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## The Spring Equinox Chart

**A**n interesting discussion a few days ago on Facebook about the Spring Equinox, which was at 1:15 am EDT, March 20, 2012. Set the chart in Washington (pg. 4)

It started with the question that as *Venus is the most dignified planet in the chart, would that mean a successful slave revolt?*

There's several problems with this already. First, computing relative dignities isn't where you begin with a chart. Computations are useful when the rest of the chart is checkmated, when all your other clues have resulted in dead heat. It's not just that we haven't examined the chart and so don't know if that's true, so much as a deadlocked chart is a fairly rare outcome and when it does appear, it's most often the result of incomplete or erroneous analysis.

Next, the slave revolt. Venus is in dignity in Taurus and does rule the 6th house, which has Taurus on the cusp and the 6th house is slaves, so all of that checks. The problem is that Venus in Taurus is happy with its condition. If there are slaves in the 6th, they're *happy* slaves. Jupiter widely conjunct Venus, also in Taurus, there's a lot of them. How about aspects? Venus is part of a Grand Trine, with Pluto and Mars. Both

of these are aspects of power, and in earth signs, can move mountains, but grand trines are notoriously lazy and rarely amount to very much. Moon-Neptune are widely sextile to Venus. Nothing unhappy there.

The Equinox chart has Sagittarius on the ascendant, the ruler is Jupiter, Jupiter is in Taurus where it is conjunct Venus, so in this chart we do, in fact, get very quickly to Venus in Taurus and the 6th, but they're not slaves. In mundane astrology, the 6th is also the military and the police. This chart shows them to be fat (Jupiter inflates) and happy (Venus) and not interested in doing much: Taurus is lazy if not prodded, and there's nothing here to prod. Are the police and military "slaves"? Doesn't make much difference. In 2012, they're all fat and happy.

Then it was observed that Mars was ten signs from the ascendant, Sagittarius to Virgo, and it is. But in D.C., that doesn't make Mars angular and you can't simply smear Mars over the MC and pretend. Angles have meaning. Mars is cadent, in a mutable sign, and retrograde. The retrograde makes him dysfunctional, Virgo makes him fussy and hesitant. The 9th house has him chasing after spooks, one way or another. He can work through the houses with Aries (continued, pg. 5)

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

**Oratorical Ability.** Mercury is nearly always, in the horoscopes of distinguished speakers, in the 1st, 7th or 10th houses, and in one of the corresponding signs, with strong aspects. Bad aspects do not necessarily destroy the oratorical powers, but cause trouble in developing or using them; e.g. there may be rash statements and actions at law as a result.

Certain zodiacal areas are conspicuously common in orators' maps:

16° Taurus-Scorpio and those degrees in aspect. These seem chiefly concerned with tone and voice-control.

17° Aries-Libra, which may have to do with fluency of expression.

7° Capricorn and 7° Pisces.

Every planet, according to its nature, influences the style of oratory, and each sign likewise. Cancer gives power to sway the masses; Scorpio can excite powerful emotions; Aries can call forth anger and incite to martial action. We may mention Cicero, Gladstone, Dr. Besant, Erasmus, W.J. Bryan, Gambetta, Rosebery and Melancthon. — *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*

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## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ALGENIB** gamma Pegasi 9 ♉ 19

**Notes:** A white star situated at the tip of the wing of Pegasus. From Al Janah, the Wing, or Al Janb, the Side.

**Influence:** Of the nature of Mars and Mercury. It gives notoriety, dishonour, violence, misfortune, and denotes the naked and poor professional beggar.

**With Sun:** Mental disturbances, fevers and ill-health, some danger of accidents.

**With Moon:** Dishonour, loss by scandal, exiled or forced to flee, ill health, trouble through writings.

**With Mercury:** Quick temper, mental disturbances, success in legal and other disputes.

**With Venus:** Generous, proud, quick temper, bad morals, drink or evil habits, favourable for financial affairs.

**With Mars:** Quick mind and body, lying or theft.

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

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1893-1990

## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

*The Distance, by Mileage*

### For a Missing Possession

**T**O find the distance between the querent and his lost possession that is shown to be away from home, we take the rulers of the 1st and 2nd and note the difference in their degree, whether in aspect or not, for the BASIC distance. If the Moon is in a Cardinal Sign, take twice that difference; in a Common Sign, take half the distance; in a Fixed Sign, take one-fourth of that difference: this gives the real distance and in miles.

On pg. 160, the ruler of the 1st is Mercury in 2 degrees and the ruler of the 2nd happens to be the Moon in 16 degrees, the difference being 14 for their basic distance. The Moon is Cardinal, denoting twice 14 for the real distance, or 28 miles away, to find the car.

If Cancer appears on both the 1st and 2nd cusps, the Moon is considered co-ruler of the 1st and we find the difference between her degree and the degree on the 2nd

for the basic distance, multiplying it by 2, ½ or ¼ as before, according to whether the Moon is in a Cardinal Sign, a Common Sign or a Fixed Sign. —

**Simplified Horary Astrology, 1960**



Happy Spring!  
Marilyn

# Hellenistic Astrologers can SAVE THE WORLD

**H**ELLENISTIC astrologers can save the world. No, not me. I'm not a Hellenist. I'm a medievalist and a gadfly to boot. I came of age in Rhenish-Anglo-Saxon monasteries a thousand years ago. Places where never a Greek was seen.

**Enlightenment Science** of the last four centuries just doesn't work. Never really did, but for a long time we had money and engineering which made it seem as if it was working.

Modern, Enlightened science is no different now from what it originally was, which was whatever a bunch of earnest, well-meaning people said it was. Modern science is based on consensus, which is to say that if it looks like it's true and if it appears to make sense, it's therefore true and scientific.

But this produces nothing more than consensual fads and reminds one of the well-worn saying, that science advances one funeral at a time. Real science is based on real principles, and it is shockingly true that just as western Astrology forgot its ancient principles, so has modern science.

**Chaos Theory**, for example, where an Amazonian butterfly's wings allegedly produce tornadoes in Texas, is flatly contradicted by **McCormack's** and **Zane's** and **Riske's** and **Pearce's** Astrometeorology which can predict tornadoes 100 generations in advance of any insect's life span. Chaos is a long, convoluted theory that has been offered in place of the much simpler, much more powerful astrology. There are an increasing number of scientific theories that are just as bad. They are not theories, but *fads*.

Science needs an independent standard against which it can be judged. It needs an independent referee. Merely saying science is "scientific" is as circular as saying astrology is "astrological". Claiming science to be "true" merely begs the question of who decides what "true" is. When science is its own judge and jury we get fads and nonsense.

Some scientists say that science is true because it has **numbers**, but this test fails for two reasons. One, only engineering and its permutations have numbers at all. (Biology has none, for example.) The other is that, as every mathematician knows, numbers are funny things and can play all manner of tricks

on the unwary. Numbers, like religion, are mystical arts and exist outside of science and always will.

Lacking any other standard, I propose we go back to the Greeks. To Plato and Aristotle, to Ptolemy and Anaximander, Thales and Pliny the Elder and all the others. Together, they created a coherent philosophy into which all knowledge could be placed. The ignorance of the Enlightened was perhaps due to the wholesale loss of savants and learning in the **30 Years War** that preceded it. Which if so, would not be surprising. Wars always devastate the educated. Which means the War left a vacuum, which was filled by Enlightened know-nothings.

**NEVER TRUST SELF-STYLED AUTHORITIES.** I do my best every week to annoy you, just so you will not make me an authority. In these newsletters I am merely trying to demonstrate the dynamics of thinking. Here is the standard. It is very hard to live up to.

From the **Secret Doctrine**, as quoted by **AAB**:

*The Lord Buddha has said that we must not believe in a thing merely because it is said; nor traditions because they have been handed down from antiquity; nor rumors, as such; nor writings by sages because sages [scientists] wrote them; nor fancies that we may suppose to have been inspired in us by a Deva (that is, in presumed spiritual inspiration); nor from inferences drawn from some haphazard assumption we may have made [e.g., Chaos Theory]; nor because of what seems an analogical necessity; nor on the mere authority of our teachers or masters. But we are to believe when the writing, doctrine, or saying is corroborated by our own reason and consciousness. "For this," says he in concluding, "I taught you not to believe merely because you have heard, but when you believe of your consciousness, then to act accordingly and abundantly."*

Over the last few decades western astrology has rediscovered our roots in Hellenistic, Arabic, Persian and medieval astrologies. Increasingly it appears this discovery is permanent, that there are enough books that have been translated and published. Hellenistic astrologers themselves still leave a lot to be

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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 87:

## Love & Marriage

Effects of the signs and of planets contained therein, continued:—

**TAURUS.** Extreme love nature; lustful; often marries money; often two marriages, the first early and hasty, and the second happy. Saturn, love troubles, death of partner or financial trouble. Jupiter, chaste and mystical partner, happy marriage. Mars, early love affairs, tragic or unfortunate marriage, ruled by partner, harm to or from women. Venus, strong feelings, voluptuous, physical attractions. Mercury, trouble through women. Moon, intrigues.

**GEMINI.** Fickle; nonmoral; sex complications and dual love affairs; fairly late marriage. Saturn, marriage to a foreigner or abroad. Jupiter, marries relative. Mars, several love affairs often at once, partner religious or a relative. Venus, dual love affairs or marriage, peculiar, intrigues necessitated by home life. Moon, peculiar marital relations.

**CANCER.** Very sentimental; rather fickle, but exact faithfulness from others; rarely happy in marriage. Saturn, grief through love, partner rises by industry. Jupiter, social success by marriage. Mars, scandal by marriage, discontented partner. Venus, fickle, secret love affairs, marriage abroad or to a foreigner, or union while travelling, danger of separation or divorce. Sun, unfavourable for marriage if a woman.

**LEO.** Intense love nature; very rarely happy marriage; often marry for children. Saturn, disregards pleasure, marries friend, sometimes two marriages. Jupiter, marries influential or rich friend. Mars, secret alliances, ardent affections returned by partner. Sun, often unhappy marriage. Venus, ardent, jealous, marries friend, sometimes believes in free love. —*A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, 1922

## Time and Distance

from *Horary Astrology*,  
by Derek Appleby

**T**HE Moon is the principle agent in timing. The length of time that will pass before a thing demanded will occur is calculated according to the quality of the house and sign occupied by the Moon, and the number of degrees distant she is from an aspect with the significator of the queried. Each degree of lunar motion equates with a day, week, month or year, according to the following table which is known as — 'The generally Accepted Measure of Time'.

**The Moon in a cardinal sign** and angular house: Days. In a succedent house: Weeks. In a cadent house: Months.

**The Moon in a common sign** and angular house: Weeks. In a succedent house: Months. In a cadent house: Years.

**The Moon in a fixed sign** and angular house: Months. In a succedent house: Years. In a cadent house: Indeterminable period.

Thus, if the Moon is in the seventh house (angular) and Taurus (fixed) each degree of her motion is equal to one month. If she is in the eighth house (succedent) and Scorpio (fixed), each degree of her motion is equal to one year. If the Moon is in the 9th house (cadent) and Leo (fixed), it is not possible to calculate the length of time involved.

*When will I get a council flat?* The querent occupied private rental accommodations in north-west London; it was expensive and conditions were very bad. She was on the waiting list for a **council flat** but had no immediate hope of getting one. In a fit of desperation she posed the above question. ~ The Moon is fixed and succedent, which equals one degree per year, so 21 minutes of arc = 4.2 months, and so I judged. In the first part of November the same year the querent was offered and accepted a newly built council flat, about 4.5 months — pretty good timing! — *Horary Astrology*, by Derek Appleby.

## Is This You?

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

Appearance of the first decanate:

Scorpio people can be both thick-set and short, or tall, lithe and attenuated. Like other fixed signs (Taurus, Leo and Aquarius), they are rather long in the body. The features of this decan are often aquiline, the brows are prominent and the eyes intense in their gaze, the mouth close-set, the chin full and determined. **Joan Crawford**, the film star, has all the grace of the finer Scorpio type, while Mussolini combines the facial characteristics of the first decanate with the thicker body formation of the Pisces decanate, being ten degrees Scorpio rising (a Solar number).

The first decanate is ruled by Mars. The character is daring, strong-willed, energetic and forceful, capable of considerable endurance and sustained effort. This applies to advanced types. The unadvanced are deceitful and treacherous, having no control over their desires. The body thus suffers through excess. There is considerable ability for self-dramatization and many born under this sign love to create an air of mystery around themselves. The mind is both brusque and critical and disinclined to flatter others.

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

March 31:

1889—Eiffel Tower inaugurated  
1918—Daylight time starts in US



desired. Many of them are using Hellenistic detail to support their underlying astro-psycho-logy viewpoints, but if the medieval/Hellenistic revival continues into the next generation, astropsychobabble will fade of its own accord.

With the addition of a reasonably coherent theory underneath it, astrology is now strong enough to regain its place as the dominant discipline in the world. My theory of an **Earth-based resonant crystal**, combined with George McCormack's **Long Range Weather Forecasting**, will connect tightly to Chinese **Feng Shui**. It will also connect to **sacred geometry** in general. We have in our hands a most startling and powerful synthesis. Old and new. Earth and sky.

So we, well, I suppose, I, have created a new world. Presuming I can give it a proper birth, it must eventually come to dominate the world as a whole. But this leaves western science adrift as a loose cannon. They are smug and self-confident and completely unaware and have become a danger and a nuisance, not only to astrologers, but to the world as a whole. Modern medicine, for example, maims, cripples and kills many thousands every year. Not only is it deadly, it's also expensive. It's bankrupting the country and it is only a matter of time before it bankrupts all others.

It is not enough to ignore science and hope it goes away. There needs to be some way to bring it under control, like it or not. To reform it. Medicine especially must be reformed.

Expanding on my notes from **last week**, how modern "science" is a one-sided city view of the world at the expense of the countryside, not only did the ages of Enlightenment and Reason favor one group of people over another, the newly Enlightened scientists also cut themselves off from their own roots. This was from pride, from ego, it was foolish, it was a sin in the strict definition of the term, in that it was willful and deliberate and clearly wrong.

Why did Enlightened scientists cut themselves off in this way? The Greek and Roman foundations had served it well for nearly two thousand years. Could it be that the 30 Years War was a replay of the end of the Roman Empire, where the Greco-Roman oral tradition was lost? If so, then while translations of old books are a good start, it's time to, once again, bring back the oral tradition.

In preparation for writing these notes I consulted Wikipedia on the ancient Greeks and their science. What I read was a crude parody of Greek thought.

## Spring Equinox 2012

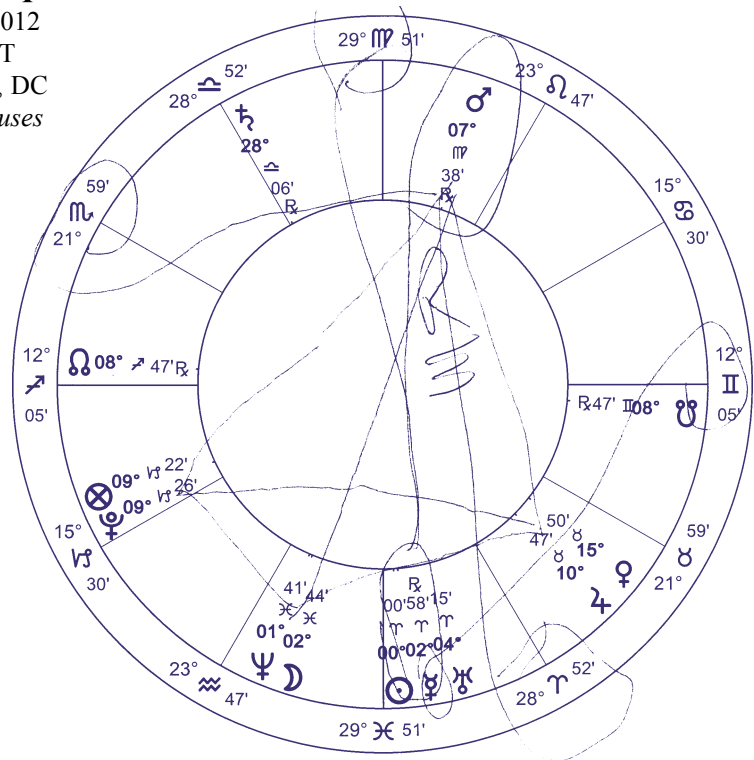
March 20, 2012

1:15 am EDT

Washington, DC

Placidus houses

Mean node



This is where Hellenistic Astrologers can help. Modern Hellenists are rapidly reviving, restoring and, most importantly, *comprehending* the essential concepts that underlie Greek thought. Ever since Greek philosophy was abandoned four centuries ago, modern Greek and classical studies have been meaningless because astrology, its essential component, has been lacking. Bringing astrology back will vivify Greek thought as a whole. *Astrology is the missing link.*

This past week, **J. Lee Lehman's** new book, **Traditional Medical Astrology** arrived. As a medical astrology text, I did not much care for it. Lehman is rambling, delightfully biased towards modern materialism, revels in unneeded Hellenistic detail, and writes in astro-psycho-babble.

But what caught my eye was Lehman's very real understanding of Greek philosophy. Greek thought, Greek cosmology, is real and alive to Lehman, who understands it in a way that Wiki's encyclopedists simply do not.

As Lehman knows, medicine is a good place to start. The Greek concept of astrology and medicine, the humours, the temperaments, the elements, decumbitures, carried through into the late medieval period, using **Blagrave's** planetary hour herb harvesting techniques, results in medicine that is clearly superior to what you will find at your local hospital.

**Be bold! Reclaim the power.**

**A**T the moment, both Mercury and Mars are retrograde. Are retrogrades a good time to introduce this? Yes, they are. In my past life work over the years, my best results are always when Mercury is retrograde. Mercury retrograde looks backwards naturally. It finds old errors and fixes them. Mercury retrograde is when we can go back to the past. I've come to look *forwards* to the *backwards*.

**L**AST week Comcast bounced 180 of you, for which, my apologies. If you did not see last week's newsletter, it's **here**. I thought it was something to do with Comcast's spamcop, but, tracking them down and asking, they say it wasn't them. Which presumably means it was something in the email itself. Is Comcast reading your email?

and Scorpio on the cusps, which are the 5th and 12th. Since these houses are not angular and as Mars is not angular and as Virgo is not cardinal, the best Mars can do is be subordinate to the angular rulers, which are Jupiter and Mercury. Mars is square to the nodes, which is not significant as there is no eclipse in sight. Mars is widely square to the Ascendant/Descendant, which, given Mars' relatively weak state, is not significant.

With mutable signs on the angles, with the chart ruler obscurely placed and self-satisfied, with the other angular ruler retrograde, this is a feckless chart, with one exception:

Set the chart in New York and the MC/IC axis becomes 3<sup>o</sup> Libra/Aries. It shifts the chart rulers from Jupiter and Mercury, to Jupiter Venus/Mars, with Jupiter and Venus conjunct and Mars in trine to both. New York will have a very different year. A more organized one.

In sum, Sun and Mercury are conjunct in Aries, which is brash, hard speech. Mercury retrograde, talk is backwards, speech circular. Sun in the 4th favors landed interests and the Republicans to some extent.

**M**cCormack says when Sun and Mercury are conjunct in the spring equinox, and Mercury is retrograde, the weather will be "*rain and strong winds. Retrograde Mercury, wind and gales.*" Note also the Neptune-Mars opposition, from 3rd to 9th. This is a marker for tornadoes. Storms with tornadoes will form about as far west as Amarillo, TX and then move east. Wanna know if you're going to get hit? Set charts for the lunar quarters for your locale and then check what planets are on the 4th and 10th house cusps. A planet on the 4th sends weather to the north. A planet on the 10th sends weather south. If you get planets in either one, that's your weather for the week, good or bad. So far as April 2012 is concerned, you don't want to find Pisces or Virgo on the MC or IC.

For May weather, set the chart for the Sun's ingress into Taurus, etc.

Politically, the Equinox Moon and Neptune are one degree apart in Pisces. This is fogs and dreams and illusions and lies and deceits all mixed together in a general swirl, interrupted every now and then by thunderous religious sermons — Mars opposed from the 9th.

2012 is an election year. This chart says that nothing will be resolved, that the general muddle will continue unchanged. My guess is that protests will fail to attract a following.