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### UPCOMING

**DUELS AT DAWN**, my second book of essays. It's a compilation of the newsletter, from October 26, 2010, through November 29, 2011. Should be in print by the end of July and will be a gift to all those who have subscribed, or donated at least \$50. Retail will be \$24.95.

Feel like reading any of them again? Well, me neither! (Actually, I was impressed.) See them all [here](#).

### OLD NEWS

AS the weeks pass I am more and more impressed with **Blagrave's** simple 3-herbs in a bag around the neck formula. Get marigolds, sage, rosemary and lavender from your local nursery, then take simple clippings at sunrise on Sunday. If your heart is weak, this is easy, simple, cheap and surprisingly effective. For men, it may also restore libido, but your results may vary.

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

26	02:24	♀ ♃	
	10:54	☾ ♂ ♂	Void
	17:16	☾ ♁	
27	03:31	☉ 05♁ 54	First Quarter
	15:08	♀ ♄	Venus direct.
28	08:23	☾ ♂ ♃	Void
	11:59	♀ ♃ ♃	
	20:33	☾ ♃	
29	10:00	☾ △ ☉	
	15:00	☉ ♂ ♀	
	15:38	♀ ✖ ♃	
	20:10	☉ □ ♃	
30	10:22	♀ ♃ ♀	
	19:47	☾ ✖ ♂	Void
	22:05	☾ ♃	
01	05:06	☾ ♂ ♃	
	10:43	☾ ♂ ♀	
02	22:21	☾ □ ♂	Void
	22:52	☾ ♃	

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### NEW NEWS

THE solstice was Wednesday, June 20, at 7:08 pm EDT. Here in the East Coast, Uranus is in the 4th, which means cool and windy. In Chicago, Mars is on the MC, which means hot, both these from **McCormack**.

**REMEMBER** the transit of Venus, retrograde, over the Sun's disk, on June 5? It was at 16-ish of Gemini. Jupiter makes a station there in September-October. Is this good? I dunno! Anything retrograde in Gemini is a liar on the face of it (us Geminis are only barely truthful on our best days!) Venus's rulership of Taurus, and Taurus's affinity with money make a retrograde Venus in Gemini a swindler. The memory of which is what Jupiter will be magnifying. The Sun will square it about September 16, and Mars will oppose it around the 30th of October.

Want more fun? The lunar eclipse was the day earlier, at 14 of Gemini-Sag, and will get hit by the same Jupiter-Mars-Sun combo. Mercury, too, around October 17.

**WE'RE** about to find out if a lunar eclipse, followed by a very rare Venus transit, have any delayed effects so far as mundane astrology is concerned. If they do, we're in for a really spectacular election season. No, not with guns. More likely, another financial disaster. There is already talk of another one, coming soon. Hang on to your money!



**Primitivity.** By this term is denoted the characteristic of those who live mainly under the domination of the primitive needs and desires of the body. These are self-preservation (Water) and self-augmentation (Fire). In the latter we include sex, which increases the self by adding partner and children, through the latter of which the ego is enabled to achieve a kind of physical extension and even a degree of physical immortality. It must not be supposed that primitivity necessarily implies immorality, or indeed any sort of abnormality, except in so far as a return to physical habits is abnormal in a civilized community which has in the main largely outgrown them. At a certain stage in our evolution the primitive is perfectly normal, and in most of us primitive instincts still remain very potent factors, although they are often hardly recognized as such even by their possessors. Astrologically speaking it is obviously of the utmost importance to decide the evolutionary status of a person whose nativity is under consideration. — **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, price \$18.95. **Order!**



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ALHENA** gamma Geminorum 9 ♊ 17

**Notes:** A brilliant white star in the left foot of the Southern Twin, often called the Bright Foot of Gemini. From Al Han'ah, a Brand or Mark burnt in.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mercury and Venus. It bestows eminence in art but gives liability to accidents affecting the feet.

**With Sun:** Pride, love of ease, luxury and pleasure. There may be marital honours but danger of losing them.

**With Moon:** Good health, honour, riches, pleasure and society, domestic benefits.

**With Mercury:** Popularity, benefits from opposite sex, musical and artistic ability but little fame, domestic harmony, business adversely affected by pleasure and society.

**With Venus:** Material concerns, love of dress, pleasure and flattery, artistic and musical ability.

**With Mars:** Superficial nature, fond of pleasure— *from Fixed Stars, by Vivian Robson* **Order!**



Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### The Moon's General Indications

**T**HE first aspect the Moon applies to reveals what to expect first: if good, a good start — and if her last aspect is also good, then a good ending to the matter. If the first aspect is bad and the last good, matters get off to a bad start but end well. When her final aspect is bad it signifies an unsatisfactory end of the matter.

If all her aspects are good, little trouble if any will be experienced; but if they are all bad there is great difficulty in the attempt and no final success.

If the Moon's final aspect is to a retrograde planet there will be frustration and the case will not turn out as planned; the person is at fault if it is his ruler.

If her final aspect is parallel but to a retrograde planet, the answer to the question is Yes; but not as expected; it is as good as done but will come too late to do any real good" as far as this case is concerned.

If the Moon's final aspect is a square, the querent will regret the course he took, and any request is sure to give offense, which will endure if that planet is a malefic in a Fixed Sign, particularly Scorpio. If the Moon's final aspect is an opposition, matters end with some separation or lack of cooperation; there is greed or jealousy in evidence, and especially if it is Saturn. — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960, price \$42.35. **Order** a copy!

## NAKSHATRAS

# LUNAR MANSIONS

Special guest **Barak Obama**

**I**N the debate about Tropical and Sidereal, I used **Clint Eastwood's** natal chart to suggest that, so far as the twelve signs are concerned, there can be only one zodiac and it happens to be Tropical. Which reaffirmed my belief that the Tropical zodiac is in fact based on factors internal to the Earth itself. Not the sky. The Sidereal zodiac, based on twelve divisions of the sky, does not work.

But there is a Sidereal zodiac that does work, there is a system of signs that have always been given in Sidereal, and still are.

**They are the Lunar Mansions.** Which many of you have never heard of.

Lunar mansions are each equal to the distance the Moon travels in one day. How far is that? Go out the evening of the new moon, the first night you can see the thin sliver. Note its position in the evening glow.

Now go back out at the same time the next night. Note how much further into the sky the Moon moved in the space of one day. The Moon is in a much darker part of the sky. Has a thicker crescent. The difference, from one night to the next, is one day's travel. It is **ONE LUNAR MANSION**.

Keeping track of things by means of the Moon's daily travel is a very, very old system. It can be found in Arabic, Indian and Chinese flavors, which might all stem from a single source. It is also little understood.

Lunar mansions are so little understood there is dispute if there are 27 or 28 of them. The only book where I have found the Arabic mansions mentioned is in Robson's **Fixed Stars**, where he gives 28 and then enough information on their use in western magic for an imaginative Magus to make good use of them. Which I think he got from **Picatrix**.

In India, the lunar mansions are reasonably well-known as Nakshatras, and although there are 28 names, only 27 are commonly employed, the size of each Nakshatra being 13°20'. The only use made of them is in marriage compatibility, where the 27 mansions are reduced to animals and are then given genitalia. The Nakshatra of the groom's Moon (penis) is compared to the Nakshatra of the bride's Moon (vagina) and compatibility judged, in a technique known as Yoni Poruttham. If they are in compatible nakshatras, the couple will enjoy sex.

If not, they will not. It is said that in extreme cases of incompatibility, death may ensue from ordinary sexual coupling. I myself think this would never happen voluntarily, as the male and female in question would most likely abhor each other, but it can happen in cases of arranged marriages.

Which, one way or another, are still common in India and many other places in the world. In the arranged marriages which I myself have had a hand in, utmost consideration of the wishes of the bride and groom were given, but the final choice was still that of the respective parents. In this matter it would not be unusual for a strong-willed parent to overwhelm a weak or timid child, even if that child was 20 or 25 years old, resulting in a marriage partner that was unwanted and unloved. Before you rush to condemn this, remember that the western system, based on casual attraction, is far from foolproof.

As this will be new to most of you, I will give the standard table, taken from Defouw and Svoboda's **Light on Relationships**:

Nakshatra	Sex	Animal	Incompatible
1. Asvini	Male	Horse	Buffalo
2. Bharani	Male	Elephant	Lion
3. Kritika	Female	Sheep	Monkey
4. Rohini	Male	Serpent	Mongoose
5. Mrigashirsha	Female	Serpent	Tiger, Dog
6. Ardra	Male	Dog	Dog, Rat
7. Punarvasu	Female	Cat	Monkey
8. Pushya	Male	Goat	Dog, Rat
9. Aslesha	Male	Cat	Dog, Rat
10. Magha	Male	Rat	Cat
11. Purva Phalguni	Female	Rat	Cat
12. Uttara Phalguni	Male	Bull	Tiger
13. Hasta	Female	Buffalo	Horse
14. Chitra	Male	Tiger	Cow
15. Swati	Male	Buffalo	Horse
16. Vishakha	Female	Tiger	Cow
17. Anuradha	Female	Deer	Tiger, Dog
18. Jyeshtha	Male	Deer	Tiger, Dog
19. Mula	Female	Dog	Tiger, Deer
20. Purva Ashadha	Male	Monkey	Dog, Goat
21. Uttara Ashadha	Female	Mongoose	Serpent
22. Shravana	Female	Monkey	Dog, Goat
23. Dhanishtha	Female	Lion	Elephant
24. Shatabhisha	Female	Horse	Buffalo
25. Purva Bhadrapada	Male	Lion	Elephant
26. Uttara Bhadrapada	Fem	Cow	Tiger
27. Revati	Female	Elephant	Lion

To use the table, set your chart in the Sidereal zodiac, Lahiri ayanamsha. From 0° Aries, count off 13°20' until you find your Moon. If you have a Vedic subroutine in your computer program, it should give the planetary nakshatras directly.

The term yoni refers to the female geni-  
(continued, page 4)

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

### Part 100:

## Children

*The influence of the planets, continued:—*

Jupiter. In 5th, good and dutiful children. Ruling 5th and opposite Saturn kills most of the children.

Saturn. In 5th, stubborn children and trouble through them. Afflicted by Mars or Venus, lack of sympathy. If opposite Jupiter or Venus, destroys some of the children, or denies issue.

Uranus. In 5th, eccentric children, separation from children, and anxiety and scandal. Miscarriage.

Neptune. In 5th, great desire for children but often sterile. Peculiar or afflicted, or adopted or illegitimate children.

The influence of the house positions of the ruler of the 5th is as follows:— In 1st, many good children, and dutiful ones. 3rd, children gain from friends [11th from 5th–*Dave*]. 4th, children obtain inheritances, but if afflicted will suffer and some will die in prison. 5th, prosperous and honoured children. 6th, children will have few serious illnesses and will assist their father, or he will gain through them. 7th, children side with marriage partner against native and cause injury. 8th, children obtain money through deaths; if afflicted few children or they die before the native, especially if the lords of the 5th and 8th afflict each other. 9th, religious and pleasure-loving children. 10th, sickly but may be eminent. 11th, trouble to children through enemies and quarrels [7th from 5th–*Dave*]. 12th, few, troublesome, or hateful children. —*A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, 1922. Price \$25.95. **Order!**

### July 1:

- 1837—Civil registration of births in UK
- 1858—Evolution read aloud
- 1863—Battle of Gettysburg begins
- 1867—Canada established

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## Temperament

from *Astrological Judgement of Disease from the Decumbiture of the Sick* by **Nicholas Culpeper**

**MELANCHOLY Choleric men** are tall of stature, by reason that natural heat is feeble, and thereby many fumosities are engendered, but they are little & slender of body, because of dryness, therefore their skin is rough & hard, and cold to touch: they have but very little hair on their bodies, and are long without beards, but means of cold which stops the Pores, and suffer not the matter whereof hair is engendered to come forth: Also they have much superfluity in the nose; their colour is pale, shadowed with a little negritude, or darkness. And concerning their conditions, they are gentle, given to sobriety, solitary, studious, doubtful, avaricious, shamefaced, timorous, stubborn, fretful, pensive, constant, and true in action, with a deep surmise and slow wit, with obliviousness; their hair is brown & thin, their digestion feeble, and less than their appetite, the pulse little & slack, their urine subcitrine & thin; and they dream of falling from high places, fearful dreams, and sundry varieties.

**MELANCHOLICK men** are mean of stature, and seldom very tall; for excess cold binds the substance, and suffers it not to stretch in length; and though melancholy be dry in temperature, yet they are little, and slender of body, the occasion (I imagine) of excess cold, by means whereof much superfluity is engendered, which somewhat allays the dryness, for melancholick men are full of Flegm, and rheumatic matter. Their colour is duskish, and swarthish pale, their skin is rough & cold in feeling, they have very little or no hair on their bodies. — *Astrological Judgement of Disease from the Decumbiture of the Sick* by Nicholas Culpeper **Order.**

## Is This You?

0°–10° Pisces rising  
*The Pisces decanate*

Appearance of the first decanate:

**PISCES** people usually have large fishy eyes, set in a small sensitive pale face, and even when young, are bulky in body; doubtless the result of inadequate glands. Some are also clumsy in movement, turning their feet and flat insteps East and West as they shamle rather than walk. Yet so contrary is the sign that many born under it are light on their feet, in spite of their weight, and make excellent dancers.

The first decanate of Pisces is ruled by Jupiter. Dual experiences rule this sign. Like the other mutable signs, there is the possibility of two extremes of development. With the unevolved soul there is rarely much control over the emotions or the moods of the moment. The advanced soul, however, is capable of mystical realizations of a subtle order. The mind then becomes receptive to higher influences, instead of being dominated by anybody in the vicinity. If seriously afflicted, the nature is secretive, morbid and, in extreme cases, even corrupt.

Few Pisces have much ambition and are only too often inclined to leave the world and its inhabitants to their own devices and find peace in a life of contemplation. The late **Lord Rosebery** was a Pisces type, possessing all its elusive and melancholy tendencies. — *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias. **Order!**



tals, whereas lingham refers to the male.

With these preliminaries out of the way, we can get down to business.

Just as a chart can be read for the signs occupied by the planets and ascendant, it can also be read for the Nakshatra of the planets and ascendant. The problem is that there is only one published text, so far as I know, that gives actual delineations for each of the planets in each of the 27 nakshatras.

Which is the purple volume of K.T. Shubhakaran's **Nakshatra** set. It is in hardcover and comes with the companion volume, on Vimshottari Dasas, a completely unrelated topic. The set is \$55.00, which is a lot. The publisher, Sagar, in Delhi, is among the more savvy and so I suspect the problem is the author, who seems to like his books as two-volume sets, and in hardcover to boot. I mention this as I am about to quote a good bit of it and if I'm successful a lot of you will want to have it.

**I**TURN now to our honored guest, the President of the United States, Barack Obama.

I am of the opinion that Barack Obama's birth chart, in the Tropical zodiac, does not fit him. So let's see if his chart, in Sidereal, gives a different view.

The following positions are in the **Sidereal zodiac, Lahiri ayanamsha**, which is roughly one degree in advance of the Fagan-Bradley ayanamsha.

**24 degrees of Capricorn rises.** This is the 24th Nakshatra, which is **Dhanishtha**. Here is Shubhakaran:

**Physical features:** The native has a lean body with lengthy figure. *Check.*

**Character and general events:** He will be expert in all the works he undertakes. He has extremely intelligent mind and around knowledge. He does not like to cause any trouble to others. He always like to live with his own calibre and effort. He dislikes to express his disagreement with others til the last moment. *Check.*

**Education, source of earnings, profession:** Most of the scientists and historians are born in this Nakshatra. Since there is an inherent talent of keeping secret, the native is quite suitable for secret service, private secretaries to the senior executive. Whatever may be his academic background his intelligence is beyond questionable. [*Please excuse the author; he writes in Hinglish.*—Dave] In argument also he is much ahead of others. Hence lawyers profession is best for him. Normally, period from 24th years of age onwards [1985] will show progress in

### Barak Obama - Lahiri ayanamsha

August 4, 1961

7:24 pm AHST

Honolulu, Hawaii

Placidus houses

mean node



the earning field. Since he will be engaged in the profession or trade where he has to trust others, he should be very very careful before putting trust on others. **Check!**

**Family life:** His relatives will cause a lot of embarrassment and problems. He is more inclined to his brothers and sisters. He will have ample inherited property subject to the placement of planets in beneficial position. He cannot have much benefit from his in-laws. But this drawback will be nullified due to the presence of good qualities in his wife. His wife will be an incarnation of "Laxmi" (goddess of wealth). To be more specific, any improvement in the financial field of the native will be only after marriage. *To which I say, if you understand what the author is talking about, Check.*

**Health:** His health may not be so good. Even then he will not think about his own health. It is only when the disease reaches at the peak he starts finding remedy. Slightest improvement out of the several disease will drag him to the work field. He is prone to whooping cough, anaemia, etc. However he will not be on a prolonged state of illness. *Unknown.*

That's Shubhakaran's take on Obama's ascendant. On balance, **a phenomenally good fit.** This is as far as I got before I started writing these notes. I literally do not know what comes next, so let's continue.

**Obama's Sun, Lahiri ayanamsha, is at 19° Cancer. That's No. 9, Ashlesha**

Shubhakaran starts with aspects to the Sun. **Vedic aspects** are nothing like western aspects, and my understanding of Vedic astrology is weak generally. However,

Jupiter aspects, the native is respected in his family circle, always dependent on the government for his wealth. *Check.* Obama has for many years been employed by one government or other.

Obama's Sun is aspected by Saturn, which means he will suffer from jaundice, will be paralyzed and poor. *No.*

You will not believe what comes next. Each of these 13°20' sections are *quartered*, and each quarter given a specific delineation. These are known as *padhas*. Obama's Sun is in the first padha. Regrettably, the delineation refers to an ascendant in some other Nakshatra and so cannot be used. Overall, the delineation of Obama's Sun is *weak*, as it has only his status as a government employee to support it, while Saturn contradicts.

**Obama's Moon is at 10° of Taurus**, which puts it at the very beginning of Rohini, the fourth Nakshatra. Rohini means red cow.

Obama's Moon is in aspect to Jupiter, which means he respects his parents and discharges his responsibilities to them. *Check.*

**Obama's Moon is not in aspect to Saturn.** If they were in aspect, the native loses his mother early and will not get any benefit from his father. Which, I regret to say, is **true**, which means that if Obama's Moon is

in Rohini, it *should be* in aspect to Saturn.

In the first padha, Obama's Moon gives him pleasant manners, lovely appearance, sweet tongue, many brothers and sisters, good going at business. *Check*.

On balance, Obama's Moon is *mixed*.

**Obama's Mercury is at 9° Cancer, which is in the 8th Nakshatra, Pushya.**

Obama's Mercury is aspected by his Sun, as both are in the same Sidereal sign. This gives a mixed type of job, depending on other planetary combinations. *Check*.

Jupiter aspects: Highly learned in various sciences and sastras and look after the welfare of rulers and acquires wealth through them. *Mixed*.

Saturn aspects: Devoid of virtues, does not maintain good relations with his brothers and sisters and is discarded by his own wife and children. *Mixed*.

Mercury is in the second padha: The native will occupy a position where maximum trust is required i.e. Private Secretaries, Secret Agents or in Vigilance, Security departments. His lungs may be affected. *Mixed*. Obama smokes, though he hides it. And I would like to see something better than private confidante.

On balance, Obama's Mercury is *mixed*.

**Obama's Venus is at 8° Gemini.** This is Nakshatra 6, Ardra. So far as I can tell, Obama's Venus has no aspects in the Vedic system.

Venus is in the first padha. Male native will have his education in the scientific field. He may also be interested in music and arts. *No*.

On balance, Venus is *inconclusive*, but veers towards failing.

**Obama's Mars is at Uttara Phalguni, no. 12.** Shubhakaran says Martian aspects in the 12th Nakshatra are the same as those of the 6th Nakshatra, Ardra.

Obama's Mars is in the first padha and has no aspects. Shubhakaran has a specific note on that: Mars without any association or aspect makes the native poor, enduring, travelling in forests and has few children and a good wife.

On balance, **Obama's Mars fails.** He has never been poor, nor homeless. He has two daughters, which, in modern America, makes him average.

**Obama's Jupiter is at 7° of Capricorn.** It, as well as his Saturn, is in the 21st Nakshatra, Uttara Ashadha. For aspects, Shubhakaran directs us to the 19th Nakshatra, Mula.

Obama's Jupiter is aspected by his Sun: The native is poor, disliked by all. *No*.

Obama's Jupiter is aspected by his Moon: Very fortunate position, will enjoy good family life with abundant money and comforts. *Maybe*. Shubhakaran is not describing the life of a wandering politician.

Obama's Jupiter is aspected by his Saturn: The native has a tendency to steel [sic] things and will be forsaken by his village men. *No*.

Obama's Jupiter is in aspect to his Mercury: A minister or equivalent. *Check*.

Obama's Jupiter is in the 4th padha. The text for this is given under the 22nd Nakshatra, Abhijit. Jupiter becomes more powerful even though he is debilitated by sign (Capricorn). Jupiter nullifies all other evil effects. He attains top position in the government, may be minister or a governor or an administrator.

On balance, *Check*.

**Obama's Saturn is at 2° Capricorn,** and, as Jupiter, in the 21st Nakshatra, Uttara Ashadha. For aspects we are again referred to the 19th Nakshatra:

Obama's Saturn is in aspect to his Sun: If Saturn in this Nakshatra is aspected by the Sun, fairly good position comparing to Sun's aspect to Saturn placed in other nakshatras, the native will enjoy gods pleasure i.e. name, fame and wealth. *Check*.

Obama's Saturn is in aspect to Mercury: Enjoys a very high reputation and be equal to a minister in rank. *Check*.

Obama's Saturn is in the 2nd padha. The native will frequently change his profession. His wife will be sickly. Will incur heavy financial losses. A perturbed mind. *No*.

On balance, Obama's Saturn is *mixed*.

**Obama's North Node, Rahu, is at 4° Leo.** It is in the 10th Nakshatra, second padha of Magha: Rahu alone will confer self-earning through unlawful activities. Presuming we agree this is Obama's chart, *No*. Rahu fails.

**Obama's South Node, Ketu, is at 4° Aquarius.** It is in the 4th padha of the 24th Nakshatra, Dhanishtha. Of that, Shubhakaran says, somewhat better than the third padha, which inclines people to steal from your house. The fourth padha gives a government job and a child who will become famous and wealthy. Since a president's children normally do well, *Check*.

Shubhakaran does not give results for Uranus, Neptune and Pluto.

## SUMMARY

**O**N balance, with Obama's chart we have a spectacular fit with his ascendant, with indifferent or poor

results for Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Rahu.

Ketu and Saturn generally check as accurate.

**Jupiter makes Obama who he is.** Shubhakaran says this one factor makes him a success, and I am in no position to dispute him.

**Nakshatras confirm Barack Obama to be who he claims to be.**

## Celebrity Whim-Whams

(The nakshatras of the Moon)

He's hung like a \_\_\_\_\_ !

**Obama:** Serpent

**Michelle:** Lion or Horse (*time unknown*)

**Bill:** Sheep

**Hilary:** Lion

**Monica:** Elephant. *Note: Elephants and lions hate each other.*

**Marilyn:** Lion

**Joe:** Horse

**Henry:** Tiger

**Jack:** Rat

**Hef:** Lion

**Cybil:** Lion

**Bruce:** Mongoose

**Demi:** Elephant (*Note above!*)

**Liz:** Tiger

**Richard:** Rat

**Chuck:** Horse

**Di:** Lion

**William:** Dog

**Kate:** Cat

## BOOKS THIS WEEK:

**Nakshatra**, the two volume set by K.T. Shubhakaran, \$55.00. **Order.**

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