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## Flight MH370, revisited

**I**N the March 18 newsletter, I suggested that the missing Malaysian flight 370 had been hijacked and flown to the US airbase at Bagram, Afghanistan.

This past week came a story that a certain **Phillip Wood**, a passenger aboard that flight, on the same day, March 18, sent a cell message that originated from Diego Garcia. It read: *"I have been held hostage by unknown military personal after my flight was hijacked (blindfolded). I work for IBM and I have managed to hide my cellphone in my ass during the hijack. I have been separated from the rest of the passengers and I am in a cell. My name is Philip Wood. I think I have been drugged as well and cannot think clearly."*

Along with it came a completely black photo, with a date/time/location stamp. Know that **Diego Garcia** is a large US Naval base located on an atoll in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

On Friday I got an email from Anne in New York, whose student, Carol, read my

notes on March 18. Anne asked for my response to Mr. Woods. Which is:

**I AM disgusted with me!** How did I miss Diego Garcia and send them all to Bagram instead?!

As predicted, intense efforts to find some floating wreckage have failed. (Much of a plane will float.) Attention has been focused on one of a number of naturally occurring "eddies" in the ocean, which naturally sweep ocean debris into themselves. To my knowledge, eddies have not been brought out in the media. Such as the current search site, far to the southwest of Australia.

So far as the Phillip Wood story goes, it's very plausible. Two or maybe three men sweep through the hijacked plane, seizing cells. One guy in the back has the time to shove his up his ass. (He might not have been the only one.) See **Papillon**, the story of prisoners at **Devil's Island** in South America, who kept their valuables in little eggs, shoved up their asses. Knowing this, French jailors would often put them under observation for a week or more at a time, waiting for them to poop out contraband. So that part of the story checks.

The mention of the blindfold was misunderstood. He meant to say he was

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### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

08	09:51	☾ ♏	
	21:04	☉ ♂	♂
09	11:51	☾ △ ♃	
10	02:28	☾ △ ☉	
	02:37	♀    ♀	
	06:26	☾ □ ♃	Void
	16:34	☾    ☉	
	22:08	☾ ♉	
11	09:55	☾ ♂ ♀	
12	02:24	♀ ♂ ♀	
	17:12	☾ ✖ ♃	Void
	18:33	♀ ♃ ☉	
13	08:34	☾ ♃	
	16:12	♂ ♃ ♃	
14	18:33	♀ □ ♃	
	23:16	♀ ♂ ♃	
	23:45	♀ SR	

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## ASTRO A to Z MED

**Animals, love of**, continued from last week: Again, Neptune and Pisces nearly always give a love of animals. In most cases of unusual devotion to animals one finds one of the Lights either in a Jovian sign or in aspect to Jupiter, and another indication is a good aspect between Jupiter and Neptune. A good example is **Rosa Bonheur's** horoscope in Notable Nativities. Although the ascendant is speculative, the planetary positions are highly significant.

As regards special pets, it is necessary to notice the general trend of the map and also the 5th and 6th houses. Dogs and horses make most appeal to positive signs, especially the fiery ones. Both Virgo and Leo like cats, Libra prefers dogs, as being more responsive, and it is probable that this sign specially likes singing birds. There is room for a good deal of investigation as to these affinities.

— **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by C.E. O. Carter. [Buy](#).

## Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

**BATEN KAITOS** zeta Ceti 22 ♉ 09

**Notes:** A topaz-yellow star in the body of the Whale. From Al Baton al Kaitos, the Whale's Belly.

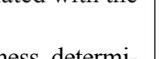
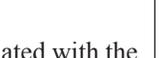
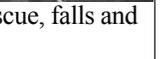
**Influence:** Of the nature of Saturn. It gives compulsory transportation, change or emigration, misfortune by force or accident, shipwreck but also rescue, falls and blows.

**AL PHERG** eta Piscium 27 ♉ 01

**Notes:** A double star in the cord near the tail of the Northern Fish. Associated with the Greek Head of Typhon.

**Influence:** Of the nature of Saturn and Jupiter. It gives preparedness, steadiness, determination and final success.

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



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## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### Is the report or rumor true?

**F**IRST take the house ruling the subject of the good-or-bad report as on the opposite page. An unknown man telephoned the querent that her husband had been taken critically ill and was in an unnamed hospital. It was an evil report and a harsh experience for her, because Mars is in the 1st house square Saturn. The subject of the report is the husband's illness, ruled by the 12th which is his illness—6th, thus the house in question.

See if there is any planet in the house in question, or if the ruler is in an angle or with another planet, or the Moon in a Fixed Sign or with the North Node; or the gossiping-3rd cusp, its ruler or a planet there or the North Node there in a Fixed Sign; or the angles in Fixed Signs; or the Moon in good aspect to Mercury, to show the report to be true. However, if it was a good report but the ruler of the house in question or any planet there is retrograde or badly placed by Sign, or in bad aspect with a malefic, the report is false. If the Moon is angular and in good aspect to a benefic it denotes protection, so a good report is true and a bad report is false. If angular & in bad aspect to a malefic there is no protection, so an evil report is true and a good report is false. The Moon angular & making both types of aspect denotes some truth and some falsity. The Moon in a Cardinal Sign or with the South Node, or void of course (nothing to worry about) shows falsity.

—[Simplified Horary Astrology](#), 1960. [Buy](#).

## Earth Astrology and Mother Nature

**T**HE poet declared April to be the cruellest month, and while that is true, that April, uniquely, is *cruel*, T.S. Elliot's invention and use of the phrase, as the first line in the lengthy poem, [The Waste Land](#), is a throwaway. Elliot could have said, *Spinning tops are delicious*. So far as his poem is concerned, it would have made no difference. He grew up in St. Louis.

In April – or May, in some parts – farmers take the best of their remaining foodstuffs and plant them. Having grown up in a near-farm environment, I can tell you that by April a lot of potatoes, stored in damp cellars since September, are rotten.

The sooner you plant, the sooner the harvest of fresh food. Because some plants are faster than others, harvest is a rolling affair. Peas, radishes, green onions can be had in little more than 40 days. Corn is two months, melons and carrots and potatoes are three or four.

Fruit and nut trees manage for themselves, but a late frost can kill the entire season outright, which will make for a long summer and a very bleak winter. But, plant too late and you risk missing the spring rains. Whereupon your crops will shrivel and die. Or, too much rain, too many dull cloudy days, and the seed can rot in the ground.

For this reason rural people have long been keen observers of mother nature. Their very lives depended on knowing the seasons. Lacking city education, lacking hard money, rural peoples did not have the luxury of weather astrology to guide them. Only their wits, along with pithy old sayings.

City folk are entirely dependent upon rural folk to feed them. While a bad harvest could be a manageable tragedy down on the farm, the same bad harvest is devastating to the city.

Rural peoples closely observed plants and animals for signs of an early spring or a hard winter to come. Which, in terms of Earth Astrology, is nothing more than the earth, taken as a whole, reacting to the movements of the Sun, Moon and planets. As the planets move, so the earth reacts to them. As the earth reacts, the plants and animals on the earth, everything which grows, creeps or crawls, react in their turn.

Which is to say that [astrometeorology](#) could be usefully expanded to include

changes in migratory patterns, for example. And that astrometeorologists are not mistaken when they claim that they – *and they alone* – can predict earthquakes.

(I experienced the Northridge, California earthquake on January 17, 1994, at Ventura, at 4:31 am on a Monday morning. The previous day I was annoyed by hours of screeching from the loudest birds I have ever heard, dozens or hundreds at once. The birds did not know an earthquake was coming, nor did I, only that we were engulfed in an intense energy.)

Earth-based astrology opens much folklore to further study. Such as,

*Red sky at morning, sailors take warning;  
Red sky at night, sailors' delight*

In astrometeorology, would a red sky be due to a Moon-Mars conjunction? How about Moon-Mars in Aries, the red planet in the red sign? There are dozens of such pithy sayings. There are country folk who predict the weather based on aches and pains in their bodies. If we look at their natal charts, if we compare those charts to relevant weather ingress charts, will we get further clues? I confess this is exciting stuff.

**A**ND because earth-based astrology is the same as Mother Nature herself, then the many gods and goddesses of Pan may be invoked with earth-based astrological incantations and rituals. Which brings me to Wicca.

Wicca has long understood the Moon to play an essential role in ritual. There are full moon rituals, new moon rituals, moon rise rituals and many more.

We can easily expand this. Suppose I wanted a ritual for abundance. Abundance, as everyone knows, is Jupiter. So let's construct a ritual:

The best time to invoke Jupiter is when it is passing through the midheaven. Presently Jupiter is in Cancer and the Sun is in Aries. That means Jupiter reaches the midheaven around sunset. It makes no difference where you are in the world. Jupiter will be in the midheaven as the sun sets.

Next, we take a hint from a practicing Wiccan, [Maria Kay Simms](#). Who was once married to the late [Neil Michelsen](#), of American Ephemeris fame. She wrote the best book there ever was on the 90 degree dial, [Dial](#)

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**Part 63:**  
**Character and Mind**

continued:—

Other positions indicative of a tendency to insanity are Moon conjunct Sun in a sign ruled by Saturn, or Moon opposite Sun in one ruled by Mars. Good aspects from Jupiter or Venus will avert the greatest danger and judgment must be formed by comparing the strength of the afflicting planets with that of the planet casting good aspects.

The general type of character given by each of the signs when rising or containing the planets is as follows:

**ARIES:** Frank, outspoken, impulsive, brave, reckless, generous but selfish, extravagant, quarrelsome, destructive, ambitious, pioneering, jealous, independent, aggressive, clever, ingenious, shrewd, changeable, exaggerating, fond of politics, often bigoted, monopolise conversation, fight for rights, do not like to hear their faults. **NEPTUNE,** imaginative, poetical, scheming. **URANUS,** abrupt, inventive. **SATURN,** industrious, touchy, deceptive. **JUPITER,** enthusiastic, hopeful, judicious. **MARS,** positive, idealistic, argumentative, irritable. **SUN,** self confident, commanding, rash, independent. **VENUS,** idealistic, ardent, demonstrative. **MERCURY,** quick, fluent, impulsive, exaggerative, clever, quarrelsome, greedy. **MOON,** enthusiastic, irritable, penetrative, disobedient, unconventional.

**TAURUS.** Dogmatic, obstinate, strong-willed, self-possessed, slow to anger and forgiveness, resentful, selfish, strong passions, violent if roused, patient, plodding, careful and exact, fond of ease, and good living, proud, sensuous, magnetic, very reserved, loyal, domineering, strong sense of humour, strong opinions, good memory, fond of science or agriculture. Neptune, artistic, musical. Uranus, determined, considerate, occult.

— A Student's Text-Book of Astrology, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**

**The Quality of the Mind**

from *Tetrabiblos*  
by Claudius Ptolemy

**N**OW the mind is liable to impulse in a multiplicity of directions, and the investigation of them cannot be summarily nor hastily performed, but must be conducted by means of many various observations: for the different qualities of the signs, containing Mercury and the Moon, or such stars as hold any influence over those two, are well competent to contribute towards the properties of the mind; so likewise are the configurations made with the Sun and the angles, by stars bearing any relation to the point in question; besides, also, the peculiar nature exercised by each star in operating upon the mental movements.

Thus, the tropical signs (♌ ♍ ♎ ♏) generally dispose the mind to enter much into political matters, rendering it eager to engage in public and turbulent affairs, fond of distinction, and busy in theology; at the same time, ingenious, acute, inquisitive, inventive, speculative, and studious of astronomy & divination.

Bicorporeal signs (♊ ♋ ♌ ♍) render the mind variable, versatile, not easy to be understood, volatile, and unsteady; inclined to duplicity, amorous, wily, fond of music, careless, full of expedients, and regretful.

Fixed signs make the mind just, uncompromising, constant, firm of purpose, prudent, patient, industrious, strict, chaste, mindful of injuries, steady in pursuing its object, contentious, desirous of honour, seditious, avaricious, and pertinacious.

Oriental positions, and those in the ascendant, especially if made by planets in their proper faces, make men liberal, frank, self-confident, brave, ingenious, unreserved yet acute. Oriental stations, and positions on the mid-heaven, or culminations, make men reflective, constant, of good memory, firm, prudent . . . — From Book III, Chapter 18 of *Tetrabiblos*, by Claudius Ptolemy. **Buy**

**SEPHARIAL ON MONEY**

**The Law of Values**

**T**HE specific natures of the planets, so far as they affect the trend of market values and the stability of those securities controlled by the countries related to the signs they occupy, are briefly as follows :—

*Neptune* produces democratic disturbances, anarchy, chaos, confusion. It tends to schemes and plots, “rings” and rigging of the markets.

*Uranus* produces sudden upheavals, revolutions, strikes and insurrections. It brings about sudden fluctuations in values, and has a disturbing effect on securities.

*Saturn* brings famines, failure of crops, disasters of various sorts and national depression due to political reverses and general want or popular discontent. Its effect on the market is to produce a marked depression or deflation of security values.

*Jupiter* brings an expansion of internal resources and industries, the opening up of new industries, cheap money, general prosperity, political advantages, and tends to bring about a rise in the value of securities and shares.

*Mars* produces a feverish activity and much enterprise in the country, good trade and new flotations. But at the same time it incites to warlike feeling and intestine feuds and does not afford a very sound basis for operations. Its effect on the market depends on its aspects, and nature of the sign it occupies, but generally it induces to a brisk market, active buying, and a “bull” tendency. When falling in eclipse signs, i.e., with the Node, it induces a war, and thus creates an element of danger which is repeated on the markets by a fall in the value of stocks and shares.

*Venus* gives a peaceful condition of the country. Its effect on the markets is to produce a period of quiet inactivity.

— *Sepharial On Money*. **Buy**



## Earth Astrology and Mother Nature, *continued*

**Detective.** I once had her give a seminar at my store when it was in New York. I was present in the room as she worked. At one point she did a masterful job of using ritual to invoke powerful feelings of happiness and joy among the participants. That's an impressive talent.

So it's of interest that she wrote a book on the planetary hours.

**Planetary hours** are the natural complement to **Local Apparent Time**, which is sundial time. You divide the hours of daylight by twelve, you divide the hours of darkness by twelve, and then, starting at sunrise on Sunday, you assign each hour to one of the two lights and five traditional planets, in order of relative speed, in this order:

Saturn  
Jupiter  
Mars  
Sun  
Venus  
Mercury  
Moon

Which is followed by Saturn, etc.

If you follow this, you will find that Sunrise on Monday is ruled by the Moon. Sunrise on Tuesday is ruled by Mars. Sunrise on Wednesday is ruled by Mercury. Sunrise on Thursday is ruled by Jupiter. Sunrise on Friday is ruled by Venus. Sunrise on Saturday is ruled by Saturn. Sunrise on Sunday is ruled by the Sun.

The planet that rules sunrise rules the entire day. Which, in the Latin languages, the day is named for. In English this is only apparent with Saturday (Saturn), Sunday (Sun), and Monday (Moon).

Which is to say that in a seven day, 24 hour scheme, it takes 7 x 24, or 168 hours for the cycle to repeat. You will find this system absolutely critical should you wish to harvest herbs for medicinal use. You must sort your herbs by planetary ruler and you must harvest each at sunrise on the appropriate day. Solar herbs at sunrise on Sunday, Saturn herbs at sunrise on Saturday, Jupiter herbs at sunrise on Thursday, etc. You will be amazed with the results. So says **Blagrave**, so say I, so say reports that have arrived. But I digress. We are invoking Jupiter.

**O**N April 8, here in Baltimore (it's just down the road a bit), Jupiter is on the midheaven at exactly 6:50:58 pm EDT. What planetary hour is this?

Dear Esoteric Technologies, I cannot find planetary hours in your fine program, Solar

Fire Gold. So,

In my 25 year old copy of the Matrix Almanac, 6:51 pm EDT is the hour of the Moon. Not Jupiter. Which means we must find a different day.

Let's make an intelligent guess. If sunrise on Monday is the Moon and Jupiter follows at sunrise three days later, then one would guess that 6:50-ish pm EDT would be a Jupiter hour three days hence, on Friday, April 11. Let's go back to the Almanac and see.

Which I find to be correct. On Friday, April 11, here in Baltimore, the Jupiter hour begins at 6:30 pm. It ends at sunset at 7:34 pm, EDT.

Now we go back to Solar Fire Gold and find out when Jupiter arrives at the MC on Friday. Which will be at 6:40:32 pm EDT.

Will this be the correct time where you are?

**No**, because we no longer use LAT or LMT, but standard time, which is a smear. You must add or subtract as many minutes from this as you are in degrees of longitude from your time standard. The time standard I used, Baltimore's 76°W36', is 1°36' from the standard 75° W Eastern standard.

Or get a program that will calculate the hours for you. **ChronosXP**, for example.

So we have a time and date for our abundance ritual. Now for the details.

From Lilly's **Christian Astrology, Book 1**, pgs. 61-65, we learn that Jupiter favors an azure color, which is sky-blue, also purple and a mixed yellow and green. Jupiter is masculine, temperately hot and moist, airy and sanguine. Jupiter rules cloves, mace, nutmeg, strawberries, balsam, betony, flax, lungwort, pimpnel, oregano, rhubarb, borage, wheat, liverwort, basil, peony, liquorice, mint, mastic, daisy and saffron, among others. Also the cherry, birch, mulberry, oak, and almond trees, among others. For locations, Jupiter prefers altars and temples. As gems, the amethyst, sapphire, emerald, topaz and marble, among others. Jupiter's metal is tin. Those of you who know how to use implements in ritual will know what to do with these. If you use plants or herbs, you should harvest them at sunrise on a Thursday, the day and hour of Jupiter.

Of course, if we had the ability to plan our ritual in advance, we would pick a moment when, say, the Moon was conjunct Jupiter. Since Jupiter is in Cancer at the moment, as Jupiter is exalted in Cancer, as the Moon is the ruler of Cancer, a Moon-Jupiter conjunction is obvious. The Moon will next be in Cancer May 3-5. It will conjunct Jupiter at 8:51 am EDT on May 4. Putting them both on

the MC on that day moves our ritual to 5:21 pm EDT, Baltimore, when the Moon will be four degrees past Jupiter. (You can't have everything.)

As Jupiter is in Cancer and as Cancer is the sign of the home and family, our ritual should seek to create abundance for our families. Such a ritual with Jupiter in Cancer might invoke fertility and pregnancy sooner than mere money. If you want children, go for it. You could, for example, pick this moment for procreative sex. If not, be careful!

Advance the calendar and we find a Jupiter-Sun conjunction on Thursday, July 24. Since this is Jupiter's very own day and as it is **the one day in twelve years when Jupiter will conjunct the Sun in Leo**, we could make a powerful sunrise ritual, invoking the power and dominance of the Sun itself. And, by the way, include gold, as gold is ruled by the Sun.

Note the Moon on the day is waning. A one-off ritual will likely have little effect, but if one used the Thursday sunrise to create a charged object, one could unleash it at sunrise on Sunday, July 27. Which is the hour of the Sun. Jupiter will still be very nearby, the Moon will be in Leo and waxing.

So those of you who want and need money (me! me! me! count me in!) have your work cut out. This is the essential Earth Astrology and, by the way, if the astro-app on your mobile device can't tell you stuff like this, what good is it?

### WHAT IS EARTH-ASTROLOGY?

**Earth astrology says the twelve signs of the zodiac are generated by the earth.** Not an empty sky. They are the four basic *elements*, fire, earth, air and water, in relationship with the three basic *energies*: Cardinal, fixed and mutable (the qualities of having energy, resisting energy, and seeking energy). There are **twelve** possibilities. There can only be **twelve**. Not ten or eleven or thirteen.

These signs vary in strength according to the relative placement of the Earth among the Sun, Moon and planets. The Earth and planets are more than big enough, more than close enough, to have precisely this kind of relationship among themselves.

Which the Earth then radiates, from the ground out, into everything that creeps, crawls or flies. It determines the weather. It causes earthquakes. No sensible person should be without this critical knowledge. No excuses!

In this vibrating environment, whenever anything separates from anything else, it will lose its original vibration and take on the current one. Such as at birth, or at harvest. **This is strict science.**

