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Your season of birth is your health

FREDERICK Woodruff emailed on Friday, pointed me to an article in the **Atlantic** by Elijah Wolfson that said your health is determined by the season of the year in which you were born. Winter births, like myself, are subject to schizophrenia, among other things. February births are also subject to Alzheimer's, epilepsy, are bipolar, have eating disorders and narcolepsy. Which is a fancy word for napping.

Which, so far as medical astrology goes, is fairly poor. In the third paragraph was a quote from Lauren Kassell, a professor at Cambridge. On a whim I clicked through and found she and her associates are transcribing the astro-medical journals of **Simon Forman** and **Richard Napier**, two of the best doctors working in England in 1600.

Their work was not published in their lifetimes due to royal censorship and the custom of only publishing in Latin, not English. It was the English Civil War of 1642-51 that ended censorship and established an English-language press.

Having long wanted to see Forman's work in print, I sent a note in Kassell's direction with my observation that the charts in the back of Richard Saunders' **Astrological Practice of Physick**, of 1677, proved the book was not his, as they date from 1616-18, when Saunders was a small boy. Quick as a flash on Saturday morning, Lauren herself replied that she and her associates had wondered if Forman had in fact written Saunders, but had not yet explored it.

I am thrilled that historians at Cambridge are explicitly transcribing astro-medical texts from this period, as these are pivotal. I know that astrologers are going gangbusters with Arabic and medieval texts (see **Holden** and **Dykes**), but I hardly imagined the excitement extended to the formal academic world itself.

We are going to win. Astrology will be triumphant. It will be restored. Once academics are infested in this way, nothing can stop it. We need only continue the fight.

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22	03:49	☉ ✕
	07:12	☾ ✕ ♂ Void
	14:46	☉ ♀
	23:57	☾ ♃
23	01:50	☾ △ ☉
	18:46	♀ ✕ ♃
24	08:59	☾ ☐ ♃ Void
	17:53	☉ ☐ ♀
25	10:26	♀ ♃
	12:11	☾ ♃
	19:28	● 03♃42 Last Quarter

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Will. The strong desire-nature which is connected with the fixed signs and especially with Scorpio, becomes in developed persons the conscious will. This is very largely shown in the nativity by the planet Uranus, which synthesizes the fixed signs as a whole and raises their action to the self-conscious plane. The Sun and Saturn also bestow great perseverance and determination, and it is probable that in the majority of persons their influence must be largely taken into account where will-power is under consideration. The Sun, Saturn and Uranus in good aspect generally give great will-power; and even technically bad aspects between the Sun and Saturn do not by any means forbid success. Indeed, these occur in the nativities of many persons who have "won through" against great difficulties, displaying plenty of will-power in doing so. Bad contacts between Sun and Uranus tend to obstinacy and perversity. *More next week.*

—from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter. [Buy](#).

Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

ISIDIS delta Scorpii 2 ♃ 46 aka Dschubba

Notes: Situated near the right claw of the Scorpion.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Mars and Saturn. It causes sudden assaults, malevolence, immorality and shamelessness.

With Sun: Immoral, dissipated, low associates, many sorrows.

With Moon: Reserved, suspicious, bad for business success, disgrace, loss by horses and cattle. **With Mercury:** Hypocritical, evil mind, low associates, imprisonment, malignant disease but chance of recovery, criminal, secrets in connection with life or parentage, domestic disharmony. **With Venus:** Quiet, reserved, jealous, selfish, favourable for gain. **With Mars:** Immoral, criminal, violent, evil environment, sudden or violent death. **With Jupiter:** Deceitful, dishonest, dissipated, low companions, danger of imprisonment.



—from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson. [Buy](#).

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Planetary Hours

HAVING under consideration the planet ruling your desired objective, first note its condition in the ephemeris to see if it is disposed to cooperate in your behalf on that particular day. If retrograde it will not participate fully until it turns direct and this is particularly true of Mercury who cannot decide which way to go . . . even if direct but turning retrograde in a day or two. If intercepted in the chart you finally set, the matter ruled by that chosen planet will be in a bind until changing into the next Sign which will take longer if it is in an early degree. If intercepted but in mutual reception so that it can be temporarily read in the same degree but back in its own Sign out of interception the matter can be handled well with some assistance.

When all is said & done

The MOON is the developing power on which depends the outcome of any venture under consideration. In selecting the day & hour for taking an action, we base our decision to act or not on what she advises according to her FINAL aspect "when all is said & done". If she is void of course the matter also is inactive & will get nowhere but with no harm done. If in a common Sign & cadent house, the matter does not land as it was planned: some change takes place.

The Moon between malefics no matter how far apart is besieged and you are under duress at that time and prevented from acting freely. If in the 5th or 9th House the effort you make shall have their end-of-the-matter 4th house an unfavorable one: the death-8th, with an obligation to meet, or the unfortunate-12th of disappointment, with remorse or regret possible.

— In the **Beginning Astrology**, 1975. **Buy**

Structure first, then numbers

The Unified Field Theory

EINSTEIN's genius enabled him to relate energy, mass and light in his famous **equation**. Encouraged, he then attempted to expand on his work to make a general, universal, *aka* unified theory that would encompass everything.

Regrettably he attempted to do this in a philosophical (scientific) system which was based on *consensus* rather than *structure*. For Einstein it was already a lot of work to relate just three factors. When there were five, six, seven, the number of possibilities stretched towards the infinite. Finding the one connecting thread that would link all factors became impossible. Consequently not only he, but all others, have failed.

Lack of structure is the underlying problem with Enlightenment science. **Wiki** says:

The Age of Enlightenment (or simply the Enlightenment or Age of Reason) was a cultural movement of intellectuals beginning in the late 17th and 18th century Europe emphasizing reason and individualism rather than tradition.

"Tradition" in this case meant **Aristotle**, which was the structure which underpinned the classical world. In the west Aristotelian physics was lost at the end of the Roman Empire, but it was preserved by Islam, where it was found by the Crusaders. Who gave it to the **12th Century Translators** who rendered it into Latin, where it touched off the Italian Renaissance.

Which greatly influenced both France and Germany. Absolutist in temper, the French came for the culture, the humanism, the art. On the other hand, more pedestrian, more dull, more practical (even back then), the Germans came for the sheer science. Set this aside.

Meanwhile the Church lay across Europe like a giant dictator. By the early **Cathar** period (12th century) it was widely reviled but was triumphant over all challengers. The Cathars, a breakaway sect in the south of France, were easily put down. In this the Church was aided by the eternal threat of Islamic hordes that would overrun all Europe if it ever let its guard down. Which was not an entirely imaginary threat.

By the 1400's general restlessness led to an hysteria over witches and **witchcraft**, which was not helped by the Church's denial of it. (Witches are pagans, we are all Christians, therefore witches no longer exist in

these parts. Which everyone knew was a nonsensical circular argument.) Part of the purges were directed against witchery in the Church itself. Tens of thousands died.

Enter **Martin Luther**, a simpleton German monk. In 1517 he rebelled against the sale of indulgences. Which was a racket the Church used to finance itself. First the Church made rules that made ordinary life sinful, then it sold "exceptions" that would let you "indulge," but for a price. If you failed to pay for salvation your soul would be condemned to everlasting hell. If you protested you risked excommunication, which was the same thing. The game was rigged.

An already angry Germany grabbed on to Luther's protest. The result was the **30 Years War**, 1618-48. On one side was an unstoppable urge to get rid of an evil Church at any cost. On the other side, the Church's life-or-death struggle to survive. Largely limited to Germany, it was the greatest disaster to befall Europe, not excluding 20th century wars.

In the end the Church lost. The victors repudiated the Church in favor of a Bible-based consensus. Cheap Bibles that Gutenberg's printing invention had created.

The 30 Years War established the right to religious belief based on consensus, rather than Roman dictat.

NO sooner had the Germans declared the right to believe what they liked, than the French responded.

The French were happy with the Church, they easily put down the **Huguenots**, who eventually fled.

The unexpected, yet crucial by-product of the 30 Years War was that it destroyed German learning and culture. Which is to say, the Aristotelian revival the 12th Century Translators, the Italians and the Germans themselves had so painstakingly developed over a period of more than 400 years, and which by that point had served the world for more than 1800 years, in good times and bad.

In 1650 the French simply threw Aristotle away, a philosophy they had never even bothered to learn. If the Germans could stare down the Church, the French could do the same to the Greeks, and so much more easily. This is the long-missing link between these two events, the war and the Enlightenment. They both repudiated *external structure* in favor of *consensus agreement*.

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This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*.

Part 43:

Infant Mortality and the Length of Life

The conjunction of Jupiter or Mars to the Hyleg preserves life, but if the Sun is Hyleg the effect is less, as some of the benefic influence is destroyed and if Jupiter or Mars rule the 4th, 6th, 8th or 12th, their influence is greatly lessened.

Other positions unfavourable for length of life are:—(a) Malefics in the Ascendant; (b) ruler of the Ascendant combust, cadent, retrograde or in the 8th; (c) Sun or Moon in the 6th, 8th or 12th, or afflicted from those houses, or by their rulers; (d) Sun conjunct or opposed Moon, especially if it is at the same time an eclipse.

Afflictions to the Moon, whether it be Hyleg or not, are of primary importance in the case of an infant, and the last and next aspects of the Moon should be considered. If in a severely afflicted map it separates from a benefic & applies to a malefic the evil is strengthened, but if from a malefic to a benefic there is more hope of improvement. — *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**

This ends Robson's chapter on Infant Mortality & life expectancy. I was surprised his research did not turn up the Alcohoden (giver of years) which compliments the Hyleg (giver of life).

To find the alcoholoden: Take the degree of the Hyleg. Determine the planets which rule its sign, face, term or triplicity, or are exalted, and are in Ptolemaic aspect with it. Designate the strongest and best placed such planet as the Alcohoden and then consult the table in *Abu Ali Al-Khayyat*. Angular planets give the most years. Succeedent planets give less years, cadent planets give few years. In some cases you can add the least years of Jupiter, Venus and sometimes Mercury. In other cases you must subtract the least years of Saturn or Mars. — *Dave*

The Physical Constitution

from *The Manual of Astrology*
by Sepharial

A PRIMARY consideration in the horoscope of a newly-born child is that of its constitution & the likelihood of its reaching mature years; for, if life is denied at the outset, it will be manifestly absurd to predict anything concerning the fortunes, marriage, profession, and other incidents of adult age.

Consider, then, the nature of the rising sign, its lord or ruler, the nature of the planets rising (if any), the condition of the Moon, & the lord of the 8th house.

Should Saturn, Uranus, or Mars be found near the rising degree, afflicted by the ruler of the 8th house, and the Moon at the same time afflicted by the Sun, the premature death of the infant may be expected.

If the ruler of the ascendant be in the sixth house, afflicted by the ruler of the eighth, without assistance from Jupiter or Venus, then the child will be very sickly, and will die before reaching maturity.

In these & similar cases, the greater the affliction of the *significators of life*, *vis.*: the Sun, Moon, the ascendant, and its ruler, the shorter will be the life. When *all* of these significators are afflicted, without assistance from the benefics, the child is either still-born or dies immediately after birth. [*see Mozart*]

A male child born at the eclipse of the Sun, or a female at the eclipse of the Moon, seldom draws breath, or is born only to see the light and die. This happened in the case of the Duchess of Fife's first child, which was born during an eclipse of the Sun on Tuesday, 17th June 1890, the eclipse falling on the cusp of the fifth house in the horoscope of the Princess.

— *The Manual of Astrology*, by Sepharial. **Buy.**

The Prenatal Eclipse

MY own research and the observations of others who are interested in eclipse phenomena lead me to believe that we ought to pay careful attention to the house in the horoscope in which the last solar eclipse occurred prior to birth. This prenatal eclipse point can easily be determined from an ephemeris or from the eclipse tables in the appendix to this book. The date of the eclipse will always be within six lunar months of the birthdate and usually in the house occupied by the Moon's north or south node in the natal chart.

Once you have located and identified this point in your natal chart, watch the correspondence between conjunctions of transiting planets with this point and events that occur in your life. I am convinced that this prenatal eclipse point should be treated in the same way as all of the planetary positions in your natal chart, and it should also be watched for transits to this point in the same manner you watch for transits to the natal planetary positions in your chart.

Just as the current eclipse position emphasizes matters in your life that are connected with the house in which it occurs, the house in which the prenatal eclipse occurred seems to be continually emphasized throughout the life of the individual, even though it might not contain natal planets or other astrological factors that would bring it into prominence. I have, for example, observed a number of cases in which the individuals concerned were deeply involved in the teaching or rearing of children, where children continued to play a prominent role and receive great emphasis in their lives, and yet the fifth house was unoccupied and unemphasized. The only logical reason for this emphasis in these charts was that the prenatal eclipse had occurred in the fifth house. — *Interpreting the Eclipses*, by Robert Jansky. *Arrives in a week.* **Buy!**



WHICH was codified a century later, in 1750, on the title page of Diderot's **Encyclopedie**, which read:

Encyclopédie, ou Dictionnaire raisonné des sciences, des arts et des métiers, par une société de gens de lettres, mis en ordre par M. Diderot de l'Académie des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Prusse, et quant à la partie mathématique, par M. d'Alembert de l'Académie royale des Sciences de Paris, de celle de Prusse et de la Société royale de Londres.

Roughly translated, An Encyclopedia of Science, Arts and Crafts, by a society of men of letters of Paris, Berlin and London.

No other qualifications were offered. The French had made a clean break from the past. They had declared *themselves* to be the ultimate authorities.

Hereafter, *consensus*, not structure, would rule the day. While we may fault Aristotle all we like, and many have, the underlying structure he provided had 1800 years of hard-won experience. We are not considering his words nor his deeds, but the overall system that grew up around him.

It is said that Aristotle "held back science," which is nonsense. What held back Europe, from the end of the Roman Empire to the mid-19th century, was overall *poverty*, which was the Church's doing. The "scientific method" did not lead to advancement, nor peace, nor prosperity. The huge sums of money generated, first by the trans-Atlantic slave trade, and then by the Industrial Revolution, did that. Credit where credit is due. The Age of Science did not begin in 1650 or 1750, but in 1850, with the rapid industrialization of Europe.

BACK to Mr. Einstein. To give you an idea of what he was up against, there was a recent example in quantum physics, where a **mal-formed crystal** was discovered to entirely replace acres of mathematical calculations. Which is an example of *structure* surpassing *consensus guesswork*. From the linked article:

"The degree of efficiency is mind-boggling," said Jacob Bourjaily, a theoretical physicist at Harvard University and one of the researchers who developed the new idea. "You can easily do, on paper, computations that were infeasible even with a computer before."

It would seem their *amplituhedron* has replaced a super-computer.

The crystalline discovery of the Quantum boys is of course a product of the cen-

tral earth crystal, which has been speculated by **Stixrude and Cohen**, of Washington and London. Which I have previously labeled as uniquely astrological, as *sixness* is the unique factor underlying astrology as a whole. Study the amplituhedron and you will see it is made up of **tetrahedrons**, which are a fundamental part of any hexagonal system. This is a case of two independent groups of scientists who have not yet caught up with each other, presuming they will understand one another when they do.

It gave me the excuse to review my **astrology theory**, that says the four elements (fire, earth, air and water) and the quadruplicities of cardinal, fixed and mutable, are *products of the earth*, not the sky, and which vary according to the earth's relative placement with the Sun, Moon and planets. The earth is more than big enough, more than complex enough to have these energies, and the bodies in the solar system are more than big and close enough to influence each other in precisely this way.

If the theory is right, that the earth has a giant crystal at its center, then we may presume all the other planetary bodies, presumably including the Sun itself, to be the same. Additionally, the earth is unique in that it is covered in a liquid crystal, which is water. Astrology is then nothing harder than the interaction of giant planetary crystals.

I had originally established the earth's quarterly alignment with the Sun established the signs of the zodiac as projected into space.

The quantum review made me realize that these same elements and energies (I view cardinal, fixed and mutable as states of energy), when projected in *time* became the *houses of the horoscope*.

And while I have no idea what that means, I took a step back and a very deep breath.

I had discovered that everyday astrology related

Elements: Air, earth, fire water, *with*
Energies: Cardinal, fixed mutable, *plus*
Space, and
Time, with

Sex: Male/female, positive/negative, thrown in for good measure.

Any way you look at it, **that is the whole of God's own creation**. Astrology describes the world and everything in it because it *is* the world and everything in it.

Which by definition means that **astrology is the fabled Unified Field Theory**. All we need do is extract it.

The following is provisional. Your ideas may vary:

DEFINE each of the four elements as representing a field, which is a fancy name for a fundamental force of nature. Such as:

Gravity is a property of Earth. Obviously.

The element fire includes ordinary combustion, also, with the assistance of Uranus, electricity, and with Pluto, radiation. I see these as forms of burning.

Air includes light and radio waves. Light is invisible until it encounters something. Air is the least of all things.

Water includes emotion, desire, love, will and telepathy.

Cardinal signs create energetic fields.

The gravity of Newton is therefore a product of Capricorn and Saturn.

The Sun as a light source is Libra, and if this guess is right it is indeed odd that the Sun falls in Libra. Light is therefore love, which is Venus. Love and light.

Humans, as an emotion-based species, are Cancer and therefore lunar.

Fixed signs are transmitters. They pass things along. Mutable signs are receivers.

This sketch is off the top of my head. I doubt the details are right.

Various relationships become clear.

One, gravity may be persistent, but there are many ways of negating it. Combustion, by destroying mass, negates gravity.

Ancient Egyptians, Mesopotamians, Celts, Incas, Easter Islanders, that weird **Latvian guy in Homestead, Florida**, and presumably many others used the earth's inherent crystal-based polar magnetism to move multi-ton stones, often many miles and frequently uphill. Individual stones in the hundreds of tons. Stones which cannot be moved by any known means. In the astrology-based unified field theory, we would merely be applying one elemental field to negate another.

(This is doubtless so simple that it was never recorded for that reason alone. A guess would be to sweep a stone with a broom from magnetic south to magnetic north until it is "magnetized" and floats in front of you.)

The strongest of all? Water. Easily. Human desire, human will, and love itself, are superior to all other forces. It is desire that drives inert clay into a living form which then manipulates all the rest.

ASTROLOGY is universal. The Cambridge enthusiasm for Dr. Simon Forman (pg. 1) is epochal. It is the 12th Century Translators all over again, it is the start of another Renaissance. Science, for all its value, have become a bunch of excommunicating hacks. Just like the Church they usurped so many centuries ago.

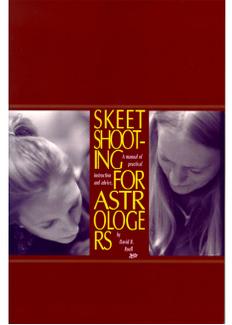
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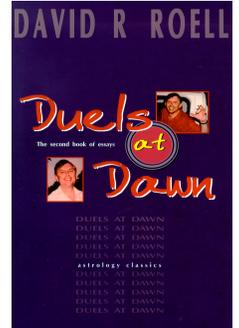
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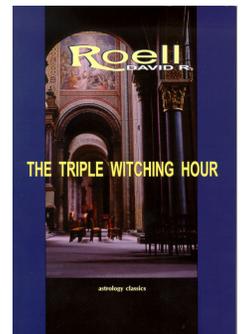
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