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Not as happy, Tim Lyons has a new book on the end of the Mayan calendar: **THE MACHINE STOPS: The Mayan Long Count Through A Western Lens**. I wish people would study their intended subject before they rambled on. Lyons has a good grasp of natal charts, which does not help him with the Mayan mundane calendar.

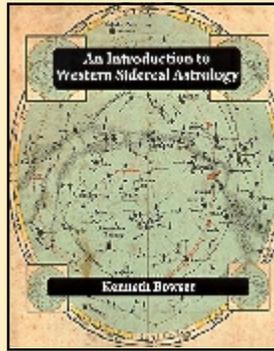
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A Siderealist who reads this newsletter has been telling me about **Ken Bowser's** new book, **An Introduction to Western Sidereal Astrology**, which is now in print. Western Siderealism, in which the Tropical zodiac is backed up around 23 degrees in order to match constellations to signs, was developed in the 1950's and 60's by Cyril Fagan, Brigadier Firebrace, Garth Allen and several others, who all passed away in a two year span in the early 1970's, virtually stranding their system without a leader.



Previously the only Sidereal Book still in print was Fagan's **Primer of Sidereal Astrology**, which concentrated on forecasting methods, in particular Sidereal solar and lunar returns and permutations built on them. Bowser's book is the first in many years to expand into straightforward natal chart analysis. How well does he do?

It depends. If astrology falls out of the sky and lands at your feet, then it's really important to know where it's falling from and to calculate accordingly. The contrast of Sidereal to my system produces interesting results and I will get to that next week. Stay tuned.



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ALDEBARAN** alpha Tauri 9 II 58

**Notes:** A pale rose star marking the Bull's South or Left Eye.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy is of the nature of Mars. It gives honour, intelligence, eloquence, steadfastness, integrity, popularity, courage, ferocity, a tendency to sedition, a responsible position, public honours and gain of power and wealth through others, but its benefits seldom prove lasting and there is also danger of violence and sickness.

**If culminating:** Honour, preferment, good fortune and favours from women.

**If rising,** and in conjunction with the Moon, a good fellow, but if in conjunction with both the lord of the ascendant and the Moon it denotes a murderer, especially if the lord of the Ascendant is a masculine planet and the Sun is at the same time afflicted.

**With Sun:** Great energy and perseverance, high material honours but danger of losing them, danger from quarrels and the law . . .

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

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# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## Venus' Three Distances 0-16°, 16-36°, 32-48°

**V**ENUS' 48-degree solar distance divides into her 1st distance 0-16°, her 2nd 16-32° and her 3rd 32-48° which reflect the earthy vibration of Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn. Their keywords are Taurus I HAVE by right of possession, Virgo I ANALYZE AND APPRAISE the value of inherent worth, and Capricorn I UTILIZE as in balancing the use-of-beauty and the beauty-of-use. They also reflect the 2nd, 6th and 10th HOUSE vibrations.

Venus within 0-16° before or after the Sun works like a conjunction along Taurus lines, making for a possessive and sometimes jealous tendency in marriage (which is Venus' main forte: she "marries" whatever should be joined together harmoniously, artistically and also cohesively so that "the twain are one"). This Taurus I HAVE distance reflects 2nd house security, assuring the native more possessions and freedom from want in life than are otherwise warranted.

She brings great gain and many friends according to the house she is in at birth, but less if she is retrograde or held back by interception. She is so obedient by nature, being exalted in the meek Sign, Pisces, that when retrograde she is often apt to be over-obedient, to bend too far backwards in efforts to be overly obliging and to want peace at any price. A malefic between Venus and the Sun in this area will lessen her attributes of generosity and friendliness. — *The Way of Astrology*, 1967

# DOROTHY

and her magic broomstick

**I**T is not enough to revive or re-establish astrology. Astrology has been continually revived since Raphael (aka R.C. Smith) started the *Prophetic Messenger* in London in late 1826. Which ignores Ebenezer Sibley, James Wilson, J.M. Ashmand, S.A. Mackay and many others who were already active at that time.

Subsequently, Zadkiel (R.C. Morrison), Luke Broughton, William Chaney and others kept astrology going until Alan Leo could revive it yet again in the early 1890's. Who passed the baton to the young Vivian Robson/Charles Carter, who kept things going up to the mid 1960's. By which time Dane Rudhyar was firmly established, which led to Liz Greene, after which came the Hellenistic revival, which takes us to the present day and this newsletter. Astrology has been very nearly revived to death.

And with every new generation we hear the same story: That Astrology will finally be accepted, is about to be accepted, by The Establishment Itself. That it will regain its rightful place in the world, will be shouted from the rooftops, will be taught in academia.

Fat chance. **Kepler College** was briefly an officially accredited four year school, but in the ensuing protest lost its official status and is now another group of well-meaning teachers. If it survives it will take its place alongside a small handful of other distinguished but unofficial schools, London's **Faculty of Astrological Studies** chief among them.

Science has long been identified, correctly in my view, as astrology's stumbling block. Which led to efforts to "prove" astrology by scientific means. Which ultimately produced three presentations. The first was by **J.H. Nelson** sometime in the 1950's, which, strictly speaking (radio wave propagation), was not astrological. The second, in 1964, was by **George McCormack** (astrometeorology). The third, in the late 1970's, was by **Michel Gauquelin** (ascendant/midheaven). All three efforts fell on very deaf ears. Gauquelin in particular became the target of intense scorn. Subsequent computer-driven efforts in the 1980's to "prove" astrology were fruitless.

So when I came up with my own theoretical construct a year ago I did not for an instant think it would get a hearing. As a

fearless **leader** once said, "Fool me once . . ."

Which made me curious about this thing called "science." As an expression of an ultimate, and ideal, it was clearly beyond reproach, but as actually practiced, by mortal men with egos, it was as deeply flawed as any other religion. Which in many ways it resembles.

I investigated the origins of modern science and found, not to my surprise, that it was a French-led urban movement. Which explained its easy condemnation of "rural superstition," but did not explain why astrology, to say nothing of **Aristotle**, got tarred and feathered as well.

For that I had to turn to the Renaissance, to discover the French had, then as well as now, a strong authoritarian bias coupled with a disdain of real learning. Astrologers have been, in effect, battling the goose-paté-eating fools of the Academie.

And it's not that "science" does not like *astrology*. As the official community is structured, it doesn't much like *science*, either. This is because authoritarian minds tend to get stuck in authoritarianism. Evolution, for example, got stuck in Darwin's slow and steady trap, from which it has long struggled to escape. The best evidence now suggests that severe cataclysmic events trigger not only mass extinctions, but also rapid shifts in animal and plant evolution, but this viewpoint cannot be heard because of all the "scientists" reflexively shouting it down.

Well, you think. That will end when the defenders are all dead and the next generation succeeds them. After all, science has always been faddish in this way, as anyone may read in old issues of scientific magazines. Well, maybe. Maybe not. It depends.

Science being, in reality, a blunt instrument, you may be surprised to learn that a lot of the most wonderful, the most subtle, the most innovative things simply got *ignored*. Wholesale. Since post Aristotle science is a consensus affair (prove it and we'll believe), then if the majority of those posing as scientists could not easily comprehend, then you and your work will be ignored and subsequently lost. This is, of course, the very antithesis of "science" and the very essence of a clique.

Of the fate of Nicola Tesla and his many wonderful inventions, the world now knows.

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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 96:**

**Children**

**T**HE 5th house rules the children of the native and the 11th house those of the marriage partner since it is the fifth house from the 7th. According to Ptolemy if these houses are unoccupied and unaspected the 10th and 4th are to be considered, but this rule is usually ignored. The Moon and planets in these houses or their rulers and the signs concerned indicate whether the native is prolific or the reverse, the sex of the children, and their disposition and fate.

The nature of the signs is as follows:—Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces are very fruitful signs and give a large family; Gemini and Sagittarius are often fruitful also and disposed to the birth of twins; Taurus, Virgo, Libra and Aquarius are only moderately fruitful and give few children; Aries, Leo and Capricorn are barren or give only a very small family. The nature of the signs on the Ascendant and the 5th or containing planets there, and those occupied by the ruler of the 5th and the Moon indicate whether a large or small family is likely. Afflictions to those planets from the malefics limit the family and denote death of children in infancy, especially if the malefics occupy the 5th or 11th or rule those houses. If the malefics occupy fruitful signs in the 5th or 11th children will be born but will die early, but if well aspected by Jupiter or Venus the children will be reared after much difficulty. The strength of the afflictions and the nature of the signs will determine whether the children are denied or whether they will merely [!] be very sickly. It is necessary also to balance the testimonies of the 5th and 11th houses, as if they contradict some of the children will die in infancy. —**A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson.

Next week: *The sex of children. Twins.*

**Jupiter and Sunspots**

**4.02—Primary Stations, Jupiter: SUNSPOTS:**

**W**ITH reference to Jupiter's perihelion station in Aries, when a minor cycle of sunspot activity follows, and the aphelion station or opposite point in longitude where the period of minimum sunspot activity normally coincides, Rudolf Mewes, a German scientist, issued a noteworthy brochure in 1901 in which he pointed out that the great solar period of sunspots is produced by the actions of the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Uranus approximately every 111 years. The cycle does not culminate exactly at that time but measures to 111 years as a focal point because ten cycles of Jupiter (11.86 years each), four cycles of Saturn (29.4 years each) and one-and-a-half cycles of the 84 year period of Uranus converge near that time. He also stressed an intermediate cycle of sunspot activity at 55 years, equivalent to five periods of Jupiter and two of Saturn, accounting not only for great periods of drought, epidemic diseases and changes in mass human psychology, but actually predicting the period of the first World War—between 1910 and 1920! He also stressed the importance of 28 year cycles as those influencing minor deluges coincidental with flourishing times in art and science and that the greater the intensity of sunspots in drought epochs, the more likelihood of warlike activities. A period of maximum intensity culminates at cycles of 1351 years when multiples of the periodic revolutions of the three major planets mentioned bring them all together in conjunction near the same point in longitude.

In this respect, it is noteworthy to mention that both Jupiter and Saturn form successive conjunctions with each other and with Uranus in the zodiacal sign Taurus during 1941-1942. . . — **A Text-Book of Long Range Weather Forecasting**, by George McCormack

**Is This You?**

**0°–10° Aquarius rising**

*The Aquarius decanate*

*Appearance of the first decanate:*

**S**OME Aquarians are tall, slight and good-looking, with a well-shaped straight or aquiline nose and a rather receding chin. When the intercepted sign Pisces contains a planet, then the appearance takes on a Piscean look. The nose is short and the features irregular but pleasing, the figure shorter and often stout. The appearance as well as the character depends upon the position of Saturn.

The first decanate is ruled by Saturn. In a strange way this takes on the quality of the opposite Solar sign, for the disposition is genial but somewhat easily led into sensational experiments. Probably due to the fact that many who have this decanate rising have the whole of Pisces intercepted in the first house. When well aspected there is usually considerable acumen and the life passes pleasantly. Yet the fate largely depends upon the associates. The character is humane and sometimes possesses the capacity to co-operate with others in philanthropic schemes, but only when remarkable ability is indicated elsewhere in the nativity. — **Man and the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.

**May 31:**

- 1279 BC—Ramses II becomes Pharaoh
- 1678—First Godiva procession
- 1889—Johnstown flood
- 1927—Last Model T



Tesla, a man with a soft, easy to chew ego, got bullied by the likes of Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse and others. The world really is a brutal place and if you do not force yourself upon it, you and your work will be lost, but I repeat myself. Science will not come to your rescue, for it is a clique that does not care. Which, regardless of its many faults, was never true of religion.

Religion differs from science in that it has an external authority over which it ultimately has no control. Anyone may directly perceive the trinity of God, for example. Which, literally, can be found in the Sun (*God*), Moon (*Goddess*) and the relationship between them (*Holy Spirit*). That close. That real. That tangible.

The Greeks gave science strong underpinnings, but the Enlightened French threw them away in favor of whatever whimsy sounded good. The result has been an utter mess. Many of you will disagree. Do we not have many wonderful things, is life not much better now than ever before?

Indeed it is, but *not* because of science. Life is better because of an *economic system* that harnesses *human work* to produce lots and lots and lots of *money*. The difference between the Medieval period, and the modern world, is one of sheer money. Medieval Europe was *poor*. We are not.

Rich societies need banks and it is the nature of banks to so monopolize money as to impoverish the population. (Andrew Jackson fought the banks 180 years ago.) Just as science did not create the industrial revolution, science neither caused the Wall Street collapse that has now impoverished us, nor will ride to our rescue. Evolution? Who cares! Global warming? Not if there's no economy to heat things up. Self-important angels that dance on the head of a pin? Now you've got the idea!

In one respect, Tesla was lucky. He was lucky to be associated with people who are still household names, which meant that eventually his work would be revived. But there are many who were not so fortunate.

In reading Luke Broughton's **book**, which I have just reprinted, I read again of **John Keely**, the late 19th century inventor of the "Keely motor." I had only run across his name once before, in H.P. Blavatsky's **Isis Unveiled**, where marvelous things were said of him and his engine. That it was capable of sheer disintegration. Keely built over a hundred various "machines."

Some of Keely's earlier machines have come to light. As best anyone now knows, these early devices are elaborate, complex

## The Dorothy Society

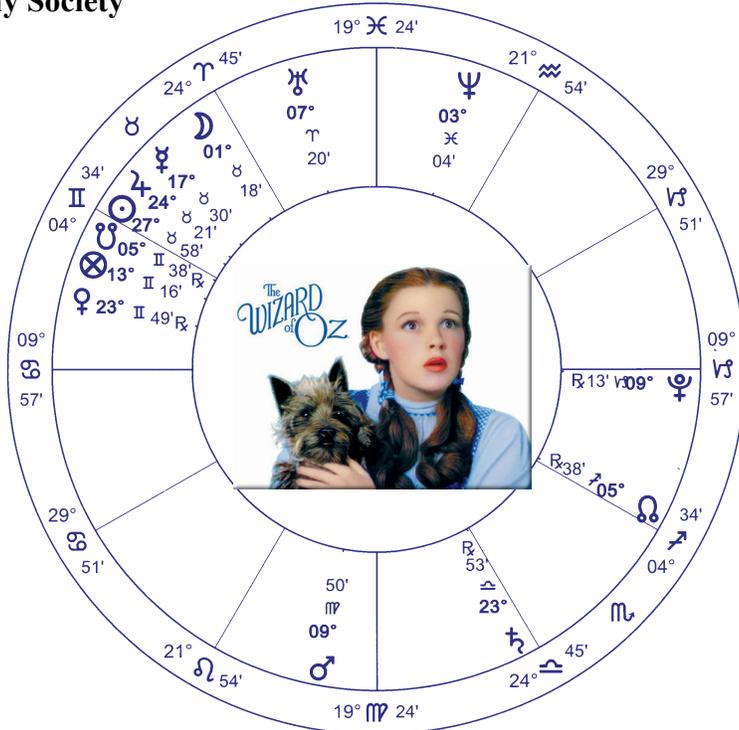
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**water hammers.** A water hammer is what happens when a flow of water in a pipe is abruptly shut off. It "bangs" or hammers. Keely, an engineer, not a scientist, exploited that hammering in amazing ways, allegedly producing microwaves by means of water. What his machines can do no one yet knows. No one even has a clue.

But science does not care that Keely and his work was lost, just as science does not care that George McCormack and his work was lost, or that astrology gets short shrift and was nearly lost. Science only cares about winners. The powerful. Not losers. Not whiners.

The aloof, arrogant elitism of science needs an analogy to be fully appreciated. It needs Dorothy.

**T**HROUGH no fault of her own, a tornado has marooned Dorothy in a strange land. Let's put it somewhere near **Amarillo**, Texas. To get home she is to follow the yellow path of knowledge to meet the Wizard. Who is the Chief of all Scientists.

Who promptly brushes her off. Little lost girls are not our responsibility, he huffs. If you want my help, do something worthy. Bring me the head of, I mean, bring me the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West.

Which sounds an awful lot like, We will believe astrology when you astrologers prove it. The Wizard does not expect Dorothy to return. Science does not think astrology even

exists, so it can't possibly be proven, so they never have to make good on their end of their own bargain.

The Wizard, being a wizard, could easily dispose of the witches if he wanted. Science could just as easily do what I have done, take the signs of the Zodiac out of the sky and put them in the Earth, which is essentially child's play. By comparison, Newton's laws, Kepler's theorems, Einstein's relativity, are truly awesome and complex. What I have done, grounding astrology and putting it in the earth is, in hindsight, a simple, even obvious thing.

In reality, the Wizard *needs* witches. He needs them as bogeys. Be good or the Wicked Witch will get you!

Just as science *needs* astrology: Learn your math and science! You don't want to grow up to be an *astrologer!* Horrors!

And so, like frightened children, we obey.

When Dorothy came back with the magic broom, when Gauquelin, McCormack and Nelson each presented their proofs, the Wizard's response was outright dismissal. Go away! We don't want you!

And that was that. Dorothy and her comrades were left spluttering. The Magnificent Oz had spoken.

Whereupon it was Toto, the dog, who drew back the curtain to reveal an old and tired curmudgeon in a tiny room, manipulating the theatre with his levers and switches. It turned out the Wizard had no magic. **Nor does science.**

What we need, therefore, is not another revival, nor a theory per se, nor even an exposé of scientific flaws.

What we need is a society to codify and promote this multi-pronged approach:

Revive astrology.

Give it a solid theory.

Revive Greek philosophy as the essential, overall scientific framework.

Make Astro-Medicine the spearhead.

We have the magic broomstick of astrology. We must now learn to use it.

A successful society will break the back of the present scientific Mafia. The science that survives will be good and true and just and will last. What does not was never science to begin with.

Having conceptualized the problem and having provided a framework for its solution, I am the logical person to found and direct such a society, but I am not a good choice. A full moon, from Aquarius to Leo, from 9 to 3, has made me a wary recluse, but it seems the world is ruthless and will push an unready me into the job. So it looks as if I must learn to manage.

So there will be a Society.

**Name.** Do you like The Dorothy and Toto Society?

Do you like: Dorothy and Her Magic Broom Society? I am open to other ideas.

**Fees:** \$100/year. I have not decided if renewals will be the same, or less. There must be money exchanged. Money is the means whereby the mind is focused. Yours and mine. Free societies are unfocused, spin their wheels, go nowhere, and disappear without trace.

**Benefits:** 1. I am starting to work on a book expounding my theory of astrology, along with my analysis of science, which will conclude with a sketch of the new medicine. These are all topics I have written about in this newsletter, and those articles will make up a large part of the book. It will sell for approximately \$20. It will be **free to members**.

2. Members will receive *20% off Astrology Classics*, the books I publish. Presently I publish about 45 titles. So far this year I have published three books and am working on two at the moment. When they are done I want to get back to Vettius Valens. There will be more after that. I regret the discount does not extend to the other books I sell, only those I *publish*.

3. Members will have full access to the **Dorothy and Toto Society** at Yahoo Groups. Non-members can view posts.

Interested? [Email me](#).

## The Dorothy Chart.

**J**UST over a week ago I had the idea for the society, and so ran a chart. Good astrologers all, you will tell me I should make an election. I've tried elections but cannot make them work. I invariably get the results as of the moment I first thought of it. Not for my election. Most recently I did an election for submitting **McCormack's** book to the printer. It was so splendid it resulted in nearly a month's delay. By contrast, I shoved **Broughton's** book straight through and it went rapidly and smoothly and well.

Life is a stream, mine is best when I flow with it. Stick my toe in and I know immediately how I'm doing. No messing about.

To the chart. Ascendant, Mars and Pluto at 9 all relate to my Mars and Uranus. So far as degrees and the rest of my chart are concerned, the Dorothy chart is a clear miss. This is good. If Dorothy gets off the ground, it won't be dependent on me.

Chart ruler is the Moon, in Taurus in the 11th. The Moon is common and cheap, which is what I want. In the 11th, she will have lots of company. In Taurus, stability and a liking for the good things in life. This is good. That it is waning is bad.

The Sun follows, also in Taurus in 11. Taurus seems to exist without doing a lot of work on its own behalf. Which is good. Between Moon and Sun, we have Mercury and Jupiter, making a major stellium, all in the 11th of associations, all in Taurus, of simple fixity. The sign is intercepted, which means it will be a job to find Dorothy, but people will stick around once they do.

The 12th is also important. It's the house of institutions. Gemini on the cusp, the ruler is Mercury in the 11th. So an organization for an association. That's good. In the 12th itself, Venus, which is retrograde. I had to stop and think about that, think hard. Venus retrograde is such a rare thing, it spoils everything it touches. It's the ruler of the stellium in Taurus. Note also the mutual reception, Mercury to Venus. This further fuses the two houses together, makes them inseparable. What kind of society has a retrograde Venus in Gemini?

A society that argues and debates and has heated arguments, is what. Like it or not, know it or not, astrologers have always hated each other and called each other names. They are doing it at UAC in New Orleans as I write, they do it in India, they did it back in Lilly's day, they did it in Egypt while they built the Pyramids. In this context, Venus retrograde is an unmistakable astrological fingerprint.

Of the other planets, note the wide Mars-

Neptune opposition, from 3 to 9. This is a vague reflection of my own chart and shows a search for reality. Which is good. Mars charges off in one direction, Neptune muddles the result from the other, whereupon the process starts over. Both direct, they're both convinced they're right. Both mutable means the search for reality will never end. Which is good.

Pluto is retrograde and moving away from the 7th house cusp. Which I think is the Big Bad Wolf come to blow the house down. Because Pluto is retrograde, the Other is feared, but never quite arrives. Good for keeping the society on its toes.

Uranus is stranded in the 10th and is of no great importance. Saturn is very nearly stranded on the cusp of the 5th, which means the group will not be playful. The north node in the 6th shows service, but is not well-connected to the rest of the chart. The south node, just inside the 12th, is not in the same sign as the Sun, and has the Part of Fortune standing between himself and Venus. The various Parts are only good if you make them stand up and work. In this case, Fortuna is a useful barrier between the drain of the south node and a retrograde Venus, just as the change of signs stops the south node from interfering with the Sun. Fortuna is approximately conjunct my ascendant, another reality check for me.

And that's the Dorothy chart.