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Krishnamurti Returns

Four of the six **Krishnamurti Readers** have returned, with a 5th due on Thursday.

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The 5th reader, **Transit/Gocharapala**, will return on Thursday.

I regret that Reader 6, Horary, is between printings, I do not know when it will return. This is a pity, as horary is one of the primary uses of the Krishnamurti system.

I have a lot of old orders outstanding, but as is ever the case, old orders are like old soldiers. They fade away. As supplies are limited, if these are of interest, you should act now, as resupply will be at least a month, if not two.

Recent interest in the Krishnamurti system has been sparked by **Hart de Fouw**, who is teaching classes. I am somewhat irritated, as the demand he has generated has outstripped the ability of booksellers to supply, and, most likely, the ability of the publishers in Chennai, to print. We waited six months for Reader 2, for example.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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Spring Planting

Is not just yet. I was sorely tempted to plant in the March heat wave, but kept telling myself that April is a colder month, and, indeed, it has been. Even if it's still warm where you are, you don't want to plant in the dark of the moon (full to new) as plants will get a weak start. And you do not plant on the full moon: Plants will shoot up quickly and then fall over.

For general garden crops, Friday April 27 will do nicely: Moon in Cancer.

Flowers do nicely with a Venus sign, which is April 21-22 (Moon in Taurus), but as that's the new moon, they will get a slow start.

Root crops—potatoes, beets, onions, carrots, etc., are planted in the dark of the moon, since you want root development. Try the Moon in Pisces, April 16-17. Avoid Moon in earth signs, as that promotes woodiness.

Weeding. Weed your garden in the dark of the moon under a fire sign. Weeds will be a long time coming back: April 19-20, Moon in Aries, about to go new.

It's a bit early to think about harvesting, but that's under a waning moon in air signs. Air signs promote dryness and avoid rot.

Blaggrave says harvesting during certain planetary hours results in "super herbs" that do amazing things.



STAR OF THE WEEK



BATEN KAITOS zeta Ceti 22°07'

Notes: A topaz-yellow star in the body of the Whale. From Al Batn al Kaitos, the Whale's Belly. **Influence:** Of the nature of Saturn. It gives compulsory transportation, change or emigration, misfortune by force or accident, shipwreck but also rescue, falls and blows.

AL PHERG eta Piscium 26°59'

Notes: A double star in the cord near the tail of the Northern Fish. Associated with the Greek Head of Typhon. **Influence:** Of the nature of Saturn and Jupiter. It gives preparedness, steadiness, determination and final success.

VERTEX 31 M Andromedae 28°01'

Notes: The Great Nebula situated to the north of Andromeda's head. **Influence:** Of the nature of Mars and the Moon. It causes blindness, injuries to the eyes. ... from **Fixed Stars**, by Robson

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Concentrated

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

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

Paired or Alone

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

The Ascendant represents the person whose chart it is, and if the planet ruling the rising Sign is alone in a house or Sign it describes a person who has been left to his own devices most of his life; left alone in the home or denied his full share of companionship or cooperation; one who does well by himself. — **All Over the Earth**, 1963

ANTONIN SCALIA, current Supreme Court Justice, was born on March 11, 1936, in Trenton, NJ, at 8:55 pm, birth certificate in hand. How is it, you ask, that a Supreme Court Justice has put his birth certificate up for inspection? Well, he didn't. When Ronald Reagan nominated Scalia for the Supreme Court in 1986, the late **Lois Rodden** phoned her contact in Trenton and got the birth time.

For many years Rodden ran a data service (Data News) which gave actual recorded times of birth for virtually every celebrity in the news, and as soon as they popped up into the news. She never said how she got the times, only that she somehow got them. I really, really miss Lois, her spunk and daring. Like as not her birth-time rating system will eventually be abandoned simply because so few real birth certificates will come to hand, while, on the other hand, there will be (and has already been) much abuse.

Scalia is now 76 years old and is the senior serving member of the current Supreme Court, having been appointed to the court in 1986. You are wondering how long it will be until he retires, or heck, just plain passes away and are secretly hoping, perhaps, that I might use old astrology to tell you.

And that would be a wicked, wicked, evil thing to do. Because even if it's just a matter of conjecture and even if every case I've presented to you, so far, has been more-or-less right (those scheduled to die young did, in fact, die young, even if the prediction was wrong by five years), predicting the date of someone's death is a horrible, cruel thing to do, and it's a horrible and cruel thing even if Mr. Justice Scalia is a public figure of long standing and even if I am an obscure workaday hack that no one has ever heard of. It's just not done, okay?

On the other hand, those who, by birth or by merit or by sheer accident arrive at power and are responsible for the public good have the obligation to exercise that authority wisely, and for the good of the population in general. Such people are required to not only be *impartial*, but in fact to be *generous*. A head of a corporation can be greedy and self-centered and stupid, since he is merely the representative of his company. **A public official represents the nation's people as a whole** and must always keep this foremost

KNOW YOUR LEADERS

ANTONIN SCALIA

in mind. Ideology may be tolerated, but only in small doses, and with incessant apologies.

But it seems to me the government of the United States has forgotten this essential rule and now governs in defiance of its own people. A self-aware astrologer is one of the most powerful of all people and he exercises that power when he reminds his leaders of their own mortality. In other words, it is we, as astrologers, who are the fabled **Fourth Estate** of government. The press might have been co-opted. Astrologers cannot be. There's just too damn many of us.

Looking at his natal chart, you would not think Antonin Scalia to be inherently powerful, nor inherently brilliant. Libra rising, ruler Venus conjunct Mercury in Aquarius, you would think of him as an affable story-teller, and, indeed, Scalia is. Libra rising, Venus conjunct Mercury is an aspect of grace as well as eternal youth. Scalia, in fact, appears far younger than his actual age. A Venusian touch in a natal chart is always an advantage, one that Bill Clinton, Libra rising, Venus in the first house and in Libra as well, knows well. It smooths one's path in life.

Intellectually, Scalia's chart is upside down and we are mistaking cleverness for actual genius. This is where it helps to have a biography as a guide. Genuine cold readings are quite hard to do, as I have learned to my dismay.

In Scalia's chart, Jupiter is in Sagittarius — which it rules — and on the third house cusp. The third house has to do with details, but with Jupiter here we cannot be bothered with them. Details are not important. Concepts are.

Since I myself am concept-driven I would support this, but *details must prove concepts*. This step cannot be omitted, concepts may not stand on their own. Ideally, the concept in question must be so good and so secure that not only will *no detail, nor any collection of details, countermand it*, but the concept will be so powerful that it goes on to *organize previously unrelated details*. Such as my personal theory that the signs of the zodiac are not in the sky but are qualities inherent in the Earth itself, but I digress.

In Scalia's case, we then look across the chart, to the 9th house, the House of Concepts, where, of course, we find Gemini. Gemini is as out-of-place on the 9th as Sag-

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This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*. It is now in print.

Part 89:

Love and Marriage

Effects of signs and planets, continued:—

SAGITTARIUS. Impulsive; affectionate; often unhappy but usually conceal it; often two marriages, Saturn, danger of separation. Jupiter, two love affairs or marriages, one to a relative. Mars, mental improvement and gain by marriage. Venus, mental improvement, marries relative, more than one marriage and early widowhood. Moon, happy marriage.

CAPRICORN. Deep love nature; undemonstrative; often lustful. Saturn, entanglement with inferiors, opposed to marriage or unhappy. Jupiter, parents concerned in marriage, unsatisfactory. Mars, early entanglement with inferior, social gain and changes by marriage. Venus, ambitious, intrigues with inferiors, disappointments, marriage of convenience, cold partner, adultery. Moon, inconstant and unfortunate marriage. Sun, bad for marriage and husband's health if a woman.

AQUARIUS. Very idealistic; easily led; usually faithful but may be the reverse. Saturn, faithful, romantic and lasting tie, good marriage. Jupiter, love marriage, partner older than native. Mars, good and faithful marriage. Venus, chaste, often long courtship and late love marriage.

PISCES. Affectionate; fickle; inclined to be wanton. Saturn, unfavorable ties, beginning romantically and ending tragically, ailing partner, unhappy marriage, trouble through servants after marriage. Jupiter, marries inferior, often two marriages, danger of scandal. Mars, passionate, unhappy, two attachments, disappointing love affairs, delay in marriage, separation. Sun, rich but unhappy marriage. Venus, discriminating in love affairs, early marriage; if conjunct Moon afflicted by Saturn, fickle, separation or divorce. Moon, adultery.

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

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The Conclusion of Book 1

SO YOU must also understand, that when one asks concerning a Woman or any party signified by the seventh House and the Lord thereof, that then the 7th House shall be her Ascendant and signify her person, the eighth House shall signify her Estate and be her second, the ninth House shall signify her Brethren and Kindred, the tenth shall represent her Father, the eleventh her Children or whether apt to have Children, the twelfth her Sickness and Servants, the first House her Sweetheart, the second House her Death, the third her Journey, the fourth her Mother, the fifth her Friends, the sixth her sorrow, care and private Enemies.

Let the Question be of or concerning a Churchman, Minister, or the Brother of the Wife or Sweetheart, the ninth House shall represent each of these, but the tenth House shall be Significator of his Substance, the eleventh House of his Brethren, and so in order: and so in all manner of Questions the House signifying the party quested shall be his Ascendant or first House the next his second House, and so continuing round about the whole Heavens or twelve Houses.

If a question be made of a King, the tenth is his first house, the eleventh his second, and so orderly: but in Nativities, the Ascendant ever signifies the party born, whether King or Beggar: These things preceding being well understood, you may proceed to judgement; not that it is necessary you have all that is wrote, in your memory exactly, but that you be able to know when you are in an error, when not; when to judge a question, when not: I should also have showed how to take the *Part of Fortune*, but that I will do in the first Example, the use of the *Part of Fortune* being diverse, but hardly understood rightly by any Author I ever met with: However note, if a King propound an *Astrological Question*, the Ascendant is for him, as well as for any meaner party; and all the houses in order, as for any vulgar person: For Kings are earth, and no more than men; and the time is coming, &c. when.

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Is This You?

Scorpio rising

THE SECOND

DECANATE:

Ruled by Jupiter. The disposition is proud and haughty, although capable of rulership and considerable endurance. When afflicted there is a distinct tendency to become tyrannical and cruel. If supported by favourable planetary influences, fame and world recognition are likely.

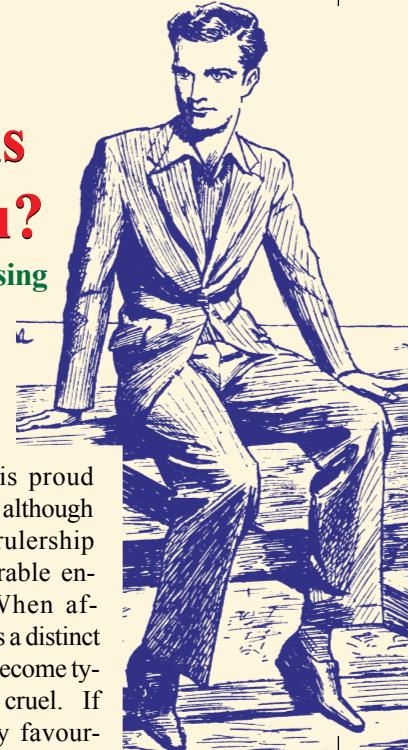
THE THIRD DECANATE OF SCORPIO

The Cancer decanate of Scorpio is ruled by the Moon. If the nativity is a refined one, this gives a strong love of psychic phenomena or mysticism. In other cases the love of sensation causes secret enmity of women who create difficulties in the life. The jealous tendencies are very strong.

APPEARANCE OF PISCES-CANCER

CUSP OF SCORPIO

Here [pictured] a combination of two decanates is expressed in one individual, the degree of the ascendant being nineteen degrees Scorpio. This degree, in the case of all twelve signs, contains the latent power to express both the rising sign and the two decanate influences, thereby enriching the nature and making it more complex. In this case the Scorpio pride of spirit contends with the Pisces-Cancer love of psychic phenomena. Note that the body possesses the narrow hips of Scorpio, whilst the face and nose are of a Pisces type, wide and short, not long and aquiline. Yet this youth possesses the Scorpio eagle eye and the well-shaped slender hands and feet. The head, however, indicates Pisces ideality rather than Scorpio shrewdness and combativeness. — *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias.



ittarius is on the 3rd. Now everything hinges on the condition of Mercury in the chart. Since Jupiter is powerful, it will throw up an unlimited number of grand ideas. If Mercury is in, say, Virgo in the 11th, then its rulership of the 9th will tend to shoot down a lot of the Jovian hot air that will come across the chart to challenge it. The square from Mercury to Jupiter itself will make the process stressful, which will tend to make the native eternally uncertain of himself. Make him "try harder" and do better.

This imaginary Mercury in Virgo in 11 would also be opposed to Scalia's Sun-Saturn conjunction in Pisces, and, as it would tend to actualize the 11th house itself, Scalia's friends would be eternally carping at him. (Nevermind that Sun-Mercury oppositions are impossible!)

INSTEAD, in Antonin Scalia's chart, Mercury is in Aquarius, a sign which it quite likes, and which lets it focus on large, social issues. While Mercury and Jupiter are natural enemies (they rule opposite signs), in Scalia's chart—as in mine, for that matter—they are friends. They are not only in signs that each of them like, they are also sextile to each other. Jupiter, in Mercury's house but in Jupiter's sign, is ideally placed to tell Mercury how the third house should be run, and even though Jupiter will be wrong, Mercury, strong by sign, sextile by aspect, and having no real interest in the 9th (which it rules), will let it.

Nor will that ever trouble Mercury very much, since, as you can see, Mercury is in trine to the cusp of the 9th itself. It's not just that trines are aspects of ease and grace, they are also aspects of *benign neglect*. In this regard, Venus's conjunction with Mercury merely reinforces this rather enormous blind spot. Antonin Scalia does not try to get the details correct because he doesn't really have to. Concepts are what he's got, and concepts are all that are important.

The nature and quality of these concepts are shown by aspects to Jupiter. In addition to its sextiles to Mercury and Venus, Jupiter has many other aspects.

Jupiter is square to the Sun: Optimistic, buoyant, generous, but wasteful.

Jupiter is square to Saturn: Restless and seeking. Note all three planets are in mutable signs, they are inherently unstable.

Jupiter is trine to Mars: A true believer.

Jupiter is square to Neptune: Illusions, dreams, unreality.

Jupiter is inconjunct to Pluto: As inconjuncts are aspects of invisibility and as Jupiter is expansive and Pluto is powerful,

Antonin Scalia

March 11, 1936

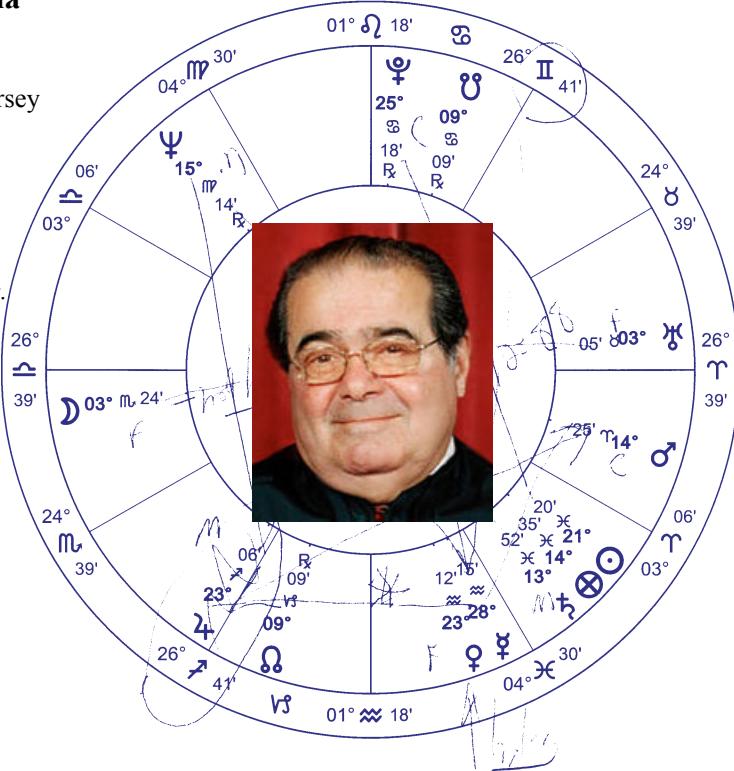
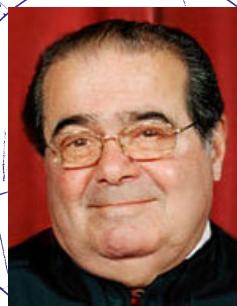
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Placidus houses

Mean node

Thanks to
Lois Rodden
for the birth time.



the inconjunction is not being aware of his own power, of his own strength. Overbearing, in other words. In fact, Scalia has always been a dynamo.

Having a fundamental grasp of the man, the rest of the chart is simply sketched.

Moon in Scorpio is an intense desire for emotional control, of himself and others. It is the ability to chop others off, which Scalia has in abundance. Obscurely placed in the first house, others are shocked when such an urbane and friendly man (ruling planet Venus conjunct Mercury in Aquarius) suddenly adopts crude behavior, such as his famous **hand under the chin cupping gesture**. The Moon's opposition to Uranus is an antisocial craving for excitement, which merely reinforces the Moon's antisocial nature.

Sun-Saturn conjunction, which is both wide and waning. This always results in a serious attitude, which, in Scalia's case, both wide and waning, he would like to dispense with. Aspects are dynamic in this fashion. Both planets in the 5th house, he would be a stern father. He has nine children, five boys and four girls. Why so many? While I am not skillful enough to actually count them in the chart, note that both Sun and Moon are in fertile water signs, a fertile sign is on the 5th cusp, which is ruled by Jupiter which is itself in its own sign, and even if Sagittarius itself is not fertile, Jupiter's many aspects certainly enhance its ability to deliver kids. Saturn in the 5th means that one child may

have been lost, which can be by miscarriage. Scalia was 24 when he married, which, judging by his chart, was late. (As a rule, the more fertile the chart, the earlier the marriage.) Even though the year was 1960 and the sexual liberation was still in the future, I doubt he was a virgin on his wedding day.

Scalia's **Sun is opposite to Neptune**, which is an aspect of deceit (deceiving others, and they deceiving him, note especially Neptune's placement in the house of would-be friends), but in Scalia's chart, the Sun-Neptune opposition is overwhelmed by the **Saturn-Neptune opposition**, which is much tighter. **Oken** describes this as "swimming with leaden boots," which is to say, trying to get by without paying your dues, and acting irresponsibly in general.

Note **Mars in Aries in the 6th**. Mars in the 6th is generally a hot-headed troublemaker at work. In this respect, Mars in Aries in the 6th is much easier to deal with than, say, Mars in Scorpio in the 6th, which tends to be underhanded and devious. Mars in the 6th gives inexhaustible energy for work. And, in fact, during his time on the court, Scalia has written scads of opinions, majority opinions, concurring opinions, dissenting opinions. Unlike some jurists, who cultivate or manipulate other jurists to sway them to their opinion, Scalia charges straight ahead, fearlessly, recklessly, a ram butting his head.

Lastly, Scalia's **Sun, in Pisces**. Weakly placed in Pisces, it is square to Jupiter, both

in mutable signs, and trine to Pluto, which gives Scalia's Sun what little positive strength it has.

It is said that Scalia has always been conservative, even when he was a student in the 1950's. There is nothing in his chart that would make him a radical, whereas his Catholic upbringing, with its emphasis on tradition and authority, would tend to work in the opposite direction. The **Second Vatican Council**, which ended in 1965, was very likely a turning point, as it was for me and virtually all Catholics alive at that time.

In Scalia's case, the revolutionary change in his fundamental belief system came during the height of his first Saturn return. The Church's long-overdue reform became forever tied to Scalia's transition from late childhood, to full-fledged adult. Like many of us, he repudiated the Church's change. In his case, he became a member of the breakaway **Tridentine faction**, which continued with the Latin Mass.

Note carefully how this plays with the various factions in his chart: Sun, Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune in mutable signs: The world is a crazy place that will do stupid things. Moon-Uranus-Mercury-Venus in fixed signs: We must be strong and stay firm. Mars and Pluto in cardinal: Maybe if we work hard we can find the power to change things.

Or, more simply:

The *Sun* says we are weak and at risk.
The *Moon* says we must remain firm.
Maybe we can find the power.
Such is the chart of Antonin Scalia.

HAVING had his religion shot out from under him in his youth, Scalia will not let this happen again. Challenges to tradition will be suppressed. Remember that for Antonin Scalia, details are not important. Concepts are.

We now understand why this man has been at the forefront of innumerable idiotic Supreme Court decisions. To cite a few of them:

Bush v. Gore, 2000, in which the Supreme Court forcibly stopped the State of Florida's recount. The Constitution clearly gives the States, and the States alone, the power to count votes.

Citizens United, 2010, which gave the rich unlimited right to buy elections.

Florence vs. Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington, 2012, which gave police the right to strip search anyone, anywhere, at any time, because the alleged risks to law enforcement outweigh all other considerations. Think the cops

won't use it? This is **beyond repulsive**.

Antonin Scalia was part of the majority of each, and as the longest serving justice, has had a major role in shaping the current court overall.

Last fall's **Occupy** movement proved that peaceable protest will neither be heard, nor even tolerated. Last Tuesday was primary day here in Maryland. I was so angry I could not make myself go and vote.

I am an astrologer and will therefore use the tools at my disposal. **Here is how we calculate Justice Antonin Gregory Scalia's life expectancy:**

We must first determine the *hyleg*, or giver of life. In a daytime chart the Sun is normally the hyleg, but Scalia was born at night.

We next consider the Moon. For a planet to be hyleg, it must be in aspect to one of the planets that rule the degree in which it is located, which, for the Moon, is 3 degrees Scorpio. Those ruling planets are: Mars (sign), Mars (triplicity/night), Mars (term), and Mars (face). There is no exaltation. The Moon is not in Ptolemaic aspect to Mars and therefore is not hyleg.

We next move to the ascendant, Libra. As the ascendant is a point and does not "casts rays" we do not consider it, but rather, its ruler, Venus. Venus is at 23 Aquarius. Saturn rules the sign, Mercury rules the nighttime triplicity, Venus rules the term, and the Moon rules the face. As Venus is conjunct Mercury, this makes Venus the hyleg.

As the *alcohoden*, or giver of years, is defined as a planet which both rules and is in aspect to the hyleg, this makes **Mercury the alcohoden**.

The alcohoden gives years based on the house in which it is found. Angular houses (1, 4, 7, 10) give the greatest years, followed by succedent (2, 5, 8, 11) and then cadent (3, 6, 9, 12). Here is the table, so that you may know:

<i>Saturn</i>	57	43½	30
<i>Jupiter</i>	79	45½	12
<i>Mars</i>	66	40½	15
<i>Sun</i>	120	69½	19
<i>Venus</i>	82	45	8
<i>Mercury</i>	76	48	20
<i>Moon</i>	108	66½	25

These numbers are not arbitrary, but based on an actual, calculated sequence, which, forgive me, escapes me at the moment.

Mercury in the 4th house (angular) as alcohoden, or giver of years, gives 76, which is Scalia's current age. To this we are to add the minor period of Jupiter, if it is conjunct,

trine or sextile. As Jupiter is not only sextile, but strongly placed in its own sign, we may confidently add its minor period of 12 years. We then do the same with Venus, which is conjunct the alcohoden. Venus's minor period is 8 years.

We must then subtract the minor periods of Saturn and Mars, if we should find them conjunct, square, or opposed to the alcohoden. As neither planet is, we find Justice Scalia may reasonably expect to live to his 96th year (76 + 12 + 8). Which will take him to the year 2031. He will be with us for a long time to come. If he is still a member of the Court, he will be in his 45th year there.

In messing around this week I did the same calculation for Justice Kennedy and discovered, to my surprise, that he may reasonably expect to live at least into his mid 80's. As both of these results are far beyond average, I was then led to the perhaps not surprising conclusion that longevity of one's forebears is a major consideration in the selection of a Supreme Court justice, and presumably always has been. You think that heredity is not part of astrology? Of course it is. We incarnate as groups. Astrology merely reflects the qualities of our group.

THOSE who rule a country are members of a small and exclusive club.

In the case of those who rule the United States, not all of their birth times are known, but I am sorely tempted to publish the calculated dates of death for all those whose times are known. If I do so, it will not be because I wish them ill-will, nor do I wish to cause their families or friends distress. Fake elections, the suppression of dissent, and the shocking legalization of strip searches, are my own personal limits. It is time to gently remind our rulers of their intolerable, inexcusable misrule.

And then wish them long and happy and peaceful and prosperous lives. ♣