

## BLACK FRIDAY AND SOME ASTROLOGY

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It is early “Black Friday” morning. There are all kinds of Internet sales going on, but I don’t see anything I want. Just as well.

Thanksgiving was good and as many of the clan as could get here came. Some are now gone; some are leaving at the crack of dawn, some will leave later today, and Emma and her mom Anne will stay on, maybe even through Christmas.

Certainly such a gathering is a mandala, an offering that briefly forms (like sky-divers in the air or astrological aspects in the heavens) and then dissolves. As I like to point out, the mandala is not the pattern that is formed, but rather the offering of that pattern. It is the offering we make that counts, what we give.

Another Thanksgiving and everyone had fun. My granddaughter Emma May (see photo) was the star of the show. Here she is in a rare moment of pause looking at her grandpa. On Emma’s left is the boot of her namesake, my daughter May. Emma is quite the force at ten-months of age and teetering on the point of walking.... everywhere. The girl gets around.

There was a vast dinner and then a walk, followed by four pies (apple and pumpkin), and then playing music with cello, guitar, mandolin, and voice. After that Emma went to bed and some of us watched an old (but striking) movie “A Simple Plan,” of which I got through maybe one-half hour before I found myself falling asleep. I mumbled goodnight, wandered up to bed, and here I am at two in the morning writing this.

As for the astrological weather, there is more than a little desire to get out and around just now, a strong urge to do something, at least externally, and there could be some surprises today (or even yesterday).

Inwardly, we have a day (maybe two) of greater insight, perhaps resolving (or making a resolve on) some spiritual issues or thoughts that we have been pondering, and then, in the days to come, we might actually do something about it – take action. At least for a day or two, there is the opportunity for us to get the big picture, to see the forest plus the trees.