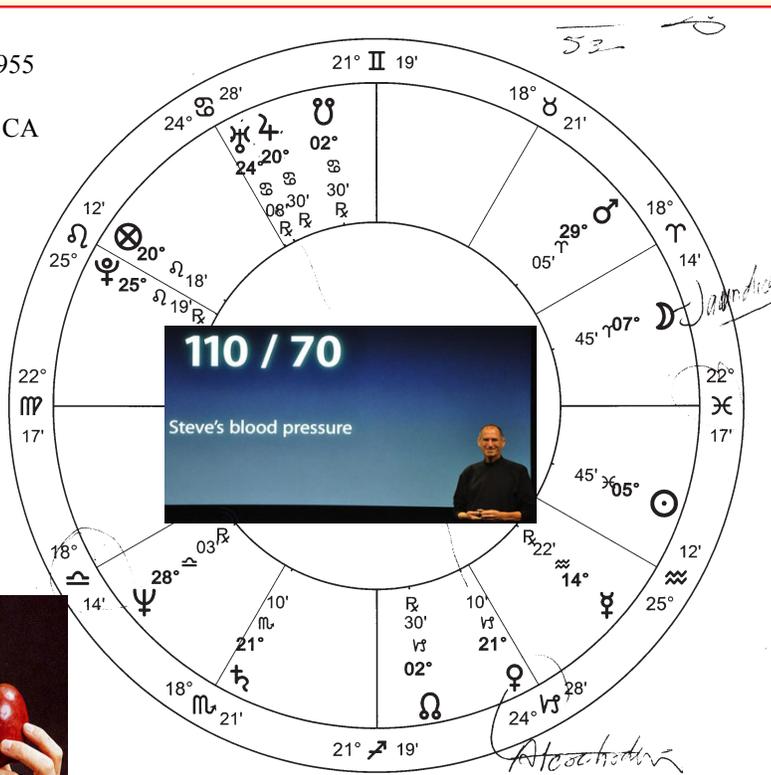
The seventh house produces the first significant relationship, which seems to have been with Chris Brennan. The 9th house produces the second (the 11th house the third, etc.). Jobs' 9th has Taurus on the cusp. It is ruled by Venus. The second child — from whatever wife — is ruled by the 7th house, the third by the 9th, etc. So when the ruler of the 7th is in the 11th, marriage results not from the first great relationship, but the second. In this case, the second child, from the second mother, flipped the Jupiter-Venus opposition to something that more favored marriage and children and settling down. Sometimes astrology really is just that black and white.

## Steve Jobs

February 24, 1955

7:15 pm

San Francisco, CA



**I**n a night chart, like that of Steve Jobs (Sun in houses 2 through 6), Mars is the sect ruler of the water signs and therefore has co-rulership of the Sun in Pisces in the 6th. The 6th is the house of doctors. Since the 6th house is normally the territory of Virgo, when the opposite sign of Pisces is found in the 6th, I would judge that Jobs had sympathetic, well-meaning, but befuddled and incompetent doctors. Normally I would read the sign on the cusp (a much more hopeful Aquarius), but the Sun in Pisces gives the house a focal point and so the Sun in Pisces will overwhelm Aquarius on the cusp.

Pisces is ruled by Jupiter, which is in Cancer. Jobs suffered, and ultimately died, from pancreatic cancer. Turning to **Cornell**, I find the pancreas to be co-ruled by Cancer and Virgo. Virgo, of course, being Job's ascendant, was ruled by a retrograde Mercury, while retrograde Jupiter in Cancer ruled his Sun. Note that Mercury is square Saturn, its ruler, and that Cancer is ruled by the Moon, which is in Aries, a fire sign that makes it hot. Jupiter is also exactly opposite the other benefic, Venus, which is in the sign of Jupiter's debility, Capricorn. Some authors say that Uranus is a malefic (which I would agree with), so its presence in Cancer would not be welcome. Finally we see the south node in Cancer. I agree with **Judith Hill**, that the south node functions as an energy drain.

We thus see that Jobs had a weakness in Cancer and his pancreas. Cornell says that pancreatic cancer is caused by afflictions to

Jupiter. Which Steve Jobs had.

As an aside, while I don't often feature Cornell's **Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology** in the newsletter (much too hard to transcribe), you will note that I do not set him up as a straw man to blow him down. Cornell is simply too awesome for that, and if any of you are seriously studying medieval medical astrology, you will find his book to be the best text ever written. Out of print for a decade, I initially reprinted it in hardcover in 2003, with a retail price of \$89.95. I sold it directly for \$74.95. It is now in a good sturdy paperback edition (970-ish pages) that sells for \$69.95. I sell it directly for \$49.95. (Cheaper than Amazon, by the way.) Fifty bucks is pretty much the going price for a serious gift. But I digress.

**S**TEVE JOBS seems to have been fadish about his health and his diet. When health problems arose, he did one thing, he did another, he tried everything, and then in the end he seems to have given up and gone straight to surgery. In other words, Mars in Aries in the 8th had the last word. In this, it was backed up by the Moon, also in Aries. Aside from its ruler, Mars, Steve's Moon had little support. It had no close aspects. The Wiki page says that after the surgery, Steve did not have chemo nor radiation, presumably at his express request. Aries will have none of that. Aries wants action, not drugs.

Since we are now discussing the death of Steve Jobs, a simple reading of classical as-

trology says that death ensues when a malefic planet arrives at the 8th house cusp. Placidus is the usual house system. Let's test that.

With a 7:15 pm birth, Steve's 8th house has 18 Aries on the cusp. So let's look for aspects.

Starting with transits. On the day Jobs died, Mercury was at 17 Libra, and Saturn at 19 Libra. Their midpoint tightly sandwiches the second house cusp, directly opposite. This is malefic, but since transits to house cusps happen all the time, it can only be a straw in the wind. **Not a deciding factor**, so don't worry about simple transits to your 8th house. Transiting Saturn had previously been through Job's 8th house 30 years before. Transiting Pluto made a station opposite the 8th house cusp in 1979. Transiting Mars, yet another malefic, sailed through the 8th house some two dozen times in Steve's life, conjuncting itself every time it did. Not one of these were fatal. Relax! It takes a lot more than a transit to kill you.

Solar arcs for October 5, 2011, tell us more (Naibod system). Looking for 18 degrees, we find the solar arc ascendant to be 18 Scorpio, Saturn was at 17 Capricorn, Venus at 17 Pisces, and Jupiter at 16 Virgo. Of these, Saturn is square to the 8th house cusp and must be considered malefic. The others are inconjuncts, which in classical astrology are said to be ineffective ("turned away," per Valens). Thus the benefics, Jupiter and Venus, were unable to assist. Note the solar arc ascendant, 18 Scorpio, is ruled by the ruler of the 8th house, Mars.

What I wanted to find were hard aspects, presumably progressions or solar arcs, to the Sun, Moon and chart ruler, which here is Mercury. Which I do not find. In the progressed chart set for the day Jobs died, I find progressed Mars 1°30' from the progressed 8th house cusp, a progressed to progressed aspect, which are often revealing. Which, as the original birth time of 7:15 pm sounds a bit approximate, is within a reasonable rectification. A birth time at 7:07:38 pm puts progressed Mars exactly on his progressed (Placidus) 8th house cusp at the time of death.

But still I wasn't satisfied, and so consulted Abu Ali Al-Khayyat, **The Judgements of Nativities**. Here I am indebted to Meegan, who, having lost her husband at an early age, was determined to find out why. She sifted through the mass of early texts (including Valens, by the way) until she found James Holden's translation of Abu Ali Al-Khayyat, which she says is a good start. I am hopeful she will write a book and if no one else will publish it, I will.

While I do not pretend to be competent with Khayyat's text, here is the approximate method:

We first determine the *hyleg*, or life giver. In a nocturnal chart, the Sun is never hyleg, so that is eliminated.

Next we go to the Moon. We find it to be in a masculine sign without aspects from the rest of the chart, which by definition means not aspected by its ruler, term, triplicity or anything else. So the Moon is not hyleg.

Next we go to the ascendant. At 7:15, the ascending degree is 22°17' of Virgo. The ruler is Mercury, which is not in aspect. The term ruler is Saturn, which is in tight sextile. This makes the ascendant the hyleg.

It also makes Saturn the *alcochoden*, which is to say, the giver of years, the exact number of which is found in a table (based on a specific formula which I confess I have forgotten). Saturn in angles gives 57 (great), in houses 2, 5, 8, 11, 43.5 (medium), and in cadent houses 30 (least). With Saturn in the third, Jobs gets the least, or 30 years. To this we *subtract* the least years of malefics if they are in hard aspect, and *add* the least years of the benefics, if we find them in good aspect. As it happens, both Venus and Jupiter are tightly aspected (sextile and trine) which adds 12 years for Jupiter and 8 for Venus. We now have a 50 year life for Steve Jobs.

If I understand the theory correctly, the 50th year will not be the year of death, but its earliest opportunity, based on the next appropriate trigger event. This would presumably be a solar arc direction or progressed aspect, itself being triggered by an ordinary transit. For the actual death date of October 5, 2011, we seem to have found a lot of deadly solar arcs. We get another if we tweak the birth time by seven minutes.

You will note that in July 2004, when Jobs had his first major surgery (from which he seems to have never fully recovered), he was 49 years and six months old. That he lived an additional seven years might be because there were no significant death factors in his chart, or might be because, as a very wealthy man, he could afford a great deal of medicine. Or a combination.

Presuming I understand Abu Ali Al-Khayyat correctly (and I expect I will hear from Megan about this), it would seem that Steve Jobs was, astrologically speaking, unlikely to live a long life.

What of the liver transplant? Two factors. One, most modern drugs are toxic and must be removed by the liver, putting a strain on that organ. Second, according to **Carter**, 7° Aries, the position of Jobs' Moon, is a

marker for jaundice, which is a liver ailment, Which would indicate a weak liver.

At a notable conference in September, 2008, Jobs ended his presentation with a slide giving his blood pressure: 110/70. Which is quite good — better than mine, but then, my heart is stressed, whereas Steve's was not. This tells me that of the many alternatives that Steve tried, astrology was not one of them. Which is a pity, as **astro-medicine is superior to all other treatments**. Astrology not only tells you what specific parts of your body are strong or weak, it will also tell you how long you will live, if you are brave enough to find out. As **Benson Bobrick** wrote in his book, **The Fated Sky**, ancient rulers commonly knew both the approximate date of their deaths, as well as the means of their passing, both supplied by their trusted sooth-sayers, I mean, astrologers. When you suspect every shadow that flits about the palace, such knowledge can be priceless.

**I**F the 8th house tells us *when* we die, the 4th house (the "end of the matter") tells us *how*. Jobs' last words were "OH WOW OH WOW OH WOW." (Given in all caps in his obituary.) This is not hard to decipher.

Sagittarius on Jobs' 4th house says that death would be an adventure. The kind of adventure is shown by Jupiter, the ruler of Sag. We find it retrograde in Cancer, meaning something very personal, which, retrograde, had been overlooked or forgotten, and in (or, more exactly, wanting to be in) the 11th house of friends.

It would therefore seem that at the time of his death Steve found himself in the company of a larger than life friend (Jupiter), who was most likely accompanied by others of similar stature. I wasn't there, of course, but it sounds similar to what I have experienced, on several occasions, when I led unhappy discarnates (*explicitly*: individuals who had been dead, anywhere from a month, to a century or so, *none* of whom I ever met while alive) to their "great friend." (Which is the term I usually employ. It is deliberately vague.) Who then have an OH WOW experience and instantly disappear from the "Earth plane". This is in fact a wonderful, joyous moment. In my experience it will bring sudden, unexpected tears to the eyes of everyone lucky enough to be in the room, followed by a great sense of peace. If this is in fact how Steve Jobs died, then after years of suffering and pain, he had a most outstanding transition, a most wonderful death. We should all be so lucky.