

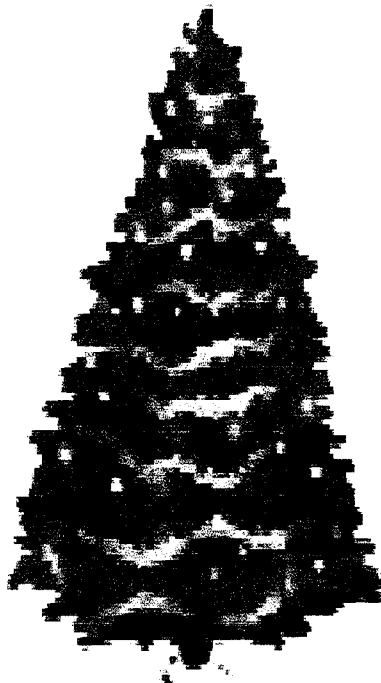
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## Aleister Crowley and Evangeline Adams

Recently I came across a new book about Astrology that says that Aleister Crowley wrote Evangeline Adams' astrology textbooks! If you're like me, you associate Crowley with the famous Tarot cards, his version, I believe, being, the most widely used deck. When I think of Crowley I also may think of the Qabala, Egyptian mysticism and magick—but not astrology. Yet here is this "new" book called "*The General Principles of Astrology*" by Aleister Crowley with Evangeline Adams. (underscore mine) It's an expensive book published by Red Wheel/Weiser but well worth the money.

The reason I found this so interesting is because it tells us a lot about the history of astrology in our country. Two propositions are particularly of note. One is that Adams is probably the instigator of the newspaper astrology column that teases with its non-information, designed to bring the client to the door with bucks in hand for more information. According to the editor's introduction, Adams was a great promoter and gifted at bringing in the business. For instance, many will remember the story from her autobiography of the great hotel fire that she predicted and which gained her so much fame. However, there is no historical record of such a fire in New York on that day! Not that we, as astrology aficionados are not grateful for Adams' work: she did much to popularize astrology and remove it from the ranks of fortune telling which she accomplished by her arrest and subsequent trial in New York. She was acquitted when she read the chart of the judge's son (unknown to her) showing that there was indeed merit to the reading of one's natal stars. Nevertheless, Crowley attributes to her many tricks of the trade to get more business. Due to a major business disagreement they had, he ended up breaking up their association. Adams later had the collaborative work published as her own when Crowley returned

## WINTER CALENDAR

As I write this Calendar I can't help but make note of recent events here in California of a type that Astrology offers no help for at all, as far as I can tell. Those events are the nearly hurricane force winds we had here in the City by the Bay and the cluster of 3+ force earthquakes for the last several days occurring in a heretofore unknown fault area in the East Bay. Much has been written about weather and earthquakes in the astrological research, but no system is accurate enough to enable us to predict these types of events. We've had a couple of pointers. For instance, yes, we just had an eclipse, but we don't have clusters of earthquakes every time we have an eclipse. See what I mean? And looking back at the 1906 earthquake and the chart of the city of San Francisco, there are some similarities. Then Pluto conjoined the Midheaven and Uranus conjoined the Sun. Right now, Pluto is opposing Mars near the midheaven and Uranus is in stress aspect to Mercury, but these are not accountable predictors and have more meaning in hindsight than in forecasting.

I mention this because, after 30 years of looking at charts, I still think astrology works best in the field of human affairs. I also believe that environmental issues can be effected for good or for bad by the mental environment of the individuals who inhabit the area. That is, in the symbolic life, the environment reflects the inner life of the individual, although you might think this radical. Maybe for this reason, Adano Ley, my astrology teacher, was often heard to say, "Supreme obedience to the obvious in the environment." To me, then, the winds and the quakes signal CHANGE, but change that we can handle since there have been no casualties noted.

And what does the current astrological energy have to say about change? Well we are getting ready for two planets to move into new constellations (Hopefully you know that the planets, the "wanderers," are identified by their backdrop of stellar constellations). One of them, Uranus, is the symbol of sudden unexpected change. Right now, Uranus is in the last degrees of Aquarius and will move into Pisces on March 10, 2003. Uranus cycles last 7 years. If you want to do some research on this planet in your own life, look back to what happened during 1996 which is when Uranus entered Aquarius. (However, Uranus cycles don't have to coincide with the planet's entrance into a new constellation.)

The other planet preparing to change signs is Saturn which will make its entrance into Cancer on June 3, 2003. Since August, Saturn had been on the cusp waiting to make a grand entrance into Cancer only to go retrograde at the last minute! Saturn will remain retrograde until Feb 22 making a station at 22° Gemini. Saturn also has 7+ year cycles but these usually pertain to business whereas a Uranus cycle is more unexpected change that brings about greater freedom or enlightenment. The retrograde Saturn could cause further slowdowns in the economy but in almost every case it is actually a delaying factor—which can be of vast benefit if the ego is under control. Otherwise it is often felt emotionally as sadness,

loneliness or loss. Saturn and Uranus are currently trine, a beneficial aspect to each other, bringing opportunities for creative solutions and constructive change.

Pluto continues its journey through Sagittarius (currently at 18°) until March 23rd where it makes a station at almost 20°. This is the symbol of destiny, of driving compelling force—in other words, the planet of transformation. I am happy to say that it appears that Pluto has had a positive influence on our war mongering president. In this case, hidden influences, working behind the scenes, have forestalled any military action for now. We have been made acutely aware that we are part of the world scene and cannot act without the approval of the other democratic nations. To W it may feel like a loss, but to our country it is a gain. This is the Pluto conjunct Saturn I have written about.

Jupiter, the so-called good guy of the zodiac who brings expansion, prosperity, optimism, and

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### LONGEVITY CIRCUIT

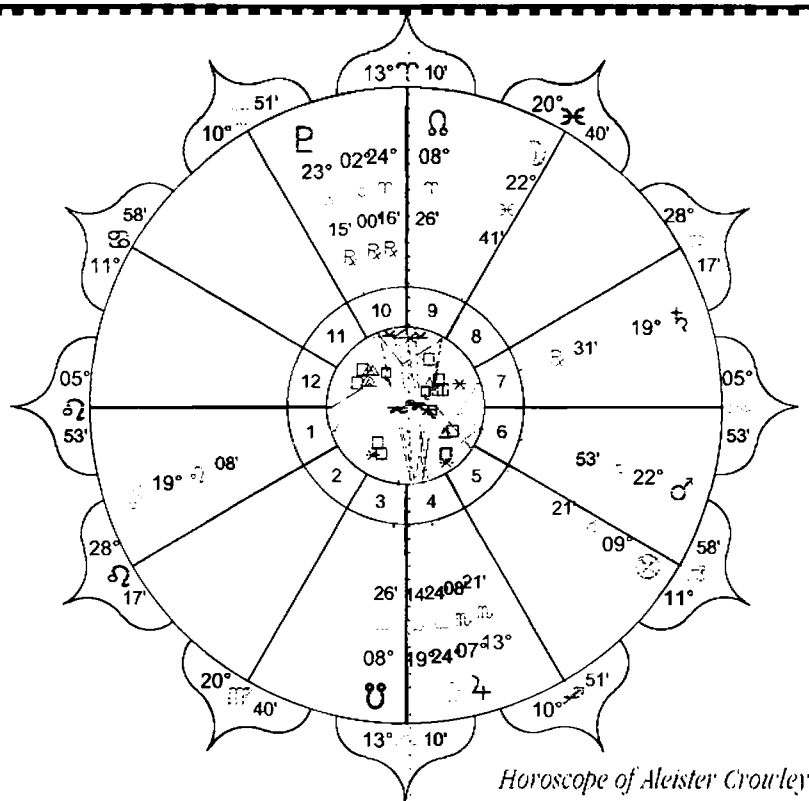
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to Europe.

There is a chapter in the book called, "How to fake horoscopes." Here Crowley, in veiled remarks, indicates that Adams took liberties in her practice that he did not like. He reveals that she often did not know the time of day a person was born and generally relied on prewritten "cookbook" sheets that she mailed to customers as bait. This is no less a problem

today. With computer generated delineations mostly what you get for that \$25 or \$50 horoscope you see advertised in the magazines is just a print-out. Even I bought one from the Edgar Cayce A.R.E. center because they were touting a different kind of astrology that they said Cayce used, but it was essentially a computer print-out of a sidereal chart. (In fact, the research of Cayce's charts indicates that he actually used a system called Draconic Astrology!) I suppose no business is free of charlatanism, but astrology is particularly susceptible to being used in such an adverse way, not only because of the ease with which astrology can be demeaned (Is it an Art, a Science, or both?) but also because the credulous public generally wants something for nothing and consequently is easily duped. Remember, astrology was

originally only for kings and rulers who were seeking help from the stars to rule successfully and the original astrologers were Magi or spiritual teachers. In a very good sense, we've come a long way to bring astrology to Everyman, making available the deepest, most spiritual information available through conversation. But the dangers are great. It is no wonder that my astrology teacher prohibited the use of advertising or any kind of self-promotion.

A quick scan of some of the astrology material indicates that Crowley's contribution to astrology was in bringing the psychological element into the delineation. Apparently he knew of and studied the works of Freud and later Jung bringing their ideas into chart analysis. Apparently Crowley was well versed in astrology by 1908, and though he had received a large inheritance, he had gone through it by the time he met Adams. Thus he was open to collaborating with her on a book.

The most controversial and perhaps least understood magician and occultist of his time, Aleister Crowley has been both vilified and idolized. Crowley was born as Edward Alexander Crowley, in Leamington Spa, England, on Oct 12, 1875 at 11:30 PM. His father was a brewer and his parents were members of the Plymouth Brethren, a strict fundamentalist Christian sect. As a result, Crowley grew up with a thorough Biblical education and an equally thorough disdain of Christianity. As a child, Crowley participated in the preach-

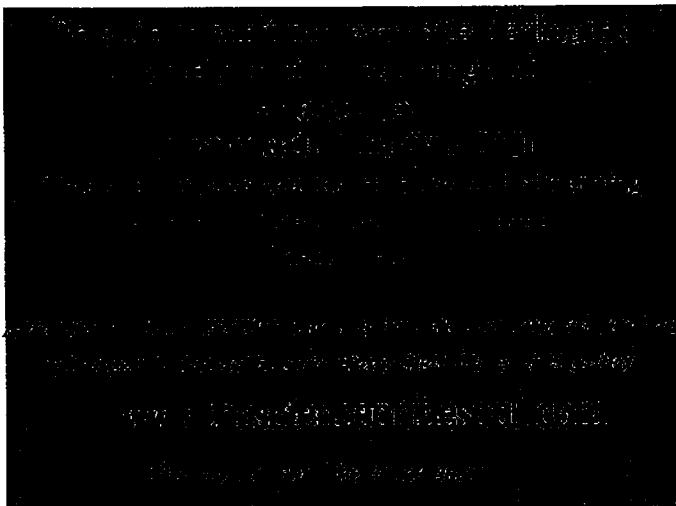
## WHO IS ADANO LEY

Ordinarily this page is earmarked for quotes from talks by Adano Ley. However, I recently came across an old book that had some interesting material that addresses today's political situation. The book is by Lawrence LeShan, Ph.D. and is called *The Medium, the Mystic, and the Physicist*, published by Esalen Press in 1966. It's thesis is that the psychic, the mystic (and LeShan mentions Yogananda in this category) and the physicist agree on their world view. Although this book is out of print, I believe you can still find it on the web. I am quoting primarily from Chapter 7 on psychic healing.

“... We are faced with extinction as a species because we cannot stop killing each other. One after another of our institutions is failing and we cannot seem to stop polluting our planet... New knowledge today must be evaluated in terms of these disasters. If it is serious it must be applicable to them.

I have been writing here about a part of man that is generally unrealized and unexpressed, about a way of being at home in the universe, of being with himself and others that is repressed early in life for nearly all of us. It may well be that in this repression lies a basic clue to the problem of our own behavior that so puzzles and bedevils us. The price for denying a basic part of one's being is well known to Western psychological science today—its cost is in diminished joy and zest, in a tendency toward pathological symptoms, hate and destruction, self-hate and self-contempt.

Is this repression one of the reasons we are such a sick species, that we are so destructive to ourselves and to each other? It is interesting to note that nearly all the great sensitives had a very unusual



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amount of joie de vivre and elan vital, and that typically the person who follows the mystical path and disciplines finds joy, serenity and a non-destructive life of peace and fulfillment of purpose.

Behind all the paranormal and the mystical lies the knowledge of the essential unity of man, with his fellows and the rest of the cosmos. This basic unity is reflected again—behind the screen of the mathematics—in Einsteinian physics (read quantum mechanics, ed.) A knowledge of this, a comprehension of the oneness-with-the-All, that “no place is empty of Him,” could only aid our culture in moving forward into a world where we can live with ourselves and each other. In deed it is only by grasping a concept new to it, the acceptance of a new idea, that a culture can change. Technological inventions only change a society to the degree that they bring a new idea in their wake.”

*May your holidays and New Year be full of mystical joy and fulfillment!*

*Crowley, continued*

ing with his parents, then rebelled against it. His behavior inspired his mother to call him "the beast" after the antichrist. Later, he called her "a brainless bigot of the most narrow, logical and inhuman type." His father died when he was 11. He attended Trinity College at Cambridge University, leaving just before completing his degree. Shortly thereafter he was introduced to George Cecil Jones, who was a member of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn. The Golden Dawn was an occult society led by S.L. MacGregor Mathers which taught magic, qabalah, alchemy, tarot, astrology, and other hermetic subjects. It had many notable members (including A.E. Waite, Dion Fortune, and W.B. Yates), and its influence on the development of modern western occultism was profound.

Following a voyage to Cairo in 1905, Crowley and his friends created the Order: A.: A.: (Astrum Argentinum or Silver Star) which became the primary vehicle for his obtainment of the mystic and magick training based on the principles of Thelema. Apparently its magick didn't always make the division between White Magick and Black Magic, which is why it caused such controversy, but according to other sources this new magick aimed at the true achievement of the will ( True Will ), joy in the union of the object and the subject.

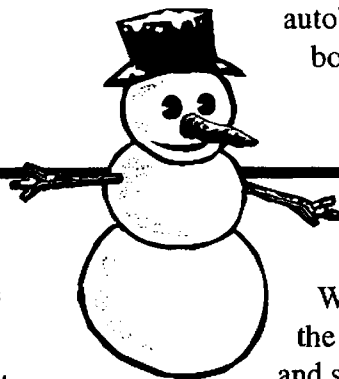
Furthermore, Crowley believed he was the reincarnation of Edward Kelly (the

assistant of the famous astrologer, John Dee) and he was all at the same time a painter, poet, and astrologer. He climbed the Himâlayas in 1902, crossed Mexico, Japan, Ceylon and Paris, and lived for several years in the U.S., to name a few of his travels. In addition to others already mentioned he was friends of Rodin, and Somerset Maughan.

Crowley is a fascinating figure who founded a religion based on himself called Crowleyanity, which he claimed would replace Christianity. He also proclaimed himself the anti-christ and the Beast 666. His life was filled with exaggerated scandals or truths: was he really "the wickedest man of the world" as the English press at the time named him or the man who was also a "Magus" recognized among certain occult brotherhoods? You will have to make up your own mind.

At least, one cannot be unaware of the sensitivity and the occult knowledge of the man. Crowley is one of the most interesting religious figures of the 20th century and has made an enormous impact on what we call the "New Age" movement. He was even featured on the cover of the Beatles Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club album cover and as the subject of a song by Ozzy Osbourne.

A final note: unfortunately Evangeline Adam's birth data is too uncertain to produce an accurate chart but luckily much is known about her due to her own autobiography as well as from other more recent books. Most of the information you have read here about Crowley came either from his recent book or from the Internet.

*Winter Calendar, continued*

moral justice (all good identifiers for this giant) is currently making an agreeable trine to Pluto and consequently enhancing our attitudes of understanding worldwide issues. Jupiter retrograded on Dec.4th at 18° Leo until April 4th, 2003, making a station at 8° Leo. Stations are apparent phenomena in which a planet seems to stay in one place against the backdrop of the constellations. Even though an illusion, stations can act in a very powerful way in an individual's chart if they coincide with the same number of another planet. The Jupiter retrograde will most likely act in accordance with Saturn, maintaining the economic slowdown. This retrograde is good for review and reconstruction of proposed new projects.

Finally, just a few words about the Winter Solstice Chart. This is a chart cast for the moment of the Sun's entrance into Capricorn and since it indicates the "stopping of the Sun" it is considered to be a forecast of the months to come. There is a tricky little T-Square happening with Venus and Mars conjunct squaring both Jupiter and Neptune. If this were an individual's chart I would warn of money problems due to either deceit, carelessness or inflated expectations. There's a sort of "something for nothing" attitude in this grouping. The Saturn/Uranus and Pluto/Jupiter trines should hold us in good stead if we will exercise even a minimum amount of good sense!

All best wishes for a joy-filled holiday season and prosperous New Year. And don't forget to look for

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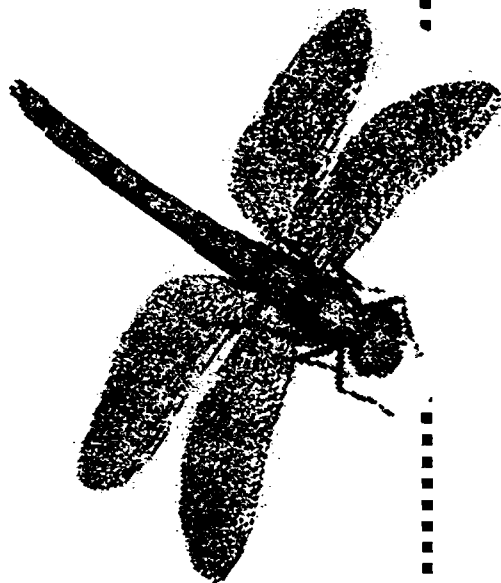


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