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Venus, money and the eclipse

VENUS goes retrograde on Tuesday morning at 10:33 am EDT, just shy of 24 Gemini. Venus rules money and one way you will always remember this is when, in March, 2009, the stock market bottomed.

Stocks had fallen uncontrollably since October the previous year. Why did the decline halt on March 9, 2009? Economic wizardry? Hardly. On Thursday, March 6, Venus went retrograde at 15 Aries. The stock slide ended the following Monday.

Isn't that strange? A retrograde Venus causing stocks to stop falling? Would not a retrograde Venus do the opposite? Make a falling market fall all the faster? Is it not true that planets in direct motion support good things, and that when they go retrograde, that support stops and weak or unstable things might unexpectedly collapse?

I would agree to all of that, but here's the catch: You're thinking that Venus direct was supporting *honest* money. The abrupt market reversal in March, 2009, hints

that honest money had all been lost and that *phony money* had replaced it. So the retrograde was like fertilizing noxious weeds in the garden. They grew like crazy. Of course the market went up. It was growing weeds.

JP Morgan and **Jamie Dimon**, its boss, last Thursday admitted an unexpected \$2 billion loss. The retrograde will either precipitate the next financial crisis, or stave it off, I am not good enough to know which.

SUNDAY/MONDAY's solar eclipse (May 20, 7:47 pm EDT) starts in Texas, **sweeps northwest** to the Aleutians before heading back down the Japanese coast and ending over Hong Kong. It is at 0 Gemini. It will be the first eclipse to conjunct the **Pleiades** since they entered Gemini a few years ago. Robson says eclipses intensify the innate nature of fixed stars. The Pleiades are malefic, the eclipse is an omen.

Checking US/Japan/China charts, Japan has various positions at 0 Gemini, most notably the Moon from the March 11, 2011 quake chart (2:46 pm JST). In Tokyo the eclipse will fall in Monday's mid-morning sky. So far as I can tell the eclipse will not trigger another quake, but whatever it brings, it will not be good. It looks like a long week.

ASTRO MED A to Z

Patriotism. True love of country as a sentiment is a Cancerian trait [July 4, anyone?—*Dave*] and most patriots have this sign prominent. But many who are so called, and who perhaps have even performed deeds of great value to their country, have been actuated by such motives as duty (Saturn), resistance to aggression (Mars), or love of freedom (Jupiter or Uranus). Astrology enables true patriotism to be detected, and at the same time, although few national horoscopes are obtainable [this before **Mr. Champion**—*Dave*], it may usually be judged that a person who has many planets strong in a certain sign will do well for himself when in a country ruled by that sign [true], and in turn, may benefit the country.

General de Gaulle, born at Lille, 11:54 am, GMT, November 22, 1890, has the Moon in Aries, sextile Mars-Jupiter rising, sextile Neptune-Pluto, trine Sun-Mercury in Sagittarius at the south meridian.

Pedestrianism is a distinctly Sagittarian passion. George Borrow, the apostle of the "open road" school, was a typical Sagittarian . . . —from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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17	21:44	☾ ☌ ♃	Void
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19	04:47	☾ △ ♀	
	06:33	☾ △ ♂	
20	12:35	☾ ♂ ♃	Void
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21	15:39	♀ II ♃	

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STAR OF THE WEEK



ALCYONE *eta Tauri* 0 II 10

Legend: Alcyone represents the Pleiad, daughter of Atlas and Pleione, who became the mother of Hyrieus by Neptune

Notes: A greenish yellow star and brightest of the Pleiades, situated on the shoulder of the Bull. From early times it has been thought to be the central Sun round which the universe revolves, and was Al Wasat, the Central One, of the Arabs, and Temennu, the Foundation Stone, of the Babylonians, but this idea has now been abandoned by astronomers. Alcyone marked the beginning of the 4th ecliptic constellation of the Babylonians, and as Amba, the Mother, formed the junction star between Krittika and Rohini.

Influence: Of the nature of Mars and the Moon. It causes love, eminence, blindness from fevers, small pox, and accidents to the face. [Associated with **Jiddu Krishnamurti**, 1895-1986. Conjunct Saturday's eclipse.—*Dave*]

—from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Notes on Houses

THE regular payments or specific settlement, or taxes and fees, etc., that the 8th House and Scorpio rule are activated by any planet there that is the **Solstice Point** of a progressed planet or is square by being in the middle degrees. Since the effect of such taxation, etc. registers in the house that is fourth after the 8th we look to the 11th House, ruling one's financial circumstances in life which are thereby lessened. Anyone born with a malefic in the 11th will be subject to loss by heavy taxation if square anything in the 8th, natal or progressed; but if in Fixed Signs it is surely monetary.

The 11th House and Aquarius rule everything that is unbonded: friendship, membership, circumstances that lead either up to the success-10th or down to the failure-12th: in fact, it may be said that we rise or fall in life according to the 11th House and its ruler. Financially, it rules the wages of employment, being 2nd for the 10th, and the purse or means of the mother or father (some say one, some say the other): generally the mother. A planet in the 11th in solstice square to a planet in the 2nd or 8th upsets these financial matters and will result in loss of savings, legacies and settlements.

Other degrees of the Fixed Signs have special influence also, having to do with finances if the succeeding houses are so designated. The Solstice point of a planet in 7 Taurus is 22 Leo, which according to **Kozminsky** describes "One who is not a free agent: not free to act on his own" thus would limit the native's freedom to act in any financial deal under consideration. — **All Over the Earth Astrologically**, 1963

The New Medicine

MODERN MEDICINE we all know quite well. We have an ailment, we go to a doctor, we describe our symptoms. For the most part, the doctor has no idea what the problem is. Many diseases, with quite different causes and very different cures, have similar symptoms.

So he takes our temperature and our pulse and runs a battery of expensive tests and then after consulting his standard reference (**Physician's Desk Reference**, or PDR) makes his best guess and prescribes some sort of pill (or sometimes liquid) that is supposed to make us better.

This guesswork can result even when the ailment is quite highly localized and very acute, as we learned a year ago with my wife's sudden and severe cornea inflammation, which, more than one year later, remains officially undiagnosed. I used both the natal, as well as the decumbiture chart (chart for the time the patient takes to his bed, or, anymore, when the ambulance arrives) and diagnosed the problem in minutes. It was the left eye, which made the Sun the agent as the Sun rules the left eye in females. In this case, the transiting Sun exactly squared Pluto, which was making a station directly over my wife's Saturn, both in Capricorn. With Sun/Aries and Pluto/Saturn/Capricorn, there was more than enough for a competent herbalist to work with. Regrettably, **Johns Hopkins** are not herbalists, they are not astrologers, and they are still clueless.

While I was distressed and shocked at the poverty of modern medicine (Hopkins is world-famous), the only surprise, to me, was that a lunar-based decumbiture chart did not work. A solar decumbiture did. Crisis occurred every three months, like clockwork, when the Sun squared itself. Solar / lunar decumbiture, what's the difference? Only which light you are following. It's otherwise exactly the same chart.

On to this week's topic:

The New Medicine

The new medicine is the old, old medicine: Herbalism of one sort or another, which can be naturopathy or homeopathy or whatever. Mixed with a dose of what used to be called "**Eclectic**," which is to say, whatever works. Blagrave was an eclectic practitio-

ner, for example.

Why was herbalism pushed aside in favor of patent medicines, and pills and elixirs? Two reasons:

First, when we're sick, money is no object. We want the best and we will spend as much as it takes to get well again. Any herbal doctor can grow half the herbs he needs in his own private plot, and easily get the rest from speciality houses. Herbs are cheap. Always have been. In the inverted world of medical pricing, there's no way cheap herbs can compete against expensive, factory-made poisons.

The second reason herbalism failed — and always will fail — is because herbalism does not have astrology behind it. Without astrology as a foundation, a herbal doctor is just another bungler. Just another guesser. He has no more idea what the problem is, than his fancy AMA-board certified doctor. Herbal cures are only superior if the diagnosis is correct. A good herbalist will get the diagnosis correct eventually, but that's also true of a well-experienced doctor.

In medicine, you don't want "eventually." You want, "**Yes, ma'am. I've seen that before, I know what it is, I know what to do, I have a cure, I will make you whole again.**" *Without the least hesitation.* And that's what astrology gives us. *Astrology is the essential organizing principle.* With it, patterns are established and the world comes into focus. With astrology, we have a hierarchy, we can establish our position relative to others around us, we can work with knowledge and confidence.

Without astrology, everything is scattered and meaningless and all we can do is guess. Which puts us at the mercy of those with big mouths and bigger egos. Once real knowledge is lost — as it has been — the world becomes utter chaos. It's not that I have scorn for the idiot, **Gregory House**, and his foppish, foolish, dangerous guesses, but that I have an ocean of contempt for the society in which he lives and works, a society which has made this dangerous man a hero.

Astrological doctors have long claimed that astrology pinpoints the cause. Among those making this claim are Joseph Blagrave, H.L. Cornell, Richard Saunders, Nicholas

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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 94:

Love and Marriage

Aphorisms, continued:

Marriage:—

1. Saturn opposite Mars from 1st and 7th, or Saturn alone near 7th, or Venus in Leo or Scorpio unaspecting by Mars, or Mars in Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn in 7th whether aspecting Venus or not, give great difficulty in obtaining a partner, and finally a hasty marriage, though the native is often lascivious.

2. Saturn lord of the 7th often delays marriage to middle life. Barren signs on cusps of 1st and 5th delay marriage and deny children. If, however, Venus or Jupiter be in Ascendant in good aspect to Moon, an early marriage is likely.

Type of partner:—

1. Jupiter in good aspect to Moon and in reception denotes a wealthy and well born wife, especially if Jupiter be in 7th or 8th.

2. Lord of 7th in 8th if a benefic denotes a rich marriage partner or one born to ample inheritance.

3. Venus afflicted in the 6th denotes a poor wife unless Moon be well aspected by Jupiter, or Jupiter be unafflicted in the 7th.

4. Lord of 7th in 12th afflicted by Saturn denotes an immodest partner.

5. Mars opposite Venus from 6th to 12th denotes an inconstant and vicious partner especially if one of these planets is the ruler of the 7th.

6. Part of Marriage afflicted by malefics or South Node denotes a partner of evil life or diseased. (The Part of Marriage for both sexes is found by adding the longitude of the Ascendant to the longitude of the 7th cusp and from the sum subtracting the longitude of Venus.)

7. Venus conjunct Mercury in 4th, or in Gemini or Virgo, and Saturn in 10th denotes a low wife, and if also aspecting Mars she will be evil. If in Cancer or Capricorn, a harlot. — *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson.

BROUGHTON
Planetary Hours

POSSIBLY the reason that I could notice the marked influence of Planetary Hours, while treating sick patients, is on account of Saturn and Mars afflicting my horoscope in a marked manner at birth. Mars being in the 6th house, (the house of sickness,) and also being in square to Mercury in the midheaven, and in opposition to the Moon my ruling planet, and also Saturn afflicting my 12th house, (or the house of secret enemies,) in the sign Cancer and the Moon my ruling planet making a conjunction of Saturn. These planetary influences make the evil Planetary Hours of both Saturn and Mars *doubly evil in my horoscope*. Jupiter in the 5th house, and lord of both the 9th and 10th houses, and also lord of the 6th house, and the Moon rising in close trine to Jupiter; and also Venus in the 11th house, unafflicted and lady of the 11th, and the Sun in the midheaven at my birth, makes the hours of Jupiter, Venus, the Moon and the Sun, doubly fortunate for me; and their influence in any business, etc., which I may undertake in their planetary hours, and especially in the commencement of treating the sick.

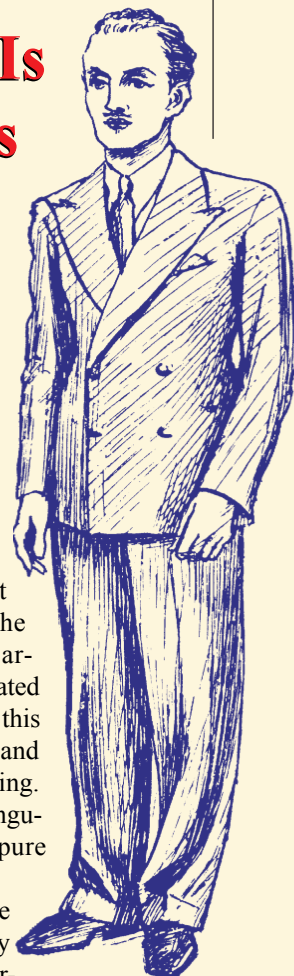
The reason I have given the planetary hours that would have the most marked effect in the above horoscopes, is that the student may learn to judge for himself what planetary hours will have the most marked effect in any special horoscope he may calculate. He should always bear in mind no matter whether the planet is good or evil, according to these terms in astrology; that planet which is the strongest, and best aspected in any special horoscope is good for the native in that nativity. Therefore it is possible that the planetary hours of Mars, may in certain horoscopes be the most fortunate hours for some persons; especially if they are born under that planet . . . — *Elements of Astrology*, by Luke Broughton.

**Is
This
You?**

**10-20° Capricorn
rising**
*The Taurus
decanate*

Appearance of the Taurus decanate:
This combination widens the figure and face and checks the restless expression of the sign, but the eyes often retain the blank lack-lustre appearance so frequently associated with Capricornians. In this case the voice is Taurian and therefore soft and pleasing. But the figure is more angular and rigid than the pure Taurian type.

The *Taurus* decanate of Capricorn is ruled by Venus. This is a more fortunate combination than the previous one. Influential friends assist the career, which is dominated by a more equable manner and kindly nature. When afflicted the nature takes on a fixed quality and the disposition becomes despotic. — *Man and the Zodiac*, by David Anrias.



May 15:

- 1525—Battle of Frankenhausen
- 1527—Mary, Queen of Scots, weds no. 3.
- 1618—Kepler confirms rejected 3rd law
- 1648—Treaty of Westphalia (30 Years War)
- 1718—Machine gun patented
- 1793—First flight of a glider
- 1905—Las Vegas founded
- 1928—Premiere of Mickey Mouse



Culpeper, Luke Broughton and William Lilly. Why is this?

Prior to me and my theory of astrology (the **Crystalline Snowflake Theory**, I suppose), it was simply presumed that *As above, so below*, that there was some sort of murky relationship between stars and planets in the sky and the ailments we suffer from down here.

In placing the signs of the Zodiac in the Earth itself, in the very clay of the Earth, in making them Earth Energies, in assigning to the planets the role of triggering these Earth Energies in various ways, I have radically transformed the entire subject. I have transformed astrology into an exact and potent *Earth science*.

Our bodies are living mixtures of these astrological clays, clays that, by definition, contain and express zodiacal energies, each of which has its own particular quirks, its own particular strengths and weaknesses, and all of which are subject to ceaseless planetary influences.

Disease is then nothing more than astrological energies breaking down in astrological ways. Mars producing fevers, Venus inducing gluttony, Saturn with old age and debility, etc. All in foreseeable, predictable, utterly *mechanical* fashion.

The *natal* and *decumbiture* charts will tell us the exact nature of the problem, for problems can only arise if and when astrological factors show them.

By contrast, medicine believes in a bacteria/fungus/virus theory of disease. But these agents cannot strike unless the body is weak, and it is astrology which shows the weakness. Moreover, as we learned with my wife's eye inflammation, the bacteria/fungal/virus invader theory is junk, as many ailments, including my wife's eye inflammation, have no such cause. Johns Hopkins failed to diagnose my wife's problem. I did not. Just as there is nothing that cannot be expressed with language, just as there is nothing that cannot be shown in the natal chart, there is no disease, no ailment whatsoever that is not a product of astrological malfunction. Since astrology makes up the Earth itself, there are no exceptions, there can be no exceptions.

Since these facts are true, then just as diseases are discovered by astrology, their cure, *the cure for all diseases*, is to straighten out the underlying astrological problem.

Given that the earth itself contains highly concentrated versions of pure planetary energies (metals, crystals, herbs, woods, clays, etc.), and that these expressly control the

Earth's own zodiacal sign energies, then the skillful application of these materials will cure the problem, presuming the ailment is not in fact fatal. (Which as I have shown, astrology can also determine, though the practitioner may well shy away from burdening the patient thereby.)

When the subject is put this plainly, it is clearly stupid *not* to use astrology. Yes, your university trained doctor will sneer at you — and me — all the while shaking his head and throwing up his hands. He *firmly believes* that has been taught all that is known. If *he* does not know, then it *cannot be known*. Nor will successful astrological demonstrations change his mind. He is blind. You will meet many like him.

But you do not care. You are ill, you want to be cured, you have a right to competent medical care, you do not care if the doctor is a scientific wizard or a Siberian shaman. So long as the terrible disease ends and health and vitality returns. That's all you want, and you should never waver in your determination to get exactly that. Which leads to:—

The Training of the New Doctor

Medical training starts with Astrology, and by that I do not mean astro-psychology. For natal astrology, **MORIN**.

For horary, William **LILLY**.

No, it does not need to be those precise authors. **Patti Tobin Brittain** has a brilliant take on Morin. **John Frawley**, **Anthony Louis**, **Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson**, **Derek Appleby** and many others all have brilliant books on horary.

And it's not just that doctors are to be trained with astrology, but that Astrology, being *the study of the energies inherent in the Earth itself*, will be the required foundation for all sciences and all disciplines.

Next comes preliminary medical studies, which includes **H.L. Cornell**, **Joseph Blaggrave**, **Richard Saunders**, **Nicholas Culpeper**, **Lilly** (again), as well as the superb 19th century classic, **The Smith's Family Physician**, of 1873.

You will say that disease is not the same now, as it used to be. We have many more categories, many more diseases. This is an illusion. What we have are many competing egos, each eager to attach their name to some esoteric variant and attain personal immortality thereby, combined with a medical industry eager to make big bucks by micro-managing diseases with specific, and expensive, tests, machines and patent cures.

What we have, in reality, are the same

diseases we have always had, based on the same dysfunctions of twelve zodiacal signs and seven (*plus*) planets. It is therefore easier to learn, or relearn, the traditional names and terms. *Smith's* is excellent for this, and for many other mundane purposes.

Learn the original, common terms and all the great medieval texts, up to and including Cornell (1932) will open up in front of you.

Only at this point will the candidate take up formal medical training. At this point it makes no difference what school of medicine he chooses, though I rather suspect the modern, state approved schools will not interest him.

The New Treatment

The doctor sets a chart upon the arrival of the patient. This is his decumbiture. Standard medical intake forms request the birth date, which to modern doctors is a trivial detail. The astrologically-based doctor will ask for place, and time of birth, if known. If there is no birth time, an experienced doctor will rectify the chart based on appearance. Doctors deal with physical bodies, they are well-able to judge physical appearance in astrological terms, if they are only so trained.

Having the patient, his symptoms, his natal chart as well as the decumbiture, the new doctor will know immediately what the problem truly is, and will know the precise astrologically-based remedies to apply.

Presuming he is using herbs of one sort or another (which he will in many cases), those herbs he will have personally harvested, per Blaggrave, during the proper planetary hour. They will be "super herbs."

After the initial treatment, follow-ups will be on days determined by the decumbiture, and, per **Broughton**, in a beneficial planetary hour. Doctors often complain of long hours and unhappy patients, but it is their own fault. Astrological diagnosis and cure results in certainty, while the decumbiture allows for organization. If it's Tuesday, I need to check Mrs. Bowlinger, as today's her day. In anticipating a stressful day, she will think I am a miracle worker, when all I am doing is following a simple chart. Instead of hodge-podge and ongoing emergencies, astrology gives organization and certainty. Order, not chaos.

Such is the New Medicine. Like as not there are a dozen more priceless medieval medical manuals waiting to be found, among them, the 16th century Dr. Foreman, who I suspect was the author of Richard Saunders' book.

Is this “new medicine” merely a repeat of the old?

I suspect not. I suspect it’s never quite been all put together in one place and at one time. For example, both Lilly and Blagrave delineate Moon-Mars and Moon-Saturn aspects (also Moon-Mercury and Moon-Sun) in the decumbiture. Of the various possibilities, Lilly declares five or six to be fatal. With better skills and better herbs, Blagrave declares none to be fatal.

So, will this happen? Will there be a new medicine? I do not know. Western society may well collapse into penury and feudalism, and within the lifetimes of those now alive. Mere knowledge cannot prevent the mass blunders of greedy and stupid men.

Having recently published **McCormack’s weather book** to great acclaim, it seems to me that a great many people are already ignoring science and using astrological weather forecasting to set the dates of upcoming events. The monolithic scien-

tific “purity” which we presume exists, might well only be a facade.

One straw in the wind is **NASCAR**, which annually schedules nearly 40 races. This year, for the first time in 54 years, the **Daytona Beach race** was postponed for a day, from Sunday, February 26, to Monday, February 27, 2012. Checking the **local climate**, I see that Daytona Beach averages 2.77 inches of rain in February, and that in a typical February in Daytona a total of 7 days, 7 hours and 12 minutes experience measurable precipitation. Races cannot be run on wet track, the results can easily be fatal. Odds of rain on race day in any given year: Slightly greater than one in four. Actual postponements because of rain: Once in 54 years.

The conclusion is clear: NASCAR employs an astrometeorologist. Subtract 54 from 2012 and what do we get? Why, one of McCormack’s original students, I’ll bet! In 1958, McCormack had been a sensation for eleven years. NASCAR itself was founded

in 1947, the same year that George McCormack became famous for his work.

By contrast, the “scientific” NASA, 65 miles south of Daytona, is often forced to **reschedule launches**, often repeatedly, due to weather. Are rockets more sensitive than race cars? Maybe, but rockets need only a 10 minute launch window, and with over half a century of experience, NASA’s gotten good at squeezing launches into narrow time frames. NASCAR needs a solid four, preferably six hour chunk of dry time.

So when do we start?

When do you want to start? The need is great. The time is now, the place is here, the candidate is you. Suffering ends when you care enough to do your part, and no matter who you are, no matter where you are, there is a part that you can play.