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New Books

JACK sent me a list of new books from UAC, but with the exception of **AstroCartoGraphy**, none of them looked very good, so I gave them a pass. (None of the books I publish were there, which makes me wonder.) Here are two goodies:

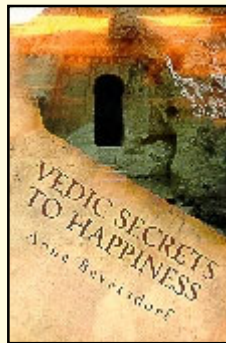
Creative Step Parenting, by Gayle Geffner. Geffner is an erratic writer, but when she has a topic close to her heart, she does very well indeed. Geffner has been a step-mother and her insights are a revelation. Are you dating a divorced man with children? As his romantic interest, you're in his 5th house, *along with his kids*.

Making you their peer. Marry the guy and that changes in an instant. The twelve houses, as a child, adolescent, and adult, were eye opening.

\$23.95. Order.



Vedic Secrets to Happiness, by American Jyotish **Anne Beversdorf**, is a book of Vedic remedies. I've got half a dozen books of remedies. Most of them are **dull** and full of gibberish. Many years ago Anne scraped up the money for **pujas** and to her surprise and delight, found they actually worked, curing her of depression. Encouraged, she started prescribing simple remedies for her friends, and, to their surprise, they worked.



After many years experience, she wrote this book. The heart of it are planetary assessments. Go through them until you find the planet that hurts, and then go to the remedies section for that planet. There are a variety of remedies, some of them quite dazzling. Is your Mars giving you problems? Throw cinnamon red hot into a stream on Tuesday. Saturn got you down? Listen to Requiem music on Saturdays! I can do that! **\$22.95. Order.**

LATE BREAKING NEWS:

The September **Dell Horoscope** reviews my first book of essays, **Skeet Shooting for Astrologers**. I haven't yet seen the full text, but the opening paragraph that John C.A. forwarded was encouraging.

ASTRO MED A to Z

Rambling Speech results as a rule from afflictions in Pisces involving Mercury, Gemini or the 3rd house. The Jovian tendency to expansion, operating adversely upon the powers of expression denoted by Mercury, causes the speaker to lack conciseness and precision. This occurs, of course, only when the two elements are inharmoniously combined. Gemini, when strong, is clear in expression, and Virgo is usually compressed and to the point.

Rashness is due to an over-emphasized Martian element in the horoscope, particularly in affliction with the Sun or Uranus and operating in cardinal signs. If the affliction falls also in angular houses, the result is much more likely to be public and notorious. The sign Aries, unless restrained by a strong Saturn, is very apt to act precipitately, to "leap before it looks," and to come to grief in consequence.

Reactionary Tendency. Strong Saturn and fixed influences will occur, and the cardinal and mutable elements are not likely to be prominent. Uranus may be found in operation if this tendency is towards violent and sweeping methods. —from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter. **Order.**

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for the week (all times GMT)

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Extracted & adapted from **AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2000-2020**. Get yours!



STAR OF THE WEEK

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PROCYON alpha Canis Minoris 25 57

Notes: A binary yellowish white and yellow star situated on the body of the Lesser Dog. From Prokuon, before the Dog, in allusion to its rising before Sirius.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mercury and Mars. It give activity, violence, sudden and violent malevolence, sudden preferment by exertion, elevation ending in disaster, danger of dog bites and hydrophobia, and makes its natives petulant, saucy, giddy, weak-natured, timid, unfortunate, proud, easily angered, careless and violent.

If rising: Artful, crafty, dissembling, wealth by violence and rapine, lust, dissipation, waste and ruin, military preferment, quarrels, loss in trade or by servants

With Sun: Great help from friends, gifts and legacies if not afflicted, military preferment after great struggles and expense. If rising or culminating, kingly preferment.

With Moon: Occult interests, restless, etc.—from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson. **Order.**

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Planet's Degree Is Your Age At Events

BY extensive research and thorough investigation, it is too evident to be a matter of mere coincidence that the degree held by the natal planets and major cusps represent the native's age at events occurring in his circle during his lifetime and involving him.

Since the degrees in a Sign go no further than 30 we multiply the planet's degree by 2, then 3, and so on, to find additional events past age 30, considering 90 years as a reasonable life expectancy [Ivy lived to be 97!]. 0-degrees denotes an event before the first birthday and while the native is still only months old, and it is not responsive to multiplication. The degrees may also be divided instead of multiplied, to find early events or to note any agreement with a natal degree, confirming an event or giving it greater importance.

Example: Woman born 1893 with a planet in 8 degrees in the 3rd house (brethren, neighbors, short distances) which planet rules the husband-7th. Another planet also in 8 degrees gives double emphasis on multiples of 8 so that the events would be important.

At age 8 (1901) her younger brother was born. At 16 (1909) the family moved a short distance away. At age 24 (1917) her elder brother was killed in action in World War I. At age 32 (1925) she moved into her own home in the same city. At age 40 (1933) 28 fire fighters died fighting a canyon fire adjoining her home. At age 48 (1941) her husband suffered the first of many heart attacks. [Here and There in Astrology](#), 1961. **Order.**

Tuberculosis in Jacksonville, Florida

OVER at Yves Smith's **Naked Capitalism**, there is a daily collection of links to topics of interest. On Monday, July 9, there was a link to an outbreak of tuberculosis in **Jacksonville, Florida**. TB is a grave matter, made all the more so by a combination of medical incompetence paired with economic stinginess. While I try not to write replies, I could not help myself, which led to the following exchanges:

Dave of Maryland says:

July 9, 2012 at 7:33 am

THE TB crisis is only a crisis for the system of medicine employed. Other systems will give other results. There are in fact many other systems, almost all of them superior, not to mention cheaper. I should be huffy and say we have to save people's lives, but in fact no one in America cares about human life.

Reply

Dan B says:

July 9, 2012 at 8:05 am

Interesting and critically important, Dave. Can you share a few references re other systems?

Reply

Dave of Maryland says:

July 9, 2012 at 8:42 am

WHAT? All other systems of medicine are either illegal, or severely frowned upon. But here are some references:

Nicholas Culpeper's Complete Herbal and English Physitian [sic].

Joseph Blagrave's **Astrological Practice of Physick**.

Richard Saunders' **The Astrological Judgement and Practice of Physick**. Particularly well-thought of by Ben Franklin, who in fact named his Almanac after him, but looking at my copy, it needs translation from medieval gibberish.

The Smith's Family Physician. Simply superb.

Brother Aloysius, **The Healer's Herbal**. He gives a dozen different formulas and proceeds all of them with this:

The best remedies for tuberculosis are hardening the body through cold water and walking in the fresh air. No consumptive will

recover unless he hardens himself, stays in the fresh air and takes exercise. Aloysius was a Dutch monk, he wrote in the 1890's, when these sorts of ailments were common. He was a student of **Monseigneur Kneipp**, who was an advocate of rapid, cold baths, a system still in use today.

The school of **Eclectic Medicine**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, defunct for nearly a century, would have great ideas in their archives.

Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), which is known in America as acupuncture and Chinese herbalism. This was a system promoted by Chairman Mao, it was deliberately stripped of anything fancy. The better practitioners are slowly restoring much.

Ayurvedic is the traditional form of Indian medicine and is highly effective, if very little known outside of India.

AND while I'm here, your astrological chart, combined with the chart for the time of the malady, is a 100% complete and accurate diagnostic tool. This has been known for 20 centuries. Without it, even the best doctors merely guess as to what the symptoms mean. With these two charts, diagnosis is instantaneous, complete and accurate. I had heard these claims before, from **H.L. Cornell** and **Luke Broughton** and **Culpeper** and Blagrave and others but until my wife came down with a severe and baffling eye infection a year ago, I did not realize how powerful astrological medicine really was.

My wife did not have an eye problem. She had a liver problem that manifested in her left eye – precisely as the initial charts said, if I had only known to READ THEM. Clean up the liver, the eye would respond, and did. After 15 months, **Johns Hopkins**, in Baltimore (18 miles down the road) has still not made a diagnosis. Merely a best guess. (Which, by the way, is wrong.) They have been trying to make a general rule, but cannot, as the circumstances, as clearly shown in the charts themselves, are completely unique. Imagine a system of medicine so strong that it can instantly diagnose completely unique cases, and not even strain to do so!

In America we are beset by medical

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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 103:
Travel

THE countries and points of the compass ruled by the signs are given below. In the case of short journeys the direction in which to travel is often better indicated by the house, and the points of the compass ruled by the houses are as follows:—

1. East. 2. ENE. 3. NNE. 4. North. 5. NNW. 6. WNW. 7. West. 8. WSW. 9. SSW. 10. South. 11. SSE. 12. ESE.

The nearer the house is to the 4th the nearer is the place to be chosen, the 3rd and 5th showing places quite near and the 10th the antipodes.

Some authors recommend altering the radical (and progressed) map to the longitude of the place of residence when abroad. This is done by taking the GMT of birth as fixed and erecting the map for the corresponding LMT of the place of residence. The new house positions of the planets indicate the prospect of success in that place. A further key to the chances of success in any place lies in a comparison between the native's map and one for the place. The town map should be erected for the foundation of the town or for the date on which a charter was given, the time being rectified by events or taken roughly for noon.

The points of the compass and countries ruled by the signs, and the effects of planets in signs are as follows:—

Aries. E. England, Germany (parts), Denmark, Palestine, Syria, Burgundy, Lesser Poland. **Saturn,** few and dangerous journeys. **Jupiter,** gain by voyages. **Sun,** fond of travel and exploration, voyages on missions with or for influential people. **Venus,** pleasure from travel. **Mercury,** danger of exile.

— *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson. Price \$25.95. **Order.**

From *Matheseos Libri VIII*,
by Firmicus Maternus

**Other Indications
of the Moon**

THE Moon in aspect to Saturn makes unfortunate parents; to Mars she indicates low birth for both parents and misfortune for the father. If she is moving from Mars to Saturn so that she is between the two, she indicates the affliction of the sacred illness. But if she is moving from Saturn to Mars, she indicates the same, but moderately. She predicts that affliction for a woman if Saturn is in aspect. She makes madmen if she approaches Mars or Saturn in any shape, if Venus and Jupiter are not in aspect. If Venus and Jupiter *are* in aspect all the misfortunes described above are lessened.

The native will be fortunate and more than fortunate with all kinds of good luck and honor if the Moon is in signs in which she rejoices, without unfavorable aspect of Mars or Saturn, but in aspect to either Venus or Jupiter. The Moon rejoices on the ascendant or in the fifth or eleventh house if in aspect to Venus or Jupiter. Also in the 8th house in a nocturnal chart and in the signs in which she rejoices, with aspect of Venus and Jupiter, she gives greatest good fortune.

Whatever house you wish to study in the chart, whether of character, nurture, birth, parents, brother, marriage, offspring, or last day of life, carefully observe the course, aspects, and waxing and waning of the Moon and her elongation and her exaltation.

We must beware in every chart that the Sun does not come into aspect with the approaching Moon. For, after receding from opposition to the Sun, she feels her light waning as she hastens to the synodic position, in whatever shape she is she indicates destruction for everyone, according to her form.

Ancient Astrology Theory and Practice, translated by Jean Rhys Bram. **Order.**

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**Is
This
You?**

**Pisces-
Cancer-
Scorpio**

Like the Pisces-Scorpio youth depicted elsewhere, this young man has nineteen degrees rising, thus combining three watery decanates. This is an equally subtle combination with mystical possibilities and the power to contact the forces of nature through solitary wanderings. Although this face is a Cancer type, the body

possesses the long Scorpio back, narrow hips and shoulders, resembling the other muscular Martian sign, Aries. Thus the wheel of physical manifestation comes back full circle in this Martian merging though decanate influence. The Mars body has a powerful spinal development, as a rule, as well as a strong will. This combination of physical and psychic forces renders an advanced Mars man open to higher influences but capable of becoming immune to cruder objective stimuli.

Through subtle mystical realizations this young man, born within 48 hours of the January Lunation 1910, has experienced the cross aspects of the planets from cardinal signs and has risen above the necessity of Jung's complimentary Persona shadow or Mr. Well's "Lover" to tell him he is "all right." Reinforced by subtler unseen associations, he can dispense with the "confirmatory shadow" [physical body—*Dave*] on this plane.

— *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias.

Order.



quacks. Will we die of misplaced pride?

TB is one of two medical killers. The others are STDs/VDs. STDs are in fact rampant among sexually active people. My own personal experience, from 30 years ago, was that 1 in 4 sexually active people were diseased. I doubt that figure has changed much.

Reply

Dave of Maryland says:

July 9, 2012 at 9:10 am

AND you're wondering why, if these methods are so good, that no one uses them? That's a complex question, but there are two main threads in the answer:

One, you've been suckered with money. Common, cheap herbs, skillfully used, will cure almost anything, but they're cheap and full of dirt. Wouldn't you much rather have these purified essences? They're concentrated! They will work so much better! And the price! Well! You will not let price stand in the way of your health! That would be foolish! Regrettably, extracts come with more than just a high price. They are out-of-context and can harm. And drug serums are a long way from simple essences.

The second part is the difference between city and country doctors. City doctors have books and schools and the law, but city people, in general, largely do not know how the natural world works, because it is alien to them. City doctors are faddish and although there are exceptions, poor at medicine. Always have been, always will be.

Country doctors, who live in the country and know a few things about plants and animals, are skilled in country ways. In America, if you want a good doctor, find an **Amish one**.

There is still a third part, which is what the **French** got from the **Italian Renaissance**, by comparison to what the **Germans** got. (Read the Wiki pages closely.) And what happened to both during the **30 Years War**, when Germany was devastated and France untouched. The **Enlightenment** (so called) was a French reaction to German devastation. It was also a city-led repudiation of country life and country ways. I am summarizing much.

The current medical mess has many ancient roots.

Reply

Dan B says:

July 9, 2012 at 11:08 am

Thanks so much, Dave. I ask because the current systems of medicine, public

health and nursing and the higher level institutions that support them are unsustainable. I'm writing a series of article on the possibilities for health systems as the dominant political/economy slowly declines—or collapses. Visit "**Health after Oil**" if you're interested.

Reply

Dave of Maryland says:

July 9, 2012 at 5:34 pm

THE current system is indeed unsustainable, and every permutation built on it will fare no better. The system can only be restored by accepting some premise which, at this time, is considered false. (In other words, when you've tried all the possible solutions, try the impossible ones.)

There are precisely two such "false premises." One is **Aristotle**. The German version of the Renaissance embraced the ancient Greeks, but the Germans were wiped out in the 30 Years War. Leaving the French, who viewed the Renaissance from a linguistic and Latin point of view, and then wrapped that in monarchist dress and called it the Enlightenment.

The other is Astrology. Because it strips the powerful of their power, it has always been condemned. The current "scientific" excuses merely replaced earlier religious ones. I've been using it for a quarter-century, but it was not until last year, with a wife suddenly and painfully blinded in her left eye, with the finest doctors in the country completely clueless that I realized just how powerful and exact astrology is. There is no serious medicine without astrology, the idea is not even imaginable.

But you have to square this with city doctors who are ignorant but who write the laws. Every attempt at real medicine, since at least the 17th century, has failed for this reason alone.

Reply

Dave of Maryland says:

July 9, 2012 at 5:52 pm

RE: Health After Oil, you seem to be dancing around the issues.

There is no reason why **Greece** could not be immediately (well, okay, within 6 months) completely free of its current medical mess. It has a nice Mediterranean climate, it can easily and rapidly grow the essential herbs and plants necessary for medical treatment. It is the home of Aristotle and **Hippocrates** and so is already philosophically oriented.

Back to the past! It is cheeky to suggest

the Greeks study the Englishman, Culpeper as they doubtless have their own herbal traditions. If the question is, Can herbs cure the really tough stuff, go look at Aloysius, under breast cancer. He reported a cure (not a treatment) for a woman with a cancer that had eaten to the breastbone, using materials available to him in 1890. There are no excuses for not embracing what works. The past has been suppressed. You would be amazed at what a good Medieval doctor could do.

The herbalists I have come across are doing good work, but only a fraction of what they could do with astrological orientation. For a treasure trove of what works, go Wiki Eclectic Medicine. It was a near-mainstream movement from the 19th century that very nearly became permanent.

Reply

TimR says:

July 9, 2012 at 10:07 pm

IUNDERSTAND criticism of mainstream medicine, but why would astrological charts work so wonderfully? Maybe they do for all I know, but is there any rationale for it that would incline the skeptical to investigate further?

Reply

citalopram says:

July 9, 2012 at 11:56 pm

DO yourself a favor and read **Demon Haunted World** by **Carl Sagan**.

Reply

Dave of Maryland says:

July 10, 2012 at 9:30 am

Hello astro-skeptics,

First, Carl Sagan was an ass. I won't belabor that.

SECOND, the traditional religious reason, that God didn't want man to know, is superior to the scientific reason, that there is no way astrology could work. All we need to do is find the theory that works. I caution that if such a theory could be found, that Enlightenment science would very likely collapse in an instant. It is therefore essential that no theory be found, or that if a theory is found, that it be suppressed immediately.

About five years ago I grew tired of this debate and set about to find a physical explanation. It took a long time, because, in the end, I found astrology to be upside down and backwards. It's a system that works well enough for astrologers, but not for anyone else. In this, astrology is no different from any other scientific discipline, which invari-

ably sets its own rules and ignores the carping of outsiders. (Don't get me started on **astronomy!**)

The secret to Astrology is that the signs of the zodiac do not rain down upon us from constellations of stars far far away.

The signs of the zodiac are in fact the twelve-fold nature of the earth itself. They radiate OUT from the CENTER.

In support of this is the latest scientific discovery that there is a single, **gigantic crystal** at the center of the earth. It is believed to be a six-sided crystal.

If there is a crystal at the center of the earth, there is very likely a crystal at the center of every planetary body.

So would a six-sided crystal account for the twelve signs of the zodiac? Yes. There are six faces. There are six edges. There are six male signs and six female signs (or six positive, six negative, six light, six dark, six of this, six of that, whatever).

Astrology then becomes the study of the interaction of planetary crystals.

Well, same objection as always: How can Mars possibly influence the Earth?

Which is a flimsy objection. First off, the planets are more than big enough, more than close enough, to have exactly that kind of influence upon each other. It's not that Mars impacts me directly (well, it does), but that Mars and the Earth interact and the Earth radiates the net change into everything that crawls upon the planet. Since I am made of the Earth's physical clay, then as a tiny sample of the Earth itself, it can exactly be said that Mars influences me directly.

Are there examples of this? Yes. Uranus was discovered by accident in 1781, but its orbit was a **problem**. It was clearly being influenced by some other, more distant planet. Which led to the discovery of Neptune in 1841, if memory serves. This was before the use of photographic plates, by the way, and led directly to the search for Pluto, which, when it was found in 1930, was not large enough to account for the remaining problems. In recent years this problem has been **explained**. It seems 19th century astronomers were so full of error and superstition that they could not add or subtract correctly.

But the presence of Neptune did not ex-

plain everything. There is still some unknown force which disturbs the orbit of Uranus. Realize that Uranus and Neptune are almost never as close to each other as either is to the EARTH. The distances are that vast. The solar system is full of such paradoxes.

With the primary zodiacal forces inside the earth itself, with these changing moment to moment from the ceaseless motion of the Earth, Moon and other planets, the net result is a constantly changing energy environment. You can think of the result precisely the same way you think of the weather, only personalized to your own unique vibration.

I forgot vibration. Because the Earth vibrates astrologically, and because that vibration changes minute by minute, then whenever something breaks in two, those two pieces will take on (or be significantly influenced by) the prevailing vibration as of that moment. And that's birth, and that's why it's important.

So what happens when the Earth produces a vibration that is incompatible with yours? You have an accident or fall ill or both. There is literally no choice whatever about this, which is why astrologers often feel the world is fated and why the religious objection, that God does not want you to know, is superior to the "scientific" objection, which is merely the result of laziness.

It is also true the Earth itself reacts to its own vibrations and produces plants and animals in harmony with it. So when you get sick, you **READ YOUR ASTROLOGICAL CHART TO DETERMINE WHAT THE PROBLEM REALLY IS** and then **APPLY KNOWN REMEDIES TO RETURN TO HEALTH**. It is that tight a structure. Conventional medicine, by contrast, is guesswork at best.

And, by the way, if you were curious, the astrologer **B.V. Raman**, writing in the early 1990's, predicted World War III starting in the summer of 2000. (He had previously predicted WWII, his grandfather **B.S. Rao** had predicted WWI. In this, they scooped **western astrologers**.) It seems as if Raman picked up on the Republican convention in 2000, the nomination of G.W. Bush being the defining moment.

Since we can see the vibrations marching down the road in front of us (like a ma-

levolent weather pattern: **The Old Farmers**, by the way) you will not be surprised the better astrologers predicted the current financial mess, and believe it will continue to around 2020, which I fear is as far as anyone has dared to look. Right now, there is a very precise Pluto-Uranus square going on, the first of about seven over the next several years. Which is to say that things are about to get a lot worse.

Astrology was suppressed, always will be suppressed, because it strips the powerful of their power. One way or another, no intelligent person ignores astrology.

SUCH were my comments on Yves' blog this past week. If there is time remaining in my life, and if I have the necessary platform, it is my intention to use the Earth-based astrology theory, in combination with Aristotelian science, to re-establish astrology.

We have had 350 years of cliquish, clanish, faddish, disorganized, pointless, ego-driven Enlightenment science. The best and only good thing that can be said for it is that it was based upon a *consensual understanding* of "truth." **Consensual**. Not objective. Yes, there have been great men, but for every great man there have been a thousand others, polluting the system itself. It is long past time to return to the **organization and structure** that Aristotle gave us.

The French did not disprove Aristotle, for such cannot be done. The true story of the Enlightenment was that at a critically weak moment in human history, the original **Know Nothings** came forth to repudiate knowledge itself. Youthful enthusiasm was substituted in its place.

You want a scientific astrology? **You already have it!** The problem is not astrology, but science. The problem has been a science that was unscientific and unworthy. Return to Aristotle, where science is real and astrology the pinnacle of all. Restore Astrology, and you restore Medicine and human health as well. (Modern science is so inept it cannot even minister to our health!) In four centuries of foolishness, much has been lost, but **it can all be regained**.