



NEWSLETTER

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TMA ECONOMY

THE June/July **Mountain Astrologer** has arrived. Featured this month, Raymond Merriman's **2009 Jupiter-Uranus-Neptune Mutual Reception Within the 2008-2015 Cardinal Climax**. **Merriman**, a respected financial astrologer, says the current Cardinal Climax (his term) will result in "Camelot" or "Economic Armageddon." Cheerful!

TMA's book reviews: Demetra George's **Astrology & the Authentic Self** has been in stock since last November. Anthony Louis's **Art of Forecasting Using Solar Returns**, a fabulous book, has been in stock since June of last year. Laurence Hillman's **Planets in Play**, and Chrissie Blaze's **Mercury Retrograde: Your Survival Guide to Astrology's Most Precarious Time of the Year**, are new to me. I should have them both by Wednesday, on-line by the weekend.

ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

19	15:56	☾ ♀ ♃	
	21:44	☾ ✖ ☉	Void
	23:31	☾ ♃	
20	09:22	♀ ☐ ♀	
	21:51	☉ ♀	Gemini
21	02:16	♀ ♃ ♀	
	03:23	☾ ♀ ♀	
	03:45	♀ ☐ ♃	
	06:47	♀ ✖ ♃	
	15:23	☾ ♀ ♀	
	22:37	☾ ✖ ♀	Void
22	04:41	☾ ♀	
	08:11	♂ ♀ ♃	
23	03:12	☾ ♀ ☉	
	21:47	☾ ♀ ♀	
24	12:11	● 03II28	New Moon

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 20: **Cherilyn Bono**, née Sarkisian

NEW BOOKS Two by Clare Martin

CLARE MARTIN is the current President of the **Faculty of Astrological Studies**, in London, and a lecturer at the Centre for Psychological Astrology. **Mapping the Psyche, vols. 1 & 2**, are transcripts of two of her three Astro 101 courses, which she has taught for some years.

MAPPING THE PSYCHE, An Introduction to Psychological Astrology, vol. 1: The planets & the zodiac signs, is a nice introduction to the subject. Martin has a good grasp & handles her students well.

MAPPING THE PSYCHE, An Introduction to Psychological Astrology, vol. 2: The planetary aspects & the houses of the horoscope, is, regrettably, not quite as good. As she gets deeper into her subject, ideology takes hold. All charts are in Equal (there's just something, I don't know, equal about them), all Suns are Fathers, all Moons are Mothers, all Venuses are Daughters, etc.

The author is said to be working on the third volume in the series. I wish her much success.

This Week in History:
May 20-21, 1927:
Lindberg crosses the Atlantic.



STAR OF THE WEEK

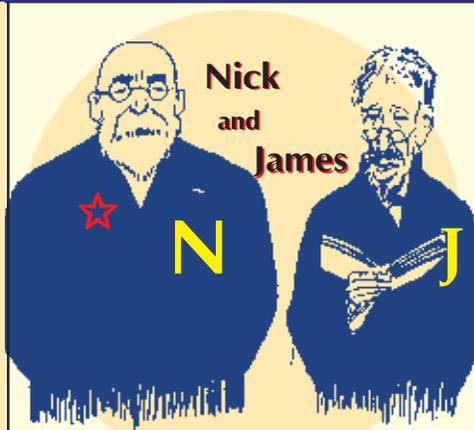


ALCYONE. eta Tauri. 0° II 07 [in II since 2000 – Dave]

Legend: Alcyone represents the Pleiad, daughter of Atlas & Pleione, who became the mother of Hyrieus by Neptune.

Notes: A greenish yellow star & brightest of the Pleiades, situated on the shoulder of the Bull. From early times it has been thought to be the central Sun around which the universe revolves, and was Al Wasat, the Central One, of the Arabs, and Temennu, the Foundation Stone, of the Babylonians, but this idea has now been abandoned by astronomers. Alcyone marked the beginning of the 4th ecliptic constellation of the Babylonians, and as Amba, the Mother, formed the junction star between the Hindu nakshatras Krittika & Rohini. It is frequently called the Hen.

Influence: Of the nature of Mars & the Moon. It causes love, eminence, blindness from fevers, small-pox & accidents to the face. — from **Fixed Stars**, by V. Robson



DUELING DICTIONARIES

TRANSITS

James Wilson, 1819: I much suspect there is great power in transits, and I would recommend them particularly to the consideration of the artist, though not as they respect the houses or their lords, but as they respect the places of the lights or angles.

Nicholas deVore, 1947: Kuno Foelsch, Ph.D., in his work on Transits.... concurs in the suggestion that during the Middle Ages it became necessary to devise some system of approximating future conditions, for the reason that Ephemerides calculated for years in advance were not then obtainable. Speaking of transits, he expresses the confident belief that "other [forecasting] methods will eventually disappear..."

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990



IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

from Simplified Horary Astrology

Learning to read the chart.

THIS is much easier than one might suppose. We have a groundwork of tried-and-true rules to depend on and we know the nature of the planets, the effects of aspects, the matters ruled by the different houses & where to look for the final, clinching argument. We even have keywords with which the beginner forms his sentences & expresses himself clearly from the very beginning.

For example, Saturn rules lead & everything that has WEIGHT. If we see his symbol in the 1st House we know that the inquirer is HEAVY-hearted & PROFOUNDLY concerned about the matter; he is leaden-GRAY in coloring or his attire, CONSERVATIVE in style. Saturn rules TIME, so the person looks OLDER than his years & moves SLOWLY; he is having dental trouble, because Saturn is ruler of the skeletal framework, and the BONES that we are most likely to see are the TEETH. We say all this in describing the inquirer because he is the person of the 1st House & any planet therein describes him. As you advance in your reading you will say several times as much as this about the person with Saturn there because Astrology is rich indeed in such information for use in horary as well as natal charts. (See page 58.) — **Simplified Horary Astrology**, 1960



Transits were unknown to the ancients because they had no ephemerides. The most obvious things!!! That's what I learned this week peeking at Wilson & DeVore. Primaries, secondaries, solar arcs, were all make-dos.

Chapter VIII

Concerning the First House & the Planets Therein

(The first house of the national chart, that is.)

THE New Moon falling in the ascendant shows many changes in the country, much activity, and if well aspected many benefits to the community at large, according to the position of the planets making such good aspects. If afflicted it denotes much unrest & discontent, ill-health among the people, and affairs generally will be unsatisfactory. The position & aspects of the afflicting planets should be noted.

The Sun in the first house, well aspected, denotes a prosperous time for the country, many benefits to the people, improvement in affairs & success generally. If afflicted, it creates disturbances between master & man, and afflicts the health of the community.

The Moon in the first house, well aspected, denotes activity & changes among the people, some improvements to women & children, and slight benefits of a public nature. If much afflicted will cause illness, unrest & discontent.

Mercury.—This planet when well aspected produces much activity, increase of trade & work, new enterprises among the people, and generally inclines to study & intellectual gain to the community. If afflicted, it shows much recrimination in the popular press.

Venus well aspected denotes a peaceful time, content & success in the country, improvement of work connected with the female sex. If badly aspected it shows want, vice & misery, trouble to the feminine part of the community, and indicates crimes against women & children.

Mars.—This planet is generally evil, bringing discontent among the people, strikes, riots, fires & incendiarism, crime & ill-health. If well aspected it shows military activity, a warlike tone among the people, and a general forceful & aggressive tendency. — *from Raphael's Mundane Astrology. Part of Mundane Astrology, The Astrology of Nations & States, by H.S. Green, Raphael & C.E.O. Carter.*

CHARLES CARTER

§ 1. HEALTH AND DEATH PRINCIPLES OF ASTROLOGY

PHYSICAL well-being depends upon the two Luminaries, the asc., and the 6th and 8th houses, as well as, to some extent, the 4th and the 12th. All configurations that involve any of these are liable to affect the health.

Tradition teaches that one of the Lights or the asc. is *Hyleg* in every map, this being an Arabian term indicating the giver of life or the special arbitrator of life and death. According to some views the hyleg is not concerned with health as such, but with longevity, so that, for example, if the 6th were badly afflicted and the hyleg strong, the health would be bad, but the native would live long, whereas, if the reverse were the case, the health would be good, but life would be short, perhaps owing to an accident.

Furthermore, opinions differ as to the correct method of selecting the hyleg. Some claim that the Sun is always hyleg; others take the Sun for males and Moon for females.

The common rule, adapted and simplified from that given by Claudius Ptolemy, the father of western astrology, is as follows:—

The following areas are denominated "hylegical", namely, the 1st, 7th, 9th, and 10th houses, and the half of the 11th nearest the M.C. If the Sun is therein, it is hyleg; if it is not, but the Moon is, she is hyleg; if neither is, the asc. is taken. Some take ☉ if the Lights are not in hylegical places, the asc. only being used if all three are not so situated.

THE examination of a few dozen cases of early death or, on the other hand, of examples of marked longevity, will probably cause the student to entertain grave doubts on the whole question of the hyleg, for it is not hard to find cases where death seems certainly due to a violent affliction to a luminary well removed from hylegical positions, and instances are also found where the native has attained great age with the hyleg violently afflicted.

Moreover, the question arises as to whether the hyleg remains the same through life, or changes as the horoscope progresses (see Chapter Ten). — *from C.E.O. Carter's Principles of Astrology, to be published in June, 2009*

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WHY WHERE
WHAT WHEN

ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Part 10: The Moon's Aspects

IN choosing the Moon's aspect it is most important to avoid a lunar application to the conjunction or aspect of any retrograde planet, for anything begun at such a time will quickly fail, and if other evil aspects are in force at the same time, will end in considerable difficulty & trouble.

The next consideration is that of the Moon's sign position. This should be as appropriate to the business of the election as possible, and full details will be found among the special rules contained in later chapters. In a general way the Moon is weakened by being in Scorpio and Capricorn, its signs of fall & detriment, but special considerations may over-rule this, as will be evident from the later rules. The worst zodiacal position for the Moon is said to be the Via Combusta, which extends from 15 Libra to 15 Scorpio. This is unfavorable for everything but especially for buying & selling, travelling, and marrying & all matters connected with women. Unless any special signs are stated, it will be favourable to place the Moon in Cancer, Taurus, Virgo, or Pisces.

Next week: Ten ways the Moon can be weakened.

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

THE DUODECATEMORIA

1. Now I shall briefly set forth what you want to know about the duodecatemoria. Some people think that from these the whole essence of the chart can be found & they claim that whatever is hidden in the chart can be revealed by the duodecatemoria.

2. What these are will be shown by example. Of whatever planet you wish to compute the duodecatemoria, multiply its degree by twelve, and however much that comes to, divide it among the thirty degrees of the individual signs, beginning from the sign in which the planet is whose duodecatemoria is being sought. In whatever sign the final number falls, that shows you the degree of the duodecatemoria. But in order that you may understand more clearly, we shall give this example.

3. Say the Sun is in Aries at five degrees and five minutes. Twelve times five makes sixty, and twelve times five minutes makes sixty minutes. Sixty minutes makes one degree, and therefore one arrives at sixty-one degrees. You give Aries, in which we said the Sun is, thirty degrees, and thirty to Taurus; the duodecatemoria is found in the first degree of Gemini.

4. Consider therefore whether the full moon happens to send a duodecatemoria by day towards the terms of Mars or whether, when waning, she sends one into those of Saturn, or whether Mars on the descendant sends one towards Venus, or Venus into those of Mars. — *from **Ancient Astrology Theory & Practice, Matheseos Libri VIII**, by Firmicus Maternus, translated by Jean Rhys Bram. Get the book, read more.*

At the rate of 1 degree every 72 years, stars change signs every 2160 years: Alcyone changed from Taurus to Gemini in 2000.



WE were born when the Sun was occupying a particular astrological sign because that constellation is actually our soul's most previous level of spiritual growth, and because of that, it reflects our own current level of earthly expertise. This constellation, our Sun sign, not only reveals the cosmic course we satisfactorily completed under the universe's watchful eye in our last lifetime, but it also identifies how we are now karmically qualified to be a shining example of authority, power, and creativity just because we did complete the course. No wonder we can't help but project the qualities of this astrological sign without thinking. No wonder its energies are second nature to us. On some deep level, we've already worked, learned, and mastered everything it represents. This means that on some even deeper level, our Sun sign is our universal education—our soul's spiritual credentials and our karmic degree. Like the knowledge & skills that come with any degree that's been earned, the energies of this sign have been ingrained into our soul so they're ours to keep, but mostly to use.



— *from **Cosmic Karma**, by **Marguerite Manning**. Used by permission.*

