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## ARE YOU BETTER OFF?

**T**O my surprise, more than a dozen replies. (I sometimes get no response to my queries.) Mostly sad. People at wits ends. Others who have come through crisis and are now in reduced circumstances, happy the worst is over. Some blame Democrats, some blame Republicans, some blame both, some neither. Not many happy stories. Forgive me, I did not have the time or strength to reply to all of them. Pneumonia a month ago has left me unexpectedly weak. As for ourselves, I have

good news, I think. A week ago a Canadian astrologer phoned. She said, Your financial problems are due to *transiting* Saturn opposing your *progressed* Jupiter. Once she said it, I knew exactly what she meant, but I would never, ever, have looked, since I never check my progressions. I have the two planets opposed natively. A setup like that will touch them off like a double-whammy. What's the classic definition of Jupiter-Saturn opposed? **Bankruptcy**. And for more than a month, it was. (I bit my tongue and prepared a resume. I had already whined enough.) And promptly on the 9th, Saturn moved off the critical point and business returned. We're now back to the comparative misery of spring and summer. It feels like we're rich, except, of course, that we ain't.



**Responsibility (Sense of)** is due to a strong and well-placed Saturn. Whether there is the ability to bear the responsibilities placed upon the native will largely depend upon the strength of the entire horoscope. A prominent Saturn, whether strong or not, nearly always denotes that responsibilities will be encountered. Irresponsibility is mainly a Jovian feature and especially is connected with Pisces, although it is doubtful if Neptune rising always gives a child-like inability to shoulder burdens. Afflictions to Saturn, especially from Mars, or to Saturn placed in Aries, tend to weaken the sense of responsibility. On the other hand, Saturn in Water feels its burdens too much, and is often driven to renunciation in consequence.

**Retort (Readiness at)** results from a Mercury well placed with regard to Mars or Uranus or both, especially if he be cardinal.

**Retrospection** is particularly a Cancer trait. The sign tends very much to live in the past, and has a wonderful memory for events of childhood. This arises from its being the maternal sign, so that those born under it, or with the lunar influence strong . . .

—from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter. [Buy](#).

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	14:46	♃ ♁	
19	06:55	♃ ♀ ♀	Rx to ♀
	18:14	♃ ♁ ♂	
	19:18	♃ ♁ ♂	
	20:33	♃ ♂ ♂	
20	13:11	♃ ✖ ♂	Void
	16:34	♃ ✖	
	22:23	♃ ♀ ♀ ♃	} air crash/bad news/storms?
	23:07	♃ ♁ ♃	
	23:19	♃ ♀ ♀	
21	03:45	♃ ✖ ♃	
22	14:49	♃ ♁	
	16:46	♃ ✖ ♃	Void
	19:21	♃ ♁	
	19:41	♃ ♀ ♀ ♃	First Quarter
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24	21:20	♃ ♀ ♃	Void
	23:33	♃ ♁	

## PNEUMONIA REVISITED

**S**AME Canadian astrologer (thank-you!!) also nailed my recent pneumonia. The nodes were square to your nodes, she said. Which they were. *To the degree*. Staring at me the entire time. By some strange nakshatra magic, my natal nodes relate to my chest, or maybe it was the transiting south node in Gemini. Astrology is such a huge and wonderful subject, I am always humbled. Now the nodes are in Scorpio/Taurus: *Earthquakes*. And finally,

## KATE MIDDLETON

is not pregnant. However . . .



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ZANIAH** eta Virginis 4 ♁ 42

**Notes:** A variable star situated on the southern wing of Virgo. From

Al Zawiah, the Angle or Corner which formed part of the Kennel of the Barking Dogs located here by the Arabs.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mercury and Venus. It gives refinement, honour, congeniality, order and a lovable nature.

**With Sun:** Educational and studious interests, popular, social success, much pleasure, favourable for marriage.

**With Moon:** Worry, loss through legal and Venusian affairs, trouble through writings, led astray by sympathies.

**With Mercury:** Musical or artistic ability, gain through writing short stories, popular, social success, many friends esp. opposite sex. —from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson. [Buy](#).

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## Retrogrades

**A** RETROGRADE planet standing alone will dominate, rebuke and be personally responsible for the people and affairs of the house it is in. It defends for itself and others there as from a detached position and thus draws attention to the native as well as great respect. He is the one-and-only to the persons of that house, while to the native himself his one-and-only is the person of the house ruled by the planet.

On the negative side, a planet retrograde denotes a person of the house it is in as resisted, refused inclusion in the circle, repulsed and disinherited, put out of the house or family and forever renounced. Yet the positive side makes the native retain touch with the absentee, nonetheless, as a responsibility.

A planet retrograde draws back because of shyness and resists publicity and personal appearances when standing alone in the Sign or house. In a group of planets, one retrograde is in a detached position and uncomfortable, getting away as quickly as possible.

To be retrograde is to regress within so that the native learns by in-tuition, research and revelation; he is considered recondite, a word meaning mysterious, remotely profound and given to secret knowledge. Such persons are possessed of inner reasoning power and such planets register strongly in their future.

More is required of a person with more retrograde planets than one; he registers ethically because he recognizes this moral obligation early in life, and has ability to renounce his personal desires in the name of duty, conscience and honor, reacting to outer persuasion and responding always to noblesse oblige. — **The Way of Astrology**, 1967. **Buy.**

## How Long Will You Live?

**A**STROLOGY is renown, among astrologers, for its ability to forecast the future, and is for the same reason condemned as a fraud by those who despise it.

If the future can be predicted, then the end of life is the ultimate test. I had fun with the **FAA** (Federation of Australian Astrologers) a dozen years ago. I said, There are formulas,  $A + B + C = \text{YOU'RE DEAD}$ . If astrologers want to be taken seriously, students need to know those formulas, they need to study them, they need experience using them. Astrologers want to be in the same room with, say, medical doctors? Doctors deal in **LIFE** and **DEATH**. Astrologers deal in **THE SAME**, or would, if they were serious. It's not that astrology is of the same level as medicine. *Astrology surpasses it*. Realize what you are dealing with. Medicine is a collection of techniques. Astrology is a *language* that describes all, that knows all.

**No, you do not need to go here.** There are many levels of astrology which do not forecast death, do not go anywhere near death. Just as there are eye, ear, nose and throat specialists who rarely see a cardiac patient.

If you are *elderly* and *frail*, you may reasonably forecast your own demise. Using your usual forecasting techniques, any hard aspect, transiting, progressed, arc/direction, return, etc., to your Sun, Moon or ruler of the ascendant, may well prove fatal, or set in motion a chain of events which will become fatal. One of these three bodies is likely to be the hyleg, or giver of life, so a hard aspect to it, when one is elderly, may be all it takes. I caution that elderly is the over-riding factor. There are a great many "frail" people who are actually quite sturdy.

Stating this rule-of-thumb is no great revelation. You may confirm it by looking at the charts of close family members. If their charts show aspects of grief at about the same time as yours shows crisis, they will presumably be grieving your loss. Such is how Charles Carter forecast his own death, age 81.

Carter discovered the **Measure of Death**. He observed that advancing the natal horoscope by an arc of 15' (minutes) per year invariably produced an exact, hard aspect, for the year of death itself. (See **Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology**.) Carter is

careful to state that such aspects do not *cause* death. Over a lifetime there are many such, but there are invariably one or more such aspects at the *time* of death. Got that?

In 1994 Richard Houck published his ground-breaking **Astrology of Death**. Which, despite the macabre title, was a cheerfully written, in-depth analysis of death, its timing and causes, exploring every technique known to him at the time (Vedic, western, casual, word of mouth). Not surprisingly, Houck found them all inadequate. He of course had not heard of Carter's ideas, since no one reads and no one studies and at the time Carter's book was virtually unavailable.

Houck proposed **tertiary progressions**, which he said were infallible. At the time a lot of people asked me how he was calculating tertiary progressions. As he was still alive, I asked him. He said he did not know. He was using Mark Pottenger's CCRS program and that's the results he got. It's a very old, very messy DOS-based thing. If you want it, or what became of it, ask **Hank Friedman**.

Turns out, tertiary progressions are messy: For every day after birth, you count one lunar month. Well, do you go from 0° Aries to 0° Aries (sidereal), or do you go from New Moon to New Moon (synodic)? Though I sold a lot of Rick's book (still in stock), I don't know that anyone quite duplicated his results.

**H**AVING written an entire book on death and how to find it in a natal chart, people naturally asked Rick if he had forecast his own death. Turns out, he had, and he had not.

At some point in his life, Rick was in India and got himself a Nadi Grantha reading. Which is the "5000 year old palm leaf" thing. There are thousands of nadi readers in India who specialize in this. The story is that 5000 years ago the great Sage Bhrgu, during a very long and productive life, cast and delineated every possible horoscope, writing the results on individual palm leaves, which have survived to this day. You present yourself to such a reader (who presumably has original copies) and after a short time your personal palm leaf is located, presented to you, and read.

Up to a point, this is an actual Vedic astrological technique. There are in fact collections of hundreds of sample charts that are

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Part 113:

# Interpretation of Directions

The influence of planets in directions, *continued*:—

**Mars.** Accidents, fevers, wounds (especially if in human or airy signs), loss of blood, passionate, impulses, slander, and brothers.

**Jupiter.** Prosperity, religion, legal and professional matters, legacies, and uncles. Good aspects bring great prosperity and give optimism, and joviality, but afflictions tend to blood disorders through intemperance or excess.

**Saturn.** Diseases, falls, hurts, deaths, colds, rheumatism and slow lingering ailments, teeth trouble, contact with aged people or old associations, death of elderly people, investments and business. Good aspects cause steadiness, contemplation, and sometimes bring legacies; bad ones cause melancholy and suspicion.

**Uranus.** Association with large firms, the Government, corporations, and very aged people, such as grandparents. Electrical, occult, or antiquarian matters excite interest. Unexpected changes occur and there may be some very romantic episodes. If afflicted there are sudden and unexpected crashes. The influence of Uranus is always sudden and peculiar. Under affliction it frequently brings most promising looking opportunities which if taken lead to sudden disaster.

**Neptune.** Psychic and spiritual interests or experiences. A sea trip or journey to the seaside. Interest in music or speculation, association with hospitals and places of confinement, peculiar and irrational fears or desires. If well aspected it brings idyllic or highly spiritual experiences, but if afflicted leads to drug taking, excessive smoking, or peculiar excesses, and gives great danger of fraud and trickery. — *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson. Price \$25.95.

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From *Matheseos Libri VIII*,  
by Firmicus Maternus

## Saturn in Scorpio

**T**HOSE who have Saturn in Scorpio are attacked in early youth by many disturbances and dangers, and have no control over paternal or maternal inheritance. If they have received anything from parents, they waste it in dissipation. The parents will be neither famous nor noble, but the natives themselves will be reared in the greatest luxury, but afterwards will have severe trouble and have to earn their own living.

Similar dangers are indicated for every seventh or ninth year until the 43rd. But if the natives are protected in times of danger by a benefic planet they will escape the crisis. Nevertheless they will be disturbed by constant troubles. If Saturn aspects his own house in trine, especially when he is in Cancer, he indicates griefs, pains, journeys, and poverty. [Cancer, Leo, are transits. — *Dave*]

But when Saturn comes to Leo and makes his station in that sign, then he will allow the beginnings of good fortune; then he allots every kind of profit, high position, and the beginnings of famous activities. The moment he enters Leo the whole chart is transferred to good fortune. Pains, griefs and anxieties are put to sleep. But the natiivities do not continue with the first wife who they had in Scorpio. Saturn in this house does not allow virgins for wives, but widows, or those who have been married to others. The natives will marry many women, but be separated either by death or divorce.

Illness and weakness in the extremities of the body and continual pains in hidden places are indicated by Saturn in Scorpio. If Jupiter from a favorable house is in beneficent aspect to Saturn, all these will be lessened. But if Saturn in Scorpio is in the house of children, he will be harmful and first sons will be lost in some way.

*Ancient Astrology Theory and Practice*, translated by Jean Rhys Bram. Buy.

The Sun enters Libra on Saturday, September 22, at 10:49 am EDT / 7:49 am PDT

## Solar Ingresses

**O**F these four ingresses [Spring: Aries; Summer: Cancer; Autumn: Libra; Winter: Capricorn — *Dave*], that into Aries about March 21st is considered by many astrologers to be the most important. All of them require to be studied, but there seems to be a general tendency among students to treat this map as if it were a sort of horoscope of the whole year to follow; and it is to be noticed that the astrological year begins with this event, the entry of the Sun into Aries, and not on January 1st. There is an old rule that this year does not rule the whole year unless one of the four *fixed* signs is rising at the time, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, or Aquarius; that if a *common* sign rises, Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius, or Pisces, it rules for six months only; and if a *moveable* sign, Aries, Cancer, Libra or Capricorn, its influence extends over three months only. If this rule were applied and the Aries map were, in any given year, found to govern the whole twelve months, the other three maps would be regarded as subordinate in influence. But sufficient evidence does not seem to have been collected in modern times to justify any close application of this rule; and accordingly the Aries ingress is usually taken as the first consideration in all cases. The rule is of less importance than might be supposed, because all four maps require to be examined in any case; none of them can be safely ignored.

The ingress of the Sun into the other eight signs have been examined by some students, and have been found at times to give results significant of current events; but in most cases they are inferior in importance to the four cardinal maps and also to the New Moon. — *Mundane Astrology*, by H.S. Green. The first book of three in one volume. Buy.



read by standard means, including forecasting by means of what amount to directions and the resulting mutual directed aspects. I have such a book **in stock**. They are just a bit vague (they typically lack Moons and ascendants) and are just a bit crude. The closest match to my chart bears no resemblance to me, which is not surprising, since the delineation is fuzzy. But I digress.

Rick got his personal palm leaf and was told he would live to the year 2031. Thus assured, he put thoughts of his own mortality out of his mind.

Which left him unprepared for a serious thyroid problem that began in the late 1990's and quickly became life threatening. Why should he worry? This was not the real thing. Regrettably, it was, and **Richard Houck**, one of the most brilliant astrologers of our age, died early in the morning of April 1, 2001, of liver failure. He was just shy of his 54th birthday. He was a great loss.

What went wrong? What went wrong is that 5000 year old palm leaf readers are fakes. *There are no exceptions*. In the introduction to one of his books (I regret I can no longer find the one), **K.N. Rao** gives the setup:

A jin (i.e., "genie") or imp, a malefic entity, has captured a family and forced them to work for his amusement, father to son to grandson. A small piece of urine-soaked cotton is put in one ear, which enables the human reader to hear what the jin tells him. Which the human mindlessly repeats.

The trick to a palm-leaf reading is the jin gives the reader, who gives to you, a very detailed description of your own history. And while those of you who know these matters will say the jin must be getting it from the **akashic record**, in fact they do not. They are not of sufficient development to work on that level, and do not need to do so.

Every time someone accesses the akashic, the process of doing so leaves behind a fragmentary copy of it. The simple process of remembering what has been seen produces a copy, which is further reinforced every time one returns to the memory of it. There are thousands, millions of these fragments about, which can, if dwelled upon, last for many years. These fragments are not found on elevated levels, such as that of the akashic itself, but on quite ordinary ones. They have been *copied downwards* and are now on the same level as one would ordinarily find casual thoughts and emotions, in fact. The sort of things you — or your dog — can pick up yourself, through sheer instinct. (This, by the way, is part of my "making sense of metaphysical gibberish.")

The jin's work is even easier than this, since we each walk around with our very own akashic record, which is to say, our memories. The jin simply plays the back of your head straight back to you.

Having gotten your attention, the jin then goes on to tell you what a wonderful life you will have, and that you will live to a ripe old age. You then pay his enslaved servant and will have had an experience that will last a lifetime. For those of you who go to India seeking enlightenment, realize there are just as many scams there as here. If it looks like magic, it's probably phony.

**I**n his massive book, Vettius Valens promotes, perhaps invented, his own system, based on the length of the day. It's in Book 8 of his Anthologies. I have just finished working out the tables for Alexandria.

In the Valens system, the further your birth is from the equator, the more extreme the length of life gets, short and long. At the equator, everyone lives to a uniform 60 or 70 years, the exact age depending on your "Valens ascendant," which might not be your regular one. As one goes further north or south, lives get both shorter and longer, such that, if I understand Valens correctly, in Scandinavia, there is a great range of ages, from just a few years, all the way to 110 and more. Common sense says this is probably wrong, but when I get Valens done and in print and the computer boys do the programming and someone figures out the proper ascendant, we will all know.

**I**t was some years ago that Sally (not her real name), now marooned in Canada, told me about the technique she found in Abu 'Ali al-Khayyat's **The Judgments of Nativities**, which I have used in this newsletter many times now. She had tried many others, presumably including that of Valens, as she once worked on a translation of it. Abu'Ali's invariably worked, she said, if you took the time to learn it. She was inspired by tragedy: Her husband of many years, in his 50's and in good health, suddenly suffered a massive stroke and was dead in hours. Once the episode started, he himself knew he was doomed. He left behind a widow and two teenage sons, with no means of support. Sally had a grim determination to learn why this happened.

I knew her through emails we had exchanged, she had been one of my favorite customers. When her husband died she unexpectedly disappeared for several years. When she surfaced she told me the sad story. I asked her point blank, "do mine!" She re-

fused.

I've since learned why. I've had several requests to give length of life. It's not that I've refused. I have a price, we all do. Mine is \$10,000, or maybe \$100,000. Something that will wipe out the mortgage. I don't think anyone is going to pay it.

The numbers on pg. 9 of the **Judgments** book, the years of life that can be expected due to various chart factors, are similar to numbers I have seen elsewhere and are derived from simple arithmetic, though I regret I do not remember where to find the details. Which means this system is very likely not original to Abu'Ali al-Khayyat. It might be Arabic, it might be Persian, it might be Hellenistic. One of you might know.

It is simple. You consider various candidates for the Hyleg, or *giver of life*. These are, in order of importance: The Sun, the Moon, the ascendant, the Part of Fortune, and, finally, the degree of the new or full moon which immediately precedes birth. There are rules regarding the placement of the Hyleg and its various aspects. *If there is no Hyleg, the child dies at birth*. If you know of stillbirths, you may prove or disprove this, to your satisfaction.

The Hyleg will be the best planet which is best aspected by the ruler of the sign in which it is placed, or the planet ruling its term or face or decan or element. In other words, *the Hyleg can never be peregrine or cadent*.

The planet which best aspects the Hyleg will be the Alcochoden, or *giver of years*. These will be found **as a pair**. You will not find the Hyleg and then go looking for an Alcochoden. You find a Hyleg *candidate* and then look for an Alcochoden *candidate* and see if the two of them work. If not, you start over.

**T**HE PROBLEM for being wicked and telling your favorite love-to-hate enemy the Day He Drops Dead is that sometimes the obvious solution is **wrong**. *And you won't know*. He won't know, either. Can't know, since your victim is still alive.

If, on the other hand, he is your friend and your comforting date is too far in the future, he may ignore his health and suffer thereby, as did Mr. Houck. And, right or wrong, the computation of the end of life is a **sentence of death**. This is not an abstraction. Remember the "aura" that surrounds astrologers. Even skeptics are fearful of us, that we are somehow "Gods" and know mysterious things. *There is no way to escape this*.

To illustrate I give you the results of a challenge Debbi gave me a month ago. *What*

about bullets? she said. *What about Jack and Bobby and Martin?* Or, for that matter, Marilyn Monroe and John Lennon? Debbi was thinking the formula must surely produce dates of natural death, not suicides or murders or accidents. So let's find out.

In this work I have the following rules:

**House placement:** If the planet's sign agrees with the sign on the angle, the planet is angular. If the planet's sign does not agree, the planet's house is succedent.

**Orbs of aspect:** I use whole-sign aspects. Evidence suggests Hellenistic astrologers were limited to simple arithmetic and therefore had only sketchy planetary positions.

This only changed with the introduction of the vastly more powerful "Arabic" number system, which Islam got from India sometime around 800 AD. Europe got them in 1202. It then required several more centuries before the new numbers replaced the earlier "hash mark" systems, and mathematics, as we understand it, could be developed. It wasn't until 1614, for example, that logarithms were developed by John Napier, expressly as an aid to astrologers. Imagine computing charts without them! We take logs and calculus for granted, but it was a long, slow slog to develop them.

As a result, when I use Hellenistic and Islamic methods, I tend to be deliberately crude, as I suspect they could do no better. *I believe Astrology to have been a revelation, but we were required to put numbers under it before it would work.* Which took more than 2000 years of painstaking effort.

I am giving data, but not charts, as there are many, and the individuals are well-known.

**JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY**, May 29, 1917, 3:00 pm EST, Brookline, MA. Would our parents and grandparents have voted for Kennedy if they had known he would not complete his term in office? Would he have run if he knew?

Sun in the 8th is not hyleg. Moon in Virgo, trine ruling planet Mercury in Taurus, is hyleg, with Mercury as Alcochoden. Mercury in a succedent house (8th) gives 48 years. As it is conjunct Jupiter, we add Jupiter's least years, 12. As Mercury is also conjunct Mars, we subtract Mars' least years, which are 15. Mercury is not in aspect to Venus, nor is conjunct, square or opposed to Saturn, so there are no further factors. **48 + 12 - 15 gives 45 as our final answer, which is 1962.** Which is *not* the date of death, but rather, the point in time at which any malefic aspect (primary direction) to the hyleg may

prove fatal. Kennedy lived one year longer, and, true to Mars in the 8th, he died violently.

**ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY**, November 20, 1925, 3:10 pm, Brookline, MA. Sun in Scorpio is hyleg. With Mars in the same sign, I declare a whole sign conjunction and assign Mars to be Alcochoden. I further fudge the chart to make Mars angular, which gives him Mars's maximum years, 66. From this I subtract Saturn's least years, 30 (Saturn conjunct Mars). I find the benefic, Jupiter, in sextile, and so add 12. There are no other factors, so the final total is 48. *Robert Kennedy died age 42.* While the calculation is wrong, **it clearly shows a short life.**

But AstroDataBank, where I got the data, also reports a birth time of 2:19 pm, from *Cahiers Astrologique* No. 107, p. 80. At 2:19 pm, the Sun is in the 8th and so not hyleg. The Moon in Capricorn is sextile to Saturn in Scorpio, which makes Saturn Alcochoden. In a succedent house, Saturn gives 43½ years. From this we subtract the least years of Mars, 15, as Saturn is conjunct Mars. We add the least years of Jupiter, as Saturn is sextile: 12. **We get 40½ years of life.** While I would not consider this one result to be a rectification, it would point me in the direction of 2:19 pm, rather than 3:10, which is said to be "from memory." Given a choice between Taurus rising (3:10 pm) and Aries (2:19 pm), I'll take Aries. Bobby was a sexy, bold, headstrong, dashing fellow. Not a bull.

**MARILYN MONROE**, born June 1, 1926, 9:30 am, Los Angeles. Sun in Gemini is hyleg. Conjunct Mercury, which is Alcochoden. Mercury in a succedent house gives 48 years. Jupiter is trine, which adds 12. Venus, Mars and Saturn are not in aspect, which gives **a final total of 60.** As Marilyn died at the age of 36, *this is seriously in error.* I considered other years (manipulation of her age) but the results were no better.

If I add three hours to the birth time, to 12:30 pm, I get 20° Virgo rising, with Sun and Mercury now in the 9th. Alcochoden Mercury in a cadent house gives us 20 years. Trine Jupiter, **we get 32.** Death at 36 is a fit.

Marilyn does not look like a Leo rising: No giant mane of hair, no intense Leo self-importance. Moreover, her constant, coy, teasing sex appeal was calculated, which is what we would expect of Virgo-Mercury-Gemini. If born at 12:30 pm, Mars is on the 7th, so relationships would be rocky. Moon-Jupiter conjunct in the 6th, work would be an on-again, off-again thing. Sun-Mercury

in Gemini in the 9th, where Gemini is clearly overmatched, can lead to feelings of intellectual inferiority. Saturn in the 3rd is an unhappy childhood. **Anrias** says the third decanate of Virgo is surprisingly beautiful, with a certain Grecian aspect to it, and a tendency to get stout in middle life, which Marilyn did.

**JOHN LENNON**, born October 9, 1940, at 6:30 pm, Liverpool. The time of birth is fuzzy. Lennon could have either a 6th or 7th house Sun. If in the 7th, it would be hyleg if it was aspected by any of its rulers, which it is not. (The Sun is never Hyleg in the 6th.)

So is Lennon's Moon in Aquarius hyleg? To be hyleg, the Moon, a feminine planet, must be in a feminine sign. Aquarius is masculine, so Lennon's Moon is not Hyleg. (I tried it anyway, I got nowhere.)

**Next up, the ascendant, Aries.** The sign is ruled by Mars, which is opposed. As Alcochoden, Mars in a cadent house gives 15. There are no modifications, so 15 years it is.

The Sun is exalted in Aries, and is opposed. As Alcochoden, the Sun in a cadent house gives 19 years. It is not in aspect with Saturn, Jupiter or Venus, but it is conjunct Mars, which takes away 15. A great songwriter dies as a four year old.

Mercury rules the term of the ascendant, but, in Scorpio, is not in aspect.

Venus is in detriment in Aries, but in Virgo is not in aspect. Not Alcochoden.

Saturn is in fall in Aries, but in Taurus is not in aspect. Not Alcochoden.

Is the birth time accurate? The stated degree rising is 19. The Sun rules the second decan (10-20), Venus rules the third (20-30). Venus is not qualified as Alcochoden, the Sun does not provide enough years.

What if we poke the Sun up above the horizon, but not make him Hyleg? What if we make the ascendant Hyleg? Ruled by the Sun, as an angular Alcochoden we get 120 years, but as the Sun is setting and debilitated, we get his lesser years, which are 69½. Conjunct Mars takes away 15 years to give 44½. I'd go with that, but I've never seen premature death with this formula.

**Lennon's Part of Fortune**, as Hyleg, is tricky. Given that we have a vague sunset birth and given that the Part of Fortune can have day and night calculations, the resulting Fortuna can be either *Cancer* or *Capricorn*. While the Moon in Aquarius rules Cancer, Aquarius does not aspect Cancer, so the Moon is not Alcochoden.

Jupiter is exalted in Cancer and, in Taurus, is sextile to Fortuna. Succedent house

gives 45½, conjunct Saturn removes 30, trine Venus gives a final result of 23½. **No.**

Cancer Fortuna's term and face ruler is Mercury, which is in trine. In a succeedent house, as Alcochoden he gives 48 years. Opposite Saturn, he has only 18 left. Sextile Venus gets him 8 back. Total: 24. Still no luck.

Mars is the Cancer Fortuna's triplicity ruler. In Libra it is square. In a cadent house, he gives 15 years. Jupiter, Saturn and Venus are not in aspect, so there are no modifications. While Lennon's birth time might be fuzzy, he does not have an angular Mars. He wasn't the type, so cadent and 15 years it is.

**Fortuna in Capricorn?** The Capricorn Fortuna is at roughly 2 degrees Capricorn. Saturn is the sign ruler. As Alcochoden, Saturn in a succeedent house gives 43½. Conjunct Jupiter, we add 12, trine to Venus we add another 8, to get 63½. Lennon died at the age of 40.

Mars is exalted in Capricorn and in Libra is square. We already know the years he gives as Alcochoden: 15.

Venus is the term ruler. Venus in Virgo is trine to Fortuna in Capricorn. As Alcochoden, a succeedent Venus gives 45 years. The trine to Jupiter adds 12, neither Saturn nor Mars subtract, so we get 67.

The night-time triplicity ruler is the Moon, and technically Lennon is a night birth. The Moon in a succeedent house gives 66½. It is square to Saturn, which subtracts 30. Mars, Venus and Jupiter add nothing, which gives a final result of 36½. For a death at age 40, THIS IS GOOD.

But look what we had to do to get it! It's not that we did not have results, but that THEY WERE ALL WRONG. Wildly wrong.

We found John Lennon's life with the Part of Fortune, but calculated according to the *nighttime rule*, as he was a night birth.

To calculate Fortuna by day we pretend the ascendant is the Sun and count the Moon's degrees from that and where the count ends we call Fortuna. For *night births*, the ancients reversed this. They put the *Moon* on the ascendant and counted the Sun's degrees and called that Fortuna. Lennon gives evidence they were not mistaken.

**D**O YOU understand now what a **horribly dangerous calculation this is?** In only *four* examples, we found one that was straightforward (JFK), one that agreed with an alternative birth time (RFK), one that required an arbitrary shift of the birth time (Marilyn), and one where Sun, Moon and ascendant failed. And we

had *actual deaths* to work with. Not a client wanting to know if he should buy term life insurance.

**Martin Luther King** has a scattered chart and an unknown birth time, so I regret I cannot calculate his life.

I was working on **Lady Diana Spencer**, but ran into problems and never resolved them. For some years she had two different times of birth, hours apart. The possibilities were almost endless and the final result would only be an opinion.

In my survey of bullets, a parting "shot." **A**DOLF HITLER. Hitler was born on April 20, 1889, in Branau am Inn, Austria. He is traditionally given a Libra ascendant, but this is clearly wrong. I moved the time forward, from 6:30 pm, to about 6.55 pm, and gave him Scorpio. With the astrological work that I do, I find many accepted birthtimes to be in error, such as with Marilyn Monroe, Adolf Hitler and others. If you want to play with Adolf's, note that his MC must be between 9 and 13 Leo, as he must have *both* Scorpio rising *and* Saturn in the 10th.

Hitler's life span is simple and clear. The Sun in the 6th is not Hyleg. We go to the Moon.

Hitler's Moon was in Capricorn. Capricorn is a female sign, but the Moon in the third house is cadent. Cadent planets are never Hyleg, with the possible exception of the 9th.

Next, we try the ascendant. It is Scorpio. Mars rules and opposes it, which makes Mars Alcochoden. In an angular house he gives 66 years. Conjunct Venus adds another 8, trine to Jupiter adds 12 more, for an interim total of 86 years. Thousand Year Reich, here we come!

Then we note that Saturn is square to Mars, so we deduct 30 years to get 56.

**Adolf Hitler lived ten days past his 56th birthday.** Dear Debbi: *Bullets count.*

**K**NOWLEDGE of the expected life is essential for the resolution of many questions. If you are of a mind to do so, learn the technique, practice and study, and above all, REMAIN SILENT.