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A Week with Pneumonia

WE all grumble about our health, especially as we age, I am no different. But in fact a good night's rest and I'm usually up to speed the next day. Aside from the dread disease, *toothache!*, I haven't been seriously ill in many years. Which I put down to vegetarianism. Meat is a low-grade toxin. Eat it and you'll get the annual whatever it is. I used to eat and I used to get.

So on Friday the 3rd, when I did not feel like starting the newsletter, I did not worry about it. By Saturday I had lost the brain-mind link, was technically stupid and could not write, only stay in bed and hope for something better. Sunday morning I was planning a rump newsletter and was hoping to find the energy by late that night. But as with Saturday, I slept through the day. Late in the day I took a thermometer and found I had a fever. 102 or 104, I forget.

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

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14	00:27	☾ □ ♀	
15	08:22	☾ □ ♀	Void
	09:09	♀ ♂ ♀	
	10:36	♂ ♂ ♀	Wind, storms
	18:06	☾ ♀	
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Monday I felt stronger. I waited to 8:30 — two hours late — to send a note, to ensure you would see it. As luck would have it, more than 10% were bounced (rare) but I've come to expect the piling on. This was the gung-ho day. There was muscle testing and map-dowsing and even calendar-spooking. Could a good ginger-based herbal tea burn up whatever was in the lungs? Grab a packet in the right hand, hold it over the heart, test what it does to the left arm, held straight out from the body. Sure looked like it.

Map dowsing is a variation. Dr. A or Clinic B? Which? Get a local map. Put the right index finger on the location, extend the left arm, test.

But why stop with maps? Get a calendar. Put the index finger on the date. I was stronger on Monday than on Sunday. *Right*. I will be stronger on Tuesday? *Right*. On Wednesday (the 8th)? *Much stronger*. Practically cured.

Tuesday arrived and I was worse. The fever was unbroken. Maybe it was the fool posing as a doctor, maybe I was trying to hit a moving target, maybe the idea was simply stupid. No matter. We knew it was pneumonia. Our daughter had just had pneumonia three weeks before. We knew the clinic, we knew the doctors, we knew the fees (\$800). I knew we were bust and on the verge of falling behind on the mortgage and being

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ASTRO MED

A to Z
FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Refinement is chiefly manifested under the airy signs, and particularly Libra. Among the others Virgo is considered refined, but exceptions often occur. Most violent bad aspects tend to destroy delicacy of feeling in some direction, but this is particularly likely to be the case if the 5th house and the watery signs are involved. A heavy Mars element tends to diminish refinement, even if the aspects are good, and a strong Venus promotes it. The fiery signs are often horsey and common, and their high spirits betray them at times into vulgarity. Unless Venus is very weak indeed, however, the native will nearly always respond, more or less easily, to good influences. The nativity must, in such cases particularly, be carefully considered as a whole. *See Coarseness.*

Receptivity. All negative signs incline in this direction, and Cancer most of all. The watery signs are most receptive emotionally, and the earthy physically, especially Virgo.

— [Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology](#), by C.E. O. Carter. [Buy](#).



STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★ ★★★★★★★

ALPHARD alpha Hydrae 27 & 27

Notes: An orange star in the neck of the Hydra. From Al Fard al Shuja, the Solitary One in the Serpent. Often called the Hydra's Heart or Cor Hydrae

Influence: Ptolemy states that it is of the nature of Saturn and Venus. It gives wisdom, musical and artistic appreciation, knowledge of human nature, strong passions, lack of self-control, immorality, revolting deeds and a sudden death by drowning, poison or asphyxiation.

If rising: Much trouble, anxiety and loss in connection with estates and building; addicted to women and intemperance. **With Sun:** Power and authority but suffering through own acts and from enemies, loss of position and honour, overcome by enemies. **With Moon:** Lust, wantonness, profligacy, failure in projects but financial help often from a relative, ill-fortune to wife or mother, eventual disgrace and ruin, danger of death by asphyxiation. Possibility of drowning or poisoning.— *From Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson [Buy](#)

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Your Personal Jupiter

THE idea is to recognize his promise and capacity in your chart, to evaluate it according to his position and strength by Sign, decanate and house, and relationship to the ascendant, its ruler or planet in the 1st House because the more he takes part in your life by activating your chart the more Jupiterian your life is to be.

You must appreciate too that some of his largeness is lessened if his hands are tied by being retrograde, or intercepted and simultaneously afflicted by Saturn who limits freedom to operate outwardly; or badly aspected to the rising degree or its ruler or any planet in the 1st House, revealing a lack of awareness on your part, sometimes due to circumstances denying an opportunity. Where you have Saturn, Mars and Neptune you shall have problems and with Uranus you have a heavy cross to bear, always involving the matters of the house they are in.

On the other hand, just as the Sun illuminates whatever house he is in at birth, and Venus shows by house the department of life where you are affectionately received, the mere presence of Jupiter blesses the house he is in and its affairs in your behalf; you are never entirely bereft, for where he is, there you have help. He represents the Deity granting you some saving grace and if we truly seek it confidently we shall find some.

Strangely enough, if natal Jupiter and Sun are trine your Jupiter will be retrograde for life while waiting for the next Sun-Jupiter trine to release him. — **Astrological Essays**, 1979. **Buy.**

OLD BUSINESS

I have lots of new ideas but first need to clear the decks.

JERRY SANDUSKY

Microwave popcorn: I pop my popcorn in the microwave. Didn't know the man personally, but I suppose Jerry did, too. Heard from a lover of premium "Greek" popcorn that Jerry's machine really and truly did have the fancy Sun-Pluto switch on it. Popcorn's popcorn, I replied. Let's not put on airs.

For the chart set on January 26, 1944, with a proposed 7:00 am EWT (*not* EST!) time, we've worked out that Mars-Uranus conjunct in Gemini in the 5th raped boys, while chart ruler Saturn in the 6th, opposite Venus in the 6th gave him an institutional setting, and that there was some sort of money thing going on between Sun-Moon-S.Node in 2, and Jupiter-Pluto-N.Node in 8, which might have something to do with the **Second Mile**, which was set up while transiting Saturn conjuncted one side and opposed the other.

Wouldn't a 2 - 8 split be sex for money? Money for sex? Money given — or sex taken — unwillingly, as oppositions are never generous? Well, yes. You could say that.

We can guess that already in 1977 Sandusky was a problem at Penn State, that he was hitting on the children of faculty and staff, and that, already, he was too big and too powerful to deal with directly. And, very likely, Penn State itself was already too corrupt.

Here's more help for the popcorn set: The opposition across Leo and Aquarius is primarily *political*. The leader and the masses. You see the power structures around you, they are living things. Those with Leo-Aquarius polarities in their charts, especially the *full moon*, can be a player, as well as a victim.

These politics play out according to the *nature of the houses* Leo and Aquarius fall in. Two and eight, *money is political*. You screw them for money, or they screw you for it. And yes, it's just that crude. *Fucking for money*. And that's an 8th house sex thing. Not 5.

What am I doing? I've got some strange thing on my workbench, but I don't have an astrology manual that will tell me what it is. With patience and care I have taken it to pieces, each of which I have cleaned and studied. I am slowly learning how the parts fit, what sort of motor they made and what that motor might be able to do. This is *mechanic's* (*continued, pg. 4*)

ASTRO-CAMP

Let's put some legs under this!

This isn't a new kind of national conflagration. AstroCamp is how you meet your neighbors. There are a handful of places around the country which have a real, local astro identity. Among these locales are:

- Annapolis-Baltimore
- Philadelphia
- Trenton, NJ, and nearby Pennsylvania
- Santa Fe, NM
- Ashland, OR
- Portland, OR
- Seattle, WA
- Very likely the Berkeley, CA area.
- Chicago
- Phoenix

There are likely a dozen other locales that are not known to me (my apologies).

These are not to be excuses for intense astrological presentations. Not initially, at any rate. Nor are they to be exclusive to astrologers themselves. Bring the family!

In practice, you will start with whatever local park as may come to hand, it will be a sunny Saturday afternoon, and you will all have a picnic. As simple as that.

Over in Silver Spring, MD, **Lynn Koiner** (Baltimore-Annapolis) already has the bug. Her group has an annual picnic, scheduled this year for Saturday, August 25, at 737 Easley Street; Silver Spring. It's not to be missed.

Your initial venue will be a local park, or even playground. Parking is free or nominal. Space can often be had merely by showing up and claiming it, though if you want to use the shelters you should make reservations, which are simple. Here in Harford County, MD, there is **Rocks Park**, which has three different areas, as well as **Annie's Playground**, which has a nice shelter. Anyone in a home school group? They often have outstanding local contacts. Borrow some.

Your first goal is just to make contact with your fellow astrologers, to get a good turn out. Lynn has quite a production, which is to say that she's been at it a few years. Note she sets her date astrologically, which shows the craft at work.

When I was in New York I had an idea for a Friday coffee-klatch, but I never got it (*continued, pg. 6*)

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

Part 106:

Travel

The influence of the planets, continued:—

MERCURY. Many short journeys often on business, mental benefit through travel. If conjunct Moon, in reception, or both in the 1st, 3rd or 9th, many long journeys. If afflicting significators, danger of piracy, imprisonment, or poison.

VENUS. In 9th, travel for pleasure, fond of yachting and boating. If afflicted unpleasant journeys.

MARS. Impulsive and dangerous journeys. If aspecting luminaries often gives changes. If descending, especially in 9th and afflicting luminaries causes tramping or itinerating.

JUPITER. Travel and residence abroad, financial success. Afflicted by Mars danger of accidents or shipwreck.

SATURN. Unfavourable for travel and often gives love of home.

URANUS. Sudden and unexpected journeys.

NEPTUNE. Long voyages and journeys by water.

The following are the aphorisms dealing with travel:—

1. Mars, Mercury and Moon just setting in a watery sign cause voyages or long residence near water.
2. Sun or Moon setting in 7th denote journeys for gaining employment or evading enemies.
3. Lord of Ascendant in the 9th, or lord of 9th in Ascendant indicates fondness for travel.
4. Significators of travel with lord of 10th or Saturn elevated, native will be sent on a mission by an influential person, but if significators are in Ascendant or in good aspect to it he will travel by his own wish.
5. Jupiter ruling Ascendant and posited in the 9th and afflicted by malefics causes forced journeys on account of religion or law.
6. Venus, ruling 7th, in 9th afflicted by malefics denotes travel on account of love affairs.
7. Part of Fortune cadent is some indication of numerous journeys.

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

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3.05—MARS WITH SATURN:

Since Mars inclines to warmth, reflects positive electricity and symbolizes the red ray in the solar spectrum while Saturn, reflecting negative electricity, the blue ray of light and inducing humidity inclines to barometric depression, these planets are diametrically opposite to each other in character. Saturn condenses or crystallizes aqueous vapors. The influence of Mars promotes evaporation. The result is conflicting currents in the atmosphere, promoting varying winds and destructive storms in the lowlands when these major planets form their conjunction, parallel of declination, opposition or square aspects to each other. The atmospheric disturbances are most intense when these configurations, particularly the conjunction, take place during the warm seasons.

The sextile, trine, semi-sextile and 150 degree angles incline to cloudy weather with wind. Indeed, all configurations between Mars and Saturn, especially in cold seasons, promote wind. When these planets are combined in aspects, their influence is akin to that of Uranus.

A. J. Pearce, in his "Science of the Stars" observes that the conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the zodiacal sign Cancer, which happens once in 30 years, is of major importance. Such a conjunction took place on September 10, 1915, 11:38 p.m., E.S.T., in Cancer 14.25. Records of our personal observations at that time indicate that violent storms in New York at that time caused considerable damage to property. On September 11, at 6:55 p.m. when a building was struck by lightning a four alarm fire resulted in \$1,000,000 property loss. Due to flood conditions, short circuits developed in the New York subway system on three different dates. Following unusually stormy weather in the southern States, floods developed in Louisiana. Preceding the storm at New York on September 11, when the Moon squared both Mars and Saturn, the temperature rose to 100 degrees. The next conjunction of Mars and Saturn in Cancer 24.48 on October 26, 1945 is recommended to astronomers for research.

A Text-Book of Long-Range Weather Forecasting, by George J. McCormack. **Buy.**

deVore returns:—

Entries under A

continued:—

Accidental Ascendant. A device employed by **Evangeline Adams** whereby to draw Horary interpretations from a natal Figure. In applying this method one determines the Ascendant for the moment the question is propounded, and rotates the Figure until this degree occupies the East point.

Acronycal. (Greek, on the edge of night) Said of the rising after sunset, or the setting before sunrise, of a planet that is in opposition to the Sun, hence in a favorable position for astronomical observation. A. Place: The degree it will occupy when it is in opposition to the Sun.

Active Influence. That which results from an aspect between two or more astrological factors or sensitive points, thereby producing the action that can materialize in an event.

Adept. One who has attained to proficiency in any art or science. It may be said of a skilled astrologer who, through spiritual development, has attained to superior powers and transcendental knowledge concerning the origins and destiny of mankind. Formerly said of an alchemist who had attained the "great secret"—presumably that concerning the "transmutation of metals." Its modern application is to the transmutation of unfavorable cosmic stimuli and the baser emotions into nobler impulses—thereby achieving the triumph of mind over matter, and of the spiritual over the carnal.

Adjusted Calculation Date. A term used to a directed or progressed horoscope, as indicating the date on which the planet culminates. Also termed Limiting Date. [The "culmination" is to the exact position given in the (noon) or (midnight) ephemeris for the stated number of days after birth. — *Dave*] — **Encyclopedia of Astrology**, by Nicholas deVore. **Buy**



work. Grab that bowl of popcorn and follow along.

The Second Mile was set up in 1977 to get Jerry away from the locals and to give him a good supply of out-of-towners who won't make too much fuss and who can be dealt with if they do. All associated with Sandusky's 8th house, as Jupiter and Pluto are there natively while Saturn was passing through at the time.

Does this sound like pure evil to you? Well, what do you expect? That's Pluto, that's Jupiter magnifying him, that's the nature of the 8th house itself. Saturn merely gave all of it the unholy kiss of life, or rather, *undeath*.

On the other side of the chart we see Sandusky himself, carving it out of his own flesh and blood. It's the Sun that rules Leo. Sun debilitated in Aquarius is here a black magician. Conjunct the south node, he is putrid and foul and reeks of death and decay. His nourishment, his support comes from Pluto in Leo in the 8th, which is to say a vampire feasting on corpses.

This monster Sun is assisted by a Moon, which he has captured and made his slave. For his part, Pluto is assisted by Jupiter, who, a witless beast, is made to do his bidding. *Will your microwave cook like this?* No? Mine won't either, even with the fancy knobs and switches. You need a real oven for real cooking. But enough of this lurid fantasy.

So the purpose of the Second Mile Foundation was to procure victims for Sandusky's dining delight. I am sorry to be so visceral. There is an image that is stuck in my head, when Sandusky was discovered in the act some years ago. It was the repeated slap of skin on skin that was heard from outside and which brought discovery. It is the loudness of the slap that tells the rest:

Sandusky is standing behind the boy. Why does the boy not scream, in terror or pain? Because Sandusky has one hand firmly over his mouth. The child's eyes scream instead. Sandusky is taller and at least twice the mass of the boy. *That was what was seen.* That was the fruit of Second Mile. Its revenue in 2009 was \$3,000,000, largely from donations, much of it, I presume, from Penn State alums. I presume the books were cooked.

Is there forensic evidence to tie 2 and 8? Let us try to discover. **Robson** would say, *turn the chart*, but I never saw a chart turned for anything more significant than a charwoman's cat.

The boy, brutally placed in front of us, is trapped forever in Sandusky's 5th house, but this boy has parents. What are these parents,

Jerry Sandusky

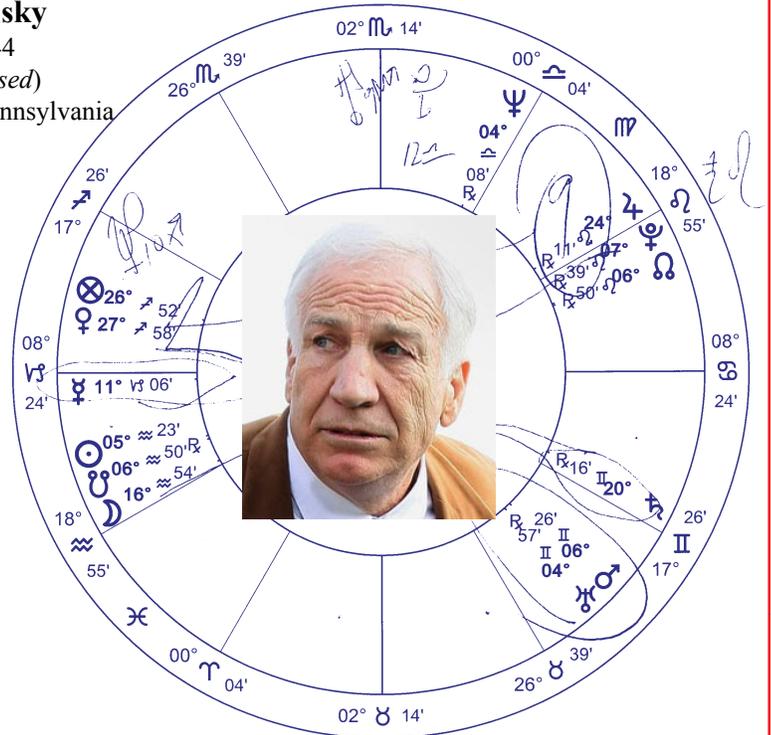
January 26, 1944

7:00 am (proposed)

Washington, Pennsylvania

Placidus

Mean Node



to Sandusky? Let's turn the chart.

The father is the 4th from the boy. That's Sandusky's 8th. This makes the boy's mother Sandusky's 2nd. Which immediately places the parents of Sandusky's victims directly into key areas of Sandusky's chart. Which confirms that the Second Mile was originally intended to deal with the *consequences* of Sandusky's many rapes. *To pay them off.*

The chart also suggests the mothers and fathers were played against each other. That fathers were made complicit, perhaps by obscure terms in the preliminary "*lets go to camp!*" legal arrangements, perhaps from guilt of not being "strong enough" (Jupiter-Pluto-N. Node). For their part, mothers were disempowered altogether: Weak moon, South Node. Both parents bought off with money, the two left with a child suddenly and forever psychologically crippled.

I stress Sandusky is not in any way rare. In the last two weeks I have remembered the name of the KU photo instructor who was fired, 1975, for raping his female students. **He was immediately hired by West Virginia University**, where he taught for an additional **27 years**. He died December 31, 2007. Here is his entire KU obituary:

B.... S....., 70, died Dec. 31. S..... was a professor of journalism at KU. He went on to teach at West Virginia University for 27 years.

Clueless West Virginia was 30 times as effusive. He was up to the same tricks in

Morgantown as he had been in Lawrence, where I knew him personally. He had no survivors as I was unable to find any other obits. Rare for a professor.

There should be zero tolerance for this kind of evil. Prosecution should be mandatory. It is not just a Church problem. *It never was.* Keep your kids away.

Microwave popcorn fanatics compound the many problems by pretending that microwave analysis is useful and contains critical details, when, of course, no such thing is possible by use of the microwave itself.

Microwave cultists have for many years posed as nutritional experts and often appear in court as such. Simplistic (though sophisticated-sounding) microwave analysis is little more than cunning fraud. Guidance and counselling based on such flimsy pretexts amounts to a second rape, as many of the victims who sought their help will affirm. A rape that came, not by shock and surprise, but from finally crushed hopes. When there is no more hope, none at all, the road is as dark as it can be.

People like Sandusky are, in the end, vampires. The popcorn sellers are mere vultures, feasting on carrion. Completely picked over, the souls are left to the tender mercies of their Gods. If you happen to be a microwave popcorn vendor, do not ask for my sympathies, nor my apologies, as I have been your victim. I have prepared my kitchens expressly for the likes of you.

Pneumonia, from pg. 1:—

forced to plead for money to stay alive. But there was no choice. Around 2:30 pm on Tuesday, we went to the clinic. I was given a blood test, which produced nothing, and a chest x-ray, which was all lit up. Ending with a 1 litre penicillin IV drip. Around 5:30 I was sent home with a prescription and told to report back in two days. Which they were not much interested in.

I took the prescription and went back to bed. After a few hours I could feel the mass in the lungs breaking up. Yes, modern American medicine is lousy, but when the doctors know what to do, the formulas they have will quickly knock the crap out of whatever you've got. Yes, herbalism might be as good, but try and find me an herbalist with that level of sheer competence. They are, alas, still quite rare. We are stuck with what we got.

AND then the most marvellous things started to happen. As the pneumonia broke up, all the pent-up feelings of concern and worry, all the good wishes that many of you had sent from the day before, all became alive and real to me. I felt an ocean of love pouring in and through me. I was one with the world. Maybe this would be a new thing, my reward for days of feverish "cleaning out," or maybe it was just a one-time thing, whatever, but it was wonderful and I was deeply grateful.

Also that night (Tuesday into Wednesday), every time I got up to go pee, I saw a hundred bright blue points of light as soon as my feet were on the floor. When I am ill I am accustomed to near-blackouts when I take those first few steps. Blue lights were different and altogether delightful. I did not know what they signified, but it was nothing bad. I am always on the lookout for enhancements to my consciousness. The last of blue lights were as dawn was breaking. I was looking forward to pulling through this. Pneumonia had brought me much.

There were other events that night as well, some of them not as nice. They were swept out to sea with the morning sunshine, the scavengers of memory have not yet found them.

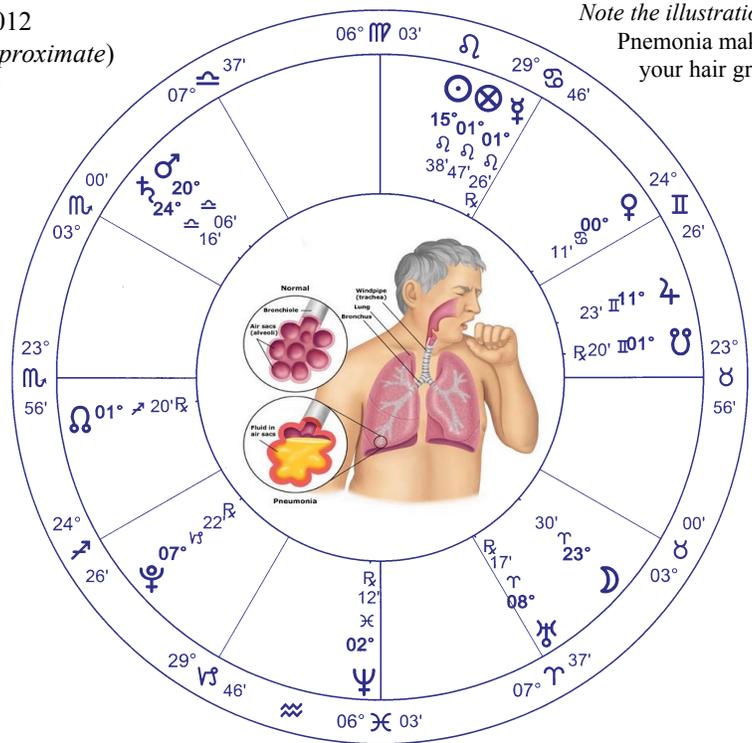
THE gray light of day brought its own explanation. Instead of being fully awake, as I thought, or hovering in the transition stage, my vision of the world of love happened while I was fully asleep. The blue lights were a transition indicator. I had just come through a night with not one, but four or five Near Death Experiences.

Someone had mentioned NDEs as part of their experience with pneumonia. The odd part was, for me, these were not the result of

An Act of Decumbiture

August 7, 2012
2:30 pm (approximate)
Bel Air, MD

Note the illustration:
Pneumonia makes
your hair gray.



a body under severe stress, but a body that was eagerly in the process of healing itself.

I took from it what others have taken from it: I have been given some extra time. **Use It!**

But you will say, Dave! 60 is young! (Which it is.) What does that **fancy medicinal formula** give?

Very well. Sun in 9 is hyleg. It is in trine to, and ruled by Saturn, which is in a succedent house: 43½. To Saturn, Jupiter is opposed. Venus is square. Mars is obscurely placed. There are no modifications. Can you feel the air being sucked out of the room?

But we go back to the text anyway and find this little note, hidden away on pg. 10.

Holden translates it as,

Mercury, however, when it is with the fortunes (which add) will add his lesser years to it, and if it is with the evil [stars] will take them away.

“With the fortunes (which add)” clearly means that if Mercury is conjunct Jupiter or Venus, then you get not only the lesser period of Jupiter or Venus, but Mercury’s too. Mercury’s lesser period is 20 years.

Checking the degrees closely, I find Venus does in fact rule Mercury’s term, but makes no aspect whatever to Mercury. Venus is in mutual reception to Saturn, but square by aspect. If I give Venus to Saturn by mutual reception, we have bounced from 43½ up to 51½.

So if I declare that a benefic in mutual reception to the Alcochoden adds its years to

the mix, and if I then further presume that if Mercury’s degree is somehow ruled by that benefic, I can then add Mercury’s lesser years, 20, to arrive at a final total of 71½. But this is wrong. Venus is not qualified. *Watch out for your own special pleading.*

Saturn as giver of years makes it a fortune in my chart. Planets which give things, including life itself, are benefic by definition.

If I go the straight Saturn route, I get this:

Saturn, as giver of years, is a benefic. Mercury is ruled by and in trine to Saturn, therefore we may add Mercury’s lesser years directly. Result: 63½. *Three years from today.* Time is short. My father died at 68. Any air left in this room?

In the last three years a purpose in life has finally become clear. Arriving so very late I am indifferent to it but will do my duty to the best of my ability. Just as Goethe transformed western literature, just as Michael Jackson transformed popular music, just as with them, I have the full moon and its raw power (I have Goethe’s chart on steroids). I have the means to transform astrology, from a collection of puzzling fragments, to the single most powerful science ever seen. One of unimaginable brilliance.

Set against this is the Leo-Aquarius polarity at the heart of my existence. **I can only work if there is someone who wants it.** If there is no audience, there is no reason to even begin. The artist does not create for himself alone. Does this sound magisterial?

Yes, it is. A king without a people to rule is just a foolish old man. And he knows it.

And that was the crucial thing from last Monday, the single element that made the NDEs all the more compelling: *You want me.* I can no longer deny this.

Once a king has been called, he cannot refuse. Leadership is not a casual thing. If he refuses he will be quickly ignored. If he is timid and hesitant, he will be overrun.

Yet I am not a good choice. In my case, the Sun is properly placed in 9, the Moon is proper in 3, but the signs are reversed. Which results in a critical flaw: *The Sun in Aquarius is debilitated.*

In my case, as soon as I make myself assume a solar-based leadership role, the debilitated Sun, which must carry it out, accuses me of putting on airs: (Me! Self-proclaimed King of Astrology! Are there any grownups in here?)

Nor is this a job for a Moon in Leo. Moons in Leo are entertainers. Not rulers. They take wicked delight when the Sun in Aquarius shoots itself in the foot, again and again. That joke never tires. Moon in Leo is the ultimate in slapstick. Sun in Aquarius is his greatest foil.

The result is a stalemate that has kept me immobile for 60 years. This must end.

I AM happy to produce ideas and concepts, which will eventually become books, for your education and amusement. I also have sufficient background education, combined with practical experience and the necessary contacts, to source and publish outstanding books. There is time for nothing else, alas.

So let's find a treasury for a king. Instructions must be explicit, as I will not be carrying them out. Here are some:

"Please Give Generously"

Pneumonia and the NDEs it brought have made it impossible to deny that we are bust. Last week I received over a hundred condolences and get-well wishes (*thank-you!*), but made only six sales. For the week. Since business is never good when you're ill, that's not a fair comparison. The previous week we had 18 sales, where the average was \$50. Which is as dismal as it gets. I used to be a bookseller who wrote on the side. I am now a writer with a few books of interest. Same me, same AstroAmerica, *different day.* The wheel turns. So we adapt. We need \$1000 a month to keep the doors open.

The usual math: That's five \$200 donations a month, or a hundred \$10 subscriptions to this newsletter, etc.

Nagging is counterproductive and I'm

already guilty of too much of that. It merely makes people feel guilty, or coarse and indifferent. There might be another way.

At social events the sponsors dispatch charming old men, or cute young girls, to gather loose change. No one feels nagged, no one feels guilty, the results seem to be sufficient for improvised 4th of July fireworks displays to go on from year to year. Quite good shows, too.

Facebook. The inverted Leo-Aquarius would be expected to be frightened of the masses, and indeed I am. After much encouragement, I started with Facebook, but quickly petered out. It's not that the inverted Leo does not understand how to use it. He understands all too well. He is terrified of the possibilities, having seen them used against him all too often.

What if there was a *friends of Dave* who passed a hat, gave Dave the proceeds, who then cheerfully thanked you for your generosity and then got back to his curious and interesting work of restoring astrology, reviving science, reinventing medicine, publishing books of note and all those other strange things that somehow only a *Dave* can do? (Click on that.) I am about to add religion to the mix, which will bring another round of surprises. Are there more to come? *I have no idea!* There always has in the past.

Dedications. I am about to publish my third book of essays (*Triple Witching Hour*). I am at work on two more. None of them have dedications. Dedications are a system which I know well, and which many of you will have far memories of. To the artist, dedications are a way of procuring favor, and a way of repaying debts. From a patronage standpoint, a dedication is a way of obtaining money for a new work. In other words, instead of an advance from a publisher (who gives money based on what he thinks he can get in sales), patronage rewards an author based on the merit of the work itself, to the eternal credit of **the one** who was clever enough to spend his coin in that way. One could imagine a book that was sponsored by one of the various national organizations, for example. Who might have pockets deep enough, as dedications have never come cheap.

BRINGING this to your attention is as far as I can go. **I need your help.** I will do what I can and I will continue to try and do more, but **we are bust and time is short.** Decide what you will and then **ORGANIZE YOURSELVES** and do it.

Astro-Camp, from pg. 2:—

off the ground. First steps are important.

As is pacing. Lynn has kept hers as an annual affair, and has notably not structured it in any serious way. Structure is important, as is shown by this newsletter, which was once monthly and ignored, and is now weekly and respected.

So once you've given your first picnic, think of giving them monthly. Pot luck, though see Lynn's rules, which I think fair. Give yourself some memorable and cute name, like Fourth Friday Astrologers (and then be true to Peggy's original and meet on some other day of the month), or the Full Mooners, or Balsamic Mooners or Crescent Mooners or First Quarters, etc. A name that suggests the date of the picnic makes for an impressive start.

You move from picnic to camp by having a formal presentation in the hours before the food. Which can be followed by something less formal, more relaxing, perhaps humorous, for the hour after. And you will have expanded from two to three hours, to five or six.

The next phase is to start at noon with a series of presentations (all local, featuring you, why not?), ending with dinner at sundown, followed by star spotting. Crescent Mooners will have great dark skies.

Get the help of a good party planner. You want people to enjoy themselves, you want to avoid drunks and the opportunities for people to drink themselves stupid. Astrologically you want exploration, not pompous presentations. An afternoon's book discussion, in the sunshine, fresh air and breeze, can be delightful. As can half an hour where the group reads books of their own choosing, in silence. Or when one reads aloud, to the entire group.

As the group develops there will be many opportunities for mutual aid and learning. Someone's car is busted. *Should he fix, or buy a new one?* Groping towards answers is how you learn (horary, in this case). *What will the Equinox chart bring?* No, not to the nation! To you and your hometown. What kind of weather? *Who is running for office?* No, not for prez! For Congress. What do their charts look like? What about local elections? *What about the local school athletic teams?* How will they do this year? *The school prom? The homecoming?* Astrology has a thousand ways of being used. Camp is where you make the contacts and teach each other.