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## More Astrology Classics Titles

**H**ERE are more of the books we publish. These are all excellent, they will advance your study of astrology. *Are they available as e-books?* No, and I doubt they ever will be. They are solid constructions of ink on paper. They are sturdy and well-made. If kept dry they will easily last a century. Which is far longer than your Kindle will. (The oldest 8-track tape decks in existence are barely more than 45 years old. When was the last time you saw one — or an 8-track tape? Books are forever.) *Can you afford books?* Think of it this way. Once you have a book in your possession, it will be with you forever, which makes any price cheap. A good book is a treasure chest of priceless knowledge, and at your constant disposal.

Here are this week's offerings. As before, the links go to Amazon, where prices are cheap. *I would greatly appreciate reviews:*

**The Prenatal Epoch**, by E.H. Bailey. The prenatal epoch answers the question, *Why don't you silly astrologers use the moment* **continued, pg. 6**



**Resentfulness**, in the form of constant discontent, and, in most cases, a general attitude of being out of harmony with the world and "up against things," is a Scorpionic trait, in which the sign contrasts with its opposite, Taurus, the sign of content. Under Scorpio we get the resentment-complex of modern psychology. At the same time Saturn often causes discontent and an aggrieved attitude, Scorpio appearing as a rule to crave for gratitude and credit in the eyes of the world, and Capricorn to desire to encompass material rewards or position. Saturn in any watery sign tends to create some form of resentment, for, from the standpoint of worldly success, he is then like a strong man caught in a morass. Any *good* cardinal influence tends to lessen this trait by enabling the native to express himself in action.

Uranus in affliction, especially in square to the Sun, frequently causes discontent, anger, and resentment.

— **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by C.E. O. Carter. **Buy.**



## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Using Fixed Stars in Natal Astrology:

**N**O difficulty should be experienced in using the fixed stars in natal astrology, but for the benefit of the beginner the following rules may be laid down:

1. Note on the map or make a list of the fixed stars that fall in conjunction and parallel with, or in opposition to, the planets, together with their magnitudes and natures. The following orbs may be allowed for conjunction and opposition: For a 1st magnitude star, 7°30'; for a 2nd magnitude, 5°30'; for a 3rd magnitude, 3°30'; and for a 4th magnitude, 1°30'.
2. Look up the constellation containing the star, its nature as tabulated above, and the combined influence of star and planet as given in the next chapter.
3. Modify these characteristics by the sign, decanate and house occupied, together with the aspects to the planet and the houses it rules. — **From Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson **Buy**

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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Planets in the 1st or 7th House

**V**ENUS on the 1st or 7th or ruling the Sign or decanate on the 1st or 7th cusp denotes a kind and indulgent, gentle and well-mannered person who will voluntarily follow the mate's lead. The home life will be happier and the couple more companionable.

**Jupiter** in the 1st or 7th is a great deal like Venus but not so provident as regards the future—yet he usually has something to give or spend, and is optimistic, happy, easier to get along with and easier to please. Usually more than one marriage, and if he rules the 7th the mate will be of a different nationality or religion; a lover of sports.

**Mars** in the 1st or 7th or ruling the Sign or decanate there is an active, positive, jealous and independent person who will try to take the lead and will not accept second place nor change his ways, unless in mutual reception or intercepted. If his Sign Scorpio is on the 1st or 7th and conjunct the so-called accursed 19th degree, the first marriage will be unfortunate, ended by divorce or violence.

**The Sun** is like Mars but prouder and less active or jealous, more dependent on others and averse to accepting responsibility but luckier through life. In a man's chart, assistance or support from wife, mother or women with favor or power to provide. In a woman's chart, improved position by marriage.

**Mercury** in the 1st or 7th gives an intelligent and active, industrious but restless person, happy in double harness, a good conversationalist, witty if in aspect to Mars or Saturn, and always youthful. — **All Over the Earth Astrologically**, 1963. **Buy**

Another look at

## Mitt Romney

*hopes for this man may be misplaced*

**N**OW that Mitt Romney is the official Republican candidate for president, it's time to have another look at his chart.

Since he has asked us for this great favor, to be elected as our leader, I start with his life expectancy. Yes, this is brutal, but Mitt is asking us to elect him to the position of World Dictator, which is what the American Presidency has become. We want him to live for at least one term in office.

**Willard "Mitt" Romney was born March 12, 1947, at 9:51 am EST in Detroit.** Sun in Pisces in 11 is in trine to Jupiter in Scorpio, which makes the Sun hyleg and Jupiter Alcochoden. *Jupiter in a cadent house gives but 12 years of life.* Saturn in wide square takes away 30. **The infant does not live.**

AstroDataBank says the collector was Lois Rodden herself and the source was from memory. It was confirmed by Mitt's father, **George Romney**, who said, "10 am."

Let's try again. With the Sun as hyleg, we ignore Jupiter in favor of Mars as Alcochoden, which is the triplicity ruler of the water signs, and also rules the third decanate of Pisces and is widely conjunct the Sun. In a succedent house, he gives 40½ years, the trine to Jupiter adds 12 more, for a total of 52½. Mitt is now 65. No, not very likely.

*Last try.* **Abu'Ali Al-Khayyat**, from where I get this calculation, says that when Mercury is with the fortunes it adds its least years, which are 20, and when it is with the malefics, it subtracts 20. If Mars is Alcochoden, which is to say, the *giver of years*, then Mars in Romney's chart is a *de facto benefic*. Mercury conjunct gives an additional 20 years, the trine to Jupiter gives another twelve, which brings us to **84½**.

**M**ARTHA LANG-WESCOTT says Mercury retrograde in Pisces is someone who can hear and judge by the *tone* of what he hears. Which I can agree with. *Feel.* Retrograde, he feels over it again and again. Sandwiched between Mars and the Sun, there is inexhaustible energy for speaking, but, all in Pisces, nothing significant is ever said, and, Pisces being mutable, the story changes from day to day, minute to minute. When Mercury is in Gemini, the constant changing is from hy-

per intellectualism. When Mercury is in Pisces, it's from emotional oversensitivity.

With the 9:51 am chart, Gemini rising, Mercury as chart ruler, we expect him to be an intellectual and so believe him to be withholding what we think he knows. In reality, he simply *does not care* what he says. Emotionally super-sensitive, he knows that people rarely mean what they say, he knows that people are, customarily, insincere. A man with a stronger intellect would understand why this is so, but with a heavy emphasis on water (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter), Romney instinctively accepts the world's insincerity and, three planets in shapeless Pisces, simply goes along with it. Pisces adapts to its environment, as is well-known.

In these conclusions I am guided by Matt Taibbi's Rolling Stone article of August 29, **Greed and Debt: The True Story of Mitt Romney and Bain Capital**. In it, Taibbi describes Mitt as an operator, an opportunist, who will say anything to his victims to get what he wants from them.

While at Bain Capital, Romney was a leveraged buyout specialist (LBO), which is to say he saddled companies with debt in order to strip them of their assets. Unique to Romney, he would pay off (bribe) the management of the targeted company to get them to go along with his LBO looting. In the process Romney destroyed thousands of jobs, never showing the least remorse.

The ability to treat others poorly, without remorse, is usually built on an opposition between a personal planet, which represents the individual, and an outer planet, which represents the collective "other." The classic example is Moon or Mercury opposed to Neptune, the result being a person who lies compulsively, for the sheer pleasure of fooling others.

In Romney's chart we see Venus opposed to a Saturn-Pluto conjunction. Saturn conjunct Pluto is an aspect of intense frustration, but, opposed by Venus, it can be externalized and imposed on others. Venus-opposed to Saturn is cold and manipulative. It means that love is withheld, or comes with strings attached. Since love cannot be denied, the result is an unrequited craving. Ve-

*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 109:**

# Interpretation of Directions, continued:—

3. In interpreting a direction consider the planets involved and the signs and houses occupied and ruled by them. For this purpose the direction of a progressed planet to a radical one is to be interpreted in terms of the radical map and consideration given to the radical houses involved; but a direction falling between two progressed planets must be referred to the progressed map.

4. The strength of a direction depends upon the strength and nature of the radical planet. If Jupiter in the horoscope of birth is badly afflicted a good direction to it in after life does not produce as good results as when it is free from affliction, and similarly a bad direction to a malefic well aspected at birth is not so serious as if it had been afflicted. Remember that the radical map symbolizes the whole life and that directions must conform to it. Therefore unless the horoscope shows a violent death do not judge it from a severe and violent direction, and if the radical map shows a life of poverty no good direction will produce riches.

5. The function of the lunar aspects is to indicate the monthly course of events through the aspects formed by the Moon and its stimulation of major influences. The sign and house of the radical map through which the Moon is passing will always be prominent in directions, and the exact effect will be denoted by these, combined with the house and sign occupied by the aspected planet, together with the houses ruled by it either in the radix or progress according to whether it is a radical or progressed planet.

—**A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy**

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## Venus in Virgo

**W**E are back in the land of dementia again, though it's a different variety from Venus in Aquarius or Aries. Venus in Virgo sees sex as a healthy function, something one does in order to be a tension-free, well-rounded person.

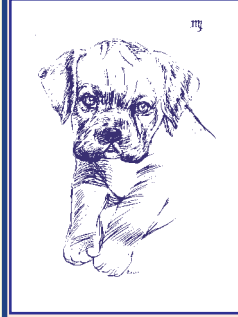
The kiddies like to play doctor. The grown-ups insist that you smell nice. Bathe often. No, even more often. These guys don't feel comfortable kissing you until they've brushed their teeth. They hate to make love in a messy room. You'll know they're in love with you when they don't mind getting sticky and dirty. Drop a melted Mars bar in their laps to see. It excites them to get dirty in a perverse way—daring! You know they're in love with you if they pick on you, as they are extremely critical and faultfinding.

Wear ethnic clothes and things that are hard to undo, things with millions of tiny buttons, laces, and cross straps. They want you to dress neatly, with a pulled-together look. Or dress like a ragbag; it'll get their attention and give them something to do, namely to make you over. They love turquoise jewelry.

Be wrapped up in your work. The women love cold bastards and workaholics. The men like meticulous models, chorus girls, and groupies, but the girl who loves her work is what the men are looking for. A whore in her mink is one image of Venus in Virgo. The well-scrubbed lady in her long skirt cooking health food is another. Work, work, work. Neither sex with Venus in Virgo wants someone hanging on them all the time. It interferes with work, which is this Venus sign's real love.

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## DOG OF THE MONTH



The Virgo dog will always be house trained easily. He is quite picky about whom he makes friends with, but when he is sure you are his friend, he will be loyal forever more.

They are responsive to your needs, utterly reliable and intelligent, and will obey your command instantly. The only time these dogs get out of hand is if they think they have been treated unfairly. Then they can really bark up a storm.

This is one of the cleanest dogs around. Try teaching him to fetch the paper or your slippers. You and he will be delighted.

These dogs can go from town to town with you and take to new surroundings quite easily. Even if they have been used to the country, they can make the adjustment to city life easily.

© **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!**

## The New Newsletter

**M**ost 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**

**September 4:**  
476—The Roman Empire ends  
1666—Worst day of the Great Fire, London  
1781—Los Angeles founded



nus in a fixed sign wants love and wants it to be permanent. In Aquarius it wants it to be kinky in some way. The opposition to Saturn (in Leo, a heavy-handed authority) thus forces Venus to act out in some way. But Mormons repress sexuality in favor of endless duty, resulting, in Romney's case, in endless sexual frustration.

At length Venus remembers that it also rules money, and that money results from "doing one's duty," and that doing his duty will satisfy his Mormon religion. The better he does his duty, the more money Romney will make, the more love he will have and the happier he will be. And the more money he has, the better a Mormon he becomes. Religions that mindlessly repress sexuality are suckers for the money trap.

Romney followed this, in torturous fashion, through his 20's and into his 30's, before finally, at the age of 35, creating Bain Capital. Romney was its sole shareholder. Bain Capital was initially a venture-capital firm (supplying startup money for new business), but quickly went into leveraged buyouts.

This was all based on Romney's Saturn-Pluto conjunction, with both planets opposed by Venus, which (due to Mormonism) eventually mistook money for love. Opposed to Saturn, Venus substituted emotional manipulation with *financial manipulation*, the extraction of love from an "older parent" became the *extraction of money from a corporate (Saturnine) target*. Venus opposed to Pluto did this with a great deal of relish and outright cruelty.

The three planets combined, this man has a *tremendous need to destroy the economic prosperity of others for his own personal gain*. It gives him satisfaction to profit from the pain of others. It makes him happy when others suffer. **Wake up and read the chart.**

This can also be seen in Romney's political career, which is presumably in imitation of his father's.

Romney first runs for office against Teddy Kennedy, in 1994. This was a typical rich man's "trophy" campaign. One is not interested in becoming a politician, one is not interested in organizing people or solving their problems, one does not build grassroots, one is not concerned if he is genuinely popular or has anything unique to offer. When the rich enter politics, as when they buy art or take a spouse, they want the best. They want trophies. Things they can hang on the wall. Statuesque arm-pieces. Resume-building, grandiose titles, such as "Senator."

## Mitt Romney

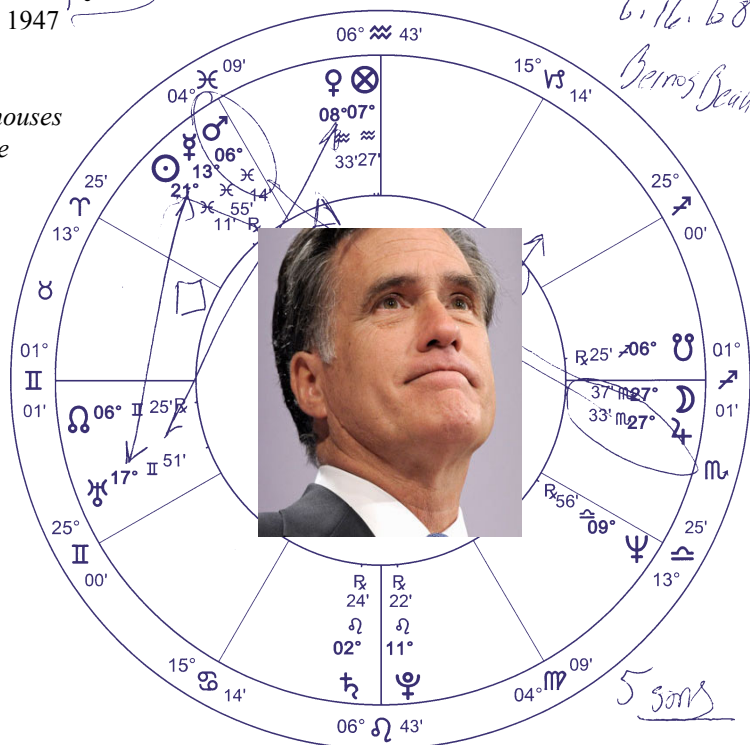
March 12, 1947

9:51 am

Detroit

Placidus houses

Mean node



But as a Mormon in a Catholic state, as a Republican in a Democratic state, as an unknown going up against one of the greatest names in American politics, not to mention going up against the Kennedy machine, one of the best in politics, Romney's chances of victory were nil.

Kennedy won the election of 1994, although with the smallest plurality of his career, a "mere" 58%. Customarily the Republicans in Massachusetts did not waste their time fielding real candidates against a powerhouse like Kennedy, offering straw men instead. Romney was different. Then as now, he would say anything and spend any amount.

So why did Romney do it? I am left with the conclusion that with Venus opposed Saturn and Pluto, *inflicting pain on others gives Romney personal satisfaction*. He did not want to win as much as he wanted to see Kennedy squirm.

**T**HERE are many details with Romney's chart. Saturn is debilitated and ruled by the Sun, which makes Saturn's destruction a solar goal. Venus is in Aquarius, which Saturn rules, means that Venus — Romney — well knows the pain he inflicts. Sun is trine Jupiter, which is an aspect of luck, which can make for carelessness. Sun square Uranus, in mutable signs makes for an erratic nature. Uranus also square to Mercury is a *speaking first*,

*figure out what you said later* aspect.

The net effect of Venus and its aspects will externalize according to its house placement. In the 10th house, the meaner Romney is, the more we like him. Which the Republicans are beginning to figure out.

**I**F ELECTED, will Mitt Romney be a "good" president, will he rule to the benefit of all?

No, he will not. **He cannot.** Washington is not organized towards "good" or wise rule, and Romney, like Obama, like G.W. Bush, like Bill Clinton, like Ronald Reagan, like Jimmy Carter, lacks the experience necessary to tame the place.

Washington is made up of thousands of independent interest groups. Congress alone accounts for 435 of them, the various agencies and departments account for hundreds more. Each of these departments, each section inside a department, seeks its own goals and seeks them, not so much at the expense of the others, but in blind ignorance of the others. There is no unity, there is no consensus, not now, nor has there ever been. The Pentagon itself is one huge mess.

Doing the "right" thing, being a wise and caring ruler, being a leader in the real sense of the word, means sacrificing the interests of some for the benefit of all. Politics is the art of compromise. Compromise means having a greater goal, one worth pursuing. You can't do this, you cannot lead, if you are

constantly suffering the thousand cuts of those who must be satisfied, because you are ignorant.

The only way there is presidential leadership is if the president himself knows key individuals, knows their histories, knows their quirks, knows their dirty little secrets and can manipulate them as necessary. **Lyndon Johnson knew. Richard Nixon knew.** G.H.W. Bush (Senior) should have known, he had been in Washington long enough, but apparently did not.

Outsiders — even well-meaning outsiders, like Jimmy Carter — can do no more than simply pick parties at random and hope for the best. Since Washington is full of insiders with many decades of experience, whatever an ignorant president decides will be manipulated beyond his ability to control. The outcomes are broken promises and failed presidencies, and a tendency to go along and continue previous policies, which invariably favor the same vested interests.

**W**ITH his penchant for manipulation and cruelty, Romney will be a powerful executive. We can see this already in his selection of Ryan Paul to be his vice-presidential running mate.

Ryan Paul is one of the GOP's up and coming Congressional stars, perhaps a future powerhouse. If Romney is serious about his promised legislative agenda, he needs people like Paul in Congress to push his bills through.

In 1960, many years ago, John Kennedy made a mistake in selecting Lyndon Johnson to be his running mate. Johnson was the Senate Majority Leader. If Kennedy had left him in the Senate, Johnson would have been compelled to pass JFK's legislative agenda. But as vice-president, Johnson could only sit on the sidelines helplessly while a comparatively leaderless Senate floundered. So, does the selection of a congressional leader as vice president mean that Romney has made an amateur's mistake?

What if Romney's goal was to eliminate opposition in Congress? In that case, the removal of Ryan Paul makes perfect sense. If this hunch is correct, we can already see a much keener mind at work than that of John McCain (Sarah Palin) or Barack Obama (the feckless Joe Biden). If this is the case, then look for President Romney to fill his cabinet with more co-opted leaders, whom he can manipulate at will.

The ability to buy off people, to manipulate them, Romney's very heartlessness, may serve him well in dealing with Washington's many vested interests. Over at Romney's

Wiki page (which I presume is written, or at least approved by Romney himself, the same as with all other Wiki celebrities), it says he has lost his taste for extracting money from the world. Which means he now wants to extract love itself. Hence his quest for power.

I note Libra on the cusp of the 6th, which is the military. Ruled by Venus, Romney may well expect absolute obedience from them. Later in the 6th house are Jupiter and the Moon, which will make his presence among them larger than life. Ruled by Mars in Pisces, they will never get a straight answer from him.

In the 9th house of religion and foreign adventures, is Capricorn. The house is empty. International relations will not be of great interest in a Romney presidency. His Mormon beliefs are pro forma.

**In sum:** Romney wants our **love**, he wants our **adulation**, he wants **acclaim**. Formerly he sought this by extracting money. He is now attempting the same with politics. He is coercive, he has little if any empathy. He will be a good dictator.

**P**RESENTLY, the Republicans promise that if elected they will produce an economic miracle. This is unlikely. Nowhere in Washington, not among Republicans, not among Democrats, is there the expertise to run an economy. There are no realistic proposals, even presuming there was any way to enact them, which there is not.

The Republicans destroyed the economy the last time they were in power, the Democrats have been uninterested in fixing it. The last time the Republicans were in an economic jam, their solution was to send everyone in the country a check for \$600. Which was absurd. If anything, the Republicans are even less smart now.

Presuming you vote, you would vote for Romney over Obama because Romney is new, which isn't a great recommendation. There is no reason whatever to vote for Obama. He has failed. At the very least, we can and should reject known failures.

**A**ND since I did Romney, here is Obama: **Barack Obama was born August 4, 1961, at 7:24 pm.** As the Sun has set, it is not hyleg. The Moon is at 3 Gemini, the ruler, Mercury, is square in Leo, so we can start with Mercury as Alcohoden. Mercury in a cadent house gives 20 years. It is not conjunct, trine or sextile Jupiter or Venus, so it gets no additions. It is not conjunct, square or opposed to Saturn or Mars, so there are no deductions, which

makes **20 years of life as our final answer**, so far as the Moon as hyleg is concerned.

But the Moon on the bottom of the chart is a poor choice. Let's try the ascendant, which is Aquarius. It is ruled by Saturn, which is in Capricorn, which it rules, which makes Saturn both hyleg and Alcohoden. Saturn in a cadent house gives 30 years. It is not conjunct, trine or sextile Jupiter or Venus (I don't count out of sign aspects), so there are no additions. It is not conjunct, square or opposed by Mars, so there are no subtractions, so, with the ascendant as a starting point, **30 years is our final answer.**

But this is academic, since the man who calls himself by this name is a *fraud*. As the fruit customarily does not fall far from the tree that bore it, I believe Obama was born in his home town of **Chicago** at some other time on some other date, and that fussing about with the August 4th chart is academic.

If you want to construct Obama's real chart, you start with a powerful **Moon-Neptune**, or **Mercury-Neptune opposition**. If you judge he takes an academic delight in spinning stories, you have Mercury-Neptune. If you feel he is visceral, Moon-Neptune are opposed. In the years in question, Neptune was in Libra or Scorpio. Given the way the man handles this (obvious) opposition, which is to say, with energy and imagination, **Neptune was in Libra, the opposition is with Mercury, and the man is older than he claims.** We can probably limit the search to the springs of 1954, 55, or 56. Of the three, I like April, 1955: Mars in Taurus or Gemini.

No, Obama is not an alien. He was born right here in the good 'ol USA, just like the rest of us. Well, most of us.

**O**N the **Colbert Report** for Thursday, August 30, five minutes into the program, Colbert launches into a report on Paul Ryan's acceptance speech from Wednesday night. He determines it was packed with lies (as reported, astonishingly, by Fox News), reported that CNN did not care, equated the presidential race to a real race, stated that doping was what you do in a race, and that anyone who believed Ryan was therefore a dope, then cut to a picture of Josef Goebbels who said that if you tell a lie often enough it becomes the truth. Colbert then lost his train of thought and wondered, did Goebbels say that or did Obama say it? Picture of Obama replaces that of Goebbels. Goebbels or Obama? No, Colbert finally stammers out, it was *Obama who said lies are truth*. I was speechless. **THE KNIVES ARE OUT.**

## More Astrology Classic Books,

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*of conception, instead of birth?* This book tells you how to do that. It's based on an idea from Sepharial, which Bailey expands greatly. Ivy Goldstein-Jacobson used prenatal charts in her work. I reprinted this five years ago. It has been largely ignored, which is a pity. Of the few books on prenats, this is by far the best.

**The Principles of Astrology**, by Charles Carter. The late Robert Blaschke was a great fan of Carter and brought his books to my attention. This is Carter's basic textbook, and it is a masterpiece. The writing is brilliant and lucid, the insights penetrating. Early editions of this book were cramped and fussy. I reset it into an expansive and very readable text. Did you know that most e-books are simple ASCII texts, without formatting? The text on a page should be easy on the eye and a delight to read, as it is here.

**Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation**, by Charles Carter. This is a follow-up to his *The Principles* book. In this book, Carter takes up the challenge of actually reading a chart and making sense of it as a whole. Delineation is an art that cannot be taught, it requires experience, but certain clues can be given. Carter is one of the most organized and systematic of all astrological writers.

**The Astrological Practice of Physick**, by Joseph Blagrave. From 1671. I was requested to reprint this. Restoring and resetting the text, deciphering the many obscure terms, coming to grips with strange medical techniques, and finally understand the

book as a whole took two years. Blagrave is astounding. His methods go far beyond anyone else. He can externalize an illness, he can treat it remotely, he uses an amazing array of techniques, he pushes astrology beyond what you can imagine. If you are an herbalist, *you need this book*.

**Skeet Shooting for Astrologers**, by myself, is my first collection of essays, taken mostly from the earliest issues of this newsletter. The main theme in this book is the contrast between *oral* and *written* transmission of knowledge, in other words, between *memorization* and *book learning*. I come down in favor of memorization, which turns up in my third book of essays (*The Triple Witch*), in my analysis of the flaws of The Enlightenment. Also in *Skeets*, the discovery of a clockwork ephemeris which ancient astrologers used to get their planetary positions, which I swiped from my scribbles at Wiki.

**The Astrology of Accidents**, by Charles Carter. This is one of four small books on a variety of topics, this one, the natal factors behind serious accidents. Carter distinguishes various kinds of accidents (drowning, scalds, burns, gunshot, blows, crushing, etc.) and by various means: Statistics, directions, transits, etc. I added a list of local influences, as well as an index.

**Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology**, by Charles Carter. Carter says every event should have a direction behind it, and that every significant direction should produce a significant event. Since directions advance the entire chart by a fixed factor, Carter examines various unusual increments. Also

in this book, how Carter forecast death. I added an index.

**Essays on the Foundations of Astrology**, by Charles Carter. In publishing these four books, I was salvaging old TPH titles which had been discarded. Carter is far too good to be forgotten. In this book are extensive, focused essays on the planets, the signs, the houses, aspects, and how they all fit together. While my essays ramble, Carter's never do. As before, I added an index.

**The Zodiac and the Soul**, by Charles Carter. This is Carter's book on metaphysics, how the signs of the zodiac fit together to form one continuing story. In addition, Carter includes transits as well as notes on his own private system of numerology. Cover illustrations for these four books were taken from one of my old black and white portfolios and I find them particularly pleasing.

**The Sabian Symbols, A Screen of Prophecy**, by Diana Roche. This is, hands down, the finest of all the books on the Sabian Symbols, written by the long-time director of Marc Edmund Jones's Sabian Assembly, a woman who knew both Jones and Rudhyar personally. Unique to this book, reproductions of Jones' actual scribbled Sabians, from that long-ago day in 1925 in San Diego's Balboa Park, complete with corrections and strikeouts, made at the very moment itself. For Diana, this book was a personal labor of love.

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*Still more for next week!*