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## Ephemeris Season

— The end of the decade approaches —

I once had a nice 20th century ephemeris, with good, clean, easy to read layouts, eclipses at the very top of the page where I could find them, lunar phases and void-of-course that I could actually make sense of, with a nice, clear aspectarian at the bottom. It was a French thing (later a Kansas thing - I'm a Kansas boy, I liked that), but on December 31, 2000, it ended. The "replacements" just weren't as good. And I was stranded.

So after years of frustration, I decided to make my own ephemeris. Halfway through the Aspectarian overwhelmed the page size. With bigger pages and a bit of extra room, I added Chiron, and I'm glad I did. For the first time in a standard ephemeris, Chiron every three days, its stations and

ingresses precisely timed, as well as its declination ('Dec') given monthly. I hope this will encourage further study of this notable celestial body.

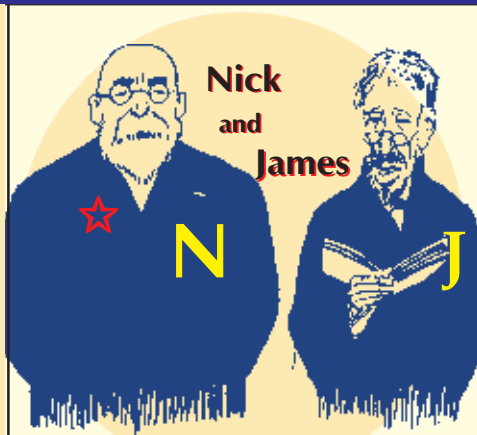


The ephemeris project took more than a year and was more work than I expected, but I am pleased with the results. If your ephemeris is ending soon, you might give mine, **AstroAmerica's Daily Ephemeris of the Planets' Places** a look. Here is a **sample page**. It's available for 2010-2020, and from 2000-2020 & is set for Midnight.

If you're looking for an ephemeris with declinations & daily aspectarian (such as mine), you have two other choices as well.

ACS (Astro Computing of San Diego, now Starcraft of Exeter, NH) produces the big red oversize books. Here's their **sample page**. Like it? Buy it **here**.

The **Rosicrucians** in Oceanside, CA, still produce ten-year books, set for Noon, with their unique planetary order. They're now comb-bound, which is quite convenient. See a sample page **here**. Buy **here**.



## DUELING DICTIONARIES

### STELLIUM

**James Wilson**, 1819: A crowd of planets in an angle. Persons having this in their radix have at some period in the course of their lives prodigious good or ill fortune. So far as my observation extends, a stellium of 4 or 5 planets in any part of the radix always produces in the course of the native's existence some tremendous catastrophe.

**Nicholas DeVore**, 1947: A group of five or more planets in one Sign or House. In an angle it portends great changes of fortune, the good & bad coming in patches. Heavy falls are succeeded in due course by a spectacular comeback, and vice-versa. Such persons usually have many acquaintances, but few real friends. They can hardly fail of considerable recognition at some periods...

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

18	01:30	♂ Δ Ψ	
	07:10	☾ Δ ♃	Void
	13:57	☾ ♁	
19	02:24	♂ □ ♃	
	10:11	♀ ✕ ♃	
20	00:11	☾ ♂ ♃	
	00:37	☾ ♀ ☉	
	06:00	☾ ♂ Ψ	
	10:02	● 27♁ 32	New Moon/Void
	14:01	☾ ♃	
21	11:47	♀ ♂ ♃	
22	01:24	☾ ♂ ♃	
	07:54	☾ ♂ ♃	
	09:34	☾ ♂ ♀	
	11:44	☾ □ ♂	Void
	15:12	☾ ♃	
	23:32	♀ Δ ♃	
	23:39	☉ ♃	
23	18:19	☉ Δ Ψ	
	19:30	☾ ♃ ☉	
24	22:41	☾ ✕ ☉	

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



## STAR OF THE WEEK



**REGULUS**. a Leonis. 29° ♁ 58.

**Notes:** A triple star, flushed white & ultramarine, situated on the body of the Lion. Often called Cor Leonis, the Lion's Heart. It was one of the four Royal Stars of the Persians in 3000 BC, when it marked the Summer Solstice.

**If Rising:** Great honour & wealth, but violence & trouble, sickness, fevers, acute diseases, benefits seldom last, favor of the great, victory over enemies & scandal.

**The 145th consideration of Bonatus:** ...whether Cor Leonis be in the ascendant... for this alone signifies that the Native shall be a person of great note & power, too much exalted, and attain to high preferment & honours, although descended from the meanest parents. And if any of the Fortunes behold that place also, his glory shall be the more increased, but if the Nativity be nocturnal, his fortune will be somewhat meaner, but not much.

— from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990



## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### What is the data for Lilith?

**L**IKE Queen Victoria, "We are not amused" by a late article in a well-known astrology magazine taking issue against the Earth's satellite Lilith & charging that she has no astronomical basis for existence. This is their error & of small moment in general but since some of our readers may not have the astronomically-vouched facts they are entitled to, we present them.

Although definitely sighted & reported by Alischer in 1720, by Lichtenberg & Sollnitz in 1762, and by Hoffman in 1764 (Raphael's Ephemeris 1935, page 40), Lilith's actual LOCALIZED sighting was around 1896/7 by a German astronomer, George Waltemath: Local Mean Time Berlin, his findings published there January 1, 1898. . . Longitude 215° by Right Ascension (8 Scorpio, her known sign nature & very apropos at the time).

Her daily motion 3° is now determined as 3°02'08": synodic revolution 177 days, and equatorial distance radius of Earth 161 radii. Diameter 700 kilometers, mass 1/80th of Earth and about the same mass as the Moon but only 1/4th in size and nearly three times as far from us. We note that all these data have been established by orthodox methods of astronomy & are unimpeachable.

An observational bureau was established in 1930 in Utrecht, Holland to determine Lilith's position with exactitude when seen crossing the face of the Sun to assume his exactitude by Sign, degree & minute; also his declination and his latitude which is always 0°. This is the undeniable basis for the Lilith ephemeris... — **From Outer Space to Planet Earth**, 1982. See also *Ivy's Dark Moon Lilith in Astrology*.

# Blagrave's Astrology

**J**OSEPH Blagrave, 1610-82, was a country doctor who lived in Reading, England. In 1671 he published **Astrological Practice of Physick**, one of the earliest astro-medical books in the English language. I am currently working on new, reset edition.

Blagrave is the first writer, so far as I am aware, to present a complete Astro-Medical theory. Twenty years earlier **Culpeper** hints, but is not quite explicit. Here it is:

The doctor has his own private garden, where he grows all the herbs & plants necessary for his practice. It is important he do this himself, that he not rely on others. In his garden, Joe had some 374 specific plants (if my count is right).

At sunrise every morning, the doctor harvests plants ruled by the planetary ruler for that day & hour. This is in advance of actual need. At sunrise on Sunday, he harvests Sun-ruled plants. At sunrise on Monday, he harvests Moon-ruled plants. At sunrise on Tuesday, he harvests Mars-ruled plants, etc. What to do with plants where rulership is disputed? Blagrave says to wait for a day when both rulers are in favorable aspect, in other words, when Sun & Jupiter are in trine. I would simply harvest on separate days & label each accordingly. This preparation is critical.

A doctor's work starts at the moment of decumbiture. A decumbiture chart was drawn for the moment the patient took to his bed. In modern parlance, it's when the ambulance comes to take you to the hospital.

In this chart we note hard aspects to the Moon from Saturn, Mars, the Sun or Mercury (in that order). Without further ado, these give us the diagnosis, or What is Wrong. Looking at Maynard for this week, the first such lunar aspect (aside from New Moon, or aspects to Uranus or Pluto) is early on Saturday, 22 August: **Moon in Virgo, square to Mars**. Of this, Blagrave writes,

*Those who take their bed under this configuration, shall be subject to a Flux in the belly, small Fevers, the Pulse remiss aversion of the Ventricle, also tormented with wind in the Belly or Guts, and Cholic, bad stomach many times, weakness or pains in the legs near the ankles; the cause from original cholera, melancholy, and sharp fretting humors.*

This is a Mercury disease, as Virgo is

ruled by Mercury.

For his part, the patient is ruled by the ascendant of the decumbiture. Drawing a chart for that moment, 22 August 2009, 7:44 am EDT, Bel Air MD, I find it has 14 Virgo rising. Blagrave describes the patient thusly:

*... signifies one of a mean stature, but well composed, a brown ruddy complexion, black hair, shrill and small voice, well favoured, but not very beautiful.*

**T**HIS is NOT the patient's natal ascendant, not his natal Sun nor Moon sign. It is HOW THE PATIENT APPEARS TO YOU AT THE MOMENT OF DECUMBITURE. If this is not how he appears, then you have the wrong ascendant & should select one more appropriate.

Now that you know both the ailment, and the patient, you are to select herbs as appropriate. These are the "super-charged" herbs you carefully harvested at the moment they were infused with specific planetary energies. You are to administer them according to the Moon's future travel over the coming month, based on a chart of 16 houses of 22° 30' each, with the Moon on the ascendant. Medicines are administered on the intermediate cusps. The angular cusps are times of crisis, leading (usually) to rapid healing or (less frequently) death.

Such is the **Astrological Method of Cure**. It was not Blagrave's invention. Now I understand **Cornell**, who said he could heal merely with the patient's natal chart ("*without even touching the patient*") though what he probably meant was the decumbiture.

Mao Zedong himself directed the collection & organization of traditional Chinese medicines, into what is today known as **Traditional Chinese Medicine** (TCM), a system vastly more powerful than the poisonous drugs & crippling surgeries of the scandal that passes for western medical treatment. With Blagrave, as well as **Saunders**, we have the start of what I might term **Traditional Western Medicine** (TWM). Modern exponents include **Jane Ridder-Patrick & Oscar Hofman**. As it is native to us, those who take up its study will do better, I think, than the westerners who take up Chinese medicine. Chinese medicine, as I well-know, is best administered by native-born Chinese. We have our own system, and it is every bit as good. There is, at last, freedom from the tyranny of the medical profession!

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## ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

### Part 22: Bikini Waxing

**I**N removing superfluous hair by means of ointments or depilatories, let the Moon be in Pisces, Scorpio or Cancer, in sextile, trine or even square to Jupiter, Venus, or the Sun, but not in conjunction with any of them, and not in aspect to Saturn. On no account should the Moon be in any sign that increases hair, namely, Aries, Taurus, Leo, and the latter part of Sagittarius & Capricorn. In general let the Moon, ascendant, and its lord be in feminine signs, and the Moon and lord of the ascendant be in the western half of the map. Always avoid an affliction from the Sun to the Moon and Ascendant, especially in or from Aries.

### Beauty Treatments, Plastic Surgery, Massage, Etc.

**P**UT the Moon in Taurus, Cancer, Leo, Libra, Scorpio or Aquarius in good aspect to Venus, and also to Jupiter if possible. In case of plastic surgery, afflictions to Mars must be avoided, and the Moon must not be in the zodiacal sign ruling the part to be operated upon. Avoid afflictions from Saturn, and do not let that planet be angular or occupy the 6th house. The rising sign should be Libra or Aquarius, with Venus or Jupiter in the ascendant in good aspect to Mars & the Moon.

— Electional Astrology, by Vivian Robson

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## From Raphael's Mundane Astrology

### CHAPTER XXVI Earthquakes

**T**HE prediction of earthquakes in different parts of the world is one of the most interesting subjects in Mundane Astrology.

It has been ascertained that earthquakes are caused by the action of eclipses, and through the position of planets in the four fixed signs, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio & Aquarius, and more especially Taurus & Scorpio.

The following rules have been laid down by various writers, to which we have supplemented some notes & comments:

**1. Earthquakes generally follow close on the heels of eclipses** & especially in those countries where the eclipse falls on the meridian or nadir. Also if there be any planets in fixed signs at the moment of eclipse, then earthquakes will occur in those parts of the world where such planets are either rising, setting, culminating, or on the nadir. Thus, if, at an eclipse, the planet Saturn should be in a fixed sign, and distant 45 degrees from the meridian, then earthquakes will occur in that part of the world which is the same distance from Greenwich, east or west, according to the position of Saturn. [*The author presumes you're in London - Dave*]

**2. At the period of the earthquake many aspects will be found between the planets at the time, but specially the planets will form numerous aspects with the previous eclipse & the planets' places at such time.** Thus an eclipse may presignify an earthquake, but it will not come to pass until it is aspected by some planet, or numerous aspects are formed by the planets to the place of the eclipse. —from **Raphael's Mundane Astrology**.



**W**ITH a 9th house Sun, you're not only committed to the intellectual responsibility of searching for knowledge & spreading the truth. You're pledged to the physical responsibility of defying the odds & going the distance to do so. This explains all those chronic crusades for justice & those compelling campaigns for the underdog, not to mention your undeniable talent when it comes to any far-reaching or advanced method of communication such as advertising, broadcasting, teaching, or publishing. You see, you were born to inspire the world as an outstanding example of your own deeply held convictions, which is why your opinionated path will always become strewn with overwhelming obstacles whenever you're not out there somewhere fearlessly preaching your principles & brilliantly voicing your views. Or worse, whenever you are out there anywhere, not practicing all of the beliefs & politics you so self-righteously advocate to us. Your soul did promise to become a powerful source of global enlightenment—a promise that can only be fulfilled through a continuous search for knowledge & the wise application of truth—yours. Luckily this requires nothing more than leaving the so-called safety of your own intellectual backyard, & nothing less than taking us with you.



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