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The Florida Primary

THE Florida primary is on Tuesday, the polls open at 7 am EST. See the chart on [pg. 4](#). Most of the state is on Eastern time, but the panhandle is Central, so polls there will open an hour later than they will in the peninsula. They will also close an hour later, at 7 pm CST.

What will Floridians be voting for? Or against, as the case may be? Set the chart for the state capital, Tallahassee, for 7 am. One degree Aquarius rises, the ruler is Saturn at 29 Libra. Of Saturn at that degree, **Garrett** says, "Very much or very little cultural atmosphere, music, clothing, jewelry, art, etc. Is learning through relationships not to be possessive nor to allow abuse." Which I think means it's been a cheap and nasty campaign. Parlay this into the 9th house and people will be voting their religious beliefs, which will be very close to

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bigoted. Which would be bad for Romney (Mormons get the Mormon rap) but not necessarily good for anybody else.

What kind of beliefs? Look to Saturn's ruler, Venus. It's in Pisces in the second: Pocketbook. Since both Venus and Saturn are strongly placed by sign, voters will be voting for someone, rather than against. For someone who has promised them money, if not jobs. Newt had the most outrageous proposal, to establish a permanent manned base on the moon by the end of the decade, which will be manna to the ears over at the Cape. Venus in Pisces, it went over quite well. Which, crudely speaking, are two points for Newt.

On the day Venus will be conjunct Romney's Sun. She is smiling at him. The ascendant is exactly trine Romney's. Romney wins, but you already knew that.

What will he win? Run a chart for 8:00 pm EST for Tallahassee, the closing of the polls. Oddly enough, Romney wins Gingrich. It's Gingrich's Mercury that's exactly conjunct the MC, so look for the blowhard to dominate the evening's election returns. Romney's Mars is on the 7th. That sounds like buyer's remorse. Ron Paul does surprisingly well. His Moon is conjunct the Moon of the day, which makes him popular. His Venus is exactly conjunct the primary's Mars, but both retrograde means he has the gays. There is a [Gays for Paul](#) website.

The longer the primaries go on, the worse it gets.



STAR OF THE WEEK



In addition to the influence of the moving equinox itself similar effects are brought about by the same phenomenon of precession on the longitudes of the stars, which increase at the rate of a little over 50" per annum. Pearce pointed out that the Roman Empire and Papal power were greatly affected by the passage of Regulus through the sign Leo by which Rome is ruled. The star entered Leo in 293 BC and the power of Rome became fully established. In 571 AD it entered the Sagittarius decanate corresponding with the great increase in Papal power; in 1291 it left that decanate and in the same year the Holy Land was entirely lost. When Regulus left the term of Jupiter in 1507 the efforts of Luther were disturbing the power of the Popes, and when, in 1868, its influence began to be transferred to Virgo on account of its having passed the 29th degree of Leo, the French troops left Rome and the temporal power of the Pope was overthrown.

— from [Fixed Stars](#), by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Earth in the Natal Chart

THE symbol for the Earth is \oplus representing the globe with its horizon and meridian. Try showing it in your natal chart in the Sign and degree opposite that held by the Sun—also in its progressed position opposite the progressed Sun. The house the Earth's symbol is in shows the department where you shine best in expressing your life's mission; because what is shown by the Earth symbol is shone on by the direct light from the Great Lamp itself.

This writer considers the Earth to be dignified in Aquarius, Sign of the Brotherhood of Man we are to attain on Earth; and exalted in Libra, the Sign of Justice and Equality for all on Earth—through “reflecting” the dignity and exaltation of the Sun in the opposite Signs Leo and Aries, as she does.

First of all, read her symbol at birth according to what is ruled by the house it is in, indicating where the mission lies. It is public-and-personal in angular (that is, in the 1st, 10th, 7th, or 4th) and private and material if succedent (2nd, 5th, 8th or 11th); and semi-private-and-semi-public along the lines of service and dissemination of information if cadent (3rd, 6th, 9th or 12th) where it takes a personal interest in impersonal affairs and an impersonal interest in personal affairs at one and the same time—as between teacher and pupil, employer and employee, clergyman and churchgoer, etc. If the two symbols are square to the Ascendant, the native is likely to go to unnecessary extremes in forwarding his mission in life because he confuses the issue. — **All Over the Earth**, 1963

The Signs of the Zodiac

The Clay of the Earth

THAT the zodiac is not of the sky, but of the earth itself seems not only obvious, but actually proven, at least in my own mind. The zodiac are the twelve basic energies of the earth. Because the Earth is in harmony with the Sun, Moon and all the other planets, asteroids and bodies in the solar system and must resonate in sympathy with them, then each of them, in their turn must be in harmony with our own Earth/Moon dyad.

The earth's internal energies, the earth's zodiac, are composed of the four elements of matter, Air, Earth, Fire and Water, in their three states of energy: Active, inert, and changeable (cardinal, fixed, mutable). Multiplying one times the other gives a total of twelve possibilities. Projecting the zodiac into the sky was never more than a convenience. It long ago became a crippling mistake. It is time to correct that and bring these energies home to the earth, where they have always been. To the scientists with their 13th sign of the zodiac, no such nonsense is possible. Four elements times three states can only give a dozen possibilities.

The earth's internal zodiac is acted upon by external forces, namely the Sun, Moon and planets. This is fundamental. Planets act upon each other. Specifically, the planets act upon the energies inherent in the individual planets themselves. On Earth we know these internal earth energies as the signs of the zodiac. The zodiac is of the earth itself.

And it really is obvious. The sky is empty. The sky is a vast *vacuum*. Fire-earth-air-water are *things*. A vacuum is the absence of things. Things are found on planets. Not in empty space.

Cardinal-fixed-mutable are *states of energy*, and while there are energies coursing through space, those energies are very, very weak. Which is to say, the energy in space, like solid matter in space, is virtually *nil*.

Energy is found *in* and *on* planets and stars. Great big heaping gobs of energy.

Combine these two, combine the *essence of the zodiac*, combine *matter* and *energy*, and you have individual *stars* and *planets*. **Not** empty space.

So we live on a planet that is alive with energies, radiating outward, qualifying everything that crawls, creeps or flies, and from

which absolutely nothing whatever can escape, not even for a fraction of a second. We are like fish in the sea, we are soaked, we are adrift in an ocean of zodiacal energies.

Once we put the zodiac in the earth it loses its linearity. It is no longer a straight line that starts with Aries and ends with Pisces, nor is it a circle where Cancer opposes Capricorn, or Aries trines Leo. It is like the Earth itself. Everything is all mixed up, all at once, all together. So how do we sort it out? How is it that we know there's a zodiac at all?

We sort things out using the vibrations of the Sun, Moon and planets. We know that **planets resonate each other**. That resonance must have a *practical*, not an abstract, expression.

It is Jupiter and Mercury, for example, that sort out the Earth-based energies of “Gemini,” “Virgo,” “Sagittarius” and “Pisces,” because Mercury and Jupiter rule these signs, or are debilitated in them.

If we did not have Jupiter and Mercury as part of the Sun's planetary mix, we would not have these four signs, as they are the Earths' *response* to the ongoing *resonance* from those two planets. If Mercury and Jupiter did not exist, if there were other planets instead, we would presumably have some other signs, with some other meanings. Earth and planets form a single unit. Change the planet and the earth will change and adapt to it.

Since it is true that as everything the flies or crawls or creeps is made up of the earth itself, then everything made from the earth has the earth's zodiacal energies inherent in it. If the earth as a whole resonates to the vibrations of the planets, then as we are made of the same *clay*, we as individuals must equally resonate.

Which is to say that **astrology's original claim is true**: Mars does directly influence me, as an individual, because my physical body is composed of the elements of this earth (air, earth, fire and water) and so long as it is, then so long as the earth is in resonance with the planets above, then so am I. Astrology is a *whole*, and it is *holistic*.

So even though we, as individuals, are detached fragments of the whole, we each carry around inside us the twelve signs of the zodiac. Our physical bodies, our natal charts, are composed of the same zodiacal

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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 77:

Friends and Enemies

Aphorisms, continued:—

10. If the same sign occupies the cusps of the 11th and 12th there will be a tendency for friends to become enemies and vice-versa. (This rule is a general one and applies to all cases. When such occurs the two houses blend and the matters ruled by them alternate or are associated.)

Enemies. 1. Lord of Ascendant in 12th, or planets afflicted there, give many secret enemies.

2. Lord of 2nd a malefic and in 12th afflicting lord of Ascendant the native will be his own enemy, and will also be cheated in business.

3. Significators of enemies afflicting the luminaries denote treacherous and secret enemies. If the significators be strong in an angle the enemies will be powerful; if in a succedent house not so powerful; and if in a cadent poor people.

4. Lord of the 12th and 7th in conjunction in 7th the wife or husband will be the chief enemy. (That's a good one. — *Dave*)

5. Lord of the 12th combust, cadent, weak by sign, or afflicted by Saturn, Mars or south node, the enemies will be few and unfortunate.

6. Lord of Ascendant in no aspect to the lord of the 12th denotes few enemies.

7. The following positions indicate that the native is able to overcome his enemies: (a) Luminaries or lord of Ascendant in reception with Mars in his houses or exaltation; (b) Lord of 12th in 10th weak, or lord of 10th in 12th; (c) Mars and Venus in 7th [Hitler] or 4th; (d) lord of Ascendant aspecting lord of 12th and disposing of it. (e) lord of 12th afflicted by malefics, especially in 6th, and Jupiter or Venus in 12th.

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

494. Order of Precedence of Dignities

From the *Book of Instruction*, by **Al Biruni**

THE dignities have a certain order of precedence. Most important is the lordship of the house, next, exaltation, then, term, then triplicity, lastly, face; and so a certain scale of numbers has been assigned to them, viz. 5 to the house, 4 to exaltation, 3 to term, 2 to triplicity and 1 to face. The dignities of the various planets may therefore be added up and compared with each other, so as to see which is preminent.

It is related that an authority on this subject assigns 30 to the lordship of the ascendant, 20 to exaltation, 10 to lordship of face, 5 to that of term, 3½ to that of triplicity, 4½ to that of the hour, and finally to the sun or moon, whichever is lord of time, as much as to the lordship of the ascendant. The figures are then added and compared. This is the practice of the Astrologers of Babylon and Persia, who regard the lordship of the face as very important. But among the Astrologers of the present day, the triplicity is regarded as having precedence over term and face, and indeed the latter is often considered of no account.

Further in certain circumstances changes may take place in this order, e.g. the lord of exaltation may take precedence over the lord of the house in matters of empire and government in high places. It is necessary to know that these dignities are strengthened by aspect, or by other conditions which replace aspect, because if the numbers of two planets add up equal, one of which is in aspect and the other inconjunct, the former is preferred even if its favourable positions and testimonies amount to less than those of the latter. — *The Book of Instruction in the Elements of the Art of Astrology*, by Al Biruni

Is This You?

0°–10° Virgo rising
The Virgo decanate

VIRGO gives a slight, sensitive, sometimes elegant body, which is often tall, as in the case of **Charles II**. The eyes are fine, but melancholy, the nose sometimes aquiline, and the mouth with a full under-lip. Like other mutable signs (Gemini, Sagittarius and Pisces) the body is short in comparison to the legs, and often slightly stoops when walking. The hair is plentiful and usually dark.

The first decanate is ruled by Mercury. This indicates a reserved, receptive and orderly mind with but little scope for mundane success. The disposition is apt to be self-centered, secretive and melancholy. Yet Virgos are often witty but rarely positive, and so do not dominate their environment or fellow-men. Charles II of England and ex-King **Alfonso** of Spain had Virgo rising and endeavoured to manipulate their political difficulties. Mozart and Chopin are good examples of the retiring type. — *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias.

February 2:

- 1653—New Amsterdam incorporated
- 1812—Russian colony in California
- 1887—First Groundhog Day observed
- 1901—Funeral of Queen Victoria
- 1913—Grand Central is opened, NYC
- 1922—Ulysses published
- 1925—Serum run to Nome (*Iditarod*)



matter as the earth itself. So what astrology has always claimed, that we as individuals resonate to the planets above is literally true. It is inherent in the very clay of which we are made.

If we continue with the idea that the *clay of the Earth is the zodiac* and the *Sun, Moon and planets are agents that act upon it*, we then realize that some pieces of clay, in some certain places, express planetary energies better than other pieces in other places.

In other words, over the billions of years the solar system has been in existence, some parts of the Earth have adapted themselves to specific planetary energies. That this will happen should be no surprise. It's as if the Earth were a giant garden with seven master gardeners. One likes strawberries, another fields of wheat, a third specializes in groves of oaks, etc.

In other words, over billions of years the Sun's energies, in combination with the Leonine nature inherent in the Earth itself, has combined to bring forth gold. Venus has produced diamonds from simple coal. Saturn, in combination with the Earth, has produced hemlock. Putting the zodiac in the Earth and observing its interaction with the planets above thus explains the long-known planetary rulerships of metals, precious gems, and medicinal plants.

Can everything on the earth be categorized in this fashion? Yes, many things can, but not quite all. The Earth is not a perfected place, which should be obvious from the fact that its crowning achievement, mankind, still feels the necessity to go to war every few years. There is still a good deal of plain ordinary clay.

THE underlying concept of the Earth and solar system striving for an ever more perfect alignment can be applied, literally, to the great religious figures, if not to some others as well. Christ, Buddha, Krishna, Muhammed, each embodied in themselves the energy of a specific sign of the zodiac. They were, in other words, *mythic*.

Mythic astrology, which is a modern development, states that myth can be a guide to the practical expression of the planets. Whenever a new planet or asteroid is found, an existing myth is taken off the shelf and applied to it. Chiron and the wounded healer, for example.

It is as if a new god came to town and demanded tribute. The local priests ransacked our cellars until they found just the right offering (myth), which they then presented to the new god on his newly built altar. Whereupon the god *du jour* took us into his confidence and bestowed his blessings upon us. If we know how the system works, then instead of

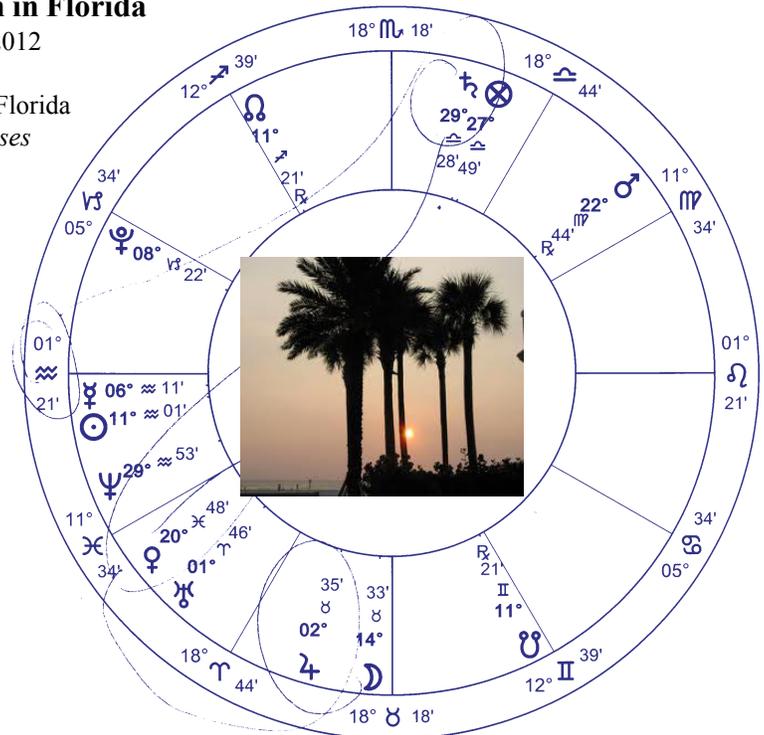
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Placidus houses
mean node



some old hand-me-down, we might be inspired to invent a custom-tailored myth.

One of the long-standing embarrassments of astro-mythology is that a lot of the traditional myths that have been assigned to various bodies got left on the cutting room floor as being not appropriate to our (mythical) understanding of the body in question. This is especially true of the myths that have been applied to newly discovered bodies, and asteroids in general. Better work can be done, if only we are daring enough to do so.

In any case, mythic persons, places and things are defined as those who powerfully embody a single sign of the zodiac. The imaginary zodiac in the sky cannot do this. Only the zodiac in the earth can do so.

FINALLY this week, another look at the Earth's own resonance. When we look for the earth's own inherent resonance, we find it in the planetary days and planetary hours. This system is based on the Sun, Moon and the five planets known to the ancients, but as you will realize upon reflection, this week long cycle, based on 7 planets times 24 hours, can be reconceptualized as 12 signs times 14 "hours," where each "hour" is 102 minutes, 50.6 seconds long. In other words, planetary hours can also be expressed as planetary signs, though I don't think we need to worry about this.

As with everything in the theory I am proposing, we can find direct evidence, in this case, historical. When the world shifted from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, October 4, 1582 was followed by October 15,

1582, but **Thursday** (Jupiter) was still followed by **Friday** (Venus). The **date** changed, but not even the Pope dared to challenge the earth's underlying cycle. The day of the week was kept. The Julian calendar ended at sundown on Thursday, October 4, 1582. The Gregorian calendar replaced it at sunrise, Friday, October 5.

Observance of the **planetary hours** puts us into direct alignment with the fundamental energies of the Earth as a whole. We therefore must agree with the magicians of old, that when we are in harmony with the basic resonance of this planet as a whole, we may work magic as a result.

We will also find ourselves in agreement with **Joseph Blagrave**, medieval astro-doctors, and the great saints and yogis, that when we are in harmony with the resonance of the Earth, we may work miracles.

With these keys you may construct a true religion, but I caution that Solar services, which are masculine, will still be at sunrise on Sundays. If you cannot devise your own ritual, or attend those of another, you will miss much.

Lunar services, which are feminine, will be at moonrise on the night of the full moon. Hopefully these two great traditions will find a way to peacefully coexist. Tarot shows a method by which male and female can be merged, under overall female leadership. Is the world ready for this kind of raw power? I frankly don't know.