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*It's time for the*

## May 2009 Almanack

### Highlights:

**Full Moon**, 9/10 May, depending on where you live.

Last Quarter, 17 May

**New Moon**, 24 May

**Mercury retrograde**, 7 May 5:01 am GMT

Retro Mercury into Taurus, 13 May

Saturn Direct, 16 May

Sun into Gemini, 20 May

Mercury square Jupiter, 21 May

Mercury sextile Uranus, 21 May

Mars sextile Jupiter, 27 May

Mars sextile Neptune, 27 May

Jupiter conjunct Neptune, 27/28 May

Neptune retrograde, 28/29 May

**Mercury direct**, 31 May 1:23 am GMT

Mars into Taurus, 31 May / 1 June

\*\*check your ephemeris for exact times

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

04	05:05	♂	♄	♅	
05	01:31	☾			Void
	09:34	☉	♁	♃	
	09:52	☽	♁		
	04:21	♀	♄	♅	
07	05:01	♀	♄	♅	Watch out!
	10:01	☾			Void
	16:48	☽	♁		
08	00:36	☽	♁	♅	
09	04:02	☉	♁	♁	<b>Full Moon</b>
	18:49	☽			Void
10	01:50	☽	♁		
	01:56	☉	♄	♅	

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 5: Karl Marx, 1818

May 6: Maximilien Robespierre, 1758

May 7: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, 1840

May 8: Roberto Rossellini, 1906

May 9: Billy Joel, 1949

May 10: Fred Astaire, 1899

May 11: Jiddu Krishnamurti, 1895

## Carter's Monthly Prescription

**B**OREDOM; Boring Others. The quality of being easily bored, in so far as it is an affectation or results from mere laziness, is probably chiefly connected with Venus & her signs; in so far as it is genuine it denotes lack of intellect, or a very narrow range of interest (v. **Intelligence**). The worst Bores are born under Sagittarius, owing to their addiction to crazes & sudden enthusiasms, often in directions that appear to others quite unworthy of such absorbing interest. The sign is also naturally verbose & excitable, and as a rule rather slow at "sensing" the attitude of others. Astrology can perform few more useful functions, socially at least, than in bringing home to the natives of Sagittarius their liability to develop this painful characteristic.

I have also known bad cases with Mercury conjunction Saturn; they go on & on. [Carter is here referring to the Sag ascendant, NOT the Sun-sign. — Dave]

from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### FIFTH HOUSE

**James Wilson**, 1819: The 5th house is the house of children & women, those in particular that are pregnant; also of pleasure, amusement & gambling; taverns, alehouses, playhouses, banquets & merrymaking. It denotes the father's property, real or personal; children's health & welfare, wherever they be. In states it denotes ambassadors or messengers....

**Nicholas deVore**, 1947: In a mundane figure: Children, their attitudes & conditions; circumstances affecting minors; the public school system & children in attendance at primary schools; amusements & amusement places, theatres, concerts, sporting events; public speculations & investments; the inclination of the people to play....



## STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

**Menkar**. a Ceti 14 ♂ 27

**Notes:** A bright orange star situated in the jaw of the Whale.

From Al Minhar, the Nose.

**Influence:** According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Saturn; to Simmonite, of Mars; and to Alvidas, of Venus & the Moon. It causes disease, disgrace, ruin, injury from beasts, sickness & loss of fortune.

**If rising:** Legacies & inheritances attended by much evil.

**If culminating:** Disgrace, ruin, danger from cattle & large beasts.

**With Sun:** Great trouble, sickness, throat ailments, legacies & inheritances attended by much evil, loss of money, failure of crops. — From **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson Conjoint Israel's north node.

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Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## On Lilith

**T**HE Bible is Hebraic, therefore the work of the prophets who were astrologers, and it has esoteric meaning (that is, confidential & directed to the select few who understand the occult or the secret doctrine, or are illuminated by divine inspiration and intuition). To understand the esoteric meaning involving Lillith & Eve we must recognize the allegorical handling of the subject in the Book of Genesis, and specifically the **second chapter**.

There, Eve also is personified as a satellite, a new moon emerging crescent & rib-shaped from the side of Adam, as the New Moon emerges from the side of the Sun. She is symbolic of man's better side, to increase & develop a better-than-demonic strain, and in time outgrow or overcome the forces of evil inherent from Lilith. The overcoming must always be more against inner man than outer.

It was the famed astrologer Sepharial who named the dark moon Lilith, being versed in Hebraic literature wherein Lilith is also called Lihah. He recognized her nature in charts as being the same as that of Samson's De-lilah, the temptress who is man's betrayer because of his willing weakness.

It is twice written that IT IS NOT GOOD TO BE ALONE (Genesis) and NO MAN IS SAFE WHO IS IN A HOUSE ALONE (the Talmud); and also the witticism attributed to Mark Twain, "I can resist anything - except temptation". These are all darkly suggestive of the power of Lilith to ambush the unwary or weak, especially if she afflicts the rising degree or the planet ruling the rising Sign in the chart. - **The Dark Moon Lilith**, © 1961

# Gardening

**G**ARDENING has some simple rules: Things grow from new moon to full (waxing). Not so much from full to new (waning). Plant in a fertile sign when the moon is waxing, you will get better results. Conversely, harvest in an infertile sign when the moon is waning & you will avoid rot.

The fertile signs are the water signs:

**Cancer**

**Scorpio**

**Pisces**, and,

**Taurus**, which, while earth, is almost as good.

Put fertile signs with waxing moon & you get April 28, 29 & 30 (Cancer), and May 7, 8, 9 (Scorpio) as good planting days.

Looking ahead, May 26 & 27 (Cancer), and June 4 & 5 (Scorpio) will be good days.

Root crops, such as potatoes, carrots, beets, onions, etc., where you want underground growth, are best planted in fertile signs when the moon is waning, such as May 14 & 15 (Pisces), June 11 & 12 (Pisces).

Pretty things, like flowers, are planted in a waxing moon in Taurus or Libra, signs of pretty things: May 5, 6 & 7 (Libra), June 1, 2 & 3 (Libra).

The late **Louise Riotte**, of Oklahoma, wrote books on planetary planting, but they are all out of print, though other books of hers remain in print. She said to plant trees under Taurus, and vines in Virgo.

My garden has yet to be started. Strawberries survived the winter & have white flowers. I just have to rescue them from drowning in massive dandelions.

## ♂ fertility ♀

**H**UMAN, that is, has almost the same rules. You're more likely to get pregnant when the moon is in a fertile sign, especially if the exact degree is conjunct, square, or opposed to the exact degree of your 5th house cusp (use both Koch & Placidus), or the planet ruling the 5th, or any planets in the 5th.

You are less likely to end up in a family way if the moon is in air or fire signs, which are (mostly) infertile, or when the moon makes no aspects to the 5th cusp, or to the relevant planet(s). **These rules apply to boys just as much as girls**, so if you're planning a hot date, beware!

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Secrets  
From A,  
Stargazer's  
Notebook

DEBBI KEMPTON-SMITH

## TAURUS SNAPSHOTS

**M**OOON: The second best listeners of the zodiac. You can say absolutely anything. Beat on their chests & scream, "You brute! You brute!"—they will take it all calmly & quietly. There is something about the way they listen, something solid, like talking to a brick wall.

**Ascendant:** Look for a strong, compact, even stocky body built to take life's shocks. A bull neck for the gentleman, swan neck for the ladies, and a rich soothing radio announcer voice for both.

**Venus:** Talk dirty to them. Blow in the left ear. Blow in the right. Run an exhaustive search pattern in the area between the shoulder & the neck—there's a hollow spot there that is rather fond of being kissed...

**Saturn:** These people have to make their own values. The unfortunate ones think they can somehow slip around the rules of the system—they shoplift, or sleep with married women, or rip off the telephone phone company.... © **Debbi Kempton-Smith**, 1999

Helpful  
ints  
For  
Upcoming  
Brides



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

**T**AURUS Shannon had the perfect Earth bachelorette shindig that was both relaxing & fun. Ten girls gathered at her parents' beach house for the weekend. They went for a jog in the morning, played bocce ball, then lay in the sun all day. "The goal was to get a good tan for the wedding!" explains Shannon. (Warning: Do not try this at home without sunscreen & a strapless bikini.)

Her matrons of honor cooked up a scrumptious brunch, followed by her lingerie shower. "Which I have to admit was fun, but a little embarrassing," this bride declares. That night they went out for dinner & dancing. "It was a nice, relaxing weekend—unlike most bachelorette parties," says Shannon. © **Stacey Wolf**, 2007

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WHY WHERE  
WHAT WHO WHEN  
ELECTIONAL  
ASTROLOGY

Part 8:

**I**F an election is contemplated for a time when the Moon is just separated from the conjunction or opposition of the Sun, that is, for a time just after New Moon or Full Moon, the planet to which the Moon applies after leaving the Sun is of considerable importance, and the general rule is that nothing should be begun when the Moon, on separating from the conjunction or opposition of the Sun, applies to the conjunction or aspect of a malefic, especially if that malefic was unfavorable in the birth horoscope.

**T**HE exact effect of the Moon's application to a malefic or benefic immediately after New or Full Moon depends upon whether the lunation itself was well aspected, strong, and fortunate, or otherwise. If the lunation was unfortunate, and the Moon applies to a malefic, any matter begun at that time will end badly. This is all the more certain if the lunation or its dispositor falls in a cadent house, or in the third, sixth, ninth or twelfth house from the one ruling the matter of the election. If one or more falls in a succedent house good may come in the end, but only after much trouble.

– Electional Astrology, Robson

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



Arachne

**T**HE glyph for Arachne shows the web of skill and pride ... and entrapment! Through Arachne, one may have such pride in one's own skills that there is disdain for others or challenges to authorities and others with expertise in the same field; presumptuous attitudes, arrogance & conceit based on abilities (in connection with aspected planets or points) can occur, but it is the love of complication that is Arachne at her best.

In challenge, Arachne can fear "entrapment," & can be suspicious of situations that are "too complicated" (because of the "layers" & nuances of aspecting points or planets.) By transit, Arachne is perceived as having others make things seem more complicated than you think they are. Others may seem to have this "grand design" in mind – and yet you are only able to see a small part of it (although you sense that more is in the offing.)

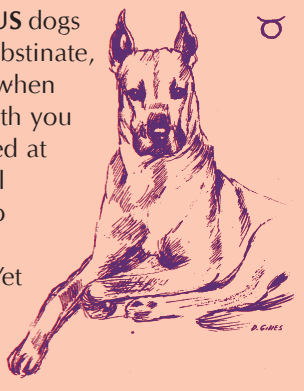
Also see Arachne as dealing with weavers, woven materials (rugs, scarves, fibers), looms, knitting, knots (i.e., macrame!) and, last but certainly not least, spiders & their silken (albeit: sticky) webs. Thus: *caveat naivium insectum* – let the trusting "fly" beware!

See the sign & house of Arachne for the form, style & circumstances of the "webs" in the life. Arachne in Scorpio indicates incredible intricacy regarding psychological dimensions/deaths/etc-Scorpio, while the 12th house Arachne encounters complications...

.... from **Mechanics of the Future Asteroids**, © 1988, 1991

**DOG OF THE MONTH**

**T**AURUS dogs are obstinate, and when annoyed with you will not heed at all, and will probably do exactly the opposite. Yet they can be very sweet and loving



and even overly demonstrative. Very brave and protective toward you. Super cunning to get his own way, especially if he wants to stay in the house and you want him out. He will immediately show how well-behaved he is, and will park himself in the place he knows you like him to be and thump his tail on the floor, while looking at you straight in the eye beseechingly.

They love to be stroked and fondled, and will guard you zealously.

They prefer luxury to the spartan life – no dog house for these beggars, not when they can sleep on the master's bed.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across.

**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**

