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For the Year 2023

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Ptolemaeus Astrologus

*The
August
Issue*

The Month of August Pt. I

The Country Mans Kalendar says

"The beginning of this Month sow Cabbage and Colliflower-seed; Prune superfluous branches from the Wall-fruit-trees, unbind the Buds you innoculated the Month before, if they take. Sow Spinnage and Lettuce for latter Sallading: Set Cuttings of Bays, Laurustinus, Laurel and Honisuckles, plant them rather in the Shade then in the Sun: Sow Lark-spur, Canditaft, Columnbines, Robin in the Bush, and such hardy Plants who will endure the Winter: Plant Strawberries, and other Garden-plants. Reap and gather in your Harvest, while the Weather continues fair, for you must reap and carry in your Corn, as well as make Hay, whilst the Sun shines."

The unfortunate days of this month are such

The 19th and the 20th days of August are those known to portend danger and misfortune, especially in matters of drawing blood. So be alert to them in such a manner. Likewise, the 27th day would be evil in most things this month because of what befell the Sun.

On the Phases of the Moon

Full Moon	1 st August	9 Aquarius
2 nd Quartile	8 th August	15 Taurus
New Moon	16 th August	23 Leo
1 st Quartile	24 th August	1 Sagittarius

Astro-Meterology and Weather Predictions

Generally an abundance of storms, excessive heat and dryness within the regions of Britain, Canada and the United States. Protect those crops, especially those which have preference for shade, during these upcoming months, ensure livestock have shelter from the withering rays. But it will be meeker in the second half of the month, with milder storms.

On the days fortunate for inceptions

The first day is good for little, for the Moon in Aquarius does not see her lord. The third we say, is challenging for journey by sea, but in agriculture abounds and the fourth would be the same.

The conjurer is advised on the 8th and 9th day as she enters her exaltation, to appeal to the Moon, and his prophecies shall speak truly with swift response. But the 10th day when you should seek out good business dealings, and if you have a wicked heart it is good for profiting from the same and it is a day that the criminal would celebrate as a success for his works.

But the 13th and 14th is best for journeys and travels, and in purifying and ritual bathing, to expel the harmful spirits and wash clean the spirit and soul, a good day also to make baptism or other initiations.

On the 16th day during the new moon, when the sun is arising every man should honour him, the father of heavens and seek out the virtues and works of the sun;

But the 17th day is a difficult one, and avoid especially the letting of blood or speaking falsely. Though a man cannot do wrong by planting sweet bushes who do well in August, as strawberries - this upon the 20th day of the month, but on the 21st this would be disastrous.

As for the 23rd, emetic and diuretic medicines are productive this day, and exorcism will be effective. But the 25th is good for making sacrifices and offerings, and devoted prayer alongside gifts and bounties are well received by Gods and Spirits.

As for the 27th and 28th days, tis best to rest upon them, and to avoid dangerous things. For the days that follow, the same.

The Month of August Pt. II

Predictions for the Ascendant Sign

Aries Horoskopos

A listless month, with much confusion and disorientation, be wary of sicknesses resulting from accidents and injuries, do not take all labours to be successful by nature this month.

Taurus Horoskopos

A peaceful and good month, (as it may be for awhile yet). Quiet charity produces silent virtue and good works are rewarded with favour for the honourable ones.

Gemini Horoskopos

A fortunate and successful month, but one filled with harmful intentions and wicked speech within the home and work, but other matters fare better for him.

Cancer Horoskopos

He will have attainment and progress in his ambitions, and increase of assets and wealth, just watch the health the very beginning and very end of the month.

Leo Horoskopos

A victorious month, the native ascendant (provided his nativity allows). He will have promotion, rank, and good fortune befall him, and the help and favour of others produces gladness for him.

Virgo Horoskopos

Talent and skill come hand in hand with lies, deceit and cruelty this month. Protect your profession and work, do not join yourself to the deceitful and prosperity will come, but difficulty from marriage and kinsmen loom.

Libra Horoskopos

The start of the month is mediocre, but later picks up, and his desires will be well met. But his health will be ailing, so he ought avoid too much exertion or risk of injury whence possible, and do not give your wealth to another lest you'd never see it again.

Scorpio Horoskopos

A greatly successful month, though the children will be unruly, the marriage shall be fruitful and the career shall progress with good acclaim or good pay. It will be good to give thanks to heaven.

Sagittarius Horoskopos

The garden will be fruitful but the household disturbed. The career will be success with difficulty, and religious affairs shall be a blessing for the one born under the archer this month.

Capricorn Horoskopos

A slow and tiresome month, lethargy and stress, anxiety may be present, but attending to domestic matters and the passions shall bring a respite in this time.

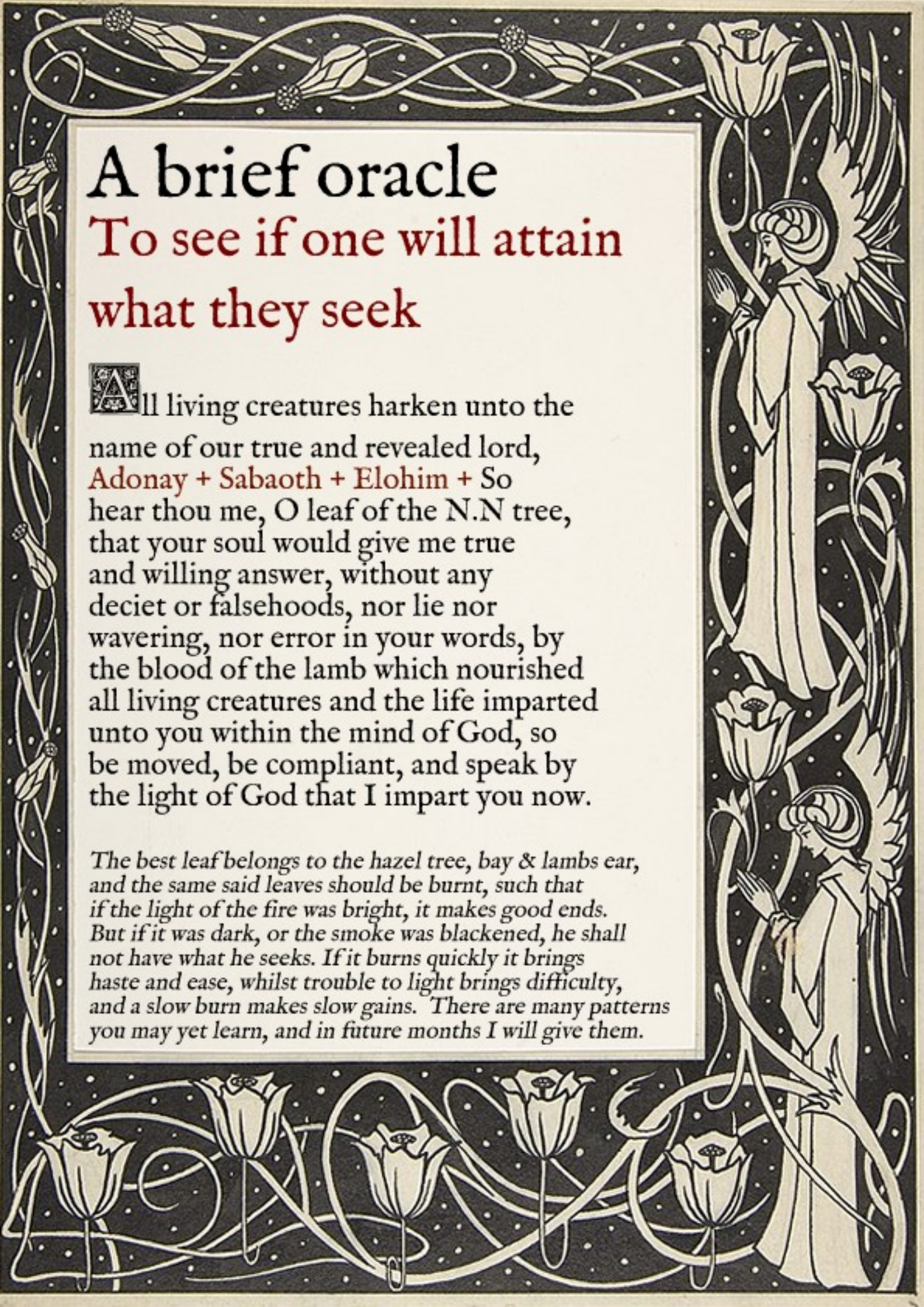
Aquarius Horoskopos

The marriage flourishes, the house is happy, though the wealth diminishes, and spendthrifts be warned of what comes to follow if poor habit is not restrained.

Pisces Horoskopos

The health will be languished, and he will be overcome with fatigue and frustrations this month, resulting in lax activity. It will be a difficult month, especially for the melancholic tempered under Pisces.





A brief oracle

To see if one will attain what they seek

All living creatures harken unto the name of our true and revealed lord, **Adonay + Sabaoth + Elohim +** So hear thou me, O leaf of the N.N tree, that your soul would give me true and willing answer, without any deciet or falsehoods, nor lie nor wavering, nor error in your words, by the blood of the lamb which nourished all living creatures and the life imparted unto you within the mind of God, so be moved, be compliant, and speak by the light of God that I impart you now.

The best leaf belongs to the hazel tree, bay & lambs ear, and the same said leaves should be burnt, such that if the light of the fire was bright, it makes good ends. But if it was dark, or the smoke was blackened, he shall not have what he seeks. If it burns quickly it brings haste and ease, whilst trouble to light brings difficulty, and a slow burn makes slow gains. There are many patterns you may yet learn, and in future months I will give them.

The Month of August Pt. III

On the Condition of the Planets & the Sun

Mercury	He inhabits his domicile, taking Mars for his subordinate and rejoicing in villainy, deceptions, frauds and wicked words, yet bearing great skill and ability alongside his disorderly conduct. On the 2 nd day his eyes meet with Saturn, locked in a mutual hatred (though reception with Mars preserves him of besiegement by the malefics). But upon the 10 th day, Jupiter offers a small medicine and aid to him, bringing relief as the same star is said to do, though it is a meagre aid due to the rejection of reception occurring. As for Mars, their friendship is never perfected since Mercury would slow to a station prior to their mixture. Of himself, he is quite refined, active, and suitable yet also in the nature of a malefic due to the proximity with Mars.
Venus	In the sign of the Lion she makes her evening setting under the beams of Helios in the early portion of the month, becoming fearful and subdued by the Sun, who guides his confused and meek vassal with a vice grip; and on the 13 th this would come to a fruition as she makes her inferior conjunction with the Sun, being in his heart and finding understanding and virtue from him, with the faculty of prophecy and noble arts coming to her for a single day. Following this she is in the pious degrees, giving herself to contemplation till the 16 th day when her morning rising begins and completes on the 23 rd day, the youthful star thence possessing great honour till the 30 th day of the month, something aided further by the friendship of her own charge (Jupiter) who prevailed on his master with good support.
Sol	The king rejoices upon his throne, subduing and subordinating Venus till she would come to excellence and positive fruits, and on the 7 th day rejoicing in the rays of Jupiter, the glorious and wondrous star most resemblant to divinity possesses an imperial quality during his time in the sign of Leo (though producing much heat and arrogance as well) and he finds his rulership scarcely challenged nor harmed for this month until he would come to the sign of the Virgin on the 23 rd , and the final part of the summer season would begin. Hence forth, on the 27 th his gaze meets with the turbid Saturn, with both the great malefic and great luminary casting upon one another injury and bloodshed.
Mars	Whilst in the sign of Virgo he resembles mostly a great and capable officer, of a cruel heart who corrupted his lord (Mercury) to wicked ways. Yet in turn never receives the full glory promised him by his master (since Mercury stationed, as we noted prior). On the 1 st day of the month the star of Jupiter also gave him a scarce glance from afar, giving some small support and guidance to virtue. Yet by the end of the month (27 th onwards) when he made ingress into Libra, he became idolent and lax in his activity for the final days of the month, setting himself to indulgence and weakness and depriving himself of talent in favour of pleasure.
Jupiter	The star of Zeus in this month is content with little change or activity, being content and moderate, neither lacking nor flourishing and in general we say his quality is quite mean or average. Though, many come to his door to seek his graces and aid, namely Mercury, Venus, the Sun and Mars, but of them only Venus and the Sun would receive a strong help from him, as he prevailed over them and preceded their pleas with gifts of virtue and grace, the rest he gives meek promises and fulfils them likewise meekly.
Saturn	Excessive in his dryness (since he was in his eastern-retrograde) the star of Kronos has a bitter and wicked quality to him in this month, though courteous with his ruler and sect-mate (Jupiter) he also harbours much enmity and stirs much injury amongst the heavens, especially by means of his oppositions with Mercury (2nd) and the Sun (27 th), and the ire of the old magister would be rightly feared, for his temper abounds in these days

What the voice of the Spirits declare regarding this month

The spirits of the aires are strong in this month, carried on the heat of heavens rays. Observe them, know them, and what effects they exhibit on men so you might preserve yourself from them or else engender favourable response.

On the day of Venus arising, the one without her favour in life should make their petition before perfumed water as she rises on the horoscope, giving their full devotion and dedication that she might show them the face of what they seek.

The horse carried on the back of the Sun shall strike the lions head, and the proud man should fear the summer heat.

The blood of a lamb about the field, protects a mans yield. (That is, his garden and his wealth)

Pray seven angels against evil in this month, and be preserved from heavens high displeasure at human error.

An unsteady soul finds absolution in white wine, but confession to his lord is the better medicine.

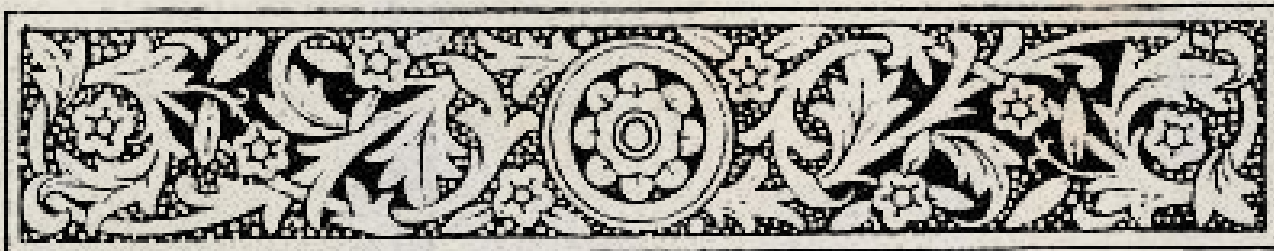
The Month of August Pt. IV

On the Travailing of the Moon in the Signs

Ingresses	Date of Ingress	Her Transmissions in the same sign	Ingresses	Date of Ingress	Her Transmissions in the same sign
Aquarius	1 st at 03:57	♂☉, ☐♂, ♂♀	Libra	19 th at 11:53	*♀, *☉
Pisces	3 rd at 03:05	♂♂, ♂♀, *♂, ♂♂	Scorpio	21 st at 23:21	Δ♂, ☐♀, ♂♂, *♀, *♂
Aries	5 th at 03:19	Δ☉, Δ♀	Sagittarius	24 th at 08:07	☐☉, ☐♂, Δ♀, ☐♀, ☐♂,
Taurus	7 th at 06:24	☐♂, Δ♀, ♂♂, ☐☉, Δ♂, ☐♀	Capricorn	26 th at 13:05	Δ☉, *♂, Δ♂, Δ♀
Gemini	9 th at 13:04	☐♂, ☐♀, *☉, ☐♂, *♀	Aquarius	28 th at 13:31	Δ♂, ♂♀, ☐♂
Cancer	11 th at 22:51	Δ♂, *♂, *♀, *♂	Pisces	30 th at 13:56	♂♂, ♂☉, *♂, ♂♀
Leo	14 th at 10:36	☐♂, ♂♀, ♂☉	<i>All times given in GMT.</i>		
Virgo	16 th at 23:14	♂♂, Δ♂, ♂♀, ♂♂			

On the Lunar Dragons

Degree of the Dragons Head at the beginning and end of the Month	1 st August	Aries 28° 58'	31 st August:	Aries 27° 23'
Degree of the Dragons Tail at the beginning and end of the Month	1 st August	Libra 28° 58'	31 st August	Libra 27° 23'



The Leaps & Transmissions of the Planets and Sun

Star 1		Aspect	Star 2		Date/Time (GMT)				Comments
					Deg.	Day.	Hour.	Min.	
♂	♌	△	4	♊	13° 46'	1 st	20	44	A trifling friendship of little merit
♀	♌	♂	♏	♋	05° 38'	2 nd	02	17	Scornful & wicked rays make enmity
☉	♌	□	4	♊	14° 16'	7 th	00	12	Favourable stakes and benefits
♀	♌	△	4	♊	14° 31'	10 th	00	47	A mild & distant help from afar
☉	♌	♂	♀	♌	20° 28'	13 th	11	15	Her inferior union with the sun
♀	♌	□	4	♊	15° 18'	22 nd	12	16	An excellent congress
☉	→→→	♌	→→→	→→→	Ingress	23 rd	09	01	The kings power begins to diminish
☉	♌	♂	♏	♋	03° 50'	27 th	08	27	A hateful ray akin to warring angels
♂	→→→	♏	→→→	→→→	Ingress	27 th	13	19	A soldier ensnared in weakness

The Solar Phases of the Planets this month

The Superior Planets	The Inferior Planets
<p>The star of Saturn completes his opposition with the Sun on the 27th day, consequently making his achronycal rising (IE: he will rise over the eastern horizon as the sun sets). Therefore moving to the Western (Rx) phase. As a result, he shall be cold and dry in temperament, greatly malicious and harmful in quality.</p>	<p>The star of Venus makes her inferior (Rx) conjunction with the Sun on the 13th day. Her birth and morning rising begins on the 16th day, and she emerges from his rays on the 23rd day. Thence from this she will be strongly moist in her temperament.</p> <p>Mercury makes his evening station, on the 23rd day, which we say is cold and dry.</p>



Astronomical Ephemeris

The Ecliptic Longitude of the Planets

August 2023: 12am GMT

Date	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓
1	27°29' ♌	04°13' ♍	27°01' ♎	08°31' ♏	13°14' ♐	13°40' ♑	05°42' ♒	
2	12°45' ♍	05°31' ♎	26°39' ♏	09°28' ♐	13°51' ♑	13°47' ♒	05°39' ♓	
3	28°02' ♍	06°46' ♎	26°14' ♏	10°26' ♐	14°28' ♑	13°53' ♒	05°35' ♓	
4	13°09' ♎	08°00' ♏	25°48' ♐	11°23' ♑	15°06' ♒	13°59' ♓	05°31' ♓	
5	27°58' ♎	09°11' ♏	25°20' ♐	12°21' ♑	15°43' ♒	14°05' ♓	05°27' ♓	
6	12°23' ♏	10°19' ♐	24°50' ♑	13°18' ♒	16°21' ♓	14°10' ♓	05°23' ♓	
7	26°20' ♏	11°26' ♐	24°18' ♑	14°15' ♒	16°58' ♓	14°16' ♓	05°19' ♓	
8	9°52' ♐	12°29' ♑	23°45' ♒	15°13' ♓	17°36' ♓	14°21' ♓	05°15' ♓	
9	22°59' ♐	13°31' ♑	23°11' ♒	16°11' ♓	18°13' ♓	14°26' ♓	05°11' ♓	
10	05°56' ♑	14°29' ♒	22°35' ♓	17°08' ♓	18°51' ♓	14°31' ♓	05°06' ♓	
11	18°17' ♑	15°25' ♒	21°59' ♓	18°06' ♓	19°29' ♓	14°36' ♓	05°02' ♓	
12	00°34' ♒	16°18' ♓	21°22' ♓	19°03' ♓	20°07' ♓	14°40' ♓	04°58' ♓	
13	12°42' ♒	17°07' ♓	20°45' ♓	20°01' ♓	20°44' ♓	14°45' ♓	04°54' ♓	
14	24°43' ♒	17°53' ♓	20°08' ♓	20°58' ♓	21°22' ♓	14°49' ♓	04°49' ♓	
15	06°39' ♓	18°36' ♓	19°31' ♓	21°56' ♓	22°00' ♓	14°53' ♓	04°45' ♓	
16	18°31' ♓	19°15' ♓	18°54' ♓	22°54' ♓	22°38' ♓	14°57' ♓	04°41' ♓	

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Date	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓
17	00°22' ♎	19°51' ♎	18°18' ♏	23°51' ♏	23°16' ♎	15°01' ♏	04°36' ♎	
18	12°13' ♎	20°22' ♎	17°42' ♏	24°49' ♏	23°54' ♎	15°04' ♏	04°32' ♎	
19	24°05' ♎	20°49' ♎	17°08' ♏	25°47' ♏	24°32' ♎	15°07' ♏	04°27' ♎	
20	06°02' ♎	21°11' ♎	16°34' ♏	26°44' ♏	25°10' ♎	15°10' ♏	04°23' ♎	
21	18°05' ♎	21°29' ♎	16°03' ♏	27°42' ♏	25°48' ♎	15°13' ♏	04°18' ♎	
22	00°19' ♎	21°41' ♎	15°32' ♏	28°40' ♏	26°27' ♎	15°16' ♏	04°14' ♎	
23	12°47' ♎	21°49' ♎	15°04' ♏	29°38' ♏	27°05' ♎	15°19' ♏	04°09' ♎	
24	25°35' ♎	21°51' ♎	14°37' ♏	00°36' ♎	27°43' ♎	15°21' ♏	04°05' ♎	
25	08°45' ♎	21°47' ♎	14°12' ♏	01°33' ♎	28°21' ♎	15°23' ♏	04°00' ♎	
26	22°22' ♎	21°37' ♎	13°50' ♏	02°31' ♎	29°00' ♎	15°25' ♏	03°56' ♎	
27	06°27' ♎	21°22' ♎	13°30' ♏	03°29' ♎	29°38' ♎	15°27' ♏	03°51' ♎	
28	21°00' ♎	21°00' ♎	13°12' ♏	04°27' ♎	00°17' ♎	15°29' ♏	03°47' ♎	
29	05°55' ♎	20°33' ♎	12°56' ♏	05°25' ♎	00°55' ♎	15°30' ♏	03°42' ♎	
30	21°07' ♎	19°59' ♎	12°42' ♏	06°23' ♎	01°34' ♎	15°31' ♏	03°38' ♎	
31	06°24' ♎	19°20' ♎	12°31' ♏	07°21' ♎	02°12' ♎	15°32' ♏	03°33' ♎	

On the Calendar of the Month August

<i>Day of Month</i>		<i>1st August</i>		<i>2nd August</i>		<i>3rd August</i>	
<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	Mars	Ps. 16	Mercury	Ps. 2	Jupiter	Ps. 81
<i>Saints Feasts</i>		Charity, Faith and Hope, Ethelwold		Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Thomas of Dover		St. Dominic, Faustus, Waltheof,	
<i>Other Events</i>		Full Moon					
<i>Readers Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

<i>4th August</i>		<i>5th August</i>		<i>6th August</i>		<i>7th August</i>	
Venus	Ps. 112	Saturn	Ps. 130	Sun	Ps. 20	Moon	Ps. 49
John Vianney, Aristarchus		Oswold of Northumbria, St. Abel		Transfiguration of Jesus, James the Syrian		John Mason, St. Cajetan	
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

<i>8th August</i>		<i>9th August</i>		<i>10th August</i>		<i>11th August</i>	
Mars	Ps. 25	Mercury	Ps. 44	Jupiter	Ps. 90	Venus	Ps. 120
Dominic		Mary Sumner		St Lawrence, Deusdedit		Clare of Assisi & John Newman, Philomena	
Moon-Sun 1 st Quartile							
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

<i>12th August</i>		<i>13th August</i>		<i>14th August</i>		<i>15th August</i>	
Saturn	Ps. 131	Sun	Ps. 34	Moon	Ps. 65	Mars	Ps. 36
Attracta of Achonry, Justus of Penzance		Florence Nightingale, Maximus confessor		Friar Kolbe, St. Demetrius,		The Blessed virgin Mary, Alipius	
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

16 th August		17 th August		18 th August		19 th August	
Mercury	Ps.45	Jupiter	Ps.101	Venus	Ps.123	Saturn	Ps.138
Stephen of Hungary, Hyacinth, St.Roch		Nicolò Politi, Hiero, James the Deacon		St. Helena, Evan		Andrew the Tribune,	
New Moon							
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

20 th August		21 st August		22 nd August		23 rd August	
Sun	Ps.115.1-13	Moon	Ps.104.26-end	Mars	Ps.39	Mercury	Ps.72.1-8
Bernard of Clairveux, St. Amator		St. Hardulph,		Andrew of Ireland, Andrew the Scot		Rose of Lima, Eugene of Tyrone, St. Lupus	
						Sun ingress into Virgo	
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

24 th August		25 th August		26 th August		27 th August	
Jupiter	Ps.101	Venus	Ps.124	Saturn	Ps.139	Sun	Ps.116
St. Bartholomew, St. Owen		Louis the Confessor, Genesius of Roma		St. Irenaeus and Abundius, Pandwyna		Monica, Margaret the Barefooted	
Sun-Moon 2 nd Quartile							
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

28 th August		29 th August		30 th August		31 st August	
Moon	Ps.50.1-15	Mars	Ps.17.1-8	Mercury	Ps.48	Jupiter	Ps.107.1-16
Augustine of Hippo, St. Hermes, Rumwald		Beheading of St.John, Edwold		John Bunyan Fiacre of Meaux		Aidan of Lindesfarne	
<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>		<i>Notes:</i>	

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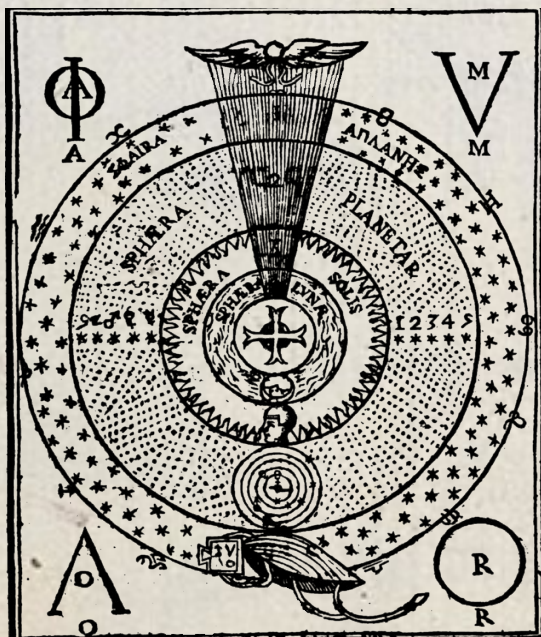
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On the virtues of herbs, trees & vegetables



The White Willow

Four Trees for the four elements (Willow)

Since there are four months left in the year 2023 (beginning from this month of August) I felt it appropriate to emphasise the four elements, and especially four particular trees whose nature and qualities are adjoined to the same.

The particular charge of this months article is the humble willow tree, especially the white willow which I am most familiar with, having spent much of my youth living besides a large cluster by a river. Its own nature is as cold and moist as the soil in which it grows, being under the rulership of the Moon almost unanimously, though Saturn takes a share also.

It is often found near the sides or beds of the rivers, famed for its funerary associations and connected intimately with idle rest, grief and lamentations for which reason it is the comfort of the grieving heart and disordered soul, a moment of peace for those whose passions have disturbed them. It is, itself a constant haunt of water spirits, nymphs and fairies that rejoice in its lamenting and calm nature, but also those who enjoy entangling the souls of men amongst their drooping leaves, and in the same way it serves a protective function for the living and the spirits alike. It is famed and esteemed for its medicinal virtues also, and from its bark it produces Aspirin

The same bark has long been used in physic to protect and preserve against fevers alongside the other members of the tree. A man would be well served, if he suffered excessive choler and foaming blood, to treat himself by it thereby alongside an appropriate regime, such that it might help against all fevers, infections and burning diseases, and the leaves ingested (best boiled if the bitterness abides overly much) will quiet and slow the digestion and temper the heat of the body, inviting rest and emotional conditions.

As for its use in natural magic, making a decoction of the leaves and bathing in them makes one presentable to the terrestrial spirits of the waters, so that they might be more friendly and familiar to the conjurer. Likewise, when you would have someone be silent you should take some rope or string and cover it in the powder made of the roots and leaves, then bind the same rope over the mouth of a wax figurine, else the tongue of a calf, with the usual incantations you might apply for such ends. But also, when placed under a mans pillow, he should fall into a depression.

The spirit of the same tree appears as a middle aged woman, wearing funeral clothe with unhappy countenance, and answers kindly to the ringing of funeral bells.