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New Books for June —

The arrival of Rhetorius the Egyptian

COMPARABLE to Firmicus Maternus, Rhetorius, who lived around 505 AD, wrote the last comprehensive astrological treatise of the Hellenistic period, based on the works of Antiochus & Porphyry, with excerpts from Vettius Valens & some others. James Holden's new translation is 222 pages in length.

And there is much material in Rhetorius's book that is found nowhere else. One notable section is Chapter 54,

"Topical Examination of the Chart," which contains the only systematic method of chart reading that has come down to us from the classical period.

Chapter 57 contains the most elaborate set of interpretations of the planets in the twelve houses that has come down to us. Rhetorius also gives the signification of the nodes in the houses, as well as many of the significations for the ruler of one house being located in another house (e.g. when the ruler of the 5th is in the 3rd).

This is one of the major Hellenistic books, one I have long awaited. \$24.95



DUELING DICTIONARIES

FIXED STARS

James Wilson, 1819: Stars of the first magnitude are said to have great power, those of the second magnitude less, and they seldom operate beyond the 4th magnitude, except when in a nebulous cluster, as the Pleiades, Praespe, etc. They are more powerful in angles, and, like planets, very weak when cadent. They are also more powerful with north latitude & declination...

Nicholas deVore, 1947: Those who include stars in their delineations appear to agree that the influence is entirely confined to a close conjunction with a birth planet to within 2° to 5° in Longitude, and 1° Latitude, and that it has no influence by aspect. Certain individual degrees of the zodiac appear to possess specific influences...

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for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

15	04:21	☾ ♀ ♃	
	07:51	♃ SR	Watch markets
	22:15	☉ 24X56	
16	01:18	☾ ♂ ♃	Void
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NEW

Horoscopes of Africa — Marc Penfield.

The concluding book in his series of all the national charts of the world. Charts for every nation in Africa, as well as 31 African cities. Fascinating historical notes as well. 160 pages. \$23.95

BACK IN PRINT

Aspects Magnified - Mohan Koparkar.

From 0 to 180°, 42 specific aspects. More than you ever imagined. Somewhat quirky. 78 pages. \$6.95.



STAR OF THE WEEK



BETELGEUZE. a Orionis. 28° II 53

Notes: An irregularly variable orange star situated on the right shoulder of Orion. From Ibt al Jauzah, the Armpit of the Central One or Giant, but meaning according to Bullinger the Coming of the Branch

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars & Mercury; and, to Alvidas, of Mercury, Saturn & Jupiter in good aspect. It gives martial honour, preferment & wealth.

If culminating: Great military fortune, command, invention, ingenuity & helps in the perfection of arts & sciences. If at the same time with Sun, Moon or Jupiter, ample fortune & great honour.

With Sun: Interest in & ability for occult & mystical subjects; acute diseases, fevers, honour & preferment ending at final ruin. — from **Fixed Stars**, by V. Robson

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1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

from Simplified Horary Astrology

Applying & Separating

WHEN any two planets are in aspect, always name the faster-moving planet first & say that it is APPLYING TO or SEPARATING FROM its aspect to the other planet. Refer to the table on page 5 & note that the Moon is faster in motion than all the others, therefore we are to name her first in any aspect. If she has to move forward to reach the same degree in the Sign she is in as the planet holds in the Sign it is in we say she is applying to the aspect. If she has already left that degree, we say she is separating from the aspect. The following order of planetary speed must be memorized:

MOON, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto

What can Mercury apply to or separate from by aspect and why? (Everything excepting the Moon who is faster than he.) Can Mars apply to or separate from Venus? (No: she is faster than he: he applies to or separates from only the planets later than himself in the list.) Can't Mars & Venus be in aspect, then? Yes: we just name Venus first, that is all, because she is faster.

If each planet in the aspect holds the same degree & close to the same minute the aspect is PARTILE, or exact. In Chart #1 on page 19 Jupiter & Saturn are in partile square, emphasizing its importance. If the aspect is not yet exact in degree it is called PLATIC.

— **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1898, June 17 – M. C. Escher
- 1896, June 19 – Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor
- 1905, June 21 – Jean-Paul Sartre

Chapter IX

Saturn

SATURN seems to belong to the department of *will in action*, but that kind of action which springs more from thought than from feeling. It indicates the practical man, the man of action, the administrator, ranging from a Secretary of State down to a policeman; for these persons have less to do with the making of the law than with its administration. It signifies state officials, municipal officers, and people who have positions of employment in relation to the state, to municipalities or Councils. In this respect its functions are rather closely allied to those of Uranus; for the latter planet signifies persons having some sort of power or authority over others. But Saturn, however much power or position it may give, also seems to imply submission to a chief, or to one who is still more powerful, such as Council, a Limited Company, or the Government; whereas Uranus may signify the monarch in his capacity of chief ruler, or Parliament as the supreme framer of laws.

BECAUSE of this combination of action with thought, and the relative subordination of feeling, Saturn also stands for justice, law, impartiality, and order; and its good aspects benefit national funds, stocks, investments, and banking, not through growth & increase as does Jupiter, but through system, method, care, and prudence. When quite unafflicted by aspect and not weak by sign, affairs governed by the house in which it is placed will benefit through these qualities.

Saturn also signifies the land, land-owners, occupations connected with the land, and the workers on it, mines, quarries, buildings, coal and other produce of mines, and aged people. — *from Mundane, or National Astrology*, by H.S. Green

June 21 in History

- 1582** – The Incident at Honno-ji takes place in Kyoto, Japan.
- 1749** – Halifax, Nova Scotia, is founded.
- 1948** – Columbia Records introduces the long-playing record album.
- 2006** – Pluto's newly discovered moons are officially named Nix & Hydra.

On Birth Certificates

BIRTH certificates are a good place to start, and they're just about always right, or right enough, but you should never take them for granted.

I am good example. For nearly 30 years, I thought I was born at 12:32 pm, and for years I made excuses why my chart didn't quite work. One day a year ago I woke up & realized I had a transcription error. The doctor had written 12:52.

There is now a story that Our President was born in Kenya, his Hawaiian birth certificate is a fake & as a foreigner, is not qualified to be our leader. Supposedly this Kenyan, who speaks American English better even than **Hugh Laurie**, was planted by foreign agents to bamboozle us. Fidel Castro at **Dealey Plaza** is more likely.

But, I hate to say it, that's not quite the end of it. There are circumstances in which fake applications can result in quite real birth certificates. I know a woman in California whose deceased mother did exactly that, shaving years off her own life.

So I put this to you: If President Obama is a fake, (*I stress the IF*), then he is a street-smart kid from the south side of Chicago. In addition to a fake—or stolen—birth certificate, what else do we need? Parents who are dead, for one thing. Bonus points if they lived abroad & cannot easily be traced. Even better, our hero should be raised by his "maternal grandparents", who, being maternal, themselves cannot be easily traced. A childhood spent outside the country is another plus.

The resulting kid, abandoned by both parents, raised by grandparents, torn between early childhood in one country and teenage life on a remote island, before arriving as a young adult in a strange new land, if genuine, would be, by definition, a complete basket case. The only exception I know of is Obama himself. Is he?

One of Lois Rodden's secrets was her network of agents who got her bootleg birth certificate information. All those "BC in hand" did not come about by accident. All you conspiracy buffs, know there is another sort of certificate you should be looking for, one you might find in Hawaii, if not in Kenya. One Mr. Obama shouldn't have.

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WHY WHERE
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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 14: More Lunar Aspects

MOON — MERCURY

CONJUNCTION: Begin literary work, writing, correspondence, etc. Favourable for preparing accounts, commercial transactions, sending messages, despatching parcels, and signing contracts & agreements

SEXTILE: Favourable for study & for dealing with intellectual & scientific people. Good for commercial work & especially for entering into agreements or contracts.

SQUARE: It is said to be good for travelling, buying & selling, sending messengers or messages, study & dealing with influential people. Bad for agreements & writing.

TRINE: Good for sending children to school, beginning studies, undertaking mental or literary work requiring ingenuity, and for dealing with lawyers, secretaries & literary people.

OPPOSITION: Said to be good for most purposes, but bad for contracts & agreements. Favourable for dealing with literary or clerical workers, travel, study.

— **Electional Astrology**, by **Vivian Robson**

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V. MERCURY IN THE DIFFERENT SIGNS

1. Never make companions of those who have Mercury in the terms or decans of Mars, or entrust your secrets to their fidelity. They will deny & will persist in their impudence with wicked defense of their perjury. They will be prepared for every crime of infamy, especially if with Mercury thus located, Mars is found in the terms of Mercury or Mercury is located in unfavorable houses & Mars attacks him in square aspect.

2. In that case the natives will suffer from prison or exile or, fearing court sentence, will wander as fugitives far from their household goods. But if, when Mars & Mercury are in this position, the full Moon, either in square aspect or opposition, is moving towards Mars, and no benefic planets are in favorable aspect, especially Venus and Jupiter, the natives will suffer severely for these crimes.

3. If Mercury is found in the house or decan of the Sun in a diurnal chart, this will make the natives mediocre in mind & soul, but will have them work on obscure & evil writings. Or they will be chosen for public duties, be intelligent & inquiring, but involved in secret illegal activities & fruitless pursuits.

4. If it is a nocturnal chart, they will suffer from mental illness or be impeded in speech or hearing. Afflictions or difficulties in life are indicated or continual bad repute. They never learn good judgment or forthright speech.

— from **Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice, Matheseos Libri VIII**, by Firmicus Maternus, translated by Jean Rhys Bram. *Get the book, read more.*



FOR instance, you weren't brought into the world with a remarkable talent for the discovery & exchange of language, information, people & ideas just because you were lucky enough to be born with a Gemini Sun. It's actually the other way around. You were purposely brought into the world when the Sun was wending its way through the Gemini constellation because you have previously earned a degree in communications & networking, and the universe is now waiting for you to pick it up & start using it. Of course, the universe has probably been waiting a few lifetimes for most of you Geminis, but being occasionally undependable & frequently superficial is how you were taught to keep the world more interesting, as us more interested in it.

IF, on the other hand, you were born when the Sun was occupying Pisces, you can be sure that in one of your less-hazy previous lifetimes you aced the course in dissolving boundaries & softening the harsh concepts of reality. You're a real pain magnet in this life, but that's only because you're now a bona fide rehabilitation expert who's desperately seeking a victim...
— from **Cosmic Karma**, by **Marguerite Manning**. *Used by permission.*

