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## Blagrave Approacheth

**J**OSEPH Blagrave, 1610-1682, was a country doctor from Reading, England. In 1671 he published his **Astrological Practice of Physick**. This was six years before **Richard Saunders** published his book.

Blagrave's book has long been celebrated. **Oscar Hofman**, in his new book, **Classical Medical Astrology**, praises it highly. At the present time the only available copies have all been taken from a microfiche of an otherwise unknown copy. It is crude in appearance, difficult to read (in some places nearly impossible), and features the long s of the period.

Seven or eight years ago a gentleman in Australia sent me his original CD of Scan

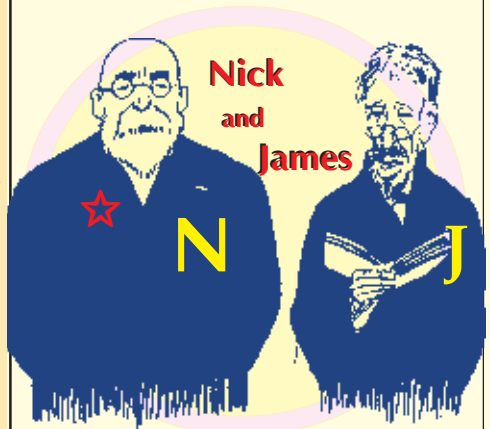
Soft's OmniPage Pro 15. This was back when the program had a retail price of \$1500 (it's now a mere \$500). It came with the understanding that I would use it to produce a modern reset version of Blagrave's book.

Instead, I used it to produce new editions of **Lilly**, of **Sepharial**, of **Charles Carter** & more. But then the time came for Blagrave.

It wasn't easy. The text is heavily spackled, has many characters missing entirely or in part, and, of course, is riddled with s's that scan as f's, or l's, or worse. I started it more than a year ago, after two months of work I gave up & set it aside.

It's now back on my desk and nearly half done. Blagrave's book is unique in many ways, not only because of his frank discussion of the evils of witchcraft (get the book, read it, then complain). In addition to Saturn & Mars, Blagrave also treats the Sun & Mercury as malefics, which is surprising. He has cures that you lick. He has a dislike of pills. He believes that all curable sicknesses have an herbal cure, which, when astrologically diagnosed & applied, will heal.

At the rate I'm going, I should have it done by the end of the year. In another few weeks I will tease you with excerpts.



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### LATITUDE

**James Wilson**, 1819: Stars having north latitude affect us most as being nearer to our own zenith, and therefore that idea is a foolish one, that stars operate with greater power the nearer they are to the ecliptic. Reason & experience both show, that the more vertical a planet is the more powerful must be its effects.

**Nicholas DeVore**, 1947: It is important to distinguish between Geographical Latitude measured N. or S. of the Equator, and Celestial Latitude measured N. or S. of the Ecliptic. Geographical Latitude is thus comparable to Declination rather than Celestial Latitude. There are also Galactic Latitude, angular distance on the celestial sphere....of the Milky Way....

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

11	00:16	♂	□	♄	
	08:05	☾	△	☉	
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	21:38	♀	#	♄	

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



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**ALGENUBI 20 & 49 epsilon Leonis**

Notes: A yellow star in the Lion's mouth.

Influence: Of the nature of Saturn & Mars, and has been called, "He who rends". It gives a bold, bombastic, cruel, heartless, brutish & destructive nature, but artistic appreciation and power of expression. — from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

### Friday the 13th falls on Thursday this month. On this date:

3114 BC – According to Lounsbury, the start of the Mayan calendar. (Ends soon!)  
1521 AD – Tenochtitlán (Mexico City) falls to Hernán Cortés  
1889 – Zeppelin patents the Zeppelin.

1820 – Birth of George Grove.  
1860 – Birth of Annie Oakley.  
1899 – Birth of Alfred Hitchcock.  
1926 – Birth of Fidel Castro.  
1995 – Death of Mickey Mantle.



Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## Ruler of the Ascendant (here termed the "doorkeeper")

**I**F your doorkeeper is in the First House itself, or above the horizon in the daylight half of the chart showing awareness, you know very early in life what you want to do in the world & which doors will open for you. Below the horizon in the night half, you may be in the dark on these points in earlier years but less so in the first quadrant (houses 1, 2 & 3) because whatever is here is coming up: due to rise.

In an ANGULAR house such as the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th you achieve more publicity by choice. In a SUCCEEDENT house (2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th) you operate privately following some publicity because these follow an open, angular house denoting publicity. In a CADENT house (3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th) you work within walls & because an angular house is just ahead of you your work, rather than you yourself achieves recognition; a service that is laborious, institutional, governmental or educational, through words either written or spoken & from within walls or behind the scenes.

If your planet is direct & in favorable aspect with the ruler of the house it is in, you will be satisfied with conditions where you are. If retrograde or in bad aspect with the planet ruling that house, and especially if Uranus is involved by aspect, you are uncomfortable there & would do well to leave (in passing, you seldom feel settled in any environment described by the house where Uranus is found.) — **In the Beginning Astrology**, 1975

### August 15 in History:

- 1057 – Macbeth killed.
- 1824 – Liberia founded by US slaves.
- 1920 – Poles defeat the Red Army.

## from: **The Principles of Astrology**

by C.E.O. Carter

### § 1. HEALTH AND DEATH

**P**HYSICAL well-being depends upon the two Luminaries, the asc., and the 6th and 8th houses, as well as, to some extent, the 4th and the 12th. All configurations that involve any of these are liable to affect the health.

Tradition teaches that one of the Lights or the asc. is *Hyleg* in every map, this being an Arabian term indicating the giver of life or the special arbitrator of life and death. According to some views the hyleg is not concerned with health as such, but with longevity, so that, for example, if the 6th were badly afflicted and the hyleg strong, the health would be bad, but the native would live long, whereas, if the reverse were the case, the health would be good, but life would be short, perhaps owing to an accident.

Furthermore, opinions differ as to the correct method of selecting the hyleg. Some claim that the Sun is always hyleg ; others take the Sun for males and Moon for females.

The common rule, adapted and simplified from that given by Claudius Ptolemy, the father of western astrology, is as follows :—

The following areas are denominated "hylegiacal", namely, the 1st, 7th, 9th, and 10th houses, and the half of the 11th nearest the M.C. If the Sun is therein, it is hyleg ; if it is not, but the Moon is, she is hyleg ; if neither is, the asc. is taken. Some take ☉ if the Lights are not in hylegiacal places, the asc. only being used if all three are not so situated.

**T**HE examination of a few dozen cases of early death or, on the other hand, of examples of marked longevity, will probably cause the student to entertain grave doubts on the whole question of the hyleg, for it is not hard to find cases where death seems certainly due to a violent affliction to a luminary well removed from hylegiacal positions, and instances are also found where the native has attained great age with the hyleg violently afflicted.

Moreover, the question arises as to whether the hyleg remains the same through life, or changes as the horoscope progresses (see Chapter Ten). — *from The Principles of Astrology*, by Charles E.O. Carter

## 13. Education

**Q**UESTIONS concerning education often crop up, mainly from anxious parents who have not been given their first choice of secondary school for their child, and also from worried students hoping to get to university. Questions of this kind fall mainly under the third & ninth houses — the third for primary education & the ninth for higher education. Secondary education may come under the third or the ninth — one must be guided by the chart. There is some dispute over what house has control of universities. Some say the ninth, but I am inclined to give consideration to the eleventh as well. With any question that has to do with the passing of examinations, it is also wise to take note of the fifth house, because this house is usually important where any kind of competitive element is involved. Obviously, Mercury & Jupiter have a special influence in educational matters.

### Figure 43: Will my daughter go to the school of her choice

**T**HIS question came from an anxious mother who had just learned that her daughter had not been offered a place at the secondary school of her choice. The child had taken the news badly & her mother was about to appeal against the decision.

The moon occupies the fifth house of children, confirming the true interest of the querent (her child's welfare). Because of her position the Moon may also be taken as a significator of the daughter. The mother is shown by Venus, lady of the Ascendant, and the daughter must also be ruled by Jupiter, lord of the fifth. The daughter's house of education is either Mars, ruler of her third (the seventh of the chart) or Venus, ruler of her ninth (the first of the chart).

Jupiter (daughter) had no contact with Mars or Venus, but the Moon does apply to Venus by square aspect, and interestingly Venus is in Gemini (third sign) in the ninth house of the chart. It seems clear the chart is pointing to Venus as the significator of the school, so the key aspect in this case is Moon square Venus. Matters may be brought to perfection through the square, but it is usually exceedingly difficult, and it would be better if the two significators involved were strong, which they are not, although the Moon is disposed of by Venus. — **Horary Astrology, The Art of Astrological Divination**, by Derek Appleby



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**William Lilly**, from **Christian Astrology Books 1 & 2** (1647)

*Astrological Aphorisms beneficial for Physicians*

**I**n Questions concerning sick People, give the ascendant and his Lord and the Lord of the Figure for Significators of the sick party.

2. From the Sign of the sixth, the Lord of that House, Planets therein placed, and place of Heaven and Sign wherein the ☽ is, require the Disease or part afflicted, with relation to the ascendant.

3. The seventh house represents the Physician, the tenth his Medicine; if the Lord of the seventh be unfortunate, the Physician shall not cure; if the tenth house or Lord thereof, his Physic is improper.

4. The fourth house signifies the end of the sickness, and whether it will terminate quickly, or endure long: fixed Signs prolong, common Signs vary the Disease, moveable ones show an end one way or another quickly.

5. That Physician that first visits his Patient in the hour of ♏, his Patient shall either be long sick, or long in curing, and suffers much torment in his cure; nor shall be cured, until almost both Physician and Patient despaired.

6. He that first enters upon a cure in the hour of ♁, shall find his Patient disaffected to him, and partly disdain or reject his Medicines, his pains ill rewarded, and his person slighted.

WHY WHERE  
 WHO WHEN  
 WHAT

**ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY**

**Part 21:  
 Cutting the Hair**

*How to avoid bad hair days*

**T**HE Moon should be in a mutable or earthly sign, well placed & aspected, but not in Virgo owing to its barren nature. For speedy growth, however, it is better to let the ascendant & Moon both be in watery signs. The Moon should be increasing in light & motion, and in sextile or trine to the lord of the ascendant in the native's birth horoscope. Afflictions from the malefics to the Moon must be avoided, for they cause scurf & dandruff.

For the hair to grow thick, the Moon should be in opposition to the Sun, and both & the ascendant should be unaspected by the malefics.

If the hair is not intended to grow quickly again, place the Moon in Gemini, Leo, or Virgo, decreasing in light & motion, and afflicted by Saturn.

**DRESSING OR WAVING THE HAIR**

Put the Moon in Aquarius in good aspect to Venus, and avoid afflictions to Mars, especially if heat is to be used. In case of a permanent wave a sextile or trine to Saturn is advantageous.

— **Electional Astrology**, 1937

**The Prenatal Epoch**  
 by **E.H. Bailey**  
**Chapter VI**  
**Preliminary Steps**

**T**HE theory of the prenatal epoch was first put forward as a method of correcting doubtful horoscopes, and for obtaining the exact & true moment of birth—a matter which had always been a stumbling-block of considerable magnitude in the path of the student. Several methods of rectification were extant, notably one of making events fit exactly with some suitable arc of direction, but it was more than often found that, when the time had been apparently determined by this process, another event would come along which would not measure exactly with the required direction, thus necessitating a further rectification which nullified the former.

**T**HE prenatal epoch, however, introduced a further method of correcting the birth-time, by which all these anomalies & obstacles were done away with. Its importance in this particular process is of so great a nature that it stands first & foremost, unequalled & unrivalled, as “the only reliable method of rectification”—a designation which was given to it by myself in the year 1901, as the result of my investigations of some 250 horoscopes during the winters of 1898–99. Its chief point of value & practical utility in connection with Natal Astrology is put forward in Chapter III in these words: “Rectification of approximate horoscopes, and confirmation of the times of birth in all authentic cases, within the limits of an ordinary error of observation.”

— **The Prenatal Epoch**, 1916



**August 15, 1965:** The Beatles play Shea Stadium. **1969:** Woodstock opens. **1974:** Seoul subway opens. **2007:** 8.0 earthquake.

