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Maynard Calendars will be delayed

BAD news. Maynard has announced the 2013 calendars will not arrive until December. I have heard personal problems cited, but the webpage is silent as to the reason. Go to their website, Quicksilverproductions.com, read the note in the upper right corner.

I had promised November, based on their traditional delivery, as well as the episode from five-ish years ago when calendars did not arrive until late December, a unique ex-

perience which I know they are not eager to repeat. Further speculation at this point is useless as well as a nuisance to Maynard himself. *This will be hard and stressful on all of us. I ask for your patience.*

KATE MIDDLETON

The Duchess of Cambridge. *If* Kate is to bear the heir to the throne and *if* it is a full 9 month term, *then* she will become pregnant towards the middle of this month. The announcement will likely be made as soon as her condition is known, as the Palace will want to avoid another round of speculation. Birth should be the second or third week of July, 2013, the closer to the 21st, the sooner the individual becomes king/queen. Succession will be from Elizabeth to Charles to this not-yet-conceived individual, as an adolescent. William will be passed over.

There are rules for reading royal charts. On their wedding day, April 29, 2011, I foresaw the birth of a king in July, 2013, but I found my own forecast absurd. How could so much time be permitted to elapse before an heir was produced? If not next July, then the next opportunity will be October, 2015. The Duchess's best childbearing years are already behind her: *pressure*. This is why kings ban astrologers. We interfere.

ASTRO MED A to Z

FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Rheumatic Fever. One of the Lights, and often both of them, is in aspect with Mars and Saturn, or is in aspect with one in or from the sign of the other. This is well-shown in the horoscope of the late Alan Leo, where the Moon is in Aries square Mars in Capricorn, and is also in sesquiquadrate to Saturn, which also afflicts the Sun and the ascendant, which last, as in ordinary rheumatism, is usually afflicted by Saturn, or is in some way under its rays. S.T. Coolidge's horoscope shows Sun afflicted by Mars and Saturn, and ascendant square the last-mentioned.

Jupiter is often prominent, and is nearly always in affliction with Uranus, although in Leo's case they are in sextile. Uranus is also often in aspect to Sun. In the case of Raphael (given in "Private Instructions") Saturn rises in Aries, and the Moon goes to the square of that planet from the square of the ascendant, while Jupiter and Uranus are in affliction by sesquiquadrate. On average there are more planets in mutable signs than in cardinal or fixed. Notable areas are 9° of mutables and 13° of positive.

— *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*, by C.E. O. Carter. [Buy](#).

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for the week (all times GMT)

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STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

CAPHIR gamma Virginis 10 ♁ 19

Notes: A binary and slightly variable white star on the left arm of Virgo. Called An Attonement Offering and the Submissive One.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mercury and Venus. It gives a courteous, refined and lovable character with prophetic instincts.

With Sun: Involved in an intrigue, some difficulty of short duration leaving native in unpleasant position.

With Moon: Popular, business worries, domestic disharmony and divorce, poor health.

With Mercury: Legal troubles, criticism, many worries, business difficulties which will be overcome, ill-health, loses respect of associates.

With Venus: Unfavourable for gain, much scandal from passionate love affair.

With Mars: Loss through lawsuits . . . — *From Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson [Buy](#)

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Training the New Horary Teachers in Class

THE direct and successful approach to reading a horary question lies in knowing the rules that comprise the formula and applying them from a strictly impersonal standpoint. Teaching a class of 12 student-teachers over a twelve-week semester is amazingly simple when following a repetition method, which amounts to individual instruction that produces 144 individual readings from only twelve charts as read by the twelve students themselves for one another.

Each student brings his notebook and Jacobson **Horary**.

Set the chart beforehand for ten minutes after the class is to begin, so that it can be copied by the students as you write it on the blackboard with the Moon's APPLYING aspects listed underneath it.

These are copied in their order as given in the Aspectarian section of the ephemeris and they start at the time and date of your calculated GMT and end with her final aspect before leaving the Sign she is in. Be sure to give these two dates beneath the Moon's aspect-list, explaining these preliminaries at the semester's first class and setting home-work reading covering pages 20 through 25 in the Horary.

At ten minutes after the class starts, each student asks his own horary question and enters it in his notebook for future reference. Remind the class to allow room on that page for setting down the answer and also all of the aspects on which it is based. —**In the Beginning Astrology**, 1975. **Buy**.

Welcome Wiki Editors!

How to Make Sausage

What eventually follows is Bismark's own recipe. I got it from an old German cook. First, some introductory notes.

ASTROLOGY is as old as time itself. *Anti-astrology* is just as old. Pick up any Greek or medieval text and it will invariably start with a defense of astrology. **Ptolemy** starts this way. **Firmicus Maternus** justifies himself, **Vettius Valens** carps throughout his lengthy text. So does **William Lilly**, 1500 years later. Notably you will not find such passages in books of **Islamic** or **Vedic** origin. Western culture, both before and after Christ, thinks astrology to be evil, but it is the only culture that does. In Islamic and Vedic astrology books, God is praised as the source of all wisdom, including that of astrology. But I digress.

So far as the general public was concerned, suspicion, if not outright hostility, was justified. Astrology is a complex subject that requires innate intelligence and years of study. When it comes to chart analysis, the result of complex calculations and equally complex analysis is often surprisingly simple and sometimes stark and upsetting. When the result is not what was expected, or desired, it is easy for outsiders to carp.

Astrology is as specialized as medicine — more highly specialized, in fact — but unlike medicine, when you are sick or ill, when you fear death itself, you do not send for an astrologer.

Evidence in F. Leigh Gardner's *Bibliotheca Astrologica*, aka *A Catalogue Raisonée of Works on the Occult Sciences*, volume II, of 1911, suggests anti-astrology sentiment was only set to paper in the mid-17th century, as a result of the lapse of censorship during the English Civil War of 1642-60, and the subsequent failure to fully reimpose it. At the time, both anti and pro astrology flourished. Anti-astrology diatribes were typically found in pamphlets and broadsides, written in response to the much more numerous astrological text-books and almanacs of the period. No intelligent person took these seriously. They were, each and every one, catchpennies, designed to satisfy the public and make a quick buck. Rather like supermarket tabloids with the latest revelations of **Men from Mars**.

So it was a shock to drill through the internet these past two weeks to find translations of the original **Encyclopedie**, Diderot's, of 1751. The very first encyclopedia article on **astrology** is a rambling, disjointed screed of 29 paragraphs. It makes no attempt to outline or survey the subject itself. It merely launches into conclusions:

The ancients gave the name aspostelesmatic Astrology or barbaric sphere to this superstitious science. . .

We have been infected with the same superstition in recent centuries. French historians observe that judicial Astrology was quite in fashion under Queen Catherine de Medici, who didn't dare to undertake anything important without having previously consulted the stars. . .

Although judicial Astrology had been vigorously attacked, as much by Barclay as by other famous authors, who had shown its vanity, one could not say that they had completely uprooted this ridiculous means of forecasting.

Curiosity aroused, one then looks for other tempting subjects, and is not disappointed. The English word, *ghost*, translates in French as **fantom** (phantom). The **Encyclopedie**:

We give the name phantom to all the images that make us imagine corporeal beings outside of ourselves that are not there.

Short and to the point. Search as I may, I can find no other entry. Was this entry the work of an inexperienced fool, or a man desperately trying to shut out images he could not control? Here is **Witchcraft**:

A magical, scandalous or ridiculous activity, foolishly attributed by superstition to the invocation and power of demons.

Spells and curses are never spoken of except in ignorant regions or eras.

Which, as many will know, is blatant ignorance of the subject.

The title page of the book in which these were published is translated as follows: *Encyclopedia, or Rational Dictionary of Sciences, Arts and Crafts, by a society of men of letters, organized and published by M. Diderot, Professor at the Royal Academy of Sciences and Belles Lettres.* (Dear Wiki Editors: Wiki's translation of "Pruff" — it is

continued, pg. 4

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

Part 114:

Interpretation of Directions, continued:—

TRANSITS. A transit over a point affected by direction will precipitate the effect, but to be strongly operative the transit must be of the same nature as the direction, and if it is of an opposite nature its power will be held in check. Transits are subsidiary to directions except in the case of a transiting planet that is stationary upon a radical or progressed body, as this has the power of a direction. A strong conjunction or opposition of two transiting bodies on a sensitive part of the map is always important. The power of transits should not be over-exaggerated and their effect should always be interpreted in the light of directions in force, but they are of extreme use in marking the exact date when a given direction is most likely to operate.

NEW MOONS. Particular notice should be taken of New Moons, especially when no lunar aspects are in force. The house and sign of the radical map in which a New Moon falls will always be affected, and the nature of the effects may be judged by the aspects made by the New Moon to the radical planets and also by the aspects in the New Moon map considered by itself and in relation to the radical map. The relation to the progressed map is also of some importance but its influence is not so marked as a rule unless there are few aspects to radical planets and a great number to progressed ones. The effects of a New Moon are in force for one month, but are modified by the quarters and Full Moon which have a secondary influence.

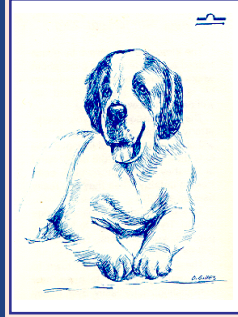
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DOG OF THE MONTH



The Libra dog is very tolerant of human and canine foibles and won't hold a grudge. He will also make do with what he has. If he has no backyard to bury his bone in, he will bury his dog biscuits

under the couch and then forget about them.

He is a very affectionate animal, and can be taught tricks like begging for his food. May engage in a little white lie but they are so loveable you can forgive them this human trait. Must have seen a human do it.

Gets along will with other animal species, seeming to understand that there's really not that much difference between them. You can easily build up a rapport with this one. You don't have to constantly feed him to show love. Playing with him is enough.

Just treat him fairly and he will require no extra efforts.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, *Your Dog and Astrology*, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across. **Buy!**

Mars in Libra

YOU like me? I like you. You like me? I like you. You like me? Sheesh, do you get everyone going billing and cooing and flirting like that all day long? You are a big flirt, or maybe you just like a lot of feedback from attractive people. Is this why so many sexy celebrities have Mars in Libra? Richard Burton, Richard Burton, Richard Burton, and Richard Burton had Mars here. (As does Bill Clinton—*Dave*) You're a thoughtful dresser—you know how to cut a pretty picture without seeming to go to a lot of fuss. You know how to look people in the eye and ask them a million questions about themselves, don't you? You're another popular lover with a waiting list, but you are far too charming and refined to trumpet your conquests. You just get on with it, and get away with it, too.

Then again, people end up screaming at you while you sit, sweetly wide-eyed and wondrous. You're a sneaky passive-aggressive type, and you get your jollies when other people react to you. You act out your anger in flirting, fishing for compliments, driving people nuts, and acting innocent when they accuse you. You coast on your tangible charm, but this is a tough complex for you to crack because you can't bear to look at how angry you are or how you set other people up to blow up at you. You play emotional barter games, stretching people out to see how much more they love you. Ick!

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The New Newsletter

Most people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last nineteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

October 5:
1582—This day does not exist.
1713—Denis Diderot born
1793—France bans the Church



not “Pruss” — as “Prussian” is absurd. Learn the rules for long s’s, and your old French.)

Since astrology, witchcraft and ghosts do exist and are real—as anyone who has stumbled across them knows full well—the opinion of the Encyclopedie is cause for concern. It is hard to imagine the men who wrote this book were ignorant of these topics. It is silly to think they were so dull-witted as to not be the least curious.

There is one favorable excuse: Diderot, with his eye on the bottom line, was catering his book to the lower, uneducated urban classes who wanted safety and reassurance on the one hand, and cheap and “reliable” education on the other, but such an Encyclopedia could not claim to be intellectually honest.

The other explanation is that all things that could not be explained must therefore be suppressed. The Encyclopedie is, by definition, the ultimate statement of knowledge. Like a supreme leader in a crisis situation, *the Encyclopedie cannot admit that it does not know.*

It is clear that men who had knowledge—and there were many—were deliberately excluded. Since the book claims to be both *rational* and *scientific*, as it calls itself both an *encyclopedia* and a *dictionary*, as it claims to have been written by men of *letters* and of *science*, and as the book was a major scientific landmark, as we have all the trappings of *unquestioned adulation* and *outright worship*, **we must therefore be suspicious of their motives.**

All subsequent encyclopedias have made the same choices, and for the same reasons, as you may discover by their casual perusal.

WIKIPEDIA has article templates. For subjects that fall among the pseudos, the inclusion of a section titled, “Scientific skepticism” (for **Ghosts**) or “Criticism” (for **Ghosthunters**) is *mandatory*. Inexperienced editors who attempt to modify or remove these sections are scolded. If they insist, Wiki’s official editors will accuse them of starting an “edit war” and will ban them if they do not obey. **Read the Talk pages.** It’s all there.

As “scientific” skepticism is *required*, Wiki editors then go and *solicit* skepticism. They find someone, somewhere, who disagrees and who is eager to have his name in print. This self-appointed expert does not need to have any qualifications at all. (Indeed, it’s so much better if he does not.) Those who will criticize ghosts (a simpler, clearer topic than astrology, which is why I’m using it) do not need to have published peer

reviewed papers proving their beliefs. Indeed, I would be surprised if any such papers have ever been published.

Ghosthunters itself is a useful example. When the show started on October 6, 2004 (eight years ago), it was strongly skeptical. All paranormal activity was debunked, nothing was left unexplained or to the imagination, as viewers will remember. Unfortunately, continued exposure to unpleasant experiences persuaded **Jason Hawes** and **Grant Wilson**, the show’s founders, that ghosts of one sort or another actually existed and were real. Past that point, to Wiki, they had “gone over to the other side” and were no longer trustworthy. While Wiki has extensive program archives, we must go to the **Wayback Machine** to find Wiki’s original pages. Ghosthunters first appears, as a stub, on **April 13, 2005**. By **December 15, 2005**, it had been expanded with descriptive and promotional material, as is typical of many Wiki stubs.

Debunking had begun in earnest by **September 13, 2006**. By that time, the show was no longer reliably hostile to its subject and had therefore had become suspect. The classic Wiki pseudo template had been imposed by **October 12, 2007**. By that time, the Ghosthunters were no longer scientifically okay. This was extended to Jason Hawes’s own **Wiki page**: *Investigator and author Benjamin Radford reviewing Hawes’s book “Ghost Hunting” writes Hawes allots a grand total of four paragraphs (within 273 pages) to a chapter titled ‘The Scientific Approach’. He doesn’t have much to say about science or scientific methods, and in fact it’s the shortest chapter in the book.*

Hawes is, by profession, a plumber who found a second career chasing ghosts. Radford is a professional skeptic, part of the Skeptical Inquirer outfit. Radford has a bachelor’s degree in psychology, but *no scientific training whatever*. Unlike Hawes’s Wiki page, on **Radford’s** there is no *Criticism* section. All of Radford’s debunking claims—and there are many—are taken at face value.

WHICH leads me back to Wiki’s page on **Ghosts**, a very lengthy essay that surveys these invisible and nearly-invisible creatures throughout all human history, in all human races and cultures, in religion and the arts, up to the present day. There are even sections on the commonality of the many descriptions.

Stuck smack in the middle of it all is the mandatory **Scientific skepticism**, where we learn, *Joe Nickell of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, wrote that there was no cred-*

ible scientific evidence that any location was inhabited by spirits of the dead. Limitations of human perception and ordinary physical explanations can account for ghost sightings; for example . . .

Which, as it’s the second time it’s been cited, makes us curious as to the invincibility of the **Skeptical Inquirer**. So we go to its Wiki page, which is lengthy. While it does contain some criticism of it, the article ends with these words, a quote from Carl Sagan: *CSICOP represents a counterbalance, although not yet nearly a loud enough voice, to the pseudoscience gullibility that seems second nature to so much of the media.*

From Joe Nickell’s **Wiki page** we learn he has a Ph.D. in English and has worked as a *stage magician, carnival pitchman, private detective, blackjack dealer, riverboat manager, university instructor, author, and paranormal investigator*. It further says he has over 200 aliases. Jack of all trades, presumably *without formal scientific training*, but **Wiki does not care**. All Wiki wants is someone to carry water for them.

HOW do you like your sausage? With pepper? Ground fine or coarse? With blood? Brains? Other organs? Do you like your casings to be intestines, or do you prefer collagen? How much fat do you want? Fat makes ‘em taste good, you know. How about filler? That’s in there too, you know. Wiki includes the following as **fillers**: *corn and corncobs, feathers, soy, cottonseed hulls, peanut hulls, citrus pulp, screening, weeds, straw, and cereal by-products*. Yum! I have an uncle who retired from the Hormel plant in **Austin, MN**. Many years ago he told me, *you don’t want to know . . .*

Ready for some astro-sausage? **Here it is:**

The source you used in your last edit to Astrology is not reliable for anything here on WP. The statement is a self-serving, promotional slogan from an apologetics website run by people who have absolutely zero qualifications on scientific matters. As such, it even fails WP:ABOUTSELF, especially as far as controversial material is concerned. Sources like this are the absolute bottom of the barrel here on WP.

*Adding “The American Federation of Astrologers states that...” before the statement seriously violates NPOV in many ways. First of all, no one cares what the AFA has to say because **they are a sham organization deceptively presenting itself as a "professional" or "academic" organization.*** [emphasis: Dave] *It is not recognized as legitimate by anyone outside of the “astrological*

community”, and thus their opinion carries zero weight. Balance on WP is based on WP:WEIGHT and WP:GEVAL.

Next, you placed the quote at the beginning of a section dealing with the real opinions of real qualified experts. That grossly violates WP:NPOV. **We don't give extreme fringe views prominent placement in the article when they are entirely ignored in serious real-world scholarly discourse.** [emphasis Dave]

The above from the tireless **Dominus Vobisdu**. This entry was challenged by **Other Voices**, who said, *your post seems to be a picture-perfect example of WP:BULLY. Consider yourself warned.*

Vobisdu replied with, *Are you really aiming to get blocked? Because you just committed a serious violation of WP:AGF and WP:NPA. You're skating awfully close to the edge.*

Me, I've been vegetarian since 1984. On that page you will find a number of Wiki's rabid anti-astrology editors.

A S A registered Wiki editor (registration is open to all), I have my very own Dave of Maryland talk page. Pseudoscience spilled over onto it, where I said, if Wiki did not want to change, it could face legal consequences. This, in fact, was a real threat. As I explained last week, since the mid-1980's, AFAN had made short work of restrictive anti-astrology ordinances. As I later learned, AFAN does not want to take on anything the size of Wiki, but as Wiki will be used to legally ban astrology outright, AFAN will ultimately have no choice. I also made contact with a Los Angeles attorney who specializes in this sort of mischief.

As a result, I was banned from making comments on my own Talk Page. I was closed out of Wiki altogether.

D EAR Wiki Editors who have put up with me so far, **there will be no legal action.** Not from me, at any rate. (You still have the rest of the world to worry about.) Call astrologers pseudo all you like. You have given me, and the world, something far more precious. You have given us the scientific process itself, in all its ugly glory. For those of us who have suffered under scientific misrule, this is the Holy Grail, this is the gift from God, it is more than we could ever hope for, much less imagine. For Wiki's inexperience and sloppiness, we will be eternally grateful.

As I now understand things, Wikipedia can have scientific consensus, *or* it can be open to the public. Wiki cannot be both. That is its inherent contradiction. I have not the

The Bushranger

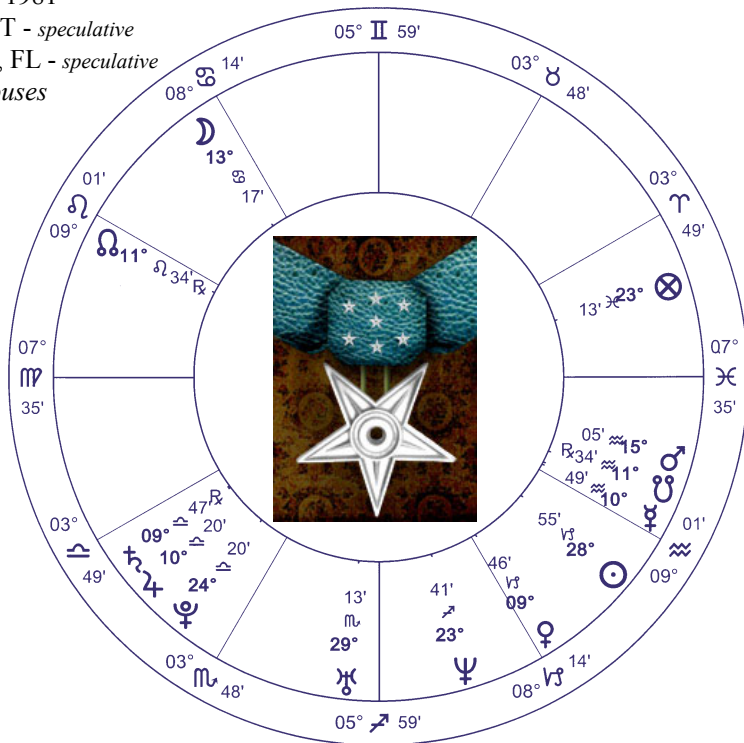
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slightest interest if my ban remains in effect. I have no interest in appealing it. Why would I wish to associate with crude people?

So I will finish with the Wiki editor who banned me: **The Bushranger**. He describes his interests as military aviation and naval history. He has been a Wiki administrator for the last 19 months. He declares himself to be 31 years, 9 months and 11 days old, as of the day I write this, Saturday, September 29, 2012. That makes his day of birth January 18, 1981. He declares himself to be a native of the state of Florida and is of Irish, Cherokee and German ancestry, which makes Miami an unlikely place of birth, not that it makes much difference when there is no birth time. He either lives in Tampa/St. Pete, or he grew up thereabouts.

D ear Bushranger, I have no grudge, I merely find this to be amusing. No girlfriends? It's your Moon-Venus opposition. They don't like you. While everyone "gets lucky" on occasion, this basically won't change. Your full moon intensifies this, making you unpopular generally. But consider: Michael Jackson was born on a full moon. Goethe was born on a full moon, as was Newt Gingrich. Isaac Newton and Karl Rove were both born on the same full moon as you: Capricorn to Cancer.

Will you get married and have children? With only the Moon and Uranus in water signs and only Venus and the Sun in earth,

with Venus-Saturn in mutual reception, if it happens, it will be late in life. I think a family of your own is unlikely, but I have seen it happen in similar charts.

Mercury-Mars conjunct, Bushranger has an excellent mind and a tendency to argue. Conjunct the south node, too much time is wasted in disputes. Jupiter-Saturn conjunct is one of the biggies. With Mercury-Mars, these two deepen and intensify the intellect, giving it firepower.

Taking a hint from the many details at Bushranger's talk page, I give him Virgo rising, resulting in a proposed birth time around 9 pm, with Mercury and Mars in the 6th house, of the military, which, if correct, will bring with it a history of being fired. *Dear Bushranger*, the long form of your birth certificate has your time of birth on it. *Yes, I know the night sky is pretty.* Do I care that you do not "believe"? Why should I? When you are 70 you will remember that a stranger said you were unlikely to have children, and it will puzzle you.

A FTER I was banned, Wiki discovered this weekly newsletter, and my article from last week about them and pseudoscience. They then had great fun leaving comments on my page, at which I was unable to reply. As this amounts to a trial where the defendant is prohibited from speaking, I left the room. Bullies could pile on in my absence.