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Strange But True Dept: When Mars transits the sign of Aquarius (like now, for instance, from 15 January to 23 February 2011), Aquarians may start looking seriously delicious to the rest of us. To all who develop sudden crushes on the Aqua Man, a warning/love letter:

The Aquarius Man

YOUR Aquarius man is unlike any man you have known before. Do not let him look at you. His electric eyes are deadly weapons. These unearthly orbs can send a bolt that will stun and harpoon you in seconds. Suddenly you are trembling. He is talking to you, coolly, reasonably, in a voice full of nothing but friendliness and respect. Now you are in for it. This man has a brain. He will not hesitate to use it. He is not an easy victim of sexual infatuation; he can act frosty when he's mad for you. Inside, he thrashes, aching to make you his best friend for life.

But his is a nonnegotiable independence, even when wed. Here is a guy who wants to buy the whole world a Coke; his friends are many. He's cute, though, and you'll travel, meet everyone, breathe free air and get to be yourself. There are catches, though. He can dress beautifully for work, all Burberry and Brooks Brothers. At home his closet is full of eccentric horrors he saves for relaxing with you. You decide to have a little talk with him about his duds.

'Everyone's wearing these clothes,' he protests.

'Yes, dear. On the planet Uranus, perhaps.'

He might be an extraterrestrial. This could be why he tells you he sometimes needs 'space'.

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No, this isn't about me! I have Gemini rising!!!

January 19:

1920—US votes against League of Nations
1935—First men's briefs sold
1953—I Love Lucy gives birth

ASTRO MED A to Z

ADENOIDS follow usually from afflictions in or to 25° Taurus-Scorpio, especially from Mars or Uranus. However, while the presence of malefics in these degrees seems to aggravate the complaint, almost all Mars-Uranus combinations in these signs incline to this or cognate trouble. *Examples:*

Girl, born 10:10 pm, November 18, 1919, London. Sun in 25° Scorpio square Uranus sextile Mars.

Girl, born 12:55 pm, October 15, 1918, Poole. Saturn 25° Leo opposite Uranus.

ALCOHOLISM. We nearly always find that the Lights are in weak mundane positions & signs, or else they are badly afflicted, especially in or from Fire or Water, or both. Fire gives the convivial drunkard, Water the weak or besotted one.

The 5th house is nearly always afflicted by Neptune or by planets in watery signs, and Mars is very frequently afflicted by Neptune, in or from Pisces.

Certain degrees are commonly involved in afflictions, e.g. 11° of cardinals & 9° and 25° of fixed.

Example: Female, born 5:20 am, February 3, 1861, London

—from *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*, by Charles Carter.

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for the week (all times GMT)

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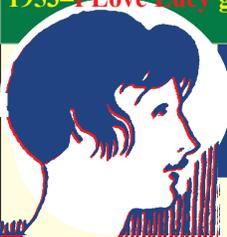
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STAR OF THE WEEK

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OPHIUCHUS, or, Serpentarius 28 ♎ — 28 ♎ 18 N–24 S

Legend: This constellation is said to represent the infant Hercules who strangled two serpents sent by Juno to kill him as he lay asleep in his cradle.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is like Saturn & moderately like Venus. It is said to give a passionate, blindly good-hearted, wasteful & easily seduced nature, together with little happiness, unseen dangers, enmity, strife & slander. Pliny said that it occasioned much mortality by poisoning. This constellation has also been called Æsculapius, and held to rule medicines. By the Kabalists it is associated with the Hebrew letter Oin and the 16th Tarot Trump "The Lightning Struck Tower." —from *Fixed Stars*, by Vivian Robson —These are the traditional meanings for the "thirteenth sign." Any of you Scorpios still think this is you? What about what you read in the paper three days ago? Betcha that was modern myth-making at its best. And stop thinking that Juno is nice! — Dave

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson
1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Reading Your Natal Chart, part 2

PLANETS in pairs show reliance on another person & it will bear fruit if in good aspect zodiacally to the Ascendant or mundanely to the 1st House—as from any house but the 6th, 7th or 8th which are in mundane quincunx or opposition to the 1st. You get no cooperation from an opposition: the other person pulls away or holds back & you are fully aware of his disinterest because this is a Full Moon type of aspect: it makes everything as clear as day to you.

The quincunx (150°) forces you to reorganize your aim & settle for less, or assume unwanted responsibility. Any good aspect makes you expect great things—but if opposition or quincunx by HOUSE you accept less.

Planets in groups of three or more give related, attainable goals: interests that can be reached & easily if in good zodiacal or mundane aspect to the 1st House. The square means great self-application with ultimate success: the opposition baffles you & the quincunx attains in part but also exacts a tax.

The most concentrated effort on your part comes from having planets concentrated in a quadrant, and this allows you to concentrate your attention where you can specialize toward a certain goal. When on the Ascendant side of the chart it is more personal in nature; on the Descendant side, more impersonal; in either case, the specialization assures success. — **The Way of Astrology**,

January 19:

1829—First performance of Faust.
1840—Circumnavigation of Antarctica.
1883—Roselle, NJ, lights up.
1917—Zimmerman telegram sent.

Ophiuchus, the “13th Sign”

THIS past week a group of **homeless astronomers** in Minneapolis suckered the local paper, the **Tribune**, into running the old lie about Ophiuchus being the “13th sign of the zodiac.” Which got picked up by **KSTP**, the local TV station, and then by **CNN**, **The Christian Science Monitor**, **The Huffington Post** & everyone else. Somebody in nearby Baltimore made a YouTube video in which he blamed the Astrology Center of America (that’s us, folks) and told viewers to call our number. Which he gave. It promptly went viral & I got lots of angry phone calls, before I got Google to remove it for violating my privacy.

In response I sent the following to the *Tribune*. I would be most surprised if it was printed:—

REGRET to report the article was wrong in all respects. The tropical zodiac is based on the Earth-Sun relationship. Not on stars.

Zero Aries is defined as the Vernal Equinox.

Zero Cancer is the Summer Solstice.

Zero Libra is the Autumnal Equinox.

Zero Capricorn is the Winter Solstice.

All based on declination, not longitude.

This was expounded by Ptolemy in his **Tetrabiblos**, c. 140 AD, but it wasn’t his idea. It had already been in use for some time prior. Please note that in Ptolemy’s day, the Sidereal & Tropical zodiacs were, to a casual eye, identical.

There is a zodiac based on star positions, with Aldebaran as fiducial (marker). That is the Sidereal Zodiac, in use in India. It is a radically different system that cannot be compared to the Western Tropical Zodiac.

As none of the signs are based on stars (not in the Tropical system, nor the Sidereal), use of this or that constellation is symbolic. Not actual. And always has been. In the classical system there are 12 signs and seven planets. Extrapolated from these are not only the calendar, but the seven day week and the 24 hour day. Seriously adding or subtracting pieces would literally collapse human time-keeping. Sure you wanna do that?

Nor is the tropical system static. Because the Earth does not have a perfectly circular orbit, some seasons are longer than others, and over the centuries, the dates of the Earth’s perihelion and aphelion change. In 1838, perihelion was on January 2. In 2020, perihelion will be on January 5 (precise times are available). (Source: **Tables of Planetary Phenomena** 3rd edition, Michelsen/Pottenger, Starcrafts Publishing, 2007) The

tropical zodiac reflects this. The sidereal zodiac does not.

Which means some signs of the zodiac are actually longer in time than others. Which means that a degree in the tropical zodiac is accurate, whereas a degree in the sidereal zodiac is merely the annualized mean. From shortest “degree” to longest “degree”, the difference over a year amounts to roughly 30 seconds of arc. Tropical shows this. Sidereal cannot.

You can take the entire solar system, Sun, planets, moons, asteroids, you can drop them into a distant galaxy far, far away, and the tropical zodiac will still be exactly accurate, since it will still be based on the Earth-Sun relationship. Which is fundamental. The Sidereal zodiac is relative. ALL Sidereal zodiacs (there are, let me see, the Fagan-Bradley, Lahiri, Krishnamurti, Raman, Shill-Ponde & three or four others) are based on the Tropical Zodiac. The fudge factor they all use is called the Ayanamsha. Which is a variable that is subtracted from Tropical positions.

Any self-respecting astronomer KNOWS THIS, as it is nothing but the Earth’s own orbital mechanics. You cannot send a space probe to the Moon, much less Venus or Mars, unless you have mastered these essentials. The Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena has.

There are a group of astronomers who trot this story out every three or four years or so. I heard it three years ago at a local high school in Edgewood, MD. I heard it back in the mid-1990’s, I heard it back in the late 1980’s. It probably goes a lot further back, because it’s guaranteed the astronomers behind it have learned nothing. Nor do they want to.

In recycling this erroneous story, you have done a disservice to your readers as well as launched a near panic in many quarters, as the phone calls I got on the 13th, here in Maryland, will prove.

I am,

David R. Roell

I run the Astrology Center of America, where we keep track of things like this, in order to spare the ignorant their embarrassment.

There will be consequences. I have a platform, I am going to use it. You are all about to get a crash course in AstroMedicine. You will learn that astrology, alone, can diagnose better than any medical test. Coupled with western or Chinese herbalism, there is NO NEED of western medicine. None. (Save for accidents.) Even the poorest can afford excellent astro medicine.

This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**. It is now in print.

Part 22:

Eyes, eyesight

(d) **Eyes.** The colour of the eyes is shown by the rising sign & planets as previously indicated in the general descriptions. To these it may be added that Venus, conjunct or opposed Jupiter frequently gives deep blue or violet eyes.

The Sun rules the right eye of a man & the left eye of a woman, while the Moon rules the left eye of a man & the right eye of a woman. As a rule these bodies will be found afflicted in cases of defective eyesight.

The following are special rules:—

1. Defective sight or sore eyes are caused by afflictions to the Sun or Moon in or from Aries & Libra. The same is caused by Sun opposed Moon in these signs.

2. The Sun in Aquarius badly afflicted by Saturn often causes total blindness.

3. Certain fixed stars, nebulae, and clusters, are most usually involved in cases of blindness or defective eyesight, the most important being situated as follows:—Pleiades in Taurus 28°51', Praesepe in Leo 6°9', the Ascelli in Leo 6°24' and Leo 7°34', and Antares in Sagittarius 8°37'. The longitudes of these bodies increase at the rate of 50".25 per annum the above positions being for 1st January 1918. [For 2011: Add 1°18']

If the Sun or Moon are in any of these places & either afflicting each other alone or afflicted by the malefics, or if the malefics afflict them from these places, blindness or defective sight results, one or both eyes being afflicted, according to whether one or both luminaries are afflicted. Affliction from Saturn gives danger from cold or cataract, from Mars by fire, battle or accident, from Uranus by explosions or electricity and from Neptune by excess of light. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson.

HEAD TO HEAD

An excerpt on
EYES

from the
Enclopaedia of Medical Astrology
by H.L. Cornell

THE eyes are under the external rulership of the Aries sign. The Eyes are also ruled by the Sun, Moon, Neptune, Uranus and the Aquarius sign, as Uranus & Aquarius rule the Ether, thru which Light is transmitted. It is recognized that Neptune has some action on the Eyes and Brain.

The Eyes have affinity with the Sun, Moon, Uranus and the Aries & Aquarius signs, and also with the Pleiades, Antares and the Ascelli. (See Eyes under Mercury). In our System of Astrology the 1st House rules & affects the eyes. In the Hindu System the 2nd House rules the Eyes, and afflictions in the 2nd House tend to seriously afflict the eye, or cause blindness.

The Sun is concerned with the structural defects of the eyes, while the Moon rules the Lachrymal Apparatus, its diseases & also errors of Accommodation, defective powers of adaptation, as Hyperopia, Myopia, Presbyopia, etc. The Sun or Moon at birth afflicted by Uranus tends to eye trouble or blindness, and especially if the Sun or Moon be near Nebulous Stars, as the Pleiades, Antares or the Ascelli.

The Sun rules the right eye of a man, and the left eye of a woman. The Moon rules the right eye of a woman and the left eye of a man.

Due to the large mass of material to be arranged and classified and the many subdivisions, many subjects concerning the Eyes are handled elsewhere in the alphabetical arrangement, such as Accommodation, Blindness, Eyeballs, Sight, etc. Also much is said concerning the Eyes under such subjects as Antares, Aquarius, Ascelli, Castor, Ether, Hyades, Light, Moon, Navamsa, Nebulous, Neptune, Pleiades, Pollux, Sight, Sun, Uranus, etc. — **The Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology**, by H.L. Cornell

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Is This You?

0°–10° Cancer rising
The Cancer decanate

THE first decanate is ruled by the Moon. This gives a dreamy, receptive, yet tenacious disposition, much influenced by family ties & limitations. The character is changeable, reserved, sensitive & imbued with considerable tenacity of purpose. People born under this sign make excellent biographers, being able to look up past history & re-live the lives of famous people they are portraying. In order to do this efficiently, they retire into the fastness of their homes & shut out, as much as possible, contemporary thought & activity. Great lovers of romance, the modern world appears to them both crude & ruthless; thus they live either in the past or through their own dreams in order to escape mundane facts. The late **Sir J.M. Barrie** was a typical Cancerian, both in appearance & character. [Author of Peter Pan]

Eclipses

These influence the nativity in much the same way as a powerful conjunction, beneficial or otherwise. As has been said earlier in this book, if a Solar eclipse forms a close adverse aspect to a vital planet or the ascendant in the radical chart, it may cause death. But this possibility may not occur immediately & may also be counteracted altogether by benefics reinforcing the configuration affected. If the eclipse falls within the 11th house of hopes & wishes, then some sudden disappointment may be the result, should it form a bad aspect to some other planet in the radical chart. — **Man and the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.

