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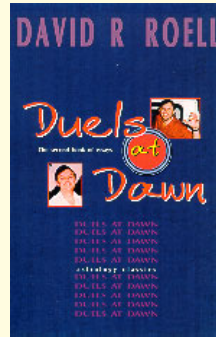
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Duels at Dawn

MY second book of essays, collected from this newsletter, will go to the printer on Monday. The last detail is to tweak celebrity photos to make them print properly. Attempts at dueling or dawn-ish covers were unsuccessful, so you get lots of smiling me. (It is hard for an Aquarian Sun, hiding in the 9th, to put his face on things, but I did.)



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Internet Explorer Rules

IHATE to say it, but these fancy links really don't work with Google Chrome. I've avoided Internet Explorer ever since I first got on the net, but you know what? IE is a dang fine web browser.



STAR OF THE WEEK



POLLUX beta Geminorum 23♊23

Notes: An orange star situated on the head of the Southern Twin. It represents Pollux, son of Jupiter and Leda, and the immortal one of the twins, famous for his skill in boxing. Sometimes called Hercules, and symbolically named A Heartless Judge.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars. It gives a subtle, crafty, spirited, brave, audacious, cruel and rash nature, a love of boxing, dignified malevolence, and is connected with poisons.

If rising: Bad eyes, blindness, injuries to the face, sickness, wounds, imprisonment, ephemeral honour and preferment.

If culminating: Honour and preferment but danger of disgrace and ruin.

With Sun: Occult and philosophical interests, blows, stabs, serious accidents, shooting, shipwreck, murderer or murdered, etc. — From **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson [Order](#)

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

From

My Notebook for Mars

ANY aspect between Mars and the Sun or Moon will strengthen the body and its capacity to function but a bad aspect (with either luminary conjunct or opposition a malefic fixed star) weakens the eyes. In an horary chart it denotes great eyestrain.

Any aspect between the Moon and Mars at birth is indicative of surgery, either major or minor but not necessarily fatal. Operations are usually timed in such cases by major progressions combined with heavy transits and aspect the Ascendant to make it physical.

In practically any aspect to Jupiter or Venus, Mars is luckier than he realizes, if we take his bad aspects elsewhere into consideration. The benefics pull the punches of those bad aspects; they slap you for your own good; you are less brash and extravagant.

Mars and Neptune in aspect give love of color and ability to use it to advantage; it also gives a more colorful life, but under bad aspects there is danger of being defrauded and fooled where Neptune is housed.

Mars at birth squared by the Moon in the 8th accounts for the early death of the mother in childbirth, but the rule fails without at least two more dire indications of the same calamity to confirm it.

If Mars is the planet the Moon first conjuncts or opposes after birth, it signifies difficulties in marriage; separation, divorce or widowhood probable. — **Here and There in Astrology**, 1961. **Order.**

The Signing

The Affordable Health Care Act

The Supreme Court Decision

THERE are two charts this week, one for the signing of the **Affordable Health Care Act**, on March 23, 2010, and the second for the recent Supreme Court ruling, on June 28, 2012. Both charts are precisely timed (not rectified!) and can be found on pgs. 4 and 5, as customary.

The charts are remarkably similar. There are powerful T-squares in cardinals in both. (In the signing chart, a Grand Square.) In both charts, the 6th houses, of health, are empty. Both charts have prominent placements in the 10th. Let's begin.

President Barack Obama finished signing the act into law at precisely 11:56:40 am, EDT, on March 23, 2012. I do not recall where I got the precise time, I believe I was watching it live. The President used a different pen for each letter of his name. Including brief speeches before the signing, the process took around half an hour to complete.

The President's writing style is the old familiar **left hook** — Barack Obama has a very pronounced one, and, by the way, it establishes beyond question that his earliest schooling was in a common American public school, as those are the only schools which permit this habit. (Suppression commonly results in de facto illiterates. But I digress.)

Look closely at the Moon-Pluto opposition. The Moon is separating by ten minutes of one degree. At the Moon's average rate of travel, one degree every two hours, the opposition was precise exactly 18 minutes earlier, which was *during the signing ceremony itself*.

In a mundane chart, the Moon represents the people. In Cancer, the people are self-aware. In the first house and ruling it, they are empowered, for good or ill.

Moon opposite Pluto means a fight to the death. Neither party will relent. Pluto in the 7th is a partner, an enemy, who cannot be escaped. It is in the sign of the Moon's debility, Capricorn, which means the Moon repudiates it. In Capricorn, Pluto is also the sign of the government. Which says the government is at war with its people. This single aspect graphically shows the dislike of this Act in the country at that time, but as a single aspect, this is extreme. Does the rest of the chart support, or forgive, this aspect?

I don't normally assign rulerships to Ura-

nus, Neptune or Pluto, but the prominence of Pluto in this chart left me in a quandary. Aside from the Partner from Hell, what could Pluto represent?

So let's give Pluto co-rulership of Scorpio. That's the 6th house, which is health and doctors and drugs. Pluto rules radioactivity, radioactive things are nasty; drugs, some of which are, in fact, radioactive, are nasty, so we could make a case that in this chart, Pluto represents medicinal poisons. Medicine includes a lot more than just poisons, but for his part Pluto has only poisons. Which means Pluto represents the pharmaceutical industry. The chart says these poisons are to be inflicted upon the people by order of the government: Pluto in Capricorn opposite the Moon in Cancer. (This, by the way, is how you puzzle out what the planets in a chart actually represent. Follow your noses.)

Note the Sun – Saturn opposition, from Aries to Libra. In a mundane chart, the Sun represents the leader of the country, in other words, the President. In Aries, he is active and warlike. At 2 degrees, he is newly installed, by which I do not mean his time in office, but that he was new to rulership as a whole, never having held an executive position previously.

Less than two degrees from exactly opposite the Sun is Saturn, retrograde in Libra. Saturn represents the government. Libra represents scales, or balance, which would ordinarily be the courts, but I think we can stretch it and give Saturn in Libra to the two houses of Congress, who weighed this act "in the balance" and actually passed two contradictory bills. Retrograde, they did not like their position. Opposite the Sun, the aspect waning, the President has had his way with them and has already moved on and left them behind.

THE Squares. Squares, to me, are aspects of stress. (Oppositions are aspects of combat.) The Sun, representing the President, is straddling the Moon-Pluto opposition, in that he is in square both. Note the square to the Moon is waning. This square says the people do not understand their ruler, they do not know if they like him or not, but the fact that the square is waning hints the people are wanting to distance themselves

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Part 102:

Travel

THE 3rd house rules short journeys such as can be completed in a day, and the 9th long journeys and voyages. Planets in, or the rulers of, these houses denote the probability and success of journeys and the countries to visit or avoid. In addition, attention should be paid to the Sun, Moon, Mercury and Mars which are general signifiers of travel.

If the signifiers or majority of planets are in cardinal or mutable signs, or angular or cadent houses, many journeys will be made, but if in fixed signs or succedent houses the native will tend to remain in one place, especially if Saturn is strong. Watery signs, or Neptune or Jupiter strong, indicate voyages especially if the 9th house is prominent. The house positions of the signifiers denote the cause or reason of travel and their aspects indicate gain or loss. Afflictions to the signifiers of travel denote the nature of any dangers encountered. Afflictions from fiery signs indicate accidents, burns, fevers, etc.; earthy signs, famine, falls, foundering, grounding; airy signs, falls and tempests; and watery signs, floods, wrecks, drowning, or being left in desolate places. Cardinal signs indicate privation or sickness; fixed signs, falls or tempests; and mutable signs, attacks from pirates or savages or if Sagittarius, from wild beasts.

If the 3rd and 4th houses, or their rulers, are stronger and more favourable than the 9th and 10th it is inadvisable to reside abroad and the native should remain in his birthplace, but if the 4th is unfavorable it better to remove. In the selection of a place choose those countries ruled by the signs containing the benefics if they are favourable, but if not then choose those of the best aspected planets especially if in good aspect to the luminaries.

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

deVore returns:—

Entries under A

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 [ascendant].

Advantage, Line of. A term sometimes used with reference to the position of the Moon's Ascending Node [north] in a Geocentric Figure. The line of advantage runs between the cusps of the third decanates of the Third and Ninth Houses. A position of the Node East of this line is judged to be favorable. Related to it are the Arcs of Increased and Dwarfed Stature. From the middle of the First House, clockwise to the middle of the Eighth House, is the arc of Increased Stature, with its peak at the cusp of the Twelfth House; and from the middle of the Seventh House, clockwise to the middle of Second House, is the Arc of Dwarfed Stature, with its peak at the cusp of the Sixth House.

Affinity. A binding by mutual attraction. The Sun is said to have an affinity with all the planets; Mars with Venus, in a magnetic or physical sense; Venus with Jupiter, in a philanthropic sense as one who loves his fellowman; Venus with Mercury, in an artistic sense.

Afflicted. Afflicted by. In affliction with. Unfavorably aspected. Loosely applied to (a) any inharmonious aspect to a planet, or (b) to any aspect, particularly the conjunction, parallel, square or opposition, to a malefic planet. Also by some authorities applied to a mundane or zodiacal parallel with, or when, besieged by both Infortunes. Some authorities consider that the sensitive degree on any House cusp can be afflicted, though any such consideration must be confined to instances where the birth-moment is known to a certainty. — *Encyclopedia of Astrology*, by Nicholas deVore. **Order.**

Is This You?

10-30° Pisces rising

The Cancer and Scorpio decanates

THE Cancer decanate of Pisces is ruled by the Moon. This influence awakens the latent sensitiveness of the sign, giving internal aspirations, persistency and ability to use Pisces virtues and avoid its vices, provided the ascendant is reinforced elsewhere or through a particular degree rising. Such is the case with the youth, who combines the best influences of both the second and third decanates.

The *Scorpio* decanate of Pisces is ruled by Mars. Here again the dual influence of the sign Pisces can be expressed in two ways. The unevolved are apt to be jealous, selfish and conventional, possessing a passionate desire for success at all costs. The life is therefore subject to serious reversals which are counteracted by the help of influential friends. Yet an inner urge for personal recognition and success will spur the nature along some reckless course with complete disregard of the consequences. This makes the mind hard, without much feeling. The advanced type would use the force of this decan and apply it to an inner mystical development, thereby achieving occult realizations of a high order. — *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias. **Order!**

July 14

1223—Louis VIII becomes Roi de France
1865—First ascent of the Matterhorn
1881—Billy the Kid shot and killed



from him.

Looking in the other direction, the Sun is square to Pluto, which is to say, the Sun is trying to force the drug industry onto the people he rules. Which, at the moment of signing the Act, he had done, as the opposition between people and drug companies was perfect.

From drug companies to President, the square aspect is applying, so the Sun, which is moving much faster than Pluto ever does, still has more he must do. So far as the drug companies are concerned, they were, for the moment, at the limit of what they could manage and would shortly retreat, in other words, Pluto was stationary and about to go retrograde.

On balance, the President's problems with his people were fading (the square waning), while his problems with the drug companies were increasing (waxing square).

The Sun was in the 11th house (by affinity), where it is joined by Mercury and Venus. The President is associated with active youth (Mercury) and women (Venus). As Venus is debilitated in Aries, female enthusiasm for the President is of the aggressive sort.

Note that while both Sun and Moon are strongly placed by sign (the Moon rules Cancer, and the Sun is exalted in Aries), the Moon is the stronger by house, having the angular house placement, while the Sun gains strength by its mutual reception and very tight trine with Mars, in Leo. Sun and Moon are in a standoff, but, square, they are unaware of it.

The Moon is also in square to Saturn, representing Congress. Just as the people do not know how the President is ruling them, they do not know how the Congress is governing them. Saturn retrograde, the people feel that Congress could do better. Torn between the President and Congress, the people are confused and want neither. With Pluto opposite, they fear the worst.

THE 6th house is the house of health, of doctors and medicine. It is empty.

If the chart was not precisely timed and beyond question, we would legitimately rectify it to put some planet in this house, thus signifying a health care bill. That there is no planet in this house means the Affordable Health Care Act was never about public health.

If there was a planet in the 6th, it would tell us what kind of medicine the act would provide. Mars in the 6th, for example, would be fevers, with surgery as the solution, since Mars rules both heat and cutting. Jupiter in the 6th, with its association with religion, would produce charity-run hospitals. Mercury in the 6th would promote the latest scientific advances. The Moon in the 6th would

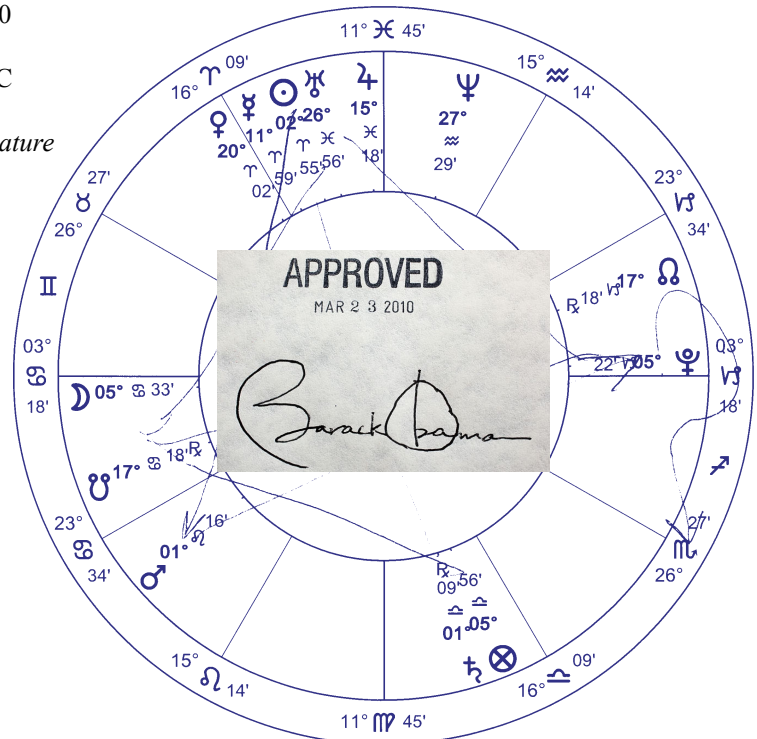
Health Care Signing

March 23, 2010

11:56:40 am

Washington DC

*in the center,
the actual signature*



encourage traditional folk-medicine. Saturn in the 6th would promote bureaucracy, etc. But there is no planet in the 6th.

To determine what the Act was really about, we look for the ruler of the 6th. Which we find to be Mars, in Leo in the 2nd. The health care act was about money. Whose money? Mars is in mutual reception with the Sun. Mars therefore funnels health care money to the Sun. While the Moon is the overall ruler of the house, her money is not at issue.

Note also that Mars in the 2nd has co-rulership (with Saturn) of Pluto, which represents drug profits. Which are funneled northwards to the President. Do I know that Obama is on the take? No I do not. I only know what the chart tells me, and the chart tells me money is coming to him by indirect means.

Trapped inside the 6th house we find Sagittarius, the sign of hope. There are in fact great hopes for the Affordable Care Act, but as Sagittarius has no house cusp to claim as its own, these hopes are frustrated and will be still-born.

The ruler of Sagittarius is Jupiter, which we find in Pisces, conjunct the 10th house cusp. Jupiter in Pisces (the sign of salvation) is the hope of universal health care, which has been loudly and publicly proclaimed, as we can see by Jupiter's placement in the 10th. Jupiter is unfortunately not well connected to actual reality, as it has only a wide applying trine to the Moon, to the

people. The people are hopeful (trine) they can catch up (applying trine) to the bill (Jupiter) and that it can be somehow (Pisces = unconscious) changed (Pisces = mutable) to something more to their liking (Moon and Jupiter in trine). Alas, in the intensity of Moon-Pluto-Sun-Saturn-Mars, this is a slim hope. You will finally note the South Node in the first house. Draining energy, draining life. In Cancer, draining fertility..

The passage of the Affordable Care Act was without question a national disaster. With six planets in cardinal signs, with cardinal and mutable signs for angles, it will be fought over for many years in the future. With only Mars and Neptune in fixed signs, there will be no peace, no rest.

By contrast, a popular act would have the Sun and Moon in trine or sextile. One or the other, or a benefic (Venus or Jupiter) would be found in the 6th house. A benefic in a fixed sign would rise. The people would celebrate and be happy. But recent governments have rarely been kind and loving.

THE SUPREME COURT

THE chart for the Supreme Court decision upholding the law must be seen as a subset to the chart of the original passage. So what has changed? How are we doing?

First impression: There are no longer angular planets. The health care issue is not as pressing as it was.

What about Neptune in the 7th? What

about the South Node / Jupiter / Venus in the 10th? Are they not angular?

Yes, they are angular, but they are not potent. They are not in the same sign as the angle itself. Lacking an angle to glue themselves on to, they are stranded and adrift. Very much like a man on stage who does not belong there. All he can do is apologize and shuffle off.

Jupiter conjunct the South Node in the 10th: There is nothing more than can be said. Debilitated Jupiter conjunct the South Node in Gemini in the 10th is literally the definition of laryngitis, of the inability to speak.

THE time used, 10:07 am, was widely reported and is reputed accurate. It gives an ascendant of 29 Leo, which is the very end of leadership. It is exhausted, it is unable to lead further. Who is this leader? In this case it is not the President, as this was not a Presidential action. This was an action of the Supreme Court. It is the Supreme Court's leadership that is finished, at least so far as the Affordable Health Care bill is concerned.

The ascendant is ruled by the Sun, which we find in Cancer. Sun in Cancer is the leader of his clan, or family. The decision was written by Chief Justice Roberts, which identifies him as the Sun in this chart, and his eight associates as the "family" in question. Note that Cancer is intercepted in this chart. Working with mundane charts like this, it becomes easier and easier to delineate interceptions.

In this case, the Supremes are visibly isolated. They are in the 11th house of friends and associations. Intercepted, they are not only cut off from the rest of the chart (the decision as a whole), but also from their fellow associates in the legal world. Note that the law is normally the 9th house, but when a legal group turns up isolated in the 11th, the 11th becomes populated with others of their kind.

With their ruling, they have earned the undying dislike of some aspect of the government itself, because Pluto is opposite the Sun in Capricorn. These people are secretive because Capricorn, like Cancer, is intercepted.

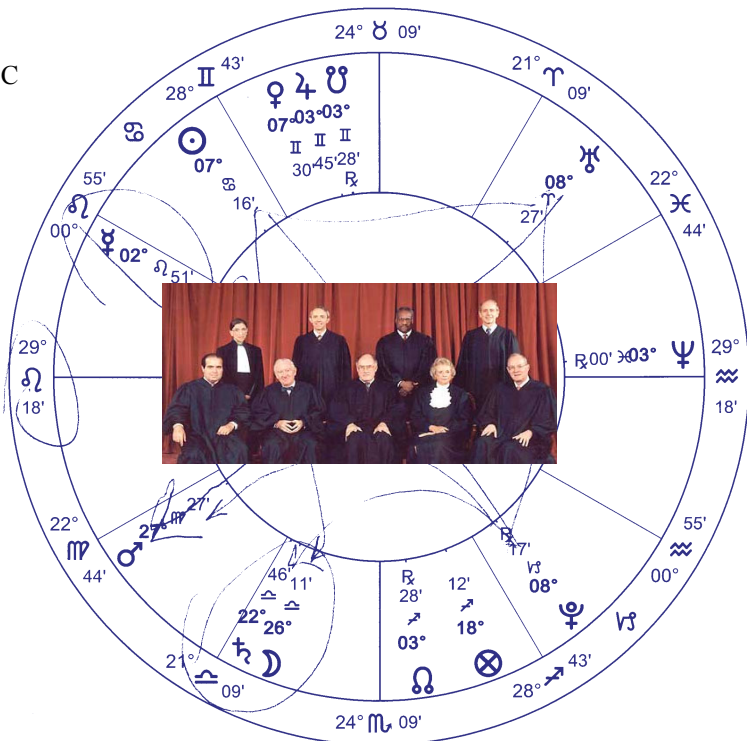
And while the Supremes may be cut off and their detractors secretive, they have allies on the outside who are neither inept nor a secret. And this is because both the Sun and Pluto have rulers. Look who they are:

The Sun in Cancer is ruled by the Moon in Libra. Pluto in Capricorn is ruled by Saturn in Libra. Where do we find these two?

To my astonishment, we find them conjunct in the third house! These two planets

Health Care Supreme Court decision

June 28, 2012
10:07 am
Washington DC



then become proxies for the Sun-Pluto opposition. Saturn in Libra represents government and judgement, he represents "what's good for you." The Moon, on the other hand, finds Saturn to be depressing and upsetting and wants to flee, to get away from him, and is doing so. The conjunction is four degrees from exact and is waning.

Saturn in the 3rd house represents bad news. Disposed by Venus in Gemini in the 10th, bad news will be sugarcoated (as it was) and distributed widely, which it was.

Which is a setup for the Sun-Pluto-Uranus T-square. Which, like the Grand Square in the signing chart, is again in cardinals and is just as tightly focused as the previous one. In cardinals, the fight for supremacy will continue, but in succedent houses (instead of cadent), the struggle is ongoing and permanent. The apex, the point of resolution, is Uranus in the 8th. H.S. Green, in his book on **Mundane**, delineates Uranus in the 8th as unexpected deaths and suicides. In Aries, these would be willful, and/or self-inflicted. Uranus in the 8th is where the stress of the tensions inherent in the T-square will be released.

Note the ruler of Uranus is Mars in Virgo in the 2nd. The 2nd is money. Virgo worries about money. Mars says some action must and will be taken about that. What would that be? Mars looks to his ruler, Mercury, which we find in Leo in the 12th. Leo means that Mars will look to his leader or ruler.

Mercury in the 12th will be deaf to his pleas. This leaves Uranus in the 8th, the house of death, with no alternatives. Note that Mars also rules Scorpio and the 4th house. The fourth house is how things end up. Scorpio on 4 says a lot of people will end up dead from failure to pay their medical bills.

The de facto opposition of Uranus and Mars, in opposite houses, one planet ruling the other, makes the T-square into a bastard Grand Cross.

In the chart for the Supreme Court decision, we again see the 6th house, of medicine and health and doctors, empty. This time the ruler is not in the second, of money, but in the third, of news. The ruler being Saturn. Saturn in Libra is a "good" Saturn, one we are supposed to follow and obey, but so far as this is concerned, we – being the people – have already made up our minds. We the people – the Moon – are trying to get away from Saturn.

On balance, the chart for the Supreme Court decision shows the battle over health care to be intensifying. Various individuals and groups are being ground up in the struggle. Since **THE 6TH HOUSE REMAINS EMPTY**, this is **NOT ABOUT MEDICAL CARE**. This is about **MONEY** (2nd house). It is about **POWER** (Sun-Pluto).

You want medicine that is good, as well as affordable? Short of training yourself in **astrological medicine**, find yourself a **country doctor**. (Not a city doctor.) The Amish,

notably, have their own doctors. The Menonites might. Native Americans, in dire poverty on their reservation-prisons, might. Various ethnic communities have their own medicine, the Chinese chief among them. Only a few of these possess formal medical credentials. If pieces of paper are important to you, then get yourself an expensive city doctor, pay his price and accept his results.

REGRETTABLY there are not enough country doctors to minister to the nation as a whole, but they can be a means by which the present deadly medical monopoly can be broken. We remain in a crisis.