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It's time for the

### April 2009 Ephemeris

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**Review:** Congratulations on creating a great ephemeris! I have been struggling with two different ones, neither of which, even together, have all I need. - **Karen Christino**, author of **What Evangeline Adams Knew**

### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**S**IKKIM, born April 4, 1965, 9:52 am INT, Gangtok, India. From **The Book of World Horoscopes**: Although self-governing, Sikkim is a protectorate of India, which is therefore responsible for the tiny Himalayan state's foreign affairs, defense & communications....

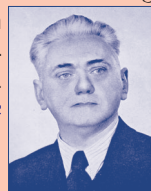
### Top Ten

## Best Books in Medical Astrology

- Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology -Cornell
- Medical Astrology - Judith Hill
- Handbook of Medical Astrology - Jane Ridder-Patrick
- Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology - C.E.O. Carter
- Astrological Judgement & Practice of Physick - Richard Saunders
- Astrological Judgement of Diseases from the Decumbiture of the Sick - Nicholas Culpeper
- Astrology of Death - Richard Houck
- Astro-Diagnosis, a guide to healing - Max & Augusta Foss Heindel

### Carter's Monthly Prescription

**Abstemiousness** (in Food) is generally denoted by a strong Moon-Saturn influence. If Saturn is prominent & well-placed the abstinence is generally natural to the native & voluntary; if he is prominent, but afflicting, or weak, as, for example, in Cancer, it may be enforced by ill-health or poverty. Saturn in Leo or afflicting the Sun or planets in the 5th house will often cause abstinence... from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**



## STAR OF THE WEEK



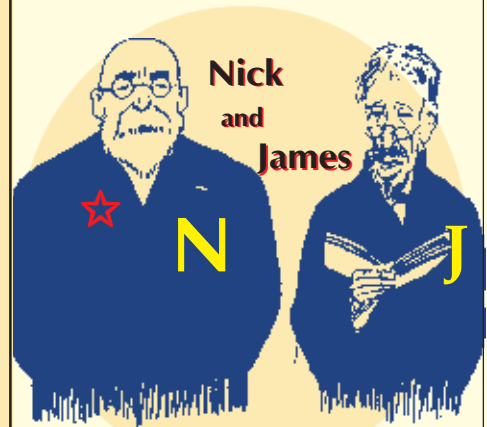
**Alpheratz**, the alpha star in the constellation Andromeda, 14 ♃ 26. A double star, white & purplish, in the hair of Andromeda.

From Al Surrat al Faras, The Horse's Navel, as it was formerly located in Pegasus. According to Bullinger, though with less likelihood, it is from Al Phiratz, the Broken Down. Frequently call Caput Andromedae or Andromeda's Head.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter & Venus, and to these Alvidas adds Mars also. It gives independence, freedom, love, riches, honour & a keen intellect.

**With Sun:** Honour, preferment & favours from others.

**With Venus:** Neat & tidy appearance, quiet life, good health, fond of pleasure... Conjoint **David Blaine's**, Heath Ledger's & Robert Downey Jr's Suns.



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### ASPECTS / Familiarities

**James Wilson**, 1819: Aspects are either dexter, or sinister, as they lie to the right or left hand in order of the signs: thus, Saturn in Capricorn would cast a dexter square to Jupiter in Libra, who on his part would cast a sinister square to Saturn. In this case, the dexter aspect, or that which is contrary to the order of the signs, operates with the greater force.

**Nicholas deVore**, 1947: Many factors enter into the delineation of the effect of an aspect: such as – the nature of the aspect; the character & rate of motion; their strength by virtue of their sign position; the measure of harmony that exists between the signs in which they are posited, & between the signs they rule; & sundry other considerations.

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## Preface: To the Reader

First you must consider yourself as the little sister I once had who always listened with rapt attention to whatever I taught her & then never failed to answer my question "Now, dear, did you understand everything I said?" with "Yes, but explain me WHY!" that has become the title of this book in memory of my Helène, a beginner in the world of astrology even as you & I – **Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson**

**F**or example, President Kennedy's assassination was timed by his secondary progressions for early-age 46 but **definitely forecast** by his pre-natal Neptune who turned Retrograde 46 days **before** birth indicating **46 years after**. The nature of the planet reveals a lot about the nature of the eventuality: Neptune wears a veil & works under cover, like the Sign Pisces & the 12th house it co-rules (like the hidden diseases & false accusations it covers up until accomplishing its waylaying, ambushing plots & assassination).

Changes are brought about in your life by the Moon who will be between two planets in any type of chart & will begin according to the nature of the planet she last passed over & be expressed eventually according to the nature & condition of the next planet she contacts. If direct, the planets lose no time in operating: if retrograde, it stamps you as a very cautious person, going back mentally to delay action or decision in some particular in those departments.

Let us digress at this point to emphasize the very great advantage given us by the retrograde condition from the cautious standpoint. To go back mentally is to "retire cautiously to the safety of forethought..." **Explain Me Why**, © 1989

## Dear Dave,

*I want to ask what book(s) you recommend to learn about the Decile, Quintile, Tridecile, Sesquiquadrate, Bi-quintile, Vigintile, etc.?*

– Heather in Hollywood

## Dear Heather,

Minor aspects were invented by Kepler, but in my judgment they are weak. Every now & then I hear of Cosmobiology astrologers who get results with 45° & 135° (which is 3 x 45). **Aspects are based on sign-to-sign relationships, and as there are only 12 signs, the number of workable aspects will be limited.** Signs provide the "atmosphere" or "environment" or "framing" for planet to planet aspects. When you strip them out it doesn't leave a lot for the planets concerned to work with. Think of signs like rooms in a house. If the two of you are in the same room, you're conjunct. If you're close enough to touch, you're in (technical) aspect. If you're close enough to kiss, well!!

If you're in adjacent rooms & if the doors are open, then you're in aspect if you're in hollering distance (trines & sextiles). If there's rooms in between, then chances of miscommunicated hollers abound (i.e., squares). If you are on opposite sides of the house, chances are good that reports of cheerful sunshine on one side will be met with reports of shade & gloom on the other.

Then there are rooms with doors that are kept closed while people are in them. The bathroom is one. The attic another, the cellar a third. I once lived in a house with four bathrooms. These are rooms in which aspects, i.e., relations between people in other rooms, are not possible.

And, of course, if you live in an apartment building, you will share at least one wall with another apartment, about which you may know little or nothing at all.

All of which is to say that "aspects" are not simple measurements of distance. The kind of aspect you have depends on the kinds of rooms (signs) you find yourselves in.

Why are squares stressful? It isn't "90°". It's the fact that both parties will be in signs of the same quality. Aries, a cardinal sign, wants to charge out in one direction. Capricorn, another cardinal, wants to be cautious in another. Neither will compromise. It's not their nature. Trines & sextiles work with elements. Air gets on well with air, as well as with fire. Is there a book? Yes. Sophia Mason's **Aspects Between Signs**. It's well-worth study.

Secrets  
From A,  
Stargazer's  
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

## From Critters:

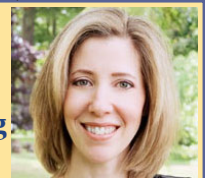
If you have a computer chart, look at the sign on the cusp of the 6th house & look up that definition here below. If you're a lazy snail, look up your Sun sign below.

**A**RIES doesn't care for slobbering critters, as they are always in a rush – a portable pet is best. They don't like smelly creatures, either. When they have a pet, they may exhaust the poor beast, so they must develop patience and let the animal do what it wants. Aries' animals are sheep & rams & any adoring thing that buoys up their big egos. Some Aries fixate on strange objects & turn them into pets. One Aries gal used to bring a cantaloupe with her when she went to the pub – it was her melancholy baby....

**S**CORPIO thinks hard before taking on the responsibilities of a critter, but when they commit themselves, they are the best of masters. Typical animals for Scorpios include arachnids, frogs, bees, anything poisonous or with a stinger...

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Helpful  
Hints  
For  
Upcoming  
Brides



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

## From Bridal Signs:

**A**ries: Being a bride is like being the CEO of your own company, the perfect Aries role. You get to lead the pack, focus on details you like, delegate those you don't – all the while being surrounded by a gaggle of admirers. What could be bad?

Your independence is very important, being able to do what you want when you want is key to your happiness. You love coming up with new ideas, forever channeling your boundless energy in new directions – now you get to focus all that fire toward your many celebrations. From the engagement party & rehearsal dinner through the ceremony & reception, that's a lot of creative choices to make... (© **Stacey Wolf**, 2007)

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 WHAT WHEN

## ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

### Part 4:

**T**HE house ruling the business of the election is, of course, of great importance, and a number of principles have been laid down which cover in a general way all elections coming under that house, the radical horoscope being also taken into account. These principles are briefly as follows:—

**SECOND HOUSE ELECTIONS.** Fortify Jupiter & the ruler of the radical ascendant, placing either in the second unafflicted & in good aspect with planets that were favorable situated in regard to the radical second or its lord. See that Jupiter is free from combustion, and let the lord of the radical second house be unafflicted, strong, and in good aspect to the benefics, or to planets favouring money at birth.

**THIRD HOUSE ELECTIONS.** Fortify Fortuna, the Moon & her dispositor, and the first & third houses, together with their lords. Place planets in the third which were fortunate & in good aspect to the third or its lord at birth, but do not let them be lords of the sixth, eighth, or twelfth houses.

**FOURTH HOUSE ELECTIONS.** Fortify the lords of the radical & electional fourth house, and let the Moon apply to good aspects.

**Fifth House Elections.** Fortify the sign on the radical fifth house, and put it or its lord in the electional second, placing Jupiter or Venus in good aspect to the cusp of the fifth... — **Electional Astrology, Robson**

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



**APOLLO** is a place where you do NOT “learn from your mistakes” [contrast this with Psyche!] At Apollo you keep attracting crisis situations without registering the damage or difficulty. You tend to ignore advice or go against your own better judgment; you are into the *damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead mode*, you are David of David & Goliath fame – you’ll go against the odds or butt your head against a brick wall (again, and again, and again!).

**Y**ou find, in connection with Apollo, as the poet, Edna St. Vincent Millay put it, “The heart is slow to learn what the mind beholds at every turn.” You are apt to feel “stuck” (with crisis & problems described by the points in aspect); you feel that you are unable to change the situation to avoid the recurrent problems that it brings. You’re apt to keep getting into the same hot water. You’re a *repeat offender or/and a provocateur* (of others & of the evidence of experience!)

**T**he positive side of Apollo is that it keeps you from “shutting down” or hardening off/becoming bitter about **repetitive learning situations**. It takes you “down the path” (up the creek...without a paddle) over & over again; it keeps your “hat in the ring;” it keeps ya’ “in there swinging;” it lets you know that there is still more to learn from these situations that keep recurring. Apollo is *not taking no for an answer!* .... from **Mechanics of the Future Asteroids**, © 1988, 1991

## DOG OF THE MONTH



**ARIES.** The Aries dog really needs that sign “BEWARE OF THE DOG.” If let out of the house he will be chasing cars & biting tires, not to mention terrorizing the poor mailman.

He starts new adventures all the time. For instance if he’s not burying his bone he will be digging one up, and carting it to another place.

If he cocks his leg in the house, especially after he’s just gone, he is really angry at you. Don’t make him neurotic by chiding him. You have hurt his feelings, and I think a talk is in order. Maybe you can crouch down & look him in the eyes as you are speaking to him. I think he will then understand that you are sorry, and this will end the matter.

Moving is no trauma for this pet. The more houses the better. Each one is a new adventure. The Aries dog is especially good for the frequent traveler. — © *Marian Futterman, 1976, Your Dog and Astrology, \$3.00.* Yes, Marian, we still have copies.

### 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**

