



# NEWSLETTER

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## Astrology In The News!

**T**HIS week, it's the ancient Greek **Antikythera mechanism**, a strange assortment of gears found by sponge divers off a Greek island in 1901.

What brings this ancient find back into the news is a new animation, by Massimo Mogi Vicentini, of how it was constructed & employed. It's impressive. **Jo Marchant** is using it to further promote himself & his new book, **Decoding The Heavens**, at the expense, it seems, of other **envious researchers**. ("Science" as an ego trip.)

Doing a bit of background reading on **Wiki**, I learn this was not the only machine of its type, but is, to date, the only one known.

The purpose of the machine, which calculates the positions of sun, moon, planets & eclipses, is said to be a "mystery", but it is a mystery easily solved.

Given that astrologers need accurate planetary positions, and, (my own observation) given the Greek number system was

unsuited for the advanced computations necessary for accurate planetary positions, given there were no such things as printed ephemerides, we may therefore guess that a clockwork mechanism, such as this, was the astrological software of its day. The only question is, how many charts did it calculate, in other words, what percentage of its use was astrological? And I have an answer, of sorts.

From March 1986, to February, 1990, I ran charts at Henry Weingarten's **New York Astrology Center**. These were not interpretations. They were 3 pages of raw data that sold for \$3.00 each & were made to order for New York's consulting astrologers.

By my estimates, in four years I ran more than 10,000 charts. **ACS**, in San Diego, did vastly greater business, as many of you well-know. Which meant the Antikythera mechanism was primarily a money-making device. It, or a machine very like it, produced the charts shown in Dorotheus's **Carmen Astrologicum**.

Not surprisingly, **no one wants to hear it** (scroll down for my comments as **DRoell**). Admit the finest mechanical device known to the ancient world was constructed & used by astrologers? Never! The bias is so great, we are denied our own tools. This is not a mystery, but an old story.



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### FAMILIARITIES / ASPECTS

**James Wilson**, 1819: The semi-sextile was likewise considered as an inconjunct position. How far their effects correspond with the effects of Kepler, repeated trials & long practice alone can determine, but my opinion of Kepler is, that he relied more upon the imaginary charm of numbers than upon conviction arising from experiment.

**Nicholas deVore**, 1947: The body which has the faster mean motion is said to aspect the slower.... Thus Venus aspects Saturn, not vice-versa. There are exceptions, but only when other factors are involved. Transiting Saturn cannot pass over Venus, but Saturn can pass over the degree which Venus occupied on some former occasion....

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

			Notes
04	13:21	☾ ✕ ♁	Void
	21:08	☾ ☿	
05	17:57	☾ ♃ ☉	
06	00:55	☼ 13 ☿ 43	Lunar eclipse (minor)
	19:47	☾ ♄ ♃	
07	00:20	☾ ♄ ♀	Void
	09:35	☾ ♁	
08	01:35	☾ ♀ ♃	
	03:53	♀ ✕ ♀	
09	01:27	☾ ♀ ♃	
	12:45	☾ ♄ ♁	Void
	20:24	☾ ♀	

Extracted & adapted from **AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris, 2000-2020**. Get yours!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**August 4, 1821:** Louis Vuitton, French designer



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ACUBENS** a Cancri 13 ♄ 46

**Notes:** A double star with white & red components situated on the southern claw of the Crab. From Al Zubanah, the Claws.

**Influence:** Of the nature of Saturn & Mercury. It has been called "The sheltering or hiding place," and gives activity, malevolence and poison, making its natives liars and criminals.

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR. PRESIDENT, August 4

**Obama's Sun is conjunct Acubens.**

**Obama's Jupiter is conjunct Altair:** Real or pretend religious zeal.

**Obama's north node is conjunct Alphard:** Wisdom, music appreciation, immortality.



*I don't care what you say. This man has Libra rising.*

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## Realistic & Unrealistic Urges

**P**LANETS may be considered the children of the parental father-Sun and mother-Moon who are always Direct in motion. A planet direct is therefore moved to great extent by noblesse oblige.... doing what his position expects.... and if retrograde will retire to the island within & carefully consider both sides, his parents' & his own, before committing himself. Never discount the importance of the retrograde condition: being mental in nature it is eventually conclusive, arriving at personal acceptance of precept.

A retrograde planet turning direct in time shows consolidation of personal attributes, achieved by a self-dedication to precept. But turning retrograde later on it means that the native stops to think of precept vs prohibition more than before, perhaps by seeing that "there is a matter too hard for thee in judgment" & seeking the teacher ready to help him. In either case the urge is definitely realistic now.

"None so blind as those who do not wish to see", describe those whose urges are unrealistic & not recognized because springing from fixed Signs under compulsion due to a combination of circumstances at birth. Sometimes unfavorable aspects to Neptune or Uranus & not saved by mutual reception elsewhere; Saturn-the-unbending in a fixed sign or conjunct an evil fixed star; or Saturn in the 10th house liable to a fall from grace under certain afflictions will make it very difficult for the native to understand how unrealistic he is. Some of us who know what is prohibited go blindly into situations due to ignorance of precept at the time: such learning is hard. — **Astrological Essays**, 1979

# LOVE FORMULAS~2

By Nance McCullough

## Chapter 1 The first priority: Harmony

**S**OMETHING has to bring two people together. Love planets tend to manifest very slowly, thus do not bring people together initially.

Certainly the Sun, Moon, Venus, or ascendant of one person in the 1st or 7th house of the other person will tend to bring two people together. A strong Mars will decidedly bring two people together.

*But, what holds them together is harmony.*

The astrology chart has twelve houses, and these twelve houses touch every portion of a life. The carry-over of lessons destined to be learned in this lifetime are accented in the houses pertaining to those lessons. Thus, houses in an astrology chart being accentuated in this lifetime could be posited with planets, whereas houses not being pinpointed in this lifetime could be empty.

When two people marry or establish a stable relationship (business or otherwise), the two charts become as one. Each individual picks up both constructive and/or destructive consequences due to the merger.

The foremost factor in any happy, fulfilling, and sustaining relationship is *harmony*. Many synastry books state that if you find a member of the opposite sex with whom you have a Sun-Moon conjunction, you have found your ultimate soul mate & you should get on with it!

No amount of love can continually offset lack of harmony in a relationship. No amount of love can continually withstand complete disagreement. There are many relationships that have deteriorated in spite of enviable love & sex ties. Some of these are still hanging on because of children, common properties they do not wish to split, religion, or even age, as discussed in the section on *Retired Marriage* later in this book. — *from Love Formulas 2*, by Nance McCullough, used by permission.

## Secrets From A, Stargazer's Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

## Saturn in Leo or the 5th House

**S**OME of them are terrified of children. There are good reasons for this, too many to go into now. Some of the reasons have to do with past lives (if you believe in linear time), not wanting to grow up, not feeling worthy enough to duplicate themselves, memories of a lousy childhood, not knowing how to have fun, not knowing how to love, wanting to be the Big Shot at home, etc.

When they do have children, they take the whole business seriously, often expecting the kids to act like grown-ups before they're ready. They can be strict parents, & they can be downright *rotten* parents, too. They are jealous of the kids being allowed to be kids. Often they ignore the child. They're still hungry, & want all the goodies & attention for themselves, not for their kids. Make a note of this position. If you have it, you might be a shocking parent & would do well to read up on the baby books...

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## Helpful ints For Upcoming Brides



From **Never Throw Rice at a Pisces**,  
by Stacey Wolf, \$13.95

## Your Honeymoon

When a fire sign thinks honeymoon, you think *big*. No matter where you chose to go, Aries & Leo want the red-carpet treatment—a magnificent room, a luxurious hot tub, upscale meals, & wonderful entertainment...

Fire signs love beaches; consider Hawaii, Bora Bora, Thailand, or Rio de Janeiro. You crave constant excitement, so pick a destination that has a lot going on, day & night. A quiet island might sound romantic, but you'll go stir-crazy without things like a spa, casino, dinner cruise, & horseback riding to give your days variety.

If you plan to go island-hopping, save the smallest for the last, when you've already had a chance to unwind & it won't be such a culture shock....

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**Part 20:**

*Houses in Elections,  
 part 2*

**7th House:** The husband or wife of the person denoted by the 1st house. The defendant in lawsuits, the opponent in contests; business partners, contracts, business speculations, public adversaries, and open enemies, the house to which a removal is made.

**8th House:** Death, wills, legacies; the money of the husband, wife, or partner; the help received by opponents.

**9th House:** Religion, science, philosophy, the Church & the law, long journeys & voyages, books, wireless.

**10th House:** Honour, credit, renown, authority, business & occupation, the status in life, the mother, royalty & nobility, employers & superiors.

**11th House:** Friends, acquaintances, hopes, desires, and wishes.

**12th House:** Exile, prison, asylums, confinement, limitation, persecution, treachery, secret enemies, large animals, and uncles & aunts on the mother's side.

– **Electional Astrology, by Vivian Robson**

**August 4:** 1901 Louis Armstrong. 1912, Raoul Wallenberg. 1920, Helen Thomas. 1930, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

**Martha Lang  
 Wescott's  
 ASTEROID  
 OF THE  
 MONTH  
 Bacchus**



**B**ACCHUS was the patron of cultivated trees, fruit trees, orchards, vines & pine trees [thus pine cone, Christmas trees & wreaths, grape vines & vineyards all come under the aegis of Bacchus]. There may be some association with bull symbols, horns & goats in connection with this asteroid.

Bacchus represents the concept of “too much;” it can be the straw that breaks the camel’s back, or it is more than you can handle; it is AN EXCESS, an indulgence (over-indulgence); it’s *being intoxicated* (and it doesn’t have to be with alcohol or drugs.)

Too often the aspects [including the conjunction] involving Bacchus indicate both one’s behavior while under the influence (i.e., trine Apollo: to provoke others, etc.) and the aspecting planet shows what one uses as a rationalization for drinkin’ & druggin’ or hangin’ tough with whatever the intoxicant is; the aspecting planet becomes the “excuse” or the “reason” why the individual *needs* or *deserves* or *has to have* the substance or behavior.

Where retrograde, Bacchus still indicates experiences with excess (of Sign, through House & Aspect Pattern), along with some fear of excess (and exposure to the addictive syndrome in the early life); there can be a strong orientation toward “moderation in all things” that is used to control feelings; the interest in “keeping to the middle of the road” is attended by anxiety & pressure....

.... from **Mechanics of the Future Asteroids**, © 1988, 1991

**DOG OF THE  
 MONTH**



**LEO**



The Leo dog is really the KING of them all, or so he thinks. He is a fine actor & can be taught to do tricks for company if you

are patient – but do not punish him if he doesn’t get them right away, he can be feeling tired that day.

He stylishly trots beside you when you’re out walking, and is very alert.

Quite an intelligent dog of distinction & dignity, with a lively personality. These animals love extra attention, and they will look at you inquisitively when you talk to them.

Very sensitive egos, so don’t raise your voice or they’ll pout for days. Give them the latest new toy if you want to make up to them. He respects his master but wants you also to reciprocate.

© 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.

**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 fifteen 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 tiny slice, for your amusement.

’Til next week – **Dave**

**August 5:** 1887 Reginald Owen. 1906 John Huston. 1930 Neil Armstrong.

