

The Calypsan

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark Jaehnig has announced a "name the canoe" contest. Three canoes will be painted, and you could have the satisfaction of seeing a name of your invention emblazoned upon the bow of one of these beauties. Send suggestions to The Calypsan, box 474, and I will forward them to the boathouse.

A pair of black lace panties was found hanging upon my doorknob Monday morning. If you lost them, or would like to try them on, they may be found pinned to the 2nd floor Campbell cork board. I appreciate gifts, but really... (Ed.)

Food for Thought:

"Anthropology has taught us that the world is differently defined in different places. It is not only that people have different customs; it is not only that people believe in different gods and expect different post-mortem fates. It is, rather, that the worlds of different peoples have different shapes. The very metaphysical presuppositions differ: space does not conform to Euclidean geometry, time does not form a continuous unidirectional flow, causation does not conform to Aristotelian logic, man is not differentiated from non-man or life from death, as in our world. We know something of the shape of these other worlds from the logic of native languages and from myths and ceremonies, as recorded by anthropologists. Don Juan has shown us glimpses of the world of a Yaqui sorcerer, and because we see it un-

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From the Editor...

Well here we are again after a week of "vacation". But now that we're over the hump, let's start having some fun! With the plethora of parties planned for the remaining two and a half weeks, it shouldn't be difficult. Let me know of any "special events" being planned, and I'll print them next week. Speaking of which, next week will be our last issue. Yes, folks, that's right, the last one. It is with tears in our eyes that we see the approaching end of the summer of '80 (truly, a very good year!). If you have anything to be published, please get it to me by Wednesday.

This week features four, yes four, Aristotle Seminar Scribbles (a cloth bound, gilt-edged volume of all the Seminar Scribbles can be purchased from The Calypsan Press for \$29.95. No philosopher-king should be without one. Full of great come-backs for your don-rag. Also makes a great gift for the kids), and lots and lots of Astronomy and Astrology. In an effort to air opposing viewpoints, we've published an alternative horoscope this week, though I wish to make it perfectly clear that Mme. Floristan Mariani Tarot is, and will remain, our official staff astrologer.

Bye for now...

Mark

This Week's Horoscope

By Mme. Floristan Mariani Tarot, the Chiromancer, Soul-Healer,
and Deep-Down Diviner of Fates and Furies

Ganglion "The Ganglia"--March 8-March 27, Beware of false prosperity. Do not neglect responsibilities since a vicious person may appear.

Prester Gravida "The Pregnant Snake", March 28-April 26, You will have difficulty in launching new projects this week due to hastily made decisions.

Fulgor Lux "The Flashlight", April 27-May 27, You will experience a loss of full tranquility involving unsatisfied desires, and hesitancy causing losses.

Appolonius "The Appolonius", May 28-June 27, There is no immediate solution to your present difficulties.

Trulla "the Trowel", June 28-July 29, Do not give in to the temptation to become involved in a separation despite frustration in love and marriage.

S "The S", July 30-August 29, Misfortune may befall a friend. Your violent temper will result in great embarrassment and an uncertain outlook.

Crotali Oculi, "The Snake Eyes" August 30-September 29, You will foolishly exercise generosity and untrustworthy acquaintances will take advantage of you.

Vespertilion "The Bat", September 30-October 29, Be cautious, you will be involved in an insincere relationship based on false pretenses.

Lacerna Pergionis "The Coat Hanger", November 29-December 28, Your headstrong attempt to overcome difficulties will be unsuccessful.

Bulbis Lucis "The Light Bulb" December 29-January 26, A journey will bring you desolation and disappointment.

Barbetus "The Poodle" Jan 27-March 8, Anticipate hidden enemies in your search to recover losses. Conclusion of an unsatisfactory business experience or social friendship.

General Tendencies-This week will be filled with promising opportunities. You can expect satisfaction and contentment as the result of difficulties surmounted.

In honor of registration: a poem!

Dulce et Decorum Est (author unknown)

Best double like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through the sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.

Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame, all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to hoots
of gas-shells dropping softly behind.

Gas! Gas! Quick, boys! - An ecstasy of fumbling,

Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time,
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling,
And floundering like a man in fire or lime. -

Dim through misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.
In all my dreams before my helpless sight
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of him;

If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Bitter as the cud
Of, incurable sores on innocent tongues, -

My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old Lie: Dulce et decorum est
Pro patria mori.

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der the influence of hallucinogenic substances, we apprehend it with a reality that is utterly different from those other sources. This is the special virtue of this work.

"Castaneda rightly asserts that this world, for all its differences of perception, has its own inner logic. He has tried to explain it from inside, as it were- from within his own rich and intensely personal experiences under don Juan's tutelage- rather than to examine it in terms of our logic. That he cannot entirely succeed in this is a limitation that our culture and our own language place on perception, rather than his personal limitation; yet in his efforts he bridges for us the world of a Yaqui sorcerer with our own, the world of non-ordinary reality with the world of ordinary reality. (i.e., "ordinary reality" as we define it. -Ed.)

"The central importance of entering into worlds other than our own- and hence of anthropology itself- lies in the fact that the experience leads us to understand that our own world is also a cultural construct."

by Walter Goldschmidt in his introduction to Carlos Castaneda's The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge.

SEMINAR SCRIBBLES:

And now, for your reading delight:
Aristotle!

A situation: the reading clearly states (i.e., it was written by the author) " $A+B=C$ ". The seminar question, therefore, must be "In what way does the author suggest that $A+B \neq C$?"

There's only one tiny problem with teaching a child to swim by the traditional "Dump 'im in!" method: sometimes the kid drowns.

Would you want a computer to make definitions for you? Something that is anything but human? Or would you rather another human do it... unfortunately, but necessarily, all too human?

"If you do it often enough you'll get it right." Fools! You've never tested my cooking.

Some folks count to ten before they actively express anger. Some folks go to three, some to twenty. I count to the highest number I can... and add one... and add one... etc., ad nauseum. This keeps me terribly busy for about twenty-five minutes. I gets lost about... two hundred twenty three, I think. It's been so hard to remember things ever since the universe went into flux.

May God save you from ever becoming a caricature of yourself! ('Tis a frequent occurrence).

"Lead a good life so you'll come to a good end." Oh really. There are murders that pass on quietly in their sleep, and kindly old ladies that are struck by buses and paralyzed.

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"What's noble is noble, and there's no two ways about it!" Congratulation! You've just compared the word with itself and told us nothing; compare "a watch is a watch..."

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A 14EEE man?

If one is awash in a sea of Aristotelean reified concepts 'tis helpful to find a Wittgensteinian life-raft. What is one to make of barrages of good, virtue, temperate, great-"souled"... quackquackquack.

Give a man what he "deserves" and call it "justice". Not bad, but who decides? Why? Along those lines: wickedness for the sake of wickedness is "evil". Who among us has not been spiteful just for spite's sake and walked away thinking "Boy, that felt good" (Don Rickles and Norman Lear comedies are vicarious examples).

Anyone who talks after 10:p.m. (except possibly monosyllabic grunts) should be shot. However, who among us is not guilty?

I've got a love bunch o' Aristotle...

Alright, I've resigned myself to the fact that I can never attain True Goodness, Prudence, Moral Virtue, Great-Souledness, or what have you. Does that mean I have to leave the school?

The french word for "experience" and "scientific experiment" may be the same, but what of it? The same may be said of the German word for "candle" and "spark plug"; one would not go looking for Profound Truths in that example, however. Languages share is funny, ain't them?

If the proper end of the "good life" is to learn about people's responses in order to better or help them then the "most proper and best man" might be the psychiatrist or social worker. These professions (and related ones), however, can also be termed "the ultimate reinforcers of the status quo". Where do we go from there? (all you see around you are sympathetic eyes,...)

Interesting question: when does a child become a human being? Pertinent point: as technological complexity increases, the period of adolescence increases. (Compare a 13-

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year-old Masai lad who has killed his first lion and is now an adult with an upper-middle-class 32-year-old "professional student" going for his doctorate. This is after his second Masters and on his parent's funds, of course.)

Ah, to bask in worm-hood! (Thanks, Ed.)

The cry of the Humanist: "Every life has at least value x ". The Realist's replay: "What if x is equal or less than zero?"

"A society which values poor philosophers over good plumbers will have neither philosophy nor plumbing that holds water."
-Unknown (quoted from TSgt. DeCaro)

"Objection, non-sequitur, cheerful distrust, joyous mockery--- these are the signs of a healthy mentality. Everything absolute belongs in the realm of Pathology." F.N.(B.C.E.)

Your Friendly Neighborhood Aristotle

"A friend is one in front of whom you can think aloud." -Unknown (quoted from the Evil Lizard)

"Why do you like him so much?" "I learned to see through him... and enjoy the view."

If more people had true low-lives as close friends they would expect less from the world in general.

When someone says to me "I like you for your faults and defects", I reply "Well, if that's your criterion there must be very little likable about me."

What does erotic love have to do with friendship? I've slept with people whom I never want to see again (alas, the reverse is much more common), and there are people with whom I haven't slept for whom I would kill or die. Where does this leave us? (Obviously...sleeping alone and dying for people)

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NAVIGATING BY THE STARS:

Now that you've had some time to familiarize yourself with the star chart (issue #6), you can learn all sorts of nifty tricks using the stars and constellations.

First, let's say you've gotten turned around, but you somehow know that your destination lies due east. Simply draw an imaginary line from the "man kicking a dog's" right foot to the middle of "the S", and follow it until you reach your destination or you end up speaking Chinese (in the latter case you've gone too far, and you should... Go West!: Even easier. "The rat's" tail points directly west. (there is only one difficulty with these east and west direction finding methods: they only work at 10:00 p.m. July 10th, or the equivalent. But what's your hurry, anyway?

Finding North (works all the time!). Just follow the hump on the "Seahorse's" back.

"Go back to start" method: If you have absolutely no idea where you are, or which direction to go, there is a simple way of re-orienting yourself: Follow the aforementioned North Star until it is directly overhead (This may take more than one night), at which point you will know exactly where you are. (Note: If you happen to live in Tierra del Fuego or its surrounding suburbs, it might be best to head directly away from the North Star).

Some folks use the side that moss grows on a tree as an indicator of direction, but I don't, for two reasons: 1) I can never remember which side it grows on, 2) I don't trust parasites, anyway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) -- You have an inventive mind and are inclined to be aggressive. You lie a great deal. On the other hand inclined to be careless and impractical, causing you to make the same mistakes over and over again. People think you are stupid.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) -- You have a vivid imagination and often think you are being followed by the CIA or FBI. You have minor influence over your associates and people resent you for your flaunting of your power. You lack confidence and are generally a coward. Pisces people do terrible things to small animals.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) -- You are the pioneer type and hold most people in contempt. You are quick tempered, impatient and scornful of advice. You are not a very nice person.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20) -- You are practical and persistent. You have a dogged determination and work like hell. Most people think you are stubborn and bull headed. Taurus people have B.O. and fart a lot.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) -- You are a quick and intelligent thinker. People like you because you are bisexual. However, you are inclined to expect too much for too little. This means you are cheap. Geminis are known for committing incest.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) -- You are sympathetic and understanding to other people's problems. They think you are a sucker. You are always putting things off. That's why you'll never make anything of yourself. Most welfare recipients are Cancer people.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) -- You consider yourself a born leader. Others think you are pushy. Most Leo people are bullies. You are vain and dislike honest criticism. Your arrogance is disgusting. Leo people are thieves.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) -- You are the logical type and hate disorder. This nitpicking is sickening to your friends. You are cold and unemotional and sometimes fall asleep while making love. Virgo's make good bus drivers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) -- You are the artistic type and have a difficult time with quality. If you are a man you are more likely queer. Chances for employment and monetary gains are excellent. Most Libra women are good prostitutes. All Libras have venereal disease.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) -- You are shrewd in business and cannot be trusted. You will achieve the pinnacle of success because of your total lack of ethics. Most Scorpio people are murdered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) -- You are optimistic and enthusiastic. You have a reckless tendency to rely on luck since you lack talent. The majority of Sagittarians are drunks or dope fiends. People laugh at you a great deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) -- You are conservative and afraid of taking risks. You don't do much of anything and are lazy. There has never been a Capricorn of any importance. Capricorns should avoid standing still too long as a dog might think you are a tree and piss on you.