



NEWSLETTER

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This week in MONEY

WE used to get half our income from international sales, but last September the financial crisis hit. Panicked money bid up the dollar & suddenly AstroAmerica is an expensive place for international customers to shop. So every morning I check the exchange rates on [XE.com](#).

I am not a financial market analyst, I hardly know my way around the astrology of it, but I can offer some general remarks:

In March, 2008, **Bear Stearns**, the famous investment bank, collapsed. Jupiter was direct. It was retrograde from May 8 to September 9 and while it was retrograde, the markets were stable. Less than a week after

Jupiter went direct, September 15, **Lehman Brothers** filed for bankruptcy. Triggering the current mess.

Jupiter rules expansion, and even debilitated in Capricorn, as long as it's moving forward, things should be expanding. It's when Jupiter goes retrograde that air escapes from the balloon.

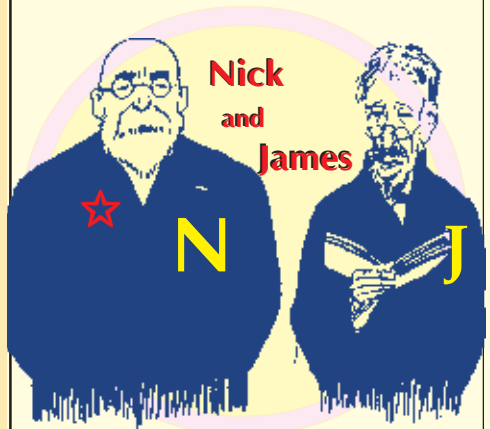
But not this time. Now the markets go down when Jupiter is direct. Jupiter is truth. Does this mean our money has become fake? A direct Jupiter is an honest Jupiter. He cannot inflate a fake. Does this mean a retrograde Jupiter promotes fakes? Does this sound plausible to you?

And then, starting about a month ago, suddenly the markets went up. Way up. Why was that, I wondered?

AND then I thought of Venus. Ruler of the "natural" second house, which means, Ruler of Money. It goes retrograde once every two years. Which it did, back on March 7. And just at that time, the US Treasury came up with some crazy **scheme** to give money to banks for junk. And stocks soared.

So a retrograde Venus, ruler of money, makes fake money! Now we know. The world is upside down!!!

Venus goes direct on April 18. Jupiter goes retrograde on June 16. Should we expect chaos between those two dates? Good money drives out bad.



DUELING DICTIONARIES

The SECOND HOUSE

James Wilson, 1819: (*horary*) It signifies the fortune & property of the querent, denotes loss & gain, moveable goods, personal property, loans, speculations, business, riches & poverty, friends & assistants in law-suits & in a duel the querent's second. In state questions it denotes the prosperity or adversity of the nation....

Nicholas DeVore, 1947: (*nativity*) Repository of the native's strongest desires, it determines the quality of the life-substance used by the Ego—that which the Life is dedicated to redeem; the heredity & social background with which the native is equipped for the pursuit of his destiny, & the bodily chemistry of metabolism....

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

06	11:05	☾ ☉	
	19:54	♀ ☉	
07	03:12	☾ ♂ ♄	
	12:38	♀ ✕ ♀	
	16:53	☾ Void	
08	03:23	☾ ♁	
	18:30	☾ ♃ ☉	
09	01:08	☉ ♄	More to come
	14:22	♀ ♂	
	14:56	☉ 19♁ 53	Full Moon
10	01:45	☾ Void	
	09:23	☾ ♃	
	13:44	☉ ✕ ♃	
11	02:34	♀ ♃ ♀	
	05:51	♀ △ ♀	
	12:47	♀ ✕ ♃	Still no love!
12	17:29	☾ Void	
	18:01	☾ ✕	

Extracted from [AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2000-2020](#). Get yours!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Hugh Hefner, born April 9, 1926. Famous owner of the *crypt next to Marilyn Monroe's*. Whom he never met.



STAR OF THE WEEK



Baten Kaitos, zeta Ceti, 22♃05.

Notes: A topaz-yellow star in the body of the Whale. From Al Batn al Kaitos, the Whale's Belly.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn. It gives compulsory transportation, changes or emigration, misfortune by force or accident, shipwreck but also rescue, falls & blows. — from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

A degree past Venus in the chart for Cook's landing at Botany Bay, Australia, April 29, 1770. On the first Australia Day, January 28, 1788, Neptune was widely opposed at 21♁07R.

THIS WEEK: April 7, 1805: Lewis and Clark Expedition: The Corps of Discovery breaks camp among the Mandan. **That same day:** Premiere of Beethoven's Eroica, Vienna. Did you know the funeral march is a memorial to Marie Antoinette?

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The PRIME Meridians

THE word meridian means “noon”, and all geographical places on a meridian, no matter how far north or south of the equator, have noon at the same exact instant, because both poles connected by the meridian are presented simultaneously to the Sun who brings NOON down the line.

Of the 360 meridians, 24 are called Prime Meridians. These are 15 degrees apart, starting at a point designated 0, which is located at the Greenwich Observatory in England where Standard Time is reckoned and planetary places calculated.

The 24 Prime Meridians mark the arrival of the noon-time Sun every hour on the hour as it were, around the earth, starting at noon at 0 degrees Greenwich & marking the noon hour somewhere in regular order each hour of the 24 thereafter.

Every 15 degrees of longitude (or whole distance between Prime Meridians) equals 1 hour of time or 60 minutes. (One degree therefore equals 4 minutes of time.) Localities that are 15 degrees apart in distance are 1 hour apart in time, the Sun requiring that much time to travel that far between them. (In reality, the Earth turns and presents the Meridians to the fixed Sun.)

Every locality BETWEEN Prime Meridians marks its own north-to-south line called its Local Meridian which is the basis of its longitude or distance from Greenwich. We find this in an atlas or map or, as advised in the Foreword, by using Dernay's books [out of print, replaced by the [American Atlas](#)], which give us this and other calculations already figured for us. — [Foundation of the Astrological Chart](#), 1959

Cliff diving for fun & profit:

EXTREME ASTROLOGY

FEW astrologers have any idea how far basic astrological symbolism can be pushed. I've been working on this case for a number of years. Don't try this at home. You'll only end up looking like me, a fool.

A friend of mine believes he knows his most recent past life. He believes he was a minor historical character, which means there are sketchy biographies, as well as dates & places of both birth & death. He believes he has identified various others who were alive then & are alive now. **This is his opinion and cannot be proved one way or the other** (this is an important point). I have asked him **20 questions**, 30 questions, 40 questions, and I believe he is probably right, but **there is no proof**.

It occurred to me last week that his present-life natal chart may accurately describe his condition at the time of his previous death. (Note that I am not here using his previous birth or death charts, even though I have them.) I have long been curious to what extent a birth chart reflects the circumstances at the end of the previous life. In this specific case, it seems I have an answer.

THIS man had previously been born in Germany more than 200 years ago. In that life he lived in Munich, Paris, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Stockholm, London and Frankfurt, where he died. I am going to frustrate all of you & withhold birth data as well as names, as I want to focus on pure astrological energies & not get distracted with charts or names. (Yes. A Google will find him. Google will find most anyone, including many of you.)

He died unexpectedly at the peak of his career, two weeks after finishing his memoirs. The historical record believes his death was due to natural causes. I have come to suspect suicide by poison. So let's start the analysis. **Here are details from his current chart that reflect the end of his previous life:**

Moon in Leo in the 3rd, applying (2^o) to a conjunction of Pluto. The Moon signifies the man himself. In the third in Leo, he was a well-known big-shot. Pluto is

poison. The Moon's application to it shows that he took it voluntarily: Suicide.

The Moon's dispositor is the Sun. The Sun in this chart is in Aquarius in the 9th, where it is debilitated, and exactly opposite Pluto. In its opposition to & ownership of the Moon (the man was born a few hours before the exact full moon), we deduce this man was opposed by a hostile group, who, extending a “poisoned chalice” (if you will), would just as soon have seen the man dead. With the south node not far from the Moon, the exact full moon, in addition to producing the conjunction with Pluto, also produced a lunar eclipse. As you might expect with the combination of poison (Pluto), eclipse & south node, the man was forgotten even before his body was cold. As is amply shown by the historical record. He was only rediscovered some twenty years ago.

Could his wife of 20-odd years have helped? Good question. The 7th house is Sag. Ruler of Sag, Jupiter, was in Aries in the 11th. So Jupiter represents the wife. She is sextile the Solar tormentors, as well as trine her Lunar husband. She was aware of the gravity of the situation but thought something could be worked out between the two. What was her relationship with her husband otherwise?

JUPITER in the 11th was in opposition with retrograde Saturn in Libra in the 5th. Fifth house Saturn represents her husband's romantic side. She saw him as old (Saturn) and dried up (Libra is an air sign). With Saturn retrograding into exact opposition with Jupiter, she was afraid of being drawn back into an active relationship with him. They had four children. With Saturn in the 5th, he saw them as a burden. She (her fifth house is his 11th) saw them as creatures she could lead. For that matter, his wife did much better socially than he did: Jupiter in Aries in 11 is the leader of the local clique, I mean, social club.

Did he leave his wife & family destitute? No. Venus in Capricorn in 8 tells us that his wife had a sizeable amount settled on her, either from her father, or from a half-brother in Brighton. Venus square & in mutual reception with Saturn means the man felt it was his money by right, but, as Venus was equally square to his wife's Jupiter, she didn't quite see it that way. Part of the justification for self-murder, aside from professional frustration, was the feeling that he would be less of a financial drag on the household. **For such an excuse a horrible deed was done!**

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WHY WHERE
WHAT WHEN

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part Five: Elections by house, cont.

SIXTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Health, dieting, work, pets) Fortify the Moon & place her in Taurus, Gemini, Virgo or Capricorn. Let the lord of the radical second be in the electional sixth in good aspect to the ascendant or its lord.

SEVENTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Marriage, partnerships) Fortify the lord of the seventh and the Moon, taking care that they are unafflicted by the malefics or by Cauda. Place Leo or Aquarius upon the ascendant.

EIGHTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Inheritance) Fortify the ascendant, its lord and the Moon, letting the lord of the ascendant and the Moon apply to a good aspect of Saturn.

NINTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Journeys) Take care to keep the lords of the radical and electional ninth house free from affliction.

TENTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Career) Place the radical tenth cusp upon the electional ascendant, and fortify the Moon and the lords of the ascendant and tenth.

ELEVENTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Friendship) Place Jupiter and Venus in the eleventh house, fortifying the lord of the eleventh and placing it in good aspect the lord of the radical ascendant.

TWELFTH HOUSE ELECTIONS. (Prisons) Keep the lord of the ascendant & the Moon free from affliction, and place them in good aspect with the lord of the radical twelfth.

– **Electional Astrology**, 1937

William Lilly on Aphorisms concerning the placement of Venus from Christian Astrology Book 3 (1647)

If ♀ be Oriental, and in Essential dignities, and ♃ in aspect with her, it Prenotes the Woman will be Master.

♀ in the second, argues the Native marries his Wife for Wealth.

♀ in the sixth, the Native marries a Wife of servile or low condition, &c.

♀ in the fourth, in □ or ♂ to ☽ in ♀, shows the Wife to be light: if she be in ☽, it portends the Native will be much given to Lechery.

♀ in the seventh, the Native is long ere he marry, and will love Harlots.

♀ in the eleventh, the Native will cohabit with a Woman having Children.

♀ in the tenth, the Native marries a gallant noble soul; if in aspect with ♃ the more noble.

♀ in the first with ♃, especially if in his own house, or else in the house of ♀, renders the Native a Wife that is either dishonest, aged, or a very poor, sneaking Wife.

♀ joined to ♀ in the fourth, or else in ♀ his house, ♃ posited in the tenth, portend the Native will marry a sordid Woman, or of no Quality: If she be at the same time in any aspect with ♂, she is strangely evil, and will be suspected of sorcery or poisons; in ☽ or ♀, it argues a Whore.

☽ in the fourth, and ♀ with ♃ in the tenth, the Wife will have no Children, either by reason of age, or defect of nature.

Indications of the Signs as to Morals & Manners

from **The Book of Instruction in the Elements of the Art of Astrology**
by **Al Biruni**

Aries: Laughing and talkative, kingly and haughty, fond of poetry, sharp-tongued, lustful, brave.

Taurus: Of good judgment, negligent, a liar, a cheat, lustful and a fool.

Gemini: Generous, chaste, excelling in games, fond of philosophy and astronomy, munificent, violent.

Cancer: Indolent, dumb, fickle and changeable.

Leo: Kingly, formidable, sharp-tongued, hard-hearted, litigious, knavish, many troubles, a sinner, forgetful, powerful by nature, bold.

Virgo: Liberal, good manners, truthful, well-informed, pious, a judge, thoughtful, lively, playful, fond of dance and music.

Libra: Thoughtful, polite, generous, indolent, cowardly, just judge, plebeian, excited in speech, a musician and singer.

Scorpio: Generous by nature, anxious, deceitful, bold, rough morose, sharp-tongued, a slayer, a fool, indolent, pleased with himself, bold.

Sagittarius: Kingly, reticent, liberal, tricky, prejudiced, a capable mathematician, surveyor, thoughtful about the next world, fond of horses, particular as to food, drink and clothing, virile.

Capricorn: Arrogant, false, choleric, impetuous, changeable, evilthinking, anxious, quarrelsome, opinionative fond of games and life, crafty, forgetful, bold.

Aquarius: Well-disposed chaste, eager to accumulate riches, eager for magnificence and manliness, a gourmet, bad-hearted, inert, indolent, restful, too anxious about worldly affairs.

Pisces: Good disposition, generous, elegant, lustful, unstable in his opinions, of good faith, mediocre in business, tricky and deceitful, liable to err, forgetful, foolish, bold.

