



# NEWSLETTER

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## Happy Birthday to America!

Feel young & foolish this week. So let's have fun.

On page 2 I post my review of Dr. H's **America is Born**, which rectifies the US chart to July 4, 1776, 6:13:37 pm LMT, Philadelphia. Based on that,

**America's solar return is July 5, 2009, 1:05:47 am EDT, Philly.** So let's have a look at it:

**Ascendant 17 Taurus.** Nearly conjunct the natal 5th house at 15 Taurus. A fun, frivolous year, or would be, except the ruler, Venus at 29 Taurus, fleeing clingy Mars, jumps into Gemini within milliseconds of the return & thereafter talks about fun, rather than actually hav-

ing any.

Solar return sun in the solar return 3rd house. A year of staying close to home & feeling defensive (square SR Saturn in Virgo). Suspicion of foreigners (opposition to SR 9th).

Natal ascendant (27 Sag) in SR 8th house. Finance, foreigners (Sag) and their money. Touchy, as the natal moon (20 Sag) is there.

Natal MC, 19 Libra, turns up in the SR 6th. That's the house of public servants & the military. The SR Moon, in the 8th, is exactly sextile. Since the 8th is Other People's Money & the Moon is the Unwashed Public, this means military & government pay will be of importance. The SR ruler of the natal MC, Venus, is fleeing Taurus into Gemini, where it will talk to itself while the SR Moon, in Sag, is yacking at everyone else.

The more I look at it, the more I see Money, Foreigners, and "leave me alone I wanna have fun" as dominant themes for coming year. But I'm lousy at this. Anyone else want to give it a shot?

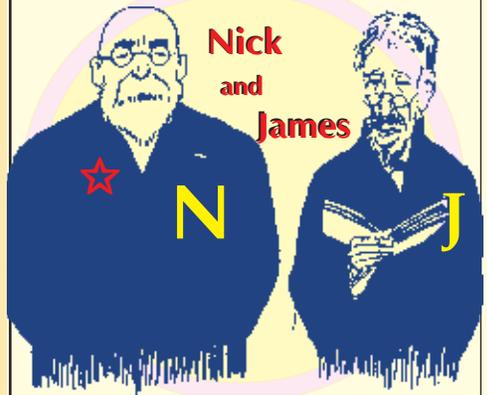
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for the week (all times GMT)

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An amazing week!

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



Nick and James

## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### PREFACE

**James Wilson, 1819:** Is chance an effect without an cause, or, one whose cause is unknown? That it can be the former is, I think, an absurdity too great even for the inventor of the new system of Material Phenomena to utter; and if it be the later, all, or mostly all, the phenomena of nature must be the result of chance...

**Nicholas deVore, 1947:** Then followed the current era of the laboratory & the experimental researcher. All the knowledge inherited from past civilizations was thrown into the discard.... It reminds one of the method by which the Indian observed "moving day." He hoisted his teepee & carried it to its new location—leaving all his belongings behind.

July 4, 1855: *First edition of Leaves of Grass, by Walt Whitman*



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**Sirius, alpha Canis Majoris, 14 ♁ 13**

**Notes:** A binary star, brilliant white & yellow, situated in the mouth of the Greater Dog. From Serios, Sparkling or Scorching, or according to some authors from the Egyptian god Osiris. Among these people it was also Thoth & Sothis, and formed the basis of the Sothic period of chronology. The Chinese knew it as Tseen Lang, the Heavenly Wolf, and said that when unusually bright it portended attacks from thieves.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Mars; and to Alvidas, of the Moon, Jupiter & Mars. It gives honour, renown, wealth ardour, faithfulness, devotion, passion & resentment, and makes its natives custodians, curators & guardians. It also gives danger of dog bites [ie, rabies], and two examples of this effect will be found under Procyon.

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

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## My notebook for Saturn

1. The house in which Saturn appears in your natal chart is the 6th house of another house there, which represents a person for whom you take on some kind of work or whose responsibilities you assume. He is difficult to get along with, and he suffers from an illness that becomes chronic toward the end of life.

2. Saturn below the horizon denotes one who prizes his privacy & likes to enclose his property with a fence, preferring seclusion & usually desirous of living alone in the latter years of his life.

3. Where you find Saturn by house you locate someone of that house who wastes your time & holds you back from your preferred work, deliberately or not.

4. A good aspect between your natal Saturn & Mars shows that you leave something to posterity including a house that you will build for yourself.

5. The degree in which the natal Saturn appears is often indicative of the native's age at a future important event, but if he is retrograde there will be a delaying action. If he is in a cadent house, the main circumstance related to the event is delayed in coming to his attention, sometimes involving years.

6. If Saturn is in a cadent house at birth he will hold up matters of the house for later development & if retrograde he will delay them unduly or deny them altogether. He brings secret worry about the health in later life & some chronic affliction. In evil aspect to Mercury, injury by scurrilous reports.

– **Here & There in Astrology**, 1961

### The Fourth of July Book Review:

## AMERICA IS BORN: Introducing the Regulus USA national horoscope

Regulus Astrology LLC ("Dr. H"), \$39.95

Dr. H says of his new book,

**E**ver since Ebenezer Sibly first introduced his proposed horoscope for the Declaration of Independence in his 1787 book, **The Celestial Science of Astrology**, agreement on the correct USA National Horoscope has proven elusive with over a dozen different horoscope variations proposed. Discovery of the **Regulus USA National Horoscope** is unique for its first application of medieval astrological techniques to the question of modern National Horoscopes. Focusing on the Ascendant, over 300 measurements computed using both primary directions and solar arc directions are presented to support the rectification. Included as a special application of primary directions is the largest empirical study of Directing through the Bounds ever attempted or presented. Results that the directed Ascendant times shifts in the national consciousness represent a significant contribution to the history of American social movements. Intended for astrologers new to primary directions, **America is Born** includes a complete set of instructions, formulas, and examples for computation of Ascendant primary directions.

### The resulting chart:

4 July 1776  
6:17:37 PM LMT  
Philadelphia, PA  
Ascendant = 26 SA 54' 40"

The proof of a rectification is in reading the chart. So let's read this one:

**T**HE Regulus chart has 26 Sag rising, which is late. It indicates waning enthusiasm, an old ideology, a religion which is worn out & no longer popular. Jupiter is intercepted in 7. A house with an intercepted sign inside it is a house with two stories. The first story is the story of the sign on the cusp, Gemini. In a mundane chart, the seventh represents foreign countries. Gemini is a distrust of double-dealing, slick talking foreigners. Which was very true of early America. Normally with interceptions, I say that the first story doesn't work & that

one is then compelled to uncover the second story, that of the intercepted sign inside the house, but in this case, the ruler of the sign on the cusp, Mercury, is itself in the intercepted sign. Which means there is only the one story, and the solution to the dishonest foreigner is to be intensely suspicious & to watch him closely: Mercury retrograde in Cancer, which is a cardinal sign.

**M**ERCURY is disposed by the Moon in Aquarius in the 2nd, which is exploiting foreigners for our own immediate profit: Yankee traders. We are self-righteous about it, as the Moon's dispositor, Saturn, is in Libra in 9. We invent metaphysical excuses to soothe our vanity. Neptune in Virgo in 9 confirms that we are deluded in our beliefs, but as it's not in the same sign as Saturn, and as it's disposed by a retrograde Mercury, Saturn's delusions never get named for what they actually are. Neptune's position highlights the fact that planetary energies that have no sign ownership are easily stranded & typically ignored.

The lateness of the degree on the ascendant, the retrograde chart ruler, both hint the chart, ie, the day, and the event itself, was a blunder. The lateness could imply the deed was done unwillingly, and at the behest (Sag) of some foreign power. Which, in fact, was the case. The Declaration was made in the hopes that France would side with us, which they ultimately did (ascendant ruler in 7, disposed by the ruler of 7 in 7 itself). The Regulus chart then describes our friends the French as double-dealers (Gemini), eager to sell us out (7th house ruler Mercury retrograde), and sell us out for money (ruler Moon in the 2nd), and/or to demand a price for their help. That the moon is void would indicate they never got it. This is the court of Louis Seize & his queen Marie Antoinette we're talking about. Not the most brilliant rulers the French have had.

An excellent addition to mundane astrology.

**Regulus Astrology, 407 pages.**



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## Part 16: Moon/Jupiter

**Conjunction:** Favourable for dealing with lawyers, doctors, churchmen, and professional people generally. Good for lawsuits, and for most other purposes.

**Sextile:** Good for making decisions, marriage, legal transactions, investment or speculation.

**Square:** Favourable for study, but bad for speculation, starting legal actions, and dealing with professional people.

**Trine:** Favourable for beginning new ventures of all kinds, and for dealing with nobility & professional people.

**Opposition:** Said to be good for journeys, but an unlucky influence for most purposes.

— Moon/Saturn next week.

— **Electional Astrology**, 1937

I'm beating a dead horse, but this is why you buy Maynard's calendar every year. (I sell hundreds). Let me see...

**Tuesday, 30 June:** Moon sextile Mercury. That's good for signing contracts.

**Wednesday, 1 July:** Moon trine Sun. Ask for a raise.

**Thursday, 2 July:** Moon opposite Mars. Have a hot date planned? **Postpone it!**

**Dorotheus of Sidon**  
from **Carmen Astrologicum**  
"The Song of Astrology"

**Chapter 10. Knowledge of the lot of children.**

**T**HE lot of children: count from Jupiter to Saturn and add to it the degrees of the ascendent [by day] or subtract it from the ascendent [by night], thirty at a time; wherever it happens to be, look at its lord. Then count from the lot to its lord how many signs there are, or from its lord which follows it [to the lot]; whatever there is of signs between these two, that is the number of children. If you find a malefic between these two, it indicates the death of the children. If the Sun or the Moon is in quartile or opposition with the lot, then the Sun will increase the male children, the Moon the female. If you find that there is no [planet] in the lot or aspecting it, then the first child will not be benefited by it because he will be miscarried or will die horribly. If you find the lot in a cardine or a good place, then it is a good indication in the matter of children. If it happens to be in the sixth or twelfth place, then neither a male nor a female will be born to him, and he will suffer distress and grief from this; but if he should have children, they will not stay with him so that they will part from him in the cities. If the lot happens to be where none of the planets is in quartile or opposition to it, then these [natives] have a need for children. But if there are planets in opposition or quartile to the lot, then it indicates that he will have a multitude of children. If the lot happens to be in a sign of few children, then it indicates a small number of children. If Saturn is with it, then it indicates that he will be sterile or will have few children or will be grieved with an intense grief on account of [his] children.

## EASY ASTROLOGY

I confess that even I succumb to the Sun-sign stuff. (And if you're ever tempted, know that **Linda Goodman** is still damn good.) I recently faulted Karen Christino for a not very good chapter on picking a date for a wedding in her new book, **Your Wedding Astrologer**. In choosing a date, Karen considered retrograde Mercury, retrograde Venus, and eclipses.

So I thought about it, and I came up with this:

**Count the number of days from his birthday, to her birthday, divide in two, and add to one, or subtract from the other.**

In other words, suppose his birthday is July 3. Suppose hers is September 15. (Ignore the years of birth.) Seventy-four days. Half that is 37. Which is August 9.

**Presto:** The solar midpoint of the two charts. It might, or might not, make them happy, but it will be a significant date, and you can do it yourself. Maybe the guy will even remember it in subsequent years.

Yes, yes, yes, it's crude. If you know of and/or can afford a qualified astrologer, you could do lots better. Or get a book & learn electionals. **Robson** (see column to the left) gives six pages on weddings & I will eventually serialize them.

## JULY 4 IN HISTORY

- 1054 – Light from the Crab Nebula supernova explosion reaches the Earth.
- 1187 – Saladin defeats the King of Jerusalem.
- 1754 – 22 year old George Washington surrenders to the French.
- 1802 – West Point opens.
- 1827 – Slavery is abolished in New York State.

