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What Will Come at the End of the Mayan Calendar ?

WHILE I can be scathing in reviews, I don't normally set up straw men in this newsletter. I think it's tacky. But there's a worthy exception.

This week, **Michelle Karén's Astrology for Enlightenment** arrived. This book, from **Simon & Schuster**, purports to tell us What Will Happen at, or around, the time the Mayan calendar ends some 3 years, 6 months from now. I quote:

The concrete meaning of Ascension
The year 2012 could be likened to a final exam in school. Some of us will be expelled, others will have to take the class again, and some of us will graduate with honors. (pg. 199)

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for the week (all times GMT)

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

13th: **HAPPY B'day to Basil Rathbone**

Those who insist on perpetuating lies, violence, fear, negativity, destruction, and hatred will not be allowed in the new world we are creating. This is why we could witness catastrophes that, in a few hours, wipe thousands of people off the planet. (pg. 200)

Methinks she means the deaths of millions.

Some who woke up too late but still want to change will be given the opportunity, in a parallel reality, at a slower rate, until the end of the next big evolutionary cycle. (pg. 200)

We are ascending with, and in, our bodies, not without them....

All living creatures as well as the Earth also are ascending. Bees are not going extinct. They have already ascended, waiting for us in the parallel reality that all of us who reach enlightenment will move into naturally. (pg. 205)

I'm not a great fan of 2012, but I am trying to give it its best shot. "Ascension" sounds a lot like the Christian "Rapture", where people are to jump out of their clothes & float upwards to a welcoming God of some sort.

Get the book if you want the terrifying details, but know there will be a lot more like this in the coming years. Treat with caution.

— Dave



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TERMS

James Wilson, 1819: Terms are certain degrees in a sign, supposed to possess the power of altering the nature of the planet to that of the planet in the term of which it is posited. Hence a malefic in the term of ♃ or ♀ would lose much of its anaretic power & be scarcely able to kill, and a benefic in the term of a malefic would be rendered equally unable to save.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: These subdivisions—applicable only to the interpretation of a Horary Figure—are largely disregarded by the moderns, most of whom deem them the fanciful invention of the Egyptians to account for effects now ascribed to the influences of formerly unknown planets.



STAR OF THE WEEK



BELLATRIX gamma Orion 21 II 05

Notes: A slightly variable pale-yellow star on the left shoulder of Orion. The name means the Female Warrior, but according to Bullinger it signifies Quickly Coming or Swiftly Destroying.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is like Mars & Mercury; and, to Alvidas, Mercury & Mars in good aspect. It gives great civil or military honour but danger of sudden dishonour, renown, wealth, eminent friends & a liability to accidents causing blindness & ruin. If prominent in a woman's map it makes her loquacious & shrewish, and gives a high-pitched, hard & sharp voice.

If culminating: Quarrels, hatred, fraud committed or suffered, forgery, swindling, coining & perjury.

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

Conjunct **Hugh Laurie's** sun, born June 11, 1959

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Retrograde Condition

IT is this writer's observation of planets retrograde at birth that they represent persons ruled by the houses they are in who break promises they make to the one whose chart it is or withhold for a time something that belongs to him. Neither are they to be depended on completely in hastening the success, because they delay what the house otherwise offers.

Each house rests on the one immediately below it. The career-10th depends for success on the 11th-of-circumstances in life; a retrograde planet there at birth will delay but not deny any promised success. A square to it only inspires it to greater effort.

It is also observed that such retrograde planets represent persons of the house they are in who will become separated from the native & thus alienated to greater or lesser extent, the more enduring when in Fixed Signs. If the ruler of the Ascendant goes retrograde after birth, the native deliberately relinquishes family ties & customs for the duration of the condition which may endure for life; but not with Leo or Cancer on the Ascendant, the rulers Sun & Moon, always direct, never abandoning the family.

If the retrograde planet is a malefic it reveals that a person of the house it is in is unfortunate, may have been put out of the house or family circle or may even suffer exile. If aspecting the Ascendant, its ruler or a planet in the 1st, the misfortune may involve someone near or dear to the native.

— from *The Way of Astrology*, 1967

First stock of two newly reprinted Charles Carter books arrive on Friday, June 12:

Extracted from:

The Principles of Astrology, chapter 10

§ 2. TRANSITS, LUNATIONS, REVOLUTIONS, AND THE DIURNAL HOROSCOPE

THE importance of transits varies according to the radical strength of the planets or points involved and the speed of the transiting planet. A slow-moving planet is far more potent than a quick one, such as Mercury or Venus. These latter may, indeed, be as a general rule almost disregarded, but the transits of ♃, ♄ and ♅ are often very significant of events.

The effect of transits is most noticeable when they act as stimuli to a coincident direction. This **Law of Excitation**, which is one of the most useful and exact in Astrology, may be thus stated :

“If at the time that a progressed body is in aspect to another by direction, either of these bodies forms an aspect by transit with either of the two directional bodies, then this transit will excite the direction into immediate operation.”

Thus, if the progressed Sun in 0° Cancer is trine Jupiter in 0° Scorpio, then any transit of the Sun or Jupiter over any point in aspect with 0° Cancer or 0° Scorpio will cause the direction to act.

IT will be seen that, according to this statement of the law, the exciting body must be one of the two directional bodies. In our example, a transit of any other body except the Sun or Jupiter would not act as an excitant. This is in accordance with the writer's experience ; excitation by planets other than those in direction is far less certain and powerful.

It will be seen that this law enables the student to determine, often within a day, when a direction will operate. At the same time it explains the frequent concern of beginners in Astrology, who find one transit acting with great power and another with very little. The reason is that in one case the transit is a spark that ignites a direction; in the other it is a spark only.

The effects of transits must be left largely to the intuition. They call into action whatever element in the nativity they chance to touch, but the factors involved are too numerous to admit of the formulation of hard-and-fast rules.

Extracted from:

Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation

Chapter 8: THE VIOLENT CRIMINAL

IN about half the cases there is a major bad aspect between Mars & one or more of the four outer malefics, but in some cases Mars seems to have no severe affliction.

The aspects of Jupiter to Saturn, Uranus & Neptune are comparatively few in number; possibly they tend to occur more frequently in maps of a higher order. Curiously enough there is some evidence that the benefic aspects are the commoner. With Saturn there is a conjunction, one good aspect, and three bad ones, but with Uranus there are two conjunctions, six good aspects, and three bad ones, and with Neptune there is one conjunction, seven good aspects (sextiles specially common), and only two good [?] ones.

From such meagre figures one cannot venture to say that Jupiter in good aspect to Neptune favours violent crime, but one is certainly justified in declaring that the data prove decisively that this position does not deny it.

The same is true of the lunar figures given above; impressive though they are, one cannot perhaps say that Moon trine Mercury and Moon trine Jupiter *cause* crime, but one can most definitely state that they do not prevent it. And this is an important assurance, for very many astrologers, guided or misguided by too great reliance upon partially understood principles, would probably say the second, if not the first, of these aspects would be productive of honesty & dependability.

I confess myself quite unable to explain why such configurations are common & it is because surprising results such as these are produced by statistical research that the later is so valuable.

The mutual aspects of Saturn, Uranus & Neptune are formed too slowly & endure too long for it to be possible to derive useful information from an examination of their frequency.

To me a bad aspect between Mercury & Mars suggests an impulsive & violent temper, whilst one between the same planet & Uranus implies a mental kink & is more allied to insanity.



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Part 13: Lunar Aspects

MANY students of astrology are in the habit of choosing favourable times for everyday matters by the rough & ready method of looking for a day when the Moon's aspects are of a generally favourable nature. A glance at the detailed rules contained in the later chapters of this book will afford ample proof that a haphazard method such as this cannot be of very great use or reliability, but at the same time one cannot deny that it does possess a certain value, and at least is better than no method at all for it ensures favourable lunar conditions if nothing else. The following notes on the lunar aspects do not profess to be more than a brief general guide, and are by no means exhaustive, for full details will be found in later chapters.

Sun — Moon

Conjunction. Begin nothing except things that are to remain private, hidden & secret.
Square. Bad for changes, travel, beginning new undertakings & dealing with influential people, but favourable for managing the affairs of nobility, though less so than the trine.

Opposition. Good for dealing with titled people, but not with rich men. Bad for starting any new ventures or making changes.

— *Electional Astrology*, 1937

William Lilly, from *Christian Astrology Book 3* (1647)

CHAPTER CLXXIII.

Of the Returns of the Planets to their own Places, and to the places of other Planets in the RADIX.

Of SATURN.

IF h in a Revolution return to his own place of the Radix and be well affected, he portends dignity to the Native; it shall be the greater, if he be in the mid-heaven; he shall also attain store of Substance, and happily some Inheritance.

When to the place of 4 , he fortunates the Native both in Body and Goods.

When to the place of 5 , the Native travels, but is given to lying; it shows ill to his Brethren.

To the place of the 6 at Birth, contention with great persons, loss in Houses, weak Sighted, Splenetic.

To the place of 7 , very little wanton, or not much potent, yet using Harlots company.

To the place of 8 , a dull Conception, perplexed Fancy, vexed by words and writings, and by Children.

To the place of the 9 , in danger of Death, full of ill Humours, Melancholy, vexed with Coughs and an ill Wife.

Of JUPITER.

4 returning to his own place, promises a Child and much Wealth, Health and Estimation.

To the place of h , if h in the Radix promised good, he augments it; if ill he lessens it.

To the place of 5 , profit by Travels, Commerce, Soldiers, and by Kindred.

524. PROCEDURE AT A NATIVITY.

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

WHEN the child is born you must take the altitude of the sun if it is day, and work out the ascendant and its degree. This is the horoscope of the nativity. If it is night, then the altitude of a well-known fixed star which is on the rete of the astrolabe must be taken. Do not concern yourself with the planets which would only involve you in difficulties, nor with the moon, for working with it would be a mistake unless it is necessary. Further if by day or night the condition of the heavens is such by reason of cloud or the like, that you cannot get an observation, then only the determination of the time remains.

WHEN you know how much of the day or night has passed, the ascendant can be calculated by the method we have described. The number of hours elapsed can be determined in two ways, the first by having a water-clock or other apparatus for measuring time going before the labour comes on, the clock having been set by sunrise or sunset or the like. When the birth takes place, the hour must be noted. The other way is to set the clock going at the time of birth if previous notice has not been received, and watch it until it is possible to take the altitude of the sun or a star. It is then possible by counting back the numbers of hours shown by the clock to get the exact time.

If there is no clock available, all that is necessary is a cup of any material which will hold water; a hole must be made in the bottom of any dimension you please, and when the child is born you may proceed in one of two ways at choice, first by letting water into it and second by allowing water to escape from it.

