

STANDARD CLUES

ACROSS:

4. A chart of the heavens cast for a particular moment in time, as seen from a particular place on the Earth's surface [9]
7. In astrology, a "killing planet" which cuts off the light and influence of nearby bodies [9]
8. A time of equal day and equal night occurring twice a year [7]
11. The only inanimate sign in the Zodiac [5]
12. Procurer [4]
13. Rims [5]
15. Existing at the beginning [7]
16. The Water Carrier [8]
18. The convention that the Earth, rather than the Sun is at the centre of the Solar System [9]
19. Regularly and predictably repeated [6]
22. Proceed [2]
23. Written text of a play or film [6]
26. Description of the moon when more than half of its illuminated surface is visible [7]
28. The Fish (derived from the ichthyocentaurs, who in Greek mythology aided Aphrodite when she was born from the sea) [6]
30. Fire, water, air & earth collectively in astrology; They relate to three of the signs of the zodiac each [8]
31. "The Bull", linked both to Babylonian and Greek mythology [6]
32. Amount of rotation equivalent to one three hundred and sixtieth of a circle [6]
33. Foretell [7]
36. Reverberation [4]
41. Snare [3]
42. Apparent motion of a planet that appears to be traveling backwards

from Earth's perspective [10]

44. Hindu discipline, widely practised for health and relaxation [4]
45. Had an obligation to repay [4]
46. Single point-source of light as observed in the night sky [4]
47. Article of formal attire [4]
49. Untamed [4]
50. One of a religious community of women [3]
53. Enthusiasm [5]
54. & 55 across: an astrologer's map of planetary positions at the exact moment of the client's birth [5, 5]
55. See 54 across
57. Type, sort, class [3]
58. Planet named after the Roman god of agriculture [6]
59. Thrifty [6]
60. Heavenly body whose name means "wanderer" [6]

DOWN:

1. Pre-loaded containers, e.g. for firearms or ink [10]
2. Great circle on the celestial sphere representing the sun's apparent path during the year [8]
3. Member of the Hebrew nation [9]
5. One of the two female characters in William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* [6]
6. Middle-Eastern country which in ancient times used its twelve major gods as its zodiacal signs [5]
8. Study, paper, dissertation [5]
9. The Serpent bearer: thirteenth sign of the zodiac? [9]
10. Eleven [2]
14. "The Twins", usually identified as Castor and Pollux [6]
17. Drink in large draughts [4]

19. The midway point between two zodiac signs [4]
20. Major apparent grouping of stars as viewed from Earth [13]
21. Period of the year in which the period of daylight is either at maximum (Summer) or minimum (Winter) [7]
24. The Crab [6]
25. The motion of the axis of a spinning body, such as the wobble of a spinning top or the Earth [10]
26. Activity engaged in for amusement [4]
27. Proscribed [6]
29. Greek island in the Dodecanese [3]
34. Describes two or more planets coming close (within 8° of arc) in their apparent positions [11]
35. & 46 down: Gemini, Libra and Aquarius are collectively these [3, 5]
37. Member of a Semitic country absorbed by Babylon whose observations gave impulse to astrology, hence astronomy [8]
38. The only mythical sign in the Chinese zodiac [6]
39. Inert gas [4]
40. Of a band in the heavens divided into twelve signs, each containing 30 degrees of longitude and acting as a barometer for various human traits [8]
43. A planet's movement through a zodiacal sign or house [7]
44. Coniferous tree [3]
46. See 35 down
48. Cancer, Scorpio & Pisces are collectively the _ _ _ _ _ signs [5]
51. In Astrology, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, the Sun, Venus, Mercury and the Moon sequentially have rulership of these designated periods of time each day [5]
52. In Astrology, planets are said to do this when occupying similar apparent positions [5]
56. Short comedy sketch [4]

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS:

4. Stars of the future! [9]
7. Sailor takes cutter to astronomical occlusion [9]
8. Day or night? It makes no difference [7]
11. Lithium support gives balance [5]
12. Procurer dropping the French spot (4)
13. Barrier plants lack hydrogen, but still form boundaries [5]
15. Authorise a letter at the beginning [7]
16. An age that dawned for Waterman? [8]
18. Cogent Eric forms a view at odds with Galileo [9]
19. Repeating 100y + 151c [6]
22. Deity without 500 – begone! [2]
23. It can be ignored ad lib [6]
26. Bio bugs provide maximum night light [7]
28. Church into the slops? Fishy! [6]
30. Steel men break down into components [8]
31. The sign that twins are on the way [6]
32. Angle for a qualification [6]
33. State what will happen from official proclamation from Public Relations [7]
36. Copy from Czech organisation [4]
41. Trap in the middle of court [3]
42. Derate Roger – a backward step [10]
44. Exercise system Goya reinvented [4]
45. Married with a ring while still in debt [4]
46. Highly skilled in astronomy, possibly [4]
47. German to possess dress [4]

- 49. Free to be angry [4]
- 50. A sister, whichever way you look at her [3]
- 53. Energy is zero after violent outburst [5]
- 54. & 55 across: Rat can halt to find birth star signs [5,5]
- 55. See 54 across
- 57. Pilkington can reveal what, of a kind, is sought [3]
- 58. God of agriculture arranged one day on vessel [6]
- 59. Thrifty old convict returning to change fur [6]
- 60. Orbiter by lap ten [6]

DOWN:

- 1. Gallops after wagon, carrying good ammunition [10]
- 2. It is plain how Earth is going [8]
- 3. Middle East inhabitant confusing realities [9]
- 5. Jim-Bob Walton's mother [6]
- 6. Mummy came from this country [5]
- 8. Try to write it! [5]
- 9. Hocus up hi is hocus up high [9]
- 10. Caesar's 11 [2]
- 14. Sign in before I take Margaret back [6]
- 17. Knock back small toupee [4]
- 19. Copper gets the final odds to make the point [4]
- 20. Tensional clot forms cosmic group [13]
- 21. Breaking up soils, etc., comes at a turning point in the summer [8]
- 24. A sign of illness [6]
- 25. Movement of Norse epics produced shift of axis [10]
- 26. Ready to tackle any kind of sport [4]
- 27. Not allowed in orchestra, one is told (6)

29. Ratio of lettuces? [3]
34. And [11]
35. & 46 down: Nags Iris to get three from the zodiac [3, 5]
37. Companion of Honour takes metal to academic astronomer [8]
38. A bloke in women's clothes, not off, makes a fearsome sight [6]
39. Number 10 is inert [4]
40. A learner followed old Ford, dealing with the signs [8]
43. Tristan changes to move across [7]
44. You heard! [3]
46. See 35 down
48. Cow ate reeds containing liquid [5]
51. What little hands indicate [5]
52. Properly adjust what the writer sometimes drops, we hear (5)
56. Start to select apparatus for dramatic performance (4)

SOLUTION

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