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ASTROLOGERS'

FORUM

MAY 1981 – DECEMBER 2004

The Forums came into being in 1981 in NSW because I felt there were a lot of good astrologers around who weren't getting their ideas and work into print, and I wanted to spread them out for the edification of all. They started as private communications, "Circular Letters", to a list of those astrologers who were known to me and the list grew bigger as others came to hear of it. Finally, having realized that the "Circular Letters" were filling a need, I changed the name to *Astrologers' Forum* and posted it to anyone who applied. Expenses grew, but subscribers were very willing to pay a small subscription and so the whole project developed. This continued for 23 years. Then, in April 2006, it became *New Astrology Forum*, on a Website, without any subscription and available to the whole world. This continues still and draws in many astrologers from foreign countries. What a good thing so many of them speak or write English!

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In addition to the indexed items the Forums contain many other articles and correspondences. They also include Tests, Astrological Problems, Questions and Answers, Rectification Challenges and Horary Charts. The *Tests* and *Challenges* were exercises designed to help in the development of astrological skill.

Dymock believes that the most useful thing he has done in astrology is bringing the great advantages of *Age Harmonics* to the attention of astrologers. 'Age Harmonics' is a constant theme throughout the articles and discussions in the Forums.

Contributors to the discussion in the Forums included astrologers from all over Australia, and internationally. Very regular correspondents included esteemed astrologers, Olivia Barclay, of the United Kingdom, and Alexander Marr, of Germany.

Adelaide's Astrological Treasure – Dymock Brose by Helen Bowering

Those of us who are relatively new to the astrological community in Adelaide may not be familiar with Dymock Brose or his work.

If this is the case, he is a wonderful discovery, a scholarly, practical, meticulous, organised helpful teacher and communicator with 60 years of knowledge and experience. With his Ascendant, Mercury and Sun in Virgo, it is not surprising that the focus of his work is the practical application of astrology¹.

Dymock first became interested in astrology in 1933 when as a young boy of 15 he came across a book by Alan Leo, *“What is a Horoscope and How is it Cast?”* He was immediately fascinated by the subject spending most of his pocket money on astrology books. He contacted June Marsden, an American astrologer of the time and received encouragement from her. Books remained his most important learning tool, and good texts by authors such as Isabelle Pagan and Vivien Robson were his teachers and his motivation.

When Dymock started everything was done by hand and charts had to be drawn up from scratch. A great excitement for him was getting his first calculator and he believes the best thing to happen in astrology is technology. After the calculator came the computer and best of all the Solar Fire program which he describes as “unbelievably wonderful. I can’t imagine how I would manage as a professional astrologer without it.” he says. He became a professional astrologer in 1976 when he felt sufficiently competent and confident to start charging for his work. Now in his nineties, he continues to work as a consultant and teacher.

Dymock believes that the most significant thing that he has done in astrology is bringing the great advantages of Age Harmonics to the attention of astrologers. In fact he regards Age Harmonics, looking at the age of a person as a harmonic, as the most significant advance in astrology in the past 100 years or more. Dymock first used this technique for fine-tuning the birth time when forecasting. He says that one of the difficulties in forecasting, especially for political figures, is uncertainty about the birth time. For example, there are at least two different birth times for John Howard’s time of birth. In this situation Dymock uses Age Harmonics, “the sovereign method of rectification”. He demonstrates this in the June 2004 edition of Astrology Forum by finding birth times for Mary Donaldson and Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark. Once he has a birth time he can then forecast.

Dymock’s work ethic and commitment to practical astrology are an inspiration to all astrologers. He is not only a very effective teacher and a meticulous researcher, but is also generous and approachable, and a fount of sound advice:

“After a while you can’t learn from books. They all go to a certain standard and then you’re on your own. They don’t go far enough. After a while you let them go and do your own work. Theory is fine, but it must be tested. There is no substitute for practical research and experience. Astrologers should work on prediction – the great weakness at present. Certainly mistakes will be made, but that is the only way to develop accuracy.”

¹ Birth date: 9 September 1918 5:50:02am ACST -9:30 Adelaide. Ascendant 00Virgo37, MC12Gemini10



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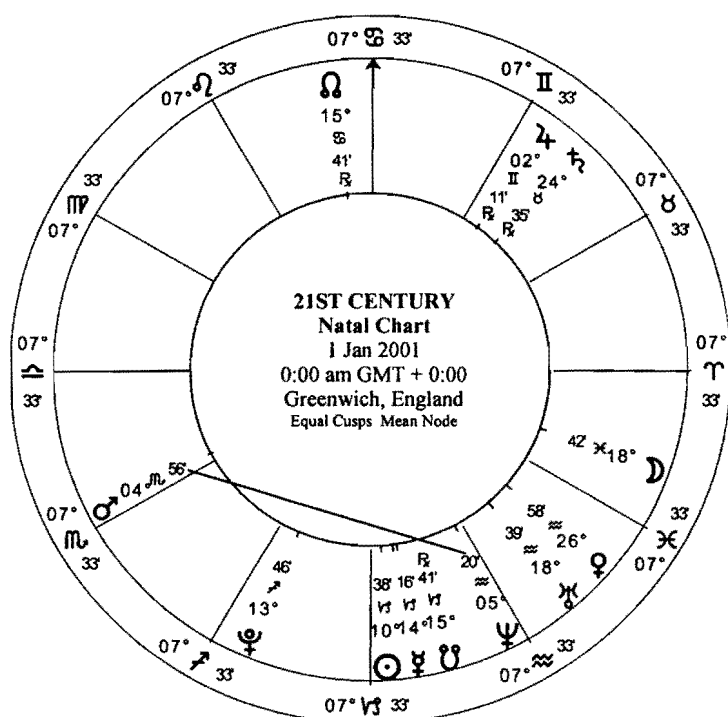
TSUNAMI HORROR AND DESTRUCTION

The earthquake on December 26 2004 that sped across the Indian Ocean at incredible speed brought havoc and tragedy on an unprecedented scale to 12 countries bordering the eastern Indian Ocean. Never could we have imagined such overwhelming and destructive force from the ocean that has fed and nourished whole populations since the dawn of time. The latest estimate is 150,000 dead and millions homeless. The task of burying the dead, attending to the injured, feeding and housing the starving population and cleaning up the unending piles of debris is immense.

How do we deal astrologically with an event as cataclysmic as this? The tsunami was triggered by an earthquake at about 0h59m GMT (26 Dec) but it is useless setting up a Chart for the time of the occurrence. That will give us only a further opportunity to wonder at the intimate relationship between things celestial and things terrestrial.

What we want is a Chart that will give us *fore-warning*, not just something that we can analyze after the event. We need a starting point—a valid figure from which we can derive subsidiary charts plus Progressions and Directions.

Pondering this question I decided to look at the **Chart for the 21st Century**—1 Jan 2001, 0:00 GMT Greenwich, England.



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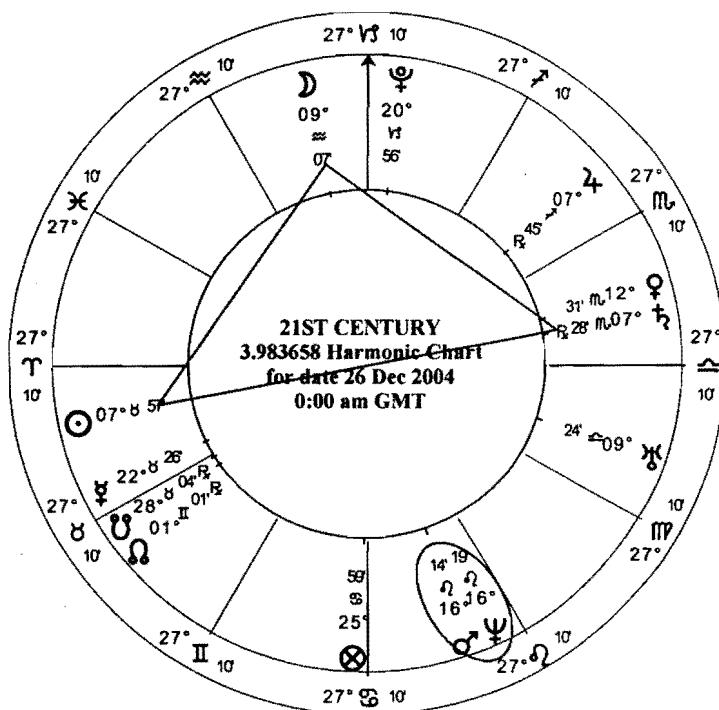
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which vary with latitude because this Chart purports to reflect the fortunes of the whole world, not a particular country or region. It is set for Greenwich which lies on the First Meridian.

The closest planetary connection in the Chart is the square from **Mars to Neptune**—*injury from water*.

The **Age Harmonic Chart (3.983658)** for the date of the earthquake and consequent tsunami (26 Dec 2004) amazingly depicts these same energies active and amplified by the *very close conjunction of Mars and Neptune*.



It will be noted that Mars here rules the 1st and 8th Houses (*peoples of the world and deaths*) and the point is driven home by the opposition of Angular Saturn to the rising Sun in T-Square with the Moon!

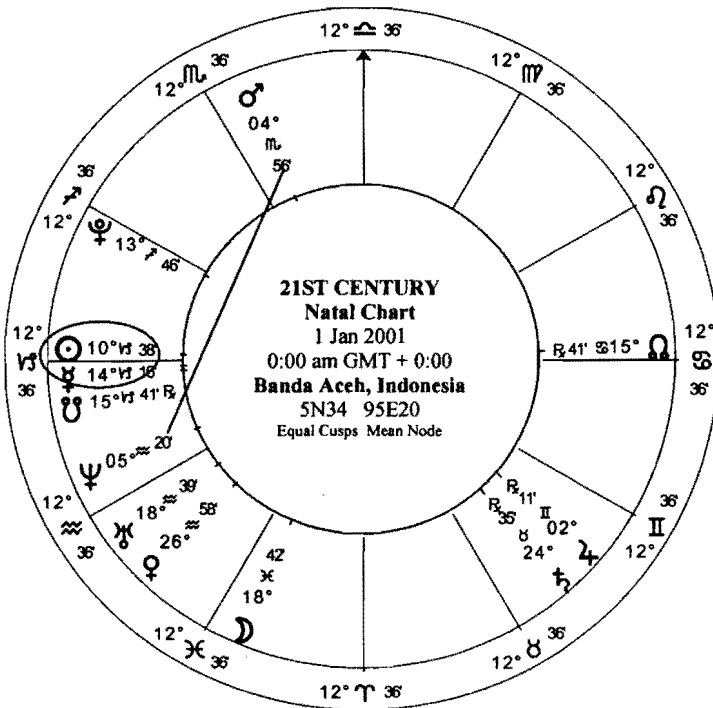
This electrifying use of *Progression by Age Harmonics* is made possible by the new *Solar Fire Deluxe* Program of *Esoteric Technologies* whose creators have recognized the great importance of Age Harmonics and have made a marvellous addition to their *Solar Fire Version 5*, already arguably the best astrological program available.

The world-shaking calamity of the Tsunami is pinpointed to the very day by the Age Harmonic

Progressions. They are listed in the *Solar Fire Deluxe Program* as follows:

☉ ♈	AH-AH	25 Dec 2004	07°♈21'	07°♍21'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	25 Dec 2004	16°♏03'	16°♏03'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	29 Dec 2004	12°♏14'	12°♏14'
♀ ♏	AH-AH	7 Jan 2005	23°♍22'	23°♏22'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	14 Jan 2005	27°♏40'	27°♌40'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	19 Jan 2005	00°♍26'	00°♏26'
♀ ♏	AH-AH	20 Jan 2005	12°♏02'	12°♏02'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	25 Jan 2005	12°♏00'	12°♏00'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	25 Jan 2005	12°♏05'	12°♏05'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	27 Jan 2005	13°♏12'	13°♏12'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	27 Jan 2005	13°♏13'	13°♏13'
♀ ♏	AH-AH	29 Jan 2005	13°♏40'	13°♏40'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	30 Jan 2005	12°♏44'	12°♏44'
♂ ♈	AH-AH	31 Jan 2005	13°♏57'	13°♏57'

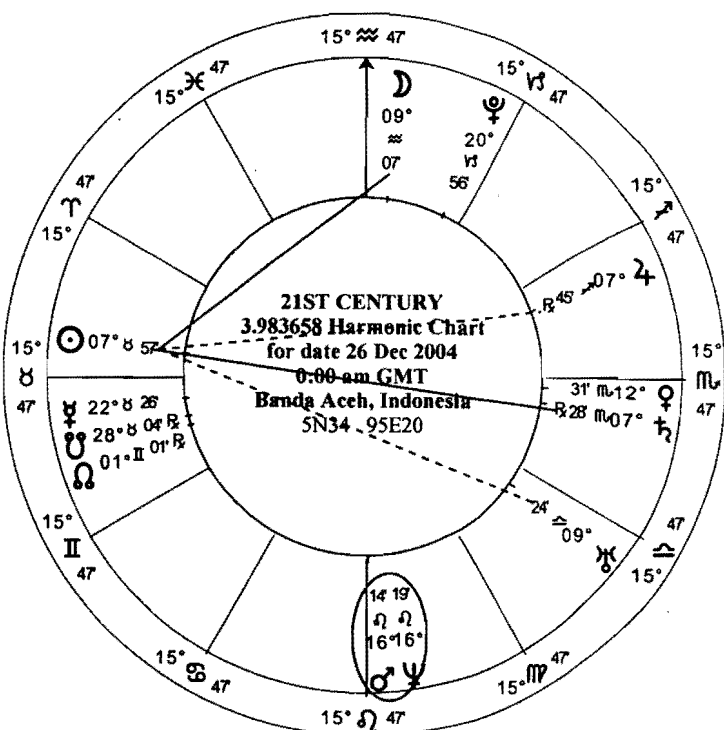
Though many countries have suffered terribly from the earthquake and the destructive tsunami that followed, probably the hardest hit (12,000 dead) was Banda Aceh in Indonesia. If now we use the geographical coordinates of Banda Aceh in the 21st Century Chart we come up with the following Figure:



There are significant changes! The planets of course retain their Zodiacal positions but occupy different Houses.

- The Sun on the Ascendant ruling the House of Death is now conjunct Mercury ruling the House of Sickness. *What comes to the Ascendant fulfills its promises*—in this case death and sickness.
- The Neptune/Mars square now involves the 4th Cusp—*terminations and graves*.

Taking matters a step further, we can derive the Harmonic Figure for 26 December 2004 at Aceh:



- There are more significant and appropriate changes:
- The Mars/Neptune conjunction now dominates the Chart from the 4th Cusp—*watery graves*.
 - Saturn's opposition to the Sun, Lord of the 4th House, speaks eloquently of *endings*.
 - The Moon's square to the Sun—*multiple endings*.
 - The Sun's quincunx to Jupiter, Lord of the 8th—*deaths*.
 - The Sun's quincunx to Uranus—*sudden shock*.

Harking back to the List of **AH Progressions** in the adjacent column some of those coming up in January are a pointer to possible consequences anticipated and feared by all involved in the disaster, for instance:

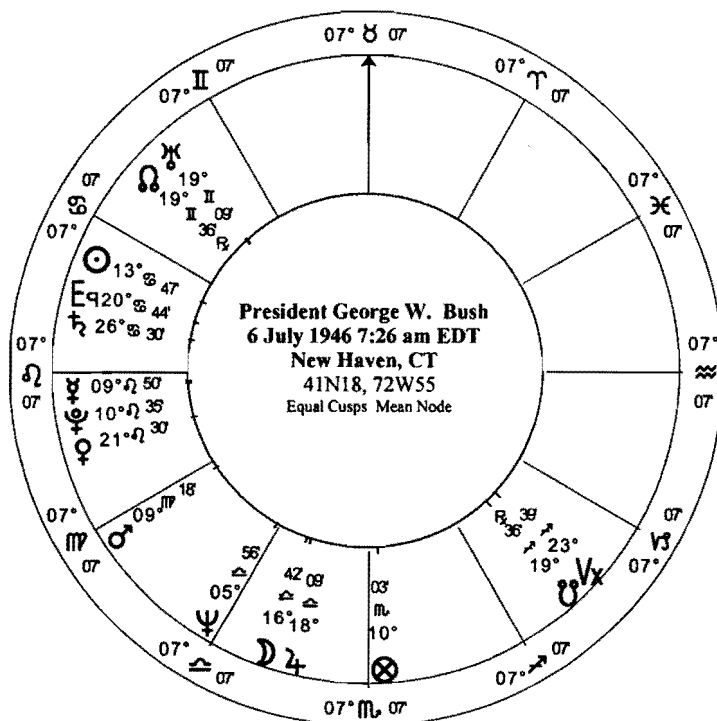
- ♂ ♈ 25 Jan 2005. Massive increase in deaths (possibly from typhoid or cholera).
- ♀ ♏ 27 Jan 2005. Outbreak and rampant growth of infections among the populace (e.g., measles).

I am not aware of any other astrological procedure that can give us such precise warning of an impending calamity affecting the world in general. Working with the **Century Chart** the astrologer has to examine the list of **Age Harmonic Progressions** and interpret them. This, of course, is never easy and is best done by setting up a Chart for any Aspects of major significance. The Program allows us to do this instantly without any tedious entering of data.

Other methods of Progressing and Directing the Chart are singularly poor in comparison with the AH Progressions. Those I have tried are Secondary Progressions (with Transits), Directions by Solar-Arc, Ascendant-Arc, Vertex-Arc and Primary Mundane Directions. The advent of Age Harmonic Progressions has far-reaching significance. They are going to

revolutionize Astrology.

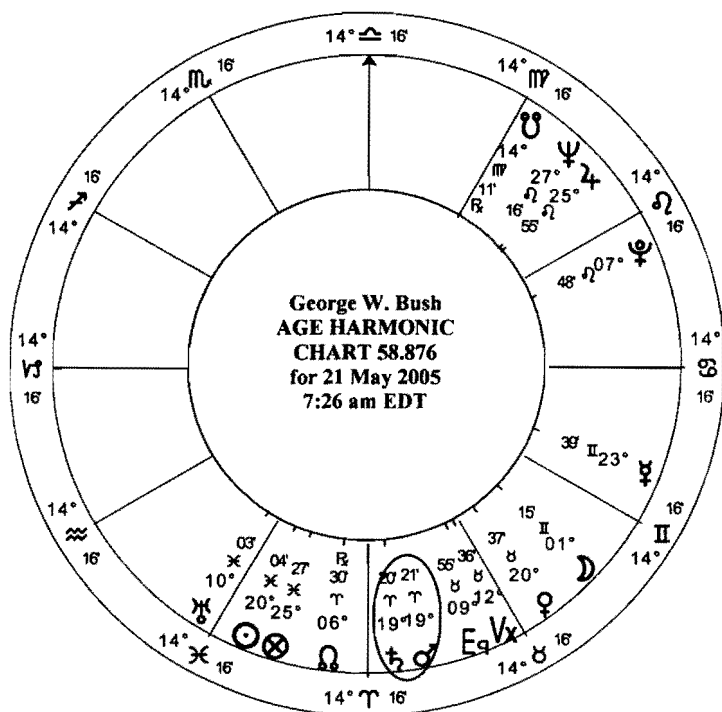
A COMING TIME OF PERIL
for
PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH



Applying Age Harmonic Progressions for 2005 to the Geniture of President George W. Bush I came across the following menacing conjunction in May:

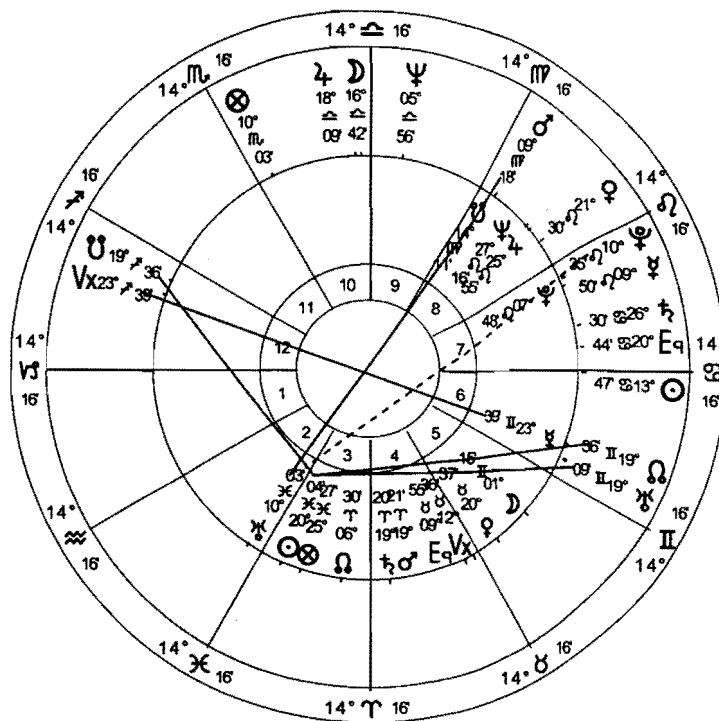
Mars conjunct Saturn 21 May 2005

Here it is shown in the Chart for that date:



This Chart looks particularly ominous for the President. The Mars/Saturn conjunction occupies the 4th House (terminations) and is just a few degrees from the I.C. which adds to its power. Further,

Saturn rules the Ascendant, so has particular reference to the *person* of the President, and Mars is Lord of the 4th House.



Inner Wheel. George W Bush: 58.876 Harmonic Age Chart for 21 May 2005
Outer Wheel. George W. Bush, Natal Chart 6 Jul 1946 New Haven CT.

The situation looks worse if we put the Natal Figure around the Age Harmonic:

- The Sun (8th House Lord) squares n.Uranus and the n.Nodal Axis.
- Uranus is quincunx n.Pluto.
- Uranus opposes n.Mars.
- Mercury (Lord of the 6th House) opposes n.Vertex.
- Pluto will be transiting the n.Vertex.

It will be a fateful time for the President, a time of peril. He may well fall victim to an assassin's bullet.

Keep your guard up, Mr President!

TEST 95—REPORT

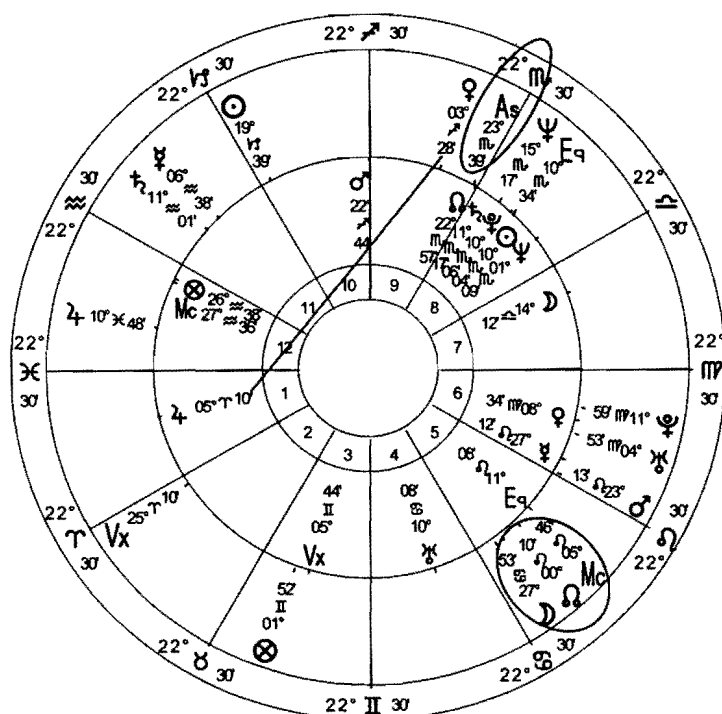
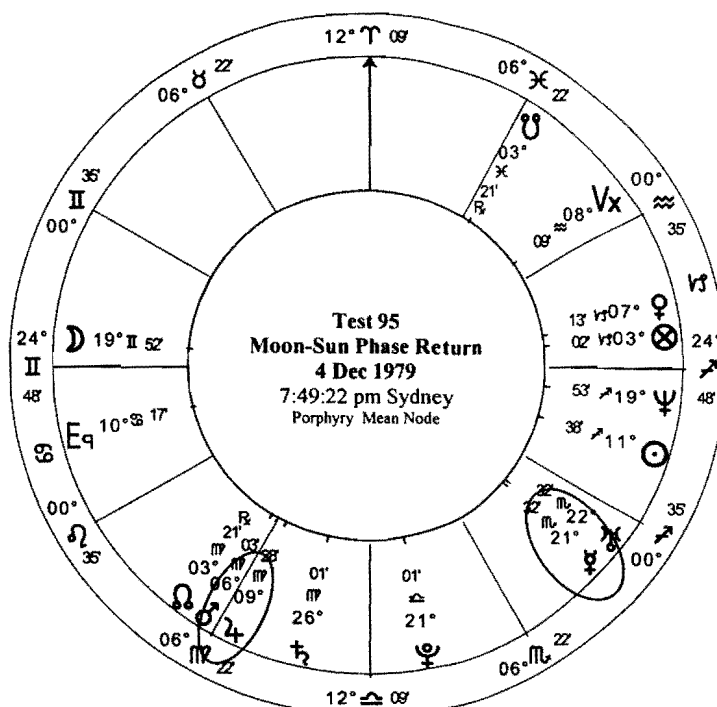
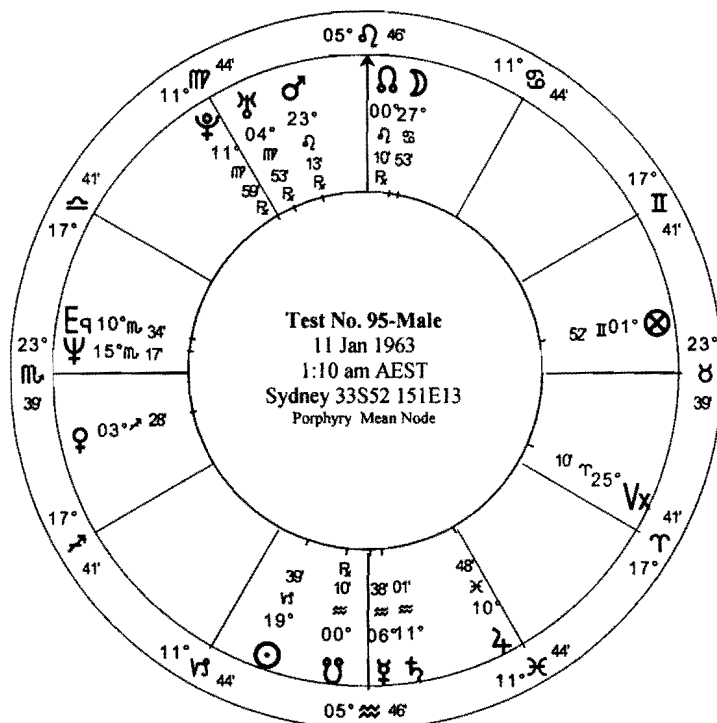
Test No. 95 concerned a male born on 11 January 1963 at 1:10 am in Sydney, Australia (see Chart next page). The Test was to determine which one of the following possible events was the one that actually occurred in his life on 11 December 1979, after he had finished school at the end of that year. His father had left the family home a year before.

1. He received his University Entrance marks qualifying him to attend university.
2. He left on an overseas holiday.
3. He bought a car to refit.
4. He moved interstate with his family.
5. He was accepted into Drama School.

The correct answer was No. 2, **he left on an overseas holiday.**

There were 28 participants but none was successful at the first attempt. Four succeeded with a second try. The question was readily answered by the **Age Harmonic 16.9167** with the Birth Figure superimposed around it (see BiWheel next page).

- Pisces rises and Ruler Jupiter in the 1st House



trines n.Venus (*pleasure*) in the 9th (*travel*).

- The n.Asc is on the 9th Cusp strengthened by the ah.Node which is squared by n.Mars, Lord of the House of Travel.
- n.Moon, Node and MC in the 5th House put the emphasis on *holiday* rather than interstate removal (no emphasis on the 4th House).

The **Lunar Phase Chart** is another useful figure for reaching a decision or confirming one's judgement (see next column).

- Gemini rises and Ruler Mercury conjoins Uranus (*change*).
- The 3rd House (trips) has Mars conjunct Jupiter, Mars Lord of the 5th House (*pleasure*) and Jupiter Lord of the 9th (*trips*).

This is the final Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* but the Tests will be continued by e-mail, once or twice monthly. Anyone who has access to the Internet is welcome to participate. Just notify me that you would like your name added to the List of recipients. There are no costs.

It is with mixed feelings that I contemplate the closing of *Astrologers' Forum*. It has been a labour of love, my care and pleasure and a source of instruction to myself over a period of 23 and a half years. As an editor constantly searching for new and interesting material to present to readers each month it has in effect assumed the role of a benign taskmaster obliging me to look into matters astrological that would normally perhaps have passed me by. It has been a continuing and exciting revelation of the orderliness of the Universe despite all surface impressions to the contrary. My enthusiasm for Astrology and "belief" in it has never waned but only grown stronger with the passing of the years and the continual demonstration of occult laws at work.

It has been my privilege through Astrology to make numerous friends not only in Australia but also in overseas countries. This has been greatly extended through the advent of the Internet which meant easy and instant contact with places and people on the opposite side of the world.

My new task, as most of you know, will be the assembling and presentation in book form of the knowledge I have gained over more than fifty years of immersing myself in our beloved Art. I hope it will be a guide and help to many now practising and to the new generation of astrologers rising among us.

So it is not for me a farewell to Astrology, either here or hereafter, but simply that, in common parlance, I am *moving on*.

Au revoir my friends!

Dymock Brose, Adelaide, 6 Jan 2005.



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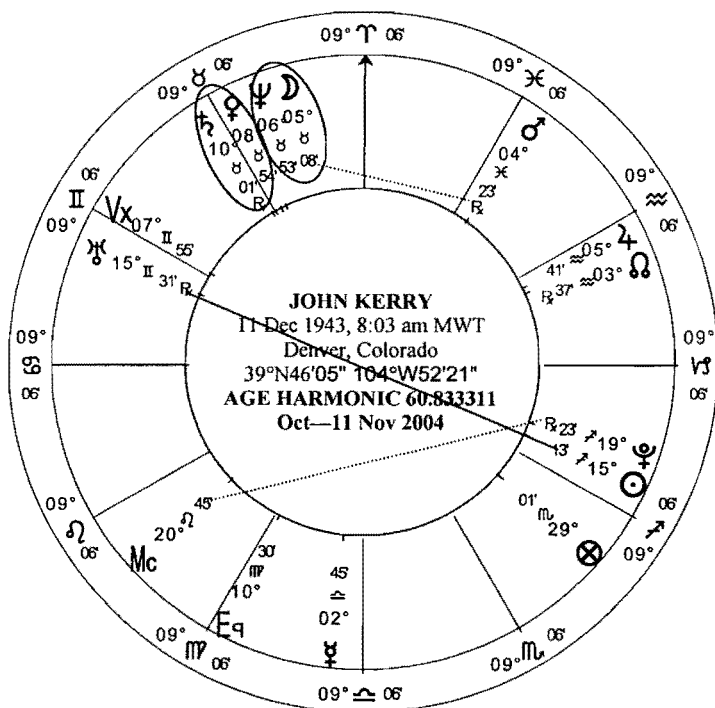
GEORGE W. BUSH DEFEATS JOHN KERRY!

On November 2, the Americans voted in unprecedented numbers to give George W. Bush a second four-year term in Office. The Democratic Candidate who I predicted eight months ago would win the Election has been decisively beaten.

Can it be that the **Age Harmonic Charts**, uniformly successful in the past are unreliable? Or is it (far more likely) that my interpretation was faulty?

Now that I review the Charts and read them again with less enthusiasm and more discretion it is plain that I should have come to a different conclusion.

Here is **John Kerry's Harmonic Chart** from Issue 271 (March 2004) on which I based my decision:



The most important feature of the Chart is the opposition of the **Sun to Uranus**, because of its narrow orb and the power of both the Sun and the Opposition Aspect (second only to the Conjunction).

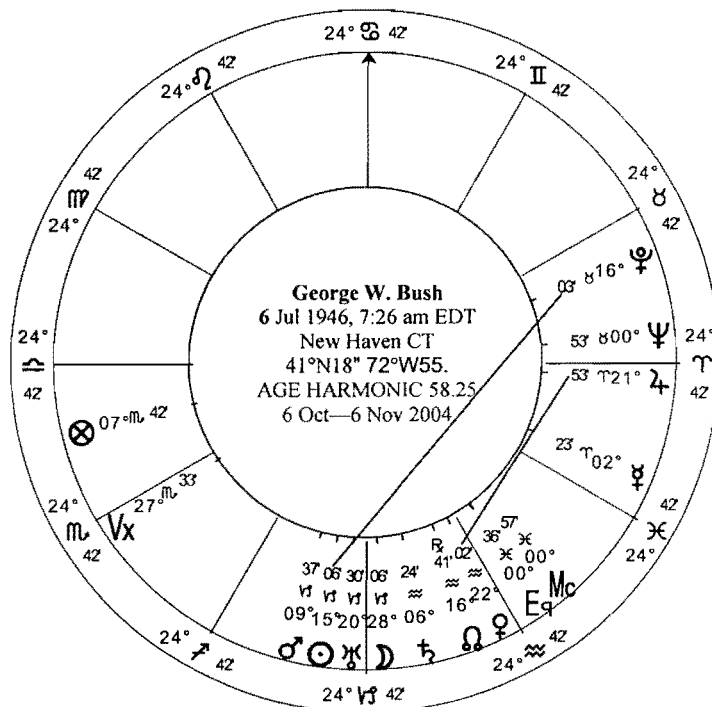
Sun opposite Uranus should have been read as a portent of ill, and potentially catastrophic. Further, the **Moon conjunct Neptune** is the signature of disappointment while **Saturn conjunct Venus** in the 11th House spells disappointed hopes.

In contrast, the favourable **Pluto trine the floating MC**, and the **Moon sextile Mars** ruling the Ascendant and MC are much less effective.

So far as the **Harmonic Chart 58.25** (next column) for **George W. Bush** is concerned, I should have paid more attention to **Pluto trine the Sun**. As the Sun rules the 11th House (fulfilment of hopes), Bush was

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about to see his wish and ambition massively fulfilled beyond his expectations. I paid the penalty, also for ignoring the close Aspect **Jupiter sextile Venus** ruling the Ascendant (good fortune!).

So there it is. I am happy to see that the Charts did not lie. Age Harmonics did not let me down. I let them down. I should have been more objective and not allowed wishful thinking to cloud my judgement. A useful lesson. Live and learn.

ELECTION COMMENT

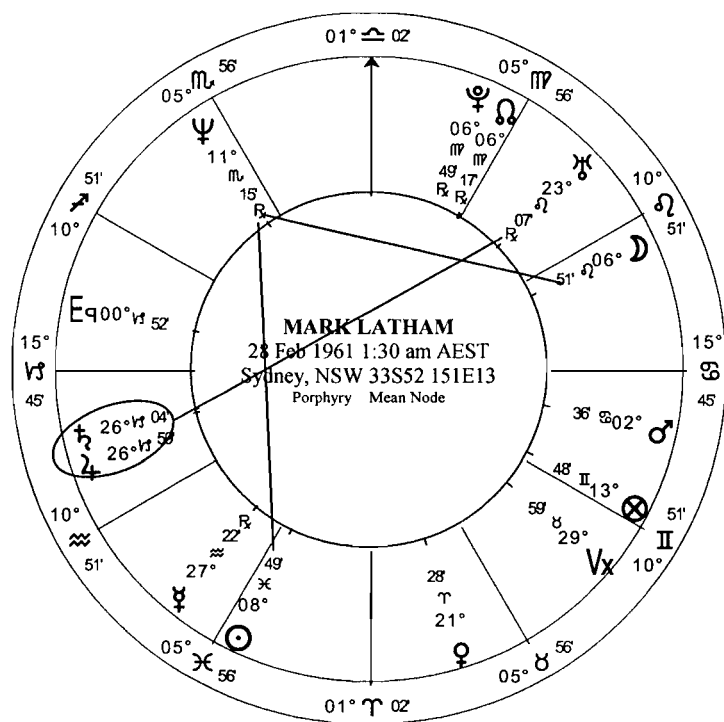
by Allan Johnson

[Allan here is referring not the to USA Presidential Election but to the **Australian Federal Election** on 9th October—one that was accurately predicted by Age Harmonics. See *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 277 of September 2004.]

I was struck by the wide variety of approaches to predicting elections. Some use the chart for the day of the elections. Others use the chart for National Federation and its variations. The FAA Journal gave

four predictions and every one proved wrong. So the Election day was a bad day for astrologers generally (but not for Dymock).

I think the main difficulty has been the great variety of charts being used. My approach is to reduce it to *one chart*. Just forget the rest. The contender for the Prime Ministership was Mark Latham, and the one question is : Will he make it? My answer was NO.



The first thing you notice in Latham's Chart is the Sun in *Pisces*. Not a good Sign for a political figure. Good for musicians and poets, but not for politicians. Great *visions* but not *hard realities*! The Sun is trine to Neptune but this only makes the situation worse. It all looks too easy.

Added to this we have the Moon squaring Neptune. So *Neptune* is his *undoing*. On the positive side he does have Saturn/Jupiter in Capricorn in the 1st House. But these two planets make the quincunx to Uranus in the 8th. (New beginnings, sudden ends.) There is not much to stabilize his career.

So he didn't make it. He suffered a catastrophic defeat. And no astrologer predicted that! Add to this that Uranus has been very close to his Sun in the lead-up to the Election on October 9. Unexpected happenings!. Can be up or down.

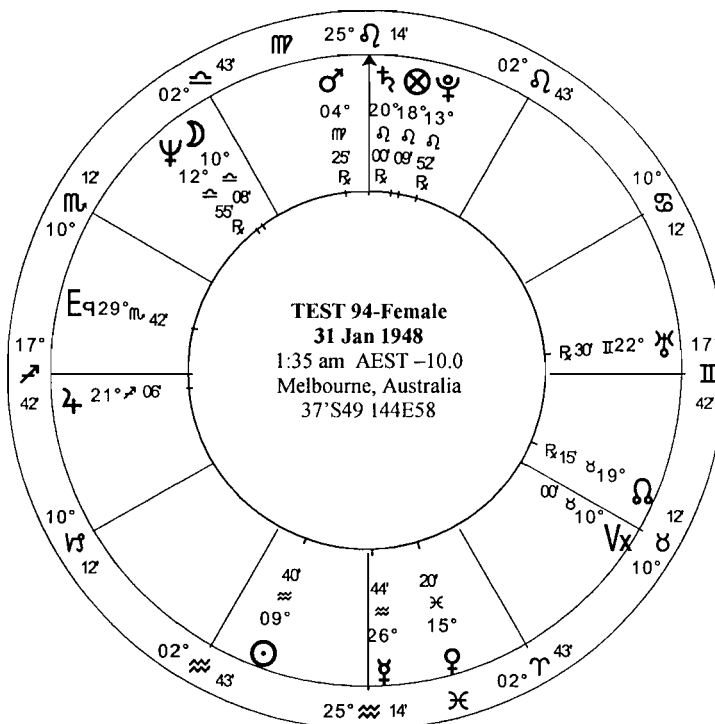
So pinning things down to one Chart does work.

TEST NO. 94—REPORT

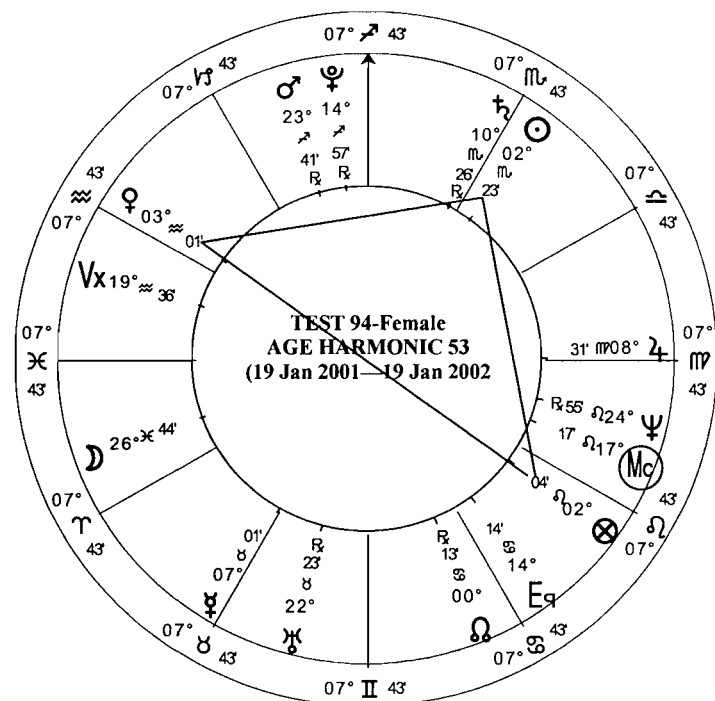
The question was to find which of the following five suggestions was an event that actually occurred on **21 Dec 2001** in the life of the woman whose Birth Chart appears in the next column:

1. She received a proposal of marriage.
2. She got a job.
3. She received an inheritance.
4. She became a grandmother.
5. Her son married.

The correct answer is **the woman got a job**. It can



be seen in the **53rd Age Harmonic** (below) that relates to the year 19 Jan 2001—19 Jan 2002.



- ♦ To start with, a pointer comes from the linking of the 1st House with the 10th by the Rulership of Jupiter, which is Angular, (*the woman and her occupation*).
- ♦ The closest configuration in the Chart is the T-Square involving the Sun, Lord of the 6th (*job*) with Venus and *Fortuna* (also 6th House, *not 5th*).
- ♦ That in effect decides the answer, but support comes also from the floating MC occupying the 6th House (*work*), and from —
- ♦ Neptune, Co-Ruler of the Ascendant closely trine Mars in the 10th.

The Monthly Harmonics 53.8333 (19 Nov—19 Dec 01) and 53.9167 (19 Dec 01—19 Jan 02) also give

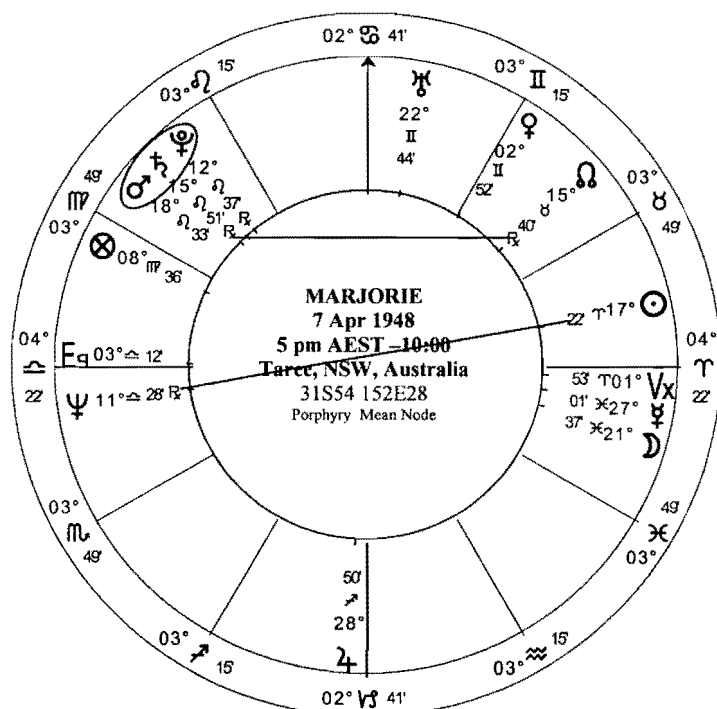
the solution but are rather more involved as they need to be surrounded by the Radix to make the answer clear.

There were 33 participants and 7 were correct. Many of the others were close to the mark with an appropriate chart to interpret but did not see the relative importance of different factors, so failed to make the right interpretation.

Five participants used **Horary Charts** set for different dates and places. The interesting thing is that all but one of these Charts show the right answer (getting a job) but only one participant interpreted the Chart correctly.

Congratulations to all who participated and had the courage to commit themselves to a definite answer.

WORKINGS OF FATE



Above is the Geniture of a woman whom we shall call Marjorie. Marjorie has given me permission to use major events in her life to illustrate how they were shown astrologically.

The first such major event was highly traumatic—the **loss in 1998 of her beloved partner** with whom she had enjoyed an idyllic relationship. He was killed in a car accident on 21st October 1998 when Marjorie was 50.

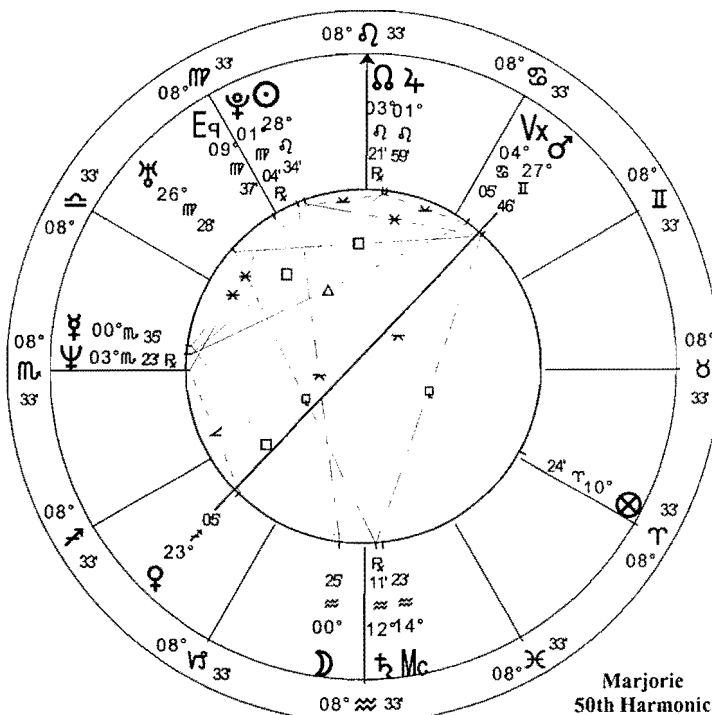
The possibility of just such a calamity is clearly visible in the Birth Figure. Three powerful factors are:

- Neptune rising in opposition to the Sun occupying the House of Marriage (and committed one-one relationships).
- Mars, Lord of the Marriage House, afflicted by both Saturn and Pluto.
- Saturn, Lord of the 4th House (the Home; and Endings) closely squaring the Moon's Node in the House of Deaths.
- Jupiter and Mercury (3rd and 9th Hses—roads) in a T-Square with Uranus (accidents).

The subsidiary charts at the time (October 1998) gave

warning that these factors of the Natal Chart were about to be precipitated.

The charts I have found most useful in forecasting are the **Age Harmonic** derived from the Natal Figure and the Cyclic **Precessed Solar Return**, set for the



place of residence at the time of the event.

The **50th Age Harmonic Chart** (above) relevant to the year 7 April 1998—7 April 1999 is rich in planetary connections, all foreboding ill:

- Rising Neptune in Scorpio (*loss*) conjunct Mercury ruling the 8th House (*death*) is obvious warning of an impending tragedy.
- Neptune's malign influence is enhanced by the square from the Node at the Midheaven.
- Mercury's implication of death as the 8th House Ruler is emphasized by the close sextile from Pluto, co-Ruler of the Ascendant.
- Ascendant Ruler, Mars, in the 8th House squares Uranus (*accident*) and opposes Venus ruling the 7th House (*the partner*).
- Saturn, in and ruling the terminal 8th House forms a Yod with Mars and Uranus in square.
- Saturn at 12Aq11 closely opposes natal Pluto at 12Le37 (*violence*).
- Venus at 23Sg05 closely opposes natal Uranus at 22Ge44 (*loss of partner*).

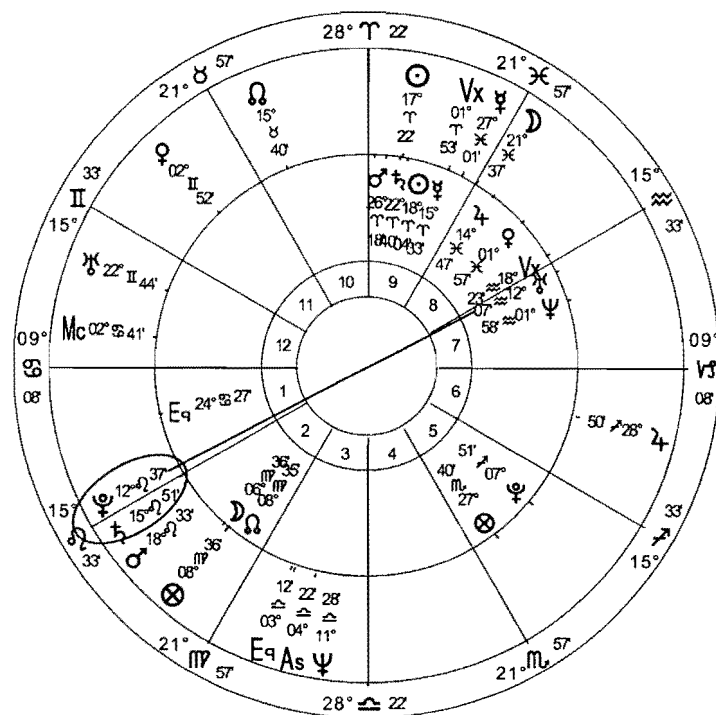
As with Age Harmonic Charts generally, nearly always **the defining Aspects are within an orb of 1°**

The **precessed Solar Return** (next column) for the same period is not as rich in close Aspects as the Age Harmonic Chart but does have a close-knit Yod between the **Moon/Node, Saturn and Pluto**. This effectively connects **Marjorie** (Ascendant ruled by the Moon), **the partner** (7th House, ruled by Saturn) and **Pluto** (the Destroyer). The Moon's Node, involved with all three Significators, plays its usual role of emphasizing the configuration.

A further malefic combination is Uranus **conjunct the Vertex** on the Cusp of Death (*sudden stroke of Destiny*).

The usual practice of relating the Radix to the Solar Return Chart gives further warning of the impending tragedy:

Natal Pluto and Saturn now straddle the 2nd-8th Axis and closely oppose SR Uranus (*formula for a fatal accident*).



Inner Wheel: Marjorie's Solar Return Precessed 8 Apr 1998
12:40:09 pm AEST -10:00 Lithgow, Australia, 33S29 150E09
Outer Wheel: Marjorie, Natal Chart 7 Apr 1948 5 pm AEST
Porphyry Mean Node

I put the Radical Chart *outside* the Cyclic Chart where the House positions are unmistakably more relevant than the alternative placement (Cyclic Chart outside the Radix).

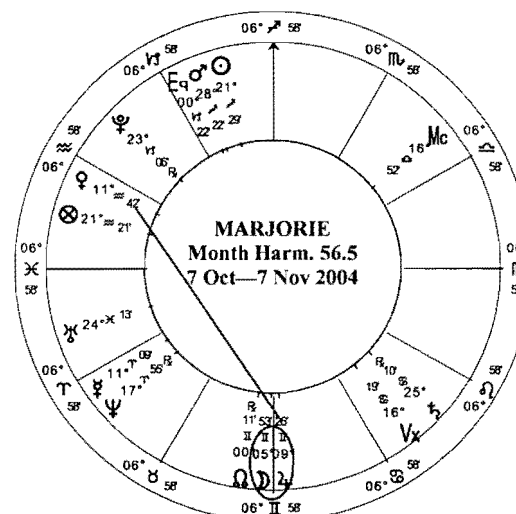
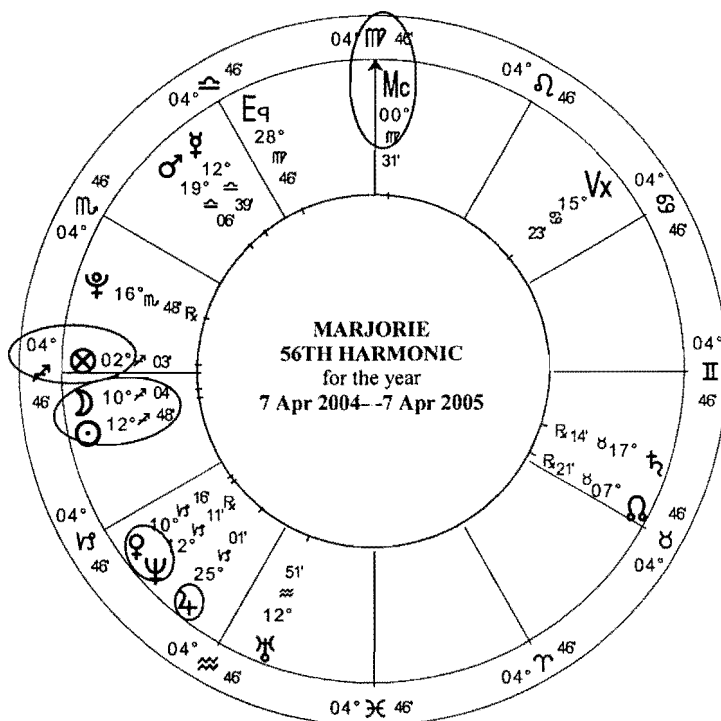
Fate is not always unkind. In the next column is Marjorie's **56th Harmonic Chart** for the current year, 7 Apr 2004—7 Apr 2005. This has been very fortunate for Marjorie in that she has finally obtained justice in a long battle to assert her right to share in the deceased estate of her father, a matter of some hundreds of thousands of dollars. Relatives had conspired to deny her claim. Negotiations and Court proceedings stretched over three years.

Factors indicative of her good fortune are:

- ♦ Moon conjunct the Sun in the 1st House, ruling the 9th (*legal proceedings*) and the 8th (*Settlement money*)
- ♦ Floating MC conjunct the Harm. MC (*victory*).
- ♦ *Fortuna* on the Ascendant (*good fortune*).
- ♦ Ruler of the Chart, Jupiter in the 2nd House, unimpeded, and more especially Venus there conjunct Neptune (*large increase of money or assets*).

Monthly Harmonic Charts are also useful. See the 2nd Chart in the next column, AH 56.5 for the month 7 Oct—7 Nov, 2004, when Marjorie bought a home for herself.

There is not room to discuss the Chart in detail, but what could be more obvious or apposite than the



Moon
conjunct
Jupiter in the
4th House
and Venus in
trine Aspect
to Jupiter!

TEST 95—MALE

Test 95 concerns a man born in Sydney (33S52, 151E13) on **11 Jan 1963** at 1:10 am AEST -10:00. Asc 23Sc39, MC 5Le46, Moon 27Cn53.

A significant event occurred in his life on **11 December 1979**, just after he had finished school at the end of 1979. His father had left the family home a year before. The event was one of the following:

1. He received his University Entrance marks.
2. He left on an overseas holiday.
3. He bought a car to refit.
4. He moved interstate with his family.
5. He was accepted into Drama School.

The Test is to determine which one of the above five events was the one that actually occurred. Use the astrological method of your choice and send your answer to me giving its astrological basis **by 28th November**. All respondents will get a personal reply. Correct responses will be detailed in the Report that will be posted to every participant as soon as possible after the closure date.

My kind regards to all,

Dymock. 7th Nov 2004.



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JOHN HOWARD WINS!

It is gratifying to see that Astrology again accurately predicted the outcome of the Federal Election held four days ago (9th October). After all the speculation and contrary opinions expressed in the last two months by political pundits, journalists and supporters of either Party, the result could after all be seen clearly from the Genitures of the two main protagonists.

On 2nd September last I wrote in this Journal, "The date of the coming Election, 9 October 2004, is covered by the **Prime Minister's Age Harmonic 65.1667** which applies to the month **26 Sep—26 Oct 2004**." [See Chart next column.]

"...It is noteworthy that Jupiter rules both the Ascendant and the Midheaven of this Harmonic Chart making it singularly appropriate to the business in hand. It is very fortunate for John Howard that Jupiter is closely trined by Pluto, giving him achievement of power and leadership. In the absence of anything more compelling in the Age Harmonic Chart of his rival this signifies *victory for him in the Election*."

And again, "...It is apparent that the Leader of the Opposition must wait for another Election to enjoy the thrill of victory. The only forecast I find possible is that **John Howard will win on 9th October**."

The technique of **Age Harmonics** is proving itself without peer in the matter of prediction. It clearly and without qualification successfully predicted both Australian, United Kingdom and American Elections.

A further test of the Technique will be the **USA Presidential Election on November 2 next**, for which, using Age Harmonics, I predicted in this Journal five months ago (5 March 2004) that **John Kerry will win and George W. Bush will lose**.

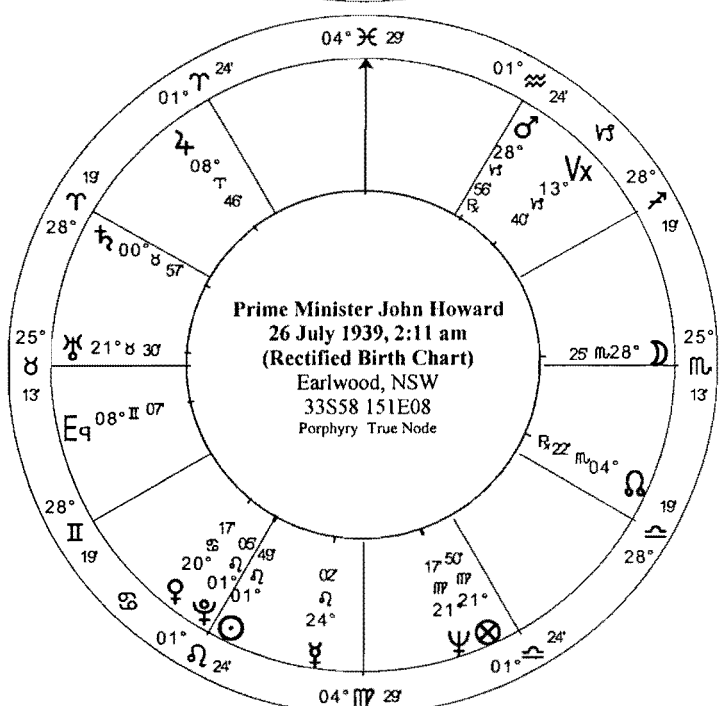
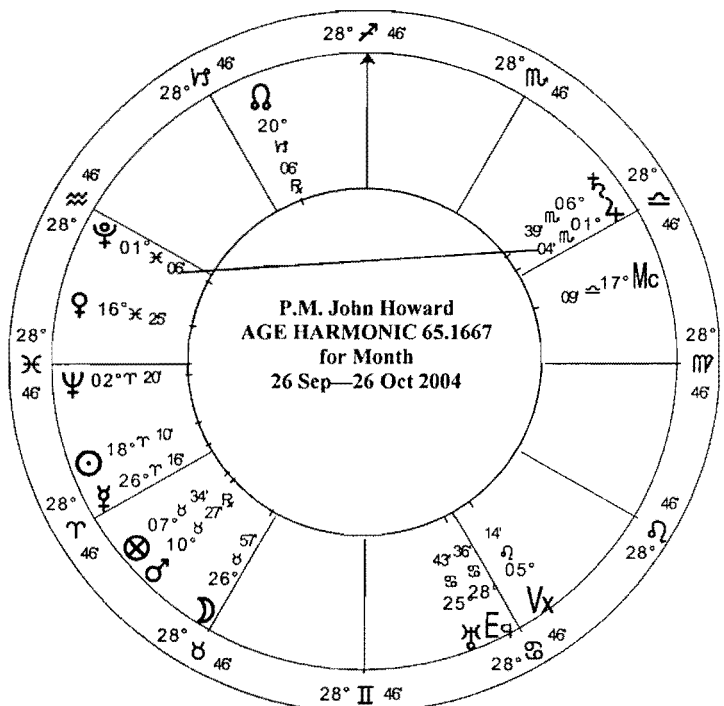
A useful fall-out from last Saturday's Election is that the Rectified Chart I used for John Howard (with a rectified birth time of 2:11 am—as in the adjacent column) is proving its worth as a reliable Geniture.

And what of the vanquished **Mark Latham**? Defeated but not disgraced, a redoubtable warrior he waged a strong campaign. He will have his chance again. Another Federal Election is due in three years, that is **2007** when Mark will be 46 years old (Birth Figure on the next page).

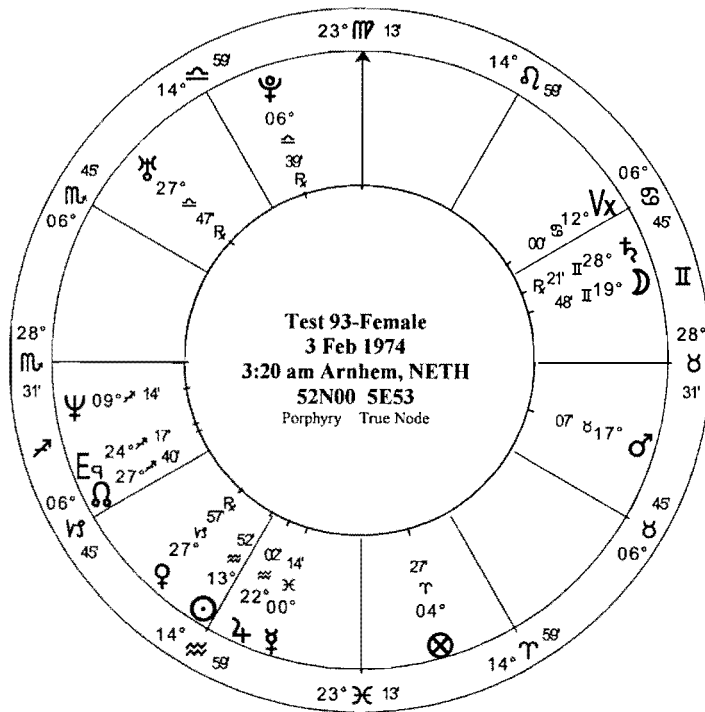
There is some flexibility as to when the Election can be held. The date is at the Prime Minister's discretion, within limits. *But if it is held when Mark is 46 and before his 47th birthday on 28 Feb 2008 Mark Latham will certainly win!* I make this prediction

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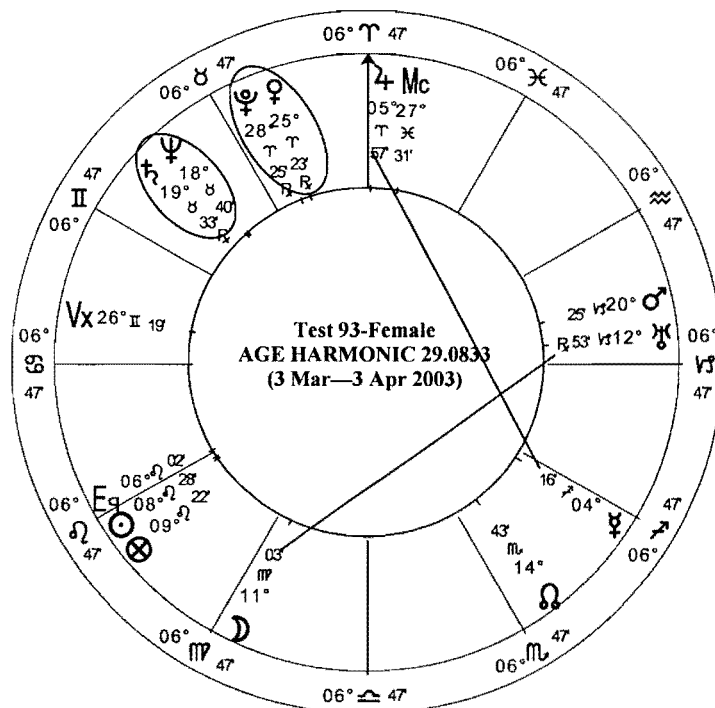
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now on the basis of his **46th Age Harmonic**! (See next page.)



Probably the most indicative Chart is the **Age Harmonic** 29.0833 for the month 3 Mar—3 Apr 2003.

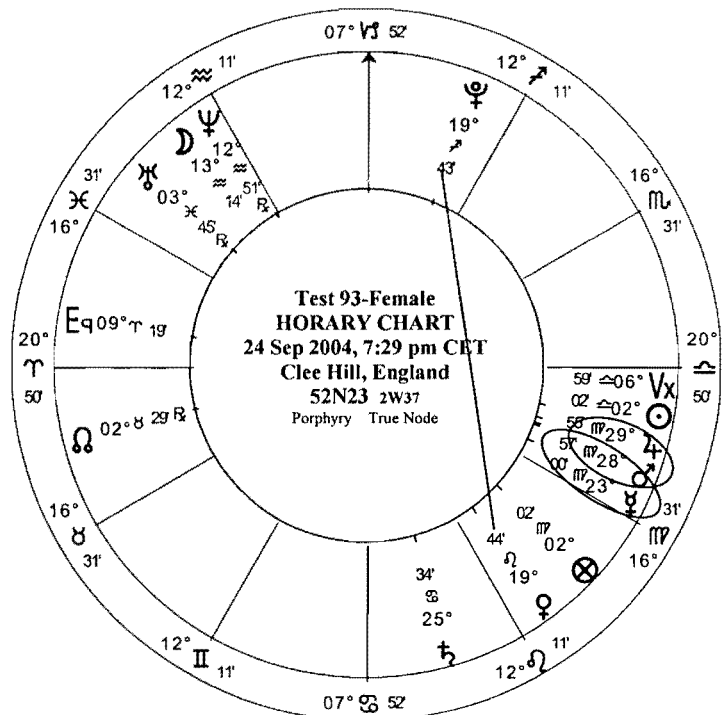


- ♦ The immediate clue is ♃ Δ ♄ (the dominant Aspect), relating to Houses 10, 6, 9, 3, and 12. Houses 6 and 12 can be eliminated as they have no connection with any of the listed events. That leaves Houses 10, 9 and 3. Houses 9 and 3 = travel or e-mail, House 10 (♃) = fulfilment).
- ♦ Looking to the other close planetary connections (not to Zodiacal points) we have ♃ ♂ ♀, involving Houses 11, 7 and 9 = a bringing together of friends (House 11) into a relationship (House 7) from a distance (House 9).
- ♦ ♀ ♂ ♀ (intense relationship) involves by Rulership or Sympathy Houses 5 (love affair), 11 (friends) and 4 (home).

♦ ♃ Δ ♄: Ascendant Ruler—House 7 = personal relationship with a novel twist, (♄).

So the woman met her email boyfriend and fell in love.

One of the participants used the **Horary Chart**



below but just missed the right interpretation:

- ♦ ♂ ♂ ♃, ruling 1st and 9th Houses, means either travel or email.
- ♦ ♀ in the 5th Δ ♀ in the 9th, and
- ♦ ♂ ♂ ♄ ruling the 3rd House, swing the answer in favour of love resulting from email.

Test No. 94-Female

Test 94 concerns a woman born on **31 Jan 1948**, at 1:35 am AEST (-10) in Melbourne, Australia (37S49, 144E58). Asc 17Sg42, MC 25Le14, Moon10Li08.

On **21 Dec 2001**, one of the following events occurred in her life, while still in Melbourne.

1. She received a proposal of marriage.
2. Her application for a job was accepted.
3. She received an inheritance.
4. She became a grandmother.
5. Her son married.

What was the event?

Please send me your solution by **25th October**, giving the astrological basis for it. Preferably state only the single most important factor in your answer.

You can use any Astrological technique, including Horary Charts. If you want to adopt this method it is important to think well about the question and make the time only after the matter is firmly in your mind.

Doing these Tests is one of the best means of improving your predictive skill.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock, 13th Oct, 2004.



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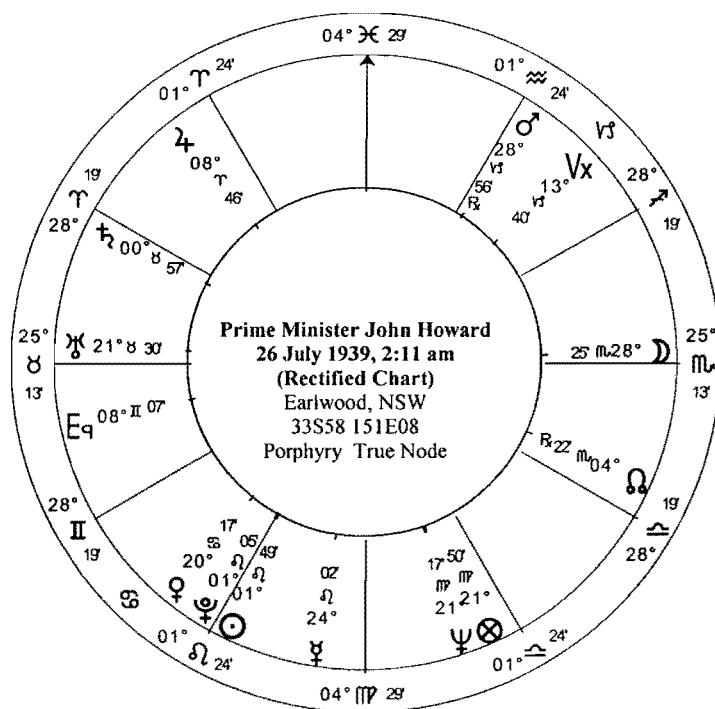
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FEDERAL ELECTION 2004

Prime Minister John Howard has at last made the long awaited announcement of the date for the Federal Election. It will be held on **9th October next**. Six months ago, on February 8, I had predicted 13 November would be the date, based principally on the planetary activity in the 3rd House of Cyclic Charts. This is something to look into with hindsight (see page 2), but for now the dominating question is, will **John Howard** (Liberal) or **Mark Latham** (Labor) be victorious in the Election on 9th October?

To answer this question I prefer Age Harmonic Charts. They have served me well in the past in forecasting results of elections in Australia, Britain and the USA. But first, here are the Genitures of both protagonists.

The Natus of John Howard below is the rectified Chart described in Issue 244 (November 2001).



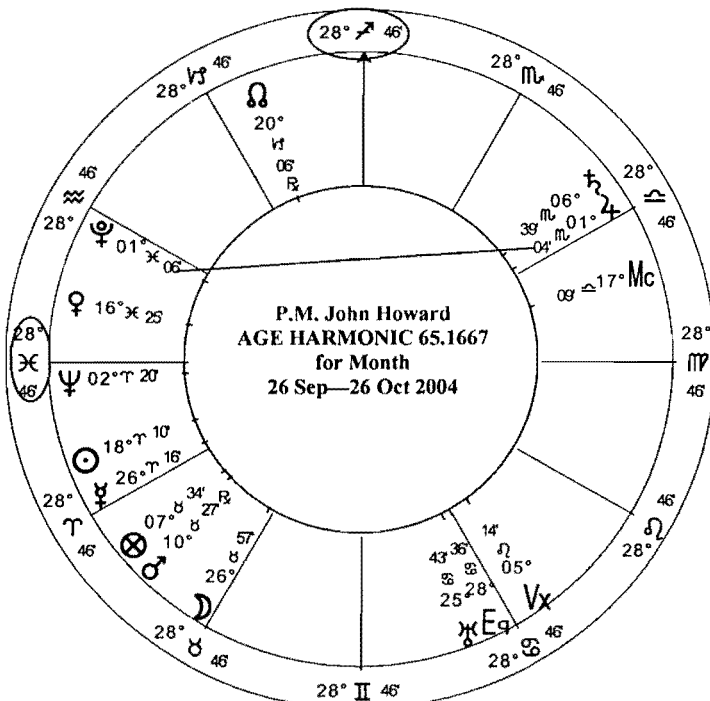
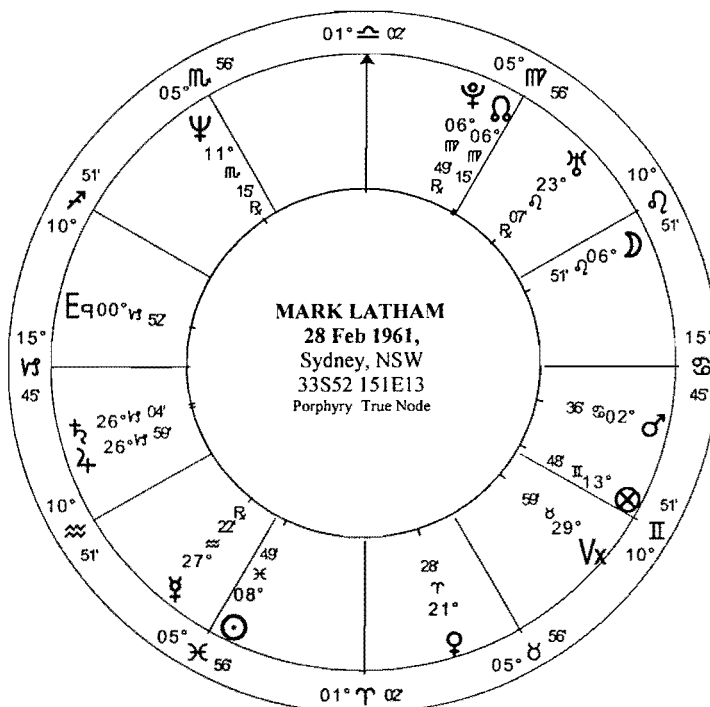
The Geniture of **Mark Latham**, Leader of the Labor Opposition, appears in the next column.

It is interesting that both Leaders have a strong Plutonian influence signifying strength and toughness—a conjunction in the John Howard's Chart, and an opposition in Mark Latham's. John Howard would find it easier than his rival to handle the disturbing vibrations of Pluto.

The date of the coming Election, 9 October 2004, is covered by the **Prime Minister's Age Harmonic 65.1667** which applies to the month **26 Sep—26 Oct 2004**. This Chart appears in the next column.

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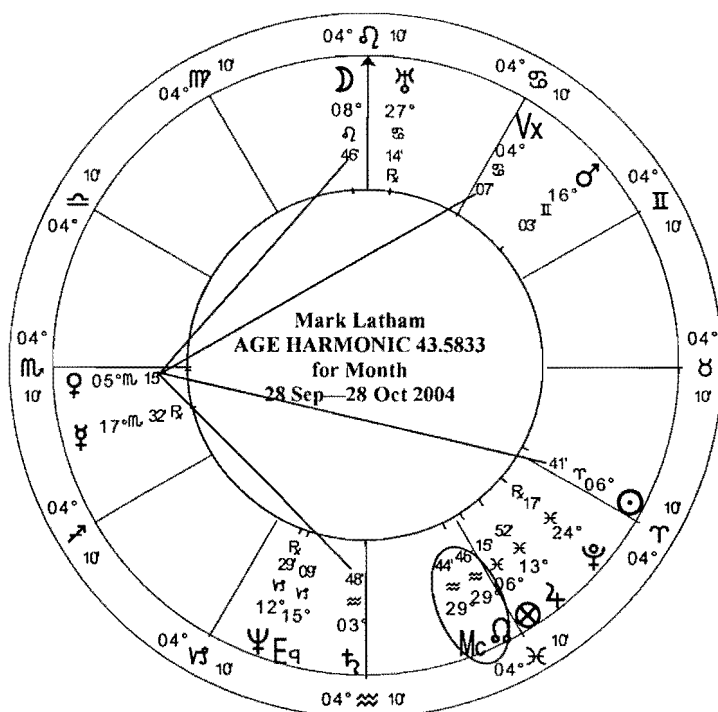


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making it singularly appropriate to the business in hand. It is very fortunate for John Howard that Jupiter is closely trined by Pluto, giving him achievement of power and leadership. In the absence of anything more compelling in the Age Harmonic Chart of his rival this signifies *victory for him in the Election*.

Neptune on the Ascendant is not a cause for misgiving: It is true that Neptune is frequently associated with disappointment and loss, but at other times and according to the context it operates like a benefic Venus. This is certainly the case here: In the Prime Minister's Geniture it is a Benefic, Co-Ruler of the Midheaven and conjunct the Part of Fortune and trine to Uranus.

The **Age Harmonic Chart** (No. 43.5833) for **Mark Latham** appropriate to the Month **28 Sept—28 Oct 2004** appears below.



Venus on the Ascendant looks promising but it rules the unfortunate 12th House and is squared by an Angular Saturn and the Moon. The trine to the Vertex makes the signification more important but does nothing to making it more fortunate. Similarly, the trine to *Fortuna* on the 5th Cusp denotes the favour of his adherents but does not help him to the Crown.

The Sun, ruling the 10th House, does not have any significant good Aspect. The quincunx to Venus will rather spoil his luck than add to it.

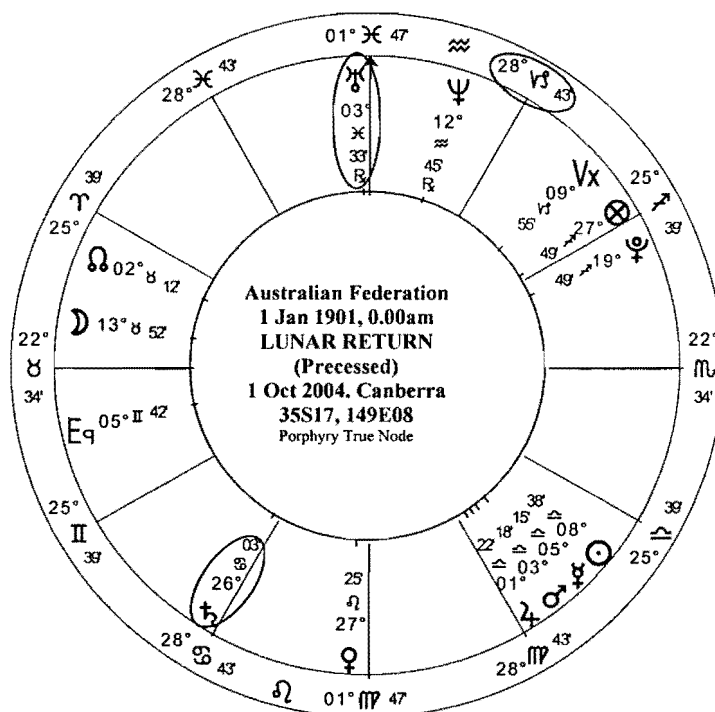
The only other Significator of importance is the "floating" MC. This is conjunct the Moon's North Node, which speaks volumes for Mark's sense of community but again does not bring victory.

It is apparent that the Leader of the Opposition must wait for another Election to enjoy the thrill of victory. The only forecast I find possible is that **John Howard will win on 9th October**.

Returning now to the question of **how to find the date** that a Prime Minister will set for an Election, though I predicted (wrongly) 13 November instead of 9th October for this 2004 Election, that does not

invalidate the method I initiated (see Issue No. 270, Feb 2004).

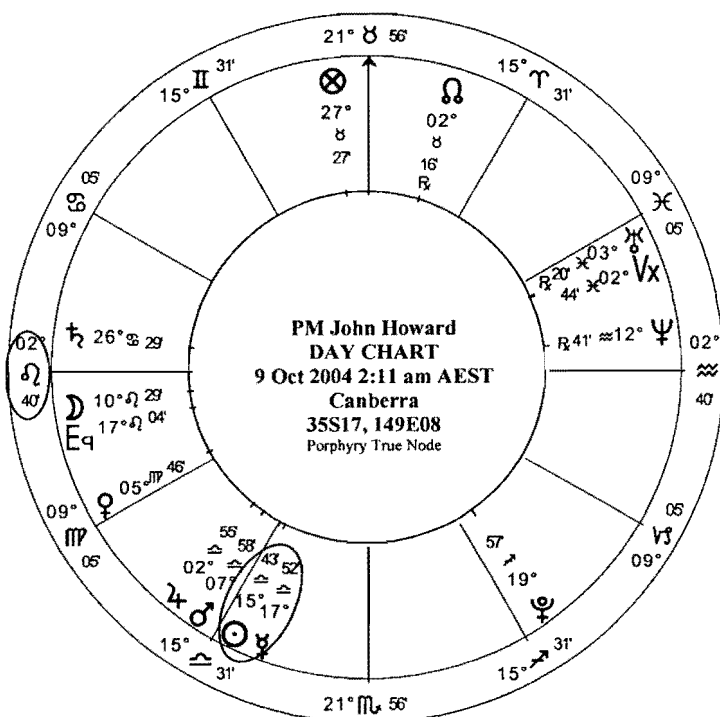
Here is the **precessed Lunar Return** for the month **Oct 1—28, 2004**, drawn as before from the Australian Federation Chart.



It is obvious that I dismissed this Chart too soon. It has powerful indications for the Poll date according to the very criteria that I established: The weighty Saturn (*politics*) is not only conjunct the 3rd Cusp but also rules the 9th—its polar opposite—which I had also found to be significant.

The task still remains to determine the particular Saturday in the month that is most likely to be chosen by the Prime Minister for the Election. Of course we know now that Saturday the 9th was his choice. When we look at the PM's **Day Chart for 9 Oct** we see why:

The Sun, ruling the Ascendant is *right on the 3rd*



Cusp (Porphyry) conjunct Mercury. This is as clear an indication of polling as one could hope to find.

So this method of discovering an unknown polling day is thus far validated and worthy of further trials.

—Dymock.

HORARY ASTROLOGY Is the Report True?

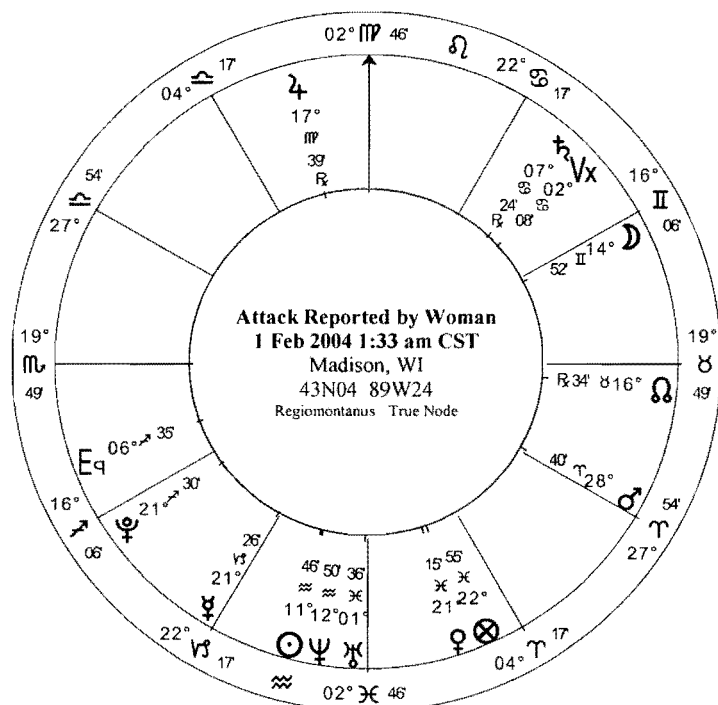
by Lee Miller

There are signatures in charts that we can use to determine the truth of a report.

When you are looking to see if the news, report, evidence or testimony is true or accurate the **3rd House** is of prime importance.

- ♦ An **intercepted Sign** here may show something hidden that will come to light at a later time.
- ♦ **Pisces** on the Cusp of the 3rd House, or Neptune positioned in the House may indicate confusion on the part of a witness or inaccuracies in a report, deception or untruths from the person making the report.
- ♦ When **Neptune** is in an Angular House it tells us that we do not have all the facts in the situation.
- ♦ A **Mutable Sign** on the 3rd House Cusp can indicate a change in the report.
- ♦ A **late degree** on the 3rd House Cusp tells us that the energy it expresses will soon change its nature.
- ♦ When a planet in or ruling the 3rd House is **Retrograde** there may be information withheld or a change in the report.

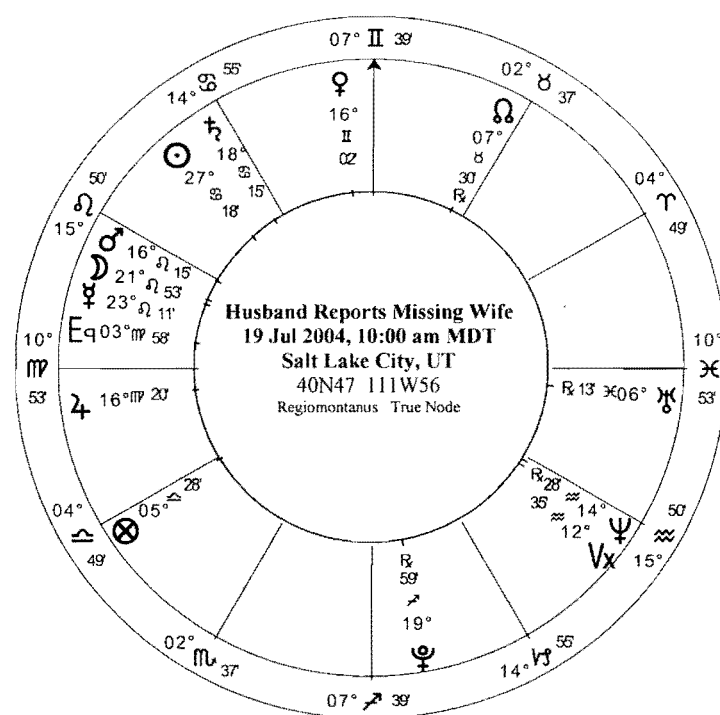
The following are two examples where the report was of a questionable nature. In the first, a young woman reported being attacked by an unknown assailant after leaving a party where she had difficulties with her boy friend.



This Chart has several strong indicators that the report she gave was not true. After she staged her own kidnapping it came out that the first reported attack was a lie to get attention from her boyfriend.

- ♦ We have the malefic degree *Serpentis* (19 Scorpio) on the Ascendant with Mars the Cusp Ruler in the 6th House position of distress to its Scorpio Cusp. This could be a signature indicating the person making the report is not to be fully believed.
- ♦ The Sign Aquarius is intercepted in the 3rd House but its energies (accuracy and truthfulness) are not manifesting as the Sign does not connect to the Cusps.
- ♦ Neptune, the planet of deception, is positioned in the 3rd House. This could mean a false report or inaccurate information.
- ♦ Uranus, the Unexpected, conjunct the 4th Cusp (Conclusions) on its dark side, could indicate the emergence of something unexpected or surprising.
- ♦ Mercury is on the dark side of the 3rd Cusp and square to Mars (Ascendant Ruler), a possible indicator that the woman's testimony is false and will bring her misfortune.
- ♦ The Moon in Gemini could indicate a change in her report or in the stated facts at a later time.

The next example is a missing person case, set for the time that the husband looking for his wife first called friends. The police have arrested the husband and are still searching for her body.

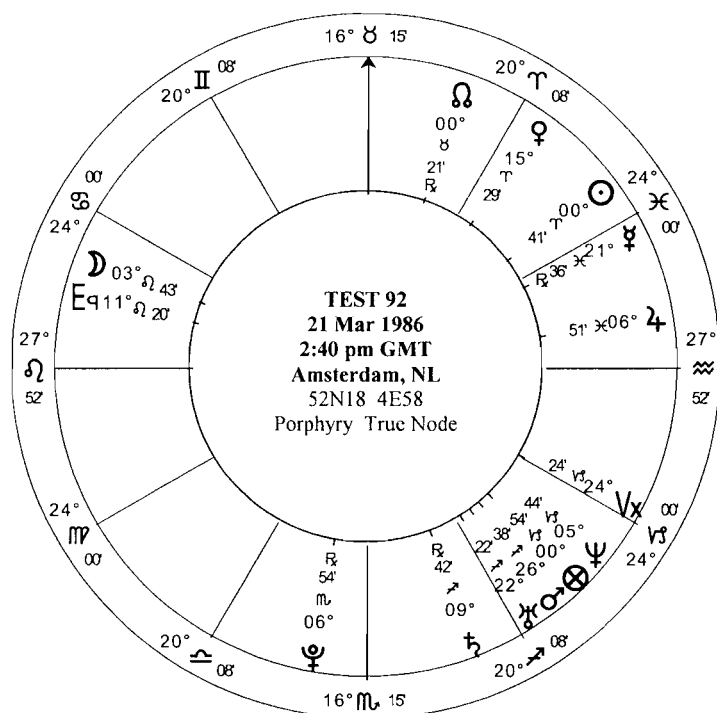


- ♦ The 1st-House Ruler Mercury is positioned in the secretive 12th House: The person making the report or statements is behind the scenes and not clearly seen.
- ♦ Mercury will soon move to the dark side of the 1st House, indicating that he may in some way bring about his own misfortune.
- ♦ The Moon, ruler of changes, is applying to a conjunction with Mercury, natural ruler of reports and news, indicating a change in the husband's story.
- ♦ The 3rd House has Mute Scorpio on the Cusp with its Significator Pluto in retrograde motion, possibly withholding information.

- ♦ Mars, Ruler of Scorpio, is positioned in the House of secrets (12th).
- ♦ Neptune, representative of lies and deceptions directly opposes Mars, Ruler of the 3rd House. At 10:39 am the husband called the police to report his wife missing. □

TEST 92—REPORT

Test No. 92 concerned a young man born on March 21, 1986 in Amsterdam. His parents being divorced he lives with his father. Here is his Birth Chart:



The exercise was to determine which of the following five events was the one that actually occurred in his life on 10 January 2004.

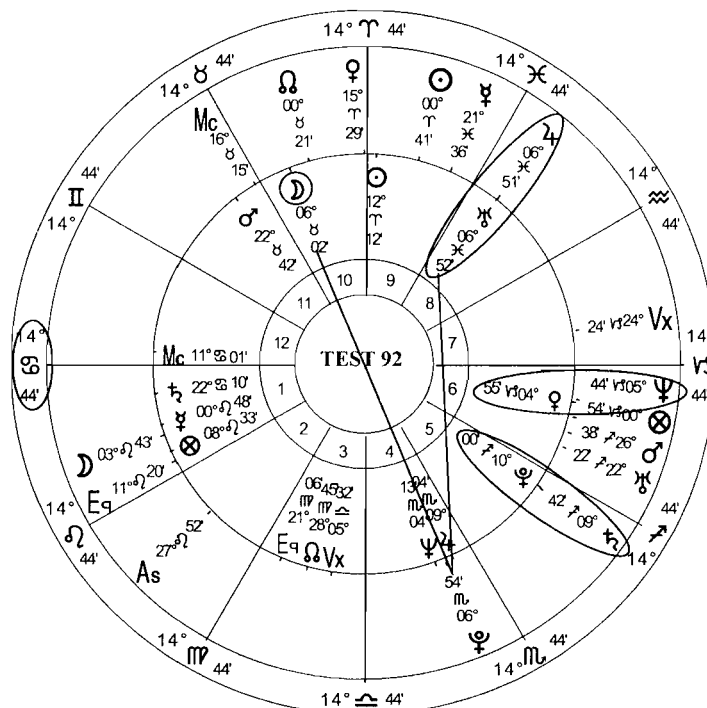
1. He went on a holiday with his father.
2. He fell in love.
3. He successfully finished high school.
4. His mother became seriously ill.
5. His father evicted him from the house.

The correct answer is No.5: **His father evicted him from the house.**

There were 37 respondents, of whom 12 were correct. Various charts and methods were employed. Probably the clearest answer was in the BiWheel of the **Age Harmonic Chart** surrounded by the **Birth Chart**, as in the adjacent column.

- ♦ Ruler the Moon (the home) is closely opposed by Natal Pluto in the 4th House (*fundamental change*).
- ♦ Pluto is closely conjunct Natal Jupiter ruling the 9th House (*break with the father*).
- ♦ Pluto is conjunct Natal Saturn (*break-up of structure*).
- ♦ Uranus is trine Natal Pluto (*rebellion*).

The Moon also signifies the *mother*. However, here it must be the *home* and not the mother that is involved because of the overwhelming weight of evidence. The 10th House (the mother) has the Sun and Natal Venus (two Benefics) in conjunction on the Cusp. Moreover,



Inner Wheel: Test 92:—Age Harmonic 17.75.

Outer Wheel: Test 92: 21 Mar 1986, 2:40 pm Amsterdam, NL

Mars (in both Wheels) ruling the 10th House is not afflicted in any way.

Solving these Tests is principally a matter of determining what are the *most significant features* in any relevant chart. This is a highly productive exercise for all branches of Astrology and doing these Tests gives one first-class practice.

My suggestion is to look first for planetary conjunctions and Aspects with a **1° orb**, both within a relevant chart and inter-chart, between a subsidiary figure and the Radix. Then look for planets on Angles, the Ruler of the chart, and the preponderance of influence in the Houses.

Having found your answer, check that it eliminates all the other suggested possibilities.

TEST 93—Female

Test 93 concerns a woman born in Arnhem, Holland, (52N00, 5E53) on 3rd February 1974 at 3:20 am CET. Asc 28Sc31, MC 23Vi13, Moon19Ge48.

One of the following five events occurred in her life on 25 March 2003, while still in Arnhem.

1. She started her first job as a teacher.
2. She met her e-mail boy friend and fell in love.
3. Her first child was born.
4. She received a large amount of money
5. She went on a trip for two months.

Which event was it?

Please send your answer to me with its astrological basis before **September 25**. Make a single choice and give the most important factor in your diagnosis even though you may have used several charts or many Aspects in your workings.

All respondents will receive a personal reply showing at least one method of solving the problem and listing all the correct answers received.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 2 Sep 2004.



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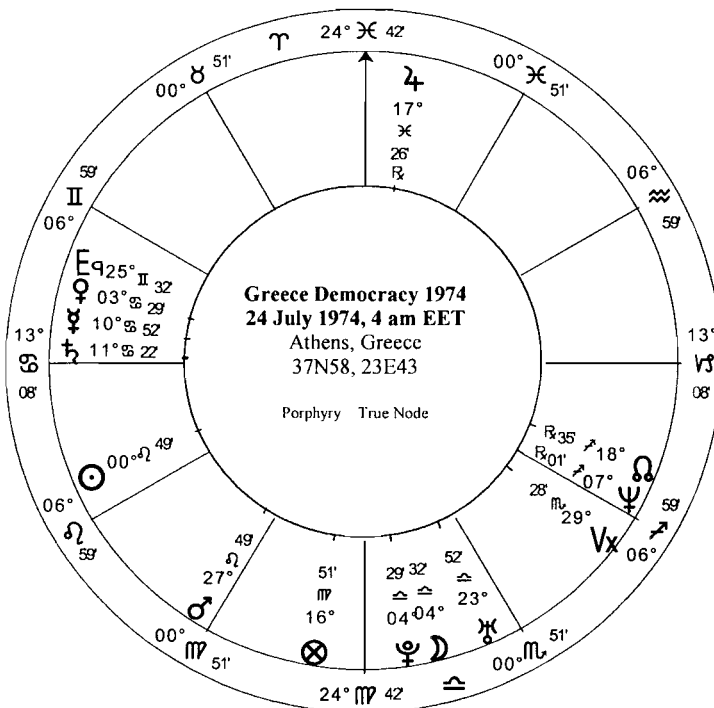
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THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The 2004 Olympic Games open in Athens on 13 August and continue to the closing ceremony on the 29th.

What is exercising the minds of all interested parties—competitors, spectators, officials and participating nations generally is the big question: Will terrorists disrupt this magnificent event with bombs, kidnappings, threats, etc. It is just the type of occasion they aim for—a large number of people and the elite of many nations gathered together in one place where they could hope to achieve maximum casualties and the greatest possible damage. It is hardly credible at this stage of human evolution that such a catastrophe could be the ambition of anybody, let alone a large portion of the world's population, but nevertheless it is so and we must be realistic about it.

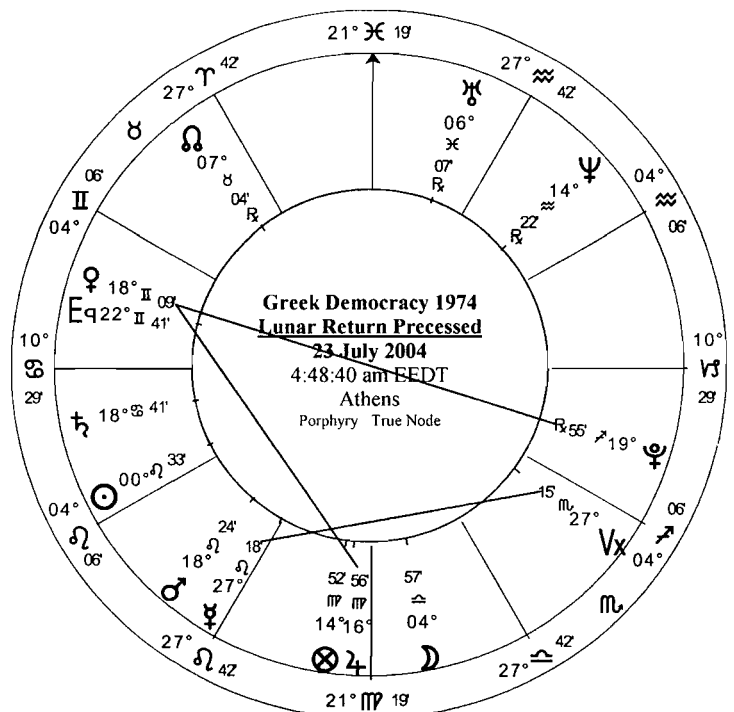
To assess the situation astrologically we need to examine the Natal Chart of Greece when it became a democracy in 1974. Thanks to Nicholas Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) here is the Chart of 24 July 1974 when, immediately following the collapse of the military dictatorship, Constantine Karamanlis was sworn in as Prime Minister. The event took place at 4:00 am in Athens:



I examined two **Lunar Return Charts** (precessed) for the above Radix that cover the period of the Games (August 13–29). The first one relates to the period **23 July —19 Aug 2004** (next column) and it does contain the dangerous linking of the planets Pluto, Saturn and Mars. However, their angular

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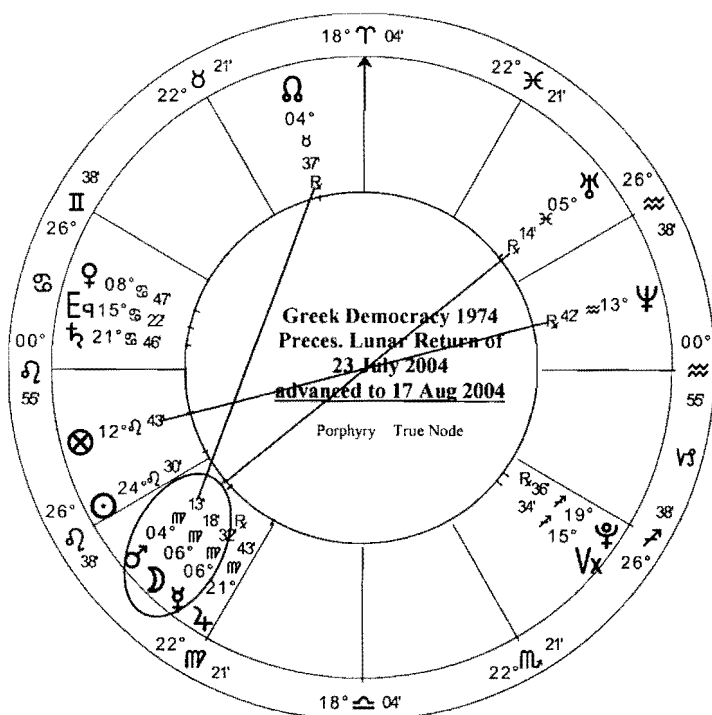


relationships are not the strongest (a quincunx, trine and semi-sextile). Moreover, the Ascendant, the Sun or Moon is not directly threatened. So it is relatively harmless.

However, other features of the Chart are matters of concern: Mercury on the 3rd Cusp is closely square to the Vertex. Mercury rules the 12th House (*Secret Enemies*), its 3rd House position indicates active thinking and conspiring, and its square to the Vertex implies that whatever work of violence is being concocted, if successful, would have the major impact of a thunderclap.

What is also significant is that the planet Venus occupies the 12th House. It's opposition to Pluto indicates that *women* (young women) are involved in the secret machinations. Venus being in a multiple Sign and square to Jupiter (*the Expander*) signifies that not just one or two women are involved but a large number of them. They are driven by moral and religious concepts (*Jupiter*) however mistaken in our view.

A further deduction from Pluto opposing Venus is something else we can apprehend—*kidnapping*, a weapon that is becoming ever more popular among terrorists. Venus rules the 5th House (competitive



sports) so we may assume that the terrorists have female competitors particularly in mind.

A situation of enhanced danger applies from the **17–18 August** when by daily progression of the Chart the planets have advanced to a more threatening posture. (See Figure above.)

We now have Mars, Moon and Mercury all in conjunction and all opposed by Uranus. Mars, ruling the 5th House is now closely trine the Moon's North Node, showing that the intent, if not the actual achievement, is violence and disruption of the Games.

The Games are scheduled to finish on August 29. The **Lunar Return Chart of 19 August** (below) covers

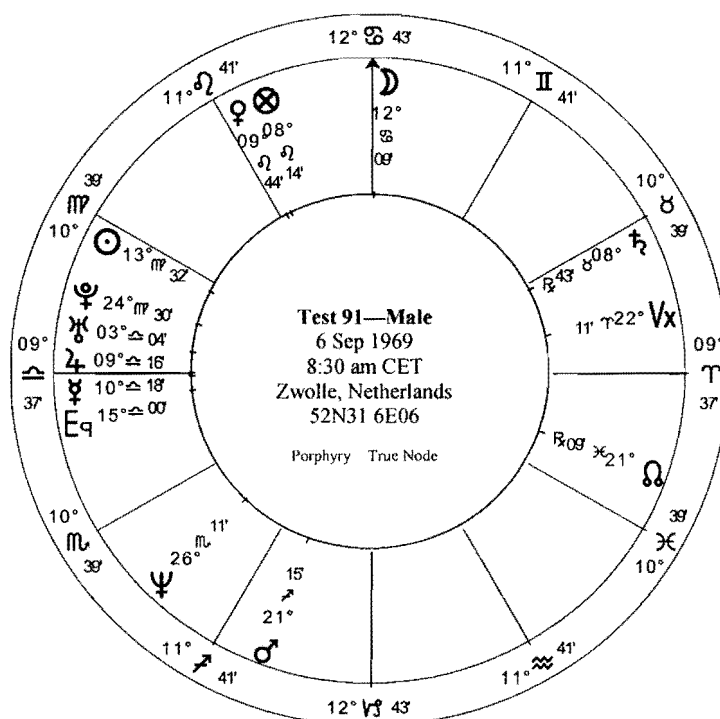
after 19th August that the danger declines. The first days are the worst.

In my estimation, **August 17–21** is the most dangerous period of the whole month. The utmost vigilance is called for to avoid a catastrophe.

We have to rely on the extensive security measures taken by Greece, which is reported to be spending vast amounts for this purpose, and also on the individual measures of competing nations to protect their own contestants. □

TEST 91 REPORT

Test 91 concerned the man whose Birth Chart appears below:



The question was to determine which one of the following events actually occurred in his life (the other four are fictitious):

1. He won a chess tournament.
2. He refurnished his home.
3. He bought a car.
4. He bought a movie camera.
5. He joined a social group.

At the time of the event he was living at Nieuw-Vennep (52N16, 4E38).

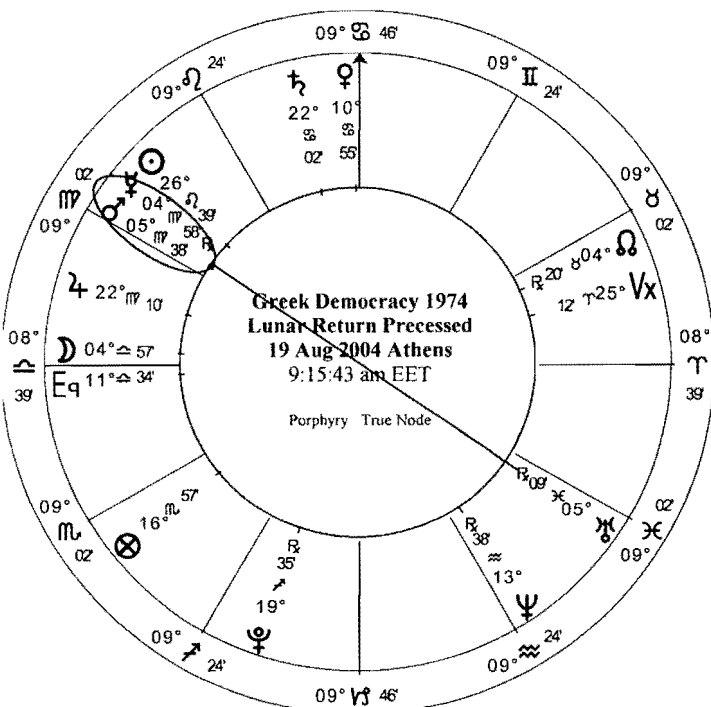
The correct answer is that he **bought a car**.

This Test caused a lot of difficulty for a lot of respondents—only three correct answers from 32 respondents. If you have the right subsidiary Chart in front of you, the solution is easy. The answer can be seen in any of the following charts, though some are clearer than others:

1. The standard Progression of the Natal Chart.
2. The precessed Lunar Return Chart.
3. The precessed Solar Return Chart.
4. The Age Harmonic Chart.
5. The Solar Month Chart.

this remaining period. The terrorist threat is still obvious: Mercury conjunct Mars on the 12th Cusp (*Hidden Enemies*) opposed by Uranus (*sudden, violence*). It appears from the movement of the planets

All the above Charts have been analysed in the Test Report sent to all participants in the Test. Here, I am reproducing just the precessed Lunar Return Chart, which is a generally reliable Figure for diagnosis (see



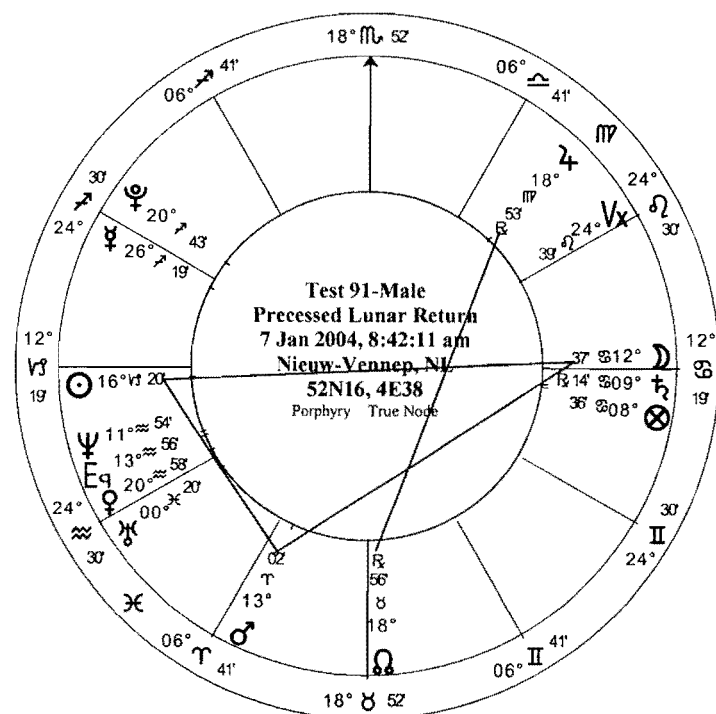


Chart). It is set for the change of location to Nieuw-Vennep in accordance with normal practice but works equally well for the birth place Zwolle which is not far away.

The dominant feature of the Chart is the opposition of the Sun and Moon across the Horizon, the two Lights pouring their energies into Mars in the House of Roads and Transport. This immediately suggests the car option, which is the correct answer.

Another possibility is Option 5—joined a social group, which is suggested by Jupiter ruling the 11th House trine to the Moon's Node. It is outweighed, however, by the dominance of the Sun-Moon-Mars T-Square and is not linked in any way to a Personal Point (1st House, Ruler, Sun, Moon).

Option 4, refurbishing the home (because of Node on the 4th Cusp), can be similarly rejected.

Option 2, the movie camera, does not come into contention because of no significant connection with Neptune (filming), the 3rd House (shopping) and a Personal Point.

Option 1, the chess tournament, is ruled out as the 5th House is not emphasized in any way.

Congratulations to all who worked on this exercise and did not flinch from putting their answers in writing. □

ANY QUESTIONS?

A correspondent asks a question in relation to BiWheels: I notice that sometimes in the *Astrologers' Forum*, the Inner Wheel is the Natal Chart and the other chart is the Outer Wheel but sometimes it is the other way around. Does one try out both ways to check for Aspects to the MC, Asc, etc., or is it the Houses that are the telling factor? I never know whether to have the Natal Chart as the Inner wheel or not.

I answered that my standard practice is to put the Age Harmonic or cyclic chart Solar or Lunar Return, Phase Angle Return, etc. INSIDE the BiWheel, an

arrangement that I find gives the best indications from House positions and Rulerships. Occasionally I reverse the procedure to see how it compares.

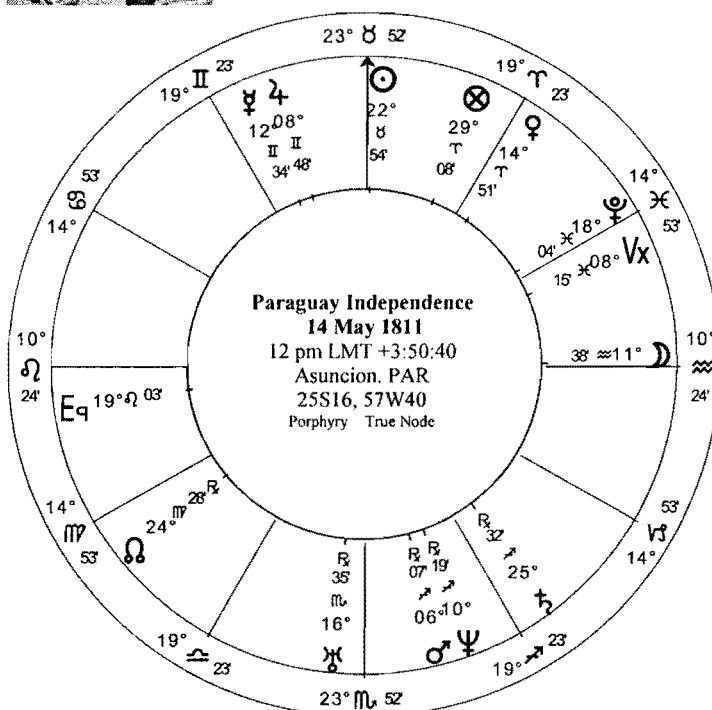
I do the same with Progressed Charts. With the Natal Chart on the outside you get a very good idea of the Progression of the natal planets to the Angles, etc.

When I am looking at *Transits* I put them on the outside of the calculated chart (as in Test 90). However, if the Transits are in a DAY Chart they give useful indications when inside the natal figure. A Day Chart is one calculated for the time of birth, the current date and relocation). □



PARAGUAY FIRE CALAMITY

The supermarket fire in Asuncion on August 1 has been described as the most disastrous in Paraguay's history. As at this date (August 5) over 640 bodies have been recovered, and the search is not over. Survivors reported that an explosion was heard just



before the fire commenced.

Could Astrology have forewarned of the peril?

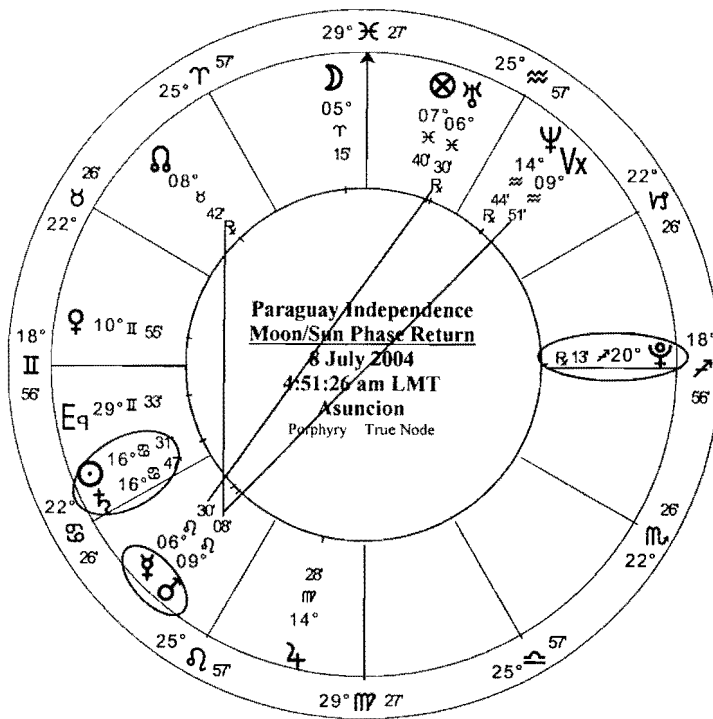
The above Radix for Paraguay is from Nick Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes*. It is based on a bloodless coup on the night of 14-15 May 1811 when a group of creole military leaders took power from the last Spanish governor.

Though various dates are given for the Paraguayan declaration of independence from Spain, Campion writes that revolutionary events provide the basis for a national horoscope.

The Radix above is supported by the **Moon/Sun Phase Return Chart** of 8 July 2004. This Chart (next page) relates to the period 8 July—7 Aug 2004.

Any astrologer working in the national interest could see from this Chart the imminence of a major disaster.

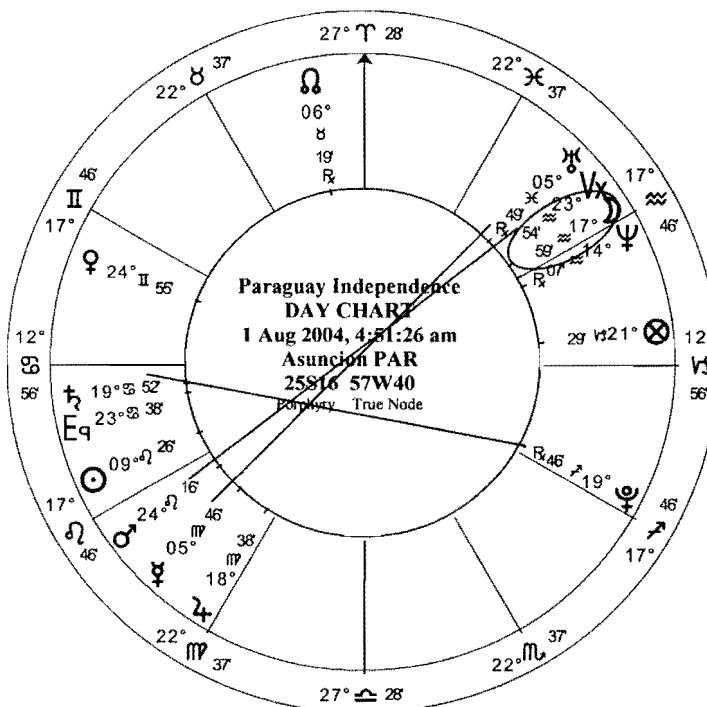
- The rising degree is afflicted by the opposition of Pluto (death and destruction).



- Mercury, ruling the Ascendant, is conjunct Mars (fires) and quincunx Uranus (shock and injury).
- Mars is in a T-Square with the Vertex and the Node (a Mars event of unusual significance and affecting many people).
- Sun and Saturn closely conjunct, ruling House 3 (shopping precincts) and House 8 (deaths).

So though the Chart gives ample warning of a looming disaster, it still remains to narrow down the probable date within the month and find the area where it would be located.

One method for finding the date is by inspecting the **Day Charts** for the month, using the time of the Cyclic Chart, in this case 4:51:26 am, instead of the time of the Radix.



The **Day Chart** for August 1, 2004, the day of the fire is in the previous column. It's significance is immediately apparent:

1. Saturn, rising and ruling the 8th House (Deaths), is now exactly quincunx Pluto (death/destruction).
2. Uranus in the 8th House is now exactly opposite Mercury ruling the 3rd House (shopping precincts) and the 12th (sorrows and suffering).
3. The Vertex in the 8th House opposes Mars (fateful day of a Mars nature).
4. The Moon now right on the 8th Cusp is conjunct Neptune (deaths and losses).

It still remains to determine the locale that would be affected. This is a task that challenges astrologers. It probably means finding what particular geographic coordinates are most affected by adverse indicators in the relevant chart. Can some computer program be devised with large scale maps that would help us in this matter? □

TEST 92-MALE

Test 92 concerns a young man born in Amsterdam, 52N18, 4E58, on 21st March 1986 at 2:40 pm GMT.

Ascendant 27Leo52, MC 16Ta15, Moon 3Le43.

His parents being divorced. He was living with his father in Utrecht (52N13, 5E01).

One of the following five events occurred in the life of this man on **10 January 2004**. Which one was it?

1. He went on a holiday with his father
2. He fell in love.
3. He successfully finished high school.
4. His mother became seriously ill.
5. His father evicted him from the house.

The events of life are not all high drama. The five listed above are typical of what mostly happens in people's lives. If you are successful in differentiating between them you can widen the scope of astrology by relating it to everyday practical affairs. This is a good counter to the general tendency of astrologers to be sensational in their interpretation of Zodiacal phenomena.

Please send your answer to me, with its astrological basis, on or before **August 25**. Make a single choice and give only the most important factor in your diagnosis, even though you may have used several Charts or many Aspects in your search. If your answer is wrong, all the supporting evidence will not make it right.

All respondents will receive a personal reply showing a correct method and listing all the correct answers received.

Sydney Piano Competition

For those who tried to pick the result of the Sydney Piano Competition from the contestants shown in last month's Issue, the winner was *John Chen* of NZ (from Malaysian parentage). My own choice was Rem Urasin of Russia, who came second (although first by public choice). Not having the birth times of the contestants was the chief difficulty in judging.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 6 August 2004.

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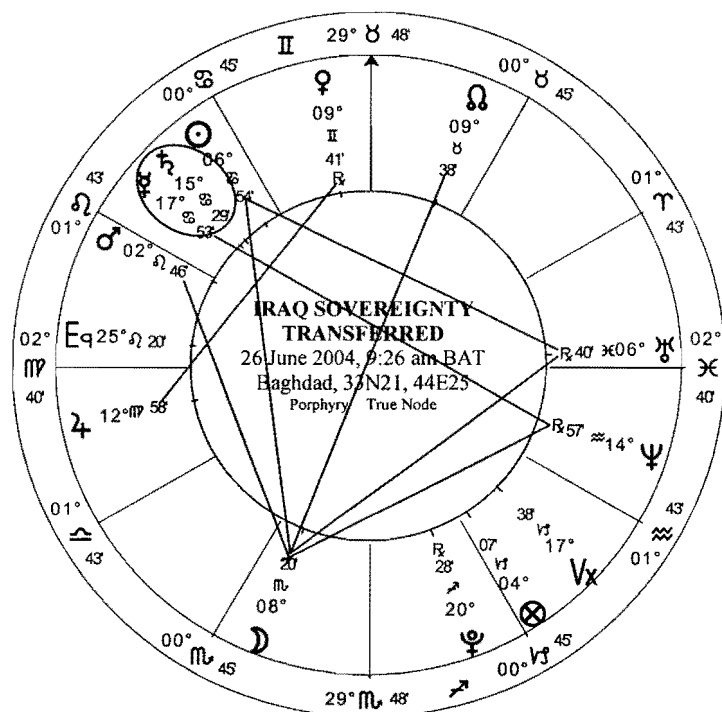
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IRAQ SOVEREIGNTY TRANSFERRED

Strife-torn Iraq now has a Government of its own nationals, subject to over-riding power of the USA in security matters. Sovereignty was transferred to the Iraqis on June 28. This Interim Government will itself be superseded by a democratic Government to be elected on January 2, 2005.

The Chart for the Transfer of Sovereignty appears below. From it we can read the prospects for the Interim Government during its brief life.

The Chart does not give either the Iraqis or the



Western Coalition anything very much to cheer about. Sure, Jupiter rises, but is detrimented in Virgo and squares Venus in the Midheaven. Venus is Significator of the Interim Government and its interception in Gemini shows that its powers are circumscribed. Venus rules also the 2nd House (National Assets). The square from Jupiter therefore signifies loss or waste of the country's resources. Uranus square to Venus has a disruptive effect on the Government and may unexpectedly shorten its life.

Virgo on the Ascendant makes Mercury Ruler of the Chart and it has two significant Aspects: A conjunction with Saturn and an opposition to the Vertex. The first means *worry* and the second signifies a critical juncture in the Nation's history.

That there is plenty for the Interim Government to worry about is shown by the Moon in Scorpio disposing Mercury, Saturn and the Sun. The Moon is opposed by its North Node and squared by Mars and

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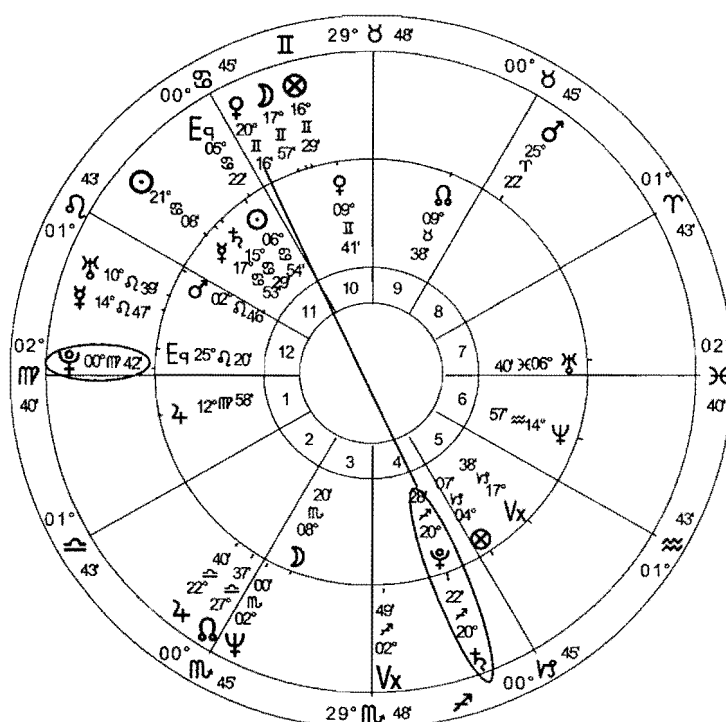
Neptune, so here we have disaffection of a sizeable portion of the populace and, what is patently obvious from the 12th House position of Mars, terrorist ambushes and attacks.

On the positive side we note the splendid trine between the Sun and the Moon, indicating that the Iraqi Prime Minister, Iyad Allawi, has the support of the greater part of the populace. The trines of Uranus to the Sun and Moon signify the progressive nature of the move to a new administration.

Discomforting as are the negative indications, the picture becomes still grimmer when we relate the Interim Government Chart to that of the Iraq Republic when the monarchy was overthrown in 1958. See the Biwheel below.

From the Outer Wheel, Pluto on the Ascendant and Neptune square Mars ruling the 8th House emphasise insurgency and increase the deaths from terrorism. Mercury in the 12th House, closely opposed by Neptune indicate plots and schemes.

Saturn conjunct Pluto and both opposing Venus

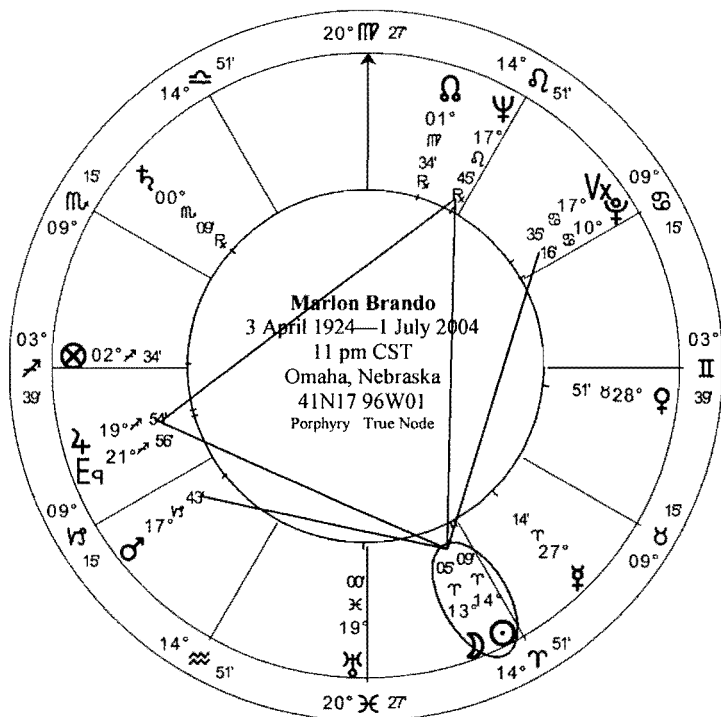


Inner Wheel: Iraq Sovereignty Transferred, 28 Jun 2004 Baghdad.
Outer Wheel: Iraq Republic, 14 Jul 1958, 5:00 am Baghdad.
Porphyry Houses True Node

ruling the MC signify determined effort to unseat the Government.

The regime faces an uncertain and violent future. It may well collapse before its appointed end on January 2, 2005. □

MARLON BRANDO



Young, handsome and a lady killer

Marlon Brando died last week, aged 80—an unusual man with an unusual Chart. His great talent (some said genius) as an actor made him famous. From 1950 Marlo made a series of landmark films, earning huge salaries in the process but nevertheless dying heavily in debt.

The most striking feature of his Horoscope is the close conjunction of the Sun and Moon on the 5th Cusp forming a Grand Trine with Jupiter (Ruler) and Neptune. This concentration of energy in the area of entertainments linked to the 1st House and the Ruling Planet determined where his good fortune lay—in the entertainment industry. This is emphasized by the 5th House position of Mercury, Ruler of the MC.

The signs of affluence are also convincing, in particular the trine between Jupiter and Neptune, the signature for easily acquired wealth. *Pars Fortuna* reinforces the emphasis on wealth through its position right on the Ascendant.

Marlon Brando was very self-willed and rebellious (Sun and Moon in Aries squared by Mars), and had a deeply compassionate feeling (Jupiter—Neptune) for the disadvantaged American Indians whose cause he espoused. Though a celebrity through his acting prowess he eschewed society and as far as possible lived a secluded life—a typical effect of Pluto square the Sun and Moon which tends to remove one from the mainstream.

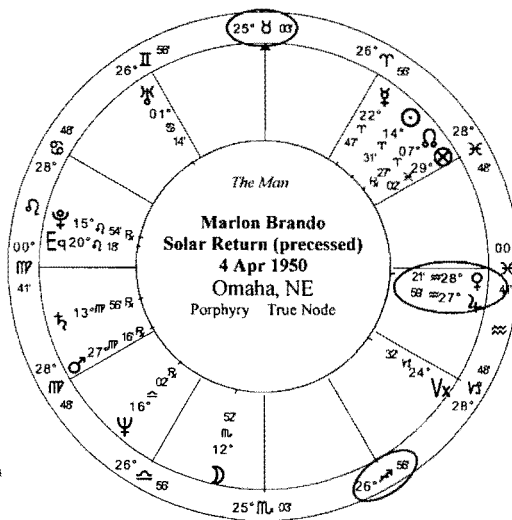


The Godfather

Like the famous painter Gauguin, he found content and happiness in Tahiti where he married twice and fathered two more children, making nine in all (*Sun and Moon in 5th House trine Jupiter and Neptune*). One daughter suicided in 1995 (*Pluto in the 8th House square the Moon in the 5th and ruling the 8th*).

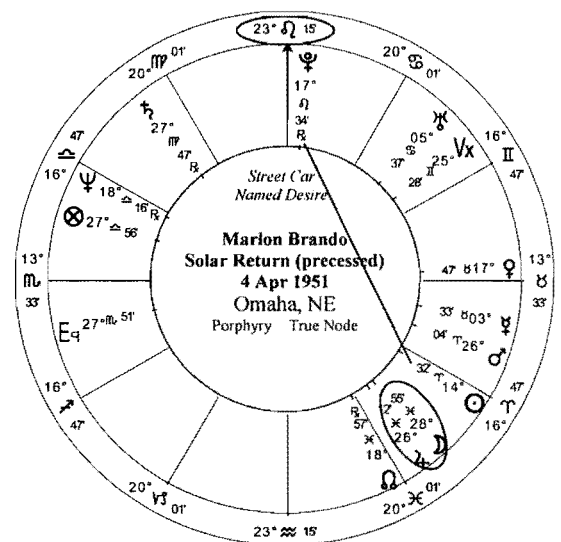
Apparently, Marlon Brando was irresistible to the female sex in any country and he enjoyed many love affairs, including those with leading female film stars of the day—another facet of the 5th House, plus Venus in the magnetic and sensual Sign Taurus.

The self-willed Brando refused to memorize his lines and worked from cue cards (*Mercury ruling the House of Career opposed by Saturn ruling the House of Communication*). His film career really took off in 1950 with the first of his most memorable films. "The Man".



The importance of this film in his career is shown in the accompanying Solar Return (precessed). The dominant feature is Venus conjunct Jupiter, Angular, Venus ruling the Career House and Jupiter the Entertainments House.

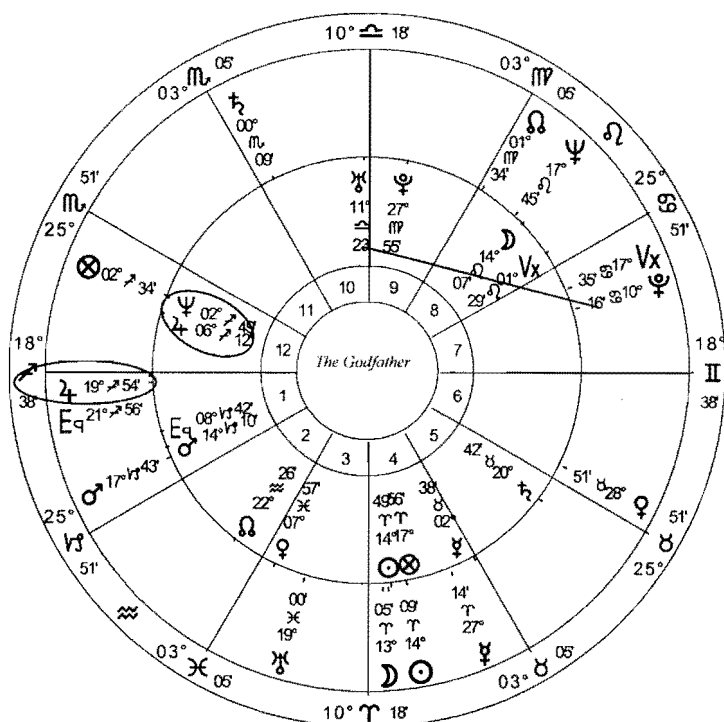
This was followed the next year by the landmark film, "A Streetcar Named Desire", again aptly depicted in the precessed Solar Return:



Marking the success of this film is Jupiter conjuncting Venus in the 5th House, and The Sun ruling the Career House trining Pluto at the Midheaven.

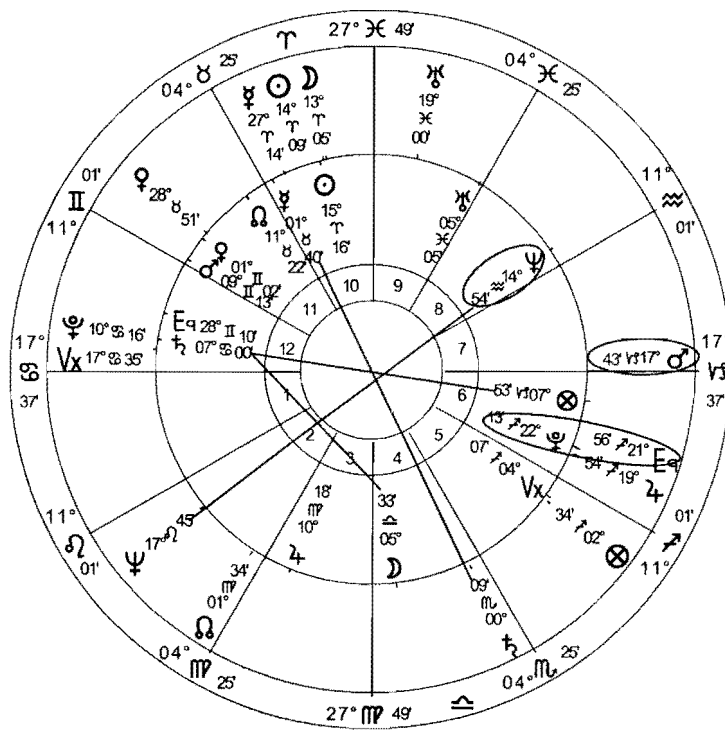
After a series of unremarkable movies in the 1960's, Brando produced what is probably his greatest performance in the starring role of "The Godfather", the film for which he is chiefly remembered. The relevant Solar Return is shown on the next page in a BiWheel with the Natal Chart.

Natal Jupiter, his chief benefactor, conjuncts the Ascendant. SR Jupiter and Neptune combine to realize the success and good fortune promised in the Grand



Inner Wheel: Marlon Brando, Solar Return (precessed) 5 April 1971 at birth place, Omaha, NE, 41N17, 96W01

Outer Wheel: Marlon Brando, Natal Chart, Omaha, NE.
Porphyry True Node



Inner Wheel: Marlon Brando, Solar Return (precessed) 4 April 2004 at birth place, Omaha, NE, 41N17, 96W01

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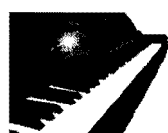
Trine of the Birth Figure.

Uranus at the Midheaven square natal Pluto depicts the innovative and exciting change in Brando's professional life after his undistinguished films during the 1960's.

When Marlo's worldly sojourn came to an end on 1st July 2004 through congestion of the lungs, the precessed Solar Return again told the story. It appears in the next column in a BiWheel with the natal Figure. Natal Mars closely opposing the Rising Degree is the chief actor in *the last scene of all that ends this strange, eventful history...* Neptune on the 8th Cusp points specifically to the lungs as the cause of death, a diagnosis confirmed by the opposition of natal Neptune.

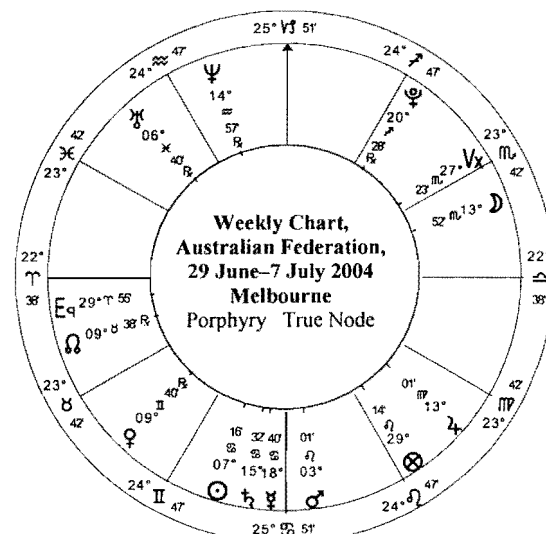
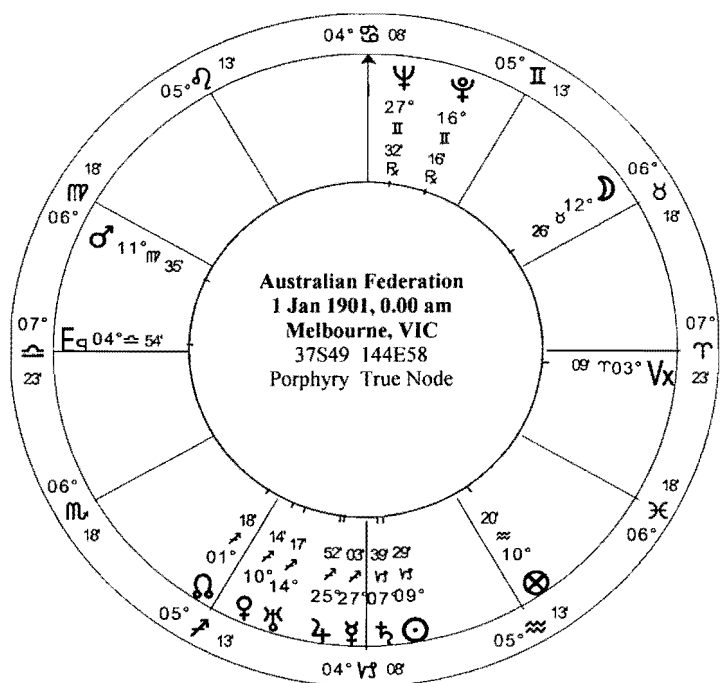
Saturn ruling the House of Death is closely square the Moon, and obviously no luck is associated with the planet as it is directly opposed by the *Part of Fortune*. As if to emphasize the point, natal Saturn in the outer circle opposes S.R. Mercury (*respiratory function*). □

THE 8TH SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION 2004



A piano competition that is held only every four years and attracts scores of brilliant performers from all over the world is an event of considerable importance in the history of the country that hosts it. The 8th Sydney International Piano Competition now in being is just such an event and I was intrigued to see whether it would show in the Australian Federation Chart. It does, indeed! In the next column is the Federation Chart and below it the derived Weekly Chart that covers the start of the competition (June 20, 2004).

The Weekly Chart is indeed apposite: Aries, rises, appropriate for a Competition, and Ruler Mars gains importance through being Angular.



For a national event it is appropriate also that the Ruler should occupy the 4th House.

The 5th House relates to the nature of the event (entertainment; artistic creation). *Pars Fortuna* in the 5th is a happy placement, especially as it trines the Equatorial Ascendant. Another splendid augury is Jupiter, bringer of good things, also in the 5th, closely sextile the Moon (the competitors). Jupiter rules the 9th House, emphasizing the international nature of the Competition. Of the 36 entrants selected by world-wide auditions from the original 250 applicants, only four are Australian.

The Sun is Ruler of the 5th House. Its close trine from Uranus announces the innovative nature of the Competition.

The Moon trine Saturn ruling the Upper Meridian signifies the competitors striving to win. The square from Neptune Co-Ruler of the House of Sorrows to the Moon relates to the illness of one competitor who, though doing very well in the Competition, had to withdraw on medical advice.

The Competition has now reached the Finals, with only six entrants left to tackle the last stage when each one plays two concertos with an orchestra.

Prize money totals more than A\$120,000. The winners will be announced on Saturday, July 17.

Here are the finalists in alphabetical order by their first names, with their birth dates and places of birth.

With this limited data, *can you pick the winner astrologically?* Send your answer to me before 17 July.



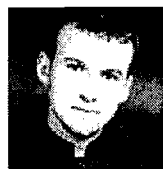
Alexander Lubiantsev, 27 Dec 1986,
St Petersburg, Russia. 57°N 55°E 30°15'



Ayano Shimada, 1 Oct 1978,
Kanagawa, Japan. 34°N 51°E
Kanagawa 133°E 49'



Chu-Fang
Huang,
20 June 1982,
Shenyang,
China. 41°N 124°E



Daniel Hill,
8 Jan 1981,
Melbourne,
Australia. 37°S 49°E
144°E 58'



John Chen,
10 June 1986,
Kuala Lumpur,
Malaysia. 3°N 101°E 42'



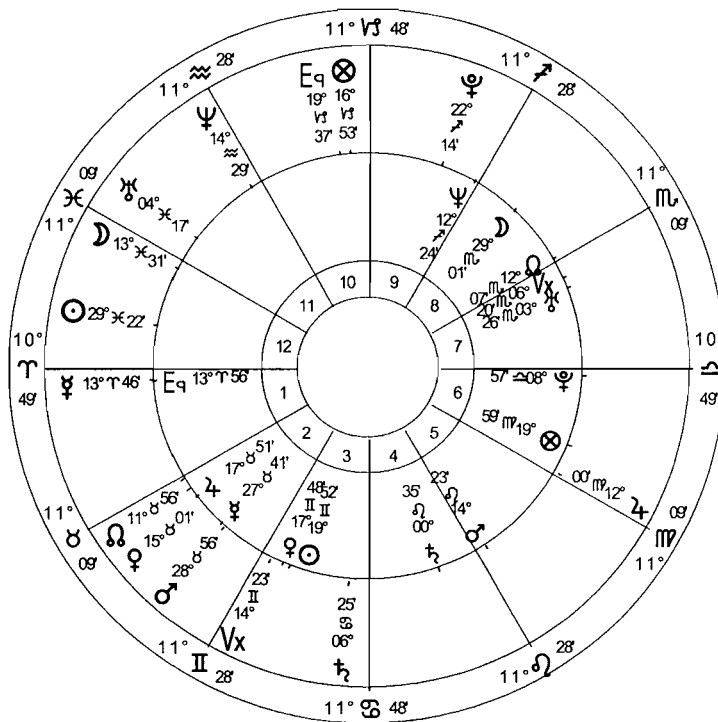
Rem Urasin, 55°N 49°E
15 May 1976, 41°E 05'
Kazan, Russia. 72°E

TEST 90 REPORT

Test No. 90 concerned a woman born in Sydney on 11 June 1976 at 1:30 am AEST.

The problem was to find the date in March, 2004 when her boy-friend proposed marriage to her (and was accepted). The required date was **20th March 2004**.

The Problem can be solved by Transits alone. The



Inner Wheel: Test 90-Female. Birth Figure 11 June 1976. 1:30 am AEST,
Sydney, Australia. 33°S 52', 151°E 13'. Porphyry, True Node.
Outer Wheel: Transits, 20 March 2004.

significant factors are—

- A proposal = Mercury.
- Boy friend = Mars (in the House of Romance in the Birth Figure above).

In March, 2004 Mercury travelled in its orbit from 7Pi25 (March 1) to 28Ar 54 (March 31). It came to **13Ar46**, the trine of Mars, on **20 March 2004**. (BiWheel above.)

There were 29 respondents to the Test from around the world. Five were correct within one day. No one actually found the exact date—20th March.

Congratulations to all who worked on this exercise. The object is to develop astrological skill and precision. Most of these Tests can be solved by the simplest means. Keep in mind that I am not out to trick you.

TEST 91- MALE

This Test concerns a man born in Zwolle, Holland, on **6 Sep 1969** at 8:30 am CET (-1:00) 52°N 31', 6°E 06. Asc 9Li37, MC12Cn43, Moon12Cn09.

One of the following events occurred in his life on **10 Jan 2004**. All the others are fictitious. He was living at Nieuw-Vennep (52°N 16', 4°E 38') at the time. Can you determine which event actually occurred?

1. He won a chess tournament.
2. He refurbished his home.
3. He bought a car.
4. He bought a movie camera.
5. He joined a social group.

Please let me have your answer, with its astrological basis on or before 25th July. Make one single choice and give only the most important factor in your diagnosis, not all the supporting evidence.

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MARY DONALDSON AND CROWN PRINCE FREDERIK

The eyes of the world have been fastened on the fairy-tale story of Mary Donaldson from Tasmania, and Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark. It invites comparison with a similar "fairy-tale" romance of Diana and Prince Charles on 19 July 1981. But the resemblance is only superficial. Mary, as a mature, poised woman of 32 is a world away from the 20-year old Diana, shy and naive, and subsequently, when the marriage foundered, an agonized soul desperately seeking love. Mary, now Crown Princess Mary, is too well-balanced to suffer the same tortured emotions. Even if the marriage did not prosper, she would have a practical outlook and maintain her balance. Her strength of character is such that she would not suffer the extreme pain and distress that was the lot of Princess Diana.

The Royal Marriage being a topic of such universal interest, an astrologer is eager to see what are the astrological implications. As is often the case, however, the only birth data available was the date and place of birth of Mary Donaldson and of the Crown Prince. Mary Donaldson was born on February 5, 1972, in Hobart, Tasmania (a location almost certainly new to the great majority of the Wedding guests). Crown Prince Frederik was born in Copenhagen on May 26, 1968.

Only a limited amount of information regarding the couple and their prospects can be gained astrologically without having the *time* of birth, so I decided to attempt a *Rectification*.

Working first on the Natus of Mary Donaldson, as a tentative effort I put *Aquarius* on the Ascendant of her Chart, because of her appearance and demeanour throughout the marriage proceedings. What distinguished her was her relative calmness. In contrast with the crowd pressing around her (and the ebullient enthusiasm of the Danish populace) the new Crown Princess seemed almost withdrawn, as if she were observing with kindly interest a play involving strangers. This is a keynote of the Sign Aquarius—friendly but detached, though with good will to all.

Other points in favour of this Ascendant are physical handsomeness—comely, but not a raving beauty—and the fact that an Aquarian Ascendant puts *Leo* on the 7th Cusp, indicative of her marriage into royalty.

The next step was to find a birth time using *Age Harmonics*, which is the sovereign method for rectification. Mary's age on 14th May 2004, the date of her marriage to Frederik, was 32.25 years, relating to the month 5 May—5 June 2004.

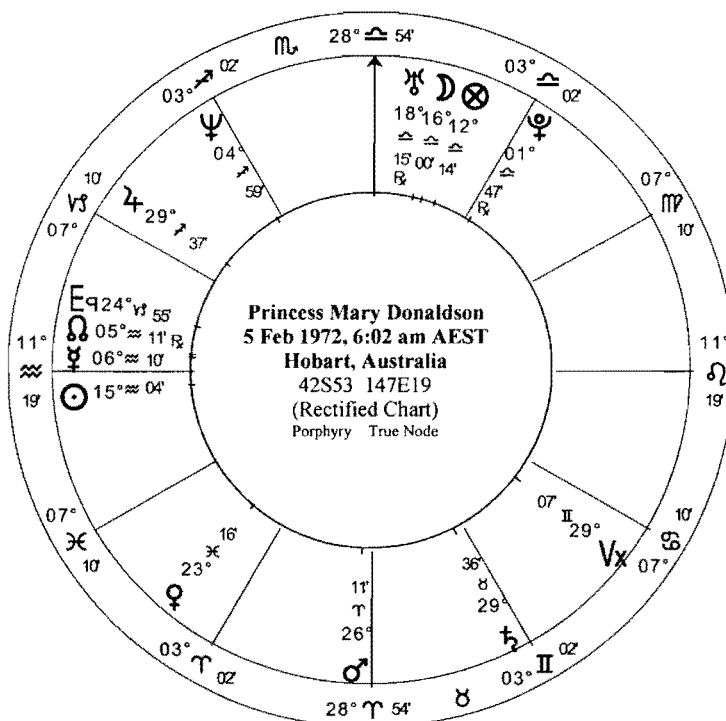
This Age Harmonic has to produce a Chart from the Birth Figure that is consonant with the marriage event. If it does not do so the preliminary Birth Figure

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has to be changed continually until it does produce such a Chart. This part of the procedure can be a tedious business, hardly practicable without a computer and a Program such as *Solar Fire*.

However, suffice it to say that after a few tries I came up with the following Birth Chart, which does fulfil the requirements:



The **Marriage Chart** produced by the Age Harmonic 32.25 from the above Birth Figure appears on the next page. It is distinctively a Chart of marriage to royalty. The principal significations are:

1. Leo on the Marriage Cusp is ruled by the Sun on the Cusp of the 5th House (*Pomp and Circumstance*) and conjunct the *Part of Fortune*.
2. Venus, the Marriage Planet, is at the Midheaven and rules the 9th (*Legalizing Ceremonies*), and also is trine to the Vertex (events of major significance).
3. The Moon on the 9th Cusp is very closely trine the Sun ruling the House of Marriage.
4. Saturn, ruling the Ascendant is conjunct both Mars, ruling the 10th House and the Moon's North Node (*passionate union*).

Further correspondences can be found, both in this

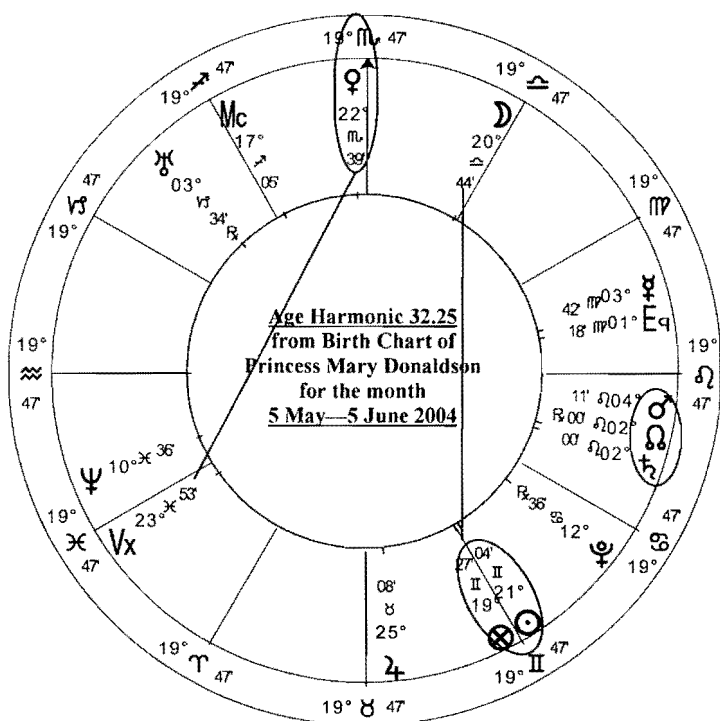
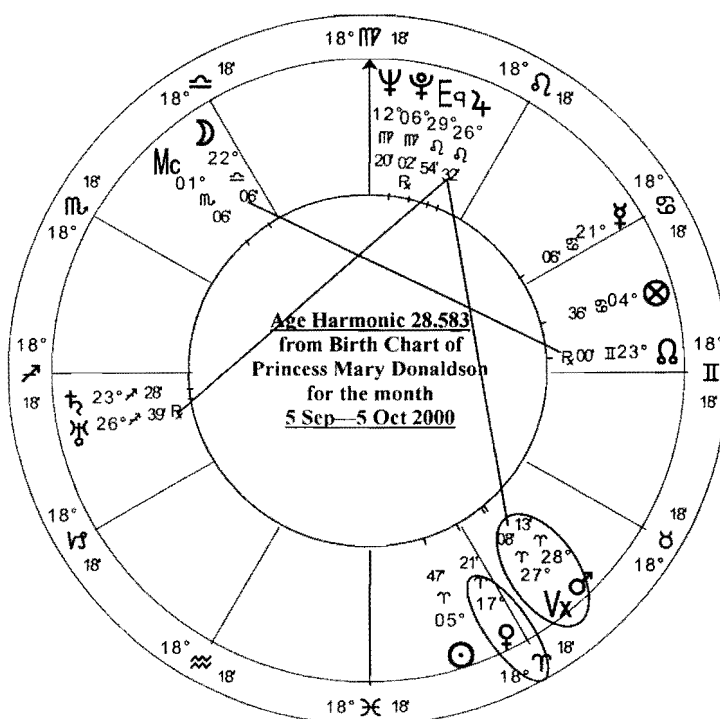


Chart and its relation to the Birth Figure.

Two other important dates in Mary's life were **15 September 2000** when the future Princess met Frederik, her consort to be, at the opening of the Olympic Games in Sydney, and **8 October 2003** when Denmark's Queen Margrethe officially approved the marriage and the Wedding Date was set. Both these dates have appropriate Age Harmonic Charts (see below) derived from the Rectified Birth Figure.

The Age Harmonic for the meeting on **15 Sep 2000** is 28.5833 applying to the month 5 Sep—5 Oct 2000. Here it is:



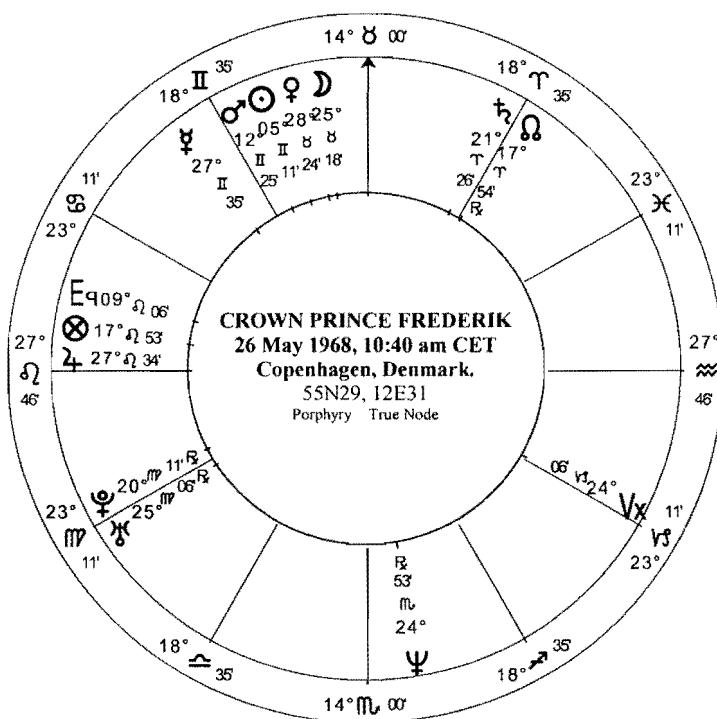
In this Chart, the factors relating to the encounter are:

1. Ruler Jupiter in the 9th House, trine to Mars and the Vertex in the 5th House (*romantic and significant encounter with a male at a sporting event*).

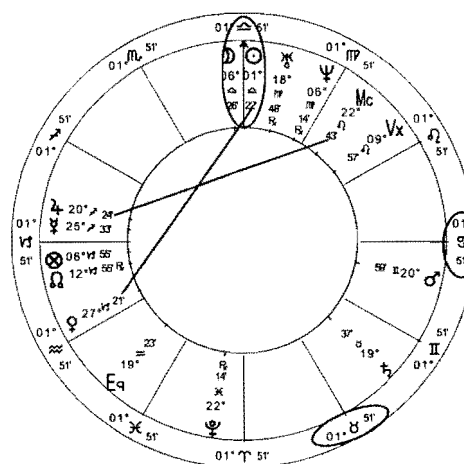
2. Jupiter trine Uranus in the 1st House (*sudden fortunate turn*).
3. Moon in the 11th House trine the Node in the 7th (*a new friend*).
4. The fact that the Node is in Gemini is significant since Prince Frederik has his Sun, Mars and Mercury in that Sign.

The next task was to find a suitable Geniture for Crown Prince Frederik. For a starting point, I took **Leo** as an Ascendant Sign both because of his royal birth and because the 7th Cusp would then lie in **Aquarius** (his wife's Sun Sign).

Here, again, the Birth Figure has to yield an Age Harmonic Chart that is indicative of the marriage. The Prince's age on 14 May 2004 was 35.9167 years. I made a number of trial Birth Figures, back and forth in time, before I found one that fulfilled the requirements of Age Harmonic 35.9167. This final Chart has 27Leo46 on the Ascendant (see below).



Here is the Age Harmonic Chart 35.9167 derived



from the above Birth Figure and relating to the Prince's marriage. The factors signifying marriage are:

1. The Sun right on the MC, in Libra, and trine to Venus (planet of marriage), Ruler of the MC and the House of Romance.
2. The Moon ruling the House of Marriage, at the Midheaven, and conjunct the Sun.
3. The "Floating" MC trine to Jupiter (*status change*).

When Prince Frederik met Mary at the Olympic Games on 15 Sep 2003 his Age Harmonic was 32.25, which produces the Chart below for the month 26 Aug—26 Sep 2000.

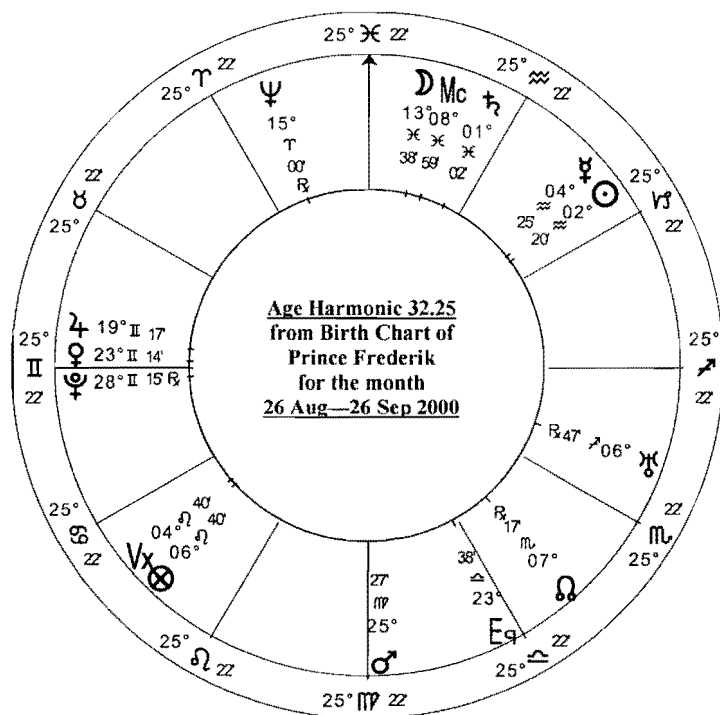


Chart factors highly relevant to the meeting are:

1. Venus (*marriage planet*) is right on the Ascendant, ruling the House of Romance, and is conjunct Pluto and Jupiter (*a new development bringing joy*). (There was a quick rapport between the two people).
2. The Harmonic Equatorial Ascendant is on the 5th Cusp and trine to Venus rising (*romantic attraction*).
3. Mars on the lower Meridian is square to Venus (*sexual magnetism*).
4. The "Floating" MC is trine to the Moon's North Node, indicating the venue of the meeting (*Olympic Games Opening Ceremony*).

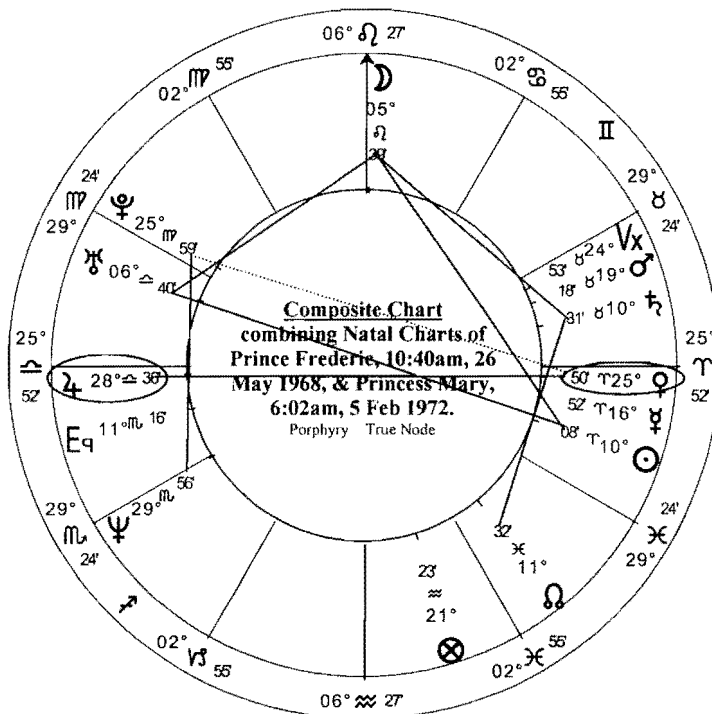
I have found that the Age Harmonic Charts for other significant events in both the Prince's and Mary's life are equally indicative. There is no room, or need, to reproduce them here. All in all, I am happy that the Birth Figures above for the royal couple can be relied on to indicate further developments and the course of their future lives.

Composite Chart

The Composite Chart for Frederik and Mary is symbolic of the union. It appears in the next column. This type of chart is one of the many subsidiary charts supplied by *Solar Fire* and is a combination of the two Birth Figures.

Briefly interpreted, here are the principal features:

- ♦ Jupiter rises in Libra: *Fortune smiles on them.*
- ♦ The Moon trine the Sun: *An harmonious and fruitful alliance.*
- ♦ Venus opposite Jupiter and quincunx Pluto: *An abundance of love and physical attraction between them.*

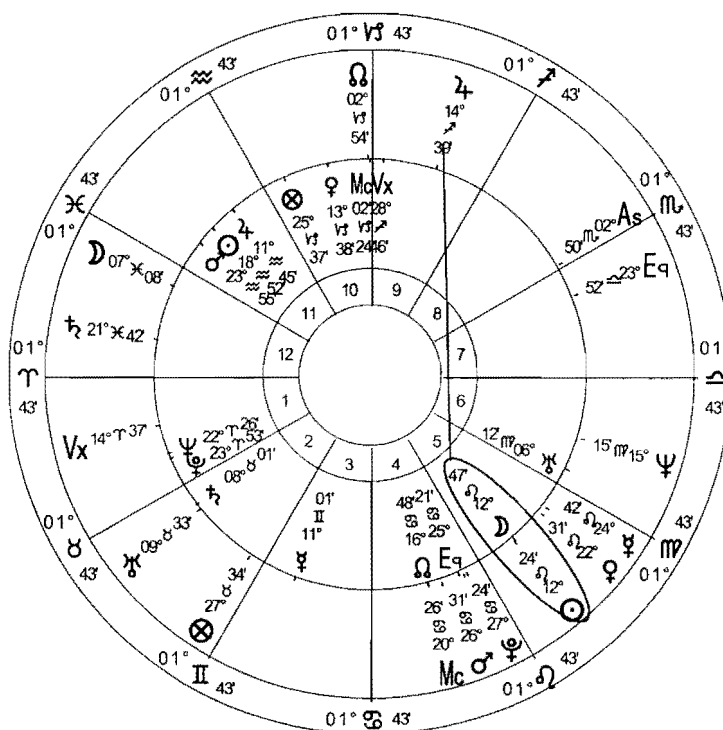
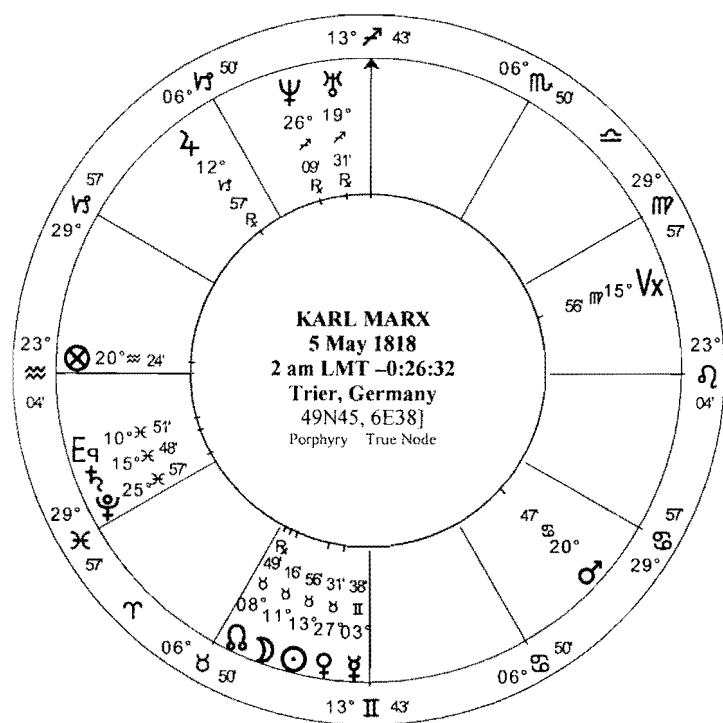


- ♦ Moon in the 10th House trine the Sun ruling the 10th: *Their popularity with the public will continue.*
- ♦ The Sun disposing the dominant Moon: *Princess Mary is largely in control but Frederik can overrule her.*
- ♦ Jupiter on the Ascendant and Lord of the 5th House which holds the Moon's Node sextile Saturn: *Children will be born. How many? Jupiter is fruitful but Saturn restricts. I forecast two, the first in March 2005 (when Jupiter sextiles Mercury by Primary Direction).*
- ♦ The Moon ruling the 9th House squared by Saturn: *Mary's travels will be restricted. Royal protocol is something of a burden for her.*
- ♦ Neptune on Cusp 2 sextile Pluto: *There are some obscure and complicated arrangements regarding the finances of the couple.*
- ♦ The Sun ruling the MC and opposed by Uranus: *Frederik when King will introduce changes. He is self-willed and inclined to be contrary.*
- ♦ The Moon sextile Uranus: *Mary is open-minded and keeps her independence of thought.* □

MORE ABOUT KARL MARX

by Allan Johnson

This article is a follow up from my previous one on Karl Marx. In that article I referred to Marxism as primarily a religion rather than a political doctrine. So in setting up a chart for a religion the usual thing is to use the birth date of the prophet who is the father figure. This has been done in the case of Jesus Christ and Christianity. But I don't think a lot of research has been done on that case. In using Marx's own Chart for the future of Marxism it is easy to see that Transits would continue to operate long after the person's actual death. And this has been the case. Marxism is still with us today more than a century after his death. So it is possible to correlate Transits to Marx's Chart with major events in the 20th Century. and they are all world-shaking events. The one that



Inner Wheel: Test 89, Age Harmonic 67.6667.

Outer Wheel: Test 89, Radix, 5 Aug 1936, 10:30 am, Sydney.

stands out the most is, of course, the collapse of Communism itself at the end of 1989. This certainly was world-shattering. And the key Transit for that sort of thing is Pluto. Pluto was in Marx's 8th House and in opposition to the Sun and Moon—"Endings and new Beginnings." Highly dramatic.

Another highly dramatic event was the Russian revolution itself in 1917. Pluto was not involved this time but that other planet connected with dramatic events, Uranus. This was right on the 7th Cusp. Heavy Transits exactly on an Angle can be a major event. Another major event occurred in 1953 with that same Cusp. This time it was Pluto back into the picture again. It was the *death of Stalin*. Looking at things on a wider world scale there was another world shattering event when the communists seized power in China. This synchronised with the Mars/Pluto conjunction making the square to Marx's Sun/Moon conjunction. It is possible there could be other link-ups with 20th Century events and Marx's Chart. Bringing things right up to date in the 21st Century we can see that Pluto is now in conjunction with Marx's disciples, but it is doubtful if they could achieve the importance they once had. □

Test No. 89—Report

Test No. 89 concerned a woman born on **5 August 1936** in Sydney, Australia (Asc 2Sc50, MC 20Cn26, Moon7Pi08). She is divorced, not working and in a stable relationship.

The Test was to determine which one of the following five events was not fictitious but actually occurred in her life on **7th April 2004** while she was living in Melbourne.

1. She started learning the Italian language.
2. She undertook an extensive health check.
3. She began house renovations.
4. She went on a sailing holiday.
5. She bought another car.

The correct answer is that **the woman went on a sailing holiday**. The solution can be seen in the Age

Harmonic 67.6667 for the month 5 April—5 May 2004, surrounded by the Birth Figure (above).

The most powerful feature of this BiWheel is the very close conjunction of the Moon and the Natal Sun in the 5th House (pleasures). This conjunction is sufficient on its own to distinguish "sailing holiday" from all the other options, but there is plenty of backup evidence if one wants confirmation—Sun and Moon trine to Jupiter in Sagittarius in the 9th House (travels); Natal Venus (pleasure) in the 5th House trine Neptune (the sea); Venus trine Pluto (pleasure intensified); Mercury ruling the 3rd House (short trips) trine Jupiter ruling the 9th (travel).

There were 40 respondents and four found the solution at the first attempt. This type of Test teaches how to distinguish between different possibilities, all apparently indicated by the relevant chart. It was not easy. Congratulations to all who attempted it.

Test No. 90

Test No. 90 concerns a 27 year old woman born in Sydney (33S52, 151E13) on 11 June 1976 at 1:30 am AEST (-10).

On a certain date in **March 2004** her boy-friend proposed marriage to her and she accepted. *Can you determine what was the day?*

Use any astrological technique to arrive at your answer and send it to me before **20th June**. State the astrological reason for your choice—only the single most important factor, not supporting evidence that you may have considered before making your decision.

All respondents will receive a personal reply stating whether they were right or wrong, and later the Report listing all the correct answers received and a model answer.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock. 2 June 2004.



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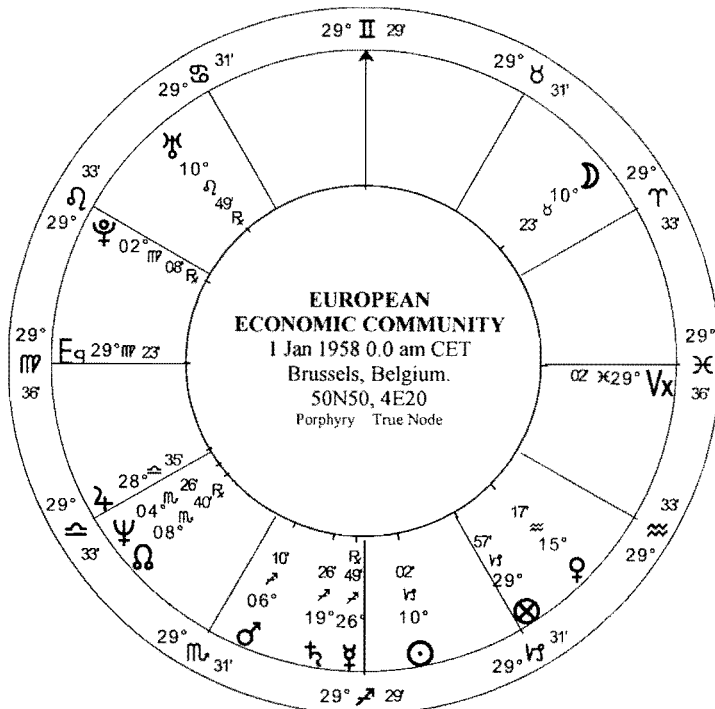
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THE EUROPEAN UNION

From a political point of view, the most significant event so far this year has been the accession on 1 May 2004 of ten new members to the European Union.



The Treaty of Rome (25 March 1957) provided the groundwork for the European Economic Community which came into existence on 1st January 1958, with Brussels the administrative capital (see Chart above).

The EEC became *The European Union* on 1 November 1993 implementing the 1992 Treaty of Maastricht. The original six members of the EEC have now grown to 25, and further enlargements are contemplated.

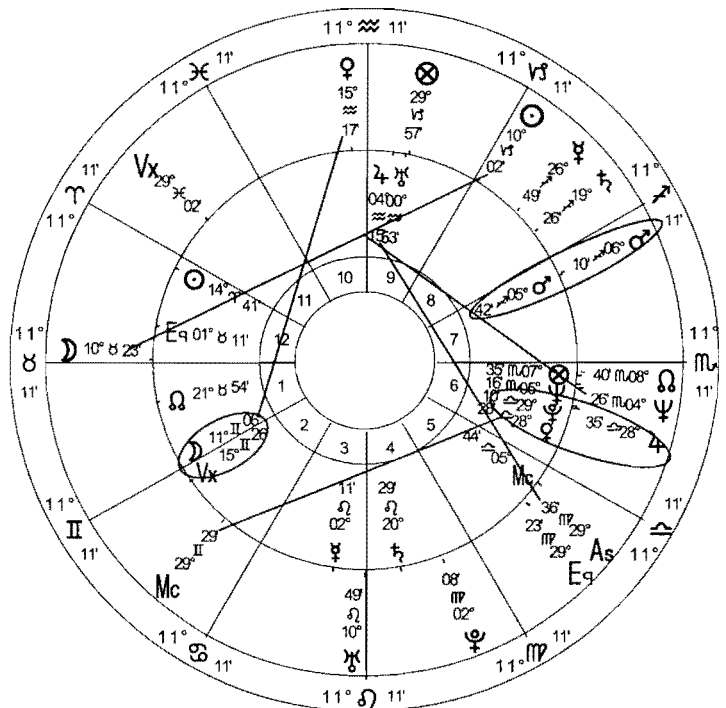
The ten new members of 1 May greeted their admittance with wild enthusiasm, seeing it as opening for them an expanded world of economic advantage and political security, which indeed it does. From a higher viewpoint, it must be regarded as a step forward towards the *Brotherhood of Man* and the achievement of universal peace and love, surely the ultimate goal of mankind.

It is instructive to observe the correlation of astrological factors with the new influx of member countries. One Chart of interest is the Age Harmonic, surrounded by the Radix, for the month May 1—June 1, 2004, in the next column.

The Harmonic Chart has a particularly valuable characteristic—it is not anchored to the position of the Radical Sun or Moon, as in Solar and Lunar Returns, nor to the angle between the two luminaries,

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Inner Wheel. Harmonic 46.3333 for the month 1 May—1 June 2004,

European Economic Community 1 Jan 1958

Outer Wheel. Radix: European Economic Community, 1 Jan 1958, Brussels.

as in Lunar Phase Returns. This release frees the Significators from an astrological bondage and gives them the capacity to provide extra information not otherwise possible.

A further great advantage of the Harmonic Chart is its unequalled richness in Aspects—configurations that would not be possible in a normal horoscope, such as the Sun opposite Mercury or Venus. This attribute may frighten away some astrologers who do not want to cope with a greater profusion of factors than they have in, say, a Progressed or Cyclic Figure. But once this frailty of the flesh has been mastered, the Harmonic Chart will open up a new world of discovery to the earnest astrologer.

I repeat my declaration of years ago that the Age Harmonic Chart is the *greatest advance in Astrology* since the beginning of last Century (and possibly much longer).

Well, what has the current Age Harmonic to tell us about the European Union following the admission of ten new nations on May 1, 2004?

Firstly, it is apparent that the current influx is

favourable: The Ruler, Venus (from the Radix), is perched high in the Midheaven trine to the Vertex and the Moon. Aspects to the Vertex imply an occurrence of more than usual significance, while the trine to the Moon indicates a fruitful addition to the membership. This is supported by the Radical Moon right on the Ascendant trine to the Radical Sun. The Sun sextile to Ascendant Venus is a unifying and harmonizing factor.

Looking further we see Venus, Pluto and Radical Jupiter closely conjunct in Libra, signifying "joy and happiness over the beginning of a new development" (*Rules For Planetary Pictures* by Witte-Lefeldt). Not only that, but all three Significators are closely trine to the Radical MC—a very favourable configuration pointing to the furtherance of the aims and purposes of the EEC.

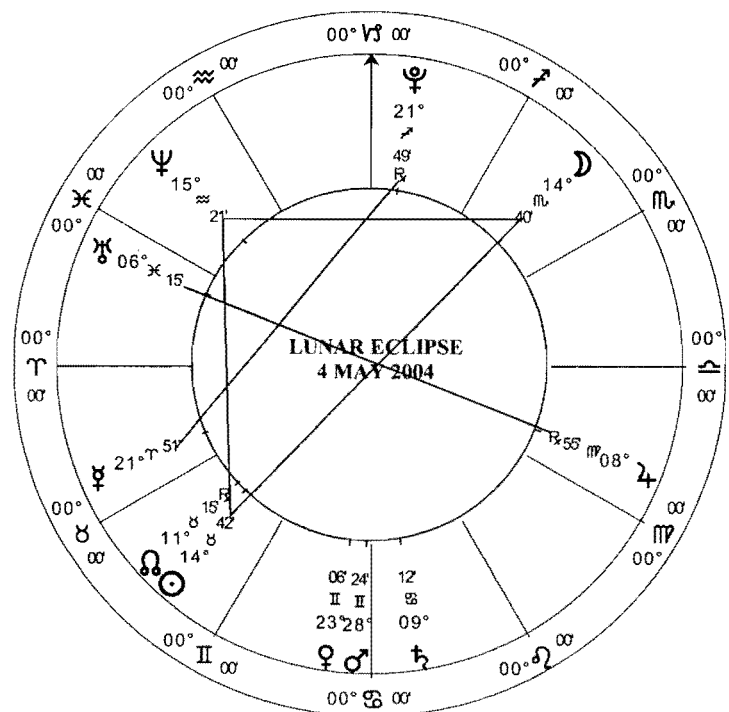
Harmonic and Radical Mars in a tight conjunction signify a great access of energy from the new members. Radical Uranus on the Lower Meridian shows the change in status of the body politic.

The only other Aspect worthy of note is the square between Harmonic Jupiter and Radical Neptune, a reflection of the euphoria prevalent among the new member nations.

All-in-all it's a wonderful addition to the European Union and a great boost to the attainment of its objectives.

PRISONER ABUSE EXPOSED

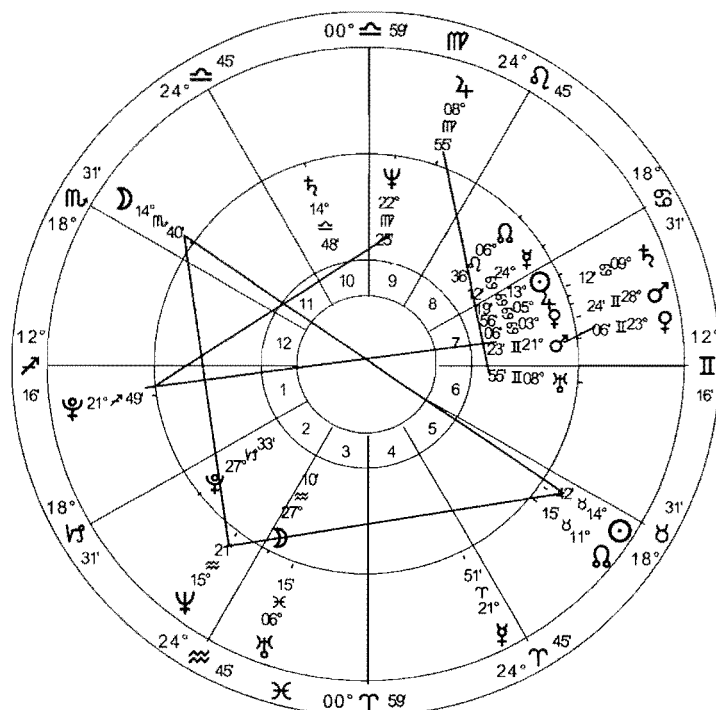
The grim and horrifying revelations of the maltreatment and abuse of prisoners held by the American and British soldiers is coincident with the **Lunar Eclipse of 4 May 2004**. Here is the Chart:



Analysing this Figure in a general way, the Sun and Moon in opposition is disturbing and unsettling. It indicates a culmination—matters come to a head and must be attended to. Neptune square to both Lights introduces error, lies, deception or denial, amplified because the Moon is eclipsed and in the Sign Scorpio.

To judge the significance in relation to any particular

country or nation, the Eclipse Chart has to be set around the national chart in a BiWheel. Here is the Eclipse applied to the **USA Independence Radix**:



Inner Wheel. USA Independence, 4 July 1776, 5:10:37 pm EST, Philadelphia, PA, 40N00°24', 75W08°05'.

Outer Wheel. Lunar Eclipse, 4 May 2004.

Now the Moon-Sun opposition lies along the 12th-6th axis (Porphyry), so the secrecy aspect is emphasized by the 12th House. The Sun is now in the 6th House (not the 5th!) which in mundane astrology rules the army and the police. The Moon rules the 8th House (*deaths and privations*) while the Sun rules the 9th House (*the legislative body*). This pretty much tells the story: The cover-up, the involvement of the armed forces and the war of words in the USA Congress. Further evidence of the cover-up is Pluto rising square Neptune, from Eclipse Chart to Radix.

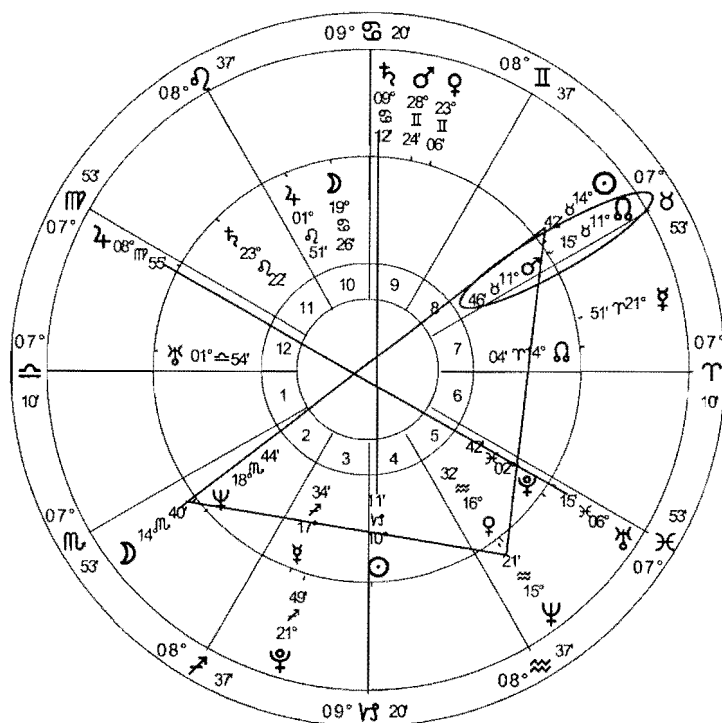
Radical Uranus square the Eclipse-Chart Jupiter (*exact to the minute*) signifies startling revelations.

Pluto opposing Mars and Venus across the Chart, and ruling the 12th and 10th Houses, indicates a bitter war going on behind the scenes in the USA Governmental circles. Heads will roll! It is a further nail in the coffin of President Bush. I predicted three months ago in the March Issue of this Journal that George W. Bush will be replaced by John Kerry in November.

When we apply the Eclipse Chart to the Radix of the **United Kingdom** (see next column) the consequences are hardly less pernicious for the Government: Eclipse Saturn is right on the Upper Meridian and closely opposed by the Radix Sun—a double emphasis on the Prime Minister, and a decidedly adverse one.

Venus, ruling the Libran Ascendant (the Nation and its people), is closely conjunct Eclipse Neptune, signifying the illusion of the public that their soldiers were operating in a totally honourable fashion.

Eclipse Uranus on the 6th Cusp (the Armed Forces) opposes Jupiter in the 12th—startling revelations



Inner Wheel: Radix, United Kingdom, 1 Jan 1801, 0.00 am LMT,
Westminster, England, 51N30, 00W07.

Outer Wheel: Lunar Eclipse 4 May 2004.

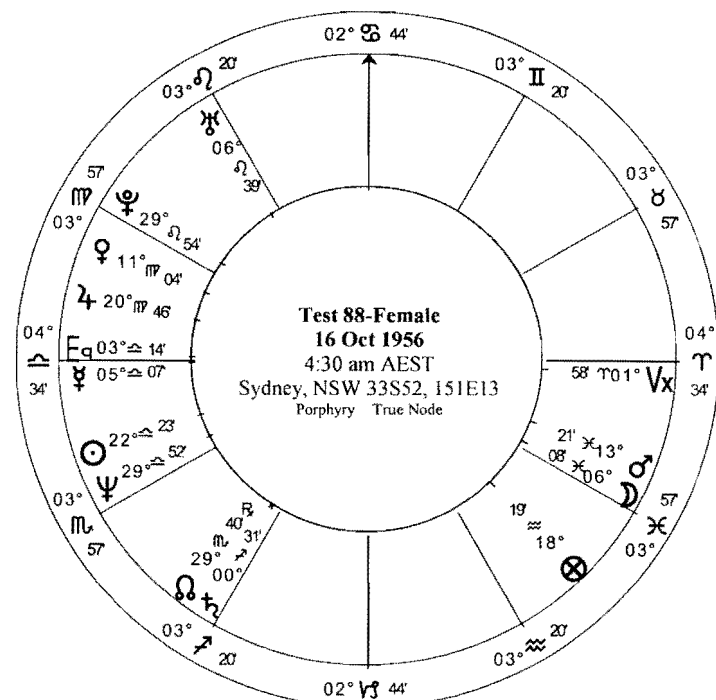
emerging from secrecy, as with the USA.

Radix Mars conjunct Eclipse Node in the 8th House signifies many deaths and privations reacting politically on the Government as both these Significators oppose the Moon ruling the 10th House.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's Government continues to be shaken. I forbear to make any prediction about its fate until I have the date of the next UK Election.

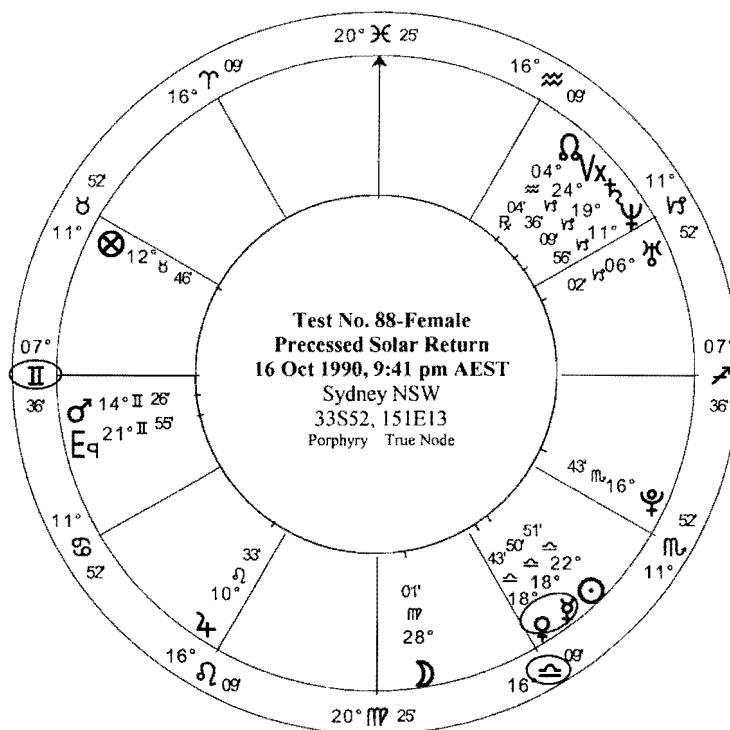
TEST NO. 88—REPORT

Test No. 88 was an exercise to discover what happened on 26 June 1991 in the life of a woman born in Sydney, Australia, on 16 October 1956. The



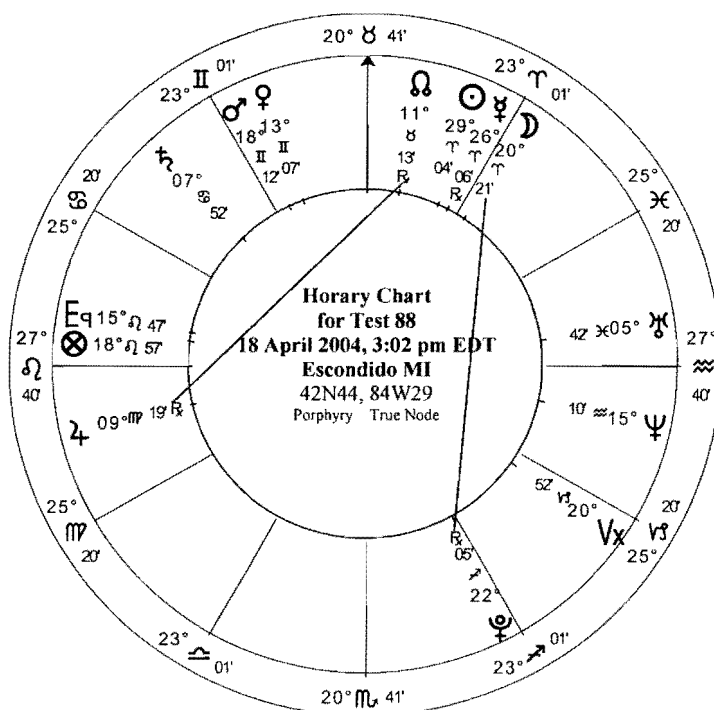
woman was a Primary School Teacher, living in Sydney. Answer—the occurrence was **the woman gave birth** (a son).

I told participants that the answer could be seen in the Precessed Solar Return Chart of 16 October 1990, which appears below:



What strikes the eye immediately is the **very close** conjunction of Venus and Mercury in the House of Children, Venus ruling that House and Mercury ruling the Ascendant. What could be more indicative of a birth?

There were 37 respondents and seven of them found the solution at the first attempt. One of them, Shirley Gray (Michigan, USA), used a Horary Chart (below):



The birth is shown by the Jupiter, Ruler of the 5th

House (Births) in the Ascendant trine the NNode, and the Moon trine Pluto (birth) on the 5th (Porphyry) Cusp.

The object of the "Tests" is to help astrologers improve their results and develop predictive ability. These down-to-earth practical exercises are what is wanted above everything else in the pursuit of astrological expertise. Among astrologers there is a vast amount of theory and conjecture about the effects of this or that configuration. To my mind this is largely wasted time which would be far better spent on DOING astrology than in speculating about it. Practical exercises will soon show you what works and what doesn't.

Keep in mind, if you want to be an expert astrologer, that your degree of success with these types of predictive Tests is a measure of how well you can provide useful forecasts for a client. All the theory boils down to this—how good are you in practical forecasting?

TEST NO. 89

Test No. 89 concerns a woman ^{on 5 Aug. 1936} born in Sydney, Australia (33S52, 151E13) at 10:30 am AEST (-10:00). She is divorced, not working and in a stable relationship.

Which one of the following five events occurred in her life on **7th April 2004** while she was living in Melbourne (37S49, 144E58)? Only one event actually occurred. the other four are fictional.

1. She started learning the Italian language.
2. She undertook an extensive health check.
3. She began house renovations.
4. She went on a sailing holiday.
5. She bought another car.

Use any astrological technique to arrive at your answer and send it to me before **20th May**. State the astrological reason for your choice—only the single most important factor, not supporting evidence that you may have considered before making your decision. If your answer is wrong the supporting evidence will not make it right.

One technique that works well is *Age Harmonics*. The answer is revealed in Harmonic 67.6667 (for the month 5 April—5 May 2004), surrounded by the Birth Figure.

If you prefer a *Horary Chart* (the last Test was solved with one) quote the date, time and place of the chart together with the determining factor.

All respondents will receive a personal reply stating whether they were right or wrong. The correct answer will be notified in the next Issue, but all who send a written solution will earlier have the Test Report listing all the correct answers received and a model answer.

These "Tests" are designed to help astrologers develop further insight and skills. They are particularly helpful for predictive work. As many astrologers all over the world have found, applying themselves to these Tests is one of the most fruitful ways of allotting your astrological study time.

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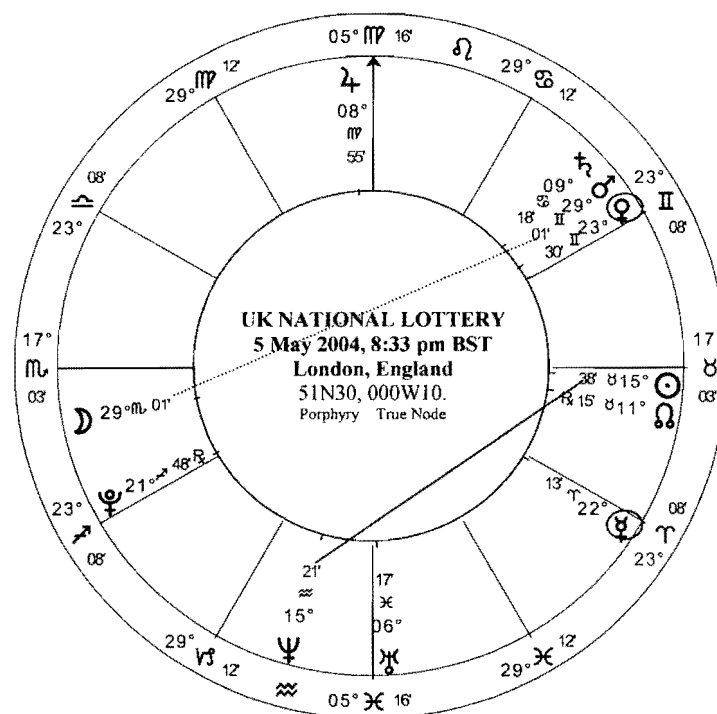
A continuous supply of data is required to maintain

these Tests. What is wanted is an accurate birth time for the subject and the date of an important occurrence in his/her life, preferably something of cheerful import (*not death or disaster*) e.g., a win of some sort, gaining an award, getting a job, meeting one's future spouse, birth of a child, a holiday, a pleasure cruise or tour, a reunion of long-lost friends or relatives, undertaking a course of study, a happy discovery, patenting of an invention, establishing a home, buying a prized object, becoming computer-literate, gaining one's freedom, release from prison, etc., etc. (The identity of the person concerned will not be revealed without express permission.)

By making the effort to contribute something along these lines you are helping to maintain a valuable and unique assistance to astrologers world-wide.

LOTTERIES, PLANETS & NUMBERS

I have previously (Issue No. 263) drawn attention to the guidance provided by the UK National Lottery in assessing the power of planets in a horoscope. Here is another recent example, the UK National Lottery No. 873 drawn about 8:33 pm in London on 5 May 2004:



The winning six numbers are drawn from numbers up to 49. Those drawn were **45, 43, 33, 23, 32, 42**, in that order, followed by **4**, (a "bonus"). **45** and **4** are ♂ numbers—4 and 9, (45 reduced by addition). Why is ♂ the winner in the above Chart? Because it is ♀ (exactly to the minute). Here is a very useful hint for assessing planetary values in a particular Chart.

The next number drawn was **43**, = ♀ (7). Why? Because ♀ is ☉, close to exact.

Next came **33**, and later, **42**. Both = ♀ (6). ♀ is right on a Porphyry Cusp! Then came **23** and **32**, both ♀ (5), and ♀ is right on another Porphyry Cusp! Surely there is a lesson in this! (Results of UK National Lotto's are available on the Internet straight after the drawing.)

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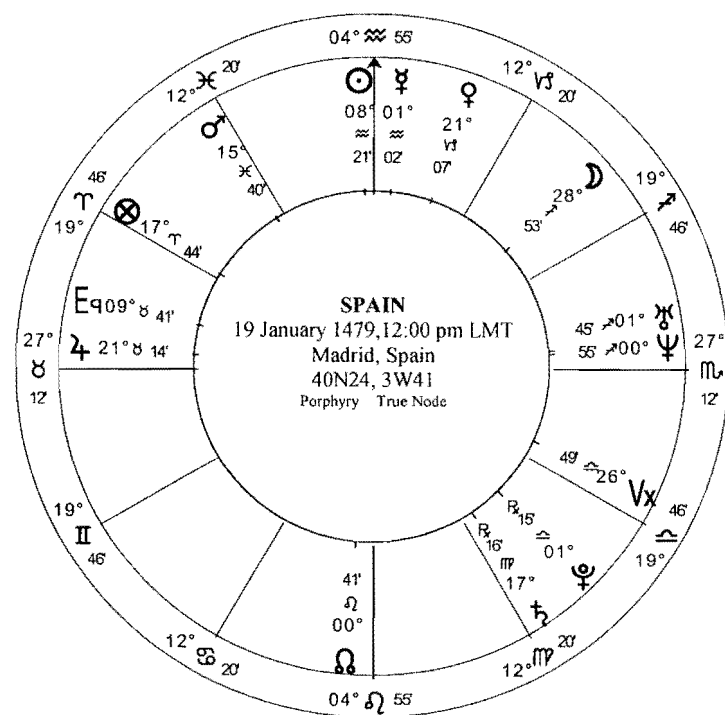
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MADRID'S TRAGEDY

The terrorist bombing of crowded trains in Madrid on March 11, 2004, is appalling and tragic. It demonstrates once again the ruthless cruelty and brutality of the Al-Qaeda organization. As astrologers, we can only look into the relevant charts and try to see how to anticipate and forestall such devastation. Having learned the planetary factors that accompany these attacks we can perhaps anticipate and avoid them in the future.

A starting point is the Chart for Spain. Nicholas Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) writes "The creation of Spain was effected by the marriage of Prince Ferdinand of Aragon to Princess Isabella of Castile, and the subsequent succession of each to their respective thrones. The effective union took place on the day that Juan II of Aragon died on 19 January 1479, and the Horoscope given here is set for that date, and, in the absence of accurate information, for 12:00 noon Local Mean Time. The Chart is set for Madrid, the Capital of Castile, which was to become the Capital of the united State."

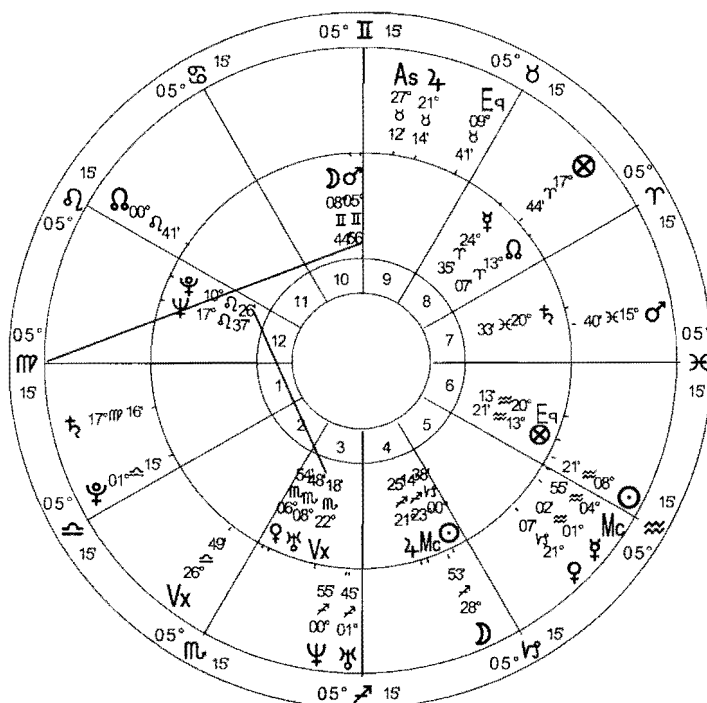


Surprisingly, the time of 12 Noon appears to be amazingly accurate, as shown by the **Age Harmonic** for the month when the trains in Madrid were bombed (next column).

Considering that the multiplication factor involved in the Harmonic is over **525**, the very close and malefic Aspects are truly remarkable. The Inner

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Inner Wheel **Spain, Age Harmonic 525.0833** relating to the month
19 February—19 March 2004

Outer Wheel **Spain Radix** 19 Jan 1479, 12 pm LMT, Madrid.

Wheel has many afflictions including the first two Aspects below, which have very small orbs and actually define the situation:

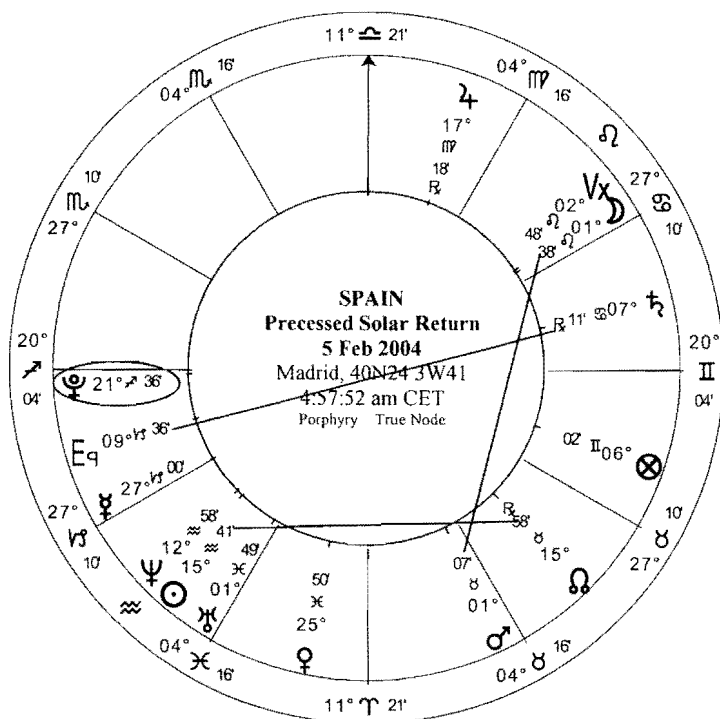
1. $\text{♂} \square \text{Asc}$, orb $0^{\circ}41'$. (♂ is the prime mover in explosions and here rules the *Deaths House*).
2. $\text{♂} \square \text{♀}$, orb $1^{\circ}38'$ (*havoc caused by a violent act*).
3. $\text{♂} \text{♂} \text{♂}$ at the MC, orb $2^{\circ}49'$, and ruling Cusp 8 (*deaths of many people*).
4. $\text{♂} \triangle \text{♀}/\text{♀}$, orb $0^{\circ}54'$ (♂ in the 8th House, $\text{♀}/\text{♀}$ in the 12th = *multiple deaths and much suffering*).

The picture is still more devastating when the Radix is superimposed. Aspects from the Harmonic to the Radix:

1. $\text{♂} \square \odot$, orb $0^{\circ}26'$ (*Shock*).
2. $\text{♀} \text{♂} \odot$, orb $2^{\circ}05'$ (*deaths; physical suffering*).
3. $\text{♀} \square \text{♂}$ forms a T- \square with the Radical Eq.Asc (*acts of destructive violence*).

The above are more than sufficient to depict the horrific results of the terrorist activity but a detailed inspection of the BiWheel would discover still more.

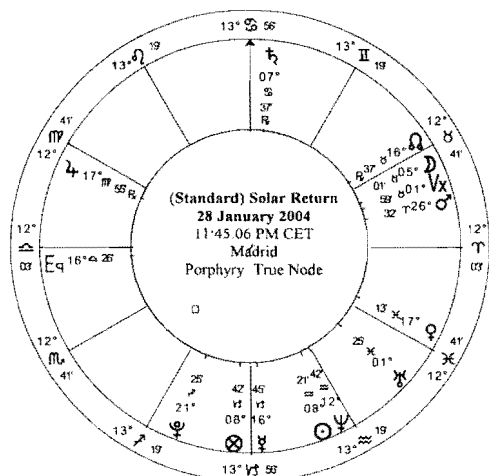
The **Solar Return** of 5 February 2004 (precessed) also graphically depicts the event.



1. ♀ rises almost exactly conjunct the Ascendant (*death and destruction*).
2. The ☿ on the Cusp of the 8th House is squared by ♂, orb 0°31' (*violent deaths of people*).
3. The ☼, Co-Ruler of the 8th House squares the ♀, orb 0°17' (*many deaths*).
4. ♄ opposes the Eq.Asc orb, 2°25' (*injuries by crushing*).

The above are the principal afflictions but others can be found interacting with the Radix and also some drastic ones involving the Midpoints.

The **precessed Solar Return** above is clearly superior to the **standard Solar Return** below. The paucity of adverse and appropriate Aspects in the latter speaks for itself. This is a telling example of the vital importance of precession, amplified here by the long period (525 years) between the Radix and the event dates.



There are no appropriate Aspects to depict the horrific Terrorist outrage on Madrid railways on March 11, 2004.

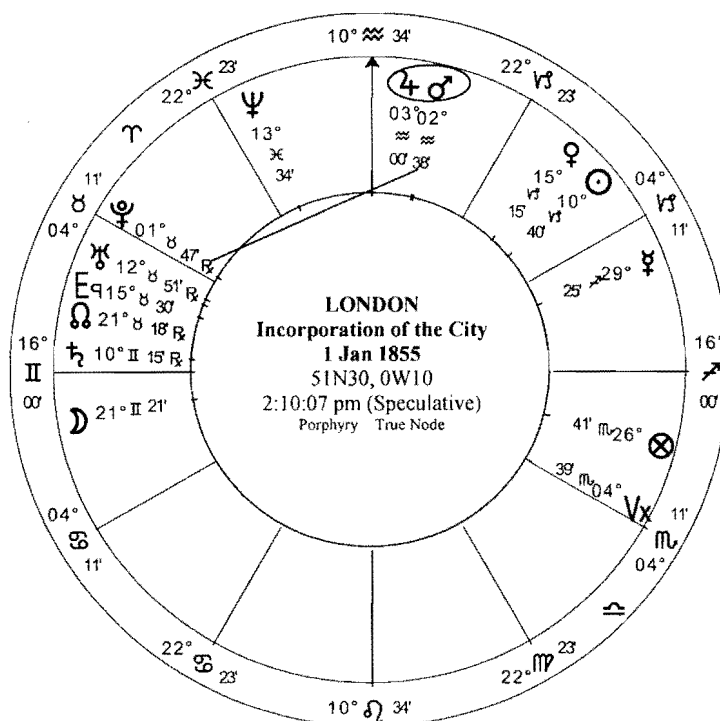
The vital importance of Precession can be gauged by comparing this Chart with the one above.

So we have seen the type of planetary configurations that accompany acts of terrorist violence and, so far as is practicable, we should watch for a recurrence of these in the cyclic charts of threatened nations and cities. This means continual effort and vigilance while the terrorist threats exists—possibly fifty years or more. It is part of the price we pay for living in a western democracy with its freedom and all other blessings.

TERROR IN LONDON

A chart of a different—and most welcome kind—is that which accompanied the forestalling of a major catastrophe in London where on March 31 eight men were arrested after the police discovered and seized a large quantity of ammonium nitrate, which is a common fertiliser but can be mixed with fuel oil to make a powerful explosive. It was a chief ingredient used in the Bali bombings that killed 192 tourists. The amount discovered in London was even larger than that used in Bali.

London was incorporated as a City on January 1, 1855. I do not have a time but as London is known to be under the Sign Gemini I used a speculative Ascendant of 16° Gemini. Here is the Chart:

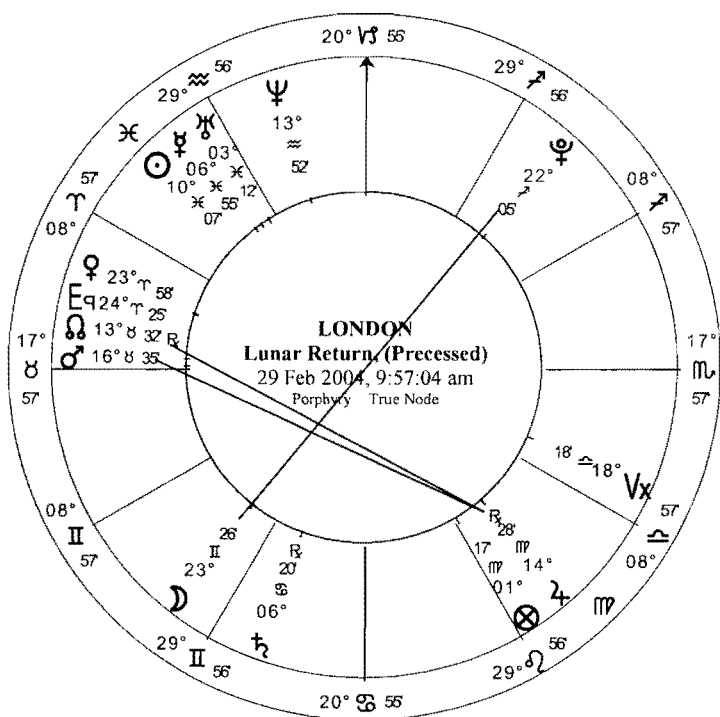
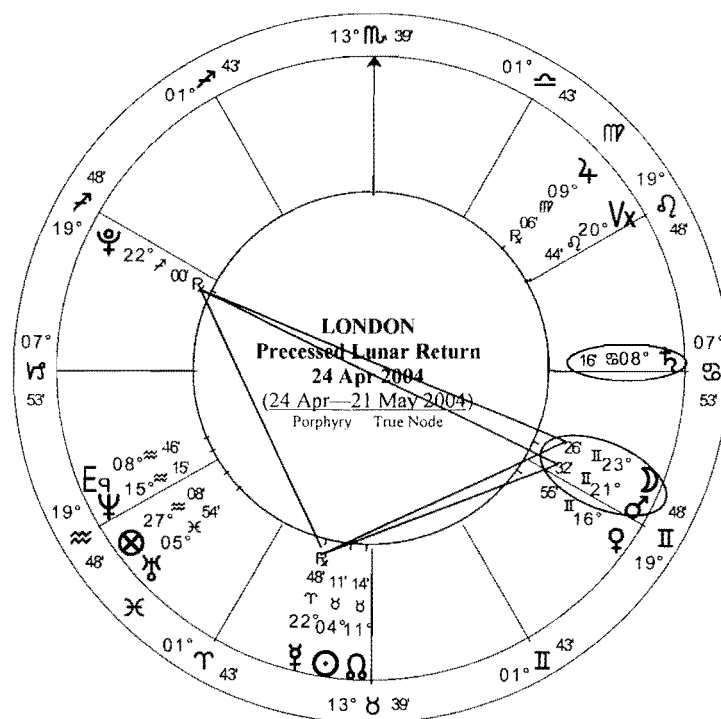
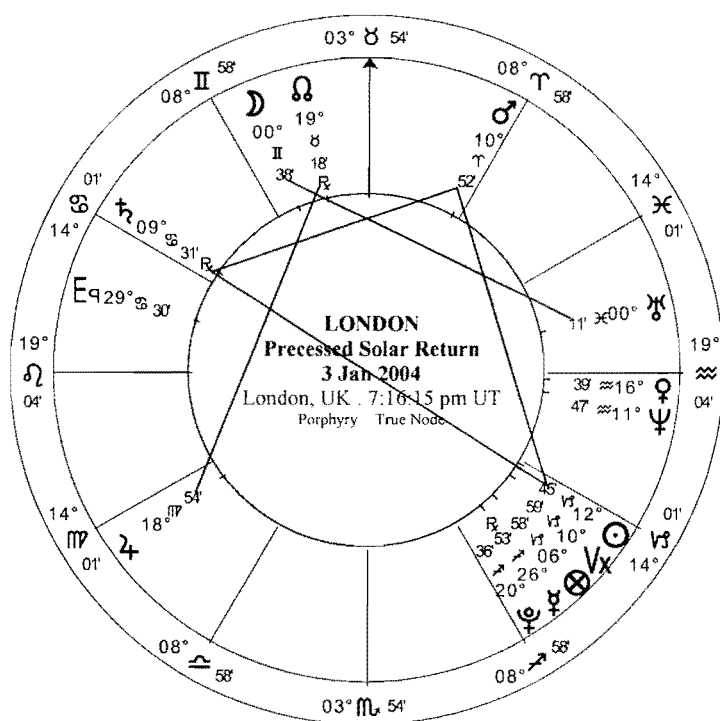


The configuration of ♂ ♂ ♄ ☐ ♀ is a dire warning that vigilance should never be relaxed.

The time selected for the Radix was evidently a happy choice as the **Precessed Solar Return** drawn from it shows most appropriate House positions for the foiled plot (Chart next page).

The T-☐, ☉-♄-♂ tells the story. The ♀ on the Ascendant is ruled by the ☉ so the afflictions from ♄ and ♂ depict a plot to inflict death and damage on the City and its people. The shock of the discovered conspiracy is shown by ♄ ☐ ☿ ruling the 12th House (*hidden things*).

What saved the City and its people? Jupiter (the



Preserver) in close trine to the Node in the 10th House must have had a good deal to do with it, and also the conjunction of Neptune with Venus ruling the MC.

The current **precessed Lunar Return** (29 Feb—27 Mar 2004) also shows the crisis of March 11, and thereby further supports the validity of the selected time for the Radix: σ , planet of violence, is right on the Ascendant, threatening the City, and an elevated ψ closely opposes the \mathcal{D} (the population).

Again, \mathcal{L} appears as the saviour, by its Δ to the Ω on the Ascendant (*protection for the people*) and its Δ to σ , breaking down the dominant energy of that planet.

What are the dangerous times for London in the near future? I have examined all the precessed Lunar Returns until the end of 2004. In all these Cyclic Charts ψ , due to its slow motion, is directly opposed

to the \mathcal{D} so it is a very hazardous period. One of the most alarming Charts, where the danger is compounded by other malefic configurations, is the Return of 24th April next (above): Not only is the \mathcal{D} opposed by ψ along the 12th/6th axis but it is also afflicted by the conjunction of σ , while \mathcal{L} is opposed to the Rising degree. London will need to be most attentively alert during the next two months.

TEST NO. 87 REPORT

Test No. 87 was an exercise to discover which of five events was the one that actually occurred in the life of a schoolboy born **18 December 2003** at 2:49 pm ACDT in Adelaide, South Australia (Chart above). He was living at Hervey Bay (25S18, 152E54) at the time of the event.

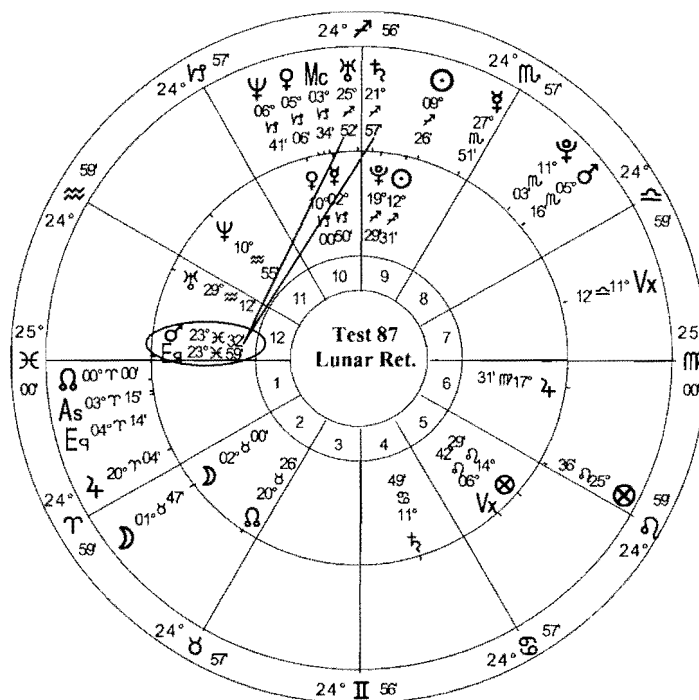
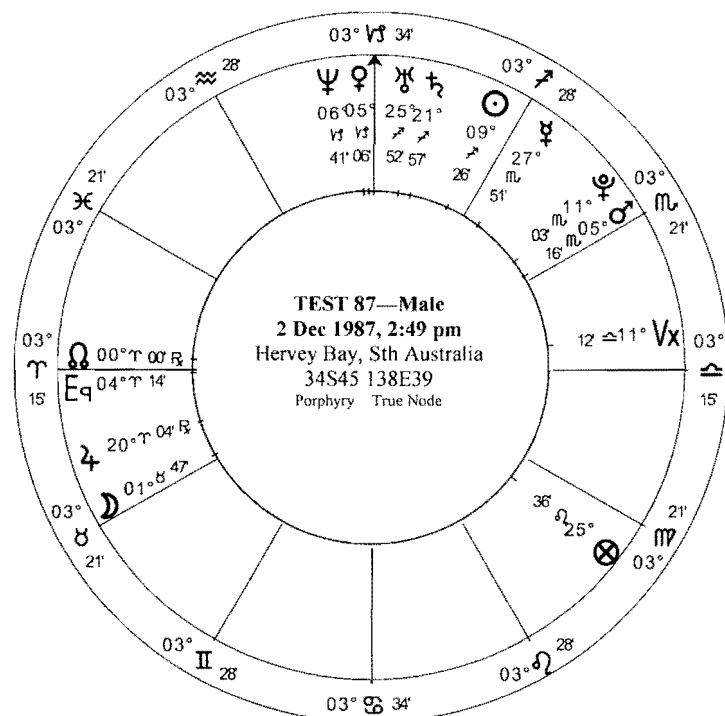
The five events (four are fictional) are the following:

1. He quarrelled with a school friend.
2. He failed an examination.
3. He was in trouble for truancy.
4. He broke his wrist in play.
5. His mother became ill.

The answer is No. 4, **he broke his wrist in play**. There were 31 respondents to the Test and ten found the solution at the first attempt.

Age Harmonic 16 (next page) gives an immediate answer. $\sigma\sigma\mathcal{L}$ is in the House of Illness, both planets being $\square\psi\square\mathcal{L}$. This clearly signifies the accident to the wrists. Additionally, \mathcal{L} (*falls*) opposes the Ascendant and is $\square\mathcal{L}$ (*out of luck*). Important in reading Harmonic Charts is to look for conjunctions and Aspects with very close orbs (about 1°) which often give a quick answer. The only other close Aspect in this Chart is $\mathcal{Q}\Delta\mathcal{L}$, which obviously has no relation to this event or any of the other four.

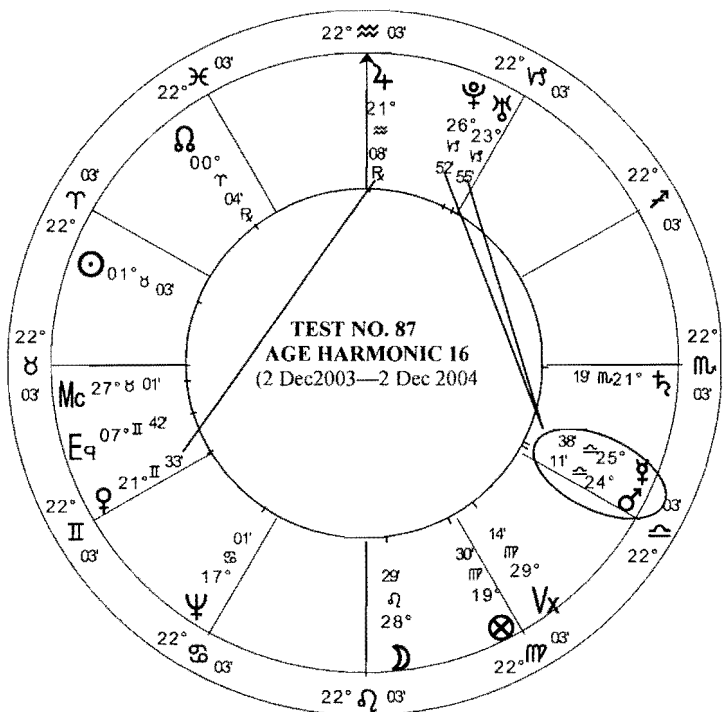
The next best Chart is the **precessed Lunar Return** (relocated). It appears on the next page, surrounded by the Radix. σ is σ the Equatorial Asc, $\square\psi$ (and also \square natal \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L}). This grouping of malefics is



Inner Wheel: Test 87, **Precressed Lunar Return** 5 Dec 2003, 12:32:20 pm

Hervey Bay, Qld. 25S18, 152E54.

Outer Wheel: Test 87, **Radix**



also typical of an accident and breakages.

Again, congratulations to all who worked on this "Test" and courageously sent in an answer. Their reward is the extra knowledge and insight gained from making the attempt.

TEST No. 88

This Test concerns a woman born in Sydney, Australia (33S52, 151E13) at 4:30 am AEST (-10) on **16 October 1956**. The Ascendant is 4Li34, MC 2Cn44, Moon 6Pi08.

She was a primary school teacher, married, and living in Sydney at the time. The question is, **What occurred in her life on 29 June 1991?**

This time you are not given a number of events from which to choose so it is more like an actual forecast for a client. Here is a hint to make the diagnosis easier: The answer can be seen in the Precressed Solar Return of **19 Oct 1990**. However, you can use any other astrological technique of your choice. Please let me have your answer by **20th May** with its astrological basis. Give only the most important factor, not supporting or confirming evidence that you may have examined before making your decision.

If you prefer a **Horary Chart** quote the date, time and place of the Chart together with the determining factor.

The solution to the problem will be published in the May Issue but anyone able to correspond on email will receive an answer soon after sending an answer.

TEST MATERIAL WANTED

To keep up the monthly "Tests" which have proved so popular both in Australia and overseas I need a constant input from serious astrologers of suitable material. The essentials are accurate data for the chart (date, time and place) something that has actually happened and the outcome known. The subject person will not be identified.

Up to date the greater part of the material has been supplied by a relatively few zealous astrologers but there must be scores of others who could also assist in this work. I ask them please to contribute material.

To my knowledge, this monthly series of Tests is unique to *Astrologers' Forum* and it is one of the very best means of becoming proficient in Astrology, as many participants will attest.

It will take some effort for you to supply the wanted material, but nothing like the effort I put into producing this Journal each month.

My kind regards to all,

Dymock, 4 April 2004.



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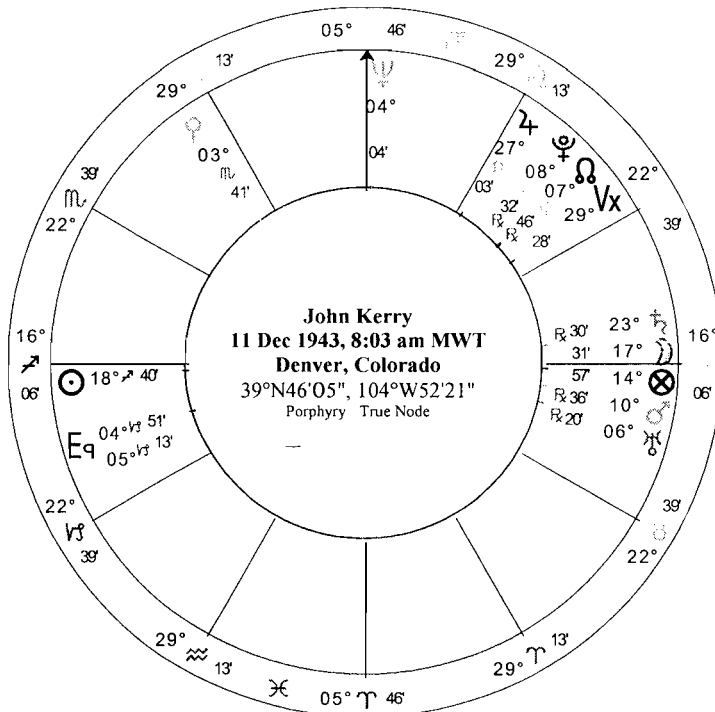
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JOHN KERRY — NEXT USA PRESIDENT!

The next Presidential Election in the USA is timed for 2nd November, 2004. Though eight months away the outcome can still be judged by astrological means between the incumbent Republican President, George W. Bush and the Democratic challenger, Senator John Kerry.

John Kerry will win!

Here is the Senator's Natal Figure. The time of 8:03 am was obtained from the Senator himself in 1996.



The Natal Figure of President George W. Bush appears in the next column.

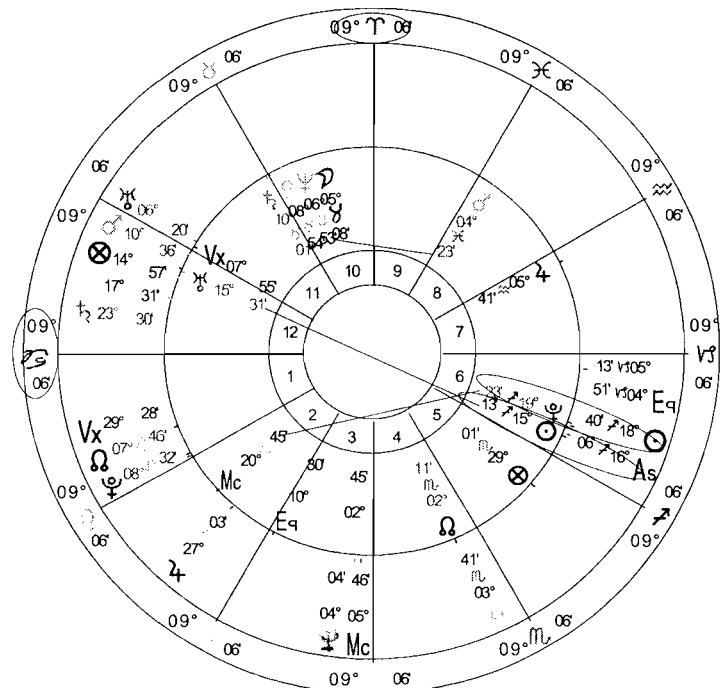
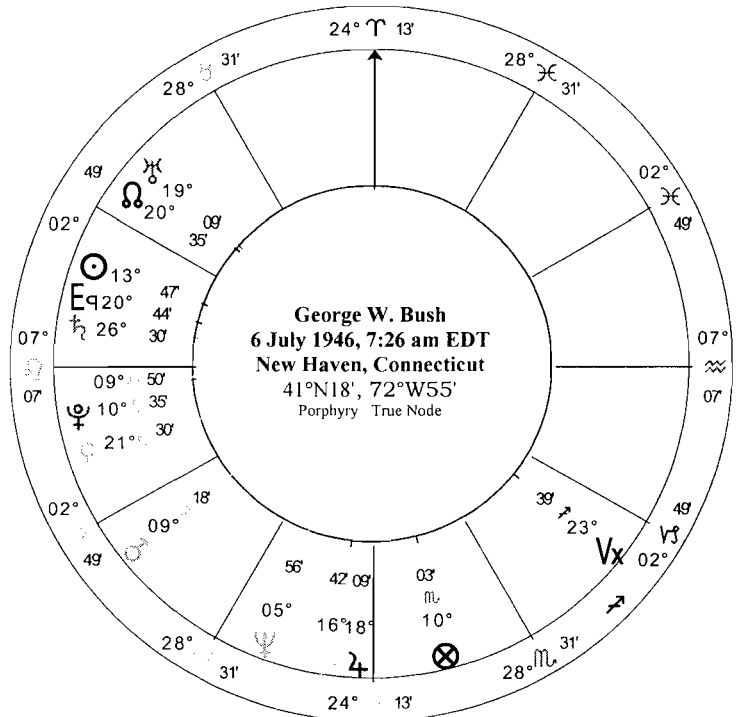
The outcome of the Election on November 2 is revealed by the relevant Age Harmonics of the two contenders—the same method that was successful in forecasting George W. Bush's win over Al Gore in the last Presidential Election.

In the adjacent column is the **Age Harmonic** of John Kerry covering the month 11 Oct—11 Nov 2004. The vital Aspects in regard to the Election are:

1. Pluto conjunct Natal & AH-Sun (*acquisition of power*).
2. Pluto trine 'floating' MC (*status of power and authority*).
3. The Moon, ruling the Ascendant, sextile Mars ruling the MC (*receiving and exercising the power of leadership*).
4. Uranus opposite the Sun (*radical change of Office*).

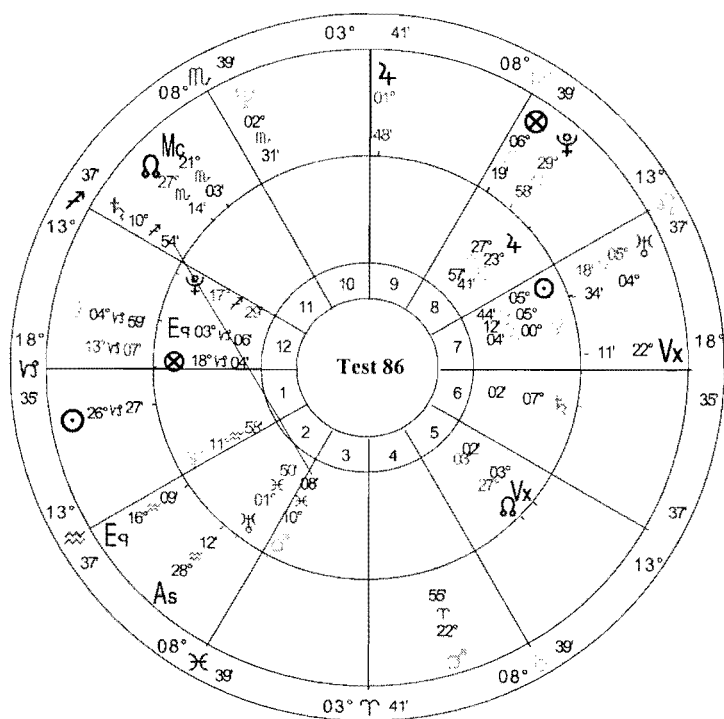
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Inner Circle: John Kerry: Age Harmonic 60.8333, 11 Oct—12 Nov 2004

Outer Circle: John Kerry: Birth Figure. Cusps from Age Harmonic.

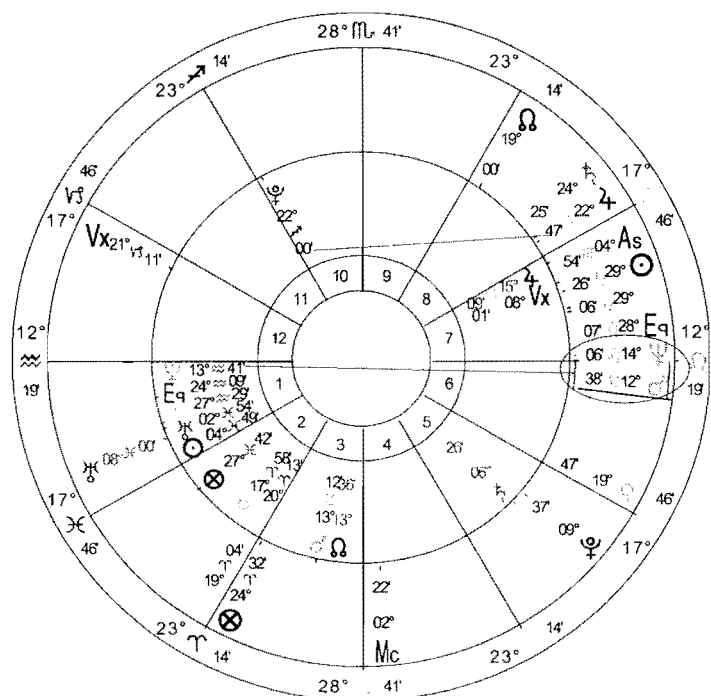


Inner Circle: Test 86, Lunar Return (precessed) 29 July 2003.

Outer Circle: Test 86, Natal Chart

SLAUGHTER IN IRAQ

The continuing savagery of the random bombings in Iraq has come to be accepted as a terrible but unavoidable fact of life that attracts no special interest outside the country concerned. However, the massive slaughter on Tuesday, March 2 compels world-wide attention through its unprecedented horror and brutality. The reports are that in one 24-hour period massive suicide bombings in the cities of Bagdad and Karbala killed 182 people and wounded at least 550 others. A national catastrophe on this level must surely stand out as a special though horrible feature in the cyclic Charts. And it does. Here is the



Inner Circle: Precessed Lunar Return 24 Feb 2004 Baghdad, Outer Circle: Radix of Iraq Kingdom, 23 Aug 1921, 6 am BAT Baghdad. 33N21,44E25. Porphyry

precessed Lunar Return Chart for the Kingdom of Iraq, surrounded by the National Chart. Neptune right on the Ascendant opposes Mars and Neptune (*violence and injuries by stealth*); Pluto on a Cusp (Porphyry) is square natal Jupiter and Saturn in the 8th House (*many deaths*).

TEST NO. 87

Test No. 87 is another exercise to differentiate between several possible events any one of which may appear to be indicated. Close scrutiny is needed to distinguish between them and select the right one—an invaluable exercise for honing your predictive skills.

The Test concerns a schoolboy born at 2:49 pm ACDT (-10:30) on **2nd December 1987** in Elizabeth, South Australia (34S45, 138E39). Ascendant 3Ar15, MC 3Cp34, Moon1 Ta47. (Tropical Zodiac).

The question is, which of the following five events occurred in the life of this schoolboy on **18 December 2003**? He was living at Hervey Bay (25S18, 152E54) at the time. Only one event occurred, the other four are fictitious.

1. He quarrelled with a school friend.
2. He failed an examination.
3. He was in trouble for truancy.
4. He broke his wrist in play.
5. His mother became ill.

This is a Test of your Astrology and working on it will increase your insight and further your abilities. You should not be too concerned if you don't find the answer—most respondents don't. The real gain is in making your Astrology of practical use by learning how to apply it to everyday affairs.

For the most gain, rather than simply working on it at home, send a written answer to me (by e-mail or letter—address as on page 1) before **20th March**. This makes your judgement more precise. Give only the most important factor in your solution, not all supporting evidence that you may have discovered.

A worked answer will be published in the next Issue of this Journal.

Termination of Astrologers' Forum

I shall be terminating *Astrologers' Forum* in December 2004, after 23 years of monthly publication. I plan to give myself more leisure to enjoy life with Marguerite, though continuing my private work and possibly writing a book, *My Findings in 50 years of Astrology*. The Monthly "Tests" will be continued indefinitely on the Internet and available to all astrologers who want to continue their education with this invaluable means of developing their practical abilities.

In accordance with the notice in Issue 269 (page 4), one month is added to the term of all subscriptions. Those whose subscriptions expire in mid-year will be individually notified of a proportionate amount to carry the term through to December. Those whose subscriptions expire in 2005 will be compensated for the unexpired portion of their term.

My kind regards to all,

Dymock, 5 March 2004.



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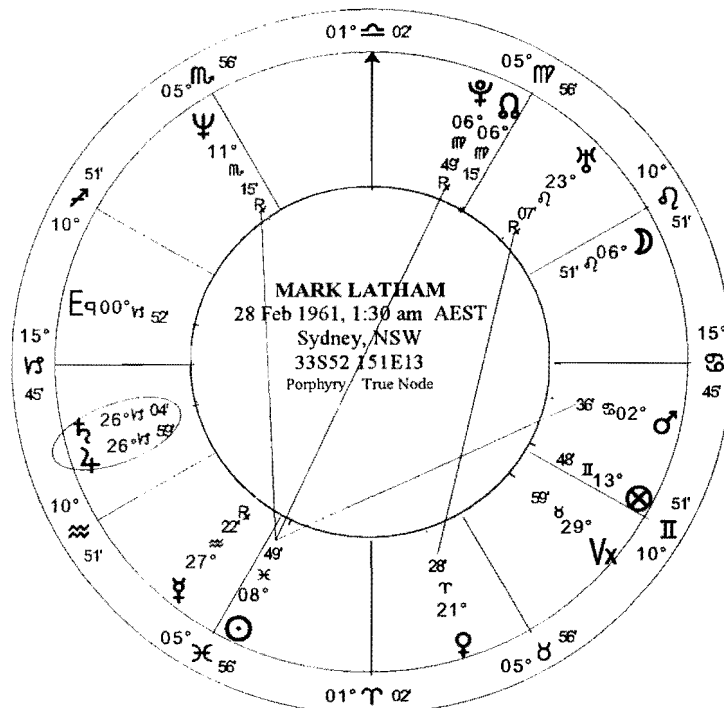
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Mark Latham, Leader of the Labor Party

Federal politics in Australia have received a significant boost from the advent on the scene of Mark Latham, new Leader of the Labor Party. He is inspiring fresh hope in the Laborites who have been languishing on the Opposition benches since 1986.

Here is his Birth Chart, courtesy of *Esoteric Technologies*:



Capricorn rises with Ruler Saturn very closely conjunct Jupiter in the 1st House. From this strong emphasis on Capricorn it is apparent that Mark has high aspirations and is capable of unremitting effort in the pursuit of them. He is earnest and devoted to his tasks, with a strong sense of duty and the determination to do well. Conservative and conventional in thought and method he is nevertheless ambitious and persevering. He does not necessarily need to make great leaps forward but is content with steady if unspectacular progress in pursuit of his aims, the accumulation of small gains over a long period being sufficient.

The second decanate of Capricorn is ruled by Mars (Chaldean system) and denotes enthusiasm, forcefulness, assertiveness and intense ambition combined with much energy. He could be tough and inflexible and is capable of securing honours and fame, but may suffer reversals through lack of moderation in his conduct. He will have many rivals assailing his reputation and position but will also have numerous powerful friends bestowing benefits.

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The opposition from Pluto indicates power and authority, concentration on goals, serious involvements in complicated situations and fateful events that become turning points, re-directing his aims and energies. This destiny of fundamental changes is emphasized by the trine of Uranus to Venus ruling the Midheaven.

The Sun's trine to Mars signifies vitality and energy, the capacity to make decisions and implement them with vigour.

Sensitivity and compassion are indicated in Mark's Geniture by the Piscean Sun, accentuated by the trine to Neptune. The personal evolutionary path of those born under Capricorn was mapped out in 1911 by Isabelle Pagan (*From Pioneer to Poet*): It is unceasing hard work in the social or political sphere or through the development of the diplomatic ability and of the tendency to be all things to all men.

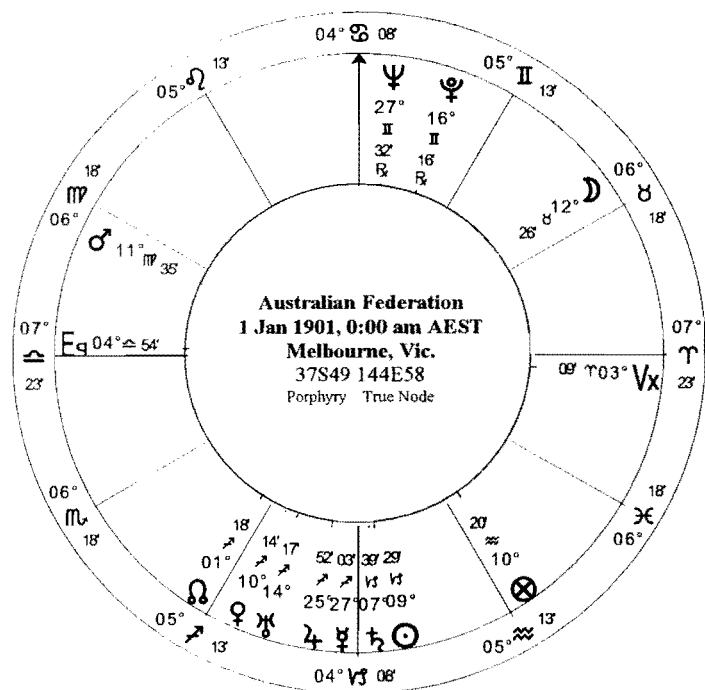
Mark is a visionary who wants to make the world a better place.

FEDERAL ELECTION—WHEN?

A Federal Election is due in Australia this year, dependent on the will of John Howard who as Prime Minister has the privilege of choosing the time. The Labor and Liberal Parties have already started their electioneering campaign, but the big question is, what will be Poll Day?

In the past, astrologers have applied themselves to predicting the outcome of Elections once the date has been announced. This has been achieved with varying success by various methods. On the present occasion I thought to try predicting the date when the poll will be held. I have not seen this attempted before but have never minded, as an astrologer, putting my name on the line.

But where to start? The Federation Chart seemed likely to yield clues: **January 1, 1901, 0:00 am, Melbourne** (the time and place when the legislation creating the Federation was legally implemented). This Chart appears on the next page. I inspected the Lunar Return Figures for the last eleven Federal Elections (13 Dec 1975—10 Nov 2001). What to look for? Maybe emphasis on the 10th House (the Government), or on the 11th House (Parliament), or (most likely) the 3rd House (polling). In fact, it was the last-named that gave the information. All the Monthly Charts, either alone or with the Radix



circumscribed, showed a marked emphasis on the 3rd House—the Polling House, whether by the presence of the Moon, a stellium of planets or by conjunctions with and Aspects to the Ruler of the 3rd. Its polar opposite, the 9th, was sometimes emphasized also. The Significators were often coupled to the Ascendant or Midheaven by close Aspect.

Space does not allow reproduction of all eleven Charts, but here are the last four (27 Feb 1993, 24 Feb 1996, 10 Sep 1998, and 2 Nov 2001). These Lunar-Return Figures are drawn from the Federation Chart of Australia above, (Porphyry Cusps and True Node). They are set for Canberra, the Capital City, and are all precessed, though the standard (non-precessed) Figures usually gave similar indications, if not quite as compelling. The Radix is circumscribed for easy observation of the inter-Chart Aspects.

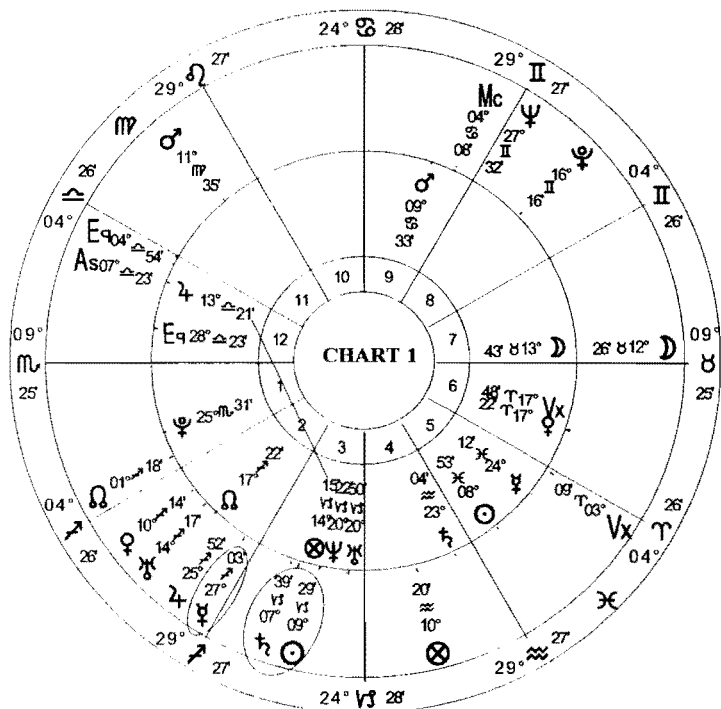


CHART 1 (LR 27 Feb 1993 for Federal Election **13 Mar 1993**) has *Fortuna* in the Polls House in square Aspect to Jupiter, Ruler of the House. Radix Sun and Saturn are conjunct in the 3rd House. Radix Mercury is conjunct the 3rd Cusp.

CHART 2 (LR 24 Feb 1996 for Federal Election **2 Mar 1996**) has *Fortuna* on the 3rd Cusp, quincunx Radix Pluto in the 10th. Mars, Ruler of the House is conjunct the Sun. The Moon in the polar opposite House is linked to *Fortuna* by opposition Aspect.

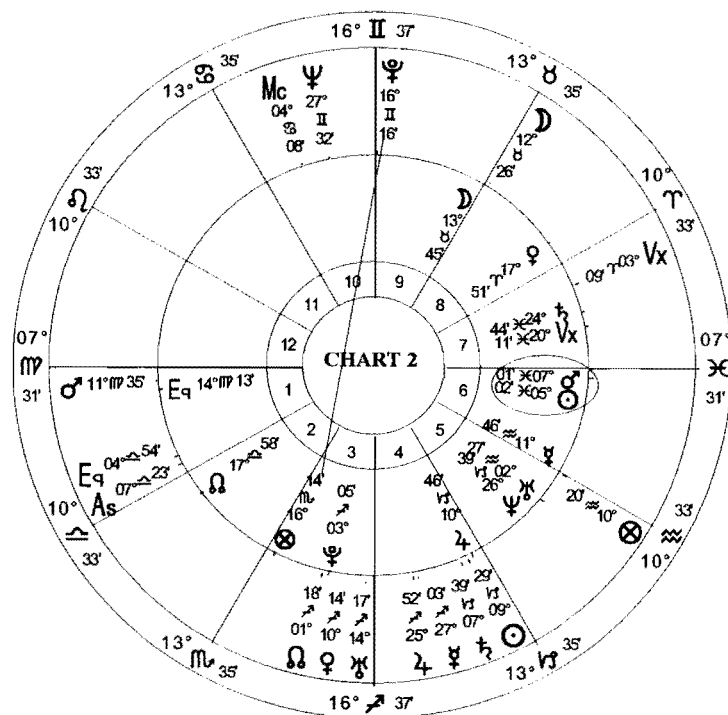


CHART 3 (10 Sep 1998 for Federal Election **3 October 1998**) has Mars in the 3rd House closely squaring the Moon ruling the House. The Moon is trine *Fortuna*.

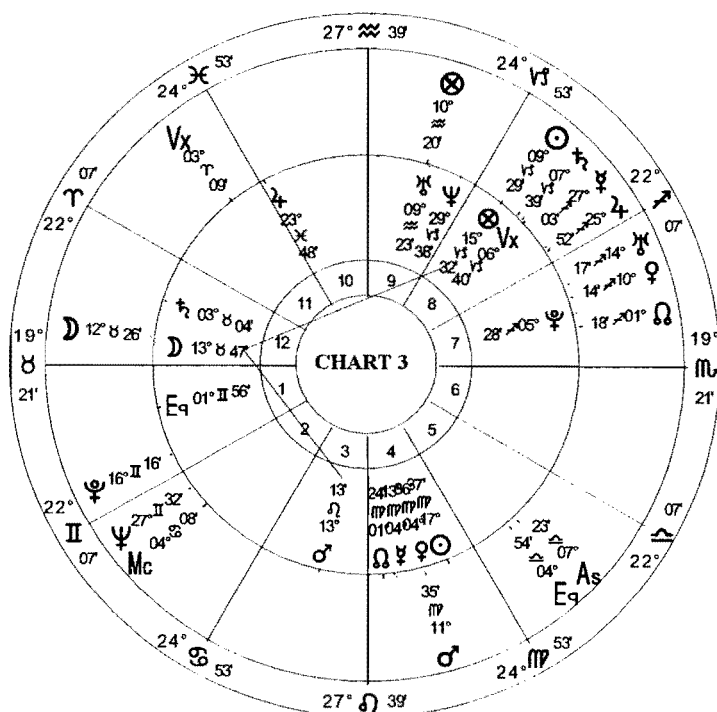
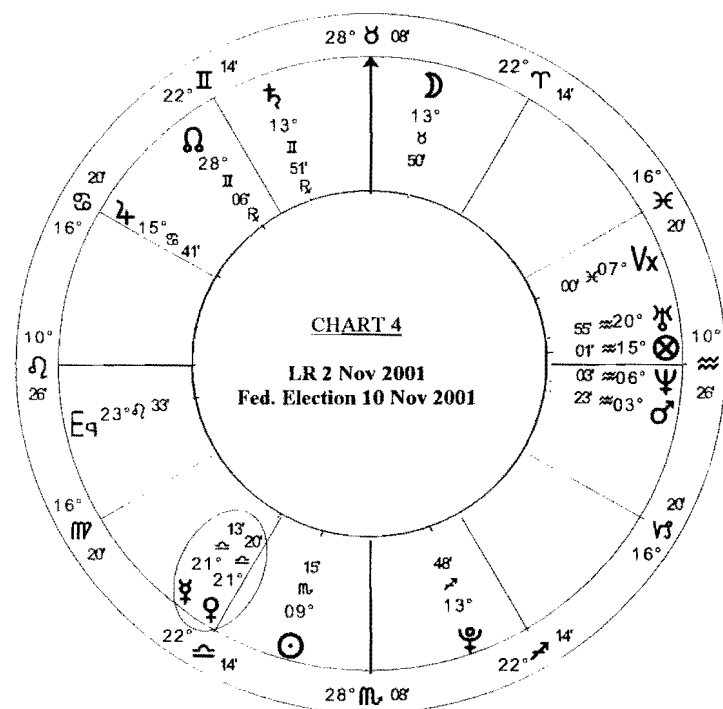


CHART 4 (LR 2 Nov 2001 for Federal Election **10 Nov 2001**) has sufficient indications on its own without



relating it to the Radix: Venus is closely conjunct Mercury on the Pollings Cusp. Venus also rules this House and the 10th. Mercury is the planetary equivalent of the 3rd House and Polls.

My research having yielded this information, I now looked for similar clues in the Monthly Charts of the Federation during the current year. Several came up for consideration: I eliminated the precessed Lunar Return of Jan 30—Feb 25, 2004 (which does have the election criteria) because a poll will be held in the State of Queensland on Feb. 7, and also it is now too late for the Prime Minister to declare a Federal Election in this period.

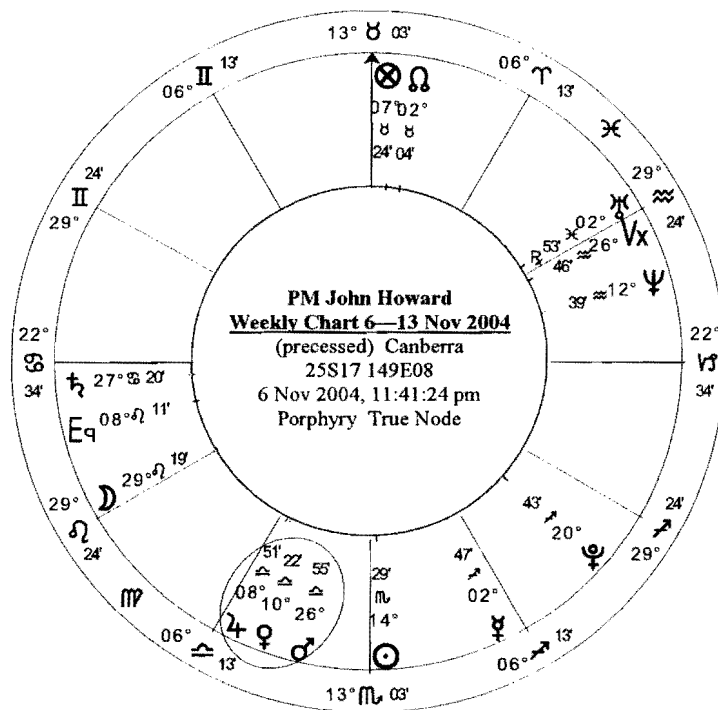
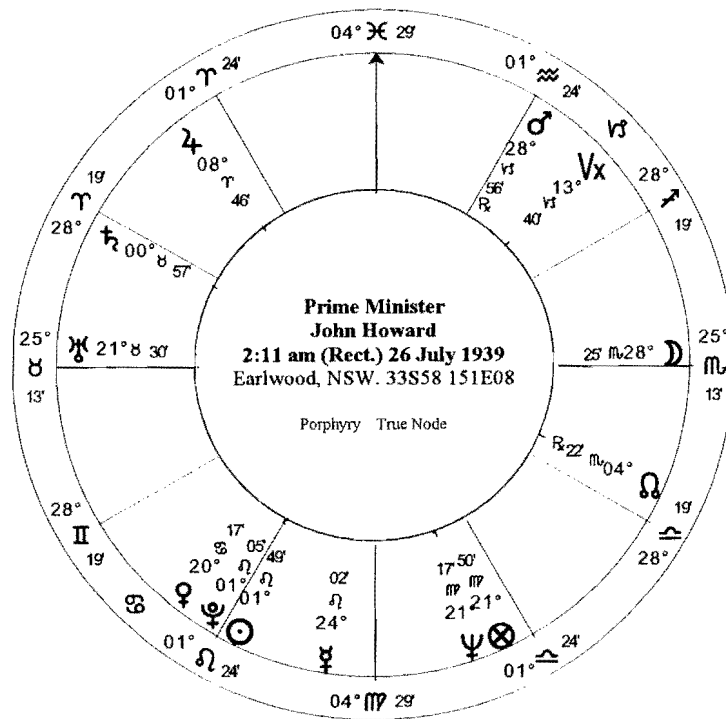
The task now becomes one of finding which Chart will indicate a Federal Election and not a State or a By-Election (as when a sitting member of Parliament resigns or dies).

Four Charts in 2004 to be considered are the Lunar Returns of July 11—Aug 7, Aug 8—Sep 4, Oct 1—Oct 28, and Nov 25—Dec 20. One of these probably refers to an Election in the Australian Capital Territory which is also due to be held this year.

The Chart (not displayed) that draws most attention is the precessed Lunar Return of 29 Oct—25 Nov 2004. When the Radix of the Federation is superimposed on this the conjunction of the Sun and Saturn are right on the 3rd Cusp, and the Sun rules the Midheaven. This certainly looks sufficiently weighty for a Nation-wide poll.

As the Prime Minister has the prerogative of appointing the Polling Date we may now be able to refine the search by reference to his Birth Chart (next column). This Horoscope of John Howard is for the rectified time discussed in Issue 244 (November 2001).

A perusal of the PM's four Weekly Charts in the month 29 Oct—25 Nov 2004 (Oct 30, Nov 6, 13 and 19) discovers the highly indicative Chart November 6—13 (next column). Jupiter, Venus and Mars occupy the Polls House, and Venus rules both this House and the Midheaven. We are not likely to get any better indication than this. The Election has to be on a



Saturday—but which Saturday? There are two in the above period—6 November and 13 November.

Here the choice can be made by reference to the PM's Progressed Aspects.

On Nov. 6, Mars squares Sun/Neptune by converse Solar-Arc. On Nov. 12 the Sun trines Jupiter/Pluto by Secondary Progression. Both these Midpoint Aspects engage the PM's 3rd House, which is occupied and ruled by the Sun, but the second also involves Pluto in the 3rd House and Jupiter which rules the Midheaven.

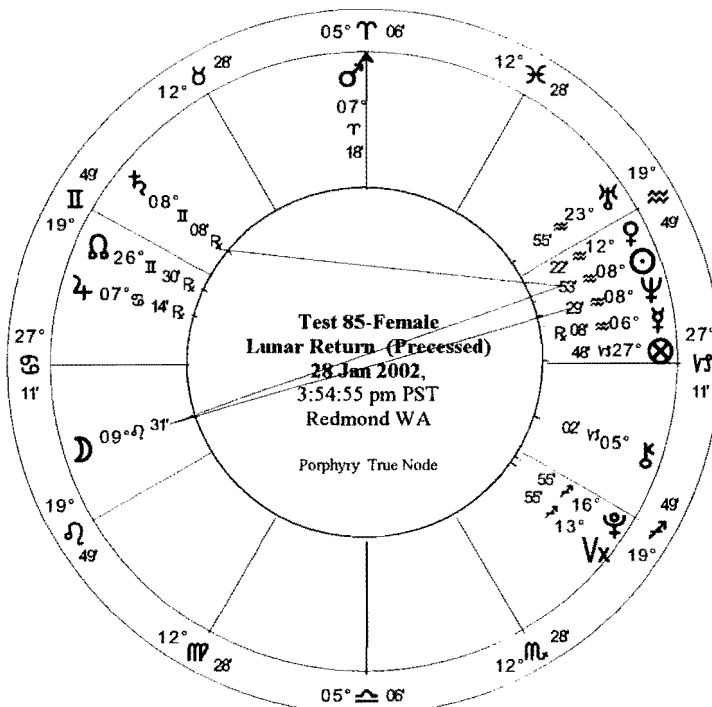
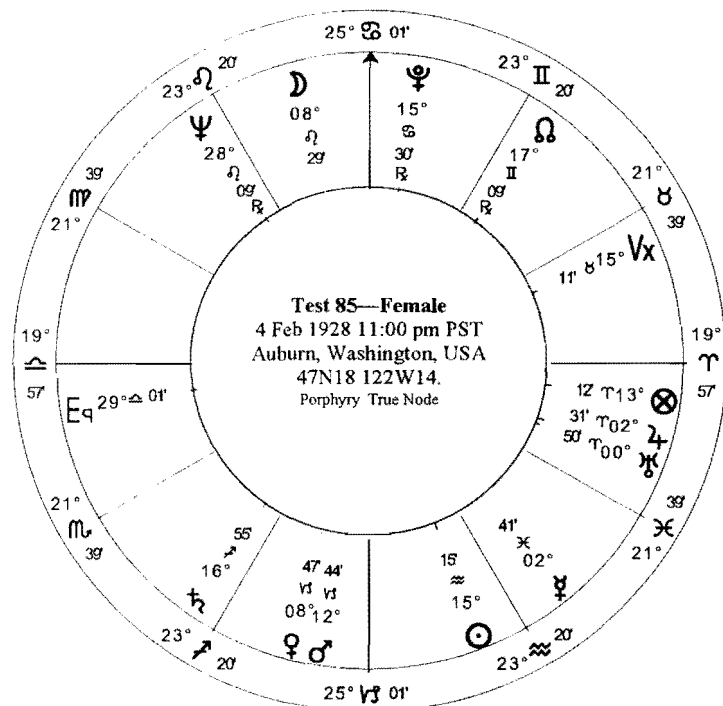
It is therefore the date of choice, and **Saturday, November 13**, is my prediction of the Election day. Time will tell. Prime Minister John Howard will announce the date at least a month beforehand.

This is my first attempt at this type of prediction, nor have I seen it done elsewhere. If the prediction is wrong the method may be flawed and I shall look for an improved technique.

— Dymock.

TEST 85—REPORT

Test 85 concerned a woman born on 4th Feb 1928 in Auburn, Washington. Here is her Birth Figure:
The question was to determine which one of the



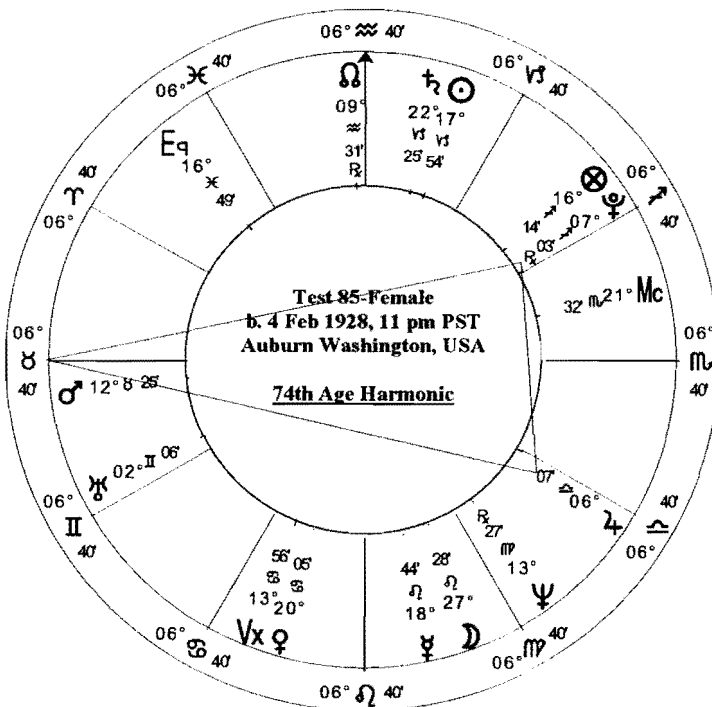
following five events occurred in her life on 23 Feb 2002 while she was living at Redmond, Washington (The other four events are fictitious).

1. She moved into a new house.
2. She went on a pleasure cruise.
3. She received an inheritance.
4. She fell and broke her hip.
5. She died.

The correct answer is that the woman died.

There were 41 respondents and 8 of them solved the problem correctly. 18 opted for "broken hip", 8 for "pleasure cruise", 4 for "new house", and 3 for "inheritance".

Two Charts that give the answer are the Lunar Return (precessed) of 28 Jan 2002 and the Age Harmonic 74. They appear in the next column.



Lunar Return: Death is shown by the Moon rising opposing the Sun and Neptune in close conjunction; Saturn ruling the House of Death closely trine the Sun and Neptune.

Age Harmonic: Pluto in the House of Death, sextile to Jupiter ruling that House; both planets in a Yod with the Rising Degree.

Congratulations to all respondents for making the attempt, whether successful or not.

TEST NO. 86-MALE

This new Test concerns a man born on 17th Jan 1957 at 8 am NZT in Christchurch, New Zealand. (43S32, 172E38); Asc 28Aq12, MC 21Sc03, Moon 4Le34.

The Test is to find which one of the following five events occurred in his life on 16 August 2003 in

Canberra, Australia Capital Territory (35S17, 149E08) where he was living at the time. Only one of the events occurred.

1. He won a motorcycle race.
2. He fell off the roof and broke his leg.
3. His father died.
4. He bought a new house.
5. His wife gave birth to a son.

Please send your answers to me by **20th February**, giving its astrological basis (the most important factor only). All respondents will receive a personal reply. A single, unequivocal answer is required, not alternatives. This is to develop accuracy in distinguishing between "possibles"—very necessary for predictive work.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 8 February, 2004.



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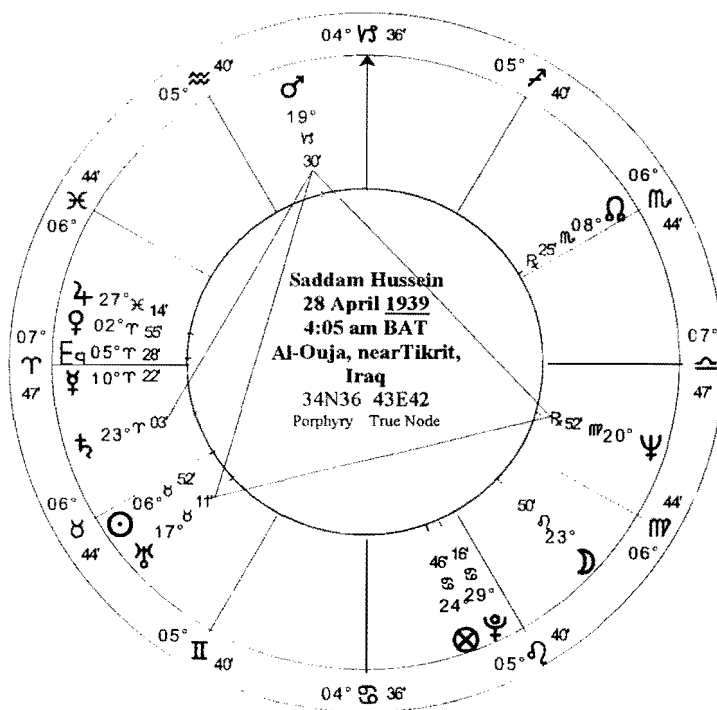
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THE CHART FOR SADDAM HUSSEIN

The capture of Saddam Hussein on 13th December 2003 has produced a spate of commentary and analysis on the Internet. In my view, however, they are all using the wrong birth date for him—28 April 1937. Readers of this Journal will recall the information in Issue 265 (August) where it is explained that Saddam was actually born in **1939** but changed it to 1937 because he was marrying a woman born in that year and it was not considered the right thing in Iraq for the man to be younger than the woman.

Here is the revised Chart from the July Issue:



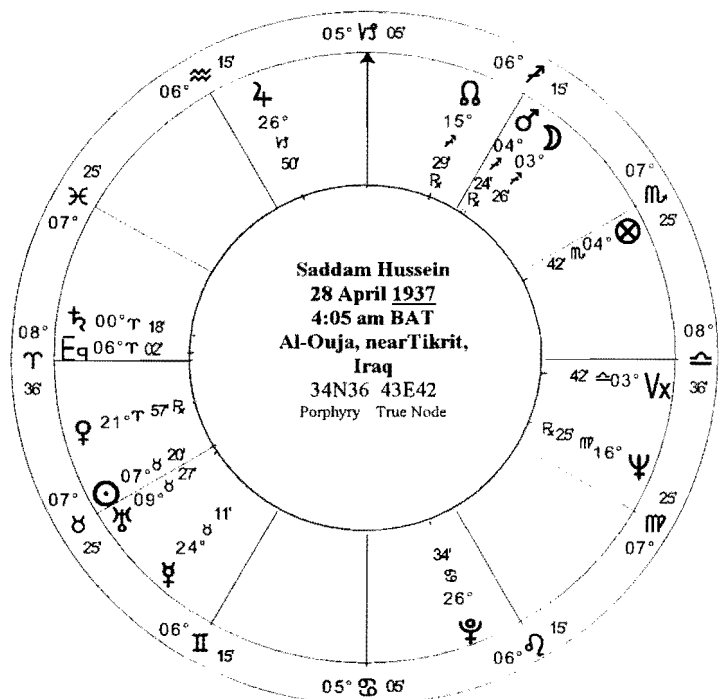
Aries rises and the Ruler Mars is isolated and stands high in the Chart in the very compatible Sign Capricorn. Thus it has scope for the full expression of its powers. That the powers expressed will mostly, if not entirely, be the *adverse* ones is evident from the connection with Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Saturn is linked to Mars by Mutual Reception and a powerful square, Uranus and Neptune by a Grand Trine with small orbs. Together they signify cruelty, ruthlessness and scheming, for all of which Hussein's personal history has provided ample evidence.

For comparison, the **1937 Chart** (the commonly used but wrong one) is printed in the next column

The time of birth, **4:05am**, used for both Charts, is taken from the same source as the date, 1939. It is substantiated by the Harmonic Charts for two crucial events in Hussein's life: (1) The Coalition's attack on

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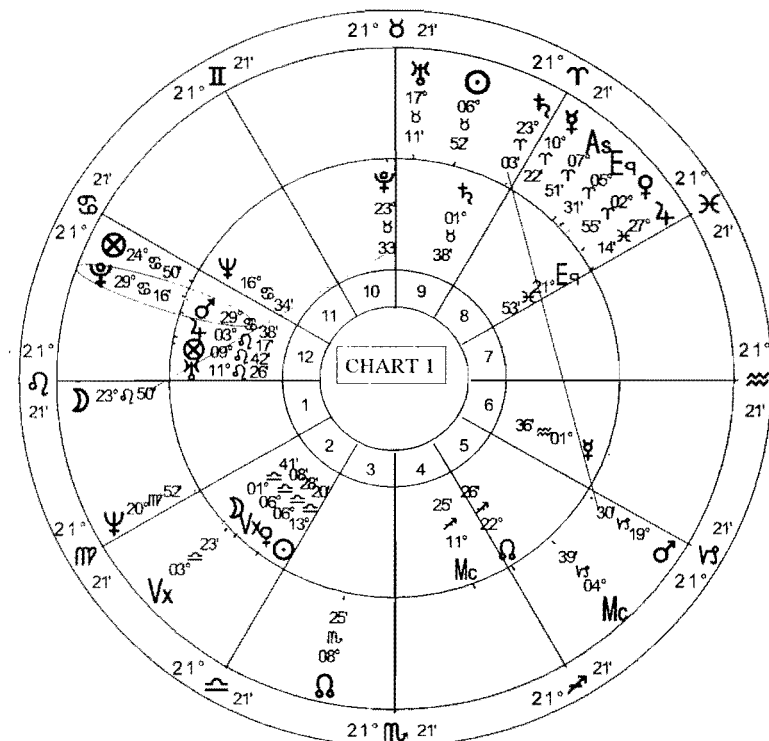
him on 20th March 2003, and (2) his capture 9 months later on 13 December 2003. The relative Charts, in Biwheels with the two Radices, can be examined on the next page. They are another example of the supreme utility of the Age Harmonic technique.

The upper two Biwheels (1 and 2, next page) relate to the Birth Date **23 April 1939**. The lower couple of Biwheels (3 and 4) relate to the Birth Date **23 April 1937**. The birth time for all OFigures is **4:05 am**.

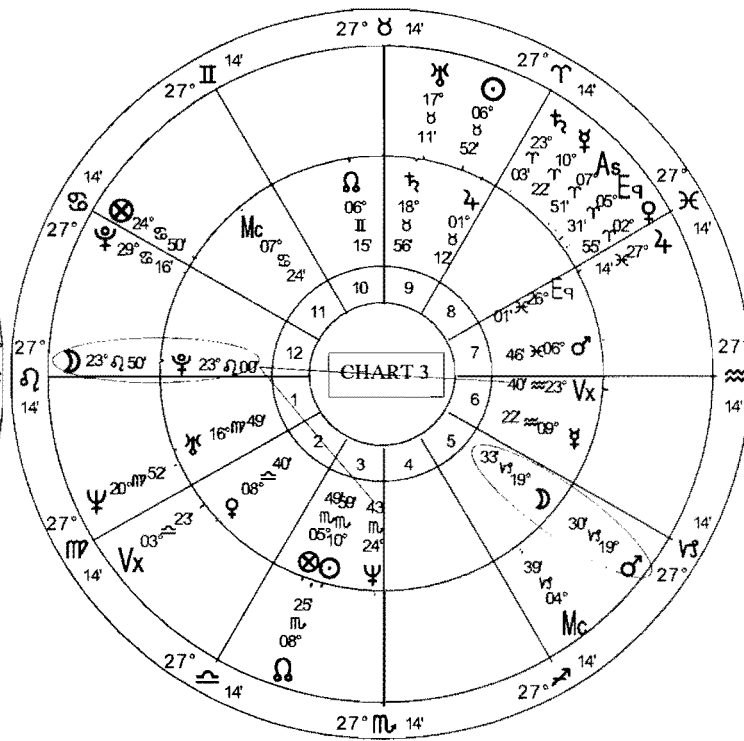
Comparison of the upper set with the lower set shows immediately that 1939 is much superior to 1937 as the date of Saddam Hussein's birth.

CHART 1 (**1939—Coalition's attack**) has Pluto on the Midheaven exactly square to Natal Moon on the Ascendant (*subjection to superior force*); Mars in the 12th House exactly conjunct natal Pluto (*violent assault*); and Natal Saturn and Mars in square from the 9th House (*damage from a foreign source*).

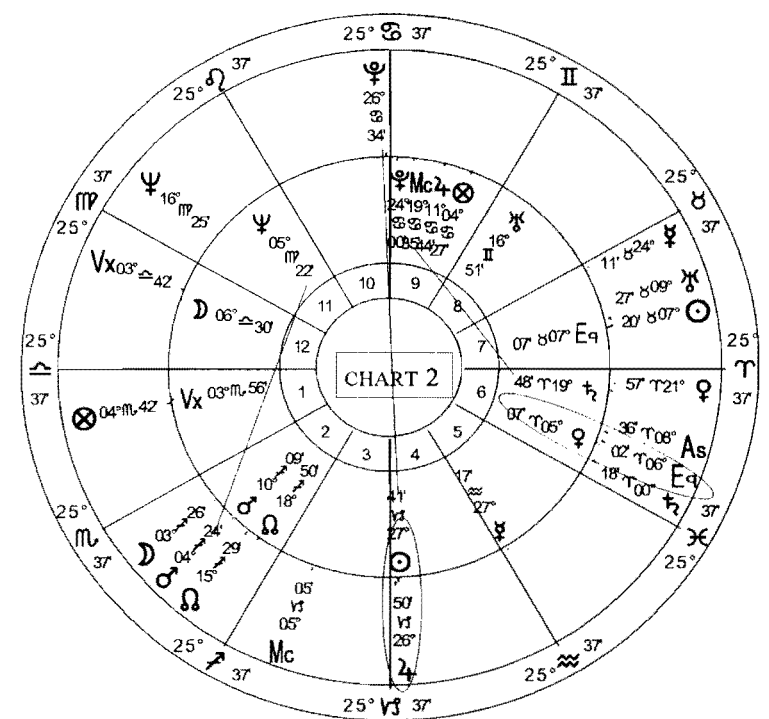
CHART 2 (**1937**), for the same period, has Saturn square the MC; Neptune square Natal Mars; and the Natal Jupiter/Pluto opposition along the Meridian. These are not favourable factors but they don't signify violence. On the contrary, Venus, ruling the Ascendant is conjunct the Natal Eq (*peace*).



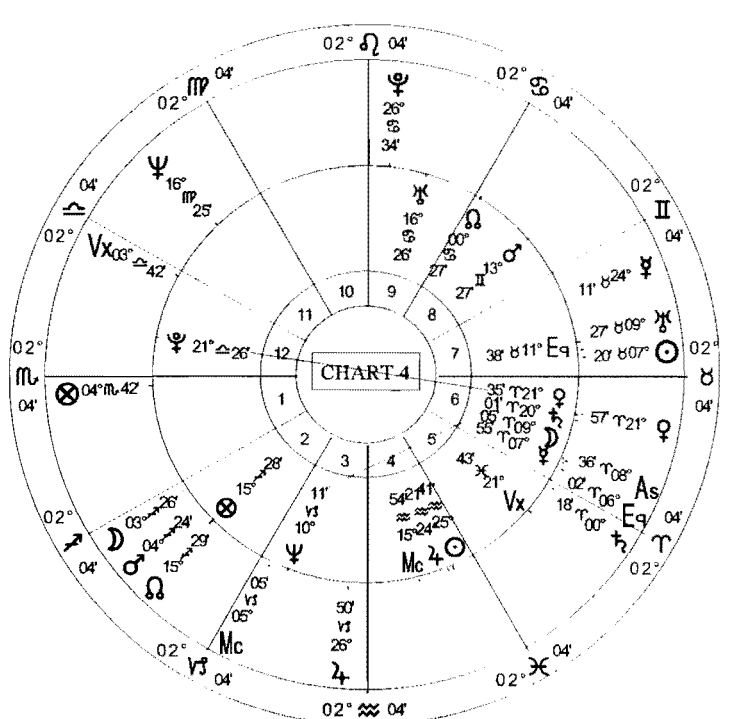
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Coalition Attack 20 Mar 2003



Inner Wheel & Cusps: Saddam Hussein/1939—64.5833 Harmonic Chart, 28 Nov—28 Dec 2003.
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Inner Wheel & Cusps: Saddam Hussein/1937—65.8333 Harmonic Chart, 28 Nov—28 Dec 2003
Hussein captured 13 Dec 2003

For the second event, the capture of Hussein on 13 Dec 2003, the two relevant Biwheels are equally distinct in their significations:

CHART 3 (1939) has Pluto on the Ascendant conjunct Natal Moon, square Neptune and opposite the Vertex, signifying a *fateful event, arrest and forceful change of residence*.

CHART 4 (1937), for the same event, has contrary indications: The Sun ruling the MC is conjunct Jupiter (*protection and prosperity*), with Natal Fortuna on the Ascendant! Neptune square the Moon suggests illness but is not a threat of violence.

In my view, the above comparison removes any doubt that **1939, not 1937**, is Saddam Hussein's birth date. This unique tool provided by Age Harmonics is of immense service in distinguishing the true from the false.

Hussein has some heavy afflictions coming up later in

2004—the outer planets at their Stations combining with their counterparts and the Angles in the Radix:

1. Saturn Square the Ascendant, 7 Mar 2004
2. Pluto square Neptune, 24 Mar 2004
3. Neptune square Saturn, 17 May 2004
4. Pluto square Neptune, 30 Aug 2003
5. Saturn conjunct Pluto, 8 Nov 2004.

However, planets need scope to exert their influence. Dire as these appear it is difficult to see how they can change Hussein's situation in any significant way while he remains a prisoner of the Coalition. He is a spent force, unable to take advantage of any planetary vibrations. At present the Allies are mainly concerned with what useful information they can gain from their captive and what, in the interest of all parties, should be the Court that tries him for his crimes. □

VIRGO—REALISTIC, NOT PERFECTIONIST!

by Barbara Banfield (USA)

(Reprinted from Issue 180, July 1996)

I want to share some thoughts about Virgo. I have Sun/Jupiter conjunct in Virgo and have done a lot of thinking and, yes!, analysing this Sign. A very common description of Virgo is "perfectionistic". Yet, the most accurate thing I ever read about Virgo was by Liz Greene.

She says Virgo is an Earth Sign and hence it is realistic. Perfection is an ideal state, and thus much more associated with Air Signs. Now, Virgos will be the first to tell you that we aren't perfect, we know we never will be, and aren't really trying to be. I am going to do a little Virgoan hair-splitting here and try to be more specific about what Virgo really is all about. Virgo is a mutable Earth Sign. Mutable Signs are primarily concerned with gathering information, learning, and making use of that learning. Therefore, since Virgo is in Earth, it is especially tuned into material reality. It is very good at discerning details and patterns and understanding how this material world (including our bodies) fits together and works. It is interested in using this knowledge to make things and fix things and do things and generally improve things here on the Earth plane. It has a natural talent for noticing when and how things are not as they should or could be. Yes, Virgo is EXACTING. Virgo strives for EXCELLENCE. But this is a very grounded kind of exactness. It knows what degree of exactness is possible to attain for any given task and once it has reached that, it says Great! Good enough! and cheerfully lets go.

It is my observation of people who are weak in Virgo or heavy in Air Signs that they are in fact perfectionists. I used to own a business and had the interesting task of training and supervising others. My perfectionist employees had a very hard time finishing something. It was NEVER good enough. I would finally look it over and say—great, this is fine, this is good enough! Virgo is eminently practical and knows when something is good enough for its intended purpose. Here is the use of the Virgo discernment. It is not only used to find endless faults but also used to determine what level of exactitude is necessary for every task and to know when something has reached that state.

The other thing I noticed is that my heavy Air or Water-Sign people had no idea whether something was accomplished properly. Several employees had the idea that something should be clean because they "cleaned" it—but paid absolutely no attention to whether they had actually gotten it clean! Or something should be finished because they had spent X amount of time on it and that is about how long it should take, regardless of whether they had effectively accomplished the task.

I think that all the other Signs look at Virgo's natural ease and skill at working with the material world, her ability to achieve excellent outcomes, her keen eye for detail and pattern, her relentless realism, and cry "Perfectionist!" because it is not nearly so easy or so natural to the other Signs to operate in that fashion. When they attempt to achieve excellent results they often DO resort to perfectionism and frequently have a hard time knowing when something is "good enough".

This is why so many people with heavy Virgo have sloppy houses, messy kitchens, and do NOT spend endless hours house-cleaning. Virgo discerns what level of excellence is needed and necessary for every endeavour. A super-clean house is often not on the priority list. Remember, Virgo is a realist, and if she knows that she only has 24 hours in the day and if she is truly going to achieve excellence in the things that matter most to her she happily tolerates disorder and sloppiness in the areas of life that are less important to her. Yet, if she is a Virgo-Moon in the 4th House, that house-cleaning may just be at the top of the list!

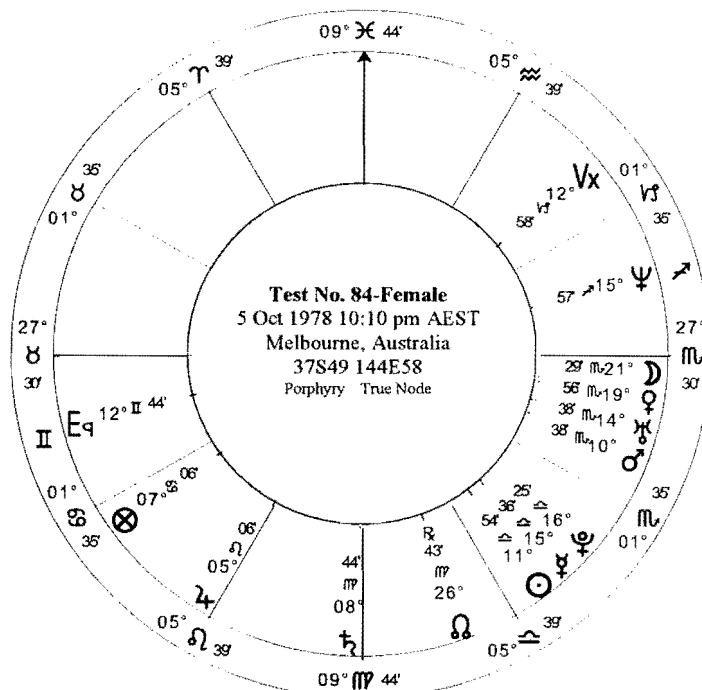
So, yes, Virgo is exacting, she strives for excellence, she notices all the details, and even though she is aware of the imperfections, she knows when something is good enough. It is just that the level of excellence she is capable of attaining often looks and feels like perfection to others. But she knows it's not, because she can still see the remaining flaws!

There—I have had my hair-splitting, nitpicky, analytical say.

If you want something done right, do it yourself—or hire a Virgo! □

Test No. 84—Report

Test 84 related to the woman whose Birth Chart appears below.

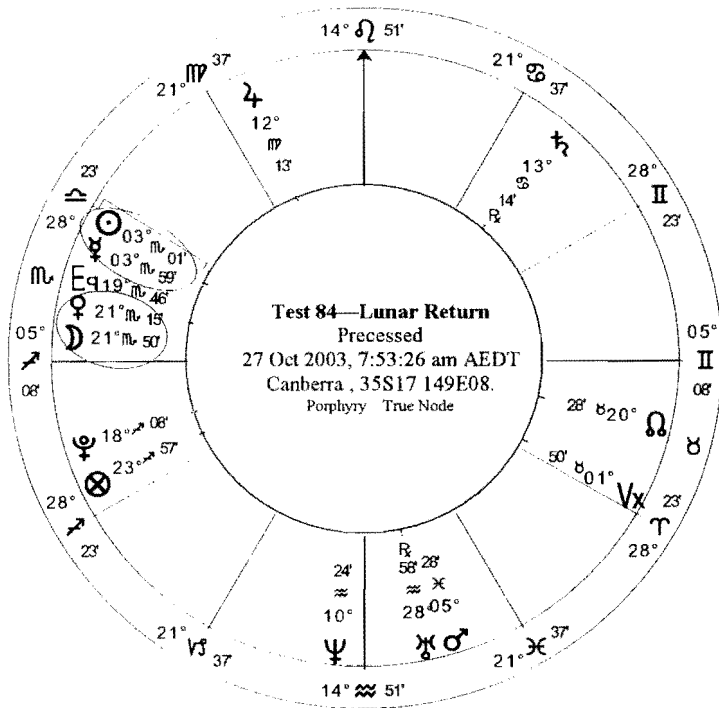


The question was to determine which one of the following five events occurred in her life on 8 Nov 2003, while she was living in Canberra, A.C.T.

1. She married.
2. She gave birth to a child.
3. She bought a house.
4. She crashed her car.
5. Her mother died.

The answer is that the woman married. There were 42 respondents and 7 were correct.

Probably, the quickest answer is in the precessed Lunar Return Chart of 27 Oct 2003 (for Canberra). See next page.



There are two close conjunctions in the Chart:

1. The Moon conjunct Venus, which could mean either a birth or a marriage.
2. The Sun conjunct Mercury, ruling respectively the House of Status and the House of Marriage, which settles that it was a marriage and not a birth.

There are no indications pointing to any of the other three events. The standard Lunar Return Chart, though not quite so specific, also gives the answer.

Test No. 85

Test 85 concerns a woman born on 4th Feb 1928 in Auburn, Washington, USA (47N18, 122W14) at 11 pm PST. The Asc is 19Li57, MC 25Ca01, Moon 8Le29.

The question is to determine which one of the following five events occurred in her life on **23 Feb 2002** while she was living at Redmond, Washington (47N40, 122W07). (The other four events are fictitious).

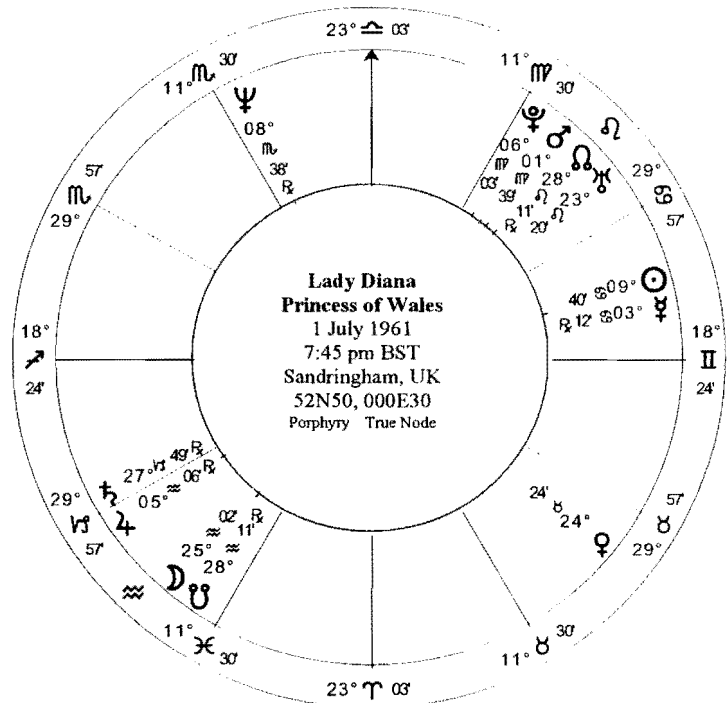
1. She moved into a new house.
2. She went on a pleasure cruise.
3. She received an inheritance.
4. She fell and broke her hip.
5. She died.

Exercises such as this are; indispensable for learning how to distinguish between different possibilities that may all seem to be indicated by the disposition of the planets. You must cultivate this skill if you want to do predictive work.

Please send your answer to me, with its astrological basis, by **20th January**. Give only the single most important indication, not supportive or confirming analysis that you might make for helping to arrive at your decision. A single unequivocal answer is required not alternatives. All participants will receive a personal reply. □

LADY DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

It is interesting to learn that, more than seven years after the event, an inquest will be opened in England into the death on 31st August 1997 of Lady Diana. Evidently, France has been responsible for the long delay by refusing to supply England with all necessary information. Here is Lady Diana's Birth Chart:



Diana's sudden death in a car crash was for some astrologers a difficult task to account for astrologically. It was, however, exactly portrayed in the Chart for her Age Harmonic (36) coupled with the Birth Figure (See *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 193 (August 1997)).

But what were the astrological factors connected with her undoubted *world-wide popularity and fame*? I have never seen any attempt on the part of astrologers to account for this facet of Diana's life.

Fame, in astrological parlance, is usually associated with the 10th House, the Sun and Jupiter.

In Diana's Chart the 10th House is unoccupied (I place Neptune in the 11th, not the 10th) but its Ruler, Venus, aspects the MC, the Sun, the Moon and Uranus, with an orb less than 2°. Jupiter is quincunx Pluto and has minor Aspects to the Ascendant, Vertex and *Fortuna* with less than 2° orb.

This is some indication of what we are looking for but hardly sufficient to account for the *degree* of fame that Diana enjoyed. But there is another factor — the main one — the Nodes of the planets:

Jupiter's Ascending Node is at 10Cn00—*within 20' of the Sun* (9Cn40)! This outweighs all the above factors in importance and accounts for Lady Diana's fame. Nodes act with the force of planets. □

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 4th Jan 2004.

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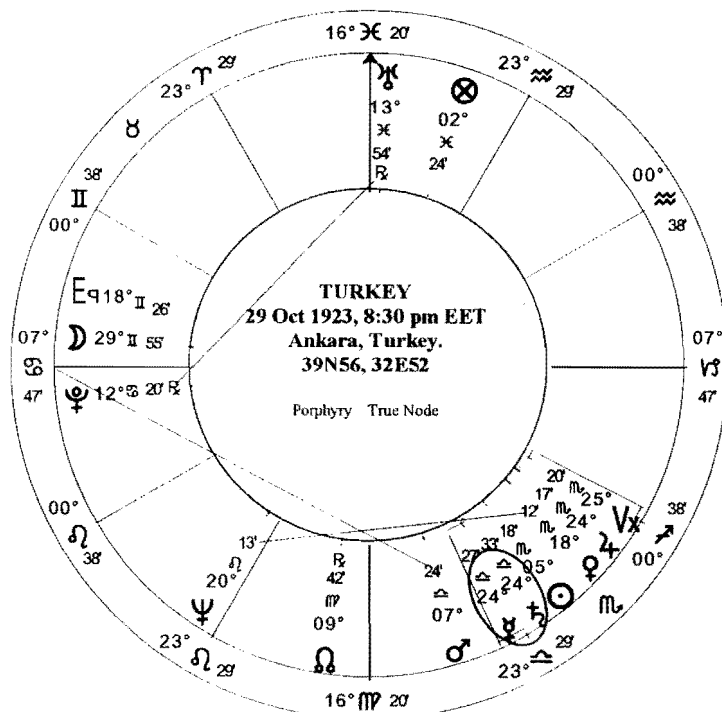
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TERRORISM IN TURKEY

Turkey is the latest victim of mass terrorism. On November 15 suicide attacks on two Istanbul synagogues by Turkish Islamic militants killed 23 people and the two suicide bombers, then on the 21st explosions shattered the Turkish headquarters of the London-based HSBC Bank and the British Consulate in downtown Istanbul. At least 30 people were killed or subsequently died of wounds and 450 were injured. These crimes rank among the most horrific and deadly of terrorist outrages. What is difficult to accept is that this killing and maiming is a deliberate policy of fellow human beings—a modern and horrible phenomenon never before seen on such a scale in the history of mankind.

Below is the Chart of Turkey as given by Nicolas Campion in the *Book of World Charts*.

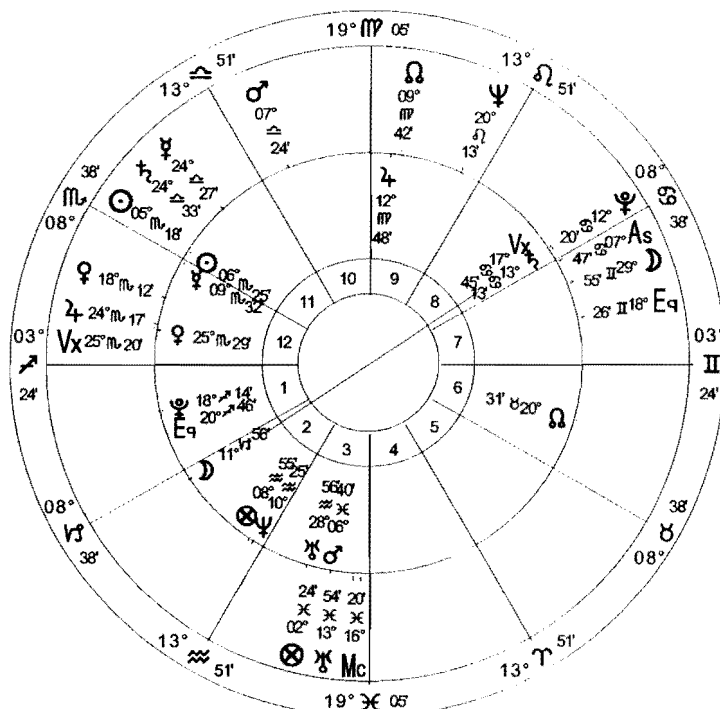


The Chart is not a happy or peaceful one. The powerful Angular square between Uranus and Pluto plus the close square of Mars to the rising degree ensure an almost perpetual state of unrest and insurrection. The restive Kurdish minority (5th House) has been hassled and oppressed for many years. Its discontent is plain from the conjunction of Mercury and Saturn on the 5th Cusp and the square of Neptune to Venus in and ruling the House.

In the next column is the current **Solar Return** (precessed) for Turkey. The opposition of the Moon to Saturn accenting the 8th House does not give hope of a happy change. Quite the contrary, and putting the

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Inner Wheel and Cusps: Solar Return (Precessed), 30 Oct 2003, 8:35:40 am,
 Outer Wheel: Radix, Turkey, 29 Oct 1923, 8:30 pm EET (-2:00)
 Both Charts drawn for the Capital, Ankara, Turkey, 39N56, 32E52
 Porphyry True Node

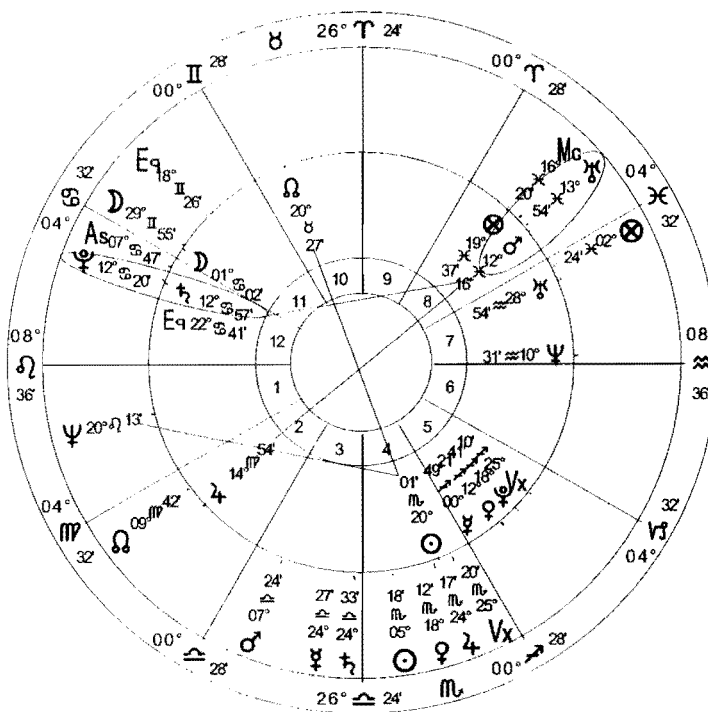
Radix around the Figure brings Pluto forcibly into the picture on the 8th Cusp, where it portends further death and destruction.

However, Jupiter's close applying trine to the Moon gives a measure of protection to the populace as Jupiter is the Ascendant Ruler. It will probably result in some terrorist attacks being thwarted as a result of vigilance and antiterrorist operations on the part of the Government.

December 15 was a particularly disastrous day for Turkey as Saturn was retrograding at 12Cn51, right on natal Pluto, and Mars at 13Pi29 was right on natal Uranus, precipitating the attack.

On December 21, Saturn in its slow retrograde motion was still in close contact with Pluto; Mars was exactly on the natal Midheaven, triggering the second attack.

An opposition in the sky of **Mars to Jupiter** has been a troublesome factor in charts all over the world. It was exact on November 20, and on that date it lay directly on the Meridian of Turkey's Radix, so



Inner Wheel and Cusps: Turkey, Lunar Return (precessed) 12 Nov 2003.

10:15:54 pm. EET. Istanbul, Turkey, 41N01, 28E58.

Outer Wheel: Turkey, Natal Chart, 29 Oct 1923, 8:30 pm EET, Ankara, Turkey.
39N56, 32E52. Porphyry, True Node

was at least partially responsible for the consequences we have just noted.

Transiting Saturn remains within a one-degree orb of Pluto until December 12, thus the period until then must be regarded as one of risk.

The **Lunar Return**, precessed, of 12 November 2003 (above) is set for Istanbul where the terrorists struck. Set inside the Radix, this Chart gives ample evidence of the scale and ferocity of the attacks:

- Mars in the House of Deaths is conjunct natal Uranus and opposed by Jupiter.
- Saturn in the House of Suffering is closely conjunct Pluto and trine Mars.
- The Sun, ruling the Ascendant, opposes the N.Node (conjunct the South Node) and is square Natal Neptune.

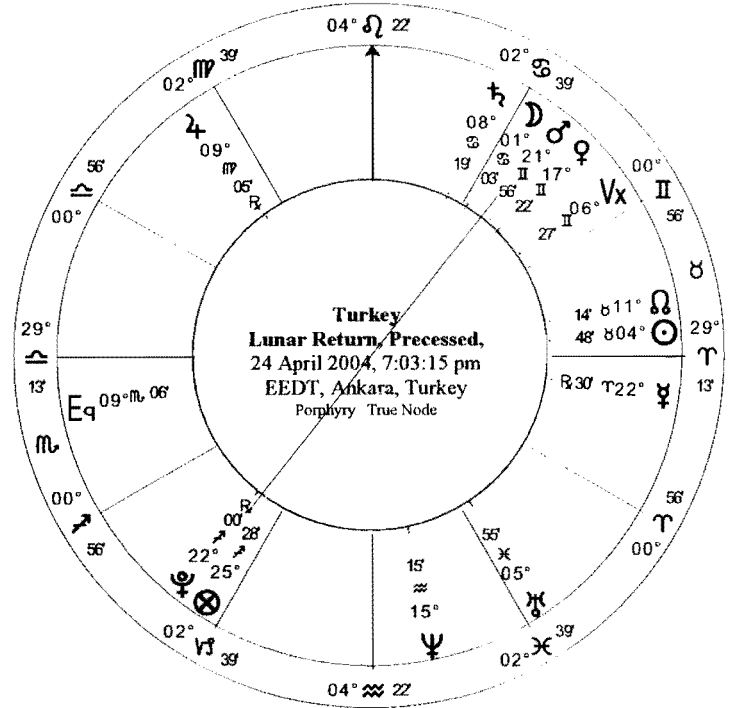
Mars, Uranus, Jupiter = sudden attack, explosion bloodshed.

Saturn, Pluto, Mars = large scale violence and destruction.

Sun, Node, Neptune = widespread subversion and conspiracy.

In view of the current Solar Return (page 1) with its potential for further disasters in the coming months, Turkey needs to be ever watchful and prepared against further attacks. The Lunar Returns give reliable indications of danger periods. About the worst of these in the next six months is the Figure (precessed) for **24 April 2004** (see next column) where Mars, ruling the House of Enemies, closely opposes Pluto (terrorists). Relating the Lunar Return to the Radix discloses another very adverse feature—Saturn conjunct the natal Ascendant (*suffering of the people*).

Danger spots are also revealed by the *Tertiary Progressions*. In times of military warfare the “minor” Progressions involving the malefics assume much greater significance than normal. On November 15, the date of the major strike, the Moon’s Node was



exactly conjunct Pluto. A search of the Tertiary Progressions reveals these further danger points:

- 22 Jan 2004, Sun square Pluto.
- 12–15 Feb 2004, Mars square Saturn and Mars square Mercury.
- 1 May 2004, Sun square Pluto Prgd.

The Tertiary-Progressed Sun conjuncts natal Saturn in the 5th House on 24 Dec 2004. This I interpret as Governmental action against the Kurdish minority, rather than terrorist attacks against the Government.

MARS OPPOSITE JUPITER

I referred earlier to the troubles all over the world coincident with a Mars-Jupiter Opposition such as occurred in November 2003, exact on Nov. 20 (Mars 16 Pisces, Jupiter 16 Virgo). In personal charts, if the energies are kept under control, beneficial effects can follow, e.g., it arouses enthusiasm and an impulse to work and achieve. Life can be joyously active if one observes due moderation.

However, the Opposition is the second most powerful Aspect and its energies are difficult to contain. The native is assertive and tends to be impulsive, extreme in speech and action and arousing hostility through a lack of tact.

When lying across the Horizon in personal charts, Mars opposite Jupiter engenders breaks in personal relations, splits in partnerships and marriage, and generally a lack of consideration for others. Health is affected—cerebral stroke threatened if Mars is on the Eastern side. If Jupiter is there it is more likely to be disorders of the liver.

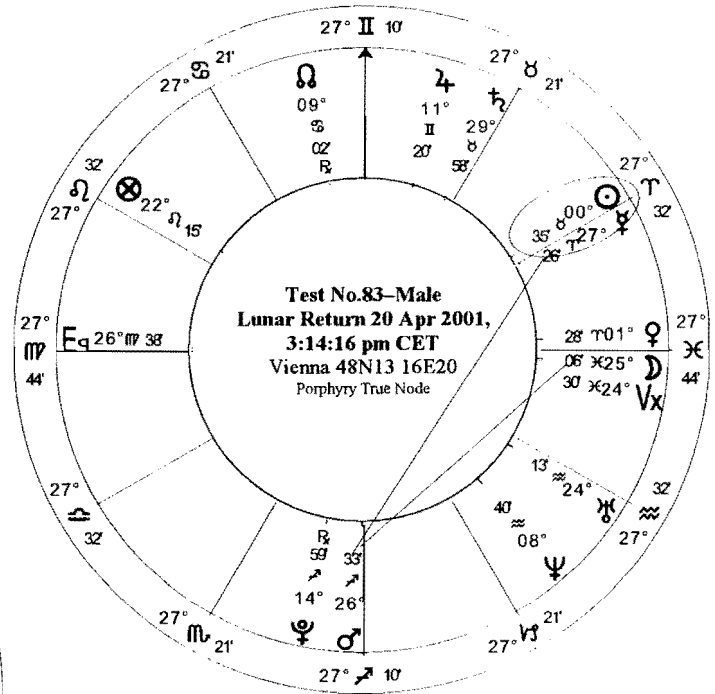
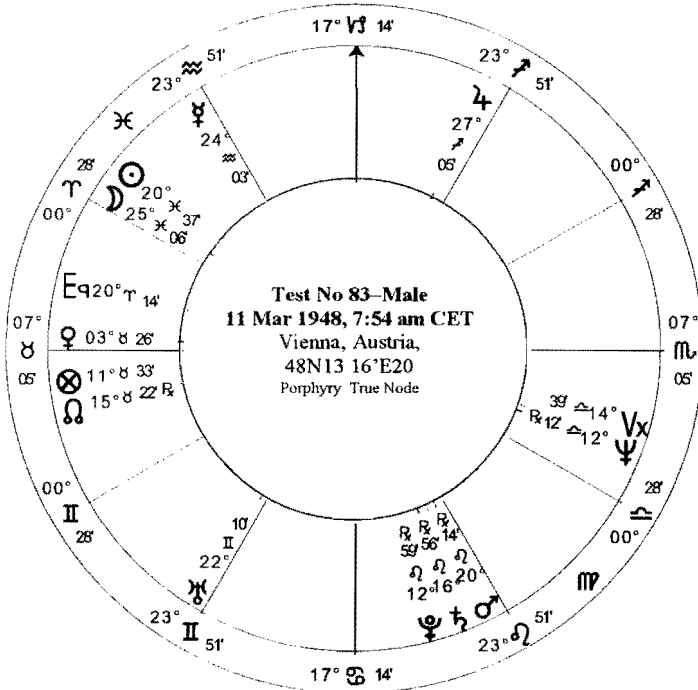
If the Opposition is more or less coincident with the Meridian, Mars being near the MC, the native experiences difficulties and altercations with superiors, impatience with the job and frequent change of jobs. On the 2nd/8th axis the Opposition induces extravagant spending and conflict over settlements; on the 3rd/9th axis, legal troubles and difficulties in foreign travel (e.g., loss of baggage).

In Mundane Charts a Mars-Jupiter Opposition coincides with fires, gunshot wounds, explosions, rebellion and insurgency, mostly on a grand scale.

When this Aspect is prominent in the sky much can be learned of its action over a wide field by scanning the daily papers and news reports on the Internet.

TEST NO. 83—REPORT

Test No. 83 concerned a male born on 11th March 1948 at 7:54 am CET in Vienna. (48N13, 16E200).



Please send me your solution by 15 December, giving its astrological basis. You should state only the most important single factor that determined your answer. All participants will receive a personal reply and a copy of the final Report quoting the most important feature of all correct solutions.

Remember, there is no better way to get to grips with practical Astrology than by giving time and thought to these exercises. I continually receive confirmation of their value from participants around the Globe.

The question was what occurred in his life on 17 May 2001. It was one of the following events:

1. He changed his job.
2. He went on an overseas trip.
3. He discontinued a course of advanced study.
4. He had a surgical operation.
5. He sold his house.

The answer is that the man had a surgical operation (to remove a cancer from his right eye).

There were 35 attempts from astrologers all over the world. Ten were successful in finding the solution.

The problem is solved quickly by the (Standard) **Lunar Return Chart** of 20th April 2001, Vienna. (next column): Mars on the Lower Meridian rules the House of Surgery and squares the Moon. This single Aspect distinguishes it from all the other four possibilities, apart from the supporting Sun and Mercury in the House of Surgery trine to Mars.

TEST NO. 84—FEMALE

Test No. 84 concerns a woman born on 5 October 1978 at 10:10 pm AEST (-10:00) in Melbourne, Australia (37S49, 144E58). Asc 27Ta30, MC 9Pi44, Moon 21Sc29.

The woman is an office worker, single, living in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory (35S17, 149E08) where the event occurred.

The question is which of the following five events actually occurred in her life on 8 Nov 2003?

1. She married.
2. She gave birth to a child.
3. She bought a house.
4. She crashed her car.
5. Her mother died.

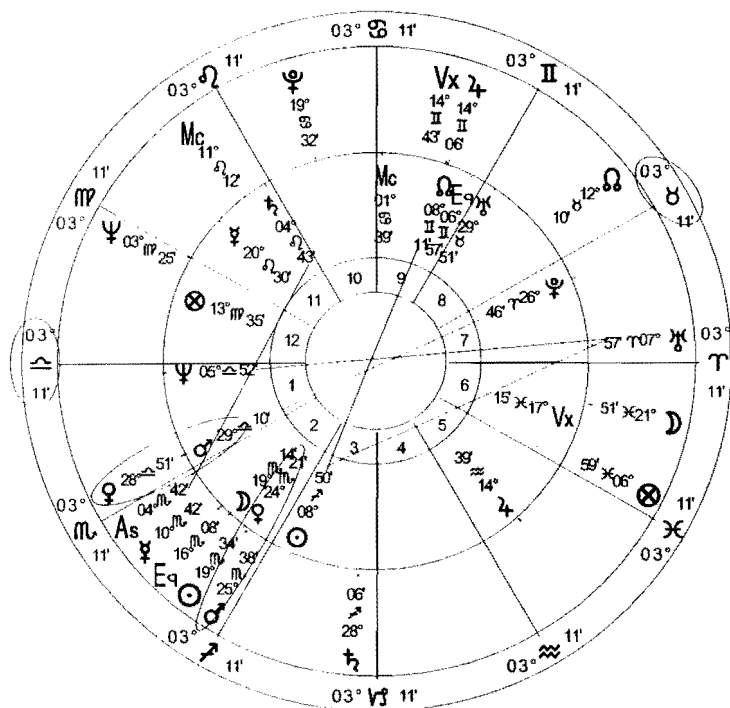
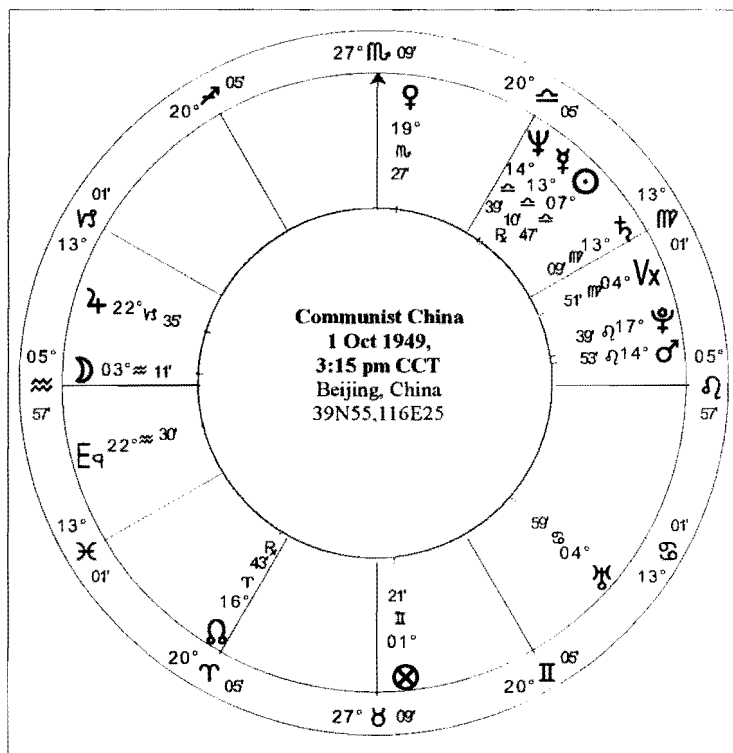
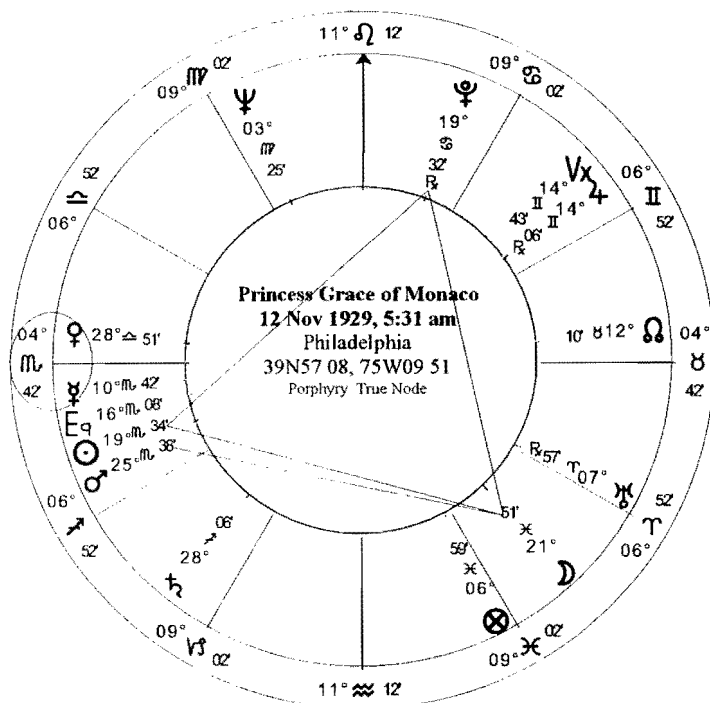
PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO Flashback to the Past

A recent television programme has re-created interest in the life and early death of famous film actress, Grace Kelly, who became Princess Grace of Monaco. Her birth data is authentic, having been taken from her birth certificate. See her Horoscope on the next page. It originally appeared in this Journal on 19 September 1982. The Princess died on 14 Sep 1982 when she suffered a brain haemorrhage while driving in Monaco with her second daughter, Stephanie. The car crashed, killing the Princess and injuring Stephanie.

The Princess was, perhaps, the most famous beauty of her day, intense, magnetic and passionate (Sun, Mars, Mercury and Ascendant in Scorpio) and serenely charming (Asc 4Sc42 conjunct Venus/Mercury 4Sc47). She enjoyed love affairs with the leading male film stars—Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Ray Milland, William Holden and Jean-Pierre Aumont (Moon in Pisces in the 5th House, trine the Sun and Pluto; Mars trine Moon). As a protégé of film director, Alfred Hitchcock, she acted in several top-class thrillers, including *Dial M for Murder*, *Rear Window*, and *To Catch a Thief*.

Grace Kelly's death on 14 Sep 1982 is graphically portrayed in the **Age Harmonic Chart** for the month 12 Sep—12 Oct 1982. It appears on the next page, surrounded by the Birth Figure.

1. Libra rises with Taurus on the 8th, so Ruler Venus, couples the Houses of Life and Death.
2. Mars is opposed by Pluto (Lord of Death) and conjunct natal Venus (ruling Asc).
3. Saturn, ruling the House of Endings squares the natal Asc (orb 1') (termination).
4. Ruler, Venus conjunct natal Mars (death or injury).
5. The Sun in the House of Transport opposite N.Node and trine Natal Uranus (road accident).
6. Neptune conjunct the Ascendant opposite natal Uranus (loss of consciousness).



Inner Wheel & Cusps: Grace Kelly, Age Harm. 52.8333, Sep 12—Oct 12, 1982.
Outer Wheel: Grace Kelly, Natal Chart, 12 Nov 1929, Philadelphia.

A NEW LOOK AT CHINA

by Allan Johnson

China is back in the news in recent weeks because of two major events. The first is the election of a new President (Hu Jintao) and the second is the big commercial agreement between Australia and China. So it is interesting to have another look at the Chinese Chart at this time. The Chart for 1st October, 1949, 3:15 pm Beijing, is the one considered the most reliable by Nicholas Campion in his *Book of World Horoscopes*. China has had many upheavals and changes of direction since 1949 but the power structure at the top has held together. So it is still officially the Communist State. It is ruled by a Central

Committee rather than a dictatorial figure.

In this Chart the Sun is in Libra, with Mercury and Neptune, and it is a strong point with Librans that they can always keep a *balance* with a foot in many camps. Recently a millionaire was appointed to the Central Committee. And of course an Aquarius Ascendant can link with sudden and unexpected departures, plus Sun square Uranus and Moon in Aquarius. But the big thing about this Chart is the close conjunction of Mars and Pluto in the 7th House, ruling relationships with other countries. So this Mars/Pluto will always be a major *focal point* when considering China's relationship with the rest of the world.

Now to look at the future. In doing predictive work I always like to keep it simple by relying on Secondary Progressions and Transits. First the Progressed Sun: Right now it is just over the Cusp into Sagittarius and I think this is very significant for the big financial deal with Australia. It shows an expansive and favourable relationship, a Jupiterian situation. It could also mean that the new President is likely to explore better relationships with other countries. It is essentially an expansive and cooperative turn of events. If we look at the Transits, Pluto and Uranus are not playing a big part at the moment—but *Neptune* is. Right through the next couple of years Neptune will be in opposition to the natal Mars/Pluto conjunction in the 7th House. So the emphasis is on international relationships of a benign kind. Neptune is for harmony rather than drastic action or violence. So the new Leader is not likely to rock the boat.

To sum up we could say that all this is very much in line with what I have been predicting for the new Century. We are moving into calmer waters in accord with the Chart for the 21st Century. China is one of the major world powers and all indications are that she is more interested in working out her own internal industrial affairs than in empire building. The same applies to Russia. The days of massive conflicts are gone. □

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock.
29 November, 2003.



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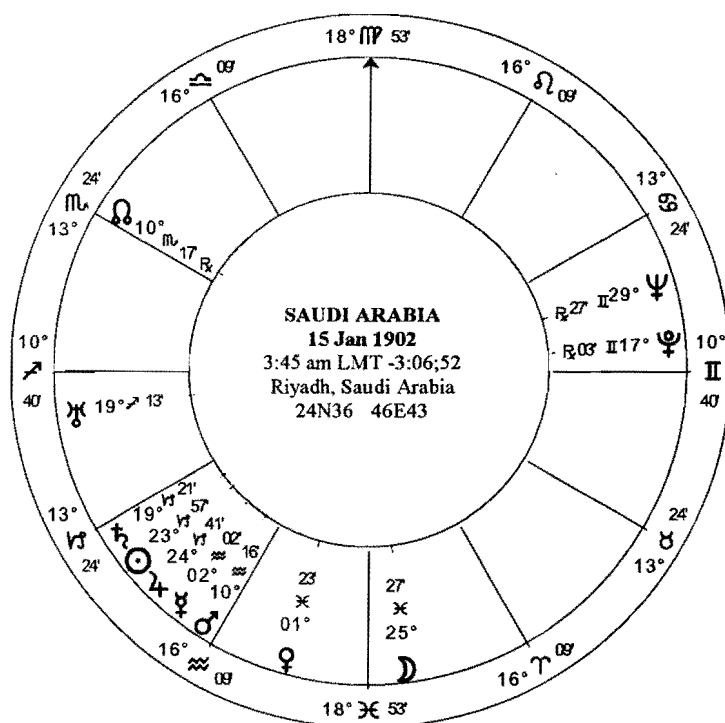
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SAUDI ARABIA—TERRORIST ATTACKS

Recent warnings of imminent terrorist threats against Saudi Arabia have aroused interest in the Chart of this Arab Kingdom. Nicolas Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) offers a horoscope set for 15 January 1902 when Riyadh, the capital city, was captured by the Sultanate of Nejd, "the event quoted widely as that for the foundation of the Kingdom and the beginning of the modern Saudi Empire. The Horoscope is set for 3:45 am LMT a time 'derived from research by Michael Baigent but solar charts set for either 00.00hrs or dawn would be appropriate."

Here is the Chart set for 3:45 am LMT:



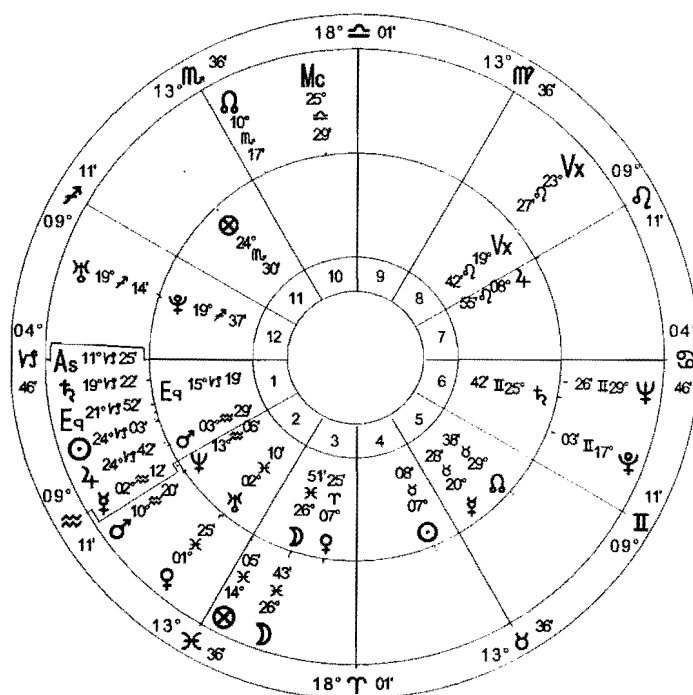
Across the Chart the opposition of Pluto to rising Uranus almost guarantees to keep the Kingdom in a state of turmoil and revolutionary upheaval. The Moon square Neptune signifies a large subversive element while Mars ruling the 12th House and square the Node therein indicates numerous plots against the Government. Even as I write this (27 Oct 2003) news has come of a rocket attack against the main Hotel in Riyadh in which a number of personnel were killed and injured.

As a test for the validity of this Chart we can use the terrorist outrage in Riyadh on 12th May 2003—a date long after Campion published his book (1988). In that bombing 35 people were killed, including 9 Americans.

The date is covered by the precessed Lunar Return of 27 April 2003 in the next column. The BiWheel above comprises the Lunar Return (precessed) of 27 April

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Inner Wheel: Lunar Return (precessed) 27 April 2003 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
Outer Wheel: Radix, Saudi Arabia, 15 Jan 1902, 3:45 am LMT Riyadh

2003 for Saudi Arabia, surrounded by the Radix as in the adjacent column. This Chart covers the date 12 May 2003 when a terrorist attack in Riyadh killed 35 people.

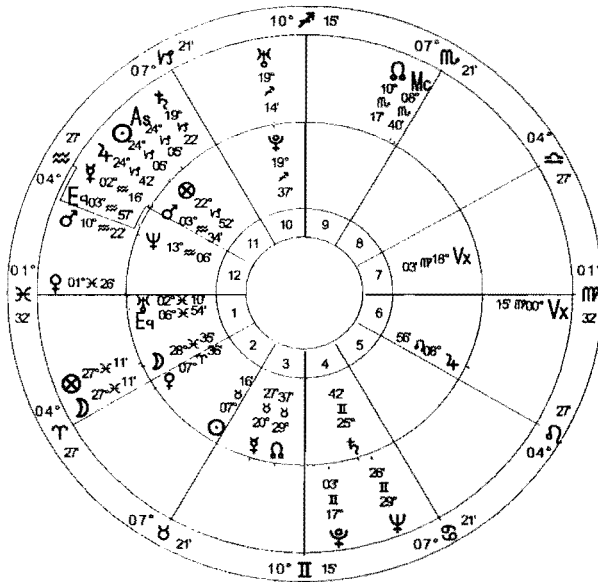
This Chart lends support to the timing of the Radix (3:45 am LMT) as it is highly descriptive of the attack. Most striking is the conjunction of Pluto with Natal Uranus, the two planets whose opposition in the Radix spell out the perpetual unrest and revolutionary crises in the Kingdom.

Next in importance is the condition of the 2nd-8th axis (with its implication of deaths) and adverse planets clustered around it:

- Mars conjunct Natal Mercury (*human aggression*),
- Neptune conjunct Natal Mars (*secret enemies; sneak attacks*),
- Ruler Saturn square Natal Moon, (*hurts, injuries*)
- The Sun ruling 8th House square Mars/Jupiter 6Sc12 (*Death through violence*),
- Jupiter almost exactly on the 8th Cusp, ruling the 12th House, opposite the Mars/Neptune Midpoint orb 38' (*deaths through sneak attack*),
- The Moon opposite Mercury/Mars 26Pi59 (*human malice*).

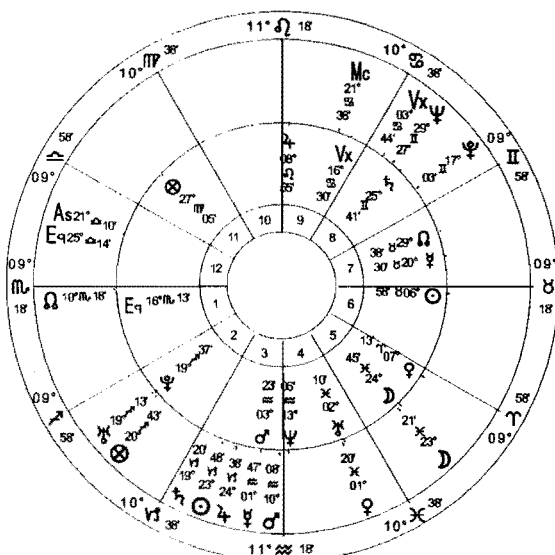
If we set the Chart for either dawn or 00.00 hours as suggested by Campion some of the planetary configurations are similar to those in the discussed Lunar Return but other placements make the Charts entirely inappropriate.

Here is the Lunar Return (precessed) drawn from the Dawn Chart, in a BiWheel with the Dawn Radix.



The planetary placements are entirely inappropriate for a terrorist attack: Natal Venus is right on the Ascendant! The 2nd-8th axis has only favourable influences (Venus ruling the 8th Cusp is conjunct the Moon).

Similarly, for the 0-hours Radix (below). The BiWheel is again inappropriate. Jupiter at the Midheaven presides over the Chart, in trine to Venus (happiness!) The Uranus/Pluto conjunction is in the House of Finances, conjunct *Fortuna* (no relation to death and destruction). Natal Mars is square to the Natal Node on the Ascendant, but neither the 8th House (deaths) nor the 12th (hidden enemies) is involved.



In summary, we may legitimately accept that the Radix time of 3:45 am has some validity, enough at least to justify forecasting future danger periods.

So what of the immediate future? We know there

will be further attacks by terrorists but can we pinpoint the times? To do this, at our present stage of knowledge I think it is necessary to monitor the following:

1. The Progressions and Directions, particularly those to the Midpoints where "malefic" planets are factors.
2. The Cyclic Charts, mainly the Lunar and Solar Returns, whether standard or precessed, Sun/Moon Phase Returns and Age Harmonics.
3. The Stations of the planets.

Regarding No. 1 above, I mention the importance of the Midpoints as they involve *three* factors. When these are, for instance, Mars, Saturn and Uranus or something of a like nature, they are obviously of first importance.

To be as comprehensive as possible we need Directions by Ascendant-Arc and Vertex-Arc as well as Solar-Arc. (For the lucky computer owners, these are all available in the Program *Solar Fire*.)

If the time of birth is not accurate, Directions of the Angles, Equatorial Ascendant, Vertex and *Fortuna* will not be reliable. If the time is widely out the dates of Progressed Aspects of the Luminaries and the inner planets will be wrong.

The cyclic charts can be either standard or precessed. I have usually found the latter to be the more indicative—but not always. When the choice is dubious, I set up both of them. I have found the one that is the best for interpretation is the one that has planets close to the Cusps—not just the Angles.

The planets at their *Stations* are by far the most important Transits. The outer planets are also effective when closely approaching or leaving their Stations as their speed is slower than normal.

The attack of 13 May 2003 was shown in the Saudi Chart by three factors (Directions and a Station):

1. ♄*♂/♄ (the quintessential terrorist signature), a Vertex-Arc Direction on 10 May 2003.
2. ♄sextile ♀/Asc, a converse Vertex-Arc Direction on 14 May 2003.
3. ♄Stationary at 13Aq11 ♂♂ (10Aq16) on 16 May 2003.

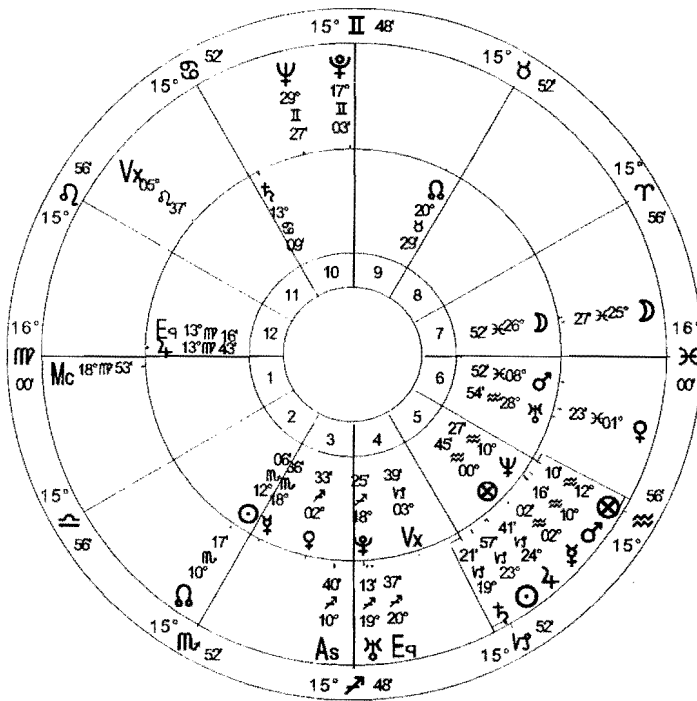
And we have already seen the context in the precessed Lunar Return of 27 April 2003.

The minor attack on 27 October 2003 coincided with

- ♄ Stationary on 26 Oct at 13Cn14 conjunct Cusp 8, 13Cn24 (Porphyry), and
- ♄ Stationary on 23 Oct at 10Aq24 ♂♂ at 10Aq16.

Looking ahead, we see ♄♄♄/♄ by Asc-Arc Direction on 7 Nov 2003 and ♄sextile ♄/♄ by converse Solar-Arc Direction on Nov 30.

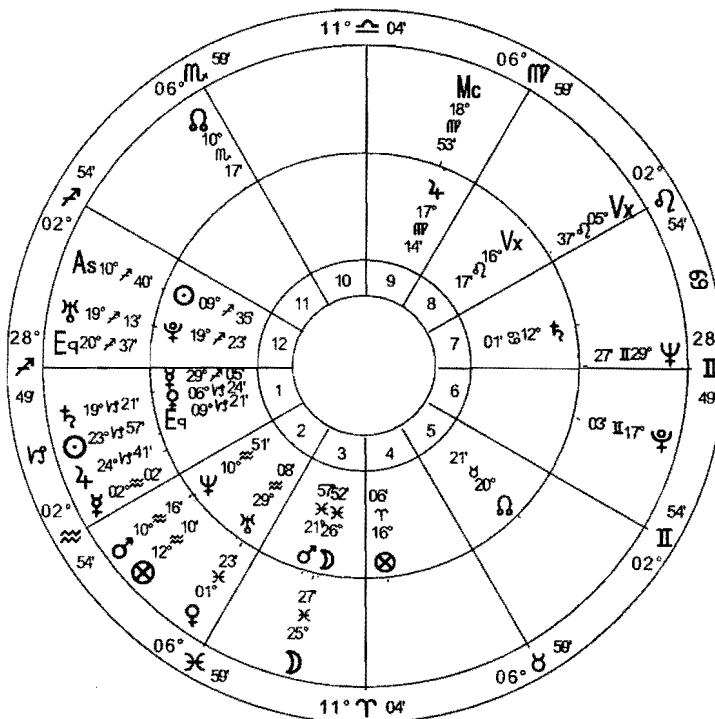
The precessed Lunar Return of 5 Nov—2 Dec 2003 (next column) shows this is a danger period but the portents do not appear to be sufficiently drastic to mean deaths and injury through terrorism. The worst feature is ♄♄♄ on the IC♄n.♄ on the Meridian and square n.MC on the Ascendant. This is bad enough for the Ruler (danger of insurrection) but so far as loss of life is concerned it is not particularly threatening. More so is Neptune conjunct n.Mars, as the 7th and 8th Houses are involved but will this lead to bloodshed?



Inner Wheel: Lunar Return (precessed) Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, 5 Nov 2003.
Outer Wheel: Radix, Saudi Arabia, 15 Jan 1902.

Perhaps plotting only—the 2nd-8th axis is clear of malefics. We need experience in assessing these Charts drawn from the radix of a nation.

The next Lunar period, 2—29 Dec 2003 has a Chart (below) that also holds elements of danger:



Inner Wheel: Precessed Lunar Return 2 Dec 2003, Riyadh.
Outer Wheel: Radix Saudi Arabia, 15 Jan 1902, 3:45 am LMT.

Pluto is still conjunct n.Uranus. Pluto is so slow-moving it will remain in contact with Uranus until the end of September 2004, perpetuating a climate of danger to the Saudi Kingdom all that time.

Aside from that, several factors in this Chart make it more ominous than the preceding one:

- Mercury rises conjunct the Ascendant and

opposes Neptune in the 7th House (which Mercury rules). This gives a double emphasis to the 7th House matters and may be interpreted as *treacherous enemies engaged in plots and subversive activities*.

- Ruler of the Chart, Jupiter, is afflicted by a very close square to n.Pluto (*heavy losses*). As Jupiter also contacts the n.MC these will be losses affecting the rulership of the Kingdom.
- Neptune is conjunct n.Mars, however Neptune is gathering speed and will soon be out of the 1° orb.
- The Sun rules the House of Deaths and is posited with the n.Ascendant in the House of Sorrows. Jupiter disposes the Sun and is square to n.Pluto. This combination of factors certainly points to numerous deaths through violence.
- The Moon conjoins Mars (*violence and injury to the populace*).

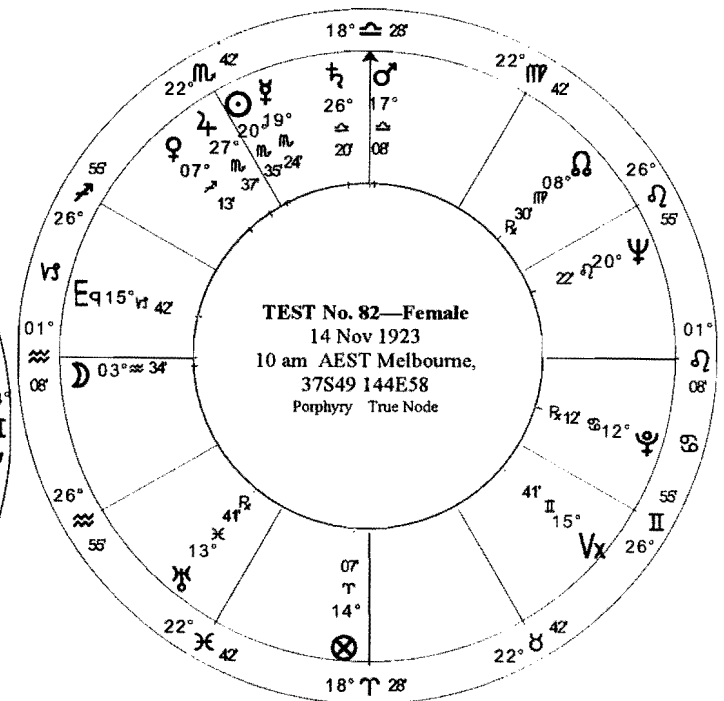
Critical points by Direction of the Radix are—

- Dec 15, when $\text{♂♂♂} \text{D}/\Psi$ (conv Asc-Arc).
- Dec 23, when $\text{♀} \square \text{D}/\text{♂}$ (Asc-Arc).
- Dec 25, when $\text{♀} \Delta \Psi$ Asc (conv Prgn).
- Dec 29, when the $\text{D} \square \text{♂} \Psi$ (Prgn).

TEST NO. 82 — REPORT

TEST 82 concerned a woman born 14 Nov 1923, 10:00 am AEST [-10:00], Melbourne, Australia, whose Natus appears below:

The question was which of the following five events

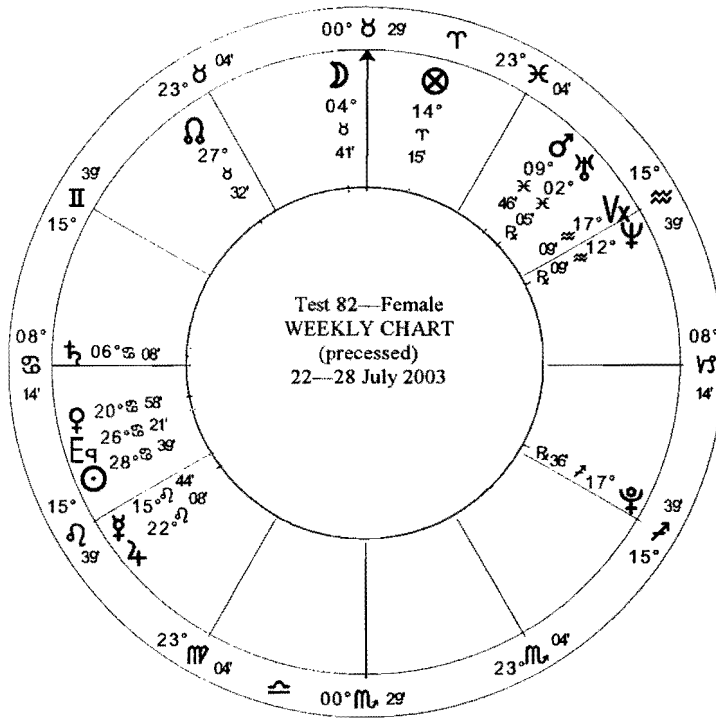


occurred in her life on 26 July 2003?

1. She had a heart attack.
2. She moved into a nursing home.
3. Her eldest daughter moved in to care for her.
4. She was diagnosed with cancer.
5. She died.

The correct answer was the woman died. Thirteen of the 30 respondents solved the problem using quite a variety of astrological techniques.

The answer is clear immediately from the precessed Weekly Chart shown on the next page (described as "4th Harmonic Lunar Return" in the computer



Program *Solar Fire*): Saturn right on the Ascendant is not only square to the Moon, Ruler of the Chart, but also rules the House of Death. Additional supporting factors can be found but this is enough.

Congratulations to all who ventured to test their methods by attempting to find the answer. It is pleasing that many respondents write their appreciation of the Tests and the opportunity given them to use and develop their techniques.

TEST NO. 83

Test No. 83 concerns a male born on 11th March 1948 at 7:54 am CET in Vienna, Austria (48N13, 16E200). Asc 7Ta05, MC17Cp14, Moon 25Pi06.

The question is, what occurred in his life on 17 May 2001. It was one of the following events:

1. He changed his job.
2. He went on an overseas trip.
3. He discontinued a course of advanced study.
4. He had a surgical operation.
5. He sold his house.

Use any astrological technique and please post or email your solution to me by 15 November 2003.

Give the astrological basis for your answer—only the most important factor, not all the supporting evidence.

Remember these "Tests" are not competitions but learning exercises designed to help you develop more insight and skill in Astrology. By spending time trying to find the answer you will gain more expertise than by any amount of desultory reading of texts.

All who send in an answer will receive a personal reply, giving the correct solution and later a copy of the Test Report.

THE USA FIRE STORMS

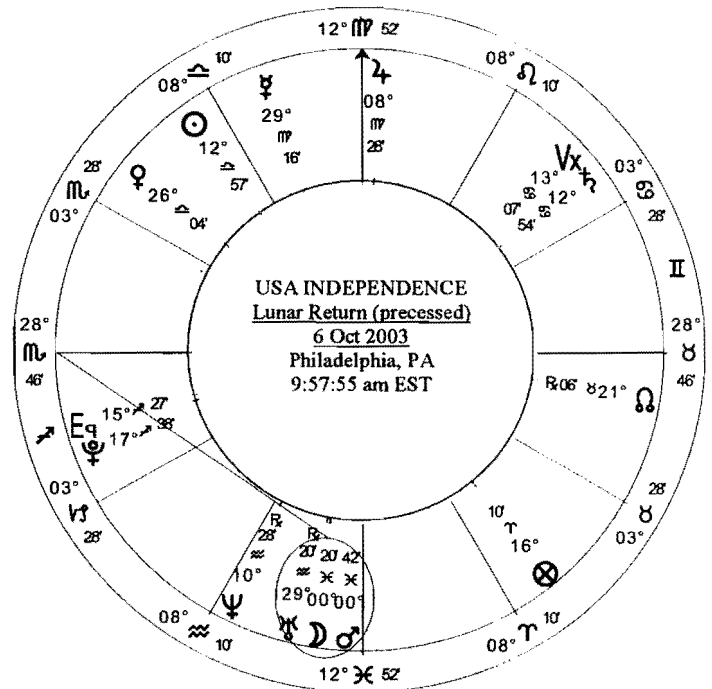
The horrific fires that have been devastating California for the past weeks are reflected in the Lunar Return Chart (precessed) drawn from the USA

Re 'Tradition versus Experience'

Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) writes: I quite agree, especially about the belief some astrologers have that 'nothing can happen to an individual that is not depicted in the Birth Horoscope'.

Many times, I have seen an event depicted in a Return or Harmonic Chart. What is strange (to me) is that Transits so often fail to depict an event.

Anyway, your article shows that Astrology is an evolving Art, and not a static diagnostic tool solely reliant on "authority" (whether right or wrong).

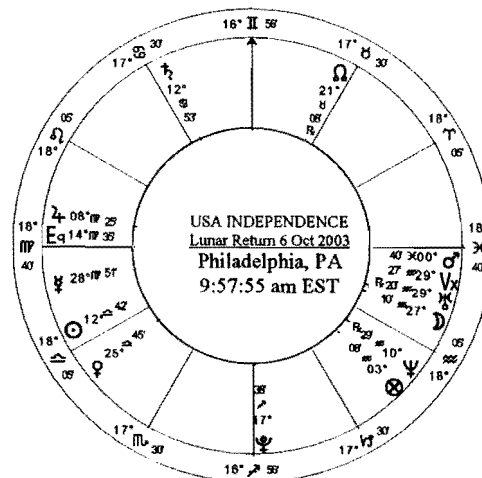


Independence Chart (4 July 1776, 5:10:17 pm EST; Asc 12Sg16, MC 00Li59).

The prominent feature, of course, is the close conjunction of the Moon with Mars and Uranus, all square to the Ascendant which is ruled by Mars.

For interest's sake here also is the standard Lunar Return (not precessed) which is not as graphic as the precessed Figure in its representation of the fires. It has Pluto on the IC and the Moon in a looser conjunction with Uranus, Vertex and Mars.

There is no involvement with the Ascendant. This is typical of the difference between the standard and precessed figures (with occasional exceptions).



My kind regards to all.

— Dymock.

31 October, 2003



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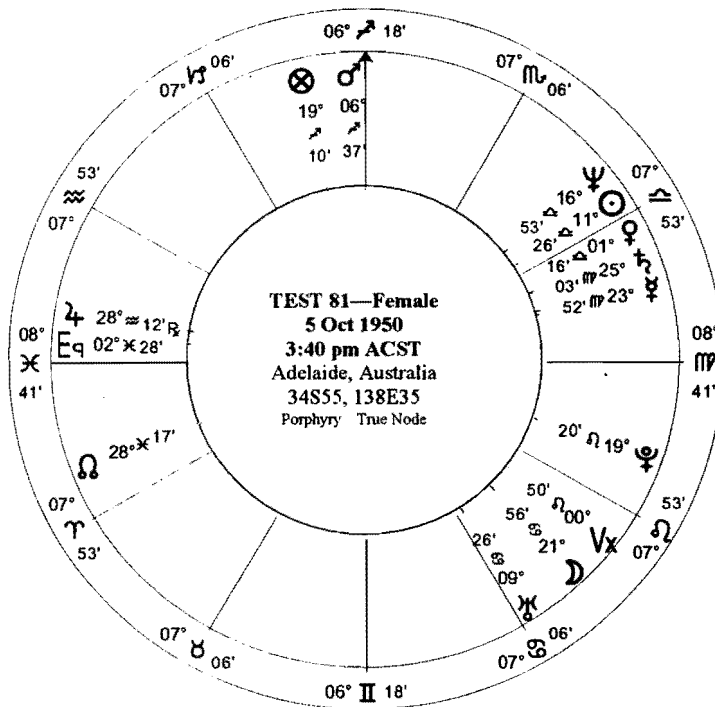
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TEST 81—REPORT & COMPARISON OF CHARTS

This Test was an exercise in matching dates with events. There were three important events in the life of a woman whose Birth Chart appears below:



The three important events in her life were:

1. She started a business.
2. She travelled to India and had a joyous love affair.
3. Her grandmother died.

The dates of the events were 4 August 1995, 25 July 2000, and 26 November 1990.

The correct matching is:

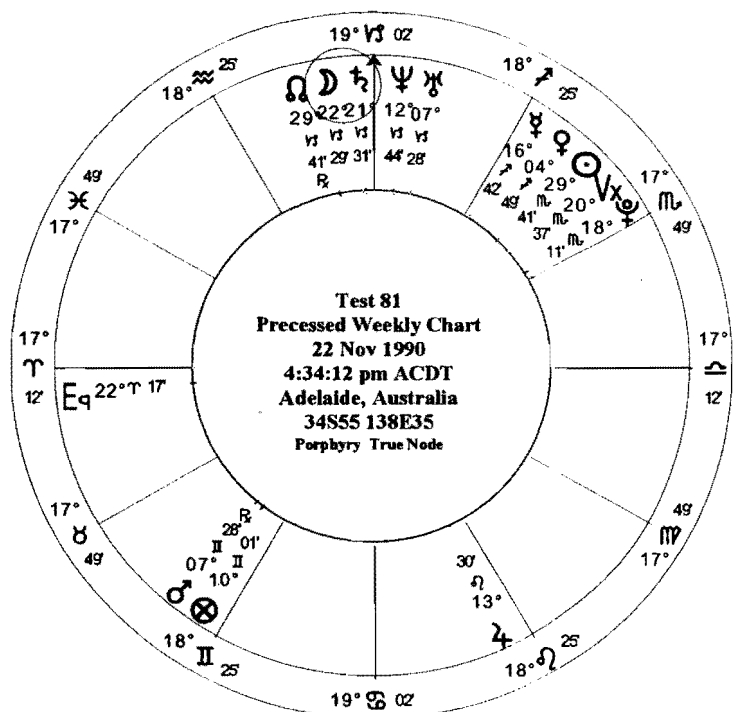
1. She started a business, 26 November 1990.
2. She travelled to India and had a joyous love affair, 25 July 2000.
3. Her grandmother died, 4 August 1995.

There were 32 participants in this Test. Eight of them were right.

A quick and reliable method for Western Astrologers to get the correct matching is to set up either the Weekly Chart or the Age Harmonic for each of the three dates. It then becomes obvious which date to allot to each event. Weekly Charts were described in Issue 263 (pages 1-2).

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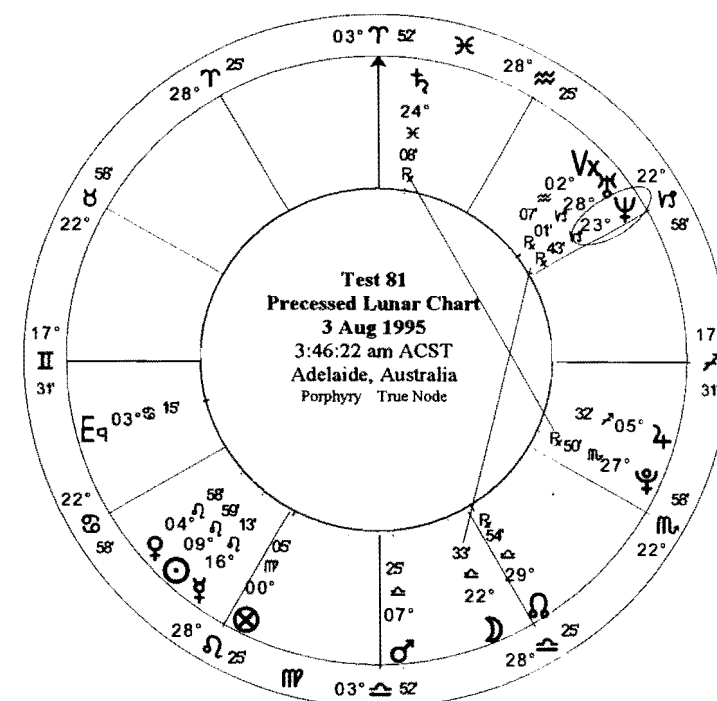
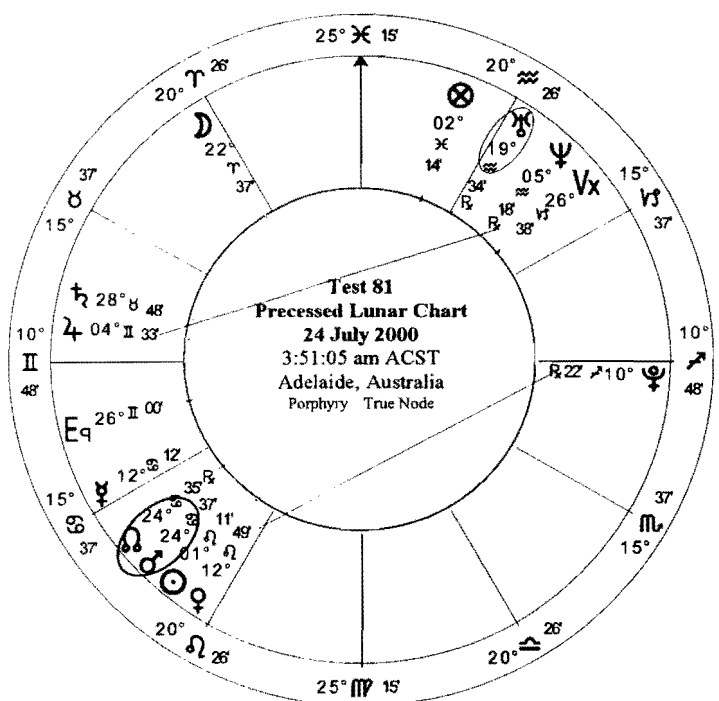
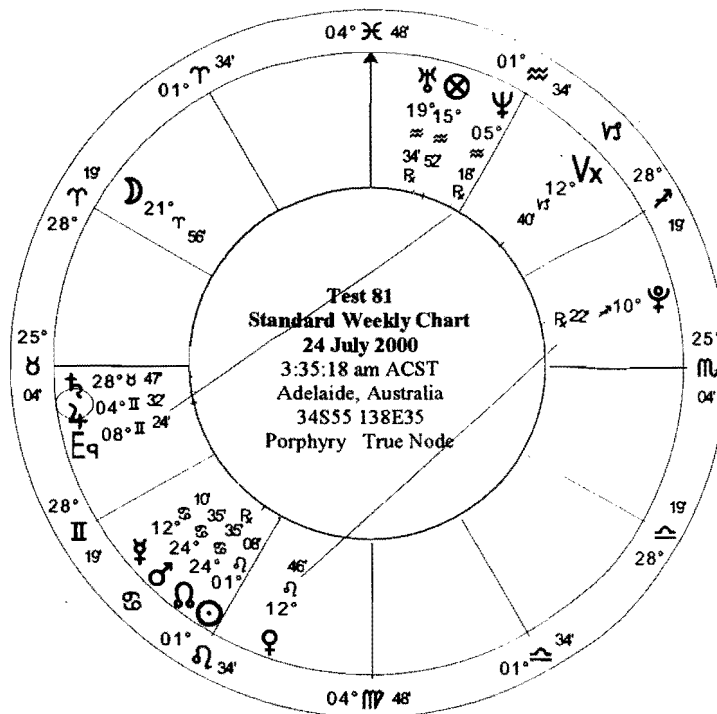
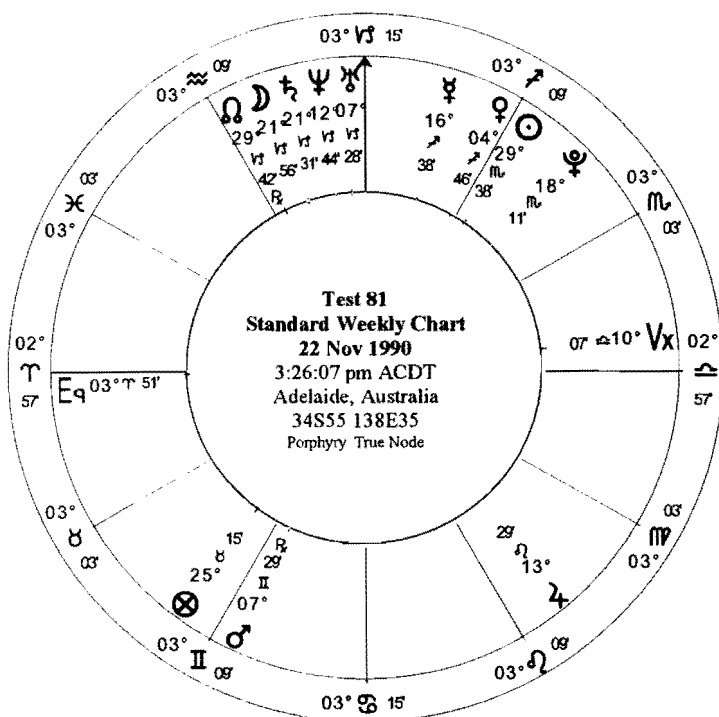


I am printing the Weekly Charts covering each of the above dates. As this Journal is dedicated to the improvement of Astrological practice I am taking the opportunity to display both the Precessed and the standard (non-precessed) charts for each event so as to give readers the opportunity to make comparisons.

She started a business on 26 Nov 1990

The Moon conjunct Saturn in the 10th House in Capricorn is the most powerful configuration in the precessed Chart (above) and is an immediate pointer to a business. If you want confirming evidence, circumscribe the Natal Chart. Natal Mercury in the 6th House of the Weekly Chart (shop goods) is trine to the Moon/Saturn conjunction.

The standard (non-precessed) Weekly Chart is on the next page. The accumulation of planets in the 10th House would lead one to diagnosing the start of a business, but the Sun and Venus in conjunction and straddling the 9th Cusp would also suggest the travel and love affair. This would be wrong. There is no such ambiguity about the precessed Return, so it must be adjudged superior in this instance.



**She travelled to India on July 25, 2000,
 and had a joyous love affair.**

This Precessed Weekly Chart for 24 July 2000 is easily allotted to the travel to India and subsequent love affair: Uranus is on the 9th Cusp (air travel). Venus rules the House of Love and Romance and is trine to Pluto, powerfully placed on the 7th Cusp (intense love); Mars is conjunct the North Node (passionate union).

In the Standard Weekly Chart (next column) travel is shown by Jupiter rising trine Neptune in the 9th House. The love affair is again signified by Venus trine Pluto in the 7th, and Mars conjunct the Node.

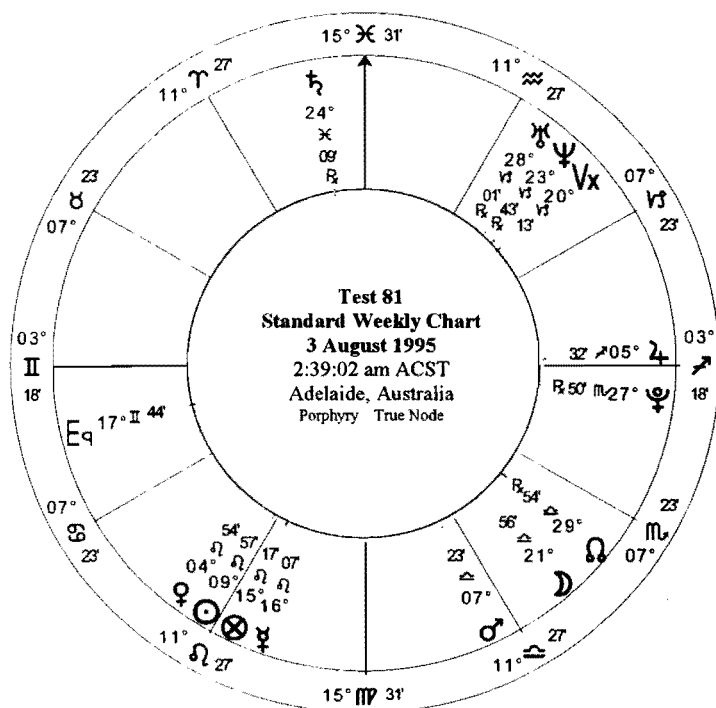
These two Charts are about equal in their signification though the Precessed Chart is a little

stronger, Uranus being right on the 9th Cusp and Pluto right on the 7th.

Her grandmother died on August 4th 1995

The precessed Weekly Chart for 3 Aug 1995 (above) has Neptune on the Cusp of the 8th House square to the Moon (death of a woman), while Uranus in the 8th is square to the Moon's Node in the 5th House (breaking of a love-link). Additionally, Saturn (aged persons) is trine to Pluto (death).

In the Standard Weekly Chart (next column) the same Aspects apply but they are less powerful (and less obvious) through being further removed from the



Cusp.

You can always check your answers by trying each Chart for any indications of the other alternatives. For the three precessed Charts above, none of the alternatives could reasonably be allotted to any of them.

Generally, I start with the precessed Weekly Charts as I usually find them the more indicative, but if no clear answer emerges (even with the Birth Chart circumscribed) I also inspect the standard (non-precessed) charts or the Monthly Age Harmonics. The latter are a little more trouble to set up but are sometimes the best.

Anyone else who would like to see how important events in their life are reflected in the Charts is invited to send the data to me.

— Dymock.

TEST 82

This month's Test concerns a woman born 14 Nov 1923, 10:00 am AEST [-10:00], Melbourne, Australia, 37S49, 144E58.

Asc 1Aq08, MC18Li28 Moon, 3Aq34 (Tropical Zodiac). She is a widow with six children by two marriages and is in poor health. Which of the following five events actually occurred in her life on 26 July 2003?

1. She had a heart attack.
2. She moved into a nursing home.
3. Her eldest daughter moved in with her to care for her.
4. She was diagnosed with cancer.
5. She died.

Please e-mail or post your response to me by **15 October**, giving the astrological basis for it—just the critical factor—Aspect, configuration, House position,

etc. As an example, the critical factors in each of the three precessed Charts above are: (1) Moon conjunct Saturn in the 10th House; (2) Uranus conjunct Cusp 9, and Venus trine Pluto (two events); (3) Neptune on the 8th Cusp square the Moon.

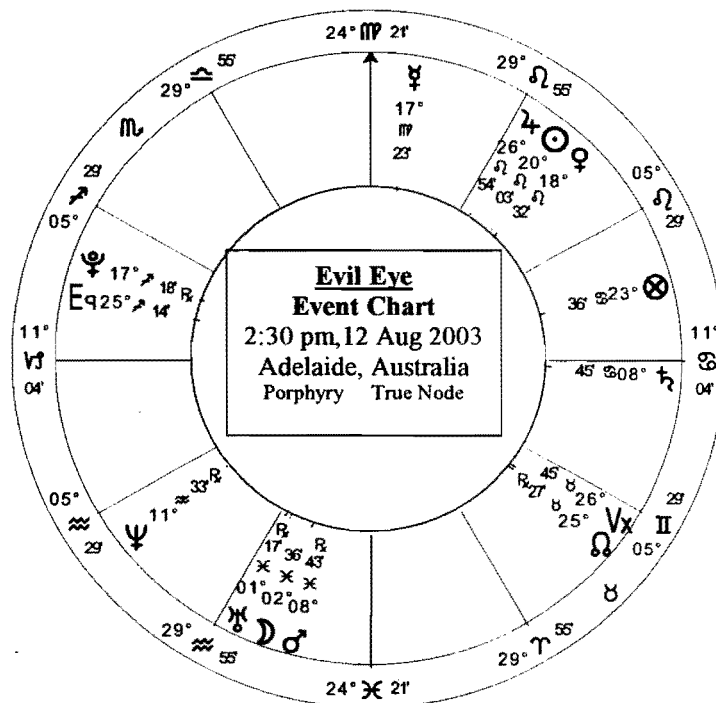
Further supporting factors are not required. Additional digging and study may be desirable for you, the participant, as it is a learning process, but it adds to my task of checking the work, and if your answer is wrong, no amount of additional evidence will persuade me otherwise.

Tests such as this are valuable as they teach the finer points of differentiation between events that appear to be equally possible. Accurate differentiation is one of the great difficulties in Astrology.

— Dymock.

EVIL EYE

Here is the Chart of the date and time a young woman claimed the experience of receiving *The Evil Eye* from one of her co-workers. What are your thoughts about it? Give it some consideration before reading mine below (inverted).



Strange things do happen. Putting a "hex" (Evil Eye) on some one has passed into the language. I can think of no more appropriate Aspect for it than Pluto square Mercury, here with the tiny orb of 0°5'. So perhaps the young woman was right. She suffered no physical damage but was conscious of jealousy and vindictive-ness directed against her.

— Dymock.

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TRADITION VERSUS EXPERIENCE

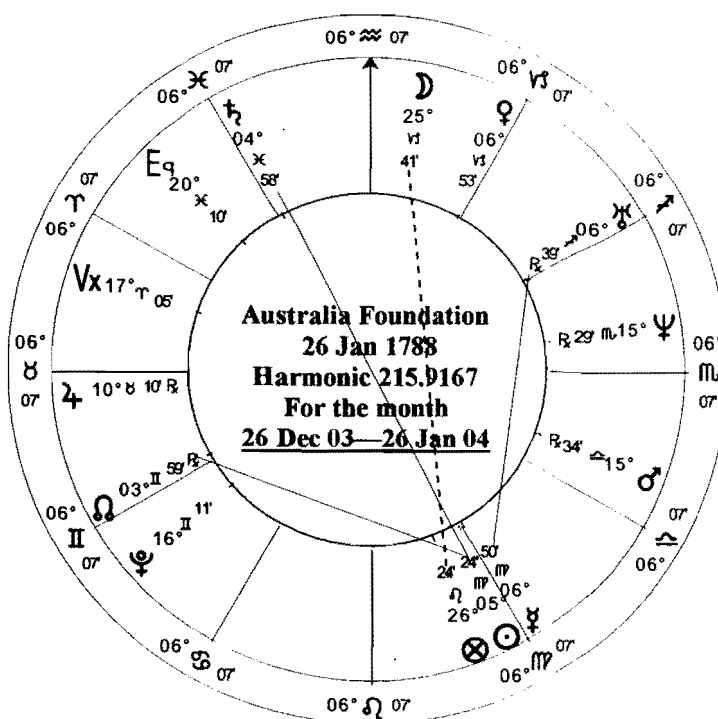
Astrologers as a body are held to be generally under the influence of the planet Uranus—liberated thinkers with independent views, freedom-loving, eccentric, unsocial, non-mixers and non-joiners, etc. Yet one finds plenty of them are bound by tradition—astrological tradition. Today there are group lists of members communicating by e-mail where the answers to any questions, interpretations, horary charts, etc. are expected to be couched in terms of "Traditional Astrology", as though any new material coming after the 17th Century has no real value. Every answer has to be arrived at using only the tools available to the "ancients". Reference to the more recently discovered planets—Uranus, Neptune and Pluto is frowned upon, as if what the "ancients" used held the key to all mysteries without any further addition. There is actually a "Horary" List where any member who interprets a Chart is more or less expected to justify his/her answer by quoting authority from the horary "Bible"—Williams Lilly's *Christian Astrology* (1647). Members do not see this as a needless restriction that simply makes delineation, prediction and problem-solving more difficult. This attitude has permeated the ranks of astrologers, many of whom seek answers to all their astrological problems from published books, whether ancient or modern. If it's not in a book it can't be right or have any value. They rarely or never think to challenge the assumptions of the past and use their own knowledge and experience to arrive possibly at a different conclusion. These assumptions have come to be viewed reverentially because they are repeated, parrot fashion, by teachers and exponents of the art who have simply accepted them without question as a received truth.

One such is the assertion, frequently encountered, and even repeated like a mantra, that nothing can happen to an individual that is not depicted in the Birth Horoscope. This is so obviously wrong that it casts doubt on the mental processes of the persons proclaiming it. They are not unintelligent but only hypnotised and inhibited by the enormity of challenging the written or spoken word of some revered teacher. Certainly everything that is shown in the Natus will quite likely happen to the person, if he lives long enough, but many other things can happen too, things that are *not* shown in the Natus. You need only cast the Cyclic Charts (Solar and Lunar Returns, Sun-Moon Phase Returns) and Age Harmonic Charts to see this for yourself. To what degree the potentials of these Charts are exploited depends on the individual—how vigorous he is in breaking free from the restrictions of the birth chart and exercising his free will and initiative. Not to do so is a denial of his birth right and implies little or no evolutionary progress at all for that individual. He will die with practically the same chart as the one with which he was born.

Happily, however, there are also plenty of astrologers who hold the opposite view and make full use of modern discoveries and new astrological tools. These are the ones who, though respecting Tradition are not chained by it. They are extending the

boundaries of our Art into realms unimagined before. My plea to all astrologers is to be in this vanguard—test the conventional tenets of Astrology, look into new methods, and try out things for yourself. Maybe some innovations will not be accepted but at least give yourself the chance to profit from the new ideas and discoveries of modern astrologers. — Dymock.

AUSTRALIA—FORECAST FOR JANUARY 2004



Above is Australia's Age Harmonic Chart for the month 26 Dec 2003 — 26 Jan 2004. It is based on the Radix 26 Jan 1788, 11:00 am LMT, Sydney Cove, Australia, 33S51'54", 151E12'30".

The Chart draws attention because of the strong Aspects — Saturn opposite the Sun and Mercury, the Moon quincunx the North Node, Uranus square Mercury, the Node square the Sun.

As Saturn rules the 10th House (the Government) and opposes the Sun (also the Government) It appears that Prime Minister John Howard will have some problems. He will be facing a loss of support and delay in getting the Party's legislation through Parliament (*Saturn ruling 9th House*).

Business will take a downturn (*Saturn opposite Mercury*) and property values will decline (*the Sun ruling the 4th House*)—the long expected fall in the inflated prices of the last year.

Saturn opposing the Sun points also to collapse of buildings, walls, scaffoldings, etc., and accidents are likely where workmen have to be rescued.

There will be rebellion from dissatisfied members of the teaching profession and more disturbing reports of child-abuse (*Uranus square Mercury*).

Fortunately, the Chart does not show evidence of terrorist outrages.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock.
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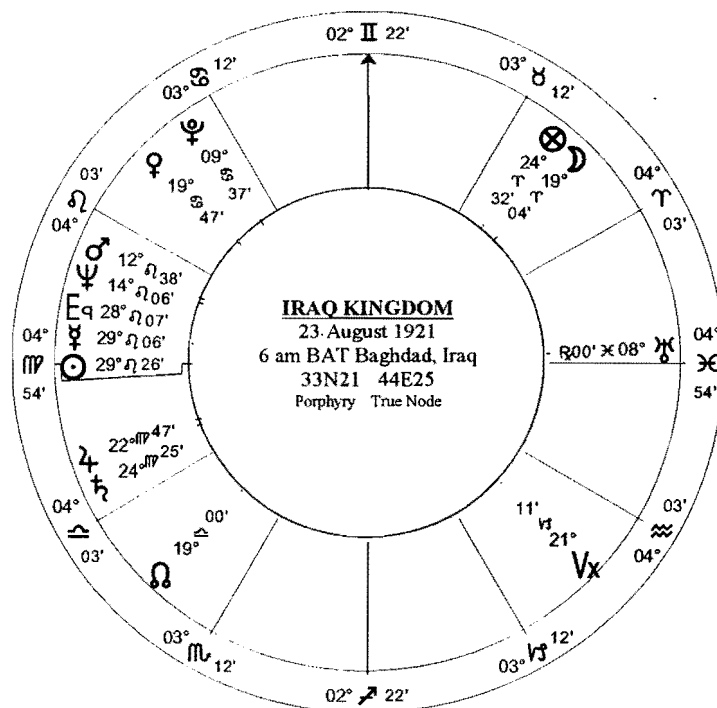
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COMBATING TERRORISM

The latest appalling acts of terrorism, the bombing of the United Nations Headquarters in Baghdad and the crowded bus in Jerusalem, both on 19 August, 2003, are further evidence of a remorseless and demonic foe. The loss of life and long list of wounded is horrendous. One wonders can we ever overcome the malignity in human nature.

Our chances of forestalling the perpetration of such monstrous acts appear to lie, astrologically, in a close monitoring of the cyclic charts drawn from the genitures of the nations deemed to be at risk. This is a big task, probably requiring the combined efforts of a group of astrologers, but still the best approach to the problem that we have at present.

Here is the **Radix of Iraq**. The Chart is taken from Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes*.

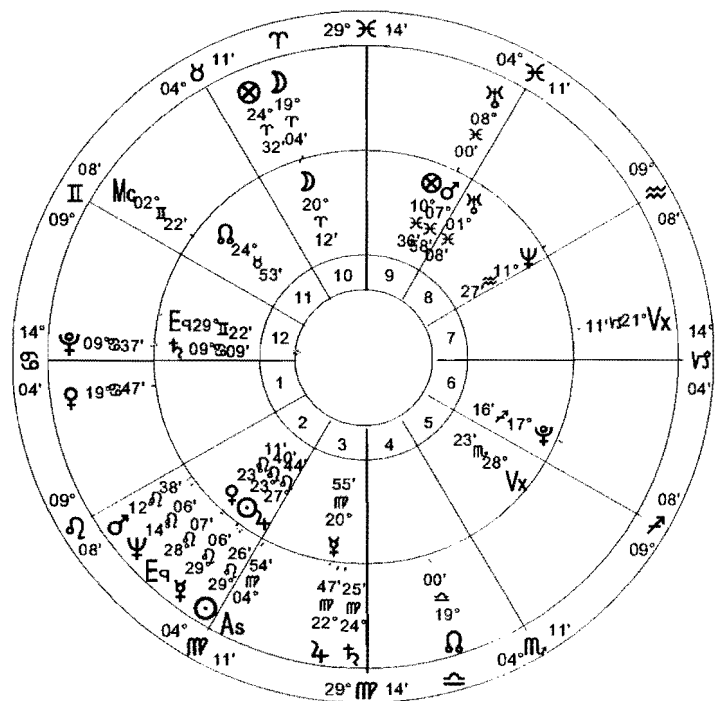


In the next column is the precessed **Lunar Return Chart** of 17th August 2003 in a Biwheel with the Radix. This is just two days before the bombing. It gives grim warning of this latest attack—malefic conjunctions with small orbs on Cusps:

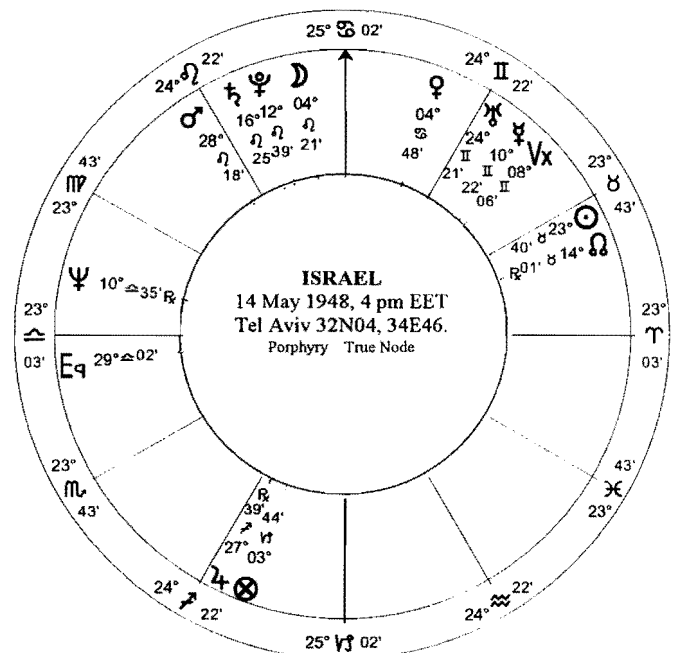
- Mars conjunct natal Uranus (*explosion*);
- Saturn conjunct natal Pluto just above the Ascendant (*massive destruction*);
- Neptune on the 8th Cusp opposite natal Mars (*concealed attack*).

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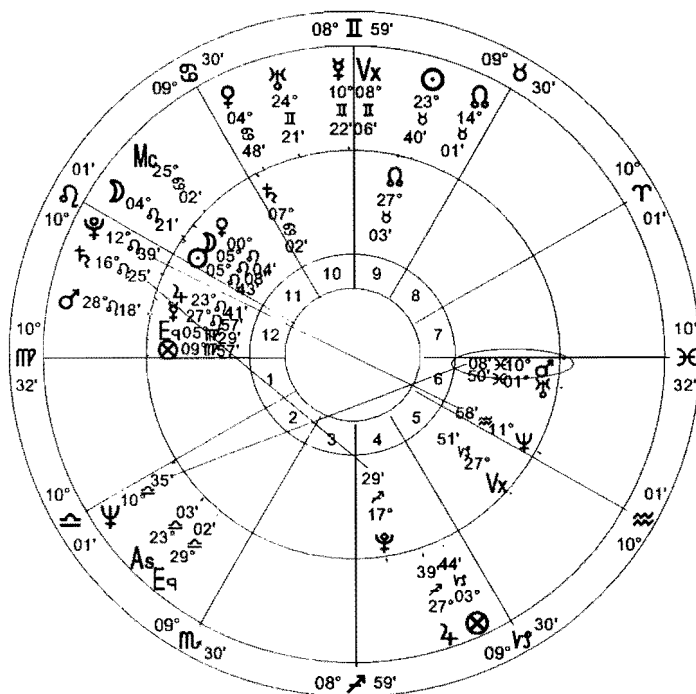


Outer Wheel: Radix Iraq Kingdom, 23 Aug 1921, Baghdad.

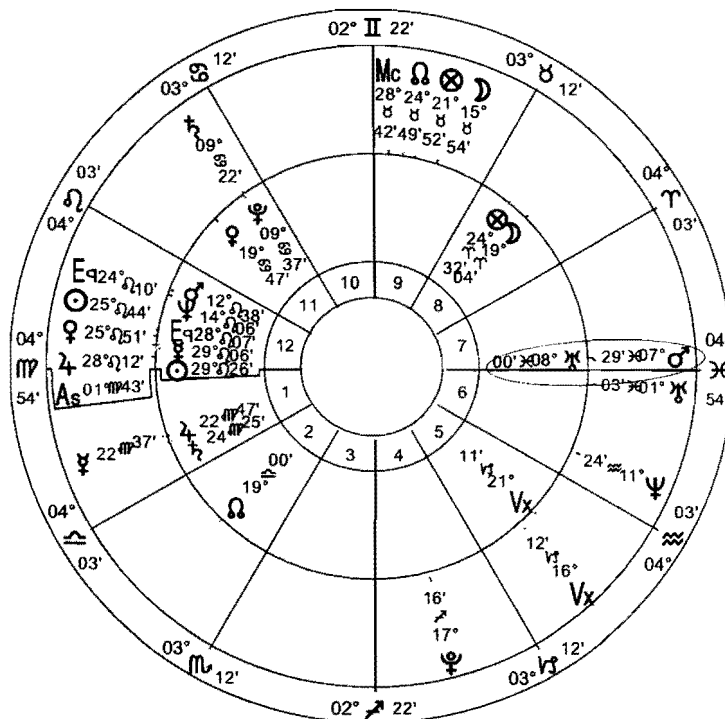


The Radix of Israel above is from *The Book of World Horoscopes*. Here is the **Biwheel (Lunar Return and Radix)** covering the date of the bombing. It, too, gives

the cusps. Applying this idea to the Radix of Iraq, we have the Biwheel printed below.



Inner Wheel and Cusps: Israel, Lunar Return (precessed), 29 July 2003, Jerusalem, Israel.
Outer Wheel: Radix Israel, 14 May 1948, Tel Aviv, Israel.



Inner Wheel and Cusps: Iraq-Kingdom, 23 Aug 1921, 6 am, Baghdad.
Outer Wheel: Iraq's Day Chart (Transits) 19 Aug 2003

adequate warning:

- Mars (ruling both the House of Death and the House of Vehicles) directly opposite the Rising Degree (*violence against the people*).
- Mars trine natal Neptune (*stealthy attack*).
- Neptune opposite natal Pluto (*hidden enemy*).
- Pluto trine natal Saturn (*massive damage*).

So the Lunar Returns have a very useful function in identifying danger periods. But it still remains to define the *date* more precisely and to narrow down the *location* where it is to be expected. To find the date, utilize the **Weekly Charts** described in the July Issue of this Journal, pages 1-2.

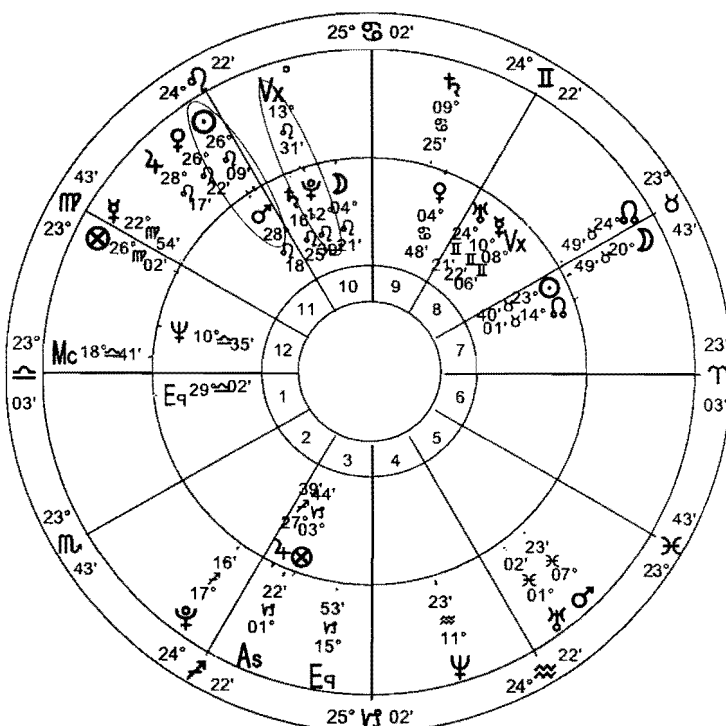
Progressions or Directions will sometimes lead us directly to a danger period. **Directions** (by Solar-Arc, Ascendant-Arc or Vertex-Arc) are usually more helpful than **Secondary Progressions** because of the greater number of Aspects formed by the heavy planets. **Primary Directions** to single factors are too uncertain in their timing but **Primary Directions to Midpoints** are often accurate to the day when calculated by the *Solar Fire Program*.

Generally, I have found the *precessed* Return to be more indicative than the standard, non-precessed, figure but it is a good plan to look at both and work from the one that has the most powerful positions (mostly, malefic planets conjunct the cusps).

Estimating the exact date is tricky but make use of **Day Charts** as described in the July Issue. In the Biwheel, alternately put the Day Chart inside and outside the Radix. Putting it around the Radix shows the Transits. Look specifically for conjunctions near

The Transit of Mars, closely applying to the conjunction of natal Uranus on the Descendant is a strong indication that this is the day of greatest danger in the limited period being reviewed. Transiting Saturn conjunct Pluto, and Transiting Neptune opposite Mars are characteristic of the whole dangerous period but of *no use for ascertaining the exact date* as they are slow-moving and will retain their malefic positions for weeks.

The **Biwheel for Israel** (Radix and Day Chart) on



Inner Wheel and Cusps: Israel Radix 14 May 1948, Tel Aviv, 32N04 34E46.
Outer Wheel: Israel's Day Chart (Transits) 19 Aug 2003

19th August (above) shows only the Sun transiting Mars (7th House Ruler) and the Vertex transiting natal Pluto but these are sufficient to distinguish 19 August as the danger day. The Vertex position is only appropriate because it is derived from the Day Chart and based on the TIME of the Radix. The ponderous Transits of Saturn square natal Neptune, Pluto trine natal Saturn, are useless for identifying the day. They refer to a period of weeks, as in the Biwheel for Iraq.

So keeping track of the danger periods for threatened nations is a lengthy and demanding business requiring both dedication and expertise. It would hardly be possible in the manner described above without the aid of computers. — Dymock.

SADDAM HUSSEIN'S BIRTH DATA IN QUESTION

Nicholas Sutherland of San Antonio, Texas, sends the following important information:

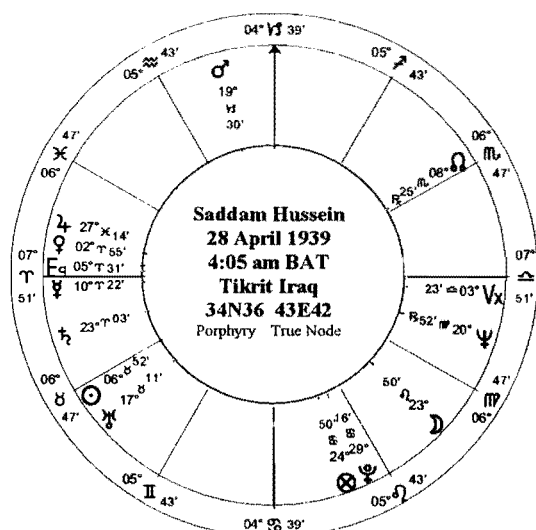
Con Coughlin, Executive Editor for London's *Sunday Telegraph* and one the world's leading authorities on the Middle East, spent three years researching his latest book, *Saddam—King of Terror*.

He first points out that Saddam was born in the village of Al-Ouja, eight kilometers south of Tikrit—not in Tikrit. Al-Ouja was then a collection of mud huts and houses where peasants lived in abject poverty. At this time it was the custom of authorities to give all peasant children the nominal birth date of July 1, and there is a certificate in one of Saddam's official biographies that gives July, 1939 as his date of birth.

Saddam acquired his "official" birth date, which was made a National Holiday in 1980, by simply taking the birthday from his friend and future co-conspirator Abdul Karim al-Shaikly. This friend from a well-established Baghdad family possessed an authentic birth date.

Apparently Saddam wanted to also be older than he was so he changed his year of birth from 1939 to 1937. His wife was born in 1937 and in Arab society it is frowned upon to marry an older woman. Also, appearing older probably helped his rapid ascent through the ranks of the Baath Party.

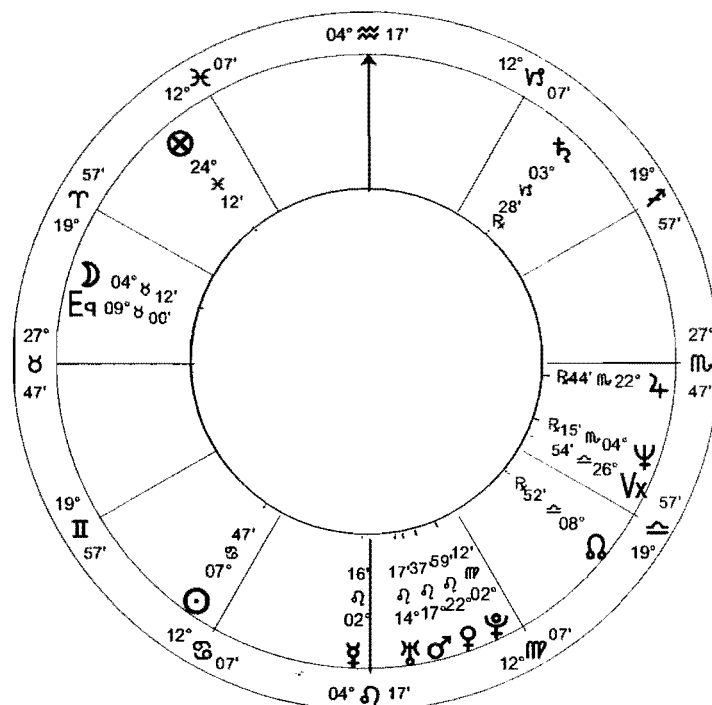
Here is Saddam Hussein's Natal Chart set for 1939



instead of 1937: It is offered as a project for further research. The Ascendant is still Aries, and Ruler Mars is square Saturn, trine Uranus and trine Neptune.

Test No. 80—Report

Test No. 80 concerned a woman born on June 30, 1959 at 2:41 am EST at Watervliet, Michigan, 42N11, 86W16. Here is the Figure:



On a certain date in the year 2000 her home in Grand Ledge, Michigan, 42N45, 84W45 was struck by lightning and destroyed in the fire that followed. The Test was to find that date.

It was **22nd August 2000**.

A quick way to the answer was recognize that Mars + Uranus signifies a lightning strike (and the fire that follows). Then look at the Transits and observe that Mars transited Natal Uranus in the House of the Home on 22nd August in the year 2000.

Congratulations to all who attempted this Test. It involved time and effort but all the Tests are a useful learning exercise and will certainly advance your astrological skills.

TEST NO. 81

This month's Test is an exercise in matching dates with events. It concerns a woman born in Adelaide, Australia (34S55, 138E35) on 5 Oct 1950 at 3:40 pm ACST (Ascendant 8Pi41, MC 6Sg18, Moon 21Cn56).

Three important events in her life were:

1. She started a business.
2. She travelled to India and had a joyous love affair.
3. Her grandmother died.

The dates of the events were

4 August 1995,
25 July 2000,
26 November 1990.

Can you match each event with its date?

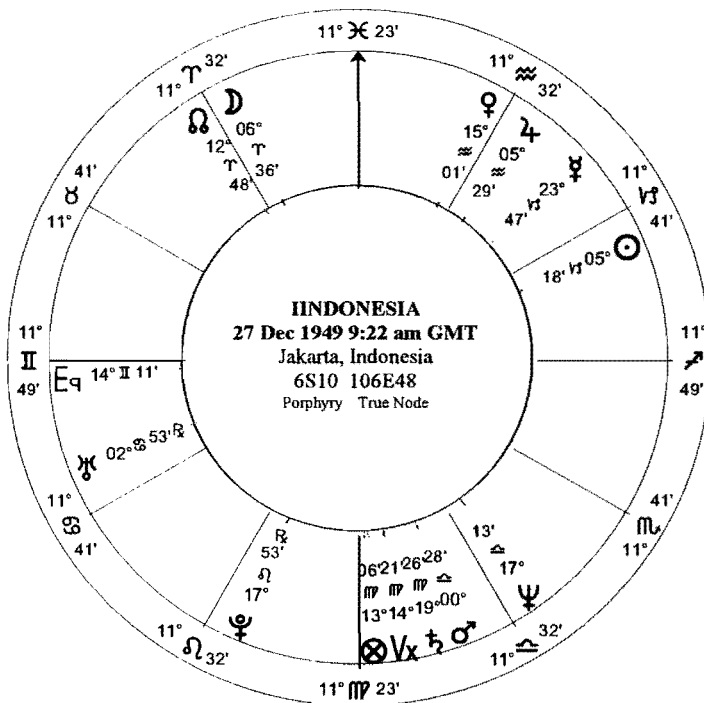
Please send your answer to me with its astrological

basis by **September 15**. The correct matching will be published in the September Journal, but all participants will receive the answer individually and also the final Report listing all correct answers with the methods used. (Please give only your principal method. Supporting evidence from other techniques will not enhance your answer.) — Dymock.

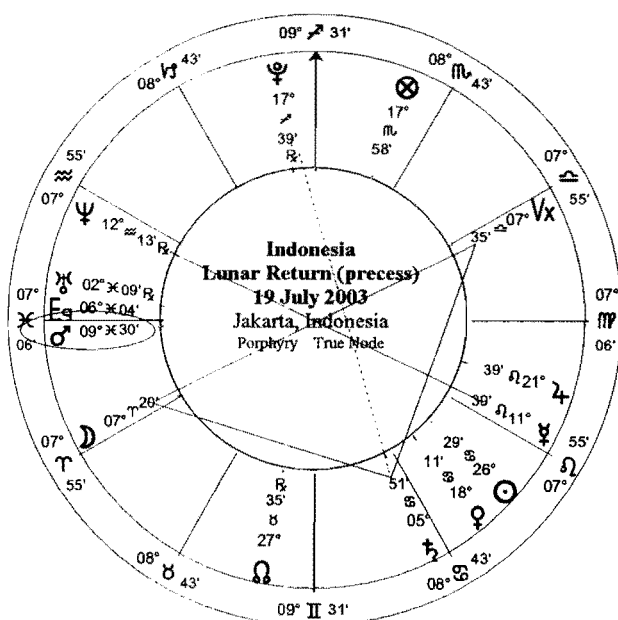
INDONESIA

Indonesia is also suffering from terrorist activity including the bombing of the Marriott Hotel on August 5. Here is the Radix of Indonesia as given by Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*):

At the time of the bombing the (precessed) **Lunar**

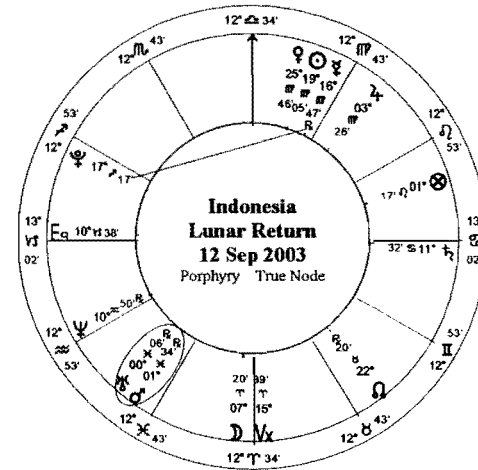


Return (below) had Mars conjunct the Ascendant, Neptune opposite Mercury, Pluto sesquare Saturn, the Moon in a T-Square with the Vertex and Saturn—all very appropriate for the event.

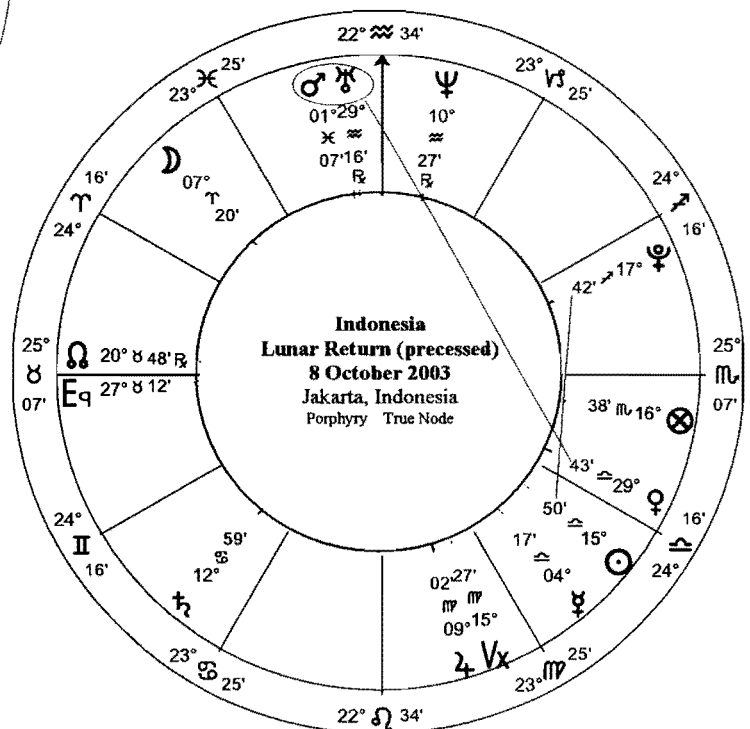


The powers that be in Jakarta are anticipating further terrorist attacks.

The **Lunar Return of 12 September** has a conjunction of Mars and Uranus which is not by any means peaceful but its position away from the Cusps and unconnected with a major Significator does not suggest a terrorist attack. Mercury in the 9th House square Pluto in the 12th certainly indicates subversive plotting against the Government from abroad or by foreign nationals.



The **October Return** is more threatening. The conjunction of Mars and Uranus now occupies the 10th House and trines the Ruler, Venus, while Pluto sextiles the Sun. The malefic planets are here in contact with important Significators. Another



disturbing feature is Pluto in very close square to the Midpoint Mercury/Mars which is characteristic of violent assaults from malefactors.

The Jakarta police need to be specially vigilant in the week **October 24–31**. The **weekly Chart** for this period shows Saturn on the Meridian in a T-Square with the natal Ascendant and Nodal Axis plus some adverse connections of Mars.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock.
25 August 2003.



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Dear Readers,

If I did not know it before then it has become very clear with Dymock's recent life-threatening illness that we are truly an astrological family. All your good wishes have been a great help for us during this difficult time. We thank you deeply.

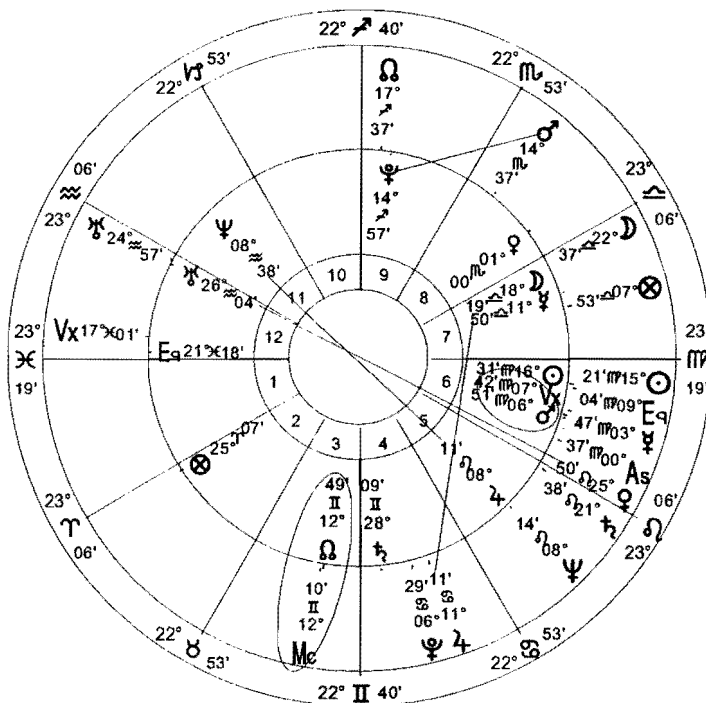
— Marguerite.

OVERVIEW OF AN ILLNESS

July has been an eventful month for your Editor. I suffered a *subdural hematoma* (bleeding onto the lining of the brain) and had emergency surgery on Sunday the 5th. That is why the Journal is late this month. Fortunately the operation was successful and I am now recovering my strength. The Charts relating to the illness are indicative and interesting.

An early intimation of possibly serious health trouble was given in the Solar Returns of 8/9 Sep 2002, both Standard and Precessed. Here is the Precessed Chart, surrounded by the Birth Figure.

Pisces rises (not a strong Sign) and Ruler Jupiter



Inner Wheel and Cusps: Dymock Brose, **Precessed Solar Return**, 9 Sep 2002. 6:30:45 pm ACST, Adelaide, 34S55, 138E35.

Outer Wheel: **Natal Chart**, 9 Sep 1918, 5:50 am ACST, Adelaide. Porphyry. True Node.

also rules the House of Career. The close opposition from Neptune is separative in effect and suggests the temporary loss of professional activity. SR-Mercury square Natal Jupiter also implies difficulties. The accent is on work and career with the Moon's Node conjunct the Natal MC.

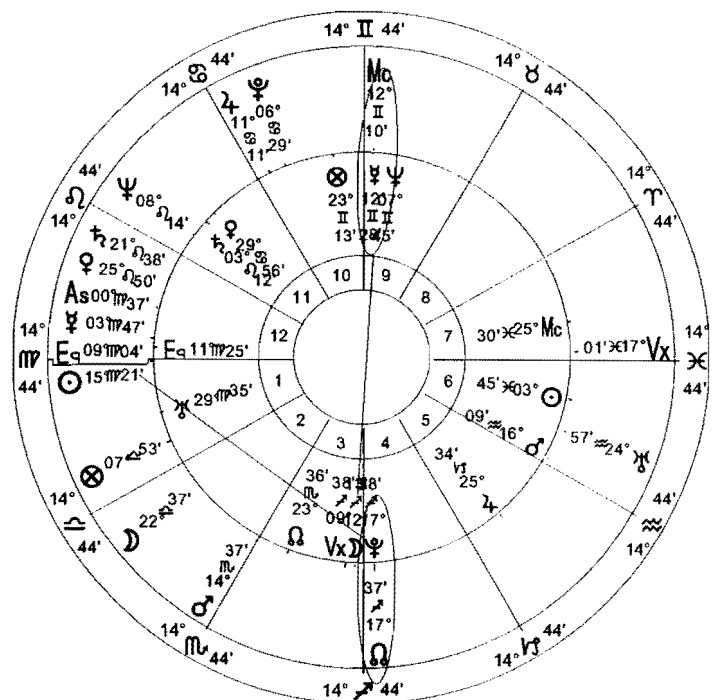
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The 6th House (*Health*) is emphasized by the accumulation of many factors, both Solar Return and Natal. It is further accented by the Natal Venus/Uranus Opposition lying along the 6th/12th axis.

S/R Mars and the Vertex in conjunction is an indication of surgery, as also SR Pluto 30° from Natal Mars.

A more precise indication is given by the **Age Harmonic** for the Month 9 June—9 July 2003. (Admission to hospital was on 4th July.)



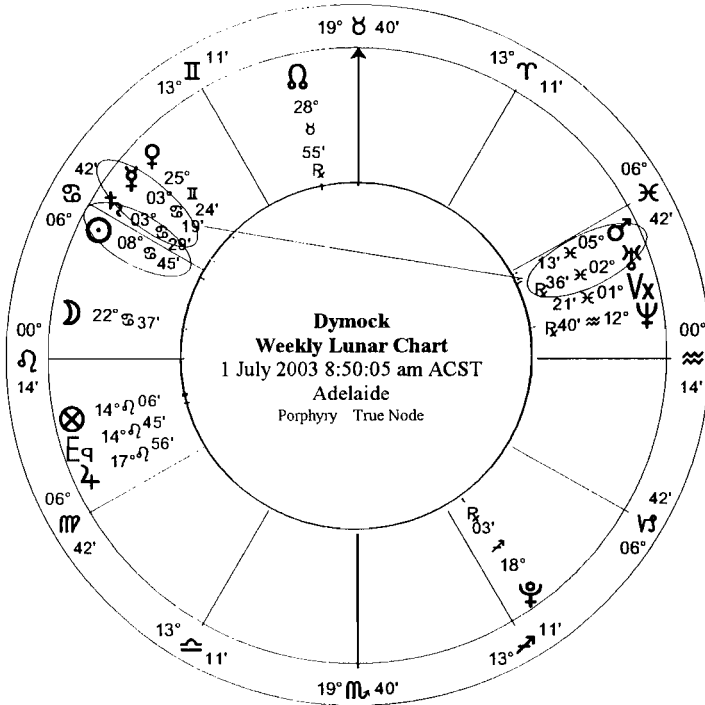
Inner Wheel and Cusps: Dymock Brose, **Month Harmonic** (84.75) for period 9 June—9 July 2003.

Outer Wheel: **Natal Chart**, 9 Sep 1918, 5:50 am ACST, Adelaide. Equal Houses. True Node.

The Ruler, Mercury, is placed on the upper Meridian conjunct the Natal MC. Its opposition to the Moon shows the suspension of professional activities.

The Age Harmonic goes deeper than the Solar Return as Pluto conjuncts the n.Node and squares the Natal Sun. The implications here are *crisis and drama, a new phase of experience and revival of old contacts*. All these have indeed eventuated.

The **Weekly Lunar Chart** even more closely defines the event. This Chart is a figure drawn from the



the event. This Chart is a figure drawn from the normal Lunar Return each quarter after the Return date. So in a month there are four charts, each operating for about 7 days. In each successive Chart the Moon holds the same degree and minute as in the monthly Lunar Figure but is three Signs further on.

These Charts are useful for defining the events of a short period of time. For convenience they are referred to in the computer Program *Solar Fire* as 4th-Harmonic Lunar Returns though of course they are not truly harmonic Charts.

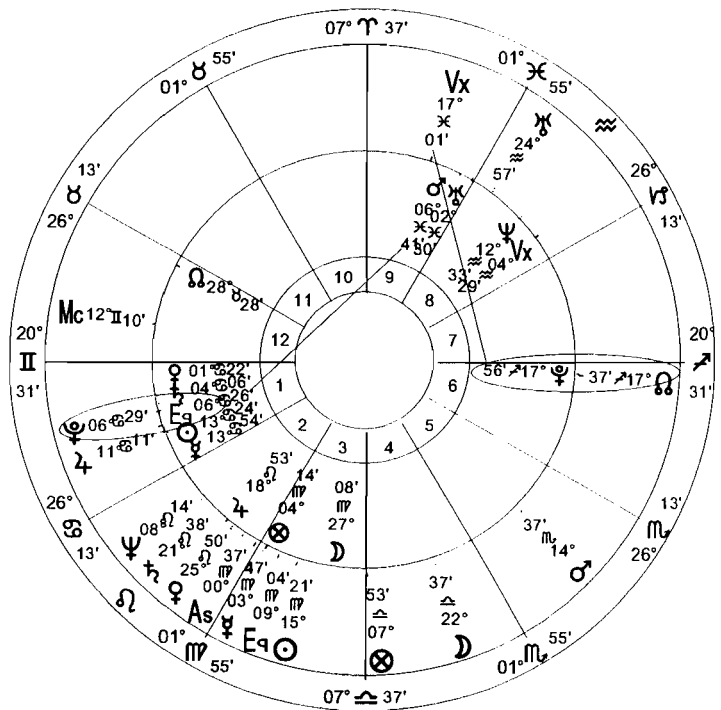
In the present instance the basic Lunar Return occurred on 10 June 2003 with the Moon at its Natal position, 22Li37. The subsequent Weekly Chart closest to the hospital admission date (4 July 03) occurred on **1 July 2003**, with the Moon at 22Cn37.

In the above **Weekly Chart** the Sign Leo rises and Ruler Sun is conjunct Saturn, straddling the 12th Cusp (*confinement, hospital*). Mercury conjuncts Saturn ruling the 6th House (*illness*) and trines Mars and Uranus on the 8th Cusp (*surgery*).

The Chart for **6th July 2003**, the day of the operation, (see next column) when considered in relation to the Radix, pinpoints the event. The relative Aspects are easily found by looking for the VERY CLOSE ones (usually within 1°). In this Day Chart the EP (Equatorial Ascendant)—which functions like a second Ascendant—shows surgery by its trine to Mars and its conjunction with Natal Pluto, plus Pluto's conjunction with the Natal Node and square to the Natal Vertex. All these Aspects have an orb of less than 1°.

To conclude the astrological overview, here are the **Progressed Aspects and Directions** that signalled the daily stages.

4 July 2003. Neptune square Mercury (Asc-Arc Direction): Losing physical balance, unable to type



Inner Wheel and Cusps: Dymock Brose, **Day Chart**, 6 July 2003, 5:50 am ACST, Adelaide, 34S55, 138E35.

Outer Wheel: Natal Chart, 9 Sep 1918, 5:50 am ACST, Adelaide. Porphyry. True Node.

accurately. Admitted to hospital.

5 July. Pluto square Sun/Jupiter (Vertex-Arc Direction) & Saturn square Sun/Neptune (Primary Direction) Condition worsening; commencing paralysis of right arm.

5 July. Mercury sextile Mars/Pluto (Vertex-Arc Direction): Emergency surgery on 6 July.

11 July. Pluto trine Sun/Jupiter (Asc-Arc Direction); Marked improvement from time of operation. No paralysis.

If you want a comprehensive list of the Progressions and Directions you do need to include the Asc-Arc and Vertex-Arc as well as the Solar-Arc Directions. Directions to Midpoints are also needed for a more detailed account. For computer users, all are readily available in *Solar Fire*.

TEST 79—REPORT

This Test concerned a woman born on 28 December 1946 at 6:31 am ACST in Adelaide, S.A. See the Radix on the next page.

The exercise was to determine which of the following events occurred in her life on 24th March 2003.

She won a substantial sum in a lottery.

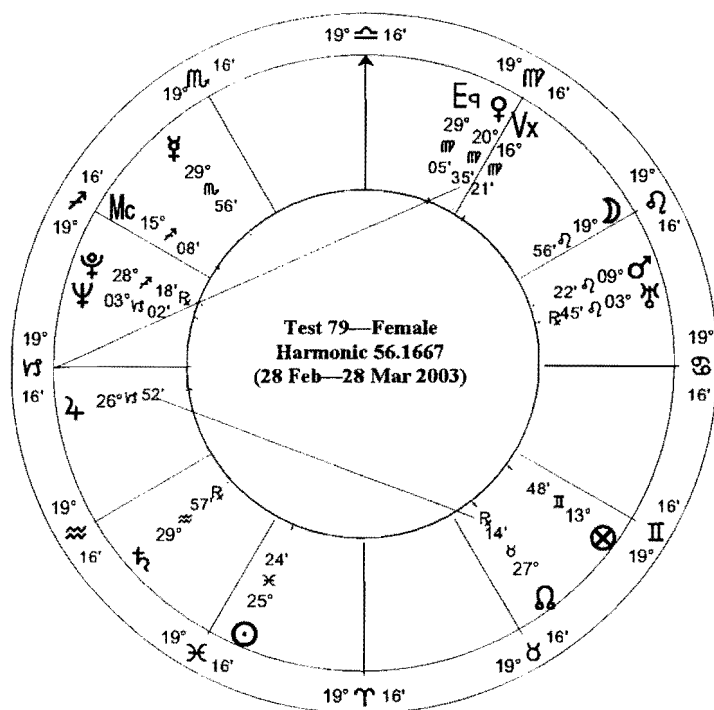
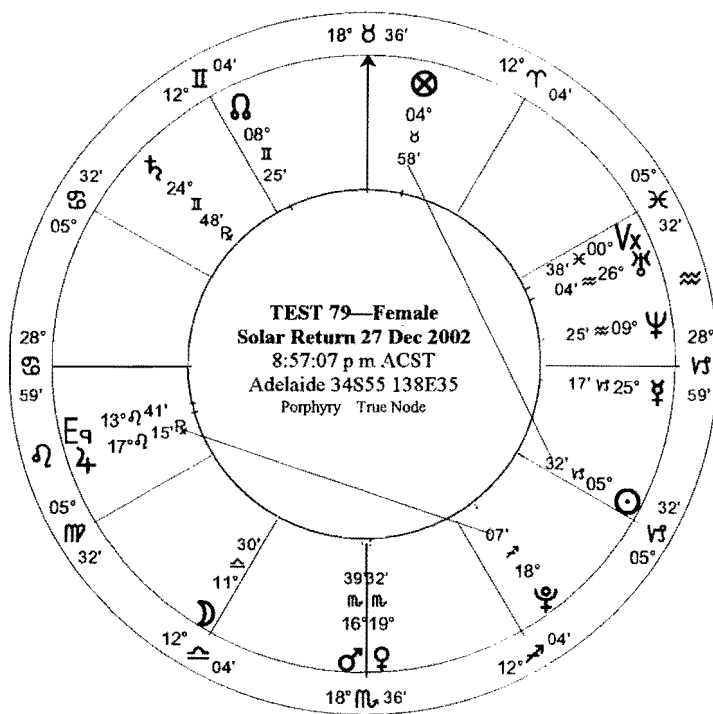
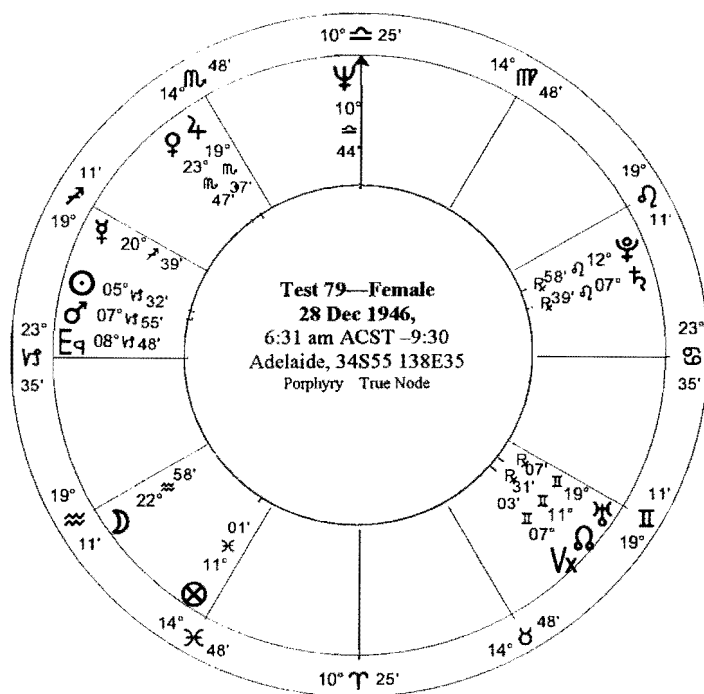
Her application to receive a redundancy package was accepted.

A court case over an inheritance was settled in her favour.

She paid a deposit to build a new house.

She received news that a previous husband had lung cancer.

The correct answer is No. 1—*she won a substantial sum in a lottery.*



The answer could be found from the Age Harmonic for the month (56.1667):

Jupiter rises, trine to the Moon's Node in the House of Lotteries and both are sextile to the Sun. Venus, ruling the 5th House (Lotteries) is trine to the rising degree.

The Standard Solar Return of 27 Dec 2002 (next column) has Jupiter rising, ruling the 5th House, closely trine to the occupant, Pluto—a classic situation emphasizing the House of Lotteries. Jupiter trine Pluto = a substantial win. A confirming factor is The Sun trine to the Part of Fortune.

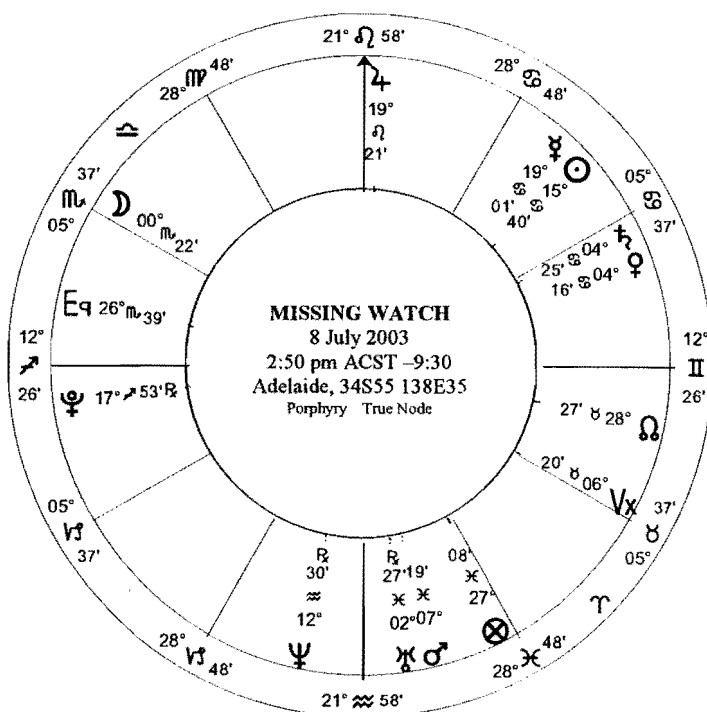
There are other methods for deducing the answer. Another way is by a process of elimination. For

example, in the Age Harmonic Chart shown above:

1. There is no indication of a redundancy package (8th House). The Moon there is not connected with Jupiter or Venus.
2. The 9th House with Venus trine to the Ascendant is not indicative of a court battle.
3. The 4th House does not indicate building a new home: Ruler Mars is conjunct Uranus; Uranus quincunx Neptune.
4. The 3rd House does not suggest news of lung cancer but something beneficial with the Sun sextile Jupiter. Mercury (news) is square Saturn but not connected with "previous husband"—7th House.

MISSING WATCH

Below is a Horary Chart for a missing watch. Was it found? See the answer in the inverted paragraph at the foot of the next page.



THE FUTURE OF TONY BLAIR

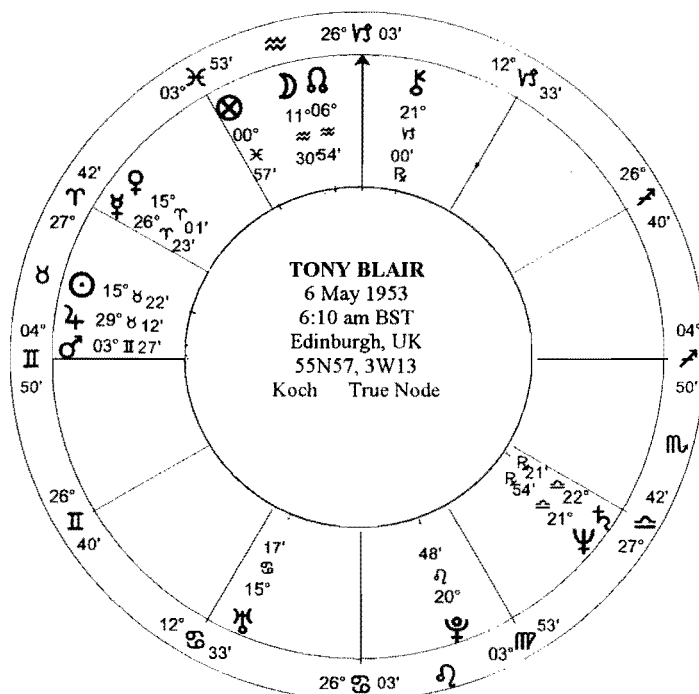
by Allan Johnson

The reason I have been looking at Tony Blair's Chart recently is that I have been doing a bit of research on the "Chiron Return" and its 50 years' cycle, and I have recently seen a news report of his 50th birthday. Here we have a very useful case. So what has been happening in his "Chiron Return"? He has certainly been in the news and living under tremendous pressure for his support for George W. Bush and the recent War. Chiron was only discovered in 1977, and there has been a lot of speculation as to its meaning. Many astrologers have found difficulties in its practical use. One way I have been using it is to see if its Transits line up with any major configuration in the Chart. This gives it great emphasis at that time. It is a fact of life that the 50th year can often be something of a milestone for a lot of people. And certainly this is applicable in Tony Blair's case.

In Blair's Chart Natal Chiron is also part of the major pattern. Chiron is making a very close T-Square with Mercury, Saturn, Neptune; with a little wider orb we could take in Uranus too for a Cardinal Grand Cross. All this can make for a very challenging and dramatic style of life. And the very close conjunction of Saturn/Neptune can be very revealing, right on the "Chiron Return". It all figures. Tony Blair has been going through a very severe crisis in his life. His whole position in his own Party is under threat. The Labour Party has been split down the centre due to the War—and with an Election coming up in 2004. In addition to this planetary pattern his Natal Chiron is very close to his M.C. He was born in Scotland and it has always been the practice in Scotland to put the time of birth on the birth certificate. So it is an accurate Chart.

It is worth noting that his Sun is in the 12th House, which is not good for political figures. However, this is offset by Jupiter and Mars being conjunct the Ascendant. His Sun in Taurus has given him the stubbornness to stand up to criticism and the Sun is exactly sextile Uranus. The quick ending of the War has been to his advantage. So he is holding his own. But that is not the whole story. Transiting Uranus is now moving into Pisces and is coming to the square of his Mars/Ascendant all through 2004. So it is not going to be a good year for him. Transiting Chiron reaches the exact position of Natal Chiron in February 2004, and comes back to the same position in August, being within close orb throughout that year, the very same period that Uranus will be squaring his Ascendant/Mars. Both Chiron and Uranus will be Stationary during October/ November. This is a time when his whole future will be in the balance. But of course other things could be happening in the next twelve months. So "Chiron Returns" are worth watching. □

Yes, the watch was found the next day. Saturn, Ruler of the 2nd House (missing objects) is conjunct Venus. The Moon applies by trine to Venus and Saturn. The other benefic, Jupiter, dominates the Chart, while both "Lights" are above the Horizon (fortunate).



TEST NO. 80

Test No. 80 concerns a woman born on June 30, 1959 at 2:41 am EST at Watervliet, Michigan, 42N11, 86W16. (Ascendant 27Ta47, MC 4Aq17, Moon 4Ta12.

On a certain date in the year 2000 her home in Grand Ledge, Michigan, 42N45, 84W45 was struck by lightning and destroyed in the fire that followed.

Can you find that date in the year 2000?

This is a variation on the usual multi-choice problems of past Issues. It will help your Astrology by necessitating a different approach. If the date you find is within ten days of the of the exact date it will be counted as correct. But, as I have mentioned before, the real value of the exercise lies in the work you put into it whether or not your answer is correct. The Tests will uncover for you your strengths and weaknesses.

Please send your answers to me, with their astrological justification, by **August 10**. My postal and e-mail address appear on the first page. As this Journal is late because of circumstances previously explained I shall endeavour to make up time with the August Issue.

The Moon's Node—True and Mean

Readers may have noticed that over the years I have swung between using the Moon's Mean Node and its True Node. There has been much support for the Mean as against the True, notably from the late German Astrologer, Alexander Marr.

From using the Mean Node for the last two or three years I have now reverted to the True Node which appears to be the more indicative of the two. I have not made a definitive study of the problem but simply as a result of observation I have decided to change.

Kind regards and best wishes to all,

— Dymock, 26 July 2003.

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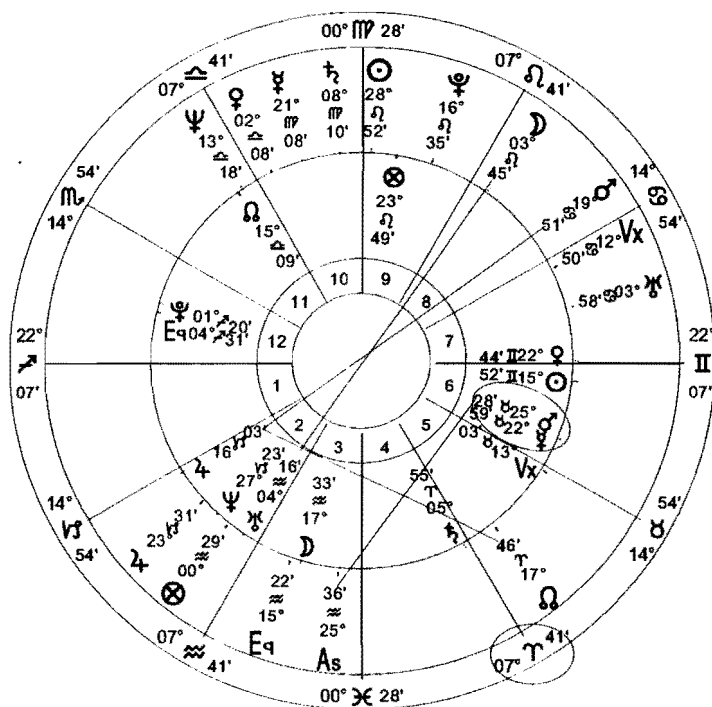
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DAY CHARTS AND LUNAR RETURNS

When for any reason it is necessary or desirable to focus on a particular day in a person's life, the Day Chart will usually give the most explicit reading of the influences and events of that day. It is set for the time of birth and for the place where the person concerned is residing at the time. Usually, the Day Chart alone is sufficient for the reading but by placing the Natal Chart around it, or putting it around the Natal Chart, very often other important factors come to light or they will simply sharpen the focus. With either Biwheel it is very significant if planets straddle an Angle or even an intermediate Cusp.

Here is an instance of a very significant day in the life of a man born on 22nd August 1949. The Birth Figure is in the outer wheel.



Perhaps you would first like to attempt a reading of the Biwheel yourself to discover what occurred on that day (6th June 1996). The important clues are:

- ♦ Mercury is conjunct Mars in the 6th House, Mars squares the natal Ascendant.
- ♦ Sagittarius rises. Ruler, Jupiter, opposes natal Mars ruling the 5th House.
- ♦ Jupiter squares the Moon's Nodes on the 5th/11th axis.
- ♦ The Moon ruling House 8 opposes natal Pluto.
- ♦ Uranus opposes natal Moon.

The answer (inverted) is in the next column.

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George Lucas, surfing at a local beach, was attacked by a three-metre shark that bit his surf board in two. Miraculously, George managed to reach shore with only a nick to his right knee. His saviour was Natal Jupiter trine the Day Mercury/Mars conjunction.

It is clear from *Mars conjunct Mercury square the n.Ascendant* that George was likely to suffer some injury while engaged on a sporting activity (*Mars ruling the 5th House; Sagittarius rising; Jupiter square the South Node in the 5th House.*)

Uranus opposite the natal Moon signifies suddenness and shock.

The Moon ruling the 8th House and opposing natal Pluto signifies danger of death.

One would have to be psychically gifted to forecast that the impending danger would be from a shark attack. One can read only that it was some sporting activity, but this would be enough to warn of the particular danger if surfing was the known sport of the person concerned.

For those who want to do further research, here is the birth data of the man involved: George Lucas, born 22 August 1949 at 5:30 pm, AEST, Caulfield South, Victoria, Australia (37S03, 145E05. Ascendant 25Aqu36, MC20Sc16). The shark attack occurred at Point Leo, Victoria (38S26, 145E05).

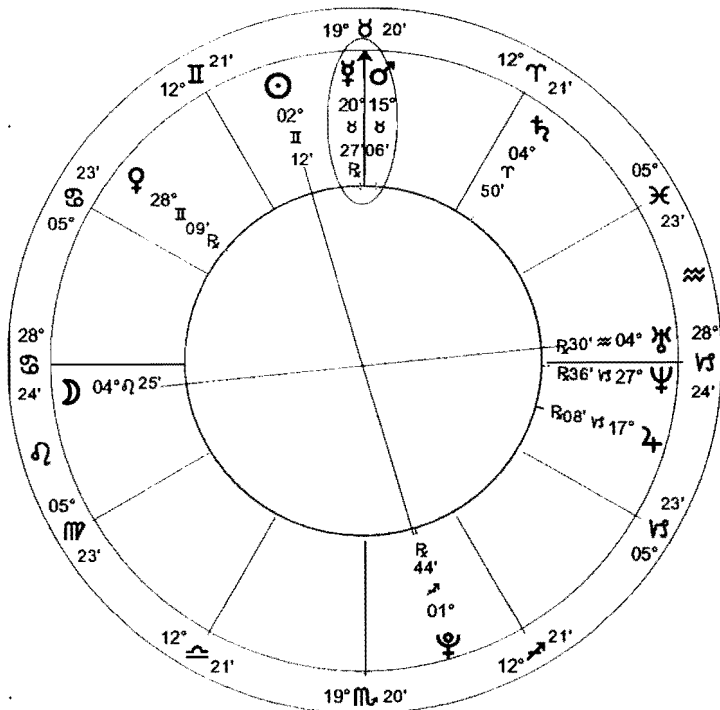
By reading the monthly **Lunar Return Charts** you can determine the good fortune or ill-fortune of the period concerned. Planetary links and placements show when different activities are helped or hindered, when you will be lucky or when luck will desert you or, as in the above case, when there is risk and danger whether on the road, in sporting activities or in the home.

This sort of information is very useful in everyday living when you have some special objective. Choose a period and a day when the planetary configurations and House placements favour the activity you have in mind.

Either standard or precessed Lunar Returns can fulfil this function, though I have usually had the best indications from the precessed figure.

The **precessed Lunar Return** for George Lucas prior to his attack by a shark gives a clear warning of

danger. See the Chart below:

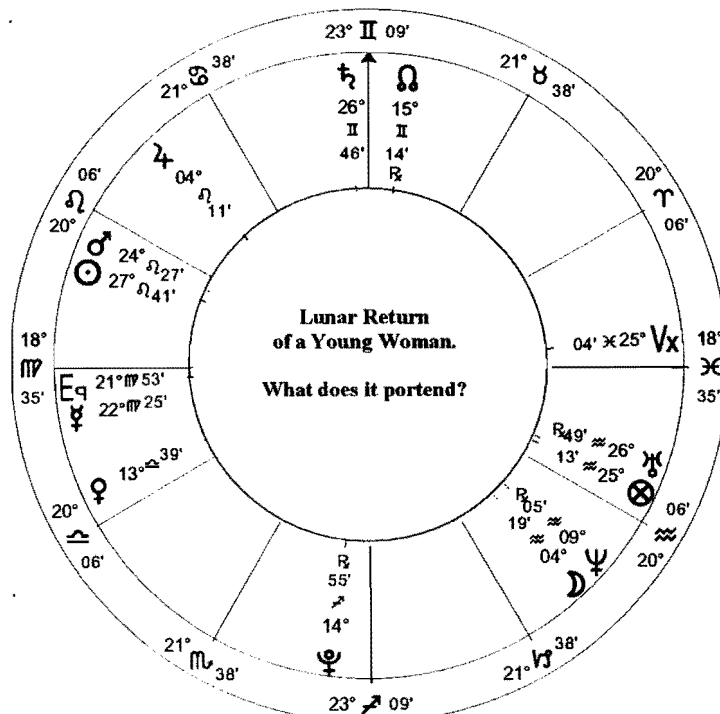


Warning factors are:

- ♦ The Sun high in the Chart and directly opposite Pluto: "Exposed to great physical danger: physical suffering" (Reinhold Ebertin).
- ♦ The Moon opposed by Pluto across the horizon: Suddenness and shock.
- ♦ Mars conjunct Mercury on the Upper Meridian: Danger of injury.

Here is another instance where a warning was present in the Lunar Return Chart of a young woman. This time it is a **Standard (non-processed) Return**. Have a guess at what it might imply before reading the interpretation.

The prominent factors are the clues:



- ♦ Mars conjunct the Sun, both opposed by Uranus and the Part of Fortune.
- ♦ Saturn in the Midheaven square to Ascendant Ruler, Mercury.
- ♦ Jupiter opposite the Moon.
- ♦ Pluto opposite the N.Node.

The woman concerned broke her ankle. Mars, Sun and Uranus from the 12th to the 6th House indicate an injury; Saturn square Mercury, a fall; Jupiter opposite Mercury, possible lack of sufficient care. The ankle is ruled by Aquarius on the 6th Cusp (bodily health) and is further indicated by the Moon, Neptune Uranus and Fortuna all occupying Aquarius. A broken ankle is nasty enough, but had this been a Progressed or an Annual Chart, the effects would likely have been much more serious. Keep in mind that a *monthly* chart is proportionately less severe.

NEPTUNE ADVERSE MERCURY

The recent Transiting Aspect Mercury square Neptune has had much more impact than normally because Mercury has been at its Station and therefore moving very slowly over a period of about two weeks. From 11—29 May the Aspect has been within 1° of exact. The Neptunian influence has also been augmented by the continuing opposition of Jupiter to Neptune.

Adverse effects that have been noticeable from this planetary activity are an unprecedented number of mistakes in numbers, dates, and accounts; difficulties in getting reliable information; mail stalled in the Post Office and not delivered; missed or incoherent messages; mental confusion; mental derangement; undermining of position or reputation; mobile phones damaged or malfunctioning; goldfish tank accumulating fungus; false testimony; massive cheating reported among under-graduates.

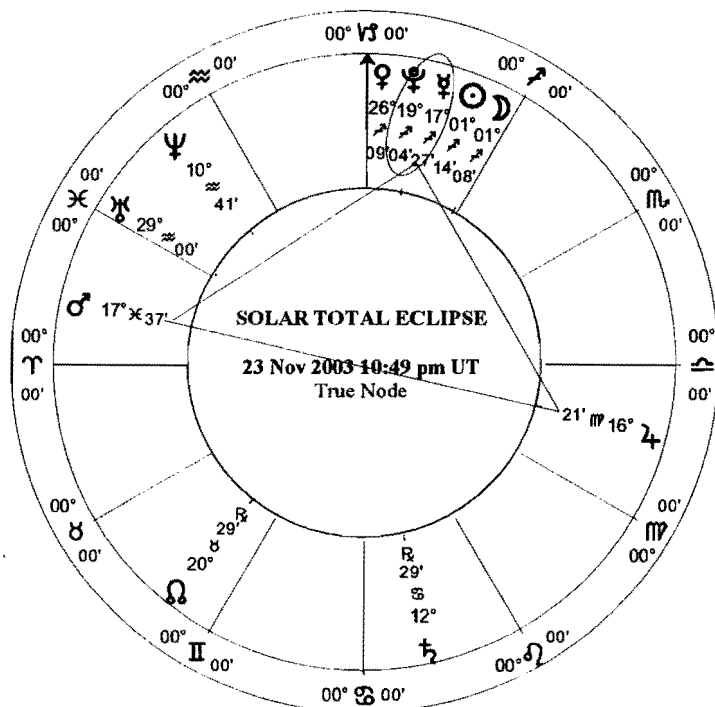
Everyone was liable to be affected to some extent, but the Aspect would have impinged most strongly on those who had it prominent in their current Solar Return, Lunar Return, or Moon/Sun Phase-Angle Chart. The Aspect is prominent if the planets are Angular or on an intermediate Cusp (*Porphyry* recommended).

SOLAR ECLIPSE, 24 Nov 2003

The Annular Eclipse of the Sun on 31 May has been mentioned warningly in astrological circles lately but what will have greater impact world-wide is the total Solar Eclipse on 24 November 2003 (see next column).

This Chart is drawn for UT (GMT) but not set for any particular locality, hence 0° Aries on the Ascendant, and the use of Equal Houses. To make it applicable to any place in the world all you need do is use the geographic coordinates of that place and whichever domification system you prefer. (Be careful to retain the UT time!)

Be it noted that we don't have to wait for November to see the impact of this Eclipse. It is well-established that Solar Eclipses operate *BEFORE* as well as after their actual date.



The Chart is a powerful one. So what will be its effects? Most noteworthy is the conjunction of Mercury with Pluto, the opposition of Mars to Jupiter and both these planets involved in a T-Square with Mercury and Pluto.

Though the conjunction is elevated in the above Chart of course it will not necessarily be in that position at any particular location. If the Chart is set for New York, Pluto and Mercury are just below the Descendant; at London they are close to the 5th Cusp; at Baghdad in the 3rd House; at Sydney near the 12th Cusp.

The T-Square is a portent of violence!

- Pluto—Mars/Jupiter is a signature for massive explosions.
- Mercury conjunct Pluto, square Mars/Jupiter = fanaticism.

The likelihood of intensified terrorist activities is obvious. It should be the serious endeavour of all experienced astrologers to determine NOW what will be the locations affected and when! Perhaps then the violence apprehended may be forestalled or diminished. I shall make my contribution but the determined efforts of competent astrologers worldwide is required. Help if you can.

— Dymock.

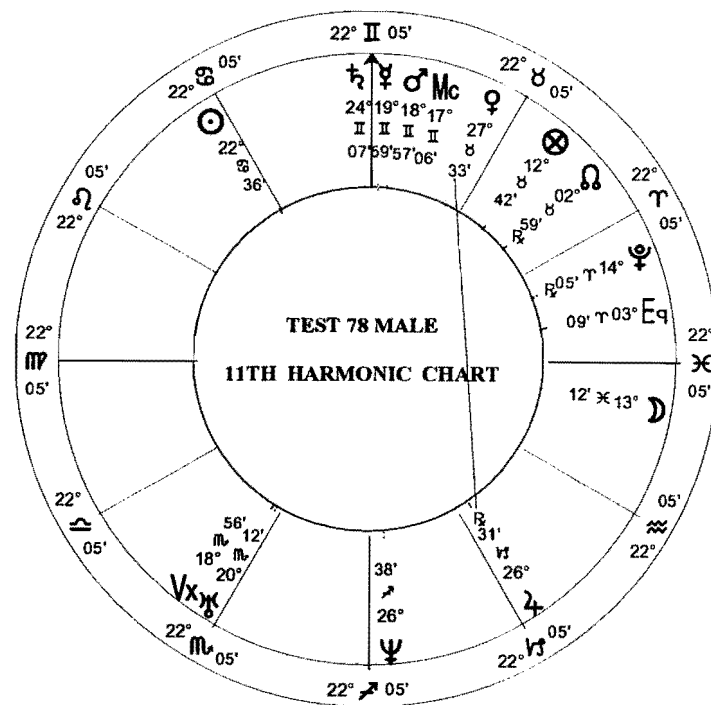
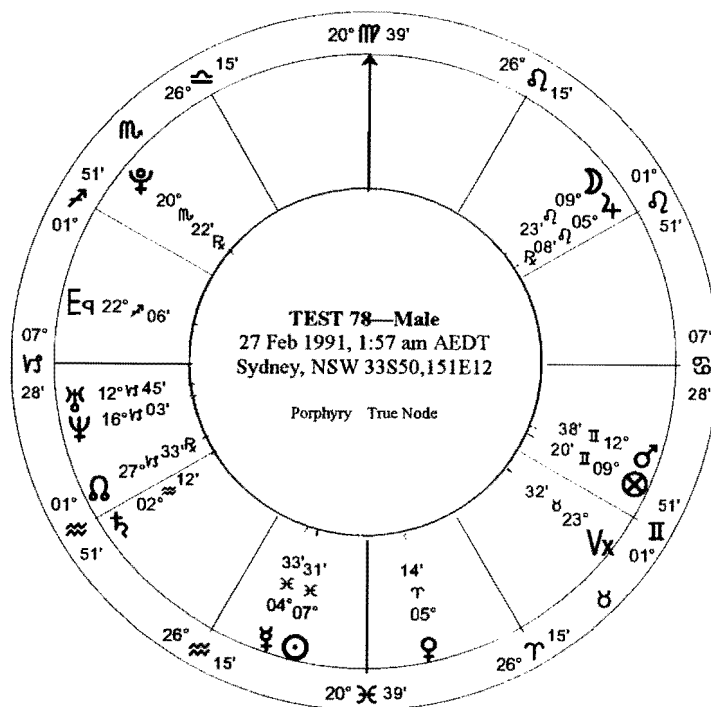
TEST 78—REPORT

Test No. 78 concerned a young man born on 27 February 1991 at 1:57 am AEDT in Sydney NSW, with the Horoscope printed in the next column.

The exercise was to find which of the following five events occurred in his life on 25 Feb 2003.

1. He won an important sporting event.
2. He left on an overseas trip with his father.
3. He underwent surgery.
4. He started at a new school.
5. His mother died.

The correct answer was No. 2—he left on an overseas



trip with his father.

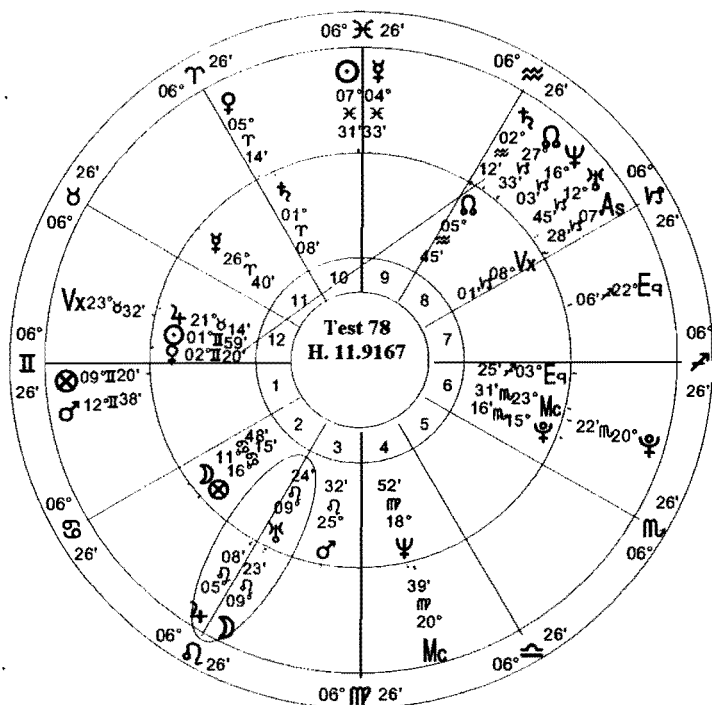
The boy was eleven years old, and the solution is clear from the 11th Harmonic Chart (above). The close trine between Venus and Jupiter links the 9th, 5th and 4th Houses (Jupiter's Rulership)—overseas countries, pleasure and the father.

(The MC at the midpoint of the Saturn and Mercury conjunction has also been established by Uranian astrologers as indicative of sudden travel.)

The Chart excludes the other possibilities: Winning an important sporting event—Mars not linked with the 5th House. Surgery—no emphasis on 8th or 6th Houses. New school—The Moon or Uranus not linked with the 5th House.

Death of mother—8th House not linked with 10th or 4th or the Moon.

An alternative Harmonic Chart that also gave the answer is Harmonic 11.9167 for the month 27 Jan—27 Feb 2003. Here it is, concentric with the Radix:



Venus rises, ruling the 5th House, and is closely trine natal Saturn ruling the 9th (*pleasure and travel*). Additionally, Uranus is conjunct Natal Moon and Jupiter in the 3rd House (*sudden travel*).

There were 46 respondents to the Test from around the world. Seven found the correct solution at the first attempt. Methods used are listed below, the figures in brackets being the number successful:

Vedic Astrology, 20 (2). *Progressions and Transits*, 13 (2). *Profections and Firdaria*, 4 (2). *Uranian*, 1 (1). *Other*, 8 (0).

The List should not be taken as reflecting the relative value of the different techniques as it does not take into account the competency or experience of the respondents concerned. A number are beginners.

TEST 79

This Test comes from Anne-Elisabeth, professional astrologer in South Australia. It concerns a woman born on 28 December 1946 at 6:31 am ACST in Adelaide, S.A.

(Asc 23Cp35, MC 10Li25, Moon 22Aqu58).

An important event occurred in her life on 24th March 2003. It was one of the following:

1. She won a substantial sum in a lottery.
2. Her application to receive a redundancy package was accepted.
3. A court case over an inheritance was settled in her favour.
4. She paid a deposit to build a new house.
5. She received news that a previous husband had lung cancer.

Please send your solutions to me on or before **June 27** giving the method you used. The correct solution

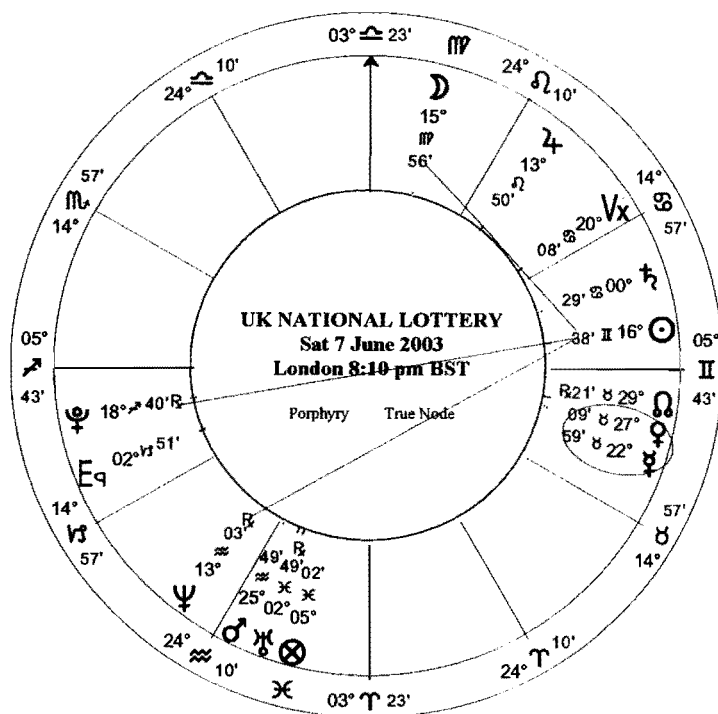
will be published in the July Issue of this Journal but all participants will receive an individual reply citing all the correct answers received. This gives you the opportunity to compare your methods with those of the successful entrants.

NUMBERS & PLANETS

Last month I drew attention to the connection between planets and numbers as shown by a chart set for the time and place of the United Kingdom Lottery in London.

Here is another illustration from the Lottery drawn last Saturday, 7 June 2003. The aim is to select the seven numbers that will be drawn from a total of 49.

The winning numbers this time were **2, 5, 6, 17, 18, 30 and 29**. They correlate with the planets:



2 and **29** (reducing to 2) are numbers of the **Moon**, strong in this Chart because elevated and empowered by a square from the Sun.

5 and **6** are the numbers respectively of **Mercury** and **Venus**, prominent by their conjunction in Taurus.

17, reducing to 8, is a **Saturn** number, here Angular and gaining from disposition by the powerful Moon.

18, reducing to 9, is a number of **Mars**, emphasized by the 3rd Cusp.

30 is a number of **Jupiter** here ruling the Ascendant and gaining from disposition by the Sun.

It is an anomaly, however, that none of the **Sun** numbers (1, 10, 19, 28, 37, 46) appear. Is the Sun weakened by the Aspects from Pluto and Neptune?

So this is not an easy path to riches. However, the Lotteries are astrologically educative by showing a method of assessing the relative power of planets in a particular chart. Some of the old teachings on this subject may go by the board.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock. 8 June 2003.

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WAR AND THE NEW CENTURY CHART

By Allan Johnson

In my previous article I emphasized the enormous difference between the Charts of the 20th Century and the 21st Century. The first is so highly dramatic and it certainly correlated with the highly dramatic events that unfolded during that Century. But the 21st Century is quite the *reverse*. So a lot of astrologers have found it hard to get a clear picture of what it is all about, especially in regard to the future of *warfare*.

In regard to the Iraq War it is interesting to note that the newspapers have reported it as "the strangest war in all history", one fought with the intention of *not killing people*, and it ended up with a ridiculously low casualty list on the part of the U.S. I predicted it would be *no big deal*—and I was right! It started off with a lot of dire possibilities being predicted, "another Vietnam" and so on, but they were never realized. It was all over in a matter of a few weeks. Is this a preview of wars in the New Century? Can we correlate this with the Chart for the New Century? Are wars on the grand scale like the First and Second World Wars now a thing of the past?

The world does have the power to produce nuclear weapons of massive destruction, but can they be used without incurring equally self-destruction? That is the big question. So far they have not been used for that reason. The great empire builders, the power seekers like Hitler and Stalin are no longer on the world stage. We are in a different world from the one where millions were slaughtered. This was the world of the 20th Century. I don't think the vision of The Third World War now hangs over us. The world has moved on.

I think this is the message of the New Century Chart. I don't say we are entering an age of *universal peace*. Human nature being what it is, and the multitude of factors throughout the world making for conflict, there will always be wars and revolutions—but on a much smaller scale, more individualistic.

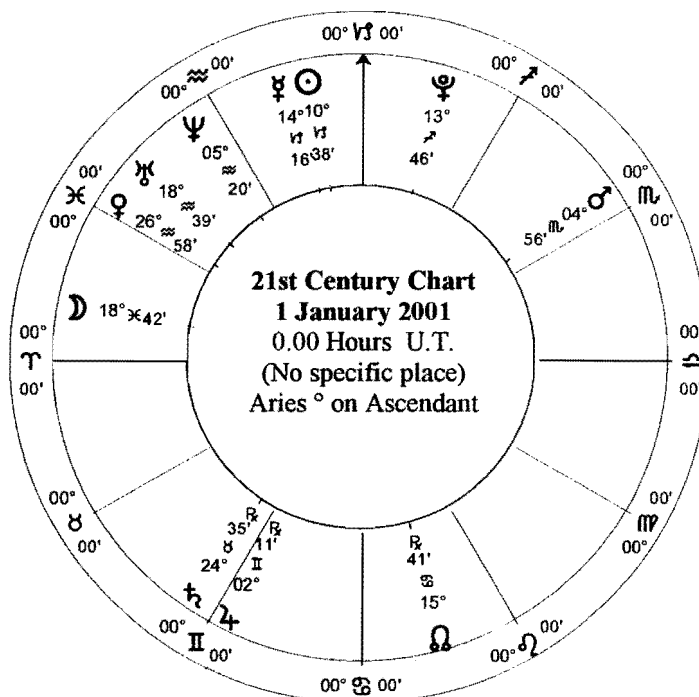
Tribal wars in Africa will continue, and in other parts of the world where there is race hatred. But there will be *no Armageddon*, which a lot of people have been influenced by. I think that's out! I would say the Iraq War is symptomatic of a *change in direction* in world history.

If you apply Progressions and Transits to the New Century Chart you won't get any big dramas over the next few years. I don't see any big increase in terrorism that some are predicting. So I think the Chart for the New Century is worth watching. □

[See Chart next column—not drawn for a specific place, so Ascendant, MC, Vertex, East Point and *Fortuna* are omitted.]

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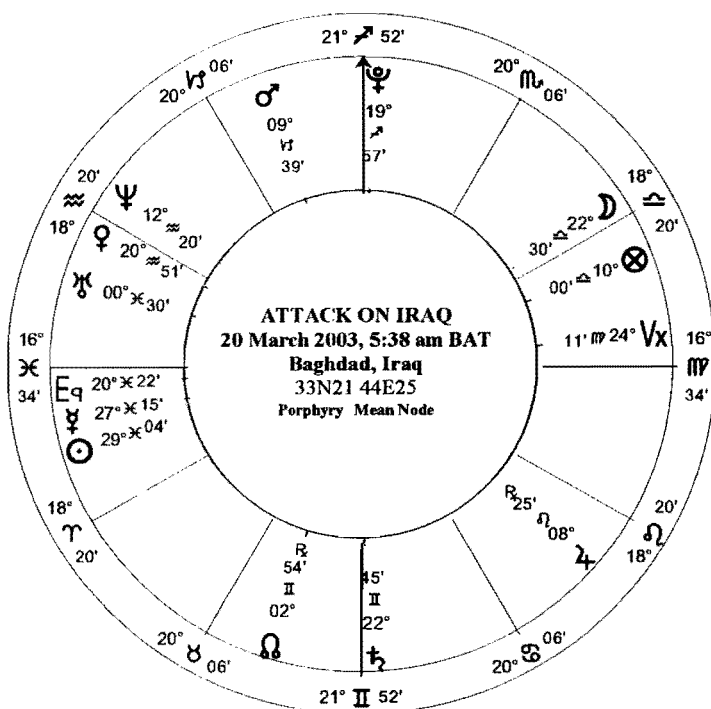
HINDSIGHT—IRAQ WAR

Now it is apparent that the duration of the Iraq War could be judged from the Chart for the first "Surgical Strike" given in the last Issue. (See Chart next page).

The East side of this Chart represents the Coalition, who initiated hostilities, while the West side (and its derived Houses) represents the Iraqi forces.

On 10 April, the Sun in the 1st House, powerful Significator of the Coalition, arrived at 19Ar21, where it exactly trined Pluto in the Midheaven. This is clearly a symbol of victory for the Coalition, particularly as Jupiter rules the Midheaven and is in Mutual Reception with the Sun. It marked the end of the major hostilities—just 21 days after their commencement. So here, ready to hand, was an easy method of estimating the duration of the War. *Experienta docet!*

Minor encounters of the opposing forces still continue, of course, and it will be interesting to see whether this terminates and peace prevails in the third week of June, the date I originally forecast as likely to see the end of all hostilities. — Dymock.



A SUCCESS STORY

One area of life in which great practical use can be made of Astrology is in deciding on what date to start an enterprise, a business, a particular activity, have an important meeting, inaugurate a change, etc.

My wife, Marguerite, is an artist and has for the past 30 years been studying and working intensively on various forms of paintings: oils, acrylics, water-colours, pastels, drawings, collages, etc. One of the aims of every artist is to win a prize or sell a painting in a Competition.

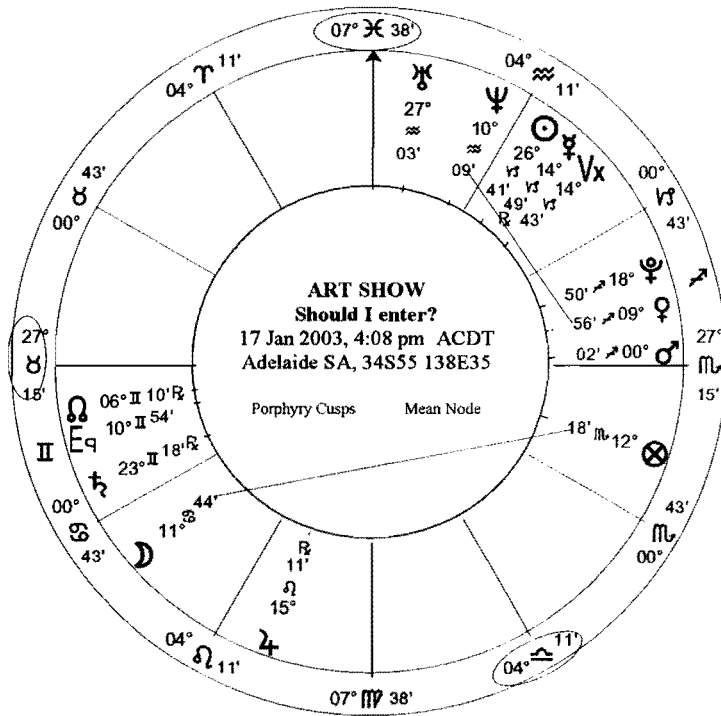
To do this, of course, it is necessary to enter a competition—but which one and when? There is a good deal of effort involved—packing the selected work, having it transported to the site, doing the required paper work and (mostly) picking up the unsuccessful work later. So the time and effort required make one careful in undertaking to exhibit. Over a long period I have found that reliable guidance about whether to exhibit or not is given by a *horary chart* when the thought of entering a particular competition/exhibition is being seriously considered.

On many past occasions Marguerite has been considering entering an art competition and has asked me to do such a chart to help her decide. Marguerite is herself an astrologer but prefers to rely on my judgement. For the past five years all such charts have returned a negative answer—until recently.

On 17th January Marguerite received an invitation to compete in an Art Competition and Exhibition to be held by the City of Campbelltown & Rotary Club of Campbelltown on the 30th April following.

For once the Chart was satisfactory, giving promise of a favourable outcome. It appears in the next column.

Marguerite is represented by the Ascendant (Taurus) and its Ruler, Venus, which also rules the

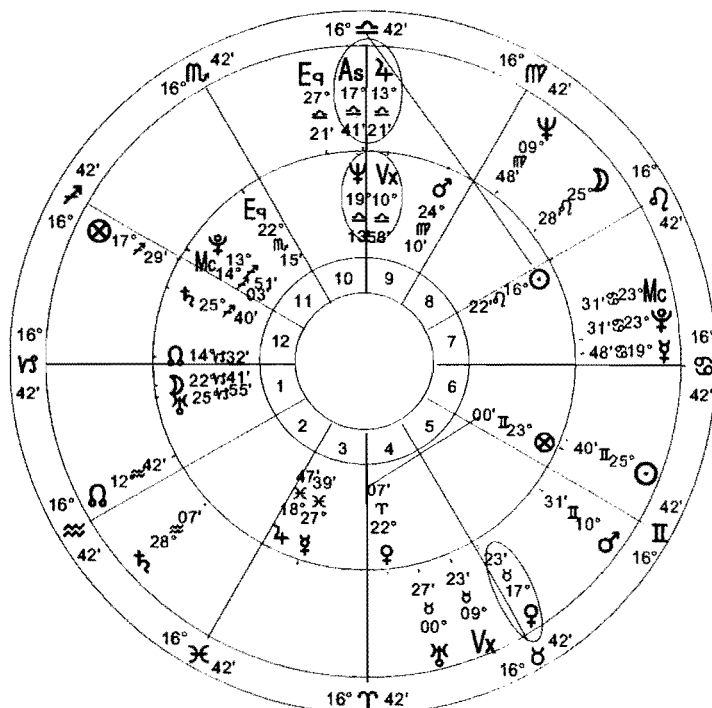


5th House (Creativity and Art). This dual Rulership plus the fact that Marguerite's natal Venus occupies the Sign Taurus establishes the "Radicality" of the Figure.

Venus is closely sextile to Neptune (Art) which rules the Midheaven (Success). Additionally, the Moon, the Querent's second Significator occupies the House of income and is closely trine *Fortuna*, giving promise of material reward. An artist needs no further assurance of success to enter a competition.

The astrologer, however, might want to see confirmation from other astrological factors.

When I have an accurate birth time (as in this case) the first Chart I like to do is the Age Harmonic which is usually more informative than the Solar or Lunar Returns. Here is Marguerite's Age Harmonic with the Birth Chart around it, for the month 17 April—17



May 2003, which includes the date of the Exhibition: The Inner Wheel is the Month Harmonic 68.8333, The Cusps are those of the Harmonic Chart.

As can be easily seen this BiWheel confirms the promise of the Horary Chart:

1. Natal Jupiter and Ascendant straddle the h.MC (*professional success, honour*); together with Harmonic Neptune and Vertex (*significant success associated with art*).
2. Natal Venus, strong in its own Sign, conjunct the 5th Cusp (*creative art*).
3. Harmonic Venus, Ruling the 5th House, sextile Fortuna (*promise of material reward*).
4. Harmonic Sun closely sextile the MC—a further portent of success.

[Other Charts, such as the Lunar Return, the Moon/Sun Phase Angle Return, the Day Chart, can also be calculated for confirmation purposes, if needed.]

Well, the upshot was that Marguerite did indeed win a major prize in the Exhibition—Best Resident Artist—which involved a sizeable monetary reward.

HORARY ASTROLOGY

The above is a success story to stimulate all astrologers to use their skill and select dates for their important ventures. A horary chart will show whether the matter being considered will or will not have a good ending.

The essential thing to obtain a revealing chart is to cast it for the time when the matter is seriously being considered (not when a casual thought occurs to you). Then apply the "considerations before judgement" to make sure the chart is "Radical" (fit to be judged). It must show connection to the querent (the person asking the question) and/or the matter being asked about.

Even if this is a new field for you don't be daunted. Horary Astrology is the most practical and useful branch of our art. I have used it with great success over a period of about 50 years. Applied to important and significant areas of your life it will save you time, worry and expense. Among other things it will show —

- ♦ where to direct your energies,
- ♦ whether you will make a successful union with a particular person,
- ♦ what your prospects are in a branch of work or study,
- ♦ whether you should go ahead with the removal or the travel you are thinking about,
- ♦ whether to start a particular business,
- ♦ whether to undertake some health regimen, go to a health farm, etc.
- ♦ whether to upgrade your computer or by some particular expensive object,
- ♦ whether or not to split with your partner,
- ♦ whether you should follow the plan of your financial adviser.

The essentials of the Horary Art are

1. that you should have a SPECIFIC question to ask—

not one of merely general interest,

2. that the question is *important* for you (or the person asking the question—the querent),
3. that you have set it for the date, time and place when it was strongly on your mind,
4. that the chart you draw up has connection to the person who asked it and/or the subject matter.

There are other refinements, peculiar to the art of Horary, but the above is sufficient for you to get started and will answer all but the most complex questions. You will often find that the Horary Chart confirms your own intuitive feeling about the matter in hand, which will give confidence and firmness in your actions relating to it.

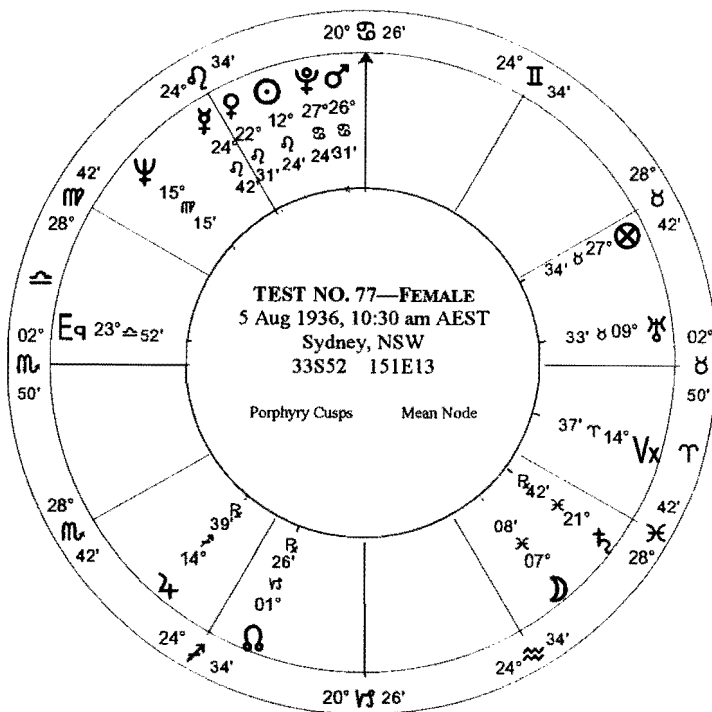
— Dymock.

TEST NO. 77—REPORT

This was an exercise to decide which of the following events occurred on 18 July 2000 in the life of a woman whose Chart appears below:

1. She was accepted as a mature-age student to do a Fine Arts Degree.
2. Her first painting exhibition opened.
3. She began work in a private Art Gallery.
4. Her childhood boy friend proposed.
5. She left Australia for a month's painting holiday in Tuscany.

The correct answer is that the woman opened her first



painting exhibition. Ten respondents found the correct solution at the first attempt, and a number were successful on the second try.

There were 40 replies from a large variety of countries—Netherlands (8), USA (7), Australia (6), Canada (5), Germany (3), Portugal (2), Thailand (2), India (2), France (1), Italy (1), Czechoslovakia (1), Argentina (1), Malaysia (1).

A variety of methods were used, including a mixture of techniques, but here is a rough analysis of the

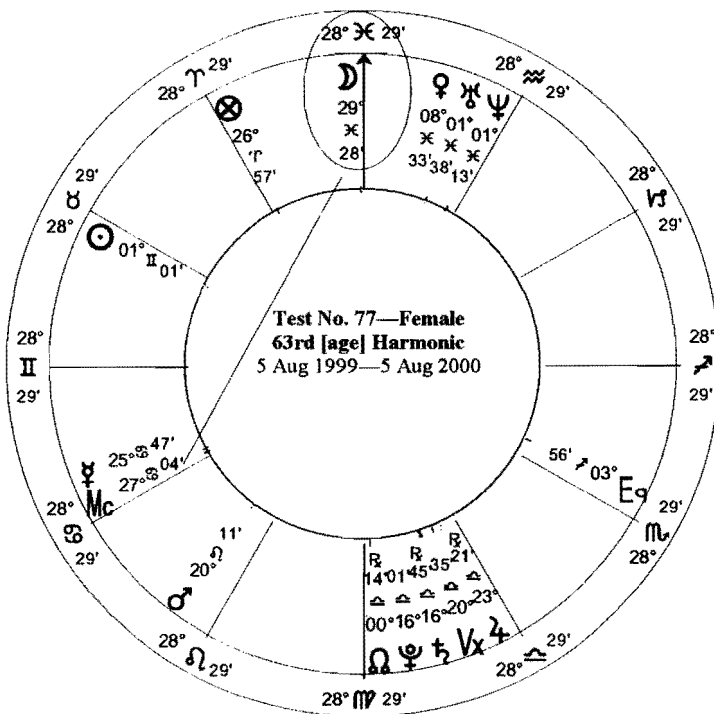
principal method in each case:

Vedic (16), Progressions and Transits (6), Profecions and Firdaria (5), Uranian (2), Progressions and Solar-Arc Directions (1), Solar Return and Solar-Arc Direction (1), Solar and Lunar Returns (1), Tertiary Progressions and Transits (1), Age Harmonic (1), Midpoints and Transits (1), Transits only (1).

Respondents generally seem to have overlooked the easy solution by Transits. This is possible in a case like the present one where the Test is simply a multiple-choice type and not one that has no guide at all as to what happened.

A cause of the wrong answer in some cases was the failure to correctly interpret the Chart that did hold the solution.

A quick solution was by using the Age Harmonic No. 63:



The Moon conjunct the MC and trine the "floating" MC gives the answer immediately.

My congratulations to all who made an attempt at solving the problem, whether their answers were right or wrong. Doing these Tests every month quickly extends one's astrological knowledge and insight as well as uncovering deficiencies.

TEST NO 78—MALE

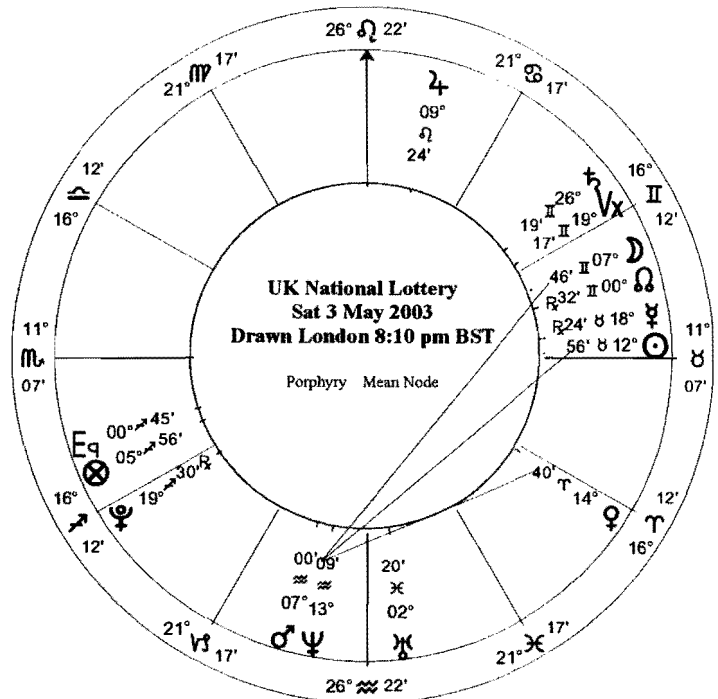
Test No. 78 comes from Ross Harvey (NSW) and concerns a young man born on 27 February 1991 at 1:57 am AEDT in Sydney NSW (33S50, 51E12). The Ascendant is 7Cp28, MC 20Vi39, Moon 9Le23.

An event of importance occurred in his life on **25 Feb 2003**. Can you pick by astrological means which of the five events listed below is the one that did actually occur?

1. He won an important sporting event.
2. He left on an overseas trip with his father.
3. He underwent surgery.
4. He started at a new school.
5. His mother died.

These Tests are offered as a useful exercise to try your skills and possibly improve them. Please send your solutions to me, on or before **May 20**, giving the method used. The solution will be published in the next Issue (June) of *Astrologers' Forum*. Apart from that, an individual reply and a full Report citing all correct answers will be sent to everyone who encloses a 50c stamp (if ordinary mail is used). — Dymock.

NUMBERS AND PLANETS



Above is the Chart of the United Kingdom Lottery drawn in London last Saturday, 3 May 2003, at 8:10 pm BST. The results of these Lotteries are reported regularly every week on the Internet.

The winning numbers on this occasion were

3, 6, 7, 29, 46, 49, 37.

(Numbers higher than 49 are excluded from the Lottery.)

An astrologer can learn quite a lot from this and similar Charts by observation of the winning numbers in relation to the planetary positions and Aspects.

The planets emphasized in the above Chart are:

- The **Sun** on the 7th Cusp, square Neptune (lotteries): **46, 37**, which reduce (by addition) to 1, the Sun number.
- The **Moon**, Angular and closely trine Neptune: **29**, reducing to 2, the Moon number.
- **Jupiter**, elevated and ruling the 5th House (Lotteries): **3**, the number of Jupiter.
- **Venus** on the 6th Cusp (Porphyry), sextile Neptune: **6**, the number of Venus.
- **Mars**, closely trine the Moon: **49**, reducing to 4, Mars.
- **Neptune**, trine the Sun: **7**, the Neptune number.

There is an interesting field for research here. A list of past results is available on the Internet at

<http://lottery.merseyworld.com/>

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 5 May 2003.

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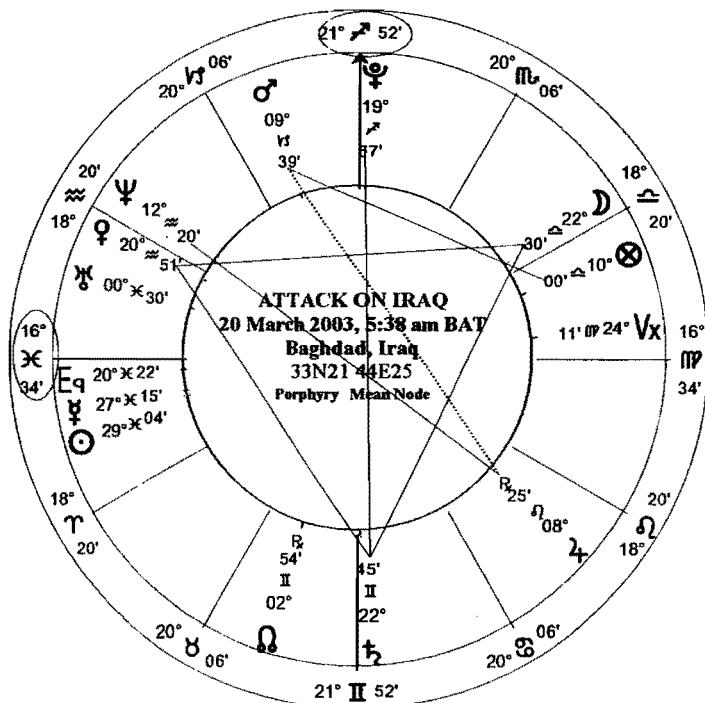
THE IRAQ WAR

On March 20 the Coalition Forces led by the USA made the anticipated attack on Iraq with a "surgical strike" against its leader, Saddam Hussein. The Dictator's dire peril was portrayed in his Age Harmonic Chart for the month 28 Feb—28 March, as published in the March Issue. The strike did not eliminate him though he was evidently injured: It was reported that he had been carried out on a stretcher from the rubble of his destroyed palace. The loss of consciousness suggested by the Age Harmonic may have been correct.

Lawmakers briefed by Vice President Dick Cheney and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice late last week say that the White House did not rule out the possibility that Saddam was dead or gravely injured. A U.S. intelligence official says that early Thursday morning, electronic intercepts picked up frantic calls for medical assistance from someone at the bombing site, though there was no indication which Iraqi leaders had been hit. Three days after the strike, U.S. strategists still didn't know exactly who had been taken out, but they were certain, says an intelligence official, that "we got somebody".

I had estimated that calamity would descend on Hussein on March 23 when Stationary Pluto was transiting the Midpoints Mars/MC and Moon/MC in his Birth Chart. This was three days out but gives some credence to the accuracy of his Birth Chart as printed in the last Issue.

The war on Iraq started with the bombing of Baghdad early in the morning of Thursday, March 20,



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2003. The best information I have is that they struck Baghdad at 5:38 am, local time.

The Coalition (USA, Great Britain and Australia) being the initiator, is represented by the 1st House, while Iraq is represented by the 7th. Characteristically, the Ascendant is a dual Sign, standing for more than one participant.

The fortunate planet Jupiter rules both the Ascendant (Pisces) and the Midheaven (Sagittarius) which is a piece of good luck for the Coalition, suggesting victory. However, Jupiter is Retrograde, which retards its action, so victory will not be so forthcoming as was anticipated. Further, Mars is in a close quincunx to Jupiter, which means strong military resistance, particularly as Mars is elevated in the Chart and strong in its Exaltation Sign, Capricorn. Again, Jupiter is opposed by Neptune, planet of deception, indicating that the Coalition forces will be up against artful and deceptive tactics.

The opposition of Pluto to Saturn signifies the massive bombardment to which Iraq is being subjected.

Mars rules the Coalition's 2nd House (resources) and its close square to Fortuna indicates the huge expenditure that will be necessary to finance the War.

The Moon is leaving the trine of Venus and applying to the trine of Saturn in the 4th House (terminations). I read this "transference of light" as finally bringing peace (Venus) and stability (Saturn) to Iraq.

Iraq's chief Significator is Mercury, Ruler of the 7th Cusp. Mercury suffers from being in its Detriment in Pisces and, even worse, in the House of the Coalition, showing that it is dominated by the power and authority of its enemy. This is accentuated by Mercury's close conjunction to the Sun. In Horary parlance, it is "combust" or burned up and overwhelmed by the Sun (Coalition Significator).

Iraq has hidden resources. The 8th House of the Chart is the derived 2nd for Iraq—its finances. The Moon in the 8th is trined by its Ruler, Venus, in the 12th (hidden and secret things) and also by Saturn, Ruler of the 12th. These are concealed funds, and the Grand Trine means they are considerable, and ensures that they will not be lost to Iraq even if temporarily inaccessible.

The question now on everybody's mind is how long will the War last? Prediction is the most difficult

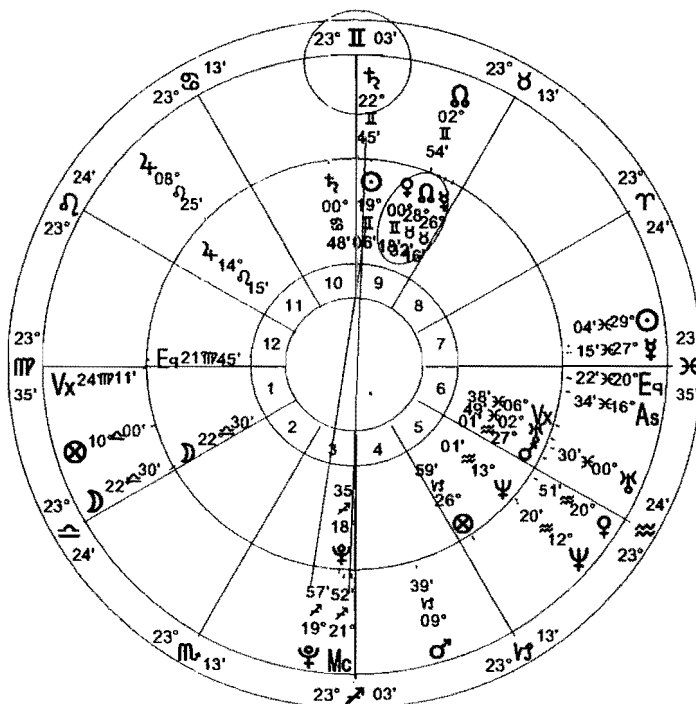
will the War last? Prediction is the most difficult branch of Astrology which is why it is seldom practised, and as historian Geoffrey Blainey wrote, "In human behaviour few events are more difficult to predict than the course and duration of a war." Nevertheless, my belief is that, as astrologers, we should at least make the attempt. The fact that very few astrologers do this is one reason why the success rate is not staggeringly good.

In thinking about this question I cast and examined some 20–25 charts that I thought might have relevance. Five of these are now presented for your interest. I decided that a logical place to start would be with the *Attack on Iraq* Figure, just analyzed. If this yields fruit then I could look for some sort of confirmation in the Cyclic Charts of Saddam Hussein and the USA.

Looking first, then, at the *Attack on Iraq*, the dominant feature is the Pluto–Saturn opposition along the Meridian. It is close to 3° from perfect so (utilizing Horary methods) a reasonable guess is that the War would last about three months.

With this as a starting point I examined the derived Lunar-Return Charts of 16 April, 14 May, 10 June and 7 July, 2003, to see whether any of them suggested an end to the conflict.

The Lunar Return Chart of 10 June set inside the

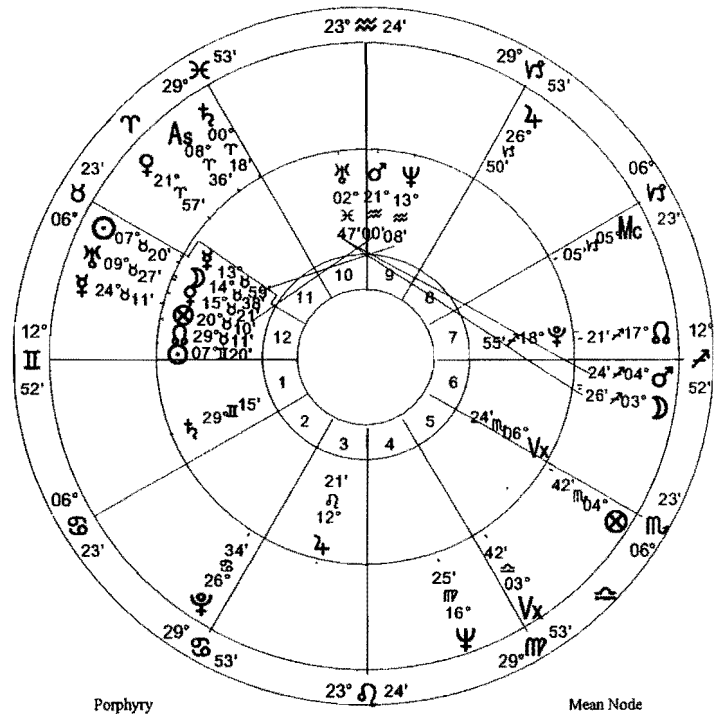


Inner Wheel: Lunar Return, *Attack on Iraq*, 10 June, 2003. 12:18:44 pm BAT.
Outer Wheel: Radix, *Attack on Iraq*, March 20, 2003, 5:38 am BAT

Radix does have indications of finality:

The n.Saturn-Pluto opposition lies along the Meridian, LR-Sun is closely opposite n.Pluto. Pluto and the opposition Aspects are consonant with a regime change. Mercury, ruling the Ascendant occupies the 9th House together with the North Node and Venus, suggesting the legalities of a peace treaty.

Now to seek supporting factors: Saddam Hussein's Natus was printed in the last Issue. It is interesting to note that Neptune in his Birth Figure is at 16Vi25,



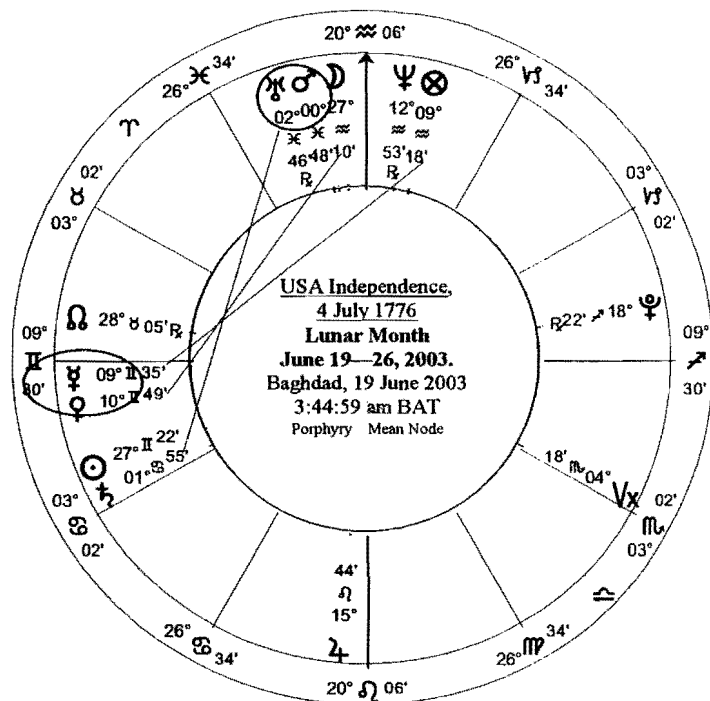
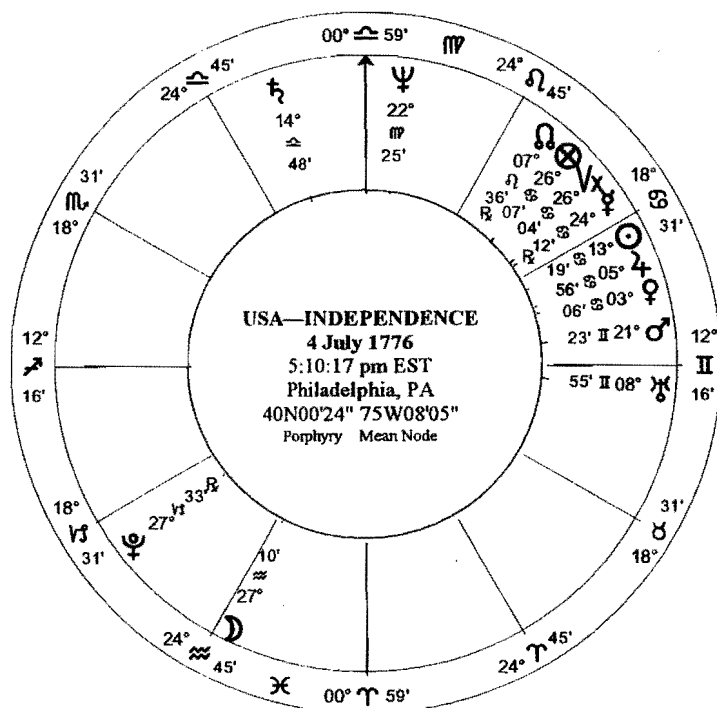
Inner Wheel: Solar Month Chart for Saddam Hussein, 29 May–29 June 2003.
Outer Wheel: Radix of Saddam Hussein, 28 Apr 1937, 4:05 am BAT, Tikrit, Iraq.
34N36 43E42.

which is exactly on the Descendant of the *Attack on Iraq* Chart. Hussein's Uranus at 9Tau27 is trine the Event Chart's Mars at 9Cp39. These two Aspects aptly symbolize what must have been Hussein's shock and confusion at the initial strike. They are also factors confirming the validity of the Event Chart.

The BiWheel above is Hussein's **Solar Month Chart** for the period **29 May–29 June, 2003**, surrounded by the Birth Figure. It is apparent that this is a difficult period for Hussein. Mars on the Upper Meridian squares the Part of Fortune (*loss of assets*) while Uranus in the 10th House is squared by natal Mars and the Moon (*loss of status and danger of personal injury*). An elevated Neptune squares Mercury, the Ascendant Ruler (*mental confusion and uncertainty*). The accumulation of signifiers in the 12th House suggests that Hussein may be going into hiding. If so, he has looked well after his own comfort (Venus conjunct the Moon and Mercury). It is notable that on **7 June 2003** transiting Uranus is Stationary at 2Pi49 where it squares Hussein's natal Mars and the Moon. This may indeed signal the eclipse of his position and fortunes, Mars being his Natal Ruler and the Moon Ruler of his 4th House—home and base.

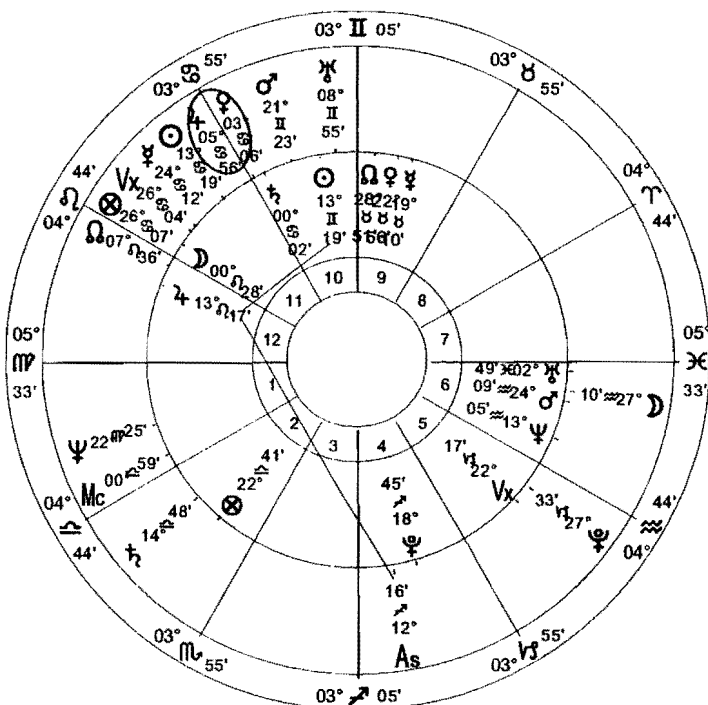
Now to look at the situation from the USA's point of view: Sibley's Chart for American Independence (next column) has been validated by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Below it is the Solar Month Chart for the period **4 June–4 July 2003**, set for Baghdad and surrounded by the Radix.

This Chart for the USA is almost the antithesis of the foregoing one for Saddam Hussein. Virgo rises, and Ruler, Mercury, rules also the 10th House, linking the Nation with its status and achievements. A fortunate augury is Mercury conjunct Venus and trine n.Neptune (*peace and relaxation*). The Sun in the 10th House is closely sextile Jupiter (*success and*



achievement), while Jupiter ruling the 4th House (endings) is trine the n.Ascendant in the 4th (a

closely trine the Sun (*general success*). Mercury is conjunct Venus right on the Ascendant, the conjunction being strengthened by the trine to the Part Of Fortune (*peace and relaxation*). Saturn is trine to the Midpoint Mars/Uranus (*sudden stop to warfare*).



So it remains to be seen whether the duration of a war can be judged by this (or any other astrological method). If it can, then astrologers have a huge advantage over those whose forecasts are based purely on military, political and economic considerations. In 1939 astrologers (along with everybody else) failed dismally in their attempts to predict the duration of the First World War. Can we now be more successful, equipped with computers and better techniques?

— Dymock.

TEST NO. 76—REPORT

Test No. 76 concerned a woman whose Birth Chart appears on the next page:

The Test was to find which of the following five events was the one that actually occurred in her life on **24 Dec 2002**.

1. Her mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer.
2. She suffered a financial loss.
3. She moved house.
4. Her elder daughter left her husband.
5. Her house was damaged in a fire.

The correct answer is **her mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer**.

The solution could be found from the **50th Harmonic** (corresponding with the woman's age). See the Chart on the next page:

The Moon and Mars are in the 4th House (*parent—in this case, the mother, because of the Moon being there*). The Moon rules the 6th House (*health/*

successful termination). Natal Venus and Jupiter are brought into prominence by straddling the 11th (Porphyry) Cusp (*achievement of aims and ambitions*).

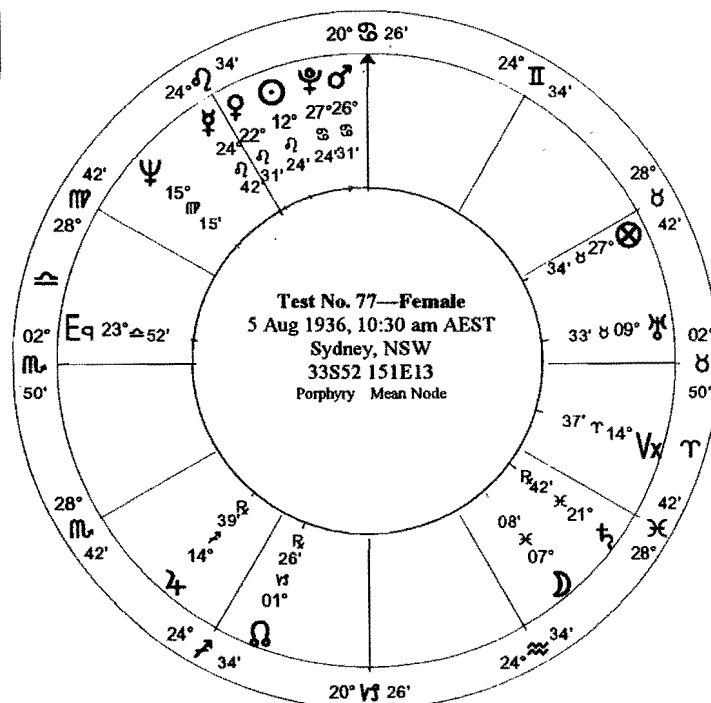
The foregoing analysis does therefore give reasonable grounds for inferring that the Iraq War will run a course of about three months, into **June 2003**. Taking matters a step further would be to make a closer approximation of the actual date. A likely period is **19–26 June**, indicated by the weekly Lunar Chart for the USA, set for Baghdad.

Briefly, the Moon in the House of Achievement is

skills to a practical test and find out just what are one's strengths—and deficiencies. If Astrology is not brought down to earth and applied to the common situations of humanity it remains simply an intellectual exercise.

TEST NO. 77

Test 77 concerns a woman born in Sydney, Australia, on 5 August 1936 at 10:30 am. Here is her Birth Chart:



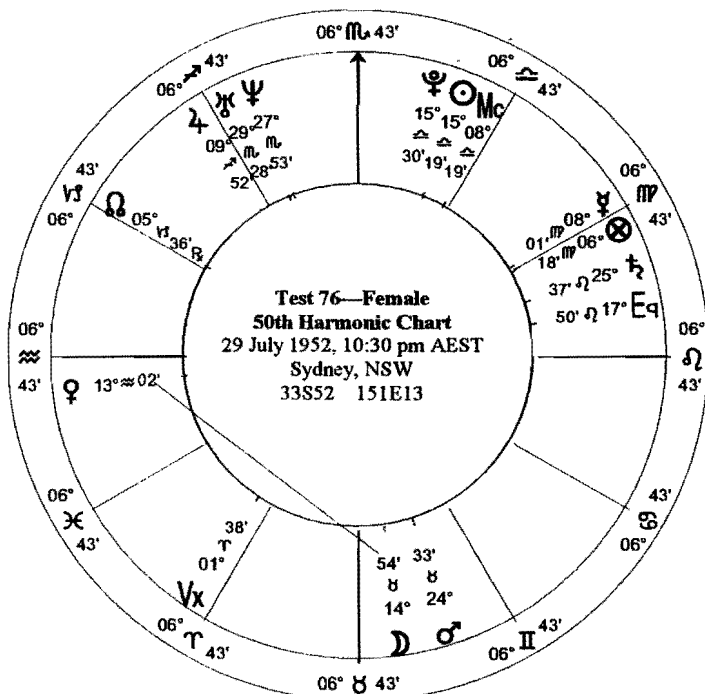
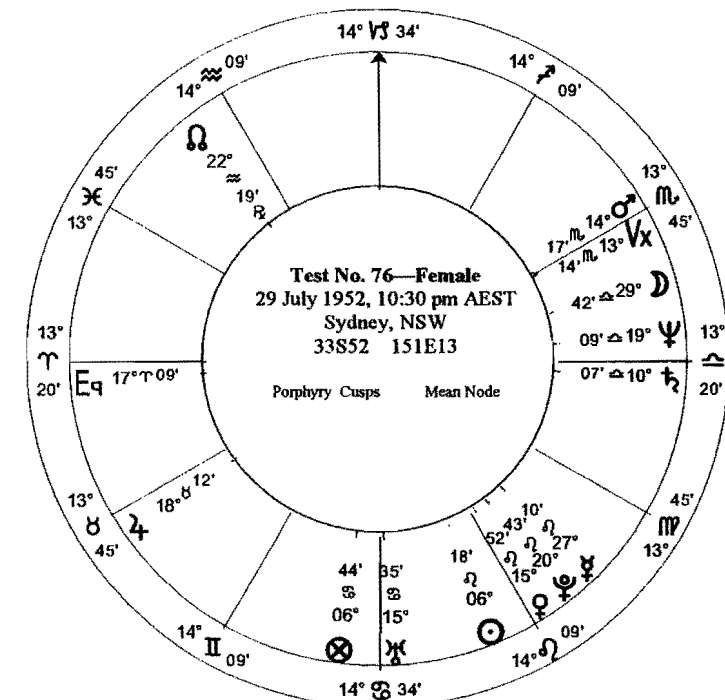
This woman (who is divorced) was living in Melbourne when an important event occurred in her life on **18 July 2002**. It was one of the following five events. Can you identify by astrological means **which one it was?**

1. She was accepted as a mature-age student to do a Fine Arts Degree.
2. Her first painting exhibition opened.
3. She began work in a private art gallery.
4. Her childhood boyfriend proposed.
5. She left Australia for a month's painting holiday in Tuscany.

Please send your answer to me with its astrological basis by 20th April. All respondents will receive a personal reply plus the **full text of all correct solutions received**. This gives you the chance to compare your method and reasoning with that of others.

HORARY CHARTS FOR PUBLICATION

Any reader who has a *Horary* or *Event* Chart of special interest is invited to send it to the Editor for possible publication. Identities will not be disclosed if so desired.



sickness). The Moon is closely square Venus in the Ascendant and ruling the 4th—a double emphasis—indicating *sickness of the mother*.

That is really enough to identify the correct event from the five given but, additionally, Pluto is closely conjunct the Sun, quincunx the Moon and trine Venus (4th Ruler). And if you put the Natal Chart around the 50th Harmonic you see n.Mars at 14Sc17 directly opposite the h.Moon (14Ta54).

There were 28 participants in this exercise, from around the world, and five found the correct solution at the first attempt. My congratulations not only to the above respondents but to all who worked on the exercise and put themselves on the line with a written response. One can talk and theorize about Astrology indefinitely but it is far more valuable to apply one's

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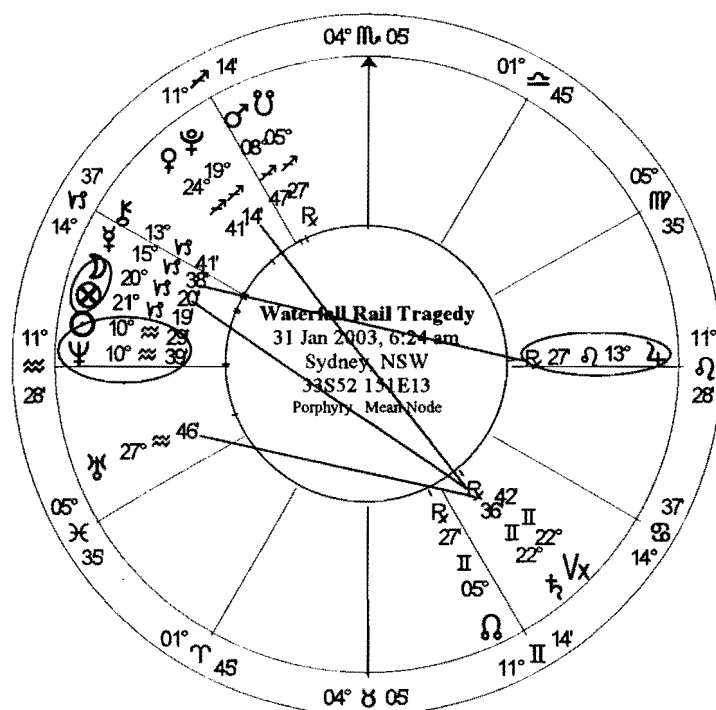
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WATERFALL RAIL TRAGEDY

By Rob Polglase

Tragedy can be predicted. I have used the event chart for a journey, using the techniques so brilliantly outlined in *English*, by William Lilly in his massive "*Christian Astrology*", published in 1647. The event chosen here is the departure of a train making a routine journey from Sydney, capital of NSW, Australia, on a daily intercity journey to Port Kembla, an industrial port city south of Sydney. The train left Central, Sydney, at 6.24 am, on the 31st of January, 2003. It was tragically derailed at 7.14 am, at Waterfall, in a cutting where there were speed restrictions. Some passengers claimed that just before the derailment the train suddenly surged forward. There were seven deaths and 42 injured. A close friend of my sister lost her husband in the accident. She is still in hospital, 24th Feb, 2003. Cause of the accident has still to be declared.



I have used Regiomontanus Cusps, taken the ASC and Moon as the train, 2nd and 2-Lord as the Passengers. The 8-Lord is the Lord of Death in these matters.

For those not familiar with the term "Peregrine" this is a planet without any dignity of Rulership, Triplicity, Terms and Faces, is without power, cannot act. I use Egyptian Terms, as per Bob Zoller, rather than Ptolemy. Arabic Parts or Lots, are those calculated

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with the *Solar Fire* computer Program.

The Train, ASC and Moon

The condition of the Ascendant is perilous. The Sun, 7-Lord, conjunct the ASC is combustion enough. Lilly on "Whether one shall return from...dangerous voyage" p.367, gives no help to the ASC, Moon, or ASC-ruler. The conjunction to Neptune is a worry, especially as de Vore lists the ASC degree being that of Neptune's South Node, and a Fixed Star, Armus, giving amongst other traits, instability.

The Sun and Neptune form a midpoint structure on the ASC. Ebertin, in dealing with Neptune, is a little dire at times, but ASC/Sun/Neptune ... "negatively inclined environment,... association with weak or sick persons", is not good. Neptune is not surprisingly conjunct the Part of Imprisonment (11Aqu18).

Also striking is the opposition from Jupiter to the ASC. In the House of Open Enemies, Cuspal, in fiery Leo, and Retrograde, the power of the opposition is from a benefic, weakly dignified by Triplicity and Face; it must still be considered accidentally malefic. Heart failure of the driver, (the Captain).

ASC-Lord is Saturn, 23Ge45, Rx, 5th House He is in a good House, is weakly dignified by Triplicity, and Term, but is Retrograde, and so limited by this. With this, the affliction of the opposition from Pluto, Lord of the Underworld, in 11th Hse, would seem to turn Saturn into an increased malefic state. Saturn is also connected to Uranus by trine, certainly raising unexpected outcomes, electrical failure issues. Saturn conjunct fixed star Capella (21Gem36) has been described as "Death in prison", and Phact (22Gem13) "To quest adventure". Recklessness?

The Moon is "Void of Course", can form no further Aspect within the Sign, "nothing will come of the matter", the journey will not be completed.

A significant Aspect to Saturn is the quincunx from the Moon and *Pars Fortuna*. As the Moon is in the House of Imprisonment, and is in Capricorn, is conjunct to *Pars Fortuna*, with poor rating, it suggests dangerous factors, hidden from us, both the passengers and the Public. Train maintenance? Black Box?

No relief comes to the ASC through the sextile from Mars, peregrine, highest planet, and conjunct the exalted malefic South Node.

The ASC is conjunct the Part of Treachery (11Aqu39). This raises the spectre of sabotage, braking defect, or simply some impediment to the safe operation of the "Dead Man's Handle"

Uranus, whose Principle is Suddenness, Revolution and Change, posited in the 1st House, argues sudden outbursts of energy, being a troublemaker, tendency to exaggerate. (There were reports of sudden increase of speed.) He receives the energy of disposition from malefic Saturn, and by trine and by sextile from 11th-House Venus, which is peregrine. Venus is conjunct Pluto, 5 degrees, - potential damage is there.

Midpoint trees to Uranus are Sat/MC (28Le21) and Pluto/MC (26Sc40)—crisis, bereavement, sudden contact with irresistible power. As well as this, Uranus is conjunct the Part of Catastrophe (28Aqu46).

In short, with this devastated ASC and First House, the train would not be expected to complete its journey without danger to itself, and the Passengers therein.

The Passengers, 2-Ruler Jupiter

Following Barclay, *Horary Rediscovered*, re Space Shuttle, p.235, the House contains no planets, so to the 2-Lord Jupiter. As seen above, the condition of Jupiter, very closely linked by opposition to the ASC, Neptune and the Sun, raises hackles to the head of this observer. Especially when the quincunx to the 8-Ruler, the Lord of Death is observed. The passengers are in peril.

Mercury, also peregrine, on the Cusp of the House of Imprisonment, Confinement, is quincunx Jupiter. This describes the possible fate of the Passengers (imprisoned in the wreckage). Mercury, "author of subtility, tricks, devices, perjury" etc., (Lilly *Christian Astrology* p.77), conjunct Fixed Star Wega, (Vega) (15Cap21). Mercury conjunct Chiron, could suggest a heart attack on the driver's part, on discovering the possible failure of the driving and controlling mechanism of the train. Ballast on the line has also been brought forward for the derailment, but so could an increase in speed on that particular curve. The family of the deceased driver have been "protected" from the Press; more deception? We shall have to wait for more information.

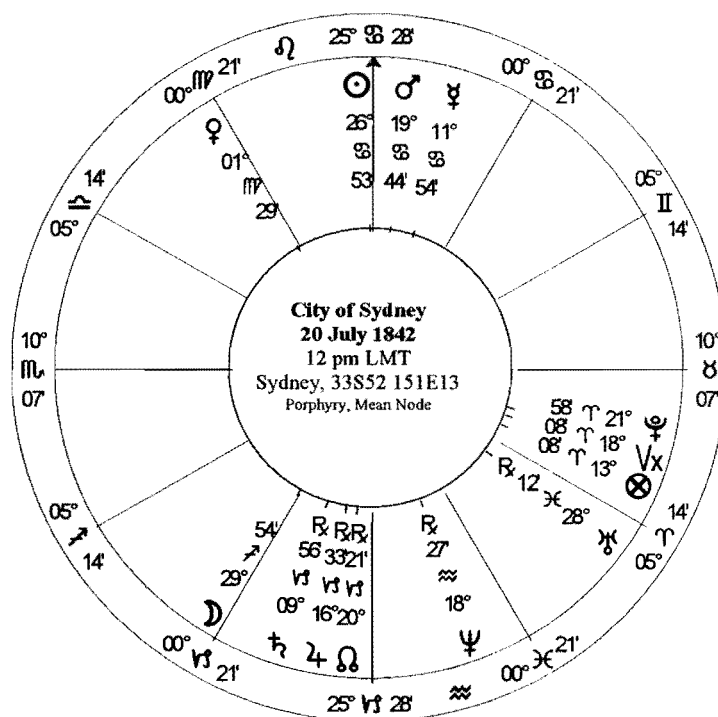
Departure Chart and Foundation of City of Sydney

[See Chart next column]

Further investigation of the Foundation Chart for City of Sydney, (Chart from Marie Casey, *Astrological Monthly Review* April 1995) yields the Moon (in the Rail Tragedy Chart) conjunct the Nodal Axis, opposite Mars, the Sun, and MC, conjunct Jupiter, square Pluto.

Quincunxes again: t.Pluto quincunx n.Mars, quincunx the Moon's South Node. T.Saturn quincunx the Moon's North Node. Topping it off t.Chiron opposite n.Mars, conjunct n.Jupiter, n.Saturn. With the Election of the NSW Parliament coming up our political leaders must be concerned about the outcome.

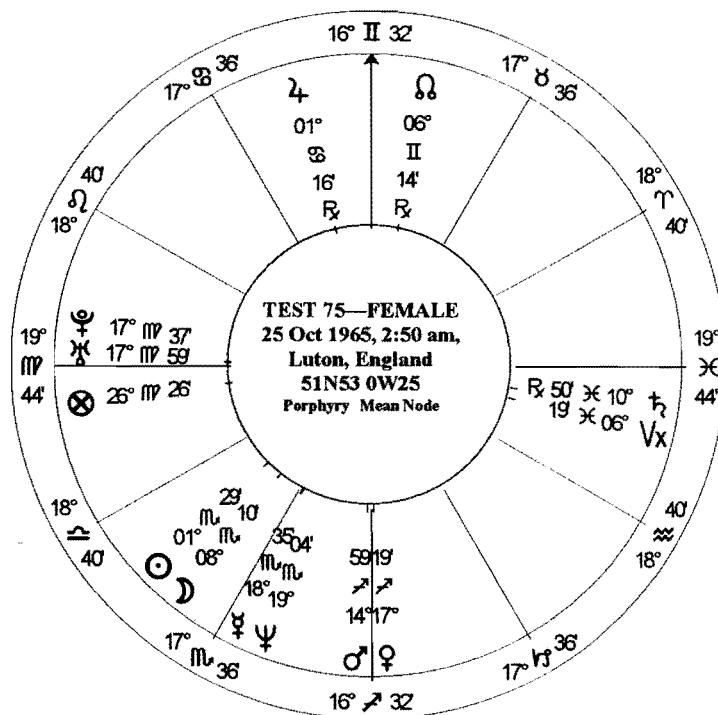
Finally, my use of so many features may be regarded as excessive, but it does show how a chart reverberates with information. It was a good argu-



ment for great consideration—that train on that day and at that time going to Port Kembla from Central! □

TEST NO. 75—REPORT

Test 75 was an exercise relating to a woman whose Chart appears below: The test was to match the following three events in her life with the appropriate



date from the three dates listed:

1. She was bitten by a snake.
2. She had a serious back operation.
3. Her husband left her.

The dates:

9 July 2001, 25 Dec 2002, 3 Jan 2003.

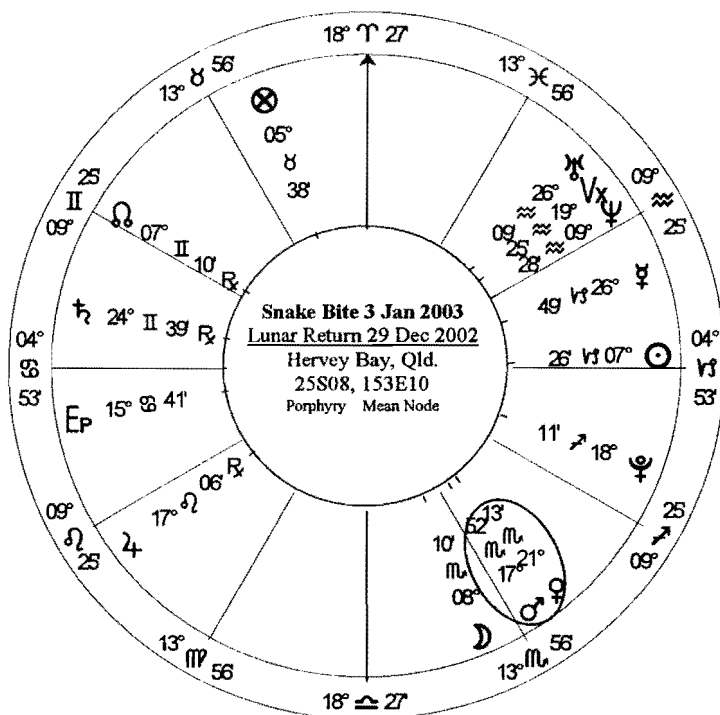
9 July 2001, 25 Dec 2002, 3 Jan 2003 .

The correct matching is —

Snake bite, 3 Jan 2003.
Back Surgery, 9 July 2001
Husband left, 25 Dec 2002

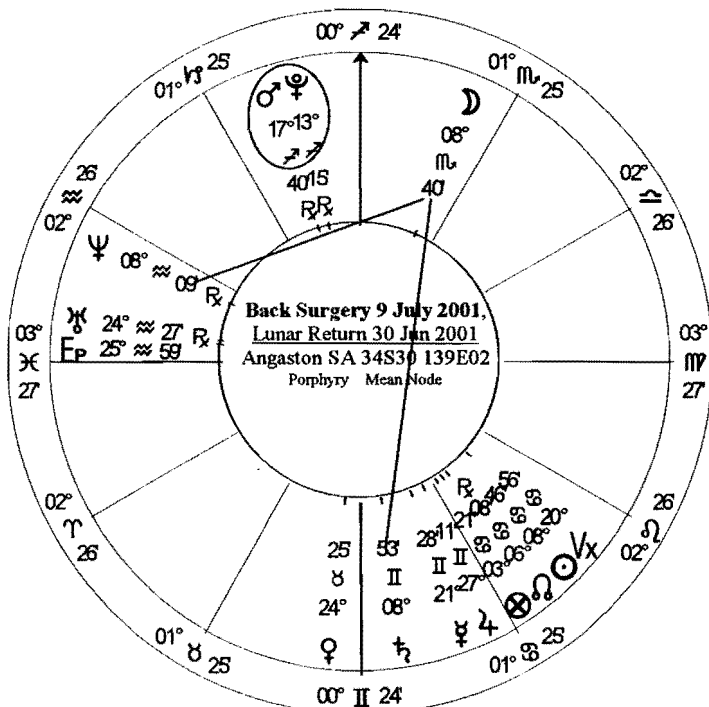
There were 32 answers (seven correct) to this Test. The appropriate date for each event can be seen from the Lunar Return Charts, either standard or precessed.

1. Snake Bite, 3 Jan 2003 (at Hervey Bay Town, Qld):



Lunar Ret. 29 Dec 2002

That 3 Jan 2003 is the date of the snake bite is evident from the conjunction of Mars and Venus in **Scorpio** (poisonous creatures) square Jupiter and the

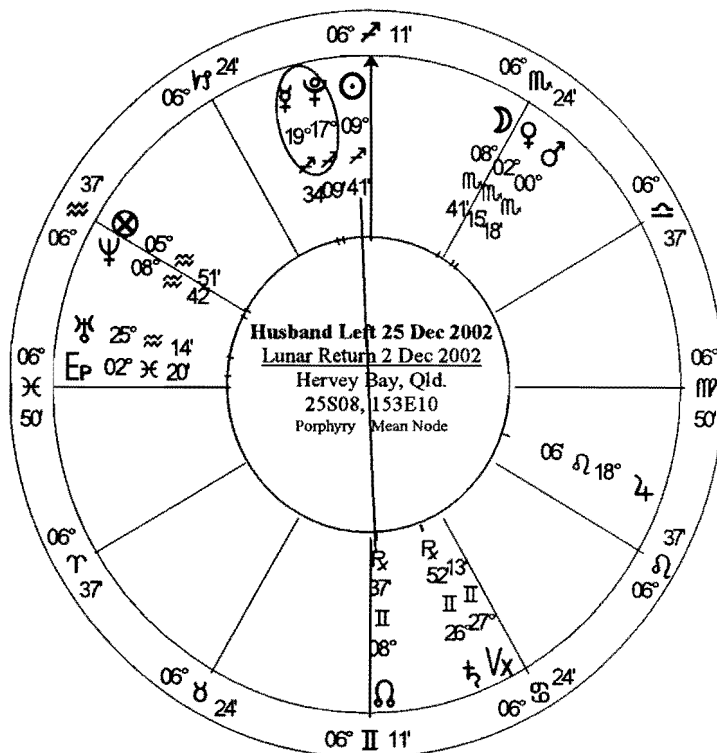


Vertex. This is sufficient indication even without Ascendant-Ruler Moon square Neptune in the 8th House (*dangerous experiences*).

2. Back Surgery, 9 July 2001. Precessed Lunar Return Chart 30 June 2001 (at Angaston, S.A.) (Chart below, left).

Mars conjunct Pluto (*surgery*) is elevated. The Sun (*the back*) rules the 6th House (*health*) and occupies the 5th (*the back*) together with other Significators. The Moon squares Neptune in the 12th House (*hospitalization*) and is quincunx Saturn (*the bony structure*).

3. Husband left 25 Dec 2002. Precessed Lunar



Return Chart 2 Dec 2002 (Hervey Bay Town, Qld.)

The Sun opposite the Moon's North Node along the Meridian decides this date for the husband's leaving (*opposition* = *separation*, *Sun* = *husband*). Mercury ruling the House of Marriage conjunct Pluto (*destruction*) is merely supporting.

Congratulations to all who participated and sent a written answer, whether it was correct or otherwise. It is principally a learning exercise, and often much more is learned from a wrong answer than from a correct one. □

TEST NO. 76

Test No. 76 concerns a woman born in Sydney (33S53, 151E13) on 29 July 1952 at 10:30 pm AEST. Asc 13Ar20, MC 14Cp34, Moon 29Li42.

An important event occurred in her life on **24 Dec 2002**. It was one of the following. The Test is to determine WHICH ONE.

1. Her mother was diagnosed with terminal cancer.
2. She suffered a financial loss.
3. She moved house.

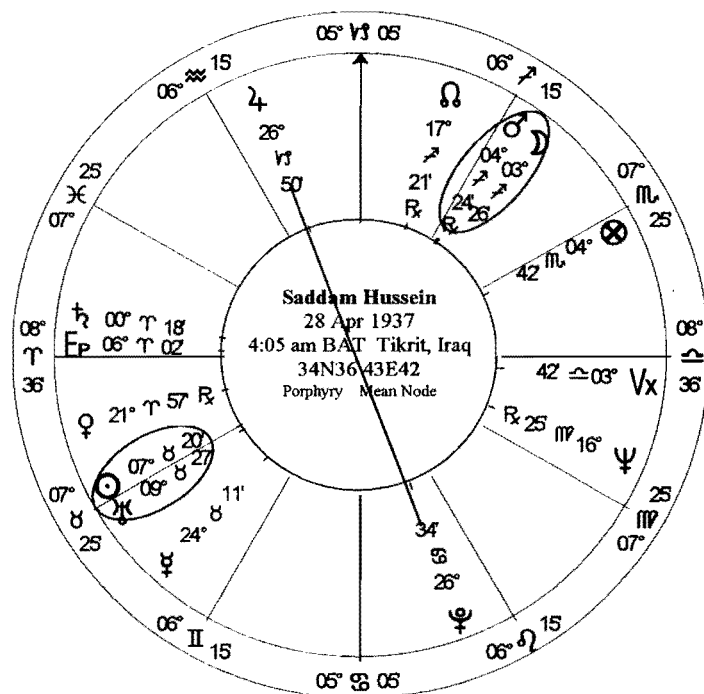
5. Her house was damaged in a fire.

Any readers who want to test their astrological techniques can send a solution, with its astrological basis (before **20th March**, please). All who do so will be personally apprised of the correct answer before it is published in the April Issue of this Journal.

HINT: Any astrological technique may be used but the solution can be found readily in the *Age Harmonic Chart*. □

SADDAM HUSSEIN

What appears to be a reliable Chart for the Iraqi Dictator Saddam Hussein has come to light through the Internet. Here it is:



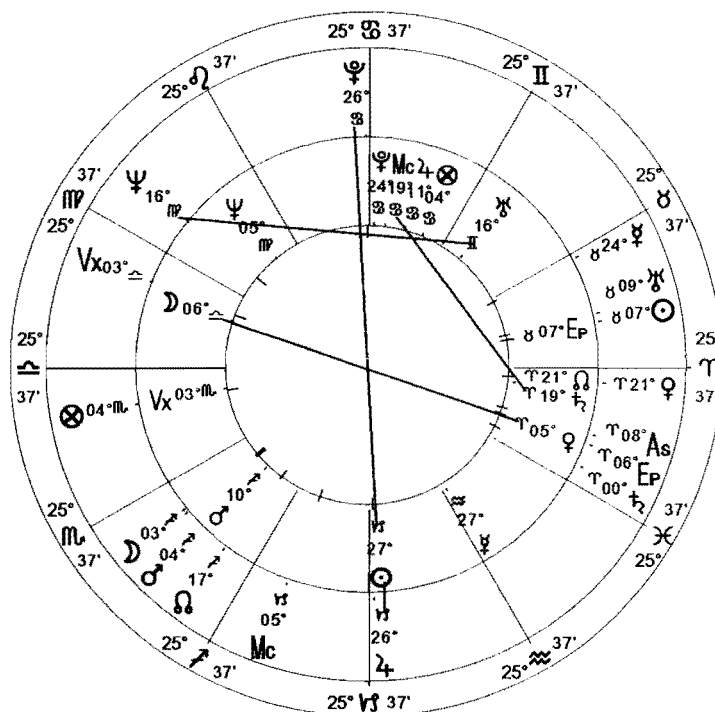
The most striking feature of the Chart is the Angular and very close opposition of Jupiter and Pluto (*the desire for power; the pursuit of fanatical aims; loss of everything*—Reinhold Ebertin).

Determination to be at the head of things, fanaticism and ruthlessness are the product of Aries rising with Ruler Mars conjunct the Moon in Sagittarius, the Sign associated with overweening self-confidence.

Implacable ambition comes from Capricorn at the Midheaven trine to the Sun and Uranus which are conjunct in Taurus. They also betoken self-will, self-indulgence and a contradictory nature given to acting erratically on a whim or impulse.

What Now?

With this Chart I feel reasonably confident in venturing a prediction re the immediate future of this tyrannical Ruler. The USA is on the brink of going to war to oust him and destroy his stock of weapons of mass destruction (chemical, biological, and nuclear). In Issue 257 of December last, in my comments on the Solar Eclipse of 4th Dec. 2002 I noted the strong and adverse factors pointing to hostilities in January, February and March, though I forecast no immediate war. It looks like the USA is now poised for an early



Outer Wheel: Saddam Hussein, Natus 28 Apr 1937, 4:05 am BAT Tikrit, Iraq, 34N36, 43E42

invasion of Iraq.

In this critical situation, Saddam Hussein's current Monthly Chart discloses his prospects. Printed out above is his Harmonic Chart for the period **27 February—27 March 2003** with the Birth Figure in the outer wheel.

This BiWheel is plainly disastrous for Saddam. The natal opposition of Pluto and Jupiter lies along the Meridian, with Pluto the elevated planet. It signals the loss of his power and status. Confirmation comes from several other factors: The AH-Sun is also opposed by Pluto (*great danger*), the AH-Pluto is conjunct the MC (*fall from the top*), Saturn squares the "floating" MC (*ambitions halted*), and the Moon (MC-Ruler) is opposite the Asc-Ruler, Venus (*loss of position*). That Venus also rules the House of Death is another bad omen for Saddam, particularly with Uranus square n.Neptune (*the elimination of the waking consciousness*—Ebertin).

I anticipate this calamity will descend on Saddam Hussein around **March 23** when Stationary Pluto at 19Sg57 conjuncts the midpoints Mars/MC (19Sg45) and Moon/MC (19Sg16) in his Birth Chart.

Saddam could either voluntarily abdicate from his position of power or be forced out. Either way the Iraqi people and the world would be freed from a cruel and ruthless dictator. This would be the best outcome, without the misery of a general war or even that of a "surgical strike" to eliminate a bloody tyrant.

— Dymock, 5 March 2003.

The Future of Terrorism: This article in the last Issue, No. 259, is the work of Allan Johnson. Unfortunately in most copies of the Journal the by-line "by Allan Johnson" did not appear - Ed.

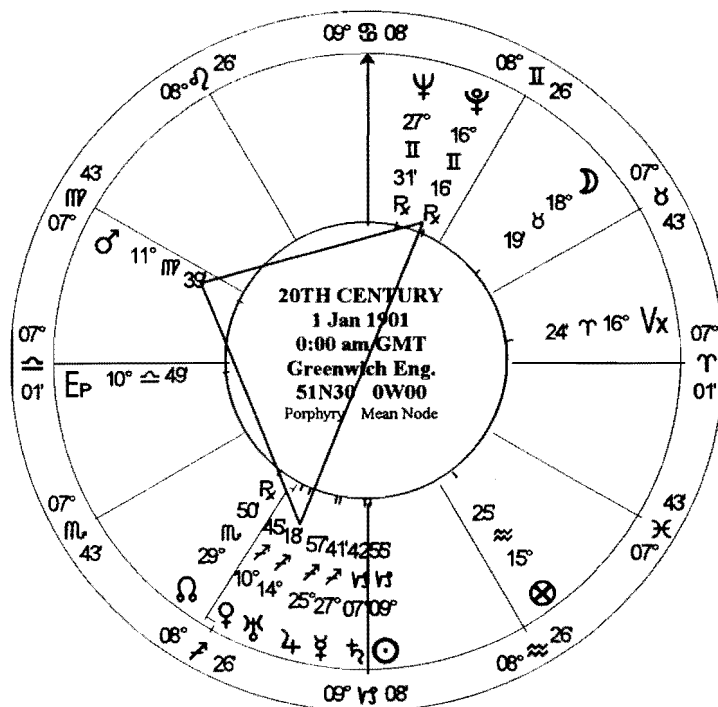
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THE FUTURE OF TERRORISM

A lot of people are getting very worried about terrorism and wondering where this is leading the world. And what does Astrology have to say about this? For wars and revolutions we do have a starting point to give us a chart to work with, but we don't get this where terrorism is concerned. Charts for actual bombings like the New York case don't give us any clues about the future. A chart for terrorism itself is hard to pin down. It is all so very *dispersed*. I think the best approach to this question could be through charts for the *centuries*. In previous articles I have dealt with the Charts for the 20th and 21st Centuries and these could be looked at again. The Chart for the 20th Century was a very valid Chart with a powerful

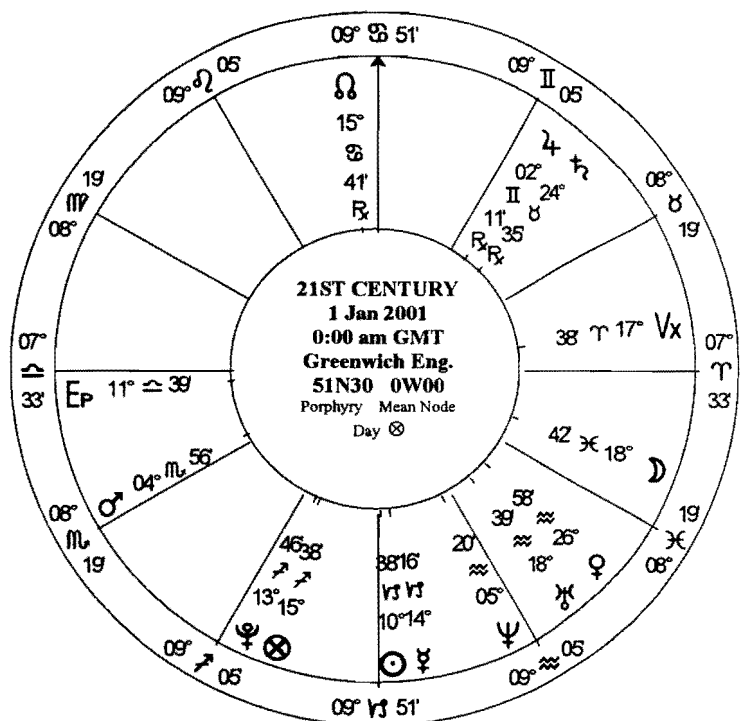


T-Square pattern Linking Pluto/Mars/Uranus. All these planets have been linked with violence, and all the planets in the Chart are linked with dramatic configurations. So very appropriately we got the most dramatic and violent century in history. Two world wars and violent revolutions in China and Russia. Also with seven planets in Mutable Signs we got fluctuations from one crisis to the next.

Then we look at the Chart for the 21st Century (1st January, 2001, 0 hours, Greenwich) and what a contrast! More emphasis on Fixed Signs. No heavily dramatic configurations. Francis Fukuyama, writing a preview of the 21 Century calls it The End of History. This book was written in the early 1990's. By

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"history" he meant a particular *type* of history, the rise and falls of empires, massive wars and heavy drama, etc. So he rules out World Wars in the 21st Century. And I am inclined to agree with him astrologically. So I would say that, despite terrorism, we won't get any massive violence involving millions. The newspapers are looking at the possibility of the Third World War starting in the Middle East—but their minds are still fixed on the past. I predict that the upheaval in Iraq won't really be such a big deal. If there is fighting it will be more at the level of the Gulf War. The Middle East nations have no great unity or leadership or background resources. They are in a state of decline and doing their best to migrate elsewhere. A world war needs heavy resources on *both* sides.

Of course George Bush's Chart has some relevance. But he is a Cancer Sun and Cancers are usually cautious. At the time of writing transiting Neptune is opposite his natal Mercury in the Ascendant. There will be some mental confusion and uncertainty. I don't see the role of terrorism being enhanced in the

immediate future.

This brings us to the overall picture as we move into the 21st Century, and the over-riding factor in the century ahead is that we are now emerging more firmly into the Aquarian Age. Aquarius marks the decline of religious hatreds. The Watchword for Aquarius is "Live and Let Live!". We will see more of religious tolerance. Terrorism won't end abruptly but will more likely go into a gradual decline. □

STRANGE WIN OF A CADILLAC!

A correspondent ("CarLee") from USA writes on the Internet about his lucky win of a Cadillac car. I have his permission to reproduce it here:

"I have been a student of Astrology for more than 35 years but I am *really* stumped on this one! In 1978 I won a brand new 1978 Cadillac *Coupe De Ville*. If this is not enough, I of course sold it and the person that bought it ended up being the person that had actually ordered the car in the first place!

"I have searched my Horoscope and other than a midpoint being activated, I can't—nor can other astrology friends—find out why this happened. I have the strong feeling that this sort of thing is about to happen again, but am not sure if it is just wishful thinking.

"Oh, also I should say that I had an audible premonition that I was going to win this vehicle and that is what prompted me to call into the radio station to enter in the first place. Whenever I have had one of these audible premonitions it has always come true—usually when I was facing very steep odds as in winning this car.

"I was born December 16, 1950, 1:27 am, La Porte, Indiana."

CarLee writes further—

"I was driving my car into work in Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday morning, October 10th. While I was driving I heard on the radio that they were going to give away the Cadillac on Wednesday and that they were going to register every fifth caller. I was "told" that I was going to win the car and so I went into work and called. Much to my surprise I got through! The next day at 6:30 pm my name was drawn from the registered people."

This is an interesting situation. With such a remarkable win of a Cadillac we would expect to see fairly obvious signs in the Birth Chart (next column). The Signs are there but have to be uncovered:

Firstly, and most immediately apparent, is Venus sextile Jupiter with the small orb of 21'. This Aspect is well-known to signify good luck and strokes of good fortune.

Then we see that Venus is the Chart Ruler and Jupiter occupies the House of Chances and Gambles. Further, Venus is in the House of Roads and Vehicles while Jupiter is the Ruler of that House. It is a classic example of emphasis by a planet in a House being Aspected by the Ruler of the House.

From this we are justified in inferring that at some time the native would benefit from a stroke of luck connected with vehicles or transport. The *Part of Fortune* (15Cp09) conjunct Mercury (14Cp10) in the same House supports this view.

But more is needed, and closer inspection brings the following corroborative factors to light::

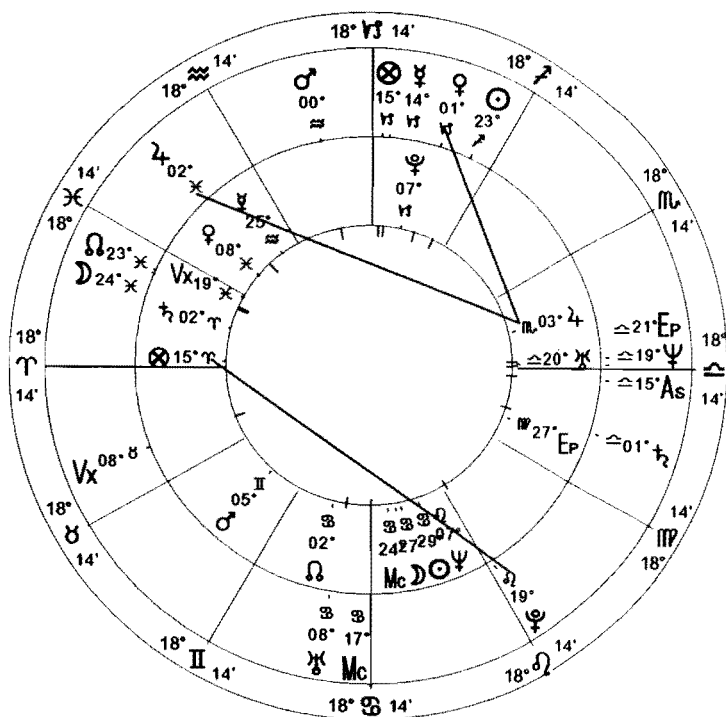
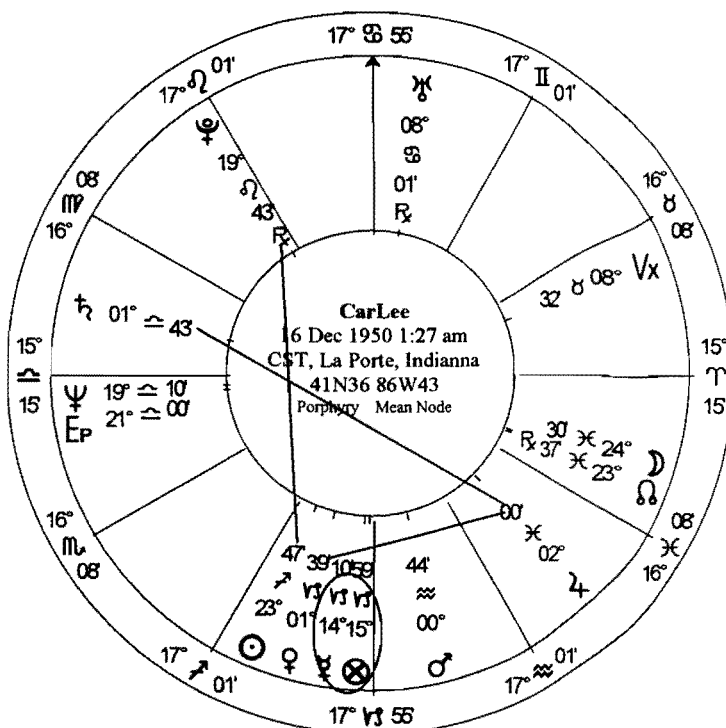
1. Jupiter and Venus both have high scores on the Ptolemy Essential Dignities Table, Jupiter +5 and Venus +7, adding greatly to their effectiveness.
2. The Moon is linked to Jupiter by an *exact* arc of 22° 30', so the benefits of Jupiter splash over into everyday life, particularly as the Moon rules the MC.
3. Saturn, Ruler and Almuten* of the 5th House, is Exalted in Libra and has the very high score of +11. Saturn is connected to Jupiter in the 5th by quincunx (orb 17') (*solid benefits*).
4. Hopes and Wishes are gratified through Pluto on the 11th Cusp trine to the Sun ruling the 11th Cusp.

The correspondent's receptiveness, in clairaudient fashion, I attribute to Neptune on the Ascendant closely sextile Pluto (orb 33') and square Mercury.

In sum, the above factors are certainly enough to foreshadow a "lucky" win—and more will come!

On the date (10 Oct 1958) when the Cadillac was won the Age Harmonic Chart (27.75, coupled with the Radix) and the (precessed) Solar Month Chart both declare this was a lucky period for him:

The Age Harmonic Chart (next column) has the *Part of Fortune* on the Ascendant and trine to natal Pluto (19Le53) right on the 5th



Inner Circle. Car Lee, Harmonic 27.75 (16 Sep—16 Oct 1978)

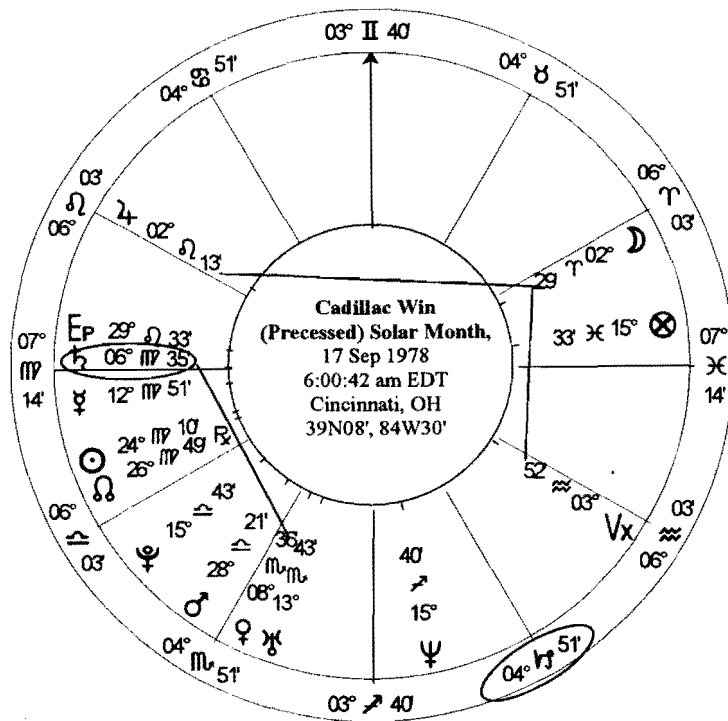
Outer Circle. CarLee, Birth Chart, 16 Dec 1950, 1:27 am CST, La Porte, Indiana.

Cusp. Jupiter is trine to natal Jupiter and sextile natal Venus.

The **Solar Month Chart** (17 Sep 1978, at Cincinnati) on the next page has the Moon very closely trine Jupiter. Saturn (beneficent, as above) rules the House of Gambles and is right on the Ascendant where it sextiles *Lady Luck*, Venus, in the House of Roads and Vehicles.

Transits complete the picture with the important factors, Ascendant, Saturn and Venus, being linked by the Midpoint Transit Venus/Saturn conjunct Asc on 9 Oct 1978. □

***Almuten**: An Almuten is the planet of chief influence in a Chart or House. Its strength is estimated from its intrinsic nature, Accidental or Essential Dignity, Aspects from other Significators, and Elevation.



TEST NO. 74—REPORT

The solution to last month's Test is —

1. The woman started a new job as a nurse in a cancer ward on **14 Dec 1999**.
2. She underwent surgery for the removal of a uterine tumour on **26 April 1999**.
3. Her husband left her suddenly on **17 Oct 1992**.

The answers could be found relatively quickly from the **precessed Lunar Returns**:

Started new job. LR Chart, 25 Nov 1990: Uranus, Neptune, Mars at MC; Moon trine Pluto; Venus and Vertex at Cusp 6.

Surgery. LR Chart, 21 Apr 1999: Mars, Saturn, Neptune and Vertex in a Grand Cross.

Husband left. LR Chart, 20 Sep 1992 (next page): Uranus, Neptune and EP opposite the Moon in the 7th House; Mars in 7th square the *Part of Fortune*.

The correct answers could also be picked from the **Month Age Harmonics**. These Charts are not reproduced but here are the principal factors in each one:

Started new job. A.H. 50.0833 (10 Dec 1999—10 Jan 2000):

Natal Mars on MC; Mercury ruling MC square Mars and the "floating" MC; Sun on Ascendant sextile Moon and POF. (All Aspects less than one degree).

Surgery. AH 49.4167 (10 Apr—10 May 1999):

Mars and Venus conjunct on the 6th Cusp; Jupiter on 6th Cusp trine the N. Node.

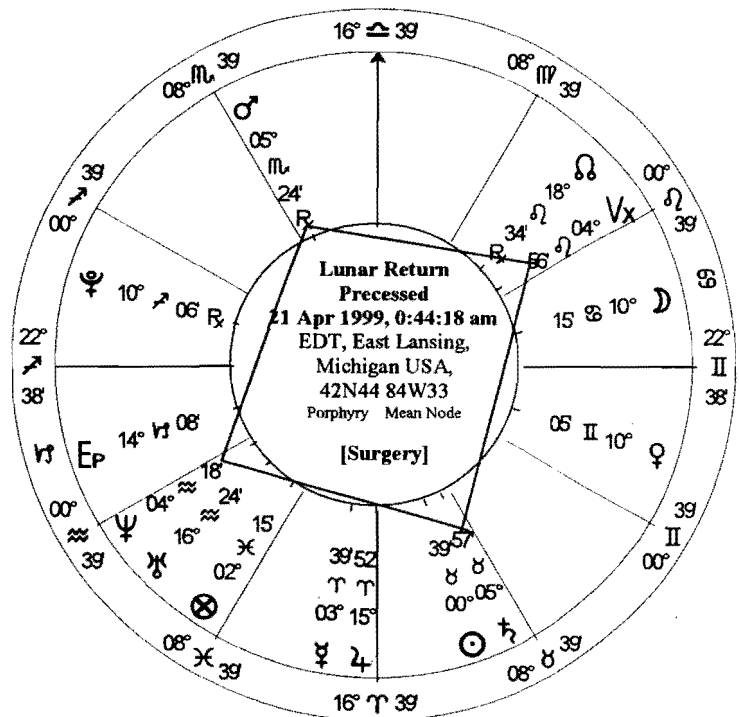
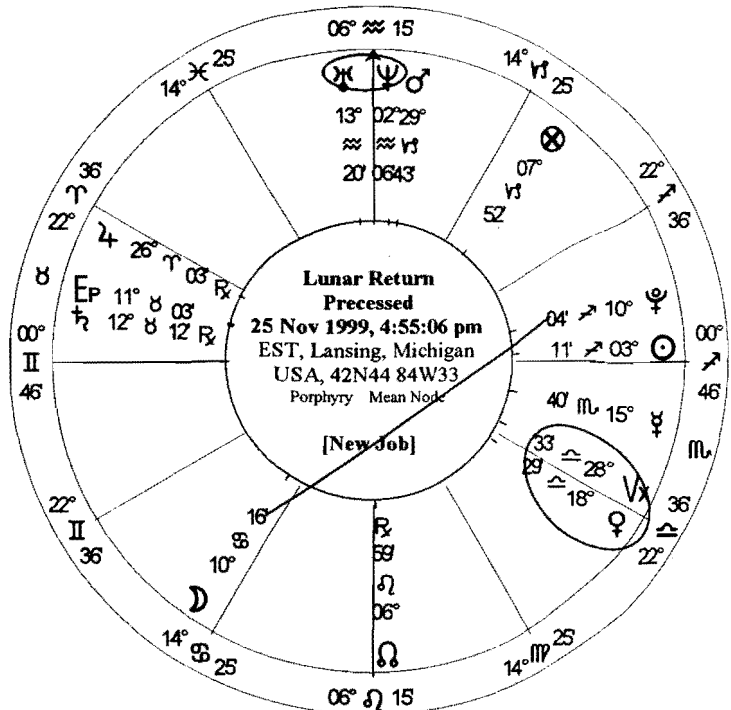
Husband left. AH 42.9167 (10 Oct—10 Nov 1992):

Mars in 7th House opposite Mercury, both at 2°; Sun square Neptune.

There were five correct answers from 43 respondents around the world. Fourteen respondents used Vedic Astrology, and three found the correct dates this way. Traditional methods (Progressions, Directions, Transits, Cyclic Charts) were used by nine respondents, producing two correct answers. A minority employed

Profections, Firdaria or Uranian methods though without success.

My congratulations to all who attempted this problem and sent in a solution, regardless of their results. □



TEST NO. 75-FEMALE

Here is another Test along the same lines as the last one. The subject is a woman born 25 October 1965 at 2:50 am GMT in Luton, England (51N53, 0W25). The Ascendant is 19Vi44, MC16Ge32, Moon 8Sc10.

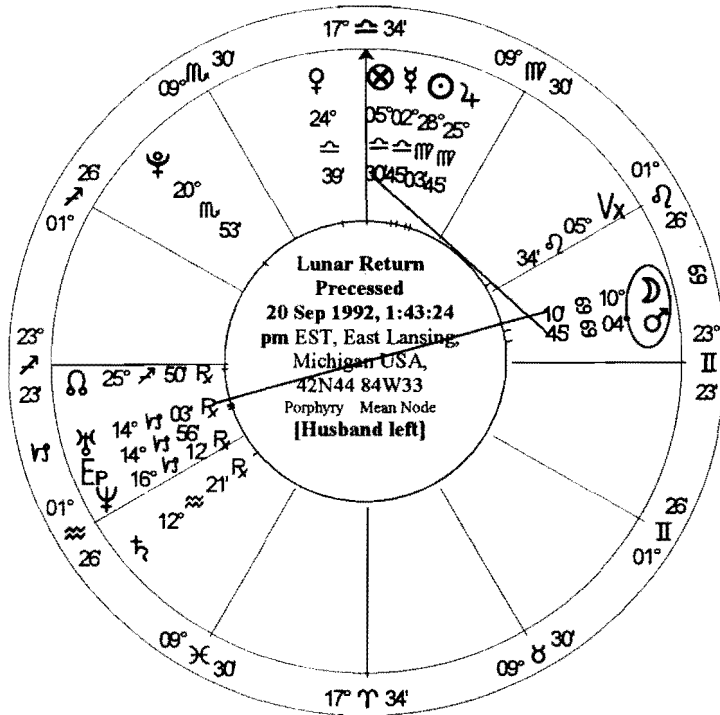
Three events in her life are the following:

1. She was bitten by a snake.
2. She had a serious back operation.
3. Her husband left her.

Each of these events occurred on one of the following dates.

1. 9 July 2001
2. 25 Dec 2002
3. 3 Jan 2003

The woman was living at her birth place (Angaston, S.A.) until 20 Sep 2002 when she moved to Hervey Bay, Qld (25S08, 153E10).



Can you match the date to the event?

Use any astrological method of your choice. Please send your answers to me by post or e-mail, with their astrological basis, by **20th February**. All respondents will receive an individual reply.

SPACE SHUTTLE DISASTER

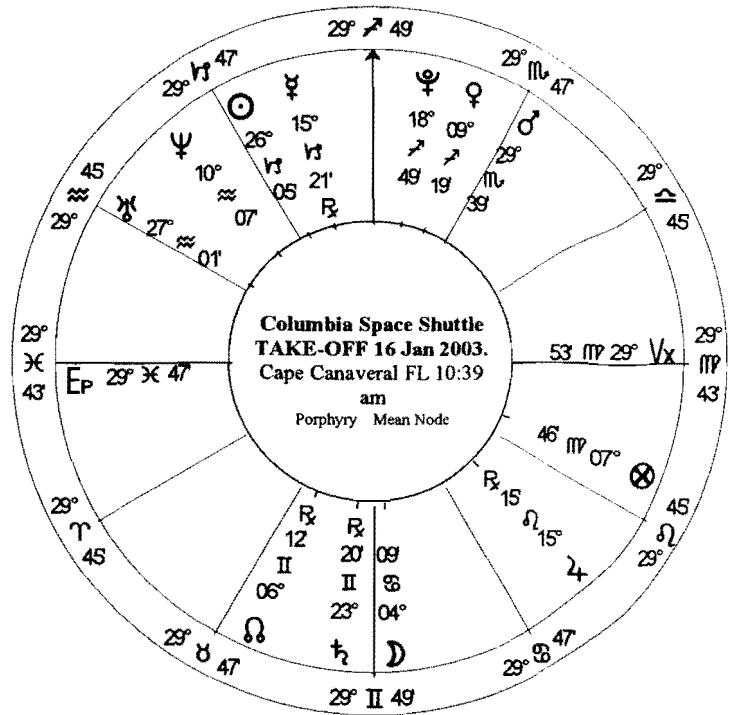
There are many tragedies in the world, both here in Australia and elsewhere, but for the moment attention is diverted to the loss of the brave men and women who died when the Columbia Space Shuttle crashed to earth in Texas three days ago, February 1. The sight of the Shuttle breaking-up after its re-entry into the earth's atmosphere will long be remembered by those who saw it on television.

Astrologers have been analyzing the Chart for the break-up of the Shuttle (9 am, 1 Feb 2003 over Texas) and also the Shuttle's Take-Off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 10:39 am on 16 January 2003 (next column). Though the Break-up Chart is of some interest, it is of more practical use to see how the USA might have been *forewarned* about the danger.

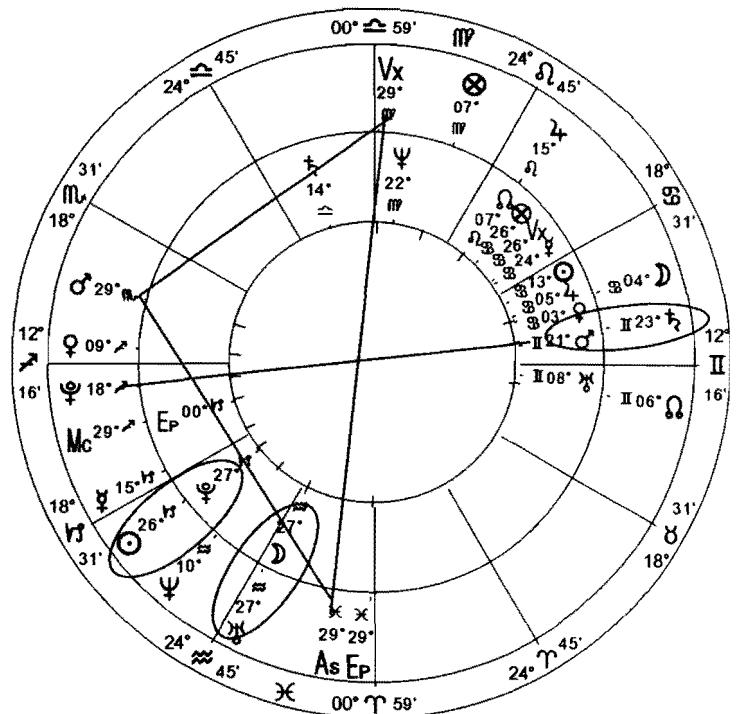
Putting the Take-Off Chart around the USA National Chart gives a clear warning. Numerous inter-chart factors point to disaster. From the Shuttle Chart to the USA Chart we have:

- ♦ The Sun conjunct Pluto (*destruction*).
- ♦ Uranus conjunct the Moon (*break-up*).
- ♦ Pluto opposing Mars across the Chart (*mechanical failure*).
- ♦ Saturn conjunct Mars (*accident, injury*).
- ♦ Part of Fortune square Uranus (*misfortune*).
- ♦ The opposition of the Vertex to the Ascendant and EP along the Meridian with Mars forming a T-square (*adverse stroke of Fate*).

Any single one of these factors is enough to justify postponing till a more propitious time any journey or venture, let alone something as huge, dangerous and expensive as the launch of a space vehicle with seven astronauts on board.



Unhealthy features of the above Chart are Mars square Uranus, Pluto opposing Saturn, and the last degrees of the Sign on the Ascendant. Placing this Chart around the USA Chart gives a dire warning!



Inner Circle: USA National Chart, 4 July 1776, 5:10:17 pm, EST, [translated from LMT] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 40N00°24", 75W08°05".
Outer Circle: Columbia Space Shuttle Take-Off, 16 Jan 2003, 10:39 am EST. Cape Canaveral, FL, 28N23°33", 80W36°52"
 Porphiry Cusps (from Inner Circle) Mean Node.

In a better day to come, scientists and engineers will appreciate the unique help that Astrology can give them. That will be a major step forward in our evolution.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock.
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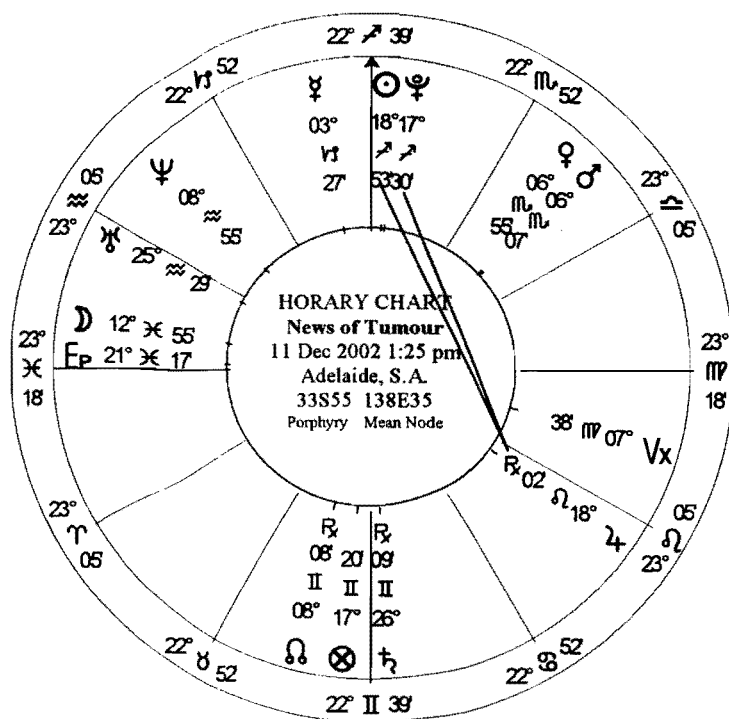
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CRISES AND CHARTS

It has been the astrological practice when an important issue arises in a person's life to search for a suitable day to implement an idea, initiate a project or simply make it happen. In this way, it is hoped that the event will occur in the most favourable circumstances and have the best outcome. This technique has been applied to proposed marriages, conception of children, the launching of businesses, dates for hospitalization, starting a course of study or training, commencing a new job, buying a house, etc, etc.

Sometimes the matter is out of our hands, as for instance, in a sudden medical crisis where immediate attention is necessary. Strangely enough, the unalterable date or time for this type of event is often the best one that could be selected, as if it were arranged by some highly competent astrologer.

An event of this nature occurred recently: A long-time friend of ours was suddenly and unexpectedly diagnosed with a large tumour of the brain. She was hospitalized immediately and an operation to remove it was scheduled for Saturday, 14 December 2002. On receipt of the bad news (11 Dec 2002) I immediately cast a Horary Chart to see what the prospects were for our friend. Here it is:



Pisces rises; Ruler, Jupiter, is at the Cusp of the 6th House (Health & Illness) in a close trine to both Pluto (surgery) and an elevated Sun, Ruler of the 6th House. This is a powerful and beneficial relationship.

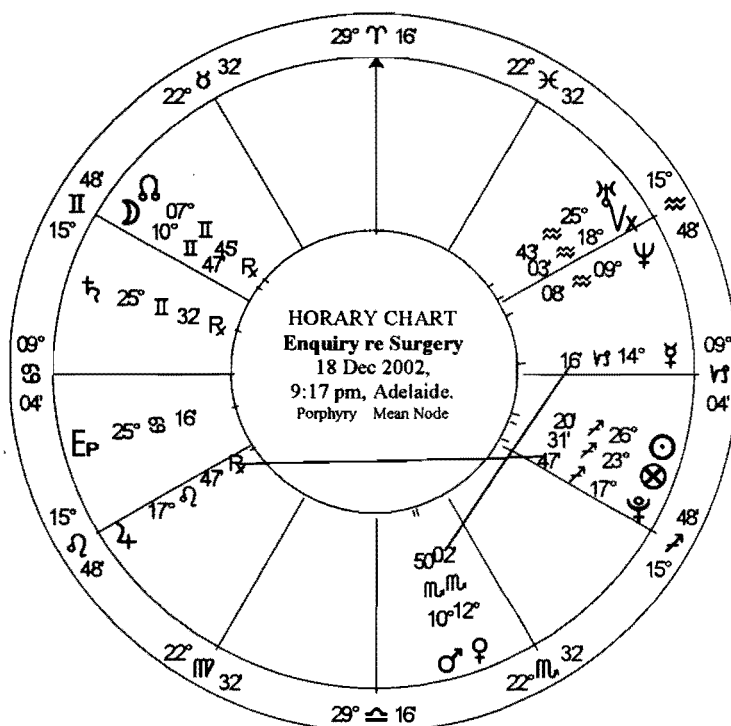
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Moreover, Jupiter and the Sun are in Mutual Reception (each being in the other's Sign), which considerably strengthens their beneficial effect. The "trine" Aspect itself is the most favourable of them all. So the welcome news I could impart to our friend was that she was in good hands, with a top-class surgeon, and that the operation itself would be as near perfect as could be achieved in these medical situations. Naturally, this was a great comfort to her.

Though the date for surgery had been set for December 14 it had to be postponed as the patient developed a high temperature due to the powerful drugs that were administered to her. When these were stopped a few days later her temperature returned to normal and the surgery was scheduled for Monday, December 23. However, the full complement of the surgical team was not available on that day so it was re-scheduled for the following day, December 24.

On December 18 I had consulted another Horary Chart (below) to enquire how the patient would fare with the surgery procedures.



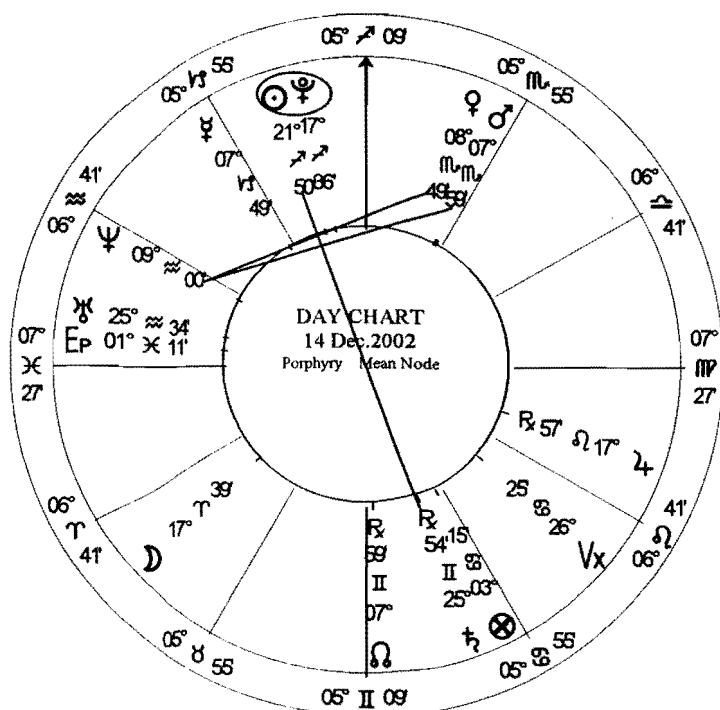
The remarkable thing about this Chart is the planet Pluto (surgery) on the Cusp of the 6th House in a trine with Jupiter, exact to the degree and minute—a rare

occurrence. The 6th House also holds the Sun in conjunction with the *Part of Fortune*. The Chart is most favourable and bears out the promise of the earlier Horary Figure. What most concerned the patient (a highly intelligent and articulate woman) was that she would not suffer a loss of faculty—a possibility as the tumour was lying very close to a part of the brain that controls the functions of thought and speech. From the sextile of Venus (ruling the 4th House—the outcome) to Mercury (intellect) in this Chart I judged that there would not be any loss of function notwithstanding the highly delicate operation. This was naturally a great relief to the patient and strengthened her confidence and courage—the best possible psychological preparation.

In the event, after six hours of surgery, the operation was a splendid success, the surgeon having successfully removed 98% of the tumour—attempting to remove it entirely would have risked the patient's faculties. Though, of course, subject to the normal after-effects of anaesthesia and the violence necessarily inflicted on her body she progressed well through High Dependency and Intensive Care and after a further four days was allowed to return home to the care of her partner and children.

From the astrological point of view, a highly interesting point is that, even given the opportunity, I could not have chosen a better date (an "Election") for the surgery than the one on which it actually occurred (bearing in mind, of course, that it was a matter of urgency and had a limited time frame).

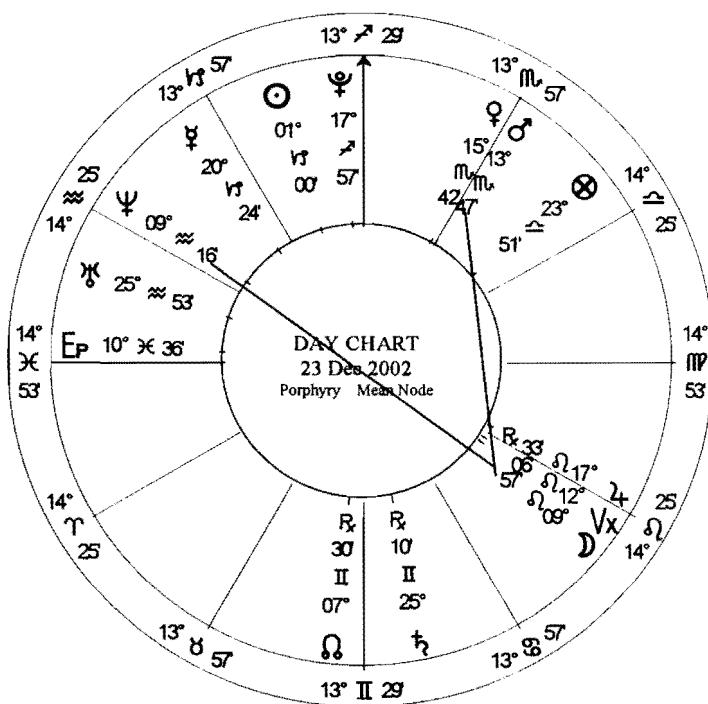
On the first scheduled date, **December 14**, the patient's DAY CHART* (below) has Pluto conjunct the Sun, Ruler of the 6th House, the Sun opposing Saturn, and Neptune in the House of Misfortunes square Mars and Venus—three distinctly adverse combinations.



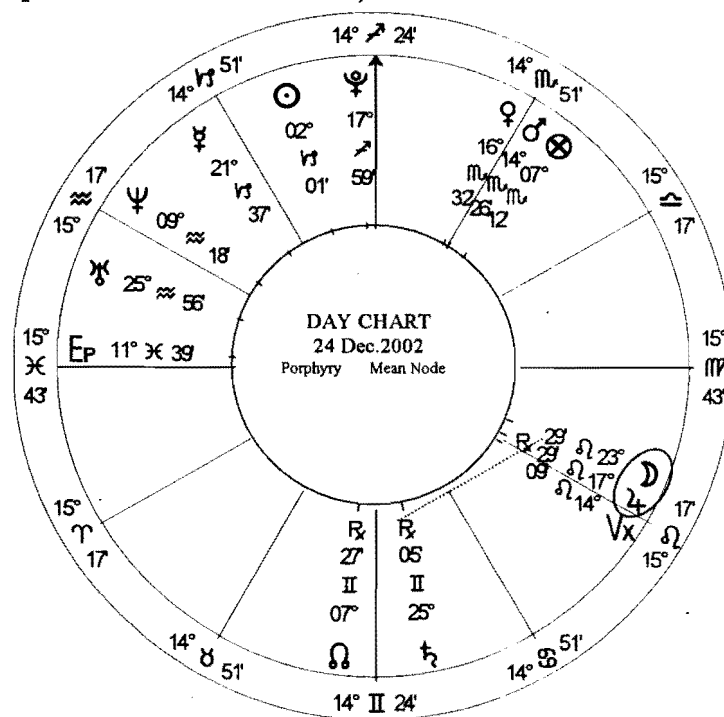
On the 2nd scheduled date, **December 23**, The Moon (a very important significator in regard to a woman's health) is in close opposition to Neptune and square to Mars—a likely indicator of surgery gone

wrong.

How much better was the actual date of the



surgery, **December 24**! (below). The Moon conjoins Jupiter ("The Preserver") in the 6th House, is well past the square of Mars, and is in favouring sextile to Saturn (which happens to be the Ruler of the patient's natal Ascendant).



There is a Destiny that shapes our ends...

*DAY CHART: A chart calculated for a particular day, using the same time as the person's birth but the current place of residence.

The above three Day Charts are all calculated for the place where the surgery was performed, Nepean Hospital, Penrith, NSW, Australia (33S45, 150E42) and for the birth time of the patient. □

TEST NO. 73—REPORT

Thirty-nine astrologers from around the world accepted the challenge of Test 73. Whatever their results they deserve to be commended for putting themselves on the line with their answers.

The date of the father's death was **30th March 1996**. Any date within ten days was counted as correct—and there were three, with two others only fifteen days away.

The correct answers came from —

Pingo Mutombo (Czechoslovakia) — 26 March, 1996,
Sjakkie Govers (Netherlands) — 20 March, 1996,
Paul Langeveld (Netherlands) — 10 April, 1996 (11 days out but close enough).

Almost as good were —

Nicholas Francis (Australia) and Robert (Germany) who both arrived at 15 March, 1996 (15 days out).

Pingo Mutombo based his answer on the Sidereal Lunar Return of March 14, 1996, which had the conjunction of the Sun, Saturn and Mars in the 8th House. (Apparently Transits decided the choice of 20 March 1996.)

Sjakkie Govers decided first that the 38th Harmonic, covering the period from 14th March 1996—14th March 1997 revealed the death. The date 20 March 1996 was determined from the Solar Return Chart by Directing the MC (17Ge31) to the square of Sun, Mars and Saturn at the rate of 1° = 1 day.

Paul Langeveld decided on the year 14 March 1996—14 March 1997 from the Age Harmonic, then looked at the Lunar Returns and chose the date 10 April 1996, from the Lunar Return of that date which had a number of relevant Aspects.

Nicholas and Robert both used Vedic Astrology. Nicholas found Mars closing in on the natal Sun on 15 March 1996. Robert found Transits in the Dasha Period suggesting 15th March 1996.

Methods used by the 39 respondents were: Vedic 12, Uranian 4, Chinese 2, Profecions 2. The others used conventional Western methods (Secondary and/or Tertiary Progressions and Transits) mostly with an admixture of Solar Returns, Lunar Returns, Age Harmonics, Lunations or Eclipses. The method was not stated in 2 cases.

Countries represented were Thailand 5, Netherlands 4, France 4, Germany 3, Canada 3, Australia 3, USA 2, Czechoslovakia 2, UK 1, Singapore 1, New Zealand 1, Italy 1, Belgium 1, Portugal 1, Croatia 1, Slovenia 1, Taiwan 1. Others were not stated.

A quick method of finding the answer, apparently not used by any of the respondents, was by listing the **Solar Return Directions** for the year 1 May 1995—1 May 1996. Here they are:

MC	Sqr	Ura	26 May 1995	07°Ta59'	07°Le59'
Mar	Tri	Nep	12 Jun 1995	04°Pi25'	04°Sc25'
EqA	Cnj	Ura	10 Aug 1995	07°Le59'	07°Le59'
PF	Tri	Mon	28 Aug 1995	12°Ta50'	12°Cp50'
Asc	Tri	Sun	28 Aug 1995	23°Cn01'	23°Pi01'
Mer	Sqr	Ven	16 Jan 1996	10°Ta01'	10°Aq01'
Sat	Sxt	Mer	31 Jan 1996	02°Aq41'	02°Ar41'
Jup	Tri	Ura	11 Feb 1996	07°Sg59'	07°Le59'
Plu	Sxt	Ura	27 Feb 1996	07°Li59'	07°Le59'
Sun	Tri	Plu	31 Mar 1996	00°Ta32'	00°Vi32'

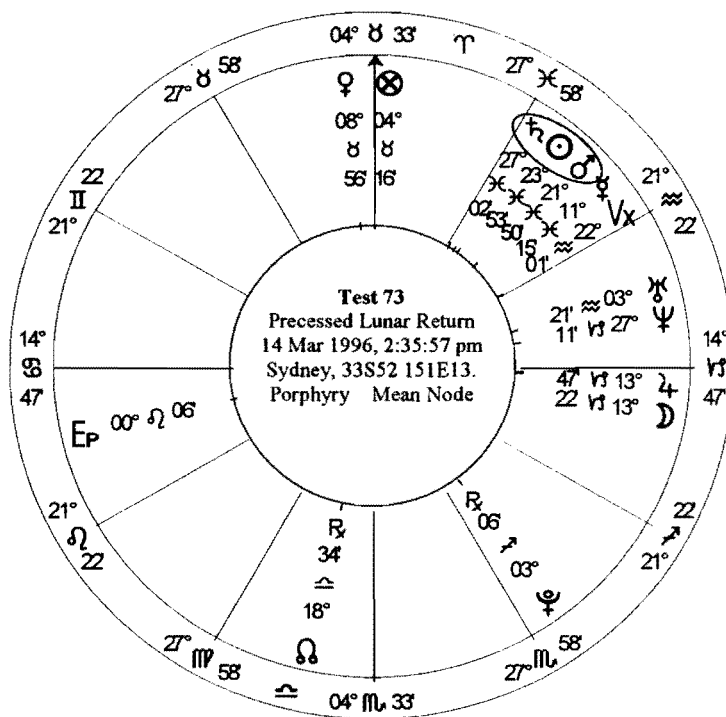
Sun Opp Jup 16 Apr 1996

00°Ta35'

00°Sc35'

The Sun's trine to Pluto on March 31, 1996 is an obvious clue (*Sun = father; Pluto = death*). It is confirmed by the precessed Lunar Return of 14th March 1996, below:

The accumulation of planets in the House of Death



and the Sun conjunct Mars and Saturn is ample confirmation. The transiting Midpoint of these two afflicting malefics was exactly conjunct the natal MC (1Ar17) on 29 March, 1996. (The father's death occurred on 30th March 1996.) Pin-pointing a date by transiting midpoints can be tedious but was not required for the Test. Anyone who simply gave the date of the Direction Sun trine Pluto would have been close enough and accounted correct.

TEST NO. 74

This is an exercise of a different nature: You are given three major events in a person's life, each one of which occurs on one of three dates also given. The Test is to match the event with the correct date.

The events occurred in the life of a woman born in Lansing, Michigan, on 10 Nov. 1949 at 6:51 am EST (Asc 10Sc36, MC 20Le06, Moon 9Cn34).

The three events are —

1. She started a new job as a nurse in a cancer ward.
2. She had surgery to remove a uterine tumour.
3. Her husband left her suddenly.

The three dates are —

- ♦ 26 April 1999
- ♦ 17 October 1992
- ♦ 14 December 1999.

Can you match the dates to the events?

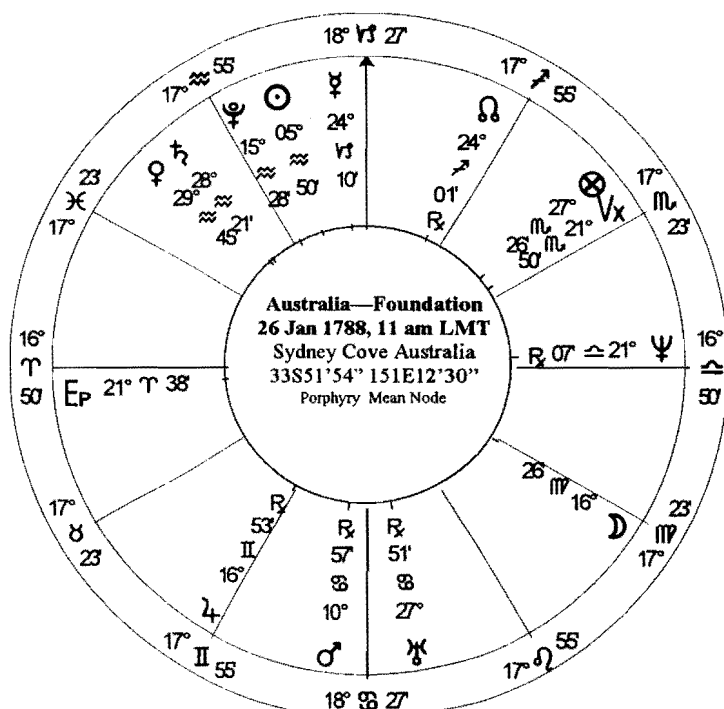
Please send your answers to me by **January 20**, indicating how you matched the different factors. The solution will be published in the February Issue but meantime all respondents will receive a personal reply with the answer.

REFUGEE RIOTS

In the last week (since 27 December 2002) three Australian States—New South Wales, South Australia and West Australia.—have suffered a rash of destructive fires in Refugee Holding Centres. The repair costs are estimated at around 8 million dollars. The fires have been lit by the asylum seekers themselves, evidently as a misguided protest about their detention.

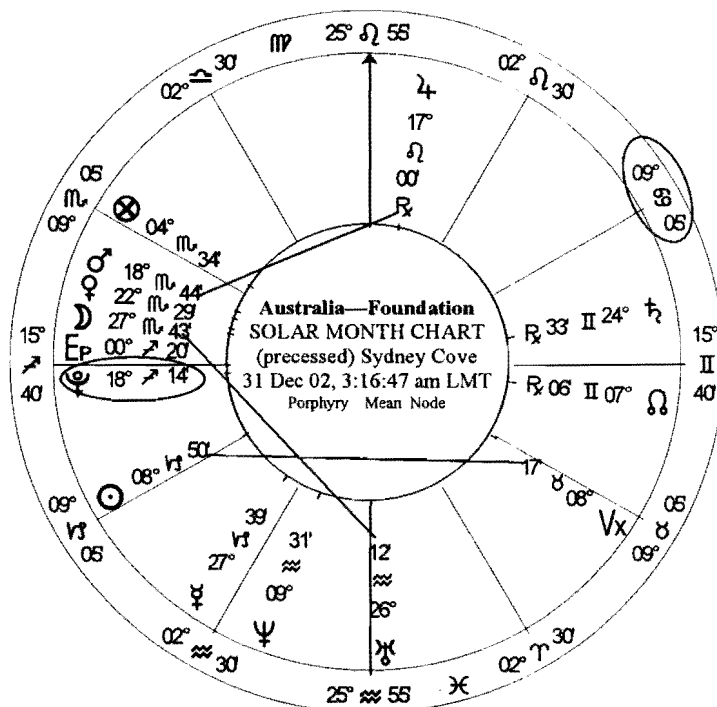
My search for the astrological context of these outbreaks led me to the Solar Month Chart drawn from the **Foundation Chart of Australia*** (below):

The **Solar Month Chart** (next column) relates to the month **31 Dec 2002—29 Jan 2003** and is, indeed, quite descriptive of the events:



The **12th House** (the Detention Centres) is emphasized and contains **Mars**, planet of fire, ruling the Cusp of the House and square to Jupiter (arson). **Pluto** on the Ascendant, in a close semisextile with Mars equates to vandalism.

The destruction of property is shown by the **Scorpio Moon** in the 12th House square to **Uranus** in the 4th—buildings and property. The Moon, moreover, rules the **8th House** (costs incurred by the destruction). The malcontents (Mars) are now facing the Law (Mars square Jupiter). Jupiter being in the House of Overseas Travel suggests that their deportation is a distinct possibility, especially as the **Sun**, ruling the 9th and 10th Houses, is closely trine the **Vertex**, indicating that the Government is much concerned with this issue.



RESULTS OF READER SURVEY

My thanks to the sixteen readers who have responded to the Survey regarding the features of this Journal. Though it was only a partial response it gives a guide to readers' preferences. In summary, there was strong support for Articles and Charts on Topical Events, Horary Charts, The "Tests", Charts and Articles illustrating Different Techniques and Predictive Articles. Horary Astrology was ranked among the most important features. A number who don't actually do the "Tests" for lack of time still rated them highly for future attention.

Transiting Aspects for the Month were generally less favoured though strongly supported by some.

Some specific comments were—"I feel very strongly about the work you do with the *Forum*...it rates very high in my book...there is so much guff around that the clarity, expertise and size/pungency are very valuable...thank you yet again for your *Forum*... My wish list includes Vedic Astrology".

"We, the readers, are so appreciative of the *Astrologers' Forum*, 'improving' it seems quite unnecessary...Here is my view: The best liked is the sharing of knowledge (as in your Mission statement). This includes your own experience and comments which I always enjoy reading. A wish list: Some more articles on natal chart interpretation. Some articles on birth time rectification."

"I think the *Forum* is right at the top in all categories. I don't attempt the Tests, due to an astrological overload in my everyday life...[but] they are a great learning guide...I do follow them and the resulting explanations and find them very interesting."

Items requested by readers will be introduced into *Astrologers' Forum* as opportunity offers. Meantime I wish you all a happy and fulfilling 2003.

—Dymock.

5 January 2003.

* Foundation Chart of Australia: This Chart is not universally accepted but has stood up to my tests.

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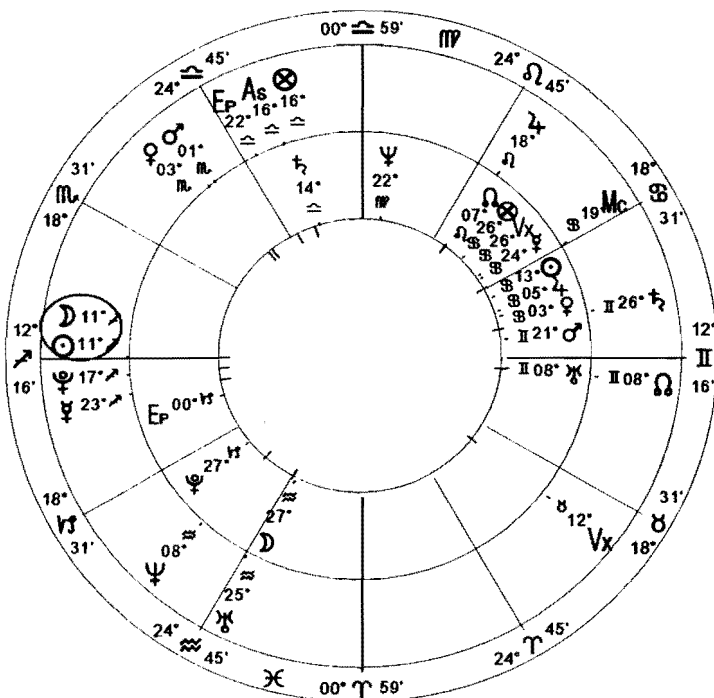
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SOLAR ECLIPSE 4 DEC 2002

The Total Solar Eclipse occurring on 4th December has aroused much interest in South Australia where it will be visible and watched by many thousands in a small town on the West coast. From an astrological view-point its particular interest lies in its incidence on the National Map of the United States of America.

The BiWheel below shows that the Eclipse falls right on the Ascendant of the Chart—the one with 12° Sagittarius rising, that was powerfully vindicated by the September, 2001 terrorist attack.

Eclipses have long been held to coincide with all manner of significant events ranging from the rise and fall of great leaders to the beginning of great enterprises, battles, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves, etc. This view is not universally



Inner Wheel: USA National Chart, 4 Jul 1776, 5:09:45 pm LMT, Philadelphia 40N00°24' 75W08°05". Porphyry, Mean Node.
 Outer Wheel: Solar Total Eclipse, 4 Dec 2002, 2:31 am EST, Philadelphia.

held, however. For instance, the Church of Light said "After conducting a great deal of research it was found that an eclipse of the Sun or Moon falling on...[any natal factor] is of no more significance than a heavy transit".

It will therefore be interesting to watch the effect of the present Eclipse on the Chart of the USA, where it falls directly on the Ascendant. A point to be borne in mind is that an eclipse can produce effects weeks or even months after its actual date and even, in fact, before its occurrence when a planet transits the position of the subsequent eclipse.

The Ascendant of a National Chart relates to the country and its people as a whole. In my view the presence of the Sun (even an eclipsed Sun) and the Moon here will energize it and

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add to the already dominant influence of the USA in world affairs. This effect is heightened by the position of the Eclipse planets Pluto and Mercury just under the Ascendant. I see this as continuing pressure being brought to bear on foreign countries (the Sun ruling the 9th House), more especially Iraq, of course, which is already having to submit to the demands of the United Nations, following the initiatives of President Bush.

However, though the situation remains grim (Eclipse Ascendant conjunct radical Saturn) I do not see it as leading to war: Peaceful Venus in the Eclipse Chart conjoins and pacifies the planet of war, Mars, and is also trine radical Venus. Aircraft monitoring and enforcement of the "no-fly" zone will continue (Eclipse Uranus conjunct the radical Moon and Eclipse Node conjunct radical Uranus).

In January 2003 the USA National Chart is subject to the Primary Directions of the Moon conjunct Uranus and Mars square Jupiter which suggests heightened tension and increased military activity. Consonant with this is the Monthly Harmonic 226.5 (4 January—4 February 2003) which has Mars conjunct Pluto but trine to the floating MC and radical Saturn. I read this as not showing all-out war but maintenance of a precarious peace, Saturn exercising a moderating influence on Government policy.

The risk is still present in February with transiting Saturn Stationary on Mars and the Sun square Pluto by Primary Direction. This last looks like a further development in President Bush's policy, bringing even more pressure to bear on Iraq.

There is no let-up in March when Mars opposes the Sun by Primary Direction and transiting Pluto is Stationary opposing Mars. Stationary Transits have the power of Primary Directions.

The prospect is not heartening. A glimpse into the Annual Charts for the next three years does not, unfortunately, show any promise of the world becoming a peaceful place. □

AN EXAMPLE OF HORARY ANALYSIS

Many readers of this Journal know about Horary Astrology but yet do not fully realize its utility and potentials. By way of example, here is how a question is answered by USA expert, Lee Miller, who conducts a Horary Course on the Internet:

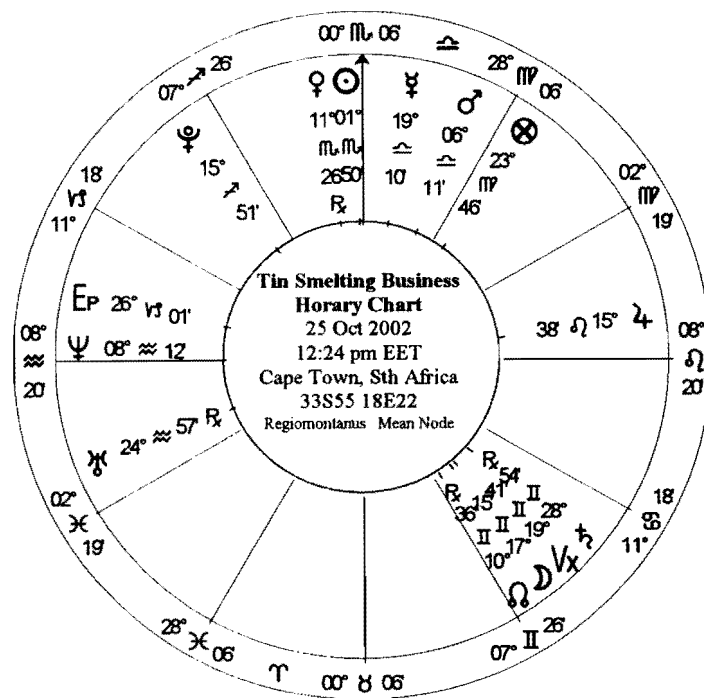
The question concerns a tin smelting business in Cape Town, South Africa. This is how Lee handles the inquiry. (References are to *Simplified Horary Astrology* by Ivy Jacobson):

His question: "Will the business work with an injection of money from the bank?"

The first step in reading a horary chart is to find the focus of

the question. "Will the business work", tells us that it is the future of the business that he is concerned with. "Money from the bank" directs us toward whom he is asking that will connect with the business and in what manner.

From the background information we know that he has invested his own money into the business and become a partner. As such it is understood that he has an unspoken focus as to his continued participation in the business venture. He will be the



partner that approaches the bank for a loan to put into the business, which puts him into the Chart as the party to connect the business and the bank.

His actions, 5th House, and the bank, 8th House, are connected by the fact that Mercury rules both Houses. The bank's turned 2nd House (resources and future) also has Mercury as its House Ruler.

The Moon, the planet that shows the action in the matter as well as any changes in the current situation, will form a trine to Mercury from the 5th to the turned 2nd House of the bank. This indicates that his actions will bring the bank's resources into the situation.

Now we look to the people involved in the business.

7th House (Partners, Ruler Sun, is in the 10th House (business) but unable to do much to improve the business since the Sun is weak and Peregrine by condition. Co-significator Jupiter is trine Pluto in the business's 2nd House, bringing some benefit to the partners after a turning point has been reached in the business's future. Ruler Saturn of the **1st House (the Querent)** is Retrograde by motion and squares the Part of Fortune. His co-significator is Uranus, which is rising in the Chart, indicating that he may detach from the situation in some fashion. Neptune conjunct the Ascendant shows his confusion and lack of information (Pisces, 3rd House). Jupiter, Ruler of his money (2nd House) is in the 7th (partnership) and Co-Ruler Neptune in the 12th (disappointment and grief). Neptune receives the partnership Ruler, the Sun, into its Detriment.

The bank, 8th House, and its 2nd House (resources) are both ruled by Mercury, which disposes the POF in Virgo. **Mars, Ruler of the business,** is positioned in the bank's 2nd House (possessions). Mars is in Libra the Sign of its Detriment. Co-significators are the Sun and Venus. From Ptolemy's Table of **Essential Dignities**, the Sun scores -5 and is Peregrine; Venus

scores +5 but is in the Sign of its Detriment and Retrograde in motion.

The focus of the question is the business, 10th House, and its future, 11th House. To read the focal House we turn the Chart placing the 10th House cusp on the Ascendant. With the turned Chart we look to see the strength of its Ruler/Almuten*/planets in the derived Houses.

The Turned Asc. for business is 0°Scorpio 06'. **Mars' score** is +1 with Mars being afflicted by position in the Sign of its Detriment.

The Sun's score is -5 and Peregrine in condition (going nowhere).

Venus score is +5 but it is in the Sign of its Detriment and Retrograde in motion.

Venus is square to the other benefic, Jupiter, which is the Querent's money and co-significator of the partnership. So Venus may have no good way out since its mutual reception with Mars would put it into the business's 12th House which rules disappointment and coming to grief.

The turned 2nd House of the business (radical 11th), represents its moneys and resources. Ruler Jupiter is in the 7th House (partners) in a Fixed Sign. They have the assets and resources from the business and are going to keep them (Fixed Sign).

Pluto may indicate complications or a turning point that could happen in the near future with Pluto in the business's turned 2nd House. This position is the 5th House of the partners (radical 11th) and represents the actions, gambles and hazards undertaken by the partnership. Look to this area to describe the problems that need to be corrected.

The turned 3rd House of the business (radical 12th) has Capricorn on the Cusp with Ruler Saturn Retrograde: Communication and/or shipping may be hindered in some way that is not readily apparent. Mars, Almuten* of the turned 3rd House, is placed in the business's 12th (unseen matters and secret enemies). The 3rd House relates to matters that are contingent on other things happening. Neptune is in a Critical Degree and is positioned in the business's 3rd House directing us to Pisces which is on the business's 6th House (labour, or workers in the business). This signature is a strong indication that the main problem may be tied to the work force. Pisces is on the workers' 1st and their 12th saying that they have brought the problem upon themselves.

The turned 4th House (radical 1st), the **end of the matter for the business**, is ruled by Saturn Retrograde and holds Uranus Retrograde. Uranus indicates an unexpected and vexatious turn of events and unpredictable, precipitous action that disrupts plans and dissolves bonds. Uranus cripples the person or case (*Simplified Horary Astrology*, Ivy Jacobson).

The Part of Fortune sits in the radical 8th House which Ivy tells us acts as *misfortune*. Since this question involves 8th House matters we need to look more closely into what the POF is indicating. I do not follow Ivy in this case but feel that it will act in a dual function by bringing the fortune to the bank, 8th House, instead of to the Querent in full measure.

It may be that when the POF falls into one of the Houses where Ivy would change it into the *Part of Misfortune* we need to think of it as dual in function rather than as total misfortune and look more closely into what fortune the Houses involved might reasonably expect from it. We could look to the planet (Cusp Ruler and Almuten) that the POF receives by Dignity to tell which of the Houses would receive the maximum benefit. Also by looking to see if one of the House rulers or Almutens would dispossit the POF and receive its benefits in that fashion.

In this Chart we would look to see if the Querent, or the bank will receive the fortune. The POF receives Saturn, the

Querent's Ruler/Almuten, by Term only but it receives Mercury, the Ruler/Almuten of the 8th House (the bank) by Rulership, Exaltation and Face giving it more connection to the bank through the essential Dignities. Additionally, the POF is in Virgo and is disposed by Mercury, the Ruler/Almuten of the bank.

Now to answer the question: Mars, Ruler of the business, is positioned in the 2nd House (resources) of the bank. We see from the POF that the bank will benefit from its involvement with the business more than will the Querent.

The Querent's Ruler, Saturn, disposes Mercury, Ruler of the bank. The Querent's 5th House (actions) holds the Moon, which indicates a change in his actions. Saturn positioned in the 5th indicates restricted or hindered actions. Both planets and Cusp are in the Sign of Gemini which relates to agreements or deals. The Moon in Gemini is a change in the deal. Saturn in Gemini conjunct the Moon is a change of authority in the deal.

This looks like the Querent will not continue forward with his connection in the partnership and that there will be a change in authority. On the other hand his resources, shown by the 2nd House Ruler Jupiter, are in the partnership 7th and will stay there as shown by the Fixed Sign Leo.

The 4th House shows the end of the matter and has Venus in Retrograde motion positioned in the House of the business. Venus is the general ruler of money and the Retrograde condition may indicate a partial return, reorganizing or re-doing of something.

My advice is that the Querent should not put more of his resources into the business.

Conclusion: The Querent heard from the bank on October 29th that they would not loan him the money but were interested in taking over his interest in the company. This means that he will regain only part of the money that he put into the business. Note that he is ruled by Saturn afflicted by Retrograde condition and his business partners who are weakened by a Peregrine Ruler do have benefic Jupiter positioned in their House. The bank will offer to allow the partners to stay on and have the job of running the business.

Note: The querent heard from the bank four days after the question was asked:

POF squares Saturn, 1st House Ruler, 4 degrees 8 minutes.

POF opposes 3rd House Cusp (news or messages) 4 degrees 20 minutes.

1st House Uranus, Querent, quincunx (adjustment related to sacrifice or service) the 9th Cusp (turned 3rd House of 7th) news relating to the partnership, 4 degrees 9 minutes. □

***Almuten:** An Almuten is the planet of chief influence in a Chart or House. Its strength is estimated from its intrinsic nature, Accidental or Essential Dignity, Aspects from other Significators, and Elevation.

TRANSITING ASPECTS

Dec 11 2002—Jan 10 2003

[These Aspects are timed for 150° Eastern Longitude (GMT + 10 hours). Readers in Western longitudes should expect them as occurring up to a day later.]

December 2002

Dec. 14. Venus square Neptune: You are vulnerable in your feelings and rather easily hurt, or someone in your circle may be likewise affected. Try to maintain inner balance and

indulge your sensitivity in relation to art, music, poetry and tales of romance.

Dec. 14. Mercury sextile Mars: This Aspect adds to your mental and physical dexterity so use it for a task that involves either your mind or your hands.

Dec. 14. Mercury sextile Venus: Smooths social relations and makes conversation fluent and easy.

Dec. 15. Mars square Neptune: Watch that you are not directing your energy into unfruitful channels. Your immune system may be down so avoid sources of possible infection.

Dec. 16. Sun semisquare Neptune: Your view of affairs may be clouded today so don't make any decisions until you have a clear perception of what is real and not fictional.

Dec. 16. Saturn trine Uranus: This slow-moving Aspect changes the structure of life to some extent and could bring a desirable variation over a period. Perceive what changes are possible and beneficial.

Dec. 17. Sun opposite Saturn: Keep to routine and fulfill your obligations. If you essay new undertakings at this time you will be up against all sorts of delays and obstacles.

Dec. 17. Sun sextile Uranus: Though you may be feeling restless and independent don't break out while the Sun/Saturn Aspect is still in force.

Dec. 18. Moon conjunct the N.Node favours association with people and groups. Join and participate.

Dec. 18. Jupiter trine Pluto: This Aspect holds the stage for months. In general it means a fortunate development. Look at its position in your Lunar Return Chart to see in what specific areas you may benefit—career, finances, group activities, travel, home life, etc.

Dec. 19. Moon conjunct Saturn may bring minor difficulties, troubles and delays. Keep to routine, don't push too hard, and guard against cold and chills.

Dec. 21. Sun semisquare Venus tends to a lack of harmony in personal contacts. Be forbearing and tactful so as not to spoil a good relationship.

Dec. 24. Sun sesquare Jupiter: Beware of excess in food or drink in this Christmas season—they will bring their penalty later.

Dec. 25. Venus square Jupiter induces a mood of relaxation and self-indulgence that is appropriate to the holiday. Enjoy yourself.

Dec. 28. Mars square Jupiter: Beware of ill-considered action on the spur of the moment. The tendency is to be rash and hasty, leading to over-spending or trouble with authorities.

Dec. 30. Moon conjunct Mars: Be aware that this conjunction tends to emotional upsets, altercations and conflict. Watch that you do not needlessly bring upset on yourself and others.

Dec. 30. Moon conjunct Venus: If relationships have been strained this is the best vibration to bring them back to a state of harmony.... *in thy right hand carry gentle peace.*

Dec. 30. Saturn sesquare Neptune: Disregard vague fears and worries. "Press on, regardless!"

January 2003

Jan. 1. Moon conjunct Pluto: Restlessness or emotional stress may induce you to make changes that are not in your best interests. Watch your diet as you are susceptible to gastric derangement.

Jan. 2. Sun semisquare Uranus: Variety adds interest to life but be restrained rather than self-willed and eccentric.

Jan. 3. Mercury Stationary at 28Cp28, turning Retrograde: Your thinking and mode of expression tend to assume the nature of whatever planet Mercury contacts in your Horoscope. While Mercury is Retrograde (until Jan. 24)

take extra care in all matters relating to communication, documents and short trips.

Jan. 3. Moon conjunct Sun: Good for a new beginning or a new contact.

Jan. 4. Venus Square Uranus: An "affair" or flirtation can be wildly exciting—while it lasts.

Jan. 4. Moon conjunct Mercury: Good for mental applications, making new acquaintances and informing yourself about what is happening around you.

Jan. 5. Moon conjunct Neptune: Day-dreaming can be a relief from dull routine but keep your feet on the ground.

Jan. 5. Mercury sextile Venus: You can charm others with your gracious speech and manners.

Jan. 6. Moon conjunct Uranus: Enjoy something "different" but be moderate in your need for sensation.

Jan. 7. Sun quincunx Jupiter: Not the best time to approach superiors and ask for favours.

Jan. 8. Mars quincunx Saturn: Unexpected obstacles in your work and routine should be met with a calm, thoughtful approach.

Jan. 9. Mercury sextile Mars: Your mind is active and sharp, your hands dexterous. What constructive application can you find for them?

Jan. 10. Mercury quincunx Saturn: Take especial care to avoid misunderstandings, also falls, knocks and bruises. Remember *Murphy's Law*: What can go wrong will go wrong. □

TEST NO. 72—REPORT

Test 72 related to a woman born on 21 June 1960 at 11:15 pm AEST IN Burnie, Tasmania. The problem was to find which of the following five events occurred in her life on 27 July 2002.

1. She was married.
2. She had a baby.
3. She lost her job.
4. Her boy friend left her.
5. She travelled overseas.

The correct answer is that **her boy friend left her**.

There were 6 correct answers from 31 entries around the globe. Here are the techniques used by those who solved the problem together with the most determining factor in their responses:

Shirley Gray (Michigan, USA): Saturn+Asc-Cupido (Uranian planetary picture for separation).

Mark Gemmill (Canada): Profected Year of the 7th House (partnerships); Ruler, Mercury, in 5th (romantic associations).

Hughes Goh (Singapore): Chinese Dipper system: Diagnosis unclear.

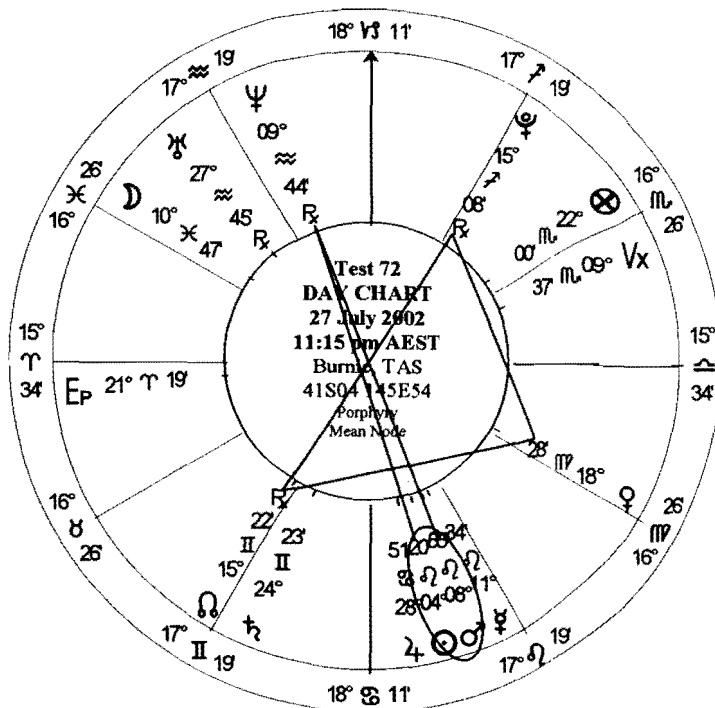
Nicholas (Australia). Vedic: Loaded 6th House (12th House from 7th) on the date, suggesting end of partnerships

Tavaphon (Thailand). Uranian: Moon/Hades = Venus = Sun (worries caused by love of a man).

Paramesvaran (Thailand). Uranian: Solar-Arc Directed Venus = Sun = Hades (love worries).

The native's **Day Chart** (next column) for July 27, 2002, also provides the answer:

The Ruler, Mars, conjoins the Sun ruling the House of Love and Romance, and both are opposed by Neptune (*disappointment, loss*). Venus, ruling the 7th House, is in a T-Square with Pluto and the Node (*destruction of a*



relationship).

Congratulations to all readers who attempted this Test and made a written response, whether or not they found the right answer. The real value of the exercise is in the work and effort needed to arrive at a conclusion.

TEST 73—MALE

In this exercise an event is given and the Test is to **find the date on which it occurred**. It concerns a man born on 14 March 1958, 12:35 pm AEST at Sydney, Australia, (33S52, 151E13). Ascendant 16Ge04, MC 1AR17, Moon 12Cp50.

In the year 1 May 1995—1 May 1996 the subject's father died of cancer. Can you find the actual date within that year?

Any astrological method may be used. Please send your response to me, with its astrological basis, by **20th December 2002**. A lengthy analysis is not required but add some clarification if it is an obscure procedure. *If you can, isolate the most significant factor that determined your answer.*

The solution will appear in the next Issue, but meantime all respondents will receive a personal reply.

Future Issues of Astrologers' Forum

Here is a quiz your replies to which will help me in the composition of this Journal: On a score of 1—5 (with 5 as the highest score) how do you rate the following features of *Astrologers' Forum*?

- ◆ Articles and charts on topical events.
- ◆ Horary Charts (Charts answering specific questions).
- ◆ The "Tests".
- ◆ Charts and articles illustrating different techniques.
- ◆ Predictive articles.
- ◆ Transiting Aspects for the month.

Your answers will help me decide on the future composition of *Astrologers' Forum*.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock Brose,
5 December 2002.

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THE PREDICTIVE ART

By Allan Johnston

If anyone wants to do professional Astrology prediction is a *must*. That's what most clients want, and to survive we have to give them that. At the same time we are faced with such a big array of different systems and Dymock tries to keep up with them in this Journal. But this can be a bit off-putting for some people. Is there a limit to this type of thing? A few days ago a student submitted to me that it gives her the urge to give up astrology altogether. It does seem to be the case of fitting the system to the chart rather than fitting the chart to the system. And it looks to be impossible for an astrologer to keep up with all the systems on offer. And of course there is the time element of how much one can spend on a case.

When I first went into professional Astrology I found this was something I would have to live with. I don't think there is such a thing as the perfect predictive system, and I never promised it to anyone. I decided to limit myself to just a few systems, but keep in touch with what was going on in Astrology generally. It is very hard to find a system that would get close to universal support. I think the closest you would get to that ideal would be *Transits*. There is not much controversy about the value of *Transits* but in recent years the discovery of Chiron has been a bit controversial. I had not bothered to look at Chiron *Transits* but now I have come to the conclusion that these could be well worth study. I have found them very effective in looking back over my own lifetime. Of course we all get the absolutely "spot on" *Transits*. I had one experience when Jupiter was exactly opposite my natal Sun, right to the degree and minute, and I went to my mail box and there was a big cheque from Saudi Arabia, of all places, (very *Jupiter*). You don't get that type of exactitude all the time, but it gives you a boost when it does happen.

I think Secondary Progressions will stand up in a lot of cases but we could still get cases where they don't seem to be all that effective. I think this applies to every system—and why there are so many systems. They will all let you down on occasion. And I think what we are looking at here is just how far the synchronization of planetary movements and human affairs does really go. I have heard people say, 'There is no such thing as an accident. It is all in our stars'. But I don't believe that. There is certainly a relationship—but it is not all that perfect or complete. Fate can play a big part, but it is not the whole story. Life on this earth is very complex. So in doing professional work I was not all that worried about gaps in the system I was using. But I did like to keep close to the Ephemeris, which you do in

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Transits and Secondary Progressions, rather than purely symbolical Directions like Solar-Arc. I was happy with a *reasonable degree* of accuracy in prediction—and so were my clients. As a final point I

'If anyone wants to do professional Astrology prediction is a *must*.'

would like to say that there can be quite a difference between lining up astronomical phenomena after the event and in doing the prediction. □

COMMENT BY THE EDITOR

I heartily endorse Allan Johnson's statement that if anyone wants to do *professional* Astrology he must be able to predict. Delineation of character and personality from the Birth Figure certainly has its value but clients engaging a professional expect to hear what the coming year or two years will be like for them as regards work and career and other personal issues—relationships, finances, health, travel, etc. Yet this is mostly avoided in schools of Astrology, no doubt because it is by far the most difficult branch of the subject. I had to smile at Allan's mild observation, "...there can be quite a difference between lining up astronomical phenomena after the event and in doing the prediction." The difference is, in fact, *enormous*, as anyone who tries it will soon discover. However, it is indeed necessary to study as many past events as possible to see what were the astrological factors that pointed to it. This lays the groundwork for successful prediction.

To predict you must acquire some techniques first, learn how to apply them, and practice, practice, practice... Try your skills on every situation that presents itself, from international events down to personal issues—will the USA attack Iraq next year? Who will win the Turkish Election? How long will the present Prime Minister remain in Office? Will peace

be maintained between Pakistan and India? When will be the next major terrorist strike?; and, on personal issues, When will the baby arrive? Will they get a Housing Trust home? Will Ms. X gain University Entrance? Will Mr. Y find a job this year? etc., etc.

If you are serious in your wish to become a predictive astrologer then acquire a modern computer as soon as you can and an astrological Program such as *Solar Fire*. It will not only open a whole new world to you and extend your techniques beyond anything you could have envisaged previously but will also vastly increase the speed of your astrological workings.

Adverting to Allan Johnson's remarks on the numerous astrological techniques now practised, this is not a reason for giving up Astrology altogether but rather for rejoicing in its versatility. We can choose from many paths, all of them fascinating and any of them able to reveal to us the wonderful correlation between things terrestrial and things celestial. We do not have to become masters of them all but can choose whichever suit our purpose and are the most congenial to our abilities and temperament. □

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KERRY WHELAN

By Lyla Williams

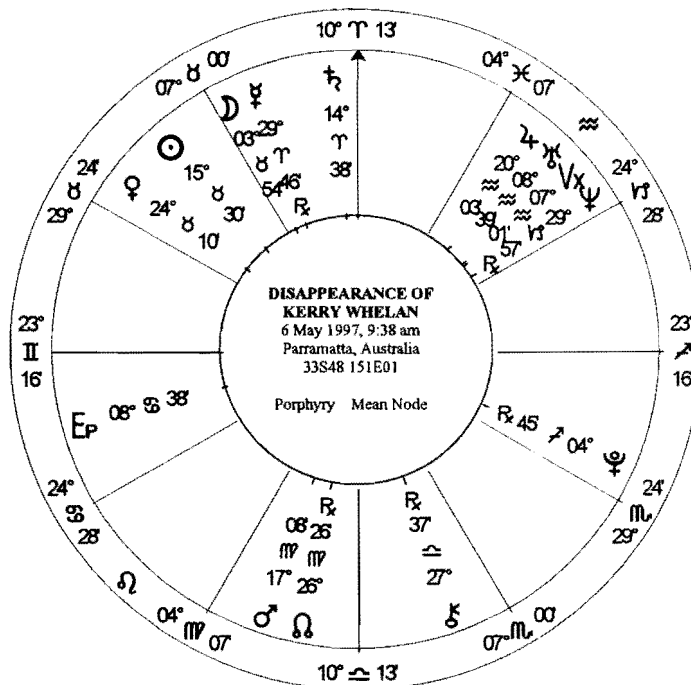
Astrologers are rarely given the opportunity to construct a timed chart for a criminal act—usually such a luxury is reserved for a violent natural occurrence such as an earthquake or explosion. However, when Mrs. Kerry Whelan disappeared from the car park of a Sydney hotel on the 6th of May 1997 we can see a time on the security camera—9:38 am. I drew up a rough chart at that time, but since the arrest of the suspected abductor I thought the Chart might be worth a more detailed look. Here are my findings:

The Shape of the Chart is a BUCKET with Mars as the handle in the 3rd House, ruled by MERCURY from the 10th House—the public face of an event.. A Bucket Chart contains a group of planets opposing a single planet—the handle—acting as a focus, or release. Since Mars is the handle this release will be violent!

The Signature is FIXED EARTH, suggesting a lack of rational *thought* in favour of practical *action*, and eight planets lie in the Southern Hemisphere—the section of the Chart involving the subject *with other people*. Having left her car she was now in the hands of others.

Two planets are in *anaretic* degrees, which Sackoian and Acker label a degree of Fate, or Karma, — Mercury at 29Ar46, Retrograde (siblings, *neighbours*, health) and Neptune at 29Cp57 Retrograde. For this planet they suggest the keywords *crisis*, *secret affairs* and *psychosis*! Mercury has Mars as its Ruler, putting Mars and Mercury in Mutual Reception, signifying the likelihood of violence in words or deeds.

Neptune has Saturn as its Ruler (from Aries!) which combines the malefic influence of these two planets—covert activity. Like Critical Degrees, the suggestion for anaretic degrees is for *heightened emphasis*.



Gemini rises, suggesting two or more people were involved in the disappearance—perhaps the victim and her abductor had arranged to meet in Sydney, or a third party intervened.

The Chart has a “spiky” look. I often find this in charts relating to acts of violence—with Neptune making six aspects, including one to Chiron which opposes the anaretic Mercury, suggesting once again a matter of Fate, something from the past needed to be resolved.

The Sun and Venus square Jupiter—a poor outcome to a matter of love or affection—both trine Mars, bringing passion (heat, energy) into the equation.

The Moon squares Neptune and makes a very close quincunx aspect to Pluto, suggesting emotional deception, illusionary and clouded judgement.

Saturn (karmic judgement) sits on the MC AND BOTH THE Sun and Moon square Uranus, the classic pattern for an unexpected, physical or emotional event.

Pluto is retrograde in the 6th House (adverse for health). Pluto and Mars, Rulers of the 8th House (death) are both at Critical Degrees.

There are three *Fixed Stars* in the Chart, all problematic and likely to cause death or danger, according to Ebertin: *Sirrah* conjunct Saturn, *El Sheratain* conjunct the Moon; *Benetnash* conjunct the N.Node.

There are a number of pertinent **Midpoints**:

- ♦ Uranus = AC/Nodes (*sudden experiences with one's associates*);
- ♦ Uranus = Saturn/Pluto (*sudden acts of violence*);
- ♦ Uranus = Pluto/MC (*turning about—sudden changes of mind*);
- ♦ Uranus = Jupiter/Neptune (*sudden recognition of a difficult situation; sudden collapse*);
- ♦ Mars = Moon/Neptune (*secret activity of a woman*);
- ♦ Mars = Jupiter/Saturn (*the desire to enforce a change of circumstances and conditions in life; the act of separation*);

act of separation);

- ♦ Mercury = Sun/Saturn (*thinking of separation*);
- ♦ Saturn = Uranus/Ascendant (*separating suddenly from others*).

[The above interpretations are taken from Witte-Lefeldt, *Rules for Planetary Pictures*, and Reinhold Ebertin, *The Combination of Stellar Influences*.]

Kerry Whelan traveled to the hotel by car (Mars at 17°Virgo in the 3rd House (*short trips*). The Sun and Venus in the 11th House (*friends and acquaintances*) suggests the abductor was well known to her. The Moon in Taurus (*emotions and property*) conjunct anaretic Mercury in Aries (*quick and ill-considered action*) suggests to me that what happened may not have been planned but was rather a spur-of-the-moment event with terrible but unforeseen consequences..

I look forward to reading the comments of other subscribers based on this very exciting Chart! □

TRANSITING ASPECTS

Nov 11—Dec 10, 2002

[These aspects are timed for Eastern Longitude, GMT + 10 hours. Readers in Western longitude should reckon on them occurring up to a day later.]

November 2002

Nov. 11. Moon conjunct Neptune: Good for creative, imaginative work and for enjoyment of music, art, fantasy, films, plays, television.

Nov. 11. Mercury square Jupiter: This configuration stimulates ideas and talk; watch that you don't inadvertently giving away confidential information.

Nov. 12. Mars sextile Jupiter: Take the initiative and start enterprises or undertakings that you have been contemplating or planning.

Nov. 12. Moon conjunct Uranus: Be different—surprise yourself with some new activity or line of thought. Be compliant rather than contrary when in the company of friends.

Nov. 14. Sun conjunct Mercury: Attend to important matters documents or writings connected with your central interests.

Nov. 16. Mercury square Uranus: Your plans may be spoiled but keep your calm and remain unruffled.

Nov. 17. Sun square Uranus: Things may go wrong but it could open your eyes to something valuable or useful of which you were previously unaware.

Nov. 20. Eclipse of the Moon at 27Ta33: As the Sun is now directly opposite the Moon there will be a state of tension and a separative tendency between any significators that they contact in your Chart. Regulate your conduct accordingly, knowing how the land lies.

Nov. 21. Venus Stationary at 0Sc03. The harmonizing and unifying influence of Venus can be brought to bear in relation to any significators it contacts in your Chart.

Nov. 22. The Moon conjunct Saturn tends to shake your confidence and depress your spirits but just carry on, do what you have to do and wait for the influence to pass. Avoid chills.

Nov. 24. Mars trine Uranus: A useful aspect that supplies extra energy for decisions and constructive changes.

Nov. 25. Mercury sextile Neptune: Enhances your understanding of difficult concepts as well as attracting to imaginative and poetical literature.

Nov. 25. Mars opposite the Node: May awaken amorous feelings but also tends to set the scene for a quarrel or disagreement. Take care.

Nov. 26. The Moon conjunct Jupiter: Raises your spirits and may bring a gift or benefit.

Nov. 27. Mars trine Saturn: Strengthens your determination and supplies the energy to attack the jobs you have to do.

Nov. 30. Mercury conjunct Pluto: Helps with matters requiring intensive mental application and perhaps the uncovering basic issues.

December 2002

Dec. 1. Neptune trine Node: Look around for unusual, artistic or imaginative things and people.

Dec 1. Sun conjunct the Moon's South Node: Apt to disturb your associations and personal contacts so take care with what you say and do.

Dec. 1. Sun sextile Neptune: Enhances your sensitivity, intuition and idealistic tendencies. Tends to fantasy and day-dreaming (which is O.K.).

Dec. 1. Mercury trine Jupiter: Favourable for reading writing, and intellectual activities, dealing with legal documents and negotiating with others.

Dec. 1. Moon conjunct Mars: Brings excitement and energy. Be tactful so as not to cause unnecessary friction with those around you.

Dec. 2. Moon conjunct Venus: Helps to restore good relations where they have suffered through neglect or worse. Helps in making good purchases of clothing or jewellery.

Dec. 4. Moon conjunct the Sun: Good influence for starting anew on something.

Dec. 4. Jupiter Stationary at 18Le.06; Good news for those with a significator at this point—advantage, benefit, gain, fulfillment.

Dec. 5. Moon conjunct Pluto: In an emotionally charged atmosphere avoid extremes. Helps you to concentrate on the job in hand.

Dec. 5. Moon conjunct Mercury: Helps you in social interaction with free and easy communication.

Dec. 6. Mercury sextile Uranus: Quickens your mental processes and alerts you to innovations. Helps you to understand technical matters.

Dec. 7. Mercury opposite Saturn: Attend to necessary if tedious jobs. Watch for mistakes in letters and documents. Take care to avoid knocks and falls.

Dec. 8. Moon conjunct Neptune: You may tend to be 'other-worldly' today, or day-dreaming and lethargic. Enjoy films, T.V. and music.

Dec. 10. Sun conjunct Pluto: Empowers you and increases your effectiveness in whatever sphere you are operating.

Dec. 10. Moon conjunct Uranus: Take advantage of a change or innovation to break the usual routine. Be harmonious rather than 'difficult' when in company.

Dec. 10. Sun trine Jupiter: An excellent time to talk or negotiate with superiors, to apply for a position or arrange your holiday times, ask favours, etc. □

TEST 71—REPORT

Test No. 71 related to a Man born on **22 Sep. 1971 at 1:55 am IST (-5:30) in New Delhi, India** (28N36, 77E12). Ascendant 2Le26, MC 25Ar22, Moon 22Li32.

The exercise was to find what was the significant occurrence in his life on **19 August 1991** (while he was still at his birth place). It was one of the following five events. Which one was it?

1. He found good employment.
2. He fell in love.
3. His father died.
4. He started a course of study.
5. He lost a considerable sum of money.

The correct answer is that his father died.

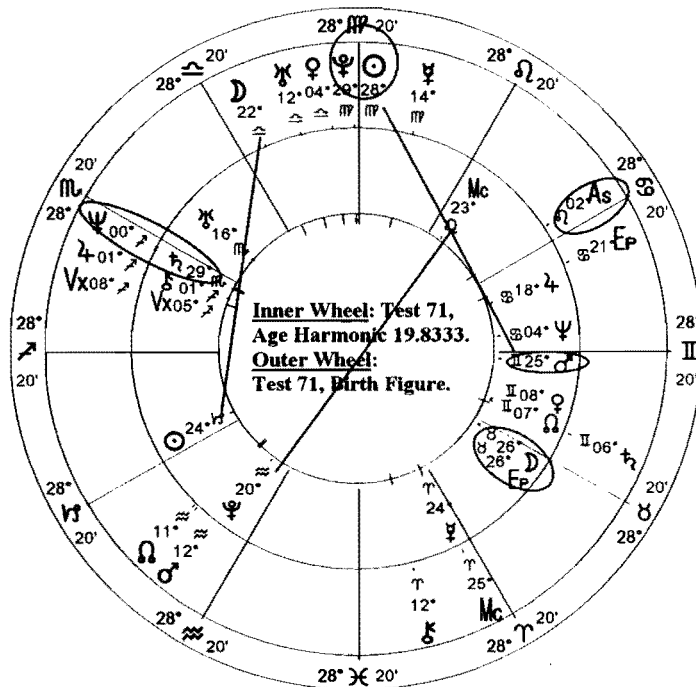
There were 37 respondents and 17 of them found the correct answer on the first attempt. Where possible, I have tried to deduce from the correct responses what was the single, most significant factor that determine-d the answer in each case:

Debbie Perry (Australia)	Solar-Return Sun in 8 th House.
Blake Elliot (Canada)	Profections: Saturn in the 4 th House, Neptune in the 10 th , Sun in the 8 th .
Mark Gemmill (Canada)	Profections: Ruler of the 8 th House (Saturn) is in the 4 th House of the year (the father).
Harit Kashemsanta (Thailand)	Sidereal Nirayana System: Accent on 12 th , 8 th and 4 th Houses.
Francis Foo (Singapore)	The Maraka (death-inflicting) indicator for father is Mars afflicted by Rahu.
Ross Harvey (Australia)	Solar Return has MC conjunct n.Neptune, Asc conjunct n.Mars, the Sun and Venus conjunct the 8 th Cusp
Maddalena Cecchinato (Italy)	Vedic: On the date of the event, t.Saturn in the 9 th H. (the father) closely aspected the degree of the Asc.
"Area51MOA" (Thailand)	Uranian Picture: By Solar-Arc Drn. Sun = Mars + Saturn - Kronos.
Sander Littel (Netherlands)	p.MC sesquare Pluto/p.Pluto (Ruler 5 = 8 th from 4).
Sjakkie Govers (Netherlands)	MC in Age Harmonic 19.8333. conjunct n.Sun and Pluto.
Margarita (Belgium)	Directed Nodes = n.Uranus/Neptune = "destruction of connection".
Lee Miller (Texas)	Horary Chart (not available).
Hughs Goh (Singapore)	Chinese Astrology "Dipper" System
Ron Day (Australia)	Vedic: Five t.planets Aspect 8 th H.
Paul Langeveld (Neth'lands)	S.R. Sun conjunct n.Pluto in 8 th H.
Tavaphon Ratnakorn (Thailand)	Directed Sun = Saturn/Neptune.
Sontaya Pruenglambo (Thailand)	Age Harmonic 19.8333: Moon (Ruling H.8) opposite Saturn and n.Neptune.

The **Age Harmonic Chart** 19.8333 (next column) for the period 22 July—22 August 1991 gives a quick and obvious indication that the father died.

The Natal Sun and Pluto in conjunction on the Meridian are sufficient indication alone, singling out "death of father" from all the other four options but a number of other supporting factors can be seen in the BiWheel:

- ♦ Mars on the Descendant Cusp square the n.Sun.
- ♦ Natal Ascendant on the "Deaths" Cusp.
- ♦ Saturn on the 12th Cusp conjunct n.Neptune.
- ♦ Pluto opposite the Floating MC.
- ♦ The Sun square the n.Moon.



The answer is also apparent in —

- The Moon/Sun Phase-Return Chart of 12 August 1991 (n.Saturn on the 8th Cusp opposing n.Ascendant).
- The (Standard) Solar Return of 21 Sep 1990 (Sun conjunct Pluto in the 8th House; n.Mars on the Ascendant; Saturn on the 12th [Porphyry] Cusp trine Venus ruling the 4th House).
- The (Standard) Lunar Return of 14 August 1991 (Pluto Angular square the Sun in the 4th House).

My congratulations to all who responded to this challenge.

TEST NO. 72

This new Test concerns a woman born **21 June 1960 at 11:15 pm AEST** in Burnie, Tasmania. (41S04, 145E54); Ascendant 17Pi40, MC 15Sg37, Moon 1Ge45.

A significant event occurred in her life on **27 July 2002**. It was one of the five listed below. Which one was it?

1. She was married.
2. She had a baby.
3. She lost her job.
4. Her boy friend left her.
5. She travelled overseas

Use any astrological procedure of your choice to select ONE of the above. Please send your answer to me by **20th November together with its astrological basis**. Add any necessary explanation to your submission but not other supporting astrological procedures. If you can, pick out from your answer the **SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR** that determined your choice.

Every participant will receive a personal answer but on this occasion it will not be until after December 6 as my wife and I will be travelling until that date.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock Brose
6 Nov. 2002

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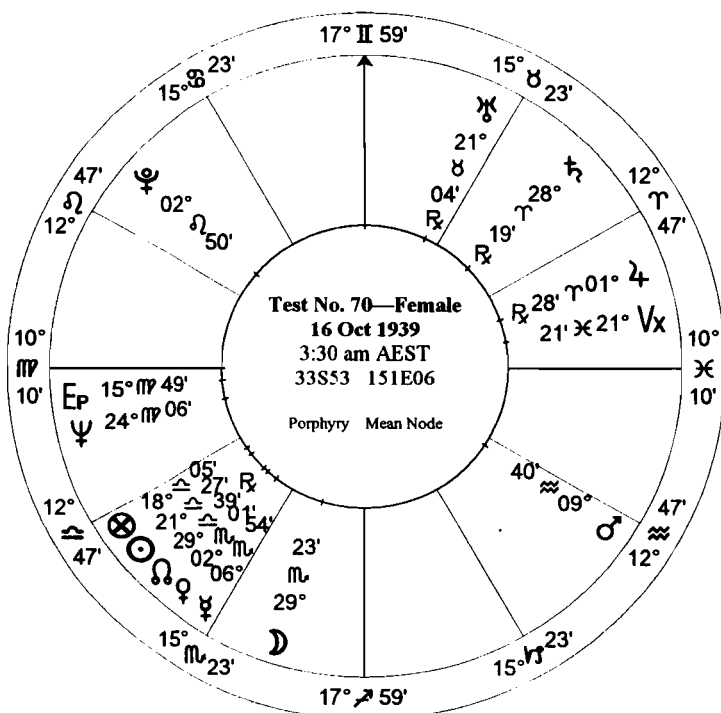
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TEST 70 — REPORT

Test No. 70 concerned a woman born on 16th October 1939 in a suburb of Sydney, Australia, (33S53, 151E06) at 3:30 am. Here is the Chart:



The question is: Which of the five possible events listed below occurred in her life on 27th July 2002?

1. Her brother died.
2. She was hospitalized with a serious illness.
3. She bought a new house.
4. She remarried.
5. She left on an overseas trip.

The correct answer is the woman bought a new house.

This Test was the most difficult so far and it is not surprising that only one out of forty respondents found the correct answer. What made it difficult is that the methods commonly used by the participants did not serve in this case or the charts, etc., were hard to interpret correctly.

The correct answer came from "Area51Mao" (Thailand) who gave as his reason, simply, **Mc v1=Ju+Sa-Me**. To most Western astrologers this is a most cryptic expression and I tried to have "Area51Mao" expand it. I elicited from him that Mc v1 means Direction [to 27 July 2002] of the Natal MC by Solar Arc; but still the equation did not seem to be a valid one even on the 90° Dial. No further elucidation came from the respondent.

However, Shirley Gray of Michigan has clarified the situation and I have slightly adapted her explanation to make it as comprehensible as possible for non-Uranians. In the 90° Dial (next column) Directions are by Solar-Arc to **27 July 2002**; d. = Directed; n. = Natal:

In the Cardinal Sector of the Dial, d.Mercury is at 10°06'; the Midpoint of d.Saturn(1°31') and n.Jupiter (1°28') is 1°30'. The Midpoint of 10°6' and 1°30' is 5°48'.

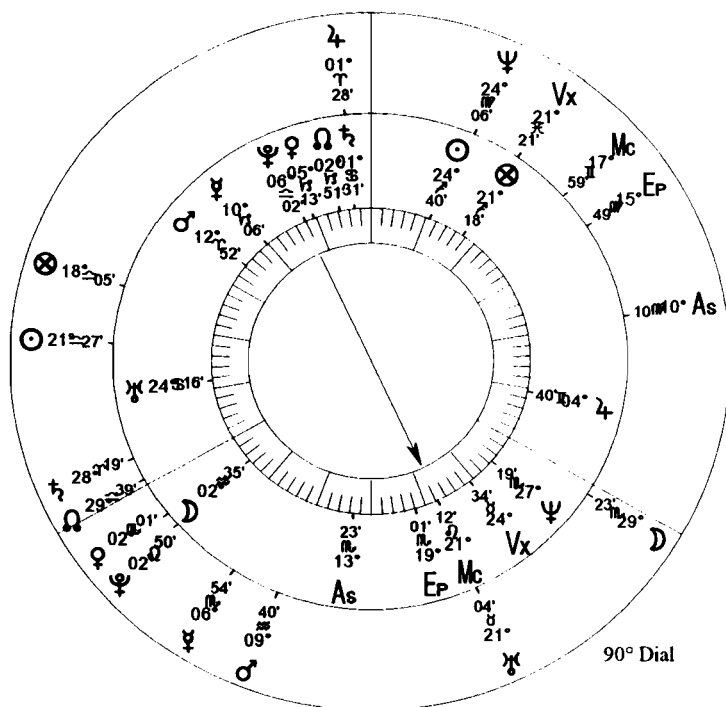
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axis is at 6°3' where it contacts the Midpoint 5°48'. This creates the pattern **MC = Jupiter + Saturn – Mercury**.

One of the meanings attributed to this pattern by Witte-Lefeldt in *Rules for Planetary-Pictures* is "house-hunting".



Additionally, in the **Natal Chart** Jupiter rules the 4th House (property and buildings), and Saturn is also a Significator of these things.

Six other participants used Uranian Astrology though without success. Here is a summary of the **methods** used: Uranian Astrology, 7; Vedic Astrology, 7; Progressions and Transits, 6; Belgium, Spain, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Croatia Transits, 6; Solar-Arc Directions and Transits, 5; Transits (with or without Asteroids, 4; Profections 3; Solar Return and/or Age Harmonic, 3; Diurnal Chart, 2; 1° per Year Directions, 1; Lunar Return, 1.

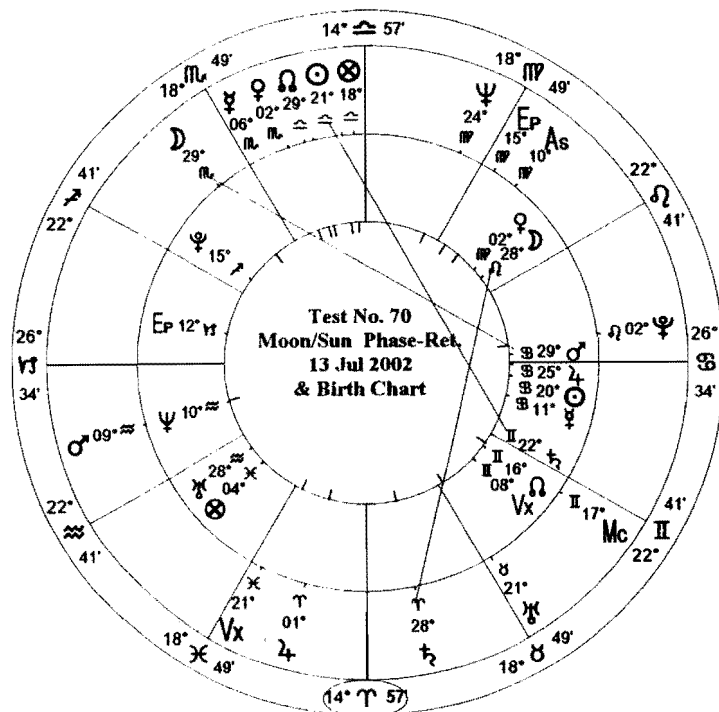
Countries of the respondents were: USA 8, Netherlands 6, Thailand 5, Australia 4, Germany 3, and 1 each from Canada, Belgium, Spain, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Croatia, Norway, and Taiwan. Countries of 6 other respondents were not stated.

Hints of the correct answer can be found in the Age Harmonic, Solar Return, Lunar Return, etc., but the Chart that in my opinion is clearest on this occasion is the **Moon/Sun Phase-Return Chart** for the Month 13 July—12 August 2002 in a **BiWheel** with the Radix (see Chart next page).

I am aware that comparatively few astrologers make use of this type of chart, though I had mentioned it in Issue 251 (June 2002)

of *Astrologers' Forum* as sometimes filling a useful gap where other techniques are not decisive for interpretation.

The factors of the Phase-Return Chart combined with those of



Inner Wheel: Moon/Sun Phase-Return, 13 July 2002, 5:26:38 pm AEST
33853, 151E06. Porphyry; Mean Node. (Cusps from this Wheel).

Outer Wheel: Test No. 70—Female, Natal Chart, 16 Oct 1939, 3:30 am AEST

the Natal Chart surrounding it give a definite indication that of the five options in the question the one most emphasized is that relating to the **house**:

- Capricorn rises and natal Saturn occupies the 4th Sector (Property and Houses) in very close trine to the Phase-Return Moon (which is also concerned with the home).
- Mars, ruling the 4th Sector is Angular and trine to the Natal Moon.
- Phase-Return Saturn is emphasized by being on a Cusp and is trine to the Natal Sun.

On the other hand none of the other options attracts attention:

1. She left on an overseas trip? *Neither the Sign Sagittarius nor the 9th House is emphasized to any extent.*
2. Her brother died? *3rd House and 8th have contrary indications.*
3. Hospitalized with a serious illness? *No indications from the 12th House.*
5. She re-married? *Closer than the others because of Jupiter on the Cusp and Mars there trine the Moon, but not sufficiently indicative with Venus out of the picture.*

In view of the interest taken by Vedic astrologers in these Tests I am presenting the explanation by Maddalena Cecchinato (Italy) of how the answer to Test No. 70 could be found by Vedic Astrology. Maddalena discussed the Test with astrologers on the Satva List and received helpful feedback. She gives credit particularly to Mrs. Sandy Crowther (USA), who helped with a thorough analysis. The Satva list is about *Systems' Approach*, which is a system of Vedic Astrology founded by Prof. V.K. Choudry (India).

Analyses are based on:

1. Natal chart (strength and positions of planets).
2. "Divisional" charts (which are like harmonic charts, although not all of them are calculated harmonically. Each chart has its own meaning).
3. Dasas (planetary periods, a bit like Progressions).
4. Transits on sensitive points in the natal charts.

In Vedic Astrology the **Sidereal Zodiac** is used and extensive use is made of House rulerships. Outer planets are not used and Aspects are different from Western Aspects. The originality of *Systems Approach* in comparison with traditional Vedic Astrology is found, among other things, in the use of the "most effective points of Houses", which correspond to the degree of the Ascendant, and in the use of close orbs for Conjunctions and Aspects.

In Test No. 70, 'buying a house' is the only choice where all four of the "tools" for analysis consistently point to the result:

1. In this Chart, natal Significators for purchase of property are Mars, Venus, the 2nd House and its Lord, the Moon, in the 4th House.
2. The appropriate Divisional Chart is D-4, where the operating planetary periods indicate a favourable result.
3. The planetary sub-period is Mercury (main periods are years long) and the sub-sub period is Venus.
4. Transits on natal Chart:

- The sub-period Mercury is Lord of the 2nd House which, among other things, rules accumulated wealth and is transiting the most effective point (same degree as Ascendant) of the 12th House (Expenditure).
- Transit Mercury is also conjunct transiting Mars and aspected by Exalted natal Mars one of the general Significators for property. Mars is also Ruler of the 9th House and is therefore very favourable.
- Venus as the other general Significator for property is strong in Transit.
- The Moon in the 4th House, though natally weak due to Debilitation, receives strong benefic aspects from both natal and transiting Jupiter. The Moon is also the Ruler of the 12th House (Expenditure again) and placed in the 4th House (Property).
- There were no afflictions by Transit.

Maddalena writes, "In fact, my own choice for 'death of brother' was wrong because of lack of Transit afflictions. But never mind, every test is a great chance to learn more".

The material for this Test was provided by Ross Harvey, the Australian Astrologer who introduced Age Harmonics, developed from Addey's Harmonics, in the 1980's. It was a client of Ross's whose situation prompted this question. Ross himself found the purchase of the new house was very appropriately timed by the **PEA Primary Directions: Venus trine the Asc and Jupiter sextile the Moon.**

PEA Directions were developed by Wim van Dam in Holland and brought to Australia by his countryman Rudolf Smit in the early 1980's. They are a unique form of Primary Directions but are not generally known because the Program has not yet been adopted by Esoteric Technologies, Matrix, Astrolabe, etc. Possibly copyright is involved.

Well, this Test was a difficult one and I hope none of the participants has been discouraged by not finding the answer. I'll look for something easier in future. The main purpose of the exercise will, however, be accomplished if the work involved has led to more insight and expertise.

TEST NO. 71— MALE

Here is another Test to exercise your skills.

Test No. 71 relates to a Man born on **22 Sep. 1971 at 1:55 am IST (-5:30) in New Delhi, India** (28N36, 77E12).

Ascendant 2Le26, MC 25Ar22, Moon 22Li32.

There was a significant occurrence in his life on **19 August 1991** (while he was still at his birth place). It was one of the following five events. *Which one was it?*

1. He found good employment.
2. He fell in love.
3. His father died.
4. He started a course of study.
5. He lost a considerable sum of money.

Use any astrological procedure of your choice to select **one** of the above. Please send your answer to me by **20th October** together with the crucial Aspect, planetary picture, or other evidence that determined your choice. Add any necessary explanation to your evidence but not other supporting astrological procedures. (E-mail address: dymock@ozemail.com.au. Postal address on front page.)

All participants will be informed quickly if their answer is right or

wrong; and after the 20th Oct. will be sent a detailed Report with one or more worked methods for finding the solution. This will appear also a few weeks later in the November Issue.

TRANSITING ASPECTS

1 OCT—10 Nov 2002

(Aspects from 1—14 October are repeated from the last Issue for the convenience of readers)

October 2002

- Oct. 1. Venus sesquare Saturn:** A relationship trouble could leave you disturbed and unhappy. It is just one of life's little hurdles. Time smoothes it out.
- Oct. 2. The Sun trine Neptune** sensitizes you so that you are highly aware and receptive to all impressions. It helps greatly with inspiration in any form of creative work. It could be an idyllic period when sought-after goals are attained.
- Oct. 4. The Sun sesquare Uranus:** Keep your equanimity even in the face of a minor disruptive element. You may learn something useful.
- Oct. 4. Mercury square Saturn:** Allow for difficulties or delays in communication. Watch for mistakes in documents and mind how you move so as to avoid falls, knocks and bruises.
- Oct. 5. The Sun trine the N.Node** could bring you an agreeable new contact. It is a favourable Aspect for fellowship, establishing good relations and joint cooperative ventures.
- Oct. 5. Mars sesquare Neptune** often signifies misdirected energy. Take a close look at what you are doing.
- Oct. 6. The Sun sextile Jupiter** brings you rewards for previous efforts—achievement, success, recognition, etc. It can also bring opportunities for exhibiting generosity of spirit and deed.
- Oct. 7. Mercury Stationary at 28Vi20**, turning Direct: If Mercury at this point contacts a Significator in a chart it will induce thought, talk and effort about the matters relating to the Significator. As Mercury is turning Direct, matters that were held up may now go forward.
- Oct. 8. Mars quincunx Uranus:** Avoid little mishaps by being careful and deliberate, not impulsive and sudden in what you are doing.
- Oct. 9. Sun sextile Pluto:** This increases your feeling of inner strength and effectiveness so that you tend towards leadership and dominance.
- Oct. 10. Mercury square Saturn:** See Oct. 4 above.
- Oct. 11. Venus Stationary at 15Sc36**, turning Retrograde brings warmth of feeling to any Significator it contacts. Conjoint the Sun or Moon it often heralds a love affair.
- Oct. 11. Saturn Stationary at 29Ge05**, turning Retrograde, brings a serious, responsible attitude towards matters ruled by the Significator that it affects.
- Oct. 14. Mars square Saturn** though usually associated with toil and difficulties has the benefit of inducing precision in work.
- Oct. 14. Mars semisquare Jupiter** tends to exuberant feelings that give zest to life. Just avoid being over-impulsive.
- Oct. 18. Venus square Jupiter** puts you in the mood for happy self-indulgence in the things you like, combined with distaste for work. You may need to watch expenditure.
- Oct. 18. Mercury trine Neptune:** You are impressionable and receptive, able to absorb ideas readily and inclined to imaginative literature or art, films, TV, etc.
- Oct. 19. Sun trine Uranus** is apt to bring a nice surprise in the form of a new friend, a renewed contact, a change of work or a different path to explore.
- Oct. 20. Mercury trine the Moon's Node** favours contact with articulate people exchanging ideas and sharing common interests.
- Oct. 20. Neptune is Stationary at 8Aq12**, turning Direct: In contact with a Significator it tends to softness, subtlety, illusion and unfounded fears. In adverse Aspect it brings a loss or disappointment.
- Oct. 22. Sun trine Saturn:** Accept responsibility, attend to serious matters, organize your affairs and stabilize your life.
- Oct. 23. Mercury sextile Jupiter:** A good day for attending to studies, writings, documents and business or other transactions.
- Oct. 23. Mercury sextile Pluto:** Speech and writings are very much to the point and have a persuasive quality.
- Oct. 28. Jupiter trine Pluto:** A very helpful Aspect for launching big undertakings. As a Progression in a person's chart it signals a major favourable development.
- Oct. 29. Mars trine Neptune:** Favourable for engaging in promotional activities that aim at big effects.
- Oct. 29. Mercury trine Uranus:** Be alive to new methods and insights. Good for learning about technological matters, operating

the computer, etc.

Oct. 31. Venus square Neptune: A lost love can be painful but there are other beautiful things in life. Find comfort in music, art, dancing, films, etc.

Oct. 31. Mercury trine Saturn: Use this Aspect to organize your paper-work, write that report or assignment and attend to any tedious details that you have been postponing.

Oct. 31. Sun conjunct Venus: This conjunction is great for a festive occasion or a happy get-together with friends or for pursuing artistic interests. It also induces amorous feelings and enhances your personal attractiveness.

Nov. 1. Mars trine the Moon's N.Node: A good influence for physical associations, teamwork and joint application to tasks.

Nov. 1. The Sun square Neptune: Under this influence don't take anything at face value, it may be misrepresented, knowingly or otherwise. Avoid making commitments at present.

Nov. 4. Uranus Stationary at 24Aq54, turning Direct: Uranus tends to disrupt things relating to any Significator that it contacts, especially if in "hard" Aspect. On the other hand it may also open a new line of thought or activity for you.

Nov. 4. Mercury conjunct Venus: This marks a happy time for enjoying the company of friends, for conversations, telephone calls, get-togethers, talking and merriment.

Nov. 6. Mercury square Neptune: Take care to avoid mistakes or misunderstanding in communications. With this inharmonious Aspect mysterious things may happen to small items, documents, letters, etc.

Nov. 10. The Sun square Jupiter: Go carefully in the presence of authority. Be attentive and fulfil your obligations. This is not the time to ask a favour of the boss.

Nov. 10. Mars sextile Pluto: This adds to your concentration and drive, so you can accomplish tasks with speed and efficiency.

AUSTRALIA'S REAL ESTATE BOOM

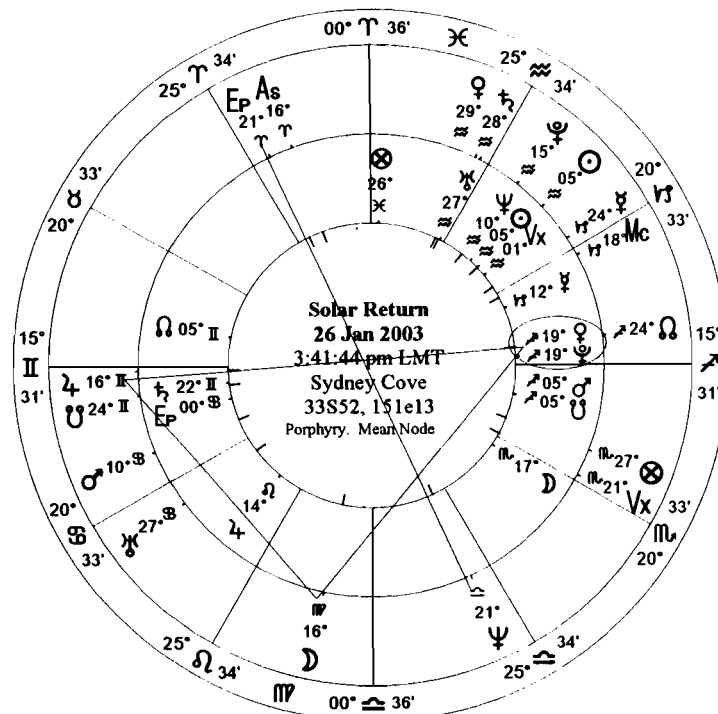
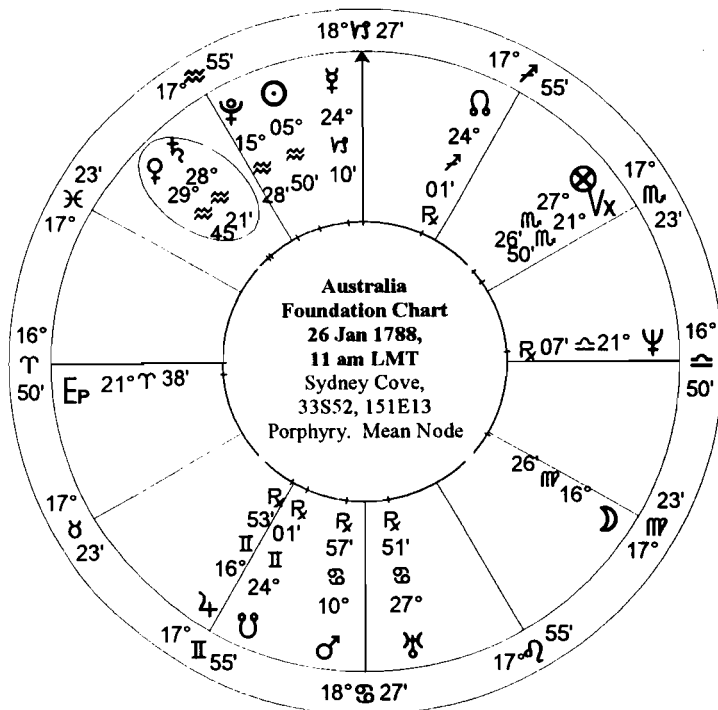
Australia, particularly in the Eastern States, is in the grip of a real estate boom. Both developers and private buyers are rushing to buy up land as if their lives depended on it. The boom started about March this year and is shown by Direction in the National Chart of Australia (next page).

As can be seen, Saturn (Land & Buildings) is closely conjoined with Venus which, very appropriately, was Directed by converse Vertical-Arc to the exact trine of Saturn on **27 March 2002**: 28Ge21—28Aq21.

By the same Vertex Arc Jupiter trines Pluto in the National Chart just a few days later (**April 1st**). This augments the boom as it relates very much to the handling of big projects such as large property developments in an "over-heated" market.

The situation is depicted in amplified fashion in the current **Solar Return** (next page):

Jupiter in the House of Properties is squared by Mars from the 1st House. Mars also rules this House which relates to the Nation and its people as a whole. **Mars square Jupiter** in the 4th House is very pertinent to an enlargement of the property market.



Furthermore, it can be seen that this is mostly for investment purposes as **Mars sextiles the Sun** ruling the 5th House (Investments).

The conjunction of **Venus and Neptune**, so close to the Sun in the House of Hopes and Wishes shows that there is a good deal of illusion and wishful thinking here. If the market goes flat or even down, a lot of people will lose a lot of money—not so much the

Inner Wheel: Solar Return, 26 Jan 2003 3:41:44pm LMT at Birth Place
Outer Wheel: Australia, 26 Jan 1788, 11:00 am LMT, Sydney Cove, Australia.

Mundane Direction using the Natal Solar Rate.) This will do nothing towards moderating the buying splurge. Quite the contrary, in fact. The Sun rules the House of Investments. Jupiter (which enlarges) occupies the House of Land and Properties.

However, the next (Standard) **Solar Return** for the year 26 January 2003—26 January 2004 shows there will be a downturn next year. The Chart is above, with the Radix surrounding it.

What is obvious immediately is the conjunction of Venus and Pluto opposed by Radical Jupiter across the Horizon—a powerful placement—while the natal Moon completes a T-Square. Venus rules the House of Properties and also the House of Disappointments and Self-undoing. Pluto destroys. This is sufficient to demolish the hopes of many an optimistic investor who paid too much for what seemed so desirable. But there is more bad news: Neptune on the Cusp of the Investments House very closely opposes the Natal Equatorial Ascendant (EP). Neptune is a prime producer of disappointment and loss.

The next question is, when can we expect the collapse or downturn?

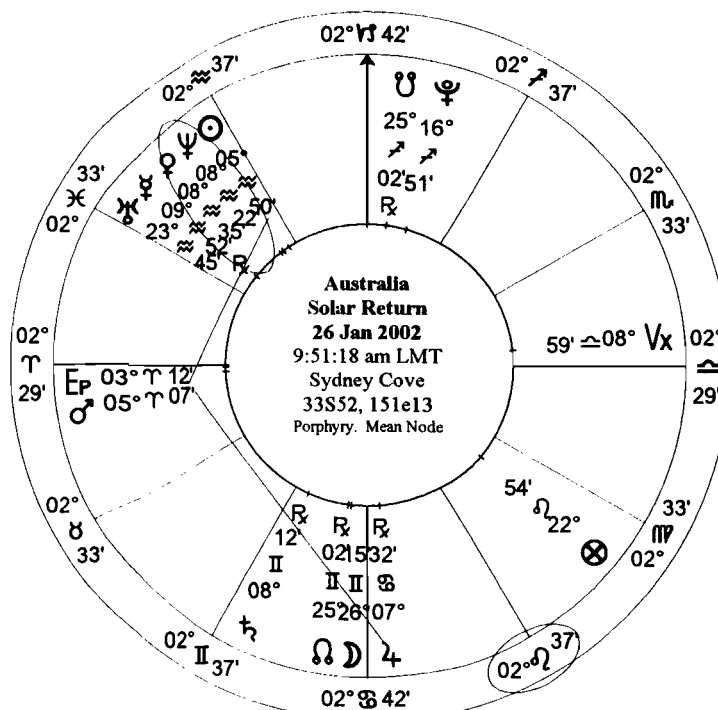
Further investigation of the Directions and Progressions reveals that **March and April** next year is a likely period.

On **14th March 2003** Jupiter in the National Chart Progresses to the square of Neptune (21Cn07—21Li07). At 21Cn07 Jupiter is practically on the 4th Cusp (land values) and its square to Neptune indicates collapse of prices and financial loss.

A month later, on **17th April 2003**, Jupiter squares Saturn by Vertex-Arc Direction compounding the downturn. Jupiter and Saturn together signify real estate. The adverse link between them can only have an unhappy outcome. □

My kind regards to all,

Dymock, 5 October 2002.



developers as those ordinary home-owners who thought they sensed a great bargain. Unbelievable prices have been paid for some properties.

What then are the market prospects? Looking further at the Directions and Progressions I see that next month the **Sun is conjunct Jupiter** by Primary Direction on 22nd October) (Solar Fire Primary

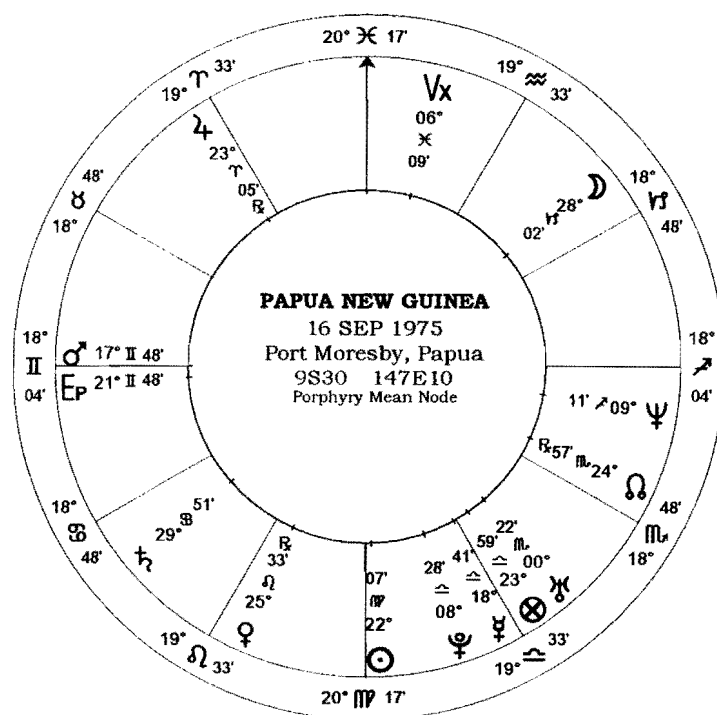
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A NATION IN CRISIS

By Allan Johnson

The Nation in question, according to the latest news, is Papua New Guinea (PNG) the former Australian colony which has been an independent Nation since 1975. It is now said to be very near collapse from within. It has no external enemies. It has now called on Michael Somare who was the original founding father 27 years ago to take over the corrupted economy. Can he succeed? I don't have any birth details for Somare but Nicholas Campion does give the PNG Chart in his *World Book of Horoscopes*. So at this time it is worth looking at it. It is for 16th September 1975, 0.0 hours at the Capital, Port Moresby.



The first thing to notice about this Chart is that Mars at 17°48' is right on the Ascendant in Gemini and that transiting Pluto has been right on the Opposition degree earlier this year, showing how "spot on" astrology can be. In addition natal Mars makes the square to the Sun in the 4th House. So this set-up will continue till Pluto squares the natal Sun in 2004. There will be no immediate solutions. But seeing that Mars is in Gemini we should expect a "war of words" rather than any great amount of violence. And Natal Mars does make the trine to Mercury.

Looking at the Chart as a whole we see Pisces on the MC and Mutable Angles, so the new Nation was destined for fluctuating fortunes and its weakness has been corruption in financial matters. But can a

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whole nation really go bankrupt? The main configuration is the Grand Cross, with Saturn, Jupiter, Moon, Uranus, and it is in the financial Houses. Saturn in the 2nd House is very close to an exact square to Uranus. This is not good in any body's chart! As well as corruption there has been a lot of mismanagement. On the other hand the Grand Cross can make for *stability*. The original Constitution was set up on the Westminster model and this has been retained. There has been no slide into dictatorship as happens in a lot of new countries. Pisces on the MC shows the high ideals and visionary attitudes the founders had, but Pisces is not noted for its *practicality*. Mars on the Ascendant can equate with very sudden and dramatic changes of policy. Never a dull moment.

Looking at the Progressions we find The Sun conjunct Natal Mercury. Again we get the accent on *talk* and communication rather than violence. Also, Progressed Mars makes the quincunx to the Moon in the 8th House. All very appropriate for the ending of a chapter and of course this is confirmed by the Transits of Pluto over Mars and the Sun. This must mark a very big *transformation*, but it is not being done by some hot-headed dictator. Rather it is being done by a former Prime Minister and some of his associates are also men of experience. So it is an appeal to the *past*—very Plutonic. I don't see a lot of *violence* resulting from Pluto transiting Mars, but rather a lot of emphasis on *discipline* in the army and the police. This has been where the Country has been most vulnerable. □

TEST 69 – REPORT

TEST 69 concerned a woman born in Sydney, Australia, (33S52, 151E13) on 9th October 1961, at 1:20 am. (Asc 20Cn57, MC 10Ta39, Moon 2Li10). The Test was to determine which of the following five events was the one that actually occurred in her life on November 19, 2001.

1. She became engaged.
2. She was married.
3. She had a baby.
4. She signed a contract for a house.
5. She joined a computer firm.

The answer is No. 3—the woman had a baby. (It was a boy.)

There were thirty-four respondents (eighteen women, sixteen men) of whom nine found the correct answer at the first attempt. It is interesting that all but one of these were women. Most of the men opted for the house. Does this say anything about the dominant interests/concerns of women and men?

Of the others, nine settled for No. 4 (house), six for No. 1 (engaged), five for No. 2 (marriage) and five for No. 5 (computer firm).

Methods used by those successful at the first attempt were the following:

The Age Harmonic was used by Mignon Halford (NSW, Australia), Sontaya Pruenglampoo (Thailand) Shirley Gray (Michigan, USA) and Donna May (Wisconsin).

(See Harmonic Chart in adjacent column.)

The 45° Dial was used by Gesine Edding (Germany) who noted the determining Transit on 19th November of Venus/Pluto = Moon/Jupiter.

Shamira (South Australia) found the answer from the Annual Profected Chart which put the 5th House (birth) on the Ascendant.

Here is a note on Profections from information supplied by silvamom@senet.com.au:

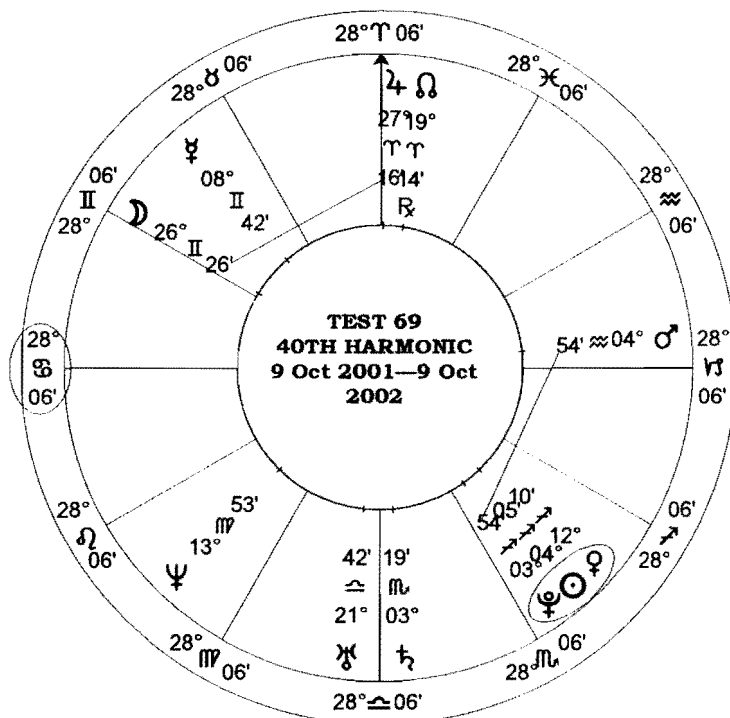
In the Profection System, the Ascendant advances by one Sign for each successive Solar Year (birthday to birthday) in the subject's life. For example at age 5, five Houses added to the 1st House bring the 6th House to the Ascendant and matters pertinent to that House will be featured in the following 12 months. For adult years, say age 40, as in the present Test, subtract the highest multiple of 12 included in 40 and add the balance to House 1. Thus, 40–36 = 4. 4 added to House 1 gives the 5th House. Birth, a 5th House matter, was the correct answer.

Vedic Astrology provided the correct answer for Fenneke Monchen (Holland), Ron Day (Qld, Australia) and Birgit Daub (Germany).

Congratulations to all who attempted the exercise, whether successful or not. They have demonstrated their willingness to put their techniques to the test and learn much in the process. Those who weren't immediately successful should remember that much more is learned from failing than from succeeding.

In the 40th Harmonic Chart (next column) that the event was a birth is decided even without the addition of the Radix:

- Pluto, the Sun and Venus in the 5th House (*children, births*) immediately draws attention.
- Cancer rises (*children, births*).
- Ruler, the Moon, sextiles Jupiter at the MC (*fruitfulness, productivity*).
- Mars, Ruler of the 5th House sextile Pluto in that House (*birth*). □



"CERTAINTY" IN ASTROLOGY and Other Matters

One of the regular participants in these *Astrologers' Forum* Tests has written asking if a good astrologer can be absolutely sure of his solution; and on what grounds; and what would be his/her method of operating.

An astrologer may feel absolutely sure he/she is right, because of the available evidence, and yet be wrong. One can only draw on one's experience and knowledge of techniques to arrive at reasonable certainty in any situation. Even the most well-informed and skilful of astrologers can be mistaken on occasion for any of a variety of reasons. The percentage of errors decreases as experience increases. The same applies to every other field of human endeavour—science, medicine, finance, meteorology, archaeology, politics, economics, etc. Astrology as a science and art can be reckoned at least as successful and generally much more so than the other fields mentioned.

My impression from conducting these "Tests" over a number of years is that many errors arise through the astrologer not identifying the most important features of a chart but getting sidetracked by numerous subsidiary factors that don't have the power to affect the main issue.

My own experience has led me to the conclusion that an orb of NOT MORE THAN ONE DEGREE between any two factors in a chart is of first importance. It nearly always outweighs all other considerations. Simply looking in the first place for conjunctions and Aspects between planets or between planets and Cusps with these minimum orbs will frequently give a direct line on the answer.

The question arises here, what system of Cusps to use? As there is still no consensus on this matter each must investigate the problem for himself—whether to use Placidus (a general favourite), Regiomontanus (used by William Lilly), Topocentric

(introduced last Century by Polich and Page), Koch (once hailed as the answer), Equal House (for those who have given up the struggle), Alcabitius, Campanus, Meridian, Morinus, etc.

My own choice after years of comparing charts drawn by different systems is Porphyry, though I favour also Alcabitius which is a close runner. My only criterion for judging the comparative value of the different systems is HOW CLOSE do the relevant Significators come to the Cusps (not just the Angles). This is the only factor I have found to be worth bothering about and not whether you have a certain planet in this House or that House. The door is not yet closed but until I find an improvement on Porphyry that is where I stand.

It should be mentioned there are those who don't use House Cusps at all (e.g., cosmobiologists and Uranians). This I see as imposing an unnecessary handicap on oneself.

There are those also who don't use the "modern" planets Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, in the apparent belief that the Astrology of the Ancients supplied all that is necessary. I see this, too, as naïve and another unnecessary handicap.

At the other end of the scale, there are the eight so-called "hypothetical" planets introduced by the Uranians. But, far more complicated, there are literally hundreds of Asteroids that asteroid enthusiasts employ in reading Charts. Asteroids have on one or two occasions been used successfully in finding the correct answer to the Tests. It is a question of balance—do the results justify the complications?

I am prepared to withstand the howls of wrath and explosive indignation that my remarks may provoke. I believe it right to express my views after 60 years of Astrology and allow others to tear at them if they will.

The questioner also asked, in effect, what is the best methodology for finding the answer to the Tests?

Is there a "best" one? The experience of the Tests has shown that correct answers can be found from a variety of methods. The skill of the practitioner in any particular technique is probably the dominant factor.

However, my experience is that in general the most useful and reliable technique is Age Harmonics, to which I was introduced by Ross Harvey (Australian astrologer) nearly two decades ago. I still regard it as the greatest advance in Astrology of the last Century, yet it is largely ignored by or unknown to modern practitioners despite continued demonstrations of its efficacy in the pages of this Journal. At my instigation, numerous astrologers have investigated it and have been astonished at the results, the Harmonic Charts often showing events not otherwise accounted for astrologically. Age Harmonics are not the same as the simple Harmonics about which John Addey wrote in 1976 but are a development from them of great practical utility.

I suggest to all that if you have an accurate birth time, apply Harmonics to your own Chart for significant years of your life, and judge for yourself. Write or e-mail me if you want further information and I shall be happy to supply it. The Harmonic Chart is viewed on its own and also in conjunction with the Birth Figure, just like a Solar Return. □

TRANSITING ASPECTS

15 SEP—15 OCT 2002

(For Aspects before September 15 see the August Issue.)

September 2002

Sep. 16. The Sun is sesquare (135°) to Neptune, which may account for some missed pleasure or little disappointment that you may suffer.

Sep. 18. The Sun is semisquare Jupiter, so tread carefully when contacting officialdom or the boss. Mercury trines the North Node and Mars squares it within two hours of each other. Exchange ideas and share common interests but beware of disputes and domestic upsets.

Sep. 19. Sun quincunx Uranus: Be adaptable to a change and see how it adds interest to the daily routine.

Sep. 20. Venus square Neptune: The pangs of unrequited love should urge you to look around at other desirable contacts. Your immune system will be down so guard against infection.

Sep. 21. Mercury sesquare Uranus may bring unwelcome news or some small matter that goes wrong. Perhaps there is something to learn from it.

Sep. 22. A trio of significant Aspects come to exactitude today: Mercury sextile Jupiter helps your intellectual grasp and the smooth flowing of speech and writing. The Sun square Saturn tests your patience as it seems to frustrate your best efforts.

Mars square Pluto gives extra drive and energy but adds a propensity to accidents, so *take care*.

Sep. 24. Mercury trine Neptune encourages flights of fancy and enhances your receptivity for imaginative literature and films.

Sep. 24. Venus square Jupiter brings a relaxed, self-indulgent mood and the urge for enjoyment. Perhaps you deserve it, but fulfil your obligations as well as satisfying your hedonistic desires.

Sep. 27. Venus quincunx the Node is apt to introduce disharmony into groups or with some special person. Being aware of it you may be able to divert the adverse energies.

Sep. 28. The Sun conjunct Mercury will help you get rid of any backlog of paperwork, writing assignments, correspondence or overdue phone calls. It is a favourable time for talks, lectures, discussions and study.

Sep. 30. Jupiter sextile the N.Node is fortunate generally, bringing advantage in your business or work, a new friendship or beneficial contact, and often financial gain.

October 2002

Oct. 1. Venus sesquare Saturn: A relationship trouble could leave you disturbed and unhappy. It is just one of life's little hurdles. Time smoothes it out.

Oct. 2. The Sun trine Neptune sensitises you so that you are highly aware and receptive to all impressions. It helps greatly with inspiration in any form of creative work. It could be an idyllic period when sought-after goals are attained.

Oct. 4. The Sun sesquare Uranus: Keep your equanimity even in the face of a minor disruptive element. You may learn something useful.

Mercury square Saturn: Difficulties or delays in communication can be a trouble. Watch for mistakes

in documents and watch how you move so as to avoid falls, knocks and bruises.

Oct. 5. The Sun trine the N.Node could bring you a new agreeable contact. It is a favourable Aspect for fellowship, establishing good relations and joining in cooperative ventures.

Mars sesquare Neptune often signifies misdirected energy. Take a close look at what you are doing.

Oct. 6. The Sun sextile Jupiter brings you rewards for previous efforts—achievement, success, recognition, etc. It can also bring opportunities for exhibiting generosity of spirit and deed.

Oct. 7. Mercury Stationary at 28Vi20. If Mercury at this point contacts a Significator in a chart it will induce thought, talk and effort about the matters relating to the Significator. Mercury is now turning Direct from being Retrograde, so matters that were held up may now go forward.

Oct. 8. Mars quincunx Uranus: Avoid little mishaps by being careful and deliberate, not impulsive and sudden in what you are doing.

Oct. 9. Sun sextile Pluto: This increases your feeling of inner strength and effectiveness so that you tend towards leadership and dominance.

Oct. 10. Mercury square Saturn: See **Oct. 4** above.

Oct. 11. Venus Stationary at 15Sc36 brings warmth of feeling to any Significator it contacts. Conjunct the Sun or Moon it often heralds a love affair.

Saturn Stationary at 29Ge05 brings a serious, responsible attitude to matters that it affects.

Oct. 14. Mars square Saturn though usually associated with toil and difficulties has the benefit of inducing precision in work.

Mars semisquare Jupiter tends to exuberant feelings which give zest to life. Just avoid being precipitate. □

TEST NO. 70

Astrologers world-wide are finding out that each of these monthly exercises are a valuable learning experience.

Test No. 70 concerns a woman born on 16th October 1939 in a suburb of Sydney, Australia, (33S53, 151E06) at 3:30 am. (Asc 10Vi10, MC 17Ge59, Moon 29Sc23.)

The question is: Which of the five possible events listed below occurred in her life on **27th July 2002**?

1. She left on an overseas trip.
2. Her brother died.
3. She was hospitalised with a serious illness.
4. She bought a new house.
5. She remarried.

Please send your answers to me not later than 20th September with the astrological basis for your decision—the crucial Aspect, Half-Sum, Planetary Picture, etc., that determined your answer. *Extensive supporting analysis is not required.*

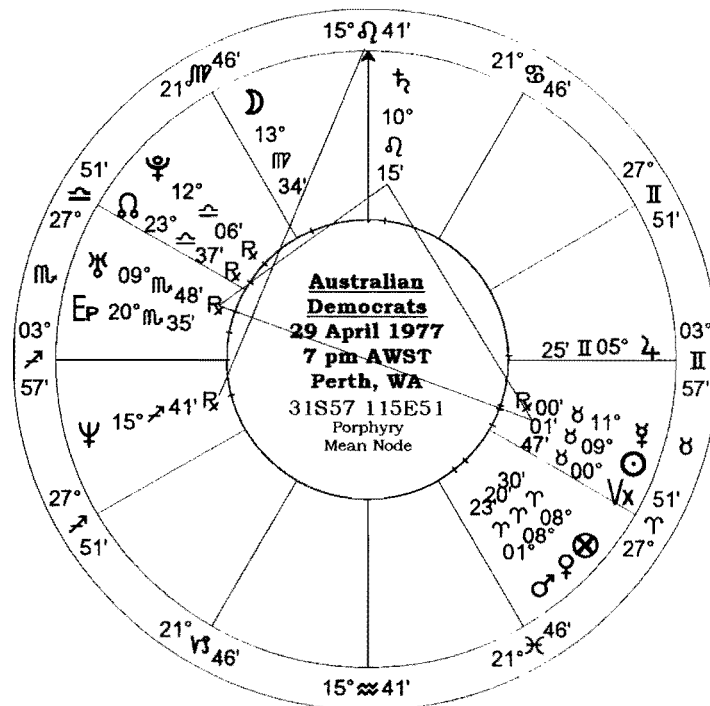
Post to The Editor, *Astrologers' Forum*, 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor 5073 Australia, or E-mail to dymock@ozemail.com.au.

The correct answer will be published in next month's Issue (October), but everyone who posts an attempt at the Test will receive a personal reply.

DEMOCRATS' DEBACLE

The Australian Democrats, a small but significant Party in National Politics has come into a critical time. Dissension in the ranks has split the Party and led to the resignation of its Leader, Senator Natasha Stott Despoja. Many are wondering if the Party is finished as a significant force in Australian politics.

By courtesy of *Esoteric Technologies* we have the Figure below for the genesis of the Party:



A striking feature of the Chart is Neptune rising, in exact-to-the-minute trine to the Culminating Degree. This accords well with the idealistic aims of the Party. Unfortunately, however, the Sun ruling the 10th House is in close opposition to Uranus and square to an elevated Saturn, signalling leadership troubles. Most Australians will remember the shock that threw the Party into turmoil when the Party Leader, Cheryl Kernot, defected to the Labor Party in October 1997.

The present debacle is astrologically documented by Pluto Stationary at 14Sg54 right on the MC of the Radix. The situation is still more graphically and powerfully portrayed by the Harmonic Chart 25.25 (month July 29—Aug. 29, 2002) where the Radical Sun—Uranus opposition lies exactly across the Horizon of the Chart and the Moon closely conjoins Pluto, both in 20° of Virgo.

So what of the future? I envisage an unsettled period for the next two months: In **September** the Node opposes the Sun by Vertex-Arc Direction. In **October** Stationary Saturn squares Mars and Stationary Neptune squares the Sun. In **November** the Harmonic Chart shows the Floating MC conjunct Pluto and r.Uranus. But a new phase of leadership will commence about **16 December** when Jupiter conjuncts Mercury by Asc-Arc Direction and the Month-Harmonic has the Floating MC conjunct Jupiter and Pluto in Scorpio.

My kind regards to all.

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PREDICTING ELECTIONS

Predicting the outcome of national elections is popular among astrologers though not always attended by success. Most of those who attempt it have their preferred methods but these are often restricted by the available data. One method that stands up well is by referring to the current **Progressions, Directions and Cyclic Charts** of the main protagonists. Unfortunately, more often than not accurate birth data are not available and then one has the task of attempting in short time to rectify the Birth Chart and base a prediction on it. Obviously, the success of this method is highly dependent on the astrologer's skill in rectification as well as in predicting.

Another method is by casting a **Horary Chart** and taking the 1st House as that of the incumbent Office bearer and the 7th House as that of the opposing party. The 10th and 4th Houses relate respectively to the success of the incumbent and of the opposing party. Unlike other Horary Charts, the querent (the astrologer) stands aside and is not represented in the Chart. This method is highly dependent on the astrologer's ability to grasp the right moment for setting the Chart—when it has taken hold in his mind after a good deal of thinking and involvement in the issue at hand. The method is not to be scorned. It is often used very successfully.

Another method again is to set the chart for the capital city of the country and the time of either the **opening or the closing of the polls**. Both methods have been used with success though in the past I have found the time for the *closing* of the polls to be the more indicative. A disadvantage of this method is that the times can vary by hours in a big country. In Australia, for instance, there is a two-hour variation between the standard times of the East and West Coasts. In the USA the times vary by as much as three hours. Which time is one to choose? A way around this difficulty is to use the time of the polls opening and closing in the nation's capital city. Another way is to select that state or district of the country that experience has shown is the deciding factor in the result. Thus, in the USA the fate of an election is mostly determined on the voting of the Eastern States. A decisive result there is not likely to be upset by contrary trends in the other States.

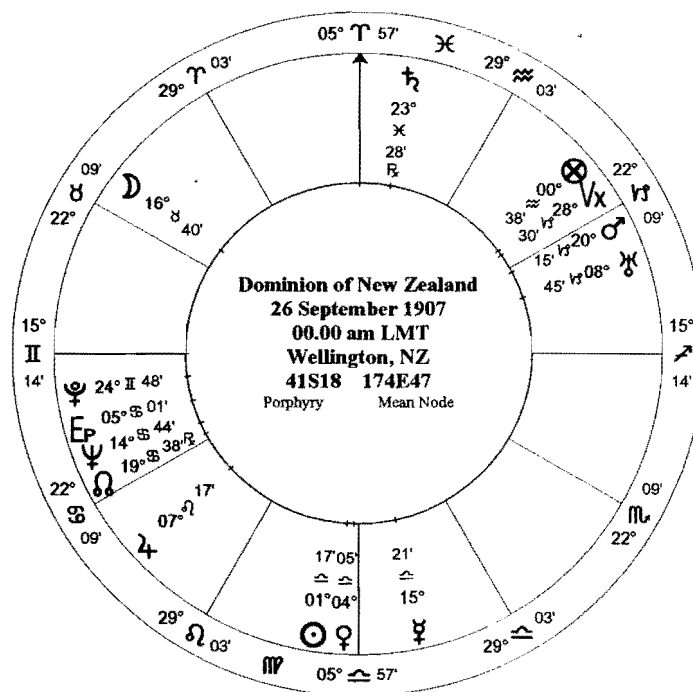
Still another approach to finding the result of a national election is to **use the country's birth chart** and judge whether the prevailing astrological factors suggest a stable government or a change. This method is dependent on having a reliable Radix to start with, which may present a problem, such as in the USA where opinions still differ widely as to what is the best Figure for the Country as a whole. I have made my own choice in the matter as readers will

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know and do not intend to go further into that at the moment.

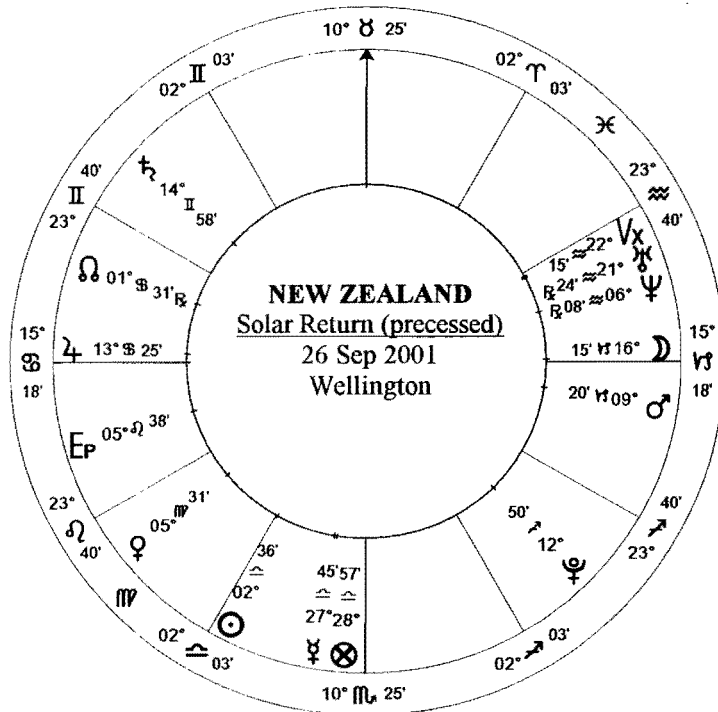
A case in point is the National Election in New Zealand on 27th July where the issue is already clear. We are again indebted to Nicholas Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes* for the Radix of New Zealand—the date when it became an independent Nation by the granting of Dominion status within the British Empire at 00.00 hrs on 26 September 1907. Here it is:



The background to the Election is this: The New Zealand Prime Minister, Helen Clark, has held Office for three years and was hoping with this Election to increase her vote so that her Party (Labour) could govern in its own right without having to form a Coalition. In the outcome, Helen Clark is indeed returned for a second three-year term and the main Opposition Party has lost ground. Nevertheless the Prime Minister is without the absolute majority she wanted and is still obliged to seek the support of one

of the minor Parties.

The **precessed Solar Return** of 26 Sep 2001—26 Sep 2002) portrays this situation very well:



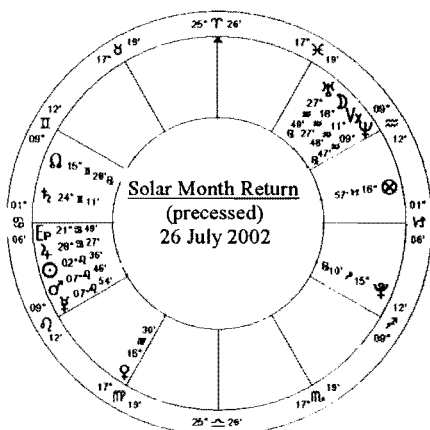
It is clear that the established Government will win (Jupiter in its Exaltation conjunct the Ascendant).

That the Opposition Party will lose is confirmed by the Moon on 7th Cusp opposed by Jupiter (*out of favour with the electors*, and the 7th-Cusp Ruler, Saturn, is opposed by destructive Pluto).

On the other hand a disadvantage for the Government (1st House) is that its Ruler, the Moon, occupies the 7th House and is in its Fall, which implies that the Government is to some extent under the authority of and dependent on another Party to form Government).

The outcome of the Election is shown again in the **Solar Month Return** (below):

The Sun conjunct Jupiter and Mars rising is a clear indication of victory for the Government.



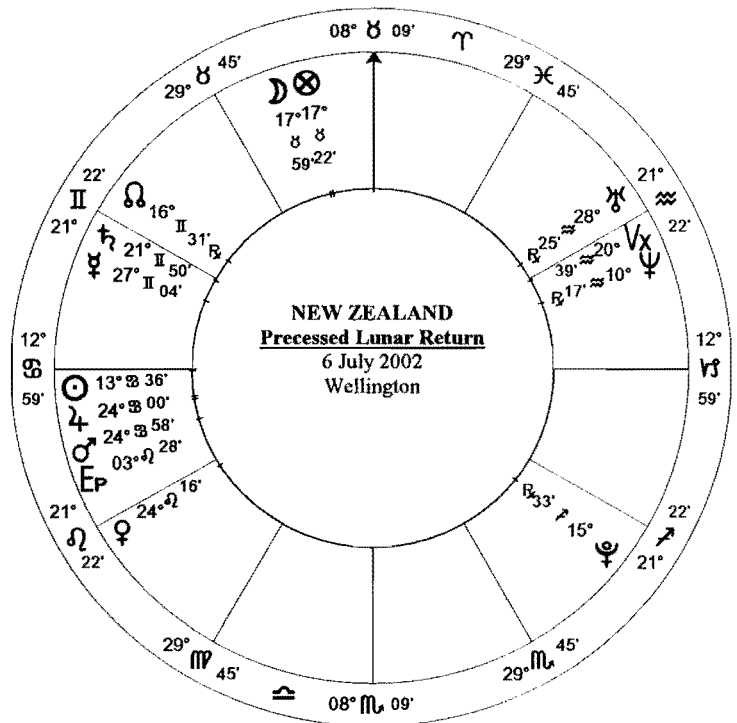
Lunar Return

(Chart next column)
Victory for the Government is even more clearly depicted in the precessed Lunar Return of 6 July 2002 not only with the Sun, Jupiter and Mars rising but also the Moon Ruling the Ascendant closely

conjoined with *Fortuna* in the 10th House, while Saturn, ruling the 7th House (the Opposition Party), is right on the Cusp of the House of Misfortunes.

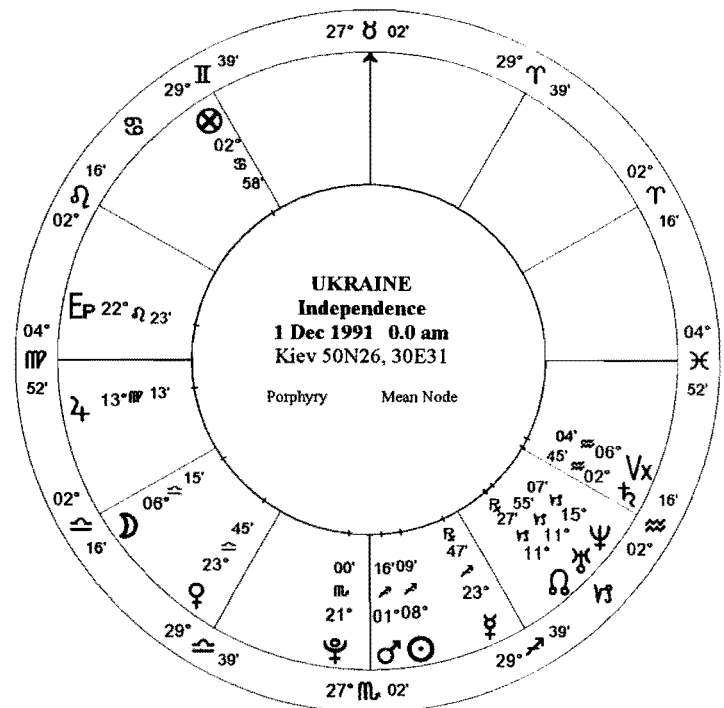
So it seems that the Cyclic Charts of a Nation can also be a guide to the fortunes of the government at election times.

Carrying this idea further we might apply it to major events in the daily life of a country, for instance the appalling disaster at the **aerial display in Lviv, Ukraine, on 27th July**. An aircraft out of control

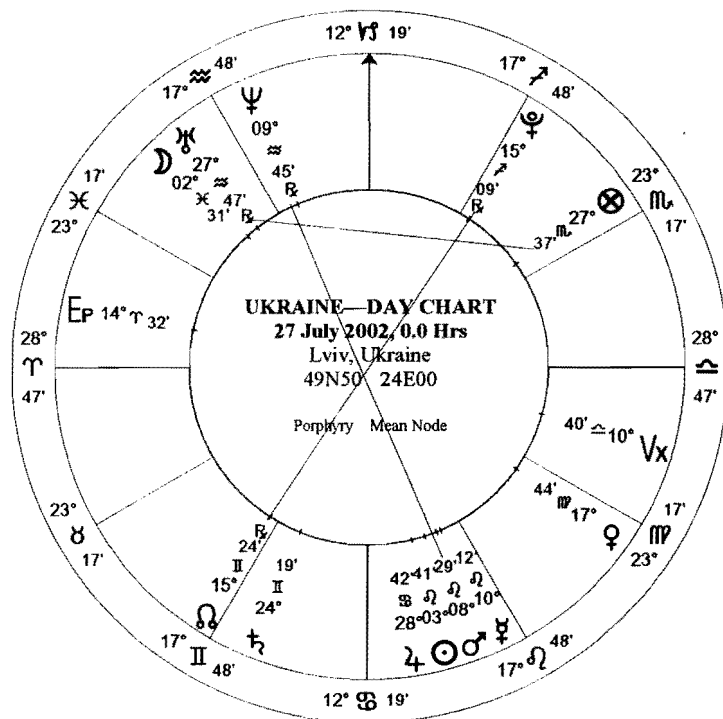


plunged into the the ground killing 83 spectators and injuring about 100 others.

Ukraine declared its Independence from Russia on 1st December 1991. This would be its **Birth Chart** set for 0.0 Hrs. at the capital, Kiev:



A DAY CHART for the aircraft tragedy at Lviv (Lvov) on 27th July appears on the next page. A review of the important Aspects reveals that this was one of the worst possible days that could be selected for an aerial display: Mars is closely opposed by Neptune and rules both the Ascendant and the House of Deaths. This is clearly a situation of loss (Neptune)



and deaths of people (Mars, 1st and 8th Houses).

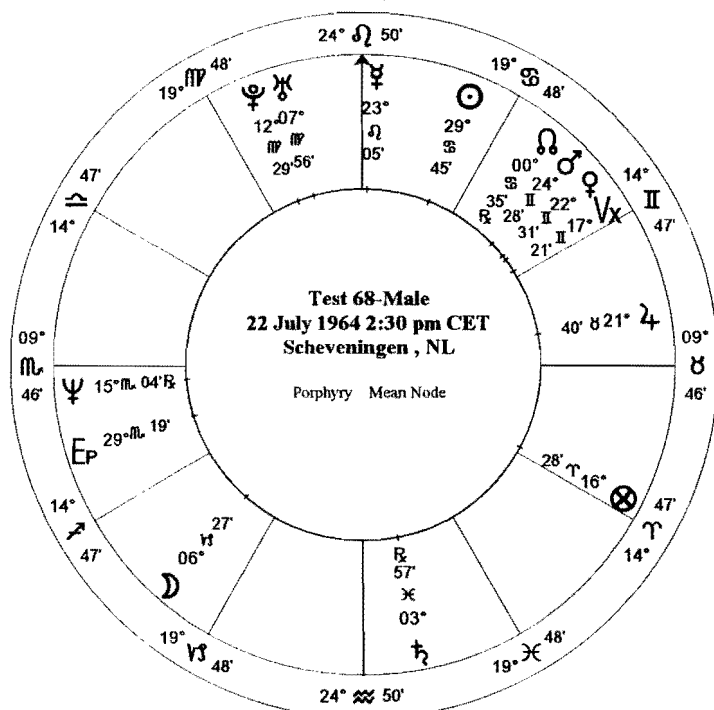
Just as bad, or worse, is the Pluto-Node opposition on the 9th-3rd axis (travel and movement). Ebertin *The Combination of Stellar Influences* hit the nail right on the head here with his interpretation: *A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons.*

Still another adverse portent is Uranus (aircraft) closely square *Fortuna* in the House of Deaths.

So this method may be used in a limited way for prediction as, for instance, when a special day is coming up for a fair, a parade, a spectacle, etc., the planetary dispositions on the day in relation to the national chart will indicate whether the prospects are good or bad for the occasion. □

TEST 68—REPORT

Test No. 68 concerned a man born in Holland on



22nd July 1964, 2:30 pm CET, at Scheveningen (52N06, 4E170). (Birth Chart above)

The question was which of the following events occurred in his life on the 8th of May 1983:

1. He was involved in a serious traffic accident.
2. His father died.
3. He won a table-tennis tournament.
4. He went on a trip around the world.
5. He met the woman whom he eventually married.

At the time of the event he was living in Oudelande, 51N25, 3E51.

Correct answer: He was involved in a serious traffic accident. He and some friends were driving home from a party. They all had drunk too much and the subject's older brother who was driving lost control. The car ended up in a ditch and the subject was thrown out and badly injured. He was unconscious for about six weeks. It took him years to recover slowly.

There were thirty two responses from countries around the world – USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Thailand, Germany, Belgium, Romania, Slovenia, Czechoslovakia, Israel, India, Butan(?), Singapore and Australia. Thirteen respondents found the correct answer at the first attempt. The principal techniques they used were:

Age Harmonic – Mignon Halford (NSW, Australia), Sjakkie Govers (Netherlands), Ross Harvey (NSW, Australia), Sontaya Pruenglampoo (Thailand).

Transits – Srecko Slavec (Yugoslavia), Pingo (Czechoslovakia), Gary McKenzie (Qld), Shamira Shakira (SA, Australia).

Vedic Astrology: Hughes Goh (Singapore), Ron Day (Qld, Australia), Margarita (Belgium).

Tertiary Progressions: Christopher Kevill (Canada).

Planetary Pictures: (90° Dial) Teresa Linek (Ohio).

Congratulations to all who attempted the Test and sent a response whether or not they found the correct answer.

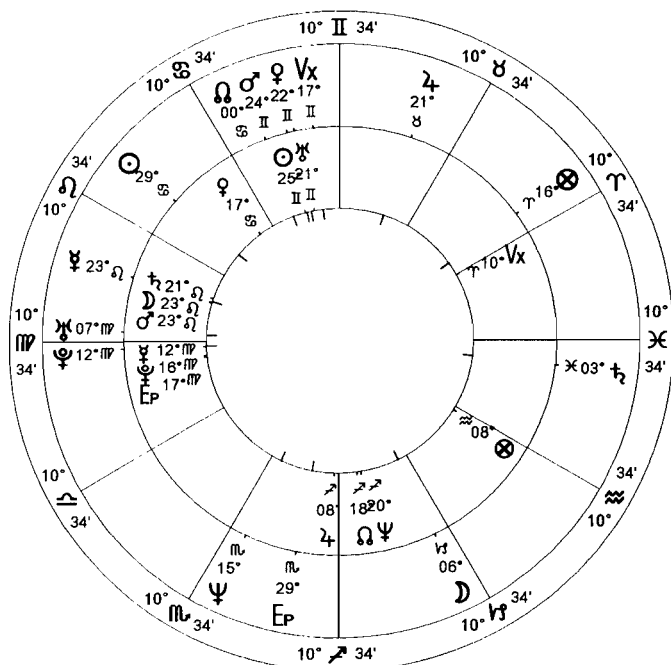
Probably the most graphic representation of the traffic accident is in the Chart (on the next page) of the **Age Harmonic 18.75** (for the month 22nd April—22nd May, 1983. It is depicted by —

- Mercury ruling the Ascendant (*physical body*) conjunct Pluto.
- Mars (ruling the 3rd Cusp, *Roads and Transport*) conjunct Moon and Saturn.
- Uranus conjunct the Sun opposite Neptune (*shock and loss of consciousness*).

The stay in hospital is shown by the adverse conjunction in the 12th House and the afflicted Sun ruling that House. Saturn in the 12th House rules the 6th (health and illness).

The above is more than sufficient, but further powerful indications are apparent if you put the Birth Figure around the Age Harmonic:

- h.Ascendant conjunct N.Uranus and Pluto;
- h.Mars, Moon and Saturn conjunct N.Mercury;
- h.POF on the Health & Illness Cusp square N. Ascendant on the Cusp of Roads and Traffic. □



Inner Wheel: Test 68-Male, Age Harmonic 18.75 (22nd April—22nd May, 1983) (Porphyry Mean Node)

Outer Wheel: Test 68, Birth Chart, 22 July 1964

TRANSITING ASPECTS **16 AUG—15 SEP 2002**

August 2002

Aug 16. Mercury square Pluto: Very suitable for intense mental work and investigation. Improves your concentration.

Aug 16. Venus trine Neptune: Fosters appreciation of art and music and helps you to be more keenly aware of subtleties in love or life.

Aug. 20. Sun sextile Saturn: This is a steadying and stabilizing influence. Attend to obligations, duties or jobs that you may have neglected. An appropriate time also to sort, clean, discard, and organize.

Aug. 21. Saturn trine Uranus: Take what opportunity offers to vary the routine of life and make it more interesting. Be alive to innovations, new ways of doing things, etc.

Aug. 22. Venus sextile Pluto: This heightens emotional expression and makes relationships more intense. It also stimulates artistic sensibilities so that you could very much enjoy a dramatic play or film. Working with computers goes smoothly.

Aug. 24. Mars opposite Uranus: The energy stirred up by this Aspect should be directed into a constructive channel. It might otherwise result in conflict, verbal or otherwise. Use all care to avoid accidents or mishaps on the road, and with machinery, electric appliances, etc.

Aug. 24. Mercury square Saturn: Plan and organize; establish a routine; and attend to paper-work, correspondence, notebooks, reports, etc. Make yourself do the unattractive or tedious matters in your life that need to be done.

Aug. 25. Mars sextile Saturn: Steady work brings benefits and the satisfaction of gaining practical results. Use your energy for jobs that require patience and persistence.

Aug. 26. Pluto Stationary at 14Sag54, turning Direct. If in your personal Chart you have any Significator around 15° of Sagittarius, Gemini, Virgo or Pisces this will be a significant turning point for you. Prepare to find a matter relating to your Significator and the position it holds in your Horoscope being altered irrevocably or even passing out of your life altogether. This is a step in your personal development. It is best to accept the trend and not try to maintain the old order of things at all costs. Pluto will have its way whatever you do. If you have a Significator at 15° of Aries or Leo (having a trine angle to

transiting Pluto) something similar to the above can be expected but easier to handle.

September 2002

Sep. 3. Mercury sextile Jupiter: An ideal influence for the deployment of your mental abilities on matters such as reading, studying, attending talks and lectures, conversing with friends on a wide range of subjects, and in general broadening your mental horizon.

Sep. 4. Venus trine Uranus: Enjoy the excitement and pleasure that comes from a new personal contact or a new interest.

Sep. 5. Mercury trine Neptune: This will enhance your intuitive perceptions, even bring enlightenment over some matter that had puzzled you. Follow your inspirations. Enjoy imaginative literature, films, TV, etc.

Sep. 6. Venus trine Saturn: Appreciate the value of order, organization, loyalty, the enduring love of another, and the good, stable things in your life.

Sep. 8. Sun square Pluto: This planetary link often coincides with a personal crisis affecting one's work, career or personal relationships. It can be temporarily disturbing but ultimately beneficial. Perceive the evolutionary processes at work and cooperate rather than struggle against them. If you are much involved with computers you may expect some trouble with them at this time.

Sep. 11. Jupiter opposite Neptune: Your state of mind may be such that you are revelling in flights of imagination and fantasy. This is an escape from everyday normality and tedium (providing welcome relief for the mind) and may be beneficial provided you do not confuse your fantasies with fact. Don't invest just now, or take any financial risk. Be aware that your judgement at present is probably faulty so avoid committing yourself to long-term links or projects of any description.

Sep. 15. Mercury Stationary at 13Lib01, turning Retrograde. Mercury remains retrograde until 7th October, a period that is likely to be visited with errors and delays in communications and travel, so take all care in those respects. If Mercury is Stationary on a Significator in your Chart it will bring to your attention matters associated with the Significator and its place in your Horoscope. Rational thought and reasoning may be called for. □

TEST 69

Here is another Test to hone your skills. It concerns a woman born in Sydney, Australia, (33S52, 151E13) on 9th October 1961, at 1:20 am. (Asc 20Cn57, MC 10Ta39, Moon 2Li10)

One of the following events occurred in her life on **November 19, 2001**. Which event was it?

1. She became engaged.
2. She was married.
3. She had a baby.
4. She signed a contract for a house.
5. She joined a computer firm.

This type of exercise is great for learning how to distinguish the correct event from different possibilities of Houses and planets in a Chart. Please send your answers to me by 20th August with a brief statement of the astrological factors that determined your decision. There is no need to write an essay or include supporting evidence from more than one technique.

The results will be reported in the September Issue, but before that all respondents will receive the solution and a worked method of finding it.

My kind regards to all,

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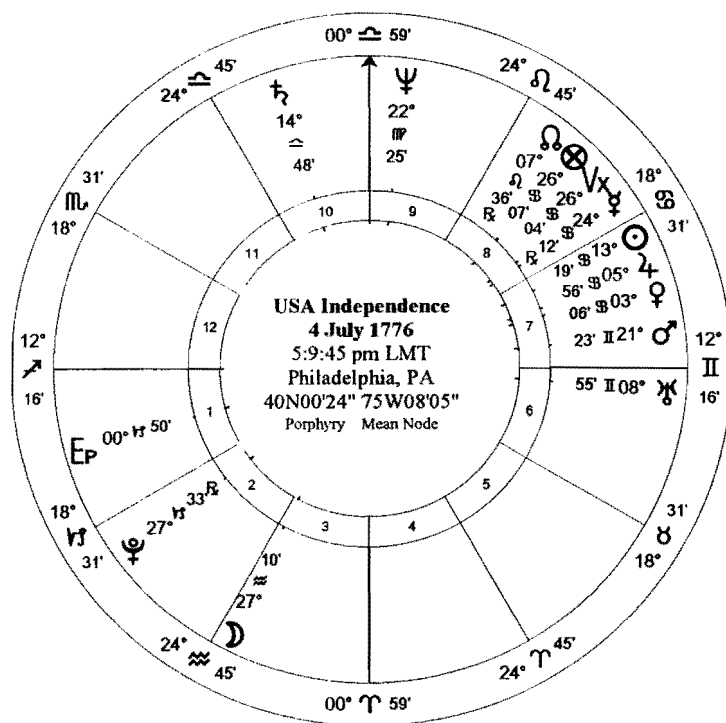
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BUSH FIRES IN THE USA

The tremendous bush fires engulfing huge tracts of Arizona and Colorado had fallen out of the news recently until a huge flare-up on June 29 drew attention once again to this unprecedented fire storm. *"In little more than a week, the largest fire in Arizona's recorded history has destroyed at least 423 homes, making it one of the most destructive ever in the western United States. It forced about 30,000 evacuations in nine different communities and left twisted, melted skeletons of homes in its wake"* (The Australian).

Every event has its astrological indicators yet little has apparently been advanced by astrologers relating to the celestial correlations of these huge fires. My own researches suggest that for major events like this cyclic charts derived from the National Horoscope of the USA are the best indicators. At the same time I find they present further evidence that the Chart with 12°16' of Sagittarius rising is truly representative of the Nation.



The Age Harmonic for June 2002, the month of the Bush Fires, when set with the above National Chart around it (next column) provides ample evidence of the fiery destruction:

Naturally, we look for Mars, the Lord of Fires. In the Harmonic Chart it is in the Midheaven conjunct the Node and square to Mercury on the Ascendant. The Moon's Node conjoining Mars is a powerful emphasis. The square to Mercury in the 1st House connotes the struggle and difficulties of the people affected by the fires.

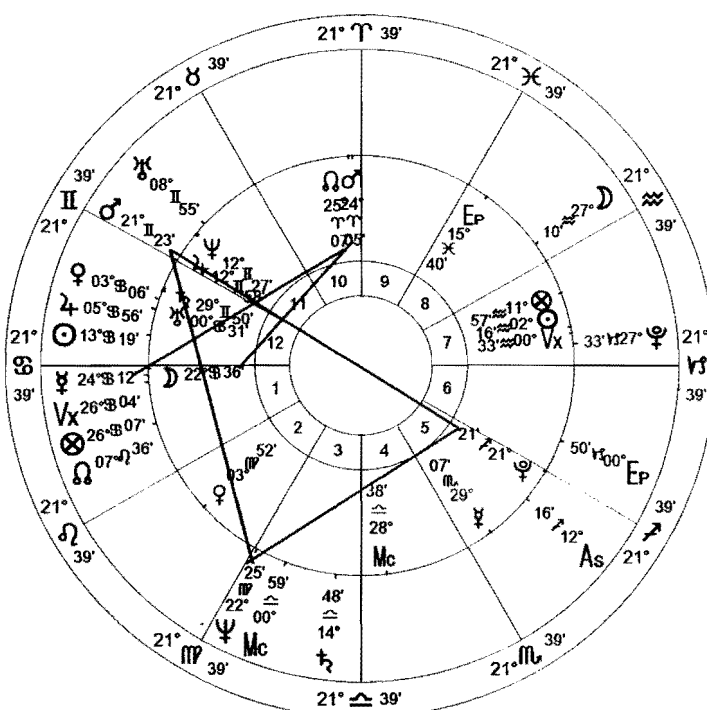
Here we are dealing with the Mean Node. The so-called True Node falls at 10Vi19 where it has no particular significance. Age Harmonics are unique in providing wide disparities like this that enable us to decide on relative values of points in dispute.

An even more powerful configuration is Natal Mars on the 12th

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Cusp (Sorrows and Suffering) in a T-square with Harmonic Pluto and Natal Neptune. This speaks eloquently of destruction and loss through fire.



Inner Wheel: USA Month Harmonic 225.9167 (4 June—4 July 2002)
Outer Wheel: USA National Chart

The precessed Solar Month Chart (next page) is almost equally indicative though perhaps less specific. It forms significant Aspects both within itself and with the surrounding Radix:

- Saturn is only 2' away from a conjunction with the Ascendant and 10' from the Moon's Node. Both are opposed by Pluto (destruction and losses).
- The Sun, just above the Ascendant is closely opposed by Pluto (drastic events).
- Mars is conjunct Natal Jupiter (large-scale fires).
- Uranus at the Midheaven is conjunct the Natal Moon (people unsettled and driven from their homes).

Though there are probably a number of Charts representative of the United States Age Harmonics demonstrate that the one above with 12°16' Sagittarius rising is valid. There is further confirmation from other Age Harmonics, one being A.H.165.4167 for the month 4 Dec1941 to 4 January 1942 (next page). On 7 December 1941 Japanese planes attacked the US Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbour, and effectively demolished it as a fighting force. Nine huge battle ships as well as other warships were sunk or badly

the crucial Aspects or half-sums, planetary pictures, asteroids, etc., that determined your answer. Extensive analysis is not required. Send your answer to me personally, not to a List, for privacy reasons. (dymock@ozemail.com.au.)

Everyone who responds will receive an individual reply after the deadline (20th July) with a detailed analysis showing at least one way of solving the problem. The chart or charts used for the solution will be e-mailed by Attachment.

TRANSITING ASPECTS 10 JULY—15 AUG. 2002

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Look ahead at the Transits to see what is coming but remember that they operate when the power built up between the bodies is sufficient to precipitate the effects. This is usually a day or two before exactitude. The slower-moving planets (Saturn, Neptune, Pluto) and those near their Stations have a more extended period of operation.

July 2002

There are no major Aspects between July 10 and July 20 but the conjunction of the Moon and Sun on **July 10** (see adjacent Chart) is notable. Five planets are grouped in **Cancer**. Not long ago a similar grouping in Gemini coincided with many troubles associated with that Sign.

The emphasis now and until the planetary concentration is reduced on **14 July** will be on Cancerian affairs—children, schools, family matters, births, maternity leave, nursing and rest homes, foodstuffs, maritime concerns, ocean-tragedies, off-shore boundary claims, deep-sea diving and fishing.

Though the Chart has been set for Sydney the Zodiacal positions will be the same for anywhere in the world. The mundane Houses in the Chart are to be disregarded as they will change for different geographic situations.

July 20. Sun conjunct Jupiter. Fortune favours you. Go ahead with that plan, apply for the position you want, consult professional advisors, ask for a salary increase (if warranted), be generous with gifts to your friends, and generally enjoy the bounty of life.

July 21. Mercury conjunct Jupiter. Give happy attention to letter-writing, and all documentary assignments. Extend your mental horizon with reading and discussions. Plan for the future.

July 24. Venus square Pluto. Feelings get intensified and may lead you into trouble unless governed by judgement. Maintain an even keel and don't let jealousy or suspicion taint a good relationship. A **full Moon** occurs on July 24 and has the strong feature of Pluto opposite the N.Node (conjunct the S.Node). This bodes ill for the worldly scene—political upheaval and turmoil as major changes are set in motion. On the personal level for many people it will mean a period of fundamental alteration in direction, interests, acquaintances or life style. This transformed life is usually accompanied by a state of chaos or uncertainty—but there is no need to be alarmed, it is all in the interests of personal

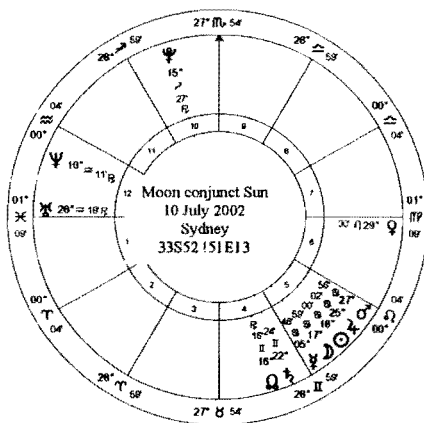
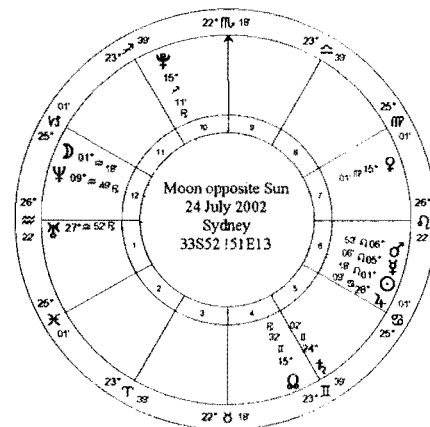
development.

July 26. Mercury conjunct Mars. You can think fast and work efficiently but sharp, hasty words can alienate others. Postpone dental work—apt to be painful under this Aspect.

July 27. Mercury opposite Neptune. It's easy to relax into a dreamy state but keep your mind on what you are doing, especially if it's driving!

July 29. Mars opposite Neptune. Apt to bring some disagreeable matter to your attention, or may drain your energy today. Avoid sources of infection—bad food or water, unhealthy fumes, etc.

July 29. Mercury trine Pluto. Favourable for intensive mental application and for tackling small but exacting jobs. You can go easily to the core of the matter without being distracted by irrelevancies. Working with computers—or learning about them and the benefits of e-mail (modern communication) goes well.



August 2002

Aug. 2. Sun opposite Neptune. Accept failure as a stepping stone to success. Think and plan for practical application later. Don't make any term commitments just now—you may not be able to honour them or they turn out badly. Certain matters may have been misrepresented to you.

Aug. 3. Venus square Saturn. If your love-life has met a temporary block see what you can do to repair the damage and re-establish a relationship on a good basis.

Aug. 4. Mercury sextile Saturn. You should plan and organize and attend to necessary routine matters. It is a good time for quiet study or reading and any matters that require concentration.

Aug. 5. Mercury opposite Uranus. Be prepared for surprises. Look for innovations. Keep your equanimity if small matters miscarry.

Aug. 6. Mars trine Pluto. Increased energy and drive helps you to tackle your work with speed and efficiency, even attend to several jobs simultaneously.

Aug. 8. Sun trine Pluto. You can make fundamental changes to your work, home or life-style easily and smoothly without fuss and drama.

Aug. 9. Venus sextile Jupiter. Cultivate your friends, express warm feelings, enjoy the pleasure of bestowing little gifts.

Aug. 11. Sun conjunct Mars. A time for decision and action after due consideration—think first and be tactful. Be aware (not beware) of a male acquaintance who assumes significance.

Aug. 16. Mercury square Pluto. Specialized activity may be required but don't force yourself beyond a healthy limit in work—try to get relaxing breaks. You may be giving the impression to others around you of being too forceful and coercive.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock. 3 July 2002.

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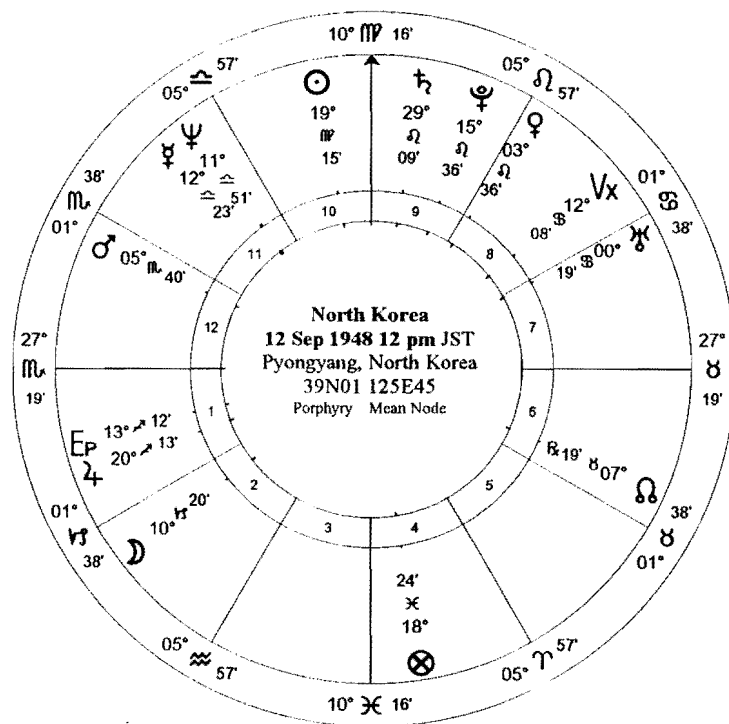
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THE LAST BASTION by Allan Johnson

North Korea is regarded as the last bastion of communism, the unregenerated Communist State. All the others that have not collapsed like China, Cuba and Vietnam have survived by making concessions to capitalism and foreign investment, etc. But North Korea *never has*. It is still holding the flag even though it has gone through enormous economic decline and chaos. Its people are suffering but the government is more interested in making bombs than food. After 54 years families that were split up on the border of South Korea are still suffering that privation after all those years. North Korea has never admitted defeat. So it is interesting to see if the Chart for North Korean independence could throw some light on that fact and on its future. The Chart for 12th September 1948, noon, for the capital, Pyongyang is the one given by Nicholas Campion in his *Book of World Horoscopes*.

There is an element of unreality in this whole set-up. A clinging



to past glories that we usually expect relating to Neptune. Yet Neptune is not *Angular* or in a dominant position in the Chart—but nevertheless it is conjunct Mercury and square the Moon. Sun in Virgo is appropriate for the strong element of self-sacrifice; and its square to Jupiter shows the desire to achieve some grandiose ideal. Jupiter in its turn also makes a trine to Pluto in the 9th House. There is quite a focus on the 9th, a House very much related to mass publicity and idealism. So overall we do get that devotion to ideals rather than getting down to practical realities that the other communist regimes have had to do. Some recent observers feel there could be a change of heart coming up but others say we have heard all that before. Both Sun and Moon are in Earth Signs but otherwise there is not much emphasis on Earth in this Chart. Scorpio rising could be significant for such clinging to the past, and the stubbornness.

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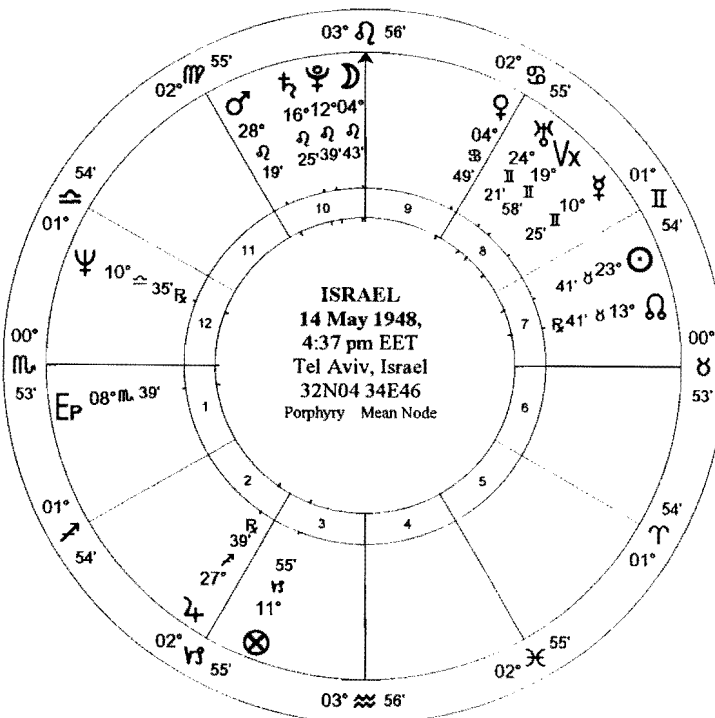
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Looking at recent Progressions we get the Sun coming to square natal Pluto in a couple of years and at that time Pluto will be right on natal Pluto. We should expect Pluto transits to be a key factor in a transformation of that magnitude—akin to the collapse of the Berlin Wall. Right now Pluto is moving to the square of the natal Sun in the 10th House and will be exact in November 2003. Over this time Uranus is moving to the opposition of Saturn in the 9th. This could also mean a radical transformation of an ideology. So it looks as if events could be moving behind the scenes in the direction some observers are predicting. So North Korea is worth watching over the next few years. □

ISRAEL'S CHART—CORRECTION

My apologies for presenting the wrong Chart for Israel in last month's Issue. It was some incredible mix-up in my computer some of whose workings still mystify me. The two Directions mentioned were correct—May 25 and June 24 for a possible (if temporary) accord.

Here is the Chart I aimed to present, as published previously in Issue 237 (April, 2001):



- Mar) Sqr PF Aa-Na 27 Jul 1989 15°Li25' 15°Cn25'
- Mer Sqr MC Va-Na 19 Oct 1989 07°Sg40' 07°Vi40'
- Asc Cnj Sun Va-Na 5 Nov 1989 09°Sg49' 09°Sg49'

Obviously, the only Direction applicable in the above list symbolizing union with a male is the last—**Asc conj. Sun** by Vertex-Arc on 5 Nov 1989. A further check with Secondary Progressions around this date brings to light the **Moon sextile Jupiter** on 4th Nov 1989 – the very day of the marriage.

It is apparent from the range of marriage dates suggested by respondents that further exercises along these lines are desirable.

TRANSITING ASPECTS 10 JUNE—15 JULY 2002

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When looking ahead at the Transits remember that those formed by quickly-moving planets usually operate on the day *before* they are listed as exact, when the power built up between the bodies is sufficient to precipitate the effects.

Those formed by Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto have greater significance and operate over a longer period of time than the others.

June 2002

June 11. Solar Eclipse at 19Ge54. This Eclipse in Gemini will certainly enhance the troubles associated with that Sign as mentioned in last month's Issue. Since four or five planets plus the Moon's Node gathered in Gemini the aggregate of world calamities by land, air and sea has been appalling. It will not diminish but increase, some countries being worse hit than others. The Eclipse Chart set for New York is particularly bad as Pluto Retrograde and just under the Ascendant is conjunct the South Node and opposed by Saturn, the Sun and Moon. Jupiter is exactly on the 8th (Porphyry) Cusp. Is another major catastrophe imminent in that afflicted City?

June 20. Sun trine Uranus: This is the cue to see what progressive changes you can make in your work, your business or your home. Are you aware of what advantages may be gained from modern technology? The Sun trine Uranus brings new situations and sudden changes in your affairs that will be exciting and stimulating. It is a wonderful time for new activities, for a different environment, for making unusual contacts and for discoveries about yourself and the world around you.

June 20. Mercury sextile Venus: This harmonious Aspect between the Planet of Communication and the planet of Peace, Beauty and Harmony is great for re-establishing cordial relations where they have become cool or drifted into indifference. Answer letters, write that report or assignment and generally exercise your talent for smoothing troubled waters.

June 24. Venus opposite Neptune: Maybe your fantasy of idyllic love has gone sadly amiss. Console yourself with something else that is beautiful—music, art, poetry, literature, etc.—or exercise your own artistic talent. Eschew alcohol and protect yourself against viral infection.

June 24. Mercury trine Neptune: Your mind can be illuminated by subtle understanding. Inspired ideas can help you with creative work, whether in the field of literature or art. Read a

good book of fiction or poetry (e.g., Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet*).

June 25. Lunar Eclipse at 3Cp11. Some sort of prominence will be given to any planet or Zodiacal point in your personal chart that is conjunct this degree. Examine what that Significator means in your Chart and try to predict the effect (very useful practice).

June 28. Venus trine Pluto brings more intensity to your personal attachments and/or enhances any artistic faculty that you may have. So, work on it!

June 29. Mercury opposite Pluto: Stress can lower your immune system and make you susceptible to infection. This Aspect is often a caution to change direction or at least take time off for a restorative session with something relaxing or somebody who is light-hearted and affectionate.

June 30. Mercury sextile Venus: See **June 20** above.

July 2. Mercury conjunct Saturn: A good vibration for working on problems, organizing your routine, home and business matters and generally attending to your responsibilities.

July 3. Venus sextile Saturn: Rest content in your stabilized and secure relationships. Appreciate the good features of the established order and the benefits of sensible conformity.

July 3. Mars conjunct Jupiter: Make decisions, be active, put your plans into operation with the assurance of success.

July 6. Mercury trine Uranus: Apply your mind to Astrology, some field of technology, a new and exciting study or progressive ideas generally. Use lateral thinking to arrive at a new angle or new approach to your work or a problem.

July 9. Venus opposite Uranus: The Law of Life is *change*. If a relationship falls apart don't come unstuck with it. Maintain your equanimity and go to some stimulating entertainment, preferably something new or unusual.

TEST NO. 67

This month's Test, No. 67, is again one to find the DATE of a given event but this time, to make it a little easier, only the MONTH within a one-year period. It is very useful to be able to do this in practical work as it is, naturally, of importance to the client.

It concerns a woman born on 28th July 1967 at 6:45 am in Athens, Greece (23E46, 37N58. Asc 19Le45, MC 12Ta38, Moon 20Ar12).

The woman married on a date within the period 1 May 1996 to 1 May 1997. Can you find the MONTH when the marriage took place?

Any astrological method may be used—modern, mediaeval, or ancient. Techniques that have been used in past Tests are Solar- and Lunar-Return Charts, Age-Harmonics, Progressions and Directions, Midpoints, Planetary Pictures, Horary, Profectioal, Vedic, Firdarial, and Asteroidal.

Please send your solution to me by letter or e-mail (Dymock@ozemail.com.au) by **June 20**. Give the crucial factors, (Aspects, House positions, Half-Sums, etc.), that were the determining factors in your judgement. Effort put into this sort of astrological work will do wonders so far as increasing your skill is concerned whether or not you find the right answer.

The worked solution will be published in the July Issue but all respondents will receive it earlier—soon after June 20.

I am always glad to receive material that would be suitable for these monthly Tests. They usually take the form of "what occurred in this person's life on (date)", or "find the date on which this event occurred". Your help would be appreciated.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 8 June 2002.

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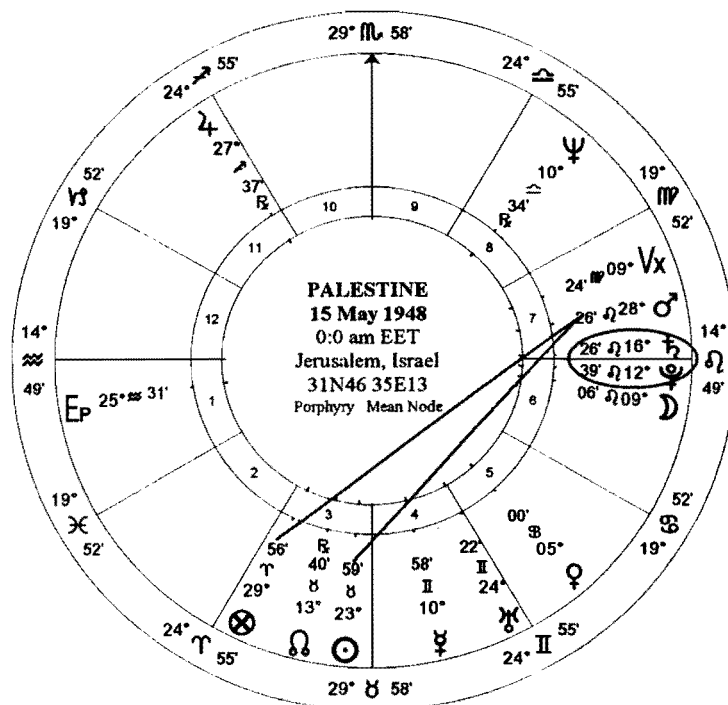
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THE ISRAEL—PALESTINE CONFLICT

Whether or not a massacre has occurred in the Palestinian town Jenin, as alleged, there is no doubt that the Palestinians have suffered terribly from the Jewish incursions with tanks and armoured vehicles that started a month ago.

Nicholas Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) gives the Map for the date when the British Mandate in Palestine expired at 00.00 hrs on 15 May 1948. Though the State of Palestine never came into existence the Chart for this event does appear to be highly relevant to the Palestinian people and their wish for national self-determination.



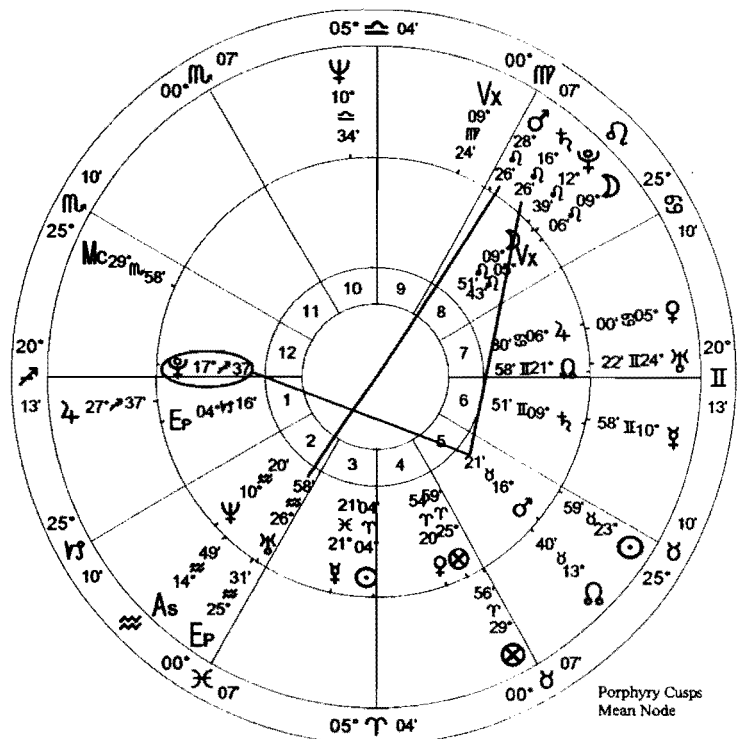
The Chart is unfortunate in that Saturn and Pluto on the 7th Cusp in close opposition to the Ascendant indicate that the Palestinians are blocked by powerful forces. The Ruler, Saturn, in the House of Open Enemies shows that they are largely at the mercy of an aggressor. The military conflict incurred is evident from Mars in the 7th square to the Sun and trine *Fortuna*.

Jupiter on the 11th Cusp normally signifies gratification of wishes and fulfilment of ambitions, however Jupiter is here opposed by Uranus and is closely sesquare Pluto. These planets certainly bring the Palestinians sudden misfortunes in the pursuit of their ambitions and even schisms among the Palestinians themselves. The close trine from Jupiter to Mars, ruling the 10th House, indicates nevertheless that the National aims are pursued with vigour.

In the adjoining column is the precessed Lunar Return which marked the beginning (29th March 2002) of the present Israeli incursion into Palestine. In the outer circle are the Radical positions. The Mars-Uranus opposition on a Cuspal axis is an obvious indicator of violent conflict as well as the very close square of Mars—Saturn. Pluto on the Ascendant quincunx Mars signifies devastation of the Palestinian territory.

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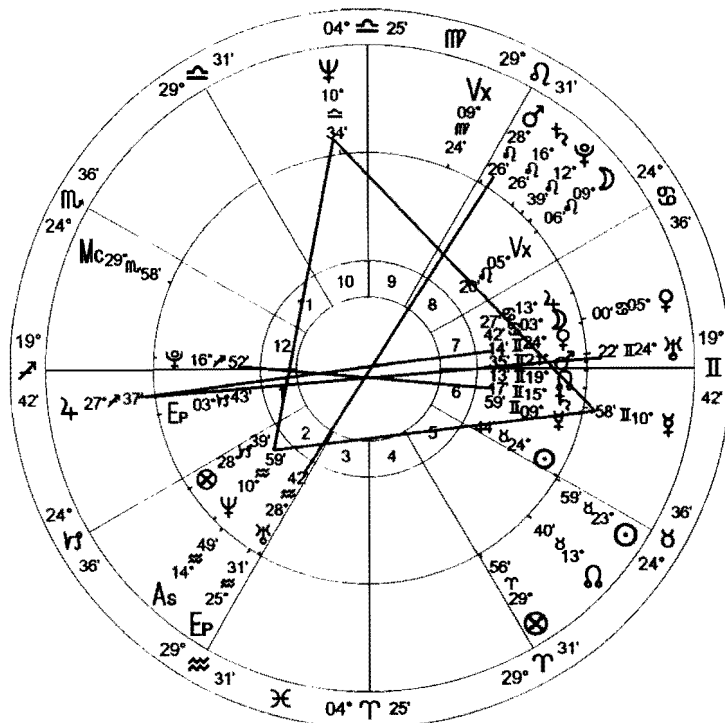


Inner Wheel: The precessed Lunar Return of 24 March 2002 for Palestine.
Outer Wheel: Palestine Radix

On May 15 next Palestine enters its new Solar Year and the Chart associated with it should reveal what chances there are of peace being achieved in the next twelve months between the two warring Nations. This Chart, with the Radix positions in the outer circle, appears on the next page.

The Chart is not by any means promising: Pluto rises in close opposition to Saturn (*destructive violence*). There is no attempt at a rapprochement between the parties; quite the reverse, in fact. Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) stigmatises the nature of this Aspect as a *hard and unfeeling disposition, cold-heartedness, severity, tendency to violence, a fanatical adherence to one's principles once they have been adopted. A martyr*. The last word is particularly chilling in the light of the recent spate of suicide bombers, regarded by the Palestinians as heroic martyrs.

Uranus opposes n.Mars on the 3rd Cuspal axis with an orb of only 16', an Aspect that foreshadows a continuation of brutal violence. Jupiter rises, which would normally be regarded as especially positive but here it opposes Venus and n.Uranus defeating any attempt to bring the parties together on a harmonious basis. The Grand Trine involving n.Neptune in the Midheaven, n.Mercury and sol-r.Neptune seems to reflect the



Inner Wheel: Palestine, Precessed Solar Return 15 May 2002, Jerusalem.
Outer Wheel: Palestine, Natal Chart, 15 May 1948, 0:00 am EET (-2:00),
Jerusalem, Israel, 31N46, 35E14. Porphyry Cusps, Mean Node.

mental attitude of the Palestinians—that they are chasing a chimera based on their own imaginative thinking divorced from reality.

A survey of the succeeding three Solar Returns (not reproduced) does not inspire optimism for a settlement of the conflict. In the precessed Figure of 16 May 2003, Aries rises with Ruler Mars conjunct Neptune, both at 13° Aquarius, and conjunct the n.Ascendant, 14° Aquarius. Any compromise deal effected here would be based on mistrust and unabated hostility.

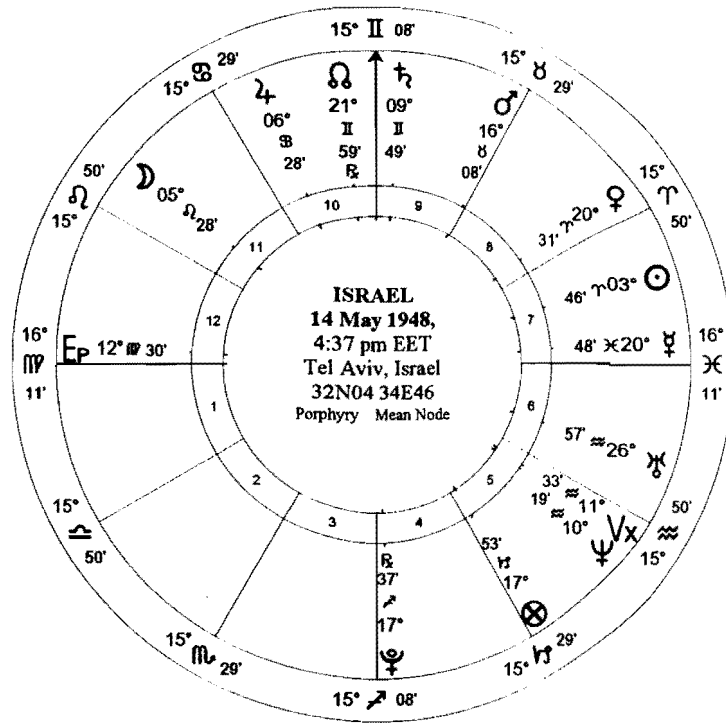
In the Figure of 15 May 2004, Cancer rises with the Moon at 10° Aries on the MC and square Saturn at 10° Cancer. This obviously blocks the aspirations of the Palestinians. Further, Neptune at 15Aqu24 conjoins the n.Ascendant, 14Aqu49 (*disappointment*).

The precessed Solar Return of 15 May 2005 has 8Li25 rising and Jupiter just below it at 9Li34. This apparently positive indication, however, is offset by Jupiter being closely quincunx a conjunction of Mars and Uranus on the 6th Cusp. This looks more like a build-up of armed forces than any realistic attempt at peace, particularly as n.Neptune at 10Li34 conjoins sr.Jupiter.

The situation is as intractable as the one in Northern Ireland. It seems that the best we can expect over the next few years is an uneasy peace alternating with further periods of conflict. However, there has to be some closure soon on the present spell of internecine violence. Of the Progressions and Directions over the next few months in the Palestine Chart, the only ones that offer much promise of a cessation of hostilities are Venus sextile Neptune by Vertex-Arc Direction on May 25, and the Ascendant-Arc Direction of Venus trine the Sun on June 24. Fortunately, the first date looks to be the more promising.

We should look also at the Chart for Israel (next column). The time for the Chart was given previously in this Journal as 4:30 pm on 14 May 1948, which the then Prime Minister of Israel (Ben Gurion) considered was the start of Israel's Independence. However, 4:37 pm is now reckoned to be better, being apparently the time when Ben Gurion finished reading his Proclamation of Independence. A little research on my part supports this slightly later time.

The Zodiacal positions of the planets in the Chart for Israel are



practically identical with those for Palestine, the two Charts having the same date, only the Moon being appreciably different. Israel's Chart is however the more fortunate through better placements in the Houses, one notable factor being the absence of Saturn and Pluto in direct opposition to the Ascendant. I will not dissect this Chart now. What is more important at the moment is to see whether the present hostilities are likely to be concluded in May or June.

The before-mentioned date of May 25 in the Palestine Directions is matched in the Israel Chart by Jupiter sextile Mercury (converse Vertex-Arc) on May 26. This is a hopeful sign of an agreement being reached on or about that date. For the second date, June 24, of a possible (if temporary accord) the Israel Chart has Venus trine the POF by converse Solar-Arc on June 23 which is also favourable through the operation of Venus, the *Peace Maker*. □

TRANSITING ASPECTS, MAY 1—JUNE 10, 2002

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When looking ahead at the Transits remember that they usually operate on the day *before* they are listed as exact, when the power built up between the bodies is sufficient to precipitate the effects.

Before starting on the list see what is written about May 23.

May 2002

May 1. Sun square Neptune: Withhold your energies regarding any project you have in mind. It won't come to a satisfactory realization with this Aspect – only disappointment or confusion; but the experience will be valuable.

May 2. Sun sextile Jupiter: Under this Aspect you can with confidence proceed with plans, projects, undertakings, etc., as it is almost a guarantee of success.

May 4. Mars conjunct Saturn: Tends to sporadic activity but can bring good results through persevering toil in spite of

restrictions and difficulties. Care is advisable to lessen the possibility of mishaps, spillages and breakages.

May 5. Venus trine Neptune: Delicacy of feeling and anything romantic and poetic in your nature is awakened by this Aspect. Enjoy art and music, films, poetry, fictional literature and your romantic fantasies.

May 7. Venus conjunct Saturn: Stabilize your good relationships and be glad of them, but no joy, possibly only heartache, comes from relationships not firmly based on community of aims and affinity of nature.

May 9. Mars opposite Pluto: Use your drive and determination to accomplish something constructive. Restrain any impulses towards violence and take care to avoid accidents and injuries. Look to the mechanics of your car.

May 10. Venus opposite Pluto: Romantic involvements can find intense expression under this influence but eroticism run wild does not make for a lasting attachment, rather a quick burn-out.

May 11. Venus conjunct Mars: The fires of passion are quickly lit under this influence. In social situations make an effort to be friendly and vivacious with a light touch and you'll have a good time, but you could regret a wild adventure or an impulsive affair with an inappropriate person.

May 13. Neptune Stationary at 10Aqu59, turning Retrograde. Neptune conjunct one of your principal Significators is more likely to result in disappointment or loss on the practical plane than the grand result you had been hoping for. Be wary about undertaking any long-term commitments while this influence lasts. You could be misinformed, deceived or unrealistic in your expectations. But Neptune conjunct Mercury gives inspiration to writers of poetry and fiction.

May 16. Mercury Stationary at 9Ge59, turning Retrograde. Having regard to Neptune's position above, this is effectively a Mercury trine Neptune Aspect. Your influx of ideas and imagination can be turned to good account in any creative work. Mercury conjuncting other Significators favours mental effort, communication and expression. As **Mercury is turning Retrograde** the next three to four weeks call for added and careful attention to avoid misunderstandings in communications, mistakes in writings, wrong addresses, mislaid items, malfunctioning gadgets, etc.

May 19. Venus trine Uranus: Enjoy something different – an outing, an unusual adventure, a visual experience, a little flirtation.

May 20. Sun square Uranus: Be prepared for a sudden change that upsets your plans. Wait for a more propitious time to start anything important.

May 23. It is noteworthy that on this date The Sun, Mercury, Saturn, the Moon's N.Node and Mars will all occupy the Sign Gemini. Unfortunately, this cannot be regarded as propitious, particularly as Pluto is directly opposite Saturn. I expect to see an increase of calamities, world-wide, as well as difficulties in transport and communication – not just on this day but building up from two or three weeks earlier, May 23 being the climactic point when the Sun enters Gemini. There will also be a surge in respiratory illnesses and in petty crime with Geminians figuring prominently. Geminians at their worst are thieves and liars. Of course at their best they are a delight to be with – stimulating, refreshing and reviving flagging spirits.

May 26. Saturn opposite Pluto: Develop your strength by coping with difficult circumstances. This Aspect is an indicator of major troubles in the world but on your personal plane it is more likely to be things of much lesser magnitude such as breakdown of your computer.

May 26. Lunar Eclipse at 5Sg4. With the Sun at 5Ge4 this is of

course a Sun/Moon opposition. Unless it affects a particular signifier in your personal horoscope it is most likely to evidence itself in fluctuating moods, an unsettled feeling and disturbed physical functions, more especially with women.

May 27. Mars trine Uranus: Use the extra energy developed by this configuration for furthering any constructive enterprise, which will also reduce the possibility of its spilling over into little accidents. Be careful with tools and electrical or mechanical equipment.

May 27. Sun conjunct Mercury. Attend to correspondence, assignments, documents, business and any matters involving the use of your mental capacities.

June 2002

June 1. Sun trine Neptune: Use the inspirational qualities of this Aspect to enhance your creative efforts—in music, poetry, literature, dancing, art. It's also fine to indulge your romantic dreams and fantasies of travel to faraway places, etc., as they provide a relief from humdrum routine, but don't lose your touch with reality.

June 3. Uranus Stationary, turning Retrograde, at 28Aqu50. Anything that Uranus touches gets a 'new look'. Watch for surprising developments and see what innovation can be introduced into your life, making it more exciting.

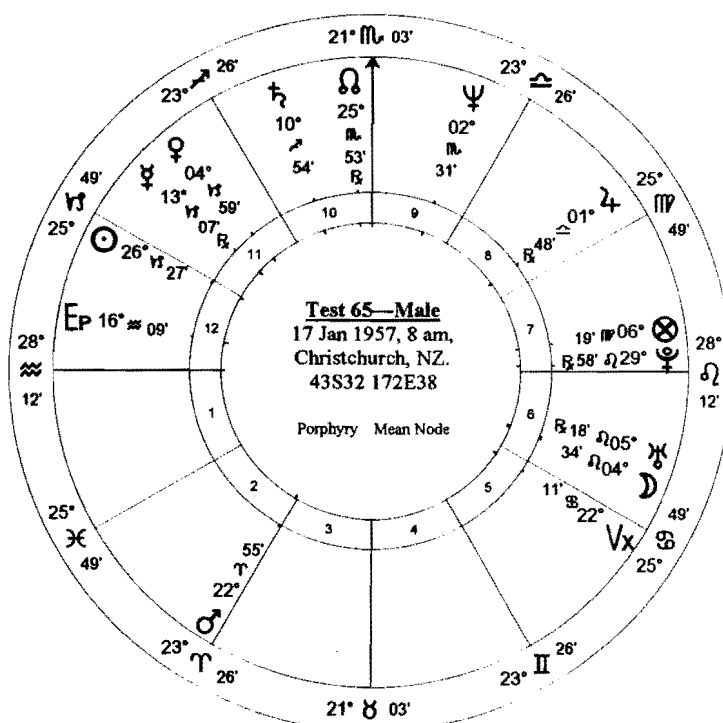
June 4. Venus conjunct Jupiter: 'Enjoy the good the Gods provide thee'. Accept gratefully the good things of life that now come your way—affection, good company, pleasures, entertainments, gifts.

June 7. Sun opposite Pluto: If this opposition affects you directly it will change some of the fundamentals of your life and mark the close of a chapter.

June 9. Mercury Stationary, turning Direct, at 1Ge22. The minor misadventures incident to Mercury's Retrograde motion since May 16 will now start to ease off. If Mercury contacts a Signifier in your Chart it stimulates thought and expression connected with the things related to the Signifier.

TEST 65—REPORT

Test No. 65 (supplied by Ross Harvey, NSW, Australia) concerned a man born on 17 January 1957 at 8 am in Christchurch, NZ. His Birth Chart appears below.



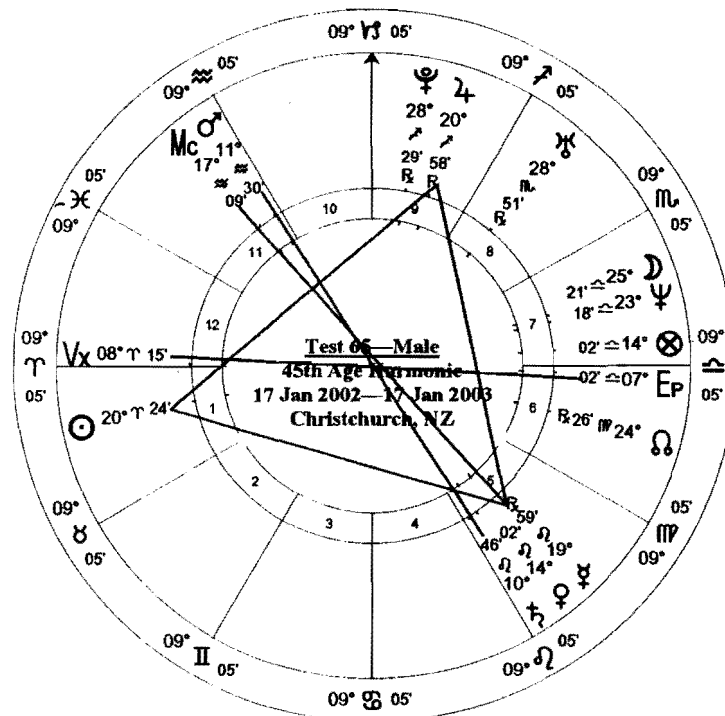
The Question was what significant event of the five alternatives listed here occurred in his life on 30th January 2002 while he was practising as a lawyer in Hong Kong:

1. He was robbed of a sum of money.
2. He recovered from an illness.
3. He was given notice of redundancy.
4. He won a court victory.
5. His wife left him.

The correct answer is No. 3 – *He was given notice of redundancy.* (His job will cease to exist by the middle of 2002).

The correct answer was found by five respondents. Nineteen opted for No. 5 (wife left him), seven for No. 4 (court victory), five for No. 1 (robbed) and three for No. 2 (recovering from illness).

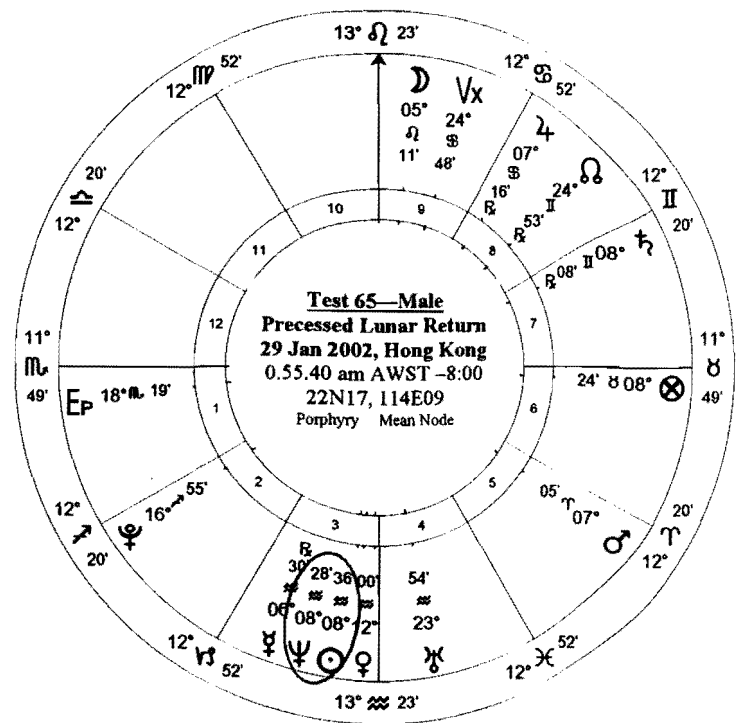
The **45th Age Harmonic Chart** (below) shows the notice of redundancy through Mars opposing Saturn on a Cuspal Axis, Mars ruling the Ascendant and Saturn the MC. Additionally, Mercury (communication, news) ruling the House of Employment opposes the "floating" MC. The Vertex on the Ascendant opposing the Equatorial Ascendant reveals that the lawyer is being dealt a blow of Fate.



Notice that the Chart does not produce sufficient evidence to support either robbery, recovery from an illness or his wife leaving him. But what about a court victory? This seems to be fully in line with the Grand Trine Sun-Jupiter-Mercury (Jupiter ruling the House of Law) and it mislead some respondents using this Chart. These planets however are positioned in the middle of the Houses where they are weaker than those on Cusps, and they define only the man's legal practice. A court victory would call for strong representation in the 10th House.

Another simple Chart that defines the answer is the precessed Lunar Return in the next column. Its most striking feature is the extremely close conjunction of the Sun and Neptune (orb only 8'). the Sun ruling the *House of Career* and Neptune signifying failure, loss, disappointment. So there's the answer—no need to look further.

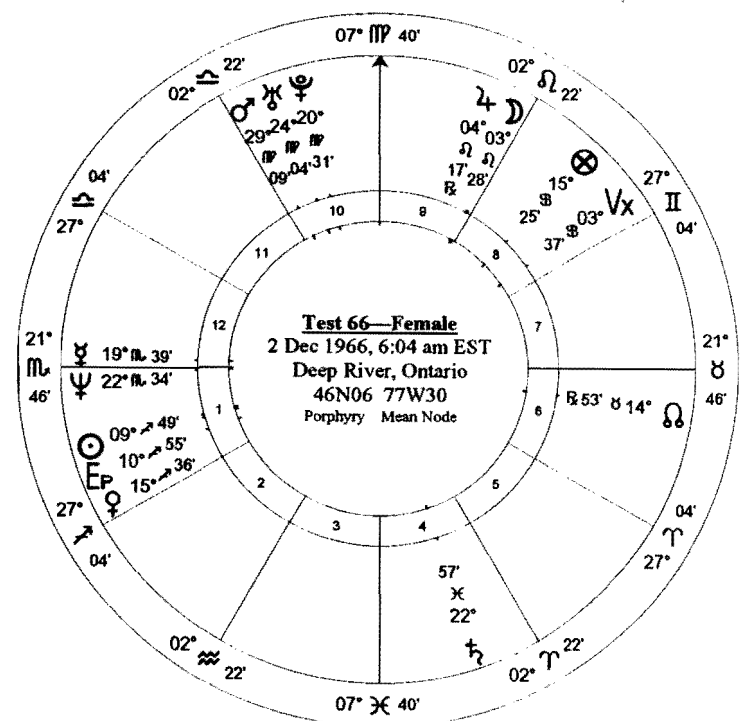
The principal techniques used by those who found the correct answer at the first attempt were the following: Paul Langeveld (Holland), the Age Harmonic; Sander Littel (Holland), Secondary Progressions; Kaaid Lokhandwala (California), Solar-Arc Direc-



tions; Kathy Feldman (Missouri), Solar-Arc Directions. Mark Gemmill (Vancouver), Firdaria and Profections.

Congratulations to all who attempted this Test. Respondents acknowledge that they are a prime learning experience.

TEST 66—FEMALE



Above is the Chart of a woman born 2nd December 1966. At what date did she marry in the period —1 Jan 1988 to 1 Jan 1990? You are told the event—marriage—but when did it occur?

This is a useful exercise for practical predictive work in which a client will often want to know when she/he will marry. Use any astrological method that you wish but please let me have your answer by **May 20** in letter or e-mail, together with the reason for your selection of the date. All respondents will receive the Answer and a method of finding it shortly after May 20.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock,
9 May 2002.

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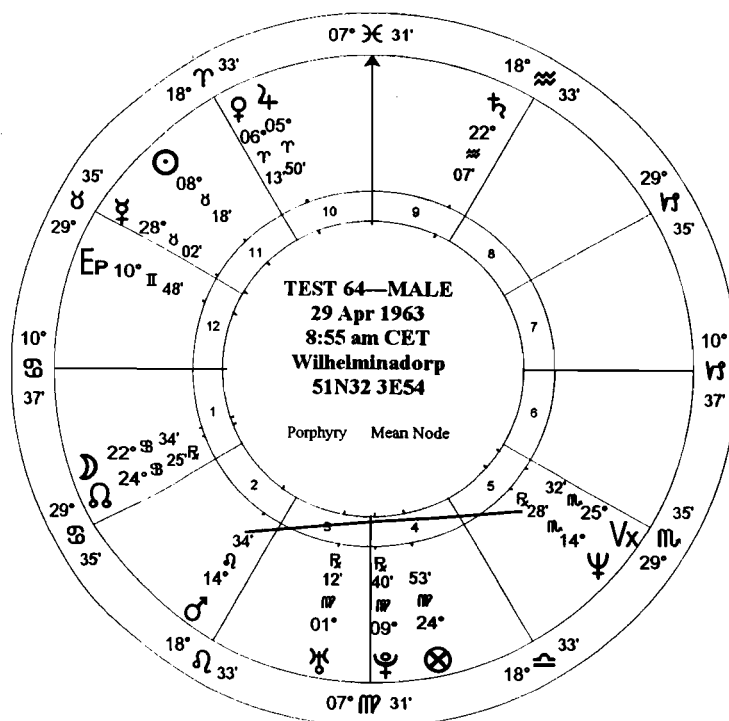
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TEST 64 REPORT

The Question was to judge which of the following five events was the one that actually occurred on 31 August 1991 in the life of a man born at Wilhelminadorp, Netherlands, on 29 April 1963. The man was earning a living as a member of a rock Band, and had a steady relationship at the time. (His Birth Chart below.)

1. He obtained an unexpected inheritance.
2. He was caught smuggling drugs.
3. He fell ill and became paralysed.
4. He started psychiatric treatment.
5. He received an award for his first solo CD recording.



The correct answer is No. 3—he fell ill and became paralysed.

Sander Littel (Netherlands) who supplied the material for this Test gives the following information:

“The illness is called “locked-in-syndrome”. He got almost totally immobilized overnight. The only part of his body that he can express himself with are his eyes. But his mental capacities have not been affected. He must communicate by moving his left eye. (the other person recites the alphabet and he winks when the right letter has been called: very tiresome for all parties involved!) In the meantime his partner (who together with his parents take care), also managed to get a child from him (February 1998). And he published a book in November 2000, titled “My Eyes Tell It All”. There was a documentary on his life on national TV last month.”

There were forty-two respondents to this Test, the highest

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number so far. Six of them were correct at the first attempt. The most important determining factors in each of the six correct answers were the following:

Sue Miller (Pennsylvania)—Transiting Uranus/Neptune Midpoint (12Cp04) opposite Natal Ascendant (10Cn37).

Teresa Linek (Ohio)—Solar-Arc Uranus = Mars/Neptune.

Shirley Gray (Michigan)—Mars opposite Uranus/Neptune in Solar Return Chart.

Astroman (Thailand)—Solar-Arc Sun = Pluto/Admetos = Neptune/Admetos.

Suppaluck (Thailand) Secondary Progressed Mercury (22Ta05) square n. Saturn (22Aqu7).

Martina (USA)—Asteroids Ophelia, Siva and Medusa on Solar-Arc MC.

Aside from the above solutions, there were a number of ways to arrive at the correct answer, having first noted the importance in the Natal Chart of *Mars Square Neptune* (orb 0°6') with Mars ruling the House of Health (*activity paralysed*—Ebertin).

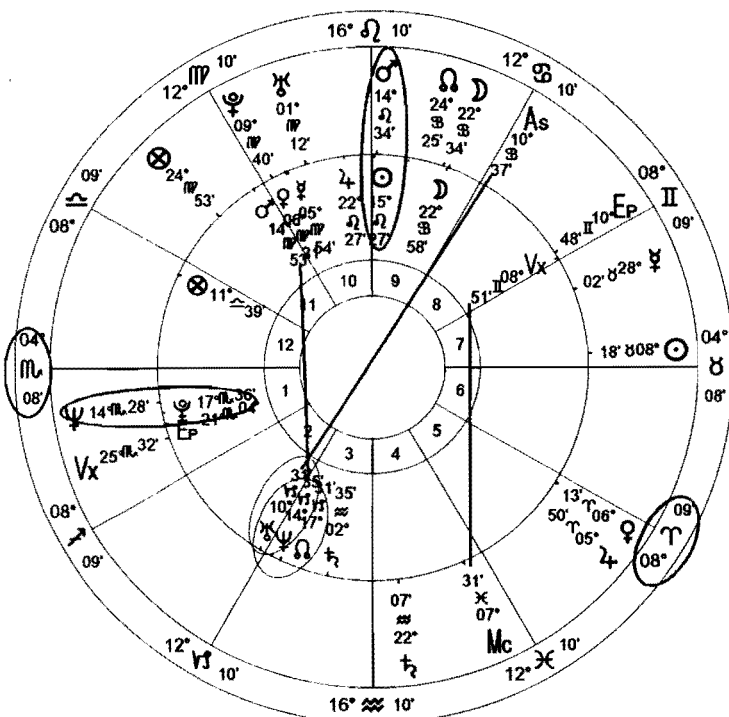
Precessed Lunar Return + Radix (BiWheel next page):

- In this Biwheel the critical feature is Uranus and Neptune astride the 3rd (Porphiry) Cusp and both opposing the natal Ascendant (*suddenly incapacitated*—Witte-Lefeldt, *Rules for Planetary Pictures*). Uranus/Neptune Midpoint(12Cp33) is conjunct Cusp 3 (12Cp10)
- The n.Mars/Neptune square is activated by Mars ruling 1st and 6th Houses (the body and health) and closely square Neptune on Cusp 3 and sextile n.Neptune rising (all in same degree).
- Neptune (14Cp35) quincunx n.Mars (orb 0°1') and sesquare n. Mercury (28Ta02) (orb 1°35') (*Obstructed action of the brain*—Witte-Lefeldt).
- Uranus/Node Midpoint 14Cp01 conjunct Neptune 14Cp35 (the Node accents Uranus/Neptune—*suddenly incapacitated*).

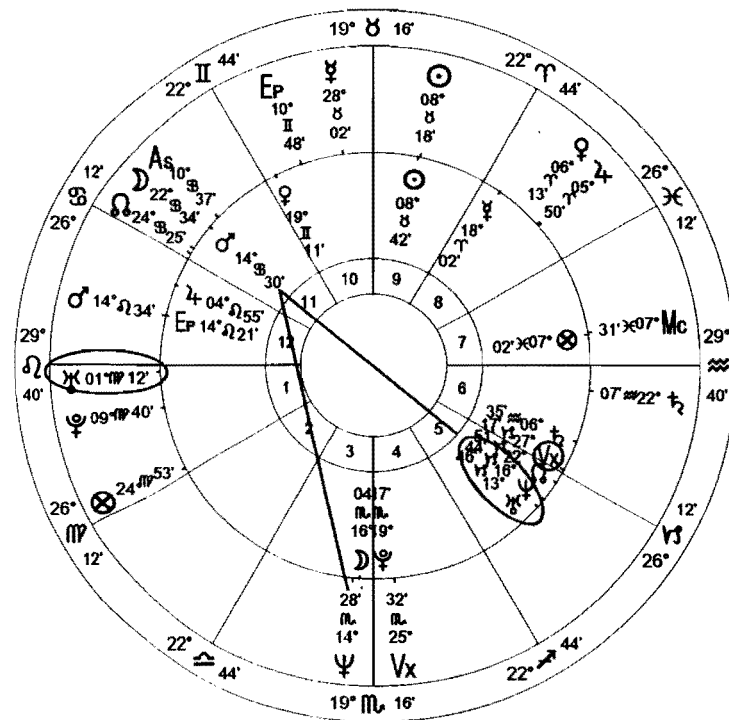
It is noteworthy in the above that only Porphyry or Alcabitius Houses (which are practically identical) put the 3rd Cusp at the midpoint of Uranus and Neptune 12Cp33). With Placidus, Cusp 3 is 7Cp05; with Koch, 29Sg41; with Regiomontanus, 2Cp35.

The precessed Solar Return of 29 April 1991 also points to paralysis as the most likely event of those listed in the Question. See the BiWheel on the next page.

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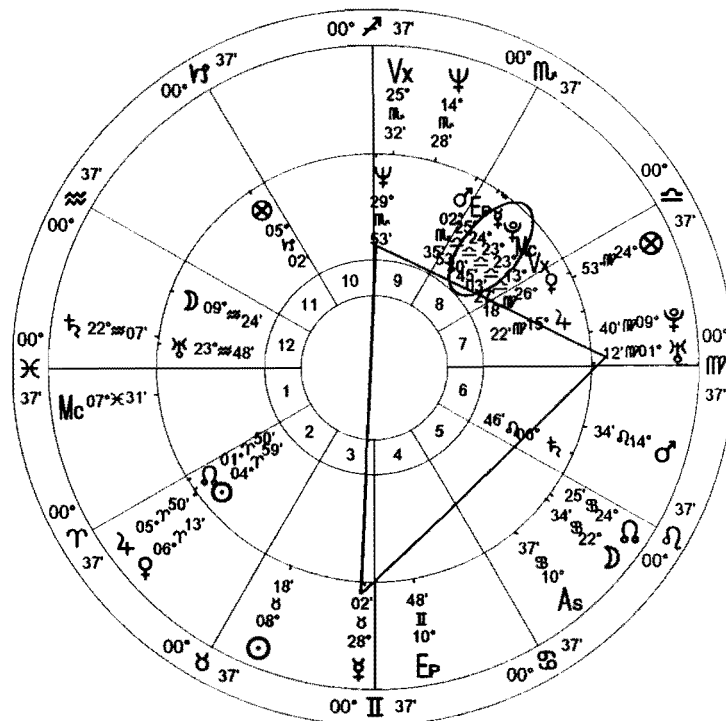
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- Natal Uranus on the Ascendant gives warning of a sudden and unexpected event—in this case *totally* unexpected and calamitous.
- S.R.Mars is almost exactly trine n.Neptune (orb 2') activating the Natal Mars/Neptune square.
- Mars opposes Uranus and Neptune (*paralysis*—Ebertin) being also opposite their midpoint (15°15').
- The Vertex on the Health Cusp (*stroke of Fate*).

Age Harmonic 28.3333 for the month 29 Aug—29 Sep 1991
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Inner Wheel: Test 64, Age Harmonic 28.3333 for Month 29 Aug—29 Sep 1991.
Outer Wheel: Test 64, Birth Chart 29 Apr 1963, Wilhelminadorp, Netherlands.



- Neptune opposing n.Mercury along the Meridian and in a powerful T-Square with n.Uranus on the Descendant (*paralysis of the nerves*—Ebertin).
- Pluto is closely conjunct the floating MC in the 8th House (*end of career; death or near death*)
- Saturn in the 6th House and the n.Node have a Midpoint 0Le36 which is conjunct the 6th Cusp 0Le37.

A quick resolution of the problem in this case was available also from the Direction (1°=1 Yr):

Uranus conj Mars/Nept 24 Aug 1991.

Congratulations to all who attempted the Test. Your work is rewarded by the increased astrological insight and expertise that results. These exercises help you to sort out which, if any, of your techniques do apply to a practical situation such as the one in the Test. I continue to receive assurances from all over the world that these exercises teach them more astrology than anything else.

One correspondent from Holland writes, "I wonder if you give 4 instead of 5 events would we score better? Is it worthwhile trying once or did you do that already before? Anyway—I still like the Tests a lot!"

I did consider giving fewer choices but thought it would make the Tests too easy. The aim of the exercises is not to get a lot of correct answers (in which case people would hardly need to do them) but to get astrologers working and discovering the strengths and weaknesses of their own methods and possibly acquiring better techniques.

HINTS ON WORKING THE TESTS

From my experience in deciphering the meaning of the Charts (several of which will contain the answer) I have formulated a number of rules that I list here as a help to those attempting the Tests.

1. The first rule is to sort out the CLOSE Aspects (within 1°). This rule applies equally to Solar Returns, Lunar Returns, Sun/

Moon Phase>Returns and Age Harmonics. ANY very close Aspects are significant but *Conjunctions* are the most important. I recommend *Precessed* rather than Standard Returns.

- The second rule is look at planets ON CUSPS (not just in Houses). It follows, of course, that if you find a closely Aspected planet on a Cusp it is a powerful Significator. My experience is that Porphyry Cusps are the most useful but I do not argue with those who want to use a different system. Alcabitius Cusps are practically identical with Porphyry and I notice one correspondent is using them.
- Look to the RULER of the Ascendant. It will almost certainly be involved in the most significant occurrence.
- Look for a DOUBLE EMPHASIS, for example a planet in a House aspected by the Ruler of the House. This puts a strong emphasis on the things ruled by that House.
- Having found an emphasis on a House look for corroboration from the planet and Sign that have similar meanings. For instance, if you find an emphasis on the 9th House relating to travel, examine the condition of Jupiter and Sagittarius.

TEST NO. 65

Here is another type of multiple-choice Test on which to try your skills. The Figure in the next column is the Chart of a man born on 17 January 1957 in Christchurch, NZ. A significant event occurred in his life on 30th January 2002 while he was practising as a lawyer in Hong Kong. Which of the following five events was it?

1. He was robbed of a sum of money.
2. He recovered from an illness.
3. He was given notice of redundancy.
4. He won a Court victory.
5. His wife left him.

You are free to use any astrological method—modern, traditional, ancient, Uranian, Profecional, Firdarial, Asteroideal, Horary, etc., but state the crucial or most important factors that determined your answer. **Isolate them if you can.** Please don't give a volume of supporting evidence. It won't add to the correctness of your judgement but gives me much work (already considerable) in reviewing the many replies.

This type of exercise helps you to sort out which, if any, of your techniques do apply to a practical situation like this. The Question could have been phrased as, *What occurred in the life of this man on 30th January 2002?* But that is much too difficult. Ptolemy himself said that only those with special powers could deduce particulars. But will your techniques allow you to distinguish the correct event from those five listed?

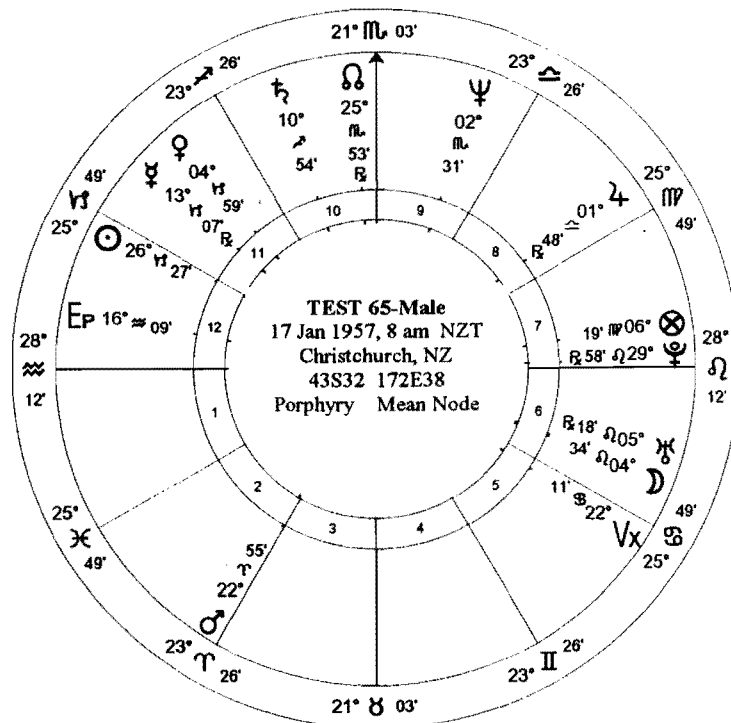
If you have your answer to me by **April 20** it will be in time for the Report in the May Issue of this Journal. My postal and e-mail addresses appear on the first page of this Journal. All respondents will receive a worked solution before publication of the May Issue.

— Dymock.

THE FUTURE OF RUSSIA

Ricky Corcilius (NSW) comments on the above article by Allan Johnson in the March issue about the new Russian Federation:

"I notice that transiting Chiron will station close to the Sun and North Node in this Federation Chart in April 2002, and will also conjunct these points in 2003, something that should have an impact, either in the sense of bringing a healing to the country's



divisions or exacerbating those competing political factions and nationalist rivalries. So it will be interesting to see. I never used Chiron until my experience of going back to the USA [from Australia] five years ago, when transiting Chiron was then conjunct my natal Sun for that period. I certainly experienced that as a re-wound-ing of my vitality and life force, expressing itself through my 4th House drive to establish a home and the failure of that plan. If that is translated to a whole country and its laws and leaders, something dramatic should arise." □

TRANSITS DURING APRIL

These are angular relationships between the planets happening in the sky during April 2002. If they resonate with something in your Birth Chart they will have an effect on you, greater or less according to the bodies concerned, the power of the Aspect between them and your personal sensitivity. They are less significant than your personal Progressions, Directions and Transits but may help you to make use of the Aspects from your Birth Chart in the most constructive way.

April 2002

Apr. 2. Saturn trine Neptune: Inclines to secrecy and covert dealings. Unusual problems may arise but you can cope with them. Be discreet about private and confidential matters.

Apr. 2. Mercury square Jupiter: Beware of saying too much, saying something at the wrong time or giving away a confidence.

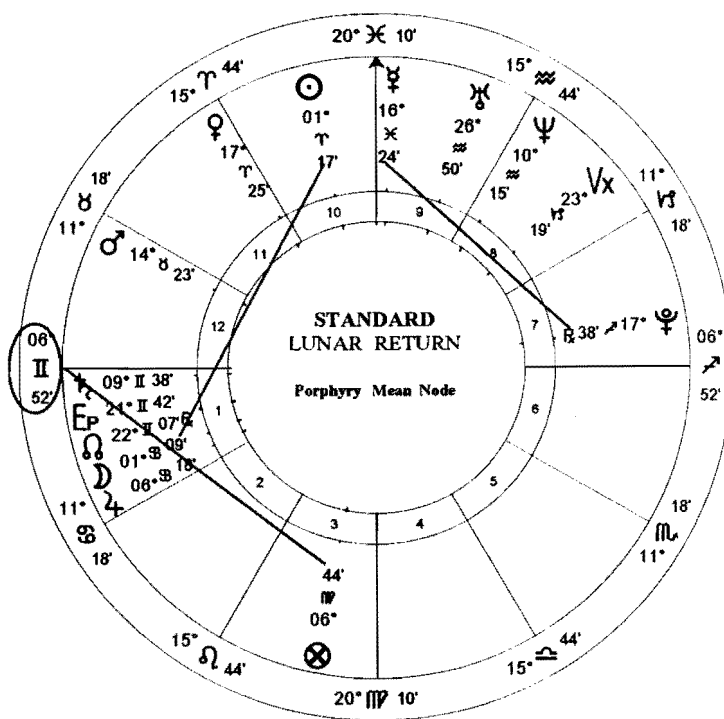
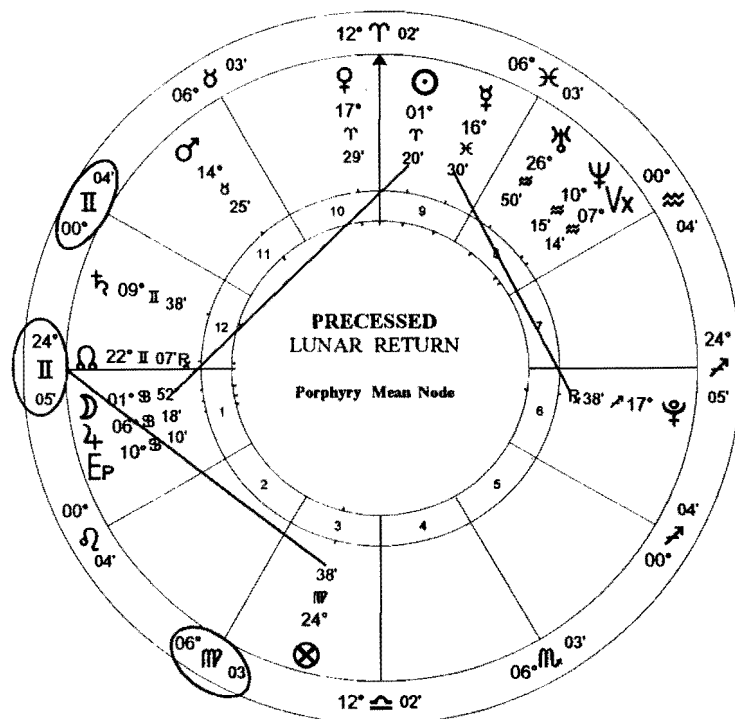
Apr. 4. Mercury sextile Neptune: Enjoy imaginative literature, poetry, fantasy, etc., or with new insight and inspiration tackle an intellectual problem.

Apr. 4. Mercury sextile Saturn: Helps concentration on serious matters. Organize your affairs—the serious, not romantic, kind.

Apr. 7. Sun conjunct Mercury: Take advantage of this positive configuration for dealing successfully with correspondence, writings, assignments, documents, negotiations, business, etc.

Apr. 7. Mercury trine Pluto: Aids concentration on intellectual work and is good for probing into mysteries and uncovering errors in communications or documents.

Apr. 7. Sun trine Pluto: Work on your projects. This Aspect increases your drive and determination to achieve whatever goal



you have in mind.

Apr. 8. Venus sextile Jupiter: Enjoy comfort, easy and the good things of life. Demonstrate your friendship and affection.

Apr. 10. Venus square Neptune: Don't be floored by a disappointment in love. There are more fish in the sea. Guard against viral infection.

Apr. 10. Mars square Uranus: Guard against accidents and injury and keep a tight hold on your temper.

Apr. 12. Mercury sextile Uranus: Be awake to different ideas. Explore mentally and try something new.

Apr. 18. Mercury sextile Jupiter: Attend to mental interests (with gratifying results)—studies, writings, readings, reports, etc.

Apr. 18. Sun sextile Uranus: Make exciting changes. Advance your independent activities.

Apr. 19. Mercury square Neptune: Don't be deluded; be sure you have hold of all the facts.

Apr. 24. Venus square Uranus: Personal contacts are stimulating and enjoyable but a romantic fling will end suddenly.

Apr. 29. Mercury square Uranus: Small matters miscarry but keep your cool and don't appear neurotic.

Apr. 30. Mars trine Neptune: Pursue interests in dancing, theatre, music or the occult.

PRECESSED OR STANDARD?

The question of whether Cyclic Charts (Lunar Return, Solar Return, Phase-Return, etc.) should be *precessed* or not has exercised my mind over a long period. After years of indecision I have finally concluded that the precessed version does give the better indications in most cases, if not all. Precession is the phenomenon of the Zodiac moving backwards in relation to the Fixed Stars by a small amount (about 50") each year. For a planet to maintain its true place in the Heavens its Zodiacal position has to be increased by the amount of the precession each year.

The Lunar Return is well established as a very useful indicator of monthly activities and prospects and often it is difficult to choose between the Standard and the Precessed Figure. Here is a case in point—the monthly Chart of a woman whose car was broken into on March 23 this year and some valuables stolen. The Moon's position at birth was at 1Cn09, but at her present age, 52,

its position due to precession is 1Cn52. In about 72 years the amount of precession is as much as 1°. As the time of the Return is later the House positions are different apart from small differences in the position of some planets.

In actual predictive work each Chart should be taken in relation to the Radix, but for simplicity and ease of comparison I present the Charts above on their own.

- The **Precessed Chart** on the left has Gemini rising. Its Ruler Mercury rules also the 12th House (thieves) and the 3rd House (cars), immediately establishing the principal connections.
- Mercury is closely square Pluto signifying a crisis relating to the affairs of the Houses it rules (the woman herself, thieves and her car).
- The Moon in the 1st House is closely square the Sun, ruling the 2nd House (money and assets) signifying the financial loss sustained.
- The Part of Fortune in the 3rd House (the car), closely square the Rising Degree signifies the damage to the car.
- The **Standard Lunar Return** on the right also has Gemini rising but here the only other House it rules is the 4th (the home).
- Mercury at the MC is still square to Pluto but now it does not relate to cars.
- The Part of Fortune in the 3rd House is again square to the Rising Degree as in the Precessed Return and signifies loss.
- As before, the Moon is square to the Sun ruling the 2nd and 3rd Houses, the 2nd signifying financial loss; but it is not so clear that this was due to thieves breaking into the car.

On balance, the Precessed Return is better. Admittedly, the Lunar month is not over yet—it extends to April 18, 2002, and more significant events could occur—but the above is typical of the scores of cyclic charts I have examined.

So far as many people are concerned it will still be an open question but it is well to be aware of both types and possibly use them both for supplementary indications.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock. 27 March 2002.

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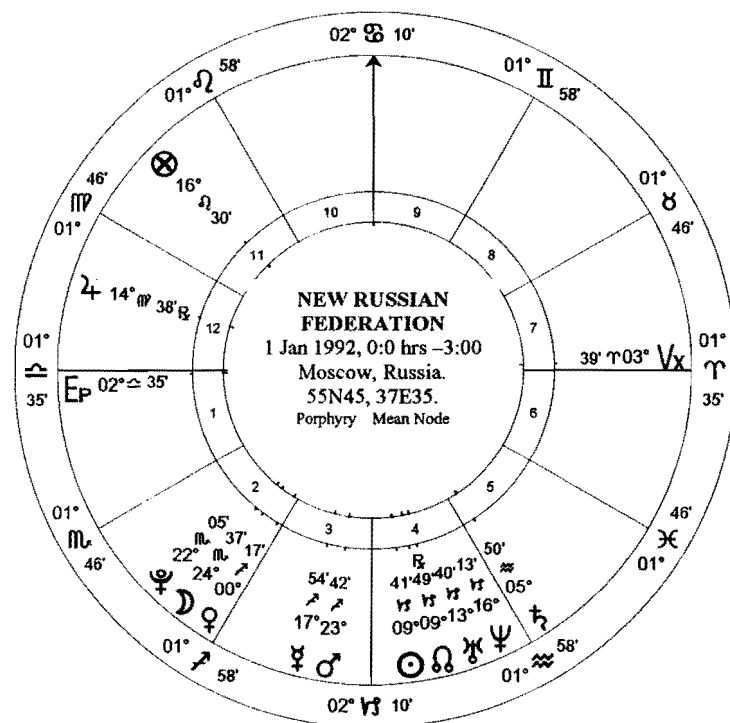
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THE FUTURE OF RUSSIA

by Allan Johnson

There are two Charts worth looking at in regard to Russia. The first is the Chart for the New Russian Federation which is timed for zero hours, Moscow, 1st January 1992. Sufficient time has now elapsed since the collapse of communism, which resulted in the break-away of a number of smaller States like the Ukraine, and also the overlap from the old Soviet Chart. So now is a good time to look at the New Federation Chart. The other Chart, of course, is the one of the President, Vladimir Putin, and a further look at his future.

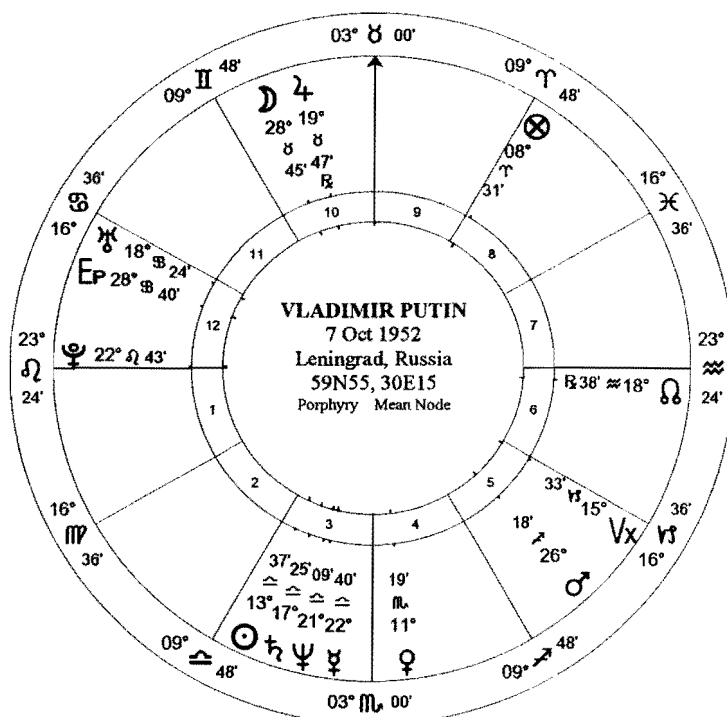


The Federation Chart is the result of a complete revolution in Russian affairs, so it is interesting to note that Uranus is conjunct the Sun and Uranus is always a key planet for radical change. Neptune is also a further conjunction—and Neptune is the planet for new ideals and visions. also there is the Node and the whole stellium make a trine to Jupiter. All of which is quite favourable for the New Federation. This is not a highly dramatic Chart like the one for 1917. Another point is that the MC makes a YOD Pattern with Venus and Saturn and the YOD is considered *fatalistic*. The whole set-up was fatalistic in the sense that the collapse of communism was not due to plotting or power-seeking but the inevitable result of a failed system. It was inevitable. The Chart has strong emphasis on Fixed and Earth Signs, so it has endured with reasonable stability over the last ten years. The emphasis is on the *practical* rather than on grandiose dreams. Natively the emphasis is on the 3rd and 4th Houses and these are not so connected with heavy publicity, so unlike the 20th Century when Russia was very much in the news as a massive country for the rest of the world to contend with, the 21st Century has kept it more in the background—and it will continue that way.

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Right now, transiting Pluto is conjunct Natal Mercury, linking up with Mars square Jupiter pattern in the Natal Chart and will be conjunct Mars over the next few years. But I don't see this as all that drastic. Uranus is really the disruptive planet but in the next few years it will be moving through the early degrees of Pisces and does not connect with any major key planets or Angles in the Chart. I would predict from all this that the Federation will continue to have its problems, but no major big upheavals are likely. Next we must have another look at Vladimir Putin's Chart.



(Data from Russian astrologer Sergey Klimov)

Fortunately, just as I was meditating on ideas for this article, I fortuitously came upon a book with the title of *First Person* and the subtitle, *An Astonishing Self Portrait of Russia's President Vladimir Putin*. And it lives up to that. The book is a series of answers to a variety of questions by a number of individuals. So it is mostly in the first person, and it reveals his aims are twofold. The first is to concentrate on clearing up the muddle Russia is still

in, and the second is to hold the Country together and not go the way of Yugoslavia. He openly admits that Russia is in an ungodly mess economically, and his aim is to get it back to a working proposition so its citizens can enjoy an acceptable way of life. Russia simply *cannot afford* any foreign adventures and is most unlikely to get involved in any Middle East conflicts. His involvement in Chechnya is to discourage any further breakaways from the Nation as a whole. He doesn't want another Yugoslavia. He is quite revealing in his biographical background. He has never been all that active in the Communist Party or in *political* power-seeking. And likewise in the Army. He was much attracted to a career in the KGB. But this has been a very much emasculated version of Stalinist days. Actually he was born in the same year that Stalin died. All his jobs have been *public service*. He seems to have been very much the *bureaucrat* which I mentioned in my previous article. Looking at the Transits to his Chart for the immediate future I don't see Pluto in Sagittarius having much bearing on his position as President. The vulnerable period will be when Uranus enters Aries and links up with his stellium in Libra, and that won't happen for another ten years, so he could have a reasonably long term. □

TEST NO. 63—SOLUTION

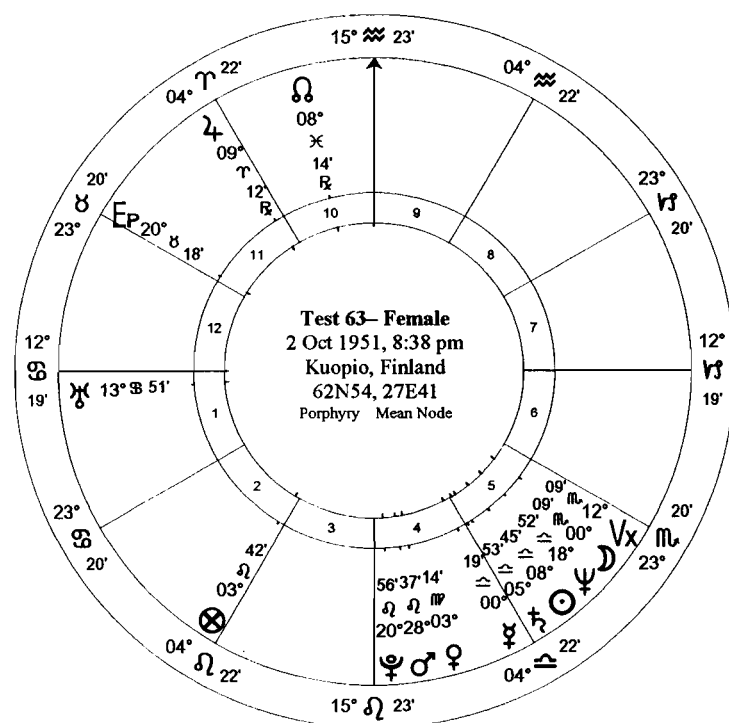
This Test was an exercise to determine which of five possible events occurred on **7th October 1997** in the life of a woman born in Finland on 2nd October 1951. At the time she was living in Sydney (33S52, 151E13), married, no children, the department head in a technical college. The five possible events were—

1. She was granted a promotion.
2. She went on an overseas trip.
3. She suffered a financial loss.
4. She was involved in a love affair.
5. She underwent surgery.

The correct answer is No. 5—the woman underwent surgery.

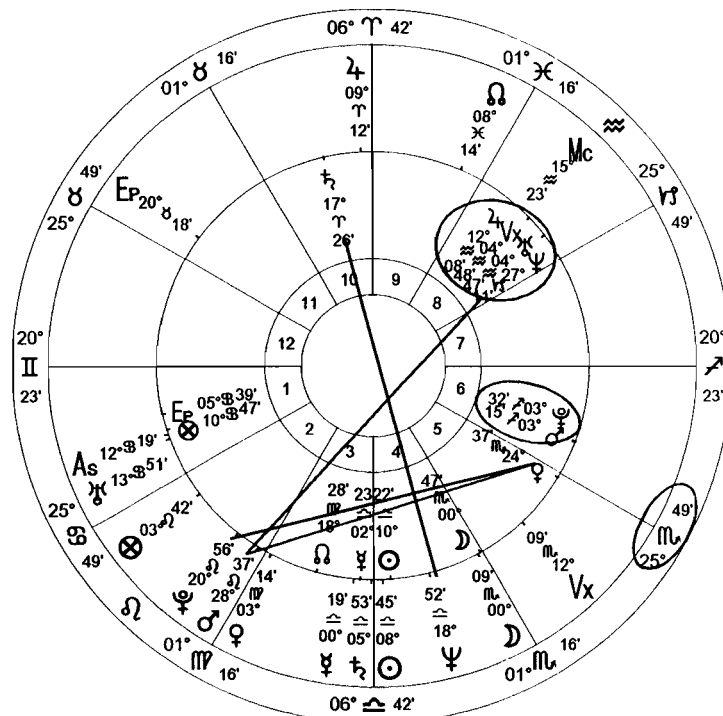
Here is her Birth Chart:

The answer is most easily found from the Precessed Lunar



Return of 3rd October 1997, set for the changed location, Sydney. It appears in the next column, with the Birth Chart positions in the outer circle.

This BiWheel gives the correct answer and shows how none of the other four suggested events could apply. Surgery is shown by



Inner Wheel: Test 63. Precessed Lunar Return, 3 Oct 1997, 11:30:34 pm, Sydney. (33S52, 151E13).

Outer Wheel: Birth Chart, 2 Oct 1951, 8:38 pm EET, Kuopio, Finland.

the exact conjunction of Mars and Pluto in the House of Illness, both planets being Rulers of Scorpio, the Sign on the Cusp. This is enough to determine the answer but there is confirmation from Venus on the Illness Cusp square to Natal Pluto and Mars, Saturn in close opposition to Natal Neptune ("the axis of illness"), Neptune on the 8th Cusp quincunx Natal Mars plus three planets and the Vertex in the House of Surgery.

The Biwheel also negates the other suggested possibilities:

1. Was she granted a promotion? No, n.Jupiter on the Career Cusp is opposed by the Sun. Mars, Ruler of the House, is afflicted by Pluto.
2. Did she go on an overseas trip? No, Jupiter rules the Cusp of Travel and is opposed by the Sun and squared by the Part of Fortune.
3. Did she suffer a financial loss? No, the Moon, Ruler of the Money Cusp has no appropriate affliction. The squares to the Vertex, Uranus and Neptune in the House of Surgery are the expenses of the operation.
4. Was she involved in a love affair? No, neither Venus nor the 5th House has any relevant configuration.

The answer is also in the **46th Age Harmonic** (not printed)—Mars exactly on the 12th Cusp (hospital) ruling the 1st House (the physical body) and the 8th House (surgery); Neptune ruling the 12th exactly conjunct natal Mars; natal Mercury, Saturn, Sun and Neptune all in the A.H.'s House of Illness, Mercury being exactly square A.H.-Saturn (exactly here means within one degree). Picking out the precise Aspects is the first step in reading Age Harmonic Charts.

This Test had the best result so far—seven correct answers at the first attempt from twenty three astrologers in various parts of the world. Some who tried a second time were successful. All four of the incorrect suggestions were represented in the replies, but the most popular verdict was that the woman was involved in a love affair, a conclusion possibly due in large part to the romantic leanings of the respondents.

A variety of methods was used by those who found the correct answer: Jan Jelkins (USA) employed Transits, Solar-Arc

Directions and Secondary Progressions plus a tentative use of the Age Harmonic which is a new technique to her but which backed up the conclusion she reached and ruled out some other options. Marye Moon (California) used Midpoints plus the Asteroids Asclepius and Askalaphus. Two Thai Uranian astrologers (Astroman and Tavapol) succeeded with half-sums and planetary pictures. Teresa Linek (USA?) used Transits, S-A Directions and the 90° Dial. Shirley Gray, (Michigan) used the Solar and Lunar Returns with Porphyry Cusps re-located to Sydney and considered in relation to the Radix, plus the Transits of 7th October 1997. My wife, Marguerite, used the very simple Direction of 1° a year which advances the Ascendant by 46° to 28Leo where it conjuncts Mars (surgery) Ruler of the 6th House (Health).

Congratulations to all who attempted the Test. As I have said before, the greatest reward for working on these exercises is the increase in skill and insight that results. Realization of this is increasing among astrologers at all levels. Sue Miller (Pennsylvania) writes, *Thank you SO MUCH for stretching our awareness. Growing is such fun;* and Nick Sutherland (Texas), *The Tests are my favourite part of "A.F."* . . . *Thanks for many happy hours of entertainment and education!*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Some respondents to the Tests have comments and questions:

Qn. You use the Precessed Lunar Return. Is that the first thing you look at?

Ans. No. The first thing I look at is the Age Harmonic Chart. If that is obscure I turn to the Precessed Solar or Lunar Return. Years of comparing charts has persuaded me that the Precessed Cyclic Charts give better indications than the standard (non-precessed) variety.

Qn. Do you use Porphyry Cusps always, also with the Natal Chart and Returns?

Ans. Yes, I use Porphyry with all charts, including Horary. For many years I used Placidus then Topocentric, and also dallied with Regiomontanus and Koch but find Porphyry the best. The way I discriminate between different Cusps is with Cyclic Charts, mostly Lunar and Solar Returns, and with Horary figures. Closeness to a Cusp (not just House placement) gives power to a planet. Test them yourself with your own and your friends' Precessed Lunar Returns. In a matter of months or weeks you will be able to make a judgement, and may even find some unexplained factor illuminated by a different Cuspal system.

Qn. What orbs do you use for Progressions and Returns?

Ans. For Secondary Progressions I use a TIME orb based on the date when the Aspect is exact. For the Moon, which is the fastest body, I expect its main effect within three days (it usually operates within one day); for Mercury, Venus and Mars, three days but they also usually operate within two days and Mars mostly the day before. The Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune about six days; Pluto is irregular—up to 12 days or even more.

The general tendency is for Progressions to operate *before* the exact date (like Transits). Symbolic Directions (Solar-Arc, Vertex-Arc, etc.) are Directed at a uniform rate and the bodies (including the Moon) have approximately equal time orbs of up to five days (longer for Pluto).

Primary Directions depend for accuracy of events on a precisely timed radix. Given that, I find the system available in *Solar Fire*, choosing the Time Key of the Natal Solar Rate, to be astonishingly accurate for Direction of Significators to both single factors and to Midpoints.

Qn. How important is the Solar Return, and do you use it also precessed?

Ans. The Solar Return is a very useful Chart giving indications

for the whole Solar Year (birthday to birthday). I use it precessed, as I said, and in relation to the Radix in a Bi-Wheel. (I find the best indications come from putting the Radix in the outer wheel.) The Precessed *Solar-Month* Chart is also useful (the period from one month to another when the Sun reaches its natal degree, minute and second in succeeding Signs).

Qn. Do the number of planets in a House (in Progression or Return) play a less important role than the Aspects?

Ans. Yes, the Aspects are the more important though a collection of Significators in a House often gives good clues. The most important factors are close Aspects (preferably within 1°).

Qn. What do you think about Ebertin?

Ans. I assume you are referring to his book *The Combination of Stellar Influences*. It is an excellent book but needs extending to include midpoints involving the Vertex, the Equatorial Ascendant and the Part of Fortune.

TRANSITS DURING MARCH 2002

These are the interplanetary Aspects and the Stations forming in the celestial sphere during March. They will have relevance to you if you have the same Aspect natively or if one of your principal Significators (Sun, Moon, MC, Asc, Ruler, Moon's Node, Vertex, Equatorial Asc, Part of Fortune) is contacted. Even so, remember (apart from the planets' Stations) these are only interplanetary *Transits* and don't have the same significance as a Progressed or Directed Aspect to a Significator in your Birth Horoscope. Nonetheless, they may add to your understanding of planetary action.

March 2002

Mar. 2. Jupiter Stationary (turning Direct) at 5Cn37: Any planet that Jupiter conjuncts will have its action enlarged, made fruitful, or otherwise enhanced. If Stationary Jupiter is in a close opposition or square to a Significator, then curb any tendency to excess and, if to the Sun, to run-ins with spouse or superiors.

Mar. 3. Mercury sextile Pluto: Puts an edge to your talking or writing that makes it pointed and effective in persuasion.

Mar. 8. Sun square Pluto: As a Transit this is relatively weak. It may signal the need for you to conform in some way, or be coerced. In Secondary Progression or Symbolic direction (e.g., by Solar-Arc) it is a powerful Aspect that can change your life fundamentally.

Mar. 9. Mercury conjunct Uranus: Direct your thinking into new channels and be awake to innovative fields of interest.

Mar. 10. Mars sextile Jupiter: The time to implement your plans with confidence in a successful outcome.

Mar. 13. Venus square Jupiter: Don't let indolence or negligence spoil things for you. See that your expenditure is not excessive.

Mar. 15. Venus sextile Saturn: Stabilize your relationships and practise loyalty, duty and economy.

Mar. 16. Mercury trine Jupiter: Widen your mental horizons—read, study a language, start a course of learning something.

Mar. 16. Mars square Neptune: Realize that loss or disappointment is a part of life. Get plenty of sleep to protect yourself from infection.

Mar. 16. Venus sextile Neptune: Look for the beauty and poetry in life—in music, literature, art and people.

Mar. 18. Mercury square Saturn: Don't be fazed by a difficult task or poor working conditions. This Aspect is an aid to serious thought and realistic appraisal of a situation.

Mar. 20. Mercury sextile Mars: Sharpens your wits and quickens your reactions. It is a help in mental or manual work that requires dexterity of mind or body.

Mar. 21. Pluto Stationary at 17Sg28. If Pluto contacts your Sun, Moon, MC or Ascendant, it can effect big changes in your work,

marital life or health, etc., probably ending one phase and starting another.

Mar. 22. Venus trine Pluto: Increases personal attractions and warms up your love life. Make hay while the Sun shines.

Mar. 23. Mercury square Pluto: Can bring a number of little but demanding or exacting jobs to do and increases nervous irritability. Concentrate on remaining calm.

Mar. 27. Sun square Jupiter: Tends to excess in various directions and lack of harmony in the home or with superiors.

Mar. 30. Venus sextile Uranus: Could bring a pleasant little surprise or romantic interest. Enjoy the unexpected pleasures of life.

Mar. 31. Sun sextile Saturn: Appreciate the benefits of an ordered, regulated life in which you quietly fulfil your tasks.

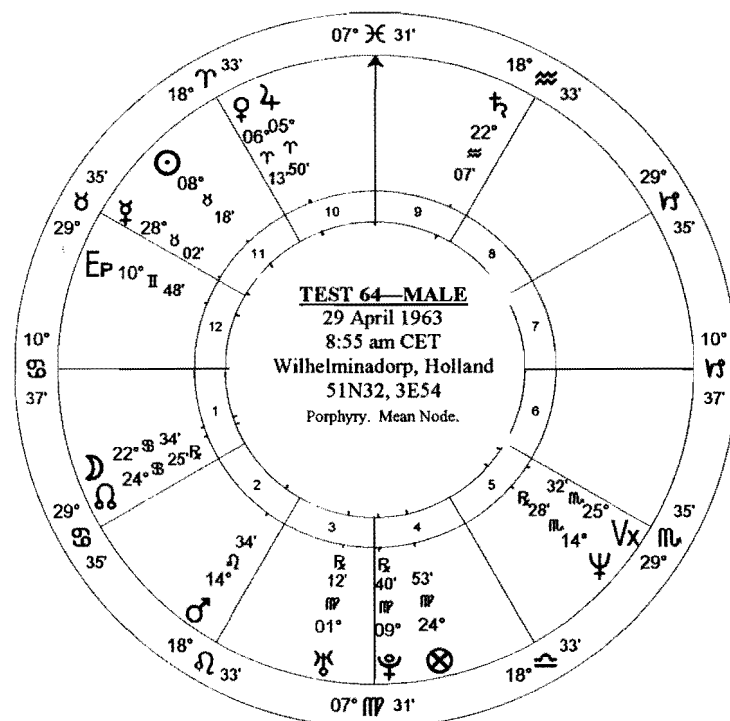
Mar. 31. Sun sextile Neptune: Renders you more impressionable than usual and turns your thoughts inward. Your sensitivity, feeling, intuition, imagination and fantasy are all enhanced.

TEST 64

Below is the Birth Chart of a man born in Holland on 29 April 1963. A critical event occurred in his life on 31 August 1991 when he was living in Goes (51N30, 3E54). Can you pick from the following five events which one it was? The man was earning a living as a member of a rock Band and had a steady relationship at the time.

1. He obtained an unexpected inheritance.
2. He was caught smuggling drugs.
3. He fell ill and became paralysed.
4. He started psychiatric treatment.
5. He received an award for his first solo CD recording.

As with previous Tests, you can use any astrological method or technique—Traditional, Modern, Uranian, Horary, etc. Extensive analysis from a variety of angles is not required but only the crucial Aspect, Half-Sums, Planetary Pictures, etc., that were the

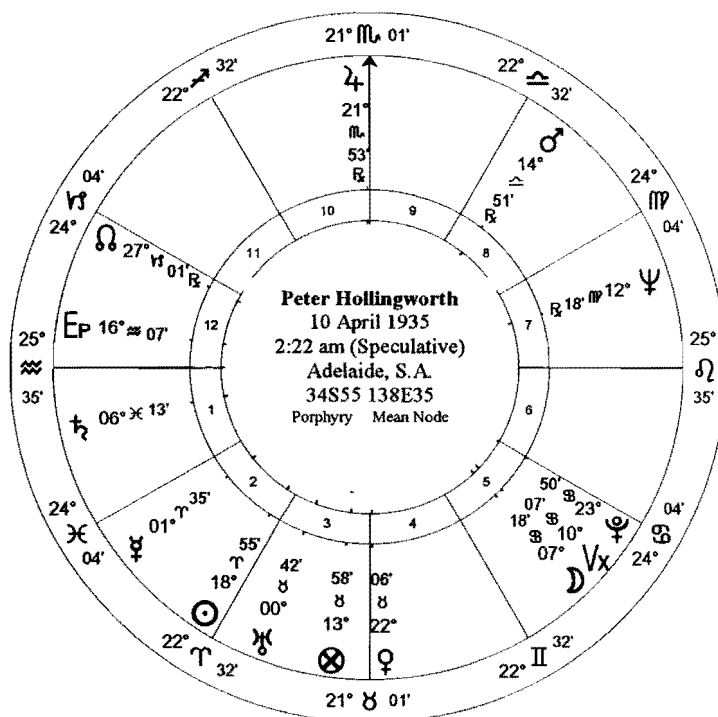


determining factors in your judgement. The answer can usually be found with several techniques but the one that is most convincing will suffice.

Please let me have your answers by **March 20**. All respondents whose answer is wrong will have the opportunity for further attempts if they send an early reply and will receive a solution worked in detail after the deadline and before publication of the April Issue. □

GOVERNOR-GENERAL PETER HOLLINGWORTH

The controversy surrounding the Australian Governor-General at present, just before the visit of Queen Elizabeth, makes his Chart an especially interesting one. *Esoteric Technologies* have supplied the date and place of his birth but unfortunately have not yet been able to ascertain the time. Hence the Chart that appears below is a speculative one but still of interest, and may give scope for rectification from the personal details supplied.



Born in Adelaide, Peter Hollingworth's family moved to East Malvern in Victoria in 1941 where he attended the Lloyd Street and Murrumbidgee State Schools, before going to Scotch College and then taking on a commercial cadetship with BHP. During his National Service in 1953, Peter was drafted to the Padre's Office as secretary and found his vocation to the priesthood. He graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Licentiate of Theology, having resided at Trinity College.

He met his wife Ann while still on National Service and married in 1960. Ann, was born Kathleen Ann Turner on 19 May 1936 in Brighton, Melbourne. The Hollingworths have three daughters, Deborah, Sarah and Fiona, and four grandchildren.

After completing his studies, Peter became Deacon-in-Charge and then Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's, North Melbourne as part of an innovative inner city team ministry.

Four years later, he was appointed as Chaplain to the Brotherhood of St Laurence where he served for a total of 25 years in a range of different positions, ultimately as Executive Director. During this period, he completed a Master of Arts Degree in Social Work at Melbourne University and wrote several books based on his experiences working with the poor and disadvantaged.

Dr Peter Hollingworth was sworn in as Australia's 23rd Governor-General on 29 June 2001. Upon being sworn in, he became the Chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Australia.

In February 2002, media attention turned the spotlight on Hollingworth as reports came to light of his ignoring sexual abuse and harassment within his Brisbane diocese during his time as Archbishop of Brisbane.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock. 25 February 2002.

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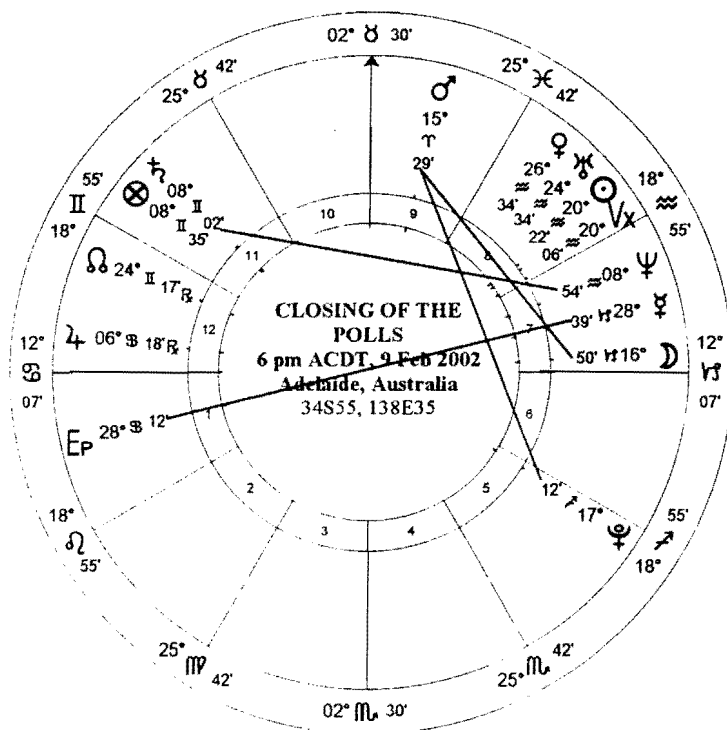
SOUTH AUSTRALIA ELECTION

9 FEB 2002: LABOR TO WIN

The State Election on February 9 will, as usual, be principally a battle between the two major Parties—the incumbent Liberal Party and the Labor Party, at present in Opposition.

As I do not have the birth data of either of the respective leaders—Mr Kerin and Mr Rann—I am predicting the result on the basis of the closing of the polls at 6 pm on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Here is the Chart:



The East side of the Chart represents the incumbent (Liberal) Government and the West side represents the Labor Opposition.

The Liberal's Ascendant Sign is Cancer. Its Ruler, the Moon, is in Detriment in Capricorn and badly placed in the 7th House which is the 1st House of the Opposition. This means that it is in some degree subject to the domination of the opposing Party. The Moon is also adversely affected by the square of Mars.

The 10th House (*success, victory*) of the Liberal Party has Taurus on the Cusp, ruled by Venus, which is here afflicted by the conjunction of Uranus and is combust the Sun. This augurs badly for the Liberals.

The 1st House of the Labor Party is the 7th of the Figure. It has Capricorn on the Cusp, ruled by Saturn in Gemini closely trine to Neptune. Neptune rules the derived 3rd House (Radical 9th), corresponding to Saturn's placement in the 3rd Sign (Gemini). I read this as a multitude (Neptune) of votes (3rd House) for the Opposition. By contrast, the 3rd House of the Liberal Party has Virgo on the Cusp, ruled by Mercury, which is closely opposed by the E.P. in the 1st House—a loss of support for the Government.

The Opposition's 10th House (4th of the Figure) has Scorpio on the Cusp, ruled by Mars and Pluto. These planets are in trine to

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one another—a fortunate augury for the Opposition.

The Chart is overwhelmingly in favour of the Labor Party, which is why I predict it will win. □

THE STATE OF ASTROLOGY

Our series of "Tests" is casting a searchlight on the deficiencies in current astrological techniques. I am agreeably surprised at the increasing number of astrologers in various parts of the world who have not feared to apply their current methods to solving the problems. The fact that, at this stage, they mostly don't find the correct solution, is of less importance than their realization that *something has to be done* to make their astrological work accurate and reliable. The science and art of Astrology is a marvellous tool providing insight and understanding of how the Universe works—how things celestial do really correlate with things terrestrial. Computers are miraculous instruments that have developed our scope and potential beyond the most fanciful dreams of astrologers a few generations ago.

I have been mesmerized by Astrology since I first contacted it in 1935 when every calculation had to be done carefully by hand. I was enthralled beyond measure in the 1970's to find that a simple hand calculator could do it for me. The progression from there to a programmable calculator and thence to that supreme achievement, the computer, gave me unending delight as well as expediting my astrological investigations beyond anything I would previously have thought possible.

With all this help from modern technology, the wide range of astrological techniques available, and given the sound, true basis of our art, is it not reasonable to suppose that a competent astrologer should be able to define accurately which of several possibilities was the one that actually happened on a certain day in the life of a person whose birth data are given? The unhappy truth is that at present the reverse is true. It is exceptional to get a correct answer. Why is that? It is not that the respondents are unintelligent—they are highly intelligent. Except in a few cases it is not that they are insufficiently acquainted with the subject. In my opinion it is because the individual astrologer has acquired or been taught a particular method on which he/she relies, and out of respect for the teacher or the source from which it came believes it to be all-sufficient, and wouldn't think to question its veracity.

The lamentable limitations are shown up immediately when the individual seeks to find the answer to one of the "Test" questions I propound every month. It takes courage to send an answer that

may be (and usually is) wrong. One fears that one's status as a teacher or exponent of Astrology will be down graded. This can happen, of course, but how much better to find out just how lacking in effectiveness is the technique used and how it can be improved or replaced by something better. Without these practical tests of favoured techniques one never knows just how effective or ineffective they are. You would think that astrologers would jump at this opportunity afforded, as far as I know, only by this Journal, *Astrologers' Forum*, and one other publication (the German *Hamburger Heft*).

For whatever reason, the number of respondents to the Test Questions is only a fraction of the number of readers. All honour to those brave few who *do* respond, try to find the correct answers and leave themselves open to the criticism of others who fear to tread the same path. It is a case of putting truth and honesty above an assumed or apparent position of knowledge and skill in Astrology—a position that may, indeed, have little basis in fact.

It is encouraging that the number of astrologers taking an active part in the Tests continues to grow. From originally four responses to the first Test some years ago, the numbers have climbed steadily through 7, 11, 13, etc. to today's total of 19 for the current Test, No. 62. Those who have responded may occasionally have felt humbled by the results of their efforts but it is to their credit when they persist and do not opt out with some fictional excuse such as lack of time. (I exempt from this charge those hard-working professional or amateur astrologers who truly do not have the time to attempt the Tests.) The ones who persist in the face of repeated "failures" are the ones who value truth above a false reputation or unsound techniques. These "Tests" are practical exercises and it is the thought and work put into them that yields the rewards, irrespective of whether the answer was or was not correct.

What we mainly see today on the e-mail Astrology Lists of the World Wide Web are reams of word-spinning about what the "ancients" wrote or about obscure points of interpretation that are rarely of any practical consequence. These outpourings are frequently dashed off in a hurry with little or no attention to structure or spelling (though this is what a reader is entitled to expect), are frequently corrected in a subsequent post (when with a little care they would have been right the first time) the authors excusing themselves as being in a hurry. It is obvious that these e-mailers simply want easy interchanges with other correspondents, which does have a certain social value, of course. But the *real* rewards come from the hard work of solving astrological problems and it is encouraging that many are now discovering this for themselves.

TEST NO. 62—REPORT

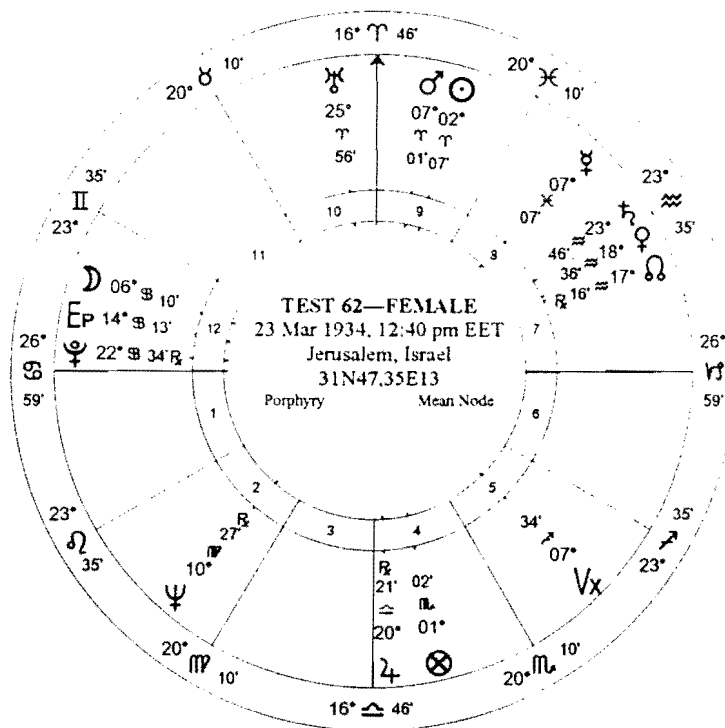
The subject was a woman born in Israel, on 23 March 1934. Her Birth Chart appears in the next column. She is a widow, a mother of three, and was working as a nanny of a baby girl.

The question was which important event, of the following five possibilities, occurred in her life on 25 April 2001, in Jerusalem.

1. She lost a considerable sum of money.
2. She had a heart attack.
3. She was involved in a traffic accident.
4. A beloved male died.
5. She acquired a new partner.

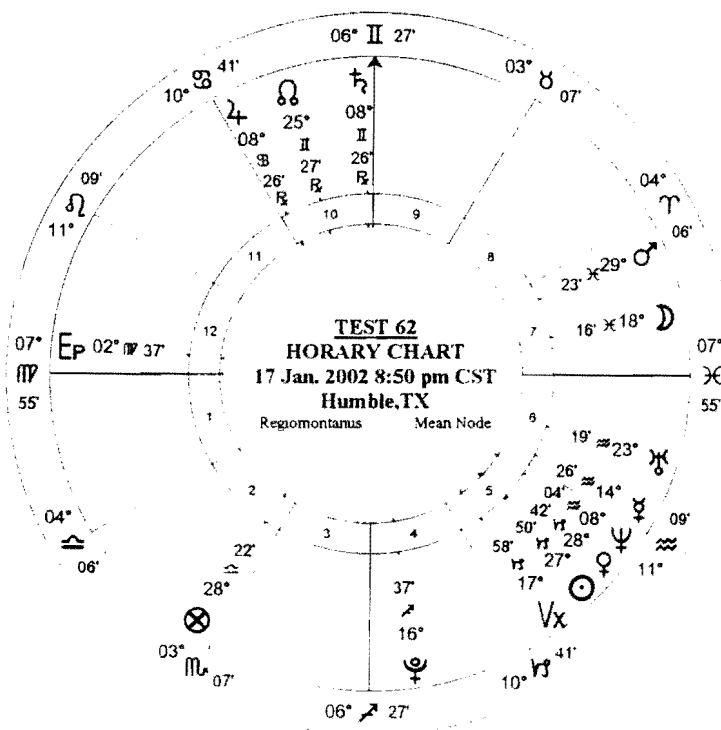
The answer is that the woman suffered a heart attack.

This exercise was designed to attack one of the great weaknesses in modern Astrology—how to discriminate between different possibilities all of which appear to be indicated by some astrological factor or factors—Aspect, Half-Sum, Planetary Picture, House position, Asteroids, etc. Our frequent failure to do this effectively is the biggest drawback to accurate prediction or diagnosis. Consequently, the "multiple choice" type of question is



being favoured at present to see whether we can overcome this disability. It is also less difficult than the "what occurred" type of Test, though difficult enough.

There were 19 respondents—8 from the USA, 4 from The Netherlands, 3 from Australia, 3 from Thailand, 1 from Belgium. Among the 30 answers (some respondents, to their credit, making two or three attempts) there was one correct. It came from Lee Miller (Texas) using a Horary Chart, presented below.



Lee has sent a detailed expert analysis of the Chart from which she drew her conclusion that the person suffered a heart attack. The following is a shortened version:

The person enquiring (Lee) is represented by the 1st House and the person enquired about who suffered the heart attack by the 7th

The event will be of the nature of the House occupied by the Sun which is here in the 11th House of the victim whose Ascendant is the 7th Cusp. The 11th House relates to circumstances

beyond her control. The Sun is in the Sign Capricorn which rules restriction and blockage as well as chronic illness. It is six Houses from the Cusp it rules (the 12th) which means misfortune or focus on a health matter.

The last transit of the Sun (the heart) was over Pluto, significator of complications.

The event will be based on something ruled by the House where Leo is found. Leo is on the derived 6th Cusp of the victim, relating to her health.

The activity of the event is of the nature of the House the Moon is in (derived 1st) which indicates possible change in the physical body. The Moon is in the unfortunate Sign Pisces which is associated with the House of Hospitalization (12th).

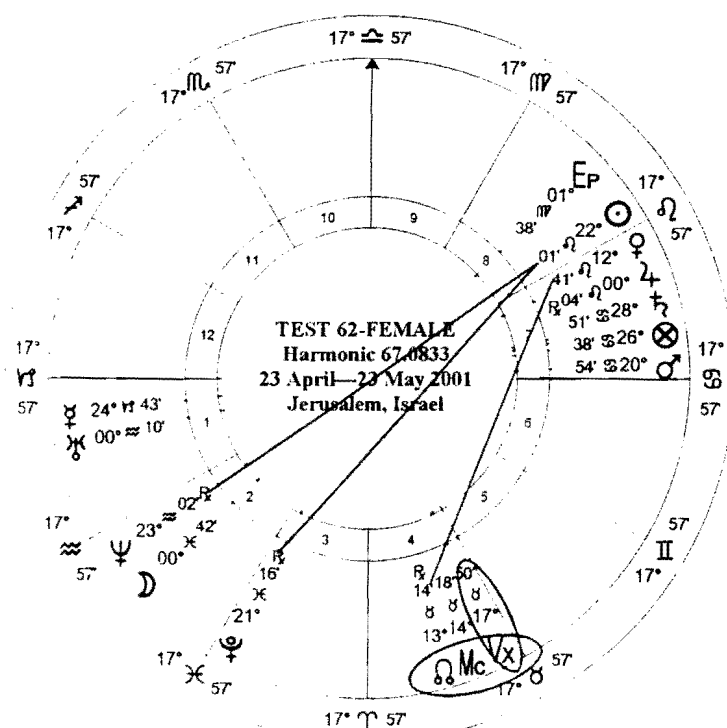
The activity will be based on something ruled by the House where Cancer is found. Cancer is on the derived 5th House (hazards). With its Ruler, the Moon, in the victim's 1st House, this could indicate a hazard to the body. The 5th House is also related to the heart, as is Leo on the derived 6th Cusp, and points to an illness of the heart.

The Sun is disposed by malefic Saturn which rules the derived 11th House (developing circumstances beyond her control) and the derived 12th House (misfortunes and hospitals).

The victim's Ascendant receives a trine from its Ruler, Jupiter, the greater benefic. This may have helped her regain her health.

Lee has written a much more extensive interpretation derived from her research into and intimate knowledge of Horary Astrology over many years as the Director of the Internet List *Horary Today*. Those who would like to contact her and learn more can do so by e-mail to motive@mail.ev1.net.

The answer could also be discovered from a Harmonic Chart. **Harmonic 67.0833** covers the month of the event, 23 Apr—23 May 2001. Here is the Chart:



An obvious indicator is the powerful opposition of Neptune to the Sun, powerful because it has a 1° orb and involves the principal Significator.

Was it a heart attack? The Sun rules the heart, and so does the 5th House whose Cusp is conjunct the Vertex and within a few degrees of both the floating MC and the Moon's Node. The Ruler

of this House, Venus, squares these three Significators. Pluto (a destructive influence) afflicts the Sun by quincunx within a 1° orb. This amounts in total to a major emphasis on the heart.

Was it a considerable loss of money? This relates to the 2nd and 8th Houses and is unlikely as Saturn ruling the 2nd House is conjunct both the Part of Fortune and Jupiter, the Greater Fortune.

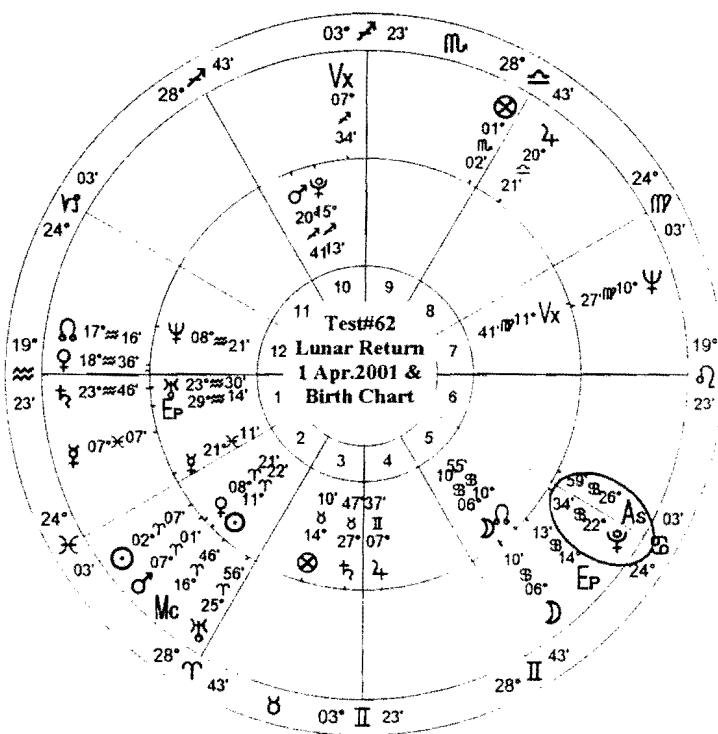
Was she involved in a traffic accident? Pluto in the 3rd trines Mars but neither planet bears any close relation to the 1st House (the physical body). Jupiter, Ruler of the 3rd opposes Uranus within a 1° orb but this is not the signature of a traffic accident.

Did a beloved male die? Loss and grief (the 12th House) is not emphasized; Venus (the beloved) has no planetary affliction and neither has the Moon (emotional distress).

Did she acquire a new partner? No—Venus would have to be favourably involved and here it is square the Nodes and the MC.

A HEART ATTACK is the only reasonable conclusion.

If further evidence is required one need only look at the **Lunar Return Chart** of 1 April 2001 (see below) where the Sun is squared by the Moon ruling the House of Illness and weakened by its sextile to Neptune. The Sun's quincunx to the Vertex shows it is a matter of significance. None of the other four possibilities is even hinted at. Furthermore, if you put the Radical Figure around the Lunar Chart the natal Ascendant and Pluto closely straddle the 6th Cusp (illness) while natal Saturn, 23Aq46, joins Uranus, 23Aqu30, just under the Rising Degree.

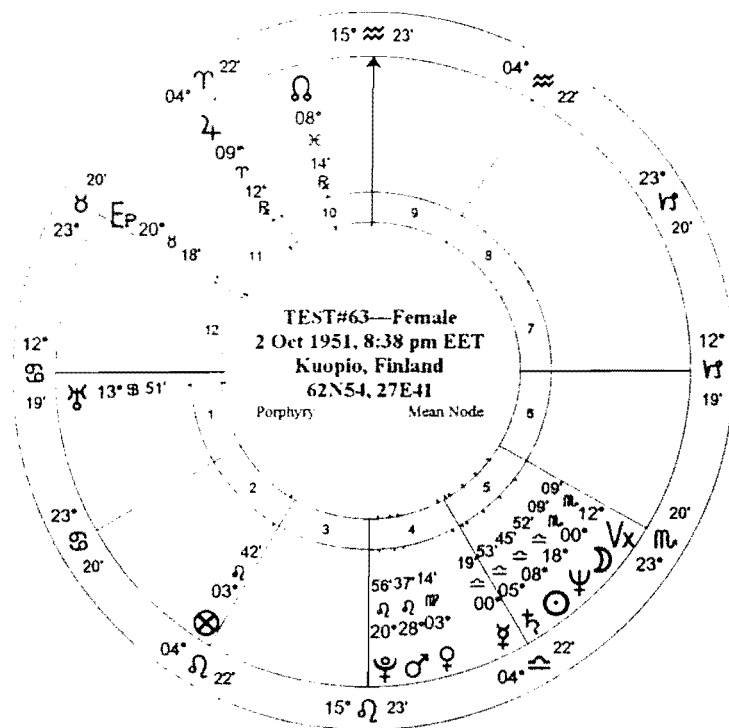


The *Precessed* Lunar Return Figure is even more compelling—the Natal Asc/Pluto conjunction falls directly athwart the 5th Cusp—the heart.

TEST NO. 63

On the next page is the Birth Chart of a woman born in Finland on 2nd October 1951. An important event happened in her life on the 7th October 1997. At the time she was living in Sydney (33S52, 151E13), married, no children, the department head in a technical college. The exercise is to determine which of five possible events was the one that actually occurred.

I recommend this "Test" to all astrologers seeking to improve their diagnostic and predictive skills. Don't expect it to be easy—it is not. The amount of work and thought you put into it will determine how much you benefit from the exercise, whether or



not you find the right answer. Please send you answers to me by **20th February**. Everyone who does so will receive a personal answer.

Pick the actual event of **7th October 1997** from the following five possibilities:

1. She was granted a promotion.
2. She went on an overseas trip.
3. She suffered a financial loss.
4. She was involved in a love affair.
5. She underwent surgery.

TRANSITS, FEBRUARY 2002

The following planetary conjunctions, Aspects and Stations are occurring in the celestial sphere during February. They are of much less importance than personal Progressions and Directions but will affect you to some extent if they resonate with something similar in your Birth Chart, or they may extend your understanding of your own natal Aspects.

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Feb. 2. Venus sextile Pluto: Good for lovers and artists. Stirs up feelings and also promotes artistic talent.

Feb. 6. Sun sextile Pluto: Strengthens the will and enhances personal effectiveness. Male influence is significant.

Feb. 8. Venus conjunct Uranus: Highly romantic; inclines to love adventures or at least something exciting, unusual and eccentric.

Feb. 8. Saturn Stationary at 8°2' Gemini. If this touches your Sun or Ascendant it brings sober reality and a realistic view of things. If it touches your natal Moon then take care of your health—don't get chilled.

Feb. 9. Mercury Stationary at 28°39' Capricorn, turning Direct—a welcome turnabout promising fewer misadventures than usually follow when Mercury is Stationary turning Retrograde. If Mercury is on the Sun, Ascendant or Moon of your natal Figure it stimulates you to intellectual activities or little trips around.

Feb. 12. Mars trine Pluto: Strength and stamina. Ideal for carrying through a programme of work.

Feb. 12. Sun conjunct Uranus: Expect the unexpected. Look out for new, progressive activities and enjoy the stimulus, but don't go off the deep end.

Feb. 17. Venus trine Jupiter: Some self-indulgence is natural

under this easy, pleasure-giving influence. Harmony and cordiality prevail. If you have a lucky streak you would benefit from a small gamble.

Feb. 18. Venus square Saturn: Watch that you don't fall out with people you really love. Latent kidney or urinary troubles are prone to surface with this planetary combination.

Feb. 23. Mars sextile Uranus: Creative energy that sharpens your decision-making and can be used to achieve your ends quickly.

Feb. 24. Mercury trine Saturn: A good influence for careful, detailed work. Keeps your thinking realistic and brings you down to earth if you have been over-fanciful.

Feb. 24. Sun trine Jupiter: The bringer of good things—personal growth and achievement, success or other benefits—your *karmic* rewards for past efforts.

Feb. 25. Mercury conjunct Neptune: Awakens your intuitive faculty and brings inspiration or new ideas in creative work.

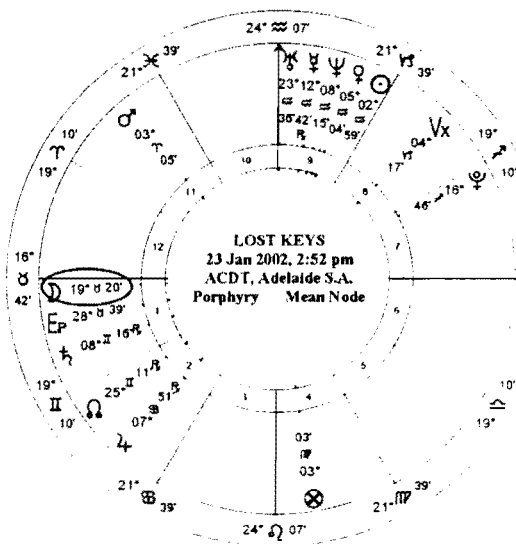
Feb. 26. Venus square Pluto: Great for lovers—stimulates the biological urges but can also cause turmoil if passion gets out of hand. Pluto moving to the square of Venus puts a focus on your love life and is much more difficult to handle than Venus coming to the square of Pluto.

Feb. 27. Sun square Saturn: Proceed with caution. Best not to put your plans into effect or start new enterprises at this time. Obstruction and difficulty would make it hard going.

LOST KEYS

Most people will know the feeling of alarm if not sheer panic that submerges all else when one loses one's key ring holding keys for the house, car, and sundry other items. Such was my misfortune (or carelessness) recently when I suddenly noticed the absence of my keys. However, I was saved by a Horary Chart that

I cast for the moment of discovering the loss. Here it is: Horary Charts for finding lost objects are often difficult, but here the answer is spelled out straight away by the dominant and all-important Moon on the Ascendant. It rules the 3rd House (Roads



and Transport) which quickly gave me the clue—the keys are in the car!

My wife was out driving the car at the time, so I had to wait till she came home, but on her return I did indeed find them, slipped down behind the seat. Lost items are normally referred to the 2nd and 4th Houses, ruled here by Mercury and the Sun which are in conjunction without being "combust" (with 8° of the Sun and adverse — "burned up"). Other favourable indications that the keys would be found are the Sun above the Earth, Jupiter and the Node in the 2nd House, and Mercury conjunct Venus. That they would be found *quickly* is shown by the Angular Moon just a few degrees below the Ascendant.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock.
28 January 2002.

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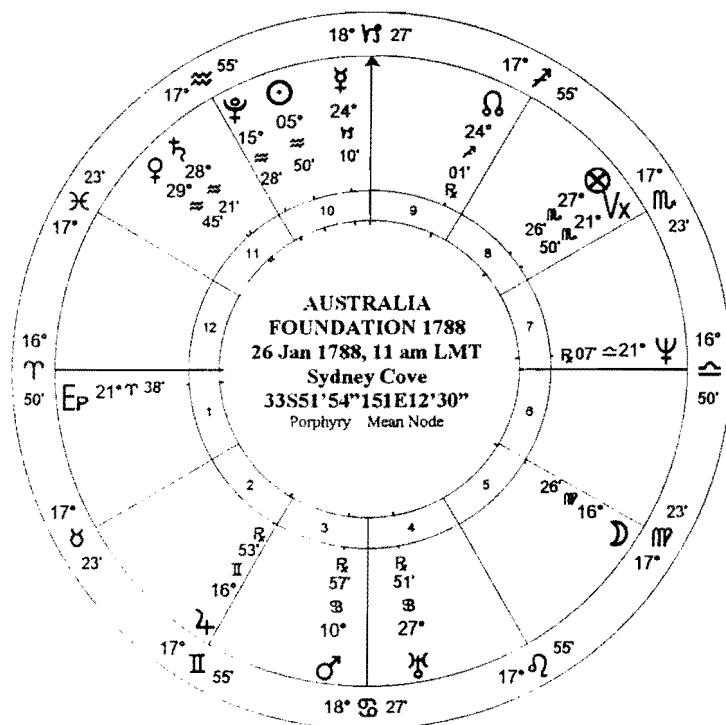
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THE AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES

The fires that are currently devouring parts of the Australian bush land and devastating settled areas are about the worst we have ever had as regards property loss. At the time of writing (5 January 2002) more than 170 homes have been reduced to ashes in NSW alone leaving just a brick chimney standing. About a hundred fires are ravaging the country. Fortunately there has not been any loss of life so far.

As was to be expected, the Month Harmonic from Australia's Foundation Chart depicts the bushfires. Australia's National Chart is based on the Proclamation at Sydney Cove on 26th January 1788. I use 11 am L.M.T. which I have found correlates well with the big events in Australia's history as well as being consonant



with the National character. Here it is:

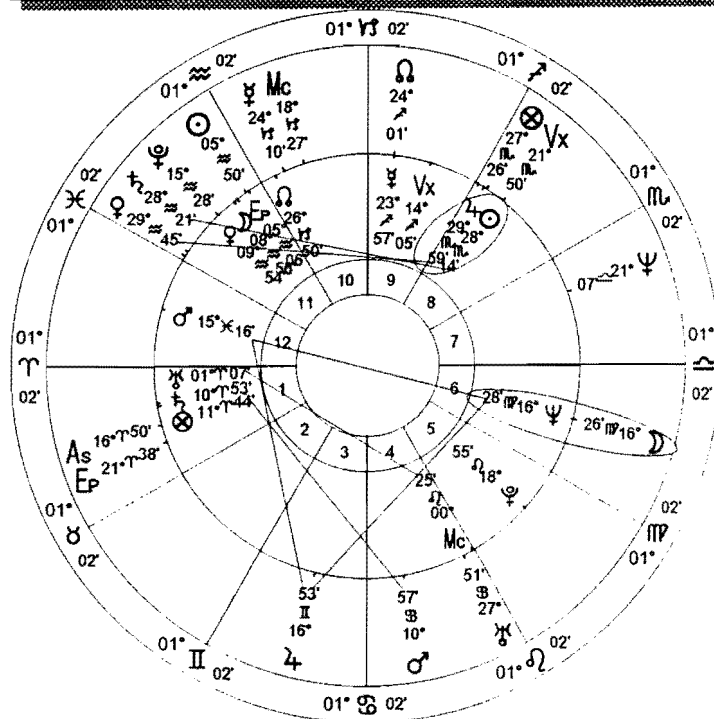
The bush fires started in November and have increased in scale ever since. The BiWheel in the adjacent column has the Month Harmonic for the period 26 Nov.—26 Dec. 2001 surrounded by the Radix of the Australia Foundation. The Cusps are from the Harmonic Chart (Inner Wheel).

There are plenty of adverse factors. Most noticeable is the configuration of h.Mars (Ruler) opposite both h.Neptune and n. Moon (ruling the 4th House—land and property), all being in T-Square with n.Jupiter (*loss of the Nation's wealth*). Further, h. Saturn (rising) squares n.Mars in the 4th House (*destruction of homes*).

Further depletion of the Nation's assets is shown by the conjunction of the Sun and Jupiter in the Harmonic Chart closely square to n.Saturn and Venus.

Uranus right on the Ascendant in Aries is disposed by h.Mars

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Inner Wheel: Age Harmonic 213.8333 (26 Nov.—26 Dec. 2001)
Outer Wheel: Radix, Australia Foundation-1788.

which is opposite Neptune, indicating an unsettled, adverse period with the threat of loss.

Current **Progressions and Directions** in the National Chart are also adverse, **Pluto** combining with a variety of Significators to pursue its work of destruction:

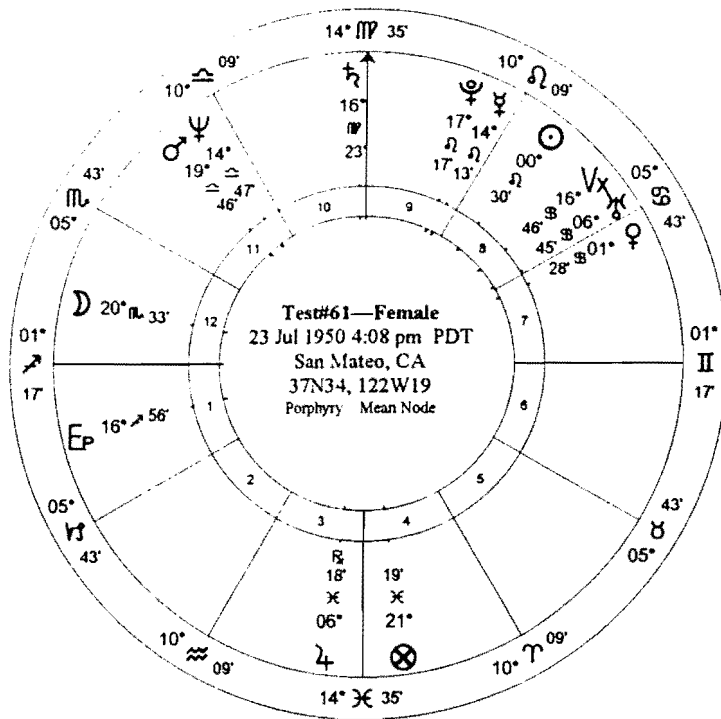
Jupiter square Pluto (converse Solar-Arc) 14 Nov. 2001,
 Moon square Pluto (converse Scdry P—P) 12 Dec. 2001,
 Pluto opposite Ascendant (Primary Direction) 21 Dec. 2001,
 Moon square Pluto (converse Scdry—Natal) 25 Dec. 2001,
 Lunar Eclipse, 8Cn47, conjunct n.Mars 30 Dec 2001.

Those are the chief Aspects up to date but there is still to come IC conjunct Pluto (Scdry—Natal) on 10 January 2002, so the ravages of the fires are not yet finished.

The Harmonic Chart for the period 26 Dec.—26 Jan. 2002 (not shown here) is similarly adverse with Neptune opposing the Ascendant, (*further losses*) h.Pluto conjunct n.Moon (*destruction of homes*), h.Uranus square n.Mars (*turbulent changes*). □

TEST 61—SOLUTION

Test 61 was an exercise to find out what occurred on 1st March 1977 in the life of a woman whose Birth Figure appears below. The woman was living in Los Angeles at the time.

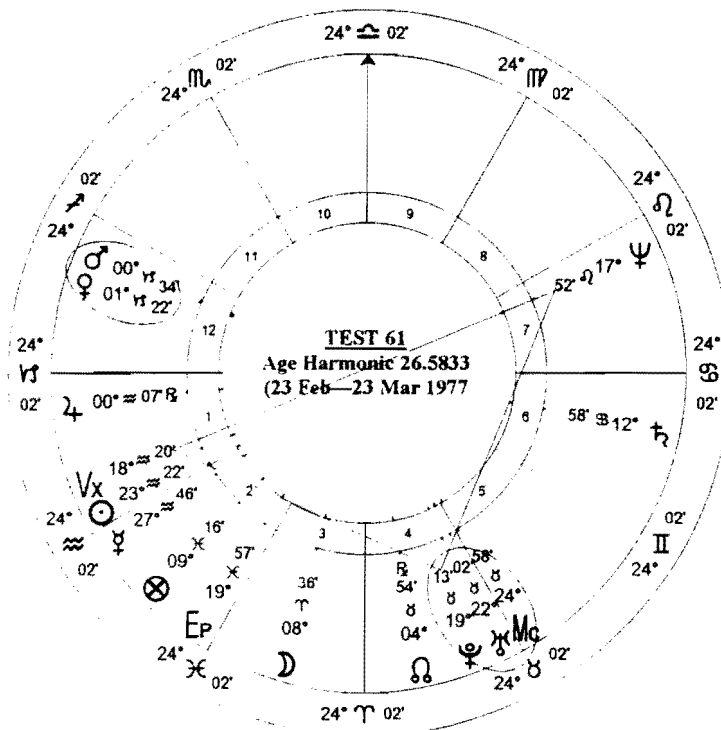


The answer is grim—the woman was raped.

There were 27 attempts from 17 respondents in the USA, The Netherlands, Germany, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand (fortunately they all wrote English!). This is the greatest number of responses so far and it would probably have been more but for an unfortunate mistake in the last Issue of giving the deadline as 20th January instead of 20th December. I was able to correct this by e-mail for most of the recipients.

Methods used were Secondary Progressions, Primary Directions, Solar Returns, Lunar Returns, Age Harmonics, Profections, Uranian and Vedic techniques.

The most direct route to the answer was the Chart for Harmonic 26.5833 (below) which applies to the period 23 Feb—23 Mar 1977, the month in which the rape occurred:

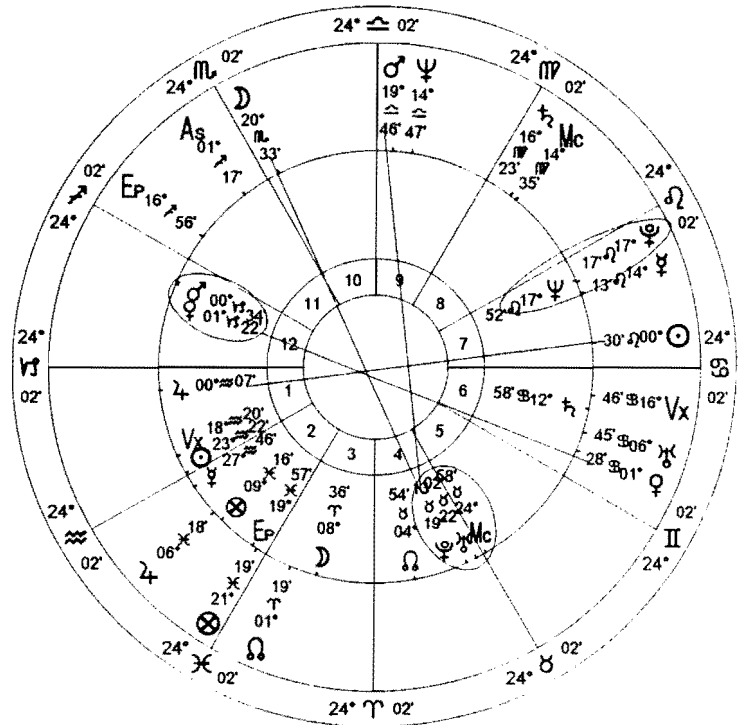


The 5th House immediately attracts attention through the Floating MC. Uranus and Pluto being in conjunction and clustered around the Cusp. The MC relates to the psychic and emotional state of the woman which is here shown by Uranus and Pluto to be in turmoil. Ebertin defines the ill-effect of a Uranus/Pluto conjunction as "life crisis; suffering under superior force". Being on the 5th Cusp this accords completely with violent rape.

Confirmation is provided by the position of the 5th House Ruler, Venus, which occupies the House of Sorrow and Suffering and is subject to the close conjunction of Mars (violence).

The extremely adverse nature of the Chart is emphasized by the square of Neptune to Pluto (sexual abuse) and the Vertex which completes a T-Square with them (stroke of Fate).

The Monthly Harmonic is sufficient on its own but putting the Birth Figure around it provides further confirmation. See the BiWheel below.



TEST 61: Inner Wheel, Age Harmonic 26.5833 for month 23 Feb—23 Mar 1977.
Outer Wheel, Birth Figure, 23 July 1950, 4:08 pm PDT, San Mateo

Harmonic Pluto is now closely opposed by n.Moon in Scorpio and closely quincunx N.Mars in Libra (sexual attack), a theme repeated by the opposition of n.Venus to the h.Mars/Venus conjunction. Finally, any hope of succour that h.Jupiter rising might have given is disposed of immediately by the opposition of n.Sun.

A good proportion of the respondents to this Test diagnosed that it was a terrible event but could not specify exactly what. Some succeeded or came very close on the second attempt. I am not quoting names here as I don't want these Tests to appear as contests. They are exercises to develop astrological skill. I found from my own experience how useful they are and I have received confirmation of that from various sources. Many declare they learn more astrology by doing the Tests than in any other way. Shirley Gray (Michigan), a very able and established astrologer, writes, "There is no doubt that these tests are the best way to learn, and I do think that working them out to the end, then boiling it all down to the key points for submission is the most educational part of the process".

Astrologers of long experience profit just as much as beginners. The Test questions are sent to me by readers and whenever possible I attempt them myself before offering them in the Journal

and on the Internet.

While I am on this subject I appeal to all to dig out and send me any material that might form the basis of a useful astrological exercise. It is desirable to include background information of the person concerned apart from the full birth data (with accurate birth time). The information desired is what a professional astrologer would reasonably expect to know if he/she was dealing with the person as a client—such things as marital status, type of employment, children, and any special features bearing on the case. If you kindly send me the answer in a sealed envelope or by separate e-mail I can benefit by trying to solve the problem myself before publishing it as a "Test".

HINTS ON INTERPRETING AGE HARMONICS

Practice is all you need to get better with interpretation. I can offer a few things that I have found useful:

1. First of all, interpret the Age Harmonic on its own (without the Radix). Alone, this will often give the significant matters. When you surround it with the Radix you find confirmation.
2. Look for CLOSE ASPECTS (within 1°). The conjunctions are the most important but any Aspect, even a semi-sextile, is significant if within 1°. Give these close aspects priority, but having found and interpreted them see what is added by the other Aspects up to about 5° orb.
3. Closeness to a Cusp is important and significant – and I mean ALL Cusps, not just the Angles. Harmonic Charts are usually printed out with equal Cusps. At some time I may experiment with Porphyry Cusps taken for the geographic coordinates of the place but there isn't a Computer Program for this at present and it would mean the extra time of having to work by hand from a Table of Houses. (To my surprise, I have found Porphyry to give the best results in general work; this after having treated them with indifference for many years.)
4. It is largely a question of PRIORITIES – what astrological factor is more important and significant than another. This comes with doing lots of Age Harmonic Charts for events that you know in people's lives. It's serious work that counts – not lucky guesses. Of course for best results you need an accurate birth time.
5. Be careful to select the correct month when doing Monthly Harmonics. The correct month is the one that includes the date of the event. If the date of the event is 1st March and the birthday is the 23rd July it is no good going to March in the July column of the *Table for Monthly Harmonics*. That would refer to the month 23 March to 23 April, whereas what is wanted is 23 February to 23 March, so you look down the column for the figure opposite February.

TEST NO. 62

Here is another "multiple choice" question that will test your ability to distinguish between different possibilities. The subject is a woman born in Jerusalem, Israel (31N47, 35E13) on 23rd March 1934 at 12:40 pm EET. Asc 26Cn59, MC 16Ar46, Moon 6Cn10. She is a widow, a mother of three, and working as a nanny of a baby girl.

An important event occurred in her life on 25 April 2001, in Jerusalem. It was one of the following five possibilities. Which one was it?

1. She lost a considerable sum of money.
2. She had a heart attack.
3. She was involved in a traffic accident.
4. A beloved male died.
5. She acquired a new partner.

Please send your answers to me by 20th January 2001, **giving the astrological reason for your choice**. I emphasize this as those using Uranian or Vedic methods are not quoting any specific half-sums, House positions, planetary pictures, or whatever.

If your answer is wrong you can try twice again. All who respond will receive a personal communication from me with the solution and detailed analysis after the deadline. — Dymock.

Jenifer Pommerin (WA) writes, kindly, "You give credit to the Australian development of Age Harmonics. At the same time, it is through your dedication and generosity that we astrologers have the privilege of benefiting from such advances. So, Dymock, please take a pat on the back for what you have done for the astrological fraternity. If you can overcome a natural reluctance it would be nice to have you publish this appreciation in the *Astrologers' Forum*. Ross Harvey who introduced the potential of Age Harmonics would agree, I'm sure."

My "natural reluctance" proved no great obstacle, appreciation of this kind being rare and highly valued. I certainly appreciate Jenifer's kind remarks but want to make it clear that the original idea of using the person's age for doing a Harmonic Chart that applied to and illustrated the current year was the brain-child of Ross Harvey, resident in Turrumurra, NSW. Ross was inspired no doubt by his Mercury in Gemini trine Neptune. He is a full-time artist and art teacher and most of his brain-power is spent on his paintings. I should like to see a more even division between his art and his astrology, with cumulative benefit for the latter.

My own very secondary contribution was that (after an initial scepticism) I realized the great value of Ross's idea, seized on it with avidity and explored its tremendous potential. After 15 years of doing this I felt justified in proclaiming that *Age Harmonics are the greatest advance in Astrology in the last 100 years*.

— Dymock.

TRANSITS, JANUARY 2002

The partial interpretations below relate to the effect of planets in the celestial sphere forming Aspects with one another during the month of January 2002. As *transiting* phenomena their influence is limited but the interpretations apply with greater force to similar Aspects by Progression or Direction in your personal Birth Horoscope.

Jan. 1. Sun opposite Jupiter: "Excess" is a keynote. Amid the scenes of revelry on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day restrain those mad impulses, imbibe temperately and eat moderately or suffer the consequences.

Jan. 3. Venus opposite Jupiter: Self-gratification is OK if kept within bounds. Amorous instincts are amplified. Men may need to control their urges, women to control the situation.

Jan. 10. Mercury conjunct Neptune brings moments of inspiration in art, literature, poetry, etc. Don't commit yourself in contracts or agreements if your thoughts aren't clear or you are in doubt about some aspect of the business.

Jan. 11. Mercury trine Saturn is great for realistic thinking and practical organizing.

Jan. 14. Sun conjunct Venus: Warm your relationships and express your affections with a gift. The lucky ones will enjoy a love affair or love interlude, or a personal success.

Jan. 19. Mercury Stationary at 13Aqu21 and turning Retrograde: This will bring Mercury's usual assortment of minor troubles. Murphy's Law—anything that *can* go wrong *will* go wrong—will be in full operation. Take care with your correspondence (e.g., get the address right), accounts, documents, etc.

Jan. 19. Venus sextile Mars warms your feelings, adds sparkle to social gatherings and stimulates carnal desire.

Jan. 23. Saturn trine Neptune favours serious thought or work in privacy or seclusion. Contact cheerful people if you are being anxious and negative.

Jan. 23. Sun sextile Mars: Give expression to your energy, initiative and self-confidence in constructive activity.

Jan. 26. Venus trine Saturn: Appreciate your long-standing attachments. Bring joy to an elderly friend.

Jan. 26. Venus conjunct Neptune: Delicacy of feeling gives you social skill and the ability to charm those around you. Any musical or artistic activity will go very well now.

Jan. 26. Mercury conjunct Venus: Use this conjunction to smooth out any relationships that have become shaky or troubled. Enjoy conversations, telephone calls, reading and writing.

Jan. 27. Mercury conjunct Neptune: Relax, take heed of your inspiration, enjoy films, television, imaginative literature, etc.

Jan. 27. Mercury trine Saturn: Organize your affairs—daily routine, papers, books, correspondence, etc.—things that need to be done but what you don't normally rush to do.

Jan. 28. Sun conjunct Mercury trine Saturn: Attend to serious matters connected with work, employment, home maintenance, contracts, responsibilities and obligations.

Jan. 28. Mercury sextile Mars: Your mind will be active and sharp, so favourable for study, writings, discussions, etc., and your manipulative skill with tools or implements will be high.

Jan. 29. Sun conjunct Neptune favours meditative practices and filtering ideas from the "collective unconscious". It is also a time to receive an emotional lift from films, books, plays, etc., of more than usual import.

Jan. 29. Mars square Jupiter: Keep balanced and don't get unnecessarily involved in conflicts, arguments or extravagant spending. Activity is productive if well considered and not hasty.

Jan. 30. Mars sextile Saturn: You have the stamina necessary for continued work needing care and precision.

Jan. 31. Mars sextile Neptune helps you to achieve through increased enthusiasm and happy inspirations. A lot of ideas and plans keeps up the interest in life and gives an impetus to your projects. □

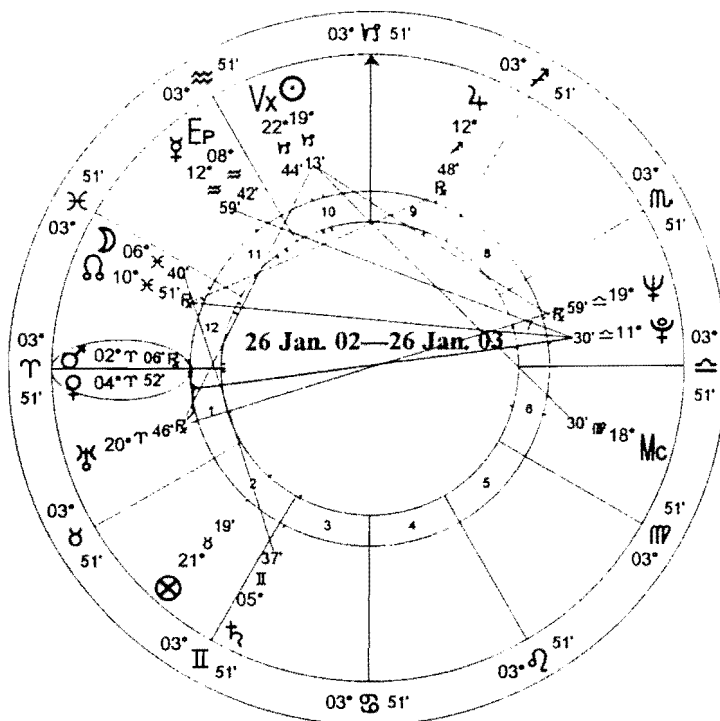
SPORTING DEBACLE

Australia is justly regarded as one of the top Nations in sport. It is all the more remarkable therefore that the Nation should suffer a comprehensive downturn in sporting achievement in November last. In the fields of tennis, cricket, soccer and boxing Australia had the unusual experience of suffering defeat, to the general surprise and chagrin of the populace. It is another example of the **Saturn—Pluto opposition** that was so prominent in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre on 11th September. Here it is below in the Lunar Return of 11th Nov. 2001.

The Saturn—Pluto opposition is prominently placed on the

Meridian and is further emphasized by the square from the Moon. *Saturn rules the 5th House (Sport).* Its double affliction accounts for the sporting downturn. The Sun is also square Uranus (surprise and shock!) (To the delight of

all the sports fans the downturn has already been reversed.) □



Annual Harmonic 214: 26 Jan. 2002—26 Jan. 2003

AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

26 Jan. 1788, 11:00 am LMT, Sydney Cove, Australia.

33S51'54", 151E12'30"

AUSTRALIA IN 2002

Forecasting is a difficult business and is generally avoided by astrologers in the public arena. It is, however, the ultimate test of Astrology and should be attempted by all who would validate the science in the eyes of the world.

The above **Annual Harmonic Chart** is the preferred choice for forecasting as experience has shown that it is more truly indicative of events and trends than is the Solar Return Figure, the Sun-Moon Phase Angle or the Progressed Chart. Here is a partial reading. The close Aspects are the defining elements:

The **Sun** in the Midheaven is trine to the Floating MC and in a T-Square with Neptune and Uranus. In Capricorn it denotes a Conservative Government. The T-Square shows it is subject to intrigue—hidden and radical influences seeking to undermine it but Sun trine the Floating MC keeps it firmly in control.

Uranus/Neptune also signifies a great worry to the Government through refugees. The problem grows—large numbers of people from foreign countries seeking entry (*Jupiter from the 9th House squaring the 12th-House Node; Pluto quincunx the Node*). **Mercury sextile Jupiter** means legislation to deal with the problem.

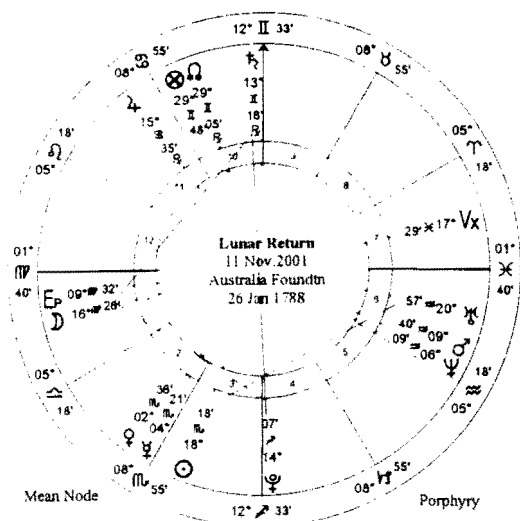
Mars conjunct Venus straddling the Ascendant and ruling the 1st and 7th Houses indicates closer ties with other countries. As Mars co-rules the 8th House it also indicates an increase in sex crimes, muggings and robberies (*Venus ruling the 2nd House*).

The **Moon** in Pisces on the 12th Cusp square to Saturn signifies closure of hospitals or severe restriction of their capacity to maintain a satisfactory health service. It also means an increase in the number of indigent people (*12th H.*) becoming an unwelcome responsibility of the Government (*Saturn ruling 10th House*).

Mercury in Aquarius trine Pluto signifies the mass media seeking to expose the true facts (*Aquarius*).

A sinister Midpoint configuration is **Pluto** (11Li30) ruling the 8th House (*deaths and violence*) opposite Mars/Uranus (11Ar26). This is more than a hint of terrorist outrages.

My kind regards and New Year good wishes to all. —Dymock.
5 January 2002.



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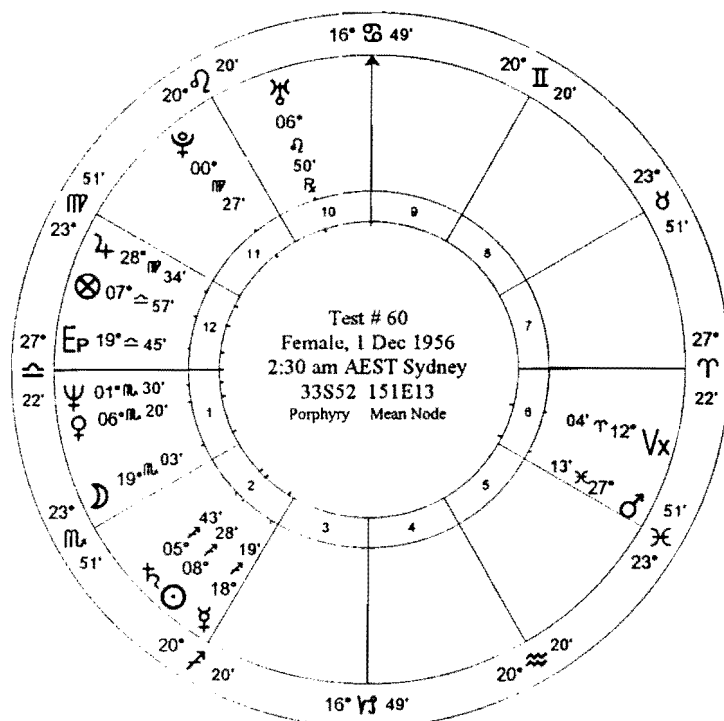
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TEST NO. 60—SOLUTION

This Test, which offered a choice of multiple answers, concerned a woman born 1 December 1956, 2:30 am AEST (-10), Sydney, 33S52, 151E13. Here is her Birth Horoscope:



An important event occurred in this woman's life on February 6, 2001. It was one of those listed below. The exercise was to pick the correct one.

- * Her marriage broke up.
- * She had an intense love affair.
- * She was injured in an accident.
- * She moved into a new home.
- * She acquired a new big-paying job.

The answer is that on February 6, 2001, the woman moved into a new house.

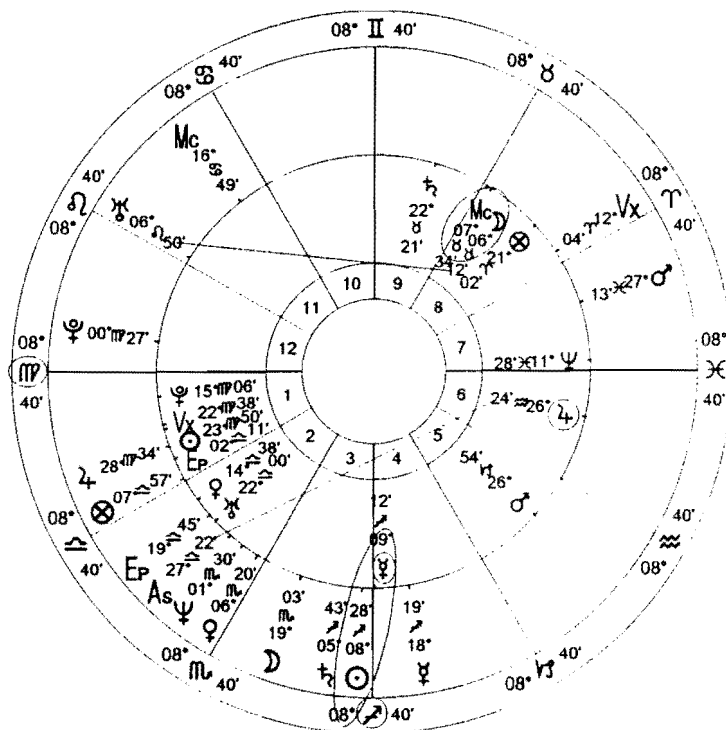
There were 21 attempts at a solution to this exercise from 15 respondents in the USA, Netherlands, Egypt, Israel, Thailand, and Australia. Three participants were correct on the first attempt—Donna May (Wisconsin), Lea-Breuer-Kantor (Israel) and Paul Langeveld (Netherlands). Donna was successful using the Solar Return, Capricorn Ingress and Age Harmonic. Lea utilized the Uranian formulas combined with the Diurnal Chart and Secondary and Tertiary Progressions and Transits. Paul found the answer in the Age Harmonic 44.1667, which provided the most direct solution. This Chart has been sent as an e-mail attachment individually to all participants.

A direct path to the answer is via the **Age Harmonic**. The woman was 44 years and two months old = 44.1667 years, which relates to the period Feb. 1—Mar. 1, 2001. In the next column is the BiWheel incorporating the Harmonic and the Birth Chart. This gives the answer on its own.

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Cusps are from the inner wheel which is the Age Harmonic for the month 1 Feb—1 Mar 2001.



Inner Wheel: Test 60: Age Harmonic 44.1667 (1 Feb—1 Mar, 2001)
Outer Wheel: Test 60, Birth Chart 1 Dec 1956, 2:30 am Sydney, 33S52, 151E13.

The Natal Sun 8Sg28 conjoints the 4th Cusp 8Sg40. Virgo on the Ascendant has Ruler, Mercury, at 9Sg12 conjunct the 4th Cusp. This emphasizes THE HOME as the sphere of importance. Additionally, Jupiter, Ruler of the 4th House, at 26Aq24 trines the Natal Ascendant 27Li22. The Moon conjunct the floating MC squares n.Uranus (*change of home*). N.Mercury also emphasizes the 4th House.

None of the other occurrences (marriage break-up, intense love affair, injury in an accident, big-paying job) can legitimately be read into this BiWheel.

The Answer might also have been found from the **Lunar Return** of 18 Jan 2001 circumscribed by the Birth Chart: Natal *Fortuna* 7Li57, conjunct 4th Cusp 7Li55; n.Jupiter at 28Vi34

The adverse indications are numerous and obvious: Jupiter, Ruler of the Ascendant (*the plane*) is retrograde in Cancer and squares the Moon (*the passengers*) ruling the House of Death.

Pluto, in and ruling the 12th House (*self-undoing and sorrows*) is sextile the Moon. Venus, ruling House 6 (*mechanical condition of the aircraft*) in detriment in Scorpio is closely square Neptune (*hidden defects*).

It was determined in the subsequent investigation that connecting brackets made of composite plastic had snapped on the tail fin, allowing it to separate from the body of the aircraft. This was due to Flight 587 taking off too close to a Japan Airlines 747 and being caught in the massive turbulence that it caused.

Terrorist activity as a factor in destroying the plane had previously been considered but was ruled out.

Another, not so obvious, adverse factor is the Rising Degree (20Sg39) being right at the Midpoint of Venus and Neptune (20Sg37)—an orb of only 2'. We know this precisely because of the exact recorded time of the plane's departure. This Midpoint Aspect points directly to the source of the trouble—mechanical failure from a hidden defect.

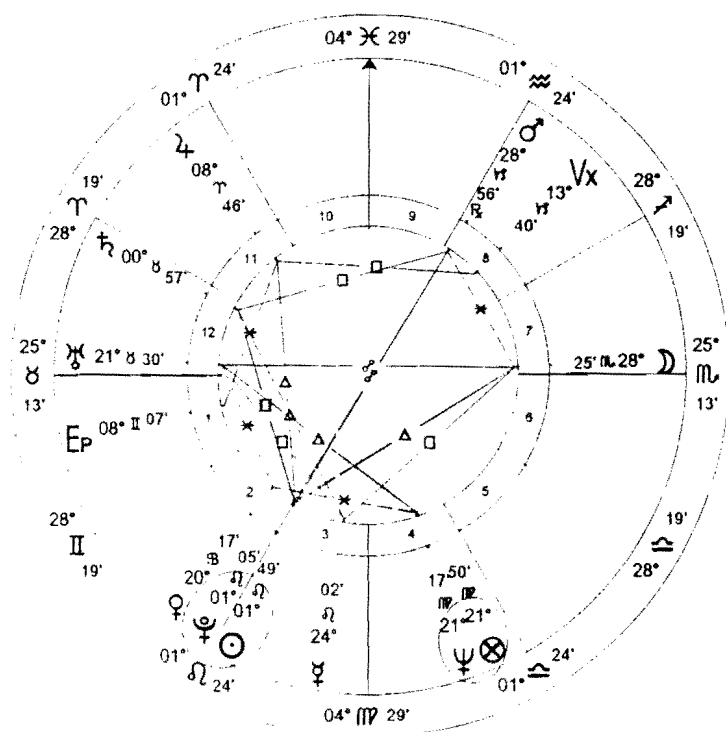
It may be asked why did the adverse factors listed above not cause a catastrophe to other aircraft (for instance the Japan 747), leaving a little beforehand? Apart from the precision of the adverse Midpoint factor mentioned above, the answer must be in the *genesis* of the Airbus—its Horoscope of going into service and its Progressed and Directed Aspects and Transits at the time of its take-off. In some more enlightened age we may expect that such vital data will be duly considered in the launching and operation of all major aircraft.

There is a lesson in this for everyone in regard to their own private lives: Before electing a time for any long or short journey investigate your own current Aspects in your Birth Chart. You do not override powerful adverse factors in your own Cyclic or Progressed Charts by selecting an ideal departure time!

PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD

His Year Ahead

Now that John Howard has won the Election as predicted in the last Issue and has recovered somewhat from his euphoria at gaining a third term in Office, we might cast ahead and observe during the year how far the astrological pointers will coincide with events. Below is the Radix again, using the Chart rectified to 2:11 am. Here, with a brief interpretation, are the principal



Prime Minister John Howard, 26 July 1929, 2:11 am (Rect), Earlwood, NSW.
33s58, 151e08. Porphyry Houses. Mean Node.

factors, including Progressed Aspects and Directions as calculated by *Solar Fire*:

[n = Natal; p = Progressed; Sp = Secondary Progression;
cSp = Converse Secondary Progression; Sa = Solar-Arc; cSa = Conv. Solar Arc;
Aa = Ascendant Arc; cAa = Conv. Ascendant Arc;
Va = Vertex Arc; cVa = Conv. Vertex Arc]

Dec. 4, 2001. Venus sextile MC (cSp-Na): Mr Howard is still basking in the glow of success and enjoying the esteem of his colleagues. Things go very well for the moment.

Dec. 18, 2001. Sun trine Uranus (Aa-Na): As the Travel Houses in Mr Howard's Chart are involved, Dec. 18 or close to it would be a great opportunity to travel abroad and meet overseas dignitaries. In any event, it will be a stimulating break from the usual Parliamentary business of speeches, controversy and duties. The period **26 Dec.–26 Jan.** is shown by Age Harmonic 62.4167 to be mostly one of quiet enjoyment and peace for the PM while reflecting on his Electoral victory. (h.Moon at the MC conj. n.Sun and Pluto). Late in January 2002 life becomes more energized—much activity from h.Mars conjunct n.Mars both at 28 Capricorn on the 4th h.Cusp.

Jan. 27, 2002. Mars opposite Saturn (cVa-Na) activates the n.T-Square Sun, Mars, Saturn which, on the face of it, is a difficult configuration involving much struggle and obstruction. Howard, however, has derived persistence, determination and strength from it. His Harmonic Month Chart for the period 26 Jan.—26 Feb. 2002 puts n.Sun and Pluto right on the MC, all three points being at 1° Leo, so I interpret this Mars/Saturn Direction positively—a *tour de force* of the Prime Minister, a personal achievement.

Feb. 28, 2002. Neptune sextile Uranus (cSa-Na): Policy matters being discussed, and their variation mooted, possibly involving other Heads of State.

Mar. 21, 2002. Asc trine Sun (cSp-Na) starts a new cycle of successful effort—personal achievement of a political nature associated with neighbouring countries.

April, 2002. An unspectacular month politically, though still successful for the PM (Jupiter trine the East Point in the Month h.Chart).

May 5, 2002. Mercury conjunct Asc (cVa-Na): Numerous matters of lesser political interest being discussed and new regulations promulgated.

June 12, 2002. Saturn opposing the Sun (cVa-Na): A political reverse associated with fiscal trouble and a loss of revenue.

June 21, 2002. Jupiter trine Mars (As-Na) will induce decisive and successful action by the PM. This Aspect is likely to free him from some hitherto bothersome tie or duty.

June 28, 2002. Pluto square Sun (cVa-Na): Political turmoil, extending into July. A revision of Cabinet posts.

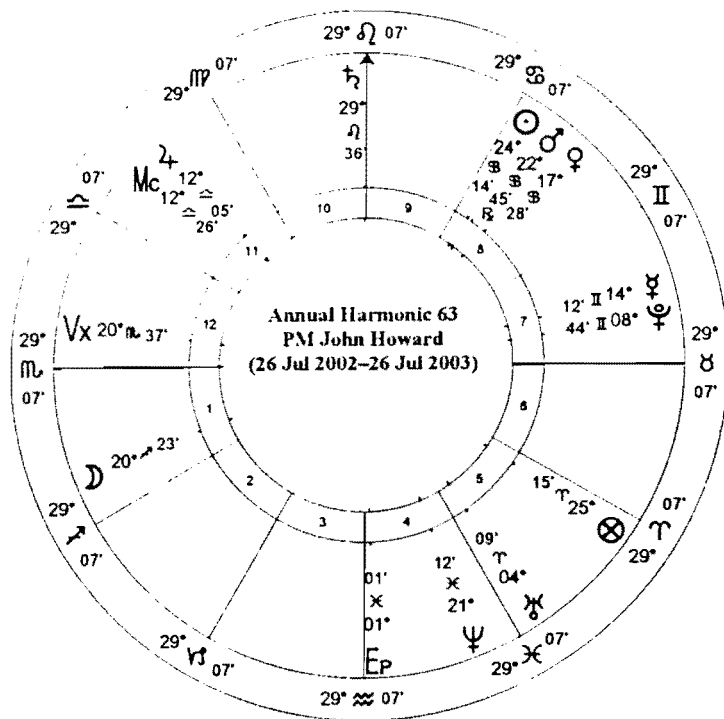
July, 2002. Mr. Howard's **Annual Harmonic** (next page) shows Saturn on the MC and Jupiter conjunct the floating MC, so the year ahead will be highly successful for the Prime Minister with him firmly in control.

August, 2002: the PM's Lunar Return of 16 August, set for Canberra, shows Mars and the Sun closely conjunct and just below the Ascendant. Mercury rules the 10th House and squares Pluto in the 4th. I read from this that the PM will be vigorously pursuing a radical policy.

September, 2002: Venus conjunct Neptune by Solar-Arc direction on Sept. 21 signals a happy success for the PM that will win him plaudits and approval.

Oct. 10, 2002. Pluto conjunct Saturn (cVa-Na): A difficult situation confronts the PM probably in relation to refugees.

Oct. 30, 2002. Mars opposite Pluto (Sp-Na) powerfully activates the same aspect in the Radix. John Howard will be put under tension through world events and problems in dealing with foreign countries. Surprising and complex situations have to be addressed.



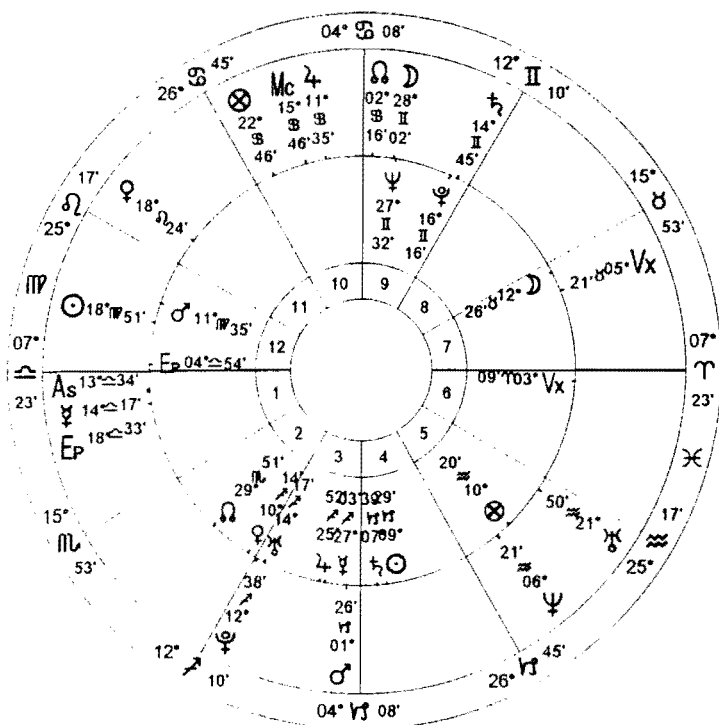
Nov. 4, 2002. Uranus Stat. opposite Mercury: News from abroad that the PM would rather not hear or have to deal with. Disturbing events overseas.

Nov. 20, 2002. Lunar Eclipse at 27Ta33, conjunct the Asc, opposite the Moon: Complications and troubles due to change of plans.

Nov. 28, 2002: Mars conjunct the Moon (cSa-Na). In a burst of activity the PM discusses future legislation with cabinet members.

THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION CHART

In the last Issue, the Australian Federation Chart of Jan 1, 1901 was printed for Melbourne at a time of 1 pm. Allan Johnson points out that the time should have been 0.00 am. The legal implementation, started at zero hours, Melbourne, 1 Jan 1901, and



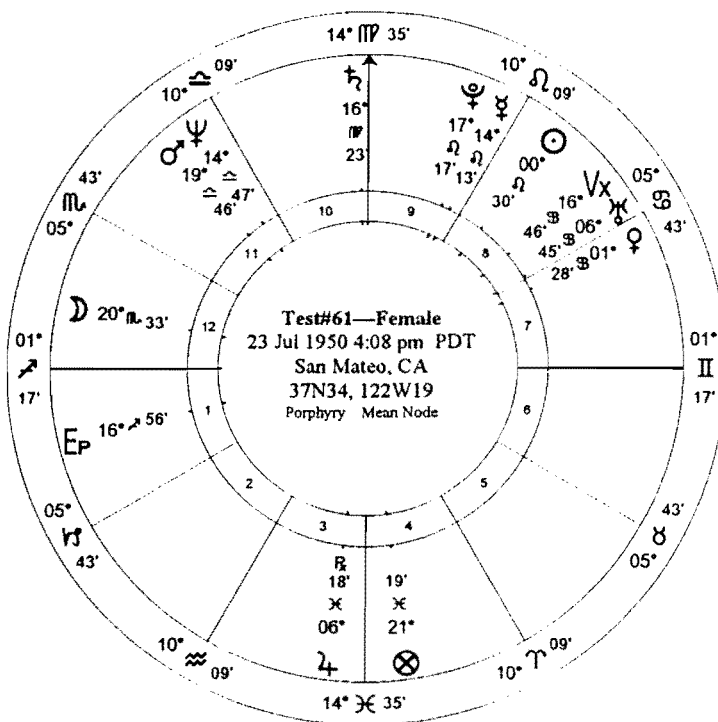
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was celebrated at that time in Melbourne with a banquet. A second Ceremonial Banquet was held in Centennial Park, Sydney, at 1 pm on Jan 1, 1901. The Melbourne Chart is printed above surrounded by the Transiting positions on that fateful 11th September 2001, as presented in the last Issue.

TEST 61—FEMALE

This is an exercise to determine what occurred on 1st March 1977 in the life of a woman whose Birth Chart appears below. She was living in Los Angeles, California, at the time.

Please send your answers to me (e-mail and postal addresses are



on page 1) by January 20, 2002, so that the solution and a summary of the results can be published in the next Issue of this Journal. You are free to use any astrological technique, ancient or modern, that you favour. Give the crucial astrological factors (Aspects, positions, half-sums, etc.) on which your answer is based but it is not necessary to give various supporting evidence from a variety of techniques. Choose the method that you believe is most apposite and let the rest go even if their analysis has helped you to your conclusion. If your answer is correct that is sufficient. If it is not correct any amount of other evidence will not make it right.

Results will be published in the January Issue of this Journal and also on the e-mail Lists HoraryToday, Symmetrical Astrology and Uranian-U. All readers who take the trouble to make a written response will receive an early personal answer and at least one means of solving the problem.

These increasingly popular exercises are not a contest but a means of applying and possibly improving your astrological techniques by seeing how they work in practical situations. It is noticeable that there is a vast amount of speculation and theory in today's astrological writings, whether in publications or on the Internet, but comparatively little in the way of their practical application. If you work on the exercises they will certainly develop your skill in both diagnosis and prediction, as those who have done them will attest. Real work of this nature will bring you further along the road of astrological competency than any amount of cursory reading.

If you send in a wrong answer early you can have as many further attempts as you wish—you help yourself by doing so.

My kind regards and Christmas greetings to all. — Dymock.

1 December, 2001.

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AUSTRALIA AND NEW YORK

by Allan Johnson

The terrorist attack on New York on 11th September was not aimed at America exclusively but was meant to apply to all Western societies and culture. So other countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand, etc., were regarded as equally guilty in the eyes of Osama Bin Laden. This meant we were targets for terrorist attacks just as much as New York or any other city in the West. So from that point of view it is interesting to look at Transits to the Australian Federation Chart for that fatal date of 11th September and see how the powerful Saturn/Pluto opposition lines up with it.

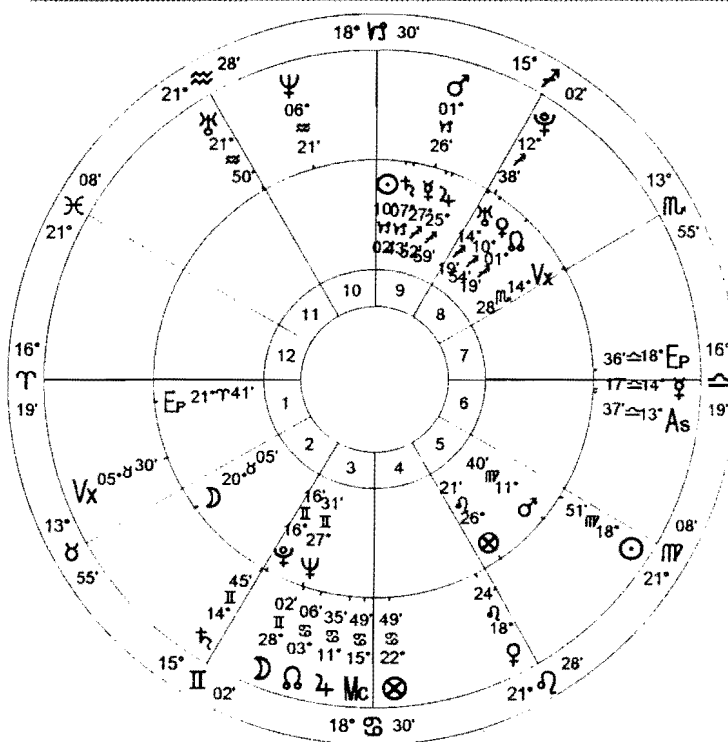
The most powerful configuration in the Australian Chart is the T-Square pattern Uranus/Venus/Mars. In this case it is absolutely *spot on* with Pluto on Venus/Uranus, square Mars and opposite its own Natal position. [See Bi-Wheel, adjacent] This certainly shows that these Transits do work! Also it points to a very fatalistic set-up. And Transiting Saturn makes all the same contacts. Saturn and Pluto are considered to be fatalistic planets while Pluto, Mars and Uranus are frequently concerned with violence and the unexpected. Of course, the Federation Chart is also very similar to the Chart for the 20th Century and this gives it world-wide significance, although the catastrophic event did not actually happen in the 20th Century but in the 21st. It really straddled both centuries. In any case what we get is *overlap*. The beginning of a new century does not mean a new start in everything but a *continuing trend*. Also in this connection we can compare it with what happens when a person dies. I have done a lot of research on the charts of famous individuals and have found that long after they were dead the rise and fall of the reputations was reflected in Transits to their charts at the same time. This applies particularly in the case of writers and artists.

Actually the 21st Century Chart is not a particularly violent one like the 20th, which is why I have been predicting for quite some time now that there won't be any more wars on the scale of 1914 and 1939. Terrorism can bring acts of violence as in New York but on a tremendously smaller scale. So I think we can predict that the new Century will still be a relatively peaceful time to live in. The distance in time between the 12th January 2001 and the 11th of September is too small to use for Transits of the outer planets like Uranus and Pluto. They are still within orbs of their January positions. As with humans, we don't expect too many big events in the life of a young baby. We have to go further ahead. The New York attack is the biggest act of terrorism we have yet seen, but terrorism has been with us for quite some time in various parts of the world such as Europe and Japan, and so on. But as we move further into the Aquarian Age, wars involving religious hatreds are likely to be less and less a feature of life on this earth. Religious hatreds have been the *dark side* of the Age of Pisces. I would say the Age of Aquarius is essentially the age of religious toleration. Its keynote is "Live and Let Live!". What the Moslems are fighting against is not so much other religions, but *secularisation* which they feel by-passes religion altogether.

Finally, an extra point could be raised about the similarity of the Federation Chart to the 20th Century Chart, as the beginning of the Federation was timed for precisely that event. When Cardinal Signs are rising we do get a tendency towards an Equal House

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Chart, so this does also narrow the difference between the two Charts though one is for London and the other for Melbourne. History has shown that whenever a major world event has occurred there has been a big impact on Australia. Bin Laden's command to kill Americans could also apply to Australians. □

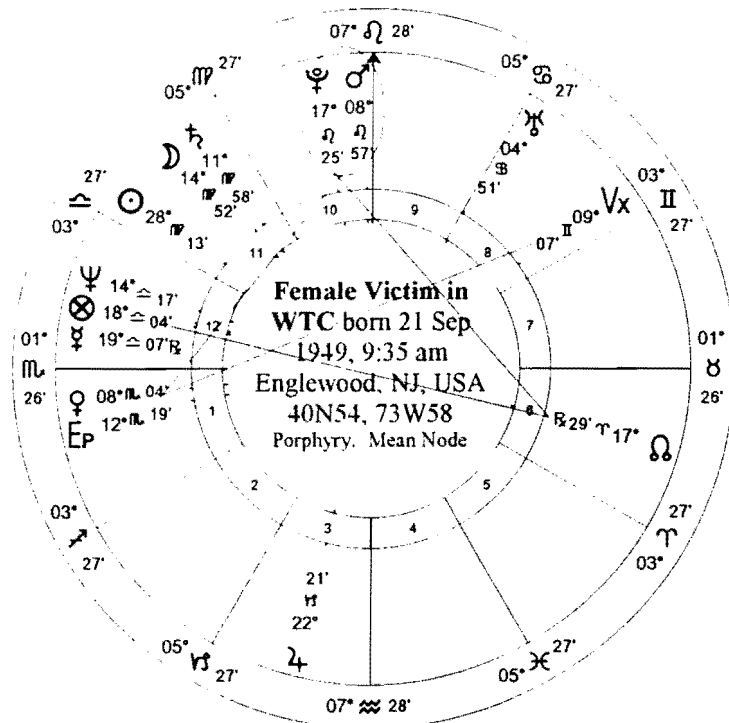
WORLD TRADE CENTRE

A Personal Tragedy

Among the scores of tragedies surrounding the terrorists' strike on the W.T.C. here is one of a would-be saviour who perished and whose birth details are available: Birgit Daub writes from Germany, "I got the birth details of a woman who worked in the W.T.C. When evacuated she found that a colleague, five months

pregnant, was missing. She returned back upstairs to help the woman out and both were never seen again."

Here is the Birth Chart of the unfortunate woman who tried to rescue her friend:



Noticeable first is the dominating presence of Mars and Pluto in the Midheaven—and they are Co-Rulers of the Ascendant. Not a happy augury!

Then we see Mars 8Le57 square to and dispossing Venus 8Sc04 just below the Ascendant—a powerful connection with the physical body and its welfare, especially as Mars rules the House of Sickness. This is augmented by Pluto 17Le25 trine the Node 17Ar29 also in the 6th House.

Venus closely quincunx the Vertex in the House of Death warns of a fateful and dire occurrence to come. Venus rules the 12th House whose traditional meaning is sorrows and "self-undoing". The gallant woman could have gone to safety but died when she went back to help her friend.

The fateful occurrence that ended her life was only ten days before her 52nd birthday and is depicted in the Solar Return Chart of 20 Sep 2000 set for New York, the scene of the W.T.C. collapse. This Bi-Wheel appears in the next column with the Birth positions in the outer circle.

Pisces rises, and traditional Ruler Jupiter is in a tight T-Square with Pluto and n.Saturn. It lies close to the terminal 4th Cusp and conjoins the fateful n.Vertex.

N.Neptune, Co-Ruler of the SR Ascendant, conjoins the Death Cusp, the 8th House being emphasized by the presence of the Natal Ascendant, Mercury and the Part of Misfortune.

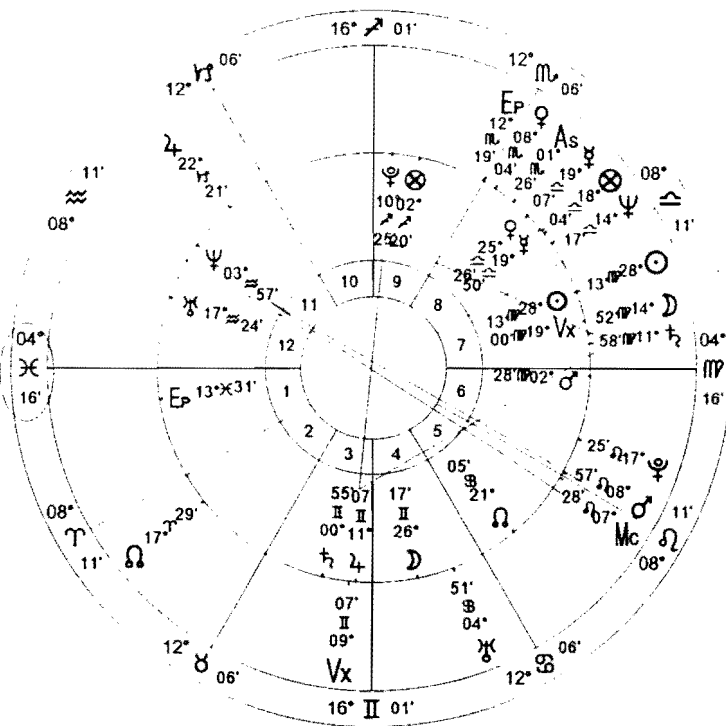
Uranus, 17Aq24 opposes n.Pluto 17Leo25 (*sudden disaster*).

Natal Mars and MC on the 6th Cusp are opposed by Neptune. SR Ruler of the Chart.

The Age Harmonic and the Sun-Moon Phase-Return Charts are also impressive with their portrayal of this tragic event. They are not reproduced here to save space but are quickly available to any astrologer with a Program such as *Solar Fire*.

Looking at a Chart like the above Solar Return might incline one to think it was all "pre-destined". But, *no*, the element of *Free Will* was there—the woman was not compelled or obliged to go back into the death trap. She chose to do so out of love and compassion for her friend. She will reap her *karmic* reward.

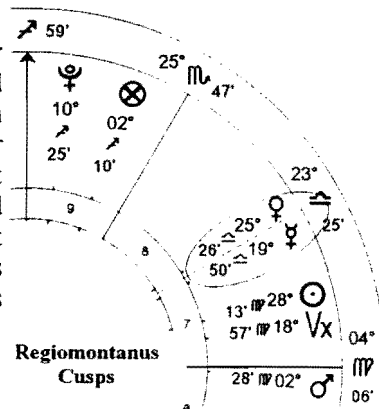
For some time I have been divided in my choice of Cusps—



Inner Wheel: Solar Return 20 Sep 2000 for Female Victim in W.T.C. set for New York, 5:54:37 pm EDT, 40N40:11, 73W56:38. Porphyry Cusps, Mean Node.

Porphyry as above, or Regiomontanus (having tested most of the others and been disappointed). The same Solar Return Chart as above but with Regiomontanus instead of Porphyry Cusps at least settles the question in this instance. Regiomontanus is clearly inferior: Venus and Mercury on the 8th Cusp is just about the antithesis of what actually happened.

— Dymock.



AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL ELECTION **10TH NOVEMBER 2001**

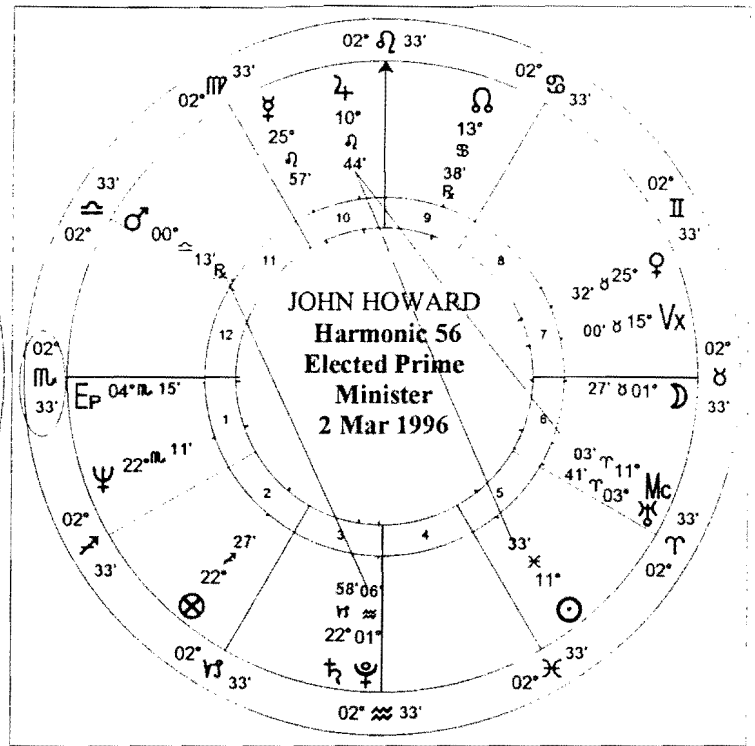
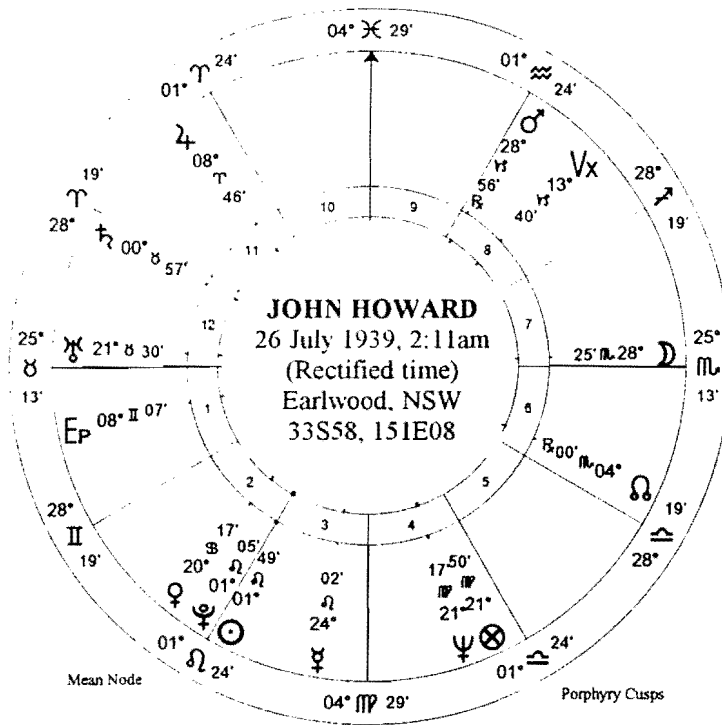
Who will win this critical Election and be our next Prime Minister? The choice lies between the two main protagonists, the present incumbent John Howard leading a Liberal-National Coalition Party, and Kim Beazley Leader of the Opposition Labor Party.

There are various astrological ways of predicting the winner one of the most favoured, and perhaps the best, is by examining the Horoscopes and derived Charts of the front runners. A difficulty is often that we don't have reliable birth data for the candidates. That is the situation in the present instance. John Howard has been ascribed birth times ranging from 2 am to 9:45 pm, though his mother gave the time as "approximately 2 am" Australian Eastern Standard Time. I decided to work with this time and see if I could rectify the Chart by Age Harmonics.

Using this technique, which I regard as the sovereign method of distinguishing the true from the false birth times, out-classing all other methods, I came up with a time of 2:11 am.

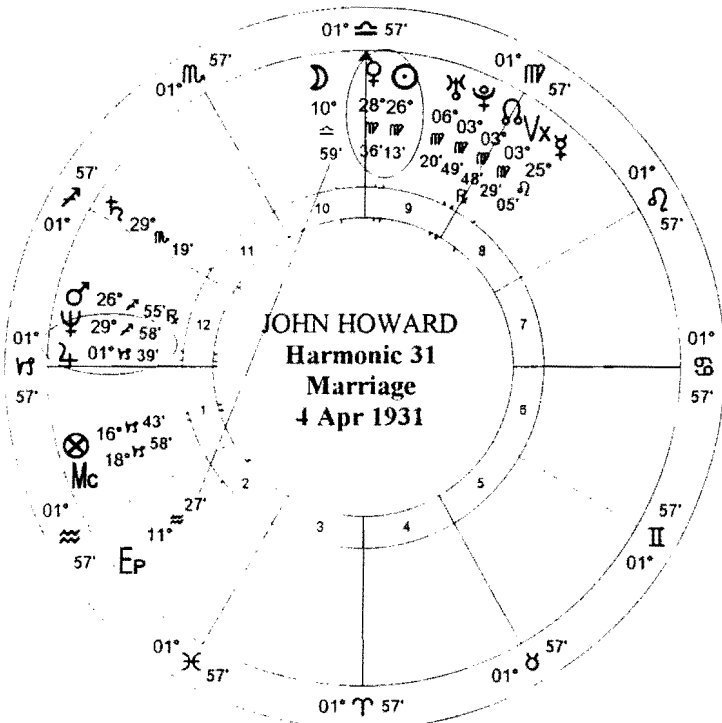
A Chart for this time appears on the next page.

My justification for presenting this Chart is that Age Harmonics drawn from it do truly reflect the important events of Mr Howard's life, whereas the Harmonics drawn from the other



suggested birth times *do not!* Here are a couple of examples (space available will not allow for more):

On 4 April 1971, John Howard married Janette Parker. His Age was 31 and here is the 31st Age Harmonic —

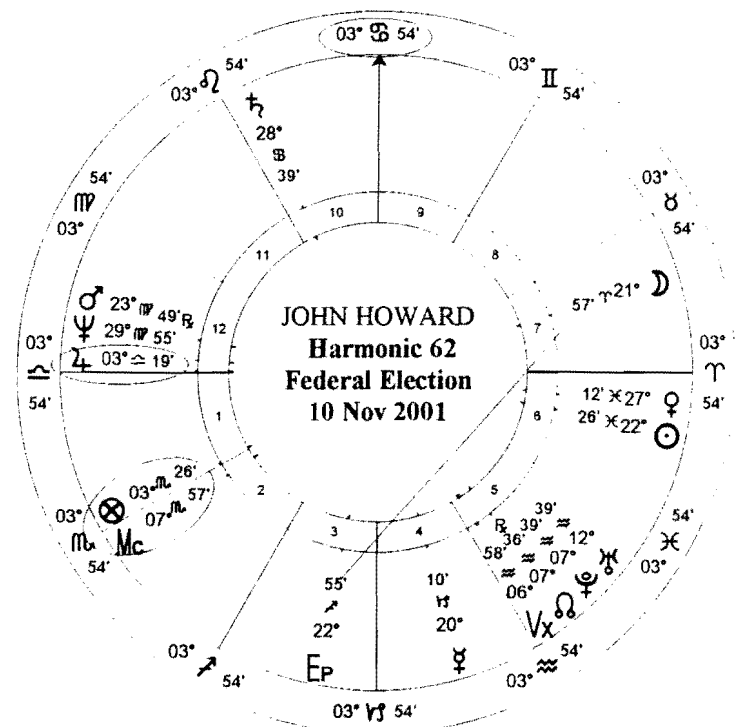


This important event in the Prime Minister's life is aptly described by Jupiter rising conjunct Neptune (*euphoric state*); Venus (*love and union*) on the Upper Meridian conjunct the Sun (*important love attachment and enhanced status*) the Moon (*ruling the House of Marriage*) occupying the House of Status and trine the East Point (*harmonious and beneficial change*).

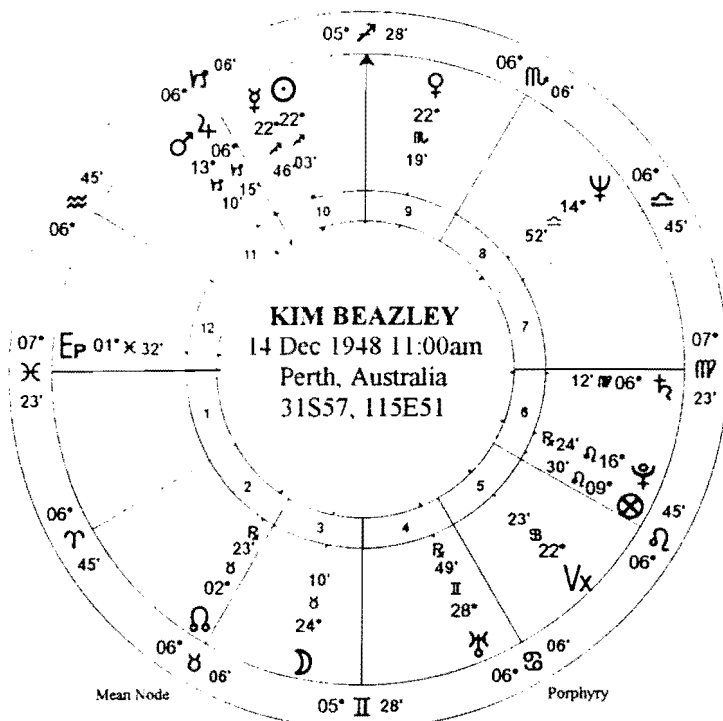
A great moment in John Howard's career was his landslide win in the Federal Election of 2nd March 1996 when he was 56. This is appropriately reflected in his 56th Age Harmonic Chart (see next column). There is the great benefic, Jupiter, spreading its aura of success and achievement in the Midheaven and closely trining the

"floating" MC (orb 19'). Mars and Pluto, joint Rulers of the Ascendant, are in a close harmonious trine (*success attained through excessive effort*, says Ebertin). Further distinctive indications of outstanding success can be seen if you put the Birth Figure around the above Harmonic Chart in concentric style. (e.g. *n.Sun/Pluto conjunction right at the MC; n.Asc 15Tau13 conjunct h.Venus 25Ta32*).

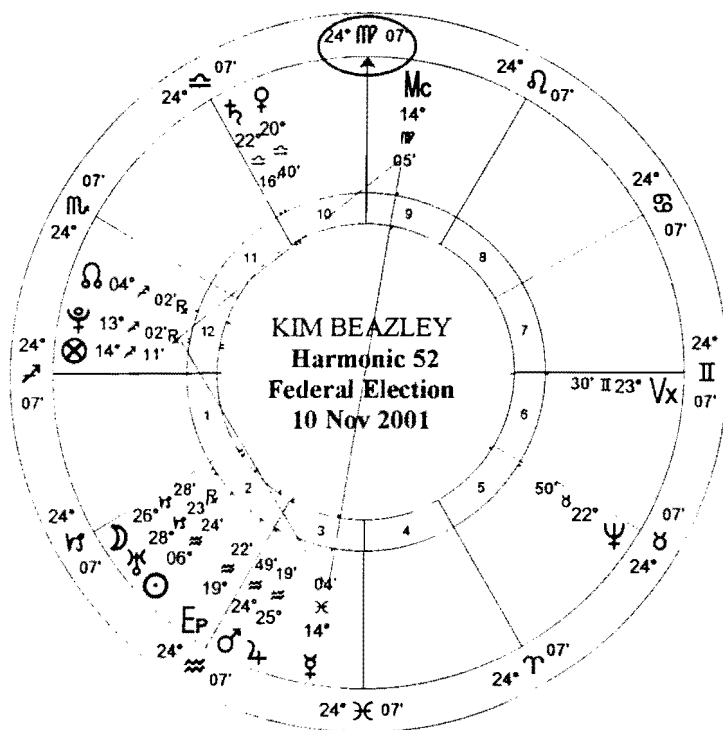
So, using the rectified time, what are Mr. Howard's chances in the 10th November Poll? They are good but not overwhelming as in the 1996 Election. They are shown in his Age Harmonic 62:



The benefic Jupiter is right on the Ascendant (*good fortune*); Venus conjuncts the Sun (*personal triumph*); the Moon ruling the House of Achievement is closely trine the East Point (*success from personal efforts*); the floating MC conjoins the Fortuna (*good fortune*). The indications are certainly good enough for John Howard to win and especially so as his opponent, Kim Beazley.



has a poor Age Harmonic. His Birth Figure is above, and here is his 52nd Age Harmonic:



For Mr Beazley's lack of success in the coming Election one need look no further than the T-Square involving Mercury, (Ruler of the Upper Meridian) the floating MC and Pluto. Other adverse factors are evident but that is enough. — Dymock.

TEST 59—RESULTS

For Test 59 there were 20 responses from 11 participants in Australia, Netherlands, Israel, Egypt, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Michigan. Two respondents were right first time. They were Ross Harvey (Australia) and Paul Langeveld (Netherlands).

The correct match was most easily found by Age Harmonics both as separate Charts and related to the Birth Chart. This technique was used by both the successful participants. Ross Harvey used only Age Harmonics. Paul Langeveld used Age

Harmonics and got supporting evidence from Solar and Lunar Returns and Progressions.

In the following analysis I give only the crucial and determining factors. There are multiple other indications if you relate the Age Harmonic to the Birth Chart. There is not enough room to print these Charts but I will e-mail them to anyone interested.

Dec 1972: Father's stroke.

Harmonic 13 has the Sun ruling the 4th House (father) trine to Saturn, Moon and Mars.

March 1989: Wife left.

Harmonic 30 has Venus ruling the 7th House (spouse) conjunct Uranus quincunx the Moon.

Aug 1993: Second marriage.

Harmonic 34 has Venus ruling the 7th House (marriage) conjunct Mars ruling the 1st (the native) and the N.Node (union).

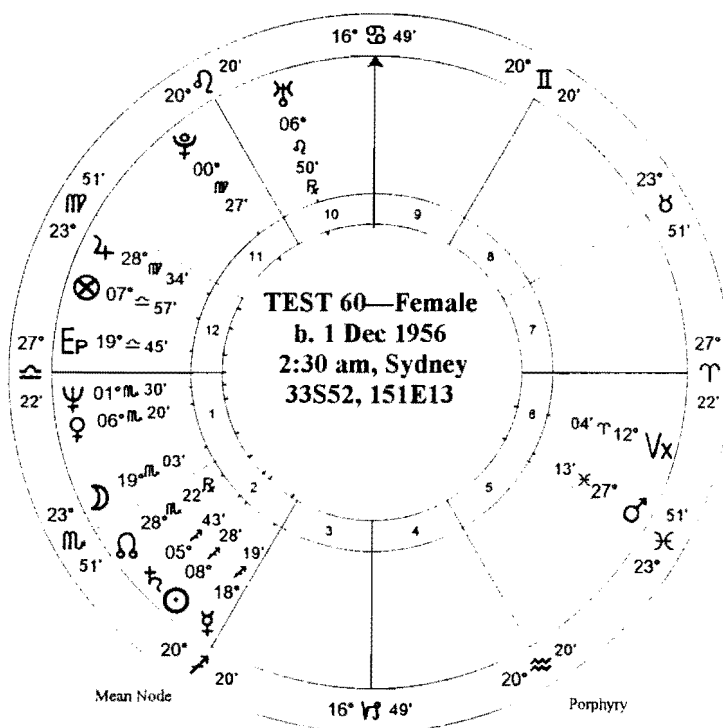
Nov 1999: Bought house with leaking roof.

Harmonic 40 has Mars on the 4th Cusp (houses) quincunx Uranus and sesquare Neptune (leaks).

Other techniques used by participants were Vedic, Eclipses, Solar-Arc Directions, Midpoints (including the TransNeptunians) and Proflections. Little was seen of Uranian techniques.

TEST NO. 60—FEMALE A Multiple Choice Quiz

Here is the Birth Chart of a woman born on December 1, 1956, in Sydney Australia.



An important event occurred in this woman's life on **February 6, 2001**. It was one of the following: Can you pick the correct one?

- * Her marriage broke up.
- * She had an intense love-affair.
- * She was injured in an accident.
- * She moved into a new home.
- * She acquired a new big-paying job.

Please send your answer to me by normal post or e-mail with its astrological justification by **November 20**. Everyone who participates will receive an early, individual reply.

My kind regards to everybody,

Dymock, 3 Nov 2001.

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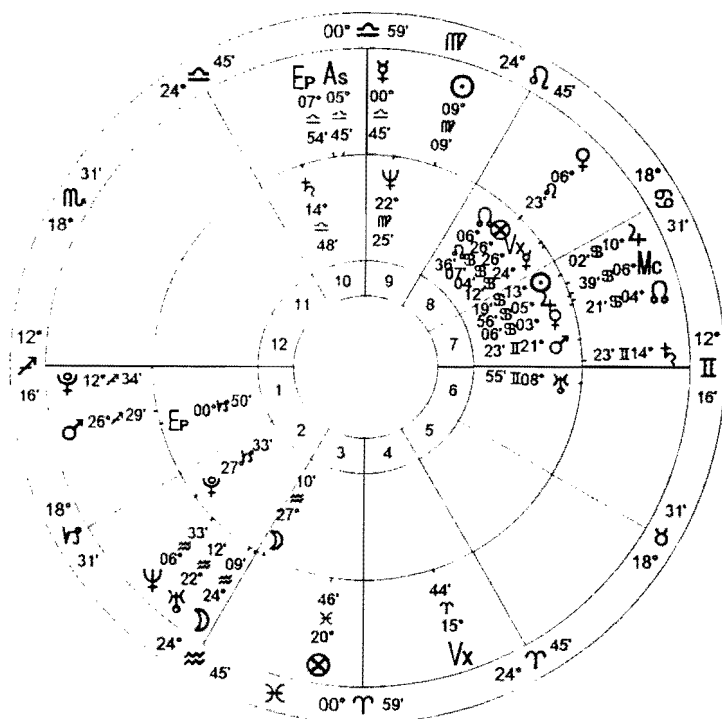
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MAYHEM AND DESTRUCTION IN THE USA

The shock and horror of the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York and the Pentagon in Washington having now subsided to some extent we as astrologers having regained emotional equilibrium can contemplate what, if anything, has been gained from the slaughter of civilians and the massive destruction achieved by the terrorists.

Aside from questions of altered Government policy, increased civilian security and probable revision of building standards, especially in relation to great public edifices, we can at least be reasonably sure now of what is the best Radix for the American Nation, or at least the best of those that have up to date been under consideration. This is a question that has for long been in doubt. Astrologers all over the world have espoused a range of different Charts with widely different times. One Chart has now become pre-eminent through the placement of the **Pluto—Saturn Opposition** lying across the *Horizon* of this particular Radix at the time when the first plane crashed into a twin tower of the World Trade Centre. The Radix I refer to is the one shown below with the Transits operating on that fateful September 11.



Inner Wheel: USA INDEPENDENCE. 4 JULY 1776,
17:09:45 LMT (5:10:17 pm EST). Philadelphia, PA
40°N00°24".75°W08°05". Porphyry Cusps. True Node.
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Cusps are those of the USA Radix (Inner wheel)

Pluto almost exactly on the Ascendant and closely opposed by Saturn is an arresting example of the destructive power of these

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two bodies when falling on critical points of a Chart—in this case the Ascendant-Descendant axis. The appalling loss of life and massive destruction of buildings may be attributed to this clashing of Pluto with Saturn—power and mass, irresistible force, meeting the (almost) immovable obstacle.

Supporting evidence that probably we now have the best Chart for the USA is afforded by the Nation's Age Harmonic Figure for the current month in which the terrorists wreaked their havoc. The USA was 225 years and 2 months old on 4th September and the Harmonic 225.1667 relates to the month 4 Sep—4 Oct 2001. The

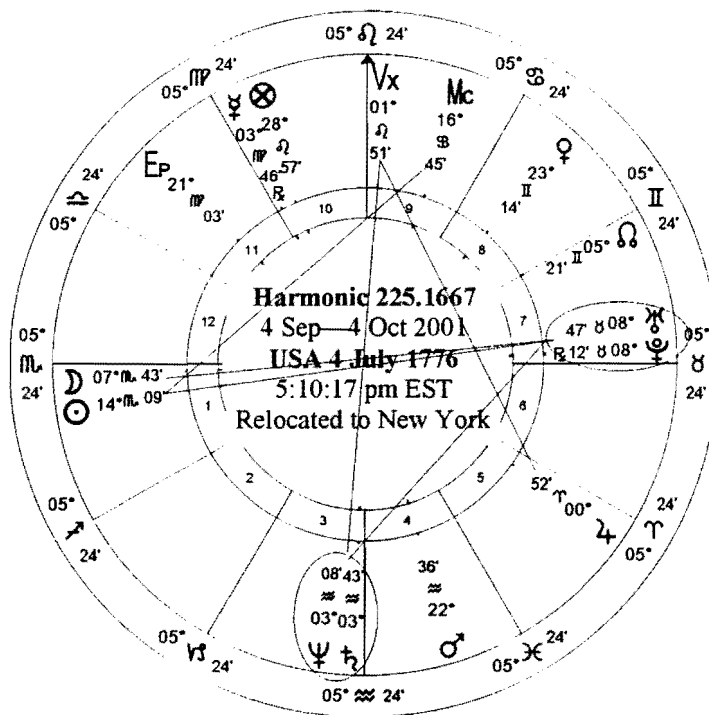


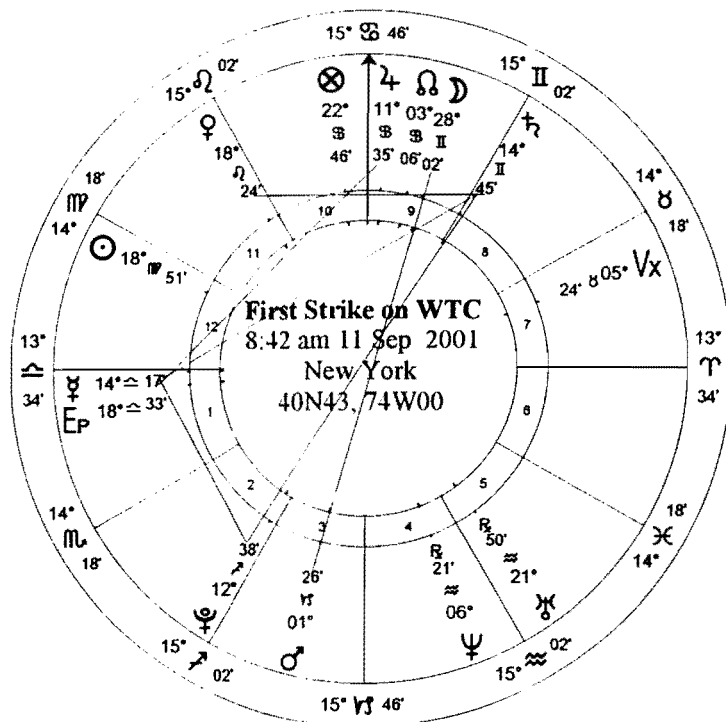
Chart is relocated to New York where the terrorists made their first strike.

This Figure is remarkable for the dangerous and close conjunctions of the outer planets. Pluto and Uranus are locked together on the 7th Cusp (enemies) square to Saturn and Neptune similarly locked on the 4th Cusp (buildings). Uranus and Pluto are known for their capacity to produce a sudden crisis. Here they oppose both the Sun and the Moon as well as being linked to

Saturn and Neptune, so the crisis was *cataclysmic* in nature, powerfully affecting the lives of the whole Nation (Sun and Moon in the 1st House).

Neptune and Saturn opposing the MC and the Vertex (fateful events) signify that the loss and grief will change the policy of the Nation. It is heartening to see the trine of Jupiter to the Vertex which I read as an indication of the Nation's catastrophe bringing out leadership qualities in the Government, particularly as the Sun is trine to the floating MC and rules the 10th House (Head of State).

Below is the Chart for the time of the first plane crashing into one of the twin towers of the W.T.C. Being an Event Chart, its 1st



House signifies the person or group that initiated the action, the terrorists. It is noteworthy that the evil Star **Algorab** (destructiveness and malevolence) at 13Li28 is right on the Ascendant. Mercury there aspecting Saturn, Pluto and Jupiter portrays them as being extremist (Pluto), religious fanatics (Jupiter) and careful planners (Saturn). Mercury rules the 9th and 12th Houses. The 9th signifies the terrorists came from abroad; the 12th, which holds the Sun, points to a secret and powerful organization at the back of the front line operatives.

The victim, the USA, is symbolically represented by the 7th House which is ruled by Mars. Mars rules also the 2nd House which is the derived 8th (deaths) in relation to the 7th. The Moon being a multiplier its opposition to Mars shows many deaths and also destruction of buildings as the Moon rules the derived 4th House (buildings) (the Radical 10th).

It is obvious that in the war against terrorism proclaimed by President Bush the enemy has won this first round (Jupiter and *Fortuna* at the Upper Meridian) though not without losses (the Moon ruling the MC opposed by Mars; Venus ruling the Ascendant and the House of Death opposed by Uranus).

In contrast, the USA's derived 10th House (the Radical 4th) is ruled by Saturn, direly afflicted by Pluto and the Sun. This signalled loss and destruction on a massive scale, but it will also bring about a fundamental alteration in Government policy. The sextile of Venus to Saturn indicates recovery as Venus is quite strongly placed on the 11th Cusp—gradual recovery, Venus being out of Dignity in Leo where it operates with less strength than in Libra or Taurus.

So what are the prospects for the USA in the next twelve months? We cannot expect any real gains for the remainder of

September as Saturn, the planet that denies, delays and frustrates, is now Stationary at 14Ge48 directly opposing the Rising Degree 12Sg16 of the newly established USA Chart.

October also is unpromising. Neptune is Stationary at 6Aq00, where it conjuncts the South Node at 6Aq36 in the 2nd House of the USA Chart indicating schemes and rorts of a financial nature. Uranus Stationary trine Mars in the 7th House on October 30 will stimulate activity of a martial nature but does not necessarily mean a victory of any sort.

November is the first month to suggest much progress. Jupiter Stationary on the Sun in the first week will raise the Nation's hopes, help finances and bring gains on the Stock Market.

The **Eclipse of the Sun** on 14 December does not augur well for the USA. It falls on Mars in the Nation's Horoscope and probably indicates significant casualties in the war against terrorists. In the Month's Harmonic Chart 225.4167 (not reproduced) Mars and Neptune straddle the Ascendant in Pisces while Saturn in Pisces just below them receives the opposition of Neptune. A horrible *possibility* here is the unleashing of a biological or poison gas weapon against the populace.

The Sun joins the Moon by Secondary Progression in January 2002. This commences a new phase, with better arrangements in communication and transportation. Venus trine the Moon by Primary Direction this month should bring an improvement in the employment situation.

Saturn Stationary on Uranus in February suggests a drastic alteration in Government policy, presumably for the best.

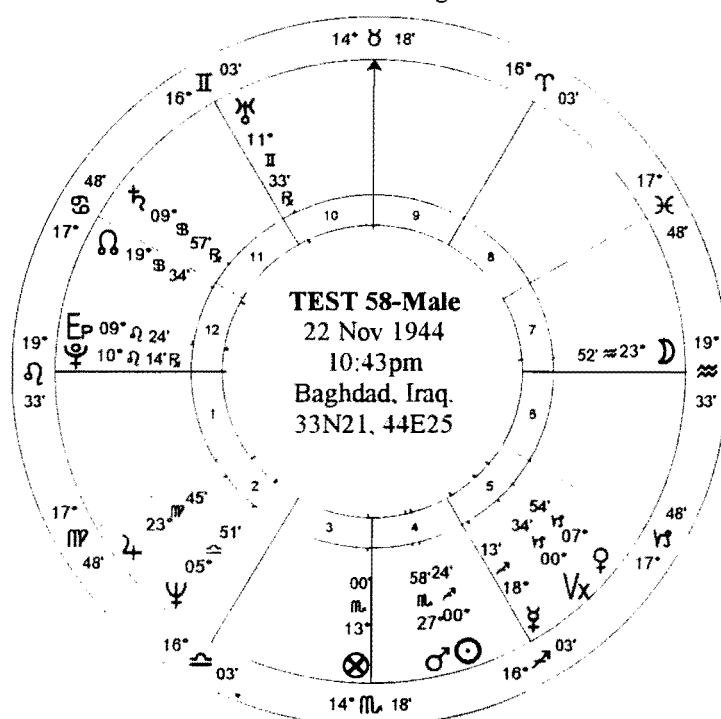
Jupiter sextile Neptune by converse Solar Arc on March 14 may not be productive of anything substantial but should lighten the general mood. The first significant success in the war against terrorism is likely around **March 25, 2002**, when Mars conjoins the MC by converse Vertex Arc.

Further success in relation to foreign countries is indicated around **May 24, 2002**, when the Ruler of the MC, Venus, trines the Sun (ruling the 9th House) by Ascendant Arc. □

TEST 58—RESULTS AND SOLUTION

The Test related to the Chart below and the exercise was to match the following three events with their correct dates selected from the three dates given:

1. He joined a political party and became a candidate for the Prime Ministership.
2. He married his assistant.
3. He was convicted of sexual assault against two women and was



subsequently given a suspended sentence of 18 months in gaol. The dates are: **Oct. 30, 1997; Jan. 25, 1999; Mar. 21, 2001.**

The correct match is—

1. 25 January 1999, he joined a political party and became a candidate for the Prime Ministership.
2. 30 October 1997, he married his assistant.
3. 21 March 2001, he was convicted of sexual assault against two women and was subsequently given a suspended sentence of 18 months in gaol.

There were eleven respondents of whom three gave the correct answer: Shirley Gray (Michigan), Lisa (Cairo) and Gabe Rosas (USA).

Shirley used principally direct and converse Solar-Arc Directions (including the Aries Point) and Tertiary Progressions. Lisa used Age Harmonics. Gabe used Profections.

The **Age Harmonic Charts** disclosed the relevant situations for the given dates:

1. On 25 Jan 1999, the subject joined a political party and became a candidate for the Prime Ministership. **Age Harmonic 54** relates to the year 22 Nov. 1998—22 Nov. 1999. In this

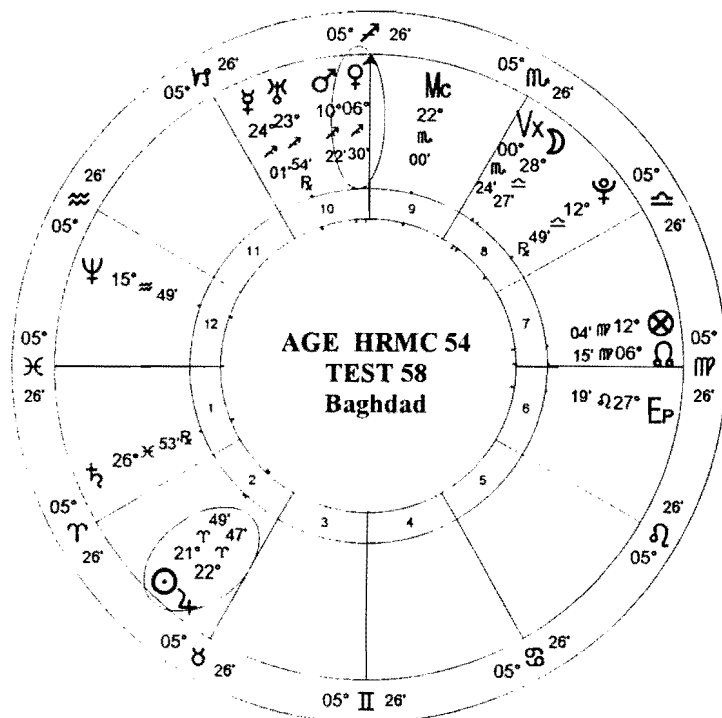


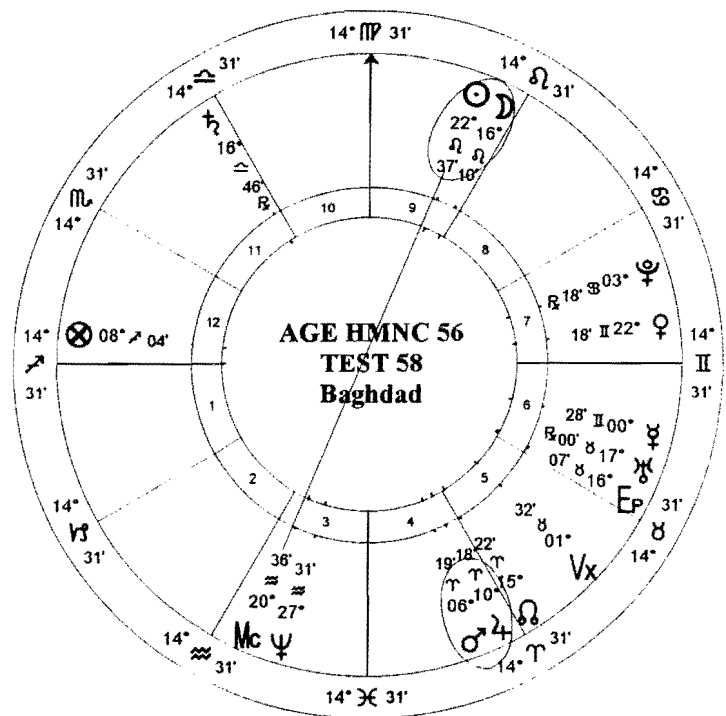
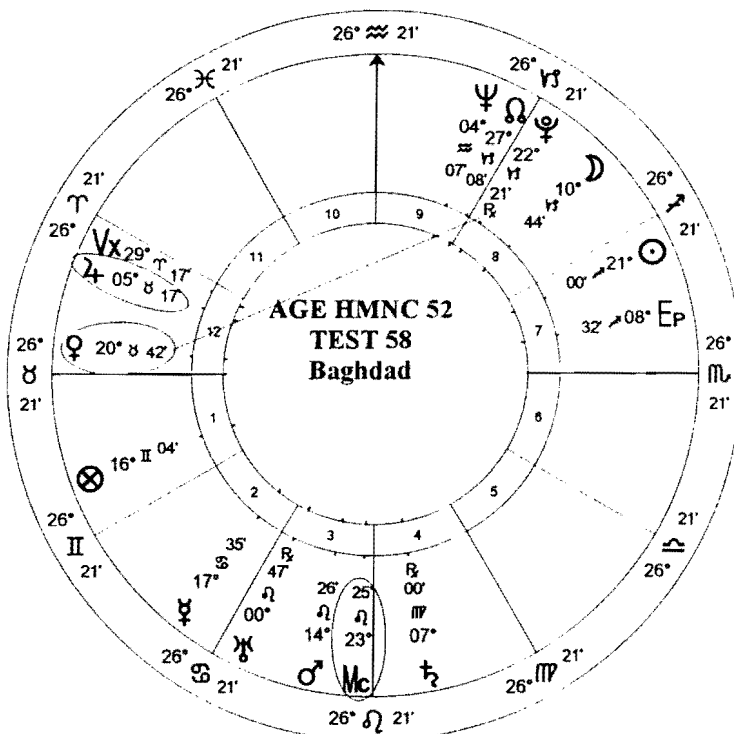
Chart the Sun 21Ar49 conjoins Jupiter 22Ar47 ruling the House of Career and Status (*expansion of ego and ambitions*). Venus at 6Sg30 conjoins the MC at 5Sg26 (*happiness in career*).

2. On 30 October 1997 the subject married his assistant. **Age Harmonic 52** relates to the year 22 Nov 1996—22 Nov 1997. Venus at 20Ta42 just above the Ascendant is trine to Pluto and to natal Jupiter. Jupiter at 5Ta17 is trine to natal Venus. The "floating" MC at 23Le25 is opposite the natal Moon at 23Aq52 on the harmonic MC. The involvement of Venus, Pluto, Jupiter, the Moon and the MC is a typical set-up for an intense love attachment and marriage.

3. On 21 March 2001 the subject was convicted of sexual assault and later given a suspended sentence. **Age Harmonic 56** relates to the year 22 Nov 2000—22 Nov 2001. Sagittarius rises and Ruler Jupiter is conjunct Mars (*legal troubles*). Mars rules the 5th House (*sexual transgressions*). The Sun and Moon are conjoined in the 9th House (*legal process*). The Sun rules the 9th and is opposed to the "floating" MC (*loss of reputation*).

Solar and Lunar Returns (set for Jerusalem) were also revealing but cannot be reproduced here.

This is the first time any of the Tests has been solved using



Profections. Here is what Gabe Rosas wrote about it:

30 Oct 1997—marriage: Using Alcabitus House Cusps and the medieval technique of profection, the first date falls within the 5th House for the year starting 22 Nov 1996, the 4th House for the month (22 Oct-22 Nov), and the 7th House for the 2½ day period the date falls into. Of note in the 5th House (children and entertainment), Venus is opposed to Saturn (ruler of both the 6th House (servants) and 7th House (marriage)) in the 11th, so marriage is a possibility. In the 4th House, we see Mars (having honour of Exaltation in the 6th House) square to the Moon in the 7th; again another indication that marriage is possible. With the 7th-House day and the rulers of the 6th and 7th Houses already favoured for this period of time, marriage is a probable result.

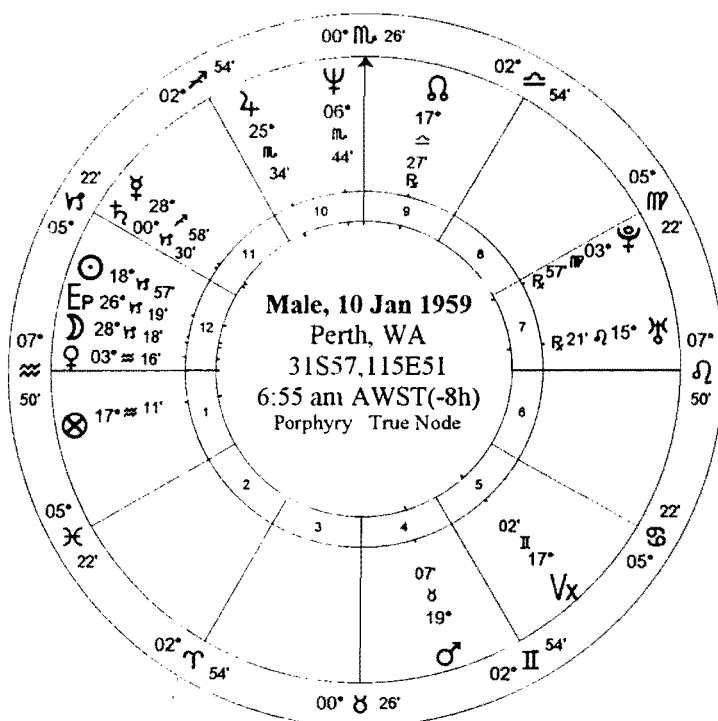
25 Jan 1999—nomination: By profection, this date is in a 7th-House year, 9th-House month, and 10th-House day. We've seen the Mars-Moon square already, but having Mars ruler of the 9th and the Moon having honor of Exaltation in the 10th House, an institution having a strong involvement in one's career is indicated,

so this is the date that Mr. 58 was nominated for Office. 21 Mar 2001—conviction: By profection, this date is a 9th-House year, 12th-House month, and 10th-House day. With Jupiter in the 2nd with honour of Exaltation in the 12th House (imprisonment) and being in its Detriment but being naturally benefic and having mutual reception through a square with Mercury in the 5th (Jupiter in Virgo and Mercury in Sagittarius), this gets our Mr. 58 out of trouble with the law, hence his conviction with a suspended sentence.

Congratulations to all who worked on this exercise. These "Tests" are a prime means of improving astrological expertise. They shine a light on one's techniques revealing strengths, weaknesses and omissions that might otherwise escape detection. □

NEW TEST NO. 59

Below is the Horoscope of a man born in Perth, west Australia on 10th January 1959 at 6:55 am.



Here are four important dates in his life:

8 Aug 1993, 16 Dec 1972, 20 Nov 1999, March 1989.

On each of the above dates one of the following important events occurred in his life:

1. His father, a consulting structural engineer, had a massive stroke and was never able to work again.
2. His wife of one year left him while he was at work, taking all the furniture.
3. He married for the second time.
4. He bought at auction an older house with a leaking roof.

The Test is to match each event with one of the given dates. This is a useful exercise that gives scope for trying various methods. The solution will be published in the next Issue, but those who send an answer by **October 15** will receive the solution in a personal reply before that date. State the crucial astrological factors on which your decision is based. There is no need to give an extended analysis.

OCTOBER 2001—TRANSITING ASPECTS

The planetary links listed below do not take precedence over your own personal Transits and Progressions but operate with some effect if they repeat a similar aspect, fill a gap, or touch a sensitive point in your horoscope. Try to use them for constructive action.

Oct. 2. Full Moon: Tends to make you moody and restless. Brings issues to a head. Mercury Stationary at 29Li03 brings effects

relating to any planet it contacts in your own Horoscope. If Mercury is on a sensitive Zodiacal point (MC, Asc, Eq, Asc, Node, EP, Vtx, or a Cusp) it will be expressed in talk, thought, writing.

Oct. 2. Venus 12Vi57 square Pluto 12Sg57: Adds passion to some relationships and destroys others. Watch how you go if in a partnership.

Oct. 2. Venus 13Vi03 trine Mars 13Cp03: Heightens personal appeal and creates attractions.

Oct. 3. Venus 14Vi10 sextile Jupiter 14Cn10: Luck, harmony, warmth of feeling, pleasure. A time to enjoy.

Oct. 3. Venus 14Vi56 square Saturn 14Ge56: Cools relationships and may bring health problems. Proceed carefully.

Oct. 4. Mars 14Cp15 opposite Jupiter 14Cn15: Tends to impulsive action and spending. Restrain your impulses and avoid conflicts.

Oct. 6. Sun 13Li0 sextile Pluto 13Sg03: Gives moral strength to handle issues.

Oct. 8. Sun 14Li36 square Jupiter 14Cn36: Tends to marital discord and financial extravagance. Go carefully.

Oct. 8. Sun 14Li51 trine Saturn 14Ge51: Deal with matters of substance. Plan realistically for long-term effects.

Oct. 14. Mercury 21Li02 trine Uranus 21Aq02: Open your mind. Investigate the new and unusual.

Oct. 14. Mercury 20Li50 square Mars 20Cp50: Beware of unnecessary argument. Take care when handling tools and implements.

Oct. 14. Sun conjunct Mercury 20Li47: Handle matters of importance—documents, correspondence, agreements, interviews, discussions, etc.

Oct. 14. Sun 21Li01 trine Uranus 21Aq01: Look around for new paths to follow and discoveries to make.

Oct. 14. Sun 21Li04 square Mars 21Cp04: Keep cool; don't be provoked into conflict unless in a worthy cause.

Oct. 18. Neptune Stationary at 6Aq00: Usually coincides with a loss or disappointment associated with its contacts in your Chart.

Oct. 19. Mercury 15Li22 square Jupiter 15Cn22: In communications written or verbal be alive to possible misinterpretation, mistakes, or indiscrete utterances.

Oct. 20. Venus 6Li00 trine Neptune 6Aq00: Tune in to the beauty and poetry about you—not only music, art, literature, etc., but people, animals, trees, blossoms and flowers.

Oct. 21. Mercury 14Li26 trine Saturn 14Ge26: Good for studying. Organize your affairs thoughtfully.

Oct. 23. Mercury Stationary at 15Li09. See Oct. 2 above.

Oct. 24. Mercury 14Li19 trine Saturn 14Ge19: The repeated link makes the interim period ideal for realistic planning and serious thought on any subject.

Oct. 26. Venus 13Li36 sextile Pluto 13Sg36: Exert your charms to good effect.

Oct. 27. Venus 14Li11 trine Saturn 14Ge11: The friends thou hast and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel (yes, Shakespeare said it first).

Oct. 27. Mercury 15Li37 square Jupiter 15Cn37: Use the same caution as for Oct. 19 above.

Oct. 28. Venus 15Cn38 square Jupiter 15Cn38: Your susceptibility to the charms of others may lead to an indiscretion. Curb excess in any area—food, finance, love, etc.

Oct. 29. Sun 6Sc02 square Neptune 6Aq02: A disappointment is not the end of everything. Show your spirit and keep going.

Oct. 31. Mercury conjunct Venus 19Li07: Some well-chosen words can seal the bonds of affection.

Oct. 31. Uranus Stat. at 20Aq55: If Uranus is making a contact in your Chart look for surprises and unexpected occurrences.

I shall be glad to receive feedback from anyone who has checked the above in relation to his/her own life.

My kind regards to everybody,

— Dymock, 27 Sep 2001.

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THE SECOND MILLENNIUM

by Allan Johnson

Now the Second Millennium has come to its ultimate finality I think it is worth while looking back to see how the original Chart for the beginning of January 1001 lined up with events over that thousand years of history. Would such a Chart be adequate for such a tumultuous period of time? Theoretically it should be. So we can have a look at it. But first we have to decide what we can use as a starting point. We have the time and date, but we don't have a point in latitude and longitude corresponding to Greenwich. There were no standard time zones in those days. People just used local time based on the movements of the Sun. G.M.T. and its general recognition did not become finalised till the 19th Century.

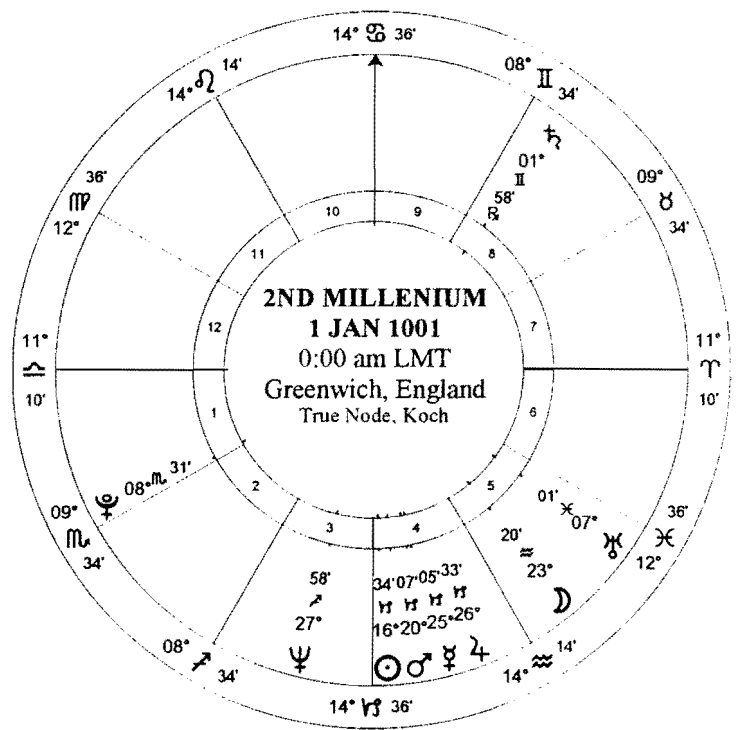
To overcome this problem and for convenience we have set up this Chart (next column) for zero G.M.T. but with the proviso that the Houses would not be taken so seriously as we would today. What we are really looking for are the *planetary patterns* for 1001 and the emphasis on Signs. But of course as the Chart is for zero hours we do have the Sun very close to the I.C. Therefore the Houses very close to the vertical Meridian could have some validity, the others not. Also there would be some doubt about the exact position of the Moon.

Looking at the Chart for the first time we don't see any major configurations as we saw in the Chart for the 20th Century. But we do see a *powerful stellium* (Sun, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter). Of course any chart for the starting of a new year must have the Sun in Capricorn. But it is the addition of the other three planets that makes all the difference. So this Chart does have very powerful emphasis on Capricorn and also the 4th House.

But at this point we have to decide on an important event that stands out above all others and sets its stamp on the whole Millennium. I would say this is Columbus' discovery of America. This started a chain of events that changed the whole planet. It opened up the whole of the New World, North and South America, South-East Asia, Australia, massive migrations and European settlements, the circumnavigation of the Globe. We all know that

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history. And around that time *printing* was invented, the start of the communication process that is still going on.

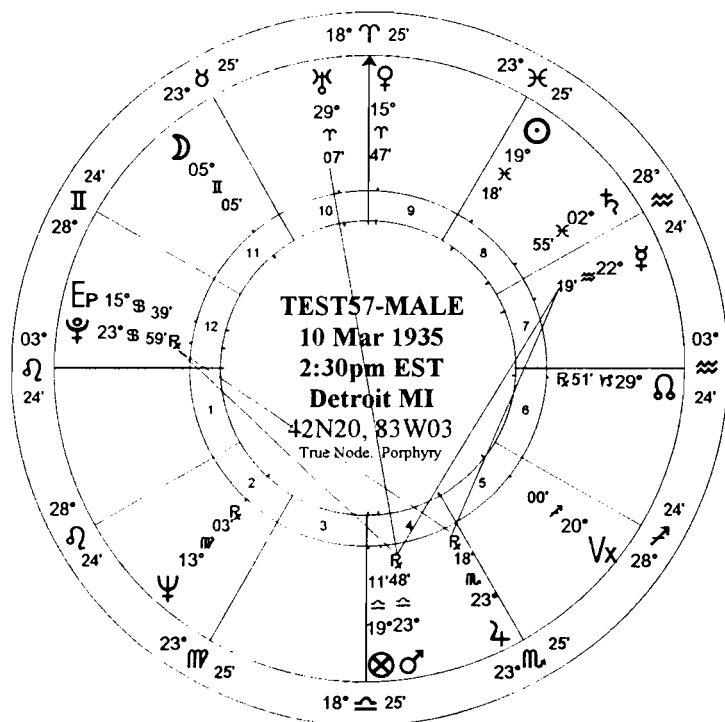
But the big thing was the settling of *boundaries* of the continents. For the first time in history the entire Globe could be *mapped*. And of course setting boundaries is a very Capricornian thing. Also the building of new cities, roads, railways. Up to that time our knowledge of the world was very vague and imprecise. Capricorn supplied the *clarity*. The planets Mars and Jupiter provided the energy and drive and the exploration and Mercury the communication. So it was all there in that stellium in Capricorn. We could add the building of majestic cathedrals throughout Europe and finally the rise of science, which demands exact mathematics. All of this is Capricorn. In the previous Millennium even a trip to China was like a

trip to the Moon.

Now to look at some of the other factors in the Chart. One is the trine between Jupiter and Saturn and of course this brings the whole stellium into this pattern. Highly successful for industrial expansion and success. Saturn, the Ruler of Capricorn, is very strongly placed in the Chart through the number of aspects it makes. Apart from the multiple trine it makes also the Square to Uranus. This brings plenty of surprise developments and the Square can also make for *extremes*. This applies to *mechanization*, too rapid advances that create their own problems and these are carrying over even into the next Millennium. Saturn quincunx Neptune shows there is still the need for fantasy—but with four planets in Earth, the *practical* seems to be the Keynote for the 2nd Millennium. □

TEST NO. 57— RESPONSES & SOLUTION

Test No. 57 was an exercise to find the date of a given event in the life of a man whose Birth Chart appears below:



The man was manager of an apartment building and had responsibility for collecting rent from the tenants. On a certain day within the five-year period **January 1981 to January 1986**, the day everyone's rent was due, he answered the door to find a man pointing a gun at him and demanding the cash box. He led the intruder down the hall and as he turned the corner he grabbed for the gun. It went off and a bullet went right through his thigh and lodged in the woodwork. The intruder fled without the cash. Since the bullet went through flesh and not bone the man saw no need to see a doctor, treated it himself and was none the worse for the

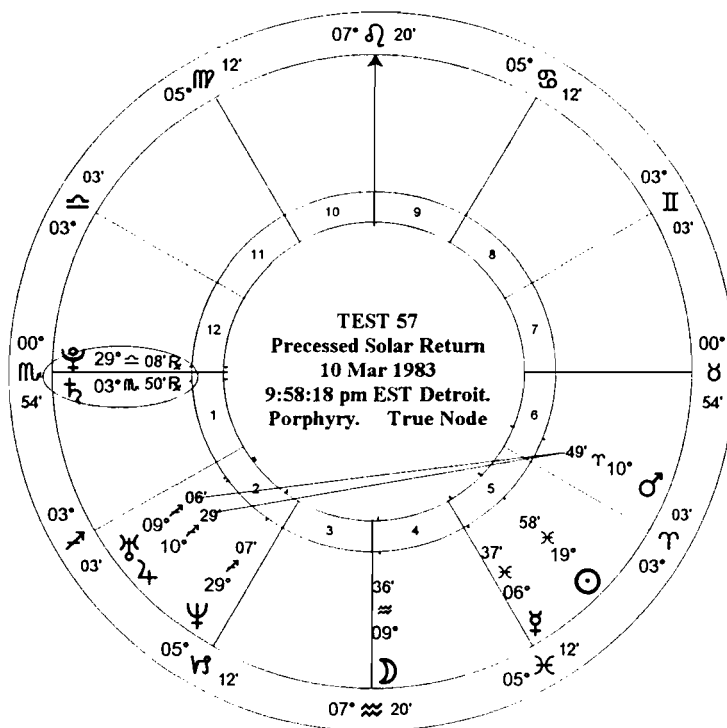
experience.

The exercise was to find the DAY or the MONTH or even the YEAR of the event. Any astrological procedure could be used—Traditional, Modern, Horary, Cosmobiological, Uranian, etc.

Answer: 24 Sep. 1983.

There were twelve responses to the Test, answers ranging from March 1981 to to November 1984. The closest was from Ross Harvey (Australia) who deduced 19 August 1983—just a month out. No other answer was within six months.

Ross's method was to look at the Solar Returns of all sorts. He found the clearest indication was the **precessed Solar Return** for March 1983 which had the



Asc conjunct Saturn and Pluto, with Mars (hurts) in the House of Illness in close trine to both Uranus (gunshot) and Jupiter (preserving).

This was confirmed by the **Age Harmonic 48** which had the Asc at 13Vir 05 conjunct Natal Neptune (13Vi03) as well as the "floating" h.MC at 14Vi 05. The h.Sun was conjunct n.Mars; h.Mars conjunct n.Moon.

There were supporting factors also in the **Kinetic Solar Return**: P.Saturn opposed p.Ascendant on 18 Oct 1983 (Asc Progressed by the Solar Arc in right ascension instead of in longitude) and Pluto conjoined the n.Moon on 18 Aug 1983 by converse Solar Arc.

A variety of techniques were employed by respondents: Solar Returns, Age Harmonics, Solar Eclipse, Progressions, Solar-Arc Directions, Transits, Horary and Vedic Astrology. There were no responses using Uranian methods which perhaps are not adapted to solving this type of problem.

Using the technique suggested for the last Test, a listing of all the Solar-Arc Directions, forward and

backward in the Zodiac, for the whole period 1 Jan 1981 to 1 Jan 1986 defines the **critical Solar Year** as the one from March 1983 to March 1984. The significant Directions are –

- Mars square Moon (cSa-Na) on 1 Jun 1983
- Pluto conjunct Moon (cSa-Na) 18 Aug 1983
- Neptune conjunct Pluto (cSa-Na) 9 Oct 1983
- Neptune square Mars (cSa-Na) 16 Dec 1983.

Other Directions were clearly not relevant.

From this point **True Tertiary Progressions** yield the converse **Sun square Mars/Pluto** on 26 Sep 1983—unusually powerful because of Pluto square Angular Mars (orb $0^{\circ}11'$) in the Natal Chart—and converse **Mercury conjunct Uranus/Pluto** on 24 Sep 1983 (which is the exact date required).

Tertiary Progressions are powerful indicators. They can precipitate major effects more surely than the Transits in which many astrologers put too much faith. □

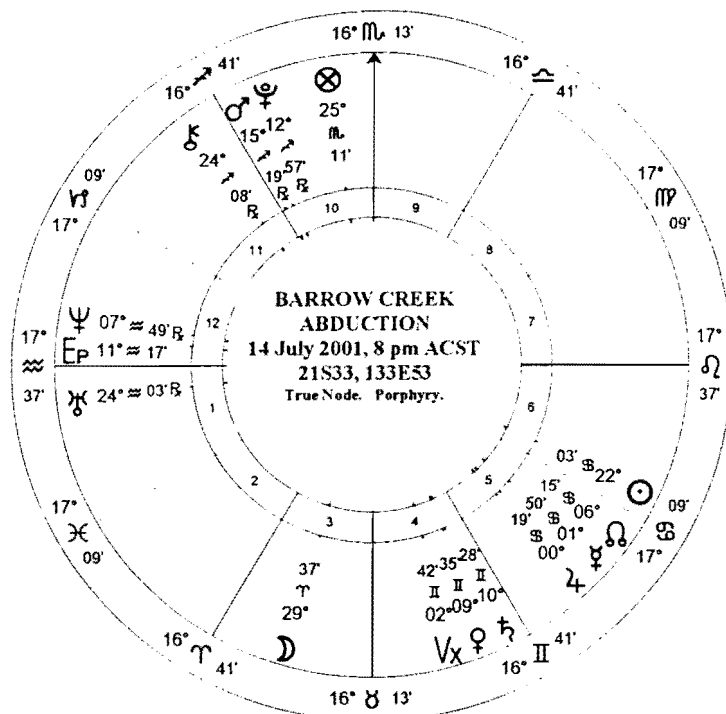
THE ABDUCTION AT BARROW CREEK

by Lyla Williams

At 12:45 am on the morning of July 15 this year a young woman, gagged and with hands bound, stumbled out of scrubland alongside the Stuart Highway in Central Australia where a passing truck driver stopped, untied her hands and removed the gag. He took her to the nearest hotel where the distraught woman told police an horrific tale of a hijacking and abduction that may have resulted in a murder.

Joanne Lees and Peter Falconia, both from England, had been travelling towards Tennant Creek from Ti-Tree in the vast Northern Territory when Joanne claims they were pulled over by a man in a utility at around 8 pm. She was tied up and gagged; she heard a shot and Peter vanished. Some time later she was able to partially free herself and run into the scrub, here she hid for several hours while the driver of the utility searched for her with a dog. Eventually he drove away, leaving her to seek help on the Highway. To date no trace has been found of the man, his utility or Peter Falconio for whom grave fears are now held.

The accompanying Chart, drawn up for 8 pm, 14th July 2001 (the night of the attack) near Barrow Creek, N.T., $21^{\circ}S32'$, $133^{\circ}E53'$, falls into a category I call *Spikey*—a personal addition to the seven chart shapes described by Marc Edmund Jones. I have found that almost without exception violent events are accompanied by charts in which the Aspects between points and planets form a series of sharp spikes. It doesn't seem to matter if these Aspects are stressful or harmonious (although on this Chart there are few harmonious Aspects) the important thing is the jagged, or spikey lines we see on the Chart.



The Chart has 7 planets in the lower hemisphere and 3 plus Chiron in the upper hemisphere. The event was therefore very personal. The Moon is “anaretic” [in killing mode] at 29° Aries in the House of Travel. Sackoian and Acker describe the Moon in an anaretic degree as bringing about “critical circumstances”.

Uranus 7° below the Ascendant relates to an unexpected possibly violent event. Mars and Pluto, both Retrograde, conjoined in the 10th House signify power and aggression, their influence magnified by their tight conjunction. Venus conjunct Saturn in Gemini suggests restriction of movement and lack of affection. Mercury and Jupiter, both conjunct the Solar Eclipse of 21 June at $0^{\circ}Cn11'$ are in the House of Pleasure with the Moon's North Node. This was a journey taken for pleasure with calamitous results.

The Mars-Pluto conjunction opposes the Venus-Saturn conjunction showing the violence directed against both the man (Saturn, Ruler of Ascendant) and the woman (Venus).

The Sun is quincunx Uranus and Chiron (2° orbs), giving a Yod, said to be an astrological pattern involving *Karma*, often denoting a life-changing event.

Mercury and Jupiter are sesquiquadrate the MC in Scorpio, perhaps indicating the difficulty Joanne experienced looking for help. The Moon is sesquiquadrate Mars and Pluto, signifying a very emotional, traumatic occurrence.

The only trine in the Chart is from Neptune in the 12th House to the Venus-Saturn conjunction, perhaps signifying Joanne's eventual escape from “imprisonment”.

It seems clear from the Chart that a violent confrontation did occur at this time and place involving a journey (Moon in the 3rd House sesquiquadrate Mars-

Pluto), two young people (Venus-Saturn) opposite Mars-Pluto and injury (Moon ruling the House of Health afflicted by the sesquiquadrates from Mars and Pluto).

The Moon at 29°Aries is void-of-course, suggesting the trip being aborted or not reaching a favourable conclusion.

Traditionally the 12th House represents hidden enemies. With Saturn ruling Capricorn on the Cusp and placed in Gemini opposing the Mars-Jupiter conjunction it is unlikely that the abductor was known to either Joanne or Peter. It also suggests the possibility of facial or other physical changes to prevent the abductor's apprehension.

We may have to wait some time for a resolution to this case but I believe we do have a clear picture, astrologically, of the event itself. □

NEW TEST NO. 58

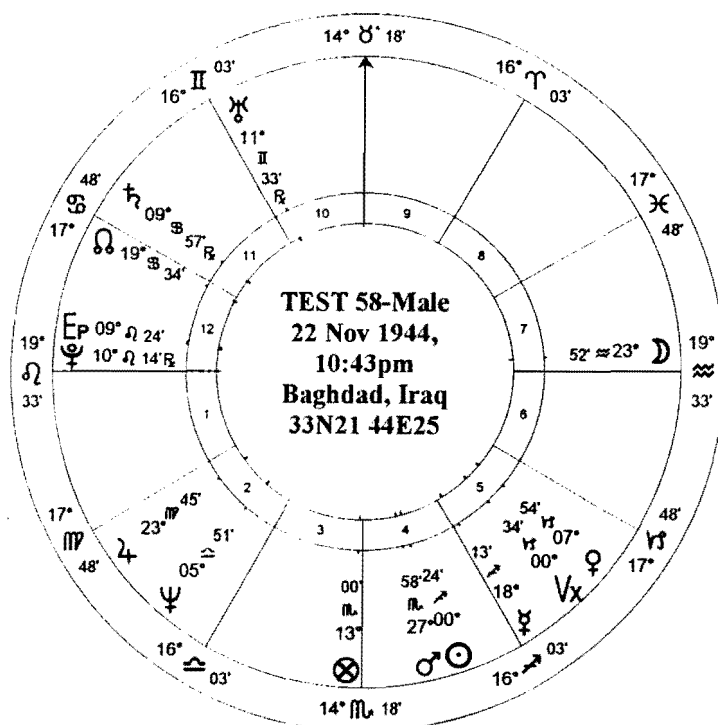
Here are three events in the life of a man and three dates each of which corresponds to one of the events. The Test is to see whether you can by astrological means find **the correct date for each event**. All of them occurred in Jerusalem, Israel (31N46, 35E14).

The **events** are:

1. He joined a political party and became a candidate for the Prime Ministership.
2. He married his assistant.
3. He was convicted of sexual assault against two women and was subsequently given a suspended sentence of 18 months in gaol.

The **dates** are: October 30, 1997; January 25, 1999; March 21, 2001.

Here is the man's Birth Chart:



Please send your answers to me by **September 15** with the astrological basis for them. You can have more than one try if you send in a wrong answer early. The answers will be published in next month's Issue with the names of successful respondents. All who take part in the exercise will receive an individual reply. These "Tests" are worth the time and effort involved. They undoubtedly help you to refine your techniques and search out their weak spots.

-- Dymock.

SEPTEMBER 2001—TRANSITING ASPECTS

Here are brief notes on next month's planetary Aspects and positions, and what activity is in harmony with them. If any positions coincide with a Significator (planet or Zodiacal Point) in your Natal Chart the influence will be enhanced.

Sep. 2. Venus 6Le33 opposite Neptune 6Aq33: Sensitized feelings; vulnerable to hurts. Day-dreaming. Helpful in artistic or other creative work.

Sep. 5. Mercury 6Li28 trine Neptune 6Aq28: Your mind is receptive and your intuition enhanced; moments of inspiration in writing or speaking. Appropriate for indulging in imaginative literature, poetry, films, T.V.

Sep. 7. Venus 12Le36 trine Pluto 12Sg36: Your personal attractiveness is high. Enjoy your relationships.

Sep. 8. Venus 14Le39 sextile Saturn 14Ge39: Take pleasure in steady routine and fulfilling obligations. Make agreeable contact with older persons.

Sep. 9. Mercury 11Li14 square Jupiter 11Cn14: Avoid saying too much or inadvertently giving away confidential information. Watch for mistakes in writings.

Sep. 10. Mercury 12Li38 sextile Pluto 12Sg38: Adds an incisive edge to your written or spoken communications. Cull old paper work—letters, documents, etc.

Sep. 12. Mercury 14Li46 trine Saturn 14Ge46: Plan and organize, establish a routine, attend to paper-work, correspondence, study-assignments, etc. Unattractive or tedious matters in your life should have attention.

Sep. 14. Venus 21Le45 opposite Uranus 21Aqu45: Be ready for surprises, visits; small joys and stimulating new personal contacts.

Sep. 18. Mercury 21Li37 trine Uranus 21Aq37: Your perceptions are heightened. Be alive to new insights and methods. Meeting people gets your mind working and gives new ideas.

Sep. 27. Saturn Stationary turning Retrograde at 14Ge58. If this contacts any Significator in your Chart by conjunction, square or opposition you are very likely to feel restricted and frustrated in your efforts or undertakings. Be patient. Attend to necessary routine, duties and obligations. The rewards come later. □

Readers, if you like this segment and want it to continue each month please let me know.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, Aug 26, 2001.

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TEST NO. 56—THE ANSWER AND ANALYSIS

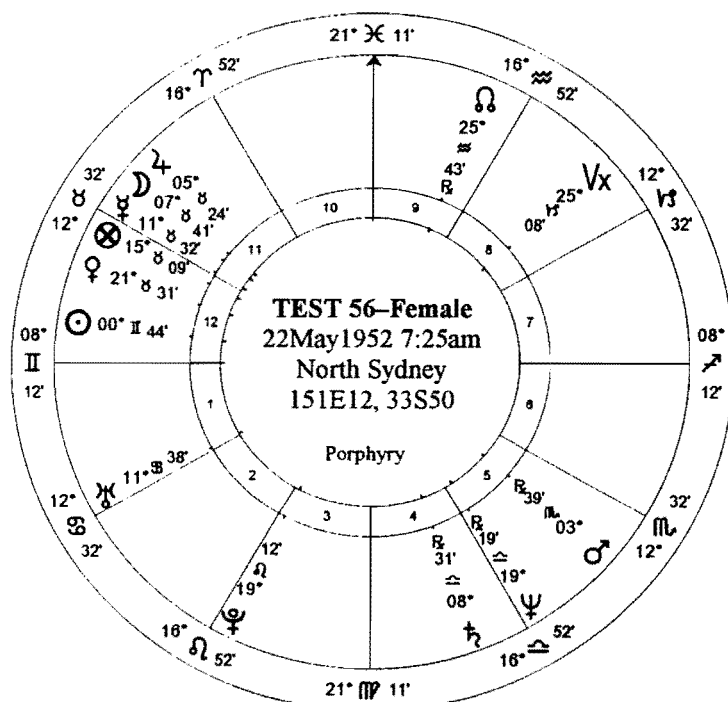
Test No. 56 was about a woman born 22nd May 1952, at 7:25 am, North Sydney (151E12 06, 33S50). This woman suffered a paralysing cerebral stroke at a certain date within the five-year period 1992-1996 (inclusive). At the time she was living in Adelaide (34S55, 138E35).

The **Question** was to find the DAY or the MONTH and YEAR of the occurrence by astrological means. Any astrological procedure or technique could be used.

The **Answer** is 10th July 1994.

Here is the Birth Chart:

There were fourteen responses to this Test. No one



True Node

found the exact date but six participants, Sander (Netherlands), Talia (Alaska), Lisa (Cairo), Birgit (Germany), Ross (Australia) and Margarita (Belgium) found the **Solar Year** (22 May 1994–22 May 1995) in which the event occurred. The closest was Sander who arrived at 16 April 1994 using Secondary Progressions and a Day Chart, then Talia, 7 Dec 1994 who relied entirely on Cosmobiology, and Lisa, 22 Jan 1994, using Progressions plus Solar and Lunar Returns.

Sander wrote that the stroke might possibly have

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happened between April and July 1994 when Secondary Mercury squared Mars. This is very much dependant on the exactitude of the given birth time. It coincides with Progressed Asc conjunct Uranus and opposite Chiron.

Most respondents used standard techniques—Progressions and Directions (Direct and Converse), Eclipses, Cyclic Charts (Returns and Age Harmonics) and Transits. One respondent used Vedic methods, another the Huber Age Point, another Cosmobiology and another, “the 7-years rhythm through the Houses”. There were no offered solutions involving Uranian techniques.

Solution: One method of solution is to list all the **Solar-Arc Directions**, forward and backward in the Zodiac, for the five-year period in question, that is from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1996. Solar-Arc Directions serve better than Secondary Progressions in this respect as they produce many more Aspects of the outer planets to the chief Significators (Sun and Moon). This should then identify the critical years which can be further probed with the aid of cyclic charts (Solar, Lunar and Sun/Moon Phase Returns and Age Harmonics).

Applying this procedure, the Direct and Converse Solar-Arc Aspects involving the outer planets and the above Significators are the following:

[S/A = Solar Arc, c = converse, N = Natal]		
Uranus conjunct Sun	6 Jul 1994	(cS/A–N)
Sun opposite Neptune	14 Jan 1995	(cS/A–N)
Saturn square Pluto	7 Dec 1994	(S/A–N)
Sun opposite Neptune	14 Jan 1995	(S/A–N)
Sun conjunct Uranus	27 Feb 1995	(S/A–N)
Sun trine Pluto	4 Mar 1995	(cS/A–N)
Neptune trine Moon	9 Apr 1995	(cS/A–N)
Asc square Neptune	25 May 1995	(S/A–N)

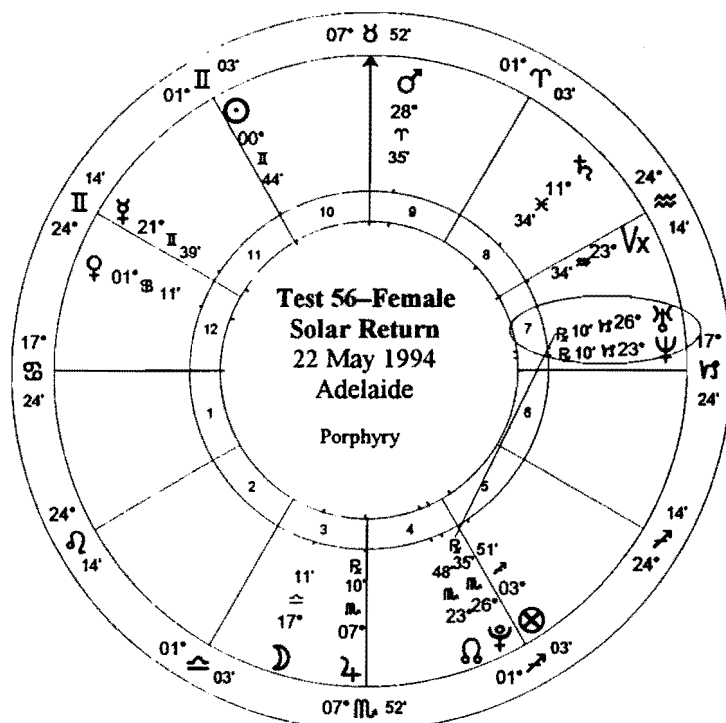
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(S/A-N)

All but the last three (not the most meaningful) of these major Directions fall within the woman's Solar Year 22 May 1994–22 May 1995 when she was 42 years old, so this is almost certainly the year and it can be checked with a Cyclic Chart.

The **Solar Return** for 22nd May 1994 at the place of residence (or the birth place) confirms that this is the



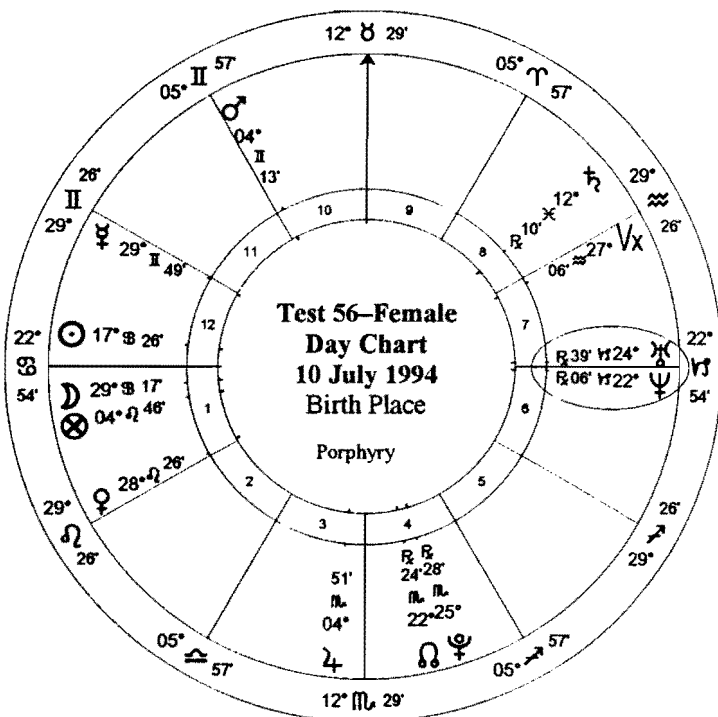
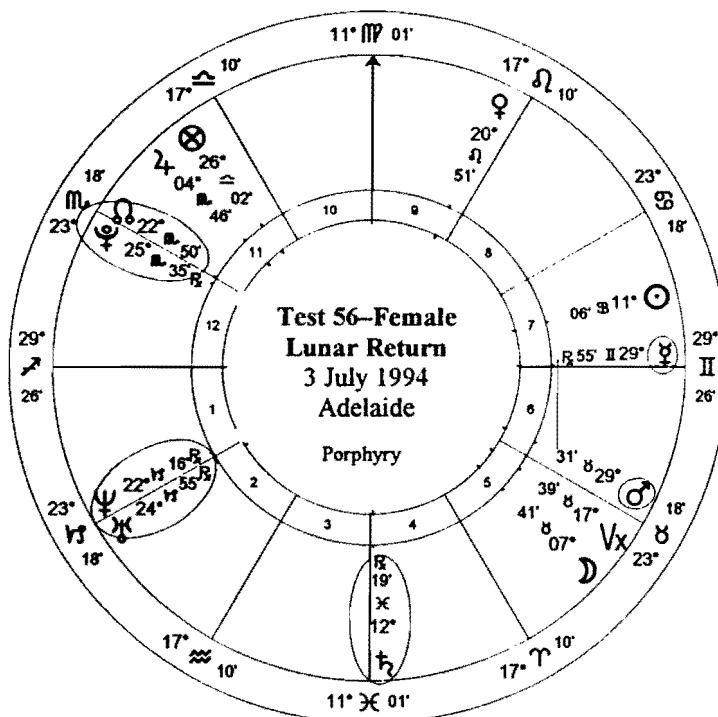
correct period. In the Chart for the place of residence among other adverse indicators, **Uranus** at 26Cp10 is conjunct **Neptune** at 23Cp10 and the nVertex at 25Cp08 (sudden paralysis; stroke of fate)) and exactly sextile **Pluto** at 26Sc35 (life crisis).

The year having been established, the **month** of the stroke can be ascertained from an examination of the Lunar Returns. The **Return Chart** for 3 July 1994 leaves little doubt that this is the month of trauma. Indications are similar to those of the Solar Return:

Neptune and Uranus 22–24Cp are closely conjunct the 2nd–8th axis 23Cp/Cn, **N.Node and Pluto** 22–25Sc conjoin the 12th Cusp 23Sc (Porphyry) and oppose **Mars** in the House of Ill-Health. Mars itself is exactly semisextile Mercury (the nerves) on the Descendant.

Finding the actual day of the event is tedious but using **DAY** Charts for the place of birth brings **10 July** to the fore (see Chart next column). The two malefics **Neptune and Uranus** straddle the Descendant in contact with **n.Vertex** (a blow of fate) and are opposed by the **Moon** which also aspects **Pluto, Mars and Mercury**. Relating the Day Chart to the Birth Figure brings other adverse features to light.

Congratulations to all participants. Those who



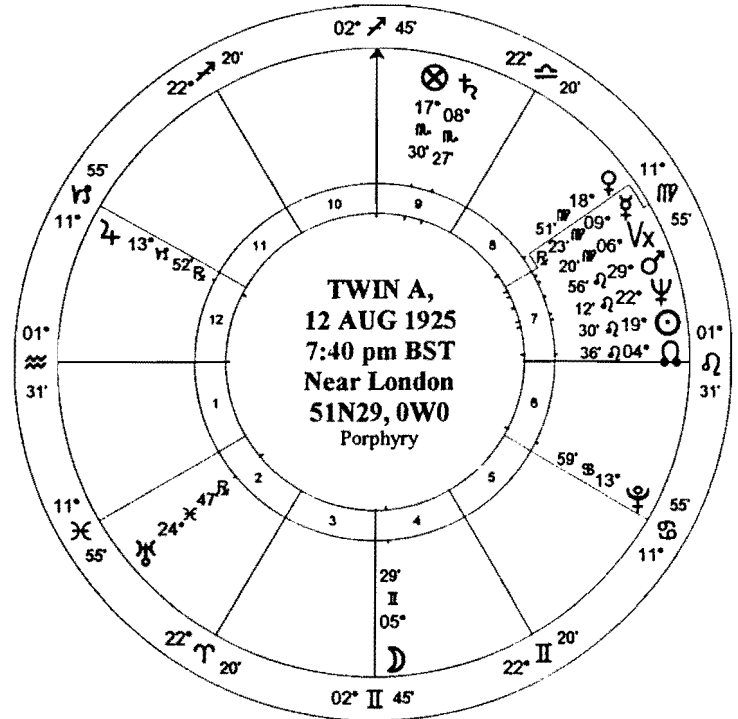
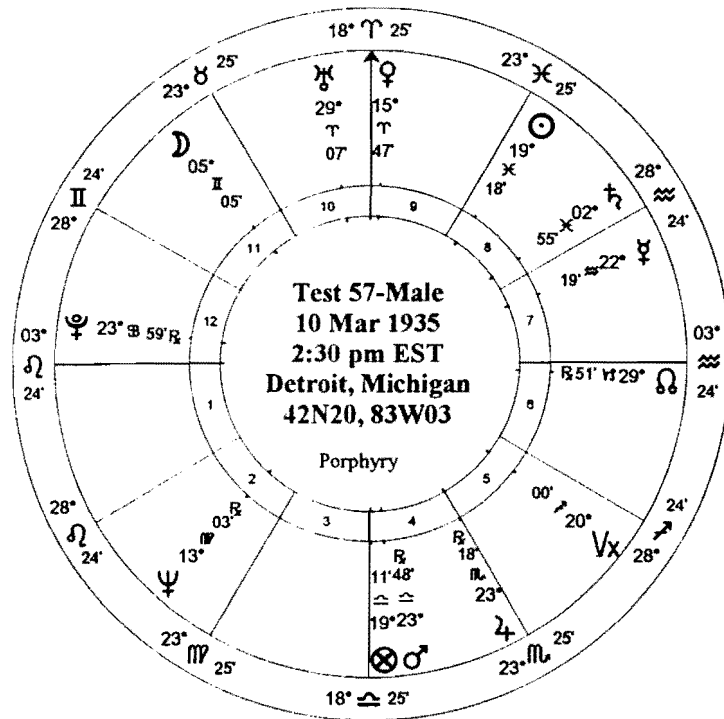
actually do the hard work of analysis for these exercises are aware of what a searching test it is of their techniques and how much they learn in the process of using them.

NEW TEST NO. 57

This Test relates to same man who figured in Tests 54 and 55, but from a different angle: The event is given but not the date. The exercise is to find the date.

Birth Chart: 10 March 1935, 2:30 pm EST Detroit, Michigan.

The Setting and the Event: In his role as manager of an apartment building the man had responsibility for collecting rent from the tenants. On a certain day within



the five-year period January 1981 to January 1986, the day everyone's rent was due, he answered the door to find a man pointing a gun at him and demanding the cash box. He led the intruder down the hall and as he turned the corner he grabbed for the gun. It went off and a bullet went right through his thigh and lodged in the woodwork. The intruder fled without the cash. Since the bullet went through flesh and not bone the man saw no need to see a doctor, treated it himself and was none the worse for the experience.

The exercise is to find the DAY or the MONTH or even the YEAR of the event. Please send your answers to me by 10th August. The solution and a way of arriving at it will be published in the August Issue but those who respond with a date and its astrological basis will receive individual replies soon after the deadline.

When responding please give your conclusion first then the crucial factors on which it is based. Pages of analysis are not necessary.

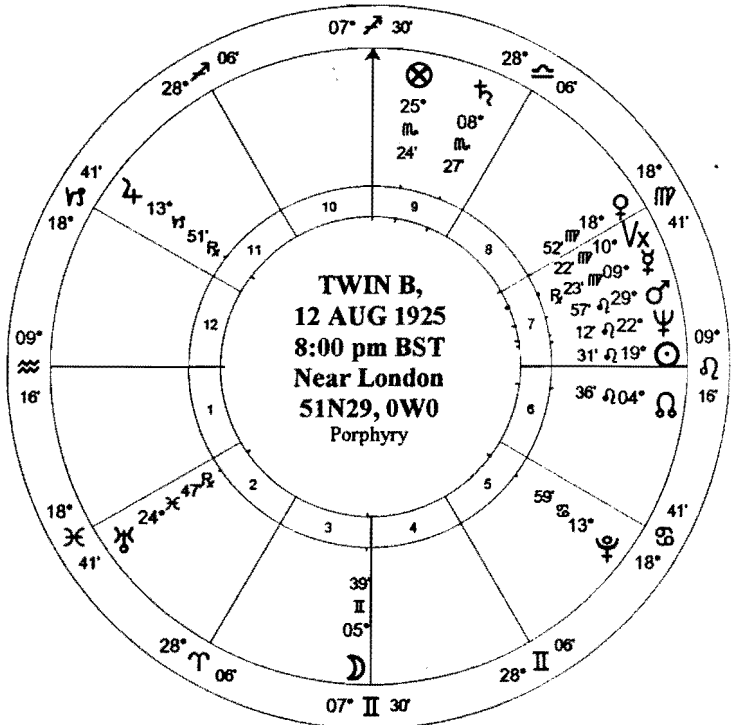
Exercises like this are the best way to improve one's astrological skill and insight. — Dymock.

A CASE OF TWINS

Here is an interesting case of twins born on August 12, 1925. It appeared in *Hamburger Hefte* No. III of 1983.

The Birth Charts of Twin A and Twin B appear in the adjacent column. The material was sent to me by Nick Sutherland of Texas, USA, for use as one of our standard Tests, but in view of the complexity I think it better to discuss the Charts in a series of questions to which the answers are available in this Issue at the end of this page and on page 4.

To get most benefit try the questions yourself before looking at the answers.



Qn. 1: The twins had identical occupations. What were they?

2. One twin married on 18 May, 1957, and the other on December 28, 1957. Can you sort out which date applied to which Twin?

3. One twin has died a violent death—shot by a terrorist on 27th Nov 1975. Which twin was it?

Answers below

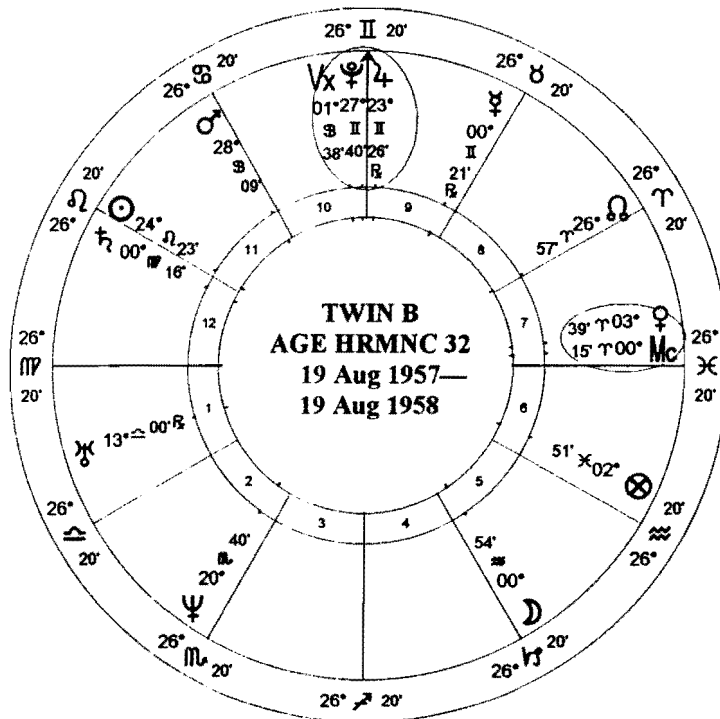
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON TWINS A & B
1. They were both independent sports journalists and the authors of several books. 2. Twin A married on May 18, 1957, Twin B on Dec 28, 1957. 3. Twin B.

See next page for explanations and analysis.

It is not abundantly clear why the twins were both sports writers and authors. Sagittarius at the Midheaven of both Charts is of course a pointer ("fond of sport, horses and dogs"). The Ruler, Jupiter, in both charts aspects Mercury (writing), Venus (pleasure), Mars (energy) and Pluto (intensity) showing that a large part of their mental, emotional and physical resources were applied to their chosen profession. The Moon is Angular in Gemini, rules the 6th House (labour) and squares Mercury and Mars ruling the 3rd House. The 3rd House and Gemini are both connected with communication and writings, so it is a fair guess that they were authors.

Twin A married on 18th May 1957, clearly indicated by JUPITER TRINE THE SUN on 28th May, 1957 (converse Vertex-Arc Direction) and Transiting JUPITER Stationary on Natal VENUS on 19th May. Venus occupies the House of Marriage and Jupiter rules the Midheaven (*status*).

Twin B married on 28 December 1957. Appropriate Directions were URANUS TRINE NEPTUNE 7 January 1958 (Vertex Arc) and SATURN SEXTILE MC on 21 December 1957 (converse Solar Arc). Saturn and Uranus are co-Rulers of the Ascendant and Neptune is conjunct the Sun in the House of Marriage. By far the clearest indication, however, is given by the 32nd Harmonic Chart coinciding with his age at the time.

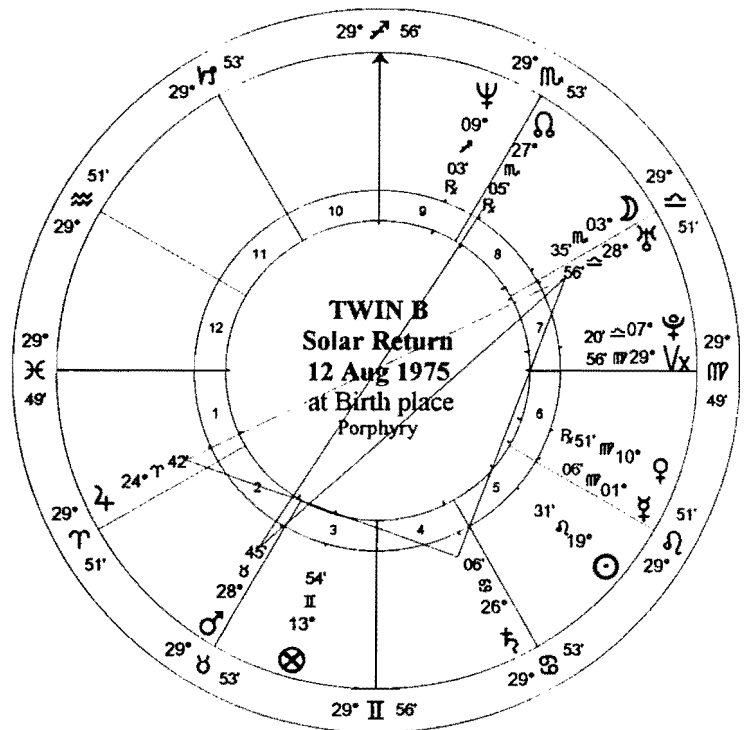


Venus conjunct the Floating MC in the House of Marriage is an obvious indicator while Jupiter, Pluto and Vertex at the MC show the change of status.

Twin B's violent death at the hands of a terrorist on 27 November 1975 is reflected in the Directions: MARS SEXTILE SUN on 29 Nov 1975 (Naibod-Arc, 59' 8" per year), and SATURN SQUARE URANUS on

7 December 1975 (Primary Mundane Direction). As regards the Naibod-Arc Direction which at first glance appears relatively harmless, Mars and the Sun in the Natal Chart both inhabit the House of Enemies, both are afflicted by Neptune and Mars afflicts the Moon.

The Primary Direction (easily obtained with *Solar Fire*) involves the time key of the Natal Solar Rate which so far appears the most accurate. The square between Saturn and Uranus is drastic, in this case ending the life. The planets are joint Rulers of the Ascendant, Saturn ruling also the House of Traumas.



The **Solar Return** for the year of the death clearly depicts the event: Mars on the 3rd Cusp opposes the Node (*inimical contact*), is quincunx Uranus (*gunshot*) and square to the Natal position of Mars. Uranus conjoins the Moon on the Cusp of Death, opposes Jupiter and squares Saturn (*sudden death*).

The **Month Harmonic Chart**, 50.25, is equally graphic in depicting the event but unfortunately lack of space prevents its reproduction here.

PROGRESSION OF THE ANGLES

Ross Harvey (NSW) writes, "I have come to the conclusion that it is not possible to favour one method of Secondary Progression of the Angles over the others. Sometimes one method may work, and at other times another will. I have had pMC conjunct nUranus three times in the past three years by the Solar Arc in right ascension, in longitude and by Naibod Arc in right ascension in that order, and each produced an event. The first two were health problems, and the last, which coincided with pAscendant trine nJupiter by Solar-Longitude Arc, was mildly financially favourable. However, with the solar R.A. arc, neither pAscendant trine Mars nor pAscendant trine Jupiter had any effect, and the same aspects with the longitude arc were mild to say the least".

My kind regards to all. — Dymock, 25 July, 2001.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

by Allan Johnson

Unfinished Business is further consideration of the articles I have been writing about the New Millenium or the **21st Century Chart** and having a look at the years ahead. Of course this subject will continue to be very topical at this point in time, and in this connection I like to keep abreast of any new books having a bearing on it, but not astrological. The latest I have read is *The End of History and the Last Man* by Francis Fukuyama. I found his title a bit *way out* and therefore a bit off-putting which is why I had not read it earlier but now find I can highly recommend this book to anyone interested in future world developments. It first came out in 1992, but since that date nothing new has come up to alter the trends involved. He makes much of the date for the collapse of communism in 1989 as the trigger for all that was to follow. I have used that date myself but so far have not dealt with the Chart for the event in detail, but only used the Transits for that time. Of course a chart for a single event can set in motion a whole train of further events with very little time limit.

This Chart was first published in the January Issue and the first thing to notice about it is that it has *no planets in Fire Signs*. In fact no planets at all in *positive* Signs. This gives it a softening effect—so different from the 20th Century Chart. So in a sense it is a negation, although it does have Mars and Pluto in the 1st House. But these have no heavy Squares or Oppositions to denote violence. We do get a lot of Sextiles and Trines, and a wide Grand Trine. So it is not surprising that this *event* did not result in a lot of violence.

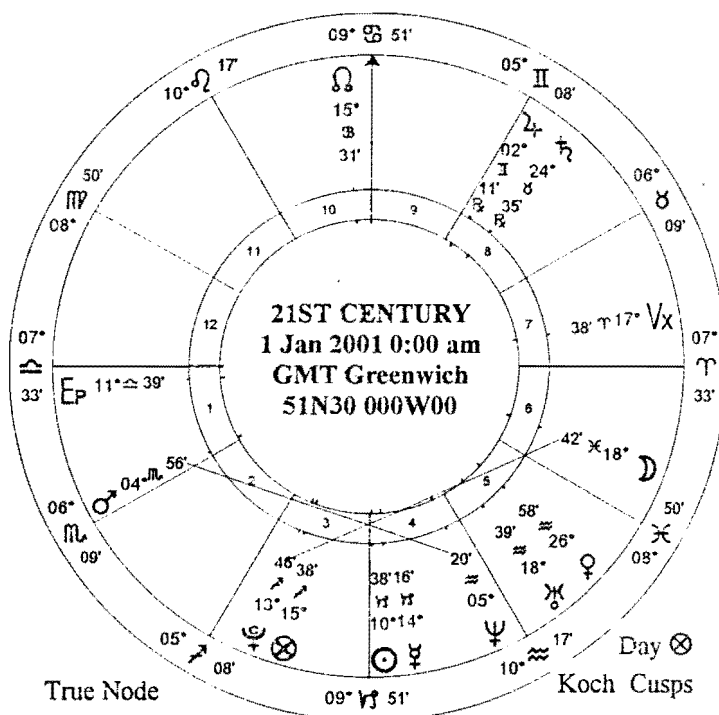
The Chart emphasizes PEACE—and we have been getting that. This in turn links up with the 21st Century Chart which has no powerful configurations geared to violence as in the 20th Century Chart. This absence of massive violence is the major factor that Fukuyama makes in his book. When he talks about the *End of History* he is not talking about Armageddon or the *End of the World* which is the big thing for religious fundamentalists. He is saying the very opposite. His "end of history" is the end of the violent confrontations

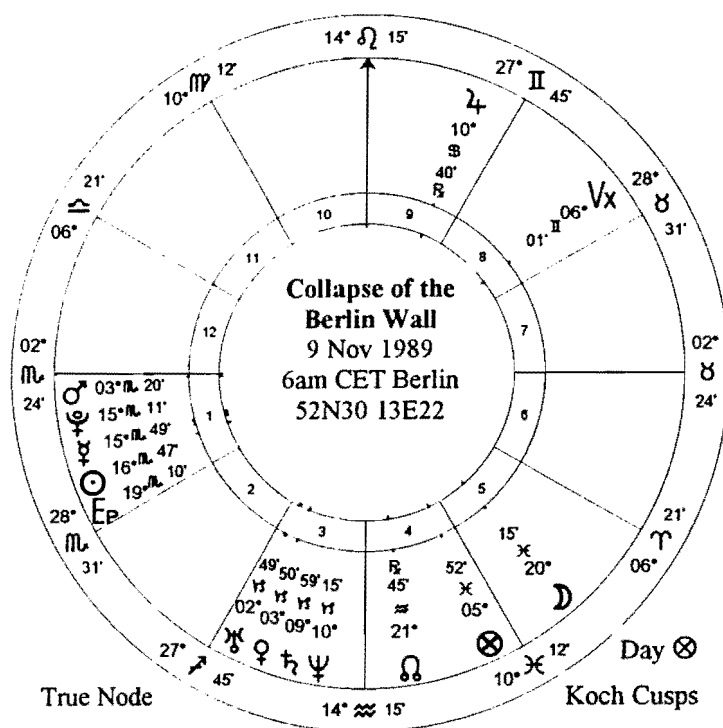
we have known in recent times. It is the end of *that* type of history we have come to regard as such. And these are the very same types of predictions I have been making in my previous articles.

Third World Wars are definitely *out*. It is the end of *empire building*. So although the 20th Century has seen the peak of massive violence, it has also seen the end of quite a number of Empires, including the last of all—the Communist empire. We have witnessed the lead up to the end of massive violence on the grand scale. But it is a great irony that the world now possesses the greatest armoury of disastrous weapons in all history. This is the greatest paradox of our times. Such weapons are there, but they cannot be used because of *fall-out*.

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6 am is an arbitrary choice as the actual time is unknown.

Nuclear weapons, chemical weapons, germ warfare, know no boundaries. To use them invites *self-destruction*. That is something no major power can afford. The Charts for both the Berlin Wall and the new Century both emphasize this.

So instead of military we will have trade warfare, commercial competition, *globalization*. To a certain extent this has already been happening. Europe has had the longest period without national warfare in its history! And this will continue. I don't see any huge surprise developments coming up in the early part of this Century.

The collapse of the Berlin Wall didn't actually start the present trend of events, but it stood out as a gigantic symbol for the whole situation. The axis of planets between the 3rd and 9th Houses in that Chart is a repeat of what was in the 20th Century Chart, we are continuing to get further developments in *communication*. We are certainly getting that right now. But the Opposition between the 3rd House planets and Jupiter is not all that drastic. So we have reached the "End of History" in its traditional meaning. That is what Francis Fukuyama is saying. And that is also the message of the 21st Century Chart. Instead of countries trying to solve their problems by war they will solve them within their own boundaries. One of the biggest problems for the future is the question of *world population*. Recent reports in China shows that this is being successfully carried out. The latest statistics show it is down to 1% per year. We are not heading into a utopia with all problems solved. There will still be plenty of problems and conflicts and hatreds—but on a very different level. Fukuyama's book deals with quite a lot of that. □

DISAPPEARANCE OF CHANDRA ANN LEVY

Recently a young woman disappeared mysteriously in the Washington DC area. Her story was on the front page of many USA newspapers. She was due to return home to California to receive her master's degree along with others from her class. Unfortunately she never made it. Her parents flew to Washington to try to help in the investigation. She had just completed an internship with the Federal Bureau of prisons and was last seen on April 30th at a Washington gym, 7:30 pm.

Her apartment contained her Id, credit cards and packed suitcases. She told a girlfriend that she was dating someone in the FBI. Her mother last spoke to her on April 27th and received an E mail from her on May 1st, 10:30am. She has also been linked to Democratic Rep. Gary Condit (born April 21, 1948 in Salina, Ok) who said she was a family friend.

The police are treating it as a "missing person's" case. They currently have no solid leads. Her father, Dr. Levy in Modesto, CA, gave the following data from her baby book: **Born April 14, 1977 at 1:46pm EST in Cleveland, Ohio.** Dr. Levy has given his permission to put this information out and would appreciate anything the astrological community might come up with.

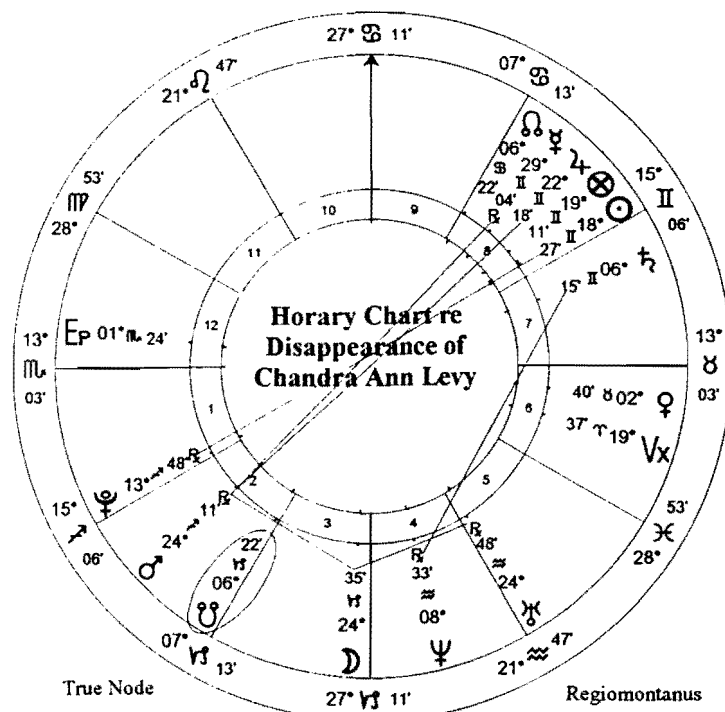
This matter has been discussed at length on the Internet, the source of the above information, using a Horary Chart for the time when the young woman was last seen. The general consensus was that the unfortunate woman is no longer alive.

I had been pondering this case and a few days ago set up another Horary Chart for the time when the disappearance of Chandra was most on my mind. This Chart appears in the next column. Its message is grim:

Scorpio rises and its Ruler Mars is opposed by Jupiter. This describes Chandra as adventurous, independent, freedom-loving, self-willed and impulsive. Her Co-Significator, the Moon, is ominously placed on the 4th Cusp, in its Detriment in Capricorn *and the focus of both Mars and Uranus placed exactly a semi-sextile away on either side*. All three bodies are at 24°. Mars and Uranus afflicting the Moon indicate that Chandra has suffered violence. As the Moon rules the 9th House the violence occurred on a journey and it terminated the journey, the Moon being on the Cusp of Endings.

The Co-Ruler of the Ascendant is Pluto opposed by the Sun *on the Cusp of the House of Death*. This forbidding portent is emphasized by the nature of Pluto (*The Destroyer*).

If, as appears dreadfully certain, Chandra has been killed, the 4th House would represent her grave. Capricorn on the Cusp means it is ruled by Saturn which is afflicted by a retrograde Neptune in the 4th House, so the grave is a watery one—possibly a lake or river. Saturn to Neptune in the 4th also signifies a mysterious end.



Horary Chart drawn for 9 June 2001, 3:02 pm SAT
Adelaide, Australia, 138E35, 34S55.

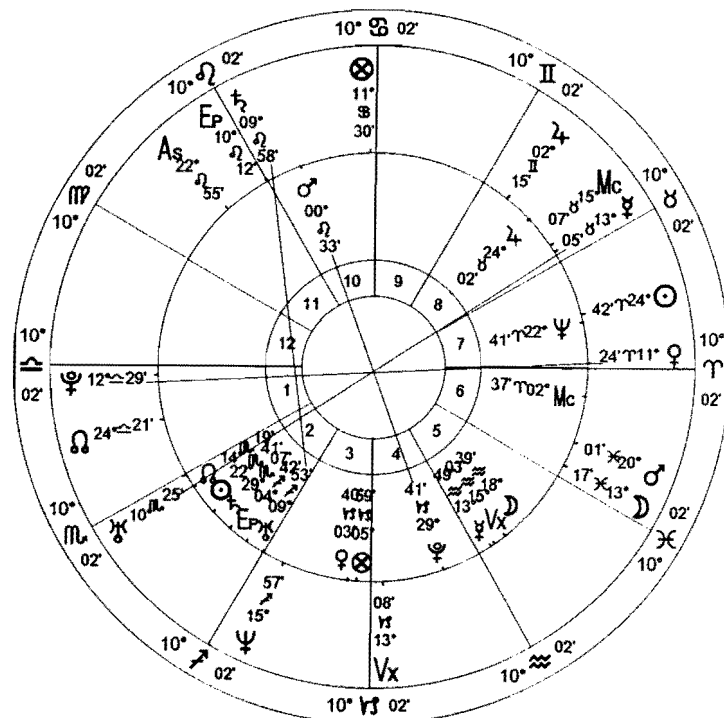
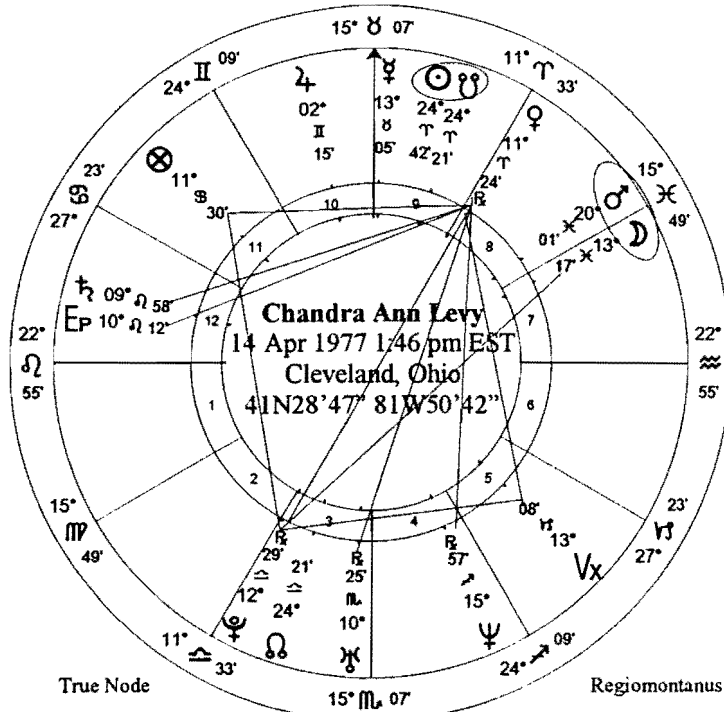
That the journey was ill-fated is obvious from the South Node of the Moon on the Travel Axis disposed by Saturn.

If, as seems apparent, death has indeed occurred, the approximate time can possibly be judged from the separated Opposition of Mercury to Mars. Mercury occupies and rules the House of Death while Mars is the Primary Significator of Chandra. The separation in longitude is 4°53' equating to approximately five weeks, which would be about May 5, five days after Chandra was last seen.

The configuration Moon-Mars-Uranus involving the 5th House suggests that Chandra was raped and murdered. This terrible fate is further signified by the square of Pluto 13Sg48 to the Midpoint Moon/Venus 13Pi38.

Chandra's **Birth Chart** appears in the next column. It shows a woman with much charisma. Leo rises and Ruler Sun is unusually strong through being Exalted in Aries and elevated in the 9th House. However, it is conjunct the South Node of the Moon—an unfortunate alliance. The Moon thrice afflicted (Mars, Neptune and Pluto) is the index of a short life. The involvement of the 12th, 8th and 4th Houses signifies a mysterious death. Venus opposing Pluto, quincunx Uranus, trine Neptune, Saturn and the EP and in a Grand Cross with Fortuna and the Vertex is almost overwhelming evidence of an end coming through a sexual encounter. The 4th and 9th Houses are linked through having a common Ruler (Mars) indicating that Chandra could suffer a fatal attack when on a journey.

Finally, here is Chandra's 24th **Age Harmonic Chart**



Inner Wheel: **24th Harmonic** of Chandra Ann Levy's Birth Chart
Outer Wheel: Chandra Ann Levy: **Birth Chart**, 14 Apr 1977

which relates to the period 14 April 2001—14 April 2002. The Birth Chart planets are in the outer wheel. Their positions are striking and terrible: Pluto (Death and Destruction) on the Ascendant opposes Venus right on the Descendant and ruling the House of Death. Uranus opposes Mercury on the 2nd-8th axis with Mercury ruling the 9th House (*sudden death when on a journey*).

In the Harmonic Chart itself Mars ruling the 7th House opposes Pluto in the 4th (*deadly assault*). Uranus trines natal Saturn (on the same degree) ruling the 4th, another indication of a sudden death.

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Altogether it is a very grim picture which sadly offers no hope for the life of the subject. □

TEST NO. 54—RESULTS

The Question was what occurred on 23rd July 1955 in the life of a man born on March 10, 1935 at 2:30 pm EST in Detroit, Michigan (42N20, 83W03). Asc 3Le24, MC 18Ar25, Moon 5Ge5. He was single and employed in the automotive industry and was living at Ypsilanti, Michigan (42N15, 83W37).

The Answer is that the man's father died.

I found that the most revealing Chart was the 20th Harmonic for the changed location (Ypsilanti). In this

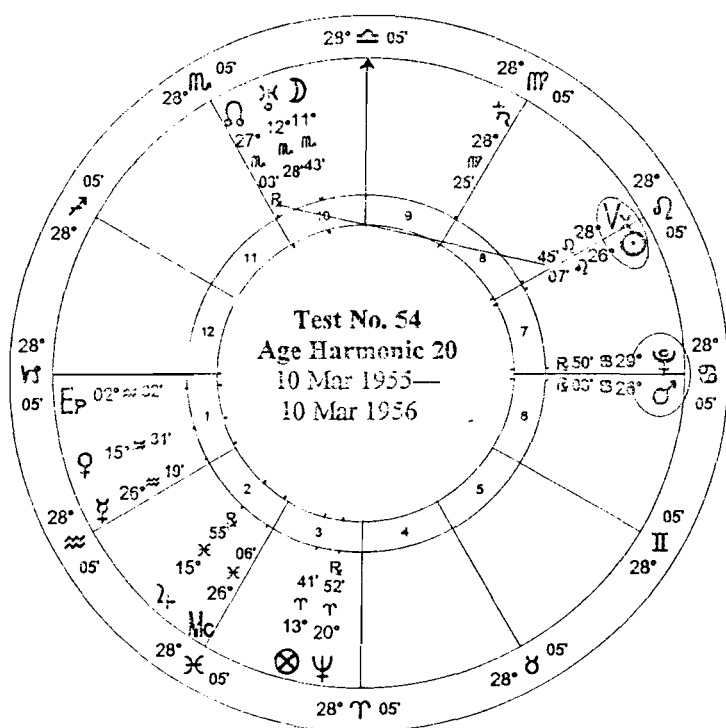


Chart the Sun (the father) is on the Death Cusp conjunct the Vertex (fateful) and both square the Moon's Nodes. Mars ruling the 4th House (the father) is conjunct Pluto, both accented by being on the 7th Cusp.

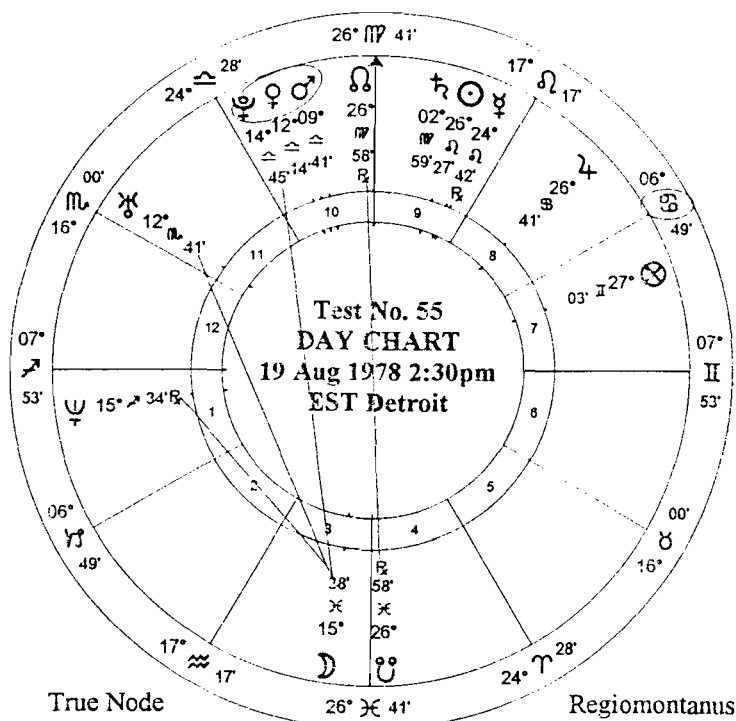
In the Solar Return (also set for Ypsilanti) the strongest pointers were Mars on the 12th Cusp opposite the Vertex (both at 8°) Pluto in the 4th square the E.P., Saturn ruling the 8th House square Mercury (both at 21°) and disposing *Fortuna* on the 8th Cusp.

Three respondents to Test 54—Mignon Halford (NSW), Ross Harvey (NSW) and Leah Breuer-Kantor (Israel)—correctly diagnosed a death but weren't able to identify which parent.

TEST NO. 55—RESULTS

Test 55 concerns the same man as in Test 54. The Question was what occurred in his life on August 19, 1978. The Answer is that his mother died. A good lead is given here by the Solar-Arc Direction of Saturn conjunct Venus on 17th August 1978. In the Birth

Chart Saturn occupies and rules the House of Death while Venus is on the MC (the mother) and is semisquare to Saturn. A Chart giving a positive indication is the Day Chart (below) for the time and



place of Birth. The Moon (the mother) is exactly square to Neptune (loss) and ruling the House of Death. Pluto is closely quincunx the Moon. Venus, Significator in the Birth Chart of the mother, is closely besieged by Mars and Pluto, signifying death. The Nodal Axis is exactly coincident with the Meridian.

Correct responses were received from Marion Mendez (New Jersey) who used only Uranian techniques, and from Leah Breuer-Kantor (Israel). Congratulations to them and to all who participated in either of these two exercises.

NEW TEST NO. 56

Test No. 56 is about a woman born 22nd May 1952, at 7:25 am, North Sydney (151E12 06, 33S50). The Ascendant is 8Ge12, MC 21Pi11, Moon 7Ta41. This woman suffered a paralysing cerebral stroke at a certain date within the five year period 1992—1996 (inclusive). At the time she was living in Adelaide (34S55, 138E35). Can you find the day or the month and year of the occurrence by astrological means? You are free to use any astrological procedure or technique.

This exercise presents a different type of challenge and a new learning experience. Please send your response and its astrological basis to me by 10th July. The correct answer and a means of discovering it will be published in the following month but all participants will receive a personal reply much earlier.

My kind regards to all,

Dymock.

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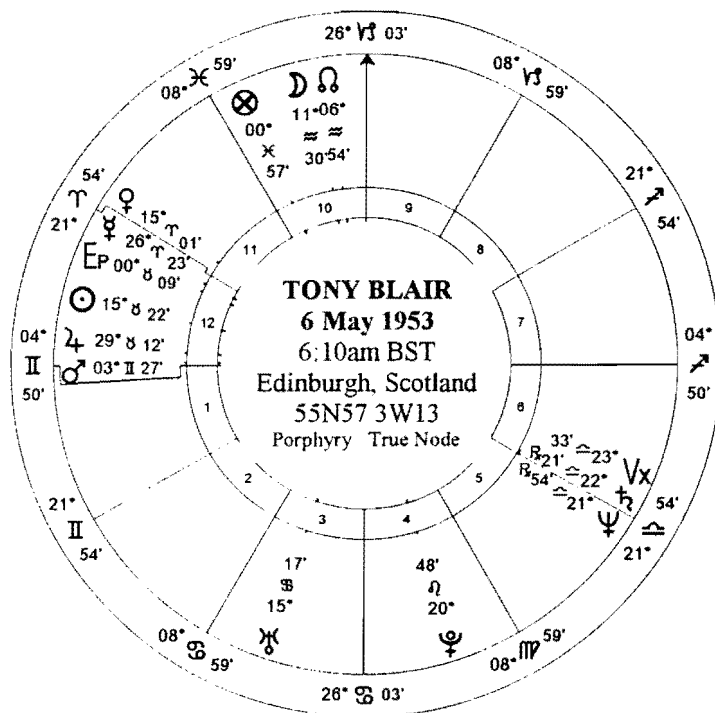
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BLAIR TO WIN

Now that Prime Minister Tony Blair has definitely settled on Thursday, JUNE 7 for the U.K. General



Election I have taken a fresh look at his Monthly Charts and Aspects covering this date. As a result I have to reverse my previous statement that he would lose the Election. I wonder did he have astrological advice to choose this day?

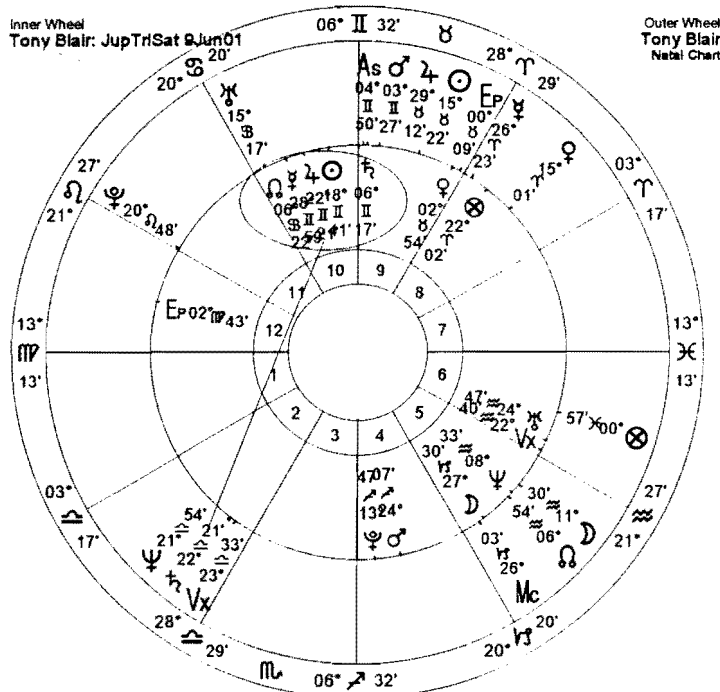
There are several astrological indicators pointing to victory for Blair. In sequence of date they start off with favourable transits of **Jupiter trine Neptune** on 7th June and **Jupiter trine Saturn** on 9th June. The second one is the weightier of the two as Saturn rules Blair's Natal Midheaven.

The Chart for this Aspect at its exact time of occurrence is shown in the adjacent column with the Natal Figure concentric. Apart from Jupiter's "harvest" trine to Saturn there is a most favourable accumulation of planets—Saturn, Sun, Jupiter and Mercury—in Blair's House of Career.

The next, more important, configuration is the Solar-Arc Direction **Jupiter sextile the Sun** on 17 June. The Biwheel combining this Aspect with the Birth Figure

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appears on the next page. Jupiter rules the MC and is not only sextile the natal Sun but also conjunct Mars and natal Uranus near the Ascendant.

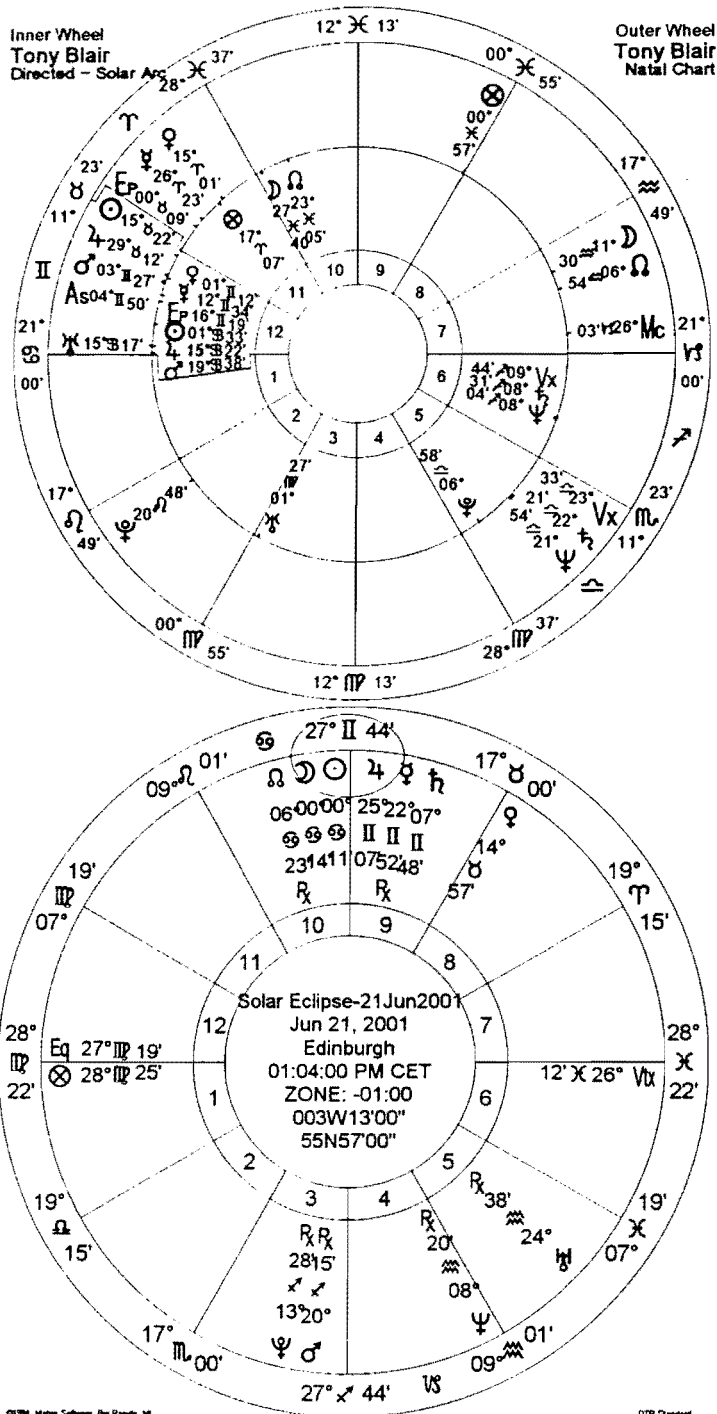
Finally, the **Solar Eclipse** of 21st June at 1:04 pm BST (next page) combines with Jupiter and straddles the Midheaven at Edinburgh where Blair was born. Venus at 14Tau57 in the Eclipse Chart conjoins Blair's natal Sun at 15Tau22. This can only be a favourable portent for Blair.

He will win.

— Dymock.

PROGRESSIONS, DIRECTIONS & CYCLIC CHARTS

As astrologers, how many times do we look in vain for a Direction or Progression that corresponds to an incident in a person's life? Those of us (mostly professionals) who do many charts will naturally



come across this situation more frequently than the average hobbyist who occasionally casts a chart for a friend. My search over the years has been to find a system of Progression or Direction that will account for all eventualities. The search has been in vain.

In numerous cases I have found the answer in the symbolic *Directions*, calculated either forward or backward in the Zodiac. These Directions were made easily accessible through the *Solar Fire* Program which calculates Direct and Converse Ascendant-Arc and Vertex-Arc Directions as well as the more generally used Solar-Arc type and in a twinkling arranges them in chronological order. This is a great boon and another evidence of the miraculous change made by the modern computer.

An instance that comes to mind is the death of Lady Diana, Princess of Wales, on August 31, 1997. This

was explicitly shown by the powerful Ascendant-Arc Direction of **Pluto square the Sun** on September 14, 1997, just two weeks after Diana's death.

A still further and very welcome addition to our astrological armamentarium was the provision of *Primary Directions* calculated with alternative time keys. In the past twenty years I have experimented with Primaries of various types—Standard, Topocentric, P.E.A. ("Prime Event analysis"), etc., calculated with and without celestial latitude, and none have been so eminently satisfactory as those provided by *Solar Fire* using the time key of the Natal Solar Rate.

Primary Directions are in a class by themselves. They depend on the rotation of the Earth on its axis not the orbital motion of planets through the celestial sphere. Timing is very critical indeed. A difference of 1 minute in the Radix time can make a difference of three months in the date of a Primary Direction of the MC. Consequently it is a joy to the astrologer (especially this astrologer) to light on a system that gives accuracy usually within a matter of days and sometimes within a day or even on the very day of the corresponding life incident.

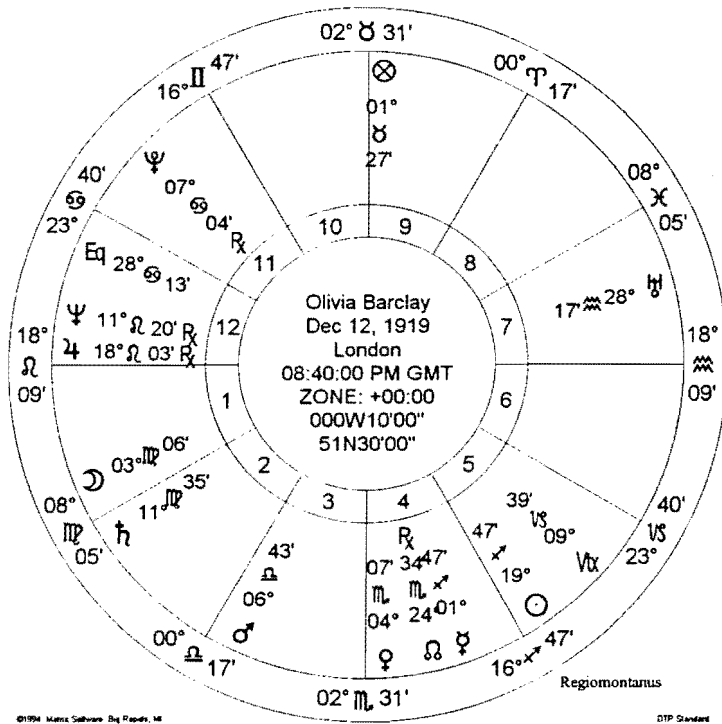
More astrologers should become aware of Primary Directions and use them regularly. In the 19th Century they were the principal means of making predictions. They fell into disuse when the increasing number of astrologers were not sufficiently versed in the complicated mathematics required to calculate them, let alone the time required to do so. Now all this is changed by that modern miracle, the computer! The debt we owe to the mathematicians, astronomers, and electronics engineers who have brought this blessing to us is far beyond our ability to repay.

My enthusiasm has led me to digress from the main topic which is the problem of finding planetary interaction to account for every significant life event. Even with the additional techniques discussed above there are still occasions when no such planetary configuration presents itself. Sometimes this gap is filled by a planet at its Station which is as powerful as a Primary Direction. Planets transiting at their normal rate are insufficient on their own to account for important events.

However, in these instances I have invariably found that the event is accounted for in one of the **Cyclic Charts**—Solar Return, Lunar Return, Synodic Return and, most frequently and effectively, by an Age Harmonic, *when drawn from an accurate birth time*.

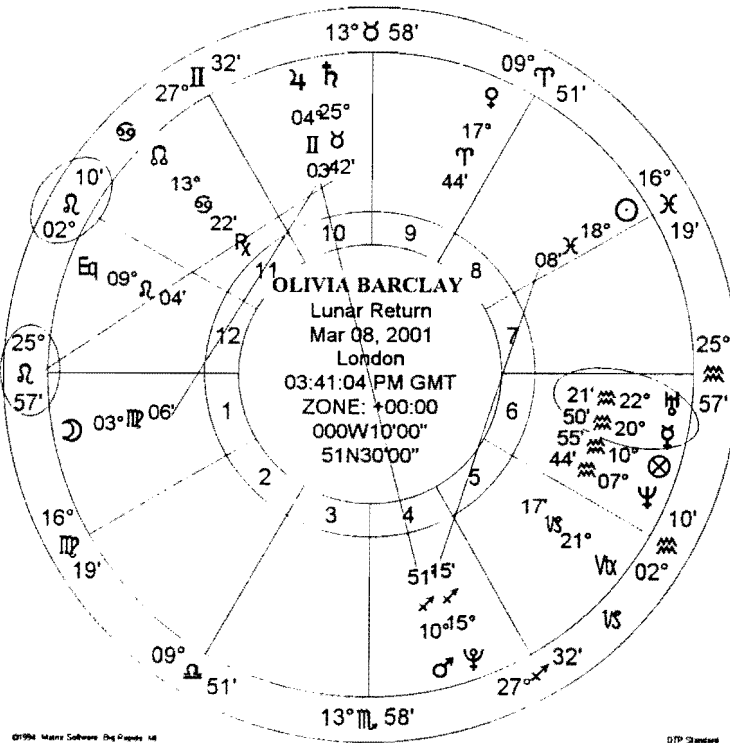
A very recent, if sad illustration occurred with the death of the noted Horary Astrologer, Olivia Barclay, on 31 March 2001. Olivia's Birth Figure appears in the next column.

A converse Vertex-Arc Direction **Saturn conjunct Pluto** occurred on 20th April 2001. Certainly this is



powerful and probably sufficient to indicate death in a person suffering from an advanced stage of bone cancer as was Olivia's unhappy condition at the time. But it is three weeks overdue. On the other hand, here is Olivia's **Lunar Return Chart** of 8th March:

There is no mistaking the message of this Chart: The Sun Giver of Life, rules the Ascendant and is placed on the Cusp of the House of Death where its life-giving properties are cut off by the square of Pluto from the terminal 4th House. There is even more if you wish to



look further: The Sun rules also the adverse 12th House (*confinement*) and its Dispositor, Jupiter, is squared by the Moon; Saturn (*bones and misery*) exactly squares the Rising Degree; Mars in the House of Endings (and ruling it) is afflicted by Jupiter;

Mercury conjoins Uranus in Aquarius (probably also indicative of bone cancer).

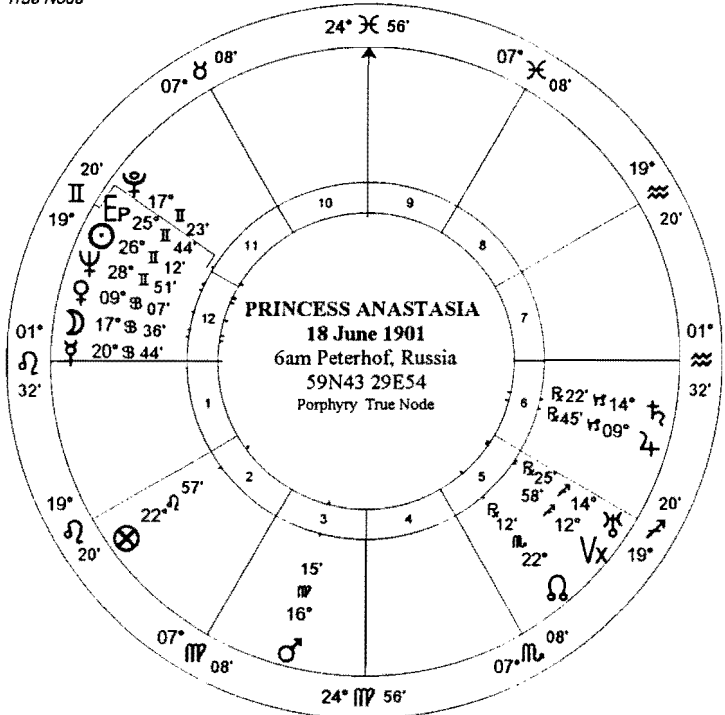
The above is just one instance where an appropriate Progression/Direction is either absent or dubious and a Cyclic Chart gives much superior indications. □

ANASTASIA—MYSTERY RESOLVED!

What happened to Princess Anastasia of Russia is a mystery that has engaged the minds of historians and others for the past eighty years. Anastasia was the youngest daughter of Tsar Nicholas who along with his family was murdered by the Bolsheviks on 16th July 1918. The rumour has persisted that somehow Anastasia survived.

We are fortunate that her father wrote in his diary that Anastasia was born at exactly 6am, in Peterhof (now Petrodvorec). The Russian time zone at the time was 2hrs 1min (!) ahead of GMT which was 3.59am.

True Node



The family massacre was reported to have occurred in Ekaterinburg and though some remains were found it is doubtful if they were in fact those of the Tsar's family and whether Anastasia's were among them.

A recent article in *The Astrology Quarterly*, the Journal published by The Astrological Lodge of London, concluded that the fate of Princess Anastasia still remains a mystery.

It is apparent, however, from a study of the Cyclic Charts (Synodic Return, Solar Return Lunar Return and Age Harmonic) and a devastating Solar Eclipse on 8th June 1918 that Anastasia was in fact also murdered on 16th July 1918, less than a month after her 17th birthday.

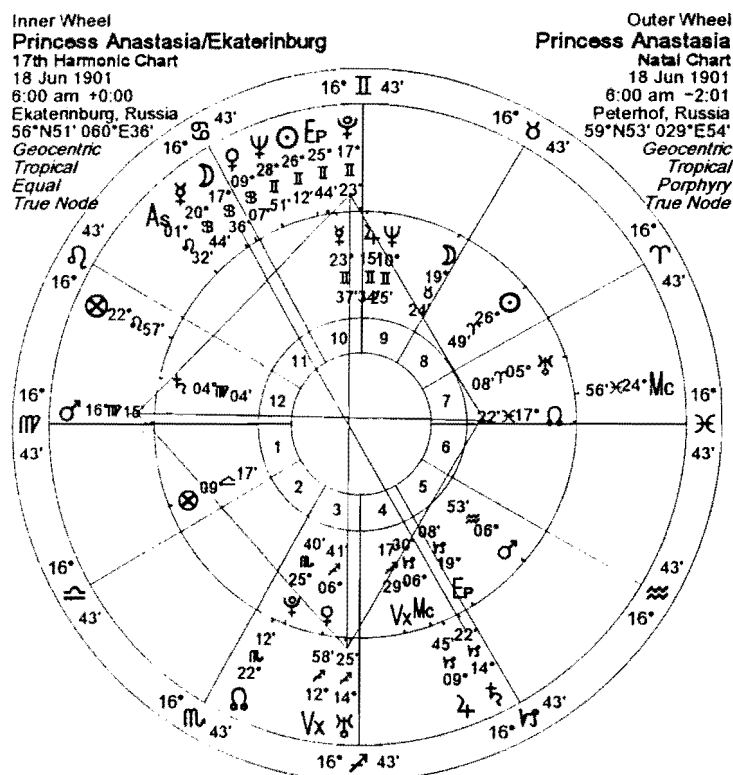
This is another instance where Progressions and Directions do not give adequate indication of the tragedy in store for the hapless Princess and her family.

It is not immediately apparent from her Birth Chart why the Princess should have such a short life, but with closer inspection it becomes obvious:

An old rule is that **afflictions to both the Luminaries** shorten the life. In Anastasia's Chart the Sun is conjunct the two malefics, Neptune and Pluto; the Moon is opposed by Saturn. Additionally, however, there is a powerful malefic T-Square of **Mars, Uranus and Pluto**! This is about as threatening and direful as a planetary configuration can get.

The massacre of the Tsar and his family was on 16 July 1918, when Anastasia was just 17 years old. The most graphic depiction of her fate is given in her 17th Harmonic Chart (below) calculated for the change of location to Ekaterinburg, the scene of the killings. Ekaterinburg (now known as Sverdlovsk) is a huge distance from Peterhof, her birth place. The Birth Figure is in the outside ring, Cusps from the Harmonic Chart.

What we see here is a dramatic increase in the malevolence of the natal Mars, Pluto, Uranus T-Square. Not only are these planets brought dangerously to the Angles of the Figure but they are also enhanced by the Harmonic Node in precise configuration with them and now forming a Grand Cross. The addition of the Node



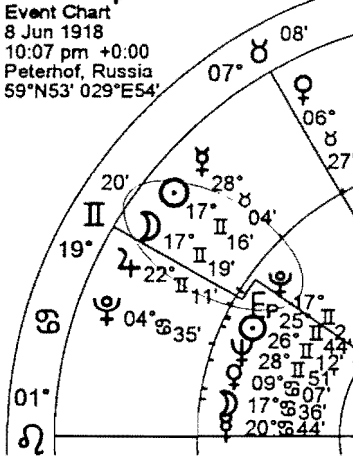
Dymock Bros

emphasizes the power of the T-Square and signifies that the cruel fate was suffered with others. All the family were taken to a cellar to be shot and bayoneted to death. It will be noted that Mars on the Rising Degree rules the House of Death while the Opposition of the Moon to Saturn is now enhanced by lying along a Cuspal Axis.

The **Solar Eclipse** of 8th June 1918 (10:07pm GMT) devastatingly conjoins **Pluto**, planet of Death and Destruction, in Anastasia's Nativity. The conjunction is exact to within a few minutes of arc. This was a clear portent of the murders that followed five weeks later, whereas there were no satisfactory Progressions, Directions or Stationary Transits to mark the event.

Solar Eclipse-8Jun1918

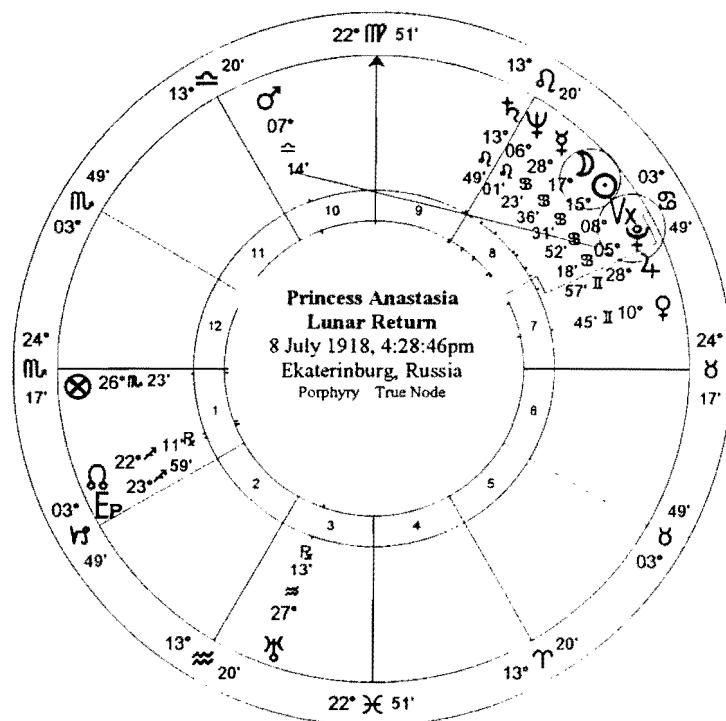
Event Chart
8 Jun 1918
10:07 pm +0:00
Peterhof, Russia
59°N53' 02°E54'



Only the significant portion of the Eclipse Chart is shown here. One other feature is the Eclipse position of Mars at 23° Vi38 conjunct the Natal Cusp of Endings (24° Vi56).

The **Solar Return Chart** of 18 June 1918 has indications but not so clear and definite as in the Age Harmonic Chart.

Rather more indicative is the **Lunar Return** (below) for the changed location, Ekaterinburg. Scorpio rises and Ruler Pluto conjoins the Cusp of Death (*a double emphasis*) together with the Vertex (*fateful*



events) both being square to Mars. The POF rising is adverse in Scorpio. The Moon ruling the Deaths House is adversely affected by being conjunct the Sun.

The moral of all this is that for predictive purposes we cannot rely totally on the Aspects of the planets either in their orbits, by symbolic Direction or derived from the rotation of the Earth. We also need Harmonics, Cyclic Charts, and Eclipse Charts.

TESTS

The solution to **Test 54** (last Issue) will be given in the July Issue. Here is another Test based on the same data:

TEST 55: What occurred on **August 19, 1978**, in the life of the same person? Please send your answers by **June 10**.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock, 13 May 2001.

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I have received requests to provide information on the very effective technique, *Age Harmonics*, about which there are no textbooks at present.

INTRODUCTION TO AGE HARMONICS

by Dymock Brose

I regard Age Harmonics as *the most significant advance in Astrology during the last century*.

Harmonics are certainly not new. I believe the idea is centuries old and was brought into prominence through the writings of the late John Addey (*Harmonics in Astrology*, Cambridge Circle Ltd. 1976). However, using the *age* of a subject as the harmonic number and applying it to the radix for investigative and predictive work *is* new and unique and we owe its advent to the experimental research of an Australian astrologer, Ross Harvey, living in the suburb of Turramurra, New South Wales. He first brought it to my attention about sixteen years ago.

Like others, I approached this new tool with scepticism but very soon realized its enormous value, greater in my opinion than any other advance in Astrology in the 20th Century. Since then I have not only used it with every Chart that I worked on, but have proclaimed its efficacy to everybody who was not too bogged down in traditional thinking to take it up and test it. The tests, on all manner of charts—personal, national and event—invariably bear out my claims.

THE AGE-HARMONIC CHART

The **Age-Harmonic Chart** is an Annual Figure still unknown to many astrologers yet one of incalculable value, usually more pertinent and detailed in its indications than the commonly used Standard Solar Return Chart. Many astrologers disregard the Age Harmonic on theoretical or other grounds but they would profit greatly if they took the time to investigate it. A little research on their own charts in relation to important life events would be an eye-opening revelation of the power of this technique.

Harmonics are tedious (but not hard) to calculate by hand (with an electronic calculator). If the birth time is

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out, but not too far out, the planetary Aspects will be O.K. but the House positions may be wrong, the error increasing as the harmonic becomes higher.

If you are using a calculator, reduce all the Radix positions to absolute degrees from 0° Aries. For instance, 25Tau38 would become 55°38'; an Ascendant of 13Lib24 would become 193°24', etc.

Multiply all the positions (including Ascendant and Midheaven) by the birthday number. If you are 35 and want the Age-Harmonic for the year from your age 35 to age 36, multiply all the positions by 35. Some astrologers use a multiplier that is one year more than the age, but I don't agree with that—it doesn't work. They claim it is more logical. I rely on practical results. If the practice is right the "theory" is wrong.

With all the products, cast out as many 360's as necessary to reduce the answer to less than 360, then translate the final figure back into the Zodiacal Sign and degree.

Insert the harmonic Ascendant in your blank Chart and put equal Cusps on the other Houses. You will have a "**floating MC**" (resulting from the multiplication of the Radix MC), which should also be inserted, in the Chart. From experience I have found that though both MC's are effective signifiers the floating MC is the more important one for interpretative and predictive purposes.

Read the Chart as a figure in itself, but also in relation to the Radix whether you are working with a birth, national or event natus. The Age-Harmonic is artificial in that some positions could never be arrived at naturally (Mercury or Venus opposite the Sun for instance). Don't be concerned about that. Just see what a great predictive tool it is, rich in Aspects, **especially when considered in relation to the Radix.**

The Austrian Tunnel Disaster

11 Nov. 2000

A powerful illustration of the value of Age-Harmonics is the Harmonic for the great train disaster in the mountain tunnel at Kaprun, Austria, on 11th November last year. The train carrying holiday-makers burst into flames when in the tunnel and the fire, smoke and fumes killed all but 12 of the 167 people aboard.

In the adjoining column is the **Radix** for Austria's regaining its independence when the Allied Forces left in 1955. Below it is the **Age Harmonic No. 45** relating to the year 27 July 2000—27 Jul 2001. This Figure gives a clear and definite picture of the tragedy:

* **Uranus rises square Mercury** (*adverse for train travel*).

* **The Vertex** (*fateful events*) on the 3rd Cusp (*short distance trips*) squares the **East Point** (= Asc) and **Neptune** in Sagittarius in House 12 ruling the 3rd (*suffering from gases and fumes on a short trip*).

* **The Sun** in and ruling the House of Deaths squares **Venus** in and ruling House 5 (*holiday-makers—the occupants of the train were off to enjoy themselves on the snow fields; Venus conjunct Jupiter confirms this*). The **Sun square Jupiter** ruling House 12 adds to the tragedy.

* The **Moon's Node** is sextile the Moon, identifying it with the passengers, and is besieged by Pluto and Mars (*many deaths*).

That is certainly sufficient to account for the tragedy but if we look now at the **Harmonic Chart's relation to the Radix** we see still more. The Bi-wheel (next page) helps easy recognition of the inter-Chart Aspects. The Radix is the outer wheel. Cusps are from the Harmonic Chart (inner wheel).

* **h.Saturn** ruling the Asc and in the terminal 4th House squares **n.Pluto** in the Deaths House and opposes natal **Neptune**, ruling the 3rd House (*deaths on short trips*).

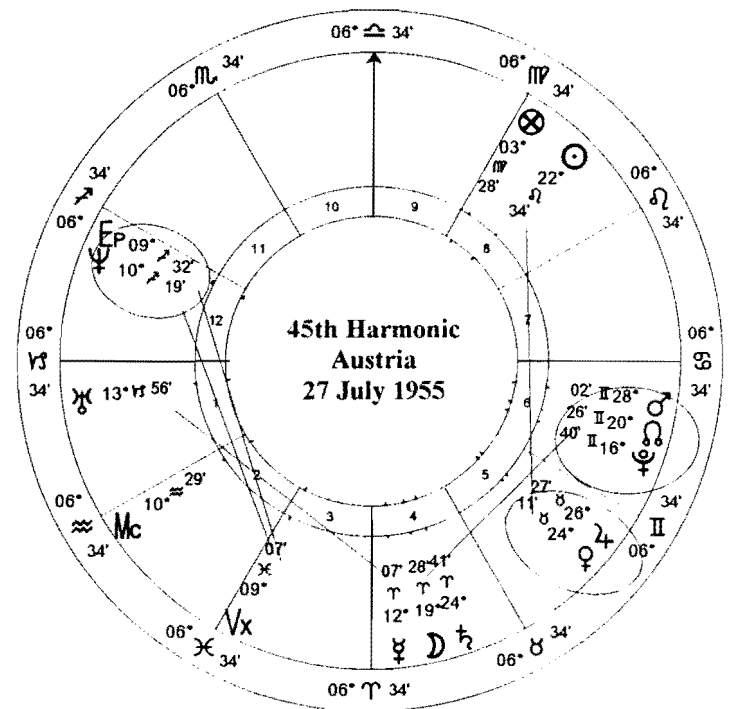
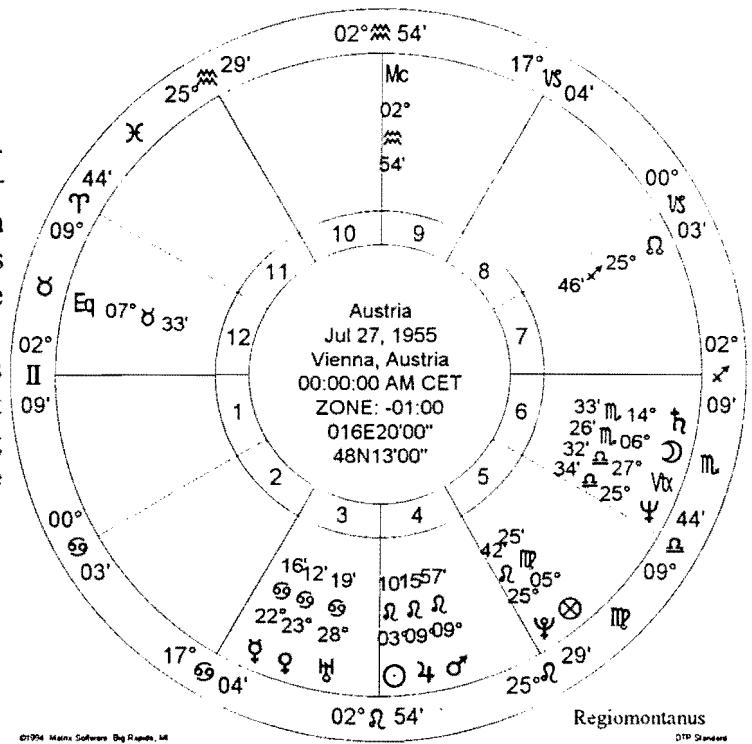
* **n.Sun and Jupiter** conjunct the Deaths Cusp and their midpoint (6Le13) is almost identical with it.

* **n.Pluto** conjuncts the **h.Sun**, in and ruling the Deaths House, and squares the conjunction of **h.Venus and Jupiter** (*the pleasure-seekers*).

* the **n.Moon-Ep** opposition now lies along the 11th-5th axis testifying to the train passengers being bent on pleasure.

The nature of the above Significators and the closeness of the Aspects involved testify to the efficacy of the Age-Harmonic Chart as a diagnostic/predictive tool.

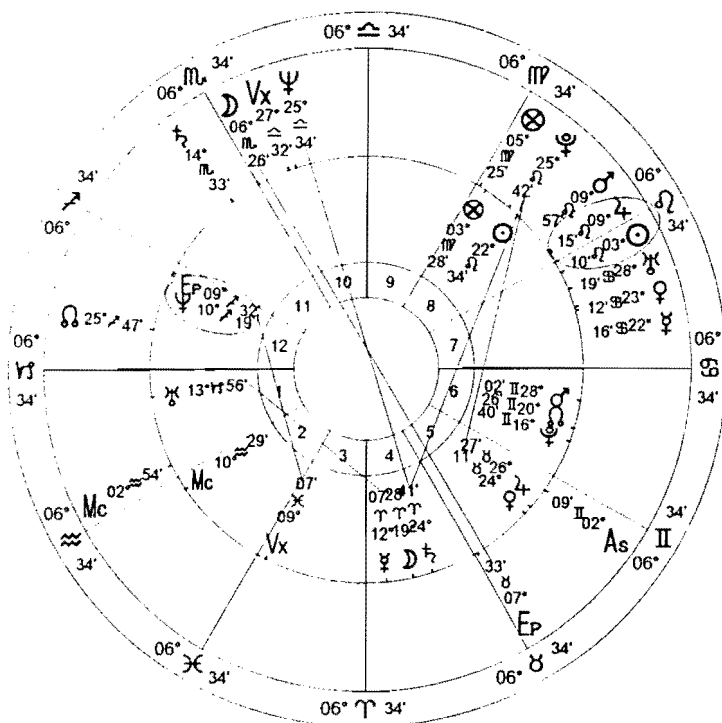
A number of modern astrological Programs calculate the Age-Harmonic Chart: *Solar Fire*, *WinStar*, *Blue Star Plus*, *Nova*, and probably others. *Solar Fire* I find particularly useful for calculating the Harmonic Chart



and easily alternating it inside or outside the Radix. Both juxtapositions are useful.

I always use the **actual age** of the person, not the age + 1. I have been doing Age Harmonic charts for many years and the actual age of the native has always proved valid—very indicative and apposite to the native's life (provided the birth time is accurate). Astrologers who use the age + 1 do so because they think it is "logical". This is theory—and it doesn't "work". Extensive testing proved beyond doubt that the actual age of the subject gives the true Chart for that particular year.

If you try this technique on your own or another's Birth Chart and are not astonished by the accuracy (and number of the indications) you may depend on it that



Inner Wheel: Austria's 45th Age Harmonic.

Outer Wheel: Austria, Natal Chart, 27 July 1955, 0:00 am CET Vienna, 48N13, 16E20.

you have either not applied it properly or the time of the Radix is wrong.

ORBS

The Aspects with close orbs (within 1°) are nearly always the ones that depict an important event. I think the maximum orb allowed should be about 5°30'. This is a question that seldom arises because prominent events I find are always portrayed by aspects with very small orbs.

MONTHLY HARMONICS

Apart from those for a year, harmonics for a particular month are also highly indicative. If the month is three, six or nine months after the birthday simply add .25, .5 or .75 to the age. So, in the above Chart for Austria, the month 27 Oct—27 Nov 2000 when the accident occurred would be represented by 45.25. (Erect this Chart, compare it with the Radix and see for yourself its portents of disaster.)

For months in between the above fractions of a year add .0833 for each additional month after the birthday anniversary. 0.0833 is the numeral 1 (for a year) divided by twelve.

For Austria's Chart if we wanted the Harmonic for the month 27 Nov—27 Dec 2000, 4 months after the birthday anniversary it would be—

$$45 + (4 \times .0833) = 45.3332.$$

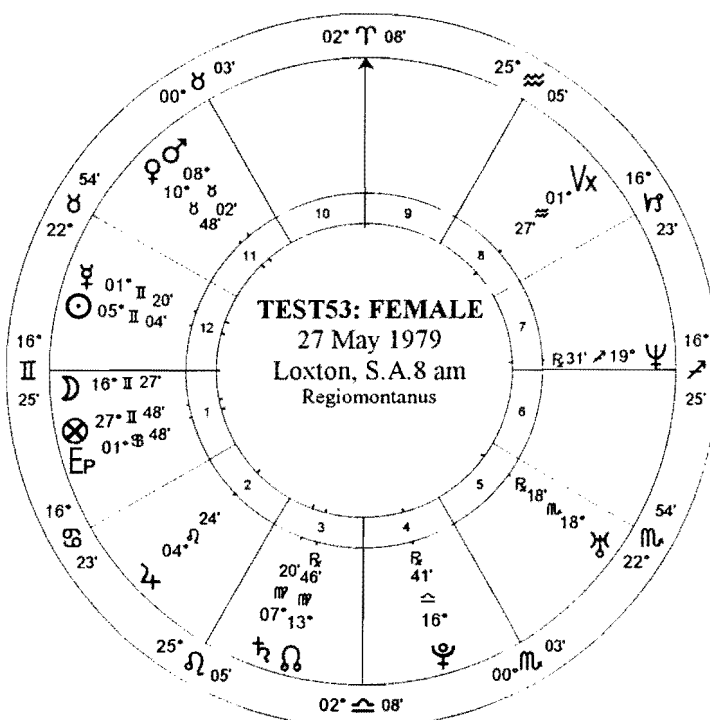
RECTIFICATION

Age-Harmonics are of signal use in Rectification, chiefly for deciding which of two or more Charts is preferable (a far more accurate procedure than relying on Progressed Aspects, Directions or Transits).

Age-Harmonic Charts have appeared over the years since 1983 in *Astrologers' Forum* with many demonstrations of their effectiveness. If you want to open up for yourself a new, astonishing and supremely useful field of astrology then follow the directions given in this article. □

TEST NO. 53—THE ANSWER

Test#53 concerned a woman born 27th May, 1979 at Loxton, South Australia [34S27, 140E34.], at 8:00 am Australian Central Standard Time (-9.5hrs = GMT).



The Question: What occurred in her life on March 31, 2001?

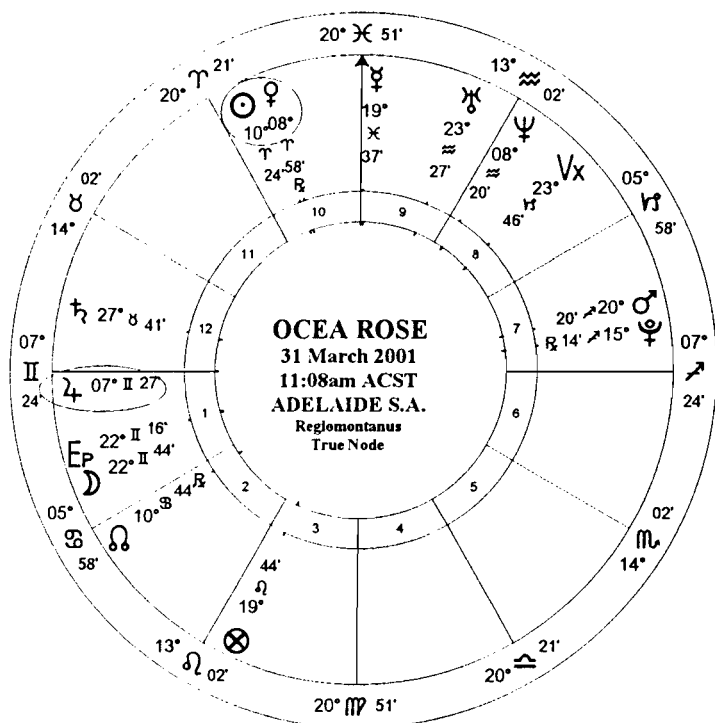
The Answer: She gave birth to a baby girl (Ocea Rose). It was a difficult labour over two days and finally a birth by vacuum extraction. The mother, however, is supremely happy.

I had mentioned that two charts that held the answer are the **Lunar Return** of 31st March 2001 and the **Age Harmonic 21** but any astrological technique could be used, including Horary.

The first correct answer was received from Mignon Halford (NSW) who wrote, "She gave birth but maybe experienced difficulties in labour." Mignon used both the abovementioned Charts. In relation to the Lunar Return she continued, "...Moon in 5th House ... opposite Pluto and Mars indicates the danger around the birth and the fact [that] the Mars/Pluto is on the Cusp of

the 12th House was she ... rushed to hospital or interned at some stage of the pregnancy? Was she trying to have the birth at home? Venus however is moving towards a sextile with Jupiter in the 5th—beneficial outcome in the end." Excellent, Mignon!

The situation was that she wanted a "water birth" but her mother talked her into going to a birthing centre where her allowed time to birth elapsed due to the second stage taking too long and she was therefore moved to the next door hospital. The baby was starting to become distressed and needed to be helped with vacuum extraction. My wife nursed the new baby for about two hours when it was two days old. She has never seen a prettier child with beautifully formed features. The Natal Chart is a lucky one (Jupiter right on the Ascendant, Venus conjunct the Sun):



Another correct answer followed from Ross Harvey (NSW) who used the 21st Age Harmonic, the Lunar Return, the Kinetic Solar Return, Progressions and Transits all pointing to a birth. Lea Breuer-Kantor (Israel) used the 21st Harmonic and saw two possibilities of which the first one was right—a difficult birth.

Congratulations to all respondents, right or wrong. Your reward is your increased insight and skill.

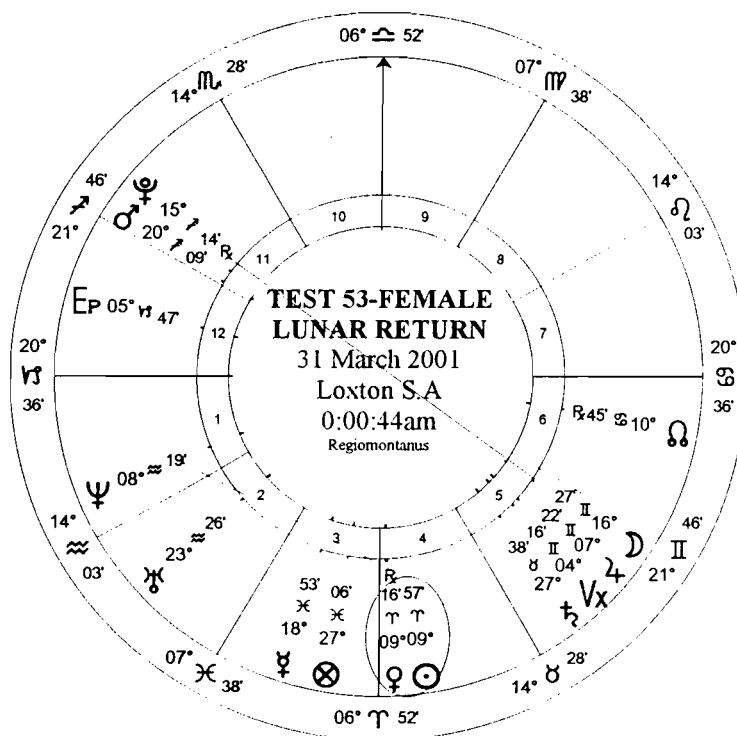
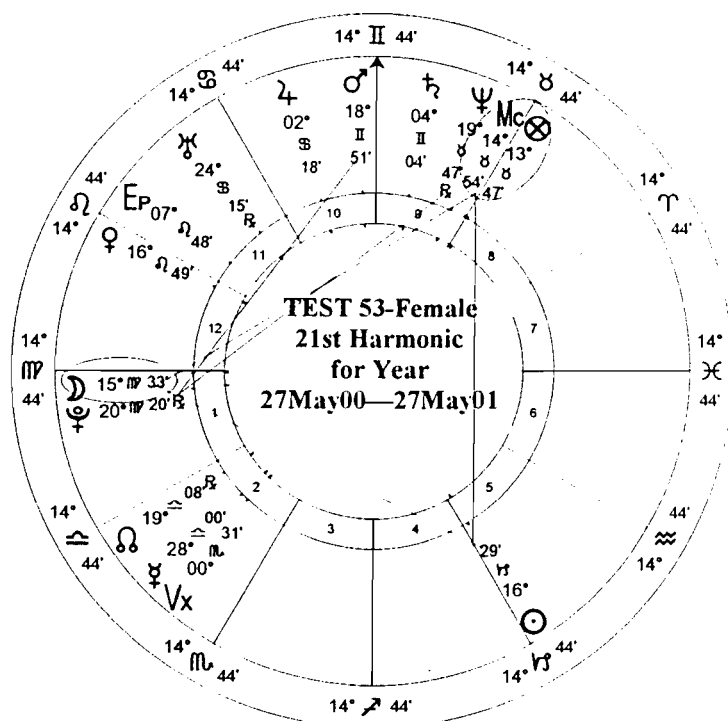
In the next column is the 21st Age Harmonic and the Lunar Return of 2 March 2001, both of which depict the birth. The Age Harmonic is more graphic of the two:

The Moon (birth) is closely conjunct the Ascendant trine to the Sun in the House of Birth, these two principal Significators forming a Grand Trine with Floating MC and the Part of Fortune. The Moon's conjunction with Pluto which is square Mars indicates the complications that occurred.

The **Lunar Return Chart** has the Sun very closely conjunct Venus the two bodies respectively ruling the two Houses connected with birth—the 5th and 8th. Saturn, Ruler of the Ascendant is in the 5th House. Here again the Moon opposes Pluto and Mars, pointing to birthing difficulties.

NEW TEST NO. 54

This concerns a man born on March 10, 1935 at 2:30pm EST in Detroit, Michigan (42N20, 83W03). Asc 3Le24, MC 18Ar25,



Moon 5Ge5.

He was single and employed in the automotive industry.

What occurred in his life on 23rd July 1955? At the time he was living at Ypsilanti, Michigan (42N15, 83W37).

The solution is depicted in the Solar Return Chart of 10 March 1955 but any other astrological technique may be used—solar, lunar or synodic cyclical charts, Progressions or Directions, transits, horary or Uranian methods.

If you really want to develop your skill in astrology, find the time and energy to test your current techniques with this exercise.

Please post or e-mail your answers to me by May 30. All respondents will be individually informed of the correct answer and a means of obtaining it, as appearing in the current issue of *Astrologers' Forum*.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock. 6 May 2001.

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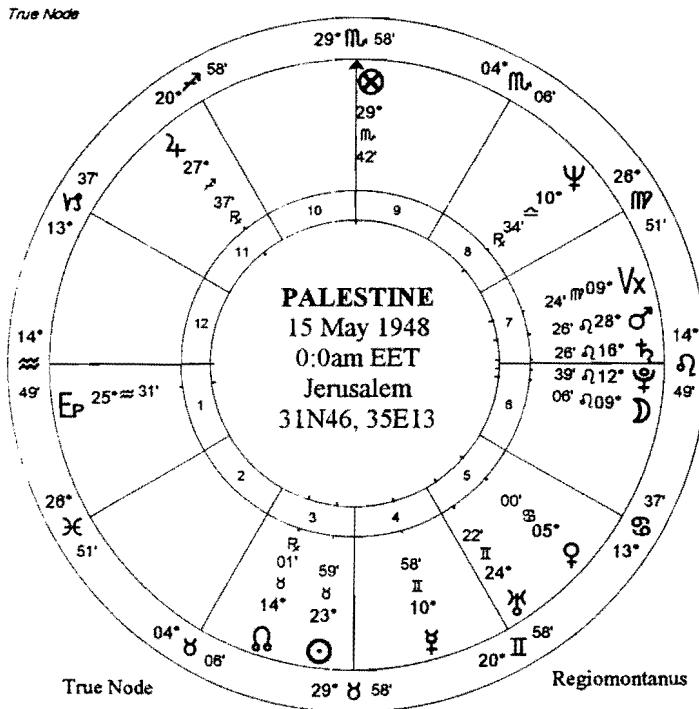
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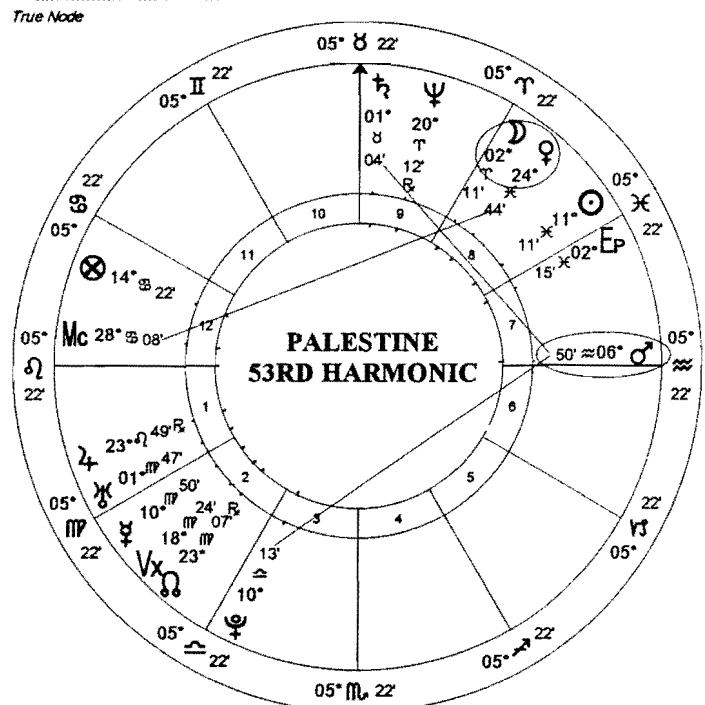
NO—NO WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST!

The fighting and killing continues to escalate in the Israel-Palestine confrontation. This alarming situation poses the question "Will it develop into all-out war?". From a study of the current cyclic Charts for both Palestine and Israel I believe it will not. Here again is the **Chart for Palestine** as published in the February



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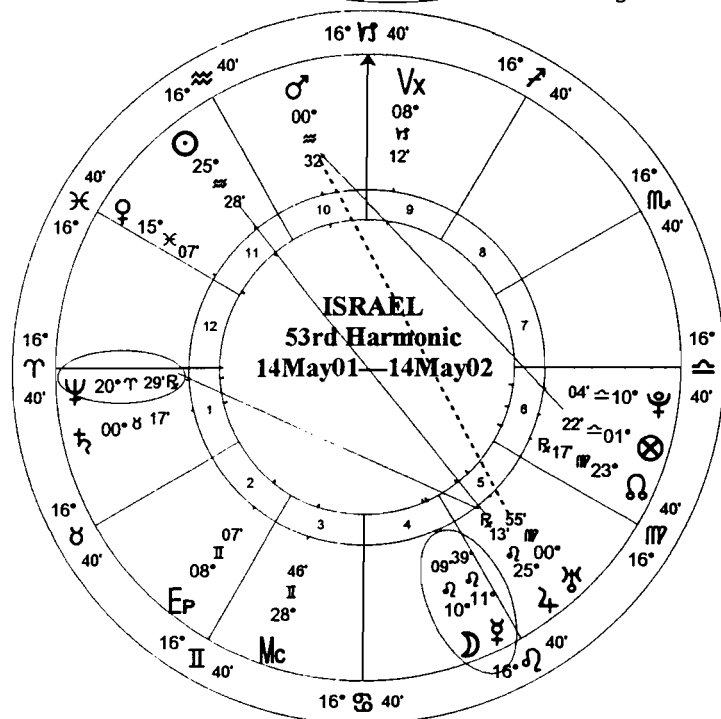
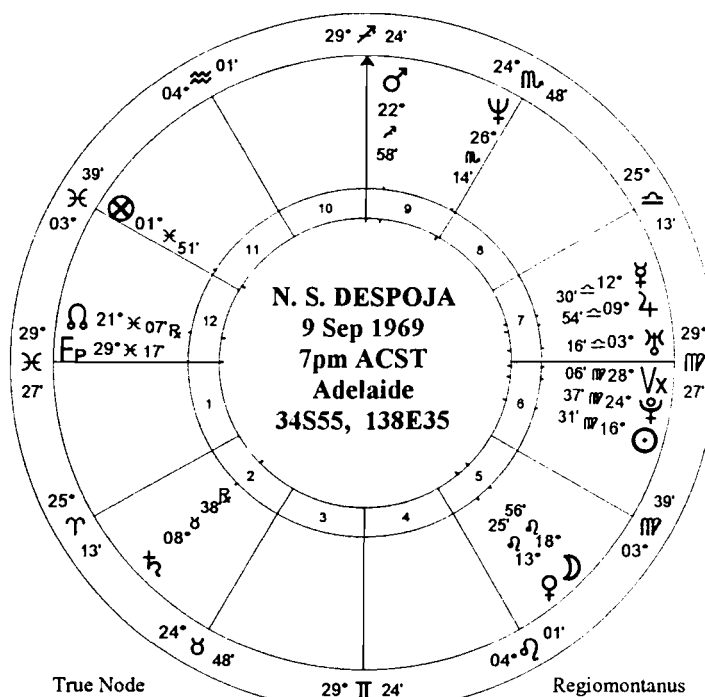
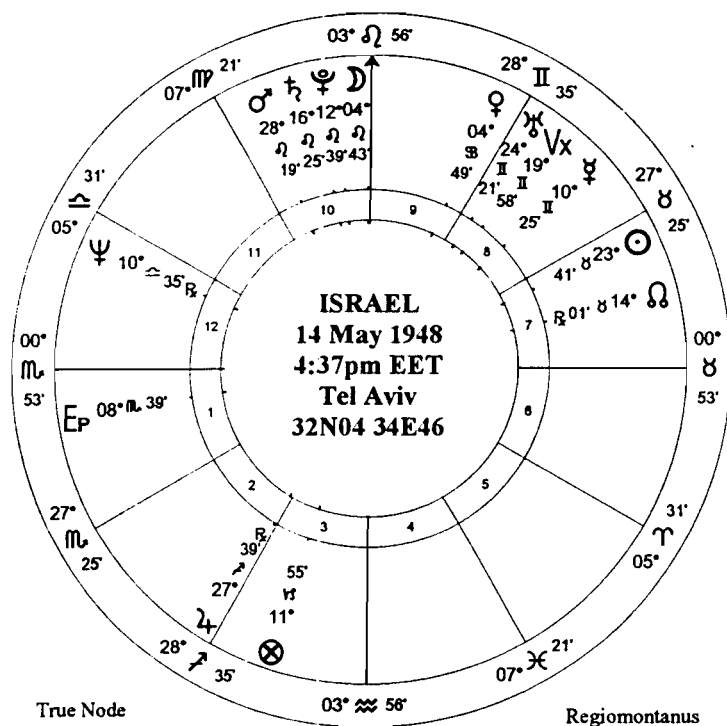
Issue. In the adjoining column is the **53rd Harmonic** Chart for the Palestinian Nation, giving indications for the year May 14 2001—May 14 2002.

Certainly, Mars on the Cusp of Open Enemies looks ominous enough. It rules the House of Foreign Countries depicting the fighting with Israel, but there is no *close* afflicting Aspect (within 1° in a harmonic chart) as one would expect to find for total war. The square to Saturn is nearly 6° from exact and the trine to Pluto more than 3°. These bodies maintain the tension and the fatalities, unfortunately, but Venus, Planet of Peace, in trine to the Floating MC (orb 3½°) and close to the Moon (7½°) should prevent the worst from happening.

The **National Chart of Israel** appears on the next page together with its Harmonic for the year 14 May

2001—14 May 2002. It will be noted that the Charts of both Palestine and Israel came into being only one day apart.

Israel's 53rd Harmonic Chart shows the Sun closely opposing Jupiter from which I infer a lack of wisdom on the part of the Government in relation to foreign nations (Jupiter ruling the 9th House). Neptune rising in a loose configuration with the Sun and Jupiter gives some hope of a peaceful settlement being negotiated particularly as Venus, the harmonizer, is right on the 12th Cusp and Exalted in Pisces. Negotiation is probable as the Moon conjoins Mercury ruling the 3rd House. As the Moon rules the 4th House which relates more to the end of the period than the beginning we should not expect any settlement until



near the end of the 12 months, possibly in March 2002 when Jupiter Directed by Solar Arc comes to the trine of Venus, the Peacemaker. □

SENATOR NATASHA STOTT DESPOJA

In the adjacent column is the Birth Horoscope of a young woman who is making her mark in the Australian political field. On Friday April 6 last she was elected to be Leader of the Australian Democrats Party, displacing the former Leader by popular vote. Ms Despoja is 31 and has been in politics only five and a half years, so it appears a bright future is opening up for her. Here is a brief review of her political life up to the date of her election on April 6 [Data Source: Natasha

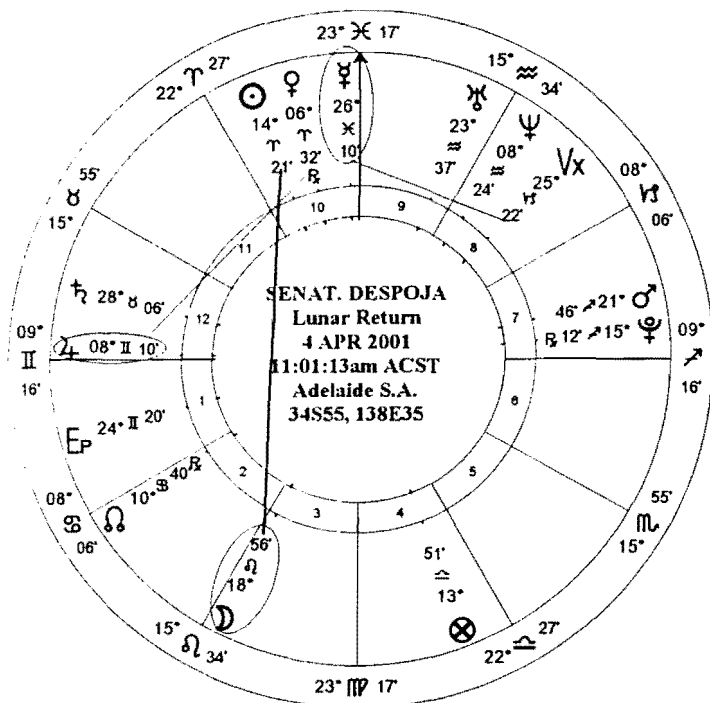
Stott Despoja in a letter to Esoteric Technologies P/L. (1998)]:

Ms Despoja became involved in politics at the Adelaide University in the student union movement and was President of the Adelaide University Students' Association in 1991. She joined the Young Democrats in 1993 and was elected as a Democrat senator to the Parliament of South Australia on 29 November, 1995. She has been the spokesperson for the Australian Democrats on Science and Technology, Higher Education and Training, Consumer Affairs and Immigration and Cultural Affairs. However, it is her role as spokesperson for Youth Affairs that has gained the most media coverage.

It would be interesting to follow the young Senator's career by reference to the major Directions but unfortunately the given "7 pm" looks suspiciously like a rounded-off birth time. Consequently both Symbolic and Primary Mundane Directions, whose timing is critical, are likely to be more misleading than helpful. Age Harmonic Charts, which I prefer, are even more dependent on an accurate birth time to give the right House placement of the Significators. However, the trusty Lunar Return Charts are practically independent of such a stringent requirement and can provide a reliable insight into the progress of affairs.

On the next page, for instance, is the **Lunar Return Chart of April 4, 2001**, two days before the Senator's elevation to the Leadership.

Jupiter on the Ascendant sextile Venus and ruling the House of Status is an unmistakable indication of success in the ballot particularly as Mercury ruling the Ascendant (and natural signifier of ballots) is conjunct the MC and sextile the Vertex giving the



occasion special significance. Further evidence is not required but is there with the Moon in the 3rd House (ballots) trine the Sun which rules the 3rd. Natasha could hardly have gone into this Party Ballot with better auspices.

The Senator's successive Lunar Return Figures up to September 2001 do not present any startling events—just the usual if varied routine of a politician. I have not reproduced them here but some do warrant comment:

The **Lunar Return Chart for Aug. 19—Sep 15, 2001** has n.Neptune on the 7th Cusp square Ir.Sun. This suggests some disaffected Party members may be mounting an undercover opposition to Ms Despoja or attempting to sabotage her policies. It's difficult—or impossible—to please all the people all the time.

The more significant **Lunar Return of 15 Sep.—11 Oct.** has the Sun in the 10th House square n.Mars together with an accumulation of natal planets in the 10th. This is a favourable chart for the Senator, enhancing her personal charisma and assuring a firm hold on policy. Mars rising square n.Uranus signifies creative energy and much activity. Ms Despoja will be exerting authority and demonstrating leadership while gearing up for a possible Federal Election in November which will be critical for the fortunes of the Australian Democrats. There is an element of danger from Mars/Uranus so let all care be taken to avoid accidents or mishaps on the road.

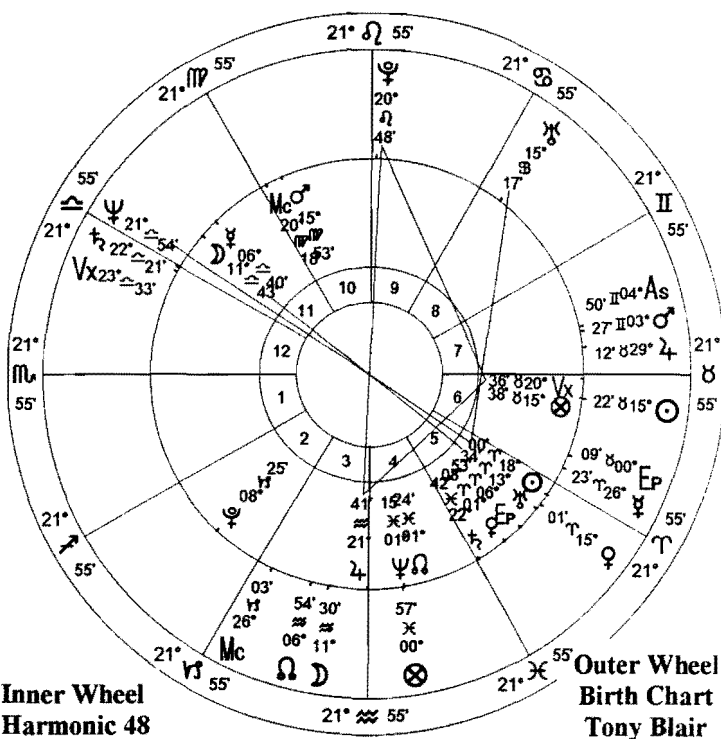
In **November** the Senator's Lunar Return occurs on the 9th. If the General Election is held this month after the 9th the Democrats will gain ground. Mercury links the Ascendant with the Midheaven by House and is closely conjunct Venus ruling the intercepted 1st House. This augurs well for increased popularity of the

Party and also for donations to the Party's coffers seeing that the Venus/Mercury conjunction occurs on the Finances Axis (8th-2nd). The POF at the MC is an endorsement of achievement while Jupiter on the Cusp of Friends and Acquaintances means a substantial increase in membership. Under their new Leader the Democrats are set to do well.

Further prognosis must await an announcement by Prime Minister John Howard of the date he chooses definitely for the next Federal Election. □

PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR

Because of the pandemic foot and mouth disease Tony Blair changed the date for the United Kingdom Election from May to (possibly) July this year. But no date bodes well for him up to 5th May 2002. Below is his 48th Age **Harmonic Chart** for the period **5 May 2001—5 May 2002** (inner wheel) with the Birth Chart



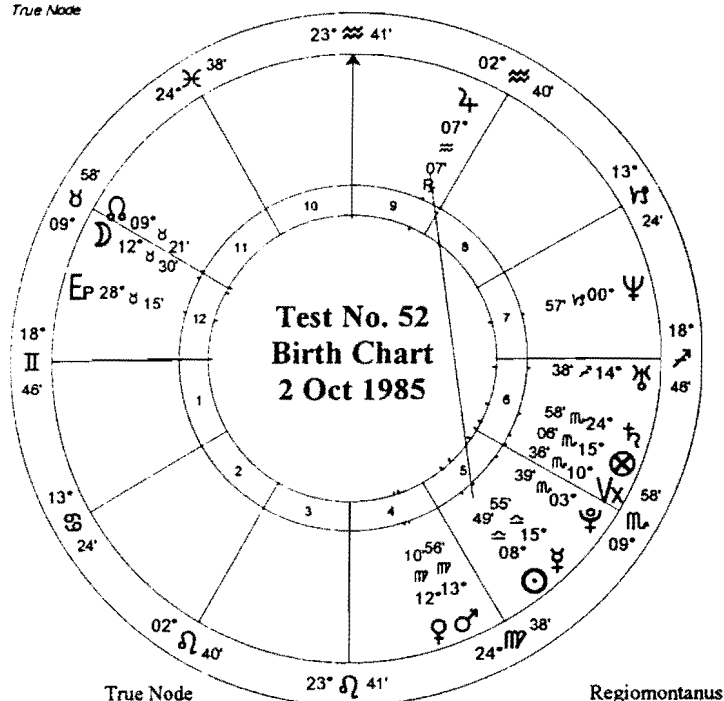
in the outer wheel).

Natal Pluto at the MC opposed by ah.Jupiter and in a T-Square with ah.Vertex signifies loss of his Prime Ministership. ah.Sun ruling the House of Career and opposed by n.Neptune is similarly unfortunate. The floating MC opposed by Saturn confirms the prognosis.

Tony Blair turns 49 on 6 May 2002, and a general election in the U.K. can be held up to 31 May 2002 which runs into his 49th Age Harmonic. Unfortunately for the Prime Minister his next year's Chart is no more promising than the present one. Adverse combinations include Saturn square the MC, Uranus opposite n.MC, Jupiter opposite n.Neptune, Saturn and Vertex, MC conjunct n.Uranus, and the Moon conjunct n.Pluto.

Tony Blair will lose the Election. □

True Node



True Node

Regiomontanus

TEST NO. 52: THE ANSWER

The Question: What happened **26 April 1997** in the life of a schoolboy born **2 October 1985**, 1:56 am GMT at 41N12, 73W44? (Chart above). The incident occurred at the place of birth.

The Answer: The boy won an interstate science fair with a solar-powered carousel built from Lego bricks. His prize included a good sum of money and an inscribed trophy.

Two correct answers were received and one very close. If the answer mentioned a prize or winning I counted it as correct:

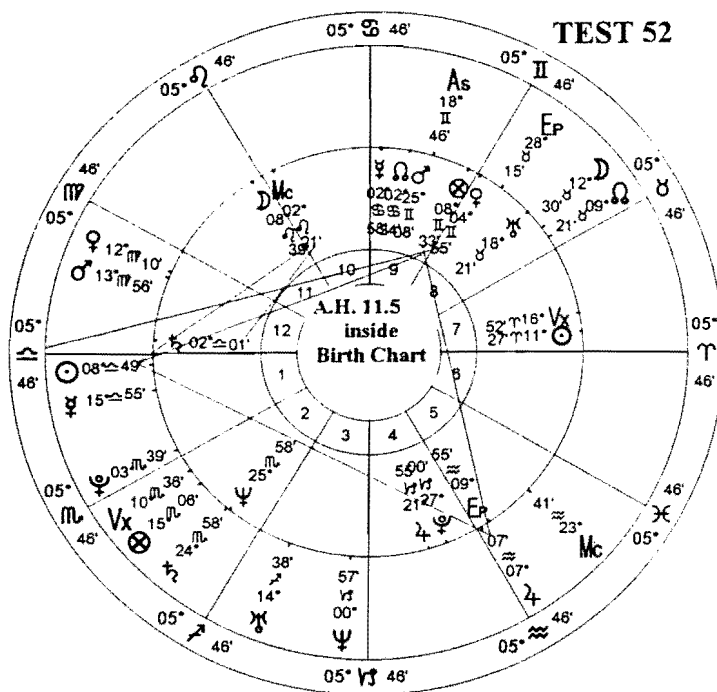
Jenifer Pommerin (West Australia) wrote that the schoolboy won a prize for an overseas trip. Jenifer based her answer on the indications in the Birth Chart plus the Age Harmonic for 11.5 Years and the Transits for April 1997.

Lisa Bartels (Egypt) wrote, "the boy won some-thing...possibly as result of a creative endeavour or something artistic, and as a result of this it is possible he went on some kind of trip...". Lisa based her answer on the Age Harmonic 11.5 and the natal Chart.

Marguerite Brose (South Australia) was nearly correct when she wrote "he received money from a private artistic creation" which was an interpretation of the Symbolic Direction of natal Neptune to the trine of the Moon and Venus at the rate of 1° for a year: n.Neptune 0Cp57 + 11°50' = 12Cp27, trine Moon and Venus, the Moon ruling the 2nd House (money earned) and Venus Co-Ruler of the 5th (creative output).

Respondents were free to use any astrological method but I gave the hint that the answer could be found in the **Birth Chart plus the Age Harmonic for 11.5 years**, relating to the Month April 2—May 2, 1997. This Dual-Wheel is in the next column.

A prominent feature of the **Birth Chart** is the Sun in the 5th House in a beautiful trine with Jupiter in the 9th. This trine is brought into prominence (and



activity) by the **Age Harmonic**. The Sun (*Success*) is rising close to the Ascendant while Jupiter is in the 5th House (*Creative Output*) strengthened by being close to the Cusp. The two bodies now form a Grand Trine with the Part of Fortune strongly-placed on the 9th Cusp (*Higher Mind Activities*).

This alone is very indicative of a personal triumph or prize-winning creation but subsidiary indications can be found in other close Aspects: The ah.Moon at 8Le39 ruling the 10 House (*Achievement*) sextiles the n.Sun at 8Li49; the floating MC at 2Le21 sextiles ah. Saturn at 2Li01; ah.Venus at 4Ge35 trines the Rising Degree, 5Li46.

Congratulations to all who tackled this problem whether or not they found the solution. This is the way to learn *practical astrology* and bring it down to earth away from the theorizing and speculative imaginings of what the late Alexander Marr used to call the *dream dancers*.

Now here is another exercise for your astrological muscles.

NEW TEST NO. 53

Test#53 concerns a woman born **27th May, 1979** at Loxton, South Australia [34S27, 140E34.], at 8:00am Australian Central Standard Time (-8hrs = GMT). The Natal Asc is 16Ge25, MC 2Ar08, Moon 16Ge27. She is single and employed doing office work.

What occurred in her life on March 31, 2001?

Please send your answers to me by **April 30**, by ordinary post or e-mail (addresses on first page).

Any astrological technique may be used, including Horary. Two charts that hold the answer are the Lunar Return of 31st March 2001 and the Age Harmonic 21.

My kind regards to all

— Dymock.

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THE CHART FOR THE 20TH CENTURY

by Allan Johnson

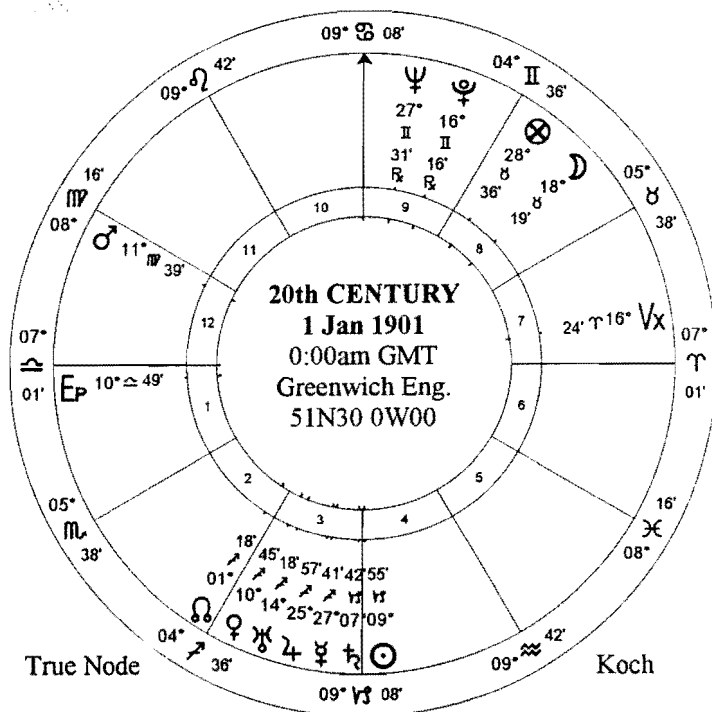
Some astrologers do debate the value of charts for centuries. Charts for countries have tended to be the chief focus in Mundane Astrology but each century historically does have its own individuality and has been recognized as such. The difficulty with past centuries has been that there has not been standardized time zones as a starting point but this difficulty was tidied up in the 19th Century with establishment of the zero point at Greenwich and its general recognition, so we do have a latitude and longitude to work with. Now, with the whole story of the 20th Century completed historically it is a good time to have a look at the Century as a whole astrologically. This can be checked out in two ways—to look at the Chart as a whole and see how it correlated with events and also to use progressions and transits for individual highlights.

The Chart is for 1st January 1901, zero hours, Greenwich. [See next column]

I have been using this Chart for quite some time and have always referred to it as a highly dramatic Chart, and certainly nobody can doubt that it has been a highly dramatic Century world wide. There are three major configurations in the Chart: a mutable T-square linking what we may call the most dramatic planets, Pluto, Mars and Uranus, a Grand Trine in Earth Signs plus a powerful axis pattern between the 3rd and 9th Houses. In addition to these we have seven planets plus the Node in Mutable Signs. Any person with seven planets in Mutables is bound to have a *highly changeable life*. And so with the 20th Century! The powerful oppositions between the 3rd and 9th Houses stand out very strongly. These Houses link with communication, travel, transport; and the Century has seen a tremendous *revolution* in these areas—from the horse and buggy to putting a man on the Moon! Also we have the revolution in communication, radio, television, etc. This is spot-on for the 20th Century. The Century has seen the most violent warfare in history with revolution in Russia and China. Massive violence links with the T-square involving Pluto, Mars and Uranus, the planets most associated with violence.

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The 9th House is also associated with ideology and here we have Neptune and Pluto with oppositions to Venus, Uranus, Jupiter and Mercury. This links with the grandiose fantasies of empire building associated with Hitler and Stalin—all of which came to nought. The rise and fall of Communism has been the tremendous saga of the 20th Century. An additional point is the link-up of Venus with the T-square, bringing the revolution in *social relationships* and the big development of *Feminism*.

There it is. It all figures. The Grand Trine in Earth Signs bringing in the Sun and Moon, Mars and Saturn emphasizes the tremendous advances in production and agriculture in the Century though we do have the Grand Trine in corresponding Water Houses. This

shows the other side of the picture in the widespread introduction of social services in Western nations. In addition, the almost absence of planets in Fixed Signs says it all.

The next point is to validate the Chart by correlating dates for major events with progressions and transits. To simplify things I will use the progressed Sun and the transits of the four outer planets, Pluto to Saturn. The 20th Century has been the most dramatic century in all history but I will use only those events that have triggered off the most far-reaching consequences. We should expect that Neptune would figure very strongly due to the grandiose hopes of a lot of leading figures. The first one is the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria which triggered off the first World War, date 28 June 1914. Here we have Pluto conjunct natal Neptune in the 9th House, linking with the opposition of Mercury/Jupiter. The resulting World War gave a golden opportunity for *revolution* in Russia. So the second date is 7 Nov 1917 in Leningrad. This date is of immense significance for the rest of the Century. Here we have progressed Sun quincunx Neptune, t.Pluto in opposition to Saturn, Uranus square Moon.

Next we can take the Wall Street Crash, 24 Oct 1929 in New York. This affected economic conditions worldwide—which became a prime weapon for the rise of Hitler in Germany. For the Wall Street Crash the progressed Sun was quincunx Mars, and Mars is a key planet in the Chart. Also t.Uranus hit the 7th Cusp; plus t.Saturn conjunct Neptune in opposition to Jupiter/Mercury.

We can next take the rise of Hitler to power in Germany, 30 Jan 1933 in Berlin. This was the trigger for the further big events of the 1940's. Perhaps the most epoch-making event in this period was the German invasion of Russia, setting two of the most powerful dictators in history at each other's throats, date 22 June 1941. It marked Hitler's maddest vision for world domination—and where was t.Neptune at that time? Right on 25° Virgo square natal Neptune, Jupiter and Mercury!, once again activating the powerful opposition. The next really major event was the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan, 6 August 1945. This was a very Uranian event and Uranus was in 16° Gemini, exactly conjunct natal Pluto and opposite natal Uranus! Could we get anything more spot-on than this? Progressed Sun sextile Jupiter at this time ended the 2nd World War.

Next we can take the Cuban Missile Crisis 28 Oct 1962. prog. Sun opposite Mars, t.Pluto conjunct Mars—spot-on again. The next big event is the First Man on the Moon, 21 July 1969. t.Pluto square natal Jupiter (Mercury/Neptune involving that same pattern) and t.

Saturn at 8° Taurus, trine Saturn/Sun and Mars—for the big success it was. And lastly we get to the collapse of the Berlin Wall, 9 Nov 1989. t.Saturn/Neptune conjunct natal Sun trine Mars. This gives us eight major events in the 20th Century that correlate very strongly with the 20th Century Chart. So we have a very strong case for the validity of the charts for centuries. □

TEST NO. 51—ANSWER

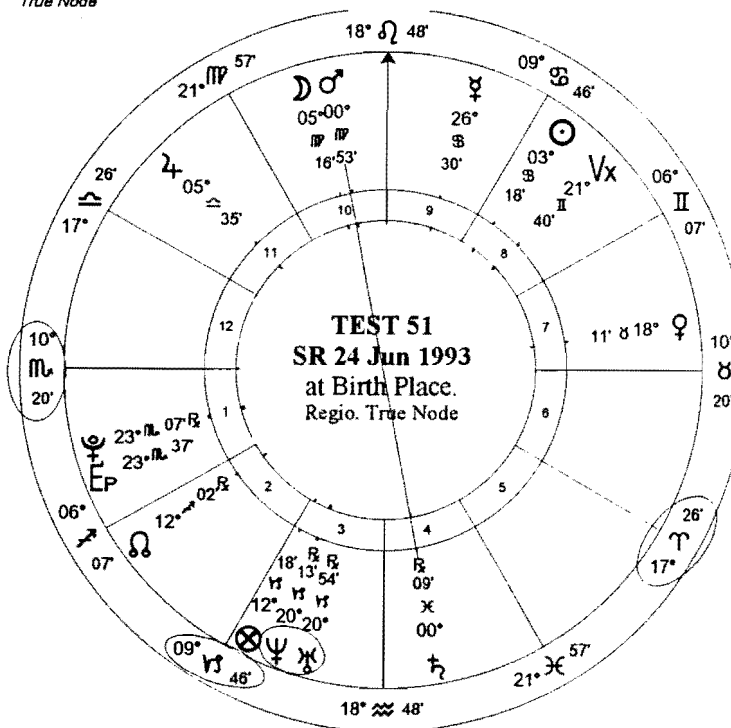
The Question: What happened on 10 Feb 1994 to a man born on 24 June 1973 at 40N50, 74W13? The Natal Chart appears on page 4 of the last Issue

The Answer: He was in a stationary car that was hit in the rear by a truck. As a consequence he suffered headaches and was unable to concentrate fully on his college studies for the next 6 months.

The hint given to solve this problem was to look into the **Solar Return** for 24 June 1973 and here it is:

What strikes the eye is the very close opposition between Mars and Saturn in Angles. Saturn opposite Mars = a blow to the head. Mars couples the Ascendant with the 6th House (*the physical body and illness*). Saturn rules the 3rd House (*Roads and Transport*). The

True Node



3rd House conjunction of Neptune and Uranus confirms the diagnosis.

No one was successful with this Test. Some picked up on physical damage but either applied it to the wrong persons or introduced it as subordinate to a different (wrong) solution. However, I congratulate all readers who were serious enough about their Astrology to make the time to work on this Test. Regular application will definitely result in a higher level of skill.

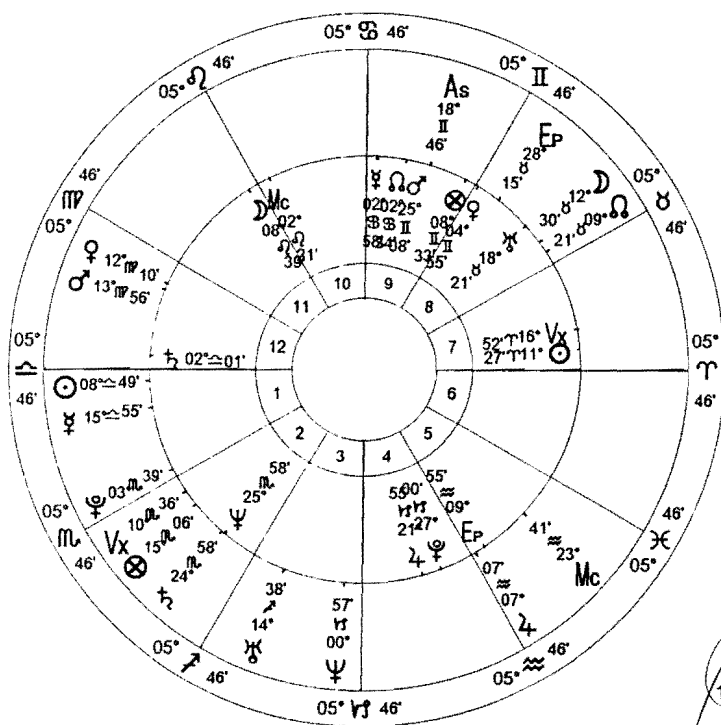
I should say the lesson of this exercise is to look first for the very close Aspects (within 1°) and examine them in relation to the Houses involved, as in the Solar Return Chart given as a guide to the solution.

Any successes will be recorded in this Journal. Don't worry about results, just have a go! □

NEW TEST NO. 52

What happened **26 April 1997** in the life of a schoolboy born **2 October 1985, 1:56 am GMT** at **41N12, 73W44**? The incident occurred at the place of birth. **Birth Chrt:** Asc 18Ge46, MC 23Le41, Mn 12Ta30.

See if you can find the solution. As an aid to solving this problem and particularly for those working without the benefit of sophisticated computer programs I present above a chart combination that *holds the answer*. It is the **Birth Chart plus the Age Harmonic for 11.5 years**, relating to the Month April 2—May 2,



Inner Wheel: Test#52-Schoolboy. **Harmonic 11.5** for April 2—May 2, 1997.

Outer Wheel: Birth, 2 Oct 1985, 1:56 am GMT, 41N12,

1997. Use this Bi-Wheel or any other astrological technique you wish. Please send your answers to me by the end of the month—March 31. This gives you less time than usual but I'm convinced it doesn't matter as apparently few people, particularly the e-mailers, don't get busy on the problem until I send a warning that there are only two days left before the deadline. In any event you have at least two weeks.

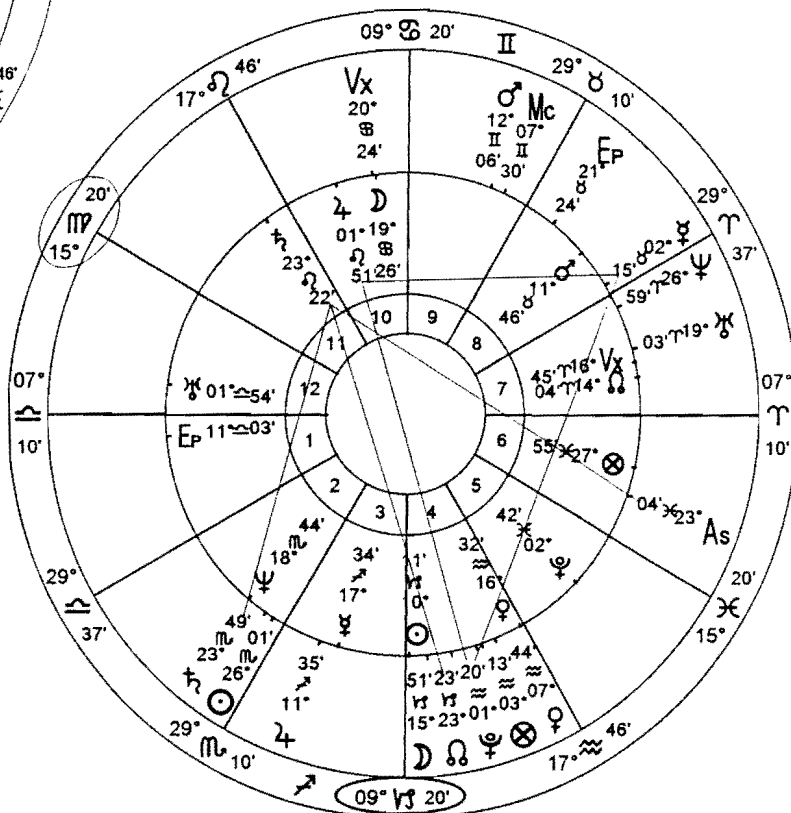
State your conclusion first, then the astrological basis for it. All respondents will be individually informed of the answer and a method of solution. As I have mentioned before, these "Tests" are an incomparable

SLAUGHTER OF THE ANIMALS

The appalling and highly distressing slaughter of livestock that is currently under way in the United Kingdom and elsewhere has not to my knowledge been mentioned in any astrological journal or report. The virulent and highly contagious foot and mouth disease broke out in Essex, England, last month (February 2001) and about 80,000 cattle in the United Kingdom have already been slaughtered in an effort to control the disease. The massacre still goes on with no clear end in sight. What mankind is doing to harmless and beautiful animals must surely weigh on the conscience of every thinking person.

Astrologically speaking, what brought about this environmental tragedy? After a search, I found the Zodiacal correlates in the **200th Age Harmonic** of the basic 1801 Chart for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland (below). The inner Wheel is the Radix and the outer Wheel the Harmonic for the year 2001. The House Cusps are derived from the inner Wheel.

Cattle are governed by the 12th House which has Virgo on the Cusp, ruled by Mercury. An immediate reflection of the situation is shown by h.Mercury in the



Inner Wheel: United Kingdom, 1 Jan 1801, 0.00am Westminister, England, 51N30, 00W07.

Outer Wheel: 200th Harmonic for year 1 Jan 2001—1 Jan 2002.

8th House (*Deaths*) in a T-square with Pluto and above the rest. Jupiter (*deaths on a massive scale*). Compounding the trouble is n.Saturn at 23Le22 closely square h.Saturn at 23Sc49 and in a yod with h.Node and h.Ascendant. The h.Node is actually in the same degree as Saturn, rightly considered to be a highly detrimental position for the significator affected.

The Saturn square gains further unhappy significance through Saturn's rulership of the 4th House (*end of life*) and the massive graves of the slaughtered beasts. This is again emphasized by the position of the five harmonic significators Moon, Pluto, Venus Node and POF in the 4th House (*graves*).

The outbreak of the disease and the consternation that followed was evidently sparked by the Primary Direction of Uranus square Mars on 20th February 2001, very appropriate for the shock and the destruction of the livestock that followed, Mars being in the House of Deaths. (Primary Direction as per *Solar Fire* with the Time Key of *Natal Solar Rate*.)

When will the whole grisly business stop? I expect the massacre to be over at **mid-April** when Saturn in the Radix comes to the sextile of the Sun by Solar-Arc Direction.

Can we manage things better in future with more concern for animal life? Do we really want or need to kill beautiful, peaceful creatures and eat their flesh? ☐

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR ASTROLOGY

In Issue No. 62 of *Astrologers' Forum* (19 Sep 1986) I published a Horary Chart for the disappearance of school girl Samantha Knight in Bondi, NSW, on 19th August, 1986. The Chart appears in the next column.

I wrote, "The Horary Chart, unfortunately, gives no cause for optimism. The two chief significators are the Moon (for missing persons and things generally) and Venus (girls). Venus has added significance here through its connection with the Ascendant, Pisces being the Sign of its Exaltation.

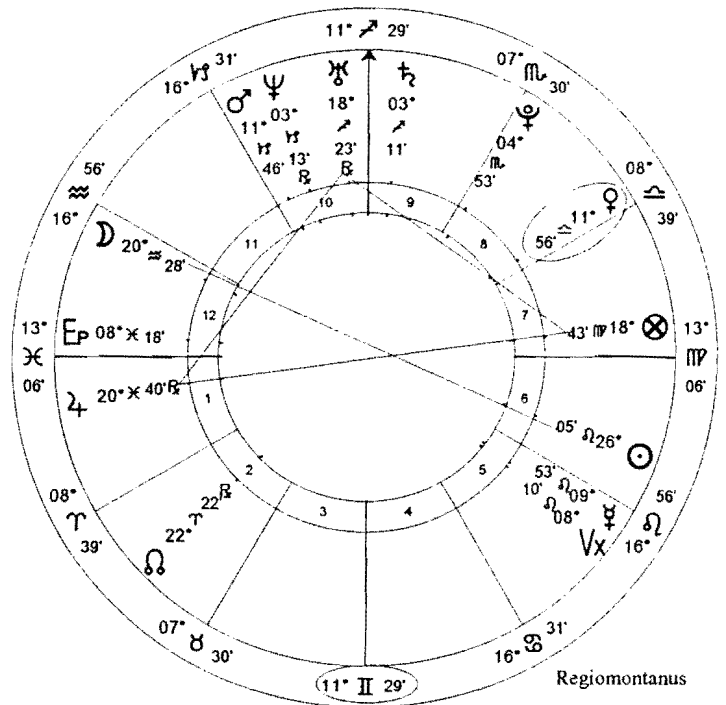
"An immediate ominous note is sounded by the position of Venus in the House of Death, close square to Mars, the planet of violence.

"The Moon, ruling the 5th House (children) is in the 12th signifying the disappearance and confinement and bondage. Its opposition to the Sun is another grim signification (separation from life).

"The Horary Ruler of the Ascendant, Jupiter, is retrograde and square Uranus [and opposes the POF which is disposed by Mercury ruling the 'End of Life' House]. The secondary Ruler, Neptune, is also retrograde and conjunct Mars.

"The Chart is dominated by the five Malefics—Mars, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn and Pluto all elevated well

"One looks in vain for any signs of salvation, and is



Disappearance of Samantha Knight

19 Aug 1986, 6:45pm, Bondi, NSW 33S53, 151E17

forced to the sad conclusion that little Samantha is now beyond help."

A long-time *A.F.* subscriber has now sent me the following newspaper report:

"Man remanded for murder of Sydney schoolgirl. A 50-year-old Sydney man has been remanded in custody on a charge of the murder more than 14-years-ago of Bondi schoolgirl, Samantha Knight.

"Michael Anthony Guider appeared in Sydney's Central Local Court this morning. A serving prisoner, the man was arrested this morning, charged, and appeared briefly in court.

"Magistrate Ian Barnett received a statement of facts relating to the disappearance of Samantha Knight on the evening of August 19, 1986. Miss Knight's disappearance has been a matter of intense public interest and speculation in the 14 years since.

"In 1998 police established Strikeforce Harrisville to act on new information they had received about the matter. Detectives from the strike force were present in court for Guider's hearing. He will appear again on April 19 when a brief of evidence is to be presented."

Horary Astrology holds the key to many mysteries and events both tragic and happy. If you are a keen astrologer and want to improve your astrological understanding and ability I strongly recommend that besides doing the "Tests" made available each month in this publication you learn and practise Horary Astrology which answers an infinite number of questions in life. You will have constant practice and become very aware of the correlation between terrestrial and celestial phenomena.

My kind regards to all, — Dymock, 10 March 2001.

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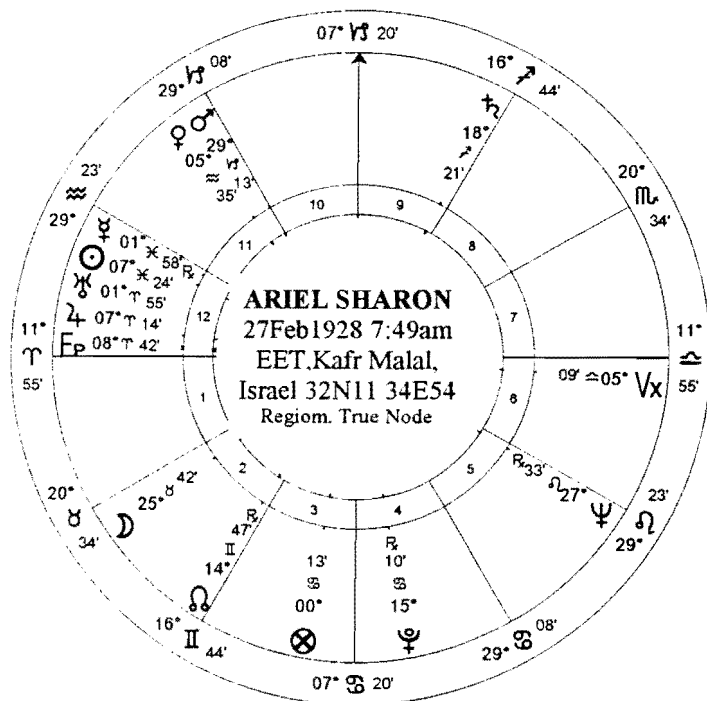
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ARIEL SHARON TAKES THE REIGNS

The new Prime Minister of Israel is almost the polar opposite of his predecessor, Ehud Barak, who was trying to accomplish peace in the Near East by making concessions to the Palestinians that, unfortunately, were unacceptable to his own country. Ariel Sharon is known as an uncompromising military leader capable of

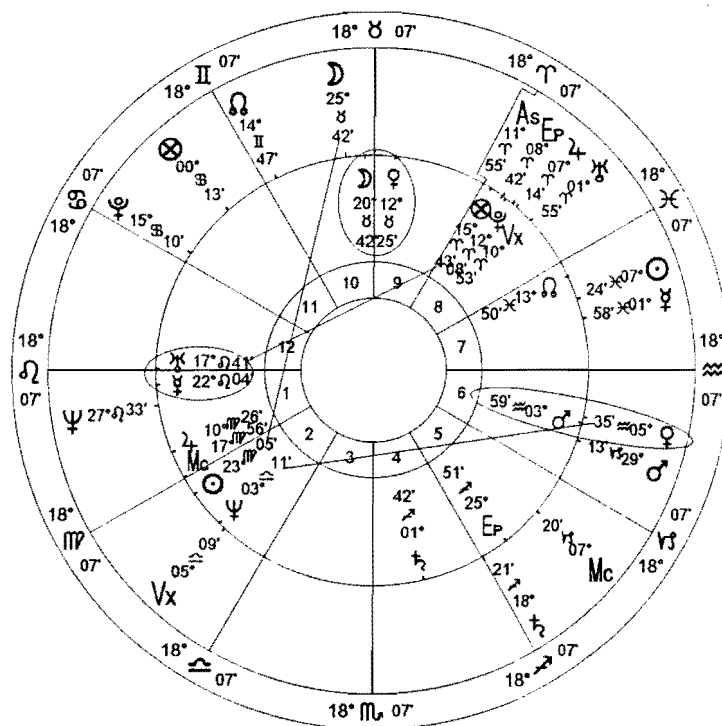
exceeding orders in order to gain victory. His Chart below is based primarily on his mother's estimate of the birth time "about one hour after sunrise", sunrise being at 6:36 am EET. Isaac Starkman has rectified the Chart to 7:49:19 am EET using over 25 events. In the Chart below, the 19" has been trimmed off to give 7:49 am exactly which results in a still better Figure for the 72nd Harmonic Chart. This Harmonic Chart (relating to the year in which Sharon won the Election) puts the Moon and Venus in the 10th House reflecting the overwhelming public support that Sharon gained (see next column).



Sharon's militancy and unruliness is well portrayed by Aries rising with Ruler, Mars, in a strong position on the 11th Cusp trine to the Moon. Surprisingly, there

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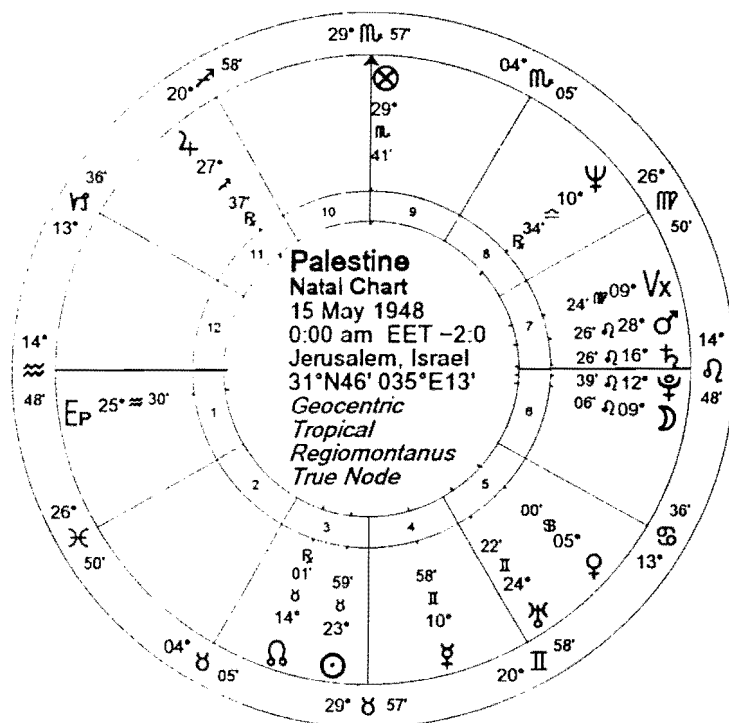


Inner Wheel: Ariel Sharon, 72nd Harmonic Chart
Outer Wheel: Ariel Sharon, Natal Chart 27 Feb 1928, 7:49am EET Kafr Malal, Israel, 32N11, 34E54. Regiomon., True Node.

is a marked element of sensitivity in his nature (*Sun and Mercury in Pisces; Moon trine Neptune*).

The 72nd Harmonic was most fortunate for Sharon. Apart from the Moon and Venus at the MC (ruled by Venus), the h.Sun was trine the n.Moon in the 10th, h. Neptune was trine n.Venus, h.POF trined h.Uranus on the Ascendant (*radical good fortune*).

The main issue, however, is will Ariel Sharon be able to make peace with the Palestinians? Nicholas Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) gives the Map for the date when the British Mandate in Palestine



expired at 00.00 hrs on 15 May 1948 (above). Though the State of Palestine never came into existence this Chart indicates the aspirations of the Palestinian people for national self-determination.

If we combine this Map with the Natal Chart of Ariel Sharon (next column) it is apparent that Sharon, in spite of his reputation as a militant, is going to make a genuine effort to achieve peace. Sharon's planets (in the Outer Wheel) make the following Aspects with those in the Palestine Chart (Inner Wheel):

Moon conjunct Sun, both in the peaceful Sign Taurus (*a degree of affinity and understanding*).

Sun trine Venus (*motivation for peace*)

Jupiter trine Moon (*the effort to establish good relations*)

Neptune conjunct Mars & trine Jupiter (*a softening influence on the warlike Mars; aspirations for peace and understanding*).

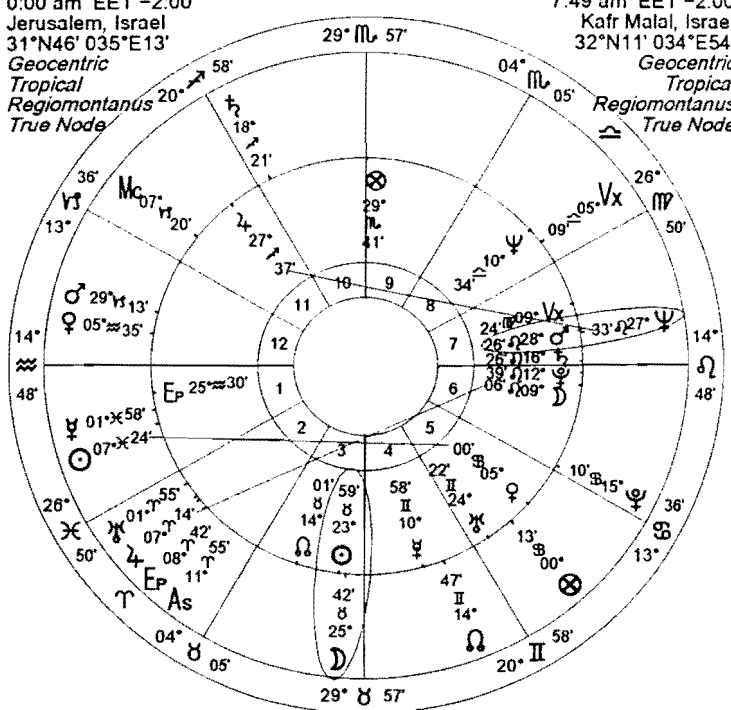
Sharon faces a difficult task and his current Progressions/Directions are not helpful. The best chance for limited success comes in November this year when Regressed Venus (*the Peacemaker*) trines the Sun while Jupiter at its 2nd Station conjuncts Pluto (*a fortunate development*). Also in November, the Sun in Palestine's Chart will have Progressed to 15°Cn10' where it exactly conjoins Sharon's Pluto, giving reasonable hope of a major change in the situation. □

BUS ACCIDENT

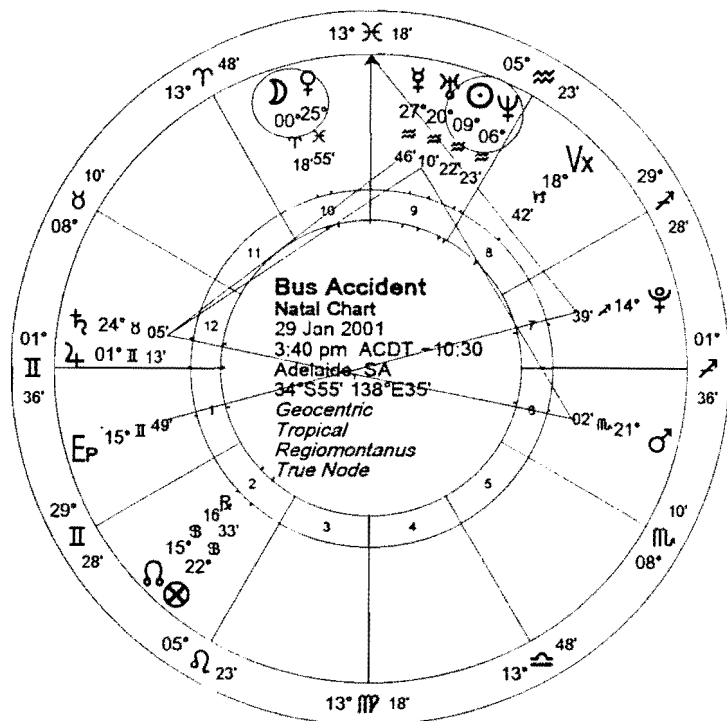
This is not of world-shaking importance but a minor tragedy that illustrates again the desirability (whenever possible) of choosing a time for the beginning of the journeys. In the next column is the Chart for the commencement of a bus trip taking students home from

Inner Wheel
Palestine
Natal Chart
15 May 1948
0:00 am EET -2:00
Jerusalem, Israel
31°N46' 035°E13'
Geocentric
Tropical
Regiomontanus
True Node

Outer Wheel
Ariel Sharon
Natal Chart
27 Feb 1928
7:49 am EET -2:00
Kafar Malal, Israel
32°N11' 034°E54'
Geocentric
Tropical
Regiomontanus
True Node



school. A collision with a truck occurred. The bus driver was killed and a number of the children injured.



The time is not that of the accident but for when the bus commenced its journey, as near as can be judged.

The T-Square involving Saturn, Mars and Uranus is an obvious portent of impending disaster. Of all planetary combinations it is probably the most highly indicative of danger and injury. The danger is compounded by the position of malefic Pluto in the same degree as the Nodes—a position well-known to be highly adverse, if not lethal, and the close opposition of

Pluto to the East Point which is for all practical purposes a second Ascendant.

The bus driver (Sun and MC) suffered most because both his Significators are afflicted—Pluto square the MC and Neptune conjunct the Sun. The children (the Moon and Venus which rules the House of Children) were mostly protected by the sextile of Jupiter.

It is true, of course, that the T-Square of Mars, Saturn and Uranus was operating all over the world but such configurations are most significant in individual cases where other cognate factors add to its destructive power. One such factor can be (as here) Pluto in adverse Aspect to the E.P. or Ascendant (both of which are quickly moving and highly individual points). Probably what is most important is the individual horoscope of the driver/pilot of a vehicle/ship/aeroplane, etc. reaching a critical point in its Progression where it is already ripe for an accident. This applies equally to the horoscope of the vehicle/ship/aeroplane itself. These, too, have their individual charts relating to the time of being put into service. This has been well-known for centuries even by people who were not astrologers. In the 17th Century, John Milton poetically mourning the loss of his friend in a ship that foundered, wrote "It was that fatal and perfidious Bark, *built in the Eclipse and rigged with curses dark*, that sunk so low that sacred head of thine" (my italics).

Moral, where you can, choose your time of departure along the well-established lines of safety provided by Astrology. Better still, study Astrology and be aware also when by Progression, Direction or Transit you are approaching a dangerous or critical point. □

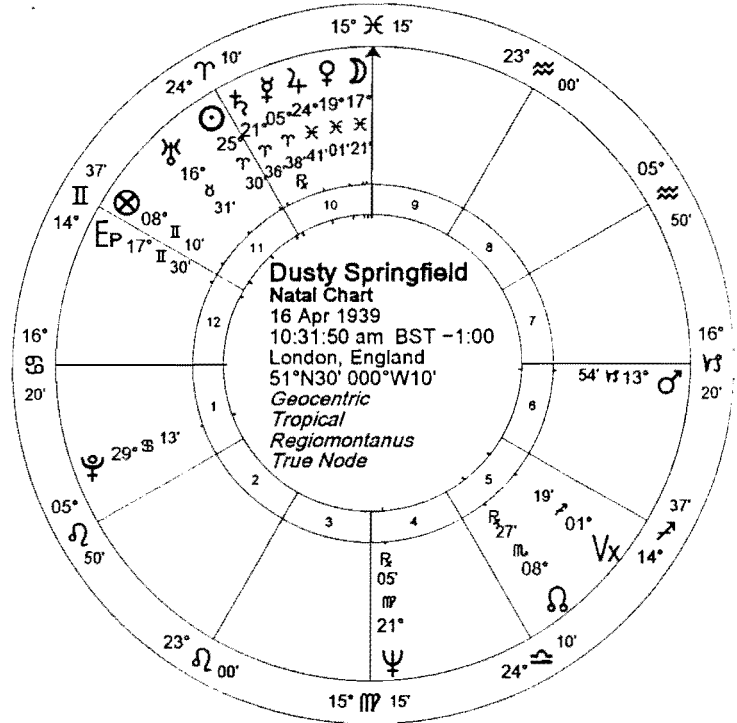
DUSTY SPRINGFIELD and the Fixed Stars

Dusty Springfield, super-songstress who died of breast cancer on 2nd March, 1999 captivated large sections of the public with her sensitive and moving renditions of popular songs. Her Birth Horoscope is a lesson in the effect of the Fixed Stars when they conjoin with small orbs important natal factors.

Dusty was born Mary O'Brien in London on 16th April 1939. I do not have the time of her birth but have managed to obtain a workable Chart by reference to the date of her death. Manipulating the relevant Solar Return Chart and refining it by the 59th Age Harmonic gives the remarkable Figure in the next column:

Cancer rises. Ruler, the Moon, conjunct Venus and Jupiter in Pisces in the 10th House equates with Dusty's fame and the unsurpassed artistic sensitivity that she put into her songs plus her passion for making her renditions as near perfect as possible (perfect, indeed, so far as her public were concerned).

Dusty was remarkable in that she exhibited two



personalities—unworldly, shy, withdrawn, listless and unsocial as Mary O'Brien (readily accounted for by the Moon, Venus and Jupiter in Pisces plus Neptune opposing the Moon) and the confident, magnetic, highly professional and wonderfully accomplished public entertainer known as Dusty Springfield.

It is remarkable how the Fixed Stars impinging on her Chart tell the story. Note that the following positions (all with orbs less than 1°) would obtain even if the time of birth is not right. The interpretations are those from Bernadette Brady's researches as given in *Solar Fire*:

VEGA (14Cp28) conjunct Mars (orb 34'): "Charismatic, magical". How true!

BELLATRIX (6°N18' parallel Saturn (orb 2'): "Success through the Shadow". Two sides to her nature: Mary O'Brien shy, introverted and shunning the public; the Shadow, the confident, magnetic and popular entertainer who got to the heart of her songs and her public.

ALHENA (16°N27') parallel Uranus (orb 1'): "To have a mission". Her mission was to awaken resonance of feeling in her listeners.

ALDEBARAN (16°N23') parallel Uranus (orb 5'): "Success through integrity". Yes, indeed. Dusty's success and wide appeal were built on her sincerity and giving the best possible performance.

DENEbola (20Vi47) conjunct Neptune (orb 42'): To go against society. When not performing Dusty shunned the public, was anti-social, self-willed and bi-sexual.

If the chart is right, we also have—

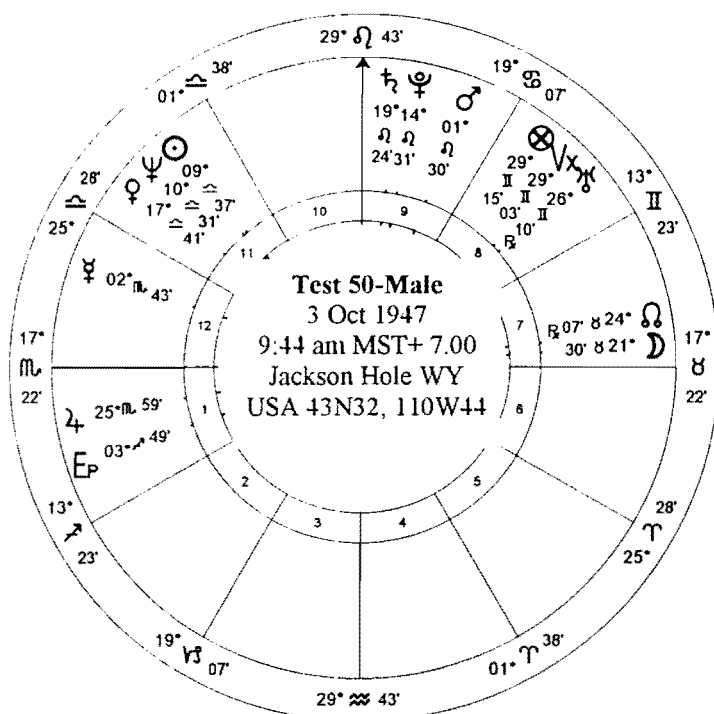
ACHERNAR (14Pi27) conjunct the MC (orb 48'): Risk of rapid endings". This happened too—failure in the USA, for instance, and her death.

ALDEBARAN (8Ge56) conjunct the Part of Fortune (orb 46'): "Success through integrity". Twice!

Dusty was a strange, intriguing, highly gifted singer with an all too short span of life. □

TEST NO. 50—SOLUTION

The Question: What occurred on 17 April 1994 in the life of a man whose Birth Chart appears below. He was a professional man, divorced and father of three.

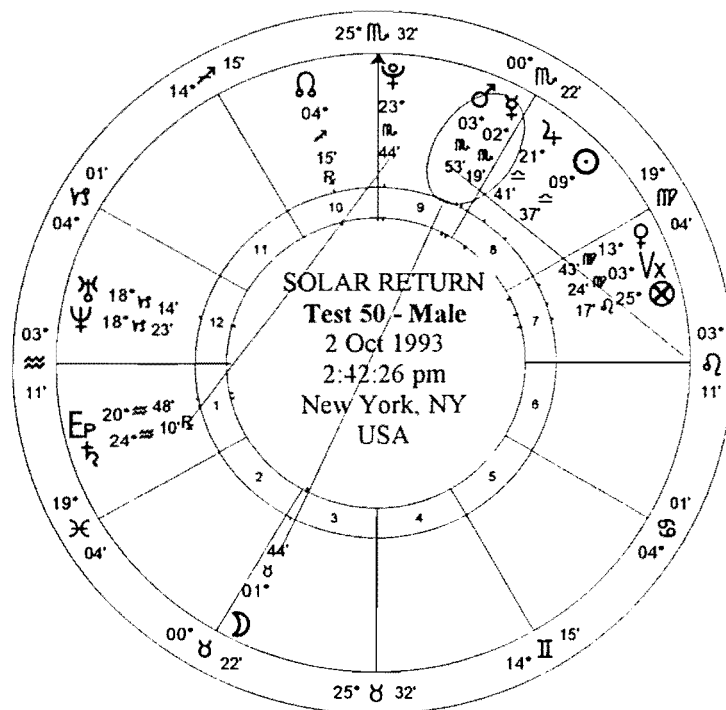


The Answer: He lost his partner. The woman he had been living with for the past ten months died suddenly in her sleep the evening of Sunday, April 17, 1994 during a flight from Los Angeles to New York City. She had suffered from influenza the previous week. She apparently died of a heart arrhythmia, the result of undetected viral cardiomyopathy.

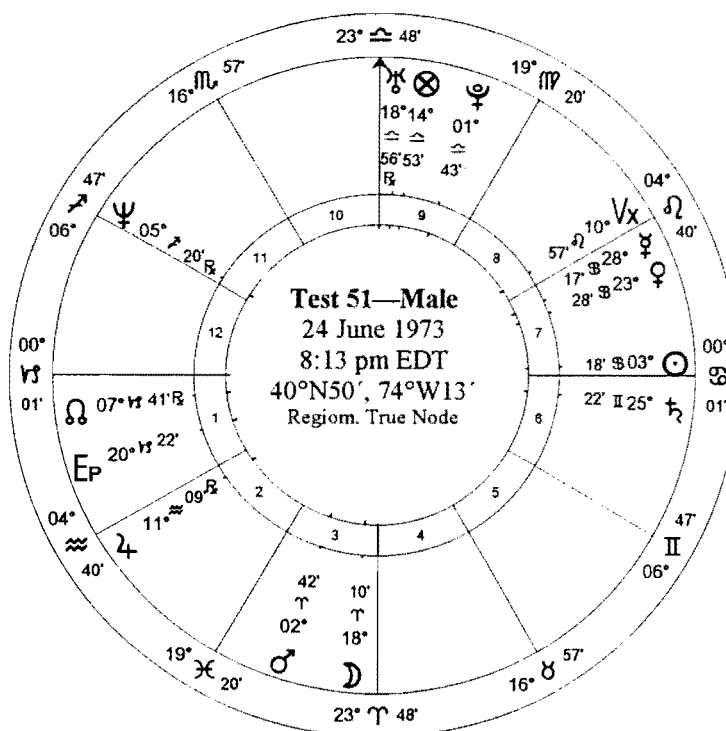
The **Solar Return** (in the next column) relocated to New York has the Ruler Saturn square to Pluto on the Upper Meridian—a harbinger of death or misfortune, accentuated by the very close conjunction of co-Ruler Uranus with Neptune. Mercury is closely conjunct Mars. Mercury rules the House of Deaths while both planets oppose the Moon (death of a female). Mars at 3Sc53 square the Asc and Desc with an orb of only 42' points to the partner as being the female involved. A further indication of the partner is n.Mars at 1Le30 conjunct the SR 7th Cusp at 3Le11. It is interesting that the woman's death occurred during a plane flight (Mars and Mercury in the 9th).

The **Natal Chart** has the Fixed Star Vindemiatrix (9Li12, at the subject's birth date) conjunct the natal Sun at 9Li37. This Star is associated with widowhood and loss of the partner among other things (see Anthony Louis, *Horary Astrology*, and Barbara Watters, *Horary Astrology and the Judgement of Events*).

Lisa (Cairo) got it exactly right—"...he lost his partner rather suddenly at this time, possibly indicating the death of the partner..." Lisa used the Natal Chart, Solar Return and Age Harmonic 46.5.

**NEW TEST NO. 51**

Below is the Birth Horoscope of a man born on 24 June 1973, 8:13 pm EDT at 40N50, 74W13 in the USA.



What happened in his life on 10 February 1994, at 41N56, 74W00?

Hint: The answer can be found in the Solar Return of June 24, 1993.

Please send your answers to me by **10th March** so that results can appear in the March Issue. State your conclusion first then give its astrological basis as succinctly as possible.

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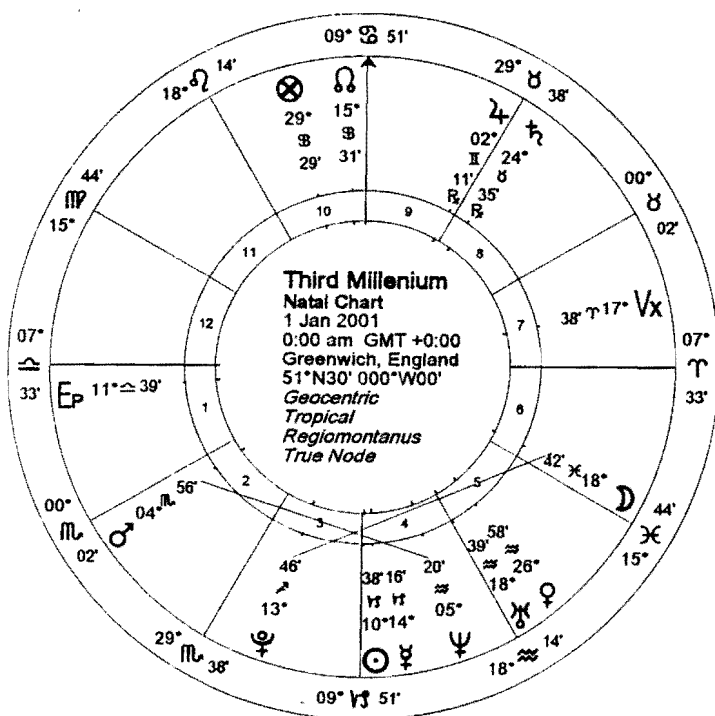
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THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

Notwithstanding the furore and the general enthusiastic celebrations a year ago the Third Millennium did not, in fact, start then but with the first day of this year 2001. Here is the Chart, set for



Greenwich at 0° geographical longitude. It can of course be relocated to any other place on the globe by altering the coordinates and keeping the time constant at 0:00 am GMT.

This type of Chart as a tool for prediction has yet to prove itself to me. I give it here only because it is referred to by Allan Johnson in his article below, together with the Chart for the collapse of the Berlin Wall in November 1989 (next column). — Dymock.

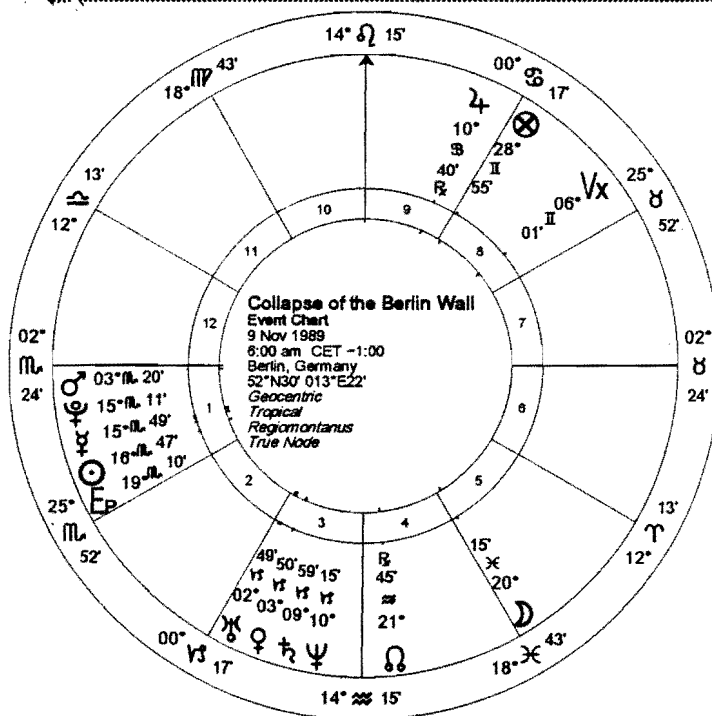
THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

by Allan Johnson

In the late '90s two books came out in the U.S. on this theme and they have been widely read and treated with much respect. They are *The Clash of Civilisations* and *the Remaking of the World Order* by Samuel P.

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COLLAPSE OF THE BERLIN WALL

9 Nov 1989 Berlin, Germany

6 am is an arbitrary choice as the actual time is unknown.

Huntington, and *the Lexus and the Olive Tree* by Thomas Friedman, dealing with *globalisation*. So it is interesting to see how the Chart for the new Century lines up with what these two writers have to say. What we should expect to find when passing from one Century to another is a certain amount of overlapping of events and trends. We shouldn't expect an abrupt change at the point of the change-over. We have been getting a lot of doom-sayers about the "End of the World" and a lot of people have been expecting some highly exciting events, even the Second Coming, and so on, but nothing like that has really happened. What

we have been noticing in the '90s is a toning down of mass violence and the collapse of communism, which was the biggest event in recent times, achieved almost without firing a shot.

What Friedman gives as the *key date* is the collapse of the Berlin Wall on 9th November 1989. This was the *trigger* that set in motion a whole chain of events. Berlin Walls started collapsing all round the Globe. It was the signal for the ending of the Cold War. It ended the great world division that had been set up since 1945—the Iron Curtain, Bamboo Curtain, and so on. Not that it all happened in 1989. The whole world had already been moving in that direction well before that time. But the Berlin Wall was the *trigger*. When we are talking in terms of centuries and millenniums 1989 is not very far from 1st January 2001. Thomas Friedman claims that November 1989 is the point at which the divided world ended and was replaced by *globalisation*. So that's what we have now and that's what the new Century starts off with. Friedman claims that civilization on this planet has taken a new direction. From a world of division we have entered a world of integration or *globalisation*.

Globalisation is all about the destruction of boundaries in trade and commerce and this goes hand-in-hand with the revolution in communication, computerization and the opening up of the Internet. This is a situation where divisions and walls like the Berlin Wall find it impossible to exist. We are at the beginning of a whole new way of looking at life. So astrologically, if charts for the beginning of centuries are valid we should expect to find the date for the fall of the Berlin Wall linking up very strongly with the Chart for the Third Millennium. And we do. Neptune and Saturn in the Berlin Chart are both on 10° Capricorn and conjunct the Millennium Sun, while Jupiter at 10Cn40 opposes it. Pluto trines the Moon's North Node in the Millennium Figure. Saturn and Pluto are considered fatalistic planets while Neptune relates to new visions. There are other links within orbs. Aspects to the Angles would depend on the place for which the Millennium Chart is calculated. Jupiter in the Berlin Chart conjoins the Millennium MC in the Figure given for Greenwich.

There are other factors besides globalisation likely to develop in the new Century. Huntington's book refers to the resurgence of *religious fundamentalism* as another new trend. The fundamentalists see what is happening with globalism as a threat to their existence. It is a backlash. What this all adds up to is the 21st Century begins in marked contrast to what happened in the 20th with its massive world wars and immense social changes. This was all heavy drama of the type we

should not expect from now on. Globalisation won't necessarily bring Utopia. It has its down-side and has been subject to a lot of criticism but it presents a less dangerous world for the average person.

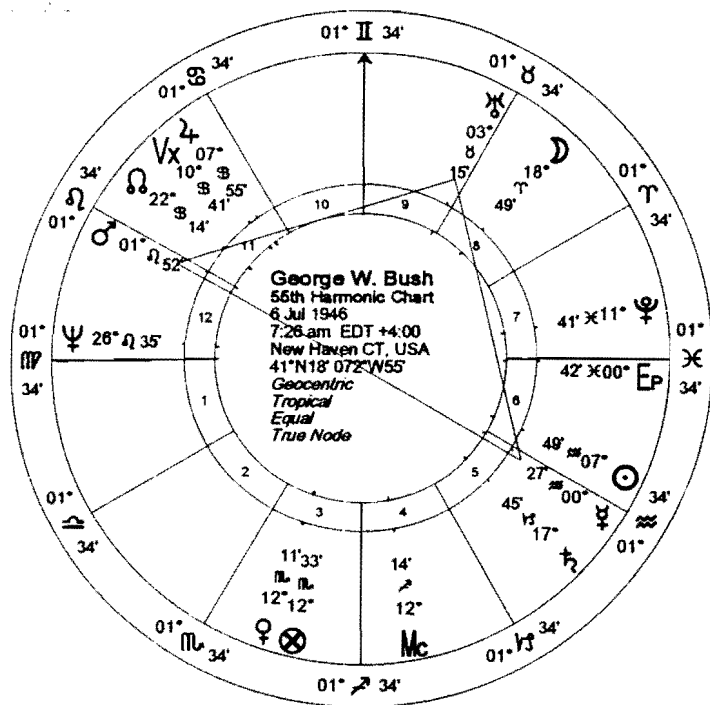
In the Third Millennium Chart there are three planets (the Moon, Jupiter and Pluto) in Mutable Signs, so we are bound to get continuous changes. However, there are five planets in Fixed Signs, so we can expect much more stability to life as a whole. Just now we are going through a lot of rapid technical development but after a few years things should level out.

The next point is to see how the new Chart embraces the principle of globalism, which it should if it is a valid Chart. There is no heavy concentration of planets in any one Sign but we have three planets, Neptune, Uranus and Venus in Aquarius, which is appropriate for the emerging Aquarian Age. On the whole this is a much more low-key Chart than the one for the previous Century [not displayed]. The main key pattern is the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction with Jupiter trine to Neptune. This brings in the idealistic element in addition to the commercial side of things. So globalism might not be purely a matter of profits. The same conjunction also makes a square to Venus, bringing in the cultural factor. There are not the warlike combinations that were in the 20th Century Chart.

There is a very hard close square between Mars in Scorpio and Neptune in Aquarius. This can be a drastic Aspect and could refer to acts of terrorism through hidden religious cults. We are getting this. This is war on another scale. Carefully organized assassinations which even a super-power finds it hard to cope with. We are getting a similar theme with the Moon in Pisces square to Pluto. This confirms what Huntington describes in his book—religious fundamentalism and hidden violence that achieves headlines. So I think the Millennium Chart does link up astrologically with what the two books foreshadow. □

PRESIDENT BUSH—AMENDMENT TO FORECAST

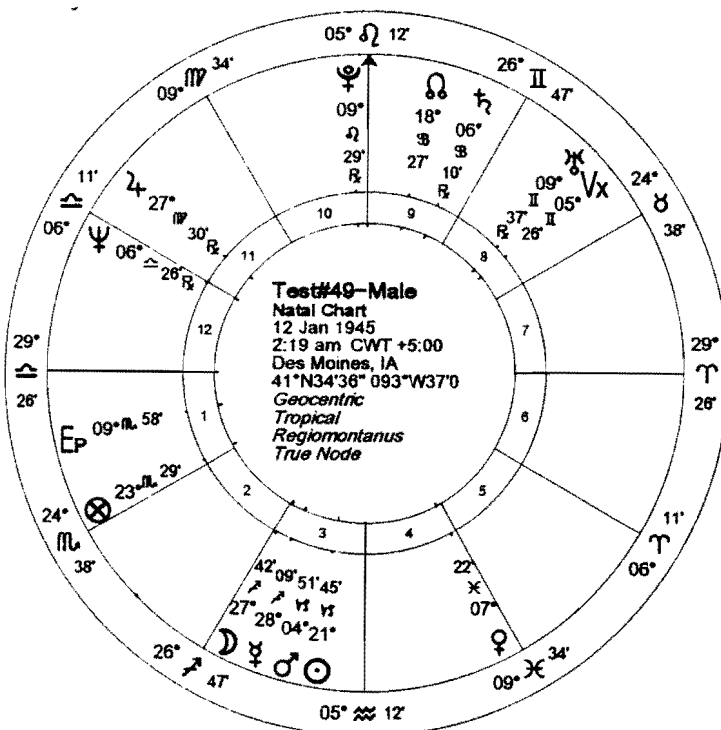
In my Forecast last Issue of the President's year ahead, I wrote that health concerns were the main issue for him in **July, 2001**. On looking again at his Harmonic Chart I see that the situation is more serious than I had previously envisaged. The Chart has Mars on the Cusp of Hidden Enemies opposing the Ascendant-Ruler, Mercury, on the Health Cusp, and in a T-Square with Uranus. I believe this connotes an *attempt on the President's life* from an assailant in ambush. There are other factors that add to the danger. The Chart appears in the next column. If the attack does occur it will not



succeed because of the Sun's quincunx to Jupiter.

TEST 49: THE ANSWERS

Here is the Birth Horoscope of the man concerned.



There were three questions: What occurred on each of the following dates in this man's life:

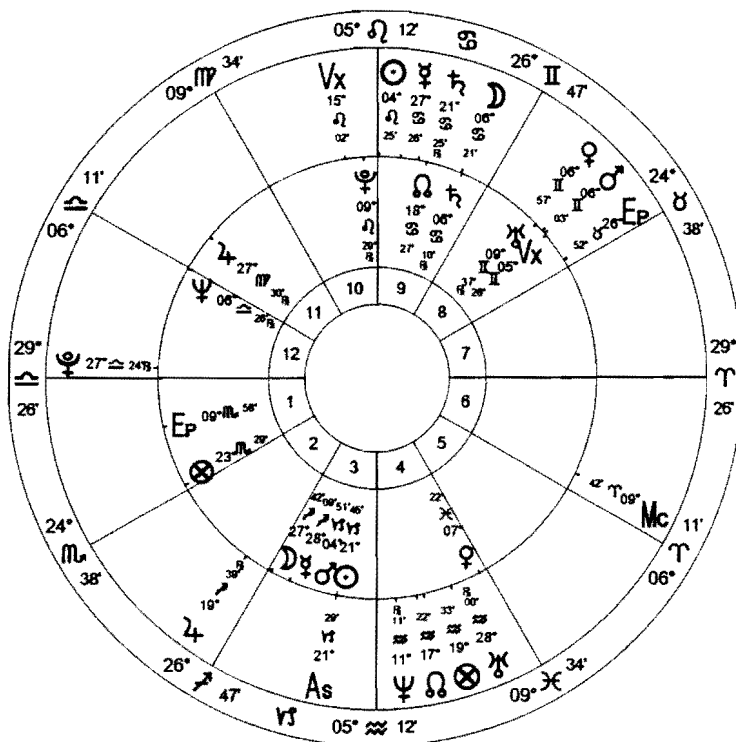
- (1) 19 February 1991, at New Haven, CT.
- (2) 17 January 2000, at New York City.
- (3) 25 August 2000, at New York City.

Answer (1). He was ordained a minister of the Church.

Answer (2). He suffered a heart attack.

Answer (3). He had surgery to replace a hip.

(1) **Ordained, 19 Feb 1991.** The answer to the first question was probably the most difficult, being relatively unusual, but planetary Aspects encompass *all* human activities, not just the most common ones. I found that the best lead was the **Age Harmonic Chart** for the month 12 Feb—12 Mar 1999 (h-46.0833). Here it is, circumscribing the Birth Figure:

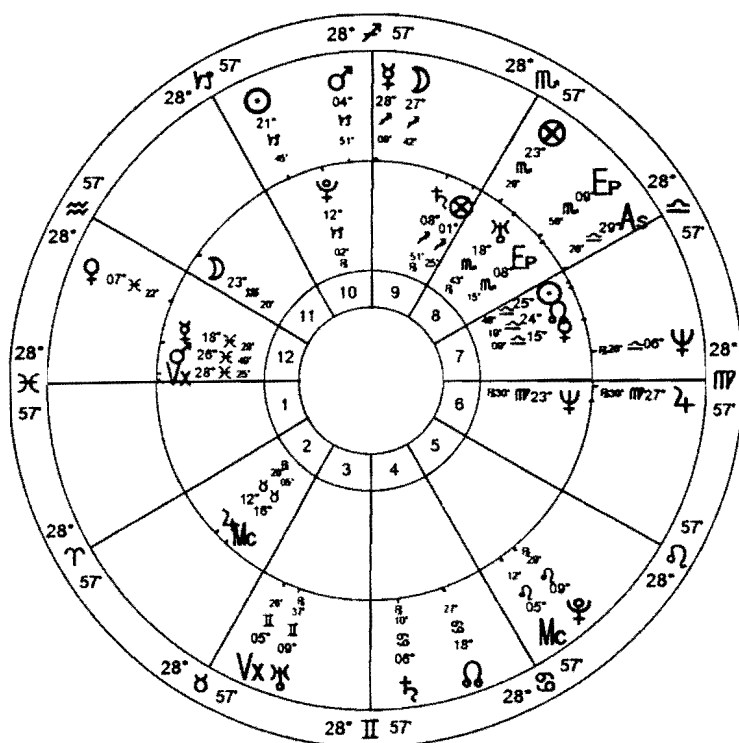


Inner Wheel, Test 49-Birth Chart.
Outer Wheel, Age Harmonic 46.0833

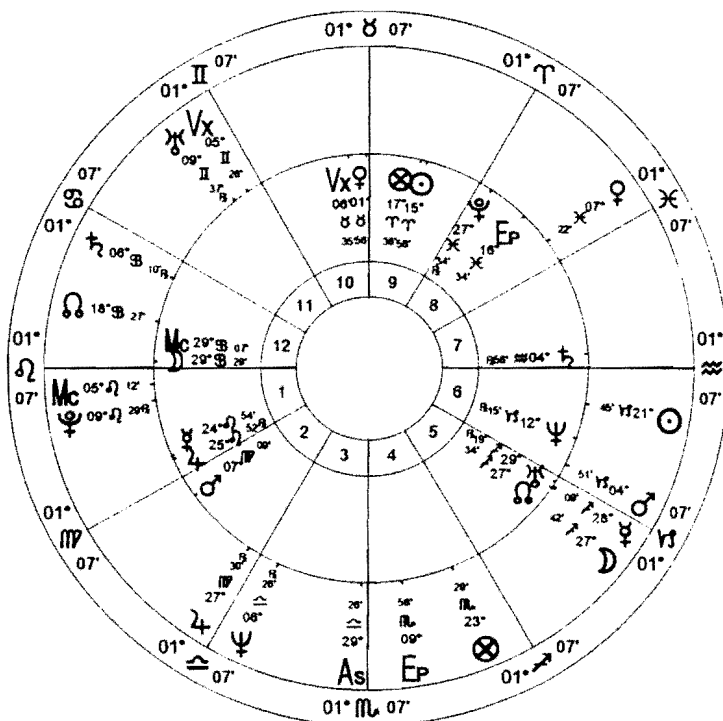
The h-Sun is at the MC, the h-Ascendant is conjunct the natal Sun (*progress and advancement, new status*). The h-MC at 9Ar42 trines n-Pluto at 9Le29 (*attainment of a position of authority*). h-Pluto is on the n-Ascendant (*opening of a new chapter in life*). This still does not tell us that the subject's achievement was in the *Ministry*. However there are clues: Looking for Aspects with no more than a 1° orb, we find h-Mercury in and ruling the 9th House, in a very close sextile with n-Jupiter (orb 4') so the emphasis is strongly on matters of the 9th and Jupiter—law, philosophy or *religion*. A further emphasis on the 9th House is h-Moon conjunct n-Saturn.

Is it possible to go further and separate out religion from either law or philosophy? Reference to the subject's Harmonic Chart for age 46 shows n-Neptune at 6Li26 conjunct the h-MC at 4Li02, which surely points to the Ministry rather than either of the other two possibilities.

The only respondent whose answer approached



Inner Wheel, Age Harmonic 55
Outer Wheel, Test 49-Birth Chart



Inner Wheel, Age Harmonic 55.5833
Outer Wheel, Test 49-Birth Chart

correctness was Lisa (Cairo) who perceived events pertaining to his status, but thought it was divorce. Lisa used the Age Harmonic 46.0833 just discussed.

(2) **17 Jan 2000—heart attack.** There was a correct answer from Shirley Gray (Michigan) who reported “a life threatening illness” drawn from a consideration of the Solar Return Chart of 12 Jan 2000 at New York City. There were clues also in the Lunar Return Chart, but the best Figure was the **55th Harmonic** shown above circumscribed by the Birth Horoscope. h-Mars and h-Vertex rise conjunct the Ascendant (*fateful injury*) quincunx to the Sun (*heart*) on the 8th Cusp (*near-death experiences*) and ruling the 6th House (*illness*).

The event was also pinpointed on the exact day (17 Jan 00) by the **Primary Direction** Asc square Mars/Neptune. Mars rules the n-6th House (Health), Neptune the n-5th (the heart) and the Ascendant is the physical body. Primary Directions are available with the *Solar Fire v5* Program. I use the time key of the Natal Solar Rate and have found on a number of occasions that the timing is precise to the day, especially with Midpoint Directions.

(3) **25 Aug 2000—hip replacement.** Here again, the Age Harmonic used with the Birth chart supplied the best indication. See next column.

The Moon rising opposite Saturn ruling the 6th House immediately suggests a health issue. n-Mercury and Mars straddle the 6th Cusp (*surgical manipulation*).

The most striking configuration in the Chart is the T-Square of Pluto, Jupiter and the N.Node, all in 27°, plus Uranus in 29°. Pluto is very much associated with replacement of body parts, Uranus and Jupiter with successful surgery. the Node simply adds emphasis. Mars in *Capricorn* on the 6th Cusp points to the hip.

The closest respondent here was Catherine Thomas (New Jersey) who used the Harmonic Chart and diagnosed “an unexpected health issue”.

Congratulations to all who worked on this Test. Their reward is increased insight and expertise.

NEW TEST NO. 50

This Test concerns a man born on **3 Oct 1947 at 9:44 am MST** in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (43N32, 110W44) (Asc 17Sc22, MC 29Le43, Moon 21Ta30). He was a professional man, divorced and father of three.

What occurred in his life on Sunday, **17 April 1994**? He was living in New York City at the time.

Please send your answers to me by **10th February**. The correct answer and analysis will appear in the next Issue. “Don’t be concerned about being wrong! The questions are difficult and most of the answers are wrong. The real value of the exercises is in making you look into your techniques, testing them and establishing what is good and what isn’t. This will help you to make accurate Forecasts. The ultimate test of Astrology is *accurate prediction*—not theoretical speculation or learned dissertations.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 15th January 2001.

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THE UNITED STATES—WHAT NOW?

The historic impasse over the American Election has now been finally resolved and George W. Bush is the 43rd President, as predicted in this Journal in August last.

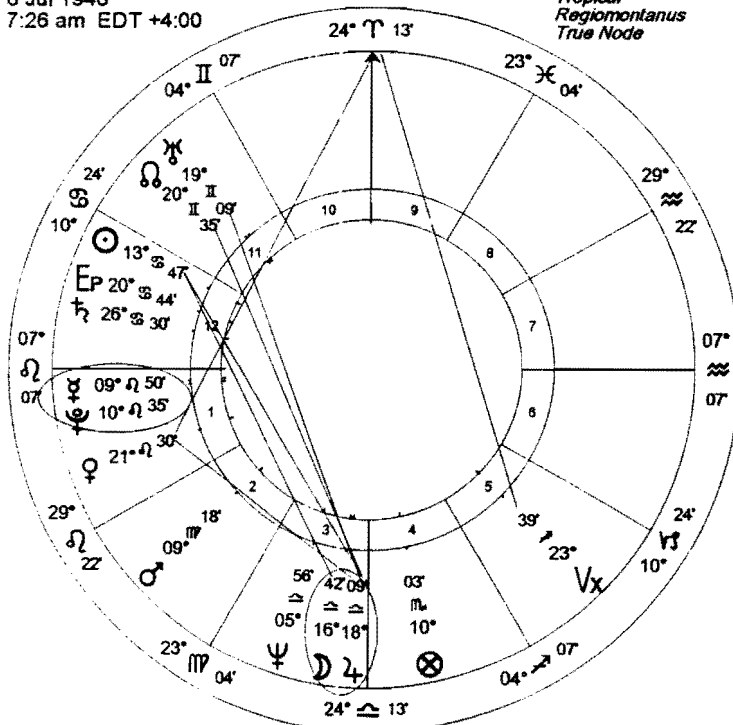
What now lies ahead for the Leader of the most powerful country in the world with its multifarious problems?

For clues we can look into the Bush's derived Charts plus Progressions and Directions. We could examine also the belief of alarmists that the new President will die in Office because he assumed power in the year when the two major planets, Jupiter and Saturn, formed a conjunction in the Earth Sign Virgo.

Here is the Birth Horoscope of George W. Bush.

George W. Bush
Natal Chart
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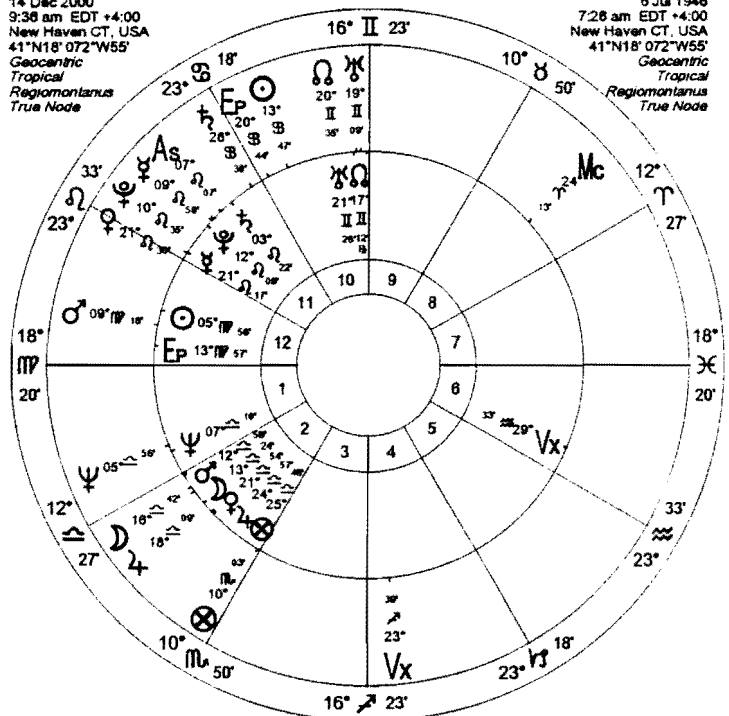
Let no one think that the Sun in the 12th House denies high achievement. It can happen, as with George Bush, when Progression of the MC brings the Sun into the 10th. (See the Progressed Chart in the next column). Of course, other favouring factors are

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Outer Wheel
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involved including a whole raft of natal planets and points moving upward to the heights of glory. But I wonder how many astrologers, looking at the Birth Chart, would have confidently predicted that George Bush would become a President of the United States of America?

There are some pointers, surely. Are they enough? The Moon conjunct Jupiter in Libra promises many things, including affluence, ease, good living, a wonderful home base and great parents, which is further emphasized by Venus disposing and sextiling Jupiter. This is a great springboard to start with. But then the Sun squares the Moon (traditionally a

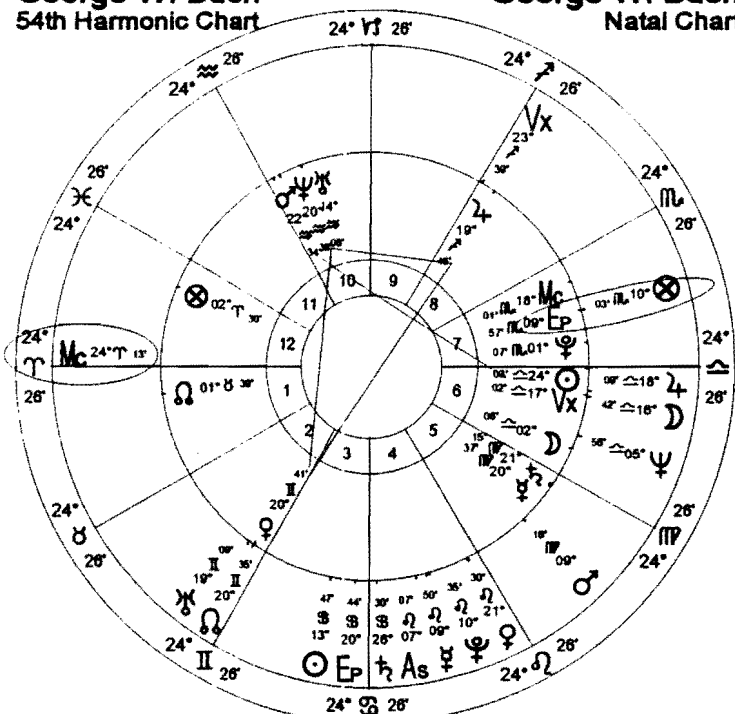
handicap in all areas of life) and squares Jupiter, traditionally too much of a good thing. This does not seem to have impeded George in any high degree. However, his Sun was conjunct the Star *Sirius*, brightest Star in the Northern hemisphere. At his birth, the projection of Sirius on the Ecliptic was at 13Cn20, only 27' from the Sun. This same star was similarly conjunct the Sun in the Horoscope of the 30th President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, also a Republican. Sirius, "the Shining One, the Royal One" combines Mars and Jupiter traits and promises "fame, honours, riches". Its conjunction with the Sun is found in the charts of "numerous important and famous personalities" (Ebertin-Hoffmann, *Fixed Stars and their interpretation*).

Lacking the good offices of this important Significator is maybe why the rest of us haven't become a President of even a little country.

Having decided that George Bush's Chart does show potential for a great rise in life, how would we know *when* it is going to happen. **Age Harmonics** supply the answer, as they do for many other questions. George Bush is now 54, and his 54th Harmonic Chart (see diagram below) has the *natal MC 24Ar13 directly on the Harmonic Ascendant 24Ar26*—a classic example of having greatness thrust upon one.

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George W. Bush
54th Harmonic Chart

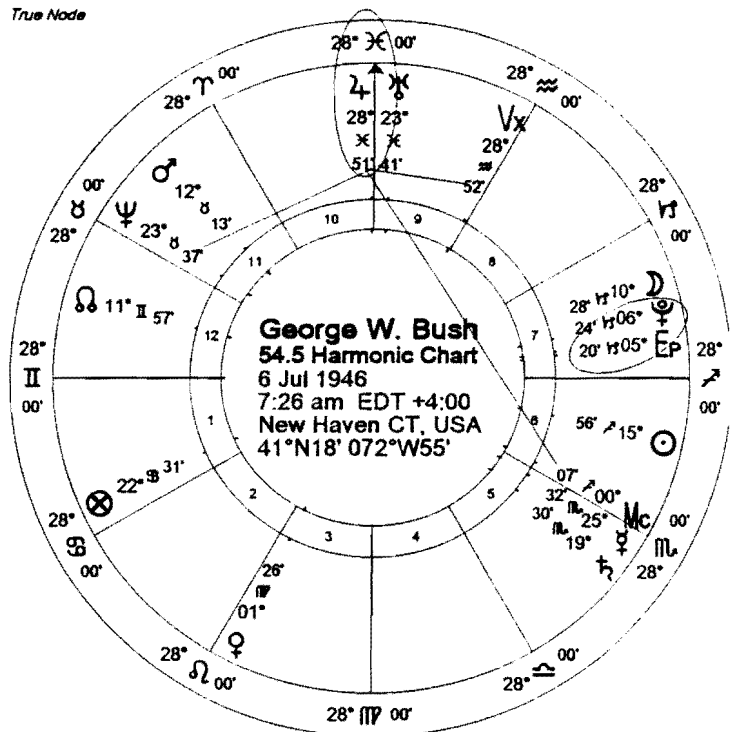
Outer Wheel
George W. Bush
Natal Chart



This highly significant and fortunate juxtaposition has obviously been helped by certain other features of the Chart: Asc-Ruler Mars trine to the Sun (*victory in a contest*), Jupiter sextile Neptune (*great good luck*) Venus trine Neptune (*manna from Heaven*), Jupiter

opposite Venus (*a superfluity of luck*). Something like that is what you need if you're going to make the big time.

Still more precision is provided by the Age Harmonic for the **month 5 January—5 February 2001** (Chart below). George W. Bush will formally assume the reins of power on January 21.



Jupiter, ruling the 10th House and *right on the MC*, is trine to the floating MC (a needless emphasis of the point), and *exactly* semisextile the Vertex (*it was in his Destiny, as Fortune's Favourite*). Jupiter is also trined by natal Saturn at 26Cn30, giving solidity to his new position. Pluto conjunct the EP signifies accession of *power*. Neptune, Co-Ruler of the 10th, is almost exactly sextile Uranus ruling the House of Law. George fell into the job by virtue of the ruling of the US Supreme Court.

The next question is what are the prospects for President Bush in his first year of Office? Reference to his monthly harmonic charts plus Progressions and Directions will help to some conclusions.

In the following forecast, **MHC** = Month Harmonic Chart; **n-** = natal; **H.** = House, **h-** = harmonic. **POF** = Part of Fortune. All harmonic charts are set for the birth place. **Cusps** in harmonic charts are always Equal, other Cusps always Regiomontanus.

14 December 2000. George W. Bush becomes the Nation's 43rd President.

21 January 2001. Inauguration Ceremony—signalled by two Vertex-Arc Directions: Jupiter on 16 January

in the 5th House trine MC (*how appropriate*) ; Pluto on 26 Jan. conjunct the Moon (*the feeling of power*). The Ascendant-Arc Direction of Mercury sextile Saturn on Dec. 21 refers to the solemnity of this official occasion and its documentation.

February 2001. The h-Sun conj. the n-Vertex and closely trine n-MC in the h-10th indicates Bush adapting easily to his position of authority and exercising his Presidential powers to good effect.

The MHC has the 12th H. tenanted by h-Neptune and Node, plus n-Uranus and Node, signifying radical changes going on behind the scenes.

n-Asc and Mercury straddling the 2nd Cusp plus h-POF on the same Cusp suggests much discussion on fiscal measures.

March 2001. The MHC has Jupiter in the 10th H. trine to the Sun in the 6th. Other Houses involved are the 2nd and 9th, the 2nd having the benefit of n-Venus close to the Cusp and trine to the MC. I interpret this as a wise exercise of Presidential power and a boost to the Nation's finances.

n-Uranus and Node straddling the 12th Cusp shows further radical changes going on in private conferences.

April 2001. The MHC shows Neptune in H.12 opposing the Sun ruling the 6th. I see this as a disappointment for Bush in the enactment of a fiscal measure.

May 2001. Things are not going so well for the President. Natal Pluto on the Ascendant of his MHC conjunct Mercury signifies a critical situation with important matters under investigation. h-Neptune conjunct n-Saturn in H.12 hints at intrigues by secret opponents.

Financial outgoings are heavy (*Mars on Cusp 2*). However, n-Jupiter conjunct h-Venus ruling the 10th and 3rd Houses mean his administration is going smoothly. The President would do well to give himself a holiday at this time and the leisure to reflect on the difficulties confronting him.

June 2001. The MHC has n-Venus on the Ascendant sextile to h-Jupiter on the 11th Cusp. The President is gaining friends and supporters for his administration which is going well. Uranus on the 9th Cusp square n-Saturn points to difficult and disturbing conditions abroad.

July 2001. The President turns 55 on July 6 and his 55th Harmonic Chart does not have particularly striking configurations for the year ahead. The Sun in the 6th

House quincunx Jupiter, with Mercury on the 6th Cusp points to health matters being a main concern.

Venus ruling the 2nd House conjunct the POF and trine Pluto is a fortunate sign for the Nation's finances.

August 2001. A Venus/Jupiter trine in the President's MHC involves principally the 2nd House. It will bring wealth and keep the Nation's economy functioning well.

September 2001. Jupiter ruling H. 4 and conjoining n-Pluto in the MHC indicates a favourable development on the domestic front. It should bring some matters to a successful issue. The President also benefits from a Primary Direction of Jupiter conjunct the Vertex on 4 Sep. 01 (*a Destiny of success and great influence*).

Other than that, it appears the President is primarily concerned with health issues, either of women or his Vice-President (*Mercury conjunct the Sun on the 6th Cusp opposite Venus and square the Moon*).

October 2001. Venus, Ruler of the HMC, conjunct the "floating" MC brings the President into popular favour for his effectiveness in Office. This is supported by a Vertex-Arc Direction, Venus conjunct the Sun.

November 2001. In the MHC the n-Sun is conjunct the MC, signifying success and achievement. The President enjoys an enhanced image of leadership.

December 2001. The final MHC for 2001 shows the President finishing the year on a high note: n-Saturn conjoins the MC stabilizing his position of administrative responsibility and leadership. At the end of December the Sun trines Neptune by Vertex-Arc Direction which signifies a personally idyllic period for George Bush.

At least up to the end of 2001 there is no indication of George W. Bush dying in Office.

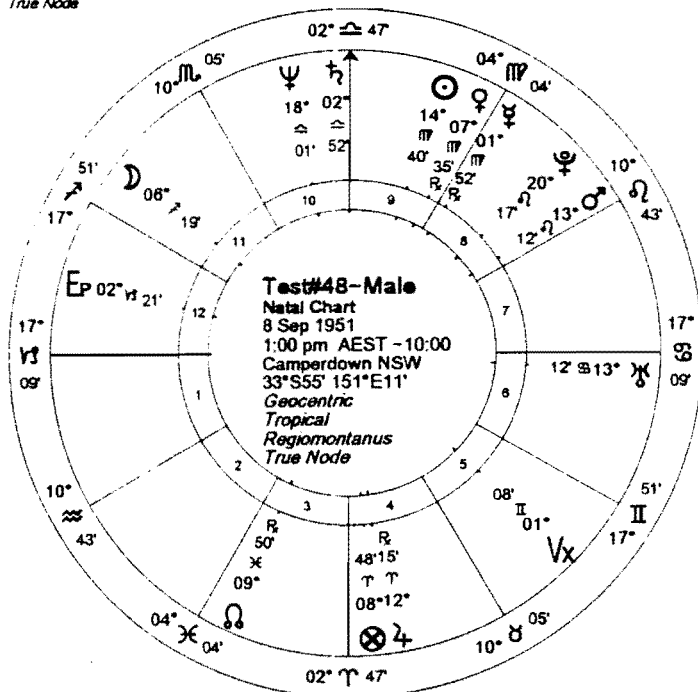
—Dymock.

Result of Test 48

The Question: A male born 8th Sep 1951, 1:00 pm AEST, Camperdown NSW (33S54, 151E11). See next page for the Birth Chart. He is a computer draftsman, married, one son. What occurred in his life on the 13th Aug 2000?

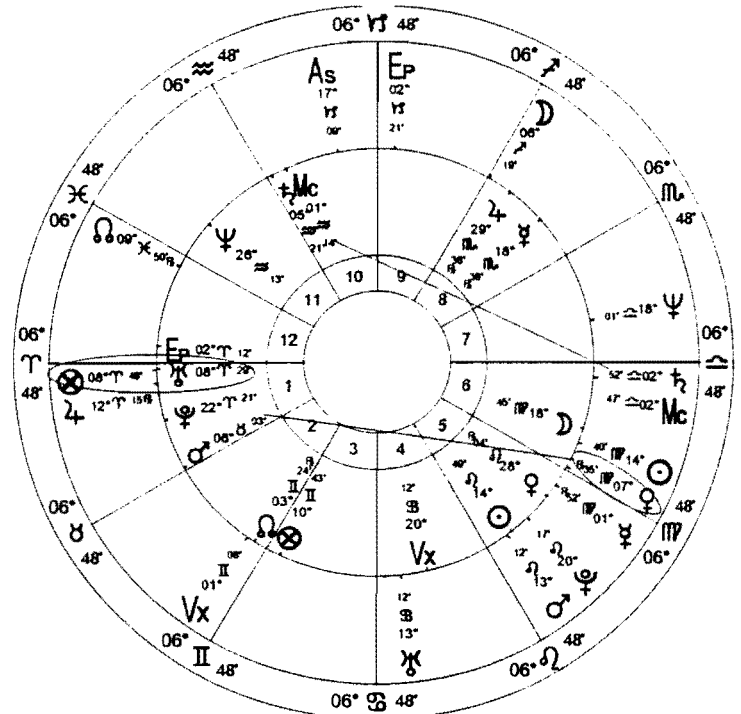
The Answer: He went to Melbourne to take up a much better-paying job. His wife and son followed six days later. [For the benefit of overseas readers, Melbourne is in the State of Victoria which adjoins NSW, The distance from Sydney is about 600 miles. Some participants in the Test picked up on the travel involved.]

True Node



Inner Wheel
Test#48-Male
 48.9167 Harmonic Chart

Outer Wheel
Test#48-Male
 Natal Chart



A correct answer was sent in by Lisa, (Cairo) who wrote:

There was a major change ... connected with his career. He either got promotion or was interviewed for another job which represented an advancement ... new position will involve travelling.

Lisa quoted the **Harmonic Chart** for age 48 years and 11 months (next column): Lisa wrote that Uranus conjunct Asc suggests sudden change; the [floating] MC conjunct Saturn in Aquarius repeats the natal configuration and sextiles Uranus in H.1. Pluto is in the 1st H. again suggesting major change, with Mars conjunct H.2 Cusp [which] suggests an increase in salary.

It could be added to Lisa's explanation that n-Venus is on the 6th Cusp (*employment*) where it trines h-Mars on the second Cusp (*income*) in Taurus (*money*); n-Saturn trines the floating MC (*substantial rise*); n-POF conjoins Uranus on the h-Ascendant (*sudden financial increase*).

It is noteworthy that the answers to the great majority of these "Tests" have been best indicated by an Age Harmonic Chart. I have sent details of how to use this technique to all who asked. Lisa first received the information only about six weeks before publication of this Test. She has used the technique to good effect.

Congratulations to all who sent in an answer. Right or wrong, they gain the reward of increased insight and expertise in our beloved art. If you are really serious in wanting to improve your Astrology you cannot do better than spend time and effort on this series of exercises.

Do try your hand on New Test 49, in the next column. There is a choice of three different dates to investigate.

NEW TEST 49

This concerns a man born in Des Moines, Iowa, (41N36, 93W37) on 12 January 1945 at 2:19 am CWT. (Asc 29Li26, MC 5Le12. Moon 27Sg42).

There were three different occurrences in this man's life, one on each of the following dates and at the places listed. You are asked to discover any one, two or all of them:

- (a) 19 February 1991, at New Haven, CT.
- (b) 17 January 2000, at New York City.
- (c) 25 August 2000, at New York City.

Please mail or e-mail your answers to me (address on front page) by **10th January 2001**. It is necessary only to give the crucial Aspects or configurations that decided your answer, not pages of supporting analysis (though this does increase the value of the exercise for you).

There are no prizes but honourable mention will be made of those who find any one of the answers. *Your real reward* lies in the discovery of what astrological techniques are most valuable and whether you are applying them correctly. In the past Tests many of the participants worked on the right chart but did not perceive the most important significations, so it may be that you do not need a different technique but more practice in interpreting what you are already using.

A further point is that if you actually commit your answers to writing and post them it focuses your mind and sharpens your skills.

Good wishes to all for the Festive Season,

—Dymock, 19 December 2000.

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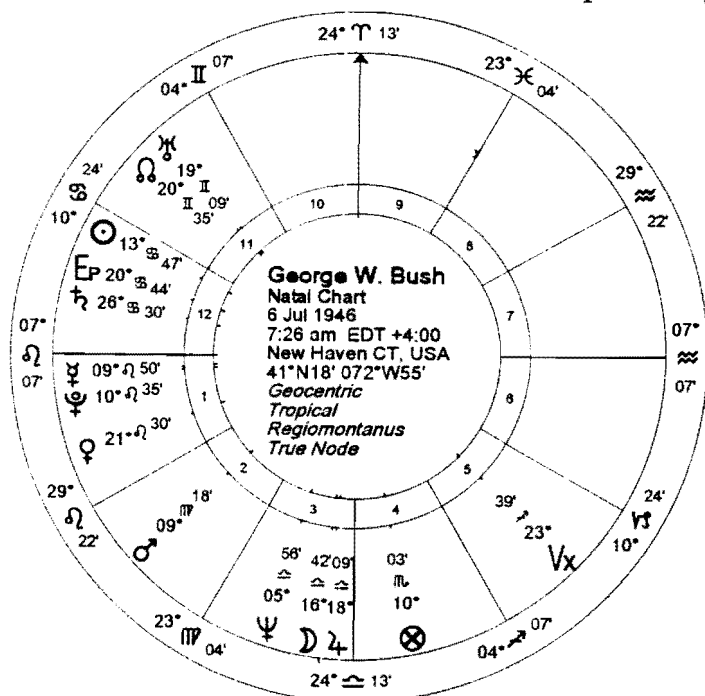
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THE USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

I am writing this on the 10th of November, the USA Election having been held three days ago on the 7th. I had fully expected that by now George William Bush would have been declared the 43rd President of the United States of America, but the decision is delayed through an irregularity in the polls which required a recount in the State of Florida. It is apparently a USA law that when there is a small difference of a few thousand votes separating the candidates a recount is obligatory. Florida is a key State in this Election—whoever wins it is probably



going to be President but the decision may be further delayed till the 17th of November for the counting of postal votes.

In *Astrologers' Forum* of August last I forecast a win for Bush, but due to shortage of space was unable to print the relevant Charts of the two protagonists, Bush and Gore. I take this opportunity to do so now.

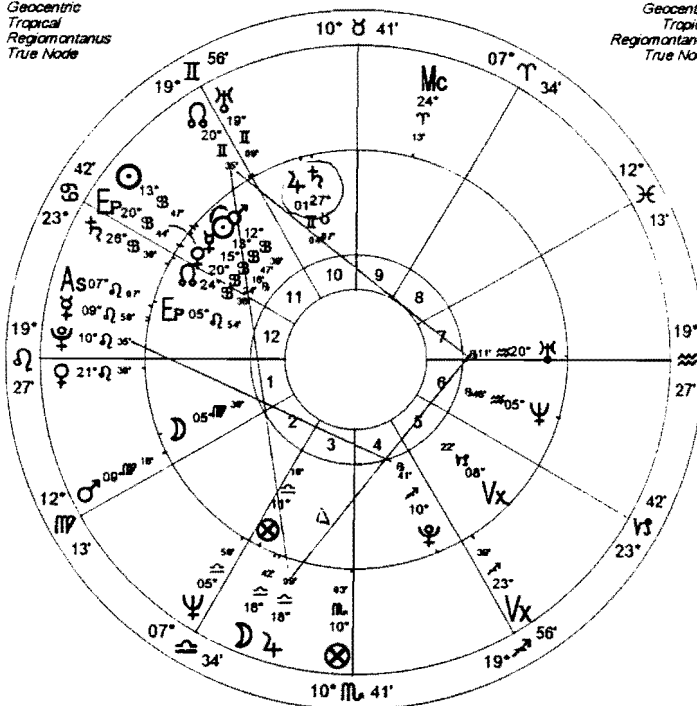
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George Bush's Natus appears in the adjoining column, and his **Solar Return** of 5th July 2000, covering the period of the Election, concentric with his Natus is below.

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Tropical
Regiomontanus
True Node



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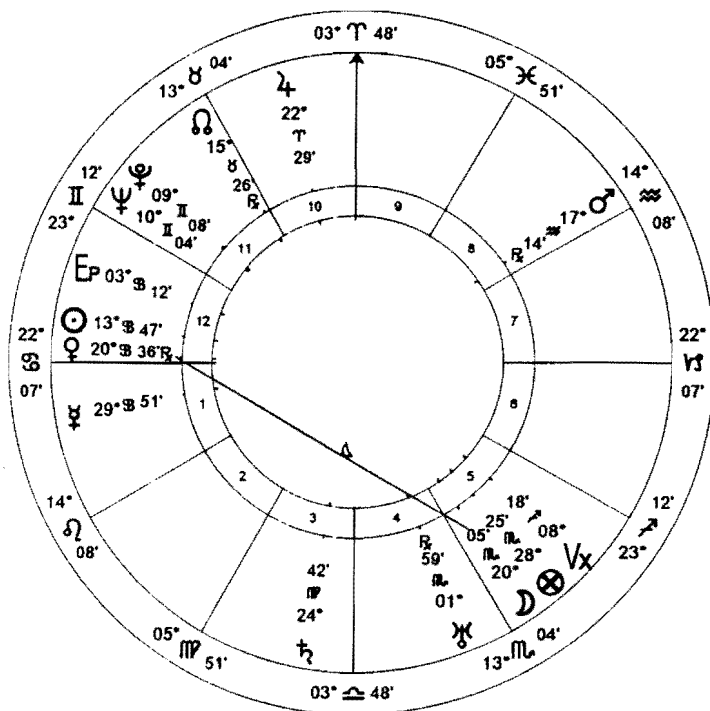
1. The Asc conjunct n-Venus (*Lady Luck*),
2. Venus (ruling MC) conjunct the n-EP (*lucky indeed*),
3. Uranus Angular forming a Grand Trine with n-Jupiter and n-Node (*stroke of good fortune*).

4. The Sun Ruler conjunct Mars (*victory in a contest*),
5. Jupiter conjunct Saturn in the House of Career (*achievement by perseverance and diligence*)
6. Sun, Mars & Mercury plus n-Node and Uranus in the 11th House (*fulfilment of ambitions*)
7. Pluto trine n-Pluto (*a Destiny step*).

Bush's **Converse Solar Return** is also favourable:

1. Jupiter conj. the n-MC (24Ar13) in the SR-

George W. Bush: **Converse Solar Return** 5 Jul 1892 (Corres. to 5 July 2000). New Haven CT, USA. Regio. Cusps, True Node.

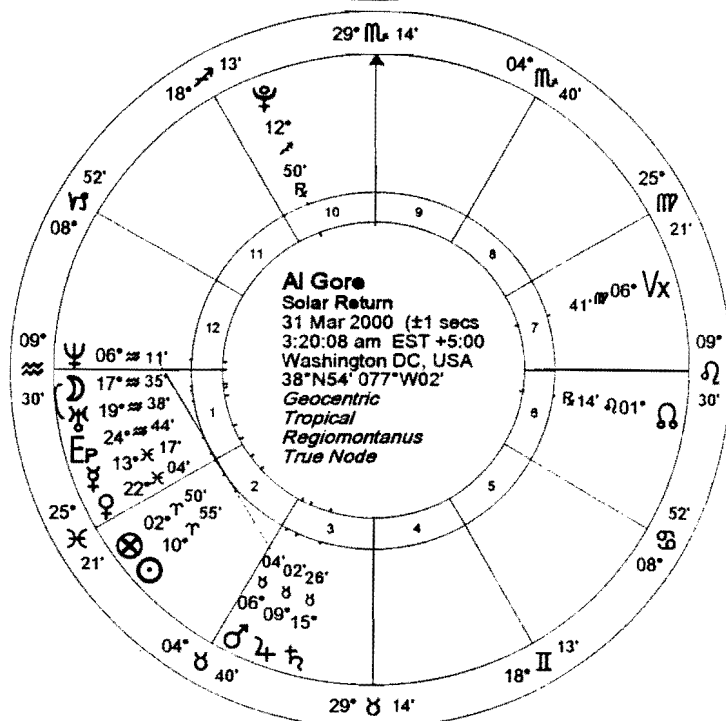
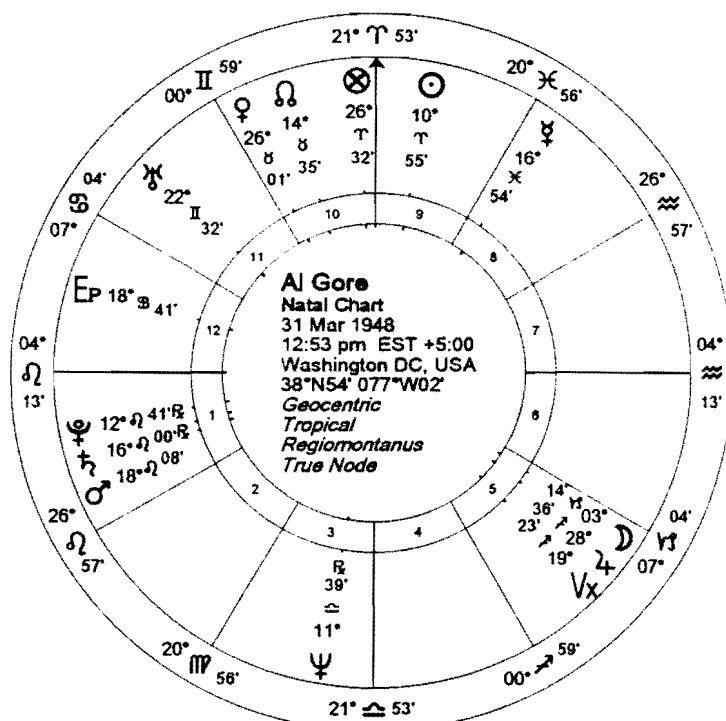


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2. Venus conj. the Asc and n-EP (20Cn44) and trine the Moon (Ruler) at 20Sc05.
3. Mars ruling the MC trine n-Moon (16Li42) and n- Jupiter (18Li09)

Al Gore's Birth Chart and his current Solar Return are printed in the adjacent column. The Solar Return does not offer any encouragement for gaining the Presidency:

1. Neptune rises and squares Mars, Ruler of the House of Career (*disappointed ambition*).
 2. Neptune opposes the n-Asc (4Le13) (*big disappointment*).
 3. The Moon rises conjunct Uranus (*upset*) and opposite n-Saturn (16Le08) (*failure*).
- Gore's **Converse Solar Return** (not



printed here) also has negative indications:

1. The n-Sun/Neptune opposition accentuated by being on the 11th-5th axis (*failure*);
2. Virgo at the MC and Ruler Mercury trine Uranus and square n-Uranus (*upset*);
3. Scorpio rising and Ruler Mars square Saturn (*defeat*).

The Inauguration date for the new President, whoever he is, will be **20th Jan. 2001**, so a review of the Candidates' Charts relating to that date should be revealing. Here

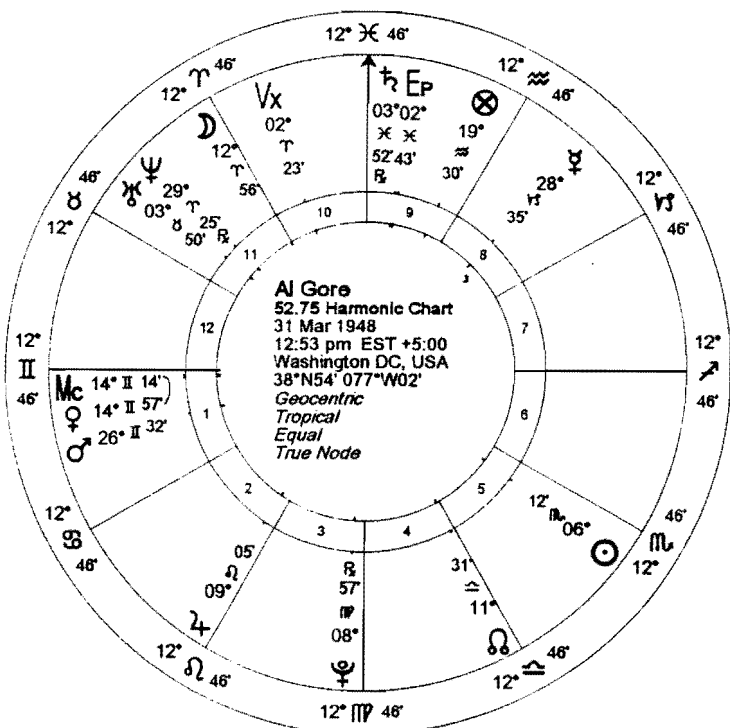
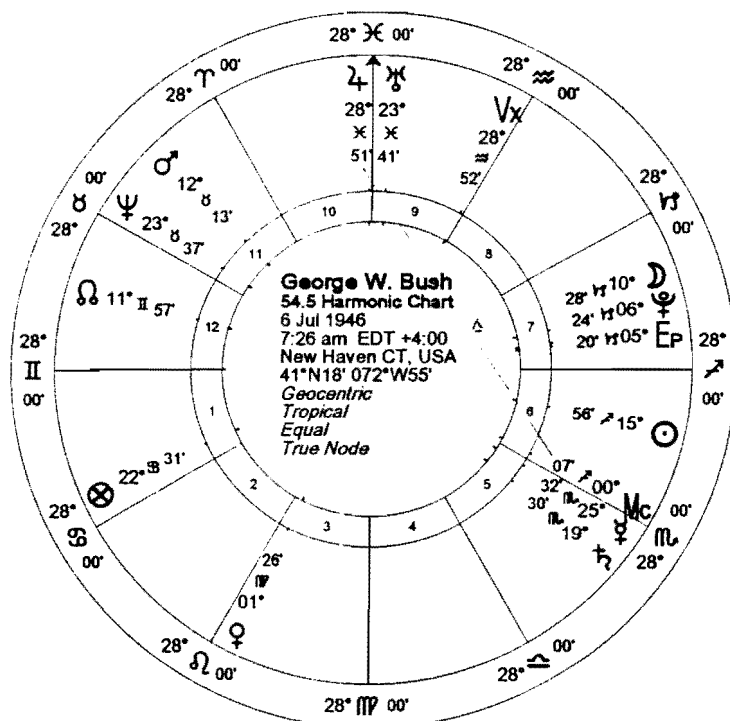
are the Monthly Harmonic Charts for both close to the Meridian. I read this as Gore George Bush and Al Gore that cover the possibly losing on the re-count (*Mercury*). Inauguration.

From the astrologer's point of view this has been the most interesting and controversial Election ever. Many competent overseas astrologers have come down on opposite sides—some for Bush and some for Gore. We all now await the outcome. — Dymock.

THE MELBOURNE CUP 2000

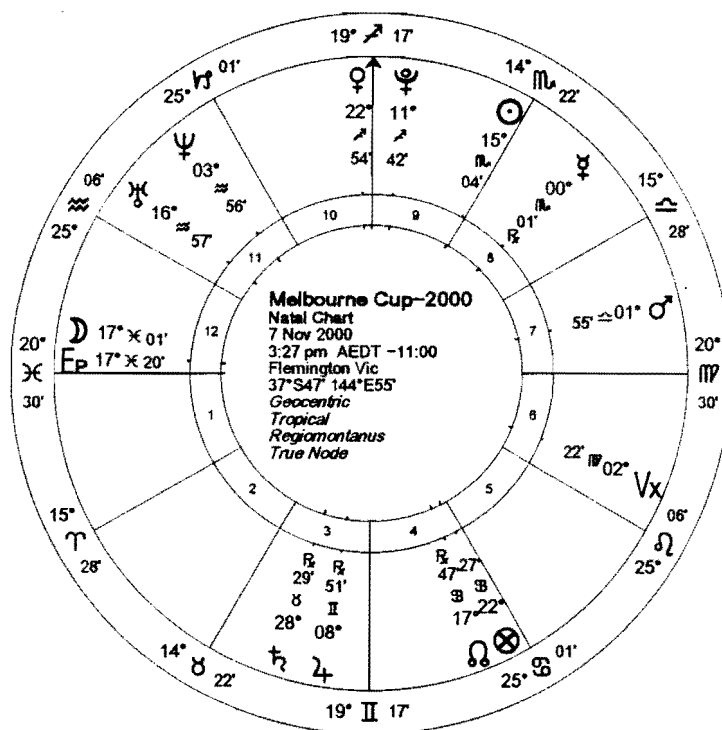
Coincidentally, Australia's annual **Melbourne Cup Horse Race** (an event that "stops the Nation") was run on the same day as the Presidential Election, and it must be admitted sadly that for a great number of Australians this event eclipsed a little matter like electing a man to the most powerful position in the world.

Here is the Chart of the Race. Timed to start at 3:20pm it was delayed 5 minutes by a fractious



Both Figures have some favouring factors but in my judgement Bush's Chart is superior to Gore's: Jupiter right on the MC, which it rules, trines both the floating MC and n-Saturn (26Cn30)—a very healthy complex for the acquisition of Office.

Gore has Venus conjunct the floating MC just below the Ascendant, which is fortunate, but these points are both square n-Mercury (16Pi54) which here occupies the 10th House



runner, and I have allowed a further 2 minutes to get a picture of the finish.

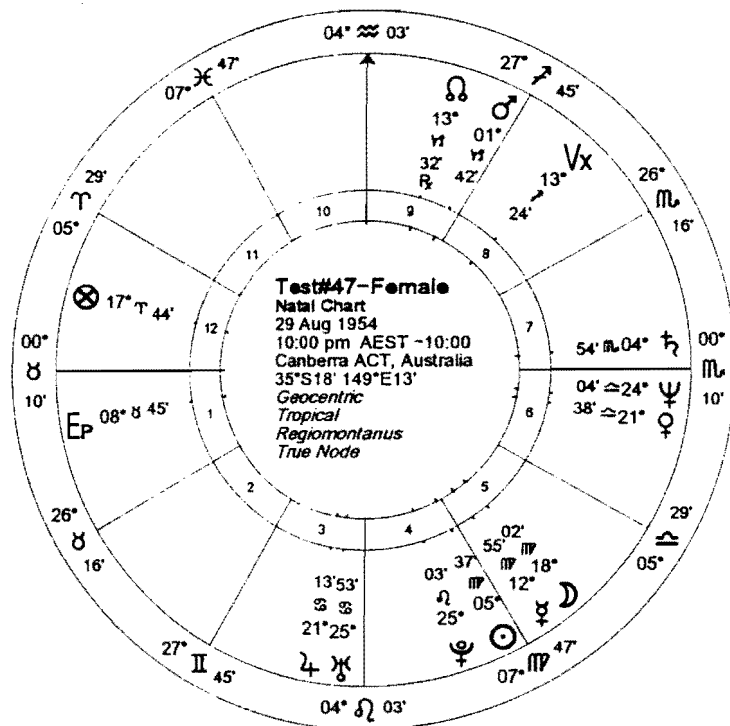
The event was won by a horse called **Brew** carrying saddle cloth number 24. Kevin Rillett (S.A), who goes in for Asteroids in a big way, drew my attention to the Asteroid **Beer** at 20Pi43, *conjunct the Ascendant*, and **Bacchus** at 14Sc41, *conjunct the Sun*!

From a less erudite point of view, the idea of conviviality is conveyed by Venus in Pisces at the Midheaven plus the Moon rising and ruling House 5 (*Celebrations and Parties*) which is accented by the North Node and the Part of Fortune. Numerologists would also ascribe the number 24 to Venus.

ANSWER FOR TEST 47

This Test concerned a woman born on 29th August 1954 at 10 pm AEST in Canberra ACT, Australia (35S18, 149E13). The Chart is shown below.

The question was what occurred in her life on 25th March 1977 while she was still living in Canberra. She was single, just out of university and employed as a



forest (field) worker for the holidays.

The answer is the woman left Australia on an overseas trip. She had intended to come back after three months but actually extended her tour and returned to Australia nearly two years later.

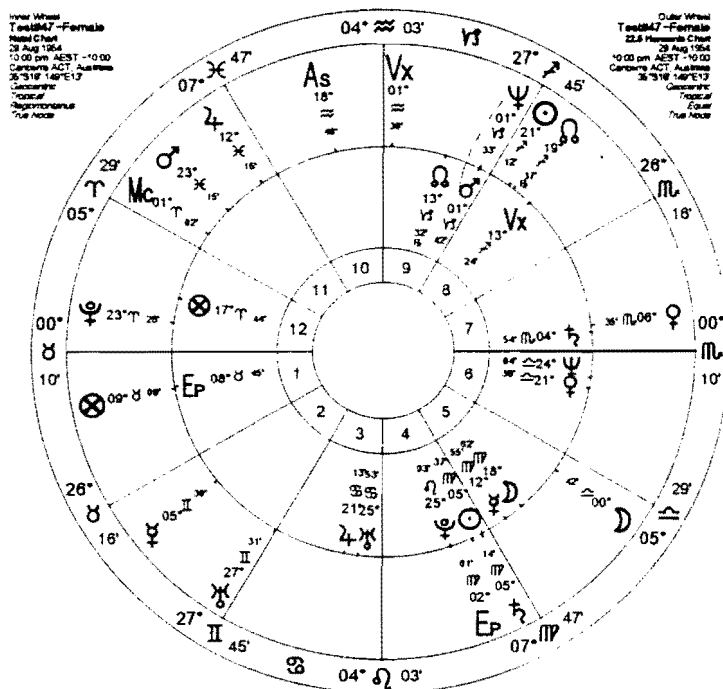
The closest response came from Catherine Thomas (New Jersey USA) who wrote: Her 22nd Age Harmonic's Ascendant is conj. MC, which would seem to be an abrupt change in her career ... perhaps opportunities that were close to her in the past opened up. ... did this person have to move for this new opportunity ... ? (Uranus in the 3rd in both natal and 22nd Harmonic). ... Natal Uranus conjunct 22nd h-Venus which rules 4th and 9th h-Cusps, ... she moved away for a working opportunity as n-Venus rules the natal 2nd and 6th Cusps ... this could just have represented the end of one cycle in her life and the beginning of another with an increasing interest in the occult, astrology, and psychology ... the Node Directed by Solar Arc was conjunct her natal MC and 22nd h-Asc, reinforcing the impression that she made new contacts that changed her life for ever. □

The most descriptive Chart for the event is the **Age Harmonic 22.5** for the month 28 Feb—28 Mar 1977 circumscribing the Birth Chart as below:

The two Houses associated with travel are the 9th and the 3rd. Both are accented here. h-Neptune closely conjoins n-Mars in the 9th, and h-Uranus is right on the 3rd Cusp (orb 14°). h-Jupiter ruling the 9th House closely opposes n-Mercury ruling the 3rd. h-Saturn co-ruling 9th (Capricorn intercepted) conjoins n-Sun (orb 23°).

NEW TEST 48

This month's Test relates to a male born 8th Sep 1951, 1:00pm AEST, Camperdown NSW (33S54,



151E11). Asc 17Cp09, MC 2Li47, Moon 6Sg19.

He is a computer draftsman, married, one son. What occurred in his life on the **13th Aug 2000**? The event affected the whole family whose members are: Wife, born 2 May 1959, 8:10pm AEST, Camperdown. Son, born 5 Feb 1999, 6:48pm AEDT Wahroonga, 33S47, 151E06.

The crucial date for them was 19 August although it is the same event.

These Tests are wonderful exercises to develop your skill and insight, as those who have done them will attest. They sharpen delineation and greatly assist your predictive work. For your own sake do give them a try.

Please send your answers to me by **28th November**. Use any astrological technique and include whatever were the crucial Aspects or configurations that led you to your decision.

FIXED STARS

Ross Harvey (NSW) is doing some research work and has noticed that distinguished people seem to have certain of the Fixed Stars either on the Meridian or the Prime Vertical (orb of 2° in azimuth). The Horizon doesn't seem to be significant. The stars he has noticed so far that seem to be associated with success are **Sirius, Acrux, Altair, Vega, Antares, Aldebaran, Spica, Regulus and perhaps Fomalhaut**. Bill Gates has Sirius and Aldebaran due East. Tony Blair has Altair South and Spica West.

Other first magnitude stars may be important but Ross doesn't have any conclusive evidence for them. Several commonly used stars have either no significance for success, or mean something else, such as Toliman, which he has seen exactly on the Meridian of two charts whose natives were not notable at all. It could, however, signify a difficult life, which would have been appropriate for the people in question.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock, 12 Nov 2000.

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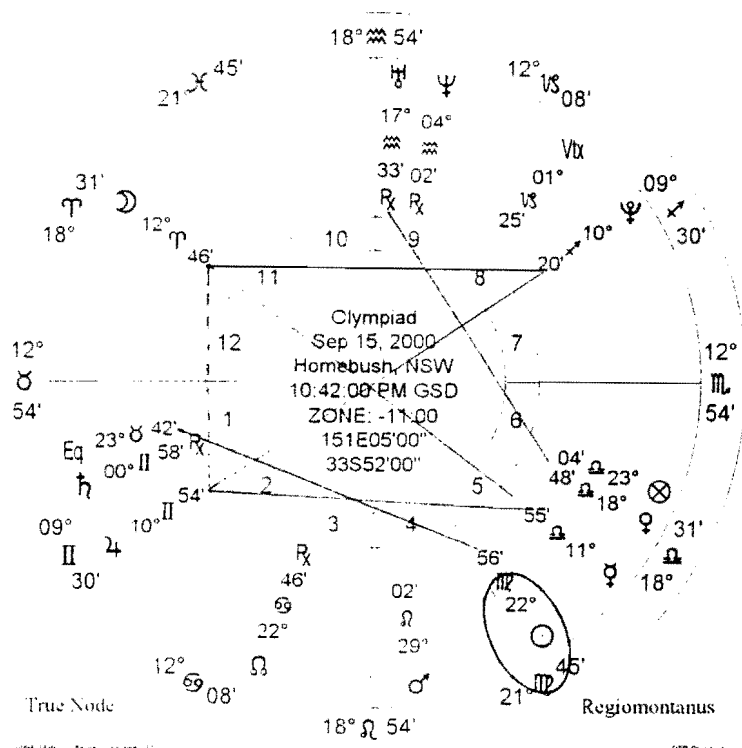
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"THE BEST OLYMPICS EVER"

So declared Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee, in his closing speech on Sunday 1st October at the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney. It was certainly a triumph of spectacle and organization and will no doubt clarify the ideas of the many not fully conscious of Australia's existence or having only a vague idea of its whereabouts—near the South Pole, a part of Indonesia or somewhere in Europe. (Former USA President Ronald Reagan once confused Australia with Austria.)

From the astrologer's point of view the matter of chief interest is the Horoscope for the commencement of the Olympiad, its correlation with events and relation to other relevant charts. Charts have been set for various times including the scheduled time, the time of activities commencing in the Main Stadium and the time when Mr Samaranch officially declared the Games open, which was at 10:42pm AEDT on 15 Sep 2000 at Homebush, NSW. This latter is the Chart I prefer, and here it is:



What could be more appropriate than the Sun on the

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5th Cusp—GAMES! In my view, this feature alone establishes this Chart as the preferred one for the Olympiad. The Sun conjunct the 5th Cusp and trine to the East Point (Equatorial Ascendant) is not only highly relevant but also foretold a brilliant spectacle and celebration.

What strikes the eye next is the prominence of Uranus at the Midheaven in its own Sign and closely trine Venus, also in its own Sign. Uranus signalled a unique and striking spectacle calculated to draw the attention of the world. In the history of the Olympiads there has not been another with Opening and Closing ceremonies so different, distinctive and spectacular. Venus rules the 1st House, and its trine to Uranus signified smooth functioning—and the absence of violence. Venus being in the 6th House and ruling the 1st testifies to the health and well-being of the whole operation. The precautions taken against terrorists and other disruptive elements were repaid.

The bill has been huge—running into billions—and well portrayed by Pluto in the 8th House (financial outgoings) opposed by its Dispositor, Jupiter. Pluto's opposition of Jupiter (a money signifier) is itself an indicator of enormous expenses, and the close contact with the 2nd-8th axis enhances this.

Will the expense be recouped? It is doubtful. The Moon ruling the 3rd House and sextile Jupiter means substantial income from the public (ticket sales). Pluto trine the Moon shows massive public support. Mercury ruling the House of Income has a close trine to Jupiter and a 7°-conjunction with Venus. Both of these are helpful, but Mercury's opposition to the Moon points rather to a scattering and frittering away of earnings.

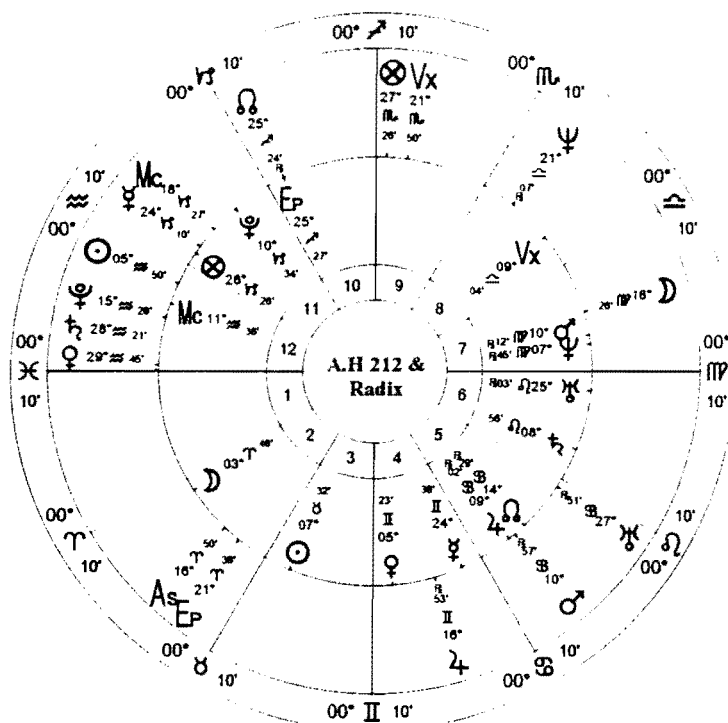
No doubt Australia can anticipate increased Tourist income in the next years, but perhaps we have to count

the gains more in terms of intangibles—feelings of natal Venus on the h.Ascendant (*joy*) and n.Mars pride, unity and self-respect as a Nation, increased conjunct h.Jupiter (*flamboyance*). Only Aspects with world-wide prestige, and recognition of Australian small orbs are considered. This is further support for the sporting prowess (*Sun on 5th Cusp*) which in relation to our population of 18 million puts us among the top 11am birth time of the Nation.

What do we make of Saturn square Mars? In general terms Mars represents the competitors, all 10,000 of them! The close square of Saturn speaks to me of their concentrated will to win and the self-discipline needed to achieve the results they crave in the sporting field (*Mars in Leo*). It may also refer to the covert taking of drugs by some of them to enhance their performance (Mars ruling the House of Hidden Activities). This possibility is supported by the Jupiter-Pluto opposition where Pluto is placed in the "Drugs" House and Jupiter rules it. In fact a number of competitors from other countries have been disqualified on this count (no Australians among them).

It is noteworthy that this international sporting event is reflected in the current Age Harmonic (212) of the Chart for **Australia's Foundation**. Here is the Chart that I have found responds well to events in our history:

The **Age Harmonic 212** applies to Australia's current Solar Year, 26 January 2000—26 January 2001 In the



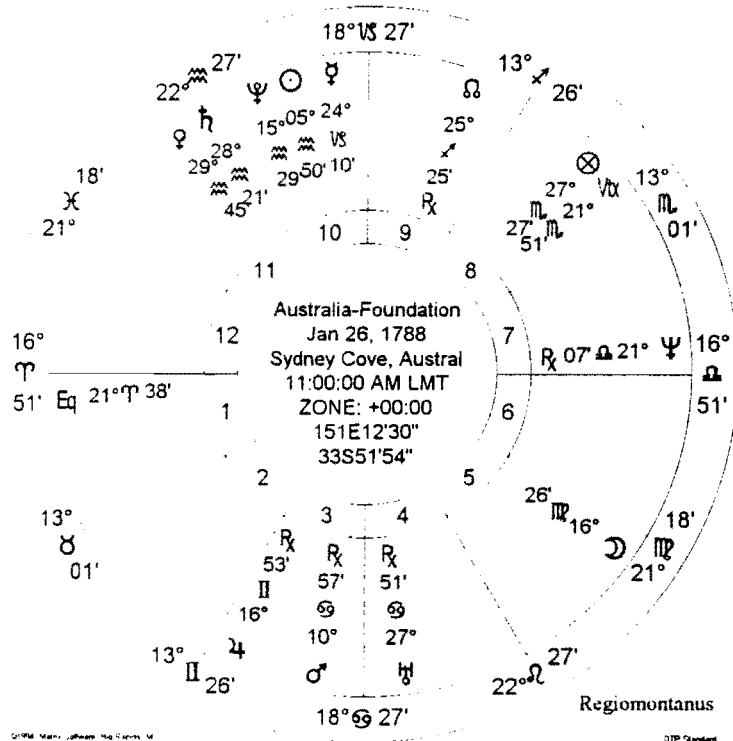
Inner Wheel: **Harmonic 212** for Foundation of Australia.

Outer Wheel: **Foundation of Australia, 26 Jan 1788, 11am**

Sydney Cove, 33°S 51°54", 151°E 12'30"

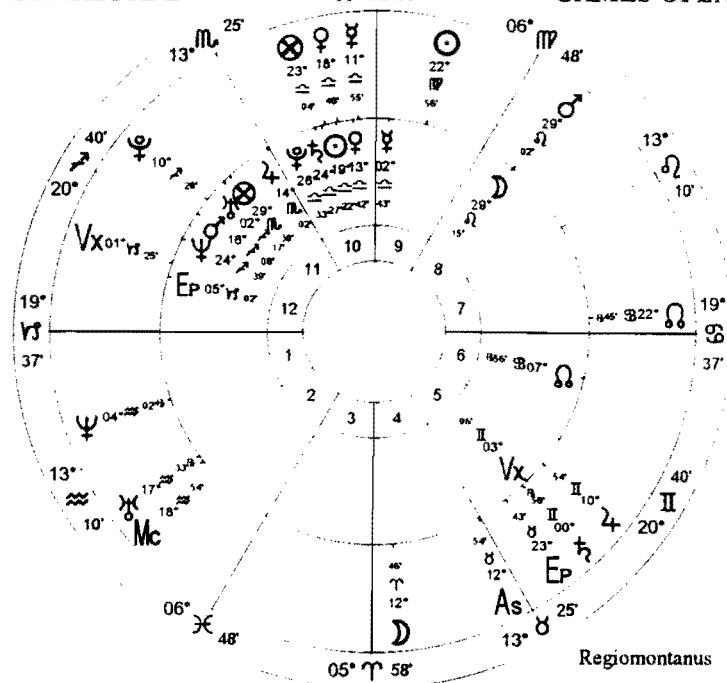
and end of the Games: The p.Moon conjunct Jupiter and sextile the Ascendant on 15 September and trine Pluto on 1st October. (Games 16 Sep—1 Oct, 2000).

One of the outstanding Australian stars in the Games was the swimming champion **Ian Thorpe**. Here is his Birth Chart, 13 Oct 1982, 10:52am Sydney, 33S52,



IAN THORPE

GAMES OPEN



bi-wheel below the Age Harmonic is shown surrounded by the Radix. The interesting point within the Harmonic Chart itself is that Jupiter (Exalted in Cancer) occupies the House of Sport and Entertainment, opposite Pluto (*massive effects*), square the Vertex (*great significance*) sextile Mars (*competition*) and sextile Neptune (*dream results*).

Relating the Harmonic Chart to the Radix, we see

151E13 (from Lois Rodden's *Astrodatabank*) Admetos opposing Pluto, plus Jupiter square Saturn) surrounded by the **Opening of the Games Chart**. It and midpoint pictures in the Solar-Arc Directions was a good augury for his success that there were three pointing to "a death/illness of females, and separations planets in the Games Chart closely conjoined with and grief".

natal planets in Thorpe's **House of Career**—Venus with the Sun; Mercury with Venus; the Part of Fortune with Saturn, which is his Natal Ruler. Additionally, Mars conjoined his Moon (orb 13') assuring him of maximum energy for the contest.

This is a useful technique that readers could apply in regard to any participants whose nativities are known.

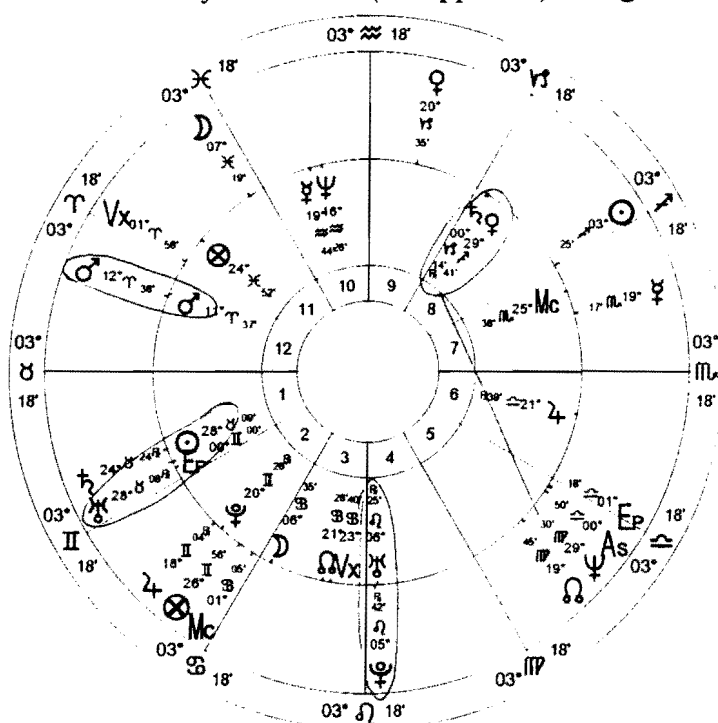
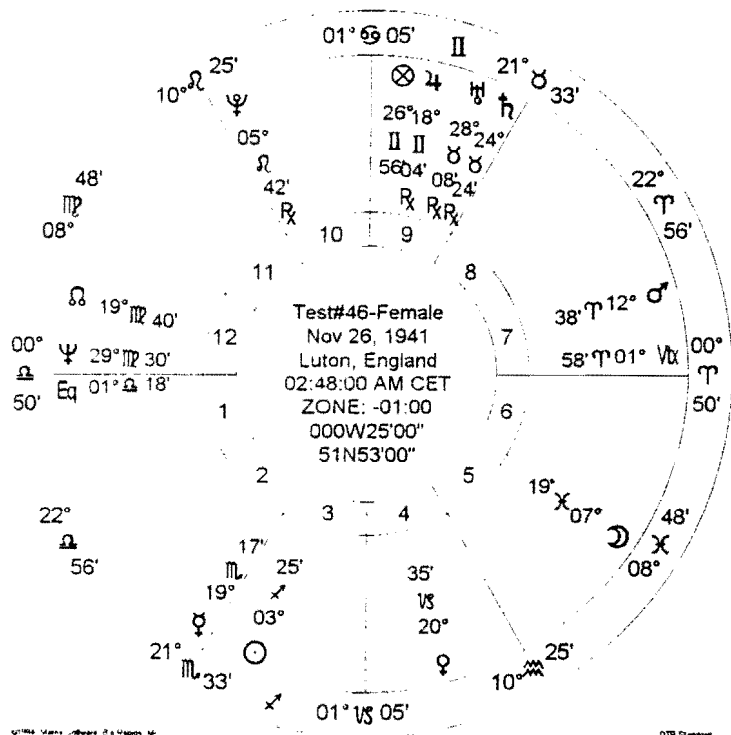
TEST 46—SOLUTION

This Test concerned a woman whose Birth Horoscope appears below. She was married, had three children and was retired.

The Question: What occurred in her life on 1st Nov. 1999 in Goolwa, South Australia?

The Answer: Her much loved pet dog was run over and killed.

None of the respondents arrived at the correct answer



Inner Wheel: Test 46, Harmonic 57.9167
Outer Wheel: Test 46, Birth Chart.

House (*small animals*) and both are square to n.Neptune (*loss*) on the Cusp of the h.6th; Mars is conjunct n.Mars in the 12th House (*grief*), the Sun is conjunct n.Uranus (*shock*), and Uranus is conjunct n.Pluto (*agitation*) on the "end-of-life" Cusp. All Aspects are within one degree.

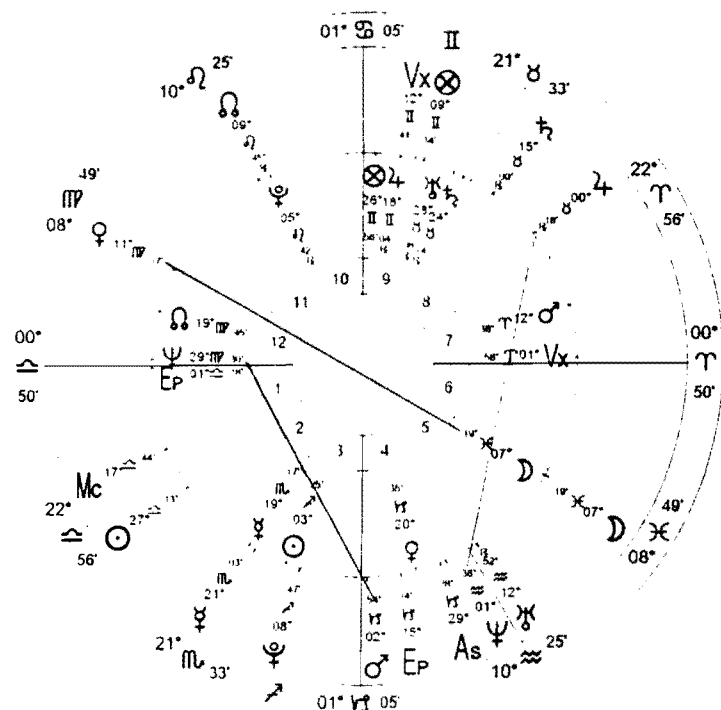
The **Lunar Return** of 21 Oct 1999 (next page) also has the indications: The natal 6th House (*small animals*) has the Moon on the Cusp (Regiomontanus) opposed by the lr.Venus (*separation from a loved animal*). lr.Jupiter and Neptune both ruling the 6th House are in square (*loss; emotional upset*). lr.Mars on the 4th Cusp of the Radix is square n.Neptune ruling the 6th—loss (Neptune) of a small animal through death (Mars).

though several diagnosed a "death". It was interpreted however as the death of a person. Answers included "change of residence; upsetting news; confused psychological state; illness; heart failure; stroke; surgery; life-threatening situation; sudden change of destiny; car accident; separated from husband; divorce; death of a child; death of a relative; tragic love".

All respondents saw the event as negative, which was correct. Lea Breuer-Kantor (Israel) was closer with "a violent or sudden sad event" but couldn't decide between assault, accident, injury or death. Lea cited the **57th Age Harmonic** (The Moon and the Uranian point

Congratulations to all who attempted this exercise. They are rewarded by the increase in their astrological insight and expertise.

Anyone who wants a table setting out the decimal fractions for Age-Harmonic months has only to write to me. It may have been noticed that nearly all the past 46 Tests are most easily answered by reference to the



Inner Wheel: Lunar Return, Goolwa, 21 Oct 1999, 12:23:55 pm ACDT.

Outer Wheel: Birth Chart, Test 46, 26 Nov 1941 2:48 am Luton, England.

Annual or Monthly Age-Harmonics in conjunction with the Radix.

There is a general tendency among astrologers to interpret configurations in terms of the more sensational and extreme possibilities. The Tests do always relate to some significant event in the life of the person concerned but it may not be a major catastrophe. The loss of a household pet can be traumatic. It certainly was in the life of the woman concerned whose Natus has Neptune conjunct Ascendant (*sensitivity and feeling*) and the Moon in Pisces conjunct the 6th Cusp (*attachment to animal pets*). Life has many grievous events like this, which we should keep in mind when we are forecasting for a client.

NEW TEST NO. 47

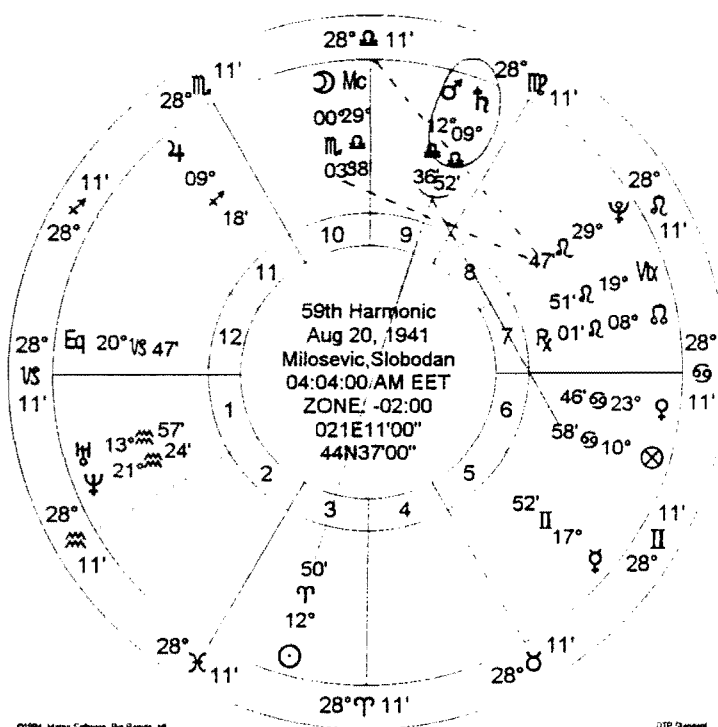
This Test concerns a woman born on 29th August 1954 at 10 pm AEST in Canberra ACT, Australia (35S18, 149E13). The Ascendant is 0Ta10, MC 4Aq03, Moon 18Vi02.

What occurred in her life on **25th March 1977** while she was still living in Canberra? She was single, just out of university and employed as a forest (field) worker for the holidays.

Please send your answers to me by **October 28** giving the crucial aspects or other configurations on which you base your judgement. Any method may be used. The solution will be published in the November *Astrologers' Forum* with a full explanation. Mention will be made of those who get on or near the mark. This is an exercise, not a competition.

MR MILOSEVIC BOWS OUT

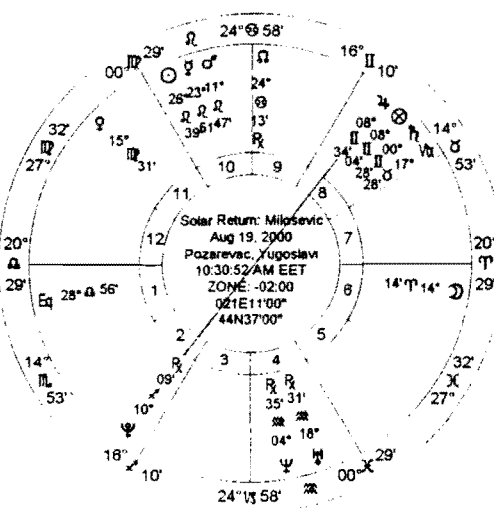
With more reluctance than grace Slobodan Milosevic has finally admitted defeat in the Yugoslavian Election and deferred to the Leader of the Opposition. He was born in 1941 and turned 59 on 20th August. There is not room here for his Birth Chart which was printed in Issue 215, but below is his **59th Harmonic Chart** which clearly depicts his fall from power.



Capricorn rises and Saturn, the Ruler, conjoins Mars. Both planets are elevated in the Chart (giving them extra power) and both oppose a depressed Sun and square the Part of Fortune. Pluto, powerful on the 8th Cusp, sextiles the MC, the Moon on the 10th Cusp and the "floating" MC—the end of Milosevic's reign.

The relevant **Solar Return Figure** on the other hand

is less compelling. Chiefly, Pluto opposes Jupiter in the House of Law. Taken with the Radix, Neptune in the 4th House is opposed to natal Pluto in the 10th, while the Ascendant opposes n.Mars and the MC.



My kind regards to all.

— Dymock, 8 Oct 2000.

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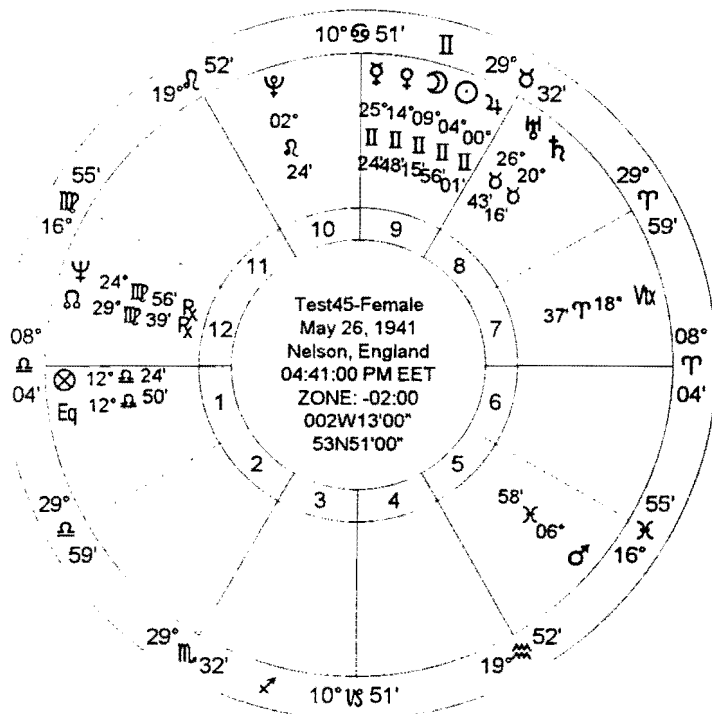
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TEST 45 & ITS SOLUTION

Test 45 concerned a woman born on 26 May 1941 at Nelson, England (53N51, 2W13), 4:41 pm EET. The Chart is below. The test was to find what occurred in her life on 16 April 1987 while she was living in Sunnyvale, California. She was a working woman, married, without children.



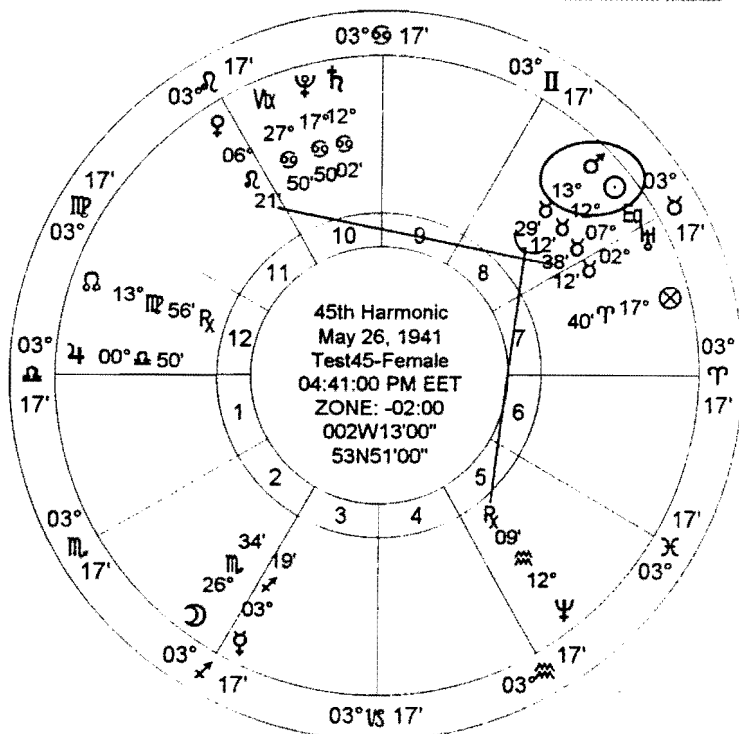
THE ANSWER (from the woman herself): "My husband, who had been ill for many years, died suddenly of a heart attack on 16 April 1987 in Los Angeles. We were living 500 miles away in Sunnyvale, Northern California, and I went down there and arranged his funeral, etc. in Los Angeles—which was 'foreign' country to me."

The subject was 45 years old at the time, and the clearest indication of the death of her husband is given by her **45th Harmonic Chart** (next column). The configuration of Mars (*injury*) and the Sun (*the husband; the heart*) conjoined in the House of Death, both square to Neptune (*loss*) in the 5th House (*heart*) speaks for itself.

A further indication is Venus, *ruling* the Death House

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squaring the E.P. in that House (double emphasis).

Jupiter ruling the 3rd House is sextile Mercury in that House and ruling the 9th (both Houses relating to *journeys*) indicating the trip the subject had to make from Northern California to Los Angeles for the funeral arrangements.

This Chart is a prime example of the effectiveness of Age Harmonics. Neither the Solar Return nor Lunar Return Figure is anywhere near as clear and definitive.

There is surprisingly little in Progressions and Directions to show for the event. *Tertiary* Progressions (calculated at the BIJA rate given in *Solar Fire*) have minor but multiple indications: On the day of the death,

16th April 1987, $\mathcal{D} \square \mathcal{H}/\Psi$, $\mathcal{D} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{S}$ (Venus and Mars are appropriate, being Rulers of the 8th and 7th Houses). On the following day, $\mathcal{D} \Delta \mathcal{H}/\mathcal{Q}$, and $\mathcal{S} \Delta \mathcal{Q}/\mathcal{S}$.

Of those who worked on the Test and had the fortitude to send in their results, no one was entirely successful at the first attempt though a number picked up elements of the situation. A Russian astrologer said "husband's death and child adoption" which was half right, but unfortunately he did not give any astrological basis to show that it was not a lucky guess or to allow others to try his technique. Some went for a second or third attempt and either found the answer or were close to it. Others indicated several possibilities but were unable to pinpoint the actual happening (admittedly very difficult). A variety of methods were used—Traditional (Transits and Progressions), Cyclic Charts, Uranian with the 90° Dial, Huber Method (of which see more later) and a Horary Chart. My congratulations to all who made the attempt, and particularly those who sent in a written reply. The act of writing out your response induces deeper and more precise thinking. The value of these exercises in increasing astrological skill becomes apparent to those who regularly attempt them. Shirley Gray (USA) writes, "Regardless of any bestsellers to the contrary, the *Astrologers' Forum* Tests are The Only Way to Learn Astrology!"

NEW TEST NO.46

Here's another one to develop your expertise. It concerns a woman born on 26 November 1941 at 2:48 am British Summer Time in Luton, England (51N53, 0W25, Asc 0Li50, MC 1Cn05, Moon 7Pi19). She was married, had three children, and was retired.

What occurred in her life on 1st November 1999 in Goolwa, South Australia? (35S31, 138E47).

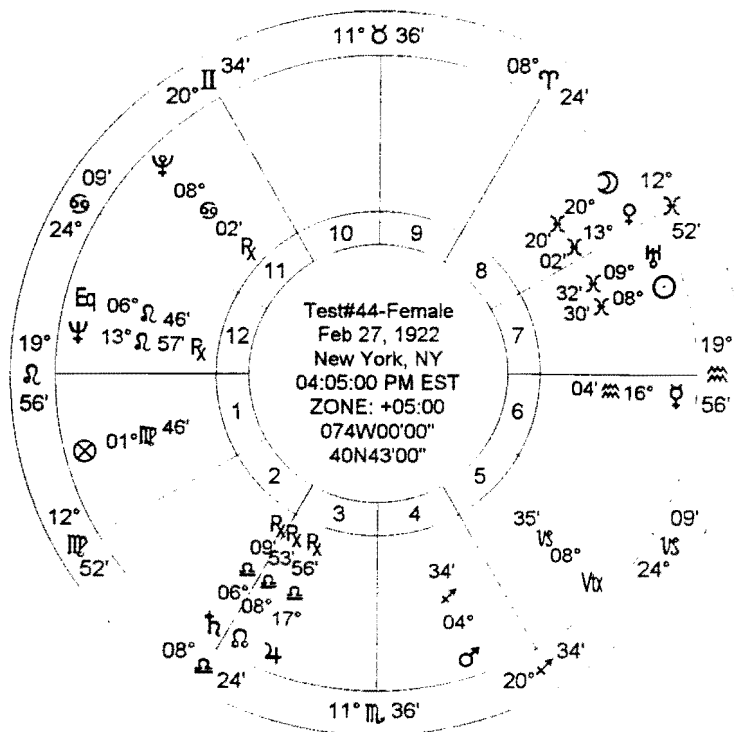
Please let me have your answers by 28th September, giving the astrological basis for your decision. Any method may be used. □

THE TIMING OF EVENTS

This is a flow-on from readers' answers to Test 44 in establishing the date (15 July 1956) when poliomyelitis afflicted the woman born on 27th February 1922. Her Birth Chart appears in the next column.

Fritz Hilmar (Durban, Sth Africa) using the Huber method writes that on the 15th of July 1956, the Age-Point was at 12°33' Aquarius. On the 90° Dial and with a 2° orb the Age Point collects the energies of the following planets. The interpretations are from Ebertin's *Combination of Stellar Influences*:

AP = Nept/MC (*numbness of limbs*); Moon/Saturn



(*sadness, illness, suffering of a woman, danger for life*) Jupiter/Uranus (*luck*); Sun/Jupiter (*preservation*).

Fritz comments that the *saving* factors might have been the midpoints Sun/Uranus/Jupiter, and Mars/Jupiter.

Editor's Note: Bruno and Louise Huber of Zurich, Switzerland, established the "Life Clock" and the "Age Point" by taking the distance between successive Cusps of a chart as equalling six years of age whatever the number of degrees between them. In 72 years the Age Point comes back to the Ascendant, and the count starts again from age 72.

Our subject, born on 27 Feb 1922, was aged 34y 4m 18d on 15 July 1956. At the rate of 6 years per House, the Age Point would be on the 6th Cusp at age 30 (having traversed five Houses).

For the remaining 4y 4m 18d a proportion has to be taken of the Zodiacal degrees between the 6th and 7th Cusps. This will vary according to the House System used. The Hubers declared that their Life Clock worked only with the Koch system, and in this case the number of degrees to be added to 24Cp09 (the 6th Koch Cusp) is 4y 4m 18d / 6y x 27°16', (27°16' being the Zodiacal degrees between 19Aq56 and 22Cp40 on the 7th and 6th Cusps).

Worked out with a calculator this proportion is 19°55' which added to the position of the 6th Cusp, 22Cp40, gives an Age Point of 12Aq35. By a slightly different and possibly more accurate computation Fritz arrives at 12Aq33.

Fritz applies this Age Point to the 90° Dial where Radix conjunctions, oppositions and squares are shown as conjunctions, while Radix semisquares or sesquares (sequisquares) are shown on the Dial as oppositions.

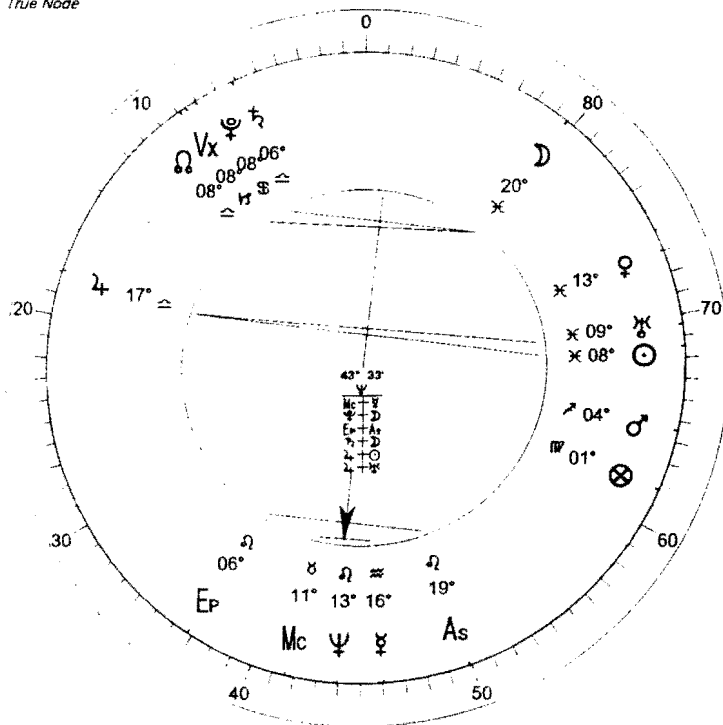
Further, Fritz then puts the Dial arrow 1° to the left (41°33') and again 1° to the right (43°33'). In the first position the Age Point aspects the MC, Mars/Jupiter (*muscle activity*), Venus/Pluto, and Venus/Nodes.

In the latter position the Age Point aspects Mercury/MC (*motor nerve centre*); Moon/Saturn, Moon/Pluto, and Neptune (with a slightly enlarged orb).

In my view this latter position of 43°33' gives the vital contacts, and it is the one I have selected for the 90° Dial below.

TEST 44—Female. 90° Dial; with Age Point at 13°33' Aquar.

True Node



Notwithstanding the Huber dictum that their Life Clock works only with Koch Cusps, I find that by using Regiomontanus Cusps the Age Point is 13Aq37, almost identical with the one above. With an Aspect orb of 3° the Age Point gathers the energies of Neptune, MC/Mercury, Moon/Pluto, Moon/Saturn, Sun/Jupiter, Sun/Uranus and Asc/EP (all the vital ones).

Fritz comments, "The correct position of the Age Point depends a lot on a correct birth time, which we unfortunately do not always get. Thus I think that the Age Point could actually be a nice tool for rectification."

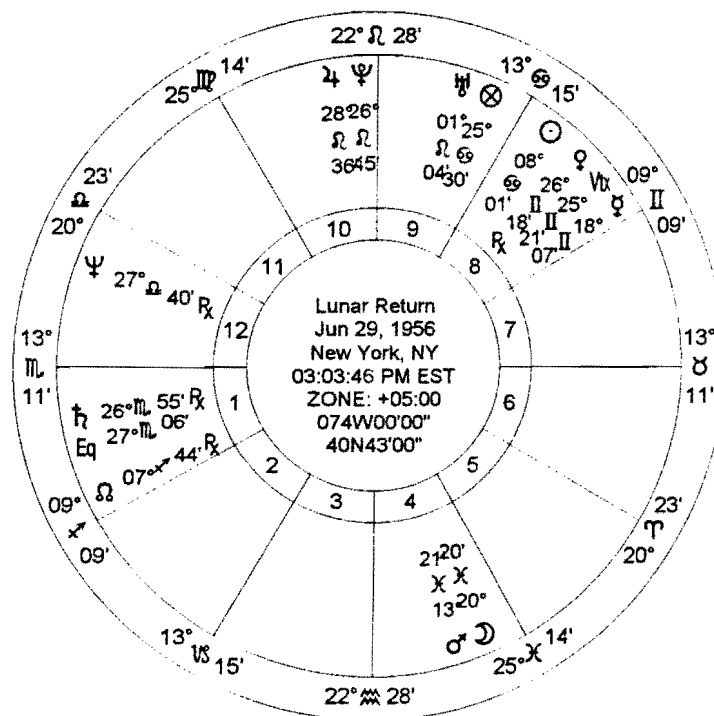
The problem still remains, however, to narrow down the field of dramatic effects and identify the poliomyelitis that actually afflicted the victim. At present the best way appears to be by gathering a consensus from Aspects and House involvement in a variety of charts (annual, monthly, weekly), by Aspects to midpoints and close Transits.

Shirley Gray (Michigan, New York) writes, "Timing is well shown, in my view, on the 90° wheel by Directions and Transits, and by the Lunar Returns". The Lunar Return covering the date 15 July 1956 is below.

Pluto on the upper Meridian, closely aspecting Saturn, Neptune and Jupiter, plus Mars (Ruler of 1st and 6th Houses) conjunct the Moon is certainly sufficient for the astrologer to apprehend the catastrophe in this month.

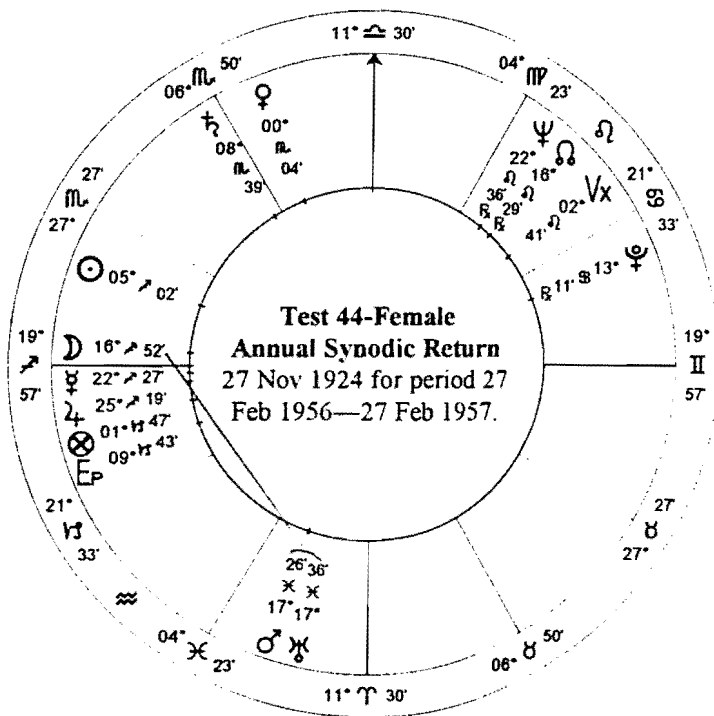
Ross Harvey (New South Wales, Australia) writes, "In July '56 both Saturn and Neptune were Stationary although their positions didn't contact the Chart. However, their midpoint was 11Sc55, very closely opposite the n.MC."

Ken Gillman (New York) cites the Zodiacal **Primary Direction** of Saturn sextile Pluto on July 20, 1956, the Ascendant confirms the danger to health. Ken writes which is close (within five days) to the date of the that progressing the Moon of this Synodic Return



poliomyelitis affliction. More results like this would certainly incline one to look into the "Placidus" Primary Directions of Roman Kolev that Ken uses (described on page 4 of the last Issue).

As a further timing device Ken refers to the **Annual Synodic Return Chart** (Moon/Sun Phase Return) of 27 Nov 1924 which relates to the period 27 Feb 1956—27 Feb 1957. It is reproduced below. Mars and Uranus in



conjunction in the 3rd House square the Moon and Ascendant. The Sun is conjunct n.Mars. The Moon on the Ascendant confirms the danger to health. Ken writes which is close (within five days) to the date of the that progressing the Moon of this Synodic Return

according to the method recommended by Placidus (32.5° a month) to mid-July brings the Moon into the 6th House and opposing the Sun..

Summing up, my conclusion is that we are getting closer to the precise timing of events. The widespread use of computer programs is speeding up the process. □

FURTHER COMMENTS ON PUTIN

by Allan Johnson

This is just a brief follow-up on my article in the August Issue. The latest issue of the *Astrological Journal* from England now gives a version of his time of birth that is not a great deal different from the one given by Dymock [last Issue] with Scorpio rising and Venus in the 1st House. I don't think the new Chart presents Putin as very much of a power-seeking figure. I think he could be more of a circumspect personality. The multiple Square pattern in Cardinal Signs is the most significant factor in his Chart and this does not link up with the Angles at all. Using traditional methods of prediction and looking ahead over the next five years of his term we find that *none* of the outer planets, and notably Pluto and Uranus which are normally involved in dramatic events, will be lining up with this pattern. So it does not look as if his term of Office will be very eventful and that Russia will be involved in any world shaking events. Seeing him on television does give the impression of a rather cautious type. □

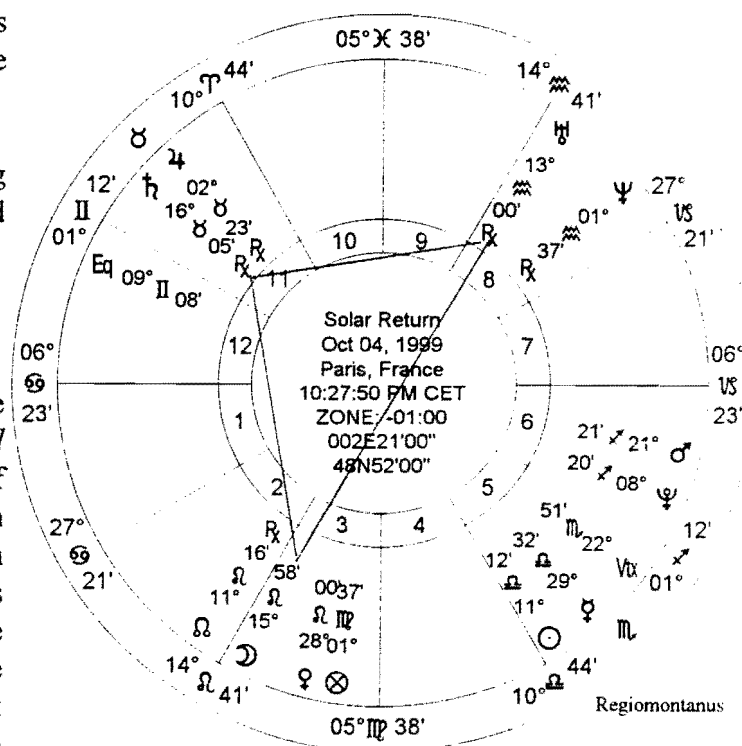
CONCORD CRASH—COULD IT HAVE BEEN FORESEEN?

The crash of the French Air Concord on 25th July last was a tragic and momentous event that shook the world. The Chart for the time of the crash has been printed and analysed by astrologers everywhere. This type of research has some value in that it teaches what are the astrological *significators* of such a calamity and it may discover the cause of the crash and predict its outcome. Of much greater value, however, is being able to foresee the disaster and possibly forestall it.

Is this possible? Where do we look? It occurs to me that though major air crashes are a continuing feature of our modern technological civilisation, *such* a crash as that of the Concorde, the pride of the French Nation, should surely show up in the National Horoscope of France even though it registers as an occurrence of minor magnitude in the scale of historical events.

The Chart for the **5th Republic of France** is given on page 134 of Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes*

George Bush (See last Issue): TZ of birth is EDT not EST-- 6 July 1946, New Haven, CT, USA, 7:26 am EDT.



(5 Oct 1958, 0.00 am Paris, 48N52, 2E21). Space is lacking to display the Radix, but here is the Solar Return Chart:

An aircraft disaster is plainly heralded: The Moon, Ruler of the Chart, is on the 3rd Cusp opposing Uranus on the 9th and forming a T-Square with Saturn ruling the 8th. Both the 3rd and 9th Houses are associated with travel, Uranus with aircraft, the Moon with the people, Saturn and the 8th House with deaths. By relating this solar Return to the Radix even more portents of disaster appear (Moon conjunct Uranus, Mars conjunct Saturn, Pluto conjunct the Vertex, Jupiter opposite Neptune). This is all a clear warning visible to any astrologer who monitors the welfare of the French nation.

The **41st Age Harmonic** is similarly rich in adverse portents: Mars (Ruler) just under the Ascendant opposed by n.Jupiter, Saturn on the 8th Cusp square Uranus, Neptune square the Rising Degree, Pluto square the n.Vertex, Moon conj. Asc squ. Neptune and n.Asc.

The **timing** was precise also: the Moon progressed by the Tertiary BIIA rate conjoined \hbar/Ψ on the day of the crash, 25th July, and $4/\hbar$ the day after. Both these configurations, and particularly the first, are associated in mundane charts with misfortune, loss and suffering.

Is it too much to expect that one day a national astrologer will be installed in the government to help guide the nation's fortunes and give warning of dangerous periods when operations of different sorts should be delayed, curtailed or avoided?

My kind regards to all, — Dymock, 7 Sep 2000.

For an artistic treat turn to Marguerite Brose's Web Site, <http://www.ozemail.com.au/~dymock/> where for a reasonable price you can purchase an original pastel, water-colour or acrylic painting.

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VLADIMIR PUTIN

by Allan Johnson

I found Dymock's articles on Russia's new President very interesting but I find myself not entirely convinced that he has produced the true Chart. There are several reasons for this. One is that the latest issue of the Journal of the Astrological Association from England gives Putin's birth data but also says "time unknown" despite the ease of contact between British and Russian astrologers at this time. Under communism astrology was banned in the Soviet Union but since the Great Collapse there have been astrological conferences in Moscow, so British astrologers should have access to Putin's time of birth if it is known.

Apart from that there is the question of his Leo Ascendant. In Yeltsin's case we get the unmistakable imprint of the full square-shaped face of Leo. But we don't get that in the case of Putin. If we compare the two faces in the photographs we don't get any real similarity. Before this question arose I was inclined to give Putin a Gemini Ascendant. Of course, in this Chart we do have Pluto on the Ascendant but I don't see that this is appropriate either. Pluto is linked with Scorpio which gives very sharp features. Certainly Pluto rising in Leo would be strongly indicative of a *power-seeker* but does Putin's career so far give all that much indication that he is really that type of person? He has been a KGB leader but people engaged in the *secret services* are usually not the types inclined to hug the limelight. He became Prime Minister mainly because he was a friend of Yeltsin who at that time was looking for someone to fill the role. So he seems to have been catapulted to the Presidency more by default than any active power-seeking on his own part. There was just no competition. And this was just why Yeltsin survived so long despite his great love affair with the vodka. It is hard to see even Yeltsin being all that much of a power-seeker. Putin really inherited the war in Chechnya so did not have much option about continuing it and getting a victory as soon as possible. It became a sort of prestige issue for the Russian population as a whole. They felt they had had enough loss of territory already. So he was

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expected to take a tough line and he did.

This brings me to my main argument for not seeing Putin as a typical power-seeker. I think we have to put the whole question of Russian leadership into the context of recent Russian history. In this connection I have recently been reading *The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Empire* by Dmitri Volkogonov, a Russian historian who has lived at the centre of things all through the recent years and has had full access to all the archives. He is no apologist for communism and gives a very revealing portrait of all the Russian leaders from Lenin to Gorbachev. I was very intrigued about how Gorbachev came to power. He has Sun in Pisces and in opposition to Neptune in his Chart. This is not the signifier for a power-seeker. And subsequently he never showed up in that light. The only reason I could see for his election was that he was being *used* by some of the factions for their own ends as a catpaw. But I could not have been more wrong. Gorbachev was simply "next in line" and there was no power struggle at all. The *factions* simply didn't exist. The only people close to the top of a totalitarian system have to be *yes-men*. Volkogonov gives a very revealing account of how the previous President, Constantin Chernenko, had been elected in 1984. The leading figures at the Centre in Moscow, charged with the duty of electing a new President, had simply got together in a room and Chernenko's name had been brought forward as a "next in line". What followed was that every person in that room simply stood up in turn and heaped praises on Chernenko—and that was it. No discussion, no power-seeking or point-scoring or support for other candidates. It was entirely irrelevant that Chernenko was in an

advanced state of decline in health and almost blind. He only lived for another 13 months. All this is a bit mind-boggling for us in the West when we consider they were appointing a Chief Executive for a super power.

I think, in dealing with the charts of Russian leaders, we can't just judge the chart in itself. We have to set it in its **background** of recent Russian history, and that the **Russian people are now** living in the aftermath of one of the most repressive dictatorships in history. So we could be getting *big reaction* from all that. This means that *power-seekers* could be *right out of fashion* in Russian in recent years.

If we take a new look at the election of Chernenko in 1984 we might see a lot of "method in his madness". It really was a vote against power-seeking as such, and the glory and empire building that goes with it. They were saying NO to all that. The same would have applied to the election of Gorbachev. He never came over as a *power-seeker*. In fact he was only interested in diminishing Soviet power. He was just "next in line". Likewise Yeltsin never created any sense of being a man with a mission. He has been described as a "lame duck" leader by many critics, mainly using his office to further the financial interest of his family, and he became much more of an alcoholic in the later part of his term.

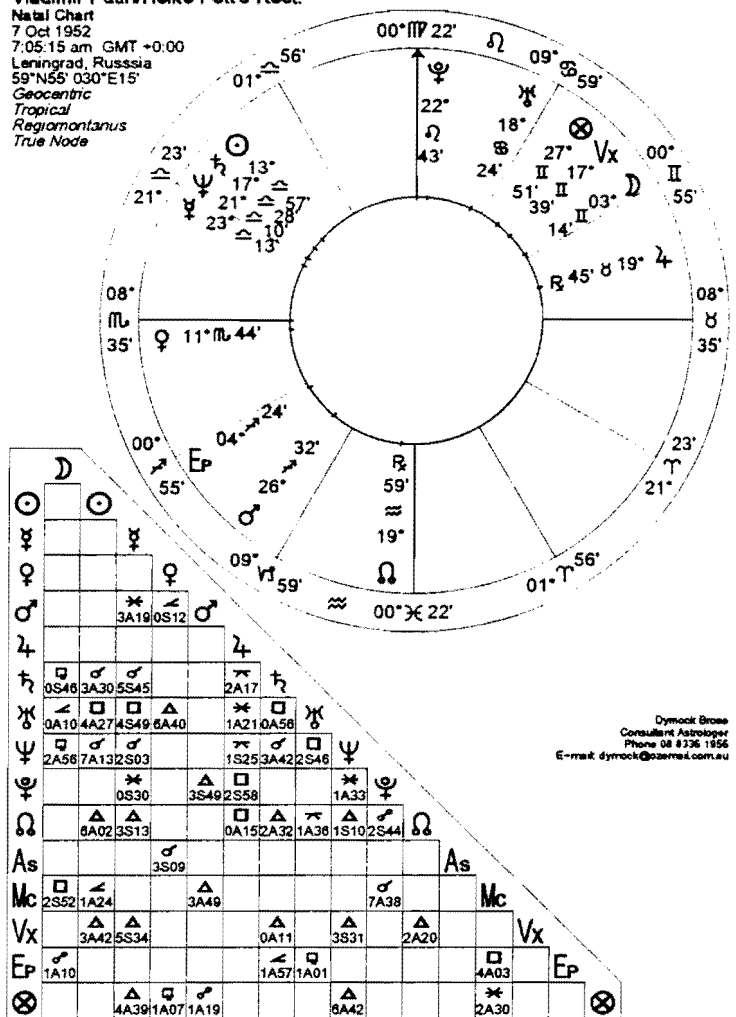
So now we come to Putin. I think he was elected precisely because he was *not* a power-seeker. Such people are still very much out of date in Russia. If we look at his Chart from this background we have the heavy concentration of planets in *Libra*, which can never be called an ambitious or power-seeking Sign. Librans like to put on a good front—but they never seek to dominate others. I don't think Air Signs ever do. The multi-square to Uranus does explain how he came to the top from nowhere. And he may still put on a few surprises, but he seems to be more of a bureaucrat rather than the "Great Leader". I think he will be more interested in seeing more goods in shops than in power and glory. It will be interesting to see if any further information comes in about his birth time. □

FURTHER INFORMATION ON PUTIN

As it happens, further information is available from a good source—the German astrologer Heike Pott who has just written an article in the latest *Hamburger Hefte* magazine that does the correction for Putin's time, according to her method, with full examples and reasons. Heike arrived at a time of 7:05:15 GMT. The Chart appears in the next column.

It will be generally agreed, I think, that Scorpio rising with Venus just three degrees below the Ascendant is a better representation of the man so far as we know him than Pluto rising in Leo as in last month's Chart. The

Vladimir Putin/Heike Pott's Rect.
Natal Chart
7 Oct 1952
7:05:15 am GMT +0:00
Leningrad, Russia
59°N55' 030"E15'
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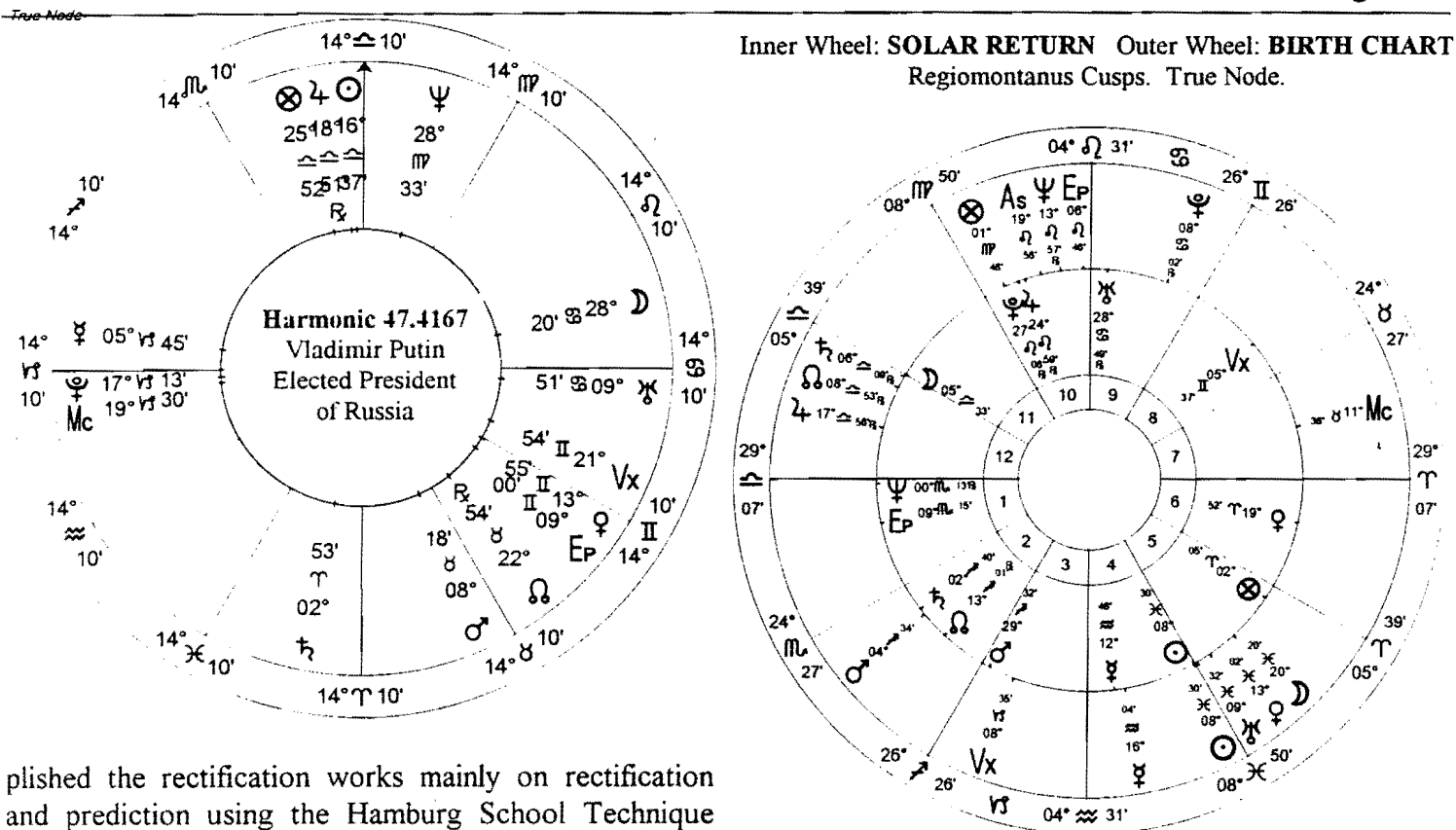


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Scorpio/Pluto influence is present in both Figures but this one has the added influence of Venus which accords well with Putin's apparent capacity to socialize easily with heads of state and other VIP's—reserved and secretive yet able to mix smoothly when the need arises. Scorpio also accords with his ruthlessness in the conduct of the war against Chechnya (and the killing is still going on). Most of the planets are close to the positions given in the earlier Chart, and their aspects still apply. The notable exception is the Moon which has moved to Gemini instead of Taurus. Intellectual acumen is now to the fore.

A cogent argument for this Radix is the Monthly Harmonic Chart (47.4167 x natal positions) for Putin's election to President of Russia in March last. This Figure shows Pluto (17Cp13) on the Ascendant (14Cp10) and conj. the "floating" MC (19Cp30) which is very closely trined by n.Jupiter (19Ta45). The Sun (16Li37) conjoins Jupiter (18Li51) and the h.MC (14Li10) which is very fortunate indeed and symptomatic of a great boost to the career. Additionally, n.Sun (13Li57) and n.Saturn (17Li28) straddle the h.MC. It would be hard to find a more striking astrological demonstration of a great rise in life and the accession of political power.

The German astrologer, Dr. Heike Pott, who accom-



plished the rectification works mainly on rectification and prediction using the Hamburg School Technique (Uranian Astrology). □

TEST 44: READERS' SOLUTIONS

[Radix for this Test on p.3 of last Issue]

A number of readers wrote in about this Exercise, which was to determine the astrological factors and timing to account for the poliomyelitis that afflicted the subject on 15 July 1956, and from which she subsequently recovered. Excerpts from their accounts appear below. Repeated items and those not strictly pertinent are excised to save space. Not all contributions can be included in this Issue. They will be presented in the next, together with contributions relating to the **timing** of the illness.

The dominant factor for paralysis, emphasized in most reports, is **Neptune**, particularly when associated with **Pluto**.

From Shirley Gray (Michigan, USA):

[In a comprehensive analysis Shirley points out how the Birth Chart set the scene for the subject's polio, then passes to the actual event.]

Solar Return February 27, 1956.

The natal Mars/Asc. midpoint (12Li15), which is the Uranian "illness axis", by S.A. (34°13') has reached 16Sc28 where it squares n.Mercury at 16Aq04, a picture of conflict and mental turmoil.

That the year in question will be one of emotional turmoil which sets the scene for physical breakdown is clearly shown by the Solar Return. But with all the dire portents in this Chart, she has a protector—so she will

walk again. Venus in the 6th (Health) is in almost perfect trine, lacking but 5' of arc, to her natal Ascendant.

n.Jupiter, another protector, is separating from the opposition to SR-Venus. Jupiter tenants her natal 3rd House, Libra, (physical mobility) and Jupiter's Sign Sagittarius is on the Cusp of the SR 3rd House.

Mars, Ruler of the 6th (Health) is in the 3rd, in close quincunx to Uranus culminating, a symbol of sudden injury to the body, or surgery. On the 2/8 axis, we find n.Mars conjunct Saturn, both opposing the SR Vertex in 8th. She is in physical danger.

Uranus at the M.C. in close square to the Ascendant foretells a sudden turn of destiny which will change her status and perhaps her occupation.

SR-Neptune, 0Sc13, is rising sextile to the midpoint of n.Asc/Mc at 0Cn46, a contact of emotional suffering and disappointment. At the physical level it is associated with paralysis.

Contacts of a planet or point by Solar-Arc Direction with the Aries Point [0°Aries] in the horoscope invariably mark a year of dramatic changes in the life and circumstances. For our subject in 1956, the solar arc of 34°13' [at 15 July 1956] has advanced the Aries Point to 4Ta13, where it squares the SR Midheaven. By solar arc, n.Asc/MC (0Cn46) has arrived at 4Le59 where it conjuncts the SR MC. Directions to this point have similar life-changing meaning.

From Ken Gillman (New York):

I use Placidian **Primary Directions** (time arc =

birthday Solar Arc in R.A.) together with the Synodic

Lunation where each lunation represents a year. By Primary Zodiacal Direction Saturn opposes the natal Sun, exact May 21, 1956, and Pluto squares the natal Sun, exact May 22, 1956. Saturn by converse mundo Direction conjuncts the IC, exact on August 31, 1956. An attack on the native's health is indicated as the Sun is Ascendant Ruler and Saturn rules the 6th House.

The Synodic Return of 27Nov1924 has Mars (17Pi26) conjunct Uranus (17Pi36) squaring the Asc (19Sg57) and Moon (16Sg52) from the 3rd House, while the Sun is conjunct n.Mars. The Moon on the Asc confirms the danger to health. Progressing the Moon of this Synodic Return according to the method recommended by Placidus (32.5° per month) to mid-July brings the Moon into the 6th to oppose the Sun.

[Ken uses the Roman Koley's "Placidus" Software for Primary Directions. The time key he uses is the Brahe-Kepler key, which is the travel of the Sun in R.A. for the day of birth, the day being defined as the interval between consecutive Suns coming to the IC—the interval between the Sun at the IC at 00.00 hours on February 27 and at the IC at 24.00 hours.]

From Ross Harvey (NSW):

Solar Return: Ascendant conj. Neptune and square Uranus; Saturn conj. n.Mars ruling the House of Health.

Prenatal SR:

Asc conj. Neptune and Pluto, Venus at the MC, ruling the 6th, square Mars on Cusp 6 (Koch) trine Pluto on the Ascendant, suggesting the favourable outcome. The afflicted Ascendants in both SR Charts presage a very unfavourable year, but only the prenatal one suggests

that health is the problem.

Harmonic 34 has Neptune in the 6th square Venus ruling the 12th (orb 1°9'), Moon conj. Mars ruling the 6th; Mars square Mercury (1°orb) ruling the Ascendant; Mars 5Ta2 opposing n.Mars/Saturn 5Sc21. □

Further commentary next month with particular attention to the timing; ALSO, a review of how we might avoid such calamities as the crash of the Air-France Concorde. □

USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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The two protagonists are **George Bush** (6 July 1946, 7:26am EDT, New Haven, CT, USA) and **Al Gore** (31 March 1948, 12:53pm EST, Washington DC).

Bush will win. His cyclic charts are much better than those of Gore. For instance, Bush's **Solar Return** has Jupiter conj. Saturn in the House of Career, and the Part of Fortune conj. n.Jupiter and the Moon. Sun, the Ruler, conjoins Mars and Mercury in the 11th House (*fulfilment of ambitions*) His **converse Solar Return** has Jupiter at the Midheaven (*achievement*), n.Mars (ruling the SR MC) trine n.MC in the SR 10th (*gain of position*); the Moon ruling the Asc conj. n.POF (*luck*).

Gore's SR is unfavourable—Neptune rising opposing the n.Ascendant (*loss*). The **converse SR** is even worse: Gore's unfortunate n.Sun opposite Neptune is brought into prominence by being on the 5th/11th axis (Regiomontanus), Uranus rising opposes Natal Venus, and Mercury ruling the MC is closely square n.Uranus.

On the very day of the Election, Bush has the fortunate **Asc-Arc Direction** of the Sun conj. the natal Midpoint, Venus/Mars, and the next day Pluto sextile Sun/Pluto. Gore has the woeful Tertiary Progression of Sun Opp. Saturn/Neptune (*loss*). □

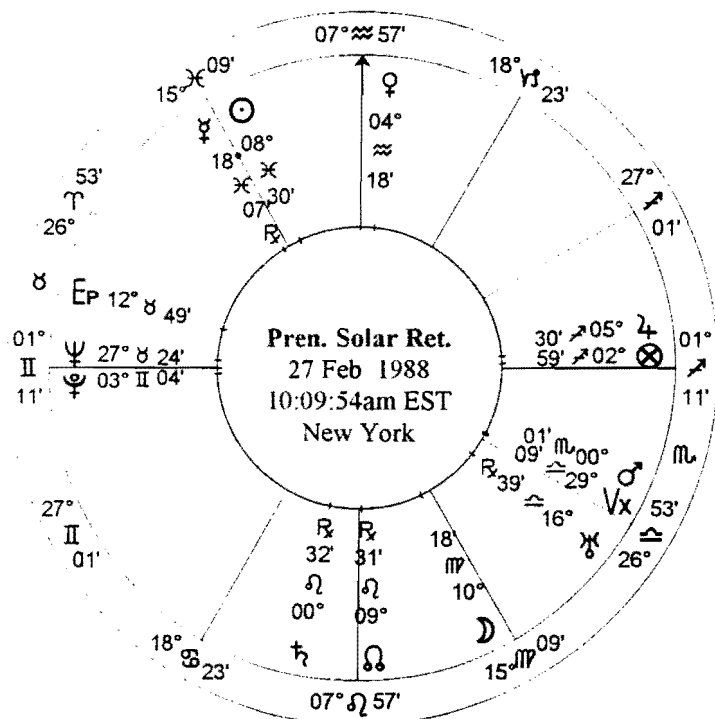
TEST 45—Female

This concerns a woman born on 26 May 1941 at Nelson, England (53N51, 2W13), 4:41pm EET (2:41pm GMT). Asc 8Li04, MC 10Cn51, Moon 9Ge16. What occurred in her life on 16 Apr 1987, while she was living in Sunnyvale, California (37N23, 122W02). She was a working woman, married, without children.

Give the basis for your answer, using any astrological method, and please let me have it by August 28. Send by ordinary mail or e-mail—both addresses on page 1. Results will appear in the September Issue, mention being made of those who answered correctly or got near the mark. There are no prizes except the increased expertise you gain for yourself by your application to the problem.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 3 Aug 2000.



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TEST 43—SOLUTION

Here is the question again: What occurred on January 25 and January 29, 2000 in the life of a woman born on April 16, 1940 at 7:45 am EST; Michigan, Detroit (42N20, 83W03)?

ANSWER: There were two deaths. On January 25 the woman's sister was killed when she walked in front of a train. On January 29 her best friend died after a long illness.

This was a hard one to solve. Both events are portrayed by the **Age Harmonic** for the woman's age (59) placed around the Birth Chart as in the adjoining column.

The Moon's Node closely opposing Uranus near the 2nd-8th axis suggests shock (Uranus) through deaths (plural, which is the nature of the Node).

The h.Moon is closely conjunct n.Saturn. The Moon rules the House of Siblings, and as both the Moon and Cancer are Feminine, and the Moon is in a Feminine Sign (Taurus) this signifies a sister rather than a brother. Saturn rules the House of Death, and the Moon and Saturn occupy the House of Grieving. So there is the death of the sister portrayed.

Harmonic Jupiter on the Death Cusp is closely trine Mars and is conjunct Pluto. Actually Jupiter at 4Cp24 is precisely at the Midpoint (4Cp25) of Cusp 8 and Pluto so the inference of death is strong. Jupiter rules the House of Partners and the House of Friends. As the woman is no longer married (stated at the outset) the death must be that of a friend.

A hint on procedure: A Harmonic Chart is

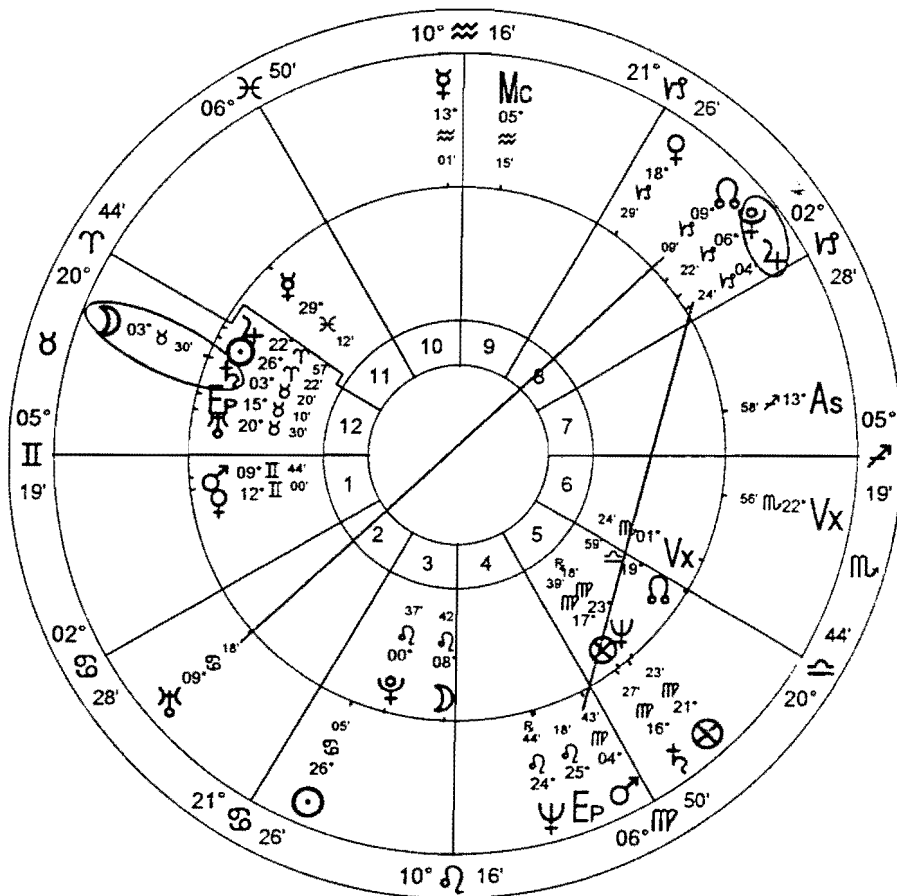
much richer in Aspects than a standard chart. The Jupiter's Trine to Mars has only 19' of orb, and is less complexity is further increased by associating it with a than 2° from Cusp 8. The immediate clue is nearly Radix. Among the multitude of links you can find your always the *closeness* of the Aspect. When comparing way more quickly if you look first for the *very close* the two Charts, change their relative positions (inner to Aspects, particularly *conjunctions*. Here, the Moon and outer) to get differen views. □

Saturn are only 10' of arc apart. The Opposition of the Shirley Gray (Michigan, USA), who supplied the data Moon's N.Node and Uranus has an orb of only 9'. for this Test, analyses the Solar Return (Koch Cusps):

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TEST 43 – Female: 16Apr1940 7:45amEST 42N20 83w03
Inner Wheel. **BIRTH CHART.** Outer Wheel. **AGE HARMONIC 59**
Regiomontus Cusps from Inner Wheel. True Node



The Ascendant at 5 Virgo is tightly square Venus and also the natal Ascending Degree. Angle to Angle always signals a memorable year.

Mars ruling the 8th is in the 3rd House (siblings) and at the natal midpoint Pluto/MC (5Sc26), a midpoint of crisis, a turn in destiny, here involving a sibling. It is a violent combination in keeping with the nature of the sister's death. Mars is also opposite the Moon and Saturn, respectively ruling the natal 3rd and 8th Houses,

It is also noteworthy that transiting Venus on the day of the sister's death crossed the natal Death Cusp. At the friend's death four days later Mars transited over her Cusp of Friends. □

TEST 44—One with a Difference

This is an exercise of a different nature that will give you an opportunity to discover the most appropriate technique to account for the nature and date of a given occurrence.

In the next column is the Natus of a woman born in New York NY on 27th February 1922.

On July 15, 1956, aged 34, and living in Hartsdale, NY, USA, (41N01, 73W48) she was diagnosed with polio and hospitalized. She made an almost complete recovery, being left with only minimal damage to the nerves in one hand, and did not suffer any permanent disability.

What is an appropriate astrological technique for anticipating this event and its timing? Assume that the woman was your client for whom you were giving a yearly Forecast some months before the above event, and of course she has no inkling of what lies ahead of her.

Here is an opportunity to test the effectiveness of various methods of forecasting. All relevant and revealing responses will be published in next month's Issue. By testing and trying we separate the gold from the dross.

Please send your replies to me by **28th July**. Address 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia, 5073, or by e-mail to dymock@ozemail.com.au □

JONBENET RAMSEY—

Another Horary Diagnosis

By Shirley Gray

and tightly conjoined on the SR 9th Cusp, signifying death of a sibling at distance. The Moon also rules the House of Friends. [Neptune forms a T-Square with Mars, Saturn and the Moon, signifying the death of a friend.]

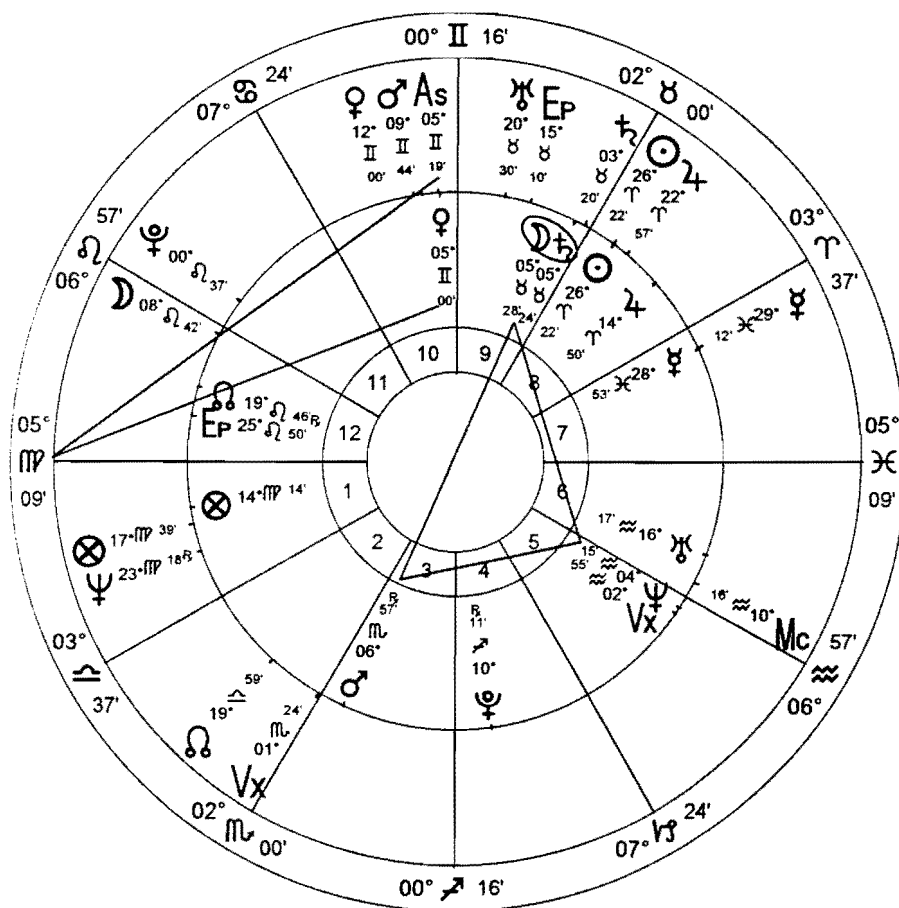
The Solar Demi-Return is a chart I like to look at in cases like this where an event takes place several months after the birthday. This one (not reproduced) cast for October 20 1999 0:21:45am EST, neatly ties everything together. The N.Node (9Le48) rises on the n.Moon ruling the 3rd House, and the pattern of Angle to Angle is repeated. The natal MC is on the Descending degree and SR Uranus showing the rupture of the personal and family bond.

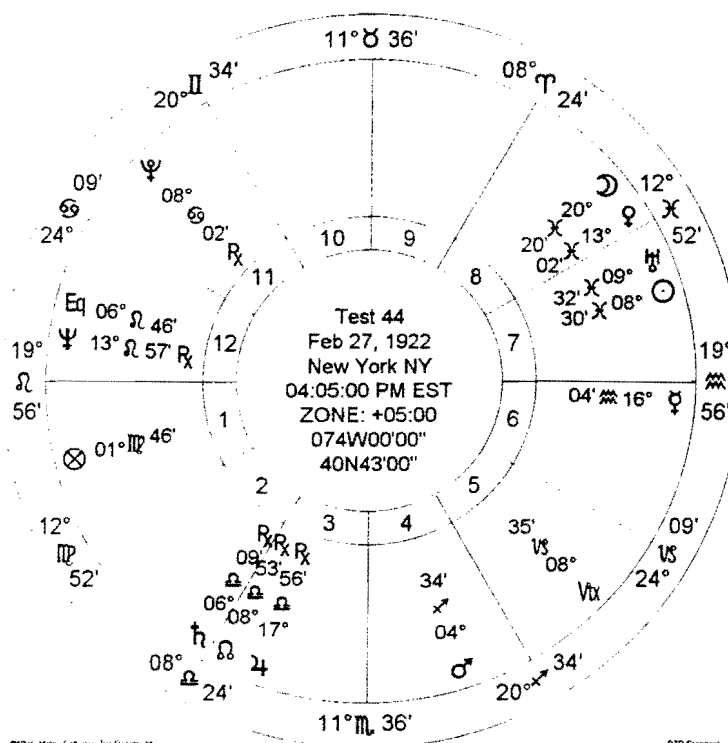
Enjoyed your JonBenet piece [A.F. May, 00]. By a somewhat different route I, too, came up with mother as the culprit in a Horary cast on Feb. 14, 1997 at 9:38 am EST at 42N44, 84W29.

Aries ascending, MC in Capricorn and Moon in Taurus validate me as Querent but because the victim had no relation to me I used the Aries Ascendant and the Moon to represent JonBenet, and Libra on the 7th Cusp the murderer—pointing to a woman.

TEST 43 – Female.

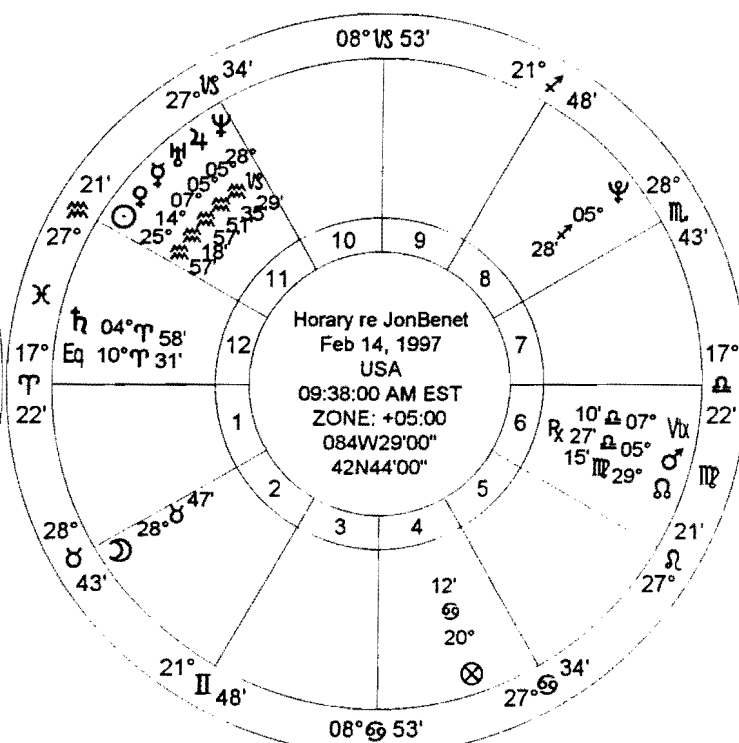
Inner Wheel, **SOLAR RETURN** Outer Wheel, **BIRTH CHART**
Koch Cusps. True Node





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That gives the child to Mars as Ruler of the 1st and 8th Houses, Peregrine, in Detriment and Retrograde, opposing Saturn in the 12th House. The Part of Death, 17Li51, (Mars-Saturn+Asc) is at the 7th Cusp and the Moon is in Taurus with Algol (26Ta10); Pluto in the 8th.

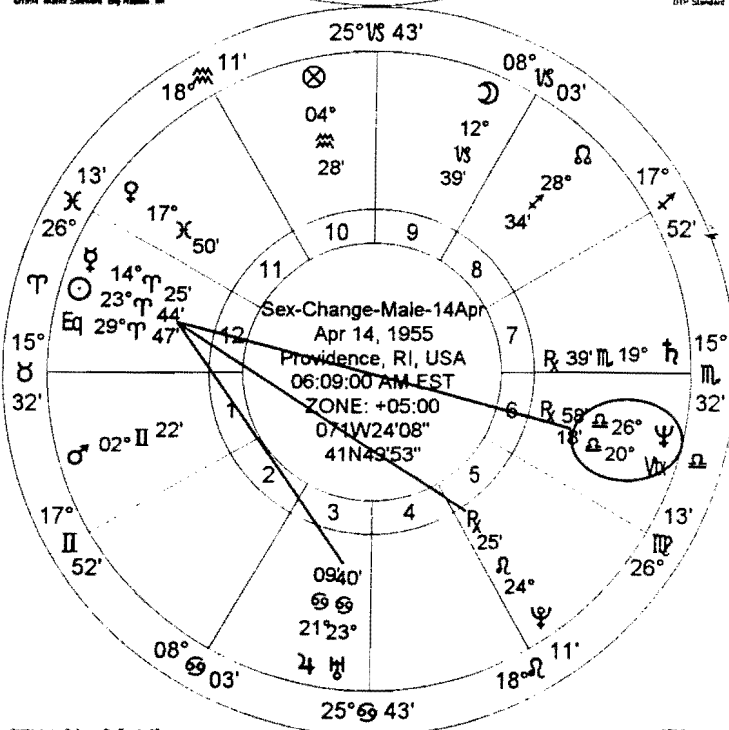
The 10th House (mother) is ruled by Saturn in the 12th with the S.Node, dominating the Chart as Ruler of 6 planets and the MC, and her Opposition to Mars is a deathly threat to the child's well-being.

Alternatively, reading JonBenet as ruled by the 7th House, Libra/Venus, fits better with the beauty Queen/-Little Lolita aspect of her existence. She has the Part of Death (17Li51) on her Libra Ascendant. Her mother, the Moon, (from the Derived 10th House) is in the Derived Death House in Taurus. That would give Mars as the perpetrator (Ruler of the Derived 7th) with its Retrograde situation promising discovery, but not soon (Cadent House).

A telling Chart, read either way—a good one to learn from, and perhaps the Moon's parting trine with Neptune means that we will never know. □

SEX CHANGE

In the adjoining column is the Natus of a male born in Providence, Rhode Island, who at age 41 undertook a sex change. This Chart is by courtesy of Bette Denlinger, Michigan, who has the subject's permission to use the data for public study. He had been married and divorced and had one child. In 1999 he remarried in



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his new role as a woman.

The sex-change operation took place in London, England, on 11th June, 1996, commencing at 5 am.

In this review I have included the Solar Return and Age Harmonic for the date of the surgery. Both these Charts reflect the event. But firstly, what pointers does the Birth Chart give to this fundamental reorientation?

There are, indeed, several powerful indications. We would expect to see involvement of Pluto, Uranus, and possibly Neptune, and there they are, with the one-degree orbs that we look for —

Pluto in the Sun's House trine the Sun (orb 51'); Uranus in the Moon's House trine the Moon (orb 51'); Neptune in the Sun's House trine the Sun (orb 51');

Uranus square the Sun (orb 4');

Neptune conjunct the Vertex; The Midpoint Neptune/Vertex (23Li38) opposite the Sun (orb 6').

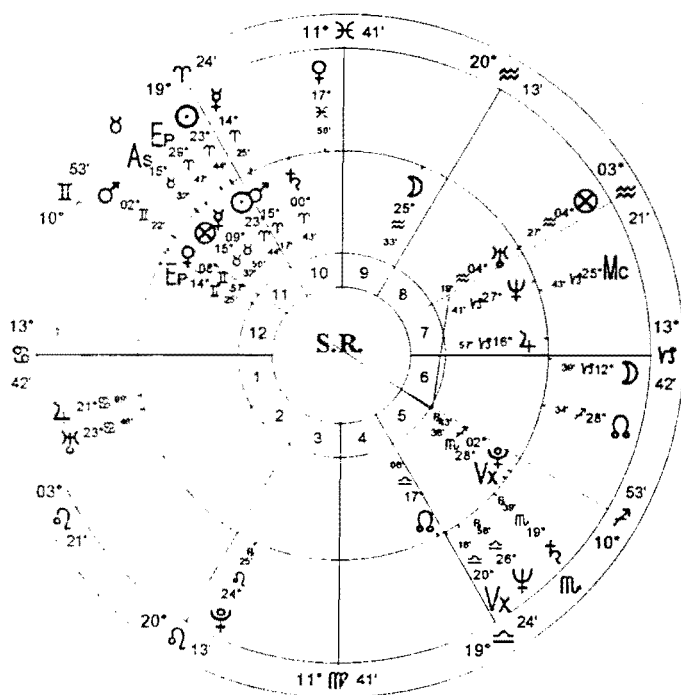
All the above have a bearing—Pluto (*sexuality*), Uranus (*radical change*), Neptune (*dissatisfaction*), the Vertex (*fated situations*). All three planets project onto the Sun, signifying a major crisis: Neptune→Sun (*dissatisfaction with personal identity*), Uranus→Sun (*radical change*), Pluto→Sun (*surgery and beginning of a new life phase*).

Midpoints are also to be found indicative of the subject's invidious position, e.g., Neptune conjunct Pluto/MC with an orb of 29', the MC being very much associated with the psychic state, Pluto with intensity of feeling and Neptune with soul suffering.

What personal crises the man went through prior to his change of gender we can only guess at—the Sun afflicted in the House of Sorrows and Bondage gives some indication, but as he was born a Sun/Aries with Mars rising he had the courage to break out of his bonds. This despite the Moon in Capricorn which signifies the tendency to conform to public opinion and stand well in the eyes of one's fellowman.

The **Solar Return Figure** below (13Apr1996 4:25:41 am) is set for London where the surgery was performed. The Birth Chart positions occupy the outer circle.

The principal indications here are Pluto (*sexuality* and



surgery) very closely opposite natal Mars (*surgery*), and Uranus (*change*) in the 8th House (*sexuality*) sextile to Pluto (*surgery*).

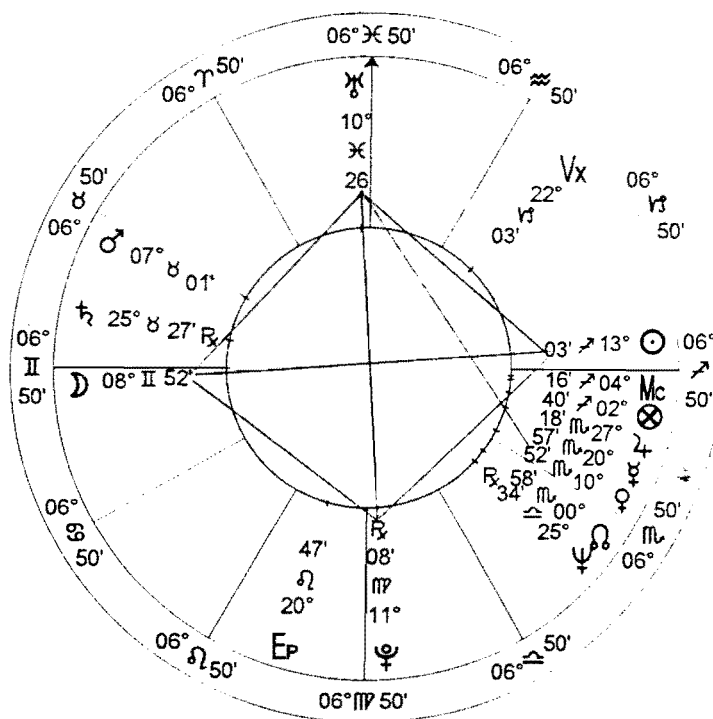
Midpoint conjunctions tell the same story:

Sun conjunct Uranus/Asc (orb 0°17') (*a major life change*)

Mars conjunct Jupiter/Asc (orb 0° 3') (*successful surgery*).

The **41st Harmonic Chart** for the subject's age, 41, is sufficient on its own to depict the situation:

The Moon rising opposite the Sun and forming a Mutable Grand Cross with Uranus and Pluto signifies a climactic life change, more particularly defined by the opposition of Uranus to Pluto near the Meridian. These



lasr two planets above all are symptomatic of a change in sexual orientation. Mars in the 12th House (hospitals, etc.) and ruling the 6th (health matters) is opposed by Venus in the 6th and ruling the 12th—a reciprocity of House effects that puts emphasis on surgical procedures (Mars) and supports the change of gender (Mars, male, to Venus, female).

The event was timed by two Dynamic Aspects:

The **Moon square Neptune** in the Secondary Progressed Chart and the **Moon trine Uranus** in the Regressed Tertiary Chart. Both Aspects occurred on the day of the operation (June 11, 1996).

I would be pleased to hear from any reader having data of similar events.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock, 4 July 00.

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THE ENIGMA OF CHINA

By Allan Johnson

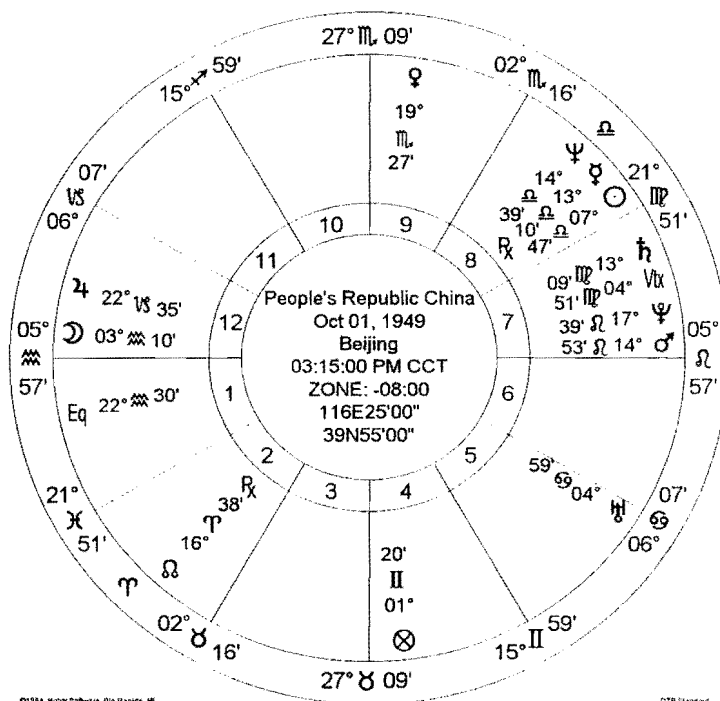
This was the heading of a recent article in the *Weekend Australian*. What it means is that political journalists are having big difficulties about the future of China as it moves into the 21st Century. China has immense political and economic problems through being one of the few countries to have survived the world-wide collapse of communism. It could play a very big part in the next century due to its enormous size and population. But where is it heading? This is a good question for mundane astrologers and I have looked at it before in this *Forum*. It is time to have another look. There have been the usual controversies about the time, but not the date, of the foundation of the Communist State. There have been no breaks in the intervening 50 years. Charles Carter in his *Introduction to Political Astrology* gives 3:15pm for the proclamation on 1st October 1949 at Beijing, and Nicholas Campion in *The Book of World Horoscopes* mentions that astrologers have found that this Chart gives suitable results. So I will stick to this Chart.

At the moment China does not appear to be ruled by any one powerful dictator as it has in the past, but by a well-established Central Committee, but it is still very much a Marxist State. There has been a lot of economic development along the seaboard due to foreign investment—but that doesn't apply to the vast area in the interior and in the West. So the whole situation is very fragile. But it is usually the case that rule by a Committee is much more cautious than an outright dictator. In looking ahead, of course, there is little value in looking *too* far ahead, so a decade is a more reasonable proposition. Looking at the Natal Chart itself, with Aquarius rising and four planets in *Air*, there is indication of *flexibility*, but the powerful Pluto/Mars conjunction in Leo shows a tremendous stubbornness as well. So this is what we have right now. I would say this is not a Chart for foreign adventurism—so there is more likely to be *threats* against Taiwan rather than direct action. With most of the planets in the Western half of the Chart China is more likely to *respond to outside influences* than initiate action.

One very important point in this Chart is the Sun in close square to Uranus—very appropriate for what it

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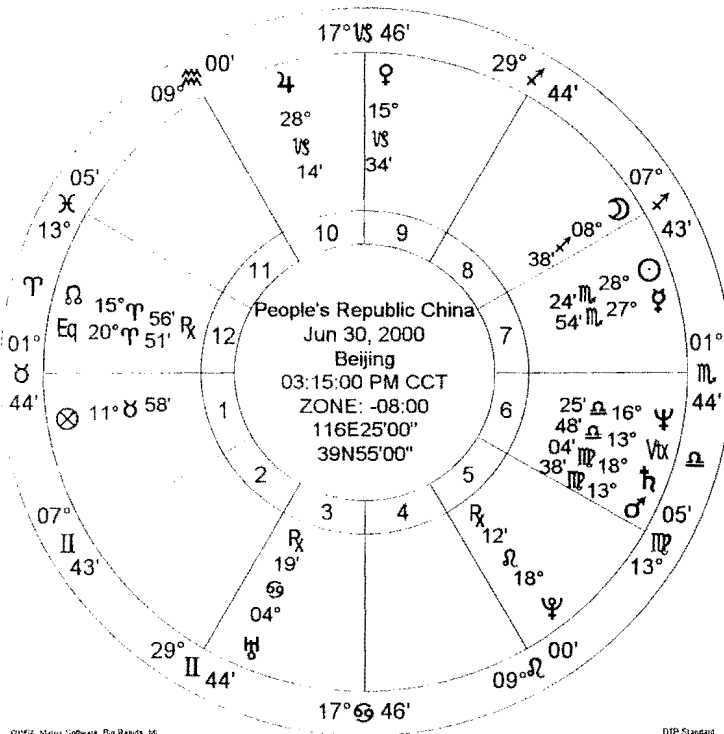
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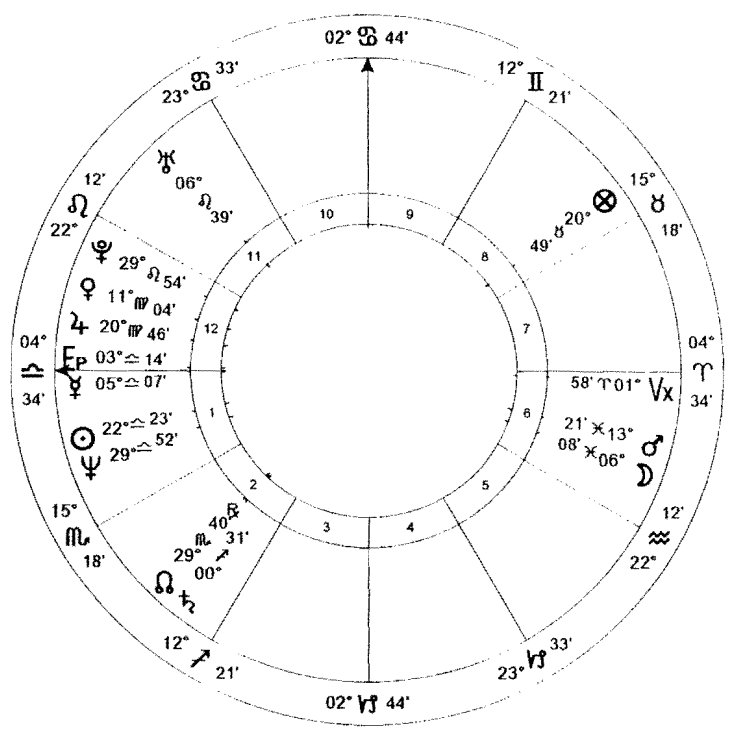
represents. It is the Chart of a revolution. I think one of the most important factors in doing long-range forecasting is to look at the Progressed Sun, and it is highly appropriate that right at the end of the 20th Millenium we found the Progressed Sun right at the end of Scorpio—poised to move into Sagittarius. This could be highly significant. It could presage a more *liberal* policy for China. Also I think decanates are very important when dealing with the Progressed Sun. So in this case we see the Progressed Sun moving from the *Cancer* decanate of Scorpio into the *Sagittarius* decanate of Sagittarius. Sagittarius is a much more relaxed and conciliatory influence than either Cancer or Scorpio.

So all of this falls into line with my previous articles on the New Century Chart where I mentioned that large

REPUBLIC OF CHINA: CHART PROGRESSED TO 30 JUNE 2000
REGIOMONTANUS CUSPS



TEST 42-FEMALE, NATAL CHART: 16 OCT 1956 4:30AM,
SYDNEY 33S52 151E13. Regiomontanus, True Node



scale military confrontations don't rate very highly. I think this will mean that the world has nothing to fear of a Chinese attack on Taiwan. If we look at the Transits in the early years of the new Century for China's Chart we see Neptune right on the Ascendant and trine the Sun; and Neptune will remain in the 1st House right through the first decade. Neptune is the planet of peace. Also, Uranus moves into Pisces in 2003 and the Mutable Signs are hardly tenanted in this Chart. As well, Pluto in Sagittarius will stir nothing up in the early part of the Century.

What all this adds up to is that China is likely to take a fairly passive role in this period. Of course, what should not be overlooked is that the Progressed Sun in five years from now will make the quincunx to Uranus—endings and new beginnings. I see this as a restructuring of the Communist State itself, something in line with what has been happening in other communist states.

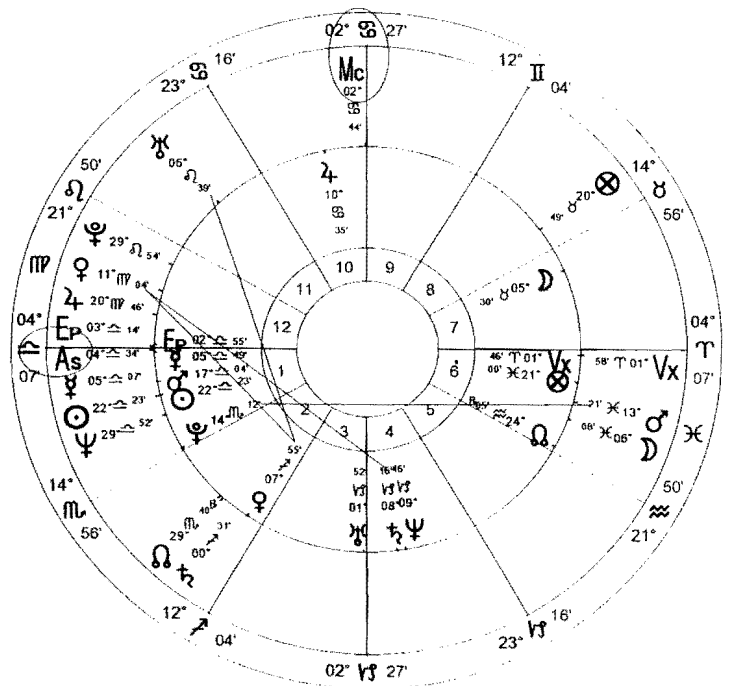
TEST NO. 42—SOLUTION AND ANALYSIS

Test 42 concerned a woman born in Sydney, NSW (33S52, 151E13) on 16 Oct 1956 at 4:30am AEST. She was a Primary School teacher and was single. The question was, **What occurred in her life on 12 May 1990?** (in Sydney). The Birth Chart appears in the next column.

ANSWER: She was married.

One astrologer got it exactly right—Shirley Gray of Michigan, USA. Anne Fryer (S.A.) said marriage, and an overseas trip, while Miriam Laister (S.A.) suggested a number of possibilities of which marriage was one.

SOLAR RETURN 16 OCT1989
4:28:47am AEST, Sydney



This is what Shirley wrote, together with a few minor additions of my own:

The **Solar Return** for Oct. 16, 1989, has the Angles returning to their Natal place within minutes, marking a significant year, especially so in this case, since her n. Sun/Mars is at 2Cp52 (conjunct the 4th Cusp), and Uranus here emphasizes the new order of things in her life.

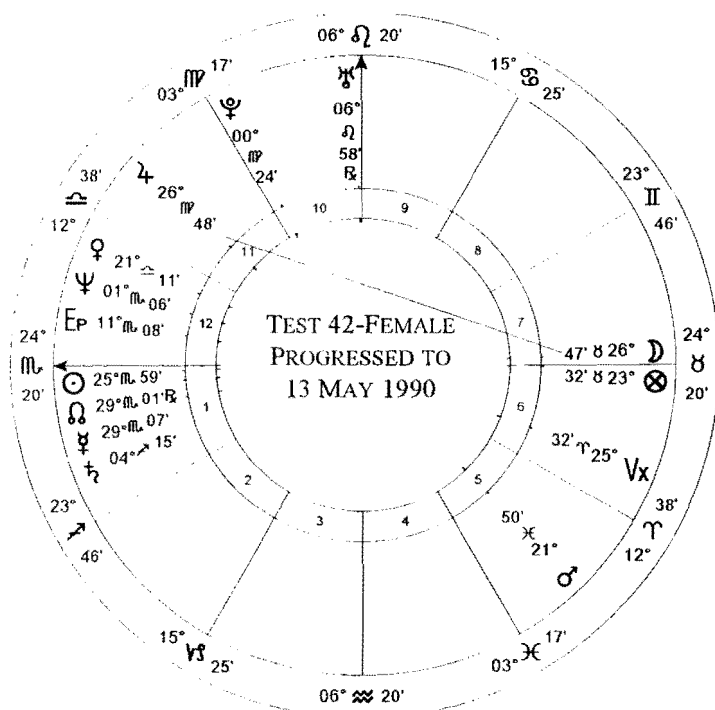
Jupiter in the 10th House is closely sextile her n. Venus signifying a loving union and improvement in status. Venus trine n. Uranus along with Neptune trine Venus

indicates great joy, while n.Venus trine Saturn shows parent, change of job, change of residence—none of commitment. Mars, ruling the 7th House—the man in which fit with the emotional buoyancy of the Venus—her life—is closely trine Pluto.

The **33rd Age Harmonic** has n.M.C. at Venus/Pluto, a Midpoint described by Ebertin as signifying a karmic union, and deep feelings of love. The Ascendant is trine the n.MC, while the Moon falls on her n.5th Cusp. Mars is closely conjunct her Jupiter (ruling the 10th and 1st Houses) and Venus sextiles her Moon.

Congratulations to all those readers who made the time to attempt this exercise.

A very obvious lead to the event was MOON TRINE JUPITER in the Progressed Chart, (below) exact on 13th May 1990—the day after the marriage. In this Chart the Moon is right on the Cusp of the Marriage House, conjunct the Part of Fortune and trine Jupiter



ruling the House of Love and Romance.

The great difficulty is to separate out the actual event from a number of possibilities. It is not easy. I believe the best way is to examine various charts to deduce the common factors and the direction in which they are all pointing. Here is where it is most useful to employ different approaches, e.g., the Progressed Chart, Solar and Lunar Return, Age Harmonic, Phase Returns, Uranian and Huber techniques, Horary Chart, etc.

Addendum

Shirley Gray and Anne Fryer collaborated on this Test and Shirley writes that they both eliminated quite a few scenarios before getting to the only one that met all the proofs. With Shirley it was the possibility of an accident, then assorted 4th/10th-House matters—death of a

parent, change of job, change of residence—none of which fit with the emotional buoyancy of the Venus-Jupiter-Uranus-Neptune-Pluto contacts. This led to the Moon, 5th Cusp and Angles, to Venus-Saturn, to the 7th Ruler trine Pluto, by which time there was only one answer left.

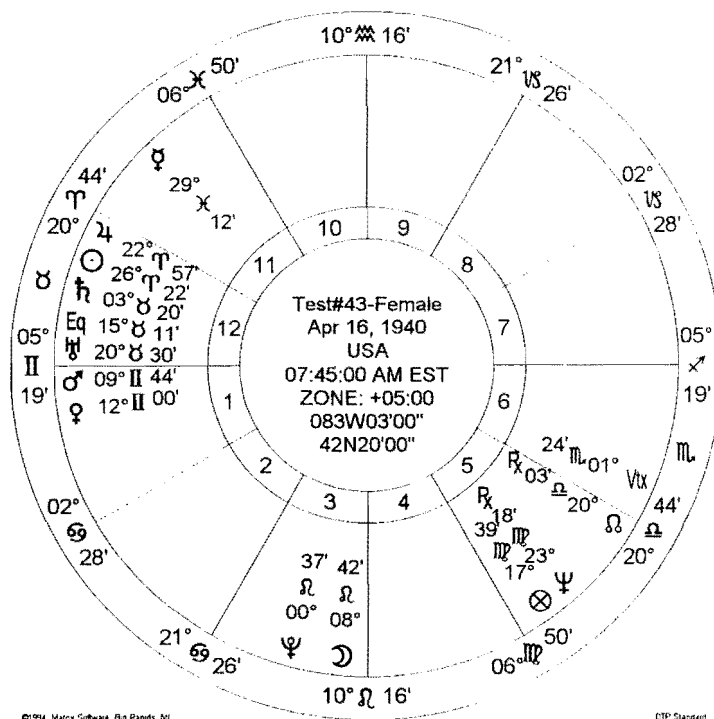
NEW TEST NO. 43

While you still have your muscles flexed, try your hand at this one, contributed by Shirley Gray:

Below is the horoscope of a woman born on April 16, 1940 at 7:45 am EST; birth place 42N20, 83W03.

The subject is a self-employed business woman, long-since divorced. She is not in good health, but her physical problems have no bearing on events.

The question is, What occurred in her life on **January**



25 and January 29, 2000? The two occurrences have a common factor. She was still living in her home town.

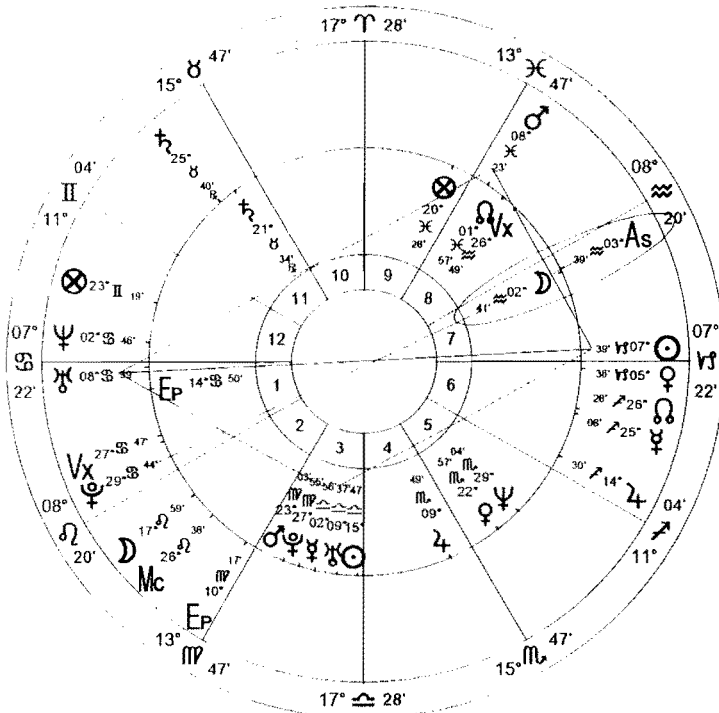
Please send your answers to me by letter-post or e-mail by **June 28**, and the results will be notified in the *July Astrologers' Forum*.

The astrological basis for your answer should be stated—whether chart, Aspect, half-sum, etc, but pages of analysis are not required. However, it does not have to be a *solo effort*. You can join forces with any other astrologer and apply your combined resources to solving the problem. The great value of the exercise lies in *working* on it, whether or not you arrive at the correct answer. Time spent on these exercises will develop your skill and understanding far more than will the unchallenging reading of explanatory texts.

—Dymock.

THE FIJIAN CRISIS

In the dual Figure below the inner wheel is the Map given by Nicolas Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) for the **Independence of Fiji** on 10th October 1970, 0.00am, Suva. The outer wheel is the **29th Age Harmonic**, Independent Fiji being 29 years old at the time the hostages were seized in the



parliamentary precincts.

This is another striking illustration of the relevance and appositeness of Age Harmonics to national events just as much as they depict the lives and fortunes of individuals. Uranus conjunct the Rising Degree opposes the Sun across the Chart, both bodies being in a T-square with Natal Uranus. This is the most powerful position and configuration in the Chart. It aptly portrays the disruption of Government administration. The involvement of Mars by trine and sextile shows it was an armed insurrection though the trine and sextile, as milder Aspects, mean no great bloodshed. Two policemen have so far lost their lives through the reckless use of firearms by the supporters of the Coup (Pluto opposing the n.Moon and Ascendant, both close to the Cusp of Death).

These Charts give us warning of things about to happen. The Office of Official Astrologer should be instituted among governing bodies so that the nation's fortunes can be guided in the light of planetary trends. Fiji had also reached its first **Saturn Return** with the Transit of Saturn over its Natal place on 20th May, the day after the Coup. At such critical times the guidance of Astrology is particularly requisite and valuable. Natal

Saturn is closely opposed by Venus (*disaffected parties*) and rules the 7th House (*opposition activists*) so the Saturn Transit has stirred up opponents of the prevailing regime.

In the current month, June, the following dates should be significant: 11 JUNE 00. ♂♂♂ (Tp-Na): More violence or threats of violence.

20 JUNE 00. ☾ ♀ ♀ (cAa-Na): The best opportunity this month for resolution of the crisis.

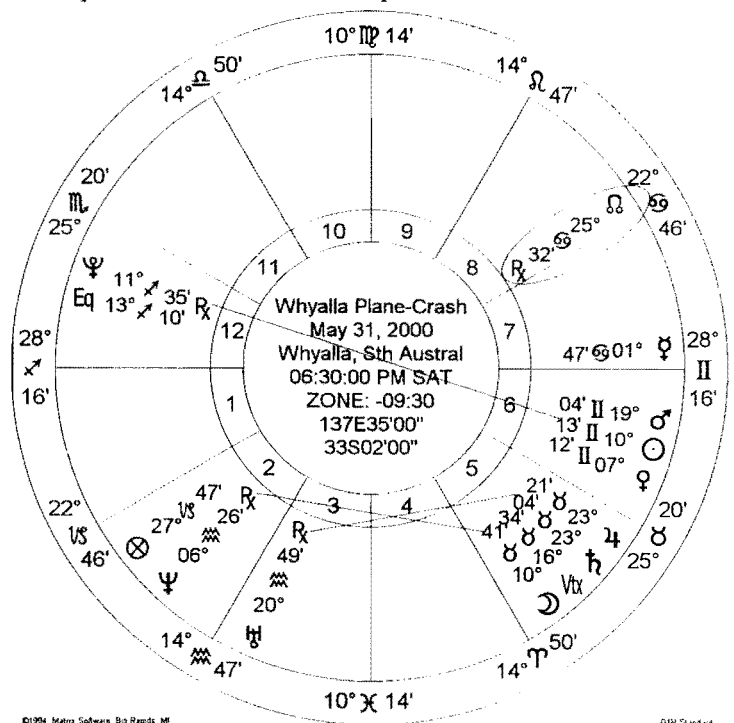
24 JUNE 00. ☽ Δ Asc (Sp-Na): Normal life of the population restored to a large extent.

[n. = Natal, Tp = Tertiary Prgn, cTp = converse Tertiary Prgn., cAa = converse Asc -Arc, Sp = Secndry Prgn]

WHYALLA PLANE CRASH

The Chart below is the approximate departure time of a plane that came down in the Spencer Gulf, S.A. on 31st May, killing all 8 people on board.

The portents of disaster are plain—



The Sun opposite Pluto (*death of the pilot*).

The Moon (passengers) ruling the House of Death square Neptune (*drowning*).

Uranus (the aircraft) square Saturn (*damage*) and Jupiter (*misjudgement?, out of luck, bad ending—* Jupiter ruling 1st and 4th House, *Outcome*).

Node on 8th Cusp (*multiple deaths*).

Departure times of aircraft, even for short trips, should always be checked astrologically. You may prevent a tragedy and/or save yourself and others from death or injury.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock
6th June 2000.

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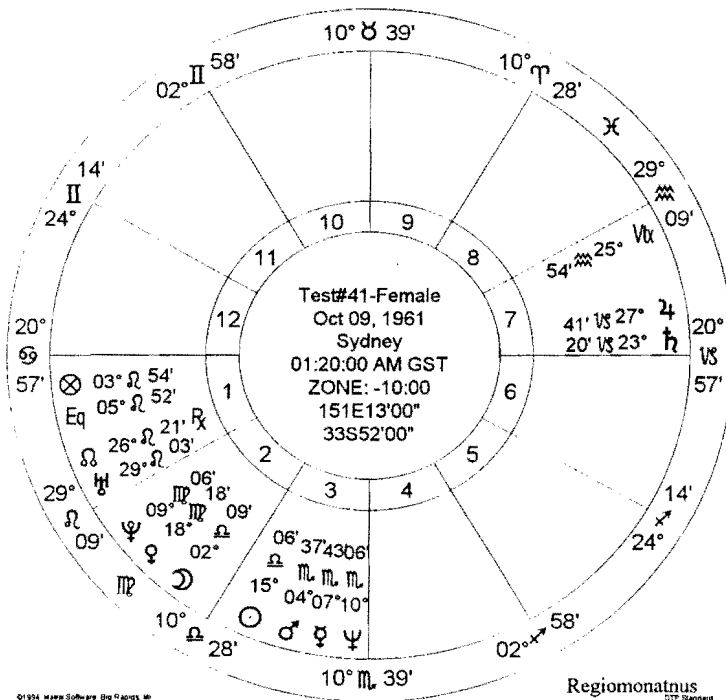
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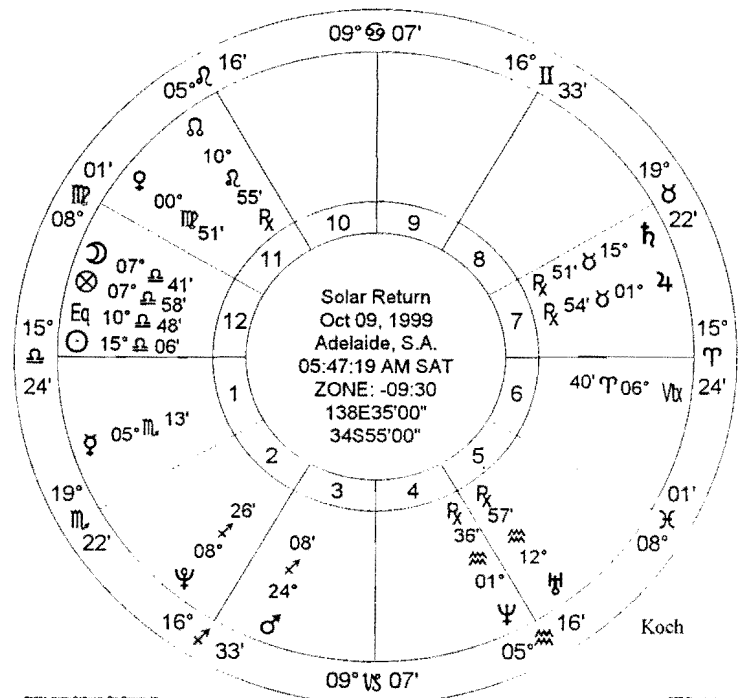
TEST NO. 41: THE ANSWER

The answer is that the woman concerned (Birth Chart below) flew to Adelaide to visit her father in hospital. They had no contact in 15 years but were reconciled that weekend. She returned to Sydney on 23rd January and the next



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day, the 24th, she learned he had died that day.

Though no one succeeded in discovering the reconciliation between daughter and father several respondents diagnosed a death. Ross Harvey (NSW) stated precisely and correctly "her father died in Adelaide". Ross used the **Solar Return Chart**, set for Adelaide (see later). Shirley Gray (Michigan) using both the Solar Return and the **Progressed Chart** diagnosed death of the father but read it as accidental or violent. Lea Breuer-Kantor (Israel) diagnosed death of the *mother* from **transiting Saturn** conjunct the Natal MC and **Solar-Arc Moon** on the Natal IC. Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) saw "death of partners and loved ones" from the **Natal Chart** (Saturn on the 7th Cusp, ruling the 8th) and "funerals" from the **Precessed Lunar Return** and the **Age Harmonic 38**.

In the **Solar-Return Chart** below, set for Adelaide,

the Sun is brought into prominence by being right on the Ascendant. It is quincunx to Saturn (within 1°). Saturn near the 8th House (Death) rules the 4th. The Sun, Saturn and 4th House all signify the father, which is therefore unmistakably emphasized, and being connected with the 8th House it symbolizes his death..

It is instructive that a number of other Charts, were capable of providing the answer to this Test. Obtaining the same answer in different ways from different sources demonstrates the essential unity of all things.

One of these Charts is the Age Harmonic which is reproduced below. Before that, however, I should draw attention to the precision of the **Vertex-Arc Direction**, $\odot \sigma \text{ h/hg}$, which occurred precisely on the day of the father's death, 24th January. The Sun

father) conjunct the joint Rulers of the 8th House (Death) was symbolically correct.

Astrologers who have a computer and the *Solar Fire* Program have easy access to both Vertex-Arc and Ascendant-Arc Directions. Directing by these two methods as well as by the more common Solar-Arc is singularly useful.

In the Figure below, amalgamating both Harmonic 38 and the Birth Chart, the death of the father is shown by

Please send your answers to me by e-mail or letter (addresses on the front page) not later than **28 May** so that the results can be incorporated in the June *Astrologers' Forum*.

For your own benefit do make time for this exercise. Put your techniques to the test. It will help your astrology enormously and also sort out what is valuable and what is less so in your methods. There are no prizes but an honourable mention for those who get near the mark.

AGE HARMONIC 38
(INNER CHART)

BIRTH CHART, TEST#41
(OUTER CHART)

THE JONBENET MYSTERY—IS HER MOTHER GUILTY?

The unsolved murder of the 6-year-old beauty queen, JonBenet Patricia Ramsey, in Boulder, Colorado, on December 25, 1996, has horrified and fascinated the world and provoked a great outpouring of articles and books over the last three and a half years. Along with millions of others, I was both shocked and intrigued by this bizarre happening. Even with the aid of Astrology it seemed impossible to decide what had really happened and who was the person responsible.

My interest was again stimulated through a recent newspaper article by Christine Jackman in New York which reported the finding of a former detective, one Steve Thomas. Thomas had worked on the case before resigning from the police force in August 1998 because of what he saw as the mishandling of the investigation. Both parents, Patsy and John Ramsey, had been under suspicion but both have survived a police and Grand Jury investigation without any charges being

a combination of factors: The Sun conjunct n.Mars; Pluto on the 2nd-8th axis and square the n.Sun; the MC and the n.Asc. on the 8th Cusp, the Moon ruling the Death House conjunct Neptune, and Saturn on the 4th Cusp (the father). Saturn opposing n.Venus signifies the lack of warmth between daughter and father that existed up to three days before his death. I have not found any other combination of Charts in this Test that expresses this.

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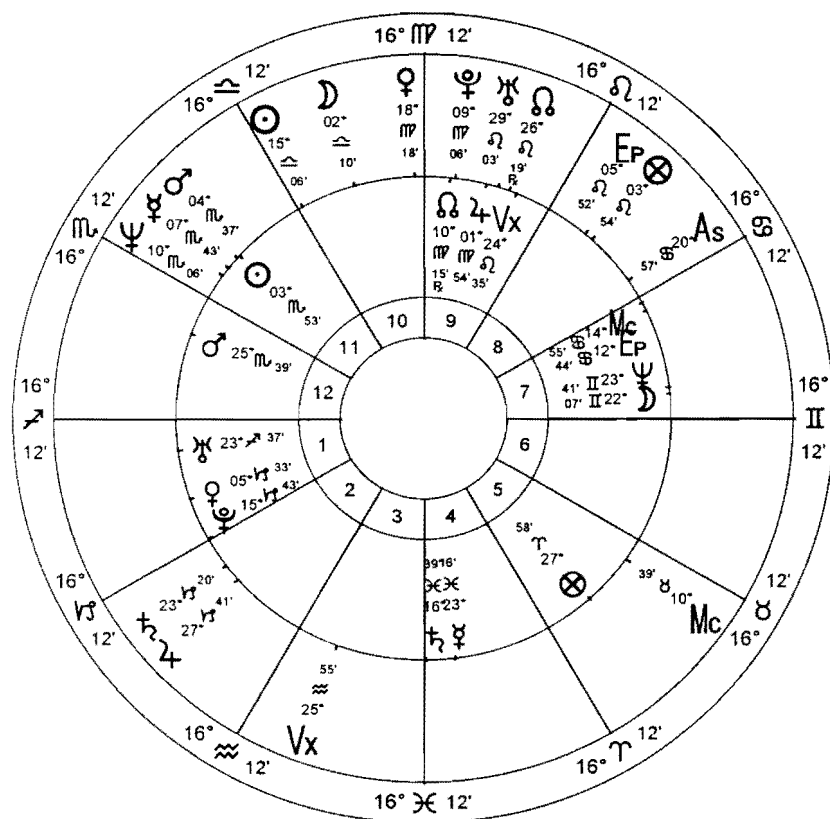
This exercise concerns a woman born in Sydney, NSW (33S52, 151E13) on 16th Oct 1956 at 4:30am AEST (Asc 4Li34, MC 2Cn44, Moon 6Pi8). She is a Primary School teacher and is single. What occurred in her life on **12th May 1990?** (in Sydney).

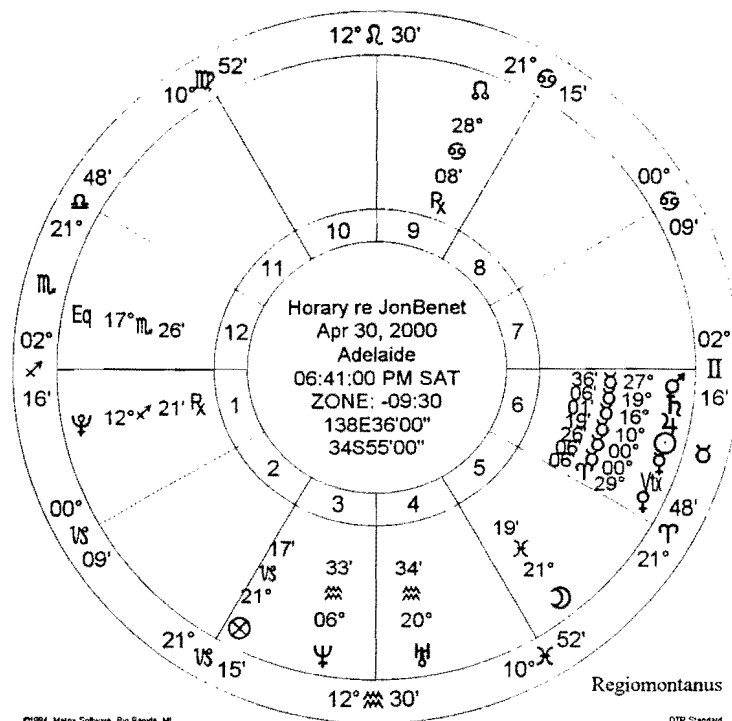
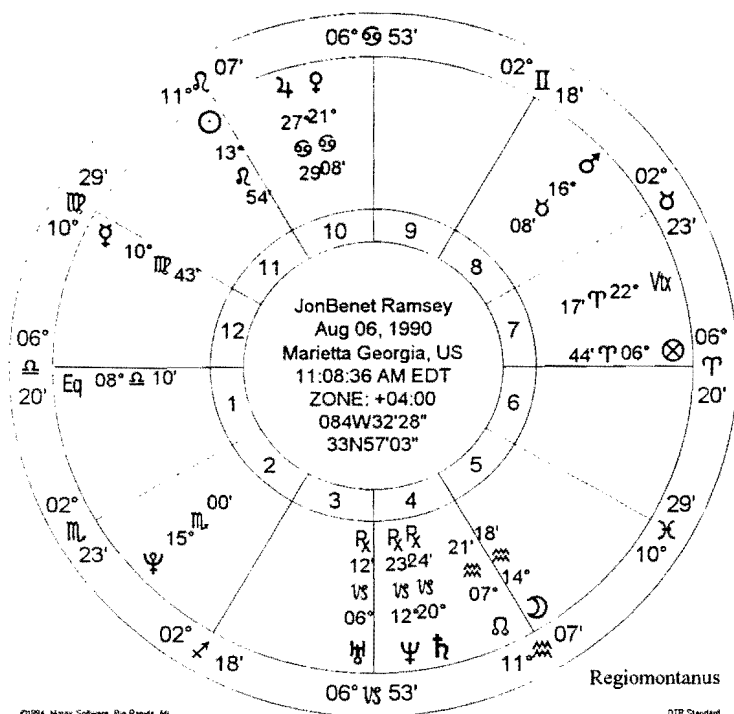
brought against them, though they have not been explicitly cleared.

Detective Thomas, however, came to a definite conclusion and actually named JonBenet's mother, Patsy, as the killer.

The Birth Horoscope of JonBenet is in the next column. Libra rises, and the little girl's success as a diminutive Beauty Queen is shown by the conjunction of her Ruler, Venus, with Jupiter in the House of "Career", plus the Sun shining in its own Sign, Leo, prominently placed high in the Chart and close to a Cusp—a point of power.

That her life would be cut tragically short is evident from the Grand Cross involving Mars and Pluto square to both the Sun and Moon (one of the criteria used by the famous *Sepharial*). Further, Venus, through its





Rulership of both Libra and Taurus couples the Ascendant with the House of Death and is opposed by Saturn ruling the End-of-Life House. A sudden end results from Uranus on the 4th Cusp, a mysterious one from the conjunction of Neptune.

With my interest again at a peak, I set up a Horary Chart to see if this would reveal the truth of JonBenet's death. The first step with any such Chart is to determine that it is "Radical", or fit to be judged. It must show sufficient connection with the querent (the person asking the question) and/or the quesited, the matter enquired about. The position of the Moon is also taken as an indicator of the matter being judged.

The above Chart answers these requirements: Sagittarius on the Ascendant is a sufficient indicator for me, the astrologer, and Pluto rising is the planet of investigating and uncovering. The Moon in the 5th House shows that the matter concerns a child.

JonBenet, the quesited, is represented by the 7th House and its connections. The tally here is quite remarkable:

The Ruler, Mercury, is in Taurus closely conjunct Venus. (What could be more appropriate for a Beauty Queen?).

Mars is on the 7th Cusp (JonBenet's Ascendant) signifying violence to the physical body.

Mars rules the Derived 12th House of JonBenet (the 6th House of the Figure) which is also loaded with five planets and the Vertex (mysterious happenings).

Neptune Squares both Mercury and the Sun empha-

sizing the mystery.

The Vertex, conjunct both Mercury and Venus, signifies a fated event.

The Cosmic Language is clear and specific.

As the Chart is unquestionably Radical it should contain the answer to the question, who killed JonBenet?

Mars, as the planet of violence, is an obvious starting point for the investigation, particularly as it is also square to Uranus (ungovernable temper). Its connections should reveal the perpetrator.

Mars is sextile to the Moon's North Node in Cancer, where it is disposed by the Moon. This points a finger at the mother.

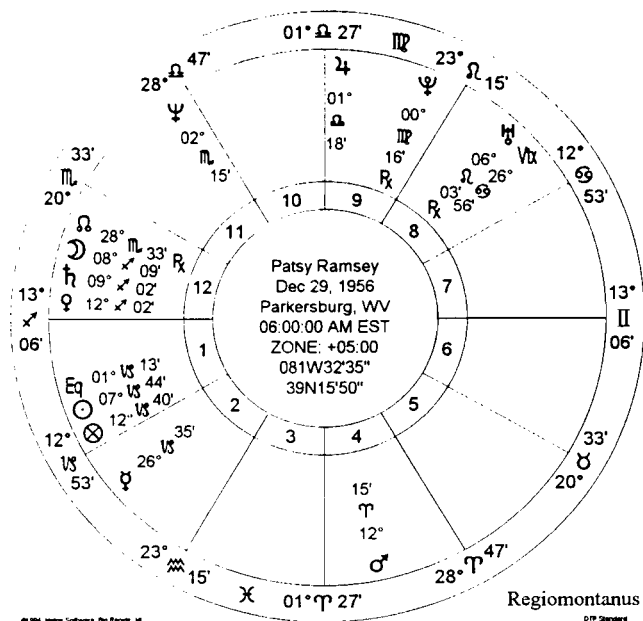
Mars in Taurus is semisextile Venus in Aries, with an orb of 1½°—not strong, except that the two bodies are also in Mutual Reception. This confirms the feminine influence.

On this astrological evidence, detective Steve Thomas is right in accusing the mother, the only other female at the scene.

However, I look for further confirmation with the use of Harmonics as I did in October 1996 in connection with the trial of O.J. Simpson (A.F. Issue 183).

The mother, Patsy Ramsey, once a Miss America entrant, was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, on 29th December 1956. We do not know her time of birth, but her Horoscope with an assumed time of 6am appears on the next page.

Patsy was 39 when JonBenet died, and the next step



is to examine the planetary positions in her **39th Harmonic Chart** in relation to the Radix of JonBenet. This Bi-Wheel is in the next column. The Cusps are those of JonBenet whose birthtime is known. As that of Patsy Ramsey is unknown the Zodiacal points dependent on it—Asc, MC, EP, Vertex, and P/Fortune are omitted.

This dual Figure does, indeed, tell a story through the inter-Chart Aspects.

1. Patsy's ♀, 16♄49, is conjunct JonBenet's ♂, 16♄8, in the 8th House, both being square to Patsy's ☾ violence (*♂ put the hands (♀) of a female (☾) more specifically, the mother, as the Moon rules the 10th House, traditional ruler of the mother.*
2. Patsy's ♂ conjunct JonBenet's ♄, both trine to Patsy's ♀ (*a sudden flare-up of temper*).
3. Patsy's ♀ opposite JonBenet's ♄ and ♀ aligned with the Meridian (*violence, "unforeseen and vitally important crisis"* (Ebertin), *death and concealment*).

In my mind there is no doubt that the mother caused her daughter's death not, I believe, from any premeditated plan but through an upsurge of violence caused by sudden anger and followed by a desperate attempt to conceal the crime.

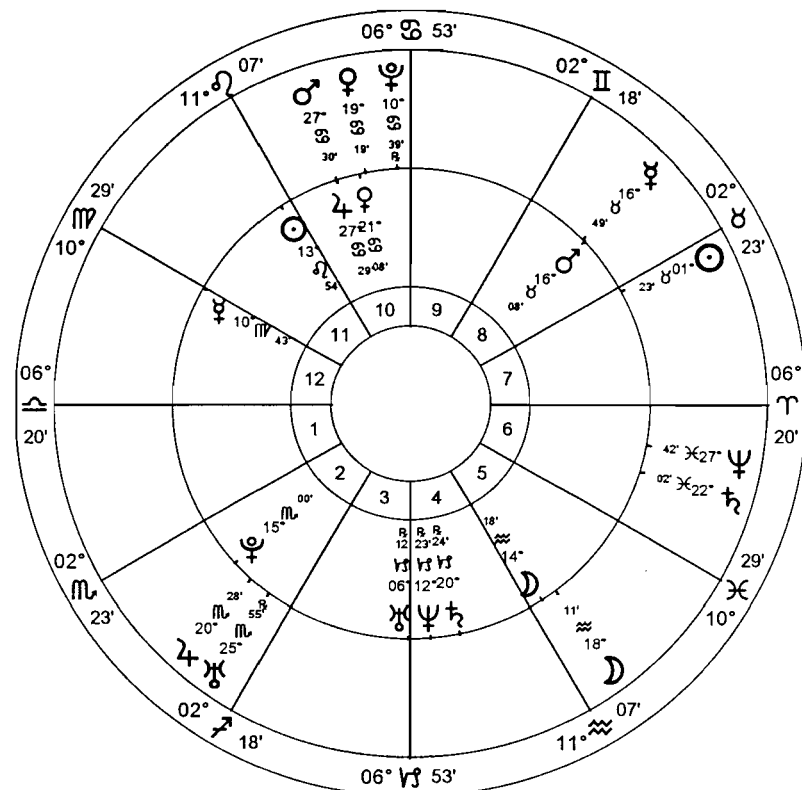
JonBenet's death was signalled in both her Solar Return Chart for 5 August 1996 and her 6th Harmonic Chart.

The **Solar Return** has the Moon's N.Node in the 8th House opposite Saturn and square Jupiter, with the n.Asc on the 8th Cusp (*emphasis on death*). The Moon is conjunct n.Mars (*implicates the mother*).

The **Age Harmonic 6** has Uranus at 7Sc14 directly

Inner Chart: JONBENET BIRTH

Outer Chart: 39TH HARMONIC OF PATSY RAMSEY



opposite the Ascendant at 7Sc57, square the Ruler, Venus, at 6Aq45 and the n.Node at 7Aq19 (*shock and injury*). Saturn conjoins the Ruler, Venus (*end of a life phase*).

N.Mars, ruling the House of Sorrows is rising opposite n.Pluto (*violence and serious injury; "accident with long-lasting consequences"*) (Ebertin).

The Vertex at 13Le36 in the House of Endings is conjunct the n.Sun at 13Le54. The n.Sun-Moon opposition lies close to the Meridian and of course square to the n.Mars-Pluto opposition (*end of life*).

Pluto is square to the Sun/Mars Midpoint (*violence*), with an orb of only 0°2'.

On Dec. 24, 1996 (the day before the death). ♄♂♂/Asc by Primary Direction signalled the end. The particular significance of Saturn here is that it occupies and rules the end-of-life House. (I am using the Natal Solar Rate for Primaries.)

Other Directions of significance were ♀☐☐/Mc by c.Vtx-Arc on Dec. 17 (*a tragic destiny*, says Ebertin) and ♄☐♀/Asc by Vtx-Arc on 31 December. This last combination also has to be assessed in relation to the Radix: Neptune is in the End-of-Life House, and the Asc. rules the physical body; the Node is an operator.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock, 5th Dec. 2000.

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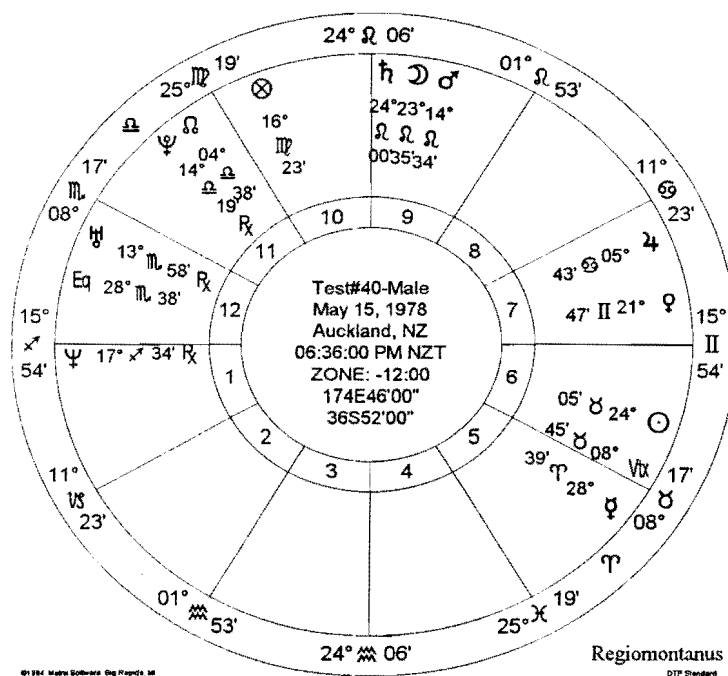
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SOLUTION TO TEST NO. 40

Test No. 40 concerned a male born on 15th May 1978 in Auckland, New Zealand, at 6:36pm. His Birth chart is in the adjacent column. He started his first job in late January 1999.

The question was—What happened to him (in Auckland) on 5th May and 11th July 1999. The two events were similar but not connected. The second event occurred at 12:10am.



ANSWER He had accidents on both days.

On the **5th May** he had been called to his boss's office earlier in the day and given a considerable rise. This was the second rise in his first job which he started in January. As a result of this rise he was feeling elated and was running down a flight of stairs when he tripped and fell through a plate-glass door.

On **11th July** he had an accident turning right at an intersection with limited vision. A car appeared out of nowhere and slammed into his car, writing it off. He assumed the driver was speeding but because there were no witnesses and he was turning right he is deemed the guilty party so is up for a large insurance bill (with

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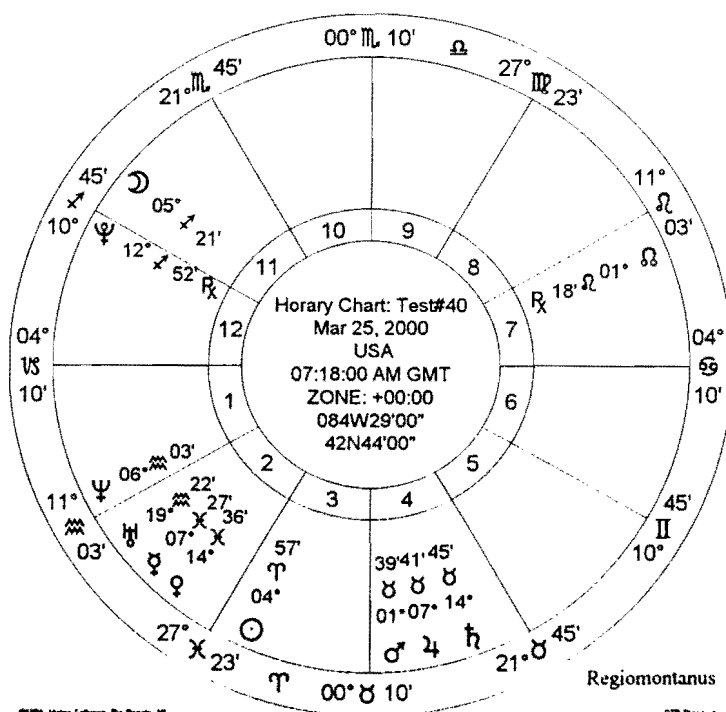
which his mother will help).

Surprisingly, not many astrologers attempted this Test, perhaps because it seemed too hard. Clair Bunnett (Vic.) solved it using the simplest of methods. Clair pointed out the Squares of Uranus-Mars and Saturn-Sun in the Radix and that on both the 5th May and 11th July transiting Uranus in Aquarius would have closely affected these Natal aspects, from which one would expect "a minor accident of some kind". Absolutely right.

Shirley Gray (USA) also found that both events were accidents though she thought they were both associated with an automobile or motor-cycle. Shirley derived her solution from the Horary Chart below.

The essential part of Shirley's analysis is —

(1) He is accident-prone (*Mars square Retrograde*



Uranus in his Natus) and liable to poor judgement and over-confidence (*Aspects involving Mars, Neptune and Pluto*).

(2) In the Horary Chart (7:18am GMT, 25 March, 2000, at 84W29, 29N44) the Ascendant is Capricorn which fits Shirley (the Querent). The 7th House represents the man (the Quesited). Cancer on the 7th Cusp gives his Ruler as the Moon. The Moon separates from a trine to the Sun (his assets, being the Ruler of his Derived 2nd House) and applies to a square of Mercury, the Ruler of his Derived 3rd and 12th Houses (*Roads and Transport; Self-undoing*). Mars rules his Derived 4th House (*the end of the matter*). It is square to the Nodal Axis (*accident*) and Neptune (*bad judgement*) emphasized by Neptune between and sextile the Moon and the Sun.

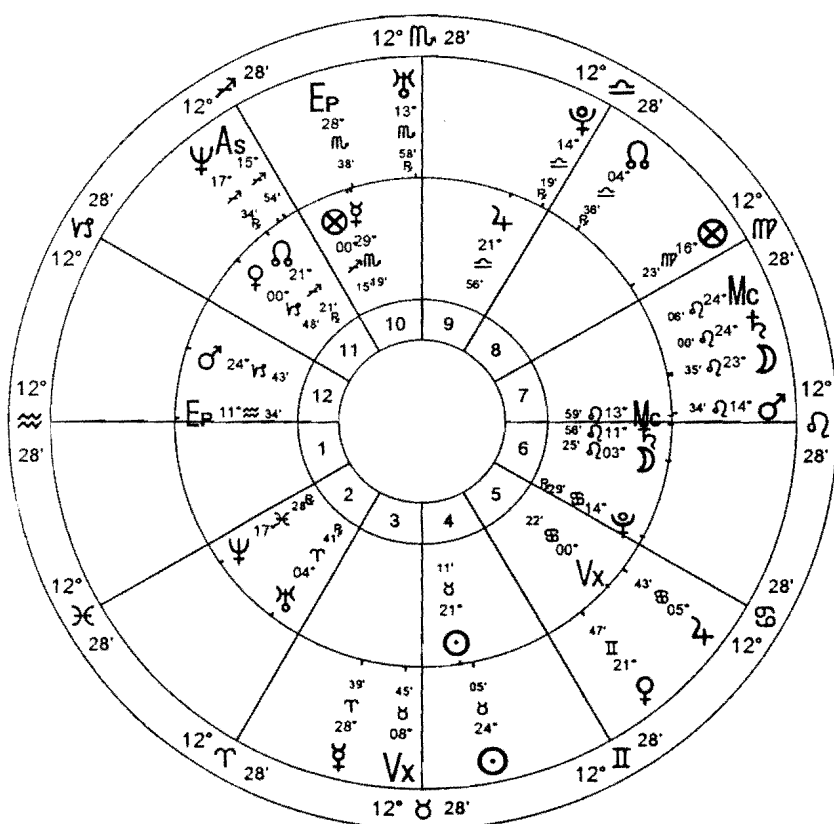
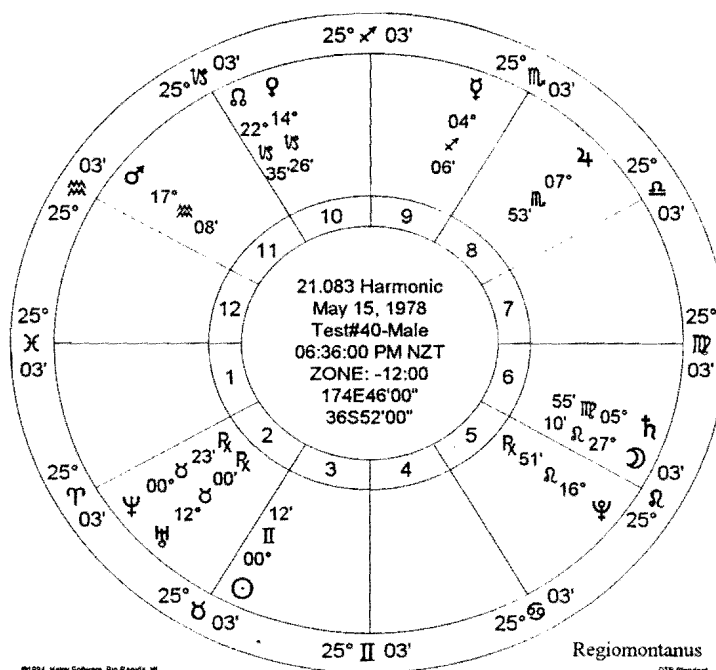
Shirley also investigated the Lunar Return Charts from which she deduced the financial loss suffered by the subject following the second event.

The Charts that were convincingly indicative of the accidents were the Age Harmonics for the Months 15th April—15th May, covering the first event on 5th May, and 15th June—15th July for the second event on 11th July.

The **Harmonic (20.9167**, below) for the first event, (the fall), when circumscribed by the Natal Chart brings the powerful Mars-Uranus Square into manifestation by placing these two accident-producing

planets on Angles. Uranus rules (and squares) the Ascendant, and conjoins the Meridian (Career) while Mars closely opposes the Rising Degree (the physical body) indicating personal injury. Harmonic Saturn opposing the rising Degree is also characteristic of a fall.

In the **Harmonic Chart (21.0833**, below) for the second event (car collision) the 3rd House (Roads and Transport) is highlighted by the Sun which is in a T-Square with Saturn and Mercury. Mars closely



opposes Pluto and both planets square Natal Uranus, forming a powerful accident configuration. Venus, Ruler of the Roads-and-Transport House is exactly square Natal Pluto.

Anyone who wants to know how to get these monthly Age Harmonics is invited to write to me.

— Dymock.

PLUTO!

The power of Pluto to destroy and re-create was vividly apparent to me a few weeks ago when it came to a Stationary position directly opposite the Midheaven degree in my Birth Chart (Pluto 12Sag54 on 15th March, MC 12Gem10). As is well known, a planet exerts maximum power when at its Station.

The first intimation of the coming upheaval was a breakdown on 7th March of my E-mail Program, *Eudora Light*, used in conjunction with *Windows 3.1*. Then my Internet Service Provider was unable to correct the e-mailing

because of the obsolescent version of *Windows* I was using. This precipitated a chain reaction. The installation of *Windows98* necessitated enlarged hard-disk space, a new motherboard and a staggering (wondrous) speed of operation. Seized with the revolutionary spirit I opted also for a CDROM and a 17" monitor. These increased my joy in a miraculous system, and was not even dampened by the proportionate increase in the bill.

The radical changeover was not without its trials. In the first place I lost all my data on the original hard disk, having been informed that transferring data from a *Windows 3.1* system to one based on *Windows98* does not go smoothly and causes problems. My back-up disks were not comprehensive so I still lost quantities of useful material, including e-mail addresses, and the process of resurrecting them, as well as adapting to a new operating system, has been a lengthy and error-prone process.

Believe it or not, when I first had my recreated computer back from the specialist shop, they had *forgotten to insert the new hard disk*, and when I proceeded to re-install my original Programs I was confronted with the message, "*Not enough space for this Program*". As a newcomer to the *Windows98* system I assumed that my handling of it was at fault, but after numerous attempts and fruitless consultation with other users I finally returned the computer to the specialists. They promptly rectified matters by inserting the large-capacity hard-disk.

Pluto, however, had not finished his work: My new 17" monitor, positively the delight of my heart, after operating nicely for days, suddenly refused to show any light on the screen. After a tiresome return of the monitor to the shop, this was rectified by changing the setting from "15 mins" to "Never" in the shutdown period for the hard-disk. This change is adopted routinely by some operators to forestall difficulties, and may be a useful tip for other newcomers to *Windows98*. (Go to "Settings" - "Control Panel" - "Power Management" - "System Standby").

Still, to continue with the Plutonian saga, My fax machine broke down on the same day as the computer. The shop technician declared it to be uneconomic to repair so I decided to dispense with a fax altogether plus the attendant expenses of an extra telephone line for it. The fax has become increasingly less useful over the last four years, and is now largely replaced by email.

Finally, I took the opportunity when my computer was away to spend a day demolishing and reconstructing my workplace in a more "user-friendly" mode making better use of natural light and the space

available. This was a radical change I had been contemplating but had previously baulked at the upheaval necessary. Once my computer was back and working I knew the change-around would have been postponed indefinitely.

But now it is over, the reconstruction is complete except for sundry small adjustments found desirable as work proceeds. So here I am after this Plutonian transformation, one happy astrologer, dazzled by my new incredibly powerful computer tool and applying it joyously to the marvellous Program *Solar Fire v5*, poorer in pocket but lighter in spirits, and never ceasing to marvel at the miracles of the modern age.

— Dymock.

SOLAR FIRE v5 — A PHENOMENAL PROGRAM!

Hot off the press is *Solar Fire v5*, successor to *v4* which had already established itself as the premier Program for astrologers. In addition to the superb ease of use that characterised its predecessor, this new edition has some remarkable added features that will make it even more valued.

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A century ago the Primary Mundane Directions were the principal means of prediction but later fell into disuse because of the tedious mathematical calculations involved, and the simple Arabic system of Secondary Progressions came into favour. Now, however, the mathematics for Primary Directions are done for you the instant you press a button, and this opens a vast, new field for research. Another difficulty was the establishment of the best time measure for use with the Primaries. Graham Dawson, designer of the Program,

(and, I am proud to say, an Adelaidean) offers three different time measures for experimentation. There is scope for exciting discoveries in this field.

A host of different features awaits the attention of the lucky owner of *Solar Fire v5*. I do not need to dilate on them here. The huge array of attractive charts that can be printed or viewed on the screen is stunning and must have been designed to suit every possible display requirement.

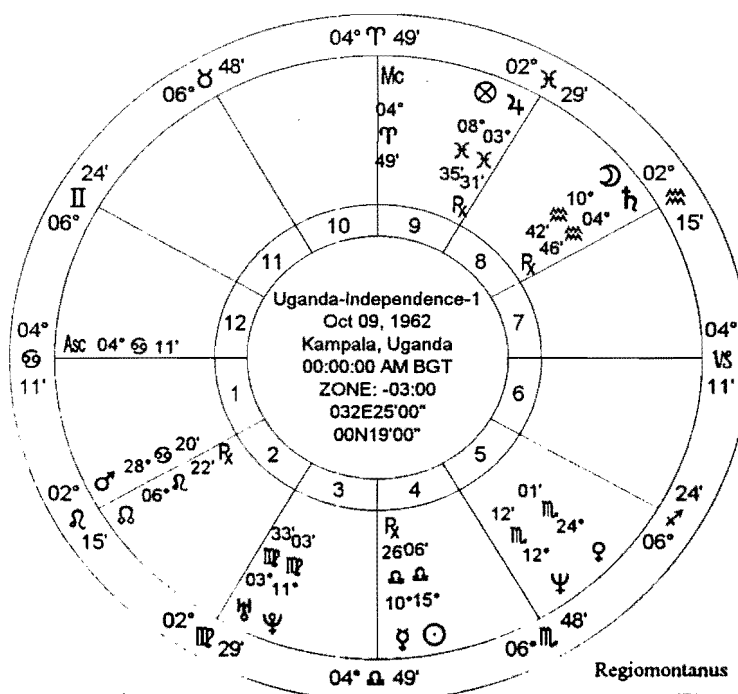
The *User Guide* supplied is also a considerable achievement—a model of clarity, comprehensiveness and brevity. Not a word is wasted, so you don't have to labour through tedious descriptions or explanations to find the information you want. The proof-reading must have been a taxing assignment.

Get this Program if you can and open astrological doors for yourself that were hitherto closed. It is available only on CDROM, not disks. For all information re prices and upgrades contact Esoteric Technologies PO Box 578, Magill, South Australia 5072 (e-mail: sales@esotech.com.au).

P.S. I do pay for my Programs.

THE UGANDAN HORROR

Of all the grisly stories featured recently in the world press, the most horrific and shocking is the murder in Uganda of up to 1000 men, women and children by the leaders of a radical religious cult. They were burned, strangled or hacked to death. Power-hungry charismatic cult leaders are still deciding the fate of their fellow men by preying on their naivety and credulity.



The Radix below, taken from Campion's *The Book*

of *World Horoscopes* has a typical indication of religious fanaticism—Jupiter on the 9th Cusp (Religion) in exact Opposition to Uranus.

The following malefic Stationary Transits led up to the discovery of the bodies in several mass graves:

7 May 1999, St.Neptune 4Aqu22 conj. N.Saturn in H.8

14 Oct 1999, St.Neptune 1Aqu35 conj. Cusp 8

23 Oct 1999, St.Uranus 12Aqu52 conj. N.Moon in H.8

12 Jan 2000, St.Saturn 10Tau18 opp. N.Neptune

The emphasis on death for the Cult's adherents is unmistakable: Saturn from the 8th House (deaths) on the Nodal Axis is opposed by Mars (violent deaths) and is acting on Neptune ruling the House of Religion and itself squared by the Moon in the Deaths House.

Saturn's Station on 12th January 2000, opposing Natal Neptune, is particularly significant.

Pluto Stationary at 12Sag54 on 15 Mar 2000 squared its Natal position and brought the ghastly business to light (Pluto uncovers and brings to the surface).

We probably do not have the full story yet.

NEW TEST NO. 41

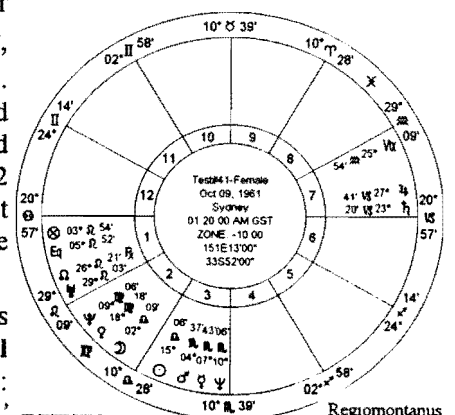
This Test is provided by Fay Jenkins (Vic). Here is the Chart of a woman born in Sydney on 9th October 1961 at 1:20am. The question is, What happened to her on **22nd and 23rd January** this year when in Adelaide, and on **24th January** on her return to Sydney, where she is based. She is single and has had many romantic ups and downs in the past 12 months but this is not relevant. Her parents are divorced.

Please send your answers to me by **28th April 2000**. Postal address:

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The astrological basis for your answer must be stated, but only the **one or two** Aspects or configurations that you consider are crucial and decisive. Please don't send pages of supporting analysis. If your answer is right the crucial Aspects are sufficient. If it is wrong any amount of further analysis will not make it right.

My kind regards to all, — Dymock, 7th April 2000



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LOOKING BACK—YUGOSLAVIA

by Allan Johnson

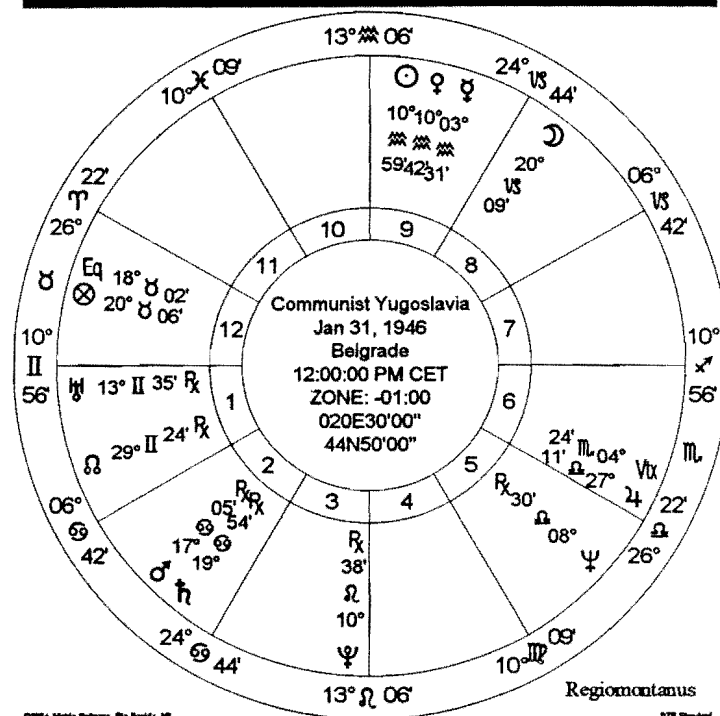
In my recent article on the Chart for the 21st Century I made the strong point that there was a big decline in the use of violence in the later part of the 20th Century and that this trend would continue into the 21st. I particularly mentioned the remarkable absence of shooting and the use of violence in the collapse of the Communist Empire. The reason for that was that there were a lot of *compromises* made on both sides. But there was one exception to all this—and that was Yugoslavia. In the Balkans the collapse of Communism produced the totally opposite effect. Here there was a big increase of violence and enormous hatreds were released, and that situation has continued through the '90's. However, we must say that Yugoslavia is quite a small area in relation to Europe as a whole, so it does not alter the total picture. So it is worth looking at the Yugoslav Chart at this time.

The Chart I mainly used in my previous article on Yugoslavia (July/August 1995) was the one for the setting up of the Communist State by Marshall Tito, and since that collapsed there has been no effective replacement, so I would take it that the Chart would still have validity. And this has been borne out by events since 1992 when the violence started to develop. Since then the planetary correlations with that Chart can still be seen. So now is a good time to have a look at what may lie ahead. We have had the NATO bombing of Serbia in 1999, and the consequent defeat of Slobodan Milosevic and his ambitions, but there have been no new developments in the Balkan area, and a lot of people are wondering what the next chapter could be.

The old Yugoslavia is much identified with Serbia, and Belgrade the old Capital is in that Province—and of course Milosevic is very much bound up with that. His fate is very much linked with Yugoslavie as a whole. In 2000 he still maintains his position in Serbia, but the latest reports from observers on the ground emphasize the unrest from the people and the devastation from the bombing. At the moment Serbia does qualify as the "sick man of Europe". Milosevic's position is very fragile. So it is now the time to have a further look at the Chart for

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31 January 1946, and noon of that day.

The first point to note is that Sun/Venus is in *exact* opposition to Pluto, right to the degree. This relates to the original obsession with the Communist State and the *extremism* associated with it. It was Tito's totalitarianism that enforced the unity and maintained it with an iron hand. With the break-up, the same sense of obsession and extremism has continued in the various parts of the Federation. So we have had *ethnic cleansing* with all its brutalities. This may be considered the evil side of Pluto. The theme of violence is also found in the Moon in Opposition to Mars/Saturn. The Opposition Aspects do tend to accentuate. But fortunately there is another side in the Air Signs. This is a pattern of "sweet reasonableness", which we may yet witness.

Looking at the Progressions, we get a slow-moving Mars which at present is involved in the

Mars/Saturn/Moon pattern and will continue to be so for the next few years ahead. So this doesn't suggest an abrupt ending of the troubles. The Transit of Pluto has to be important. In 2000 it makes the trine to its own Natal position and sextile to Sun/Venus, but is also in opposition to Uranus. We get a twofold picture here. It would mean some continuation of violence, which we are getting on a small scale, but also a drive for *peace*, due to the more active participation of NATO.

The Transits of Uranus have linked up with the Grand Trine and the Opposition to Pluto. I see all this linking up with the stronger intervention of NATO. This will become increasingly successful and swing the balance. On the personal level Uranus will also have a powerful influence on Milosevic's Chart through 2001/2002 as it will be making the Opposition to his Natal Sun and Squaring Saturn. All this seems to point to the fact that Milosevic may survive longer than a lot of people might hope—but the writing seems to be on the wall. The Balkans may still have some headaches, but the end is in sight for a much more peaceful era. The original Yugoslavia may not be fully restored as a unity, but tolerance and democracy could definitely prevail.

VENUS CONJUNCT MARS IN VIRGO

In the last Issue I asked readers what did they know of the above placement and its effect on the character, personality and behaviour of someone who has it in his/her Natus? There have been several responses.

Tony Louis (USA) writes: Checking my files for Venus conjunct Mars in Virgo, I found people with excellent verbal abilities and often academic or literary accomplishments. Emotionally, they tend to be self-contained, very loyal to family, but only superficially warm with friends and associates, whom they sometimes "used" for their own pleasure with little regard for the ultimate welfare of the other person. In other words, their focus in relationships was primarily on getting their own needs met. Manual dexterity and a special fondness for physical activity, including sexual activity, were also common. True to the Virgo emphasis, the people in my files are hard workers who pay a lot of attention to detail in their chosen professions.

Paul Langevelde (Netherlands) says it is not a nice conjunction as there would be a lot of tension through Venus in Virgo tending to coldness and platonic love, while with Mars it is quite the reverse.

Bette Denlinger (USA) writes: Both my husband and I have that aspect. His in the 7th House, mine in the 1st House, both conjunctions with and orb of approximately 6 degrees. Very difficult to be objective with something in one's own chart, however! One thing I noticed growing up was that the conjunction of Venus and Mars brings a tendency to exude warmth in social situations that is sometimes misunderstood by others as a sexual invitation. Then the Virgo innocence is shocked by the misinterpretation! With age, and awareness that the outgoingness might be misunderstood, this gal learned to keep a lid on the exuberance so that "being nice" was not seen as "being

a flirt"...although I didn't always succeed!

I have heard the same thing about the misinterpretation of warmth for sexual invitations from dozens of people with Mars conjunct Venus in other Signs, so I am not sure it is truly a Virgo "thing". It is certainly an aspect of the "flirt"!

There is bravery in approaching perfect strangers, and the ability to be a bit charming when assertive, so I did quite well in sales for a long time. My husband who has this conjunction in the 7th, seems a bit compelled to compete with the partner in work situations. Whether this is conscious or unconscious, I have no idea, but when I became Editor of *The International Astrologer* he offered to edit his company's newsletter. When he worked on a computer project for Matrix I was drawn in as the tester, and was challenged to find some formula he was not provided. Competition, or working together, seems to attract him.

Both of us are "people persons" and have most of our contacts through our work. My work covers a lot of territory. This may be the Virgo element or simply that Mars is the planet of energy and work. I have no way to differentiate.

I believe from doing a lot of charts that when Venus and Mars meet in a chart that this represents people skills, and the person is better off working with people than all alone in a back room in solitude.

My husband says that he found dealing with women in a friendly manner was often difficult because he perceived they sensed his interest was primarily physical and backed away.

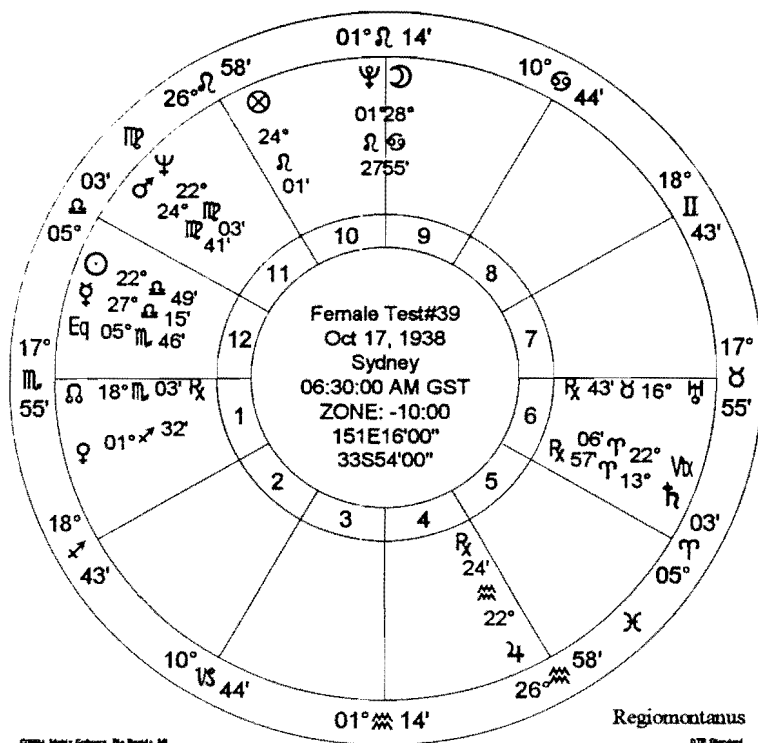
Another correspondent writes that she has found men with the conjunction of Venus and Mars in Virgo are not good lovers, being more intent on the technique of performing than in demonstrating personal warmth and love.

Shirley Gray (USA) sends the following observations on a Mutable Venus/Mars conjunction (Gemini, 1st House): Extremely strong desire nature. When she wants something, she wants it now. Self-discipline is not her strong suit. Cannot stay on a budget. Declared bankruptcy several years ago, and is deeply in debt again. Cannot stay on a diet, and is now experiencing the symptoms of Type II diabetes (adult onset, overweight). Usually late for appointments. Starts many more things than she finishes. Charming in a gracious but cheeky way. Can talk her way out of anything. Breezy, unaffected manner. Always has the latest in telephone/beeper/pager technology. Has two new cars in the driveway (even though she's a single woman). Two marriages, two divorces. Restless, travels a lot. Fond of casino gambling, and has had good luck playing the lottery (helped by Venus/Mars sextile 2nd House Ruler, Moon.) Childlike enthusiasm for life. Unfailingly positive in outlook; always good company. Generous of spirit. Never moody or "down". Has no money saved. Favourite saying: "Honey, we're born with nothing, and we take nothing with us when we die".

RESULTS OF TEST NO. 39

The Subject was the woman whose Birth Horoscope appears below. The questions were firstly what happened to her in November 1996, and secondly what have been her financial circumstances for most of her life? Ross Harvey, who conducted this Test, sent the following report:

There were ten entrants. The answer to the first part is that in November 1996 the woman received a legacy



from an aunt for whom she had cared in the last few years of her life.

The answer to the second part (regarding finances) is that she has always been short of money.

Dymock said she came into money, probably by inheritance, shown by p.Mercury in the 2nd House ruling the 8th and sextile Jupiter, ruling the 2nd (exact on 13Nov1996). Fay Jenkins suggested as one of the possibilities that she acquired enough money for a new venture.

The most significant indication that something important was about to happen was the p.Asc trine p.Uranus (if the MC is Progressed with the longitude-arc of the p.Sun). In the Progressed Chart, Uranus rules the 2nd House and is conjunct the 5th Cusp. The Aspect was exact on the 31st July 1996. [In the adjoining Figure the Progressed Chart with Ascendant 14Cap43 if taken on its own would show Aquarius on the 2nd Cusp, ruled by Uranus in the 5th.]

In the Solar Return Chart Venus in the 10th House is trine Jupiter in the 2nd. The Moon, ruling the 8th (inheritance) and the 9th, is conjunct Pluto and the Ascendant, and trine Saturn ruling the 2nd and conjunct r.Venus.

The Precessed Solar-Return Chart has Asc conj. Venus and trine Jupiter on the 5th Cusp.

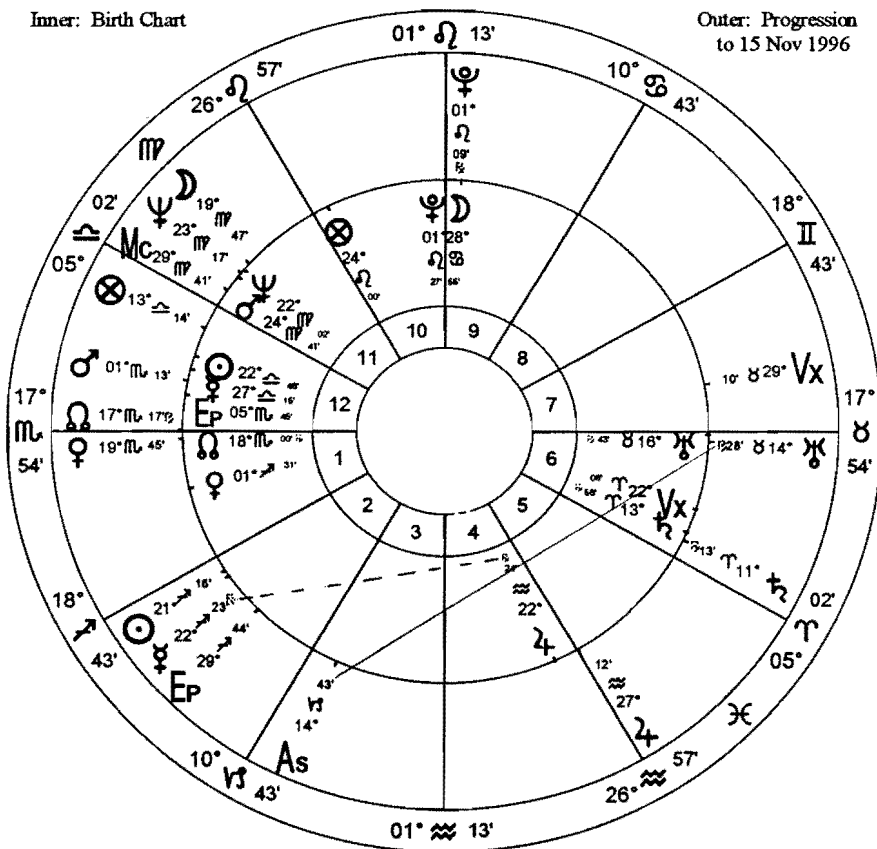
The Progressed Birthday Solar Return (KSR Q1) has the Sun conj. Jupiter in and ruling the 2nd House. I had told the woman in advance that this year was favourable for money.

[Ross gives further relevant Aspects in the Solar Monthly, the Precessed Solar Monthly and the Quotidian Progressed Solar-Return Charts which I have omitted for lack of space and as they are less frequently used. Any reader who wants to know the Aspects should send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074.]

I asked about her finances because that is the question I am most often asked, and when this Chart was used in a previous Test one entrant said she had an important position and was well-off, because the Sun is conjunct Spica [fixed star] and trine Jupiter ruling the 2nd House. Most entrants this time thought she was comfortably off because of the trine of Jupiter. Dymock correctly said: "I judge her financial situation over much of her life to have been poor, and a struggle to meet commitments [because of] Jupiter, ruling House 2, Retrograde,

Inner: Birth Chart

Outer: Progression to 15 Nov 1996



The above combination of Birth Chart and Progression to mid-November 1996 is reproduced as it clearly illustrates the answer to the question (p.Mercury sextile Jupiter and p.Uranus trine the p.Asc, as mentioned in the text) and it is within the scope of most readers, whereas some of the more unusual Charts cited by Ross are available only to those with a computer and sophisticated software.

out of Dignity and disposed by Uranus opposing the rising degree; Neptune closely quincunx Jupiter; Mercury ruling House 8 square the Moon."

Paola Perina (USA) said she had a tendency to become poor or to lose money because of Sun/Jupiter=Neptune. Jenifer Pommerin (WA), while thinking her finances were sufficient, said that the amount has always been felt as inadequate because Venus in Sagittarius likes to spend, and the Sun opposite Saturn is restricted. Shirley Gray (USA) mentioned the possibility of loss: Jupiter on the 7th Cusp square Uranus, and the further possibility of an inheritance: Jupiter trine Mercury ruling House 8.

I am still trying to find a reliable way to judge finances. Like Dymock, I look at Jupiter and then at close Aspects, including non-conventional ones. In this case the closest Aspect Jupiter receives is an almost exact *septile* from Saturn (orb only 0°7'). Jupiter afflicted by Saturn denies prosperity, as Saturn limits and restricts. The close quincunx of Jupiter to Neptune indicates confusion about money. The Sun trine an afflicted Jupiter may merely suggest a tendency to extravagance.

NEW TEST NO. 40

This month's exercise concerns a male born on 15th May 1978 in Auckland, New Zealand, at 6:36pm. His Birth Chart is in the adjoining column. He started his first job in late January 1999.

The question is what happened to the man (in Auckland) on 5th May and 11th July 1999. The two events are similar but not connected. The second event occurred at 12:10am, for those who like to work with precise times. Please send your answers to me by post or e-mail (both addresses in the heading of this Journal) not later than **March 28**, so that results can be incorporated in the next Issue with the names of respondents who arrive at the correct answer. The astrological basis for your answer must be stated, but only the one or two Aspects or configurations that you consider are crucial and decisive. Please don't send pages of supporting analysis. If you have indications from a number of factors just pick the one you consider most apposite.

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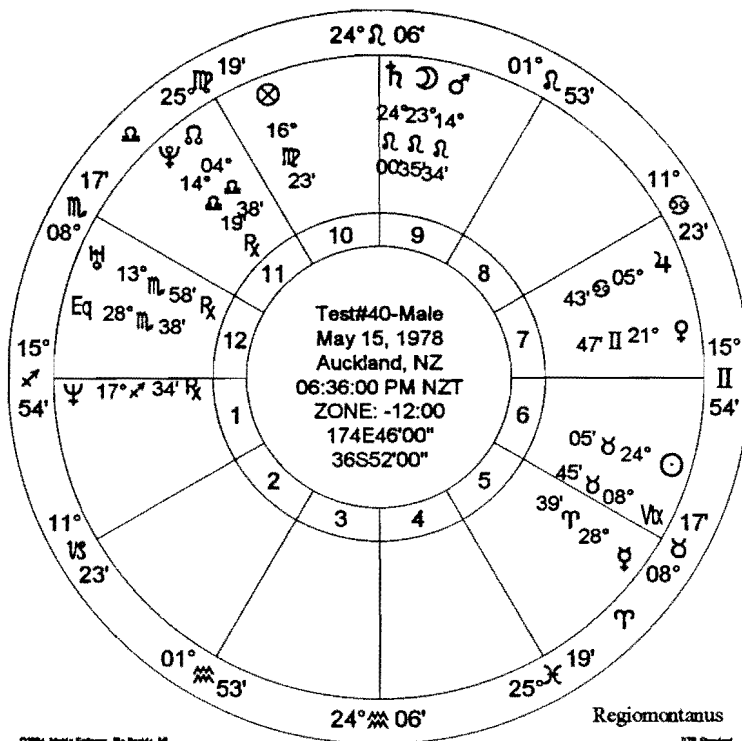
by Kevin Rilett

Thanks to Sarah Symington for noticing the Time Zone errors in birthdata for Prince Harry & Princess Eugenie.

Harry's TZ should be BST [British Summer Time].

Princess Eugenie's should be GMT.

The commentary for Prince Harry has been changed as a result. The prediction - *Major events in the English Royal Family Over the Next Six Months will Affect the*



Line of Succession has not changed.

Prince Harry (15Sep1984, London, 4:20pm BST): Lunar Eclipse of 21Jan00 at 00Le26 square r.Pluto 00Sc33 9th House

P2 Asc square r.Pluto 6/1999—9/2000

P2 Asc trine r.NN 8/1999—12/2000 (Mean N. Node)

P2 Asc semisquare r.Mars 5/2000—9/2001

P2 MC semisquare r.Venus 9/1999—8/2001

P2 Sun 8th House trine r.Chiron 8/99—8/2001

(Note—P2 MC is calculated via Solar Arc in Longitude) Pluto & Mars co-rule the 10th House so these major Progressions must markedly affect his status during their durations. Note: Late last year there were questions as to his real father.

Also in Harry's Chart—

T.Chiron conjunct Mars 17Feb2000 to 07May2000

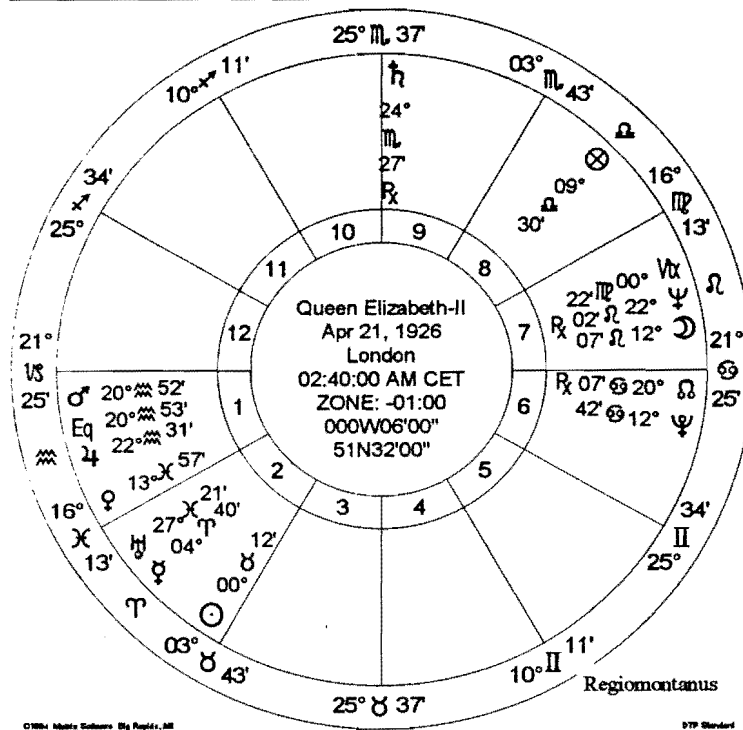
During March/April T.Saturn opposes his Saturn and then conjuncts his IC. These transits increase the likelihood of a royal demise and a change in status.

My article in *Astrologers' Forum* last month was prepared on a 100-metres sprint. At the time I hadn't checked the Solar Eclipse of 5th February at 16Aq01 conjunct transiting Uranus 16Aq45, which falls in Charles' 7th House opposite his 1st-House Pluto [Ruler 4th] and trine his Venus in Libra! —a further pointer to significant change among the Royals.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock, 7th March 2000.

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**Lunar Eclipse square Sun 00Ta12 note Vertex 00Vi22
in 8th House**



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- P2 Sun sesquiquadrate MC [Jul98 to Aug2000]
- P2 Venus [dispositor of her Sun] sesquiquadrate Ascendant Oct1999 to Jun2001
- P2 Mars [Ruler 3rd Co-Ruler 10th] square Pluto 6th House [Sep1998 to Sep2001]

PRINCE CHARLES

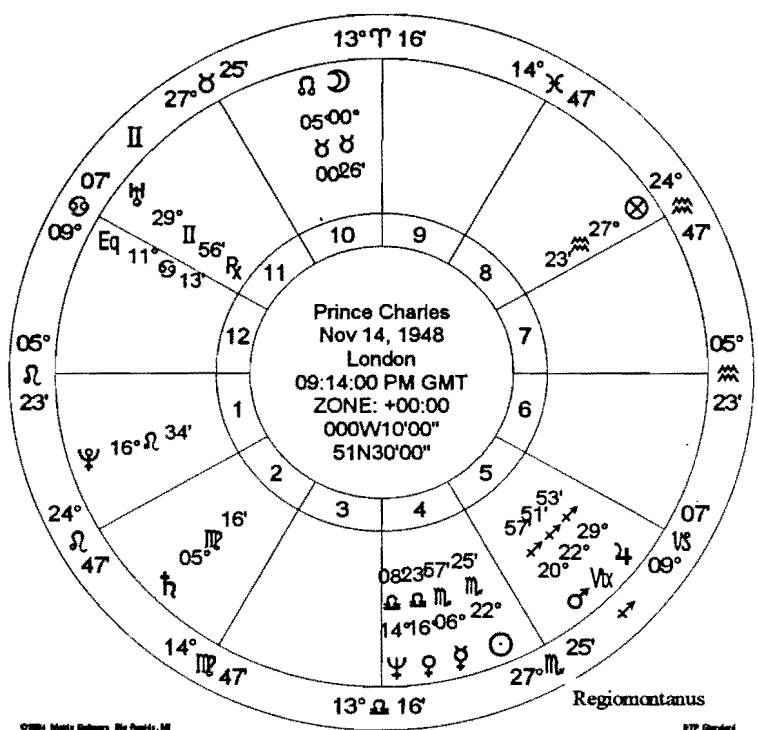
- Lunar Eclipse square Moon 00Ta26 10th House & aspecting Jupiter 29Sg53, Uranus 29Ge55
- P2 MC square Saturn [Jan1999 to Dec2000]
- P2 Sun [ruler Asc] square Neptune [Oct1998 to Oct 2000]
- P2 Mars square Lunar Eclipse 00Ta26
- P2 Mars square Natal Moon [Jan1999 to Jul2001]
- T Neptune opposite Asc 04Feb2000 to 17Apr2000
- T Uranus opposite Pluto 15Jan2000 to 19Feb2000
- T Neptune inconjunct Saturn [30Jan2000 to 5Apr2000]
- Pluto trine MC [30Jan2000 to 01May2000]

The above suggests the death of a parent and/or a total loss of direction and disillusionment with the role for which he has been chosen. The latter may be currently sapping his vital energies [Sun, Neptune]. The Sun is the Ruler of his Ascendant.

Also note that Saturn [in Virgo] rules his 6th [Health & Service] & 7th [Marriage & Grandparents] Houses. Notice Mars [Ruler of 10th] Sagittarius 5th House, his public profile at present with the hunting lobby which has been unpopular with the people: P2 Mars square Moon, which relates also to his recent polo injury.

PRINCE WILLIAM

- Lunar Eclipse squares his most elevated planet Jupiter 00Sc29 [9th House]



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- P2 Venus sesquiquadrate MC [Jan2000 to Sep2001]
 - P2 MC sesquiquadrate Moon [Sep99 to Oct2001]
 - P2 Sun sesquiquadrate Uranus ruler 11th [Aug1998 to Sep2000]
 - P2 Mars [Ruler 10th] semisquare Uranus [Apr97 to Jun2001]
 - P2 Mercury conjunct Sun int ruler 8th [Aug99 to Sep2000]
- The above suggests an unpopular decision/rebellion regarding his future [11th House] public role [10th House].

PRINCE HARRY

- Lunar Eclipse square Pluto 00Sc33 9th House
- Lunar Eclipse straddles Asc/Desc axis 29Cp57/29Cn57
- P2 MC 16Sg46 conjunct Mars 16Sg58 10th House
- Ruler 3rd & Intercepted Co-Ruler 9th [Koch Cusps]
- P2 MC sextile Venus 17Li45 [8th House] suggests an elevation of status as a result of a death in the family. Note this Progression is in effect for two years.

PETER PHILLIPS

- Solar Eclipse 16Aq01 [2/2000] opposite Vertex [in 8th House] 16Le24
- P2 MC 00Sg33 square Saturn 29Le55 in 8th House [Jun98--Jun2000]. Note that this Saturn conjuncts fixed star Regulus in the House of Death [Regulus' current longitude is 29Le50]
- P2 MC also semisquare Pluto ruler 10th [Jan99--Jan2001]
- P2 Saturn 00Vi32 exactly semisquares Pluto ruler 10th 15Li32 [06Feb2000]
- P2 Sun conjunct Neptune in 12th & Ruler 3rd [Sep98 to Jun2000]

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minutes after take-off from Abidjan. Only ten passengers survived.

One does not need to search for the warnings of disaster—they are shockingly obvious: (1) Mars, ruling the House of Deaths, right on the Western Angle, within minutes of an Opposition to the Rising Degree and forming a malefic T-Square with the Moon (the passengers). (2) The Sun (the Captain) ruling the House of Self-Undoing, Square to Saturn in the Deaths House (orb 1°25') and both in a T-Square with the Part of Misfortune.

And now, only a day later, comes news of Alaskan Airlines Flight 261 crashing into the sea off the coast of California. All eighty-eight people aboard perished. I do not have accurate data for this Flight, but I have no doubt its untoward fate would have been clearly visible from the Departure Chart.

The dismal situation is that the unequivocal forewarnings of these tragedies given by Astrology remain unknown or unheeded by those who have the power to change things. Individuals, however, have the power to make an informed choice of their departure times on *any* journey, and they can do so by reference to an experienced astrologer.

VLADIMIR PUTIN

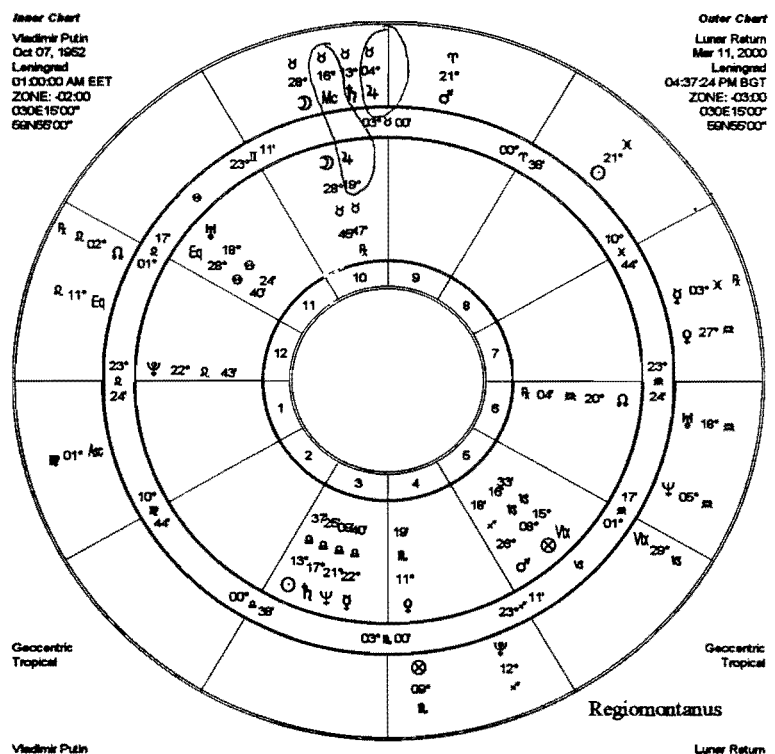
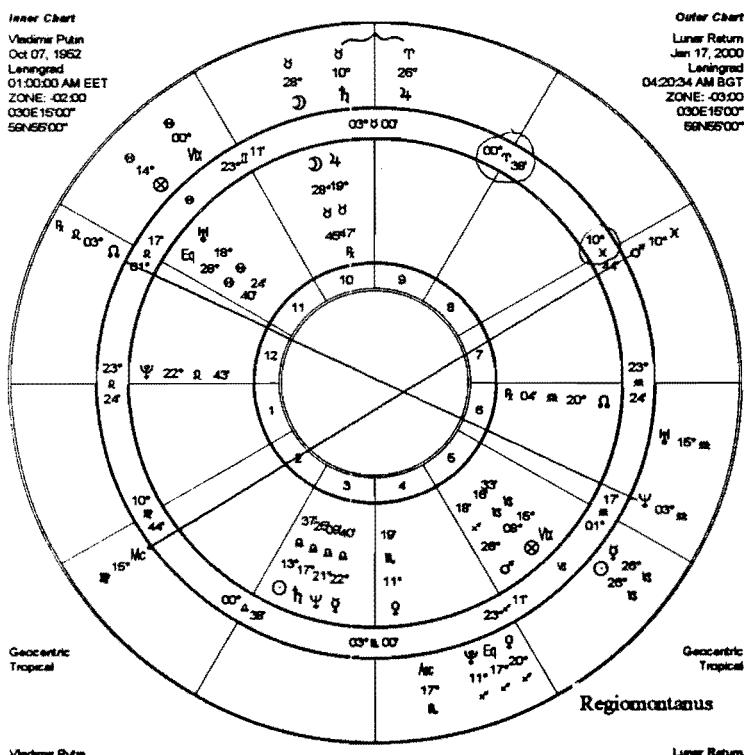
In the last Issue I presented the Birth Horoscope of Vladimir Putin, acting President of Russia, and notified readers of predictions to come regarding his future.

Now, for the benefit of the vast numbers who are

circumscribing his Birth Chart. It relates to the period 17Jan—13Feb2000. LR Saturn and Jupiter straddle the Meridian, their Midpoint (3Ta18) contacting it almost exactly. A textbook interpretation of this is "fluctuating success, changes, losses" (Ebertin's *Combination of Stellar Influences*). Putin is worried, as well he might be. His forces have not achieved the quick victory in Chechnya that he looked for to consolidate his position as the most likely President of Russia after the March Election. His Army has recently suffered heavy losses (LR Neptune on the 6th Cusp, ruling the 8th, and conjunct the Nodal Axis). He is sustaining international criticism for his brutal conduct of the war to capture Grozny (LR Mars on the 8th Cusp, ruling the 9th and opposing LR MC).

Nevertheless, his fortunes are changing; In his next Lunar-Return Chart (13Feb—11Mar2000) Venus at 24Cp01 is right on his Natal MC (24Cp33) showing that he has regained any popularity he may previously have lost among his countrymen.

Putin's next LR-Chart (11Mar—7Apr2000) could hardly be more favourable for a Presidential candidate. Placed around the Natus it shows LR Jupiter conjunct



the N MC, and N Jupiter conjunct the LR MC!

This is a reciprocal action that will surely win the Presidency for Vladimir Putin. Whether that is a good thing for Russia or the world has still to be seen. In the eyes of humane people the world over he has much to make up for his ruthless treatment of Chechnya's civil population.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 4Feb2000.

hanging breathlessly on my words, here they are:

Putin's current Lunar-Return Chart is shown above

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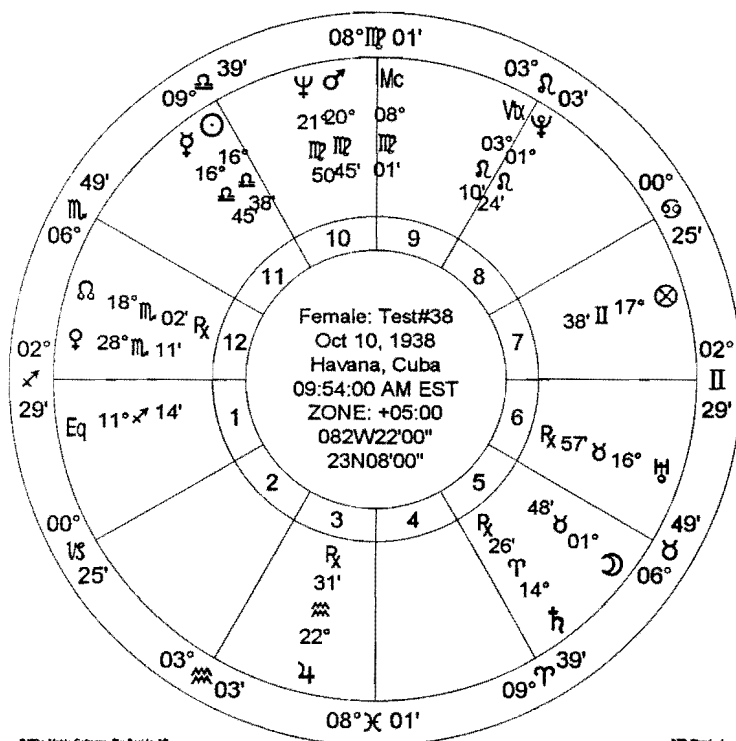
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TEST NO. 38

This Test was an exercise to determine what astrological Charts/Progressions/Transits or configurations best described an outstandingly happy event in the life of a woman whose Natus appears below.



On January 20, 1989 the woman was invited to be with the First Family of the United States in Washington D.C. to attend and celebrate the Inauguration of President George Bush. She stood in the receiving line with the Bush family and sat with them as Bush was sworn into Office as President. After the ceremony she attended all the parties around the city with the First Family. She came away with official historical mementos with government seals in frames and numerous items of remembrance signed by heads of state. The great thrill the woman enjoyed was that her sitting with the Bush family and attending the parties with them astounded many political personalities who knew her only as a dealer with an antique store in Miami. She said this was the outstanding event of her life.

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Reduced to its simplest terms, this was an event of joyous excitement for her. It was not one that changed her destiny or set her on a new path in life, hence we should not expect dramatic configurations.

Secondary Progressions and Transits were unremarkable but two extraordinarily well-timed and apposite PRIMARY DIRECTIONS to midpoints did draw attention: MC* \odot /4 (*personal success and happiness*) on 20 Jan 1989 (the very day of the event) and \odot /MC (*connection with "high society"*) on 18 Jan 1989.

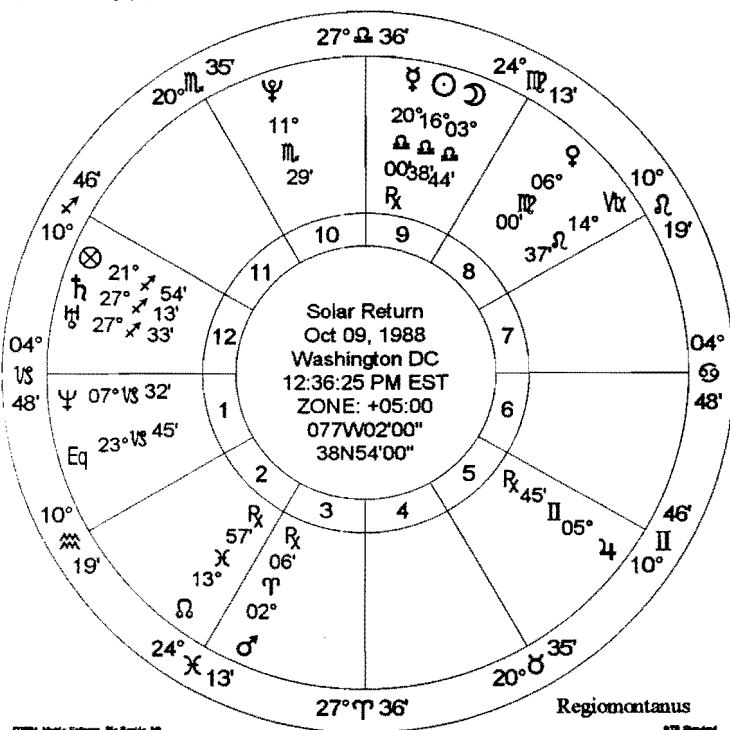
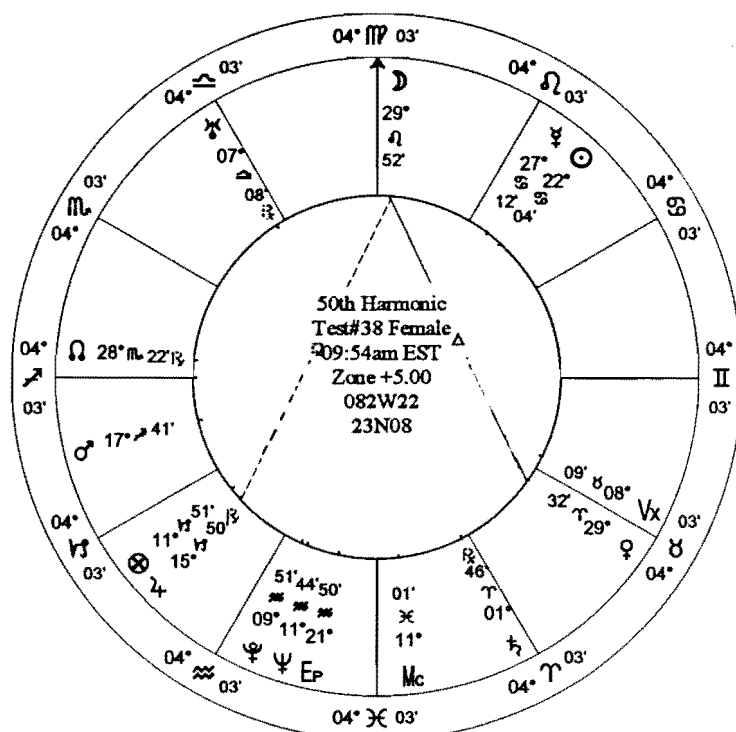
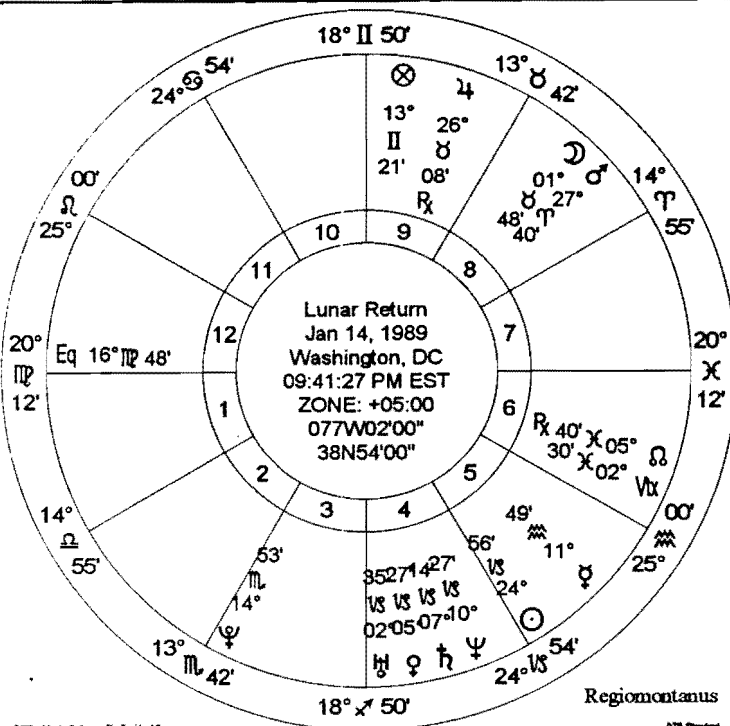
It is comparatively seldom that Primary Directions yield such impressive and timely configurations. They can be obtained by anyone who has the *Solar Fire V4* Program, using the time measure of the Naibod Arc in Right Ascension.

An immediately descriptive Chart is the LUNAR RETURN of 14 January 1989 at Washington (see next page):

The most striking feature of the Chart is the Sun right on the Cusp of the 5th House (*celebration, parties, etc.*) The trine to the Sun from Jupiter in the 9th House aptly describes the nature of the occasion and the people attending (*upper society figures, notables, the politically powerful*). The woman's surprise, thrill and delight are portrayed by the Moon (ruling the House of Friends) trine to Uranus and Venus.

Another indicative Chart is the SOLAR RETURN of 9th October 1988 at Washington.(see next page).

Neptune rises trine to Venus which rules the 10th and 5th Houses. The 10th is associated with the emotional state and the 5th with celebrations. Venus, planet of happiness, is conjunct the Natal Midheaven. Neptune is absorbent, acquiring the nature of any closely Aspecting planet, in this case Venus. Jupiter square Venus shows excess of feeling while the Moon trine Jupiter portrays



Some additional charts were cited by respondents: Jennifer Pommerin (W.A.) used the CONVERSE SOLAR RETURN (10th Oct 1938, 12:31:15 GMT) which has Venus conjunct Mercury in the 1st House, plus Uranus conjunct the Sun and sextile Saturn in the 10th House. The Natal Ascendant is conjunct C.S.R. Jupiter (*exultation, good fortune, ceremonies, publicity*). The C.S.R. at the subject's birth place has its MC conjunct Natal Pluto on the Natal 9th Cusp.

Clair Bunnett (Vic) submitted that the woman's Progressed Mars in Libra coming to the trine of Natal Jupiter (exact on 19th March 1989) indicated fortunate action and expansion of opportunities, while Transiting Mars on the Natal Moon gave energy to realize her own rights in spite of the "surprise" of others at her being asked to attend the function.

Lea Breuer-Kantor (Israel) listed several pages of URANIAN and other configurations of which the most appropriate one was Jupiter+Uranus-MC: (*pleasure over a stroke of luck or good fortune*).

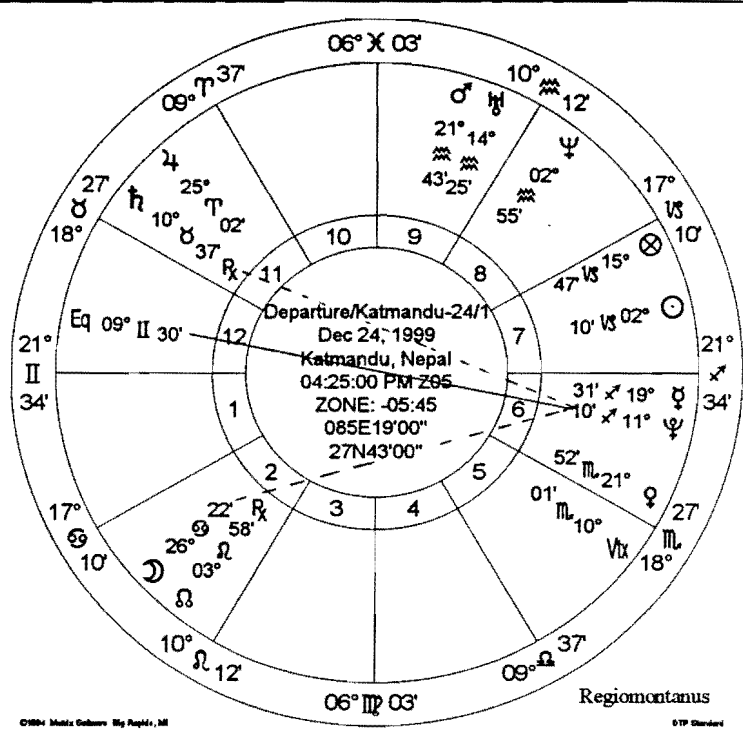
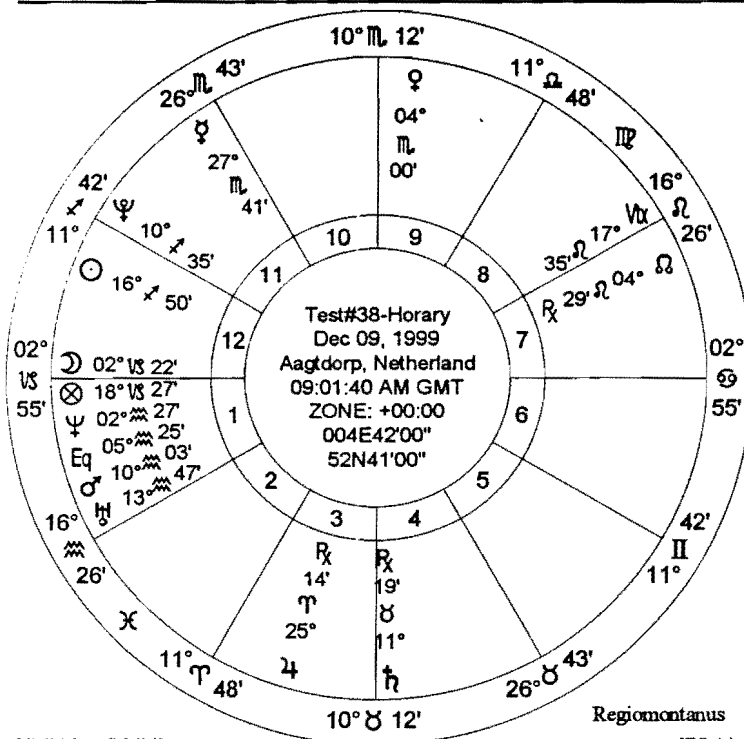
Paul Langeveld (Netherlands) produced a HORARY CHART which was apposite (see next column): The Moon on the Ascendant sextile to Venus ruling the 6th House depicts the woman's happiness at the event

Shirley Gray (USA) noted correspondences in the Age Harmonic for the Month of January 1989, and also pointed out that Transiting Jupiter was Stationary at 26° Taurus opposite Natal Venus, on the very day, January 20, "a joyous contact under which it must have been hard for her to keep her feet on the ground".

Other respondents advanced a large series of Aspects and connections—anything that appeared to have any

the social nature of the occasion and the influential people involved. The "thrill" is not so obvious but may be attributed to Uranus conjunct the Ruler, Saturn.

A third Chart again involving the Moon, Venus and Jupiter is the 50TH HARMONIC corresponding with the woman's age (see adjoining column). The Moon is the most elevated planet and is closely trine to Venus (orb 20') and sesquare Jupiter (orb 58'). Venus is also conjunct the Natal Moon. The Moon's Node at 28Sco22 closely conjoins Natal Venus at 28Sco11, showing the happy nature of the gathering, while the East Point at 21Aqu50 conjoining Natal Jupiter at 22Aqu31 reveals the socially exalted tone of the occasion.



bearing on the event. This tended to be more confusing than enlightening. The idea of the exercise was to find the simplest and most direct indications that could *predict* the occurrence. It was also insufficient to give a detailed list of Aspects without interpreting the symbolism that made them applicable. — Dymock.

HIJACKING OF INDIAN AIRBUS

The very recent freeing of the 160 passengers and crew from the hijacked Indian Airbus IC-814 ended a tense and traumatic situation that had persisted for eight long days. One passenger was killed and all suffered days of terror, threats of death, foul conditions and intermittent brutality from their captors.

The Airbus left Kathmandu in Nepal on 24th December 1999 at 4:25pm. The Departure Chart is in the adjoining column.

Unlike the previous air disasters which have mostly ended in massive loss of life this is a case of massive discomfort and nervous strain suffered by a large group of people.

The planet pre-eminently associated with kidnapping/hijacking is Pluto. The Chart shows it at 11Sag10 closely quincunx Saturn at 10Tau37 and opposing the East Point at 9Gem30. The Opposition to the East Point brings Pluto and its connotations into prominence, while Pluto and Saturn in adverse combination signify extreme discomfort and hardship—also fanaticism, as exhibited by the hijackers. The Houses involved are the 6th, ruled by Pluto, and the 8th ruled by Saturn. This is plainly the blocked sanitary system—at times the toilets overflowed into the aisles.

The Moon (the passengers) is sesquare Pluto (orb 11°) and square Jupiter (orb 1°20') which implies the passengers are subjected to superior force (Pluto) and the fanatical aims (Jupiter-Pluto) of the terrorists. Pluto sesquare Saturn ruling the 8th House accounts for the only death on the plane.

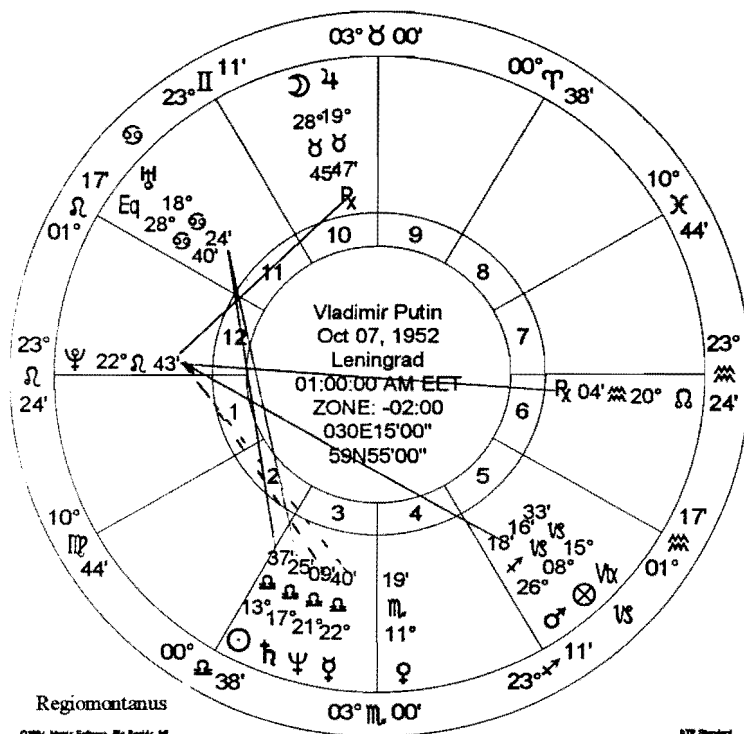
What were the warning signs that this was going to be a terrible, terror-ridden experience for the passengers? The single, most obvious factor is an elevated Mars (*violence*) in close square to Venus (orb 9°). Mars is also just as closely trine to the Rising Degree, but this would not be apparent beforehand as it depends entirely on the take-off time which can be delayed (and in fact it was).

The conjunction of Uranus with Mars, though comparatively wide in orb (7°18'), is a well-known and widely recognized indication of violence in both people and events, and it certainly adds to the adverse portents of the other configurations. Pluto's configuration with Saturn (quincunx), Uranus (sextile) and Jupiter (sextile) is a powerful and adverse factor. As the Moon is square to Jupiter this combination operates like a Yod—a fateful experience for the passengers of strain, privation and terror (Saturn and Pluto). Neptune on the Nodal Axis though not sufficient on its own to be a powerful deterrent yet carries a warning of anti-social elements on board the plane.

There was certainly sufficient here to warn off the perceptive astrologer and make him/her choose a different flight. Better to be days or weeks late than ignore the warnings so bountifully provided by our celestial science.

— Dymock.

VLADIMIR PUTIN RUSSIA'S NEW PRESIDENT



(Data from Russian astrologer Sergey Klimov)

Russia's new master has a formidable Chart:

✓ Pluto (*Power and Authority*) on the Ascendant and the Nodal Axis, square Jupiter, sextile Mercury and Neptune, trine Mars (*ruthless power-seeking, a master of intrigue and covert operations, manipulation of social forces, fateful associations of great significance, an iron will, concentration, toughness and drive*).

The Sun conjunct Saturn square Uranus (*caution and diplomacy but self-willed with states of tension and outbreaks of violence*).

With the Sun ruling the 1st and 12th Houses and afflicted by Saturn and Uranus, Putin could himself become crushed by the weight of circumstances in the political life in which he has involved himself.

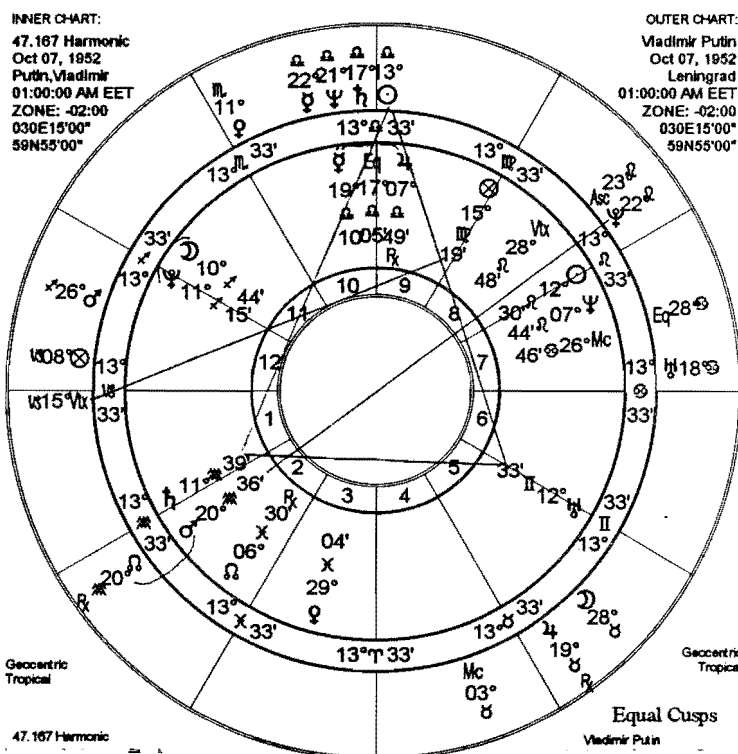
All this may very well be masked by the Sun and planets in Libra, the Sign of compassion, but it is there just the same. There has been no evidence of compassion in Putin's ruthless prosecution of the war against Chechnya.

Putin's accession of power following Boris Yeltsin's shock resignation as President on 31 December 1999 was heralded by the Progression of the Ascendant to the trine of the Natal Sun on 25th December (Progression by Solar Arc in Right Ascension) and by the Stationary position of Jupiter at 25Ari01 on 21st December. This last is slightly previous to the actual event but I have no doubt this was when Yeltsin was hatching his plan in collusion with Putin to put his

favoured minister into power at a time when Putin had achieved popularity through his successful conduct of the war against Chechnya.

Putin's rise to power on 31 December 1999 is shown graphically by the AGE HARMONIC for the month 7 Dec '99—7 Jan '00 (H.47.167). It appears below with the Birth Figure around it.

The Natal Sun *right on the Midheaven* attended by its satellite planets is an unmistakable signal of occupational success and a mountainous peak in the career. Such supporting Aspects as occur seem almost superfluous: Harmonic Uranus and Saturn in a Grand Trine with the Sun (*sudden, unexpected rise; a solidly-based triumph*); H.Part of Fortune on the 9th Cusp (politics) trine the Natal Vertex on the Ascendant (*stroke of destiny*); H.MC conjunct Natal EP (*new career impetus*); H. Mars conjunct Natal Node opposite Natal Pluto (*energy and drive*); H. Moon and Pluto conjoined on the 12th Cusp (*covert and ruthless pursuit of goals*); H.Jupiter and Mercury equidistant from the MC (*vocational success*).



In March Russia holds an Election for the Presidency. Putin already has his foot in the door. What will happen? Watch this space.

My kind regards and best wishes to all for happiness and excellent Astrology in this Year 2000.

— Dymock, 5th January 2000.

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THE REFERENDUM AND ITS AFTERMATH

by Allan Johnson

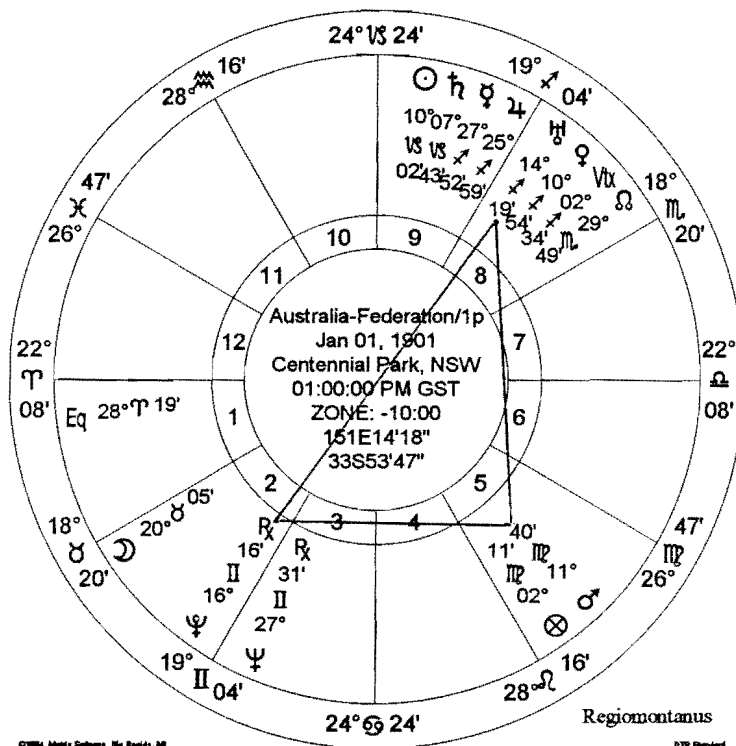
In the *Astrologers' Forum* of April 1995 I wrote an article on the "Republican Question" and made some predictions about it. Here I relied on the Transits of Uranus as applying to the Australian Constitutional Chart for the 1st January, 2001, as it had been proposed that any changeover to a republic would be timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the original Constitution for the Commonwealth. I took Uranus as the main Significator for radical change. I wrote; "If we look at the Transit of Uranus we find it at 18°39' Aquarius on Jan. 1, 2001. This does make the trine to Natal Pluto, but *separating*, not really suggestive of radical change. Nor do the Progressions. I could now add also that Uranus does not link up with any of the Angles.

However, what is much more important in this case is the planet Pluto. Right on the Referendum date it was 9°22' Sagittarius, thus activating the T-Square pattern which is the major configuration in Australia's Chart. "And this will continue on for the next four years, right up till 2003. A transit like this could not fail to produce a powerful polarization of the community—and did mention this in my previous article. But the key to all this lies in the fact that the *third* and *ninth* Houses are involved. There has been a tremendous 'war of words', not bullets, flying. After the vote was taken things have not settled down as might have normally been expected. There have been demands for further referendums, such as a demand for a new type of President, popularly elected. The war of words goes on.

But what this all amounts to is that when the 1st of January 2001 comes up there will be no change to the Constitution, but a lot of political figures are threatening to have another referendum when the opportunity arises. But of course there could be other issues coming up over the next few years that could also line up with the Transit of Pluto on our National Chart. The Australian Constitutional Federation was timed to coincide with the beginning of the 20th Century, and therefore the Chart does not differ very much from the World Chart set up

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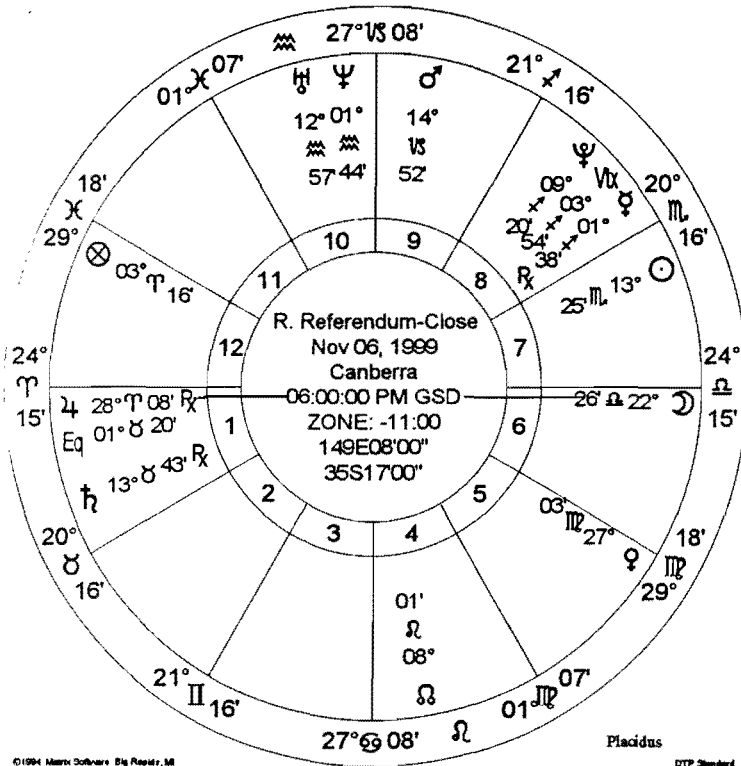
for Greenwich. This has meant that Australia has found itself involved with a lot of the major events on a world scale, such as World Wars. The two Charts have run in tandem, but after the beginning of 2001 this will no longer apply. There will be a New Century Chart, but Australia will continue with the 1901 Chart as long as we have the same Constitution.

CLOSING OF THE POLLS CHART

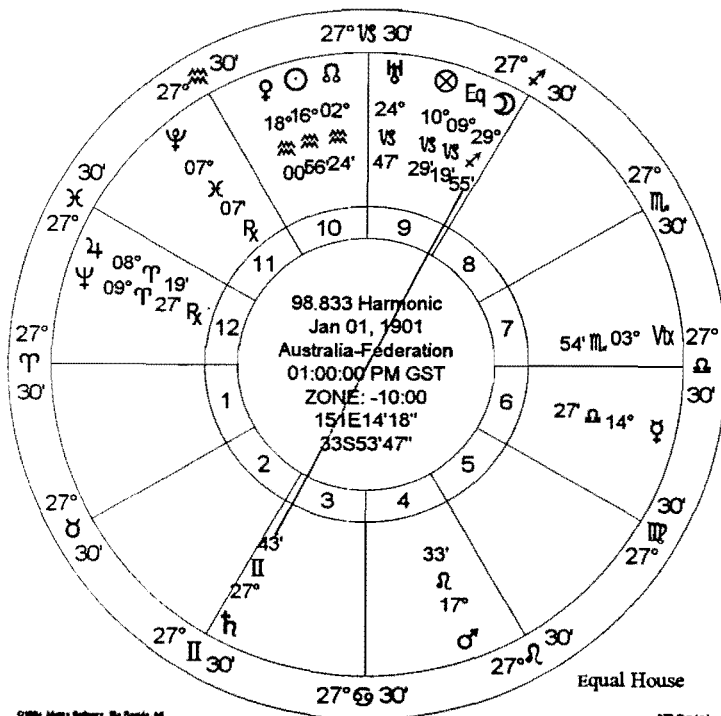
The question asked in the last Issue is answered—which Chart for the Closing of the Polls on the Referendum: Miriam Laister's Chart for 6pm, not 9pm, at Canberra gave the answer—a NO vote, which Miriam predicted. The Chart appears on the next page.

Miriam wrote in her publication, *The Cosmic Experience*, that Jupiter ruling the 9th House (*legal*

proceedings) is opposed by the Moon, so a No answer was likely. And so it turned out.



An even better picture is given by the **Monthly Harmonic** of Australia's Federation Chart. The Harmonic 98.833 relates to the month Nov. 1—Dec. 1, 1999, and here it is:

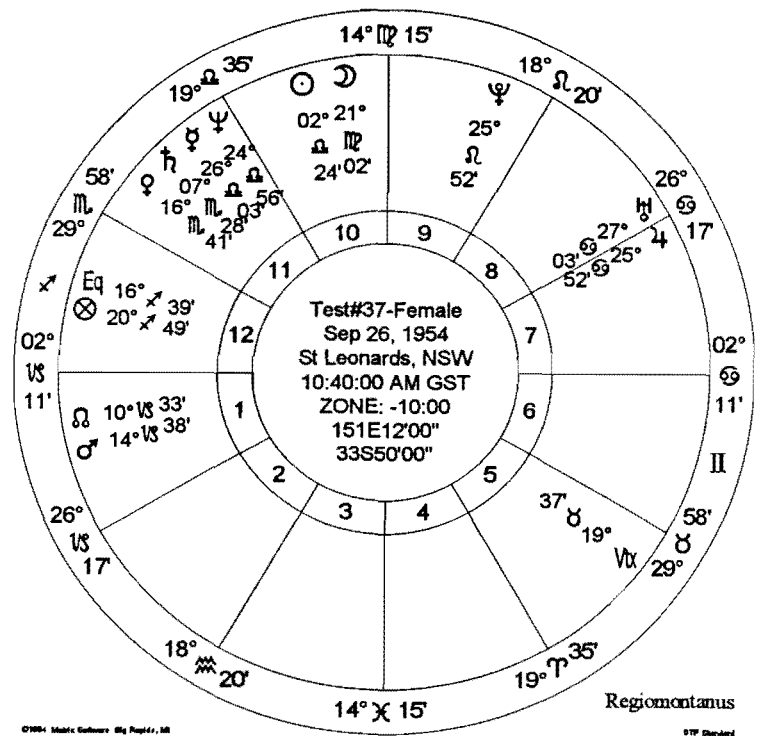


The 9th House (the Constitution) is well-tenanted, and the Moon on the Cusp is opposed by Saturn along the 2nd-9th axis—a clear NO vote.

TEST NO. 37—SOLUTION

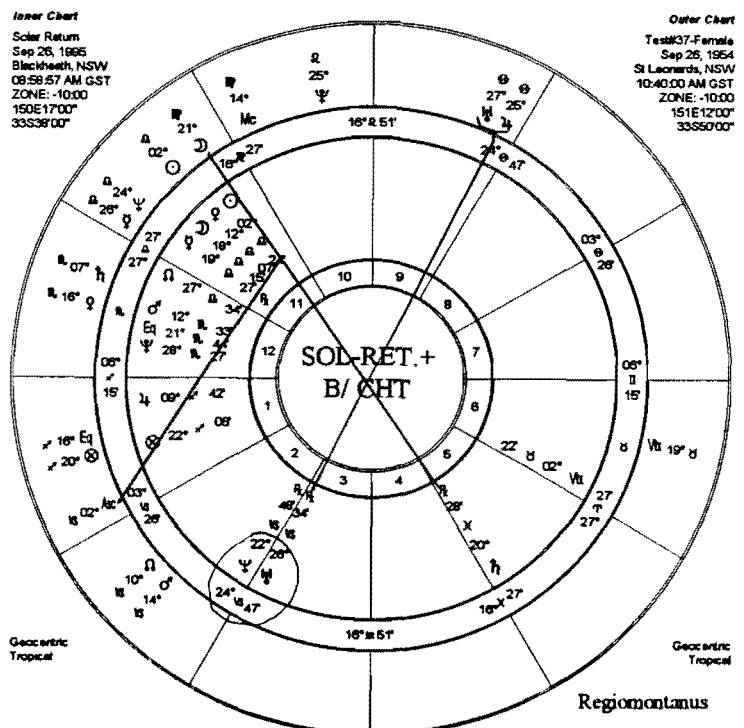
On 9th July 1996 the woman's car was stolen during the night. It was a considerable deprivation for her as she depended on the car for her business activities.

This Test proved to be more difficult than anticipated. There were twenty-one attempts at a



solution from twelve readers (some having more than one try) but no one was successful.

The Chart that appears most useful for this exercise is the **Solar Return** for the place of residence



circumscribed by the Natal Figure, as above. The *very close aspects* are the clue—Uranus 26Cap34 conjunct the 3rd Cusp 25Cap03 (*cars*) and opposite n.Jupiter 25Can52 and n.Uranus 27Can03. Jupiter rules the Ascendant, so this Opposition can be read as the native's sudden loss of her car. The Opposition Aspect by itself means separation or loss. S.R.Neptune also in the picture, conjunct Uranus and the 3rd Cusp, adds the element of stealth.

Confirmation that it was a loss of assets is provided by Saturn ruling the 2nd House opposing the n.Moon, and the n.Ascendant on the 2nd Cusp square to the Sun.

The finale to the story is that the insurance company would not pay compensation until the stolen car was found. It was discovered five days later totally wrecked, and the insurance money was then received. However a suitable (second-hand) car could not be found for another five weeks, placing further strain on the subject's business and finances.

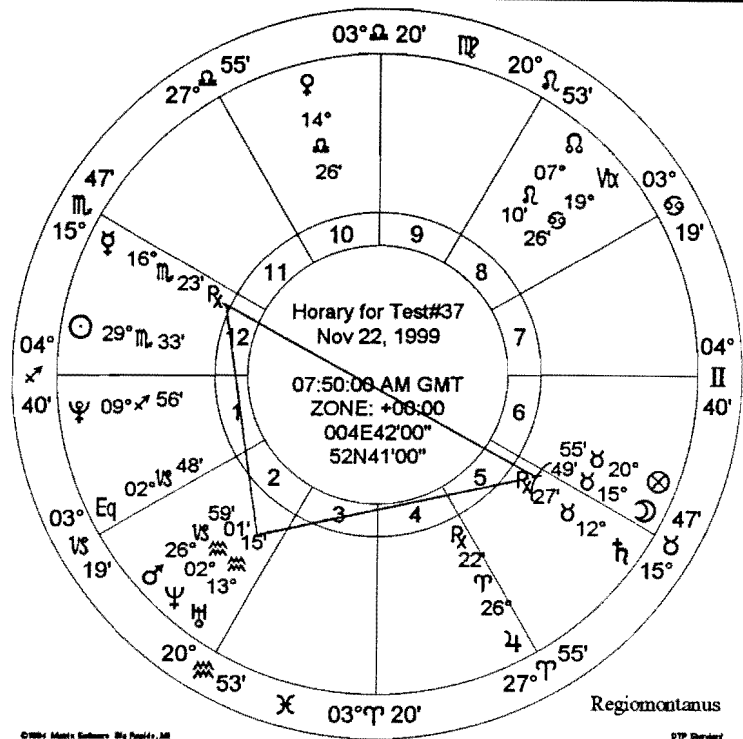
A result almost identical with the Solar Return reading comes from putting the **Lunar Return** of 23 June '96 around the Birth Chart: L.R.Neptune exactly on the 2nd Cusp opposes n.Jupiter and Uranus, and squares n.Mercury and Neptune. L.R.Uranus in the 2nd House and ruling the 3rd is squared by n.Saturn ruling both the 2nd and 3rd Houses, thus relating the financial loss to a car.

Another Chart that could have provided the basic answer to the question is the **41st Harmonic Chart** with h.Venus on the 2nd Cusp of the Birth Chart opposing n.Jupiter and Uranus, square n.Neptune and Mercury (*loss of assets*). The closeness of the Aspects again provides the clue, and the Cuspal position of the planets concerned tells the area of life affected. But one would have great difficulty in deducing from this Chart that the loss was a *car*.

It is interesting that a **Horary Chart** cast by one of the respondents also contained the answer. The Chart is reproduced in the next column. The dominant configuration is the T-Square involving the Moon, Saturn, Uranus and Mercury. Without going too far into the specialized Horary Rules, it is obvious that the woman (the Moon) suffered a financial loss (the Moon separating from Saturn ruling the 2nd House). One might deduce that it was a car as Uranus and Saturn both rule the 3rd House and both are in hard Aspect to Mercury which also has connection with transport and vehicles. Mars conjunct Neptune in the 2nd House is indicative of theft.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON THESE EXERCISES

Do we, as astrologers, tend to look for something sensational instead of the ordinary, everyday matters and



occurrences that happen to everybody? The theft of a car is a commonplace affair but many of the responses were slanted towards portentous events that might happen once in a lifetime. Unfortunately, the very nature of the question, "What happened...?" strikes a dramatic note and tends to send the enquirer off in a flurry of activity to unearth something horrendous or startling, quite foreign to the average life of routine activity. The relatively minor things that happen to people are still important for them, even if they do not fall into the category of drama, horror, romance, amazing good fortune or the reverse.

The A.F. "Tests" are exercises intended to promote the astrologer's insight into the type of events that characterize the lives of most people. I therefore try to relate them to these common experiences as a prelude to the astrologer being able to give the person concerned prior warning. Continued application to the "Tests" *must* result in an enhanced capacity to do just that. I can vouch from my own experience that both failures and successes in the Tests have added their quota of insight and predictive vision.

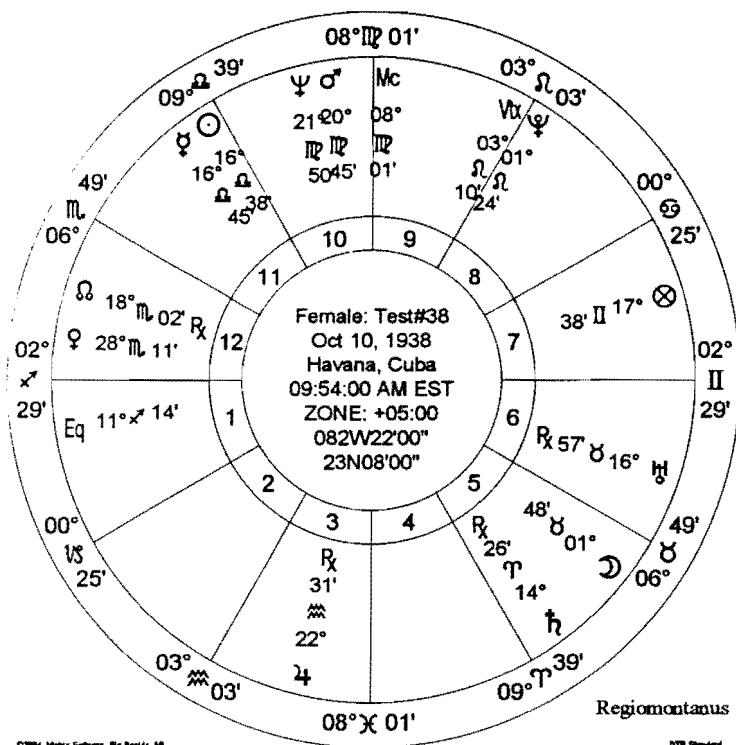
— Dymock.

NEW TEST NO. 38

A Different Approach

This exercise is going to be different—and easier. Instead of your trying to determine what happened to the subject on a given date, I shall tell you the full story and ask you to determine what were the *specific* astrological factors involved.

Here is the Birth Chart of a woman born in Havana, Cuba, on 10th October 1938 at 9:54am EST. She owns

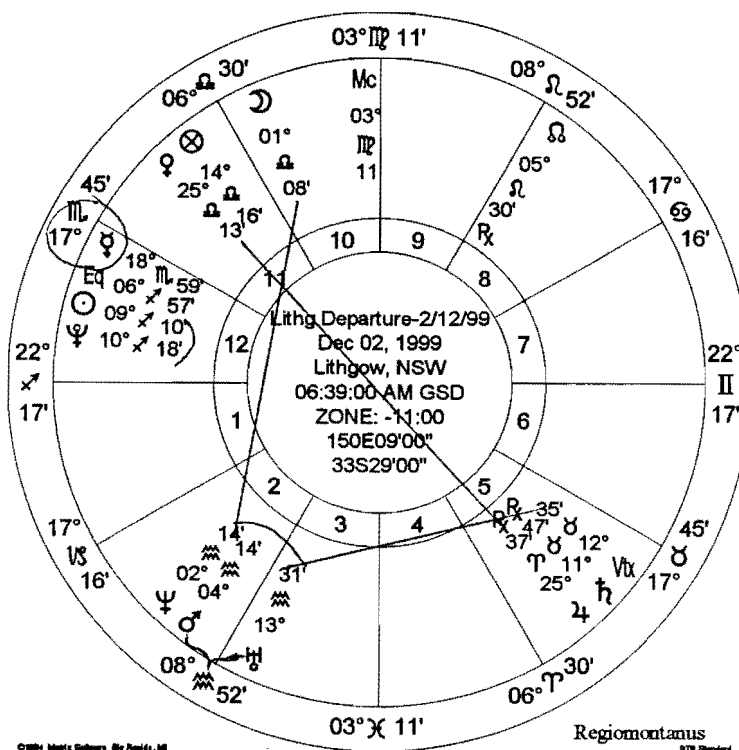


and runs an antique store in Miami, Florida. What happened was an historic event for her. On January 20, 1989 the woman was invited to be with the First Family of the United States in Washington D.C. to attend and celebrate the Inauguration of President George Bush. She stood in the receiving line with the Bush family and sat with them as Bush was sworn into Office as President. After the ceremony she attended all the parties around the city with the First Family. She came away with official historical mementos with government seals in frames and numerous items of remembrance signed by heads of state. Many of the political personalities that she knew from South Florida attended the Inauguration in Washington that day. They had come to enjoy the ceremony and celebrations that followed but had not received a special invitation and were present of their own accord. The great thrill that the woman enjoyed was that these people were astounded to see her, a woman whom they had known only as a dealer with an antique store in Miami, sitting with the Bush family and attending the parties with them. Naturally, for political reasons, many wanted to be where she was. The woman said that this was the outstanding event of her life.

Readers are asked to discover and present in publishable form what were the outstanding astrological factors that most truly reflect this joyous event of a lifetime. You may use any astrological discipline. If possible, show how the factors you present are limited to an event of this nature and could not reasonably be attributed to a widely different occurrence. Please send your responses to me by December 28. I shall be glad to publish the most enlightening replies. — Dymock.

TRAIN COLLISION

The train collision in the Blue Mountains of NSW on 2nd December when seven passengers died and 51 were injured highlights again the recklessness of starting a journey—any journey—when the planetary links are bad. This has been an oft-repeated theme in this journal over the last 15 years. Here is the Chart for the departure of the commuter train from Lithgow to Sydney at 6:39am on Dec. 2, 1999.



The adverse indications are plain to see: ☿, ♀ and ♄ (sudden destruction) clustered round the third Cusp (rail transport), ♄ square to the Vertex (fated events), ☿♀ in the 12th House (sorrows) and especially the ☿/♄ Midpoint (8^h 53') conjunct the 3rd Regiomontanus Cusp (8^h 52')—an orb of only 1'. An augmenting factor is the ☿ ruling the House of Deaths ♄♀ ruling the House of Terminations. It is mooted that the signalling system was the cause of the accident (3rd House again).

The above is more than sufficient to warn off the knowledgeable astrologer. ♄ on the 12th Cusp and ♄♀ 4 also do nothing to inspire confidence in the trip.

Even if it is impossible to persuade the authorities to re-schedule departure times in the light of adverse astrological factors at least one can oneself avoid travelling on particular, dangerous trips. Occasionally, one is even fortunate enough to have friends and acquaintances do likewise.

Season's Greetings to all from Dymock and Marguerite,
5th December, 1999.

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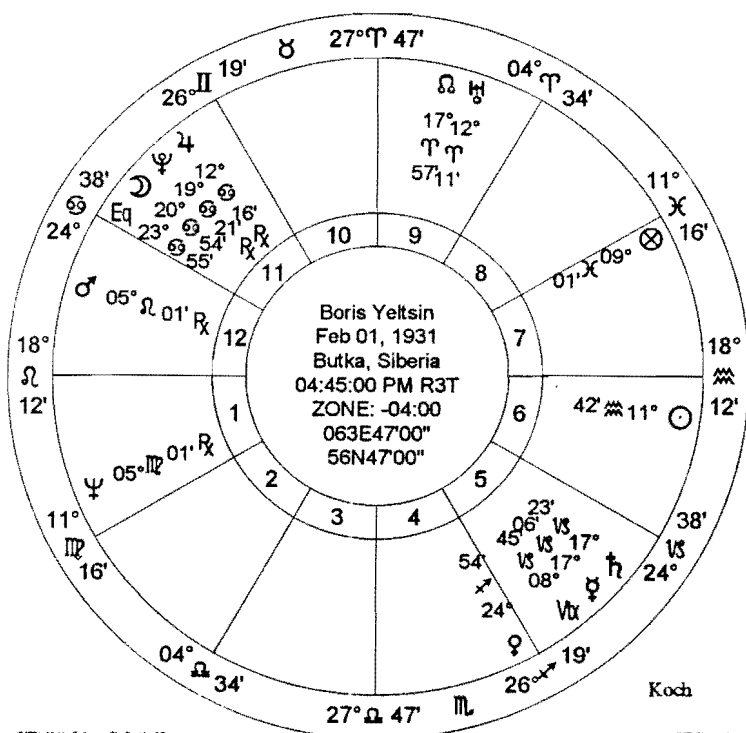
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BORIS YELTSIN

by Allan Johnson

Boris Yeltsin has been an interesting figure on the world stage since he became President of the Russian Republic in May 1990. At that time the outer planets Neptune, Uranus and Saturn were all in Capricorn and activating his T-Square pattern, and also Pluto (which can be called a *Destiny* planet was in Scorpio and making the square to his natal Ascendant, and had been squaring his Sun the previous year.

The period immediately following this event lined up with a particularly dangerous period in his life, following the collapse of the Communist Empire. *Anything* could have happened, but he survived and is still very much alive and in the forefront of things in Russia at the end of 1999. He was certainly in the hot seat, and subject to tremendous pressures and criticisms—but he remained the *great survivor*.



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His Chart was supplied by a Russian astrologer to the British Astrological Association, and events have confirmed it as very accurate, particularly Pluto squaring

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the Ascendant when all the action started. The T-Square comprised of six planets plus the Node is the centre-piece of the Chart and gives him tremendous drive—and of course the Sun opposite Mars adds to this. The Jupiter/Pluto/Moon conjunction gives tenacity, which he certainly needed. It is very much a *Cardinal* Chart, with six planets plus the M.C. in that Quality. Leo rising gives him the stubbornness that a survivor needs. The Sun is in Aquarius, a Fixed Sign, but is also very adaptable and gives him the element of *unpredictability*, which is also indicated by the presence of Uranus in the T-Square.

Where he gets the most criticism is his weakness for alcohol. I would say this links with the Moon, Pluto, Jupiter conjunction in Cancer. We can't blame Pisces this time! The Sun in opposition to Mars could add to this also. He is essentially a man of action rather than intellectual. No emphasis on Air Signs apart from the Sun in Aquarius.

He is due to retire from office in mid-2000 and at this stage it looks as if he could reach that point. In recent years he has had Progressed Sun squaring Pluto, which linked with severe health problems—but he continues to survive. Transiting Uranus made conjunction with his natal Sun in '98 and early '99, so there was certainly a lot of speculation about whether he would complete his term of Office. There is some danger period around mid-January 2000 when Saturn will be Stationary and exactly squaring his Sun. A time to watch. He is said to have a shrewd adviser in his daughter.

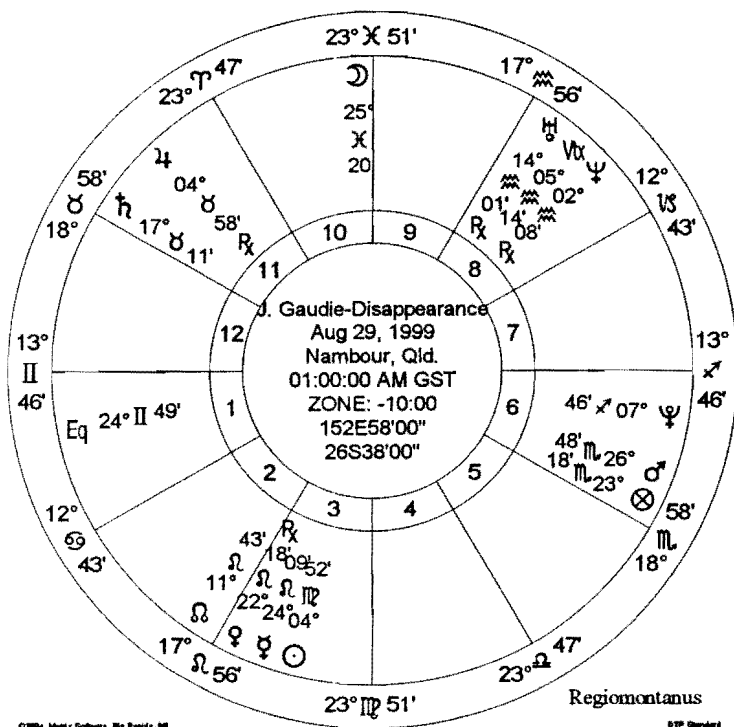
After he leaves the stage the question of his successor is pretty wide open.

QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?
ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

A STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE

by Lyla Williams

Early in the morning of August 29th this year a 16-year old girl, Jessica Gaudie, who had been baby-sitting, vanished from somewhere near Nambour, Queensland. She was picked up some time after midnight and driven to the house where the children's



mother was attending a party. The driver of the car (the children's father) claims that he dropped Jessica off "near the house" at 1am. She was never seen again.

The Chart for the alleged drop-off is interesting: Gemini rises and the Ascendant Ruler (Mercury) conjoints Venus in the 3rd House. Mercury conjunct Venus in this House would indicate a young female person, and the conjunction forms a quincunx to the Moon/MC conjunction—an important Aspect with health and life-altering concerns.

Another planet in this House is the Sun which squares Pluto in the 6th House (work and health) and trines Jupiter (Retrograde) in the 11th House (casual acquaintances). Pluto is the planet most often associated with death, and sits close to Mars, Ruler of the 6th House and Co-Ruler with Pluto of the natural 8th House. Mars squares the Mercury/Venus conjunction and trines the Moon/Midheaven conjunction.

In the 8th House (Death) we find Neptune, Ruler of the MC, squaring Jupiter, and Uranus squaring Saturn, Ruler of the 8th House. Note also that Uranus trines the Gemini Ascendant.

The pre-event Solar Eclipse at 18° Leo sits on the Cusp of the 3rd House squaring Saturn, Mars and

Uranus—remnants of the Grand Cross formed at the time of the Eclipse. The 3rd House rules short journeys in addition to young people, and it was only a short journey from the house where she was baby-sitting to her destination.

As there has been no sighting of Jessica since that night, there is a strong possibility that she is dead. Some confirmation of this can be found in the Midpoints: Mercury/Venus lies at the Midpoint Mars/Saturn, an axis of violence, and the involvement of these planets leads me to think that she was abducted and murdered. Other Midpoints suggest a similar reading: Saturn is at the midpoint Mercury/Venus-Uranus and Sun/Neptune; Pluto is at the Midpoint Moon/MC-Mercury/Venus, and Moon/MC is at the Midpoint Saturn/Neptune and Jupiter/Uranus.

Where might Jessica be? Taking the Mercury/Venus conjunction to represent the young girl, we find Venus ruling the 12th House (burial) and Mercury ruling the 4th House (home environment). In *The Only Way to Learn Horary and Electional Astrology* the authors, March and McEver, write that if the significator of the lost person is in Leo, then one suggested direction is North-East. No doubt the police have already covered these areas thoroughly but there is always the possibility of another search as more information comes to light.

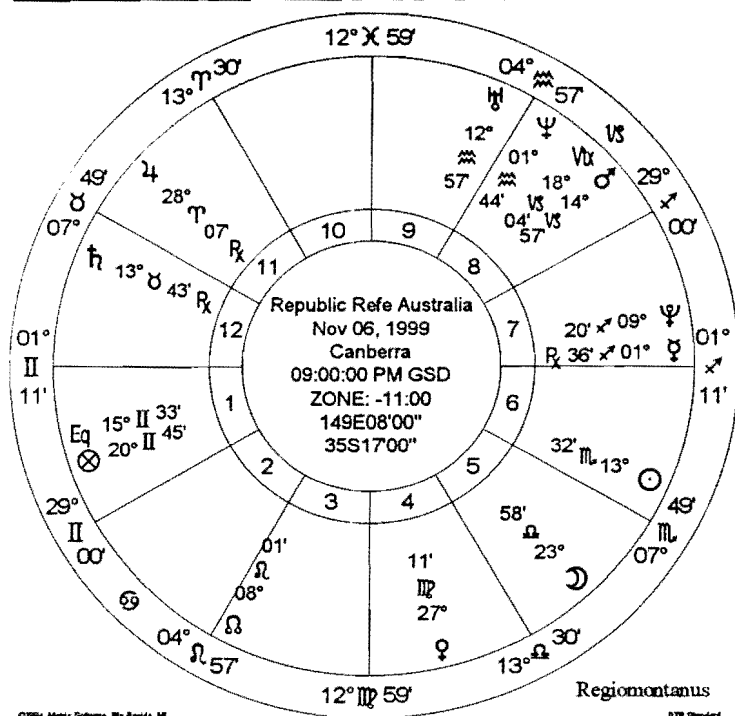
A REPUBLIC FOR AUSTRALIA?

On November 6 Australia votes for or against changing to a Republic from a Constitutional Monarchy. Debate has surged back and forth over the past months, and the question is to be resolved on November 6 by Referendum. A Chart can be set for 6pm Daylight Saving Time when the Polls will close at Canberra, Capital of Australia. The polls closing is three hours later in West Australia (which is not on DST) and it is a question which time is preferable.

I discussed this matter with Miriam Laister, who has adopted the 6pm Chart in her monthly Newsletter, *The Cosmic Experience*, and sees it as a likely "No" vote, which is a reasonable interpretation of the Chart. A change to the Constitution needs to be approved by a majority of voters in at least four of the six States and by a majority of voters in Australia overall. Most people being fearful or dubious of change gives the "No" protagonists an advantage. The great majority of referenda in this country are lost.

However, from the 9pm Chart on the next page when all polls will be closed in Australia I see the opposite—a "Yes" vote to change the Constitution.

The dominant configuration is Uranus, planet of



radical change, occupying the 9th House which relates to the Constitution, and in a T-Square with the Sun and Saturn. Uranus and Saturn both rule the 9th House so their relevance here to the Constitution is unquestionable. The square to the Sun reflects the importance of the matter—going to the heart of the Nation. Furthermore, Neptune (another planet of change, albeit by gentle means) adds emphasis by its position on the 9th Cusp.

Subsidiary factors of interest are -

- (1) Pluto, Angular, and semisquare the Moon. The Moon represents the people and Pluto's splitting action shows a Nation divided on this question.
- (2) Jupiter (the Law and the Constitution) opposed by the Moon, favours change.
- (3) The Midpoint Moon/Mercury at 12° Sco 47' is on the Sun at 13° Sco 32', and square Uranus (9' orb)—also a pointer to change.
- (4) Uranus opposite the N.Node, emphasizes its disruptive action.
- (5) Mutable Cusps on Angles are consonant with instability and change.

So from this 9pm Chart I anticipate the vote will be for a Republic. It will be very interesting to see whether this or the 6pm Chart reflects the result. — Dymock.

TEST 36: THE ANSWER

For the Radix see page 4 of the last Issue, No. 219. The Question was what happened to the native on 7 June 1999, at Fort Lauderdale, USA?

Answer: The woman went for a yearly health exam in January, 1999. Tests showed she had colon cancer that

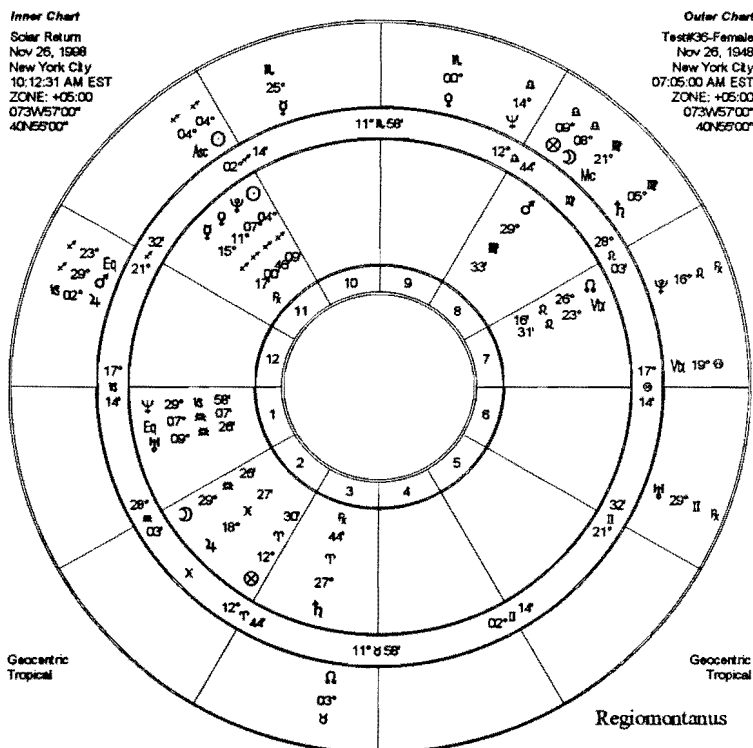
had spread to her liver. The doctor told her there was nothing he could do to save her life.

She couldn't accept this sentence of death. She searched everywhere and finally found a doctor who told her that he would operate to remove half her liver (the liver is an organ that can regenerate) if she would take cancer therapy drugs for a few months. If at the end of that time she was tested and she passed the blood test then the doctor said he would operate.

He did stipulate that if they opened her up and found that the cancer had spread, he would not continue the operation and would just close her up and send her home.

On June 7 she underwent the operation and part of her liver was removed because the doctor found that the cancer had not spread. Today she is back at work and still cancer free. The operation (at Fort Lauderdale) appears to have been a complete success.

There were thirteen replies. Clair Bunnett (Vic) was closest, deducing from the Transits and Progression of Pluto "a far-reaching change in the woman's way of life", and a surgical operation: shown in the Solar Return Figure with its relation to the Radix:



Mars in the 8th House (surgery) very closely squares Natal Mars and Natal Uranus.

It is harder to see the success of the surgery but a clue is given by Jupiter sextile the Rising Degree and trine the Natal Vertex. Further, if we take the 8th House (surgery) as the 1st, then the 11th House becomes the outcome, and the Sun, ruling the 8th is in the 11th together with Pluto, Venus and Mercury. Venus

(recovery) is at the Midpoint of Mercury and Pluto (surgery).

Most of those who sent answers deduced a dangerous episode. For those who saw a hint of love or marriage here is an interesting note:

The lady was determined to attend the wedding of her only child (a daughter) that was scheduled to take place in July in another country. She got her wish and was able to attend the wedding and have a wonderful holiday in a Scandinavian country. — Dymock.

NEW TEST, NO. 37

This concerns a woman born on 26th September 1954 in St Leonards, NSW (33S50, 151E12) at 10:40am AEST. (Asc 2Cap11, MC 14Vir15, Moon 21Vir02). She has been married and divorced, and lives with her two children. What happened to her on 9 July 1996? At the time she was living at Blackheath NSW (33S38, 150E17). (HINT: It is nothing esoteric or far-fetched.)

Please send your answers to me by 28th November 1999. Postal address: The Editor, *Astrologers' Forum*, 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia 5073, or by E-mail to dymock@ozemail.com.au.

Use any astrological system and state the basis of your findings—only the crucial factors involved need be given. Attempting these exercises will give you an illuminating view of the efficacy or inadequacy of your current techniques. The correct answer will be published in the next Issue. All respondents will receive individual replies

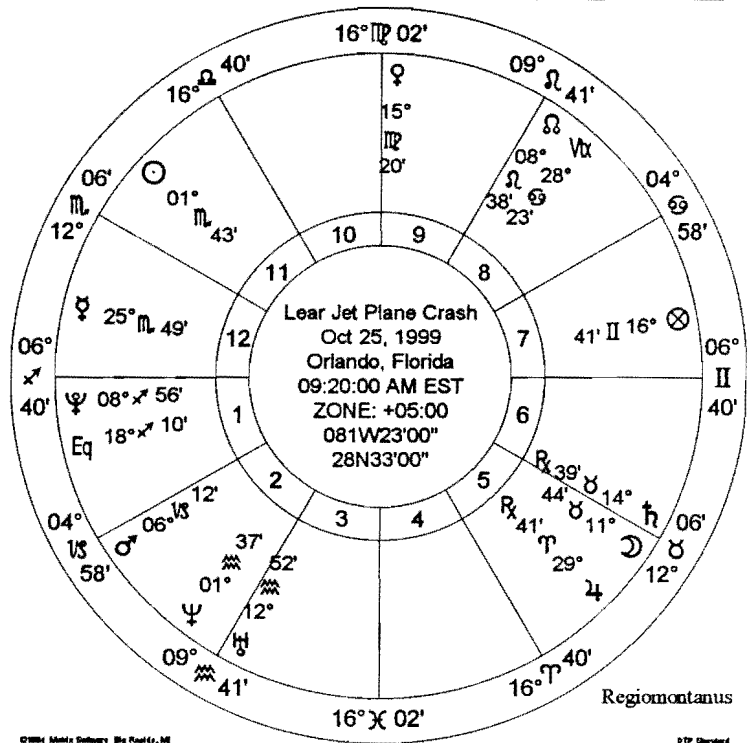
LEAR JET CRASHES

The Chart below is set for the departure time at Orlando Airport, Florida, USA, of the Lear Jet that soared across the heavens out of control for about five hours before finally crashing off-course in South Dakota, killing all six people on board. The belief is that at 39,000 feet the plane lost cabin pressure and oxygen, killing the occupants within a few minutes.

This Chart highlights again the wisdom of examining the astrological indications for the projected departure time of any journey by land, air or sea, before heedlessly starting out. The skills of astrologers are available to all.

In the Figure above, Pluto rises in the reckless and accident-prone Sign, Sagittarius, which is a bad enough portent to start with. Its trine to the Moon's Node is labelled by Reinhold Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) as "a common and tragic destiny shared with other persons".

The Sun, Significator of life, and ruling the House of Journeys is right on the Ascendant and in a very close square to Neptune, planet of hidden defects and danger



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from gases, and Ruler of the "End of Life" House.

Uranus in the House of Short Trips is squared by Saturn, Ruler of the same House, emphasizing the propensity of Uranus/Saturn to cause breakages and accidents.

The Moon is in the unfavourable 6th House and rules the House of Death. It's conjunction with Saturn and square to Uranus gave the passengers no chance.

Like the Kennedy plane crash of 16th July last, when the recklessness of Sagittarius was also in evidence, these accidents will recur again and again while Astrology remains ignored, derided and unutilized by those who continue to avoid it out of ignorance, prejudice or fear. "Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

ANOTHER MAJOR PLANE CRASH

Word has just arrived of the crash into the Atlantic Ocean of Flight 990, a Boeing 767 Jet carrying 19 passengers and 17 crew. The Egyptian-owned plane left John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, at 1:19AM EST on Sunday 31 October, and disappeared 41 minutes after take-off. Debris and one body have already been found, so it is presumed all on board have perished.

There is insufficient space here for the take-off Chart, but for those who like to set it up the Ascendant is 6°Vir16', MC 2°Gem05', Moon 4°Leo20'.

The adverse factors are multiple: The Sun opposed by Saturn and square to Uranus, Neptune, the Node, the Vertex and the Moon; The Moon opposed by Neptune, Uranus and the Vertex, square the Sun and Jupiter. Neptune square Jupiter and conjunct the Vertex; Pluto square the Ascendant; Mars square the East Point.

Another sad item in aviation history, one that could have been avoided by heeding planetary warnings. — Dymock. 1 Nov 1999.

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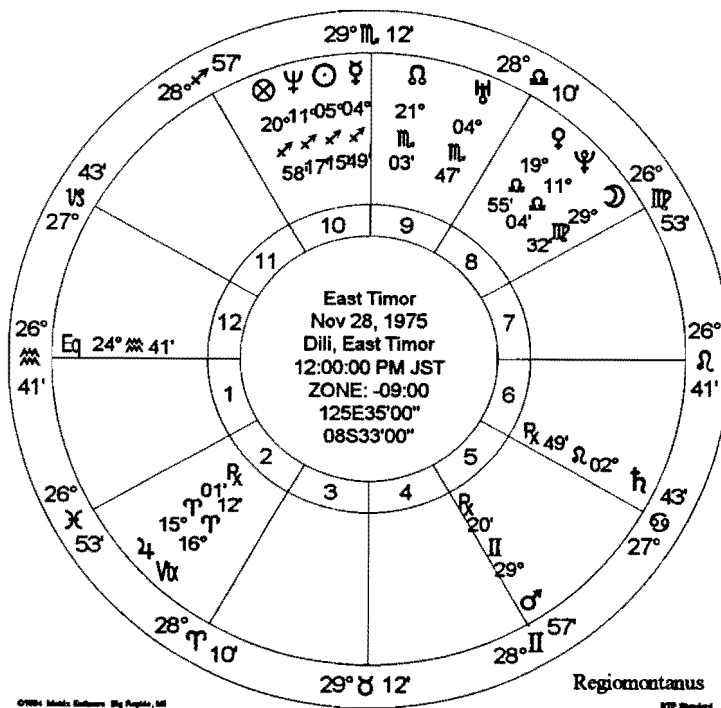
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EAST TIMOR

The Chart hereunder is for the Democratic Republic of East Timor which proclaimed its independence from Portugal on 28 November 1975 (from Nicolas Campion's invaluable work, *The Book of World Horoscopes*). Nine days later Indonesia invaded and annexed the country, since when guerilla bands of East Timorese have been fighting to regain their independence against savage and merciless treatment by the Indonesian military. The Chart is set for the capital city, Dili.



Under the auspices of the United Nations, a plebiscite of the East Timorese people resulted on 4th September 1999 in an overwhelming vote for independence as against autonomous integration with Indonesia. This result, clearly against the wishes and ambitions of Indonesia, has brought an upsurge of murder, torture, violence, destruction and displacement of the local population by the Indonesian military. Bad though this has been in the last twenty four years, after the ballot it occurred on an unprecedented scale. The Indonesian brutality has been largely halted by the

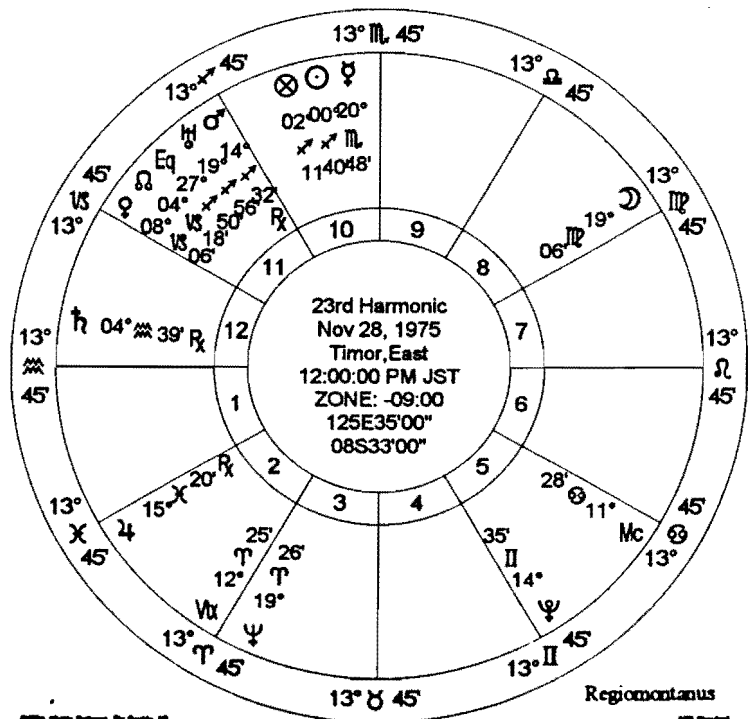
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interposition on 20th September of a United Nations Peacekeeping Force led by Australia, but still hundreds of thousands, possibly half a million, East Timorese, forcibly evacuated to Western Timor (Indonesian territory) are terrorized by militia gangs and prevented from returning to their homeland.

In the Radix the close square of Mars to the Moon (the people) graphically depicts the campaign of violence and death against the populace. The Moon occupies the House of Death, and the Aspect is accentuated by the placement of both planets on Cusps. The Ascendant (*the Nation as a whole*) is quincunx Pluto (*superior force*) symbolizing the Nation's struggle against an oppressor.

The 23rd Age Harmonic Chart below relates to the period 28 Nov. 1998—28 Dec. 1999 which covers the date of the ballot and the escalation of the Indonesian

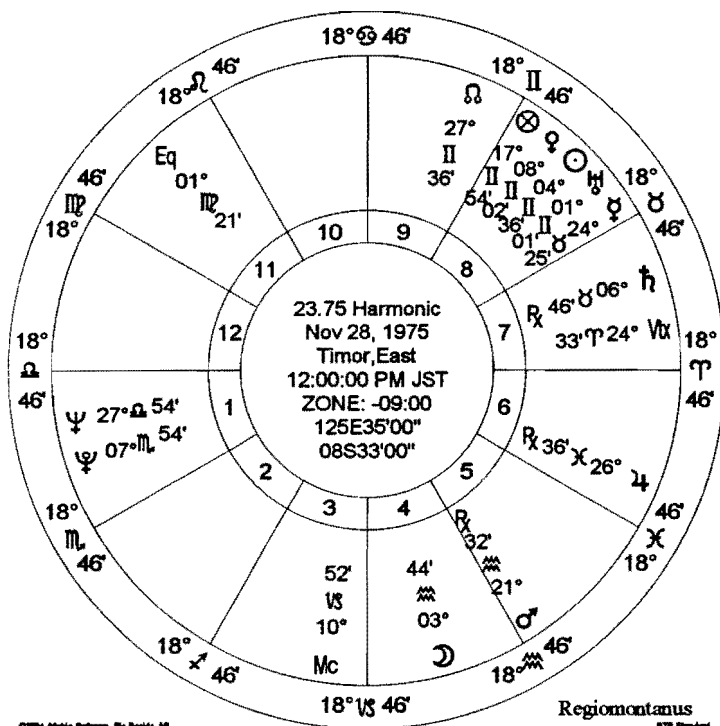


violence.

The Mars—Pluto Opposition, with both planets on Cusps, clearly shows the intensified brutality while the squares to Jupiter depict its lawless nature (the Indonesian Army officially repudiates responsibility for the lawless militia gangs though it's covert support of them is well established).

Age Harmonic 23.75 shown below relates to the month 28 Aug 99—28 Sep 99, covering the period of the September Referendum.

28 Aug 99—28 Sep 99

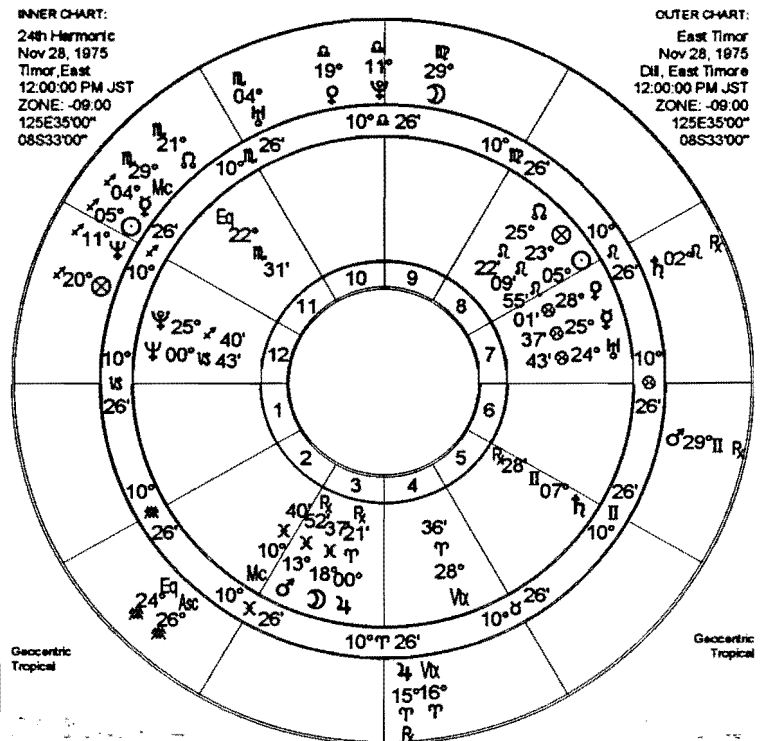


The Part of Fortune on the 9th Cusp (*the Poll—a legal process*) trine to the Ascending Degree and Radical Venus (19Lib55) depicts the joy of the East Timorese at the result. This is further indicated by the Moon (*the people*) ruling the 10th House (*their aspirations*) trine to the Sun ruling the 11th (*hopes and wishes—their gratification or otherwise*). The trine Aspect shows *realization* of the voters' desires. However, the Moon in the 4th House square to Saturn ruling the 4th means there is much hardship (hunger, destroyed homes, lack of medical attention, etc) still to be faced in their homeland. The Peacekeeping Force (Interfet) is doing what it can but does not yet have the resources to counter all the difficulties.

So what will be the final result? When will the East Timorese people be re-housed, free from fear, with adequate food and medical facilities, able to resume their interrupted lives? Not this year, or next, judging from the Cyclic Charts. There are bands of marauding militia still harrasing the population and often raiding

U.N. food stores.

Below is the 24th Age Harmonic Chart for the year 28 Nov 1999—28 Nov 2000.



This Harmonic puts Natal Pluto right on the Mid-heaven degree, characterizing the continuing period of fundamental change and re-building going on in the country.

The close aspects in the Chart reveal the important features of the Nation's life in the Solar Year:

Saturn ruling the Ascendant is on the 6th Cusp and its opposition to the Natal Sun highlights the delays, frustration and deprivation still obtaining during this period.

Mercury conjunct Uranus signifies progressive thought and talk, an awakening of the intellectual faculties of the people who are bent on change.

A more sinister note is the square of Mars to Natal Neptune on the 12th Cusp, signifying the covert operations of armed militia gangs still terrorizing the East Timorese.

Critical points during the year are shown by the Progressions, Directions and Stationary Transits affecting the Radix:

24 Oct 99: Mars Opp. Sun (Conv. Sol-Arc). Probable assassination or attempted assassination of a leading political figure.

9 Dec 99: Uranus Cnj. MC (Sol-Arc). Unrest in Government circles. Change of Government of the East Timorese. New policies.

- 13 Dec 99. Jupiter trine Saturn ((Vertex-Arc): Development of finance and commerce.
 13 Jan 2000. Mercury Opp. Mars (Conv. Sol-Arc): Difficulties in regard to education, schools, communications, roads and and transport.
 7 Feb 2000. Saturn Squ. MC (Asc-Arc): Serious troubles in the Government.
 18 Mar 2000. Moon Squ. Sun (Conv. Asc-Arc): Civil unrest.
 28 Mar 2000. Mars Opp. Mercury (Conv. Sol-Arc): Acts of violence on the roads. Crimes against children.
 10 Jun 2000. Uranus Cnj. Pluto (Conv. Asc-Arc): Collapse of a regime. Sudden change in East Timorese government. A hint of revolution.
 21 Aug 2000. Pluto Stat. Cnj. Neptune: Turmoil and confusion in the Government. A splitting of power.
 18 Sep 2000. Jupiter Tri. Node (Conv. Asc-Arc): A boost to the Nation's economy.
 29 Sep 2000. Jupiter Stat. Opp. Neptune: Inflationary tendencies in the Nation's currency.
 15 Oct 2000. Neptune Stat. Opp. Saturn: Widespread discontent. Epidemic illnesses.
 7 Nov 2000. Mars Opp. Sun (Conv. Asc-Arc): Assassination attempt against a political leader.

Unfortunately, difficult and troublous times still lie ahead for the East Timorese people. — Dymock.

SOLUTION TO TEST NO. 35

The subject received a phone call on Thursday, 2 Sep 1999 in Fairfield, Connecticut, that his 81-year-old father had been *murdered* on Wed, 1 Sep. 99, in Montreal, Canada, during a burglary at his apartment.

The subject is a male psychologist, born on 2nd March 1948 at 5:35am EST in Montreal, Quebec (45N31, 73W34). He is married, with two children. He works in a clinic and also has a part-time private practice. His mother is deceased.

The question was, what happened in his life on September 2, this year, 1999? At the time he was living in Fairfield, Connecticut, whose geographic coordinates are 41°N09', 73°W16.

There were eleven replies. The one who got it right was Jenifer Pommerin of West Australia: "Accidental death of a family member or friend. Possibly the subject was involved but escaped injury. *Second choice*: Victim of a break and enter—theft." This was as near to the precise facts as we can hope to get at the present stage of our Astrology. Several other respondents diagnosed "accidental death" but missed the other essential factors—the *father's* death and the break and

enter from which it resulted. Some were misled by the 7th House planets in various Charts and assumed a marital break-up. One or two wrote that his mother died, overlooking that the the mother was already deceased, as given in the question. Other close but partial answers were grief, sorrow; major adjustment, fateful crisis, radical change, disruption.

This was a difficult exercise. My congratulations to all who studied the possibilities and wrote an answer. Their reward will certainly be increased insight and expertise.

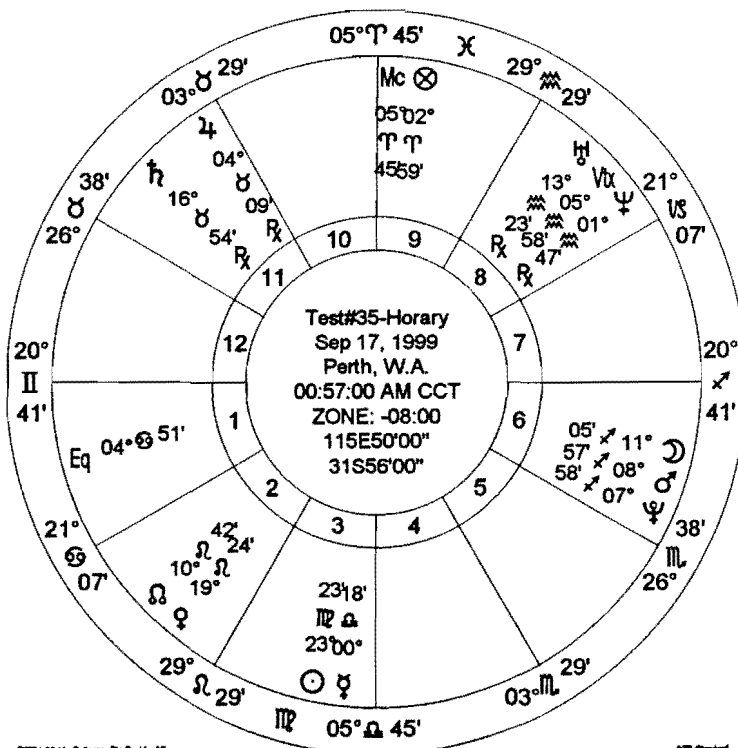
To arrive at her result, Jenifer used a Horary Chart, the 51st Age Harmonic, the Converse Solar Return for the subject's place of birth, and the Transits of Pluto and Uranus.

From the Age Harmonic Jenifer deduced "accident/-assault" (h.Mars conjunct n.Uranus), but that *the subject himself was protected from injury* (h.Jupiter conjunct n.Moon). [This was a vital point. —Ed.]

The Converse Solar Return showed Pluto square the Sun (*fateful happening; death of father*) Node conj. n.Asc and Opp. Pluto/Saturn Midpoint (*bereavement*); Mars Conj. n.Uranus (*accident/assault*). Neptune Conj. Mars/Pluto Midpoint (*stealth; robbery in home*).

Transiting Pluto conjunct n.Moon (*death in family*); t.Uranus conjunct Asc (*radical change, stress*).

Transiting Saturn conjunct Moon's Node and square to Asc (*sorrow or enmity, e.g., thief*).



Above is Jenifer's Horary Chart, cast for the date, time and place when she read and understood the question:

The Moon has just passed a conjunction with Pluto/Mars (*violent assault, injury*), then forms a square to 4th-House Mercury (*thief in home*)...then a conjunction with Neptune in the 8th House:

dissolution of earthly ties, or loss of valuables.

Saturn conjunct natal Moon's Node:

death/worry—associates or family.

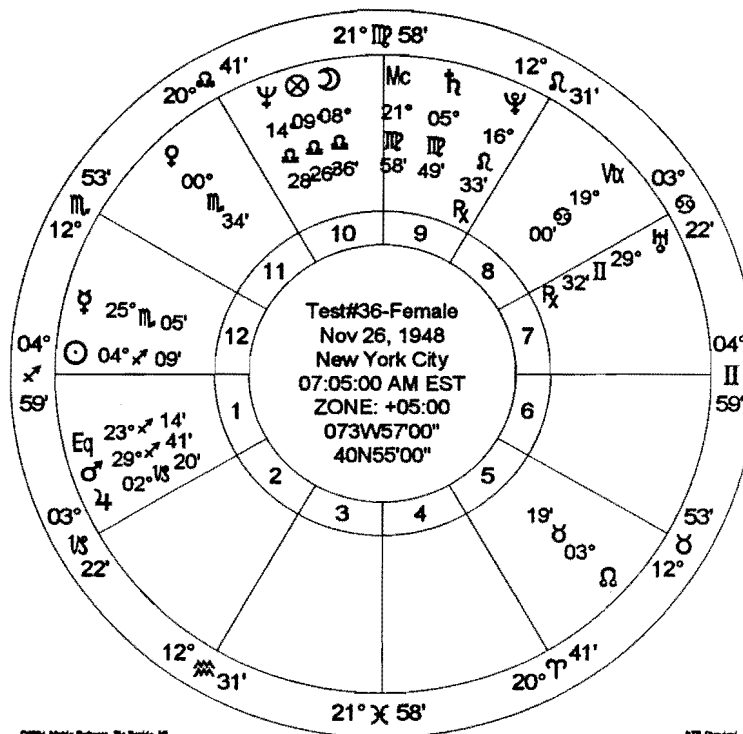
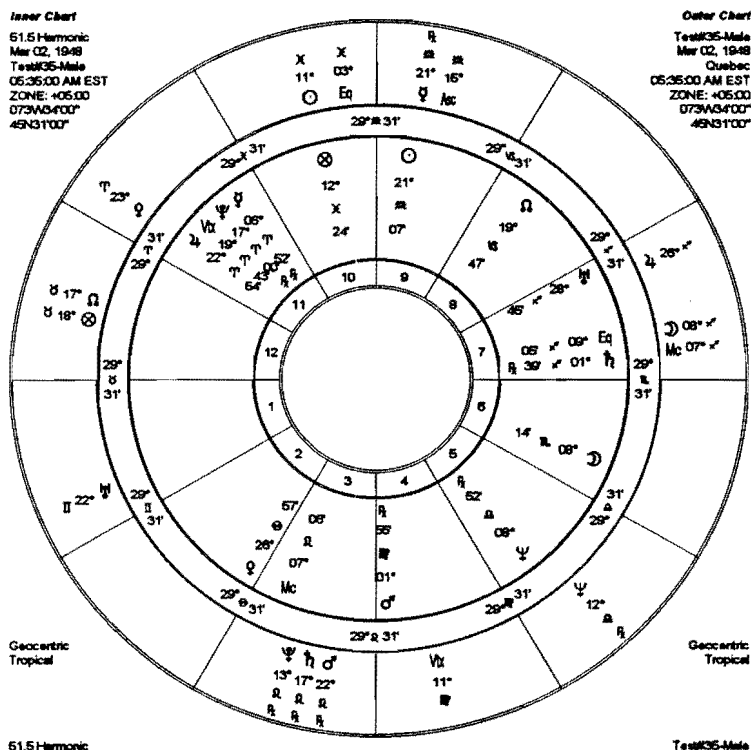
Moon's Node conjunct natal Pluto:

death/upheaval—associates or family.

Moon's Node opposite 8th House Uranus:

separation through death.

I should say the most indicative Chart was the Age Harmonic 51.5 for the month in which the burglary and murder occurred, 2 Sep—2 Oct, 99. It is shown below with the Natal Chart circumscribed for easy observation of the inter-Chart Aspects.



What happened to her on 7 June 1999, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida (26N07, 80W08)?

Please send your answers to me by 28th October 1999. Postal address: The Editor, *Astrologers' Forum*, 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia 5073, or by E-mail: dymock@ozemail.com.au.

I urge all readers to attempt this exercise, using any astrological technique. The solution will appear in the November Issue of *A.F.*

Remember, these Tests are not to find "winners" but to give all serious astrologers an opportunity to improve their methods by applying them to practical issues in everyday life. There are no prizes—only the satisfaction of seeing your astrological skills and insight improve. Unless we can bring our astrology down to earth in this way it ceases to be relevant.

You gain maximum benefit by sending in a written report. All who do so will receive a personal reply.

Readers declare that *Astrologers' Forum* has taught them more astrology than any other publication.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 7th Oct 1999.

The most powerful Aspect in the Harmonic Chart is Mars square Saturn, both planets right on Angles and with an orb less than 30'. Saturn is a significator of the father, as also is the 4th Cusp. Other close connections are: Uranus on the 8th Cusp, the Sun closely opposed to natal Mars, Jupiter, ruling the 8th House and the 11th (the "Death" House of the father) trine to natal Mars (orb less than 15').

Mars square Saturn = violence and injury.

Uranus = shock through a death (8th Cusp) to the native (Uranus quincunx Venus ruling the Ascendant).

Mars opposing the Sun = death of father, doubly indicated by the Sun and the 4th House which the Sun rules.

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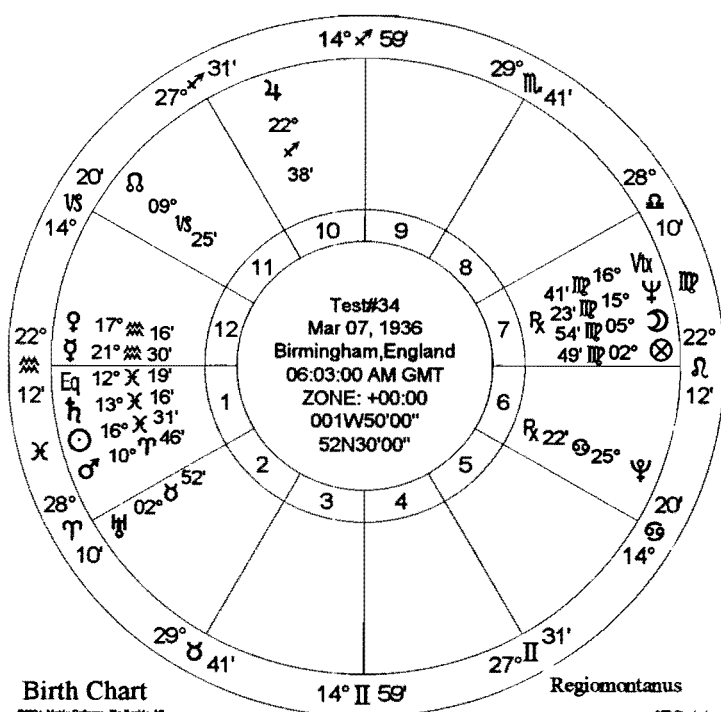
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TEST NO. 34—THE ANSWER

The woman travelled to India for three months to see *Sai Baba* (Hindu Guru) and gain spiritual upliftment. She sold her home to finance the trip.

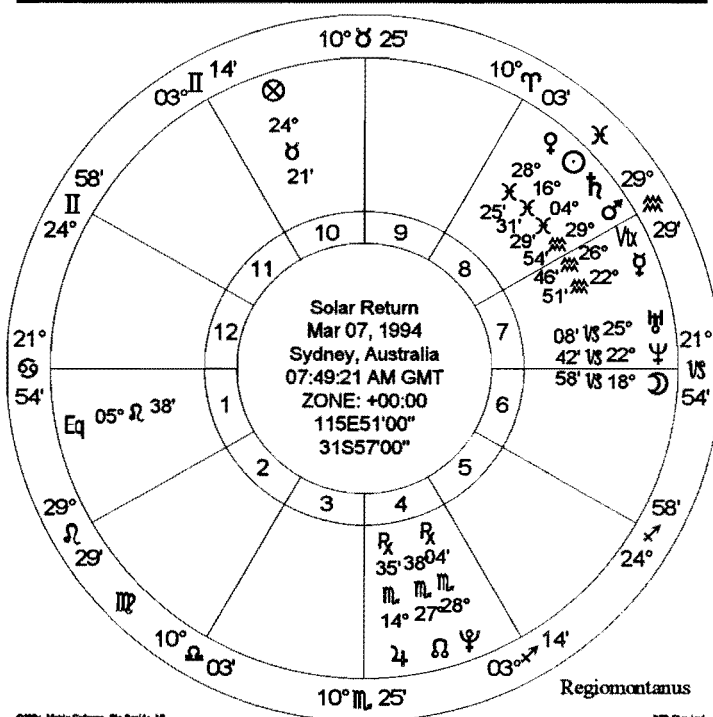
The subject was a woman born on 7th March, 1936, 6:03am GMT, in Birmingham, England, (Birth Chart below). The Question: was what occurred in her life on 26th Sept, 1994? She was living in Perth, West Australia, at the time.



It was gratifying to have eleven written responses from readers—congratulations to them all for their efforts which assure them increased understanding and skill. Fay Jenkins (Vic) was essentially correct when she wrote “changed environment and lifestyle/vocation ... moved house ... perhaps an overseas holiday”. Fay used Progressions, Transits, the Solar Return and the 58th Harmonic (corresponding with the woman’s age). Most respondents were understandably misled by the emphasis on the 8th House of the Solar Return Chart (next column), assuming that the event was a serious illness or death. The 8th House refers also to spiritual or psychological regeneration—the symbolic death of

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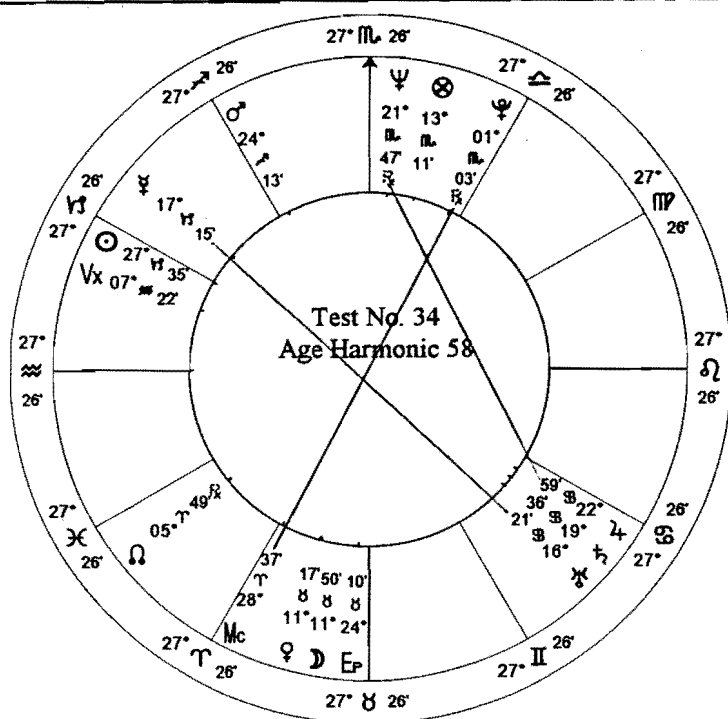
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the “desire body”. The Moon, Neptune and Uranus in the 7th House was taken by some as indicating a new alliance.

The Solar Return Chart set for the place of residence (Perth, W.A.) has Pluto on the 5th Cusp conjunct the N.Node and trine Venus in Pisces (*fateful connection or association with a charismatic figure*). This indication is repeated and reinforced by the Ruling Moon conjunct Neptune and Uranus on the 7th Cusp (*meeting with a mystic or spiritual person*). Jupiter at the 4th Cusp trine the Sun ruling the 2nd House showed the money resulting from the sale of the woman’s home. (One or two respondents picked up this money influence.)

The ideas of injury, illness or a new alliance are all dispelled by the 58th Age Harmonic Chart (next page) which shows none of these eventualities but does



portend travel (*Pluto in the 9th; Venus ruling the 9th conjunct the Moon in the 3rd*); a fundamental change of aim and outlook (*Pluto opposite the floating MC*); interest in mysticism and spiritual enlightenment (*Neptune at the Midheaven trine Jupiter*); revolutionary ideas (*Mercury opposite Uranus, Co-Ruler*). All the above Aspects have close or very close orbs.

An Age Harmonic Chart based on an accurate birth time is a constantly reliable source of information, whereas the Solar Return Chart occasionally isn't. An instance that occurs to me was the assassination of President J.F. Kennedy, graphically depicted by the Age Harmonic of his wife Jacqueline, while her Solar Return laid most stress on connubial bliss (see *Astrologers' Forum* Issues No's 155/156 of June/July 1994).

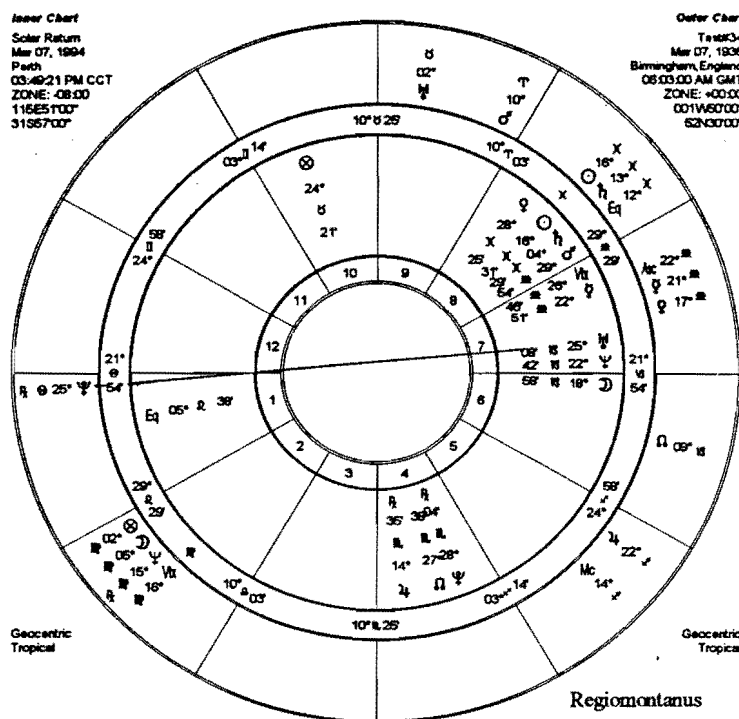
The Solar Return Chart becomes more apposite when related to the Birth Figure. It is presented in the adjacent column with the Natus circumscribed. Aside from the aspects in the Return itself, the inter-Chart Aspects are —

Pluto rising opposite Uranus (*revolutionary personal change*),

Mars on the 9th Cusp (*long-distance travel*), and Mercury at 22°Aqu51' right on the Natal Ascendant and ruling the Natal 4th (*change of residence*).

Other standard procedures are Progressions and Transits, which were used by most of the entrants. Not so popular but adopted by a few were Uranian methods, Transits of Midpoints, the precessed Lunar Return, the Prenatal Solar Return, and the Huber technique. The fact that these latter methods were not successful on this occasion does not mean they are

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invalidated, but I aim to demonstrate, if possible, that the answers to these Tests can be arrived at using common procedures, and that they do not require the use of the latest computer programs supplying a multitude of different charts and a great number of contacts with Radical planets, which mostly leads to confusion rather than a clear judgement.

In my experience, the most informative and reliable Chart is the Harmonic for the person's age, but it does require an accurate birth time, or the House positions and rulerships will be untrustworthy.

Mostly, the advantage of having various different cyclic charts to view is that the main themes are confirmed in a number of them or sometimes an important feature is obvious in one chart that is submerged in another.

The only very significant Progression for Test 34 was P.Sun trine P.Neptune on 14th September 1994, and among Transits both Uranus and Neptune were at their first Stations (22Cap23 and 20Cap34) on October 1, 1994, conjunct the Natal Jupiter/Ascendant Midpoint (22°Cap25') and Asc/MC (18°Cap35'). These certainly show that something important is happening around the date of the event, 26 September 1994, but to discover *what* we have to examine the cyclic charts.

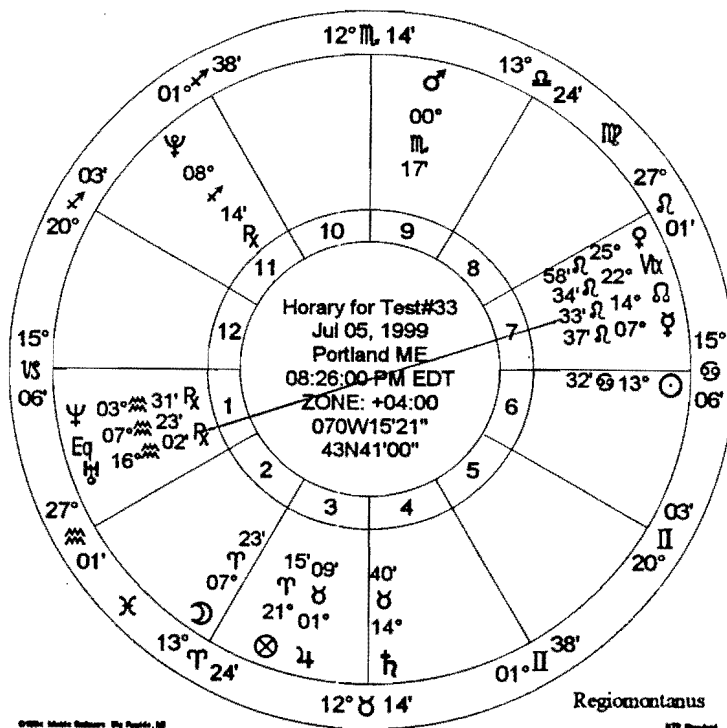
A technique that is worth trying (and a very good exercise) is the *Horary* chart. It was used recently by one entrant with partial success. Cast the chart for the date, place and time when you first became aware of the problem and had the urge to solve it. *You* are represented by the 1st House and its Ruler. The person asked about is represented similarly by the 7th House. The Moon is a general indicator of events, and to find

out what has happened in the past examine the last conjunction of the Moon.

The recommended House system for Horaries is Regiomontanus, as used by the renowned 17th Century astrologer, William Lilly. I have found this domification method works well in other types of charts, having myself successively experimented with Placidus, Topocentric, Regiomontanus and Koch. I am now back to Regiomontanus because it's Cusps were significant in the charts I have been using but were of no real account with other House systems. What cemented my decision to revert to Regiomontanus is that in contrast with Placidus and Koch the Cusps are formed by trisection of the quadrants of the ECLIPTIC and not of the Prime Vertical. As practically everything else in astrology is referred to the Ecliptic I consider this to be a powerful argument in favour of Regiomontanus.

A Horary Chart for one of *Astrologers' Forum* Tests is not a matter of public concern but your own personal, interested enquiry, so you should be to some extent described by the 1st House, its Ruler, or the Moon. Otherwise the Horary Chart is not "Radical" or "fit to be judged". In matters of public enquiry as, for instance, "Will Hillary Clinton or Joe Blow be elected to the Senate?" you stand aside and are not represented in the chart, but you should be so represented where you are asking about something that is personally significant for you.

The following is an example of a Horary Chart that



was cast for Test No. 33 (The original Chart is on p. 4).

Here, the last planet the Moon passed over is Uranus,

and Uranus is directly opposite the Moon's Node—divorce!—which was the correct answer.

In this Chart the Moon also ruled the 7th House which represents the person enquired about (the "quesited"). The woman was a high-school art teacher. Her occupation is shown by the 4th House as that is the 10th when taking the 7th as her Ascendant. Taurus is on the Cusp, ruled by Venus, and Venus occupies the Sign Leo, which combination is a pretty good signification for an art teacher. Take it as a general rule that at least in Horary Astrology, the RULER of a House is more important than planets occupying the House.

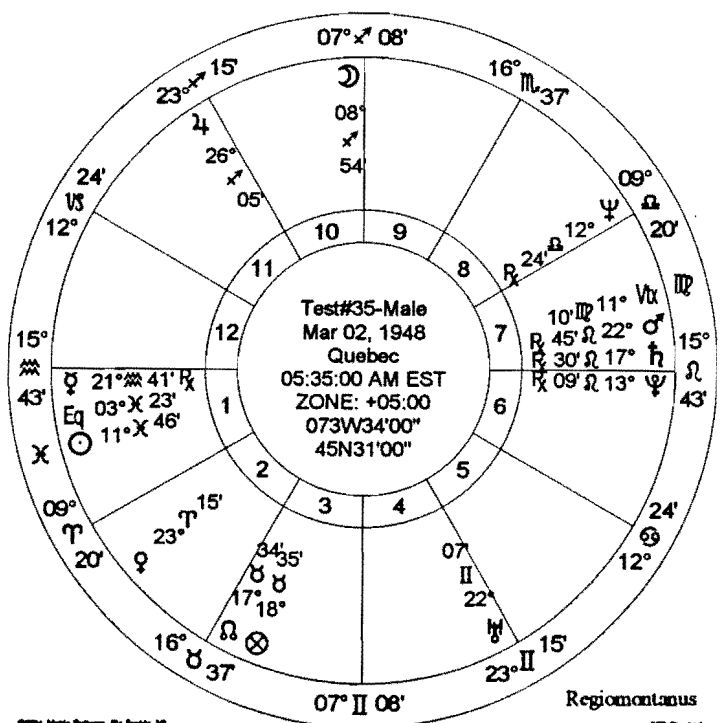
Though all this was not seen at the time, in retrospect it looks clear enough. So, you can try solving the Tests with Horary Charts, and at the same time introduce yourself to what is arguably the most useful and practical branch of Astrology. The remarkable correlation between the planets in the sky and the situation on Earth is a continuing revelation such as makes even the seasoned astrologer marvel.

— Dymock.

NEW TEST NO. 35

The subject is a male psychologist, born on 2nd March 1948 at 5:35am EST in Montreal, Quebec (45N31, 73W34). His Birth Chart is below. He is married, with two children. He works in a clinic and also has a part-time private practice. His mother is deceased.

The question is what happened in his life on 2nd

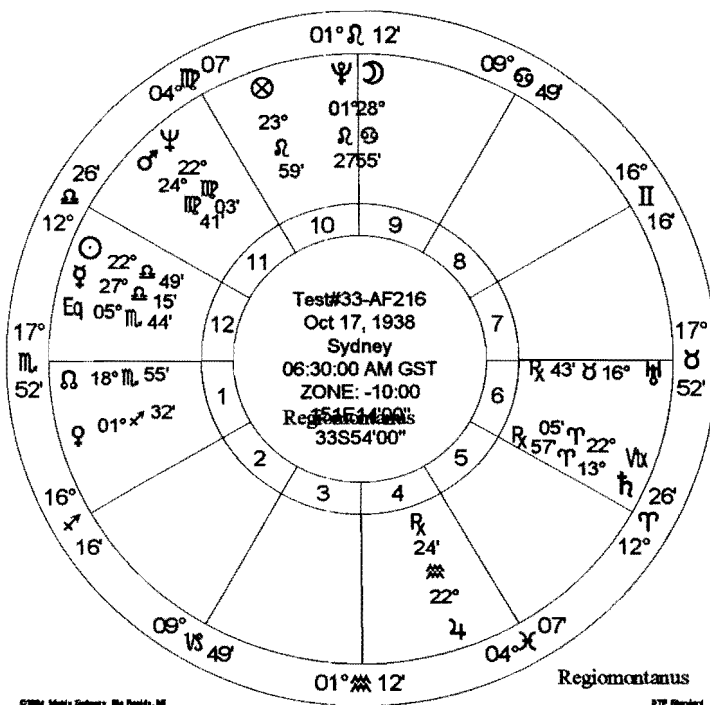


September, this year, 1999? At the time he was

living in Fairfield, Connecticut whose geographic coordinates are 41°N09', 73°W16.
Please post your answers to me at 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia 5073, or e-mail to dymock@ozemail.com.au, by 28 Sep. 1999.

UNASPECTED PLANETS

Fay Jenkins (Vic) has a question from Test No.33 —



"How does one delineate, decipher, an unaspected planet like Saturn, 15Ari57? ... Does it wait until it's transited before it's used?"

Geoffrey Dean in his monumental book *Recent Advances* wrote (p.356):

1. An unaspected planet is usually (but not always) anything but weak. The effect is one of distinctive flavour and is quite different from the strength conferred, e.g., by proximity to the Angles.
2. Expression is by no means denied but the principle tends to be hard to control and thus lacks integration with the rest of the chart. In other words, "acts by itself" is a fair general description. This is not necessarily bad, and in fact can often be the source of much ability.
3. The principle of an unaspected planet tends to be either switched on or off with no halfway measures allowed, and the native oscillates between on and off. Hence "all or nothing" is another fair general description.
4. Strength is almost impossible to predict owing to the on/off oscillation.

In Dean's study, planets were considered unaspected if they did not have any of the major Aspects

(conjunction, opposition, square, trine, sextile). Minor aspects were not counted unless they had an orb not greater than 1/2°.

Regarding **unaspected Saturn**, as in the Chart above, Dean writes his suggested interpretation as "tendency to be either all caution/control or none." A.E. Moore suggested natives appeared to be well-controlled but were subject to moments of extravagance or impetuosity out of keeping with their normal character.

Other suggested interpretations by Dean of unaspected planets, based on his researches, are:

Unaspected Sun: "Inner self feels fragmented or disconnected from rest of character."

Unaspected Moon: "Emotions seem to come and go by themselves as if beyond conscious control; tendency to be either all emotion or none."

Unaspected Mercury: "Tendency to be either all reason/intellect or none (usually all); probably talkative given the chance."

Unaspected Venus: "Tendency to either unrestrained love affairs or none; affections and artistic inclinations do not blend with reason, action or control."

Unaspected Mars: "Generates endless work for self, always busy; probably moments of explosive impatience that seem apart from self." Effects were the most outwardly marked of all unaspected planets.

Unaspected Jupiter: "Urge for expansion and growth tend to be beyond conscious control; inclined to solitude."

Unaspected Uranus: "Moments of marked restlessness with no apparent cause, often a love of innovations and new things."

Unaspected Neptune: "No obvious differences could be found between aspected and unaspected Neptunes, [but] a lack of aspects did not deny Neptunian traits." E.A. Moore suggests "creative, imaginative, intuitive, very strong psychic ability that is either very spiritual or very misdirected."

Unaspected Pluto: "Subject to sudden compulsive urges that are difficult to direct."

Dean further states that a rigorous test revealed no case where traits due to unaspected planets were explained by midpoint interpretations. Indications due to midpoints and lack of aspects are different, and one is not a substitute for the other.

Regarding the second part of the question, the effect on character and personality must be present without transits, though transits would bring them into prominence.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock.

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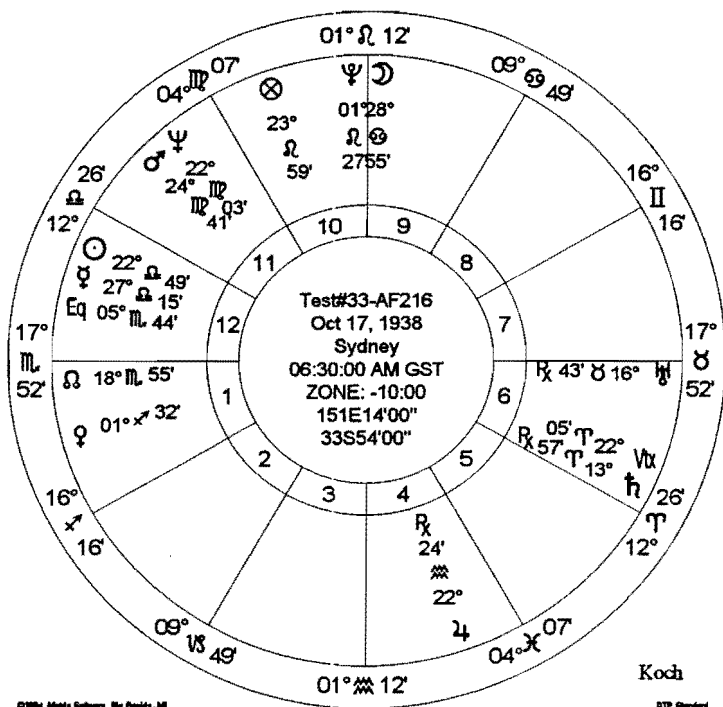
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TEST NO. 33: THE ANSWER



Ross Harvey's Report:

In April 1983 the woman was divorced. She was a high school art teacher. [Her Birth Chart above]

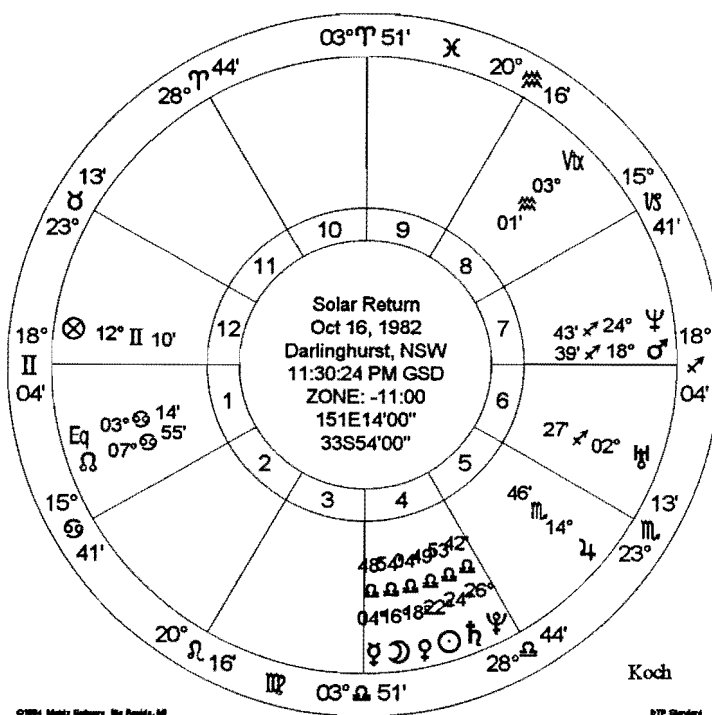
There were ten responses to both parts of the question. "Divorce" was given by Fay Jenkins (Vic) and as one of the possibilities by Miriam Laister, (NSW) and Rajeev Upadhye (India). Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) said "domestic changes and upheaval". Ken Gillman (USA), "fundamental change".

Transits gave a good indication of the turmoil the native experienced. Rajeev based his answer solely on Transits. In April 1983 Saturn retrograded square the MC and Pluto; Pluto retrograded square the Moon; Uranus was Stationary semisquare the Sun in March; Neptune retrograded quincunx the Moon in May; Mars transited Uranus and opposed the Ascendant at the end of April.

The Solar Return was as informative as any cyclic chart. The Ascendant opposite Mars always spells trouble; the Sun conjunct Saturn and Pluto, all trine the

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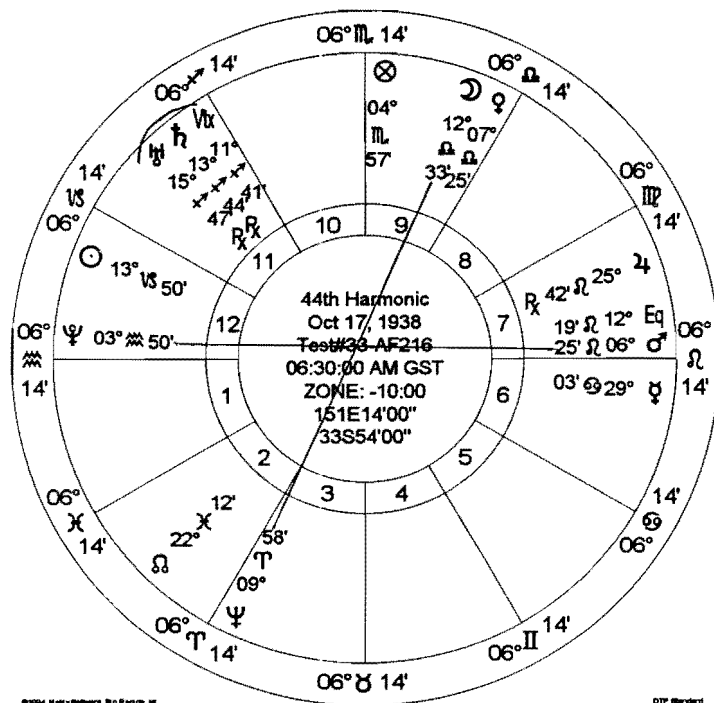


9th Cusp, indicates the involvement of the law, as does the Sun sextile Neptune, co-Ruler of the 9th. Mercury ruling the 1st House was conjunct the 4th (endings) and square the Node in the 1st, suggesting the ending of a personal relationship. Mercury was also sextile Uranus ruling the 9th House, and Uranus was conjunct natal Venus which rules the natal 7th (the partner)—splitting with the partner involving the law. Jupiter conjunct the natal Ascendant and the Node and opposite Uranus ruling the natal 4th, merely indicates the successful outcome.

Even the Birth Chart suggests the strong possibility of divorce: Uranus conjunct the 7th Cusp ruling the 4th opposite the Node and in mundane square to the Moon, Pluto and MC are clear signs of the breaking up of a partnership.

The Q1 Kinetic Solar Return had the Sun conjunct Uranus quincunx the Node, Mars ruling the 4th House square the natal Sun and semisquare the SR Sun. The Moon was conjunct natal Uranus; Saturn and Pluto square the MC and the natal Moon.

The 44th Age Harmonic was highly indicative: Mars on the 7th Cusp opposite Pluto, conjunct the natal MC and Pluto; the Ascendant conjunct Pluto; the Moon opposite Neptune; the Vertex conjunct Saturn and Uranus.



The only major Direction was Mars conjunct the Sun by Vertex Arc the year before, when the woman left the marriage.

Deciding on the career was much more difficult: Saturn conjunct the 6th Cusp and ruling the 3rd suggests communication. The Moon ruling the 9th (higher education) is conjunct the MC and Pluto (ruling the 1st) and trine Venus in the 1st House (art). Moon—Venus, and Moon—Pluto aspects are often seen in artistic charts. Fritz Guldner (S.Africa) offered “teacher [or] politician”. Tony Louis (USA) suggested a number of things including higher education.

EDITOR'S THOUGHTS ON THE TESTS

Those who attempt the Tests and don't achieve the solution should not be down-hearted. There are many potentials in a chart, and even with much experience the right answer will often elude the astrologer. The great value of attempting the exercises is the big advance in astrological expertise that is possible with regular application. Even if your answer is wildly inaccurate

you will unquestionably benefit from the effort. You will find it focusing your attention on the essence of the situation, and teaching you what is important and what is not in the elements of the charts. Then one has to determine which of many possibilities is the particular one that applies in the case under investigation.

Choosing the correct interpretation from a number of possibilities is the final step - the most difficult one - and a difficulty that besets practitioners of all branches of Astrology. These exercises are one way, probably the best way, of tackling and resolving the problem.

So the Tests set by *Astrologers' Forum* are a boon to all astrologers aspiring to increase their level of competence. What's more, they are *unique* so far as I know. What other publication provides you with such an opportunity? The growing number of astrologers sending in answers indicates increasing appreciation of this service.

By attempting each Test as it comes you are giving yourself the best type of training and particularly if you take the trouble to *send in a written answer*. Believe me, that is much more effective than just “thinking about it” for half an hour or so. Writing out your answer focuses your mind and sharpens your judgement. Put your answer into just a sentence or two giving the crucial planetary aspects that decide the matter in your own mind

You do not need highly sophisticated computer equipment to avail yourself of the benefits. Fasten on *just one* of the relevant charts and see what you can make of it. With regular application you will be surprised how much you will eventually discover. Your mind will open out to ideas and possibilities you had not dreamed of before.

You don't have to take my word for this. Try it and do yourself a favour. —Dymock.

TEST NO. 34

Here is the next Test: It concerns a woman born on 7th March, 1936, 6:03am GMT, in Birmingham, England, 1W50, 52N30. (Birth Chart: Asc 22Aqu12, MC 14Sag59, Moon 5Vir54).

She has been married twice and divorced twice. She had three children with the first husband, and the family migrated to Australia in the late 1970's. She trained as a primary school teacher in the 80's. She is now retired, and living alone.

What occurred in her life on 26th Sept, 1994? She was living in Perth, West Australia, at the time.

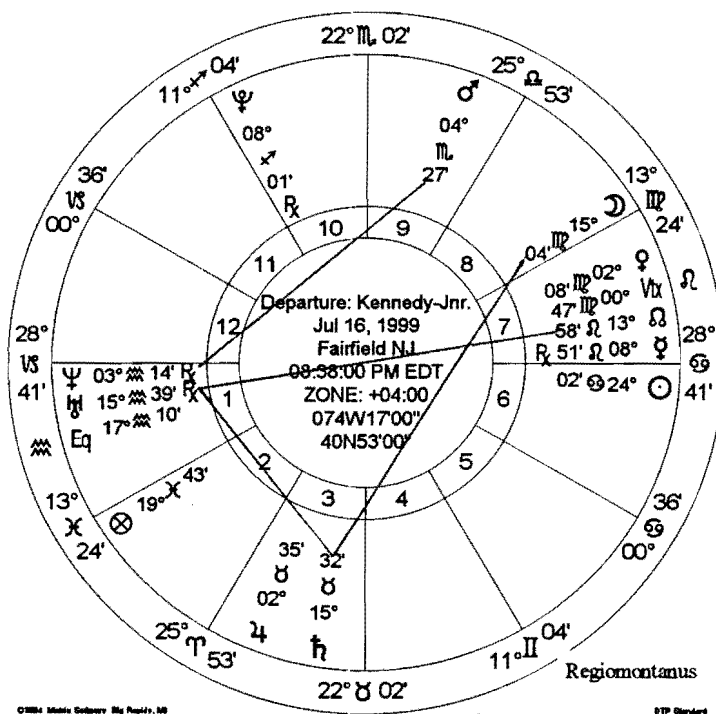
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Answers should be in by 28th August for assessment in the September Issue, citing the crucial planetary positions that you believe decide the matter.

LESSONS FROM THE KENNEDY TRAGEDY

The Departure Chart for the plane trip that killed John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn and sister-in-law, Lauren, on 16th July last is another painful reminder that *Astrology can foretell these calamities*. They can be averted. This has been a theme of *Astrologers' Forum* for years.

No competent astrologer would think of setting out



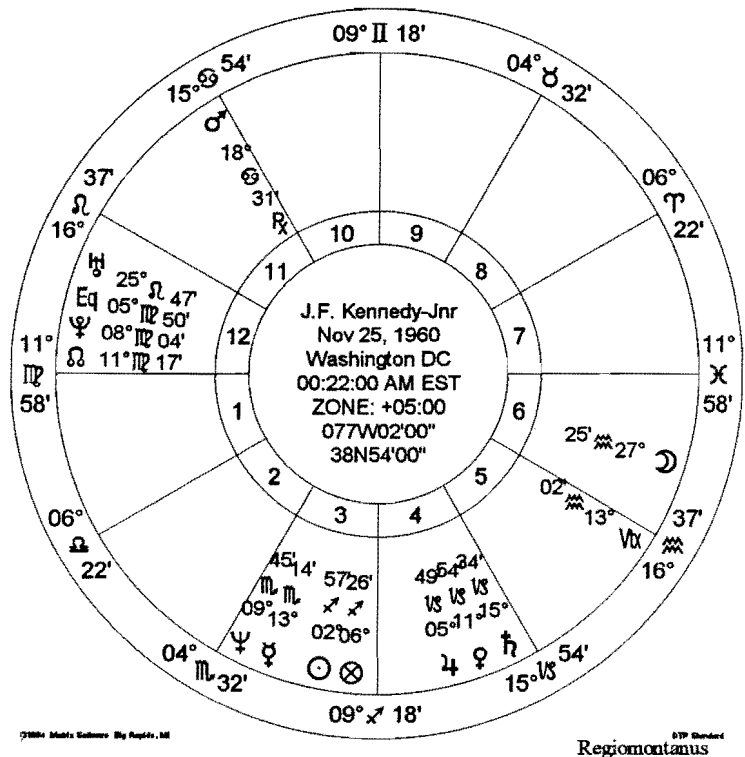
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on a journey under the auspices of the above Chart. The indications of disaster are multiple: Neptune rising square to Mars in the 9th House and ruling the 3rd (*travel*)—this is a prime indicator of losing one's way. Mars opposed by Jupiter, 9th—3rd axis, (*misjudgement relating to travel; foolhardiness*). Uranus rising square Saturn and opposing the Node (*self-will, stress, accident*); Saturn ruling the Ascendant compounds the danger. The Moon on the 8th Cusp trine to Saturn (*danger of death*).

Even if the authorities are not yet prepared to install an astrologer in every major airport to monitor and if necessary veto particular take-off times, at least we as individuals can select departure times for our journeys and so preserve life and limb. Keep in mind the murdered German Tourist, Simone Schmidl, and the Chart for the commencement of her fatal hitch-hiking trip. (*Astrologers' Forum* 191, June 1997, page 3).

JOHN F. KENNEDY JNR. BIRTH CHART



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Regiomontanus

The dangerous portents in Kennedy's Birth Chart are plain to see, principally Mars opposing Saturn, this opposition accentuated by being identified with a Cuspal axis. Mars ruling the House of Death further emphasises the danger. Uranus elevated above and opposing the Moon, from the 12th to the 6th House gives warning of sudden and dangerous incidents, there being a surplus of the Uranian energy, not easily controlled.

Add to this, the Sun sesquare Mars (orb 0°33') and Pluto square the Meridian (orb 1°14'), and we have "an accident waiting to happen".

What could an astrologer do for such a client, short of telling him it is "God's Will", or he is destined to die in an accident so he might as well just await the inevitable, or tell him something else equally futile?

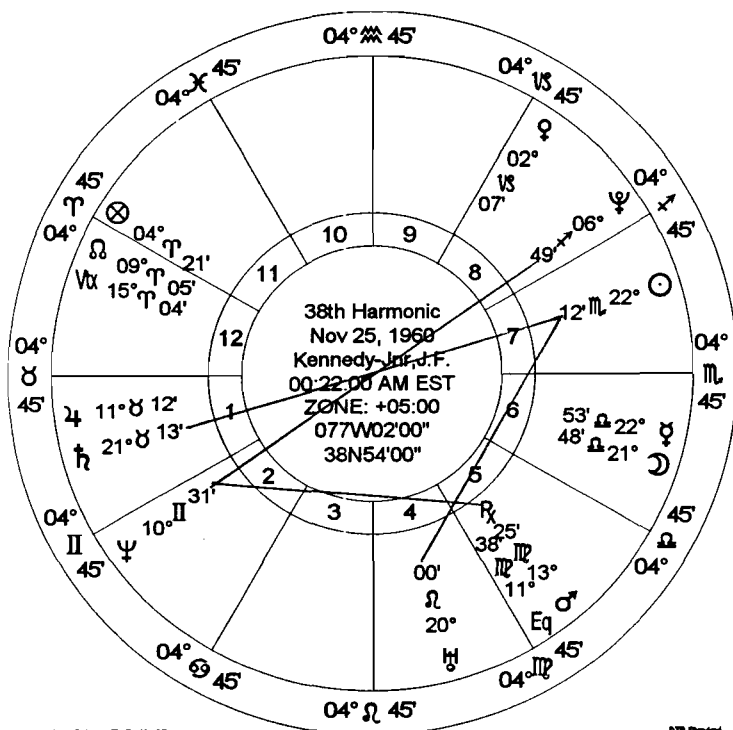
What the astrologer can do is say to his client that these things are *not* destined, that he can avert troubles and lengthen his life by *developing habits of care at all times*, even when circumstances do not especially demand it. If such a habit of care becomes so ingrained through assiduous practice that it is automatic he will not jeopardize life and limb by, for instance, driving when he is tired, distracted or inebriated, or recklessly taking to the air in a plane when conditions are or may soon become bad.

There is no question in my mind that the vast number of big and little accidents can be avoided or much

diminished by the above self-training. There is a price to pay for safety. People whose horoscopes give warning of danger, such as with Kennedy, must be prepared to pay that price by unremitting development of the right habits if they want to survive or save themselves pain and distress. The lack of such habits in Kennedy's case brought about his own death and those of the two women in the flower of their life that he took with him on the ill-judged flight to a wedding celebration.

That the danger was especially high in this year of Kennedy's life is graphically illustrated by the 38th Harmonic Chart corresponding with his age.

Saturn rising opposes the Sun, which is afflicted also

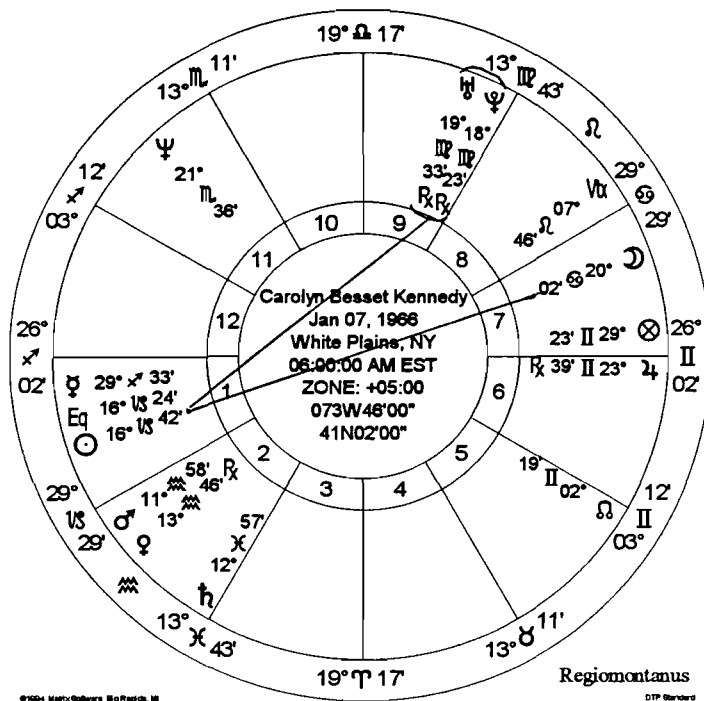


by the square of Uranus from the terminal 4th House, ruled by the Sun. Pluto on the 8th Cusp is opposed by Neptune which is squared by Mars (*danger of drowning*).

These are terrible portents. Could the plane crash have been averted? Yes, of course, if Kennedy knew or had been apprised of the danger, and wisely decided not to travel by plane, even not to go at all to the wedding celebration that he wanted to attend. Better to miss a social event than a possible forty more years of life.

But his over-confidence and recklessness (a Sagittarian failing) got the better of him, and three people went to their deaths.

That his wife, Carolyn Besset Kennedy, would also be endangered by aircraft accidents is obvious from an inspection of her Birth Chart above. Uranus and Pluto



are closely conjoined in the 9th House, elevated above all other bodies and trine to the Sun, which is opposed by the Moon ruling the House of Death. Carolyn needed to be especially circumspect as regards air travel, and travel only when planetary conditions for her were not unfavourable.

This certainly was not the case when the plane took off. The Departure Chart applied to her (and her sister Lauren) as much as to Kennedy. Carolyn passed her 33rd birthday in January of this year, and those two menacing planets, Pluto and Uranus in her Birth Figure, had their danger enhanced in her 33rd Harmonic Chart where they straddle the 2nd-8th axis. There is insufficient room here to display the Chart, but for those who want to look into it, her 33rd Harmonic has 19Leo29 Asc (the same degrees on all Cusps in the Equal House application). Natal Pluto and Uranus conjoin the second Cusp. In the Harmonic Figure itself, Mars opposes the Moon, Uranus squares the Natal Sun and East Point, the Vertex and the Moon's Node are joined together (only 1' separating them), and the 4th Cusp is conjunct Natal Neptune—a warning not to be ignored!

I do not have the birth data of Lauren Besset but without doubt her Cyclic Charts would be equally fraught with omens of impending catastrophe.

Alas that Astrology is not more widely appreciated and available to everyone.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock.
8 August 1999.

QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?

ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

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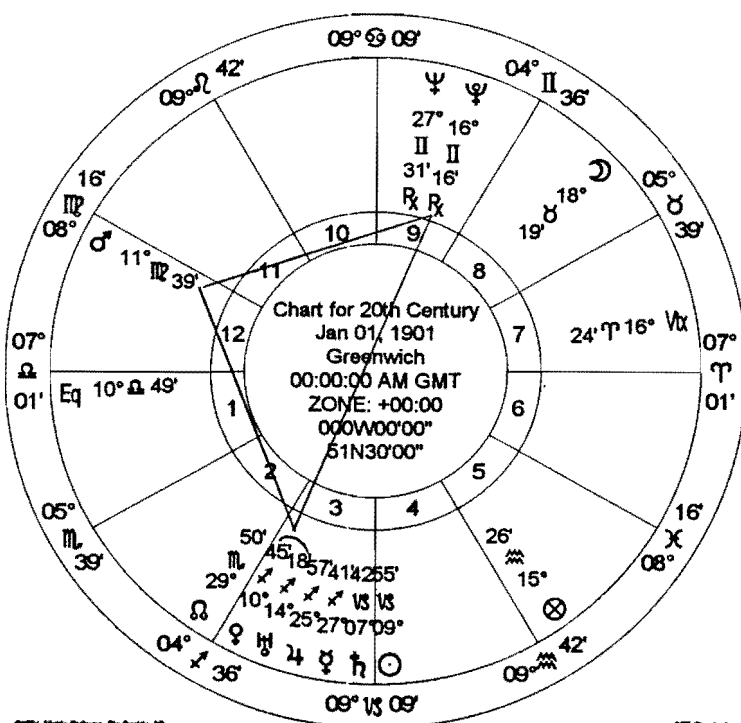
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THE CHART FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

by Allan Johnson

The 21st Century Chart is also the Chart for the New Millennium, but of course a whole millennium covers so wide a canvas that no chart could make any sense of it. But a single century is a much more practical proposition. The 21st Century is set up for 1st January 2001, 0 hours, Greenwich. This Chart should give us some clues as to how things might develop in the early years of this new Century from a world-wide point of view.

But before doing this it is worth while to take look at the Chart for the 20th Century, set up for 1st January 1901. This Chart can now be seen as highly revealing of what did come to pass. It is what can be called a "high-profile" chart, having some quite dramatic configurations.



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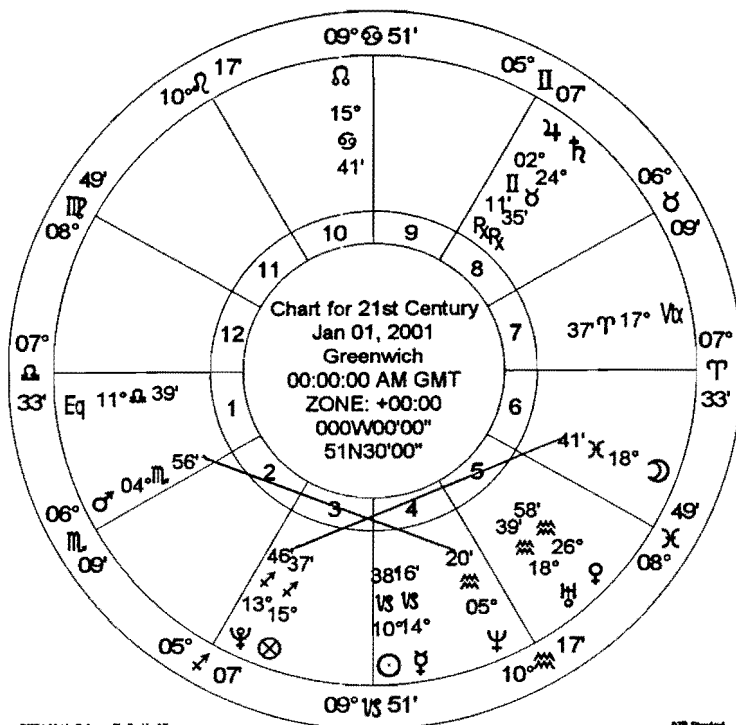
First of all there is the dynamic T-Square pattern involving Mars, Pluto, Uranus, Venus. Mars, Pluto and Uranus are the planets for highly dramatic events of a violent nature and on a grand scale—and of course this

is history. The First World War occurred very early in the piece. Venus is also part of the T-Square and this lines up with the sexual revolution and the enormous changes concerning marriage and personal relationships.

Mars is also part of a Grand Trine in Earth Signs (Mars, Moon, Sun, Saturn) and this coincides with the enormous rise in the living standards of a large part of the world. But that is not all, we have the powerfully dynamic Oppositions between the 3rd and 9th Houses. These line up with the tremendous advances in communications, transport and travel which were destined to take place. Also we should not overlook the fact that this Chart has seven planets in *Mutable* Signs. It *had* to be a changeable century. The fact that there are no planets in Water tells us something, too. So all in all this Chart is an amazingly valid Chart for all that has since taken place.

We can turn now to the Chart for the 21st Century for comparison, and we get a shock reversal! This Chart is remarkable for its *lack* of heavy drama. No powerful configurations. Very much a low profile Chart. So I think a lot of astrologers have had a lot of difficulty in coming to terms with this Chart, and I know I have. If this were a person he or she would not set the world on fire. The 21st Century Chart consists mainly of a series of isolated Squares. No central configuration can be found. We have Mars square Neptune, Moon square Pluto, Venus square Jupiter/Saturn.

The *Fixed* Signs are in the majority. Also there are no powerfully placed Angular planets. So I think from all this one message comes over loudly and clearly—and I think that message is that we are not going to get any repeat of the massive conflicts of the 20th Century like the First and Second World Wars. We are getting a new blueprint altogether. Despite the presence of immensely destructive weapons still in existence, I don't see a Third



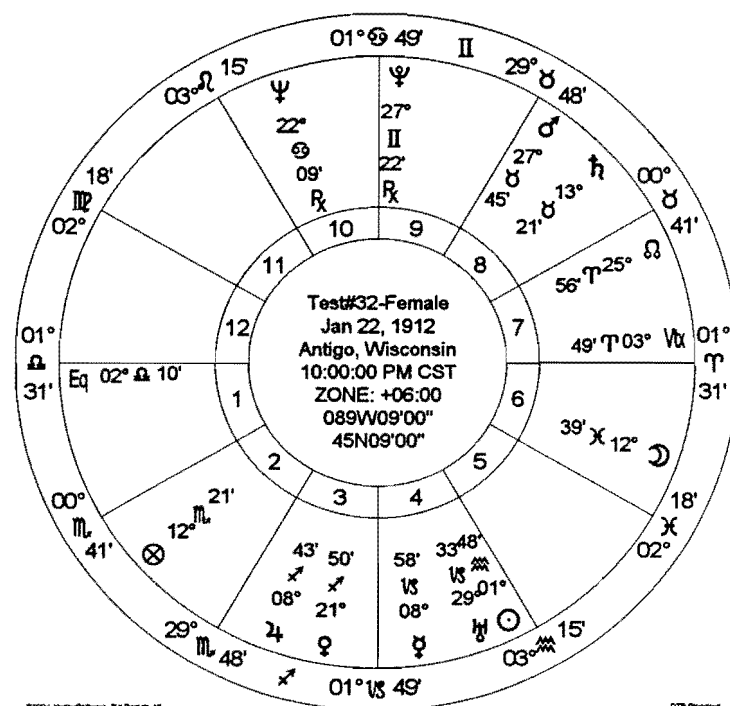
World War on the horizon. I think the reason for this is their *self-destructive* nature.

Of course as the world passes through the centuries we do get what could be called a "flow-on" from one century to the next. If we look back to the end of the 19th Century we can see a preview of a big feature for the 20th which was technological development. The telephone, the motor car and the aeroplane were all invented in the late 19th Century and how influential did they become! So we could look to what has been happening recently for some clues as to what lies ahead. And one of these is that Europe has been having its longest period of peace between its nations than at any time in its history. We can't compare the war in the Balkans with what has gone before. The collapse of the Communist Empire occurred with hardly a shot being fired. It was called the "velvet revolution", there was so little bloodshed. A lot of prophets were predicting more and more violence—but this just hasn't been happening.

So I can predict that there will be no more world wars, although of course there will still be wars, but more in the nature of small bush fires than big conflagrations. Now to look at some of the individual Aspects in the Chart: Mars square Neptune could mean a lot of underground warfare, terrorism, secret plots and a bigger reliance on assassinations. Mars in *Scorpio* is very pertinent. The Moon in Pisces square to Pluto gives something of the same flavour. It will be a much more controlled type of warfare. Power-seeking will still go on. As we move more and more into the Age of Aquarius, which we are now on the cusp of, we could get a backlash from religious fundamentalists who do

not at all appreciate religious tolerance and a more open society. So religious fanaticism will still be with us for some time to come. This could be a highlight of the 21st Century.

TEST NO. 32: THE ANSWER



Subject of the Test was the woman whose Birth Chart appears above. The question: What happened to her on January 12, 1945?

The answer is that the woman gave birth to a girl with a neurological defect. The birth itself was normal and uncomplicated, but in the baby's brain one of the motor nerves that sends messages to the body was missing, affecting her movement and mental development. She spent most of her life in a wheelchair and developed a serious spinal curvature that deformed her body. Until the child died at age 33, the woman's family, her other children and her husband lovingly worked to care for and help her enjoy as normal a life as possible.

This Test evidently daunted many readers who apparently perceived it to be difficult and so left it alone. Unfortunately, this defeats the idea of the Tests which is to increase knowledge and skill through applying one's mind and experience to the solution of problems. Nothing else has quite the same effectiveness for developing astrological expertise.

There were eight entries, and no one found the right answer, though several of the respondents picked up on the circumstances of difficulty, stress, tragedy, etc., that surrounded the episode, without actually being able to settle on the precise cause, which is not surprising

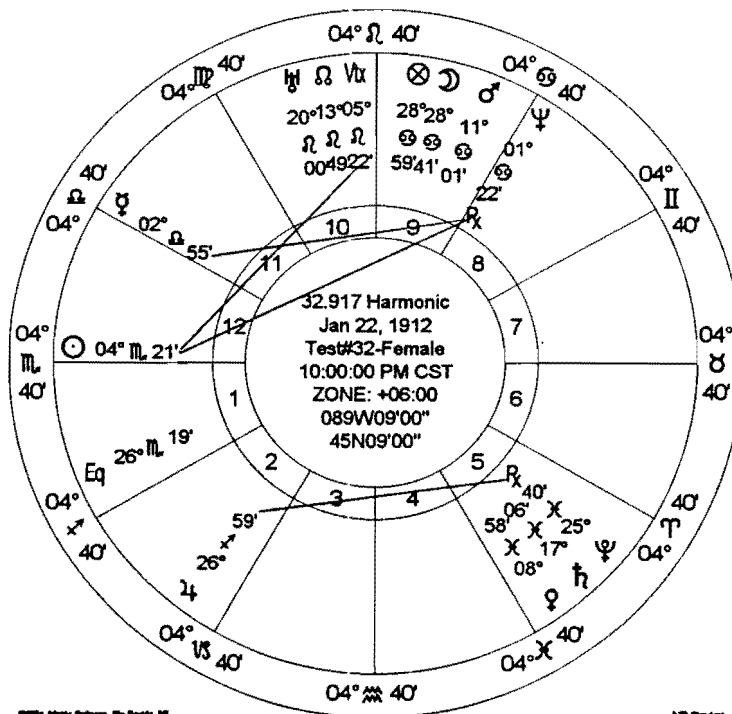
because the exercise really was difficult.

Fritz Guldner of Durban, S.Africa, was wrong in parts but exactly right in others. He said it was a "difficult, operative birth of a son with deleterious consequences for mother or son or both, leading to permanent health problems (e.g. stroke, brain damage). A great loss and upsets are also indicated". Fritz used the Huber Age-Point and its Aspects to the Sun and the Midpoints Moon/Venus, Saturn/Neptune, Sun/Uranus, Mercury/Mars, and Jupiter/Pluto. Fritz added that Vedic analysis pointed to "problems of mental and general healthgreat unhappiness, suffering and problems with the home", which also was correct. Congratulations, Fritz!

Barbara Banfield (USA) was close with "hard work, stress, separation, loss, disruption to the family". Barbara used Transits, Solar Return Chart, Secondary Progressions, and Solar Arc Directions.

Congratulations to readers who attempted this difficult exercise, and particularly those who sent in a report of their efforts.

I have given a good deal of thought to the working for this Test and it appears to me that the Chart that gives the clearest indication of the birth and what it entailed is the **Month Age-Harmonic** for the period Dec. 22, 1944—Jan.22, 1945, which covers the date of the birth, January 12, 1945. The woman was then 32 years and 11 months old, corresponding to Harmonic 32.917. The Chart appears below.



The Sun right on the Ascendant is square to the Vertex, indicating some matter of Destiny. It is also trine to Neptune, which draws attention to the House of

Births, where Pisces is on the Cusp. This House is heavily tenanted by Venus, Saturn and Pluto, while Jupiter, Ruler of the House through its traditional association with Pisces is closely square to Pluto. Furthermore, Saturn at 17°6' Pisces is at the Midpoint of Venus and Pluto, 17°19' Pisces. It might be noted also that the Natal Moon at 12°39' Pisces conjuncts the Midpoint of Venus and Saturn, 13°2' Pisces. All this points to a birth that is in some way afflicted. The birth itself was normal and uncomplicated (Venus conjunct the 5th Cusp).

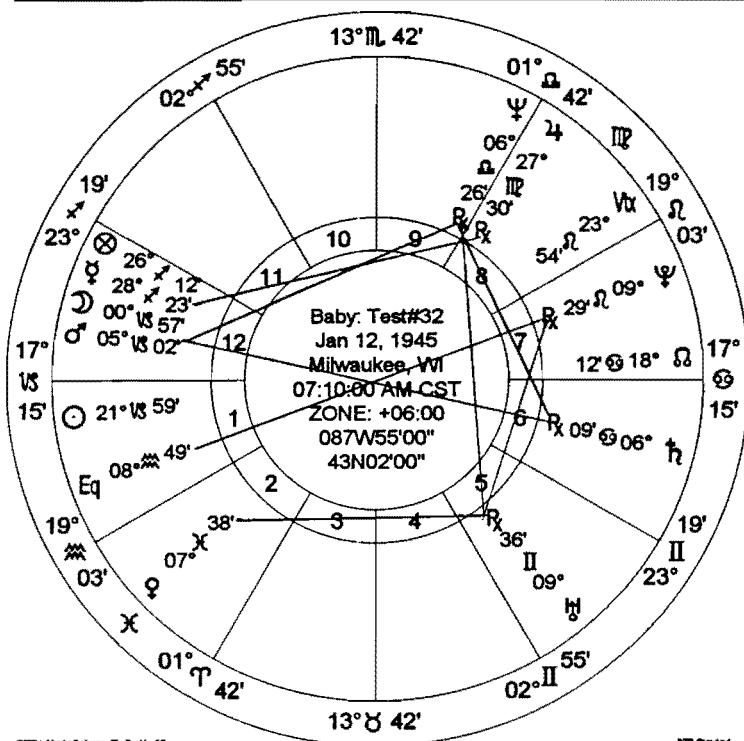
If we get to this point the next one is to consider just how the birth was afflicted. It is evidently not the birth itself as neither the Ascendant Degree, the Sun on the Ascendant, its Ruler, Mars, or the Moon in Cancer suffers from inharmonious Aspects.

The affliction must therefore be of the baby. The task is now easier, and the diagnosis of neurological damage is not hard to make in view of Mercury (the brain and intellect) closely square Neptune ruling the 5th House (the baby), plus Jupiter, Co-Ruler of the 5th, squared by Pluto. The afflicting planets being in Mutable Signs makes the diagnosis the more certain.

In other Charts of a cyclic nature (Solar and Lunar Returns, Phase-Angle Returns) the birth can be discerned, but the fateful consequences are difficult to see. The **Annual Synodic Chart** (Sun-Moon Phase Angle) of 24 Aug. 1914, 6:57:37am CST, for age 32, very well depicts the traumatic consequences of the birth: Pluto and Saturn fall on the Natal Midheaven. (Saturn rules the Natal House of births). But it is not so readily seen that these were consequences of a birth.

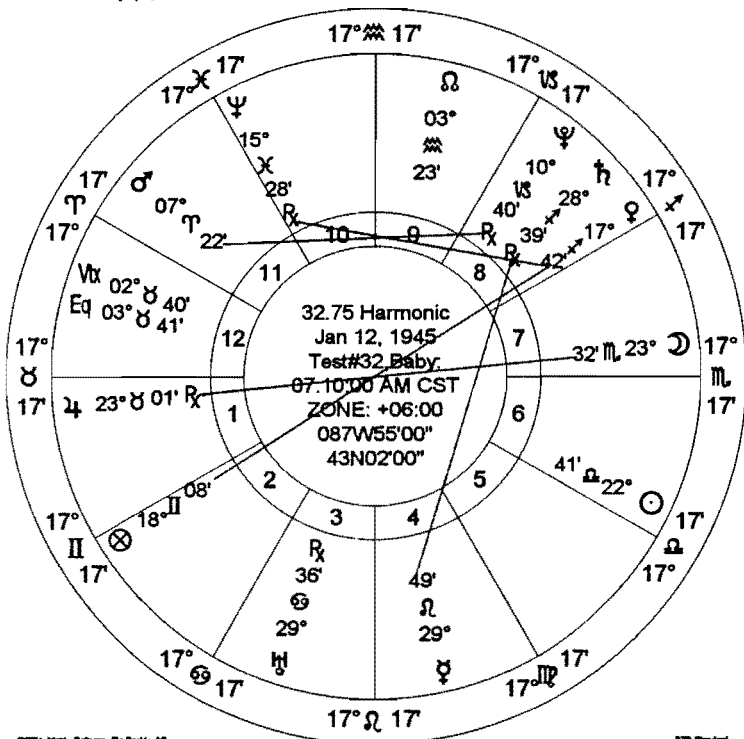
On the next page is the **Birth Chart of the baby**, which will be of considerable interest to readers: As was to be expected, it is heavily afflicted: Mars, Saturn and Neptune in a T-Square, Saturn opposite the Moon, Pluto opposing the Equatorial Ascendant, Mercury square Jupiter, Uranus square Venus sextile Pluto and trine Neptune.

The unfortunate woman died on 12 November 1978. Saturn Directed by the Naibod Arc was conjunct Pluto on that very day. In the month leading up to her death, the **Month Harmonic (32.75)** (next page) is graphically descriptive: Venus rules and is conjunct the Cusp of Death. Venus is square to Neptune and opposite the Part of Fortune (Part of Misfortune, in this instance). Jupiter rising just under the Ascendant rules the House of Death and is very closely opposed to the Moon. Saturn in the House of Death is square to Mercury in the House of Terminations. Pluto in the House of Death is square Mars. It is hard to imagine anything more positive in the indications. No other Chart depicts the event as



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graphically as this Age-Harmonic Figure. — Dymock.

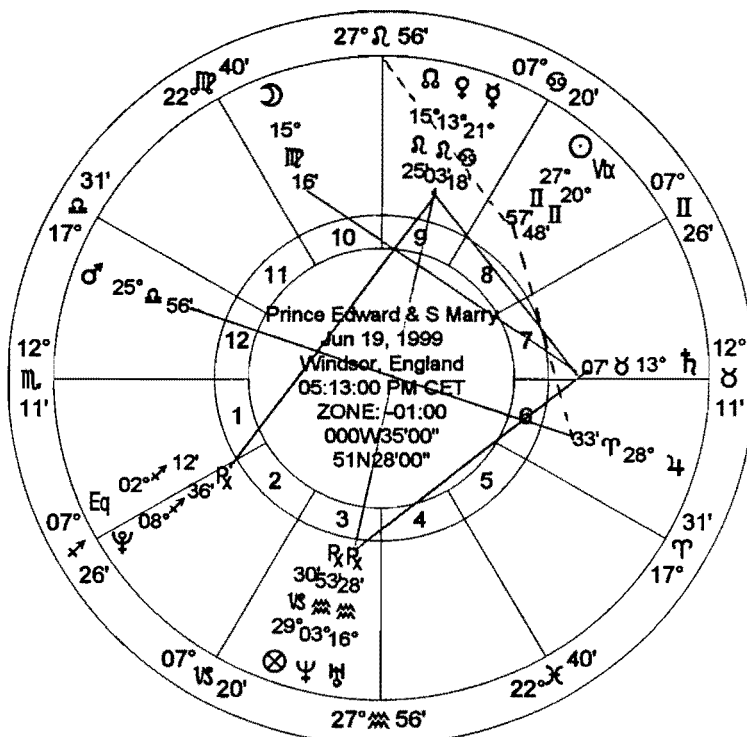
NEW TEST, NO. 33

Now that you have your muscles flexed for tackling astrological problems, here is the next Test, No. 33: It concerns a woman born at 6:30am AEST on 17th October 1938 in Sydney, 33S54, 151E14 (Asc 17°Sco52', MC 1°Leo12', Moon 28°Can55'). She was married with three children and in a full-time career in Sydney. What happened to her in April 1983, and what was her career?

Answer either one or both parts of the question, giving the astrological basis for it, and please mail your response

by 28 July to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, NSW, Australia 2074, or e-mail: dymock@ozemail.com.au.

PRINCE EDWARD MARRIES SOPHIE



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Not a Chart of undiluted happiness, this Horoscope (if the time is correct) portends many trials and tribulations in the marriage. Scorpio on the Ascendant opposed by Saturn, in a T-Square with Uranus and Venus (ruling the 7th House) will put many strains on the union. One source of disagreement and tension between the couple will, strangely enough, be their residence—the \$37,000,000 mansion *Bagshot Park*, signified in the Chart by Saturn and Uranus in square (both ruling House 4). The source of trouble will be the cost of upkeep (5th House) which will be huge (Jupiter ruling the 5th House) opposed by Mars) and a great drain on their income (Jupiter also ruling the 2nd House).

But the marriage will withstand the pressures: It is a love-match (Venus conjunct the N.Node) and Venus trine Pluto ruling respectively the 7th and the 1st House (bride and groom) will maintain the passion. The indications of permanence are the Sun, ruling the House of Honour and Prestige, sextile both to Jupiter and the Culminating Degree—and also at their Midpoint, which solidifies the Jupiter/MC trine, plus the binding effect of Saturn in the Marriage House trine to the Moon (the domestic situation). The Queen will not be discomfited by a fourth marriage failure among her children.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock, 29 June 1999.

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WHICH CHART FOR MILOSEVIC?

Different birth dates and times have been claimed or suggested for Slobodan Milosevic. The following have been gleaned from various sources, and can be sorted out by the use of Age Harmonics:

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| 1. 1940, August 20, | 2:17am MET |
| 2. 1940, August 20, | 2:30am MET |
| 3. 1940, August 20, | 3:20am MET |
| 4. 1941, August 20, | 4:04am EET |
| 5. 1941, August 20, | 4:25pm EET: |
| 6. 1941, August 20, | 10 pm EET |
| 7. 1941, August 20, | 10:10:30pm EET |
| 8. 1941, August 20, | 3:02am EET |
| 9. 1941, August 29, | [No time given] |

It is beautiful to see how the analysis by Age Harmonics, which I have advocated for years, sorts all these out and discovers No. 4 above as the only one of this list that fits the criteria, that is produces a Harmonic Chart that depicts a crucial event in Milosevic's life—the commencement of NATO's punitive bombing of Serbia on March 24, 1999, 7:51pm CET, Pristina, Kosovo.

It is universally accepted that Milosevic was born in Pozarevac, Serbia, for which *The International Atlas* of Thomas Shanks gives coordinates 44°37' N and 21°11' E. The same Atlas states that on the dates above Serbia had EET (Eastern European Time—2 hours ahead of GMT), not met MET (Middle European Time—1 hour ahead of GMT).

At the time of the first bombs on Belgrade, March 24, 1999, Milosevic was 57 years and 7 months old. In Harmonic terms, this translates to a multiplying factor of 57.583 which is applied equally to the planets and personal points in the charts derived from the above dates and times. A time is not given for the August 29 date, which was quoted from two encyclopaedias, so for the present purpose it has to be ignored. In any

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event, this date appears to be a printing aberration, being at variance with the information from all the other sources.

Chart No. 4 is the one published in the May 1999 Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*. In the following analysis, only close and important Aspects are considered.

CHART NO. 1. 1940, August 20, 2:17am MET:
Asc 28Can14, Moon 20Pis8.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 28Aqu8 Moon 1Ari25:
Saturn dominant on the Lower Meridian trine the Sun.
An Aspect of caution, not of a man plunging into war.

CHART NO. 2. 1940, August 20, 2:30am MET:
Asc 0Leo45, Moon 20Pis14.

Harmonic 57.583: The only important Aspect is the Sun square Jupiter, showing lack of judgement, but not indicative of war.

CHART NO. 3, 1940, August 20, 2:30am MET:
Asc 10Leo8, Moon 23Can32.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 3Aqu58, Moon 1Tau26.
Mars trine Pluto but not Angular, and out-weighted by Neptune rising and Venus setting. Not a war-making chart.

CHART NO. 4, 1941, Aug 20, 4:04am EET: This is the one printed in the last Issue of this Journal. Asc 7Leo5, Moon 23Can24. The Chart is dominated by Mars and Pluto, Mars (strong in Aries) almost exactly on the MC, Pluto just 2½° above the Leo Asc.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 28Can9, Moon 19Tau25.
The Sun is conjunct Mars ruling the MC, with Mars square Neptune (*misguided policy and action*); Ruling planet, the Moon, opposing both Uranus and Mercury,

all three forming a T-Square with Jupiter (*bad judgement; heedless of consequences*); Pluto in the 8th House close to the Cusp and quincunx Saturn (orb 46') signifies many deaths. This is the only Chart of those listed here that is truly indicative of Milosevic's state of mind and the subsequent conflict.

CHART NO. 5, 1941, August 20, 4:25pm EET:

Asc. 0Cap45, Moon 0Leo5.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 10Can32, Moon 15Gem2.

The gentle combination of Neptune opposite Venus and conjunct the Moon, plus no harsh Aspects to Mars rules out this Chart and its Radix.

CHART NO. 6, 1941, August 20, 10pm EET:

Asc. 5Tau59, Moon 3Leo8.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 1Cap45, Moon 10Sag47.

Venus, Planet of Peace, right on the Ascendant immediately disposes of any suggestion that a war is starting. Jupiter closely sextile the Sun (and the MC conjunct Natal Venus) are also totally inappropriate.

CHART NO. 7, 1941, August 20, 10:10:30pm EET:

Asc. 10Tau11, Moon 3Leo14.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 3Vir52, Moon 16Sag19.

Pluto sits on the Descendant quincunx Saturn but sextile Venus, and Mars is in Virgo without any significant Aspect. The Ruler, Mercury, occupies the pacific Sign, Aquarius, and is trine to Neptune. So this one is ruled out, too.

CHART NO. 8, 1941, August 20, 3:02am EET:

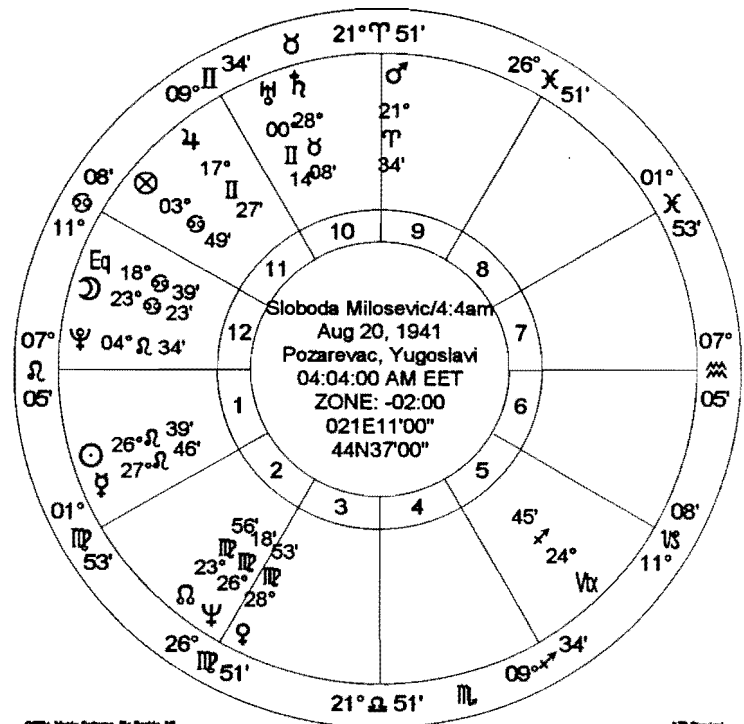
Asc 25Can7, Moon 22Can51. This Chart, a rectification by Joseph James, has more claims to attention than all the others except No. 4. The Moon (Ruler) is just above the Ascendant and closely square to Mars in the Midheaven. Mars, however, is 16° away from the Meridian, not right on it as with No. 4 above, while brooding, malevolent Pluto is 9° away from the Asc instead of 2½° as with No. 4. The Chart also gives undue prominence to the Moon, which would signify *inconstancy*, a trait notably lacking in Milosevic's character.

Harmonic 57.583: Asc 28Leo38, Moon 17Ari47.

The Sun is conjunct Mars in the 1st House, and both square to Neptune (*misguided action*). However, the Moon is trine Jupiter, which points rather to *benefits* from his policy, and that is quite out of harmony with events.

In contrast, Chart No. 4 above has the Moon square Jupiter, signifying a *careless lack of concern*.

So Chart No. 4, August 20, 1941, 4:4am EET is the selection for the birth time of Slobodan Milosevic.



This Chart is further supported by the **Harmonic 47.833** for **June 28, 1989**, when Milosevic (aged 47 years and 10 months) delivered an impassioned speech in Kosovo prior to assuming dictatorial power there. I have checked all the above suggested Charts and this is the only one that has Mercury in an appropriate and powerful position—Mercury in Scorpio on the MC.

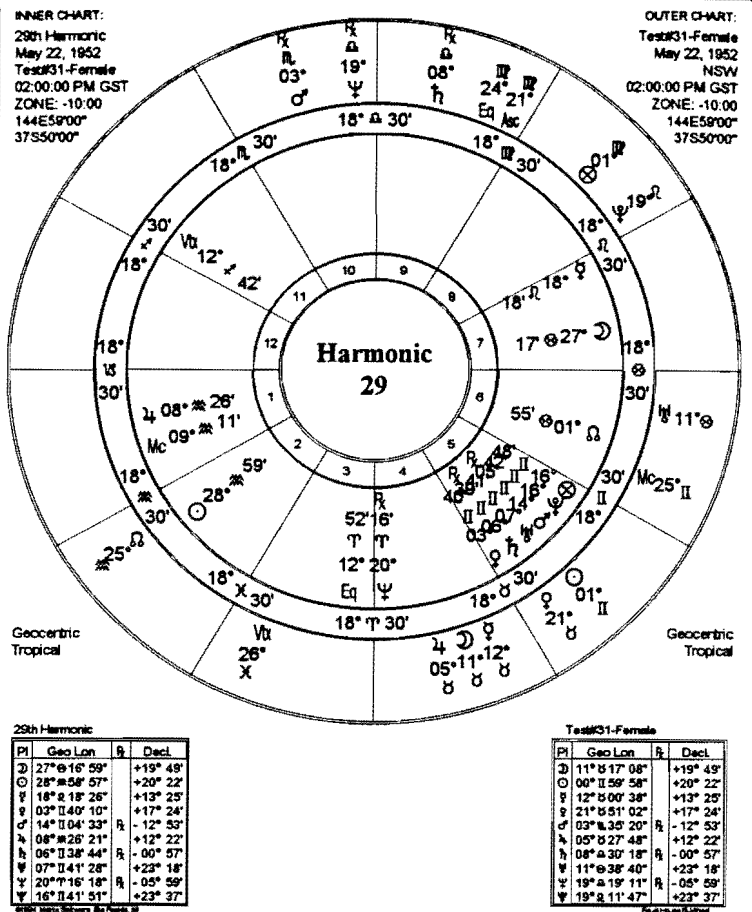
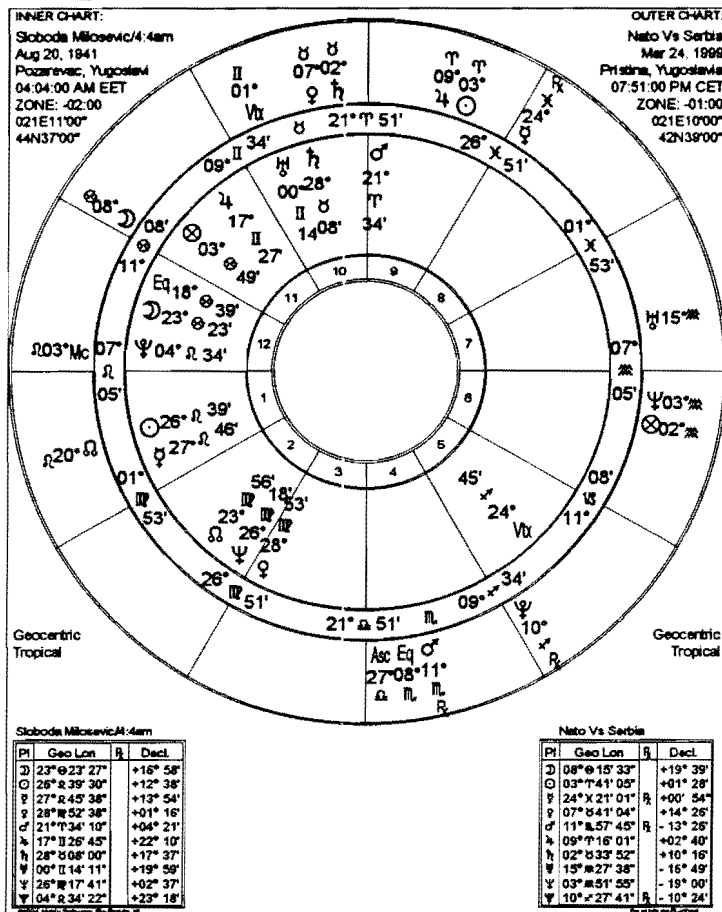
As a further check on the appropriateness of the 4:4am Natus, **midpoints** drawn from the Chart for the start of the NATO Bombing and applied to this Natus of Milosevic present a grim picture of violence:

Sun/Pluto	7Aqu4	Opp.Asc (orb 1')
Mars/Saturn	7Aqu16	Opp. Asc (orb 11')
Mars/Asc	4Sco50	Squ. Pluto (orb 16')
Moon/Nept	21Ari4	Conj. Mars (orb 30')

The close and heavy afflictions of the violent planets Mars, Saturn and Pluto to Milosevic's Ascendant Degree spell out the catastrophe. The Moon/Nept—Mars conjunction refers to the damage from air power. The two Charts in concentric formation are printed on the next page.

RESULTS OF TEST NO. 31

These Tests are quite difficult, and the Editor wishes to commend all who attempted them, especially those who had the courage to send in their answers. They



shall have their reward in increased skill and astrological insight.

Ross Harvey, who originally supplied the data, has assessed all responses and makes the following report:

The answer is that on the 28th December 1981 the woman gave birth to a son. She is a high-school English teacher.

There were nine entries. Congratulations to Dymock Brose who was right about the event, and to Fritz Guldner (South Africa) who also stated correctly that it was a difficult birth.

Peggy Hetherington (NSW) offered three possible solutions, including the correct one, for the woman's occupation—"writer, journalist, or teacher".

The 29th Harmonic (next column) was the clearest annual chart: Jupiter is conjunct the floating MC, Venus is conjunct the Natal Sun, the Ascendant conjunct the Natal 5th Cusp, and the 5th Cusp conjunct Natal Venus. (The Natal Chart appears on page 4 of the last Issue.)

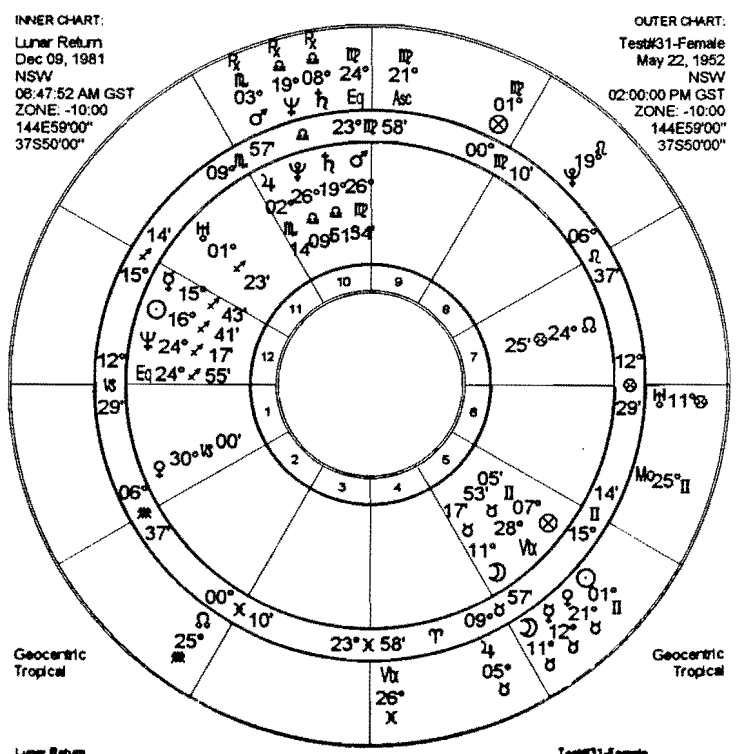
The Annual Solar Return had the MC opposite the Moon, the Sun trine Jupiter, the Ascendant conjunct Jupiter and Saturn, (Saturn ruling the 5th House), and the Ascendant also conjunct Natal Saturn ruling the 5th.

The prenatal Kinetic Solar Return Q2 had the MC

conjunct Regressed Jupiter (significant, I think, as this Chart is based on the Regressed Sun), the Ascendant conjunct Pluto ruling the 5th House, and Jupiter conjunct the 5th Cusp.

Other annual charts were not especially helpful.

The standard Lunar Return was also very clear:



Cusp 5 is conjunct the Moon and Natal Jupiter, The Ascendant is conjunct the Natal 5th Cusp, Venus rising, ruling the 5th House, is trine the Natal Sun.

The MC conjunct Mars signified a boy or a difficult birth—both were true.

The Solar Monthly Chart had the Vertex in the 5th House conjunct the Natal MC, and the MC conjunct Jupiter and Natal Mars.

There were no significant Progressions or Directions, but a number of Transits on or near the day:

Jupiter Opp. N.Jupiter and Semi-sq. N.Asc,
Mars Quinc. N.Jupiter,
Venus trine N.Saturn ruling the 5th House,
Mercury conj. Cusp 5,
Neptune Opp. MC,
Saturn Semi-sq. Asc,

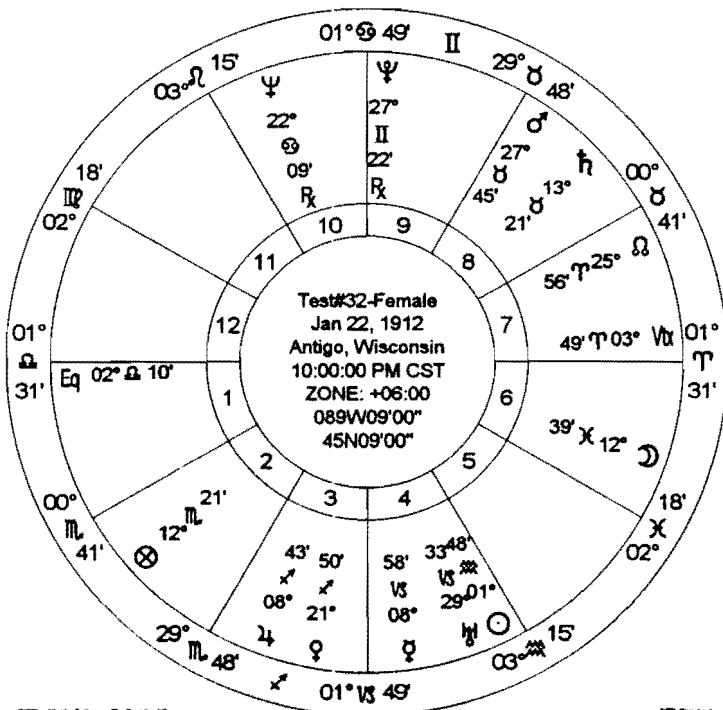
the last two being appropriate for a difficult birth.

The career wasn't so easy. My eye would have been drawn to the Moon Cj. Mercury, and possibly the Sun Cj. the 9th Cusp, suggesting something to do with communication and (amongst other possibilities!) (higher) education.

Several entrants suggested finance or technology, but to my knowledge she has no special interest in these fields.

NEW TEST, NO. 32

This Test is from an overseas contributor, and concerns a woman born on 22nd January 1912 at Antigo, Wisconsin, at 10pm CST. Here is her Birth Chart:

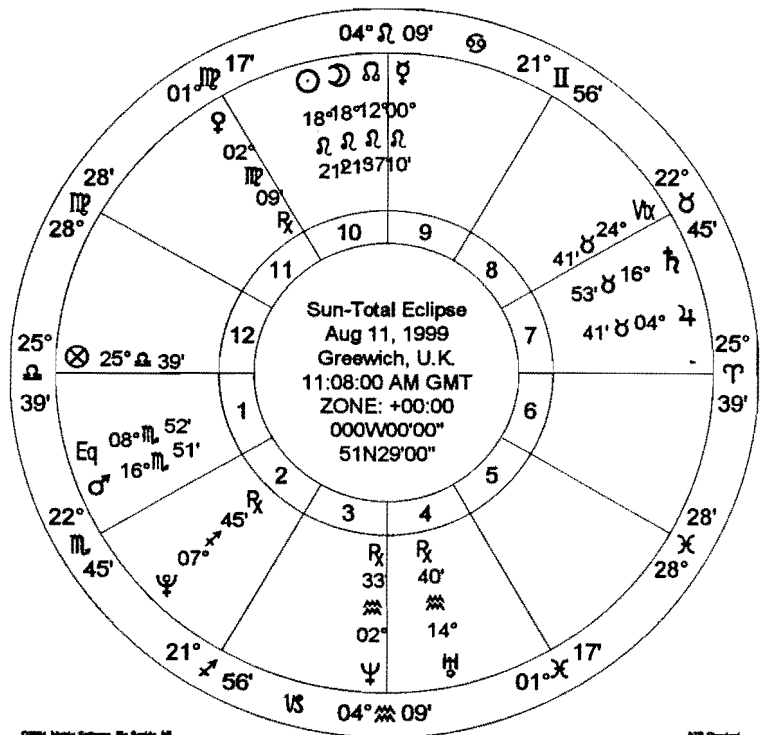


What happened to her on January 12, 1945?

This woman was married with a family at the time of the event. She and her husband owned and managed an apartment building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the time. Hint: This event changed the families' lives forever.

Please send your answers to me, Dymock Brose, 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia, 5073, or by e-mail to dymock@ozemail.com.au. I should like to have them not later than 28th June. Successful correspondents will be mentioned in the July Issue.

I myself am not eligible to take part as I know the answer, having already taken (and failed) the Test. See how many of you can do better. You are at liberty to use any astrological technique you like. — Dymock.



The Chart above is the TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE occurring on 11th August next. Readers are invited to extend their predictive skills by applying this Chart to that of any nation or head of state for which they have a reliable radix—the U.K, the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, NATO, Serbia, etc. How do you think it will affect them? If you don't feel up to sending in a written report, then at least look at it in regard to your own horoscope, and see later how close you were to what actually happened (if anything). Great practice to develop your knowledge and skills—much more effective than reading reams of text or "nattering" for hours in a general way about Astrology. But, please, will someone send in a report for possible publication?

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock,
3 June 1999.

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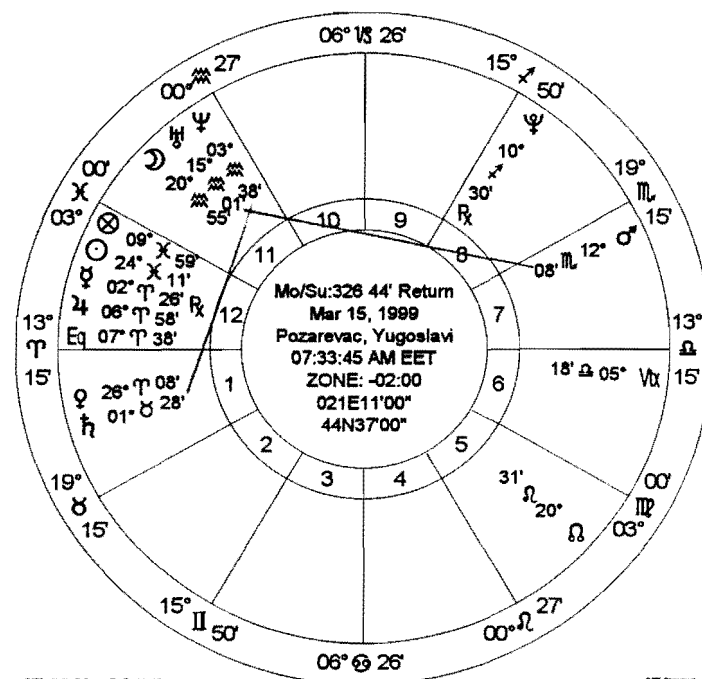
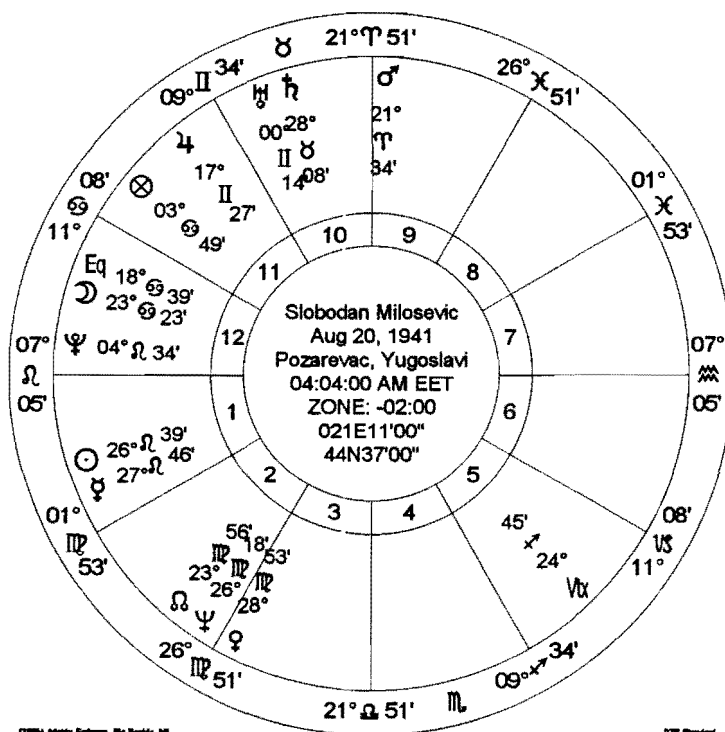
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SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC

Serbia's Head of State

Two birth times have been advanced for Slobodan Milosevic—4:4am and 10pm. Harmonic analysis leaves little doubt that 4:4am is the correct one (see Harmonic comparisons next page).



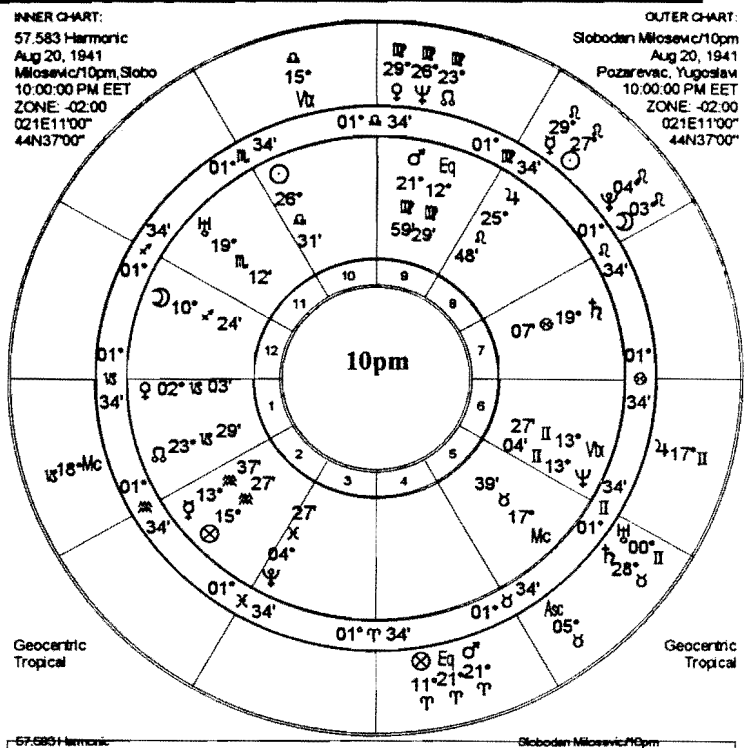
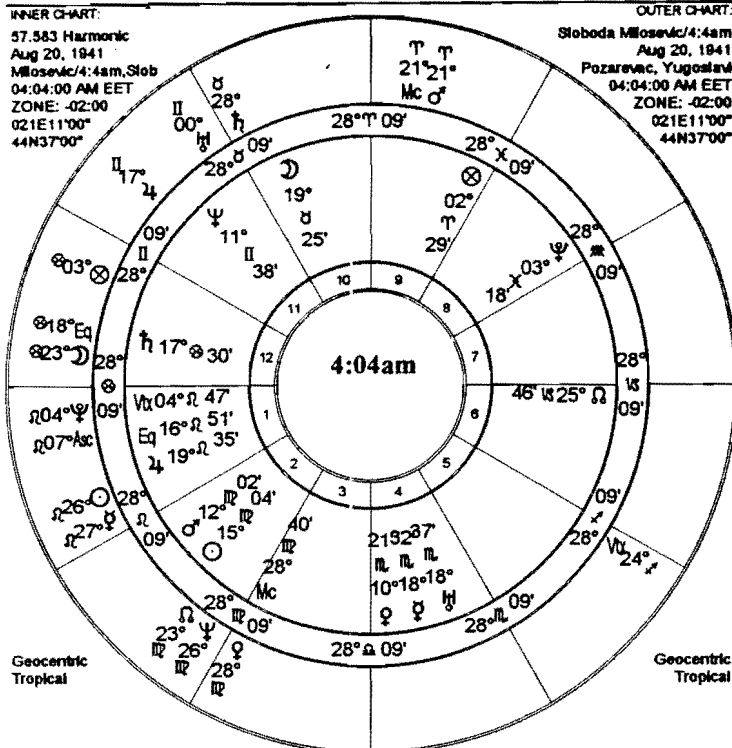
Monthly Synodic Chart (above) reflected his uncompromising dedication to his policy. The Ruler, Mars, squares Uranus (*ruthless determination, addiction to violence*). Saturn squares Neptune and both link to Natal Pluto by square and opposition.. This is defined in *Combination of Stellar Influences* (Ebertin) as a *hard and unfeeling disposition, tendency to violence, fanatical adherence to one's principles*.

Pluto on the Ascendant combined with Mars (doubly powerful in its own Sign Aries) right on the upper Meridian and square to the Moon portrays Milosevic as a strong and brutal leader with a unique, if infamous, destiny. He is a tyrant determined to maintain his power and pursue his policy of ethnic "cleansing" whatever the cost to his subjects or his country.

The powerful Sign Leo confirms his unyielding resolve to be the centre pin of his country and maintain his authority by all available means, fair or foul. Pluto gives drive, determination, concentration on objectives and, in its lower manifestations, a callous disregard for the sufferings of others.

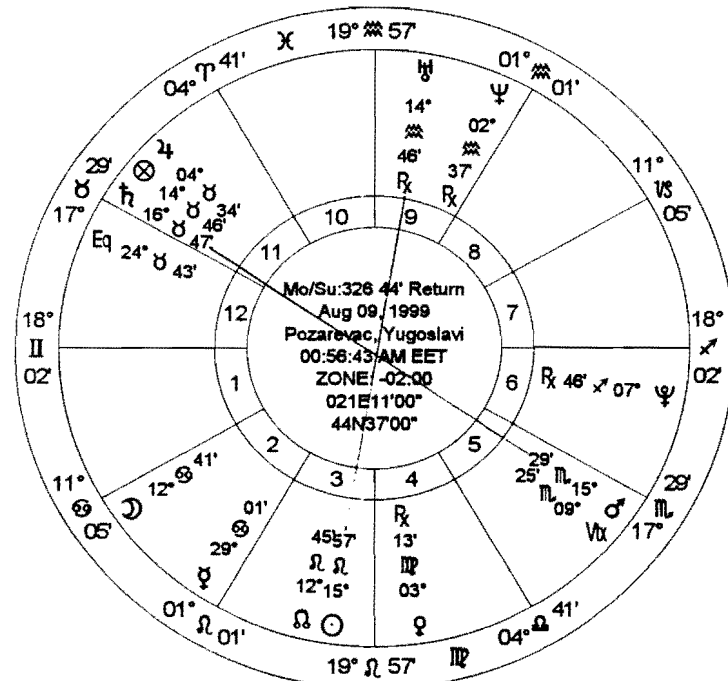
When NATO started its punitive bombing campaign against Serbia on the 24th of March last, Milosevic's

So what lies ahead for Milosevic?—*Disaster*. His Synodic (Moon/Sun Phase-Return) Chart for the month 9 August—8 September 1999 is on the next page. It shows the Sun (at a depressed point in the Chart) in a tight Fixed T-Square with the three Malefics Saturn, Uranus and Mars. This portends the overthrow of his ambitions, and quite possibly his fall from power. An additional nail in his coffin is the square between the two co-Rulers, Jupiter and Neptune, of the Status House—loss of prestige and power. He will have led



This Harmonic Chart from the 4:04am birth time relates to the month 20Mar99—20Apr99. NATO commenced the punitive action against Milosevic on 24th March. The Vertex conjoins Natal Pluto, Mars conjoins the Sun, and the Moon opposes Uranus. As an indicator of conflict this Chart is clearly preferable to the one opposite, derived from the 10pm birth time.

The above Month Harmonic Chart from the 10pm birth time indicates not war but *peace!*—Venus on the Ascendant, Natal Venus on the Midheaven, Jupiter sextile the Sun and conjunct the Natal Sun.



The Chart above is Milosevic's Synodic Return of 9Aug99. The portents of disaster are clear (G. Cross. ☉, ☿, ♃, ☿).

his country to destruction.

The Progression of Venus on May 2 to the trine of the Jupiter/Neptune midpoint at 6°Leo52' coincided with Milosevic's release of the three captured American soldiers on that date. One could be forgiven for thinking that this uncharacteristic act of clemency was less the

result of genuine feelings of compassion than a cynical assessment of its propaganda value.

In the coming months the onward march of events in the life of Sloboda Milosevic is depicted by the Progressions and Directions forward and backward in the Zodiac. Here is my attempt to forecast from his Birth Chart the more prominent episodes, using the tools of modern Astrology. Readers are urged to try this for themselves—predicting the future—so that they will not become permanently bogged down in merely explaining the past:

May 14, 1999. Saturn trine Sun/Pluto (converse Asc-Arc Direction): Though this is a trine it is only slightly less malefic than the more powerful square. The planets involved reflect the desperate struggle of a dictator. Ruthless measures may be anticipated.

May 21. Uranus Stationary trine Jupiter: A stroke of luck for Milosevic.

June 4. Mars Stationary square the Moon: Major losses for the Serbian Leader.

June 5. Uranus conjunct Sun/Uranus (Asc-Arc Drctn.) on the 12th Cusp of his Natal Chart: This will mark the shock of another severe blow to Milosevic's ambitions.

June 9. Moon conj. Saturn (Solar-Arc Drctn.): Increasing difficulty with supplies and services to both the army and the civilian population.

June 25. Sun conj. Saturn/Pluto (Sec. Repr.): A

further act of self-destruction.

July 6. Moon conj. Pluto/MC (Sec. Regr.): Another crisis caused by his misuse of power.

July 10. Moon conj. Mars/Pluto (Sec. Regr.): A further demonstration of the brutality of which this Dictator is capable.

July 11. Venus trine Asc (Sec. Prgn): Some amelioration of conditions for Milosevic.

August 6. Mercury Stationary sextile Venus: Talks initiated to halt the conflict.

August 18. Pluto Stationary trine the Ascendant: A cessation of hostilities.

August 25. Jupiter Stationary square Pluto: Total loss for Milosevic.

— Dymock.

RESULT OF TEST NO.30

Report by Ross Harvey:

The correct answer is that on the 5th February 1999 the woman gave birth to a son. Pregnancy and birth were without complications.

There were nine entries, and I am delighted to be able to say that four were correct, and three more partially so. Congratulations to Dymock Brose who used the Solar Monthly and Monthly Harmonic Charts; to Peggy Hetherington (NSW) who used Secondary Progressions and Transits; to Lea Breuer-Kantor (Israel) who used Uranian Astrology and even correctly suggested that drugs may have been used (the woman had taken fertility drugs), though she thought the child was a girl; and to Marion Mendez (USA), who used Solar-Arc Directions, the Solar Return, Secondary Progressions and Uranian Astrology. Fay Jenkins (Vic.) and Fritz Guldner (South Africa) both suggested birth as one of several possibilities. Miriam Laister (S.A.) offered two possibilities of which her favoured one was correct.

Traditional methods would have been sufficient to solve this Test. Solar-Arc Directions had Uranus square Venus (exact on the 7th February)—as three entrants mentioned—and Venus trine Jupiter on the 14th April. The joy of a much longed-for birth would not be confined to the month of the event. No one mentioned converse Solar-Arc Directions, or Progressions either, though they gave the clearest indications. Converse Solar-Arc Directions were impressive:

Jupiter trine Venus	11 Sep 98
Venus trine MC	19 Oct 98
Venus sextile Moon	27 Jan 99
Venus conjunct Sun	24 May 99.

Secondary Regressions ("Converse Progressions")

were even more helpful, and had led me a year ago to tell the woman that a child was probable:

Re.Sun quincunx re.Pluto, exact on the day (5 Feb 99), and

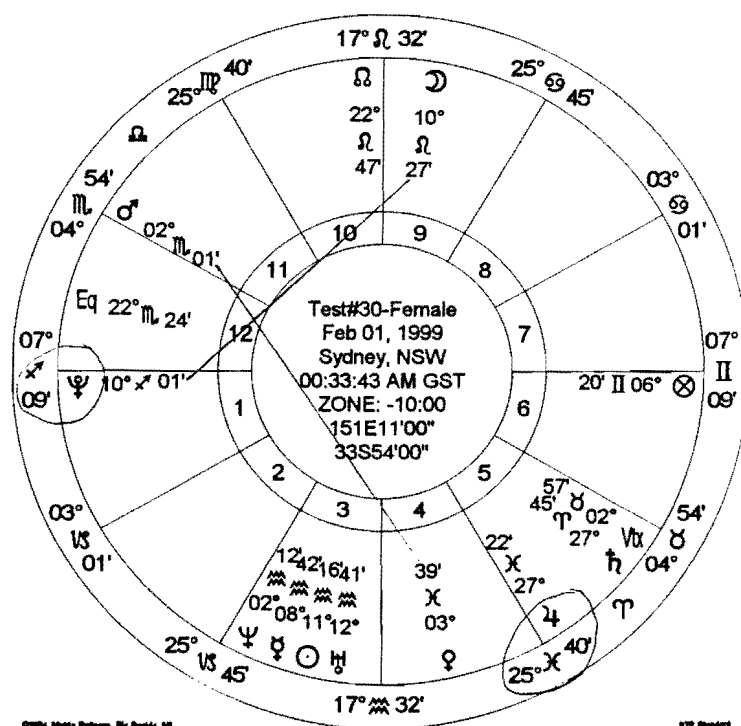
Re.Sun trine re.Jupiter on 30 May 99, the latter being one of the most important Progressions of her life. All these indications tell of a major favourable event. There were no negative indications.

The Cyclical Charts also told the story. The Solar Return had Uranus conjunct MC, Sun and Mars conjunct Asc, and Cusp 5 conjunct r.MC. The 5th Cusp tells us it was a child.

The Q1 KSR (10 Jun 98, 6:25:58am AEST) had Jupiter conjunct MC (it must have been a favourable year, although two entrants thought it wasn't), Mars conjunct Asc—appropriate for a boy, although I must say also for the stress of childbirth—and the Moon opposite Asc, Venus ruling the 5th House conjunct r.Sun, and Cusp 5 trine r.Venus.

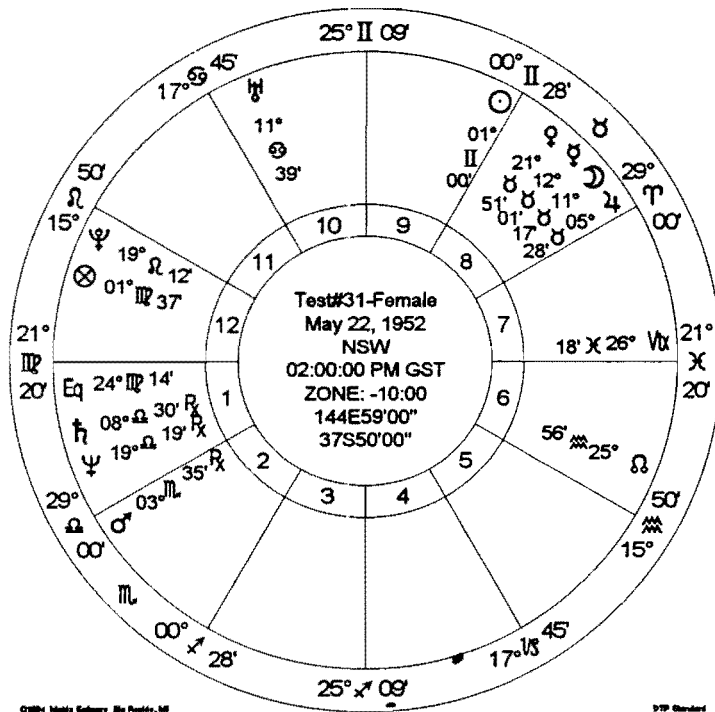
The prenatal 39th Annual Synodic Return (7 Mar 1956, 5:09:20pm, AEST) had Asc conjunct Jupiter (ruling the 5th) and conjunct Pluto, and Cusp 5 was trine Jupiter and Pluto, and Venus.

The Solar Monthly Chart (below) had Asc conjunct Pluto and trine Moon, Jupiter conjunct Cusp 5 (Koch—but not Placidus or Regiomontanus), and Venus trine Mars.



This was a most satisfying result. My thanks to all participants and warmest congratulations to all those who were right.

TEST NO. 31



The above is the Chart of a woman born 22nd May 1952, 2pm AEST, at 37S50. 144E59. She is in a full-time career, is married, has no children. The questions:

(1) What happened on the 28th Dec 1981 at the birth-place?

(2) What is her occupation?

As before, please send your answers either to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, NSW, Australia 2074**, or to me by e-mail: dymock@ozemail.com.au.

Answer either one or both parts of the question, and please send in your response by **28 May**, so that the Test can be reviewed in the June Issue of this Journal.

Even if you don't have a lot of time for these exercises you will find that half an hour spent on them will undoubtedly increase your astrological expertise and reveal to you the relative value of various techniques.

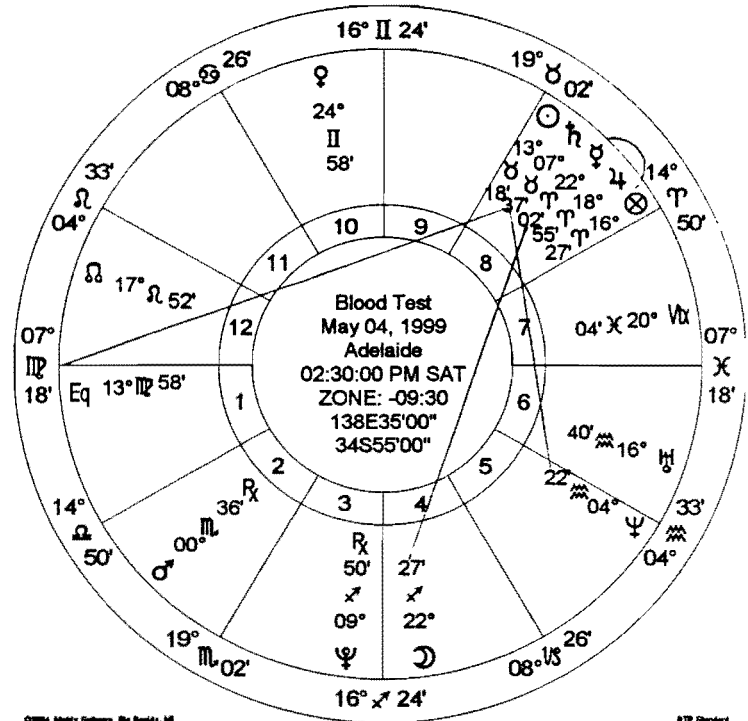
HORARY CHART re BLOOD TEST

In the next column is a Horary Chart of very recent date, prompted by the results of a woman's blood test. The Test showed a high cholesterol reading not characteristic of the woman's medical history.

The question arose—What is the cause of the unusually high reading?

The Querent's two Significators are Mercury, Ruler of the Ascendant, and the Moon. These bodies are in trine with one another and relate aptly to the Querent who was born with the Sun in Gemini.

The blood test, being an investigative procedure, relates to the 8th House, which appropriately holds an



accumulation of planets.

The Querent read from this Chart that she is basically in good health (Jupiter conjunct Mercury and trine the Moon; Saturn ruling the 6th House trine to the rising degree).

The cause of the adverse 'blood test' is shown by Neptune on the Cusp of the 6th House square Saturn, ruling that House. This immediately gave the Querent the answer—oil! Neptune rules oils. She had been taking Flax Seed Oil, which has good therapeutic properties, as a health measure over a period of weeks, but in greatly excessive amounts. There had not been any other change in her otherwise excellent diet. By a reduction in the quantity of the oil intake she confidently expects to have a much better cholesterol reading within three months.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Readers are invited to ask any questions of general interest relating to material published in this Journal, and your Editor will answer them to the best of his ability. If correspondents wish to remain anonymous, they should indicate this in the communication.

I should also be pleased to have ideas about how the publication can be improved.

As mentioned in the last Issue, on request I will send details of how to calculate the Age Harmonic Chart (using a hand calculator) to anyone who does not have the appropriate computer program. The Age Harmonic is an absolutely invaluable technique that should be in the armamentarium of every astrologer.

My kind regards to all.

— Dymock, 6th May 1999.

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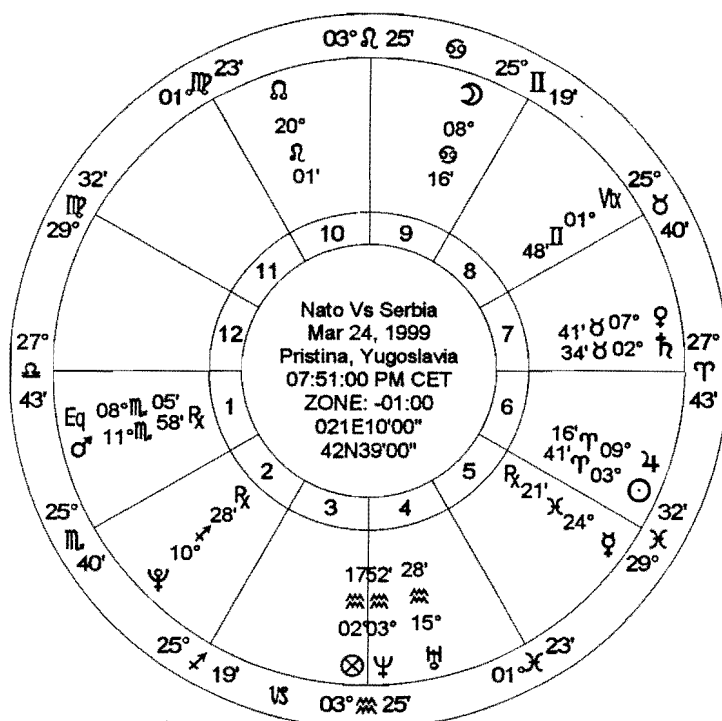
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NATO VS THE SERBS

For astrological prediction a vital point is having the



exact minute when the first bomb was released. Of the several times put forward for the commencement of the military action that of 7:51pm CET as in the above Chart was derived from radio broadcasts in the USA, and is apparently very close to the mark.

The Chart should therefore enable us to predict the course of events and the outcome. Despite the difficulty (and the risks), it behoves astrological practitioners to attempt a forecast, not only as a useful projection into the future, but also to demonstrate that astrologers are not limited to analysis of past events.

So here is my reading of the Chart:

At the time of writing (8th April) Nato's bombing of the Serbs has been continuing for two weeks.

The Ascendant represents NATO, the party that initiated the punitive measures, and the Descendant represents the Serb Forces led by Slobodan Milosovic.

The main questions to be answered are (1) which side will prevail, (2) when will the conflict end, (3) will ground forces be brought in, and (4) will other nations involve themselves in the fighting.

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The Nato forces and Serbia are respectively represented by Venus and Mars, Rulers of the 1st and 7th Houses. The Opposition Aspect between these two depicts their being pitted against each other.

Venus (NATO) and Mars (the Serbs) are both in their Signs of Rulership, which gives them strength, but Venus has the upper hand as Mars is Retrograde, and Venus is elevated above it. Venus, however, is conjunct Saturn and square Neptune, which indicates that NATO is inhibited or restricted in its operations, and the outcome (Neptune on the 4th Cusp) is not going to be wholly satisfactory. The NATO operations will also be very expensive (Pluto ruling the 2nd House trine Jupiter, and Venus ruling the 8th opposite Mars).

The conjunction of Jupiter with the Sun, which rules the 10th House of the Chart, shows that the NATO forces will prevail. They will achieve their objectives in approximately five months (August), as indicated by the number of degrees separating the Sun from Jupiter. Around August 25 is likely as the Sun conjoins Jupiter by Tertiary Progression on that date.

The Moon in the 9th House, leaving the sextile of Venus and applying to the trine of Mars, indicates that the opposing forces will resume negotiations chiefly at the instigation or by the arrangement of a third party. A favourable time would be the first week of May, suggested by the Quarta-Lunar Return of 5th May.

Saturn in the Serbs' House (7th), square to Neptune in the 4th House (derived 10th of the Serbs) indicates defeat of the Serbian ambitions for the ethnic "cleansing" of Kosovo.

Uranus square Mars, Significator of the Serbs, equates with the massive destruction in their homeland through air power.

Though the USA continues to deny that ground troops will be brought in, this does appear to be a

possibility around **May 13** when Neptune sextiles the Sun by Vertex-Arc Direction. Both the Sun and Neptune have power in the 6th House which traditionally relates to infantry forces.

An unexpected development is the *hundreds of thousands* of Kosovars dispossessed and traumatized through the incredible inhumanity of the Serbs. Astrologically these masses of refugees would come under the rulership of the 12th House. As their plight is directly attributable to the Serbs' calculated policy of eviction and massacre, it must here be a 6th-House matter, which is the derived 12th of the Serbs.

The 6th House has Pisces on the Cusp, traditionally ruled by Jupiter, and Jupiter is in a close square with the Moon (*the populace*) and trine to Pluto (*mass effects*), showing that great numbers of the people will be affected. The co-Ruler of the 6th House is Neptune, which is subject to squares from Saturn and Venus, compounding the tragedy. Unfortunately, many deaths can be expected, both because of Saturn's nature and the Rulership of Venus over the 8th House. The situation will be substantially relieved when Neptune completes its sextile to the Sun (by converse Vertex Arc) in the second week of May, and again at the end of May when the Sun sextiles Neptune in the Progressed Chart.

The day-to-day progress of events can be judged by Directions and Progressions. For a comprehensive coverage it is necessary to use a number of predictive techniques apart from the usual Secondary Progressions and Transits. They should include Directions by Ascendant-Arc and Vertex-Arc as well as Solar-Arc. Tertiary Progressions also make a valuable contribution. For example, on **31st March** when Mars conjoined Neptune/Node the Serbs captured three American soldiers. (Mars, the Serbs; Neptune/6th, infantry; Node, a group). A repeat of this Aspect by Ascendant Arc on **4th April** coincided with the disappearance of the two Australian *Care* workers.

The Sun sextile Neptune by Tertiary Progression on **29th March** signalled the involvement of more NATO Navy vessels, and Venus sextile the Moon on **6th April** with the announcement by Milosovic of a unilateral cease-fire.

On **April 20** the Progressed Moon squares Jupiter, which cannot but cause further problems for NATO by swelling even further the multitude of refugees. The Lunar Return of **April 21** has Pluto at the Midheaven opposite Venus suggesting a radical revision of NATO policy. In the following Lunar Return (**May 18**) the Sun is in Taurus conjunct the MC, and Venus is conjunct the Moon in the 11th House, so matters will be going better for NATO, with good progress towards

its goals.

As said earlier, I expect a conclusion to hostilities in **August**, probably about the 25th, when the Sun conjoins Jupiter in the Radix by Tertiary Progression. The Tertiary Chart for this date shows the Sun at 9Ari15 trine to the Midheaven at 8Leo25. — Dymock.

SOLUTIONS FOR TEST NO. 29

Ross Harvey's Report:

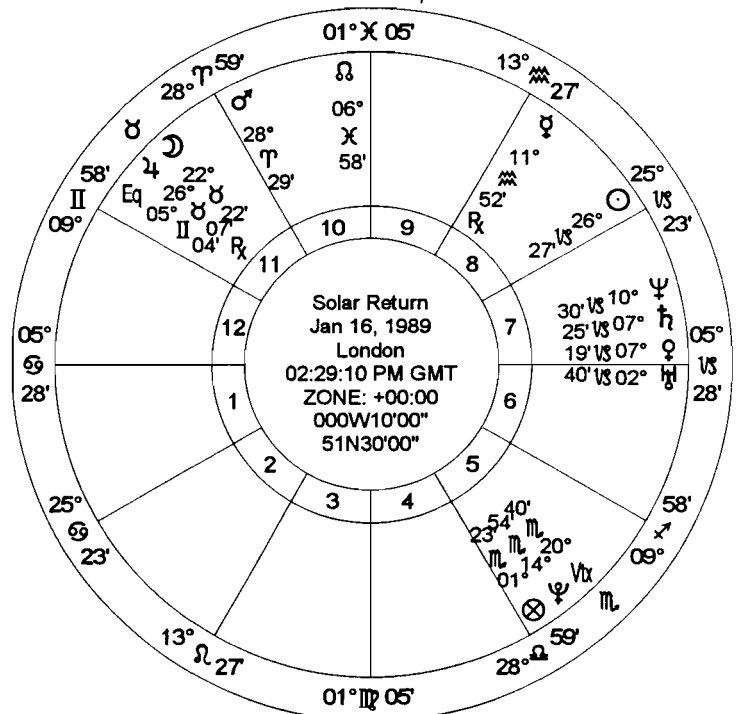
The correct answer is that on the 3rd of February 1989 in London the subject was married.

His profession is that of a solicitor (lawyer).

Congratulations to Doreen Gilbert (NSW) who said the event was a blissful relationship, possible engagement, and to Fay Jenkins (Vic) who said he possibly married someone who worked while he went through university. Mignon Halford (NSW) said "some form of partnership forming or breaking".

In all there were eight entries. No one got the profession right although Mignon was close when she said "counsellor, psychologist, or could be a strategist like a barrister, etc."

The Solar Return relocated to London had the North Node conjunct the MC, and Venus conjunct



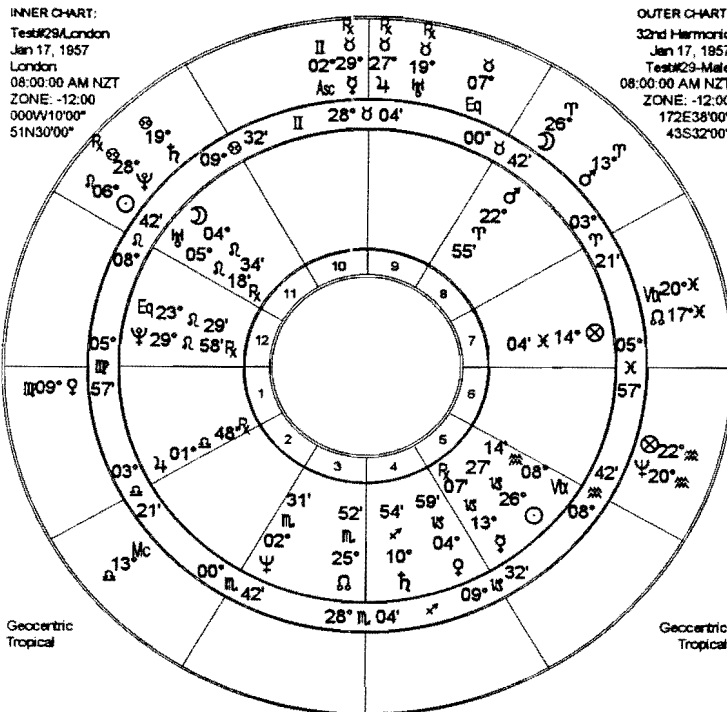
Saturn on the Descendant—typical indications of a love affair. The Solar Return Ascendant was conjunct the Natal 5th Cusp, (probability of a love affair), and the SR-MC was conjunct the Natal Ascendant.

The Solar Return set for the birthplace was not especially helpful, though it did indicate a favourable year.

The 32nd Harmonic had Jupiter conjunct the

Ascendant and its Ruler, which is much more common for marriage than just a romance, and the Sun conjunct Natal Moon and Uranus. If the Birth Chart is relocated to London its MC is conjunct Harmonic Jupiter and its Ascendant conjunct Harmonic Venus. The event was destined to happen in London.

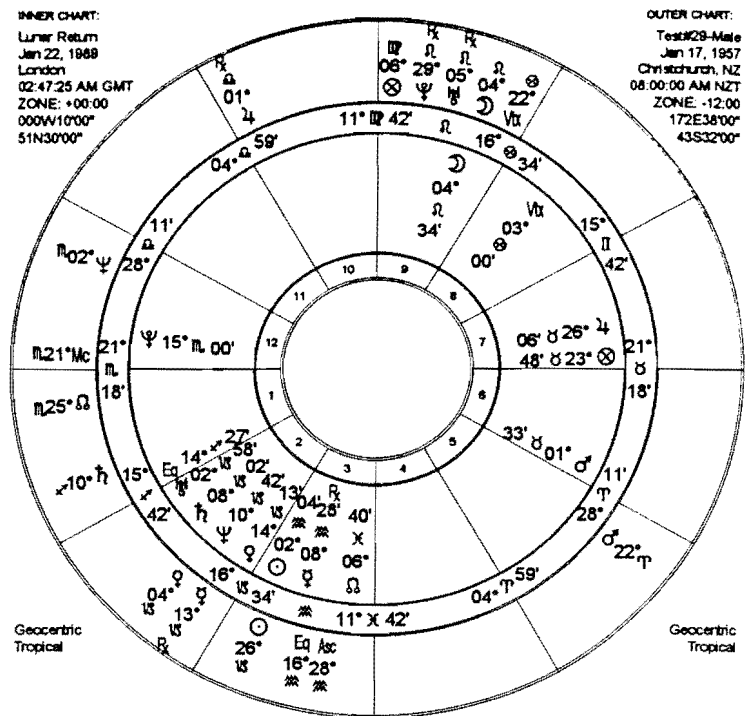
The 32nd Synodic Return is not especially helpful in this case, except that Jupiter is conjunct the N. Node in the Birth Chart, again suggesting that marriage is the event.



The Lunar Return (next column) had appropriate indications, whether set for London or for the birth place. The Chart for London is below. Jupiter is conjunct the Part of Fortune on the 7th Cusp, and the Ascendant is conjunct the Natal N. Node and MC.

The profession was not so easy to determine unless one has had experience of the charts of lawyers. The indications however are quite typical. Pluto is Angular and sesquare Mercury, and Mercury is very closely 100° from Mars which is conjunct the 3rd Cusp. Both Pluto and Mars rule the 10th House, to further the connection. In the several dozen charts of lawyers that I have, Mercury—Mars Aspects (including close minor Aspects as in the present case) are the most common, and signify love of argument. They are not necessarily to be found in the charts of researchers, for instance, who also have to collect evidence and evaluate opinions. Mars conjunct

the 3rd Cusp in Aspect to Mercury stresses that the career involves verbal communication, and the aggressiveness implied by Mars is appropriate for most



legal work but not for research.

Comment by the Editor

Regarding the above Test, the question arises again as to what is the best chart to use, especially for those who do not have access to sophisticated computer programs. It still appears that anyone can do well relying simply on the standard Solar or Lunar Return set for the place of the action.

The Age Harmonic is a good alternative if you are without a computer but have a hand calculator. I will be happy to send instructions on its calculation to anyone who asks. Though the Age Harmonic is usually calculated for the place of birth, it may be even more indicative when the Birth Chart is relocated, as Ross Harvey has demonstrated in his Report above.

It is not so strange that no one lit on the profession. Inspection of the Natus reveals that the subject could have succeeded in a number of vocations, and some were mentioned in the responses to this Test. For example there are appropriate placements for an investigative journalist, health inspector, administrator, psychologist or psychiatrist, medical practitioner, sex therapist, scientist, counsellor, engineer or electrician, besides solicitor, which is the man's actual vocation.

Many will question the validity of the 100° Aspect from Mercury to Mars used by Ross, but even without it there is sufficient evidence to support the profession of lawyer (Sun in Capricorn trine Jupiter, Saturn in the 10th House in Sagittarius and ruling the Ascendant).

I congratulate all who participated in this Test, irrespective of their results, and this applies particularly to those who have a busy schedule but nevertheless

made the time to do the Test, and had the courage to send in their findings. I am sure very many more readers of *Astrologers' Forum* would have tried to find the answers, without writing in about them. As I have said many times, the great value of these exercises is the increase in astrological understanding and skill that results from the thought and effort involved.

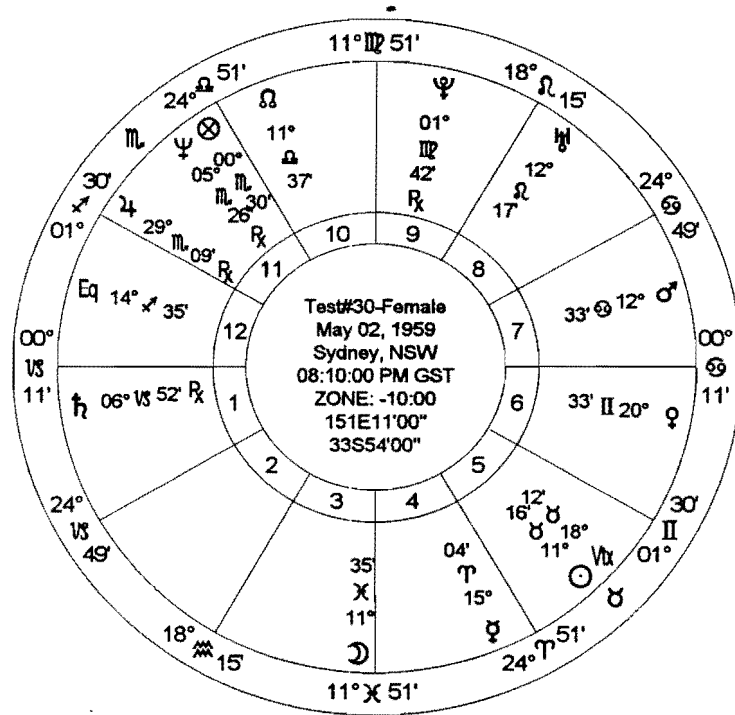
Now here is the next Test, also set by Ross, so please send your responses to him at 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074, or to me by e-mail, dymock@ozemail.com.au.

There is not a lot of time to answer this one, as the closing date is April 28 so that the results can appear in the next Issue (May). But do have a go anyway.

TEST NO.30

The subject is a female born on 2nd May 1959, 8:10pm AEST, at 33°54' S, 151°11' E (Sydney). She is a part-time office worker, married, no children.

What happened to her on 5th February 1999?



BILL CLINTON AND KEN STARR

Answers from the Inner Planes

The personal vendetta waged by Starr against President Clinton has been a feature of recent past issues of *Astrologers' Forum*. Nick Sutherland of Texas, USA, has kindly supplied the following account from a discarnate entity *Abenda*, channelled by Tara Sutphen. I'm sure it will interest many readers.

Q: Abenda, can you explain the animosity between President Bill Clinton and Ken Starr?

A: The two men have been enemies for many lifetimes, the following being some of their most interesting incarnations:

The animosity began in Italy over 100 years before the founding of Rome (836 BC). Clinton was then a regional leader. Starr was a rival Barbarian who publicly denounced him. Verbal accusations escalated into armed conflict and Clinton was killed. Soon after, the people hanged Starr in a village square.

In 741 AD, in Morocco, Clinton and Starr were sisters who did not get along. Two years apart in age, their father gave Starr away to be married and she died in childbirth the same year. Clinton went on to have a fruitful life.

In 971 AD, they came back together as males living in Turkey. Hate assures karmic reunions. This time, Starr politically worked against Clinton. To Clinton, Starr provided a challenge for his ideas. But Starr ended up stalking Clinton and was banished from the city. Clinton has no real hate for Starr, but Starr is karmically determined to destroy Clinton in any way he can.

In 1375 AD in France, Clinton is a woman and Starr is born as her child. Clinton died within days of childbirth. If Starr can't kill Clinton one way, then he will another.

Currently, Ken Starr feels he leads a worthy cause, but in reality he is consumed by a desire for vengeance. He is still a stalker. Clinton feels on a soul level that to be a great leader he must conspire with enemies and refuse to give in.

You know and accept that life on your plane is a matter of soul energy interacting with energy. With this understanding, know that Starr is an energy focal point for all who oppose Clinton personally and who oppose his ideological views. So Starr's energy is being fed by others of like mind. Events will have to play all the way out, although to the majority of observers, this makes little sense.

These two souls will have to play out variations of this conflict lifetime after lifetime until one of them rises above the karma by forgiving the other. Then the one who has not forgiven will have to find other entities with a karmic configuration matching their need to experience conflict. Sadly, there is never any shortage of hate-filled souls needing to focus their self-loathing upon others.

My kind regards to all. — Dymock, 9th April 1999.

QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?

ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

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TEST NO.27—RESULTS & ANALYSIS

Correct Answer: On 23 January 1998 the subject died of a brain tumour.

It was gratifying to receive *ten* responses to this challenge from all over the world (including Japan and Israel) the participants employing a variety of techniques—traditional Astrology, Cosmobiology, Uranian, and even the Hindu Vedic System. If ten readers actually sent in written copy, it can be safely assumed that at least five times that number gave the problem some thought and tried to work out an answer. (That, of course, is where the great value of the exercise lies.) Though no one found the right answer, most demonstrated a keen understanding of the relevant planets and Houses plus the ability to combine the various factors in their reports.

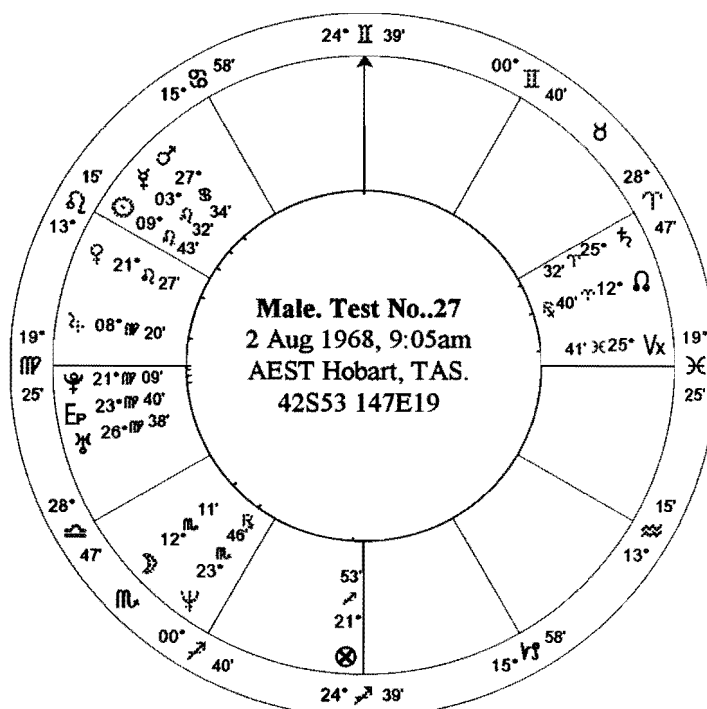
Closest to the mark was Ross Harvey (NSW) who said the subject may have been killed in a traffic accident. Congratulations to Ross and to all those who took part, their reward being increased expertise and general knowledge of Astrology following the thought and research needed to come up with any sort of result.

Without doubt, the most revealing Chart for this Test is the Age-Harmonic Any astrologers who have had reservations about this modern technique might be persuaded to revise their ideas in the light of the analysis below.

I should mention here that though Harmonics in general are not a modern invention, the idea of using AGE Harmonics is due entirely, so far as I am aware, to the exploratory brain and mental percipience of Ross Harvey, a seasoned astrologer from NSW. Ross first came up with the idea—reported fifteen years ago (October 1983) in an article in *Astrologers' Forum* (always at the cutting edge!). It was a stroke of brilliance that I personally (and fortunately) recognized immediately, and have employed to great advantage in scores of charts ever since. In my view it eclipses *all other advances* in our art this century, not excepting any of the different forms of astrology, my only regret being the chains of conservative thinking that keep the generality of astrologers from recognizing and applying

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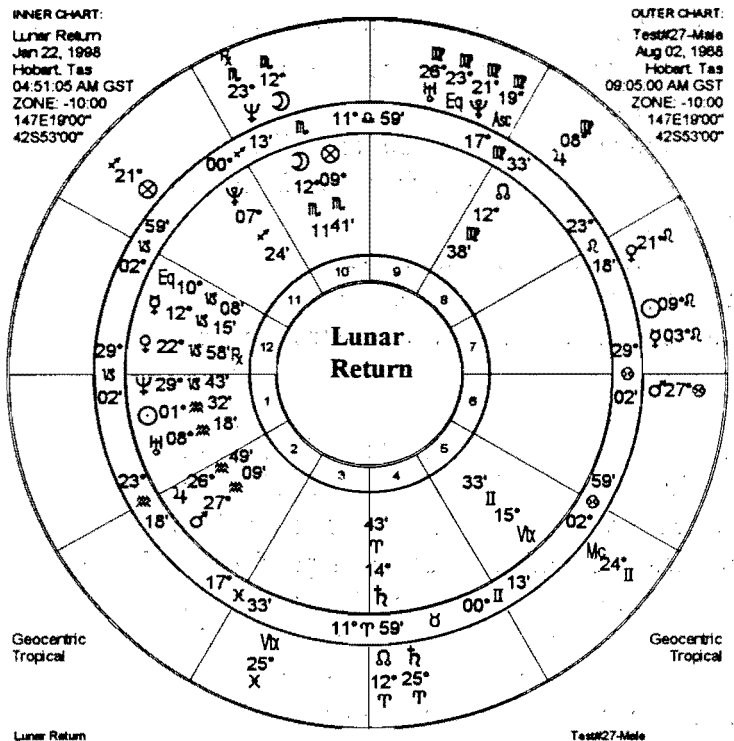
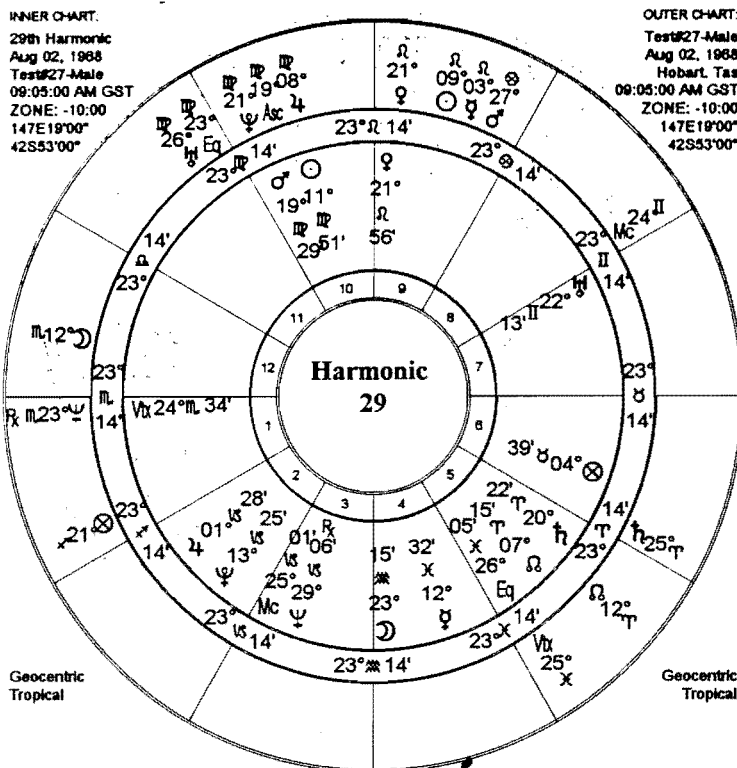


this wonderful tool. I am immeasurably grateful to Ross, just as I am eternally grateful for that modern miraculous development—the computer.

The Birth Chart of the subject appears above. On the next page is his 29th Age-Harmonic Chart which relates to his 30th year, from 2nd Aug. 1997—2nd Aug. 1998. Ross made good use of this Chart in his answer to the Test. The Harmonic covers the date in which the subject's death occurred, 23rd January 1998.

The Harmonic Chart is enclosed by the Birth Horoscope, and the two together give multiple indications of the fatality: One sees immediately that Natal Neptune rises, right on the Ascendant conjunct the Harmonic Vertex. So this is a DESTINY YEAR. Neptune in Scorpio having the flavour of Neptune conjunct Pluto, dire things are to be expected.

We look for *close* positions and Aspects: The Natal



MC is closely conjunct the 8th Cusp, as is also Harmonic Uranus. This is symptomatic of a career cut short by *death*, a conclusion supported by the Ruler of the 8th House being in close opposition to the Sun—the Life Force.

The "floating" MC at 25°Cap01' is closely squared by Natal Saturn at 25°Ari32' on the Cusp of Illness.

Mars at 19°Vir29' conjoins Natal Pluto at 21°Vir09' and the Natal Ascendant at 19°Vir15'. These last two Significators were already a potent force for ill in the Birth Chart. Mars, Pluto and the Ascendant tightly conjoined are an unholy alliance that militates strongly against good health and length of life.

The final seal on these ill omens is the T-Square to Rising Neptune—Venus opposing the Moon along the Meridian, both square to Neptune. Neptune in Scorpio, adversely affected by Venus is associated with morbid growths—tumours, in other words—if additional factors point to illness.

It is doubtful if more significant indications of death by a tumour could be given in any chart. The above Age-Harmonic Chart is one to dwell on—an *open sesame* for the untrammelled mind.

In the next column is the standard **Lunar-Return Chart** again circumscribed by the Birth Figure.

The most striking feature is the planet Neptune again right on the Ascendant and closely conjunct the Sun, both bodies being opposed by Natal Mars. This configuration is particularly virulent as the Sun rules the House of Death, and its vitality is already drastically weakened by Neptune. The effect is

heightened somewhat by the trine of Pluto to the Natal Sun ruling the 8th House.

Looking further we see Venus on the 8th Cusp, the Natal Venus/Neptune Square being brought into operation by the proximity of Venus to the (Koch) Cusp. This is indicative of the fatal tumour.

Finally, the power of Saturn on the Cusp of Endings is amplified by its conjunction with the Natal N.Node.

This standard Lunar-Return Chart, combined with the Birth Figure, does therefore give a reasonable indication of the event.

It has to be remembered that an astrologer who had the parents of the man as his clients would almost certainly determine the course of events with accuracy as he would know the previous history of the subject and his state of health.

The subject was diagnosed with a brain tumour on 23 December 1993, and it was surgically removed on 10 January 1994. The "all clear" was given in May 1997 but a grade-4 inoperable tumour was diagnosed on 4 July 1997, leading to death on 23 January 1998.

With that medical history in mind, I am sure that most of those who sent in a reply to this Test would have arrived at the outcome. The background information would immediately have ruled out many of the other possibilities that did come up in the Cyclic Charts, e.g., marriage, new environment, change of profession, divorce, etc.

Below is a selection of respondents' replies that deserve commendation for being on the right track: "He had been in hospital for successful treatment". (Fay Jenkins, ~~from~~ Prgd. Sun conjunct Neptune.)

"A kind of stress having illusions" and an "unexpected disruptive effect" (Rajeev Upadhye, using Transits only).

"Soul-shattering change and disruption" (Shirley Gray, Michigan, USA; from the 29th Age-Harmonic Chart).

The above partial successes were all scored using traditional methods. There have not been enough entries employing Uranian astrology to judge of its efficacy in this type of problem. So far, what seems to be the main trouble is the great variety of possibilities conjured up by the multitude of factors used (including the hypothetical planets) and the difficulty of deciding which are the important and crucial ones in any particular situation. It seems a good deal of research will be needed to overcome this difficulty and establish Uranian methods as a workable system. The test will be the accurate application of the system to *predict* the future, not just to analyse the past.

Cosmobiology has difficulties similar to the Uranian system, though not so pronounced, but is handicapped by not using House domification.

Similarly, we shall not know how effective is the Hindu Vedic system until enough experienced practitioners try their hand at these Tests. Unfortunately, there is always the problem with established practitioners that they are apprehensive of a loss of prestige if their diagnosis happens to be wrong. This is quite the wrong attitude. All astrologers should be willing to put their theories to the test, possibly discovering short-comings and being alerted to the need for further study and research, which would increase their competence in all areas. This would be the guiding principle of an astrologer who pursues his art for the love of it and not principally for material gain.

NEW TEST, NO. 29

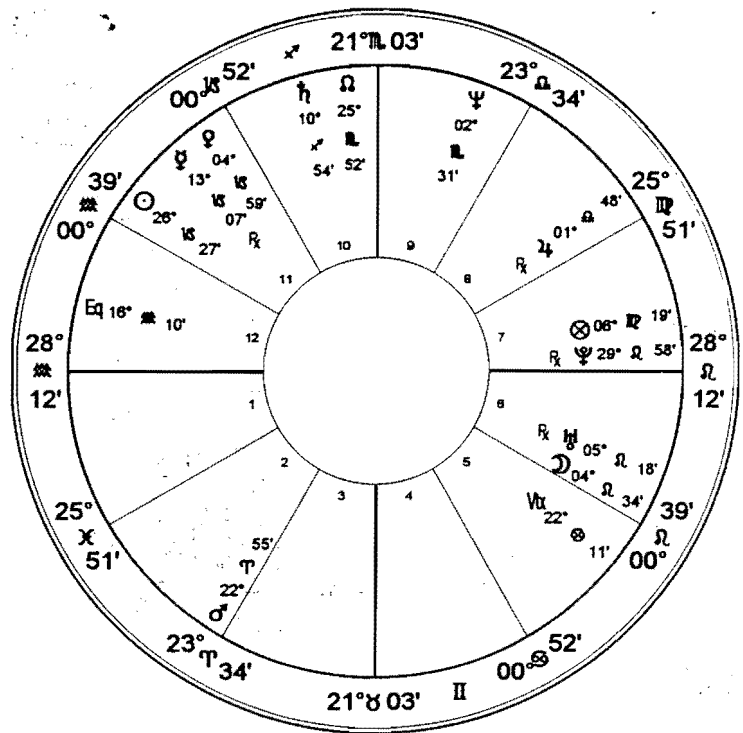
Well, try your hands at this one, set by Ross Harvey who uncovered the necessary data:

The subject is a man, born 17 January 1957, 8:00am NZT, Christchurch, NZ, 43°S32', 172°E38'. The man worked in an office and was single

There are two parts to this Test:

- (1) What happened to him in London on February 3, 1989?
- (2) This man had studied for a profession at university, but had not completed the course. Some time after the above event he resumed his studies and qualified. What is his profession?

Ross comments that this is a difficult one, but the planetary configurations are quite distinctive and are



Test #29-Male, 17 Jan 1957, 8:00am NZT
Christchurch, New Zealand. 43S32, 172E38
Koch Cusps, Mean Node.

seen in the charts of many other members of this profession.

So there is something to get your astrological teeth into. Try for one or both parts of the Test. I hope many will "give it a go!". Send your replies direct to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW, Australia 2074, or if you have e-mail facilities you can send via me dymock@ozemail.com.au.

Answers, please, by March 29, 1999.

—Dymock.

HILLARY CLINTON & DAUGHTER CHELSEA

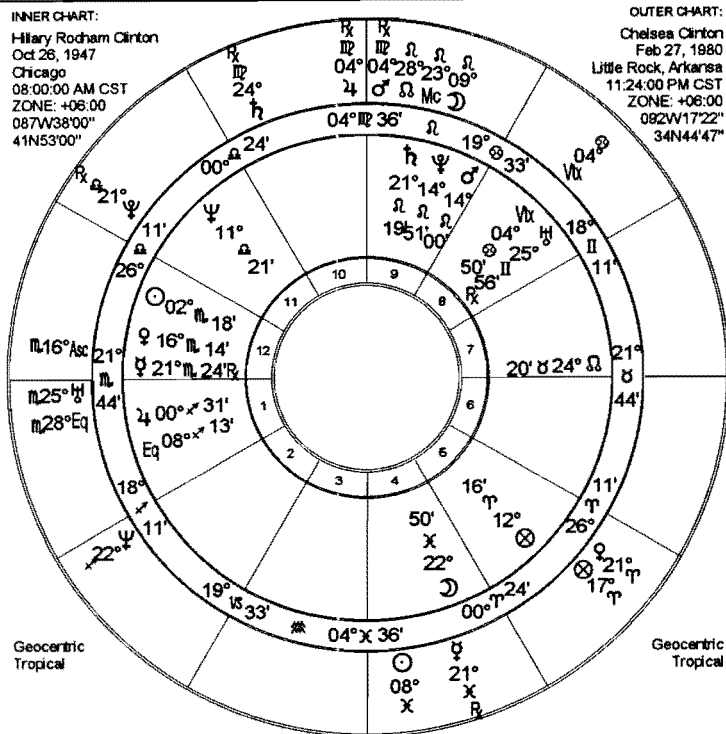
In the last Issue I wrote about Hillary Clinton, using the birth time of 8am instead of 8pm as usually adopted. I am convinced the 8am Chart is the correct one. Anyone who still harbours doubts should look at the evidence supplied by the combined Charts of mother and daughter.

We always expect to see similarities of Sign, Aspects or House position in the nativities of family members. This alone does not serve to confirm TIMES of birth, but when planets of the chart whose time is accurate appear on the ANGLES of the other, we have weighty evidence that the birth time for the second chart is correct.

On the next page is the 8am Chart of Hillary, as given in the last Issue, circumscribed by the Birth Figure of her daughter, Chelsea. Chelsea's Mars at

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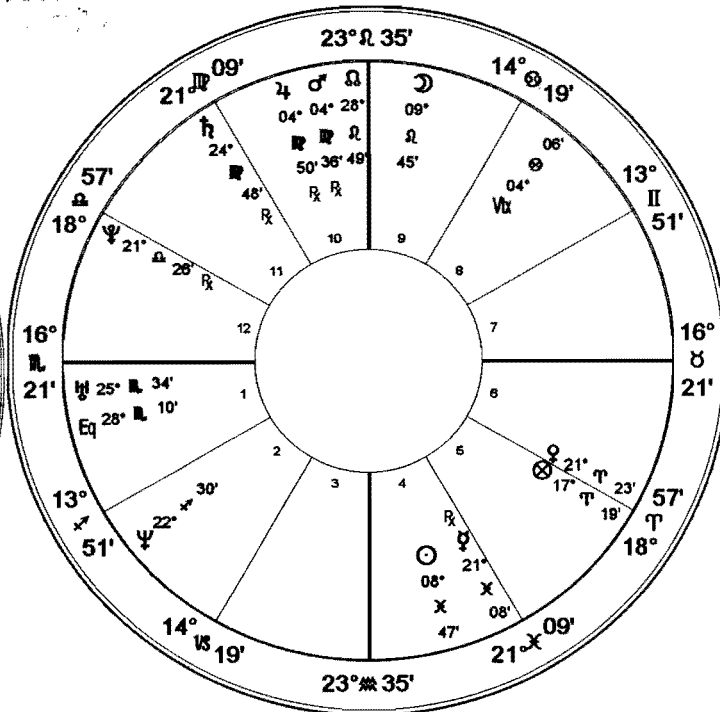
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Oct 26, 1947
Chicago
08:00:00 AM CST
ZONE: +06:00
087W38'00"
41N53'00"



Hillary Rodham Clinton			
Pl	Geo Lon	R _h	Decl.
☉	22°x 49' 51"		-07° 03'
☌	02°x 18' 27"		-12° 17'
☿	21°x 23' 52"	R _h	-20° 53'
♀	16°x 13' 40"		-16° 26'
♂	14°x 00' 28"		+18° 03'
♂	00°x 30' 41"		-19° 39'
♂	21°x 18' 35"		+15° 16'
♂	25°x 55' 44"	R _h	+23° 31'
♂	11°x 21' 03"		-03° 08'
♂	14°x 25' 58"		+23° 06'

OUTER CHART:

Chelsea Clinton
Feb 27, 1980
Little Rock, Arkansas
11:24:00 PM CST
ZONE: +06:00
082W17'22"
34N44'47"



Chelsea Clinton			
Pl	Geo Lon	R	Decl.
☉	09°x 45' 11"		+16° 06'
☌	08°x 46' 50"		-08° 17'
☿	21°x 07' 38"	R	-00° 35'
♀	21°x 22' 49"		+08° 53'
♂	04°x 35' 40"	R	+13° 52'
♂	04°x 49' 59"	R	+10° 58'
♂	24°x 48' 08"	R	-04° 15'
♂	25°x 34' 10"		-18° 53'
♂	22°x 29' 40"		-21° 52'
♂	21°x 26' 22"	R	+07° 57'

Chelsea Clinton

27 Feb 1980, 11:24pm CST, Little Rock, Arkansas
34N44 47, 92W17 22. Koch Cusps, Mean Node.

4°36' Virgo is *precisely to the minute* conjunct Hillary's MC. Chelsea's Jupiter at 4°50' Virgo is also closely conjunct her mother's MC, with an orb of only 0°14'. There are other significant planetary connections, but only links with the Angles of Hillary's Charts are useful in this type of investigation to confirm a birth time. No such small-orb connections occur with Hillary's 8pm Birth Chart, where the Ascendant is 29°52' Gemini, and the MC at 5°8' Pisces.

CHELSEA CLINTON

Chelsea has just passed her 19th birthday, having endured, through her father's embroilment in a world-publicized scandal, a year of tribulation and turmoil such as falls to the lot of few women. Her trials are not over yet, her Annual Charts for 1999 showing further emotional upheaval.

Chelsea's 19th Harmonic Chart puts Pluto on the Ascendant of her Birth Figure opposed by H.Venus and Square the H.Sun. This shows more distress and upset as Pluto in typical fashion brings everything unsavoury to the surface and confronts one with a situation that has to be handled. The people Chelsea loves best in the world—her parents—are at war with one another (if only privately). A major period of reconstruction is under way but will take time to complete. On March 13 Pluto at its first Station will

Square her Natal Sun. A more critical period will be **mid-August** when Pluto at its 2nd Station is only one degree from the same Square. There is much domestic disharmony here, increased by other adverse factors—Uranus square the Moon on April 5 and Saturn opposite the Sun on 1 July, both being Directions by Converse Ascendant-Arc.

Chelsea will have her lighter moments—May 15, when the Progressed Moon conjuncts Venus (*happiness and harmony*), 30 July when Venus is Stationary on Natal Jupiter (*a love attachment*) and 25 August when Jupiter is Stationary Trine to its Natal position (*good fortune; a wish fulfilled*).

Pluto at Work

Anne Fryer (S.A.) has written in response to my request for feedback on the list of planetary aspects published in the March '98 Issue: On 11 March 1998 when Pluto was Stationary, turning Retrograde, it was opposite her Natal Moon at 9° Gemini. Transiting Uranus also Trined her Natal Moon at the same time.

That day, 11 March 1998, her mother had an unexpected opportunity to move into residential care—thereby ending a living arrangement they had had for the past 10 years.

Pluto is Stationary again at 10°30' Sagittarius on March 13, so anyone who has a significator at that point or in aspect to it will be subject to the planet's destructive and reconstructive influence in relation to the planet aspected. Reports from readers would be welcomed.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 2 March '99.

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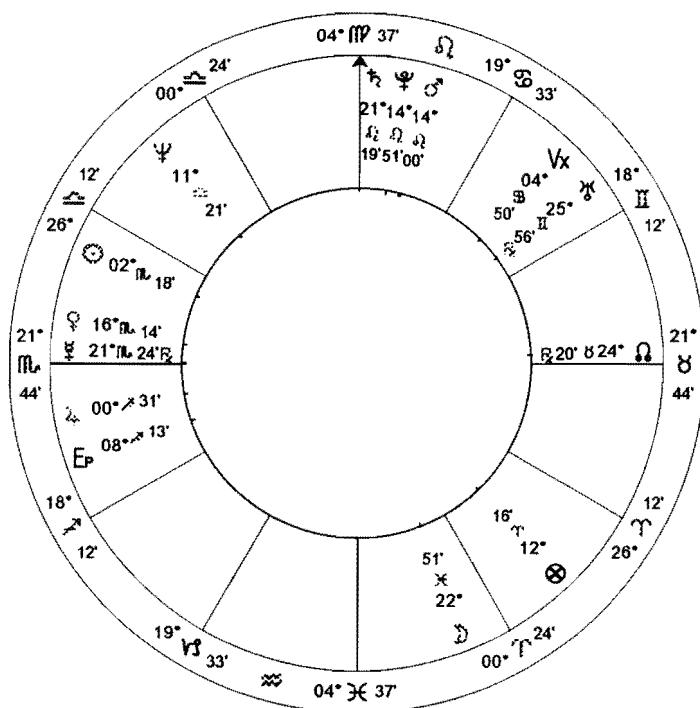
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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON— CANDIDATE FOR HONOURS



Hillary Rodham Clinton 26th October 1947, 8am CST
Chicago, 87W38, 41N53
Koch Cusps, Mean Node.

Note that the above Chart is for 8am, not the one usually given for 8pm, which I could never relate to what the world knows of America's First Lady. I was alerted to the 8am time by an e-mail correspondent from the USA from whom I learned that though Hillary herself had quoted the 8pm time, *her mother said 8am*. A comparison of the two Charts leaves no doubt that the above is the correct one. This is one occasion on which I have been grateful for the Internet, though mostly the much vaunted World Wide Web has been for me a waste of time.

Here is a woman of undoubted capacity. Principal features of her Chart are the Sun and Ascendant in Scorpio (*strength, fortitude, iron will*) and the conjunction of Mars, Pluto and Saturn in Leo (*drive, energy, determination, authority*). Once her mind is set

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on a course it will not easily be deflected. The Moon in Pisces adds *sensitivity, compassion and empathy*. Her feeling and concern for children, and her political work on their behalf is well-known.

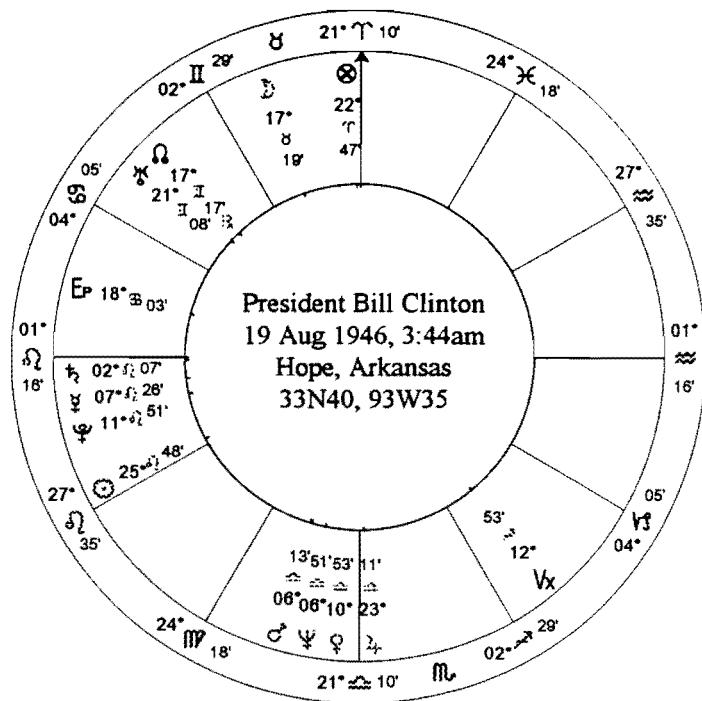
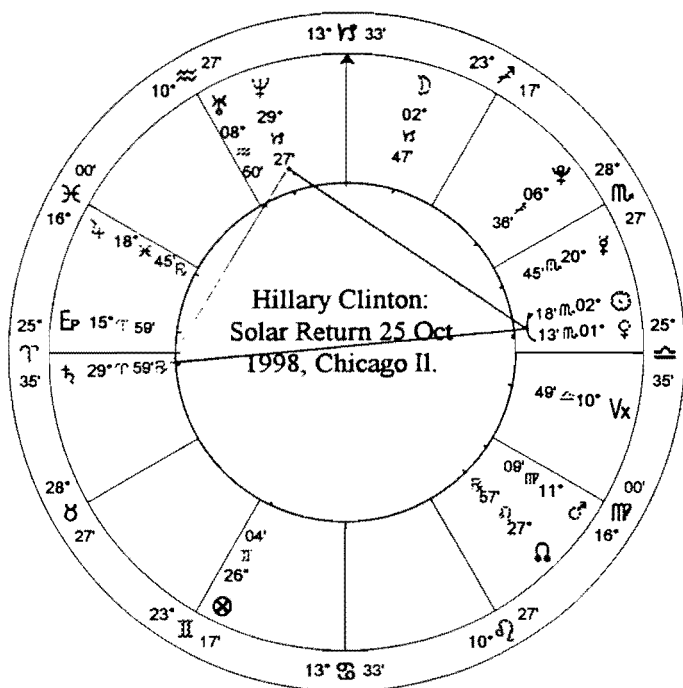
The position of the Sun in the 12th House has meant that the first half of Hillary's life has been spent in relative obscurity, though not without achievement. She is a highly-skilled lawyer with a great capacity for concentration and the ability to sort out immediately the crux of any matter and separate the essential from the non-essential.

Mercury and Venus on the Ascendant are a great asset for her (*gift for public speaking*); the Moon trine Mercury (*highly articulate; wide mental horizons*) while the squares to the Mars/Pluto/Saturn conjunction have developed her character through effort, struggle and coping with the vicissitudes of life.

The main achievements in Hillary's personal saga are still to come. The Sun, which was obscured earlier by its position in the 12th House has climbed by Progression of the MC to the apex of her Chart. In April this year (1999) it conjuncts the MC. The next years will see Hillary Clinton more and more in the public arena and rising to unprecedented heights.

The world has admired the way Hillary has staunchly supported her husband in the years of his trial by public ordeal. But now her own standard is about to be raised—and big changes are in the offing.

Hillary's current Solar Return Chart (26Oct98—26Oct99, next page) has a T-Square of Saturn, Neptune and Sun/Venus focussing on the House of Marriage, indicative of a pronounced cooling in the marital relationship, which should surprise no one. Aries rises in this Chart, and its Ruler Mars is in close



sesquare to the Rising Degree, signifying Hillary's independence and awakened ambition. It will free her from the tie of an unsatisfactory marriage while offering scope for attainment in her own right, rather than as a prop for her husband.

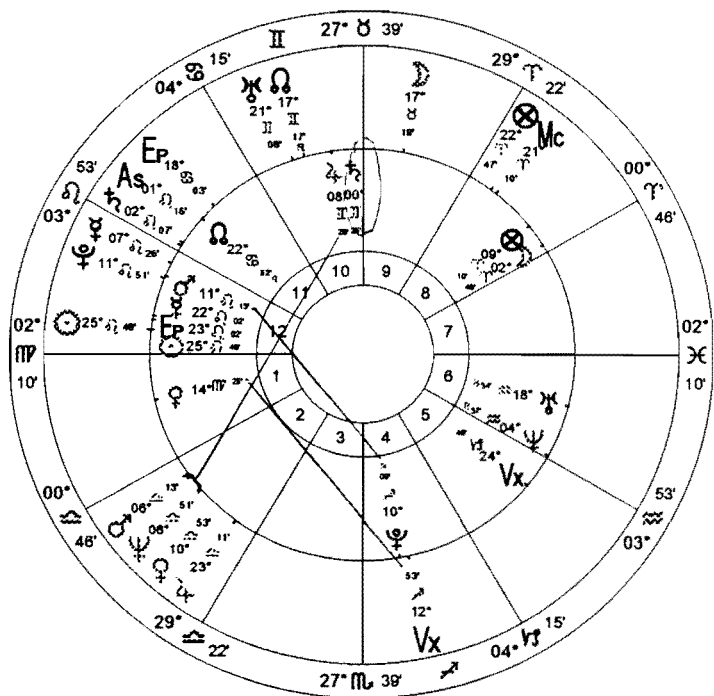
Current Directions support the above. In the present month, February 1999, Venus and Uranus oppose one another by Ascendant-Arc, both Direct and Converse. This is a typical configuration for the break-up of a relationship. In March, Pluto exercises its splitting action and the start of a new phase through its Station at 10°30' Sagittarius, only 2¼° from the Equatorial Ascendant (EP). The rift becomes even more pronounced in May when Uranus is Stationary at 16°Aqu48' opposite Natal Mars and Pluto. The marriage is effectively, if only privately, finished.

What is the likely date of the official break-up? The Progressions/Directions for 1999 show a series of Oppositions and Squares that continue and augment the disaffection of the parties, but a Court proceeding between two people so prominently placed in the political world must be related to other factors than the needs or wishes of those concerned.

It is hardly likely that Hillary will divorce her husband while he is still in Office. Her sense of loyalty and rectitude is too deeply ingrained for that. In the August 1998 Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* (page 5) I forecast that President Clinton would survive the attacks upon him and retain his Presidency. I still stand by this, though the Impeachment proceedings are unfinished. But now it is time to decide when Bill Clinton's reign

will end, and following that, when the formal divorce proceedings will be initiated.

The President's Birth Chart, which I regard as authentic for the reasons set out in the September 1996 Issue, appears above. Below is his Solar Return Figure set for Washington and the period 19 August 2000 to 19 August 2001, circumscribed by the Birth Figure.



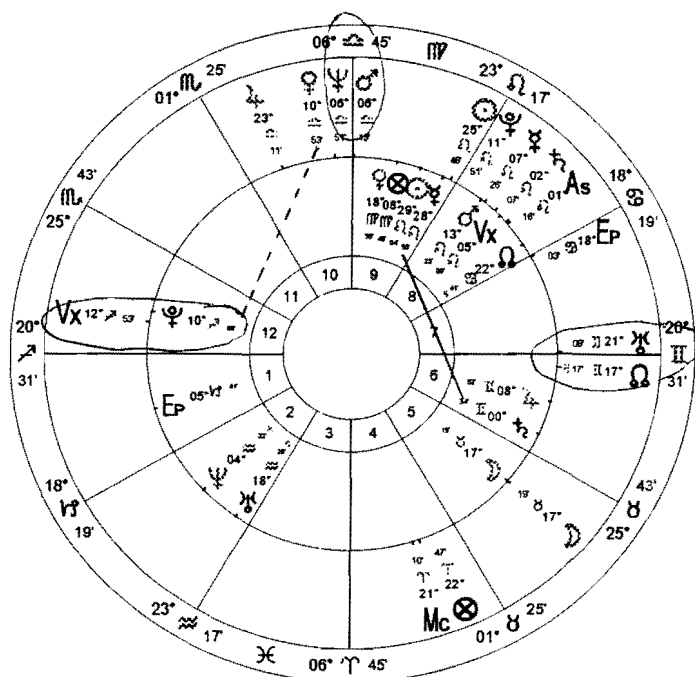
Inner Chart and Cusps: Solar Return 19Aug2000—19Aug2001.
Outer Circle Birth Chart. 18Aug2000, 6:1:10am EST,
Washington DC. 38N54, 77W02. Koch Cusps, Mean Node.

This is the Chart that presages his political demise. I have skipped the previous Solar Returns as they show the President still in power. The Figure above, however, foretells the end. The indications are — Saturn conjunct the MC.

Venus ruling the 10th square to the Natal Vertex. Mars trine Pluto in the House of Endings, and conjunct Natal Pluto, both planets ruling this House of Endings and the Natal House of Career.

(Jupiter in the 10th trine Natal Mars and Pluto suggests that it may be a voluntary relinquishment of the crown.)

Bill Clinton's **Lunar Return of 21 August 2000** (set for the Birth Place) when coupled with the Birth Chart is even more graphic.



Inner Chart and Cusps: **Lunar Return 21Aug2000.**
Outer Circle, **Birth Chart.** Koch Cusps, Mean Node.

Natal Mars and Neptune straddling the MC are particularly indicative of loss of Office. Pluto is again conjunct the Natal Vertex, and sextile Natal Venus which is in and ruling the MC.

Natal Uranus and the N.Node on the Cusp of the Marriage House show the marital break, while Mercury ruling this House in the 9th and Square Saturn points to legal proceedings.

As I read the Charts, therefore, I expect Bill Clinton to hold Office until August 2000, and have divorce proceeding filed against him about the second week of that month.

Thereafter, Hillary's career will proceed apace, and it will be a matter of great interest over the next five

years. From a study of her Cyclic Charts I expect her career to reach a peak of achievement after she turns 56 in 2003.

— Dymock.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

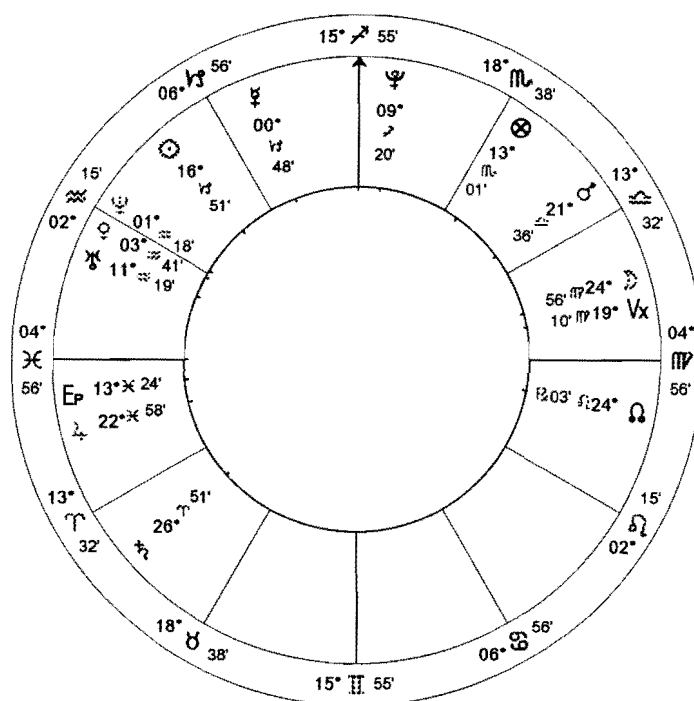
USA Senate v. President Clinton

by Rob Polglase

Clinton Trial 7 Jan 1999, 10.00 am EST

Washington DC USA, Regiomontanus

Who Will Do Best?



Ascendant-Ruler is Initiator of Lawsuit, the Senate = Jupiter, in 1st House The Descendant is the Opponent, President Clinton = Mercury/Capricorn, 10th House Angular. (Mercury is most descriptive)

1. H. 1-Ruler, Jupiter, and H. 7-Ruler Mercury, are both Angular—neither party will overcome. But Jupiter is in his own House, while Mercury is in the hands of the Judge(H. 7) = Advantage, Senate.
2. Jupiter has more Essential Dignities (Ruler, 5 points) than Mercury, (own Terms and House, 2 points) = Clinton loses. Advantage, Senate.
3. Jupiter, H. 1-Ruler, is in adverse Aspect to a planet (Opposition to the Moon) which is in Clinton's House, (7th). This weakens the Senate's position somewhat.
4. Neither H. 1-Ruler nor H. 7-Ruler is in the opponent's House, so no clear victory here.
5. Jupiter and Mercury will come to a Sextile without Reception, so they may be reconciled, but first they will have one little combat at law. Agreement has to

come from the less ponderous planet first (Mercury) so Clinton will have to make the overture.

6. Mars, measuring the Querent, the strength of the Senate's action, is in Detriment, opposite Saturn, indicating paralysis, gridlock.

The Background of Supporters

7. H. 2-Ruler, Mars, is Senate's supporters. Mars is afflicted grievously by Saturn, in the House of the Senate's money, so economic forces may affect the Senate negatively.

8. H. 8-Ruler, Venus, Clinton's supporters, in the 12th House, is besieged by Neptune and Uranus, and will Square Saturn—little help for Clinton.

9. H. 9-Ruler, Mars, the lawyers, with Pluto, co-Ruler of the 9th, afflicting by Square the Ascendant, I see as having a behind-the-scenes negative effect on the Senate. More dirt revealed?

10. In this case the Jury has to give a two-third's vote to convict. The Moon, the Jury (Senate) is in the 7th House (House of Clinton) and opposes Jupiter, the Senate. Clinton gains.

11. The Judge, H. 10-Ruler, Jupiter, is Direct, and will proceed according to the law, and will not obstruct.

12. Judge is opposite the Moon, the Jury, and it is in the H. of Clinton. I take this to mean the Jury would favour Clinton.

13. Judge is quincunx Mars, H. 2-Ruler, so the Judge cannot be bribed, may be thwarted economically. Does this mean a shortened trial—aborted?

The End of the Matter

14. The Moon is Void of Course, so although this is an "Election" Chart, nothing will come of the matter? Impeachment flounders?

15. *Pars Fortuna* is in the 8th House, disposed by Venus, the supporters of Clinton, and is Square to Venus (= minus 3 points) (Lilly), not a good state for the Senate so the Senate aim is thwarted.

16. Yod to Senate (Jupiter, Node, Mars): Senate faces fated outcome. Senate quincunx Senate's friends (Mars, ruling 2nd H.) and opposite the Moon, the Jury—insufficient votes for Impeachment (majority vote needed).

17. Arabic Parts yield only *Part of Passion* on the Lawyers, Pluto. Larry Flint, publisher of pornography, Pluto in Sagittarius, his mission to outrage and expose. *Part of Fatality* on IC! No winners!

18. The Star *Antares*—success that can be obsessive—describes Pluto here.

19. End of the Matter, H. 4-Ruler, Mercury, is none other than Clinton in the 10th, trining Saturn with difficulty, is Square Moon, and is higher in the Chart than his oponents. The Senate with Jupiter, being

higher in Essential Dignity points than Mercury (5 to 2) seems to be offset by more features for Clinton.

Conclusion

20. There is no clear-cut win for Impeachment. Rather, Clinton may negotiate, get some form of reprimand, but at cost to himself, his family, the Office he holds—and even the Senate.

Results of Test 28

This Test concerned a working woman born at 10:30am on 5th August 1936, in Sydney, Australia. She has teenage children. The object was to find out what happened to her (in Adelaide, Australia) on—

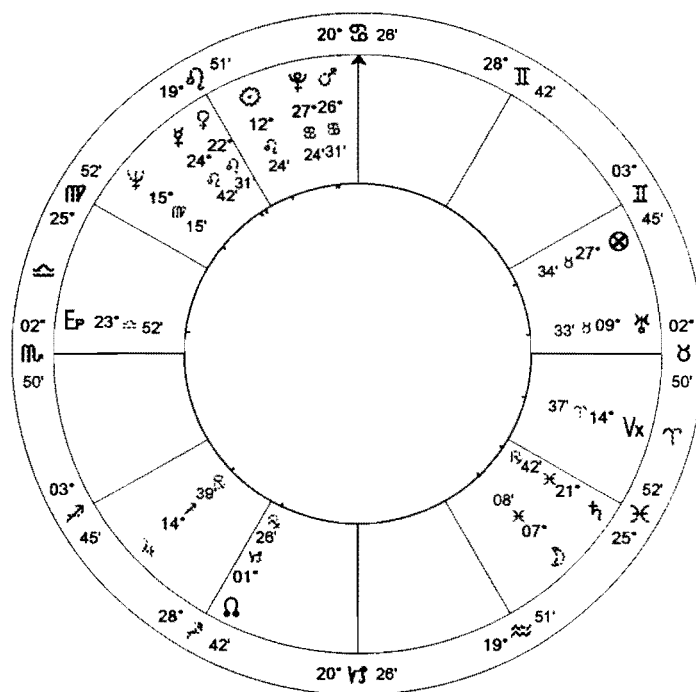
5 September 1980,

24 September 1980,

29 September 1980.

There was a domino effect. The first event allowed her to take action on the next two dates.

Here is the Birth Chart, (Koch Cusps, Mean Node):



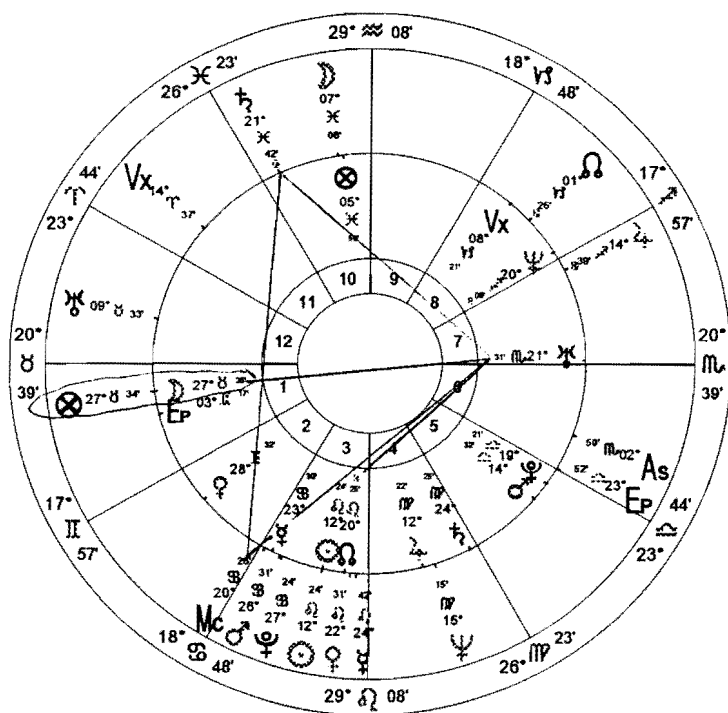
This turned out to be quite difficult, and only three people responded. Correct answers are:

1. On 5 Sep 1980 the woman obtained a divorce and property settlement.
2. On 24 Sep 1980 the family home was sold (Contract signed).
3. On 29 Sep 1980 the woman attended an auction and bought a smaller house.

All three participants were correct in seeing that the woman came into money that she could spend. This was, in fact, the most significant outcome, so they are to be congratulated. It was exceptionally difficult to

determine in what particular direction the money would be expended.

In keeping with the attempt to find the simplest and most easily accessible chart for solving these "What happened ..." questions, I have examined both the relevant Lunar Returns and the Solar Return. In this instance the **Standard Solar Return**, set for the change of location to Adelaide, seems to be the best. It should be related to the Birth Figure for maximum insight. Here is the Solar Return, set for the change of location (Adelaide) and circumscribed by the Natus:



Test 28 Solar Return 5 Aug 1980, 1:27:13 am ACST, Adelaide SA. 34°S55' 138°E 35'. Koch Cusps, Mean Node

Looking first at the Solar Return Chart alone, what draws the eye immediately is Uranus right on the 7th Cusp, Square the Moon's Node and opposite the Moon—the classical indicator of DIVORCE. With the Birth Figure circumscribed we see a Square to Venus, confirming a marital split, and a Grand Trine with Saturn and the MC, all around 21°.

Saturn rules the 9th House (*legal proceedings*) and the 10th (*status*, which is *changed* by the link to Uranus). The trine of Uranus and Saturn to the MC confirms this diagnosis.

So far it is relatively simple, and as I see it the next step, more difficult, is to fathom what would be the outcome of the divorce—the profit or loss thereby. This is shown by the 10th House (4th from the 7th). The Part of Fortune is in the 10th, conjunct the Natal Moon

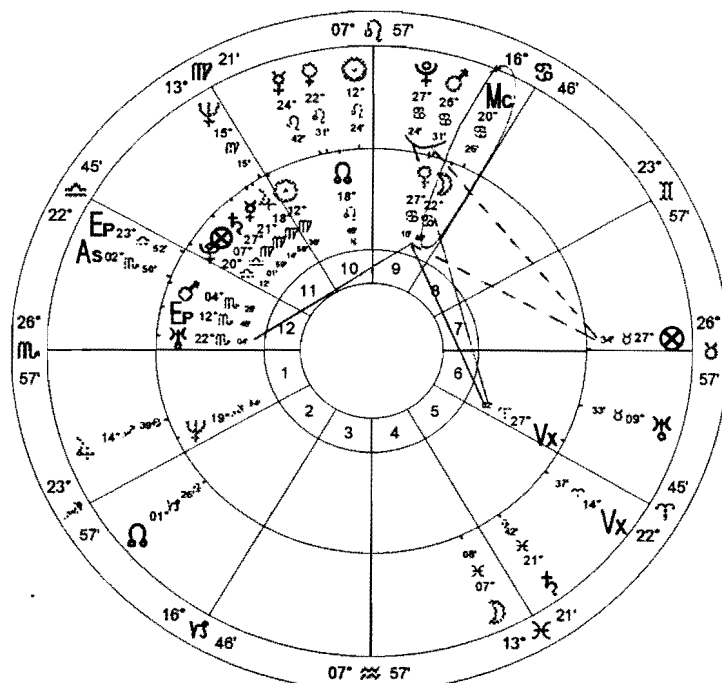
(*financial gain*) confirmed by the reciprocal conjunction of the Moon with the Natal Part of Fortune. A supporting indication in the Chart is the presence of Venus, ruling the Ascendant, in the 2nd House (*money*).

As the events of the next two dates were made possible by the first event—and that was the divorce settlement with monetary increase—it is reasonable to expect that the money was expended in some way. Trying to decide the "domino" effect—what might be done with the money—is the hardest part of all.

For a clue, look to other *very close* Aspects: The Moon at 27°Tau35' conjunct the Natal Part of Fortune at 27°Tau34', is also closely Sextile to Natal Pluto at 27°Can24'. This must have something to do with it.

Pluto is the *Destroyer* and *Re-builder*. One might speculate that this refers to a new home, signified by the Moon; but perhaps one needs a developed intuition for this. A more positive way is to look at the DAY Charts for the dates involved. A **Day Chart** is one cast for the day under review, the time of birth, and the new location (if any) of the subject.

For example, here is the Day Chart for the Divorce hearing on 5th September 1980, circumscribed by the Birth Chart:

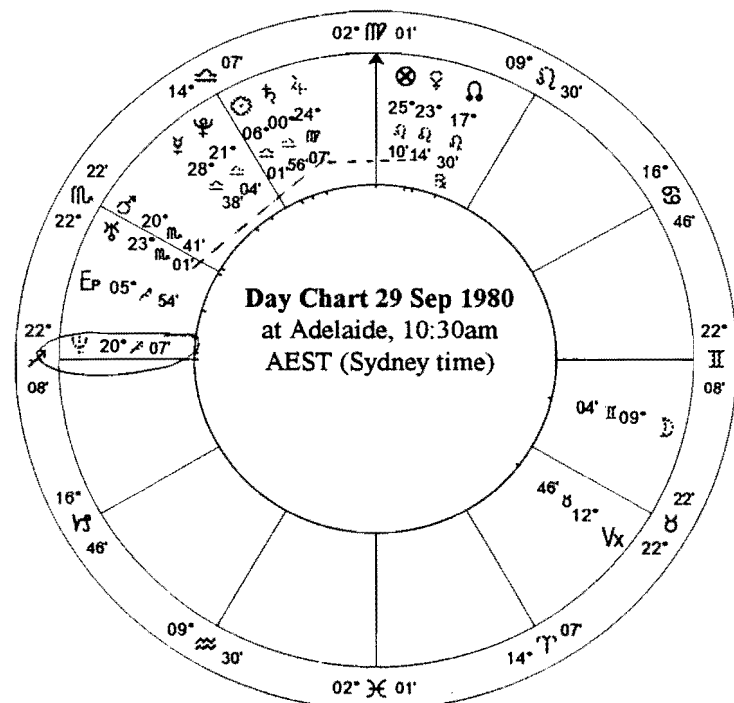
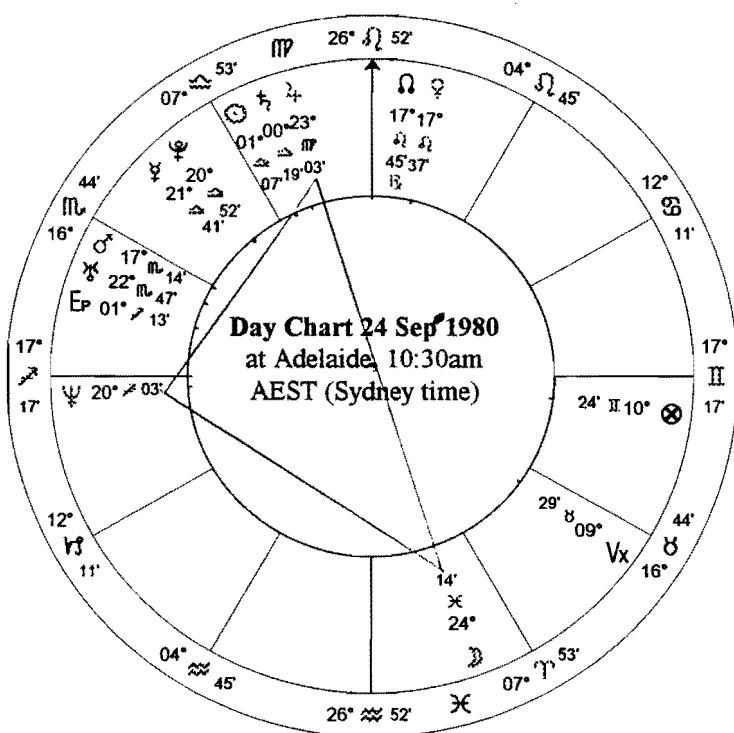


Day Chart, 5 Sep 1980. Test28/Female. Adelaide, 10:30am AEST (Sydney time)

Pointers to the Divorce proceedings are — The Moon in the 9th House, Trine to Uranus and conjunct the Natal MC (*shows where the business is*); the Natal Part of Fortune on the 7th Cusp, sextile to

Venus and Natal Mars and Pluto in the 9th; the Vertex very closely square to Venus and Natal Pluto in the 9th (Pluto ruling the Ascendant).

Similarly, the Day Chart for the second date, 24 Sep. 1980 has the Moon in the 4th House (the Home) opposite its Dispositor, Jupiter, which is consistent with a voluntary disposal of the family home. The T-Square with Neptune, the Co-Ruler of the 4th House, adds emphasis. There is sufficient indication here without reference to the Birth Chart.



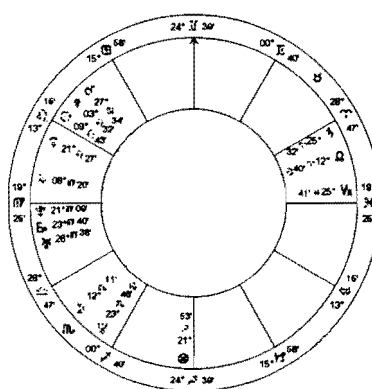
The Day Chart above is for the third date, 29 Sep 1980, when the subject bought another house from the

proceeds of selling the family home. Neptune rises, ruling the 4th House (the home), and Jupiter, the alternative Ruler, is in Semisextile contact with Venus (*gain, benefit*) and Uranus (*something new*). So, if one were particularly spry and alert as an astrologer one might deduce the final outcome was the purchase of a new home from the money then available.

The above is an attempt to find an astrological solution to the second and third parts of this Test, but other approaches are possible. For example, one could look into Progression of the Solar Return by the Daily House method, or by Quarterly Lunar Returns, or by relating the Day Chart to the current Solar Return in lieu of the Birth Figure. I hope some other researchers will get busy on this and make some useful discoveries.

Anyway, commendation to all those who participated in this Test whether or not they took the trouble to relay their findings. Their labours will surely bring a reward of increased expertise.

A reminder re TEST 27: You still have until February 25 to decide what happened on 23rd January, 1991 to the man born 2nd August, 1968 (Issue No. 209). Some entries are already in. I am hoping for many more. Answers please by letter to me at 4 Leabrook



Drive, Rostrevor, S.Australia, 5073, or by e-mail to Dymock@ozemail.com.au. Give first your conclusion then the main astrological reason for it. A lengthy description of all the factors involved is not necessary.

No one has yet answered the challenge of deciding the fate of the lone schoolboy yachtsman who wants to circumnavigate the globe before his 18th birthday. Remember, this is *practical Astrology*—making use of it for practical purposes instead of just interesting chats. An attempt to foresee the success or failure of his venture, and any hazards along the way, will do more for your astrological skill than many hours spent in reading texts. I believe many astrologers think they do not have the knowledge or experience for exercises of this nature. But attempting them is the only way they will gain such knowledge. So don't be diffident about your abilities—you might surprise yourself.

My good wishes to all. — Dymock, 7th Feb. 1999.

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LAUNCH OF THE EURO

Yesterday, 1st January 1999, at 0 hours GMT, the Euro was introduced to replace the national currencies in 11 of the 15 member States of the European Union. This is an economic measure of prime importance, a step towards the unification of Europe, and the culmination of much intensive debate and lobbying over the past years. It is envisaged that the Euro will eventually replace, or at least rival, the American dollar as the world's most widely traded currency.

The participating States at this stage are Belgium, Germany, France, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Austria, Portugal, Finland and Ireland. Their national currencies will be phased out over a period of three and a half years, but from now on euros will be the sole monetary system for the business of the European Central Bank. Non-participating members of the European Union—Britain, Sweden, Denmark and Greece—will have the option of joining later.

In the adjacent column is the Chart for the Launch, set for Brussels, which was the centre of activity for the introduction of the euro.

Libra, Sign of unification and adaptability, is on the Ascendant. Venus, the Ruler, is very appropriately closely sextile to the Part of Fortune (orb 0°11') signifying money matters. Venus is also Ruler of the 8th House (money and finances). Jupiter conjoins the Part of Fortune and is thus fulfilling its function of enlarging or extending the money market. So the Chart is certainly applicable to the business in hand.

What is most striking however is the close Yod formation involving Venus, the Moon and the N.Node. The orbs for both the two quincunxes and the Moon/Node-sextile are less than one degree. A Yod (more picturesquely called *Finger of God*) confronts one with a Destiny problem or situation that has to be faced and handled.

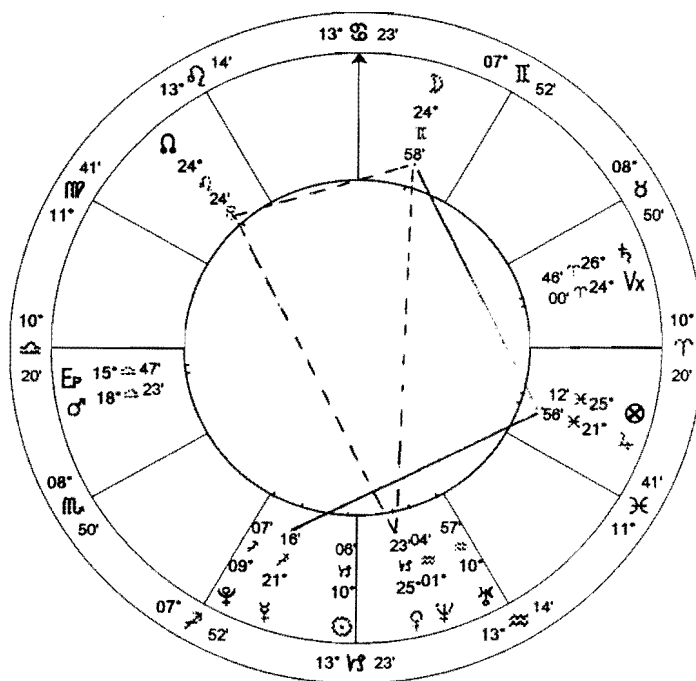
Moon—Node in this context signifies *alliances of Nations*, and the slightly discordant angles to Venus depict the difficulties in bringing the non-participating States of the European Union into line with their confreres. Mercury ruling the 9th House (*foreign nations*) square to Jupiter (*high finance*) graphically

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LAUNCH OF THE EURO

1 Jan 1999, 0:00am GMT. Brussels, 50N50, 4E20
Koch Cusps, Mean Node.



portrays the present disagreement, still further emphasized by the Moon in the 9th square to Jupiter.

Establishing harmony and agreement is the function of Venus. Her position at the apex of the Yod, and ruling the Ascendant of the Chart, suggests that she will, indeed, fulfill this function in time, albeit with difficulty.

A considerable step forward will occur next year with the **Great Conjunction** of the planets Jupiter and Saturn on 29th May 2000 (see Chart next page). If we place this Figure around that of the Euro Launch some clear portents emerge.

The Grand Conjunction not only occurs in Taurus, the money Sign, but also in the 8th House, again emphasizing financial affairs. Jupiter and Saturn

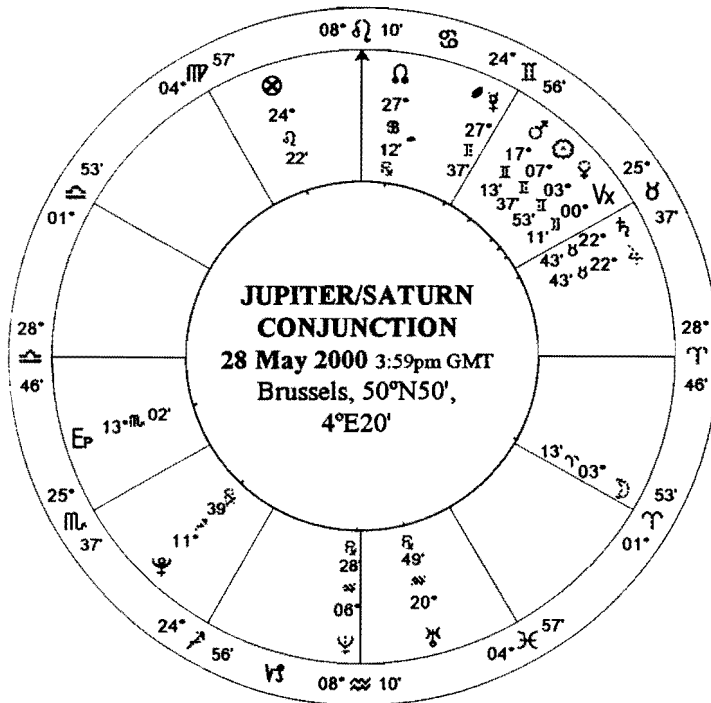
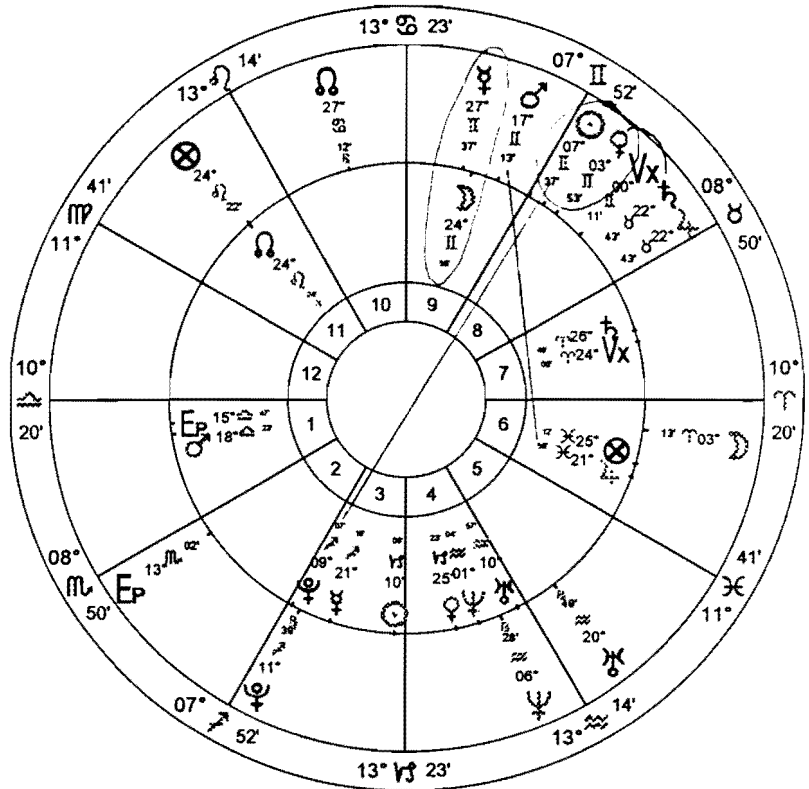
conjoined signify *establishment and stabilization*, so it is clear that the euro currency will be well on the way to permanence and growth.

The 9th-House Moon conjunct Mercury signifies that all this will be attended by much communication and debate with foreign powers, in the attempt to resolve the strife resulting from conflict of interests (Mars in 9th square Jupiter).

The Sun on the 9th Cusp opposed by Pluto (*splitting*) shows division among friends (Sun ruling the 11th House) but its conjunction with Venus (*union*) means that at least some of the non-participants will be won over. The Vertex conjunct Venus ruling the 8th House highlights the importance of the new currency.

From January 1, 1999, the European Bank's

Inner Chart is the Figure for the Launch of the Euro.
Outer Chart is the Jupiter/Saturn Conjunction.



business is being conducted exclusively in euro currency, but euro notes and coins will not be issued to the public until **January 1, 2002**, when the 3rd Harmonic (for age three) comes into play (See adjacent column).

This Chart, with the usual richness of Aspects in Harmonic Figures, has a variety of intriguing features. In summary they are—

Uranus on the 1st Cusp square to the Sun on the 10th (*a radical departure in policy*).

The Sun on the Meridian, elevated above all other bodies, sesquare the Moon and Part of Fortune in a Yod-like formation (*achievement and success despite the financial difficulties and the disagreements with foreign States*).

Mercury (*coins and notes*) on the 8th Cusp (*financial resources, money*) trine Neptune and quincunx Uranus (*a new, strange and wonderful issue*).

Part of Fortune opposed by Venus ruling the 7th and 12th Houses (*covert opposition still from opponents of the scheme*).

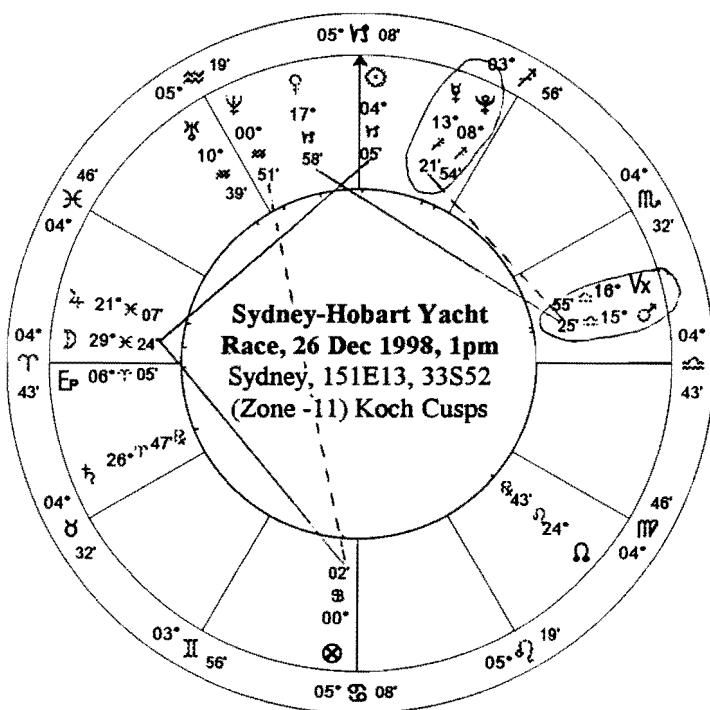
In the above comments, I have used only those

Aspects with very small orbs. —Dymock, 2 Jan 1999.

YACHTING DISASTER

This year's Sydney-to-Hobart Yacht Race developed tragically when the mountainous seas between the Australian mainland and Tasmania brought terror and disaster to many of those competing. Six crew members died as a result of being washed into the sea from over-turned and dismasted yachts. Numerous others in perilous situations were plucked to safety by helicopter.

The Chart for the commencement of the Race is not particularly dramatic but does contain several warnings.



It is noteworthy that the Ruler, Mars, is conjunct the Vertex, emphasizing *competition* and giving special significance to this Race. Venus (*ease and pleasure*) is spoiled by the square from Mars and indicates that the enterprise will be a most uncomfortable one for all concerned.

The Moon, representing the yachts at sea, is appropriately placed in the Water Sign Pisces, and is square to both the Sun and the Part of Fortune. The square to the Sun is a general indication that things will not go according to plan but will involve struggle. Neptune being quincunx the Part of Fortune converts it into the Part of *Misfortune* as it takes on the adverse characteristics of Neptune (*loss, disappointment*). These are brought out by the Moon's square.

Mercury in Sagittarius sextile Mars and Uranus represents the valiant crew members. The conjunction

with Pluto ruling the 8th House signifies, sadly, the deaths of some.

Among the more significant Midpoint Aspects are the following, with very small orbs:

♂♂♂♂♂♂ (orb 0°1') "a common and tragic destiny".

♂♂♂♂♂♂ (orb 0°1') deaths (♂♂♂♂♂♂ ruling 8th).

♂♂♂♂♂♂ (orb 0°2') "Overstrain; failures through too heavy demands made upon oneself and others".

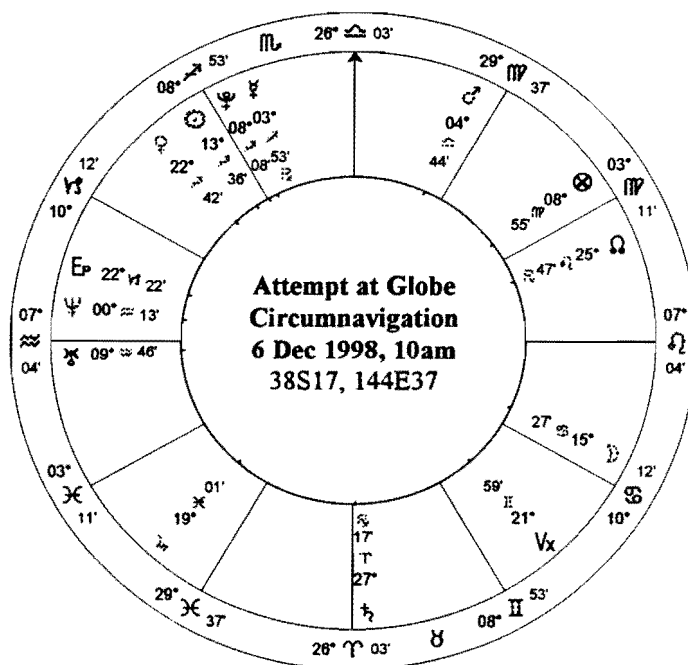
There is even one more detrimental factor that pertains only to the Koch Cusps. Cusp 11 on the Koch system is 5°Aqu19', and is straddled by Neptune and Uranus. The Midpoint of these two Malefics is 5°Aqu45' which is almost coincident with the Cusp. Like an Antiscion, this has the effect of drawing Neptune and Uranus together, so that they express their joint nature. In this context that nature is a propensity to *water and marine accidents*.

None of the other commonly used domification systems—Campanus, Morinus, Placidus, Porphyry, Regiomontanus and Topocentric—so closely matches the Neptune/Uranus Midpoint. The closest was Porphyry (5°Aqu0') and the furthest away was Regiomontanus (9°Aqu23').

There was certainly ample warning in this Chart of unusual hazards and fatalities. Unfortunately, probably none of those participating were astrologically aware, so went blindly into the dangers.

CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE GLOBE

—A Challenge



A yachting saga of a different nature is the attempt by an adventurous Australian schoolboy, **Jesse Martin**, 17, to circumnavigate the globe, solo, before his 18th

birthday. This would capture a world record for him.

Jesse set sail from Point Lonsdale, Victoria, on 6th December last at approximately 10am. Though I have the correct coordinates for Point Lonsdale, I am unable to verify the exact time of the departure, or get Jesse's birth data, as all my efforts to contact his parents in Melbourne have been frustrated. Presumably Jesse had just turned 17, so he needs to complete his voyage by a date in December 1999. A courageous young man, he faces the hazards of high seas, storms, obstructions

"only accurate predictions are the ultimate test of Astrology"

in the sea, navigational errors, lack of sleep—and even pirates!

Though the time of 10am is not exact, a difference of up to an hour would not appreciably affect the positions of the planets, except for the Moon which could vary by about $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$. The principal differences would be in the Cusps, but unless someone can supply better information we must make do with what we have. As astrologers we will often need to come up with accurate and useful forecasts without the benefit of precise data.

I am offering this Chart as an exercise for readers to predict what will be the progress and outcome of Jesse's adventure. Any responses suitable for publication will appear in succeeding issues of this Journal.

There are branches of Astrology that do not use the Houses, so here is an opportunity for Cosmobiologists and Uranians to demonstrate what they can do without a domification system.

In considering whether or not you will give time and thought to this project bear in mind that only *accurate predictions* are the ultimate test of Astrology—not theoretical speculation or learned dissertations—and they are the only things that will convince the sceptics of the value of Astrology.

Some questions to be addressed are:

- Will Jesse come safely home?
- Will he succeed in breaking the record?
- When will there be hold-ups, if any?
- What will be the times of smooth sailing and of greatest difficulty, or danger.
- Will he sustain injury on the voyage?

TESTS 27 & 28

Test No. 27 detailed in the last Issue has a deadline of February 25. (Let no one complain of insufficient

time!) For the eager beavers who want something immediate on which to try their skills here is Test No. 28, the deadline for which is **28 January**. This Test has been supplied by Fay Jenkins (Vic.), and concerns a working woman born at 10:30am on 5th August 1936, in Sydney, Australia. She has teenage children.

What happened to her (in Adelaide, Australia) on—

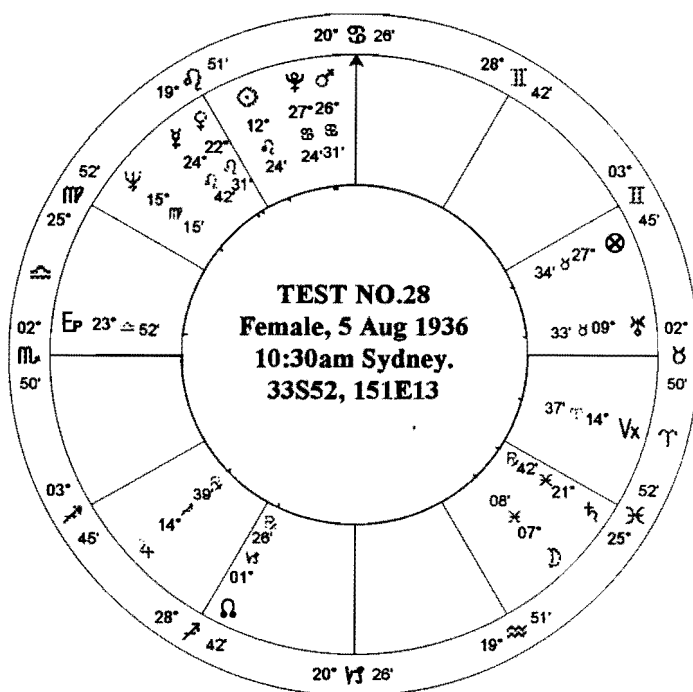
5 September 1980,

24 September 1980,

29 September 1980?

Fay writes that there was a domino effect. The first event allowed her to take action on the next two dates.

Here is the Birth Chart, (Koch Cusps, Mean Node):



The relevant standard Solar Return Chart is 5 Aug 1980 at 1:57:13am AEST (-10hrs for GMT). The coordinates of Adelaide are 34S55, 138E35.

Please send your answers to me by e-mail, dymock@ozemail.com.au, or by letter to 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia, 5073.

You may use any astrological method you like. It is not necessary to write pages of analysis. First state your ultimate conclusion, then the crucial factors in your judgement. Anyone who arrives at the correct, or partly-correct answer will be mentioned in the next Issue. *Don't be concerned about being wrong!* Most of the answers are wrong. The real purpose of these Tests is to increase astrological insight and skills, not to establish a hierarchy of problem-solvers.

Where else do you get this opportunity?

A happy—and astrologically active—1999 to all.

—Dymock, 5th January 1999.

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WINNING ON THE RACES

Melbourne Cup, 1998

For our overseas readers who may not be race-goers, I should explain that the annual Melbourne Cup horse race is the biggest event in the racing calendar in Australia, run the second Tuesday in November every year. Practically everything stops in all States for an hour or so when the Cup is being run. The betting is enormous, and even many people who never go to the races feel impelled to risk a few dollars on their fancied galloper.

In the past, *Astrologers' Forum* has occasionally offered suggestions on how to pick the winner and urged readers to use the event as an exercise in astrological prediction. To be credible, the prediction has to be supported by an actual cash bet, and there is nothing like risking one's money to sharpen one's judgement.

I am happy to report that this year two of our subscribers achieved success in this famous horse race. Firstly, here is a communication from Jack Nicholls (Vic.):

Astrology scored once more in the 1998 Melbourne Cup. A chart erected for the finish of the Cup at 15:23:20 AEDT showed Venus conjunct the 9th Cusp (12' applying) and Mars conjunct the Descendant (5' separating) using Placidian Houses. The Cup is always one minute or so late, and this year according to my watch was two minutes behind time.

As a result Venus is the planet for which linked names are required. There were five horses, as follows: *Arena*, defined as an enclosure for shows, etc., including dramatic performances; *Tie the Knot*—marriage; *Taufan's Melody*—music; *Champagne*—luxury; and *Jezebeel*—a near miss for Jezebel—a shameless woman. Llewellyn George gives the negative side of Venus as immodest, lewd, dissolute and immoral, etc.

I took the early prices showing *Arena* 8/1, *Tie the Knot* 10/1, *Taufan's Melody* 12/1, *Champagne* 16/1 and *Jezebeel* 14/1, so that all five could be included on realistic odds.

Tie the Knot drew barrier position 22, which did not help its chances.

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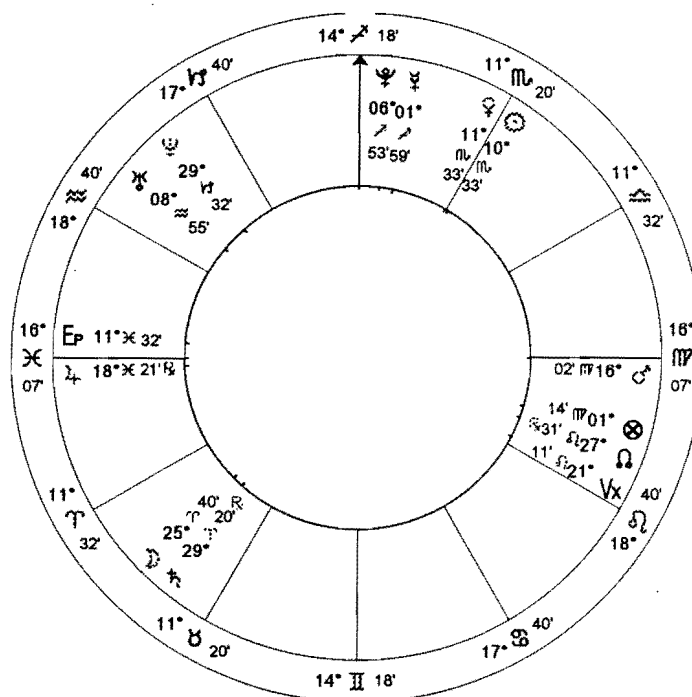
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MELBOURNE CUP 1998

3 Nov 1998, 3:23:20pm AEDT

Flemington, Vic. 37°S47' 144°E54'

Tropical, Mean Node, Placidian Cusps



The finish showed *Jezebeel* 1st, *Champagne* 2nd, *Taufan's Melody* 4th, and *Tie the Knot* 6th.
[The 3rd place-getter was *Persian Punch*.]

From Clare Bunnett (Vic.):

I bet on three winners in the Melbourne Cup this year—*Jezebeel*, *Champagne*, and *Persian Punch*.

I thought as the Chart showed the Sun conjunct Venus this should favour "the ladies". There were only two mares in the race, so it was a simple choice.

I selected *Persian Punch* as it was number three and the jockey was wearing "the purple" (Jupiter rising).

HOUSE CUSPS COMPARED

Jack Nicholls' choice of the planet Venus as the chief Significator in the Cup Chart was in line with our finding that planets in contact with a Cusp are the most important factors in an event of this kind (See *Astrologers' Forum* April 1995 and July 1991.)

The interesting question (again!) is which domification system is the best for this purpose.

Many years ago I used Placidus successfully, and even wrote (July 1991) against the Koch system for races charts as it had given me wrong results. Since then, influenced by various experiences in relation to Cusps, I have changed to Koch for the generality of charts, but in the present instance Placidus wins.

Should we infer that Placidus is superior for *this type of chart* and Koch for the others?

As a matter of interest I have compared the following eight principal House systems in relation to this Melbourne Cup: Placidus, Koch, Regiomontanus, Topocentric, Campanus, Meridian, Porphyry, Alcabitus.

The decision as to which is the best selection in the present instance hinges on the closeness of Venus to the 9th Cusp. A factor to be borne in mind is that an *applying* conjunction is preferred to a *separating* one as every few seconds of elapsed time brings the significator closer to the Cusp. "Applying" here means the forward movement of the Cusps by virtue of the Earth's rotation, not by the motion of the planets in their orbits.

Here is the longitudinal distance of Venus from the 9th Cusp in the various systems (A = applying, S = separating):

Topocentric,	C.9, 11Sco22, Venus 0°11' A.
Placidus,	C.9, 11Sco20, Venus 0°13' A.
Regiomontanus	C.9, 9Sco33, Venus 2°00' A.
Koch	C.9, 14Sco50, Venus 3°17' S.
Porphyry	C.9, 14Sco54, Venus 3°21' S.
Meridian	C.9, 15Sco26, Venus 3°53' S.
Campanus	C.9, 15Sco27, Venus 3°54' S.
Alcabitus	C.9, 16Sco51, Venus 5°18' S.

It can easily be seen that the two winners are Topocentric and Placidus, well ahead of the rest. The slight 2' superiority of Topocentric would be of little account in practice, but it is educative that this system, devised by Polich and Page in Argentina in the 1960's comes out on top. It certainly warrants further trials, and I may regret giving it up about 1986. (But it's never too late to change back.)

Regiomontanus is third in line, which is a boost for

those astrologers who favour it—particularly in Horary work, where it was used (I believe) by the great Horary Astrologer William Lilly in the 17th Century.

Following the first three systems, there is a considerable distance to the remainder—Koch, Porphyry, Meridian, Campanus and Alcabitus, and moreover they are all *separating*. One feels justified in ignoring them for this particular type of Chart. (But see Ross Harvey's support for the Koch Cusps in Test #26, below.)

—Dymock.

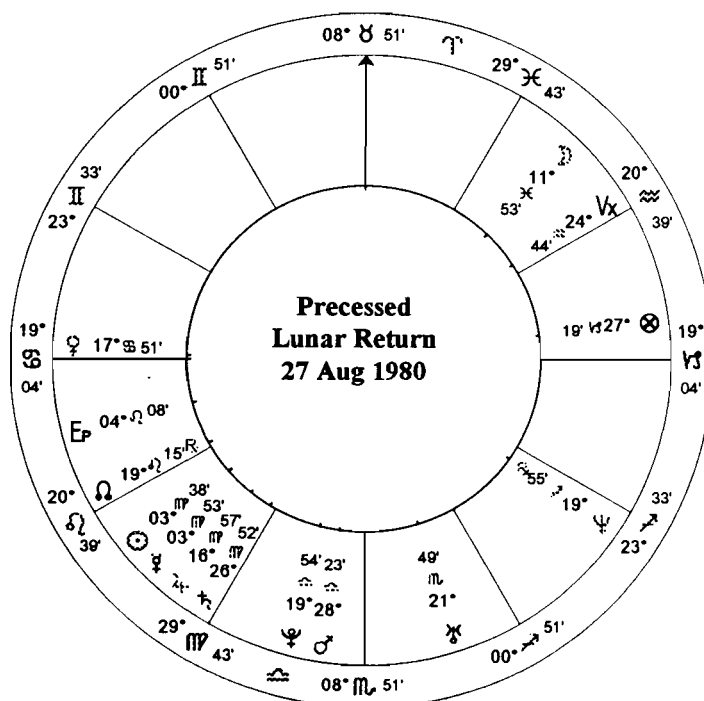
RESULTS OF TEST NO. 26

Refer to the last Issue for the Test data and Natus of the person concerned. Correct answer: **In September 1980 the woman left for a 3-month European trip.**

Ross Harvey (NSW) found the material for this Test and assessed all the entries. His report and recommended procedure for solving the problem follows. All the Charts are calculated for the place of birth, which was also the location of the subject at the time of the event.

From Ross: There were ten entries for Test No. 26, and it is encouraging to see new entrants from overseas. Congratulations to Fay Jenkins (NSW), the second half of whose answer was correct.

The first step should be to determine whether the period was favourable or otherwise, and the various Lunar Returns are probably the best way.



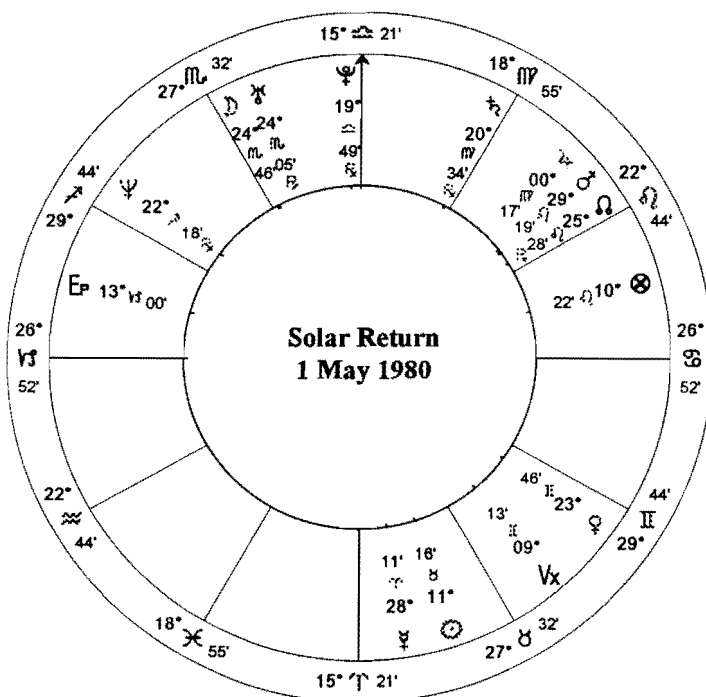
The Precessed Lunar Return (27 Aug 1980) had the Ascendant conjunct Venus.

The Prenatal Lunar Return (7 Jan. 1938) also had

the Ascendant conjunct Venus, so the period was favourable.

The Transits for September 1980 could have seemed contradictory at first sight: Jupiter and Pluto were in aspect to Radical Venus, but Saturn was square the Radical Ascendant, though the last was appropriate for *leaving*.

The next step should be to see what indications are repeated in as many annual charts as possible, and this was not easy for this Test. Nevertheless, there were enough contacts to the 9th House, or to Pluto which is in the Radical 9th to suggest something like travel overseas.



The Solar Return had Saturn ruling the Ascendant conjunct the Koch 9th Cusp (not Placidus or Regiomontanus—if these systems had been used, this most important indication would have been missed).

The Ruler of the Ascendant, its position and aspects, are very important indications in a cyclical chart. The ruler on a Cusp, as in the present case, should not be overlooked. S.R. Jupiter was conjunct Natal Pluto in the Natal 9th House.

The Prenatal Solar Return had Mars, Co-Ruler of the Ascendant conjunct the Moon, ruling the 9th House.

The Precessed Solar Return had Mars ruling the Ascendant conjunct Jupiter ruling the 9th, and both conjunct Natal Pluto in the Natal 9th.

The Prenatal Annual Synodic Return had Sun conjunct Pluto, conjunct 9th (Koch), and all conjunct Natal Pluto. (This would not have been the case if

Placidus had been used.)

The 21st Prenatal Lunar Return had the Sun conjunct Jupiter conjunct MC, all within $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ —so it was a very favourable year.

There was a Secondary Progression of Sun square Pluto—Pluto in the 9th again—but in the absence of other indications this could have meant almost anything.

This was not an easy Test, and I am not confident I could have got it myself. The Solar Return Ruler on the 9th Cusp was the most conspicuous appropriate indication, and I recommend that such positions not be overlooked.

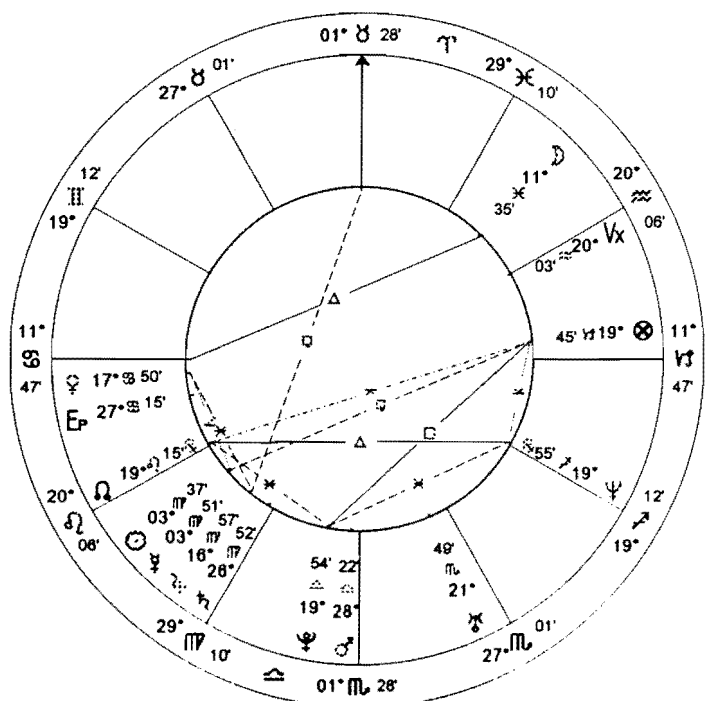
— Ross Harvey.

SIMPLE METHOD FOR THE TESTS

Thanks again to Ross for his comprehensive report. We recognize that the many charts referred to are within the capabilities only of astrologers who have access to a computer with a sophisticated Program, such as *SolarFire-V4*. I should like the Tests to be attractive to readers possessing much simpler means, and I continue to search for the single most indicative horoscope that could be utilized to solve these Tests.

After much comparing of Charts I have tentatively settled on the standard LUNAR RETURN for the relevant period. Most astrologers beyond the beginner stage know about this cyclic chart. If not they should certainly familiarize themselves with it as fast as possible.

As an illustration, here is the Lunar Return of 27 August, 1980 relevant to Test 26. If this Figure is used in conjunction with the Birth Horoscope it provides a

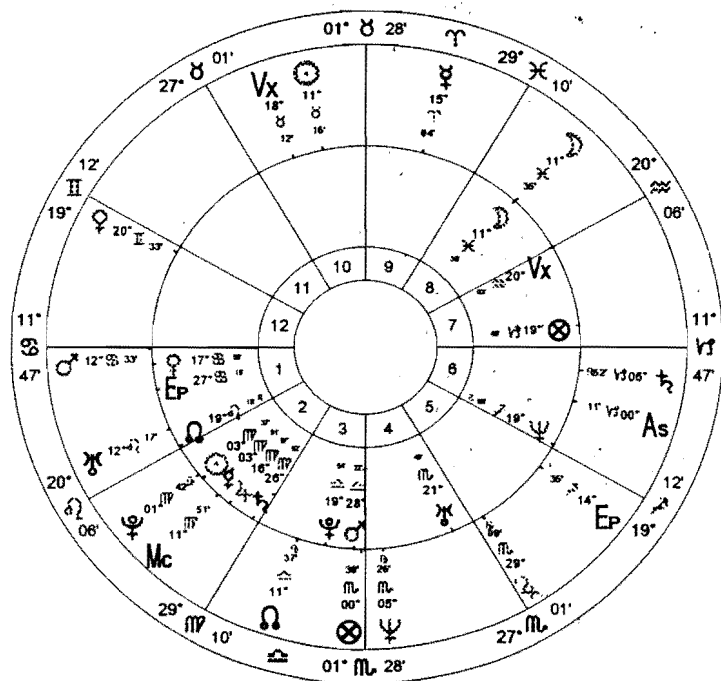


number of clues, from which an astute observer might deduce the required answer.

Here I am using Placidian Cusps, as this is the one most in use, and the relevant Table of Houses is readily available. You can, of course, use any House system you like or, better still, compare various ones. With all except a very few House systems, only the intermediate Cusps are affected. All the planetary positions remain the same.

This Lunar Return has Venus rising, giving a hint of *pleasure and enjoyment* for the person concerned. The Ruler, the Moon, is exactly trine to the Rising Degree—another favourable augury, and suggesting *travel or movement*. The Moon's North Node (a powerful indicator) is very closely trine to Neptune, which rules the 9th House—an indication of *long-distance travel*.

I have pointed out before in these pages that aside from the commonly accepted interpretation of the Moon's Node, it puts an *emphasis on whatever significator it contacts*. So here the House of Travel is emphasized through its Ruler, Neptune.



Now if we circumscribe the Lunar Return with the Birth Chart, further important clues come to light: **Look for close connections between the two Charts, particularly aspects within a one-degree orb!**

First and obvious is Mars on the Ascendant (*action, enterprise, initiative*) and co-ruling the 9th House (Aries intercepted), which shows where its energy will be expended.

Next, Jupiter (*travel*) on the 5th Cusp (*holiday, vacation*) the traditional Ruler of Pisces puts a further

emphasis on the 9th.

The Natal Node contacts the Moon by a tight quincunx, accenting the Moon's attributes of *movement and change*.

Natal Pluto conjunct the Sun and Mercury shows the beginning of a *new minor phase*—minor because it is only a Monthly Chart we are considering.

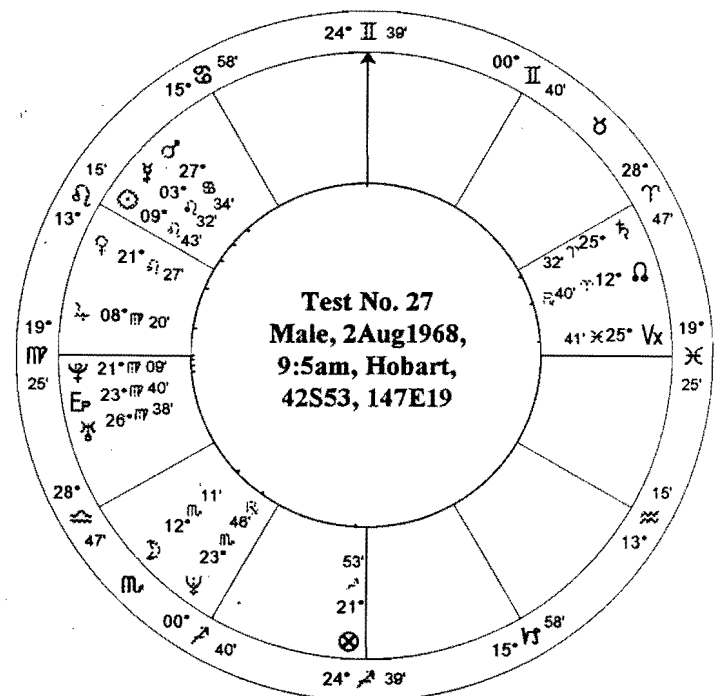
You will get further insights if you put the Lunar Return on the outside of the Birth Chart. For instance Pluto, Sun and Mercury then occupy the House of Travel.

So that is my recommendation, using only one cyclic chart plus the birth figure. Had I followed my own advice I'd have done better in the last Test.

— Dymock.

NEW TEST NO. 27

A male born 2nd August 1968 in Hobart, Tasmania at 9:5am. (Chart below. Koch Cusps)



What happened to him (at the birth place) on 23rd January 1998?

Entries will close on 25th February, 1999—extra time allowed in view of the demands of the Christmas season which is now upon us.

I hope for a large response from both Australian and overseas readers. As I know the answer I am not myself eligible to take part. Please send your answers to me by e-mail: dymock@ozemail.com.au or by letter to Dymock Brose, 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia, 5073

Christmas wishes to all, — Dymock, 5th Dec. 1998.

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ELECTION RESULT AS PREDICTED

Astrology has again shown that it can be more reliable than the political prophets. The Chart for the Closing of the Polls on 3rd October (September Issue) successfully depicted the result:

The Liberal Coalition will win . . . [though] Neptune square to Saturn means considerable loss of seats.

The Liberal Coalition finished with 13 seats ahead of Labor in the House of Representatives, having lost about half of its pre-Election majority.

Controversial politician Pauline Hanson also did well as astrologically predicted, her One Nation Party receiving over a million primary votes, but due to the system of preferential voting Pauline herself did not gain a seat in the Federal Parliament. However, she and her Party still hold 11 seats in the Queensland State Parliament, and we have not heard the last of her.

Attention will now focus on the Government's programme of tax reform and the political life of the Prime Minister, John Howard.

I am not satisfied with any of the Birth Charts advanced for John Howard. They are all "rectified", as no one has been able to obtain reliable birth data. The one previously used in this publication was timed for 4am. Other suggested times have been 2am and 2:21am.

Using the two principal events in the Prime Minister's life of the last few years—his landslide victory in the Federal Election of 2nd March 1996, and his comfortable win in the recent Federal Election on 3rd October this year, I have come up with a radically different time—9:45pm. See the Chart in the next column.

This Natus has been arrived at by a careful appraisal of the cyclic charts surrounding the two events mentioned above. As an illustration, I present on page 2 the Solar-Month Chart for the date when Howard achieved his overwhelming political victory. Jupiter dominates the Chart through being right on the Upper Meridian (success and fulfilment). The Moon rises conjunct Venus, depicting the general favour of the public, the conjunction being further strengthened through having the EP at their Midpoint (orb 25'). Additionally,

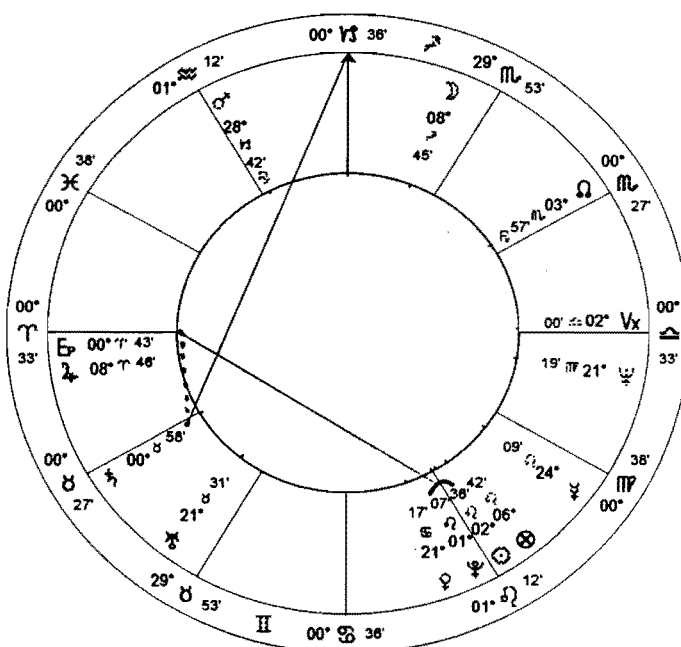
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PRIME MINISTER JOHN HOWARD

Speculative time 9:45pm

26 July 1939, 9:45pm AEST, Earlwood, NSW 33S58, 151E08
Koch Cusps, Mean Node



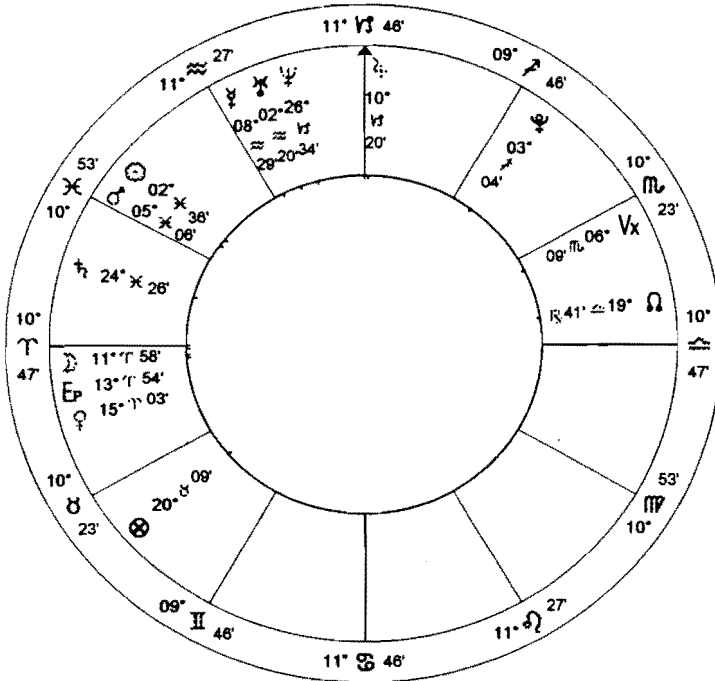
Natal Jupiter conjoins the SR Ascendant and Moon.

Of course this 9:45pm Chart for John Howard is not conclusive, and I seek further notable occurrences in the life of the Prime Minister to either confirm or invalidate it. If any reader can supply further biographical details I would be grateful.

Meantime, I accept the Chart as at least closer to the truth than any of those previously published. A few pointers are:

1. Saturn in Taurus powerful on a Koch Cusp and almost exactly trine to the MC. (*long political life; dogged persistence in the face of hostile challenges; not easily moved from his predetermined course; careful management and organization of resources*)

Solar Month Chart 22 Feb 1996 from 9:45pm Chart for
JOHN HOWARD
 8:42:05am AEST, Earlwood, NSW
 Operates 22 Feb—23 Mar 1996



Would the unidentified correspondent with the list of dates and events in the life of Politician PAULINE HANSON please send me the data so that I can attempt a confirmation or rectification of her Birth Horoscope. —Dymock, Editor.

Will Howard succeed in pushing through his much maligned Goods and Services Tax? Much maligned it may be, but nevertheless Howard adheres to it with fervour. It is not too much to say that the Prime Minister exhibited statesmanlike resolve when he put his political life at risk in the last Election for the sake of implementing a reformed tax system that he firmly believes is for the benefit of the Nation as a whole.

From the 9:45pm Chart his best chance of passing the necessary legislation, in the face of fierce opposition, is in June 1999, when the Sun parallels Jupiter in his regressed Chart, and Jupiter trines Mars by Ascendant Arc. Jupiter and Mars are the two Rulers of the House of Legislation.

— Dymock.

POST ELECTION REFLECTIONS

by Allan Johnson

What the recent Federal Election proved is that there are many different ways of coming up with a successful election prediction and I don't think there is any final answer as to which is the best. The method I normally use is to rely on the Charts of the two leaders, and more particularly the Prime Minister's—for we are pinning things down to one person's destiny—and to simplify things I keep to Secondary Progressions and transits. But even these can be contradictory and complex at times, as was the case in this Election.

I think the key factor in both chart reading and prediction is not in individual items, but in *major configurations*. These show how the destiny of a person will work out more than anything else. And right here we have the interesting point that people with what are called heavily afflicted patterns can often go a lot further in life than those who might be considered to have a 'lucky' chart. The fortunate Aspects can often mean a lot of opportunities in life, but the person might not make the best use of them. They could get into the habit of looking for easy options. But people with hard Aspects, usually called "afflictions" usually feel the need to look for heavy *challenges* in life. This can most certainly apply to jobs like being Prime Minister. Where would you get anything tougher?

Unquestionably, the main configuration in John Howard's Chart is the close T-Square pattern involving Sun, Pluto, Mars and Saturn. Planets like Mars, Pluto

along conservative lines and reduced spending.)

2. Saturn in Taurus on the 2nd Cusp (*predominantly an economist and business man.*)

3. The Sun and Pluto on the 5th Cusp (*creative output chiefly concerned with taxation—Pluto—as witness his Goods and Services Tax, determinedly promoted against powerful opposition. This feature is supported by the N.Node on the 8th Cusp in Scorpio.*)

4. The Moon in Sagittarius in the 9th House trine Jupiter (*debating skill*).

5. Aries rising, with the Ascending Degree trine to Pluto and the Sun and also semisextile Saturn (*a campaigner determined, concentrated and indefatigable*).

The idea has already been canvassed in the media that Howard's political fortunes are in decline, and even that he will shortly either resign or be pushed out of Office. The astrological prognosis is different. In the light of Howard's two-term victory the forecast of his political demise appears to be inspired more by wishful thinking on the part of his detractors than a realistic view of the situation.

I have sufficient confidence in the 9:45pm Chart to venture the prediction that Howard will stay in Office for at least the coming year, and probably to the next Federal election in 2002. I am not forecasting the end for him at that date, but definite prediction needs more work, which I propose to undertake later. Meantime there are more pressing issues to examine.

and Saturn are often linked up with severe disabilities and heavy disasters in life—but at the same time they can toughen up the character and enable the person to cope with harsh circumstances. Pluto and Saturn can be considered the most fatalistic and often link with circumstances beyond one's control. But I think the Ebertin school have a strong point in not simply dividing up aspects into "good" and "bad" but rather seeing adverse aspects as challenging and more eventful, so with effort one can still be successful. Howard's Sun in Leo conjunct Pluto, opposite Mars and square to Saturn can bring an obsessive stubbornness to "crash or crash through" in certain circumstances, and this was the keynote of the later part of his campaign. Many people were very surprised that he would have chosen a G.S.T. as his central platform when the previous leader had ended his career on the same platform. What was Howard trying to prove? But I think that situation was typical of that type of configuration.

On Election day Howard was having a "Saturn Return" and that would inevitably reactivate the basic T-Square. It could have presaged a disaster but it did not. There were other factors to add to the complexity, with transiting Pluto making a trine to Jupiter in the 10th House. People with Grand Trines in their charts have often had strokes of good fortune when they were needed. I have seen this happen many times. And there was also Progressed Sun trining Mars. What also confused the picture was the transit of Neptune also closely activating the T-Square, which would not have encouraged realistic thinking.

Looking ahead to Howard's future into the New Millennium, the Transits of Saturn and Neptune fade out in '99 and his Progressed Sun enters Libra at the end of That year. This may require something of a balancing act, and also Progressed Mars will gradually move to activate the T-Square right at the Century end. So there will be further pressures coming up.

Result of Test No. 25

This Test was set by Dr Margaret Millard who has relayed the results to me. It concerned a male, born at 4:20am EST on 28 January 1966, in Portland, Maine, USA. (43°N39', 70°W15'; MC 8°Lib22', Asc 23Sag19). What happened to him on 21 March 1981, and two months later on 23 May 1981? The two events are similar, and they happened at his place of birth.

The correct answers are: On March 21 the man's mother died, and on May 23 his father died.

There were seven responses, and all were on the right track—seeing a disaster or tragedy of some sort—but

Marion Mendez (USA) got it exactly right. Marion used the Uranian system, including the eight hypothetical planets, to arrive at her answer. She wrote that she went to Uranian Astrology after being unable to come to a conclusion using traditional methods. In the Uranian system she found close "hits" for death in the family, death of mother and death of father. Congratulations Marion!

Among the patterns she found were:

$pNode + pMars = rSaturn$ (*death in family*)

$pMars + pSaturn - pAsc = rMars/Saturn$ (*death in family*)

$rAries\ point + rAdmetos - rMoon = pAsc$ (*death of mother*)

$pMoon + pAdmetos = rSun + rHades$ (*death of mother*)

$rSun + rAdmetos = pMC = pKronos$ (*death of mother or father*)

$pSun + pAdmetos - pMoon = rNode, rMars + rSaturn - rVenus = pAsc$ (*death of mother*)

$rMars/Saturn + rKronos = pSun/Node$ (*death of father*)

$rMars + pHades - pKronos = rSun$ (*unusual death of father*)

To obtain the above "planetary pictures" the Natal Chart was Directed by Solar-Arc (in longitude) to the date of the first event. "p" refers to the Directed positions and "r" to the Radix. The pictures are more easily obtained using the 90° dial.

This use of Uranian Astrology to arrive at a final conclusion following the apparent lack of certainty in the standard traditional charts is a most interesting development. It has re-awakened my interest in the system, which I had previously dismissed as being over-abundant in its findings without pointing to a single, definite outcome.

No doubt many readers will have similar thoughts. Apart from other sources, the Uranian system is easily accessible for anyone with a computer and the *SolarFire V4* Program. For newcomers, the only books on the subject that I know are Roger Jacobson's *The Language of Uranian Astrology* and *Rules for Planetary Pictures* by Witte-Lefeldt. Another book, *Uranian Lexikon*, is now being translated from the German by Marion herself.

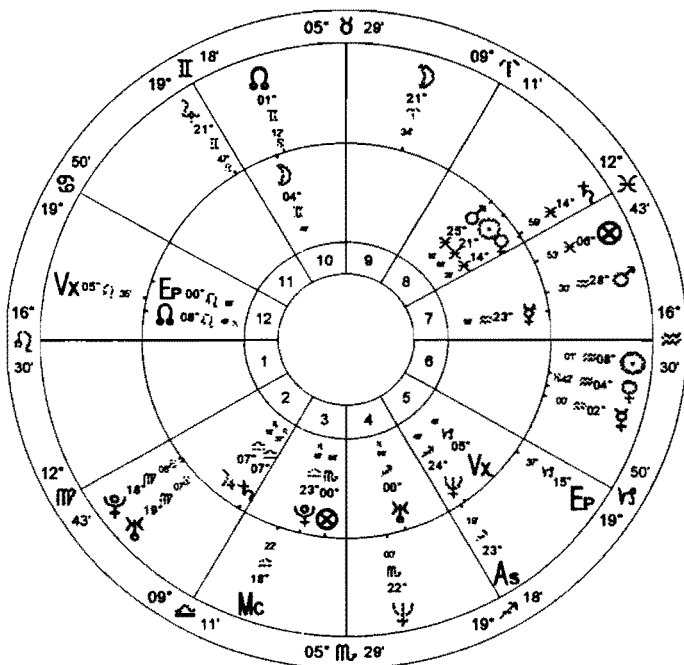
It seems to me at present that Uranian Astrology is a complementary system to the traditional procedures. Perhaps this will be disputed by Uranians. All the entrants to Test 25, using traditional Charts, realized that something serious and possibly tragic had

happened on the dates given, but the actual events were shaped conclusively by the Uranian methods. It is a question whether the Uranian methods would have been sufficient on their own.

However, congratulations to all who attempted the Test and had the courage to send in their answers. Those who did so realize what a great learning experience it is and how it hones one's astrological skills.

Among the more significant of the traditional indicators is the **Synodic Chart** (Moon/Sun Phase Return) for March 11, 1981. Here it is, surrounded by the Natal Chart:

Synodic Chart 11 Mar 1981 for TEST #25
2:36:15 pm EST, Maine, Portland, 43N39, 70W15
Koch Cusps, Mean Node



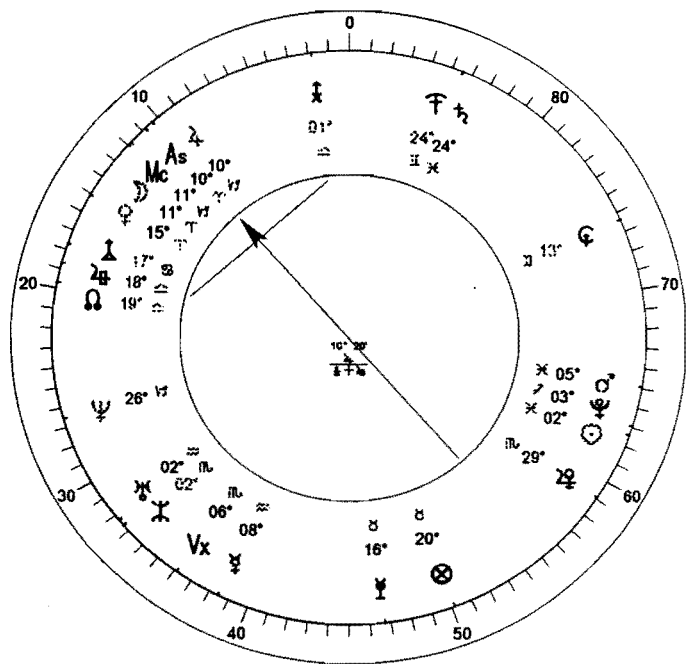
The accumulation of planets in the 8th House clearly indicates a death or near-death experience. This Chart covers the date the subject's mother died and Venus ruling the 10th House (the mother) closely conjunct Saturn on the 8th Cusp is very appropriate for this.

Marion's effective use of Uranian Astrology in answering Test No. 25, renewed my interest in the system, and I found a further evidence of its value in the **Solar-Month Chart** of 22nd Feb 1996 prior to John Howard's election to Prime Minister on 2nd March 1996 (page 2). What the 90° dial and the Uranian Hypothetical Planets reveal here is **Jupiter** (planet of success, and dominant in the Figure) at the midpoint of **Zeus and Appollon** ("luck and success in the arts and works of peace"—the interpretation from

Rules for Planetary Pictures previously mentioned. (It is not too much of an assault on truth to describe Australian politics as one of the "arts and works of peace".)

I see this "planetary picture" as strikingly appropriate for John Howard's victory in the Election.

Solar-Month Chart 22 Feb 1996 of John Howard
8:42:05am AEST, Earlwood, NSW. 33S55, 151E08
Koch Cusps, Mean Node



NEW TEST, NO. 26

Fortunately, Ross Harvey has been able to find material for a further Test. Please send your answers to him at 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW, Australia 2074, by November 25, or by e-mail to me: dymock@ozemail.com.au.

The Test concerns a woman born on 2nd May 1959, at 8:10pm AEST at 33°S54', 151°E11'. What happened to her in September 1980, in Sydney? She was an office worker and unmarried.

Space is lacking for printing the Chart in full, but the Ascendant is 0°Cap11', MC 11°Vir51', and the Moon is at 11°Pis35'.

A suggestion for responses to these Tests: First state your ultimate conclusion, then your astrological reasons. Pages of supporting data are not required, just the crucial factors.

More Test Material is needed. Can you help? An accurate birth time for the subject is essential.

My kind regards to all,

— Dymock, 4 November 1998.

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A NATION FALTERS

What has happened to the great U.S.A.? Was there ever a nation so bent on the destruction of its own image and the remorseless humiliation of its leader? The world has just witnessed the extraordinary spectacle of a head of state being driven to admit the most intimate details of his sexual encounters with a female employee, who has herself been grilled repeatedly until every last particle of irrelevant sexual evidence could be extracted to feed the media and titillate the millions world-wide.

The whole process has contravened every chivalrous instinct of civilized man, and this in a Nation that is deemed to uphold the qualities of brotherhood, tolerance, compassion and freedom. We are evidently coming into an age when "truth" is valued above all things, no matter what damage it does or whom it hurts. The tragedy here is that the USA has demeaned itself in the eyes of the world, hamstrung its President in executing the duties of Office and—what is becoming clearer by the day—all for the political ends of his enemies. Under the guise of a noble morality they have persecuted and humiliated a man who has distinguished himself in the performance of his Office both at home and abroad. In doing so, they have created history of a type that will surely brand the Nation, in its present phase at least, as self-righteous, hypocritical, narrow-minded and immature.

What is the real issue here? Should the criterion for holding the exalted Office of President be the way in which the relevant duties are performed, or should it be how he conducts his sex-life? How many of the President's accusers, I wonder, could lay claim to even a modicum of the sexual morality they are so self-righteously demanding of their President.

Such an unprecedented and unsavoury episode in the history of the U.S.A. must surely be reflected in its National Chart—and indeed it is:

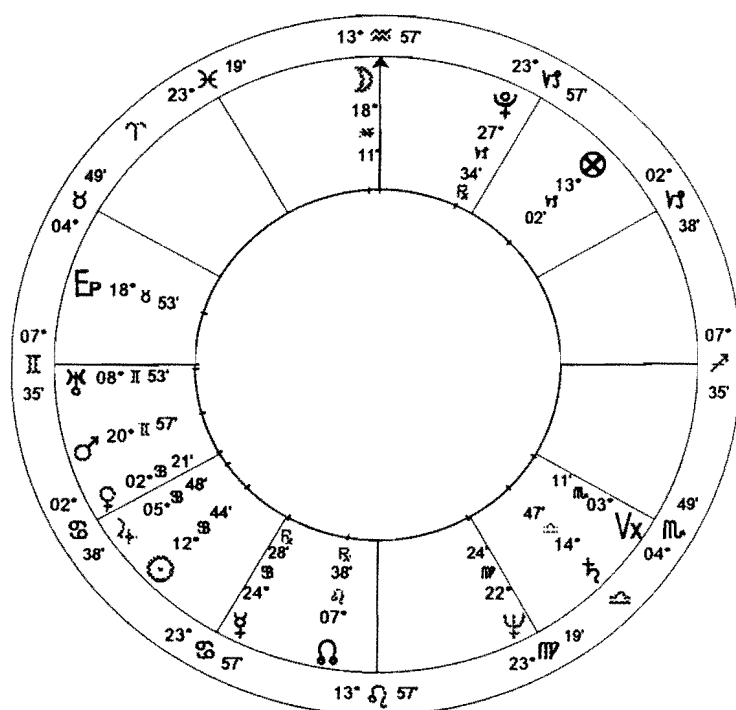
There are a number of Radices purporting to mark the birth of the Republic, but the one I favour has Gemini rising, and is timed for 2:14:14am on July 4, 1776, at Philadelphia. This Chart, which appears in the next column, has not only served well in the past but

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also gives a very apt description of the Nation's people as a whole. It may seem pedantic to have refined the time down to 14 seconds, but those 14 seconds make a huge difference to the House Cusps of Harmonic Charts when the multiplying factor is in the hundreds (222 for 1998).

USA INDEPENDENCE, 4 July 1776, 2:14:14am LMT
Philadelphia PA, 39N57 75W10.
Koch Cusps, Mean Node.



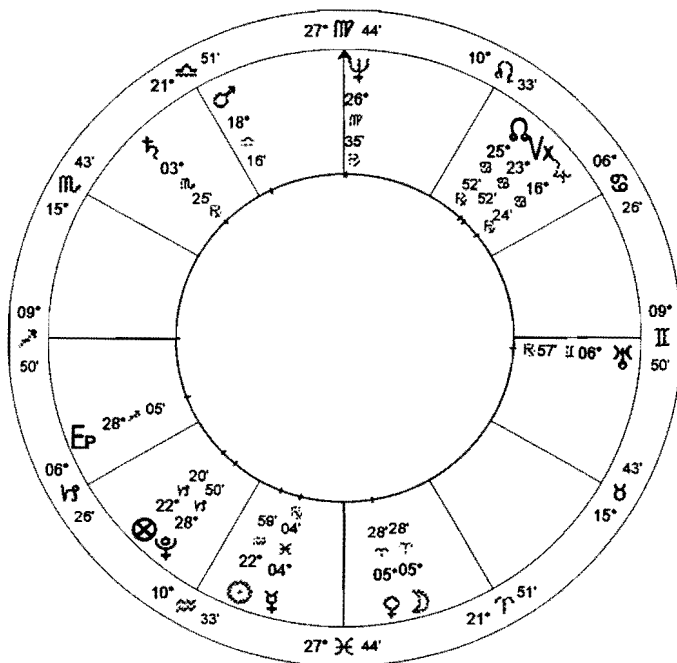
In relation to different Radices for the same subject, it should be remembered that a Chart can be highly informative, relevant, and truly reflecting life events by its Progressions and Directions even if it is not precisely the time of birth (when that can be determined). This is the experience and advice of Bernadette Brady (of *Jigsaw* fame), an Australian

whose achievements in the computer field have persuaded many USA citizens, I am sure, that intelligent life does exist outside their own country.

The above Chart Progressed to 4th July 1998 shows in broad terms what is happening at the moment.

**USA Independence 4/7/1776, 2:14:14am,
PROGRESSED TO 4 JULY 1998.**

MC Progressed by Solar Arc in Right Ascension



The most obvious and active feature is Neptune conjunct the Midheaven degree where it befogs policy, and casts a cloud over the Nation's prestige. The Nation has for the time being lost its sense of proper direction and is side-tracked by deceptive issues. This position of Neptune has been active for about three years, and is now passing away. It was exact in July 1997, and for about a year before that its influence was apparent in the Court proceedings against the President by Paula Jones and others alleging sexual harassment.

By January 1999 the conjunction will be more than 1½° past exactitude so I anticipate the Nation will by that time have recovered its sense of balance and reality.

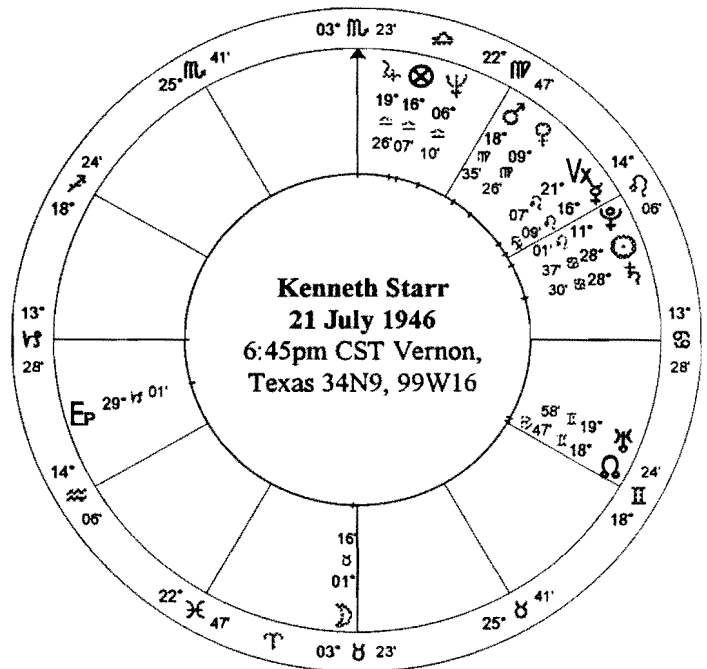
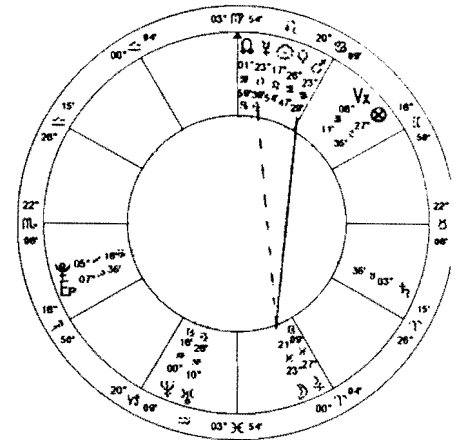
The Monthly Synodic Chart of the USA for the period August 10—September 8, 1998 gives a more detailed view of what is happening at the moment. The accumulation in the House of Law highlights the furore over Clinton's testimony to the Grand Jury on August 17. The intense public interest, excitement and discussion generated by this event is well depicted by Moon, ruling this House, trine to Mars on the Cusp, and quincunx to Mercury, also in the House.

It was, in fact, a public entertainment (Jupiter trine Venus).

What of the "Independent Counsel", Kenneth Starr, appointed to investigate the truth of allegations against the President? Starr's Natus, from the September Issue, is reproduced below (this time with the standard Moon position—not parallax-corrected.).

The revelation that Starr *omitted* from his voluminous report to Congress the one vital piece of

**USA Synodic Chart
10 Aug—8 Sep 1998**



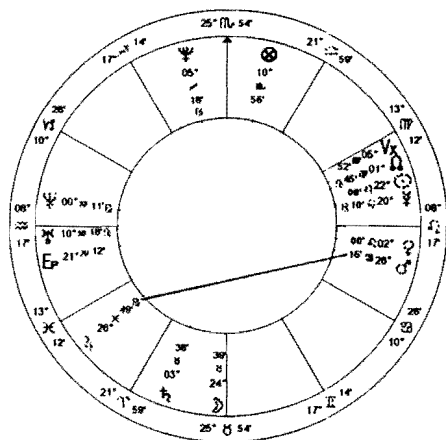
evidence that was crucial to Clinton's defence, disposes immediately of the assumption that he was an impartial investigator seeking only in high-minded fashion to establish the truth of the whole matter. He is, in fact, an *advocate*, quite obviously determined to bring down the President and make a name for himself, however obnoxious, in the annals of the times.

The vital piece of evidence that Starr chose to ignore was that Monica Lewinsky, in all her long examination at his hands, *never once said or implied that the President had asked her to lie on his behalf*—which was the one piece of evidence that Starr desired above all else. This is all the more remarkable in that Lewinsky (*a woman scorned*) might well have sought

revenge against the President's casting her off, particularly as she was herself, by the terms of her agreement to testify, to be absolved from all legal charges that might otherwise ensue.

Starr's Synodic Chart Aug 14—Sep 12 1998 depicts his moment of triumph when he succeeded in having Clinton testify to the Grand Jury by closed-circuit TV on August 17.

KENNETH STARR
Synodic Return 14 Aug 1998



Jupiter closely trines Mars, ruling the 10th and 3rd Houses (success, communication). Pluto at 5Sag18', in and ruling his Midheaven, was sextile Natal Neptune (orb less than 1°) at 6°Lib9' in the House of Law, and ruling House 3 (reports, documents, etc.).

Things will not go so well for Starr in the period Nov. 10—Dec. 9, 1998. His Synodic Chart has the Moon his Ruler, square Venus, which shows he will be out of favour with the general public. The Moon's square to the Sun will also dim his lustre, though he is well protected by the Sun's close trine to Jupiter. Neptune in the 6th House squared by Saturn, Ruler of that House indicates an unsatisfactory outcome to his work, or that he will have to desist from it. It may occur to him that his years of indefatigable and poisonous pursuit of the President may not have been well spent. Perhaps he should have kept in mind the Biblical injunction, *Let him who is without sin among you cast the first stone.*

— Dymock.

QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?

ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

RESULTS OF TEST NO. 24

The Birth Chart of the woman concerned is on page 6 of the August Issue (No.205). The Test was to discover what happened to her on January 28, 1984. Here is Ross Harvey's report:

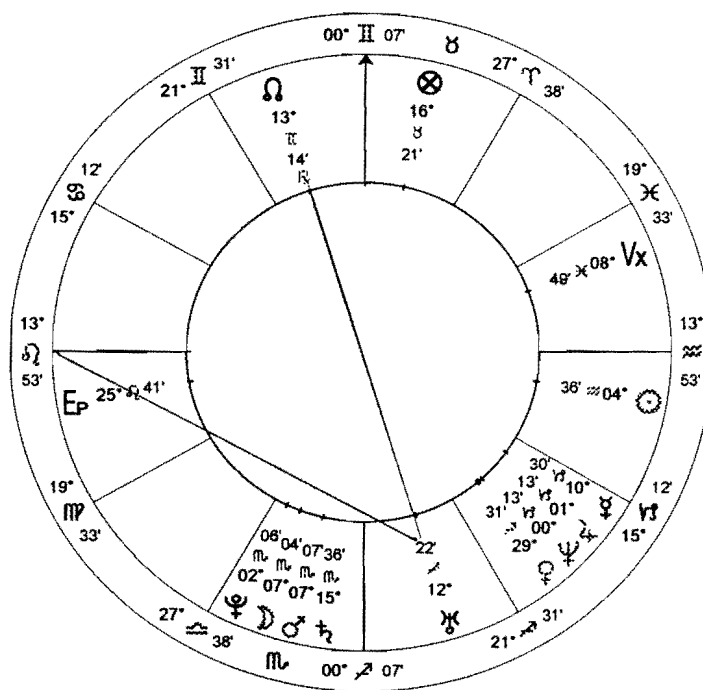
There were six entries for Test 24. Congratulations to Jack Nicholls (Vic.), Fay Jenkins (NSW), Dymock Brose (S.A.) and Marion Mendez (USA).

Jack suggested a romantic relationship; Fay that she underwent a complete transformation, moved house, and began a partnership or married—all correct; Dymock that she fell in love and married; Marion, that she married.

On 28th January 1984 the woman was married.

The Solar Return Chart told the story on its own: Uranus, ruling the 7th House, was opposite the Moon's N.Node and trine the Ascendant. The Node and the ruler of the 7th House almost inevitably means a close personal relationship, romance, etc. Furthermore, Venus was conjunct Jupiter, ruling the 5th (new undertakings, romance).

TEST 24: Solar Return, 25 January 1984. 7:31:19pm AEST.
Sydney, NSW, 33°S53', 151°E13'. Koch Cusps, Mean Node.



The Kinetic Solar Return, (Sun's Progression at the Q1 rate), (Feb 26, 1983, 1:37:14pm AEST) also told the story clearly. Venus, ruling the 4th was conjunct Mars ruling the 10th, and both were conjunct the MC and square the Moon's North Node. I have found in several annual charts involving marriage that the rulers of the 4th and 10th Houses were conjunct rather than

the rulers of the 1st and 7th. The significance appears to be the same—the union of the self with the partner.

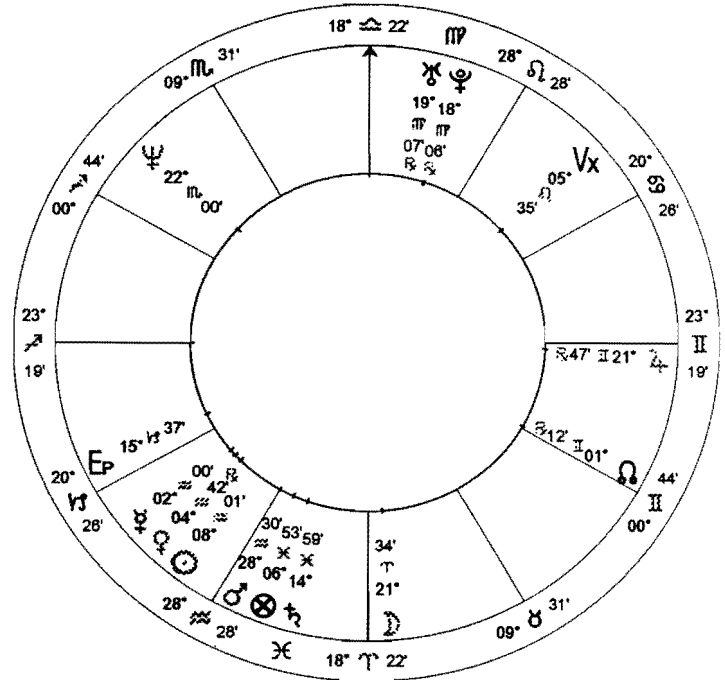
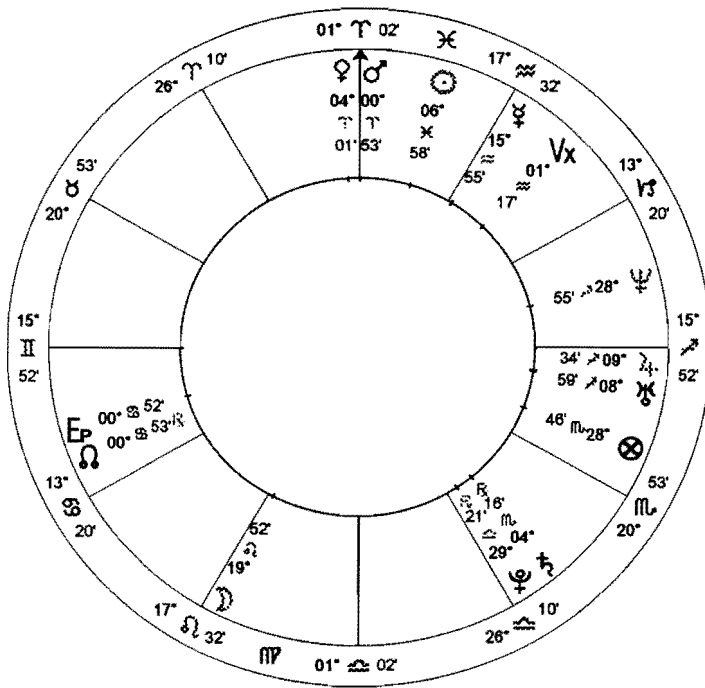
Furthermore, the EP was conjunct the Node, Mercury ruling the Ascendant was conjunct the 9th Koch Cusp (her husband was born overseas), and

they happened at his place of birth. The time is from the Birth Certificate. Margaret is still in touch with the subject, who was a child patient of hers.

Here is the Birth Chart:

Kinetic Solar Return, Q1 for Test 24, 26 Feb 1983,
1:37:14pm, AEST, Sydney. Koch Cusps, Mean Node

Male, Test 25. Birth Chart. 28 Jan 1966. 4:20am, EST
Portland, Maine, USA 43°N39', 70°W15'
Koch Cusps, Mean Node.



conjunct the Descendant of the Birth Chart. Jupiter, ruling the 7th House was conjunct Uranus ruling the 9th!

The Prenatal Solar Return had the Sun, ruling the Ascendant, conjunct the Descendant, trine Mars ruling the 9th, and co-ruling the 4th. Uranus ruling the 7th was conjunct Venus ruling the 10th.

The 33rd Harmonic Chart had the Ascendant conjunct Radical Jupiter. Jupiter often turns up for marriage.

The 33rd Prenatal Lunar Return had the Sun ruling the 7th House conjunct Venus ruling the 10th, and both conjunct the Radical Ascendant, and Venus ruling the 4th conjunct Uranus ruling the Ascendant.

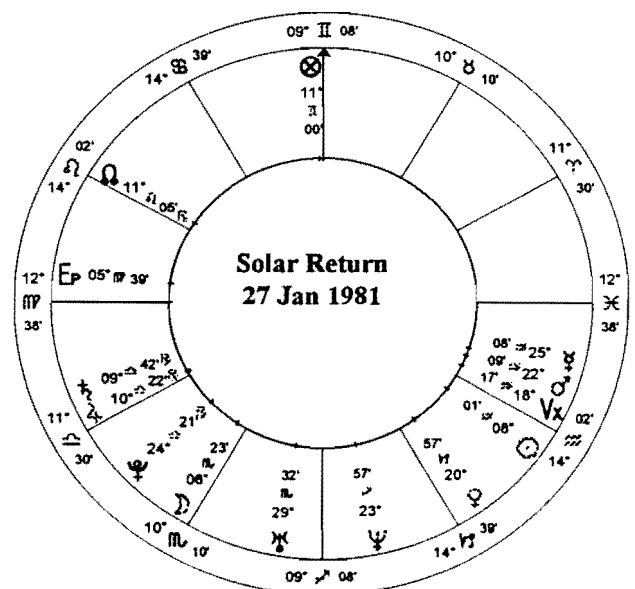
The other annual charts were not particularly informative.

NEW TEST NO. 25

Our new Test has been set by Dr. Margaret Millard of England. It concerns a male, born at 4:20am EST on January 28, 1966, in Portland, Maine, USA. (43°N39', 70°W15'). The time is from the Birth Certificate. What happened to him on March 21, 1981, and two months later on May 23, 1981? The two events are similar, and

Please send your answers to **Dr Margaret Millard, 14 Gloucester Road, Painswick, Glos. GL6 6RA UK** or by e-mail to her at **101771.1401 compuserve.com**.

The closing date for receipt of entries will be **October 25, 1998**. Here is the relevant Solar Return:



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THE CLINTON/STARR CONNECTION

Since last month's Issue, a reader has kindly supplied me with the birth data of Kenneth Starr, the Independent Counsel, and thorn in the side of President Clinton, who is responsible for pressing the investigation into the President's affairs, public and private (*very* private), on the suspicion that they have rendered him unfit for the exalted office he holds. The rest of the world looks on in amused bewilderment, if not mortification, at the spectacle of a great nation apparently bent on destroying the public image of its leader, and subjecting his personal and private life to the scrutiny of millions of people world-wide. This in spite of the fact that the U.S. citizens as a whole want Clinton to remain in his role of President and continue his more-than-satisfactory handling of the duties of the Office. It says much for the strength and fortitude of Bill Clinton that he has not crumpled under the onslaught and the countless obscene jokes against him. A lesser man might well have left his post and withdrawn from the public gaze to retain whatever shreds of dignity remained to him.

Kenneth Starr was born at 6:45pm on July 21, 1946, at Vernon, Texas. As I surmised in last month's article, Starr is indeed powerfully influenced by the Sign Cancer which holds the Sun and his Ruler, Saturn, in *very* close conjunction (7' of orb). One of the more notable traits of Cancer is its unrelenting tenacity, like its symbol, The Crab, which will rather lose its claw than let go of its victim. Starr has amply demonstrated this crab-like trait over the four years he has already spent in the pursuit of his quarry, his tenacity being hardened into steely resolve by his Saturn/Sun conjunction.

Another characteristic of the Sign is its revelling in *publicity*, even *notoriety*. The dyed-in-the-wool Cancerian will delight in any kind of fame, good or bad, just so that it attracts notice, and he can feel the attention of the world focussed upon him. Starr answers well to this description. Notwithstanding that he has aroused the ire of millions of his countrymen he proceeds undeviatingly on his path, not merely undeterred but obviously delighted by the attention

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Kenneth Starr

21 July 1946

6:45pm CST

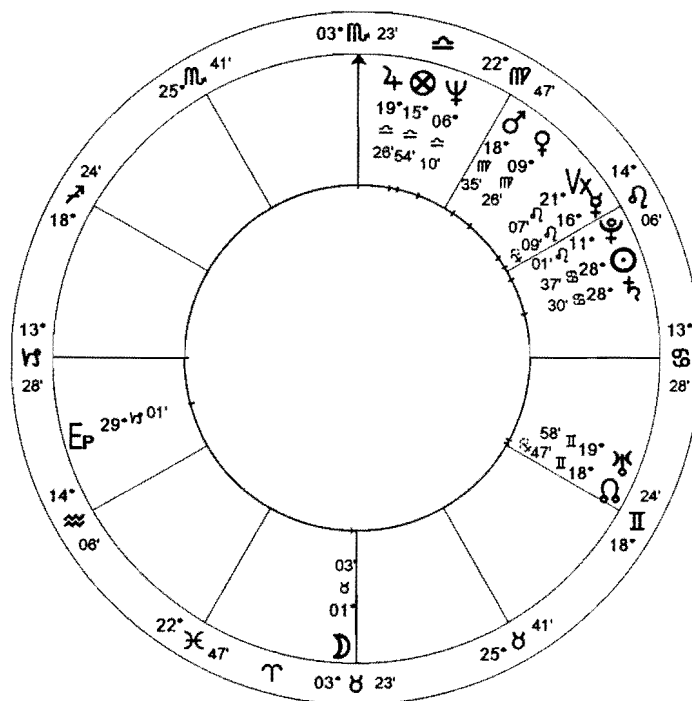
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mixed with irritation, scorn and even contempt that he has aroused.

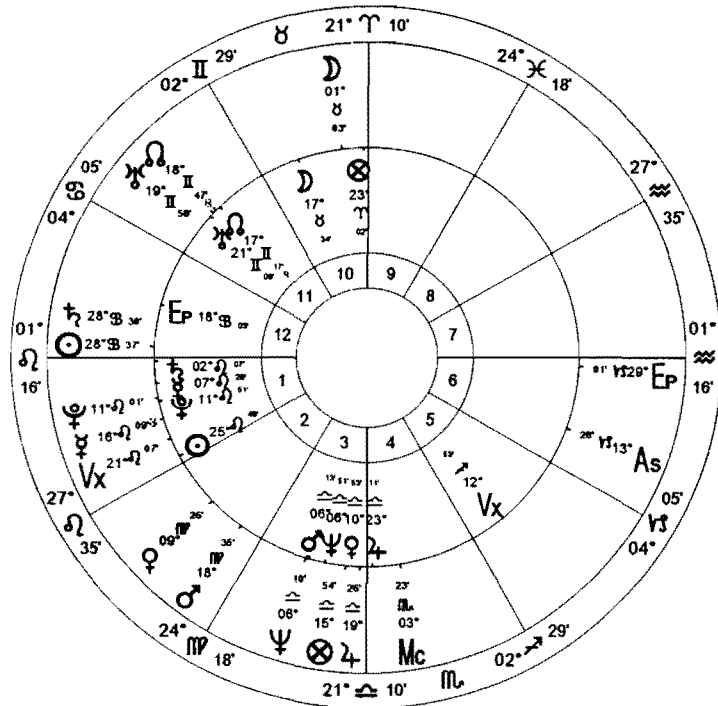
Starr's and Clinton's birth dates are less than a month apart, and on the next page I present Clinton's Chart, circumscribed by Starr's. It is enlightening to note the inter-Chart Aspects, revealing *karmic* links between them.

The most obvious and important link is Starr's Sun/Saturn conjunction right on the Ascendant of Clinton's Horoscope. This symbolizes the powerful impact Starr has had on Clinton's life. The authority of the Sun, combined with the rigidity and implacability of

Inner Wheel: **Bill Clinton**
19 Aug 1946, 3:44am CST
Hope, Arkansas,
33N40, 93W35

Outer Wheel: **Kenneth Starr**
21 July 1946, 6:45pm
Vernon, Texas,
34N9, 99W16.

Both Charts: Tropical, Koch, Mean Node, parallax-corrected



Saturn has determined the course of the events and their inescapable consequences, sufficient even to throw the President's life into turmoil and shake the foundations of his political power.

Starr's other Luminary, the Moon, is also prominent, elevated in Clinton's Midheaven, where it is closely square to both Clinton's Ascendant Point and Saturn (orb less than 1°). Here, it obviously obstructs the President's career and has a damaging effect on his status. Work and career are further impeded by Starr's Neptune, only 3' from the exact conjunction with Clinton's Mars, which rules his 10th House. Neptune's effect on Mars is to nullify or at least weaken its energy and drive. Aspects within 1° have several times the power of those 2° or 3° apart.

Finally, another close square from Mars in Starr's Natus to the Moon's North Node in Clinton's fittingly depicts the ill-feeling, annoyance and anger generated by the inquisitorial proceedings.

—Dymock.

THE KNEGT TEST

The best way to present the correct matchings for the Knegt Test (see *Astrologers' Forum*, No.203) is to reproduce each of the Charts accompanied by the personality description that applies to it. Here they are:

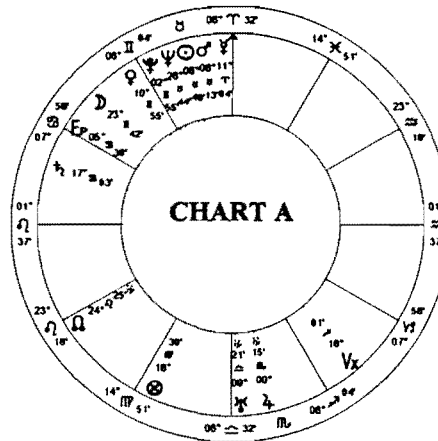


CHART A:
Description No. 4

A rambling, noisy personality, a windbag creating a reputation due to his clown-like traits. More promising than he eventually turned out to be. Little self-criticism.

CHART B:
Description No. 2

A pushy, very dominating person, hedonistic, egotistic, sarcastic; proud; a muddled mind; narrow in his ideas, marked vanity; wishes to play a role that is too far-reaching for him; likes to view himself as another Napoleon.

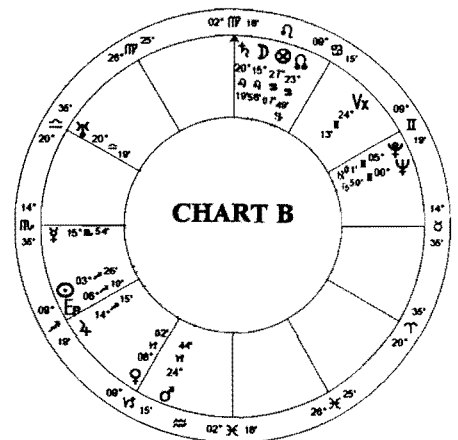
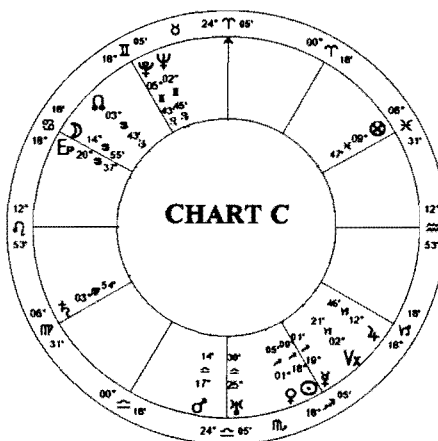


CHART C:
Description No. 5:
Great weakness and apathy. Many financial setbacks. Prone to be exploited, deceived and robbed; having given away his fortune he ended up very poor and only survived thanks to his relatives. Victim of his own great generosity. Negatively fated as regards contacts with the female sex. No chance of



obtaining a happy and satisfactory experience in this respect. Mental disturbances resulting in long-term admission to psychiatric institutions.

CHART D:
Description No. 3

A well-known personality, wishing to play an ambitious social role, striving for influence and leadership, often asked for executive jobs; prominence in finance and agriculture; Midas figure—everything in his hands turns to gold.

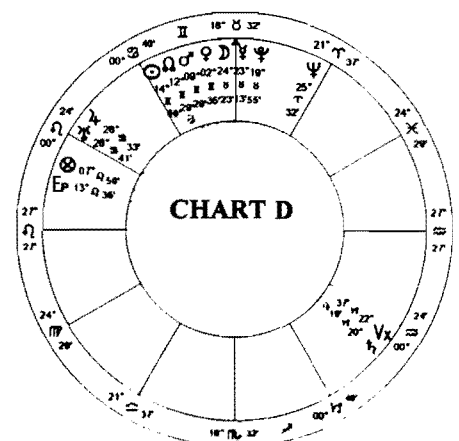
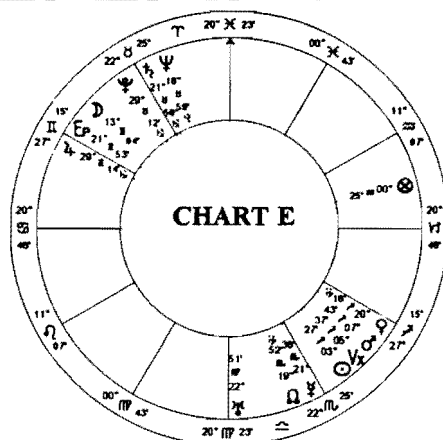


CHART E:**Description No. 1**

A public and typically social figure; a well-known speculator; a big spender; a short-lived role as an author. Solid relationships in political and economic circles. He had a marked ascent in life followed by an inglorious end.



Now follows Rudolf Smit's commentary on the Test.

REVIEW OF THE KNEGT TEST by Rudolf Smit, Editor *Correlation*

The Knegt Test (#21) was a matching test. The participants were asked to couple a number of descriptions with the matching horoscopes. This type of tests in astrology is also known as Vernon Clark Tests, as it was the American psychologist Vernon Clark who initiated them in the 'sixties. Remarkably enough Vernon Clark appeared to be fairly successful: Relatively many astrologers managed to match the descriptions with the right horoscopes. This is also the reason why this VC test is often mentioned in books and articles that try to defend astrology. However, we now know that the success was due to a statistical fluke, which boils down to there having been too many astrologers participating on too few charts.

The more astrologers there are on a small number of charts to be matched with the same number of descriptions, the greater the chance there is of a positive result. It is similar to asking 100 people to knock a can of beer from a table by throwing a tennis ball from a distance of say 10 metres: There is a much greater chance of eventual success than with just one person having a try.

Since that first VC test there have been another 41 more, adding up to 42. They were all unsuccessful for the astrologers. The Knegt Test became number 43. It was my sincere hope that this Test would have some measure of success, simply because the descriptions were based on the correct delineations of five charts by the famous Dutch astrologer Leo Knegt in 1933. Knegt proved himself a real master-astrologer as his interpretations, containing verifiable descriptions of circumstances in the lives of the natives, were based on the birth data alone. Hence, if Knegt could do it, then in principle other astrologers could do it as well. In fact, it would have been easier—charts were there,

descriptions were there. Now match them.

It did not work out that way: there were 21 astrologers participating. There were 5 charts and 5 descriptions. One would need to match 4 correctly to have all 5 right (the 5th by default: when 4 are right then the 5th has to be right also). Only two astrologers managed to get 3 correct matchings.

There were 6 who got 2 right. There were 11 who got one right and 2 who got none right. The correct combination Chart C with description 5 got the most hits, 9 altogether. The correct combination D—3 got 8 hits. The other matchings: A—4, B—2, and E—1 had each 4 hits. Altogether there were 29 hits, where, ideally, there should have been $21 \times 5 = 105$ hits. This 29 is slightly above what could have been expected by chance alone (21), but is mainly due to what I described before: There were already too many astrologers with too few charts.

As for the individual results in this test: the odds against chance of having none or one correct is about 1 in 3. The odds against chance of having two correct is 1 in 6. The odds against chance of having three correct is 1 in 13. The odds of having 4 (hence 5) correct is about 1 in 100. So I hoped for the latter.

What to conclude from this and the other 42 matching tests? The logical conclusion seems to me that on the whole astrologers appear incapable of successfully concluding tests aimed at matching descriptions with their correct charts.

It seems to me that astrologers should not participate any more in this type of tests because they are bound to be unsuccessful. However, based on the extraordinary results achieved by Leo Knegt in blind tests I suggest that, when it comes to testing astrologers, one should aim at performing double blind tests—only supply them the birth data and gender of the natives, and ask the astrologers to write brief delineations providing verifiable statements about character and circumstances in life. In the happy circumstance that they succeed they would make a strong case for their astrological skills.

I thank all 21 participants for their co-operation in this test, and Dymock Brose for making available his *Astrologers' Forum*.

A more detailed analysis of this test will appear in *Correlation*, Journal for Research into Astrology, Issue 17(2), Northern Winter 1998/99, and published by the Astrological Association of Great Britain.

Rudolf Smit

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AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL ELECTION

Saturday, 3 October 1998

The Prime Minister, John Howard, has just announced the long-awaited date for the next Federal Election—3rd October 1998.

The two main contenders are the Liberal Coalition, at present holding Government, and the Labor Party, in Opposition. None of the minor Parties can expect to achieve Government, though they may have candidates returned to Parliament. So the issue is really to be decided between the present Prime Minister and the Leader of the Labor Opposition, Mr Kim Beasley.

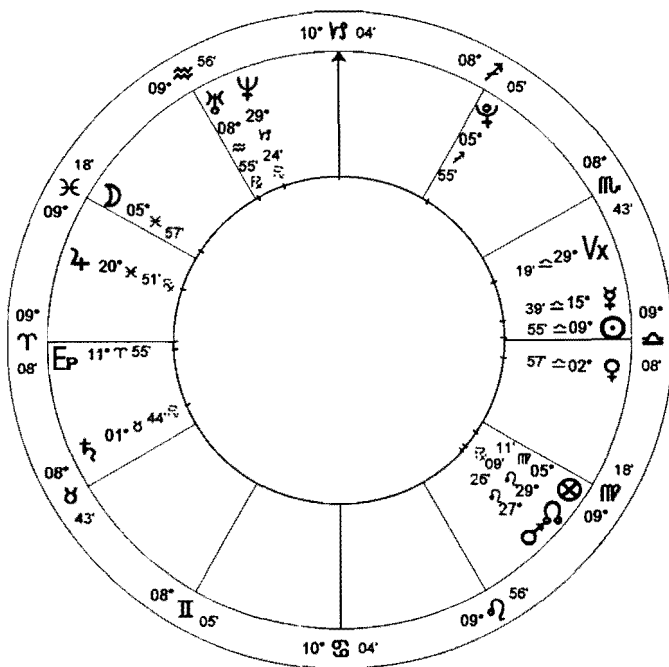
My practice is to predict the issue from a chart set for the time of the *closing* of the Polls, which in Australia is 6pm (it was 8 pm many years ago).

There is a two-hour difference between the closing of the Polls in Eastern and Western Australia. The Chart below is set for Canberra, the Nation's Capital, at 6 pm Australian Eastern Standard Time. I accept this as answering for the whole of Australia, even though voting does not finish on the West Coast until two hours later.

CLOSING OF THE POLLS

3 Oct 1998, Canberra, ACT, 6pm

Tropical, Koch, Mean Node, Moon corrected for parallax error



The Liberal Coalition will win: The 1st House represents the Party in power (Liberals), while the 10th shows their chances of success. Here the 1st House is ruled by Mars, conjunct the Moon's Node, and both trine to Saturn ruling the 10th House. The Ruler of the Ascendant in harmonious configuration with the Ruler

of the MC, augmented by the N.Node, signifies success for the person concerned. No landslide victory, however, as Neptune square to Saturn, means considerable loss of seats.

The Opposition Party (Labor) is represented by the 7th House, and its chances of victory by the 4th. The Sun on the 7th Cusp conjunct Mercury shows a valiant effort, with much rhetorical communication, but Venus ruling the 7th is handicapped by its quincunx to Saturn. Worse, the Moon, ruling the 4th House in a close T-Square with Pluto and the Part of Fortune obliterates Labor's chances.

I regard the above method as the quickest and easiest to determine the result of an election, but the faint-hearted can confirm the findings by reference to the personal Charts of John Howard and Kim Beasley. John Howard's Natus was published in this journal in February last (Issue 199), and the data for Kim Beasley is 14 Dec. 1948, 11am, Perth, W.A. (kindly supplied to me by *Esoteric Technologies*, author of the renowned *Solar Fire V4* Program).

Howard's Solar Return Chart has Jupiter at 27°Pis58', where it is elevated in the Natus, trine to the Moon (28°Sco38') and sextile to Mars (28°Cap55') ruling the 10th House. It doesn't have to be any better than that! Howard's Progressions are *wonderful*: The Sun trine Mars by Ascendant-Arc Direction on Oct. 3 (day of the Election), Venus parallel Jupiter on Oct. 4 in his Progressed Chart, and Prog. Mercury parallel the Natal MC on Oct. 8.

By contrast, Kim Beasley faces disaster: His Solar Return has Pluto (6°Sag8') conjunct the Midheaven (5°Sag28') of his Natal Chart, and square Natal Saturn (6°Vir12') opposing the Rising Degree. And there is nothing in his Progressions/Directions to ameliorate the situation.

My prediction re **Pauline Hanson** still stands—she will do well in the October Election. Her Chart for the revised time of 3:20am (see last Issue) gives a Phase-Return Chart (14Sep1998) where Jupiter ruling the Midheaven is rising, conjunct the Natal Moon and sextile the Natal MC. Her Progressed Moon trines the important midpoint MC/AS on 2nd October, the day before the Election.

—Dymock.

Remember you have until **Friday, 25 September**, to submit your answer to Test No. 24. The Standard Solar Return Chart on page 6 of the last Issue was inadvertently set for Adelaide instead of Sydney, where the event occurred. The planetary positions are identical, but the Koch Cusps and the Zodiacal points are: MC 0Gem7, C.11 21Gem31, C.12 15Can12, Asc 13Leo53, C.2 19Vir33, C.3 27Lib38, EP 25Leo41, Vx 8Pis49, P/Fort 16Tau25.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 31 August 1998.

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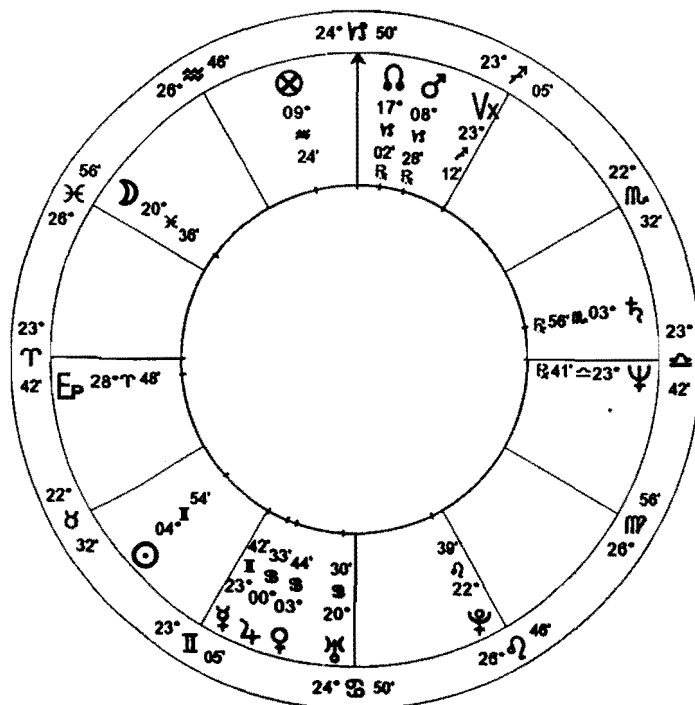
THE HANSON PHENOMENON

by Allan Johnson

Pauline Hanson is being called a phenomenon because nothing quite like her has occurred before. Her rise has been so dramatic that it is worth having a look at her Chart. Birth details have been supplied by her office. She was born on 27th May 1954, 3:20am, in Brisbane.

Pauline Hanson
27 May 1954
3:20am
Brisbane, Q. 27S28, 153E02.

Tropical
Placidus
Mean Node
Parallax Moon



One thing that is very unusual in this Chart is that it has five planets in *Water Signs*. The question of planets in Water Signs in political charts is something on which I have done quite a bit of research. It is very rare to find a political figure with many planets in Water. As an example, we have Paul Keating and Bill Clinton with not a single planet in Water, and with Tony Blair with just one. It is pretty much the rule in political figures. I think the reason for this is that they do have all their

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energies directed *outwardly*, they are so much in the public eye, whereas a lot of Water planets means the person is directed more *inwardly*, and the approach to life is more *personal* and *emotional*. So it can be a big liability for political figures to allow their emotions to get in the way of their attitudes and decisions. Politicians are never allowed to have a personal life. So how will she handle this set-up?

Maybe having Aries rising will help her out a lot here. This has given her the drive to get where she is now. Uranus on the Cusp of the 4th House powerfully influences the M.C. through the Opposition Aspect and this also accounts for her sudden and unexpected rise to fame. Heavy emphasis on the 3rd House, and Sun in Gemini, suggests more the writer working behind the scenes, rather than the public figure. Though we do have Mars in Capricorn in the 9th—very much concerned with political propaganda. But I would say this Chart doesn't suggest a long-term political career.

One very revealing point in this Chart is Neptune being right on the 7th Cusp, and therefore powerfully influencing the Ascendant by Opposition. I think this has resulted in a lot of fantasy in her political ambitions. Neptune is also part of a fairly close YOD pattern involving Pluto and the Moon. The fact that the Moon is also in Pisces adds to the fantasy pattern. Pluto can bring in an obsessive element and the desire to push *extreme* policies. All this has been happening. I think this YOD makes her feel she has a *mission*—but will she be able to ultimately substantiate it? Can she really get her act together? Having only one planet in Earth does suggest she has too much wishful thinking and not enough *practicality*. But despite all this she does have Jupiter trine to Saturn, and I have often found this Aspect in the charts of people who make a lot of money

despite a poor start in life.

Now to look at the current Progressions. In 1998 the Progressed Sun is at 17° Cancer, which means it is just moving towards the end of the 2nd Decanate, which is Scorpio. I have found these decanates very effective. The Scorpio Decanate is very representative of what is going on at this very time. The obsessive drive and the stubbornness. She refuses to be intimidated. But looking ahead to three years time when her Progressed Sun reaches 20° it will be conjunct Natal Uranus and trine the Moon (and note that Uranus is square to Neptune natively). This looks like some very unexpected developments, but at the same time the Sun also enters the *Pisces Decanate*. It looks like a very messy situation, too much fantasy and not enough reality. She could get right out of politics at this time and get some financially fortunate offer elsewhere. This takes her to the year 2001.

Now to look at the Transits and see how they correlate. That is happening right now is that Pluto is in Opposition to her Natal Sun, and has been within orb since the beginning of 1997, and covers very neatly her spectacular rise to fame. And it will be within close orb right to the end of this year. Pluto is the planet for *transformation*, and this has most certainly applied to her life. She has leaped into massive prominence whereas her earlier life was pretty humble, and she is not likely to go out of prominence in the immediate future. In 1997 she had also Uranus trining her Natal Sun. Neptune will be trining her Sun through 1999 and on into 2000, and even into 2001—the very year that the Progressed Sun hits Uranus. Transiting Uranus will also be opposing Natal Pluto at that time, activating the Yod: An ending and new beginning. So it all correlates, and also Transiting Saturn will conjunct her Natal Sun in mid-2001.

So to sum up all this, I don't see Pauline Hanson having a long-term political career. She will continue to make her presence felt over the next few years, but could get right out of politics in the new millennium.

[Editor's note: Allan has obtained a different Chart from the one I presented in Issue 200, and my testing both Figures with monthly charts against two very important events in Pauline Hanson's life—her maiden speech on 10 Sep 1996, and her resounding success in the Queensland State Elections on 13 June 1998—does suggest that it is the correct one.]

QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?

ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

The Moment of Truth?

I suppose no man on earth more deeply regrets an amorous interlude than does Bill Clinton at this moment. He is now obliged to testify before a Grand Jury whether or not he had a sexual liaison with Monica Lewinski and, if it did occur, whether he influenced her to deny it. If indeed he did, it is assumed this would show a lack of personal integrity that would destroy his fitness to head the most powerful Government in the world.

The relentless fervour with which Independent Prosecutor Kenneth Starr has pursued the President over four years, and at a cost to the public purse of over \$40,000,000, makes one wonder whether he is not conducting a personal vendetta, rather than being driven by a laudable desire to maintain the honour and dignity of the Presidential office.

Unfortunately, I do not have Mr. Starr's birth data, but I'd be willing to bet he is strongly influenced by the Zodiacal Sign Cancer, not only for his clam-like tenacity—a salient feature of the Sign—but also for his apparent desire to remain in the public eye (Cancerians love to be "on stage") and also to achieve some inverse fame for an expensive, and mistaken, crusade. He appears in public always with the same Cheshire-cat grin, like the smile on the face of the tiger, which again is a typical Cancerian mannerism.

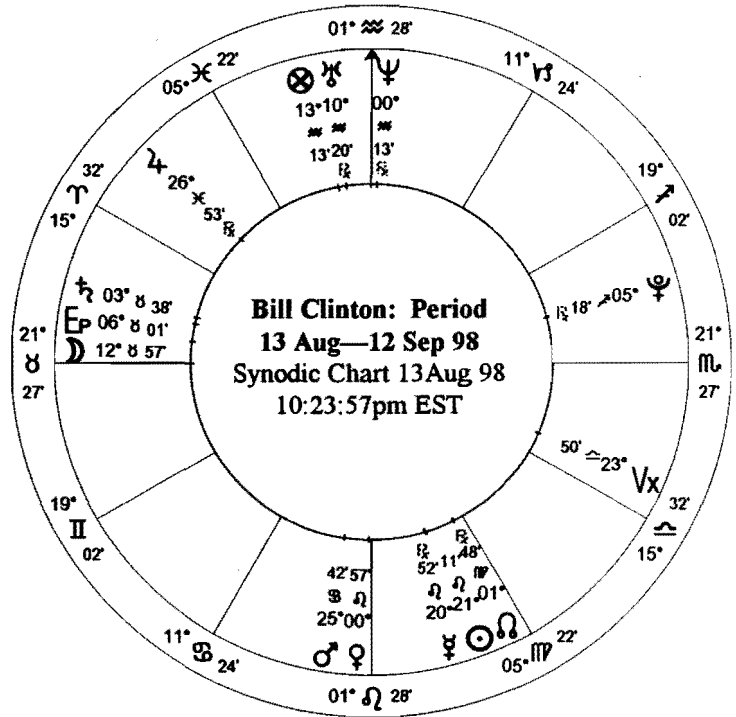
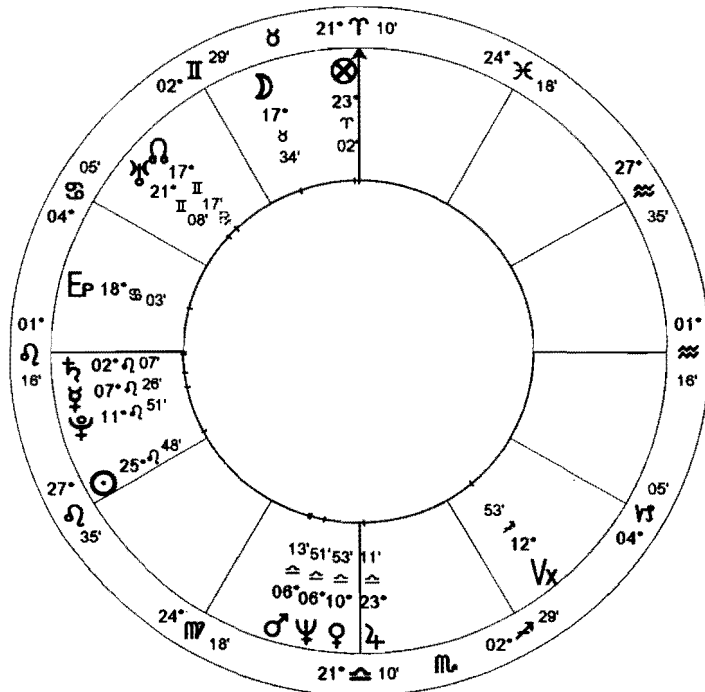
Bill Clinton has proved himself an able President and, according to opinion polls, is thus regarded by the great majority of Americans. So, while the rest of the world looks on in amusement or distaste, not to mention more lately irritation and impatience, this pillorying of an American President proceeds with little or nothing to gain but satisfying the ego of one man. There is a faint echo of McCarthyism about it, and surely the Americans have had enough of that. Joseph McCarthy was censured by the US Senate in 1954 for his wild accusations of communist infiltration. A similar censure might be appropriate for Kenneth Starr.

The interesting point is—how far will Kenneth Starr prevail in his campaign against the President? The next three months are probably the crucial ones for Mr. Clinton. His cyclic charts for the period will tell the story.

What I regard as the authentic Birth Chart of the President (for the time of 3:44am CST) appears on the next page. Convincing evidence for this Chart appeared in the excellent article by Rowena Wall of Georgia, USA, in *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 182 of September 1996. Without doubt, the President is a man of charisma and personal charm—charisma from Leo,

President Bill Clinton
19 Aug 1946, 3:44am CST
Hope, Arkansas
33N40, 93W35.

Koch Cusps
Mean Node
Moon corrected
for Parallax.



and charm from Libra, with an earthy sensuousness from the Moon in Taurus. Mars, Neptune and Venus conjoined implies a volatile sexual response. He attracts women, and is attracted to them—almost inevitably leading to risqué situations, particularly for one always in the public eye.

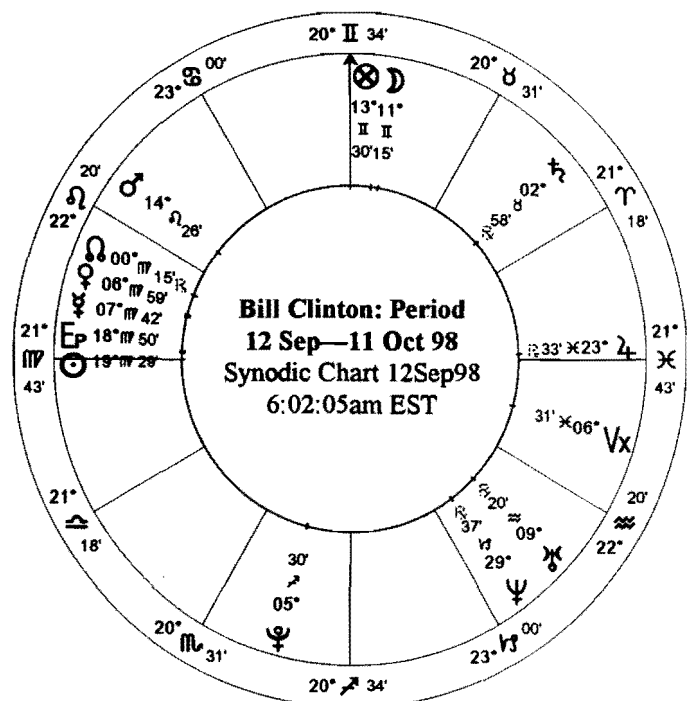
President Clinton is due to give his testimony to the Grand Jury on August 17, so the Monthly Synodic Chart (Moon-Sun Phase-Return) operating from 13 August to 12 September covers this period nicely. It appears in the next column. These Charts are all calculated for Washington (the centre of activities), with Koch Cusps, Mean Node, and the Moon corrected for parallax error.

Neptune is on the Cusp of Honour and Status, almost exactly opposite Venus, both planets being square to Saturn. This reflects the nature of the difficulty the President has to face—scandal (Saturn square Neptune) relating to an amorous encounter (Venus) with an employee—Monica Lewinski was employed at the White House. Venus rules the House of Employees, and Clinton's involvement is shown by Venus being Ruler of the 1st House also.

Uranus in the 10th square to the rising Moon shows the nervous strain to which the President will be subjected. This would be considerable for any one in the same circumstances, but for Mr Clinton with the eyes of the world upon him it is magnified many times over. It is noteworthy that Clinton's Natal Moon is in

Taurus, the Sign accented in the Synodic Chart by the Ascendant, Moon, Saturn and the East Point.

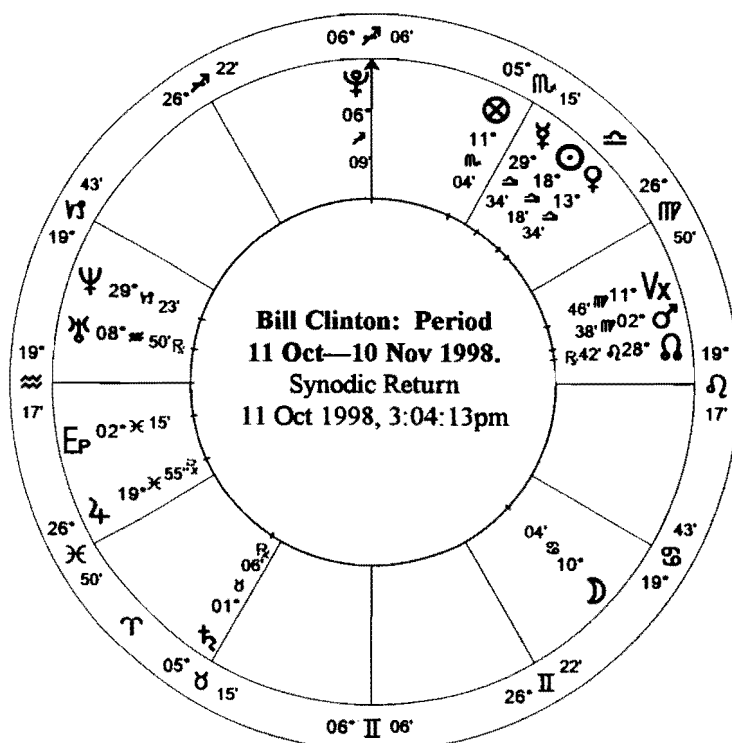
The Grand Jury is represented by the 11th House. Jupiter ruling the House and trine to Mars is the judicial enquiry. The Moon being a Significator for Clinton, it's semisquare to Jupiter plus the close square of the Sun to the Rising Degree indicates that matters do not go well for him, at least initially. The probing and delving (Pluto quincunx the EP) by the hostile lawyers (Pluto ruling the 7th House) will be a rigorous test of the Presidential nerves.



We can surmise further developments from a study of the successive Synodic Charts.

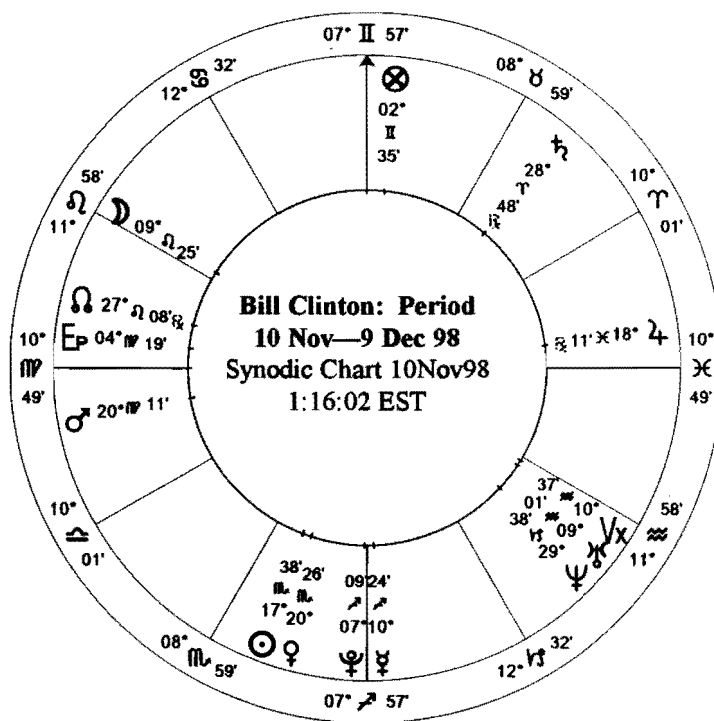
In the period 12 Sep—11 Oct 98, the Sun on the Ascendant shows the President is standing up well to the legal inquisition, (Jupiter opposite the Asc) though not without anxiety (Saturn sesquare the EP). The 1st and 10th Houses are ruled by Mercury, which is conjunct Venus but in a T-Square with the Vertex and Pluto which signifies a crucial time for him.

In the period 11 Oct—10 Nov 1998 Pluto sitting comfortably on the Meridian is sextile to Natal Neptune and Mars. This suggests a modification of policy,



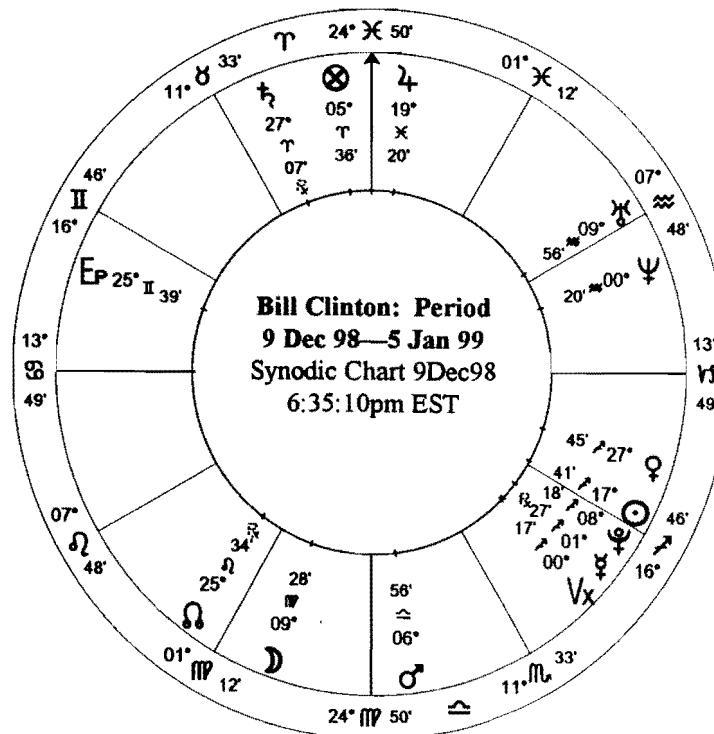
particularly as the Natal Houses involved are the 9th (plans and propaganda) and the 10th (government). Clinton's position, however, remains strong. Mars in the 7th opposing the EP shows his opponents are still hard at work to worst him. Neptune in the 12th quincunx the Moon's Node in the 7th indicates machinations by his enemies. The media are still playing up the situation for all its worth (Mercury opposed by Saturn in the 3rd and squared by Neptune), but Clinton retains the favour of the general public (Moon in the 5th trine *Fortuna* in the 9th).

The Chart for the period 10 Nov—9 Dec is the most favourable of the series. The Sun conjunct Venus and trine Jupiter assures a happy outcome for the President. The Moon at 9Leo25 is significant through its Opposition to the Vertex and its conjunction with the 12th Cusp. By an interesting synchronicity the Moon trines the Midpoint (8Sag47) of Mercury and Pluto on



the 4th Cusp, and also conjoins the Midpoint (9Leo38) of Mercury and Pluto in the 1st House of the Natal Chart, so Clinton will score well here by his capacity to speak convincingly (Mercury/Pluto) and sway his public (the Moon). He still has his under-cover enemies (Saturn square Neptune, Co-Ruler of 7th) but whatever public favour was lost is now regained.

The Chart, for the period 9 Dec 98—5 Jan 99, the last in the current year, shows Clinton now "sitting pretty". A feature is dominant Jupiter, *no longer Retrograde*, and the Moon's North Node *almost exactly conjunct Natal Sun*. Fortunate indeed! Add to that the Grand



Trine of the Node with Saturn and Venus. Saturn rules the 7th House and Venus the 11th. I read this Saturn-Venus trine as a peaceful end (Venus) to the opposition (7th House) experienced by Clinton.

True, there is discomfiture from the Ruling Moon square Pluto and quincunx Uranus, and Mars opposite *Fortuna*, but in my view the favourable factors prevail. There are many issues to claim a President's attention. The adverse aspects are probably related to some of these—difficulties with the workforce and the economy, for instance, rather than those relating relating to a Presidential dalliance.

In summary, therefore, I conclude that President Clinton's position and status will be re-established. He has an uncomfortable few months ahead of him but will survive—discomforted but not vanquished!

—Dymock.

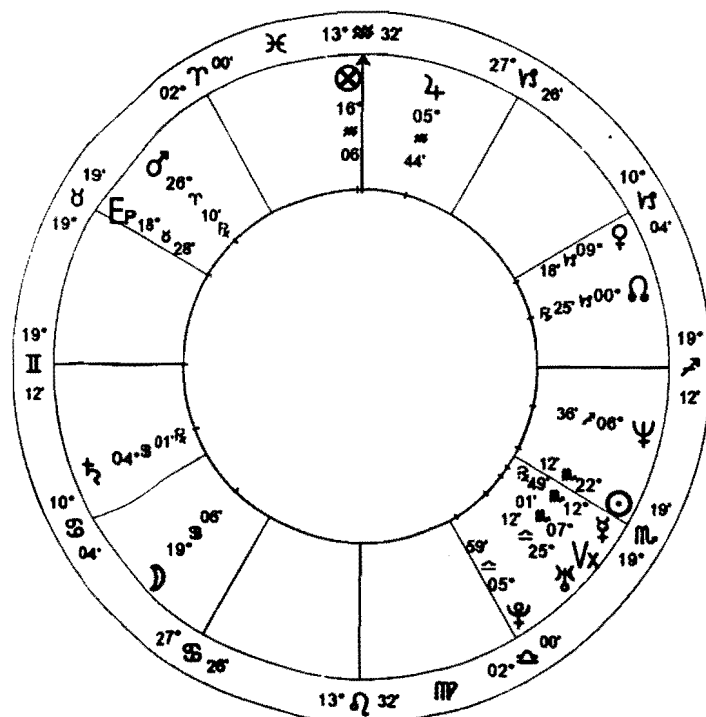
Result of Test No. 23.

Ross Harvey, who received and assessed all responses, reports as follows:

There were eight entries for Test 23. Unfortunately none was correct. The correct answer was—On February 15, 1998 the subject left for London for an extended stay to further his career. Here is the Birth Chart again:

Male, Test #23

14 November 1973, 5:30pm GMT London, 0W10, 51N30



This Test was not simple, and was further complicated by the subject's living far away from his birthplace. Therefore cyclical charts for both the place of birth and the place of residence should have been examined.

The Standard Solar Return set for London had the Sun conjunct the 9th Cusp and Jupiter conjunct the Natal MC. When set for Sydney, the Ascendant at 27Cap44 was very closely conjunct the Radical Koch 3rd Cusp (27Can30), that is, the SR Asc-Desc axis lay on the Natal 3rd-9th axis. This suggests that communications or travel were the principal concerns of the year. If Placidus Cusps had been used the conjunction would not have been nearly so close (Natal Placidus 3rd Cusp is 23Can59), and could easily have been missed.

The Prenatal Solar Return set for London was not significant, but when set for Sydney the Ascendant at 9Cap57 was conjunct Natal Venus at Koch Cusp 9 Cap16. So the year was very favourable. SR Jupiter at 27Cap14 was very closely conjunct the the Natal 9th Koch Cusp (and Regiomontanus at 27Cap41), but not very closely to Placidus.

The Precessed Solar Returns were not significant.

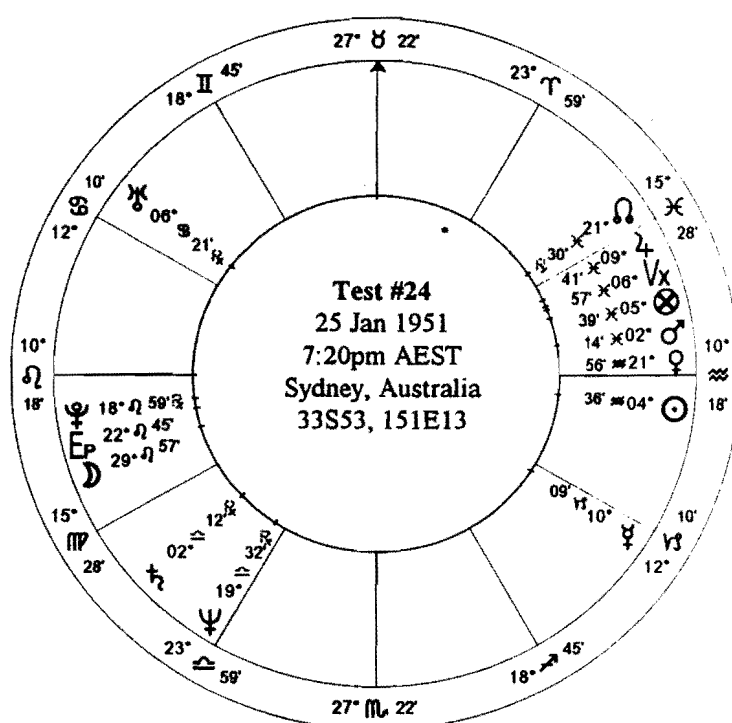
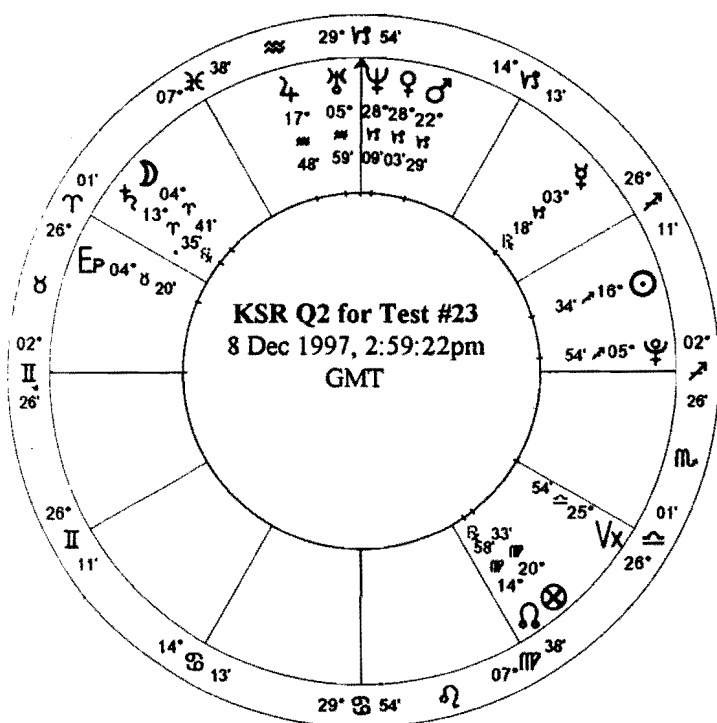
The 24th Annual Synodic Return set for London had the Sun conjunct Uranus(= change) and the Ascendant conjunct Pluto. Obviously an important year. The Angles for Sydney were not significant.

The Prenatal 24th Annual Synodic Return set for London had Venus at 9Cap28 conjunct the Descendant at 9Cap12, and the Sun conjunct Jupiter. This conjunction in an annual synodic return is very favourable, so it was a great year. Again the Angles for Sydney were not significant.

The 24th Annual Lunar Return set for London had the Ascendant at 27Cap10 closely conjunct the Natal 9th Koch Cusp, and opposite Saturn at 28Can28. Saturn in an otherwise favourable year may indicate that the principal event has something to do with leaving or giving up something—in this case his home of nearly twenty years.

The Q1 KSR, set for London, had the Sun conjunct the 9th Cusp and sextile Jupiter which ruled the 9th and was conjunct the Natal MC. The Q2 KSR set for London [see Chart next page] had the MC at 29Cap49 conjunct Venus at 28Cap3 and Neptune 28Cap9, all conjunct the Natal 9th Koch Cusp (but not the Placidian Cusp), and Pluto conjunct the Descendant.

In no less than five Annual Charts was there an emphasis on the 9th Cusp, and this, together with the



favourable indications especially the Solar conjunctions in the Annual Synodic Returns, I would have interpreted as a favourable change involving a long journey or far-away places.

It is also interesting that it was the Koch (or Regiomontanus) Cusps that were significant, and not the Placidus.

Yet again this Test shows the importance of considering only the most significant indications, but in as many Annual Charts as possible. So to the next Test:

New Test, No. 24

In the next column is the Birth Chart of a woman born on 25 January 1951, at 7:20pm AEST in Sydney (33S53, 151E13).

What happened to her, in Sydney, on 28 January 1984? She was an unemployed part-time art teacher, and an unsuccessful artist. She was single.

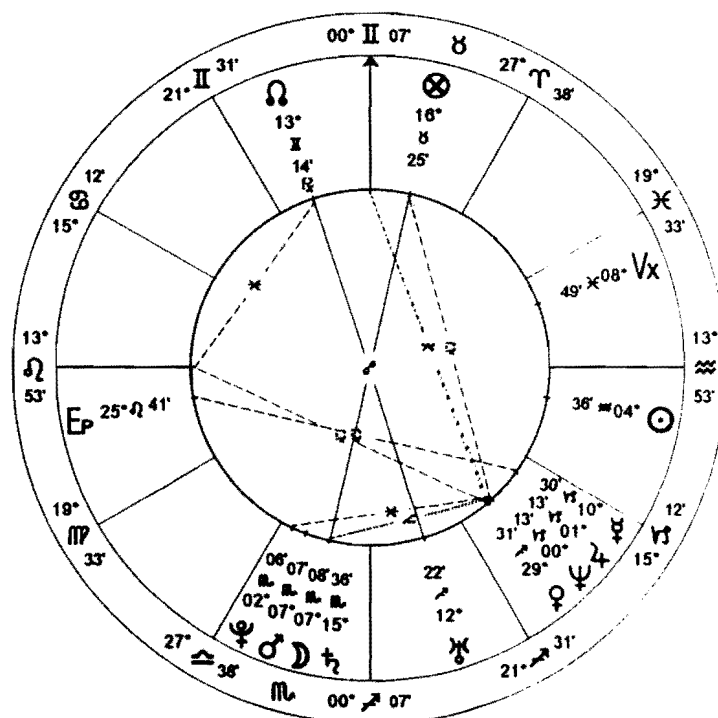
Thanks again to Ross for finding the Test material and writing his comprehensive commentary on the results.

To give readers plenty of time (over six weeks) to consider their answers, the closing date for entries to this Test No.23 will be Friday, 25 September next. Please send your answers either direct to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW Australia 2074, or to me by e-mail: dymock@ozemail.com.au.

Give an astrological basis to your answer in a few sentences. There is no need to quote ALL the supporting factors you can see.

Readers who do not have the computer and program facilities to calculate all the charts mentioned in the

article above should not lose heart but see what they can derive from just one chart—say the Solar Return or the Lunar Return. It is the effort put into the interpretation that brings the rewards of increased astrological insight and skill. Writing out your answer instead of just thinking it will give the greatest benefit as it requires precision. As a help, here is the Standard Solar Return Chart of 25 Jan 1984 for Test No.24. See what you can make of it.



I should be pleased to have suggestions for any improvements in our conducting of these Tests (or in any other aspect of *Astrologers' Forum*).

My kind regards to all. —Dymock. 9th August 1998.

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TEST NO.21—RESULTS

Report by Ross Harvey

There were seven entries for Test 21 but none was correct. In March 1962 the lady left by ship for a long stay in England. She met a man on the voyage and subsequently became engaged to him. Congratulations to Marion Mendez who was partially right when she said 'the lady fell in love!'. Lea Breuer-Kantor also mentioned marriage or engagement among many possibilities.

The first step should be to ascertain whether the event was favourable or otherwise. In the second half of March Jupiter transited over the Descendant. This was most likely to have been positive. Furthermore if the Secondary Angles were progressed with the Solar Arc in Right Ascension, the Progressed Ascendant was exactly opposite Natal Jupiter. Jupiter contacts would have been positive, and the lady said she was "very happy".

I used to think that there had to be one correct method for progressing the Angles of all charts, but I now think that one has to find the method that works best for the chart in question. In the present case, the Solar Arc in Right Ascension gives by far the best results.

The annual charts give both positive and negative indications. That is why it is important to find out if the event is positive or not. The period has been found to be positive, so we should now look only at the positive indications in the charts.

The **Solar Return** has Pluto conjunct the 9th Cusp, and the Moon, ruling the 7th, trine the Node.

The **Precessed Solar Return** has MC conjunct both Jupiter and Saturn, with all trine Venus ruling the 7th (the MC almost exactly). The Moon is conjunct the 9th Cusp, trine Uranus on the 5th, with Uranus conjunct both the Node and the Radical Ascendant.

The **Prenatal Solar Return** has the Node conjunct the 9th Cusp and opposite Pluto, which rules the 7th.

In the Q1 KSR, Venus ruling the 9th is conjunct the Radical Sun, and Jupiter is conjunct the EP.

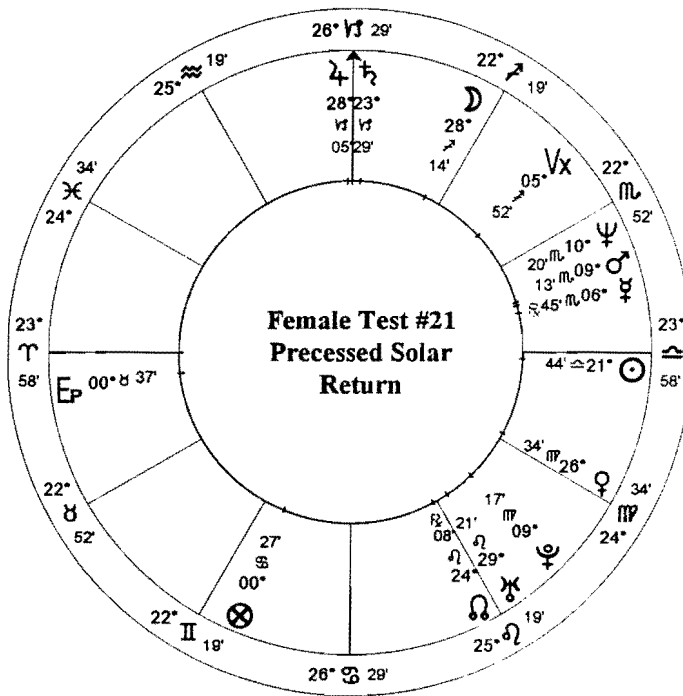
In the Prenatal Q1 KSR the Moon is conjunct the 9th and Jupiter ruling the 9th is conjunct the Radical

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MC.

In the 22nd Synodic Return the Sun, which rules the 7th, is conjunct Pluto, the 9th Cusp is conjunct the

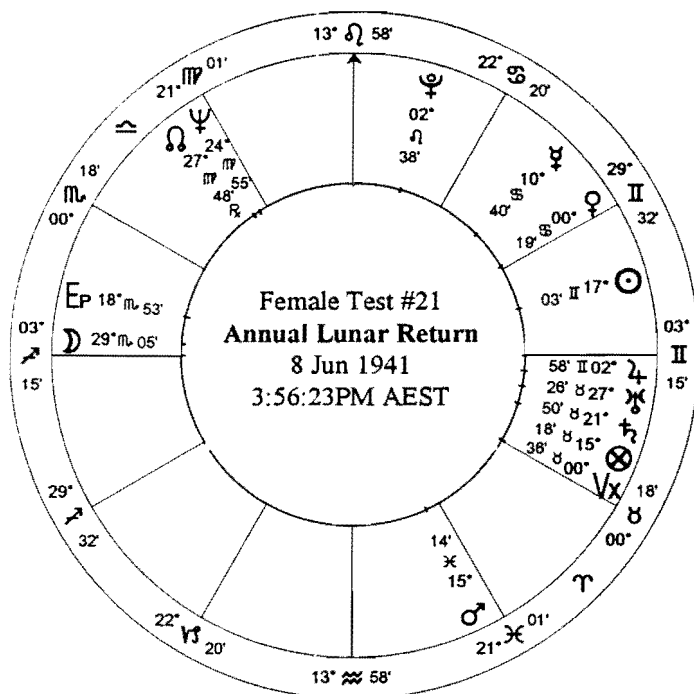


15 Oct 1961 6:15:06 PM AEST
Sydney NSW 33S53 151E06
Koch Cusps Mean Node

Radical Sun, and Venus ruling the 9th is conjunct the Radical Ascendant.

In the Prenatal Synodic Return the Sun is conjunct Venus on the 9th Cusp.

In the (Annual) 22nd Lunar Return (on the 8th of June 1941) the Moon ruling the 9th is conjunct the Ascendant, opposite Jupiter and Uranus on the 7th, with Uranus trine the Node and square the Radical Ascendant, and the Part of Fortune is conjunct the



Sydney, 33S53 151E06 Koch Cusps Mean Node

Radical 9th Cusp. Margaret Millard was correct when she said there was a break-up of a relationship—the Q2 KSR, for instance, had MC conjunct Mars and square the Node—but it was not the event in March. The engagement was broken off later in the year.

The Node is prominent in most of the Annual Charts, as is appropriate for a relationship.

This one was not easy. It was not a straightforward event, and the waters were muddled by an event of a different nature which occurred later in the same year. However, it is just the sort of event a client would seek advice about: "I am planning to go to England. Shall I, and what will happen?" is a very common question. ■

The Best Chart for Test No.21

Thanks to Ross for his comprehensive review above of the various Charts relating to this (difficult) Test. Ross advocates using as many relevant charts as possible to find the answer.

It is a question which one was the most indicative of the two events—(1) going on a sea-voyage from Australia to England, and (2) becoming engaged on the way. All the above Charts have indications for one or the other, but the one that shows *both* clearly (in hindsight!) is the Monthly Synodic, or Moon/Sun Phase Return for the month 9th March—8th April 1962. It appears in the next column.

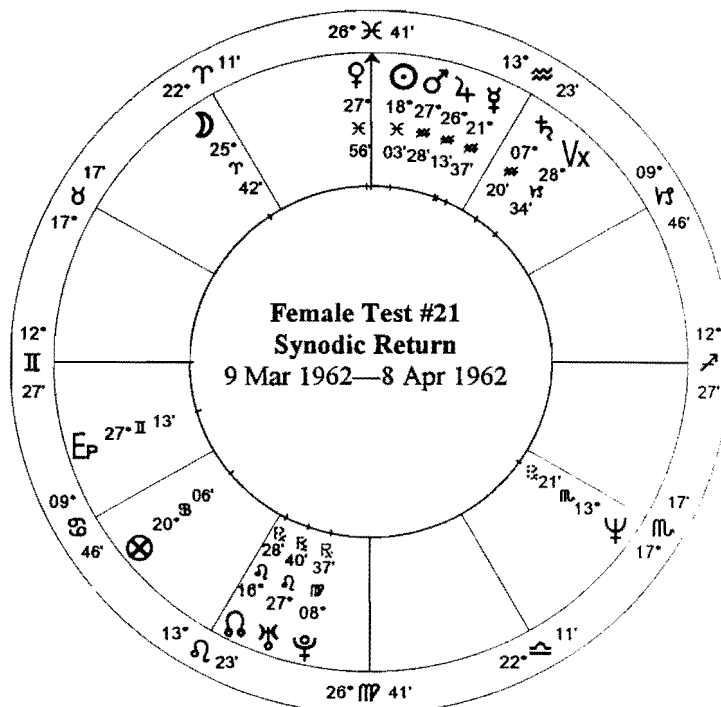
The accumulation of significant planets in the 9th House (including the Ruler, Mercury) immediately suggests *long-distance* travel.

The position of the planet of love, Venus, closely conjunct the upper Meridian and ruling the House of Love and Romance, is an equally cogent indication of the shipboard romance. This is supported by the conjunction of the Natal Sun (21Lib26 with the 5th Cusp (22Lib11)—a man in her life!

It's so easy when you look back on it!

Inability to find the correct answer to this Test should not discourage participants. It was a difficult one, and your Editor was no more successful than anyone else. The real value of the exercise lies in the increased astrological skill that results from the concentrated work necessary to derive a solution. So keep going on the Tests, and empower yourselves!

9 Mar 1962 12:38:11pm AEST
Sydney NSW 33S53 151E06



—Dymock.

The Warnings of Fire by Elva Howson

The Natal Chart for Domingas (last Issue) does not offer an immediately visual warning of danger from fire, however, as our Editor pointed out in Issue 198 of January this year, in the case of a murdered 10-year old, the parallels of declination should always be examined. In the Natal Chart for Domingas we find Mars parallel Asc (orb 17'). This contact alone is, without doubt, a warning of potential danger involving accidents—by steel (cuts, surgery) and, of course, fire.

Mars is also contraparallel Neptune (7') and the Sun (37', applying). By Secondary Progression that orb had narrowed to 4' at death. Mars is also sesquiquadrate the Neptune/Sun conjunction within 2°, and opposite the Vertex, the karmic/fateful point though by the wider orb of 4°43'.

The combined link-up of the Ascendant, Vertex, Sun, Neptune and Mars we could reasonably interpret as a threat to the life force through accidental fire causing smoke and poisonous fumes (carbon monoxide)*.

I want to mention the quincunx between the EP and Pluto as I have found in 13 out of the 15 cases of disastrous fires/severe burns I have to hand that there exists a natal Aspect between these two. Maybe Pluto is the ruler of Aries as some astrologers believe, or could we conclude that the interaction indicates a potential for some disfigurement (Pluto) of the physical body (EP)?

Should there be any doubt in readers' minds that the Natal Sun/Neptune conjunction was in fact the actual indicator of death by asphyxia one has only to check the Lunar Eclipse prior to death (4 April 1996). This powerful indicator (trigger) fell across 14°30' Aries/Libra in the Natal 4th/10th axis, very closely square Natal Sun/Neptune and the Ascendant.

For further evidence that these degree areas held high focus for the little girl following her 5th birthday it is informative to view her January '96 Solar Return on a bi-wheel with her Natal Chart.

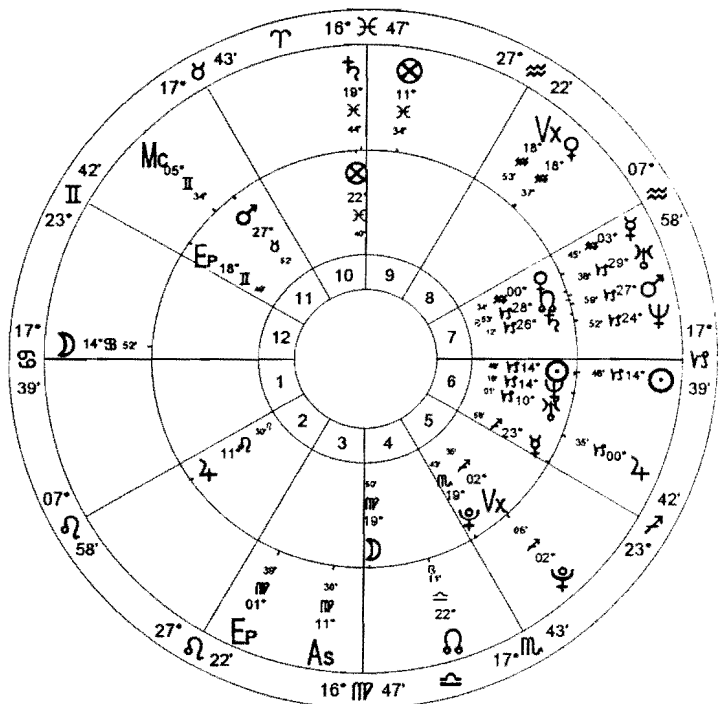
With SR planets on the outer wheel we see the SR Moon (14°Can52') conjunct the Natal Ascendant and opposite Sun/Neptune, with close orbs. When the Eclipse occurred it formed a Grand Cross at mid-Cardinals with the Bi-wheel. Also note that the SR Mars/Jupiter midpoint (often associated with large fires) is tightly holding this position in Capricorn as is SR Jupiter/Uranus (sudden release). Both Midpoints being closely involved with the Sun, Moon, Neptune and the Eclipse suggests that perhaps her little heart gave out quickly from the smoke and fumes.

We also note the SR Vertex square the SR Asc/Mars (fire) with SR Mars activating it's own Natal place, by close trine, and conjunct both Uranus and Neptune. These latter two planets are parallel within 4' of the Natal Vertex, indicating an unforeseen drama. As mentioned earlier, parallels should be checked in all charts, and in Solar Returns they are especially important when outer planets are within a few minutes.

By transposing the Natal Planets to the outer wheel we see Natal Vertex conjunct SR Pluto, both conjunct the 4th SR Cusp, and a double reinforcement from the

Inner Wheel Birth Chart of
Domingas van der Velde
5 Jan1991 4:56pm CET -1:00
Dirksland, 51N44 4E6

Outer Wheel
Solar Return 5 Jan 1996
at Birth Place



SR Vertex square Natal Pluto, which is also conjunct SR Ascendant/Mars. Also note that once again there is a square Aspect between SR EP and Pluto, reinforcing the natal potential! ■

*Elva writes, "During a personal discussion with a fireman from our local brigade it was confirmed that many fatalities in house fires, are in fact due to the inhalation of carbon monoxide and other poisonous fumes given off from burning wood and furnishings, etc. Many victims die due to such smoke and fumes some time before their body is actually burned. In fact, he stated that corpses have been recovered showing only minor and, in some cases, no evidence of actual burns.

"I know this is a technicality but from the astrological viewpoint it explains why some victims of house fires have a strong focal Neptune! I found a similar technicality in drownings. Some victims die due to hypothermia (e.g., falling overboard in cold ocean water) rather than from water-filled lungs (e.g., swimming in a river)."

[Elva appeals to readers for extra data with reliable birthtimes, not only for fires but also for drownings, plane crashes, cot deaths, vehicle deaths and major injuries.]

SHARK ATTACK!

An Extraordinary Chart

One of the rare fatalities from shark attack in Australian waters occurred less than a week ago off South Neptune Island near Port Lincoln on the South Australian coast. 26-year-old Doug Cheshier, diving in a wet suit for abalone, was attacked by a huge white-

pointer shark less than three metres from the shore. With heroic bravery his mate jumped into the water and pulled him out but Chesher died quickly from shock and loss of blood.

The Chart for the estimated time of the tragedy, 2:15pm on 28th June is quite extraordinary in its stark relevance: This is an event chart, and the shark being the aggressor is represented by the Ascendant. The victim, Doug Chesher, is represented by the Descendant. The Significator of the shark, therefore, is Pluto, Ruler of Scorpio—most singularly appropriate for a fearsome predator of the deep. What is even more striking is that Venus, Significator of Chesher, is *directly opposite to Pluto*, and both planets form a T-Square with the Moon's North and South Nodes. This is a well-known and recognized indication of death in a Horary Chart.

Looking further, we see that *Neptune* is right on the Cusp of the House of Terminations, a striking correlation with the name of the place, *Neptune Island*, where the tragedy occurred. Not only that, but Neptune is almost exactly squared by Saturn, Ruler of

portent.

Venus in the double-bodied Sign, Gemini, is indicative of the *two* fisherman, Chesher and his mate. Mercury, the Dispositor of Venus, is the saviour (Mercury trine Jupiter) who pulled Chesher from the water. His bravery is adequately depicted by the close semi-sextile of Mars. The mate himself suffered from shock as would be expected and this, too, is indicated by Uranus, planet of shock and suddenness, being Angular, parallel the Ascendant (17S49'/17S13') and trine the Midpoint of Mars and Venus (14Gem24).

This ominous astrological Figure is as clear an indicator as could be imagined of the extreme danger of entering that particular stretch of water at that time.

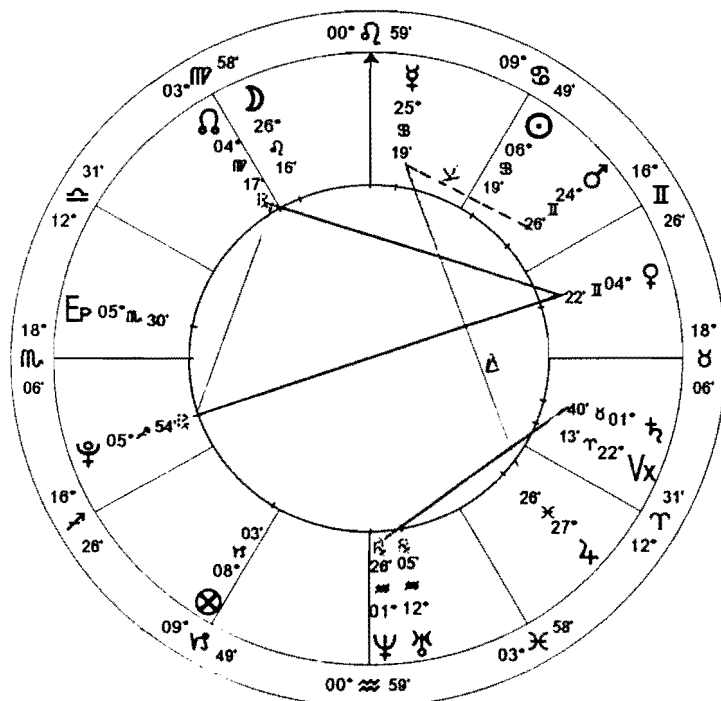
One wonders, had the fishermen been warned, would they have heeded the warning? Probably not, unless they were astrologically informed and understood the remarkable and constant correlation between things terrestrial and things celestial. Ignorance and lack of awareness carries its own penalty, which is sometimes dreadful in its consequences.

Fatal shark attacks in South Australian waters are relatively few. In the last 72 years only ten people have died in this way. However, a few areas are notoriously dangerous because they are feeding grounds for the sharks, one such being Neptune Island where the great white pointer preys on the sea lions that inhabit the coast.

—Dymock.

Shark Attack 28 June 1998
South Neptune Island,
South Australia
34 S47 135E52.

Koch Cusps
Mean Node



the House that Neptune occupies. I have commented before in these pages on the double efficacy of an Aspect involving a planet in a House connected with the planetary ruler of that House. Neptune on the Angular 4th Cusp, in Square with Saturn, is a dire

Results of Test No.22 (Knezt)

Rudolf Smit supplies the correct matchings:

A = 4, B = 2, C = 5, D = 3, E = 1

There were 18 participants. No one scored five correct. Only two astrologers scored three correct. Most had only one correct. There was a participant from Taiwan, who initially scored one correct, but at a second try (not valid for the Test) he had all five correct. However, he did not use astrology but some old Chinese divination system, called "tsu-wei-dour-su".

(A further Report will follow)

New Test, No.23

A man born at 5:30pm GMT in London on 14 November 1973 came to live in Australia as a young child, following his parents' divorce. He is a sound engineer and musician, and is single. What happened to him on 15 February 1998 in Sydney, where he was living? [London, 51N30, 000W10. Sydney 151E10, 33S52. Birth Chart ASC 9Gem12, MC 13Aqu32]

Answers, please, by 29 July '98 to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW Australia 2074, or to me by email [dymock@ozemail.com.au].

—Dymock, 30 June 1998.

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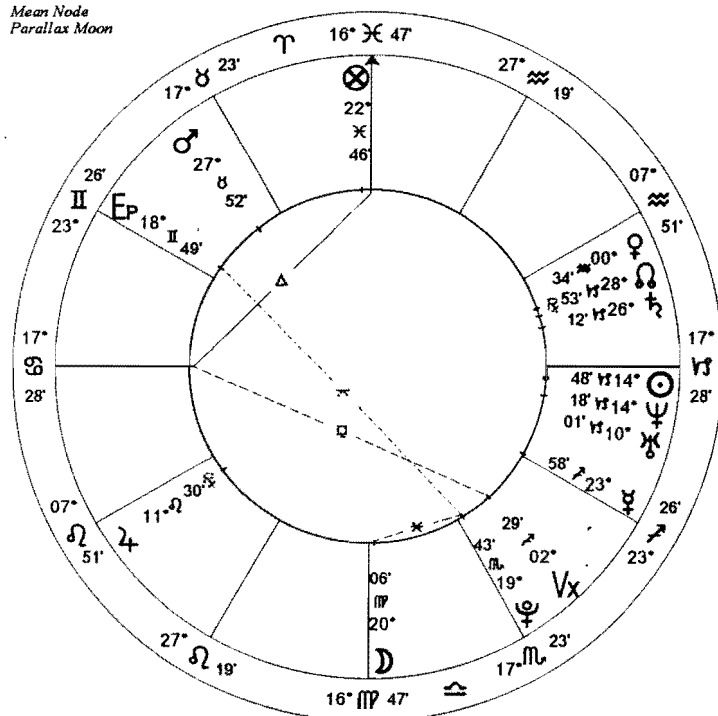
Where are the Warnings of Fire?

Readers will recall the sad story of Jan van der Velde of the Netherlands (*Astrologers' Forum* Issue 201, April '98) who lost his wife and two young daughters in a fire on 25th April 1996. The daughters were only four and five years old. Here is the Birth Chart of the elder daughter, Domingas:

Domingas van der Velde
5 Jan 1991, 4:57pm CET, -1hr
Dirksland, Holland, 4E6, 51N44

Koch Cusps
Parallax Moon
Mean Node

Mean Node
Parallax Moon



Every parent would want to know if their child stood in any danger from fire, whether life-threatening or not. Here, a little daughter died.

Where are the indications? There is only one planet in a Fire Sign—Mercury, square to the Part of Fortune, (orb 1°12') and the Moon (orb 3°52'), Ruler of the Chart. True, the Moon is on the terminal 4th Cusp, and Mercury on the Health Cusp. But this is a matter of life and death, not health.

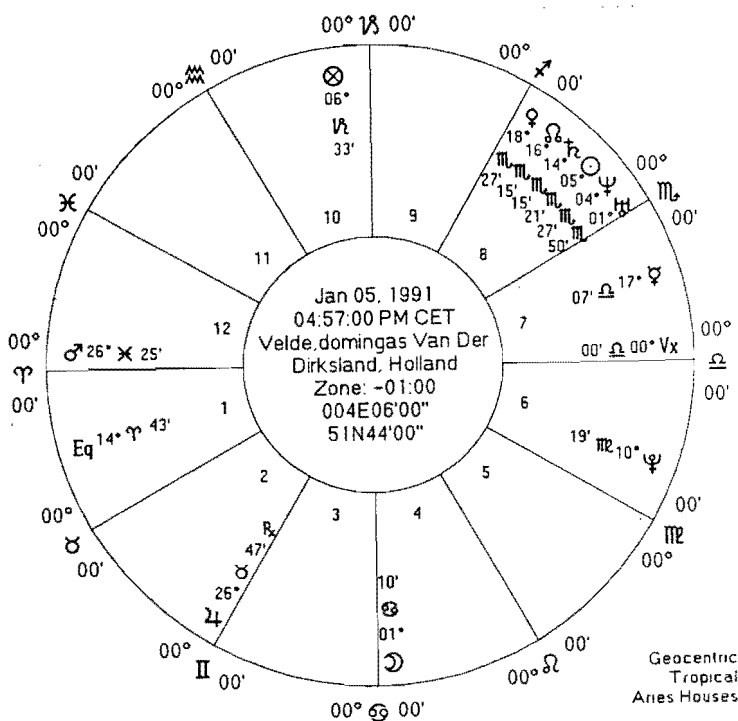
Mars, planetary signifier of fire, is square to the Moon's Nodes, and this is further evidence of my finding, previously mentioned in these pages, that the Node does enhance the meaning of any planet that it contacts in addition to its connection with relationships. A further (slight) indication is the Vertex in a Fire Sign and very closely sesquare to the Rising Degree.

But is this sufficient? The little girl died! She really died from smoke inhalation and super-heated air in her lungs (Sun conjunct Neptune, almost exact).

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Once again we see that the HORIZON Chart is here a more powerful indicator than the standard Zodiacal Chart. The Horizon Chart, the invention of Michael Erlwine who named it "Local Space Chart", has the planets ranged around the local horizon instead of being portrayed in the Zodiacal belt. (This Chart can be printed out from either *Nova* or *Blue Star*.) Here it is:



The Signs in the Horizon Chart have no meaning other than for reading Aspects and establishing House position of the planets.

Now, Mars is rising just above the Eastern point (equivalent to the Ascendant) and is in very close Aspect to Jupiter. Jupiter—Mars is much associated with fires, and here Mars rules the House of Death.

The three Malefics, Saturn, Neptune and Uranus are besieging the Sun in the 8th House, and two of them, plus the Sun are connected to the Moon by trine aspect.

The indications here are indeed much more vivid than in the Standard Chart, and the overall picture is a distinct warning of an early death, probably by the effects of fire

—Dymock.

Observation of Moon's Nodes, Eclipses, and Chiron in Personal Relationships

by Lilian Erskine

For some time now I have been very curious about the less-well documented points in astrological charts, such as the Vertex, the Nodes, Chiron, etc. Your comments about the Nodes being active in forming close personal relationships and ties caused me to take a fresh look at the influences in my own life, and I was astonished at the correspondences I found from these bodies. At all the major junctures of relationship formation or breaking, throughout my life, one or more of these factors was prominent, with or without the supporting influence of Transits from the outer planets.

For example, when I finally found the courage to confront my husband re a divorce, the only really close Aspects were ♀♂♀/♂ and ♂♂♂!

Also prominent were eclipses on the axes or personal planets, along with the usual outer-planet Transits to the major points and personal planets.

The combination of stellar influences is astounding, and taken together each significant planetary grouping gives a very holistic view of the events taking place at that time.

I would be interested to know of other readers' experiences of these phenomena—either in Transit, or in inter-chart Aspects. [Readers please respond.—Ed.]

The following Transits of my Birth Chart (below) occurred at highly significant times in the forming or breaking up of important personal relationships:

Transits

October/December 1973:

♂♂♂ in 7th House. (N.B. ♀♂♀/♂ Cjn.)

♂♂♀ in 1st H., ♂♂♂ (within 30' of arc)

♀♂♂♂

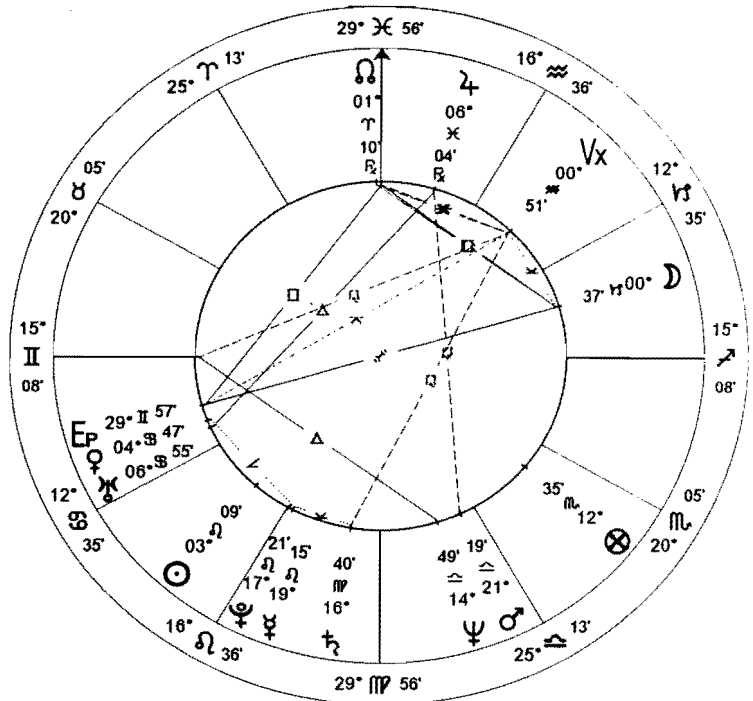
Dec.12 ♀♂♂ on the Asc/Dsc axis

Dec.24 ♀♂♂ in H.7 ♂♂♀

Events:

An emotional cataclysm occurred during this period—I introduced a new male acquaintance to another male friend of longstanding. The new male deliberately alienated my friend by creating a misleading impression about the nature of his relationship with me, leading to my friend's sudden disappearance from my life for a period of almost two years. During this period the new male made himself indispensable, and moved into my life in a very overwhelming way.

Late '74—'75: Although missing the former friend very desperately, I was unable to trace him, and finally



Lilian, 27 July 1950
3:40am AEST
33S47'58"

Koch Cusps
Mean Node
Standard Moon

gave up hope of ever seeing him again. I managed to convince myself that any feelings that had existed between us were entirely a figment of my imagination, and finally gave into the other's continuous proposals of marriage, on the rebound.

Approximately two weeks prior to the wedding the former friend suddenly returned (St. ♀♂♀/♂♂♂), but although overjoyed at seeing him again, and desperate to call off the wedding, I failed to do so and was trapped in a loveless marriage for 18 years!

February 1984:

The first friend again disappeared without trace after the marriage, and did not reappear till 1984, after nearly losing his life in a motor vehicle accident.

At this time the following Transits were strong in my Chart:

♀♂♂♂, in H.5, Grand ♀♂♀/♂♂♂, ♀♂♀ and ♀♂♀
♀♂♀, H.7, ♂♂♂♂
♂♂♂♂, entering H.7
♂♂♂♂ Asc.

Results:

At the time of the accident I had exceptionally vivid visions of it, although I did not know my friend's whereabouts, or who was involved.

It was an intensely emotional and cathartic experience as buried feelings and emotions resurfaced

to be dealt with. I had the full realization that I did not and never had loved my husband.

There was no happy ending—this time the friend suddenly married on the rebound just as our paths crossed again, and he once again disappeared.

October '91:

♄♂Vx♂☉: Intense feeling of dislike towards husband, and realization that I would have to leave him.

March '92:

At the time of my instigating the separation there were no major Transits of any Radical planetary positions, other than the following—

♄♂♀/♄
♄♂☉
♄, Rlr.H.7, ♄♀/♄

Another relationship, much happier and more enduring and captivating than any prior ones, commenced in 1988, and is still on-going.

Apart from the usual inter-chart Aspects indicating attraction, the partners also have this in common:

Lilian: ♄16♂♂Dsc. ♄☐♂/♀Oppsn.

Male: ♄13♄♂♀ ♄♂♀.

My Part of Marriage is opposite his Moon.

Our North Nodes are each conjunct the other's Sun
(in a double whammy!)

My Dsc. Ruler (♄) is conjunct his ♄.

His Dsc. Ruler (♄) is conjunct my Asc. Ruler (♄).

At the first meeting, during 1988, the following Transits were at work:

Lilian: ♄, ♄♂♂ in H.7 ♄♂♀ in H.1.

Male: ♄♂♀ ♄♂♀.

February—June '98:

Currently the following Transits are occurring, or due to occur in the very near future:

Lilian: Eclipse (8♄), Feb.98, ♄♄♂♀/♄.

Lunation, June 98, 2♄, ♄♀♂♂.

Male: Eclipse (8♄), Feb.98, ♄♀(orb 4°).

♄13♄♂♀, Appl. ☐♄☐As.

♄13♄♂♀ ♄♂♀.

♄, in H.7, ♄Dsc☐♀♂♄.

Additionally, in September '98 there is an eclipse on his natal ♄13♄!

With all these influences yet to unfold, I am waiting breathlessly to see what eventuates in the coming year.

TEST NO. 22

Rudolf Smit of the Netherlands, Editor of the astrological journal *Correlation*, has sent me an article about the late eminent Dutch astrologer, Leo Knegt (1882—1957). Knegt achieved fame in 1933 following his strikingly accurate results in a special astrological Test set for him involving the interpretation of ten horoscopes).

Rudolf has suggested that we take some five of the Charts used in the Knegt Test and ask readers to match them correctly with the descriptions (mostly Knegt's interpretations) of the five people concerned.

Here are descriptions of the five subjects, all of them male:

No. 1: A public and typically social figure; a well-known speculator; a big spender; a short-lived role as an author. Solid relationships in political and economic circles. He had a marked ascent in life followed by an inglorious end.

No. 2: A pushy, very dominating person, hedonistic, egotistic, sarcastic; proud; a muddled mind; narrow in his ideas, marked vanity; wishes to play a role that is too far-reaching for him; likes to view himself as another Napoleon.

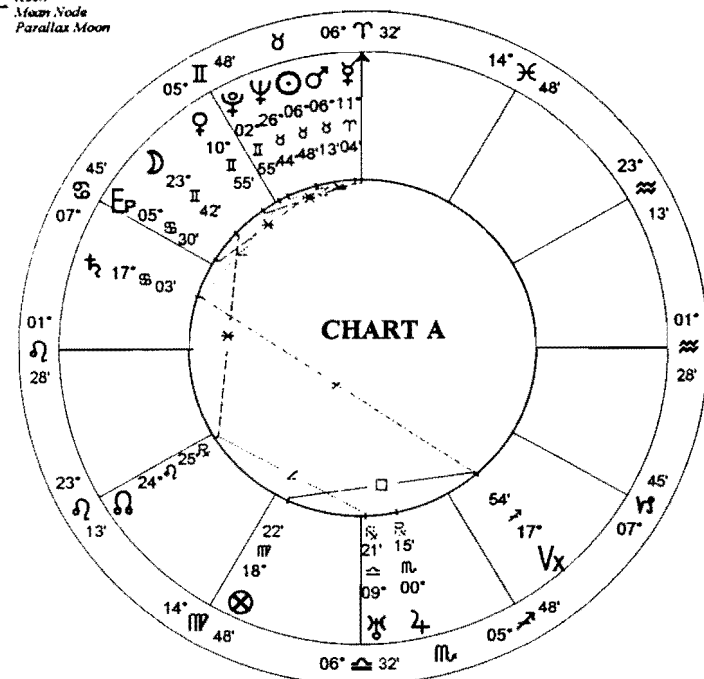
No. 3: A well-known personality, wishing to play an ambitious social role, striving for influence and leadership, often asked for executive jobs; prominence in finance and agriculture; Midas figure—everything in his hands turns to gold.

No. 4: A rambling, noisy personality, a windbag creating a reputation due to his clown-like traits. More promising than he eventually turned out to be. Little self-criticism.

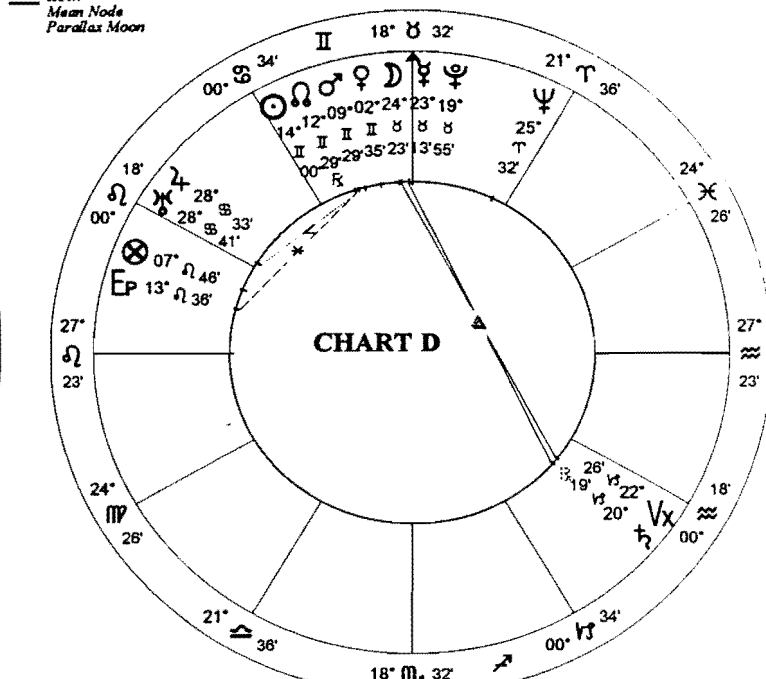
No. 5: Great weakness and apathy. Many financial setbacks. Prone to be exploited, deceived and robbed; having given away his fortune he ended up very poor and only survived thanks to his relatives. Victim of his own great generosity. Negatively fated as regards contacts with the female sex. No chance of obtaining a happy and satisfactory experience in this respect. Mental disturbances resulting in long-term admission to psychiatric institutions.

The Test: Your task, to answer this Test, is to match the five horoscopes appearing on the following page with the descriptions above. (No.1 with A, etc.). Send your answers in by 25 June to: Rudolf Smit, De Bes 9, 7722 PD Dalfsen, The Netherlands. Or to rhsmit@worldonline.nl

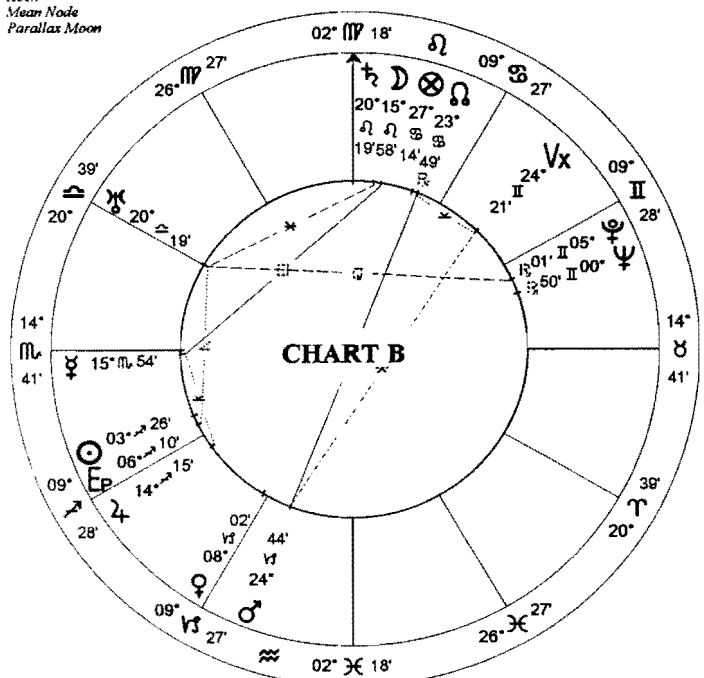
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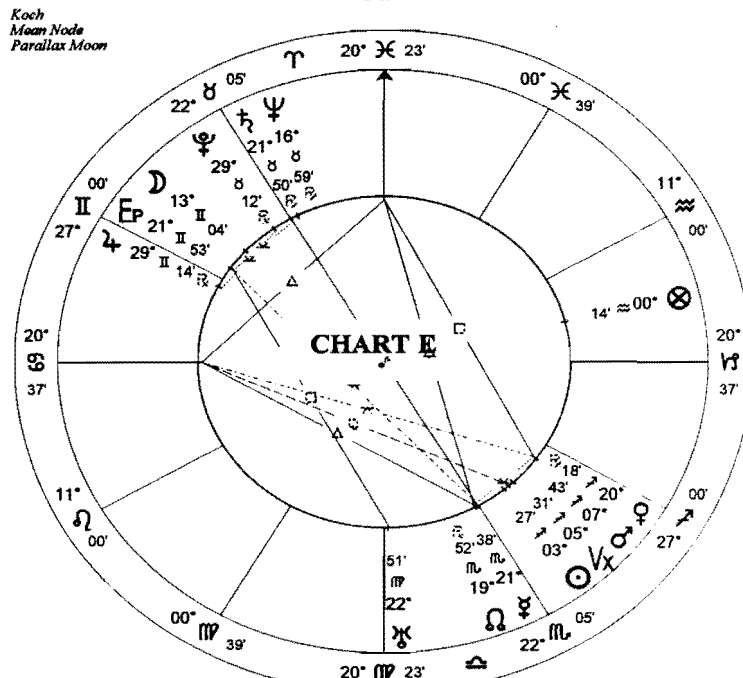
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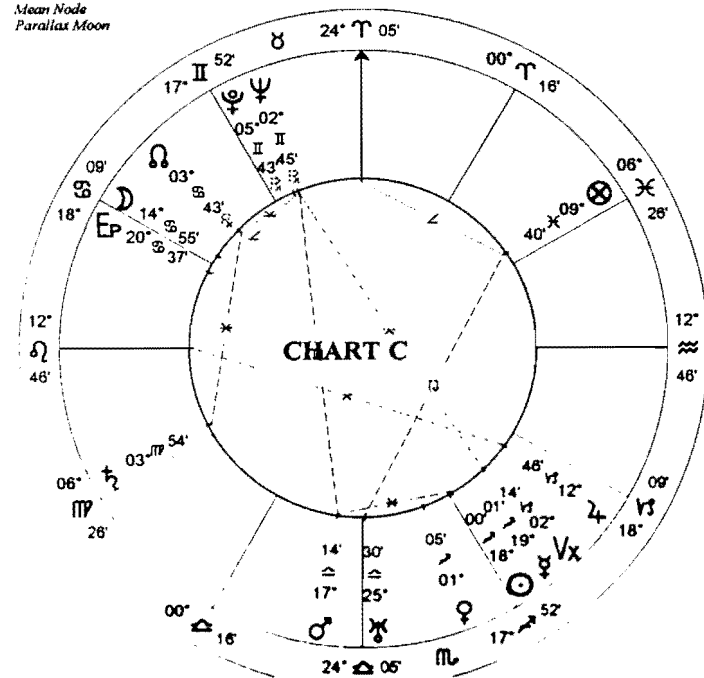


CHART A: 27 April 1887, GMT 9:44 52N22, 4E56.

CHART B: 25 Nov. 1888, GMT 5:39 52N22, 4E56

CHART C: 9 Dec. 1889, GMT 19:57 52N05, 4E18

CHART D: 4 June 1872, GMT 9:42 46N57, 7E26

CHART E: 25 Nov. 1882, GMT 18:46:30 52N22, 4E56

All Charts are calculated with Koch Cusps, Mean Node, and the Moon corrected for parallax error.

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TEST NO.20: THE RESULTS

Report by Ross Harvey

There were four entries for Test No. 20, which was to find what happened on 3rd November 1989 to a woman born on 16th October 1939, 3am Australian Eastern Standard Time (=5pm GMT on 15 Oct 1939), at Sydney, 33S53, 151E06.

The event was the death of the lady's husband.

Congratulations to Dymock Brose and Marion Mendez, who were both right. Dymock based his conclusion on the 50th Annual Synodic Return, and Marion on the prenatal 50th Annual Synodic Return.

In a woman's chart the husband can be denoted by the ruler of the 7th House, or sometimes by the ruler of the 10th.

The Transit Solar Return was not very informative.

The Precessed Solar Return had Mars, Ruler of the 10th House, almost exactly square the 8th (Koch) Cusp.

The Q1 KSR had Mars, ruling the 8th, conjunct the Radical 8th Cusp.

The Prenatal Solar Return was more helpful with the Sun conjunct Uranus which ruled the 8th (Solar conjunctions in Solar Returns are obviously of great importance) and the MC in the Radical 8th House.

The 50th Lunar Return after birth (a very useful chart, but usually overlooked) had Saturn, ruling the 8th, closely conjunct the Ascendant, and sesquare the Natal Sun. Jupiter, ruling the 7th House, was closely conjunct Natal Pluto.

The 50th Synodic Return after birth (1 Nov.1943, 1:21:23am GMT, Sydney) had the Sun ruling the 7th House square Pluto and conjunct Mercury ruling the 8th, while Venus ruling the 4th was conjunct the 8th and exactly square Mars Co-Ruler of the 10th.

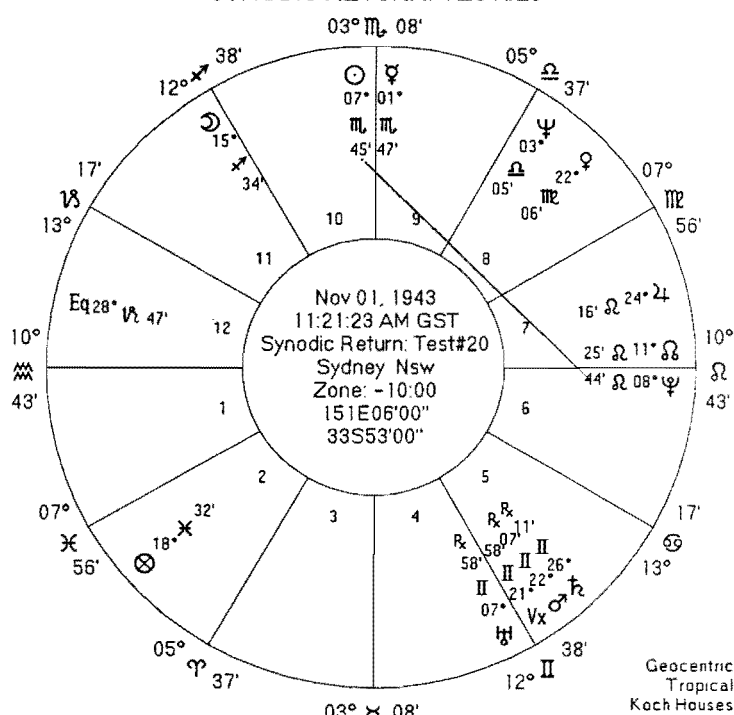
In the Prenatal 50th Synodic Return (10Oct1935, 2:29:54am GMT) Pluto was conjunct the 7th Cusp, and the Sun ruling the 8th House was in a Yod, quincunx both Saturn and Uranus.

As in previous Tests, the answer was given by the

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SYNODIC RETURN: TEST#20



repetition of significant configurations in most of the annual charts, not just by indications in one chart, and not necessarily the usual solar return.

Thanks again to Ross for supervising this Test and and evaluating the answers. Here is the next one:

TEST NO. 21

This Test is still for the same woman (birth data above). Two significant and related events happened in March 1962. What were they?

Your answers should be in by May 20, which gives almost a fortnight for your investigations. Send them direct to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW Australia 2074, or to dymock@ozemail.com.au.

It is interesting how few astrologers send a response to these exercises. They are not designed as a competition, but to develop skill in applying practical Astrology, and they do search out weaknesses in one's understanding and techniques. Next month, we present a Test of a different type, submitted by Rudolf Smit of the Netherlands. The Exercise will be to match five Charts against five personalities. This should appeal to a lot of readers who perhaps find that the current type of Test is a little too difficult.

—Ed.

HISTORY MADE IN IRELAND

The most momentous event for decades in the political history of the United Kingdom is the signing of the Peace Accord in Belfast between Ulster and Eire—Northern Ireland, and the Irish Republic. Last month Allan Johnson wrote in these pages in relation to the Irish problem, "It now appears there is the possibility of a big break-through. This seems to be due to the emergence of a working compromise, and there could be a referendum in May to approve the whole process".

There is, indeed, a referendum to be held on May 22 for the ratification of the Peace Accord by both countries. Will this finally put an end to thirty years of bloodshed, murder and sectarian hatred?

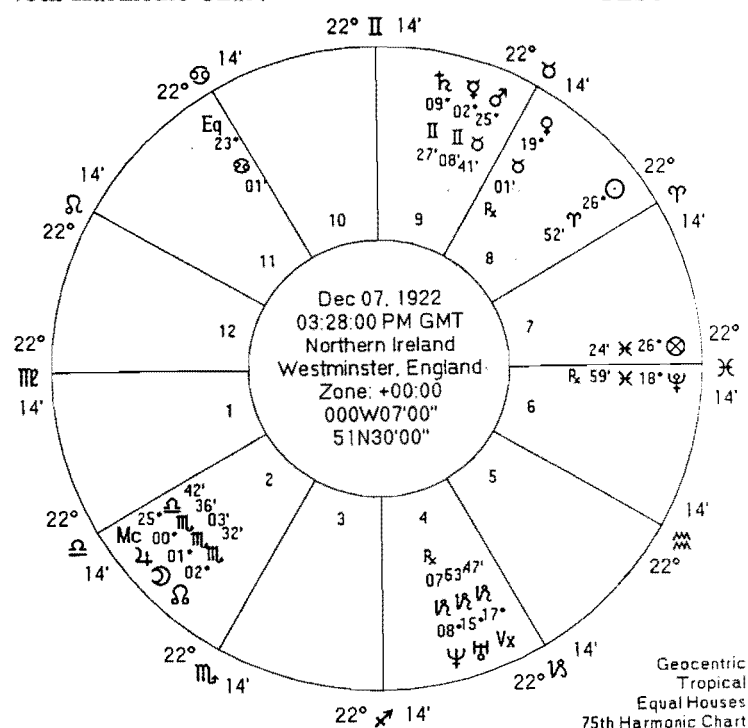
To answer this question I looked at the relevant Harmonics of the Charts of both Eire and Ulster. The Radix for Eire is 18 April 1949, 0:00am BST Dublin, 53°N20', 6°W15'. The Chart for Ulster appears on page 2 of last month's Issue (No. 201).

The 75th Harmonic of Ulster's Chart relates to the period 7 December 1997—7 December 1998. It appears in the next column. The most favourable indication is the conjunction of the Moon, the Moon's Node and Jupiter. The Moon stands for the people, Jupiter rules the 7th House (Unions), and the Node signifies an alliance. Pluto, just under the 7th Cusp is closely sextile to Venus ruling the 9th (international treaties). A further good augury is the Part of Fortune near the 7th Cusp—favourable for treating with other countries. A third plus is the Harmonic Equatorial Ascendant right on the 11th Cusp (a favourable placement). The difficulties in reaching the Agreement are shown by Mars, Mercury and Saturn in the 9th House.

Getting general approval for the Peace Accord will be more difficult in Eire. The 49th Harmonic relates to the period 18 April 1998—18 April 1999. The Moon, representing the mass of the people, suffers from a square to Mars, but on the other hand is Exalted in Taurus (peace) and very closely trine the Sun, ruling

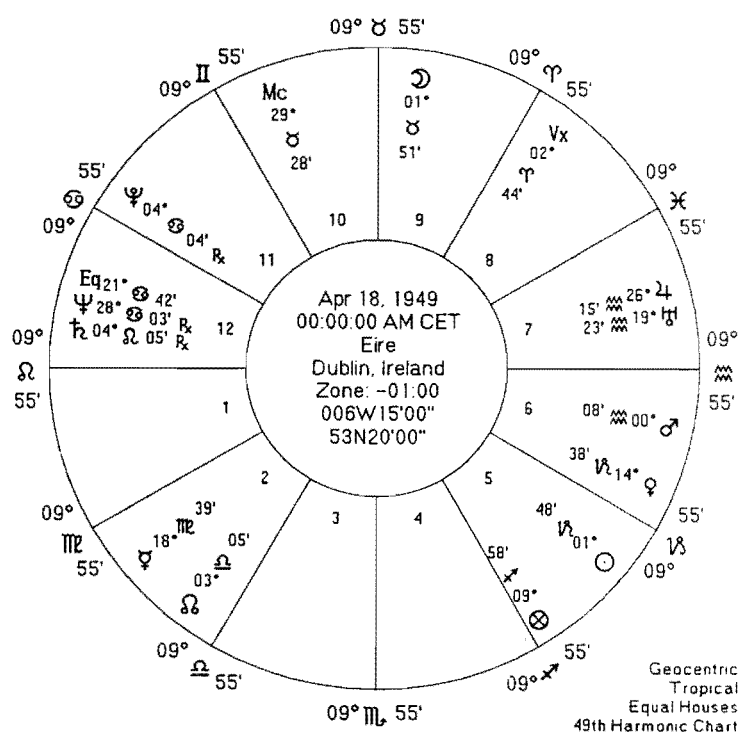
75th Harmonic Chart

ULSTER



49th Harmonic Chart

EIRE



the Ascendant. Moreover, Jupiter in the 7th House is in close sextile to the Natal Sun, Venus and the Moon, and closely trine to Natal Uranus, ruling the 7th. On the other hand, the Moon is square to Saturn, Co-Ruler of the 7th. Obviously, there are difficulties, but on balance it appears the Peace Agreement will hold.

—Dymock.

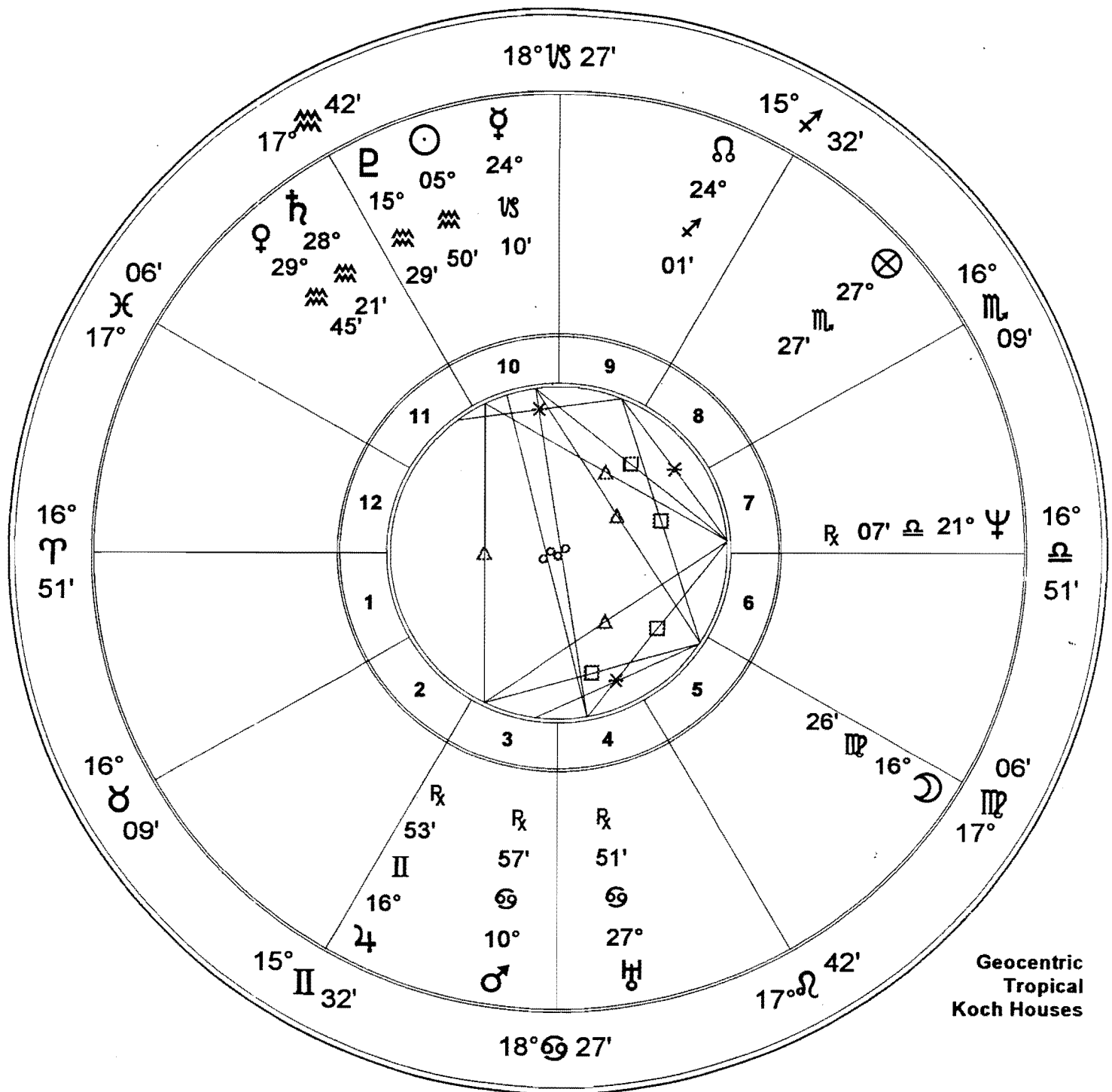
QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?
ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CHART

FOUNDATION 26 JANUARY 1788

11am LMT

Sydney Cove, 151°12' 30" E, 33°51'54" S.



This Chart is singularly appropriate to Australia and its people: Aries on the Ascendant typifies a land of heat, dryness and bushfires, with vast tracts of unproductive desert; the people enterprising and courageous in exploring and opening up the hinterland (Aries = Pioneer and Warrior). The strong Aquarian component accounts for the democratic ideals that guide our Parliaments and other political institutions. Capricorn at the Midheaven symbolizes the ambition, industry and business instinct that have produced our thriving economy. The Moon in Virgo represents the great mass of the workers, mostly formed into unions and having frequent recourse to the law (Moon Square Jupiter).

HARMONIC CHART FOR THE MONTH **26 APRIL—26 MAY 1998**

Inner Wheel

Australia-Foundation/11am**210.1667 Harmonic Chart**

26 Jan 1788

11:00 AM LMT -10:04:50

Sydney Cove

33S51 54 151E12 30

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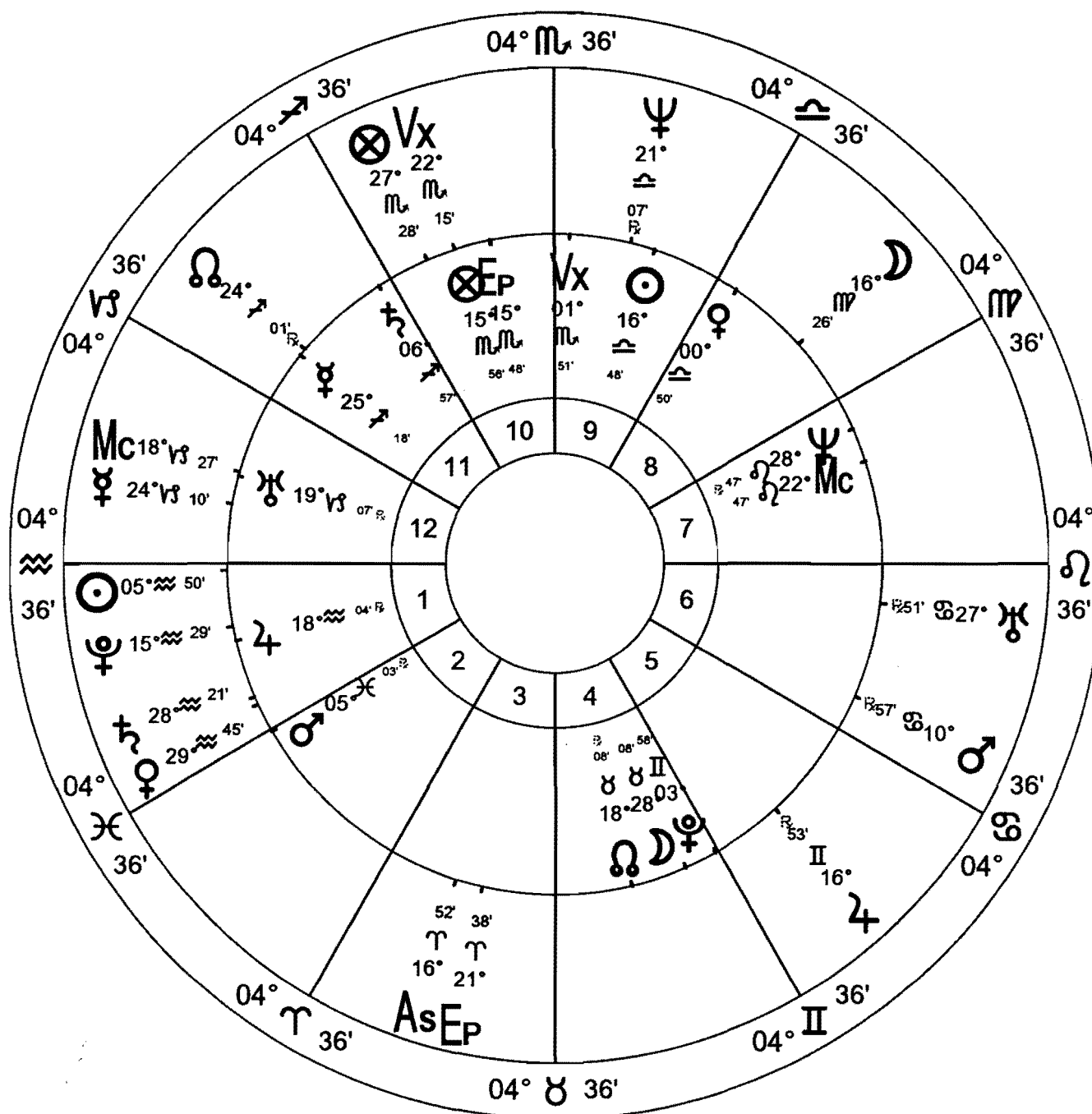
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Tropical

Koch

Mean Node



Australia's Waterfront Dispute

On 7th April last a large stevedoring company in Melbourne, Patrick Stevedoring Pty. Ltd., sacked the whole of its work force, 1400 wharf labourers, with the aim of introducing a more efficient and productive operation. This provoked a violent reaction from the Maritime Union of Australia which blocked all mercantile activity on the wharves of all capital cities, threatening to maintain the blockade until the jobs were restored.

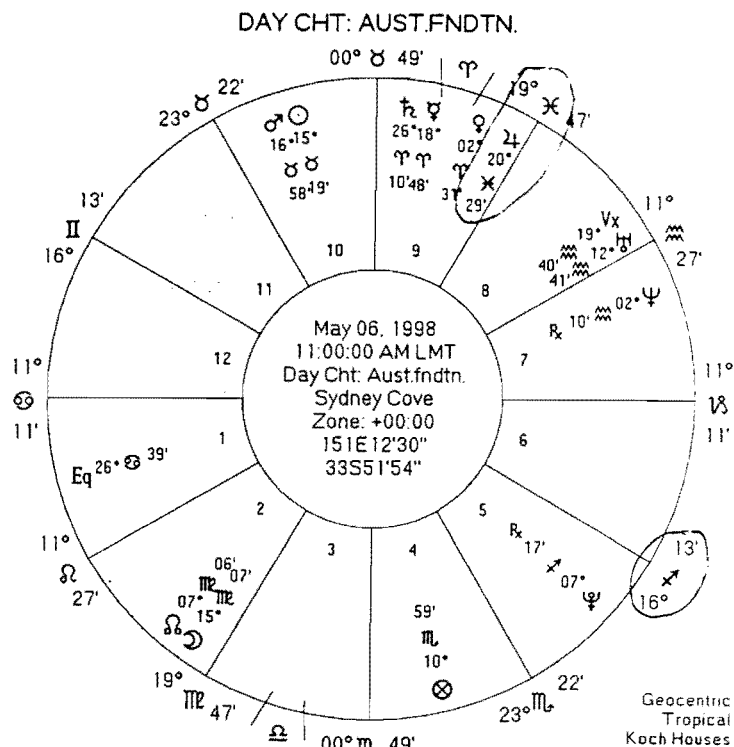
The Union has succeeded in gaining legal sanction for the reinstatement of its workers, and following an order of the High Court on 4th May many of them returned to work on 6th May, though not all issues have been resolved. It remains to be seen whether waterfront reform will be achieved in accord with the wishes of Patrick Stevedoring and the Government, or whether the Maritime Union of Australia will succeed in excluding all but Union members from employment on the docks.

Astrologically, it is not obvious how the matter will end, though the beginning was clearly shown in the **Harmonic Chart for the month 26 March—26 April 1998**. This Figure is obtained through the usual process of multiplying all planets and Personal Points by 210.1667 which correlates in Harmonic terms with the above month. The Harmonic Chart and Australia's National Chart both appear in the insert with this Issue.

The labour force is represented by the 6th House, here ruled by the Moon, as Cancer appears on its Cusp. Patrick Stevedoring, a large corporation, is represented by the 11th House, and the Government by the 10th and the Sun.

The Moon is in a T-Square with Mars and Neptune, a combination very much indicative of waterside workers, and conjunct Pluto, signifying the intensity of feeling and the demagogic leaders of the Union members. Saturn opposite the Moon terminated the employment of the Union stevedores, Saturn ruling the 12th House (distress and "self-undoing"—it was the inefficiency and corrupt practices in the industry that led to the crisis). The Moon, however, is wonderfully supported by the trine to Venus in the House of Legal Proceedings. This trine, being so close (orb <1°), and Venus being right on the Cusp of the House, overcomes even the power of the T-Square, which has wider orbs.

The chief Significator of Patrick Stevedoring is Jupiter, as Ruler of the 11th House, and the trine of the Sun to Jupiter symbolizes the support of the Federal Government.



The Chart for the day (May 6) when the Union members returned to work appears above. The 6th House, with Sagittarius on the Cusp, again portrays the workers, and its Ruler, Jupiter, on the Cusp of the 9th House in its Exaltation (Pisces), very appropriately signifies their success at law.

The Harmonic Chart for the following month 26 May—26 June (not reproduced here) does not indicate a final resolution of the waterfront dispute. Pluto right on the Cusp of the 6th House indicates passions being aroused, while the Moon again in a T-Square with Mars and Neptune points to more strife and some losses.

In the near future, opportunities for restoring harmony are offered by the Ascendant-Arc Directions Jupiter—Jupiter/MC on May 22, and Ascendant—Jupiter/MC on 4th June. In the last few days of June, the Progressed Aspect of Jupiter trine Mercury/Venus, and the Naibod Direction Venus trine Sun/MC, will bring some degree of harmony between the warring parties.

—Dymock.

Astrology Foretells Government's Course

"The social and economic impact of the gambling explosion will be investigated in a wide-ranging national inquiry." —South Australian Newspaper, *The Advertiser*, May 1, 1998.

Compare the above with my Forecast in January 1998 (*Astrologers' Forum* Issue 198, page 2):

Mars, Ruler of the [National] Chart, conjoins the Sun by Solar-Arc in early May, the Sun ruling the 5th

House (gambling). This would be an opportune time for the Government to reduce the number of poker machines in operation and curb their further proliferation.

(Australia's National Chart is on page 1 of the January Issue)

The above Newspaper extract appears under the heading. "Tackling the toll of gambling". The Newspaper further reports, "Poker machines losses in Victoria are stunning, ballooning from \$9 million at the start of the decade to almost \$1.5 billion last year."

No, readers, I am not a wizard with prophetic powers or psychic faculties. My conclusions depend solely on a study of the prevailing planetary and Zodiacal factors. You can do the same thing! Try it!

JAN VAN DER VELDE

Responding to Jan's request for guidance (see last Issue, page 4) JENIFER POMMERIN writes:

Based on his Natal Chart, indications are for a new life overseas—Pluto, Uranus, Mercury in the 9th House, and the Sun close to the Cusp. All Cancer planets are aspected by Jupiter. The Ruler of the 7th, Mercury, is in the 9th, so it looks as though information, friendship (and possibly future partner), will come about through the Internet.

Someone out there will be instrumental in helping Jan start life in another country.

But a caution—the Transit of Neptune is in opposition to Mercury until 2000—so false assumptions and delusions are likely.

At the same time, he is not going to be an easy person to live with (many planets in Cancer fired by the square of Jupiter in Aries; 8th House emphasis. Then the Transit of Pluto in the 1st House quincunx the Moon and Venus ... I haven't looked at SR's etc.) So Jan should realize that anger and self-pity can mar future happiness.

He *should not* attempt to forget the past as this would go very much against his Cancer nature and the 8th House—but he could try to *accept* the past. (The horror of those scenes must be etched in his mind, poor man).

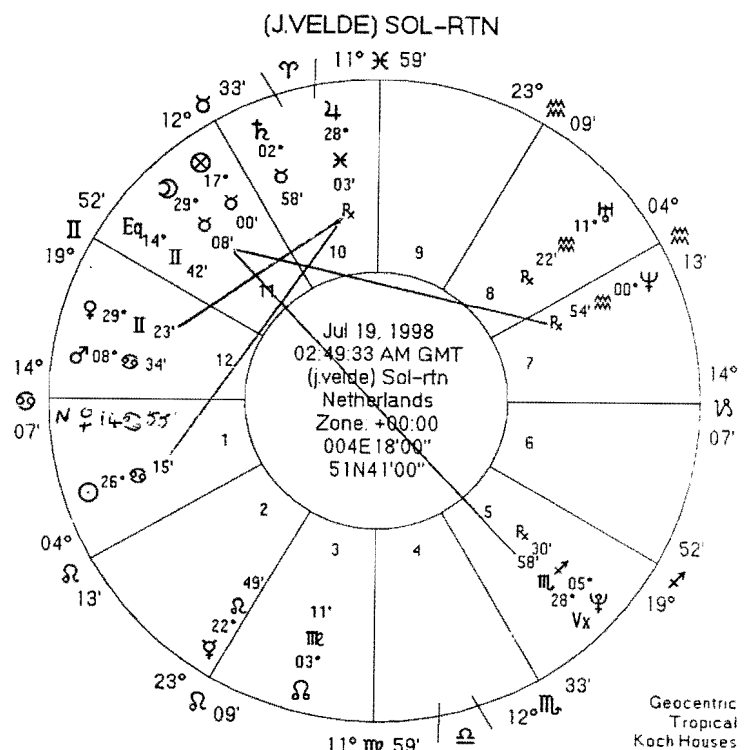
The Chart shows much compassion for suffering and that he could be a resourceful, supportive person. Maybe, while Jan is waiting for life to unfold he could study for a degree in Community Services or a similar qualification—particularly a certificate that would have recognition in other countries.

I passed the above to Jan by email, and he has sent the following reply:

Two weeks after I had placed my "post" in the *Alt.Astrology* news group I decided for myself to become a professional Astrologer and Homeopath and started right away with the Astrology course. It's been a hobby for almost 20 years, but I never studied it seriously. I'm almost halfway now through the three-year course.

For the Ninth-House part: My late wife was African, she was the one to travel half the world to meet up with her Plutonian Cancer in his home town. I must admit that foreign women attract me more than the regular Dutch woman, and there have been some Internet related "romances" lately, very Neptunian.

I'm afraid that my strong Uranian tendencies will not be helpful in getting any degree in a "normal" kind of Community service. Who knows, I might pop up in Australia after 2000 learning about the Aboriginal Dream time.



Jan's next Solar Return Figure, operating from 19th July 1998, is a good and successful one for him: A happy year is shown by the Ascendant conjunct Natal Venus (see his Birth Chart in the last Issue). Jupiter, elevated in the 10th House, trines the rising Sun (success in work and ambitions). S.R. Pluto is just below the Natal Ascendant, indicating a change in his pattern of living. Venus and Jupiter in Mutable Signs and square to each other point to a number of amorous episodes (aided by Natal Neptune on the 5th Cusp). The Moon, ruling the Ascendant and trine Neptune, will add to his sensitivity and understanding of occult principles. The opposition of the Moon to the Vertex gives added significance this year to Jan's personal life and activities.

—Dymock, 6 May 1998.

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TABBATHA MYSTERY SOLVED!

Astrology Again Finds the Answer

Readers will remember the disappearance in August 1995 of the young Queensland woman, Tabbatha Hodge. Her mother, Mrs Vivien Hodge had asked astrologers to help in resolving the mystery of what happened to her daughter.

In Issue 178 of *Astrologers' Forum* (May, 1996) I referred to the Horary Chart (reproduced below) and wrote:

It is fairly obvious that Tabbatha is no longer among the living: The Moon is opposed by Pluto ("The Destroyer") and by Jupiter, ruling the House of Death, and is also sesquare to Mars, while Venus is in a Yod with the two major malefics, Saturn and Pluto.

It is this last configuration—the Moon quincunx both Saturn and Neptune—that to my mind spells out what happened to Tabbatha: She has drowned. No human agency was at work except her own careless driving, shown by the Moon ruling the 3rd House (cars) opposite Jupiter. As the Moon was also opposed by Pluto, and Venus is quincunx Neptune I would say Tabbatha was under the influence of alcohol, which destroyed her judgement and led to her death.

Apparently Tabbatha lost control of her car and, somewhere along the way home, ran off the road into the sea or other water hazard.

Apparently, the above is exactly what happened. The Queensland newspaper *Courier Mail* of 18th March 1998 reported that dredging operations in a canal half a kilometre away from where she was last seen driving her Ford Laser sedan have uncovered her skeletal remains inside her submerged car.

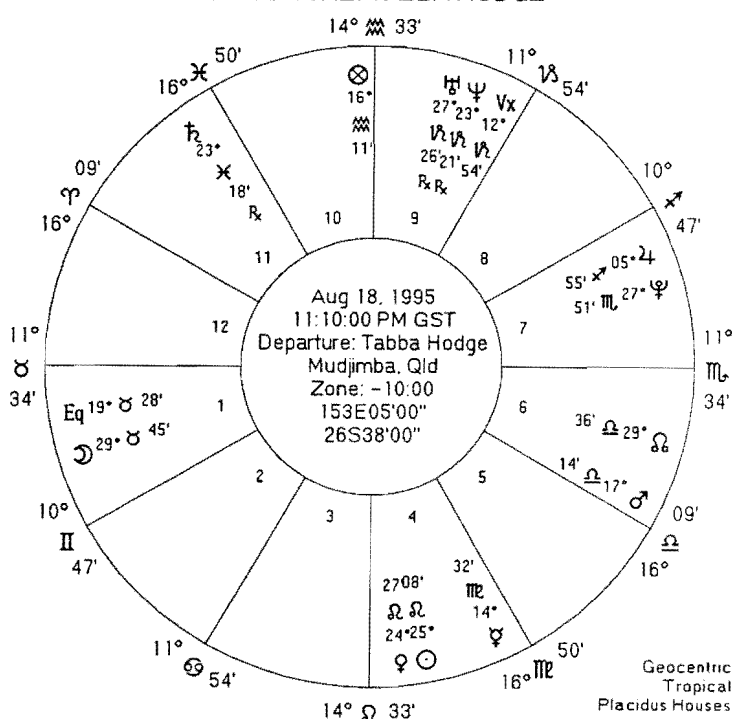
It was further reported that Tabbatha had been drinking heavily the night she disappeared, and police had reprimanded her for boisterous behaviour.

I had estimated that the accident would have occurred about six minutes after Tabbatha started driving (correlating with the 6° difference of the

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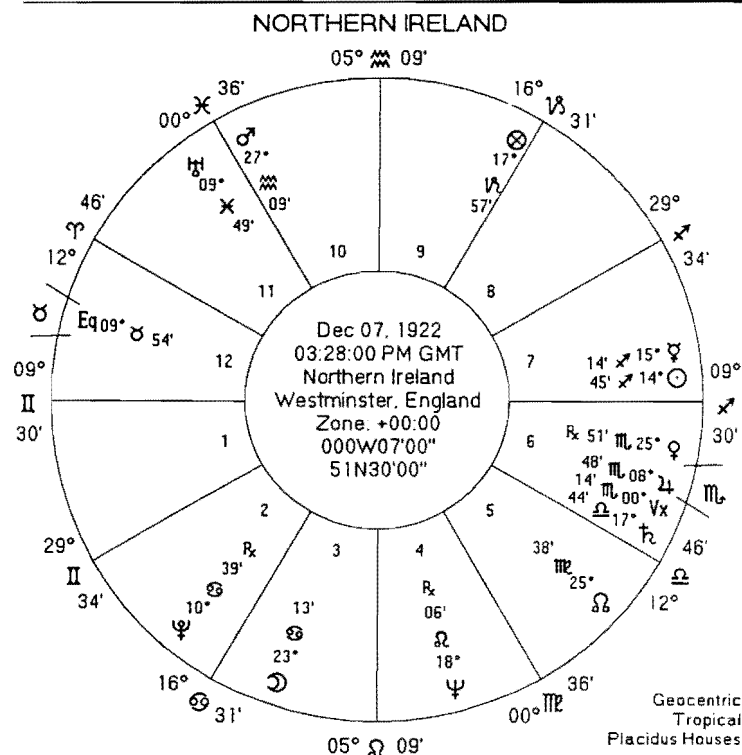
DEPARTURE: TABBA HODGE



Moon's applying opposition to Jupiter), but it is obvious that it must have happened much sooner than that—probably within half a minute. It is instructive that this correlates with the Moon's distance from the end of the Sign Taurus—15' of arc. Arrival of the Moon at the end of the Sign it occupied corresponded with the end of Tabbatha's life. This is a valuable clue for application in future tragic accidents of a like nature.

A further point of interest is that the remains were dredged out on the 17th of March when Uranus (*discovery*) was at 11°15' Aquarius, square to the Ascendant of the Horary Chart at 11°34' Taurus, and the Sun (*The Timekeeper*) at 26° Pisces was just past the conjunction with Saturn (fatality) at 23° Pisces.

—Dymock.



A NEW LOOK AT NORTHERN IRELAND

by Allan Johnson

In the December 1994 Issue of this Journal I looked at the Chart for Northern Ireland, using Nicholas Campion's *Book of World Horoscopes*. At that time I predicted that the Irish "Troubles" were not about to end and that the search for peace would continue to be a protracted process. That was a little over three years ago and there has not been a lot happening since that time, and a lot of people have become a bit cynical about the whole set-up.

However, it now appears there is the possibility of a big break-through. This seems to be due to the emergence of a working compromise, and there could be a referendum in May to approve the whole process. All this despite the fact that violence is at its highest level since cease-fires were declared one year ago.

What is happening is the mainstream politicians on both sides are united in pressing for a settlement, but are battling splinter groups of extremists determined to prevent peace, so it is still a very sticky situation—the great Irish paradox.

So it is interesting to see what the Chart's Progressions and Transits do reveal at this time. The current Progressions are not very helpful. Progressed Venus is now applying to the square of Saturn, and Progressed Mars is applying to the square of the Natal Moon. These don't give us a lot of hope, but at the same time they could correlate with the tortuous nature of the whole proceedings. A more hopeful sign is that Progressed Mercury has now reached the M.C. This

could be quite important. Mercury is more appropriate for *talking* and *communicating*, than shooting.

It is to the Transits that we must look to get a clearer picture of what is happening, and in such a fateful set-up as this it is Pluto that is the key factor. Also, in Mundane Charts it is the *Angles* that are highly significant, and at the time of writing Pluto is within a very close orb of the 7th Cusp. Pluto is always identified with *transformations*, *endings* and *new beginnings*. This is exactly what Northern Ireland needs after 29 years of bombings and violence since the "Troubles" started in August 1969.

The 7th is the House of Relationships, and that is exactly what this whole problem is about. However, while Pluto conjuncts the Angle it also makes the square to Natal Uranus and the quincunx to Natal Pluto. But before throwing our hands up in despair, we have to look more closely at these Aspects in context. These two Aspects do mean a radical change, the "end of a chapter", but the end of *what* chapter? It could mean the end of the chapter of hate and violence.

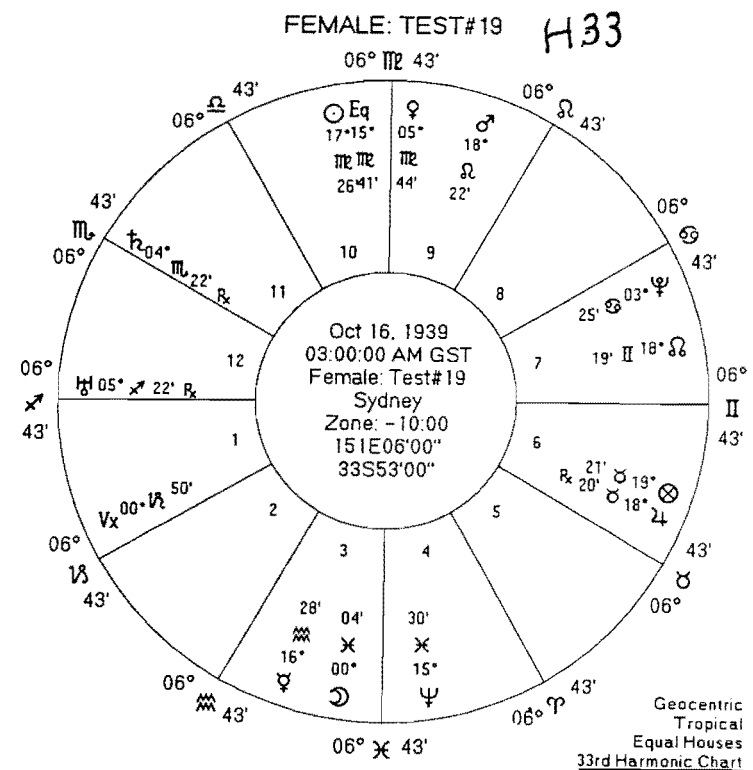
If the whole peace process fell apart it would not be a *transformation* but a *continuation* of the disastrous present. So we have an interesting point here. And Pluto will be within orb of the Angle this year, and next year too.

So what I see is a very complex situation developing over this year and next. The whole of the Northern Ireland problem won't be settled in a matter of the next few months—but there could be a break-through. The warring parties have got to the point of a *compromise*, which they never had before. There could never be a settlement without a compromise. That was the case from the beginning. In addition to this Pluto Transit, we also have Uranus in the 10th House, the House of Destiny. This adds to the picture of a change of direction for Northern Ireland, and out of this peace will come.

REPORT ON TEST NO.19

ROSS HARVEY, who conducted the Test, reports as follows: The correct answer: On the 1st of August 1973, the lady met her future husband.

There were six entrants for the latest Test. I am particularly glad to welcome several new entrants from the USA. Congratulations to Jack Nicholls who was exactly right, and to Barbara Novak and Marion Mendez. Jack said that "the lady commenced a romantic association". Barbara suggested a close relationship, and Marion a whirlwind romance. Dymock Brose was very close when he said "marriage".



—Ed.

TEST NO. 20

This relates to the same woman as in Test No.19, born 16th October 1939, 3am AEST (-10 hours = GMT), at 33S53, 151E06 (Sydney, Australia). She was married and still working as a pharmacist.

What happened to her on November 3, 1989?

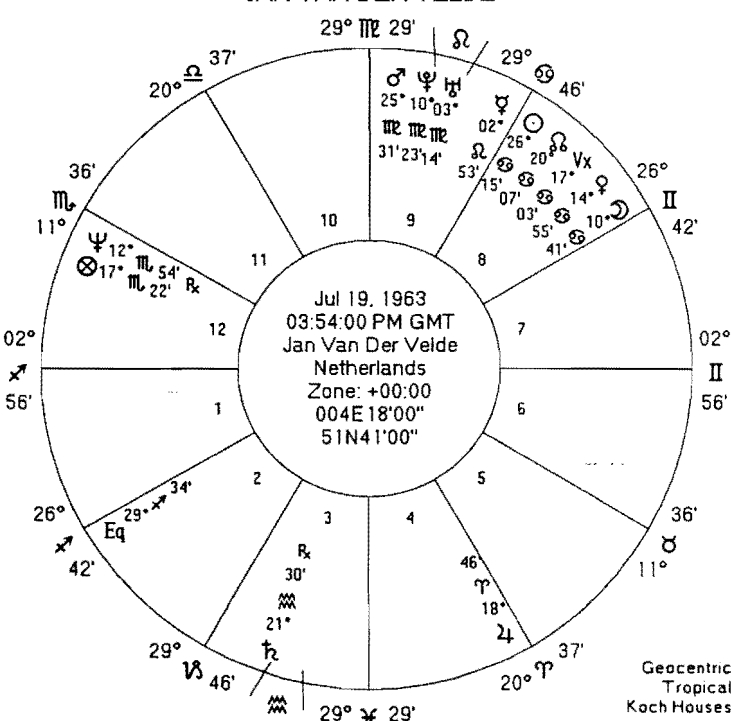
As before, please send your answers to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074, or to me by e-mail: dymock@ozemail.com.au, by the 20th of April. Correct answers will be publicized in the May Issue.

AFTER TRAGEDY—WHAT DIRECTION?

I am indebted to Chengyi-yi Huang (California) for relaying to me the following account on the Internet of a personal tragedy, and the victim's request for guidance that accompanied it.

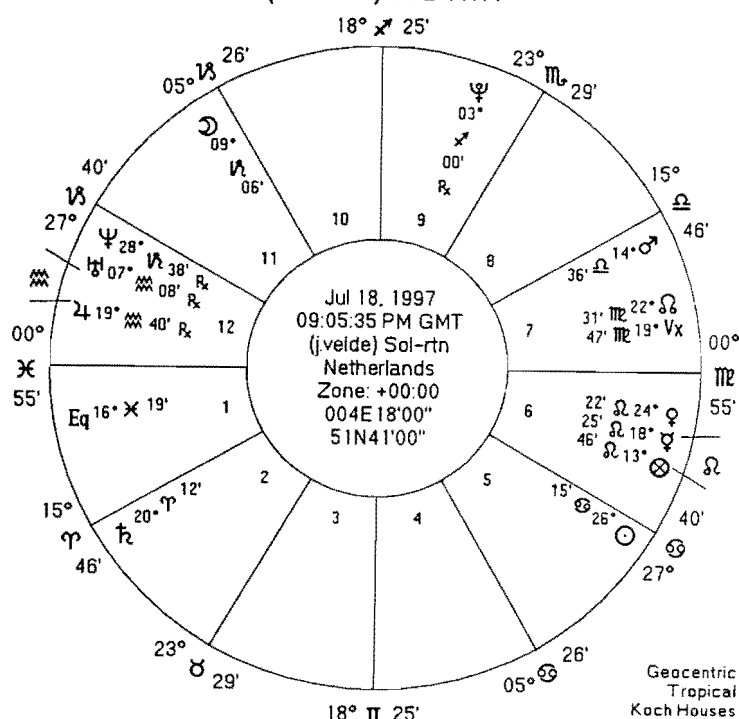
Jan Van der Velde of the Netherlands writes that last year, when Pluto transited directly over his natal Ascendant, a fire broke out in his house, killing his wife, his two youngest daughters and scarring his oldest daughter for life. He himself suffered from 50% burns, spent eight months in hospital and left it as an invalid.

JAN VAN DER VELDE



Jan now asks if astrologers (whom he trusts more than job-consultants) can help him to decide his future direction, having lost his family, his home, his business and all personal possessions. The devastating fire occurred on April 25, 1996 in the village of Middelharnis, Netherlands (4°E11', 51°N46), where Jan

(J.VELDE) SOL-RTN



still lives. The time was approximately 2am (D.S.T).

As a preliminary I have examined Jan's current Solar Return, above. The Moon has been corrected for parallax error, so its position will differ slightly from that by the usual calculation.

What is immediately obvious is the opposition of Neptune to the Sun, along the 12th/6th axis (loss, suffering) and the Sun's square to Saturn (grief, stress).

Less obvious but also potent are the sesquare of the Moon to Venus (loss of family) and the sesquare of Uranus to the Moon's Node (disruption of associations). These discordant Aspects are within an orb of 1°.

Pluto, the transforming influence in life, is square the Rising Degree and, what is most striking and far more significant, it falls exactly on the natal Ascendant. This indicates the end of one phase in Jan's life and the commencement of another. That the transition will not be easy is apparent from the difficult aspects listed above. It is understandable if Jan is feeling angry and frustrated with all these planetary forces ranged against him.

So that is the present situation. Can we find something positive and constructive to give hope and stimulus to Jan in his present dire circumstances? Readers are invited to submit their suggestions for his rehabilitation. I hope to be able to transmit some useful advice from our combined efforts.

—Dymock, 30 March 1998.

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ANOTHER WIN FOR ASTROLOGY!

Well, dear readers, now you know what I'm on about—*Prediction*, instead of post-event analysis! Two months ago, in Issue 198, dealing with Australia's National Chart, I wrote (page 2):

In February 1998 Mercury, the Sun and Jupiter link up in the 9th House of the Monthly Synodic Chart, which should bring some good news to Australia through the favourable conclusion of an international agreement.

Right on cue (February 23), the news broke that Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, had concluded an Agreement with Saddam Hussein that averted the risk of war in which Australia, along with Britain and the USA, had already agreed to be engaged.

So I say to all astrologers, *join the predication brigade!* Be a forward-looking astrologer! Working towards what will happen in the future instead of forever analysing the past (necessary although that is) will put a sharp edge on your astrology and reveal to you things of which you had never before been aware.

We may not always get it right, but if we don't try we never will.

Take heart from the fact that we can at least equal the results of the other prophets—political, business, economic, medical, weather, etc., and with practice we will do much better.

Who, other than an astrologer, can accurately forecast the crash of an airliner? My research over the years shows positively that this can be done. Hence the crashes can also be avoided!

For years I have been advocating that airports should have one or two astrologers permanently employed for just this purpose—to monitor the proposed take-off times of aircraft and, by vetoing them when necessary, avoid huge loss of life and needless destruction.

This, of course, is a Utopian Dream that cannot be realized until our materialistic society becomes occult-minded and is prepared to forego some of its goals in favour of those more in tune with the spiritual aims of the Universe. □

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Solution to Test No. 18

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) who conducted this Test (See Issue 199) reports as follows:

There were five entries for Test No.18. Congratulations to Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) who was exactly right: "A serious romance, possibly the future partner." Ross continues his report as follows:

The **Solar Return** had the Sun closely conjunct Venus, and both just as closely opposite the Moon, which was conjunct Natal Jupiter in the Natal 7th—already an emphasis on the 7th House. Uranus was conjunct the MC, both conjunct the Natal Descendant and opposite Mercury, which was conjunct the Natal Ascendant.

The **Precessed Solar Return** had the Sun conjunct Venus, and both conjunct the MC.

The **36th Harmonic** (see Chart next page) was the clearest annual chart, and had enabled me to predict this event (one of my rare successes!).

Harmonic Sun is conjunct Natal Venus and opposite the Harmonic EP.

Harmonic Mercury, Ruler of the Natal Ascendant is conjunct the Natal 7th and opposite the Harmonic Node (the *mean* Node, which works better in Harmonics).

Harmonic Venus is trine the Natal Sun.

Harmonic Uranus is opposite the Natal Node (= a sudden attraction).

Harmonic Moon is trine Harmonic Jupiter, and, as Jenifer pointed out, Harmonic Neptune is closely opposite Natal Neptune, which "brings an irresistible fascination for the loved one".

The **Node** is usually strong in Harmonics for personal relationships, such as love affairs and marriage, and here, combined with the emphasis on Venus in the Harmonic and the Solar Returns, made it clear to me

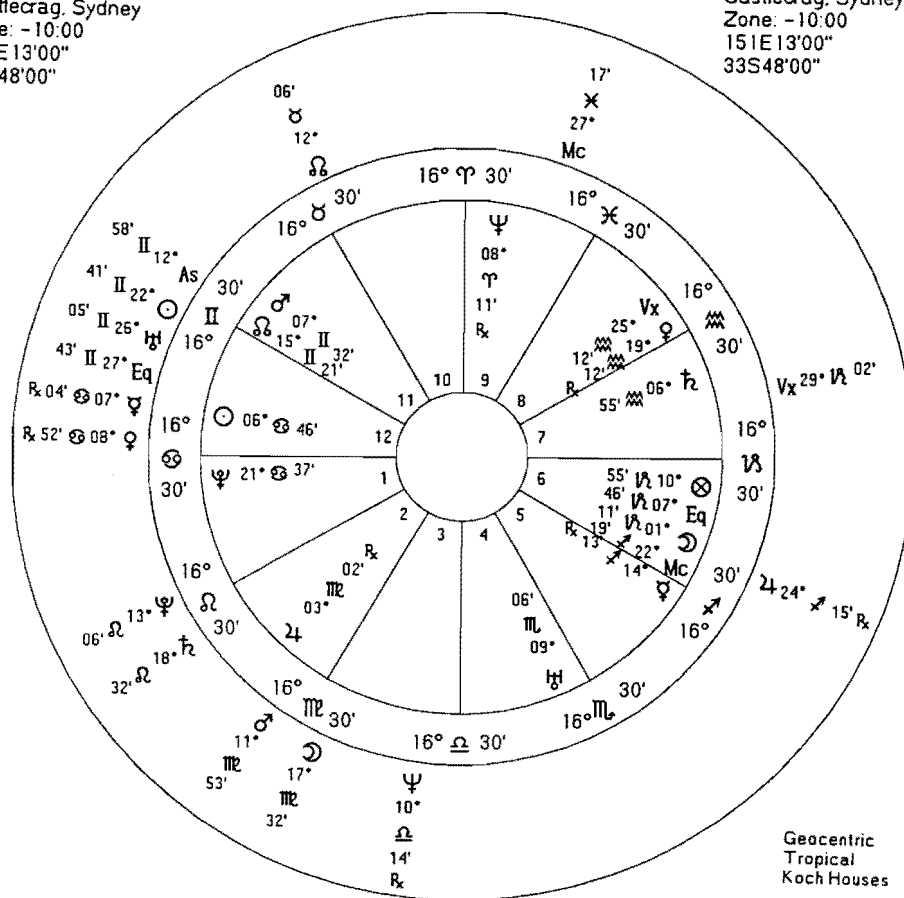
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addressed envelope to Ross you will receive a personal notification of your possible success. Correct solutions will be publicized in the next Issue, due out in early April.

AGAIN—HOUSE CUSPS!

ROSS HARVEY has been pursuing the efficacy of various House systems, and writes that he has tried all the usual ones [Placidus, Koch, Regiomontanus] on many charts, looking mainly for the 2nd and 9th Cusps of people if they are rich or if they have pursued their careers overseas.

Ross looked at Kylie Minogue's and Rupert Murdoch's Charts recently. With Koch, Kylie has Jupiter conjunct the 2nd Cusp, the Moon ruling the Ascendant conjunct Mars ruling the 9th (different House systems do not alter this) both sextile the 9th Cusp, and the 9th Cusp sextile the Sun ruling the 2nd and sesquare Jupiter on the 2nd = lots of money from overseas. If Placidus were used, Saturn would be on the 9th Cusp and the Moon/Mars

conjunction square the 2nd Cusp (orb 0°27' mundane), and Saturn opposite Pluto on the 8th. Surely an afflicted Saturn on the 2nd Cusp should mean no money!! Koch moves the 2nd Cusp away from Saturn, as does Regiomontanus, although the latter gives the same wrong indications for Kylie's Chart as Placidus. Kylie does have Jupiter opposite the Vertex, i.e., due East, and conjunct Fixed Star Regulus as well = success assured! And that doesn't depend on the House system. Koch does, however, indicate lots of money and shows the connection with overseas.

Ross is convinced that it has to be Koch, at least for birth charts. His sole reservation is that sometimes Placidus Cusps put appropriate planets on Solar-Return Cusps when Koch doesn't, but the Koch will often put the right planets on the right Cusps when the others don't.

Controversial Politician

PAULINE HANSON

Pauline Hanson has raised such a furore both in Australia and overseas (particularly in Asia) because of her outspoken policies that it is interesting to assess,

Test No. 19

The subject was a woman born at 3:00am AEST on the 16th October 1939, at 33°S53', 151°E06'. (GMT 5pm on 15 Oct 1939). She worked as a pharmacist, and was unmarried. What happened to her on the 1st of August, 1973?

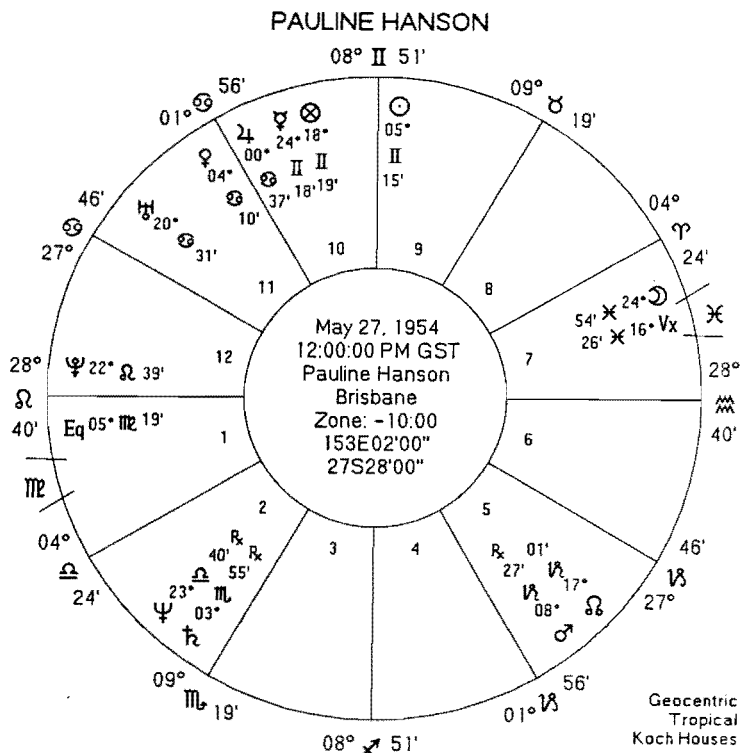
As before, please direct your answers to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW, Australia 2074, or to dymock@ozemail.com.au, by the 20th of March. If you also send a stamped, self-

before the event that a romance would happen in this year. As an additional emphasis on Venus, Prenatal KSR Q2 had Venus closely conjunct the MC, and the Ascendant conjunct Natal Venus.

I suggest that the best approach might be to find the planet that is strongest in most of the annual charts, i.e., conjunct an Angle or the Sun or Moon, to find the most important influence of the year. Aspects apart from conjunctions in annual charts are not nearly as important. Two entrants made much of the T-square of Solar-Return Mercury, Uranus and Natal Mars, yet this was of little consequence compared with Venus, which was strong in four annual charts. Venus—North Node has to signify a romance.

astrologically, her future in Australian politics. It has recently been announced that she will stand for the Electorate of Blair in the next Federal Election (probably later this year).

Whether one agrees or disagrees with Pauline on the matter of curtailing Asian immigration and restricting the privileges of the indigenous population is not relevant to this discussion.



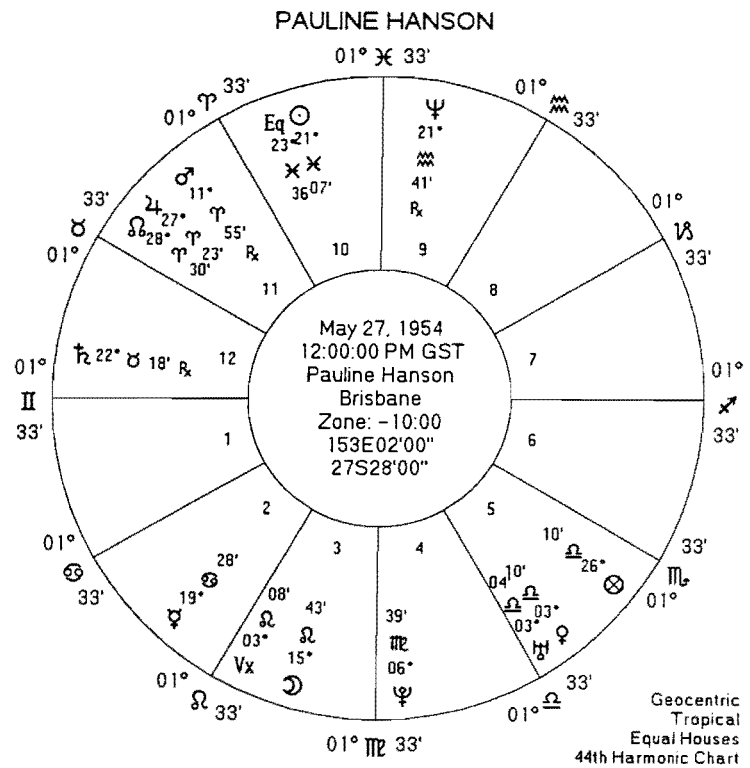
Here is Pauline's Birth Horoscope, obtained from the data bank supplied with *Solar Fire V4*.

The Chart shows Pluto rising sesquare Mars and sextile Mercury, endowing Pauline with the moral strength to stand by her pronouncements and ride out the storm.

Leo on the Ascendant, with the Sun at the Midheaven, shows she has the confidence and capacity to take a leading part in her special field.

Venus conjunct Jupiter in the House of Friends and Patrons indicates plenty of allies, and lovers among them. The Moon ruling the House square to Mercury, plus Mars opposite Venus, shows disaffection of some, though others have long-term loyalty (Saturn trine Venus).

The Fixed Stars, Aldebaran (9°Gem9') and Antares (9°Sag9') at the Upper and Lower Meridian respectively, are indicators of "success through integrity" and "success which can become obsessive" (*Esoteric Technologies*). Vivian Robson, in his book, *The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology* interprets Aldebaran culminating as signifying honour,



preferment, good fortune and favours from women

Now what of her future?

Pauline Hanson turns 44 on May 27, 1998. Hence her 44th Harmonic Chart relates to the period of her life from her 44th birthday to the 45th (27 May 1998—27 May 1999). This is the Chart above. Read it in conjunction with the Birth Figure.

I predict that the next Federal Election will be held in November 1998, after the dissolution of Parliament in October (See *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 198, p. 4). If so, Pauline Hanson, Leader of The One Nation Party, will do handsomely:

The "floating MC" is within 1° of the Natal Ascendant (success through effort), and trine to Harmonic Jupiter and the N.Node, also with only a 1° orb. Jupiter rules the Midheaven, so this is a clear indication of achievement in career, the N.Node adding emphasis.

The Natal Sun conjoins the Harmonic Ascendant—a further assurance of success through her own abilities, which include astuteness and a quick grasp of a situation (Ruler, Mercury, conjunct Natal Uranus).

An adverse note is struck by Neptune, secondary Ruler of the MC, square to Saturn ruling the 8th House. I interpret this as death threats from hidden enemies (12th House). The One-Nation-Party Leader is no stranger to these, but they will not interfere with her political success.

Pauline's finances will reach an unprecedented peak this year. (Natal Jupiter and Venus conjunct the Cusp of Income).

On a personal note, Pauline Hanson can look forward to an exciting love affair (Venus conjunct Uranus in the

House of Love and Romance). As with most Venus/Uranus contacts, the episode will be electrifying but relatively short-lived. I time this event for the first week of September 1998, when Uranus sextiles Natal Venus by Naibod Arc.

Monthly Cyclic Charts for Pauline lead me to conclude that in March 1999 she will be making her presence felt in the Federal Parliament, and in April will be much in the public eye and winning more supporters.

This is a career to be watched with interest. If, as I predict, it goes ahead, her policies must reflect the sentiments of a considerable number of the Australian public.

NOTABLE PLANETARY LINKS AND STATIONS TO JUNE

Following readers' approval of the 1998 planetary aspects listed in the January Issue, I am repeating the main astrological phenomena up to the beginning of June 1998 together with the Zodiacal locations, so that any contacts with charts can be easily observed.

I have also added the Planets' Stations, these being important factors, as strong as a major Progression/-Regression, when they conjunct or closely aspect a Significator.

Look for contact with Significators, which are the Sun, Moon and planets, the Zodiacal points MC, Ascendant, Equatorial Ascendant (or East Point), Moon's Nodes, Vertex, Part of Fortune, and *all the House Cusps*.

The closer the connection the more pronounced are the effects.

Watch their action in your own Chart and in those of the people around you. I would welcome your reports.

This feature will be continued in future Issues if readers like it. Please let me know.

SR = Planet Stationary, turning Retrograde.

SD = Planet Stationary, turning Direct.

10 March 1998, Jupiter Square Pluto, 7°Pi44'—7°Sg44': Can result in loss of money or assets, more especially if it relates to the 2nd or 8th Houses. If the 5th is involved don't gamble—especially not in stocks and shares. Postpone elective surgery.

11 March 1998, Pluto SR at 8°Sg4': Pluto "The Destroyer") commonly ends a phase of living and inaugurates a new one. In conjunction, opposition or square it often forces confrontation with a problem that has to be dealt with. In milder Aspect it strengthens the

will, empowers one physically, and gives application, concentration, thoroughness and ability to probe below the surface.

2 April 1998, Mars Conjunct Saturn at 27°Ar56': Has the potential for accidents and injury, but can also provide working energy and stamina. If it connects with one of your physical-body Significators (Rising Degree, Ruler, Sun and Moon) then be careful and deliberate in all your activities, especially if you are using tools, or working around heavy machinery. Avoid dangerous activities that could result in falls or collisions.

20 April 1998. Mercury SD at 9°Ar47': The planet of intellect and communication, Mercury absorbs the nature of the body it conjuncts. It induces thinking and discussion relating to the planet aspected—Mars, sharp; Saturn serious; Venus gracious; Uranus original; Neptune fanciful; Pluto penetrating; the Sun honourable; the Moon everyday affairs, news, letters, commerce, changes.

30 April 1998, Mars Square Uranus, 12°Ta37'—12°Aq37': A discordant Aspect that provides energy but has the potential for accidents with tools, firearms, electrical appliances and machinery, or the breakdown of the latter. If it is prominent in your Chart postpone travel plans, and elective surgery.

4 May 1998, Neptune Stationary at 2°Aq10': Neptune sensitizes, softens and dissolves. In hard Aspect it brings disappointment, loss and ineffectiveness. Thus, Neptune opposite Venus means disappointment in love. In favourable Aspect it increases awareness and gives fecundity of ideas.

17 May 1998, Uranus SR at 12°Aq45': "The Awakener" brings changes, of the nature of the Significator aspected. The changes are sudden and may be totally unexpected. Aspecting the Rising Degree, the Sun or the Moon, Uranus breaks up a habit of living that may have become too easy and unchallenging.

2 June 1998, Mars Opposite Pluto, 6°Ge33'—6°Sg33': Operates like Mars Square Pluto above, only more so. Use care in all situations of potential danger. It has the potential for creating antagonism and long-lasting enmity, so tread carefully. Utilize its drive and energy along lines of constructive achievement.

—Dymock, 6 March 1998.

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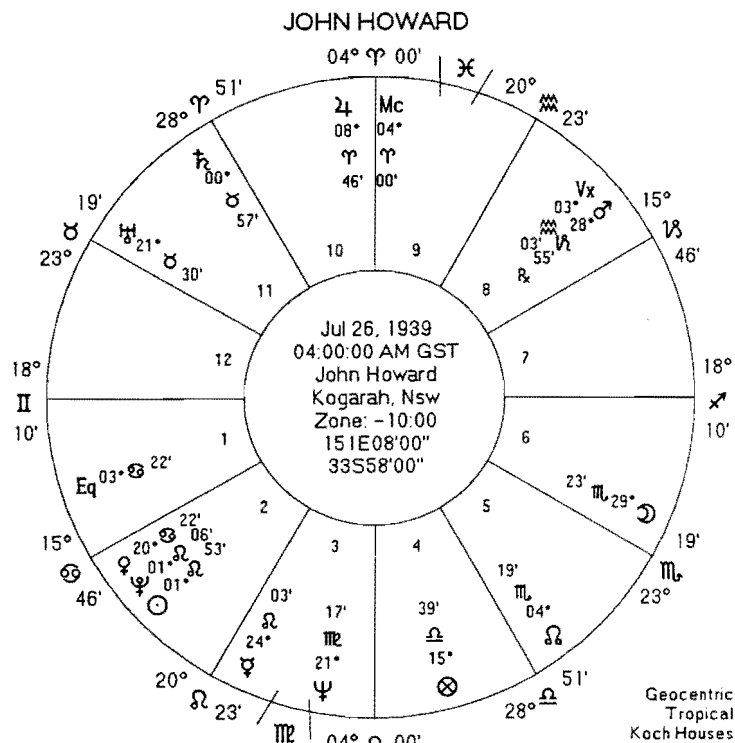
by Allan Johnson

The key figure in the Canberra scene right now at the beginning of 1998 is, of course, John Howard. He will be having an Election either late this year or early 1999, and there has been a lot of media speculation as to whether he will achieve a second term. This seems to be by no means a foregone conclusion, so this is the right time to do a bit of astrological prediction. We all know there are quite a variety of approaches to predicting elections. One way is to use a lot of these systems and then make something of a consensus. I like to do the opposite and keep it as simple as possible. This means focussing on the leaders. In Australian politics it is really the leaders who dominate the scene—and more particularly the Prime Minister. It is *his* destiny to win or lose. I think this is more important than looking at charts for election dates, or of charts for parties or other candidates. But before looking at charts it is worth noting that the Australian electorate is not such a volatile one as can often be seen in some other countries. This means that from an historical point of view, once a new government is elected, it rarely misses getting second term. This is partly due to the short three-year terms. The voters don't like to change their minds so quickly, especially after a landslide. So this has to be an initial advantage to Howard.

Before looking at Howard's Chart it is also worthwhile to look at that of his opponent, Kim Beazley. He is the alternative Leader. The fact that Cheryl Kernot has recently joined the Labor Party and is a high-profile candidate is not likely to alter this. Beazley is still the Leader. He was born on 17th December 1948, so like Kernot, he is a Sagittarian. But he was born too late in the Sign to get the Transit of Pluto over his Sun in the immediate period ahead. I don't have his birth time so I can look only at his planetary positions. Using Transits and Progressions, I don't see anything in his Chart to indicate a milestone in his career soon. But the positions of the Angles might tell another story. There we have a bit of speculation. All this could be another advantage to

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Howard.

I did do an article on John Howard in the January 1995 Issue, using the time of 4am, given me by a Canberra astrologer, Milton Black, and this is the one I am still using. He has a lot of contradictory factors coming up in his Chart, so predicting the result of the next Election on that score is not easy. This lines up with the fact that the writers in the *Weekend Australian* are having precisely that same trouble, and none are coming up with confident predictions about his future career. What we have is a very tight T-Square (Mars-Saturn-Sun-Pluto), Sun/Pluto being also part of a Grand Trine with Moon/Jupiter, and we can get yet another Grand trine of Mars to Uranus and Neptune in the Earth Signs. It is one of those double-barrelled charts than can bring him some very surprising lucky

breaks but land him in some very drastic situations as well. Good and bad fortune go hand in hand. This doesn't make it easy for the astrologer! What we can say with certainty is that all the dramatic events in his destiny will correlate with Progressions or Transits to this complex configuration. This happened at the last Election when a lot of people were surprised by his landslide victory.

The two planets normally linked with the most dramatic events are Pluto and Uranus. These were most active in '96, but since then they have moved on to make the trine with Jupiter in the Midheaven—but this is by no means the whole of the story. First we need to look at the Secondary Progressions, and these are rather mixed. Progressed Sun makes the trine to Natal Mars and sextile to the Moon, but at the same time it also makes the quincunx to Natal and Progressed Saturn. So here we have some powerful contradictions. The Progressed quincunx can mean the end of a chapter. But is this the last word? Any person with the Sun conjunct Pluto and opposite Mars in the natal chart can work with immense energy to achieve what they see as their mission. What I can see is a very difficult situation building up for him, and he is likely to lose a lot of seats. The question is will he lose enough to be unseated?

What adds further confusion to an already confused picture is that Neptune by Transit will be hovering around the Cusp of Capricorn and Aquarius (the position of Natal Mars). He has already been experiencing this in the travel-rorts scandal and a lot of underhand activities. Transits of Neptune move very slowly and can spend several years over a sensitive area in a chart. What is also very interesting in Howard's case is that Transiting Saturn will also be activating this complex configuration in late '98 and early '99 and making a "Saturn Return" in October next. These two planets are not as dramatic as Pluto or Uranus but they will certainly be having an effect on John Howard's future and the Election. Neptune and Saturn represent opposite influences, Neptune being unworldly and visionary, while Saturn is very realistic and down to earth. So he will be going through a very messy situation and may have to make some hard decisions, and his health could be another factor. He may find himself again in hospital for a time.

What, then, is likely to be the final result? I think that deep down he is a rather tough personality and has the ability to cope with heavy circumstances. The Government will lose a lot of seats, but may be just able to hang on, but it will be no big victory. Where you get a lot of contradictory pointers, the end result is likely to

be somewhere in the centre. I have to leave it at that.

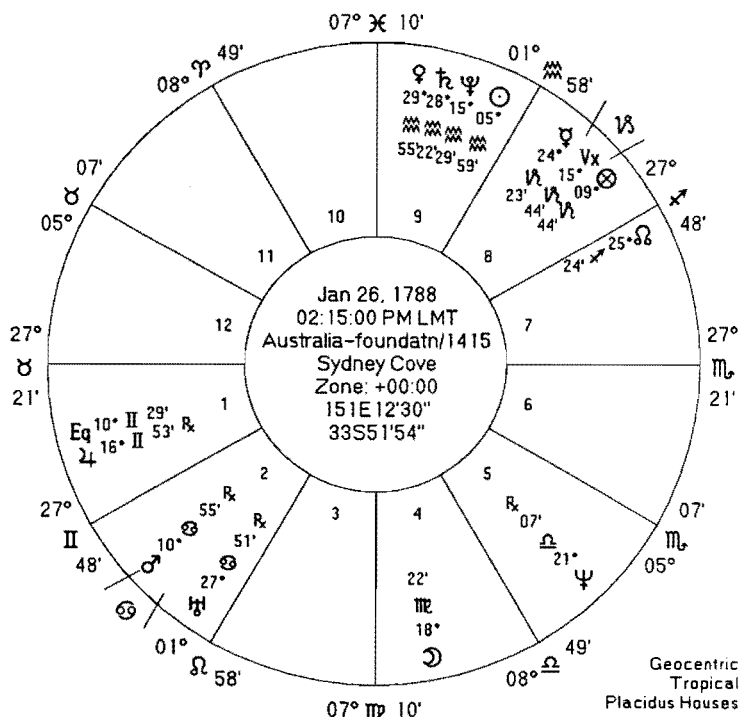
AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CHART

26 January 1788

Regarding my article in the January Issue, Marie Casey (NSW) has written disclaiming the 11am Chart as the one she arrived at through her private research. Marie writes, "The actual time I have always advocated was 2:15pm ... Even through years of research I could not alter it in any way. It was then that the Flag was raised, not in the morning."

Here is the Chart advocated by Marie:

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Age-Harmonic Charts are the best method yet discovered to determine the validity of charts and discriminate between different suggested birth times. Applying this test to the times of 11:00am and 2:15pm for the Foundation Chart, the earlier time comes out a clear winner. In the 187th Harmonic for the 11am Radix, Jupiter (Law and the Constitution) ruling the Chart and opposed by Mars ruling the 5th House, showed the uproar precipitated by the Governor General (5th House) when he dismissed the Whitlam Government. It unquestionably reflected the historic events of 11th November 1975 (see A.F. 198, p. 1).

The same Harmonic for the 2:15pm Chart has nothing that could be construed as a Constitutional crisis. On the contrary, the Sun and Jupiter are in close conjunction with the Radical MC! This would depict a well-established and prosperous Government. Other features of this Chart also contra-indicate the events.

Similarly, when the Australian States were federated

on 1 January 1901, the 112th Harmonic Chart for the 11am time tells the story. This Chart relates to the period from 25 January 1900 to 25 January 1901 when Australia was 112 years "old". Jupiter on the 9th Cusp (Law and the Constitution), and ruling the 10th (Government) has a very close trine to Venus (Union) in and ruling the 5th House (the subordinate States). The same Harmonic for the 2:15pm time has only discordant and separative Aspects like Mars square to Venus and opposing both the "floating" MC and the Vertex.

When the Great Depression hit Australia in 1929 it was 141 years from the Foundation. Most appropriately, the 141st Harmonic of the 11am Chart shows Saturn rising (very close—only $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ below the Ascendant) and square to the Natal Sun. On the other hand, the 141st Harmonic for the 2:15pm time has absolutely contrary indications—Venus on the Midheaven conjunct Natal Jupiter!

It is a similar story as regards the two different times for all the other events that affected the Nation and which I have investigated.

Aside from that, I should say that Aries rising and Capricorn at the Midheaven as in the 11am Chart is more indicative of the pioneering and industrious Australian populace than Taurus rising and Pisces at the Midheaven in the 2:15pm Figure. The 11am Chart also has an *exact* sextile of Jupiter at $16^\circ\text{Gem}53'$ to the Ascendant at $16^\circ\text{Ari}51'$, in complete accordance with the concept of Australia as the "Lucky Country".

The upshot is that I prefer the 11am Chart. This is not to discount the labours of people like Marie Casey and Gwen Stoney who carefully research times and distances to settle on a likely Radix for the Nation. They provide a starting point, at least, or a number of alternatives, and the Harmonics technique can sort them out.

One might bear in mind also what Bernadette Brady has said about Radices for individuals: A chart to whose Progressions, etc., the person will uniformly respond operates as a Birth Chart, without it necessarily being timed for the exact moment of birth.

—Dymock.

Result of Test No.17

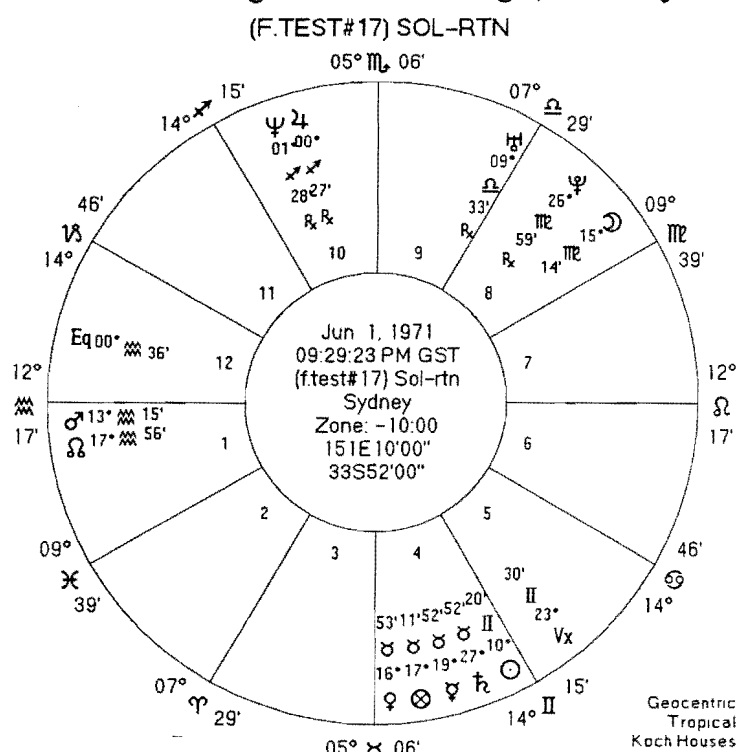
Ross Harvey, who conducted the Test, reports as follows:

There were six entries for Test No. 17. Congratulations to Jack Nicholls who was correct. He said that the event was an accident resulting in hospitalization. On the 13th January 1972 the woman was seriously injured in a car crash and was left partially

crippled.

As always in these Tests, the event was the major event of the year, so I would have started by looking at the Annual Charts, and tried to determine whether the event was favourable or unfavourable. The Solar Return set for the birth place has the Ascendant conjunct Mars, which rules the 3rd House, and Uranus on the 9th Cusp—note that this is the 9th Koch Cusp, but not either Placidus or Regiomontanus, which are 5° earlier. The Solar-Return Ascendant is also opposite Natal Pluto and square Natal Mars.

That Mars forms a Grand Trine with the Sun and Uranus seems not to have been significant, certainly not favourably so. I have always found that Mars on an Angle of a cyclical chart portends trouble, usually serious, and even if it is favourably aspected this does not lessen the danger. Mars on an Angle, even conjunct



a benefic, usually means troubles overcome. I have seen Mars conjunct the Ascendant of a solar return for death of the native (Princess Diana), death of a family member, loss of employment, serious illness, accidents, financial loss, etc. So far in my astrological studies I do not remember having seen it for an unequivocally favourable period.

So, had I been asked for a forecast of this year I would have at once suggested trouble coming, and advised caution, and with Mars ruling the 3rd House I might have suggested care in travelling.

The Precessed Solar Return has the Ascendant conjunct Saturn and opposite Jupiter and Neptune (for the birth place, but not for the place of residence). Once again malefics associated thus with a benefic

—Dymock. 25 January 1998.

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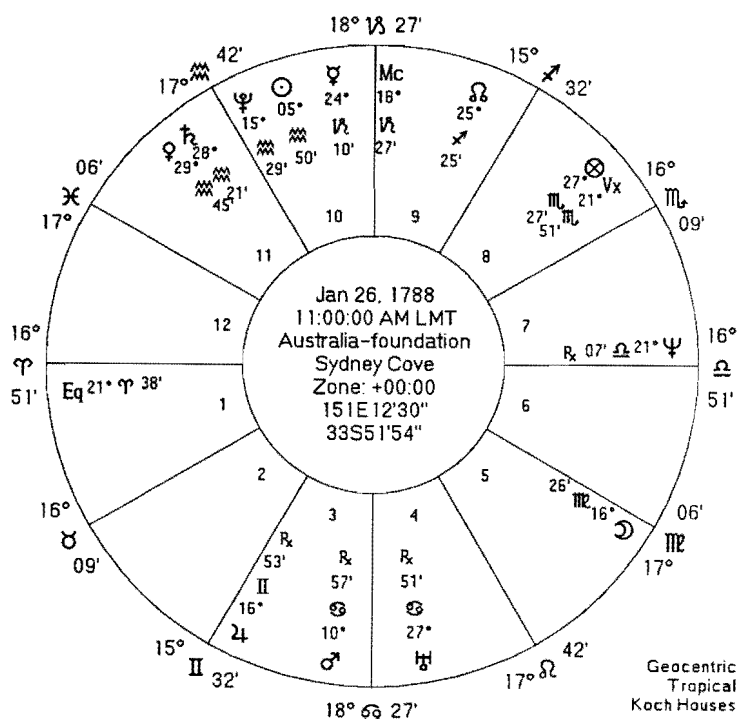
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AUSTRALIA IN 1998

In 1998 Australia reaches the age of 210 years since its foundation in 1788. Here is the Birth Chart of the Nation for 26 January 1788 at 11am, the time established by Marie Casey of NSW:

AUSTRALIA-FOUNDATION



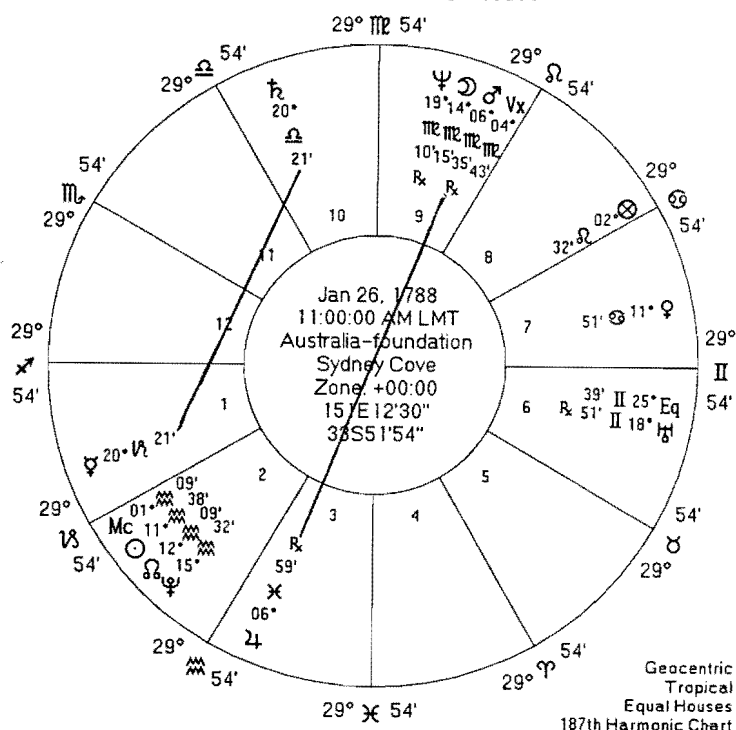
This Chart is supported by the Age-Harmonic for 11th November 1975 the date of the most sensational event in Australia's political history—the dismissal of the Whitlam Labor Government by the Governor General. Australia was 187 years "old" at the time, and the 187th Harmonic Chart (next column) clearly shows the constitutional crisis. Law and the Constitution are related to the 9th House, the planet Jupiter and the Sign Sagittarius. Leo is on the 9th Cusp, and its Ruler, the Sun, is conjunct Pluto, planet of drama and crisis. The Vertex, Mars, the Moon and Neptune are all assembled in the 9th, showing the turmoil (Moon conjunct Neptune), not to say the fury (Mars conjunct the Moon) of a large section of the populace at this unprecedented act of political despotism.

Sagittarius rises, and its Ruler, Jupiter, at 6°58' Pisces

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is closely opposed by Mars at 6°35' Virgo. Mars rules the 5th House—the Governor General as the Crown's Representative. The 10th House (the Government) has Virgo on the Cusp, and its Ruler, Mercury, at 20°23' of the political Sign Capricorn is closely squared by Saturn at 20°21' Libra and by Natal Neptune at 21°7' Libra, depicting the loss of power and cessation of the Government.

It is interesting to note also that, on the date of the Dismissal, Saturn was Stationary at 2°58' Leo right opposite the "floating" MC at 1°11' Aquarius. Numerologists may be intrigued by the repetition of the number "11"—the Dismissal occurred on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1975, coinciding with the time of 11am established by Marie Casey.

On 26th January 1998 Australia's age from the

Foundation Chart will be 210, and here is its Harmonic Chart for that age, circumscribed by the Radix for easy

Government because of the Sun (central issues) on the 8th Cusp (taxation) trine to Uranus (change) ruling the 2nd House (income and the economy).

What of the projected Constitutional change from a Monarchic to a Republican system? The 9th House is the significant one in this respect. It holds the Ruler, Saturn (traditional values) in the T-Square with Pluto and Mars previously mentioned. These are powerful forces of change. Mercury ruling the 9th opposite the Moon signifies much discussion and debate, with strong opposition from the opponents of any change (the Moon ruling the 7th). The final outcome is shown by the 12th House as the 4th to the 9th. Uranus on the Cusp signifies radical change. So in due course we may expect Australia to become a Republic.

In February 1998 Mercury, the Sun and Jupiter link up in the 9th House of the Monthly Synodic Chart, which should bring some good news to Australia through the favourable conclusion of an international agreement.

Mars, Ruler of the Chart, conjoins the Sun by Solar-Arc in early May, the Sun ruling the 5th House (gambling). This

would be an opportune time for the Government to reduce the number of poker machines in operation and curb their further proliferation.

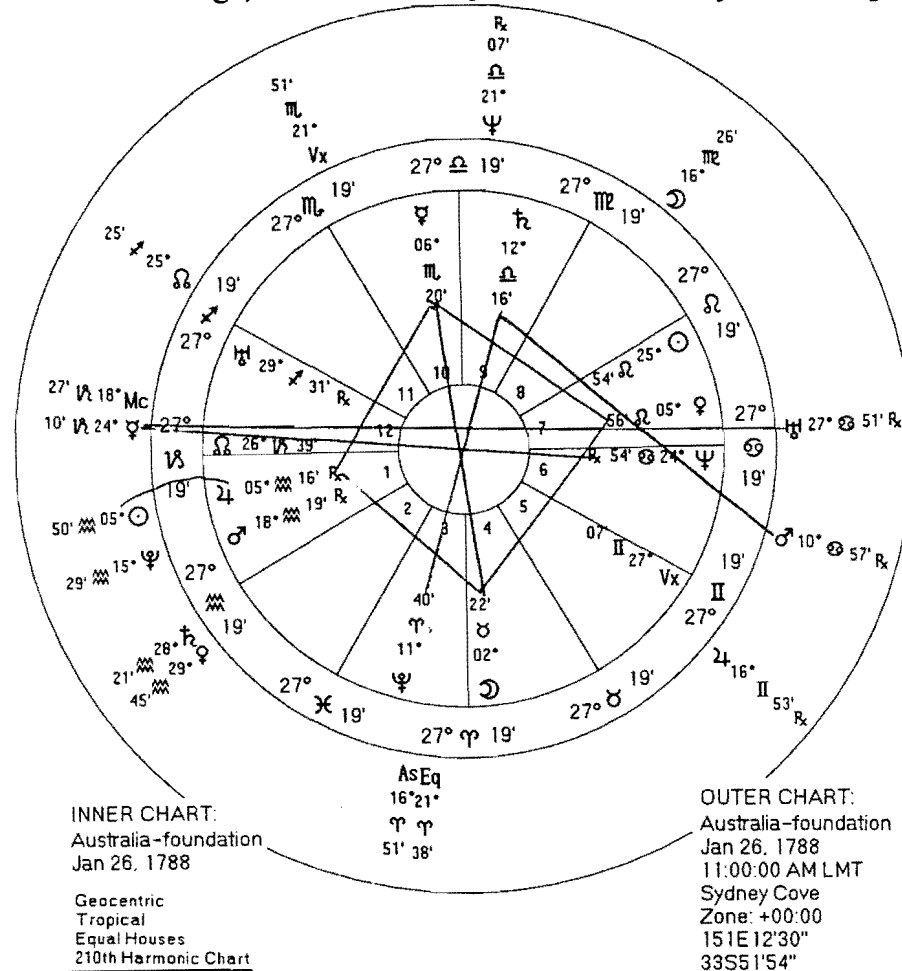
Around 17th May Uranus at 12°45' Aquarius is Stationary on Natal Pluto at 15°29' Aquarius, Ruler of the 8th House (taxation). It is likely that the Government will introduce taxation reform at this time.

In mid-July, Jupiter Stationary at 28°4' Pisces will form a Grand Trine with Uranus at 27°51' Cancer, and the Part of Fortune at 27°27' Scorpio, signalling a change in the monetary system through the inevitable advance of technology.

A month later, in mid-August, Saturn at 3°38' Taurus squares the Sun at 5°50' Aquarius. Though not a close square this is sufficient to give a minor setback to the Government.

Things are happening in October! Neptune is Stationary at 29°23' Capricorn where it conjuncts the midpoint (0°Aqu0') of the Sun and Mercury in the House of Government. This looks very like a dissolution of Parliament, especially as at the same time Neptune has reached the trine of the Moon by Solar-Arc Direction, and Uranus is Stationary at 8°49' Aquarius, 3° from a conjunction with the Sun.

In November, Jupiter Stationary at 18°10' Pisces



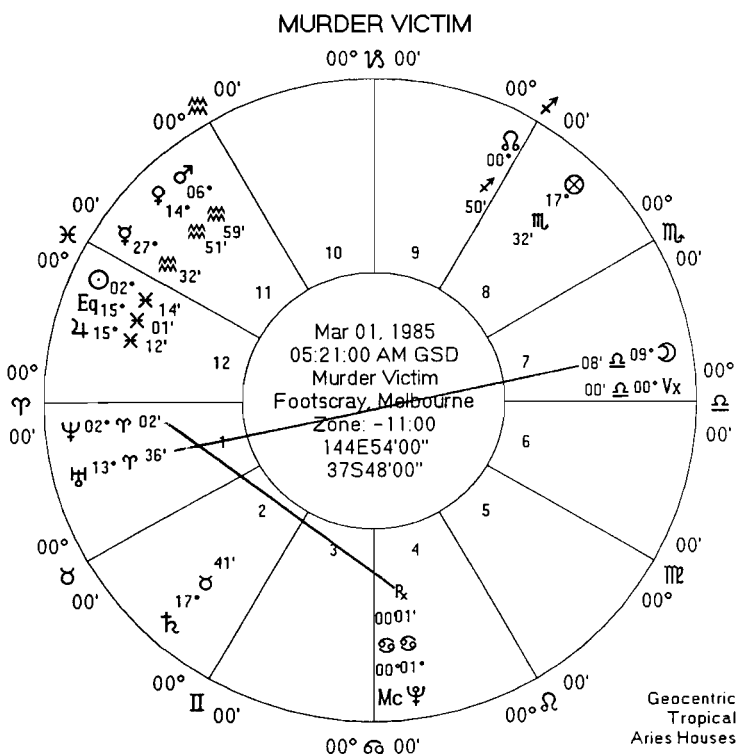
correlation of the planetary positions in both Charts:

The Sign Capricorn rises, and its Ruler, Saturn, is closely opposed by Pluto and squared by Natal Mars. As the 1st House represents the Nation and the people as a whole we may expect Pluto to produce dramatic events, revision of the status quo and a major disturbance to the accustomed pattern of our living. These effects will be moderated by Jupiter rising conjunct the Natal Sun, which affords some general protection, but Jupiter is in a T-Square with the Moon, Mercury and Venus, so its benefits will be restricted. Mercury in the 10th House (the Government) opposed by the Moon, signifies indecisiveness with frequent change of plans or policy among our leaders.

The Opposition of Uranus to Mercury in the Radix now lies along the Horizon, and is augmented by Harmonic Neptune opposite Mercury. Mercury here rules the 6th House (employment) so Uranus will introduce frequent change and instability in jobs due to the advance of technology, and Neptune loss of jobs and dissatisfaction in the work force. Employment will, however, be one of the Government priorities as the "floating" MC is in the 6th House trine to Mercury in the 10th.

Taxation reform will be the principal concern of the

A more graphic portrayal of the possibilities is provided by the **Horizon Chart** hereunder.



One sees immediately the position of Neptune on the Eastern Horizon closely square to Pluto on the North point, and having Saturn at their Midpoint (16°32'

Taurus). Moreover, Neptune's influence extends to the 12th House (self-undoing) because of Pisces on the Cusp. Pluto is in the terminal 4th House, and is also related to the 8th House (death) because of Scorpio on the Cusp. The Moon opposing Uranus is now more significant as the Moon rules the 4th House (end of life). The Opposition could be interpreted, literally, as a sudden (Uranus) end to life.

All this stands out clearly in the Horizon Chart, raises the alarm, and prompts the Astrologer to look further. Mars is trine the Moon but, more significantly, is contra-parallel Uranus (Mars 54°23' below the Horizon, Uranus 54°16' above). The combination of Mars and Uranus is well-known as a potent factor in violent occurrences.

The moral of all this is that if you have suspicions that more lies below the surface than appears in the standard Zodiacal Chart, then cast the Horizon Chart and investigate further. Both *Nova* and *Blue Star* will print these charts.

A parent who is astrologically advised could just possibly avert tragedy by watching the Cyclic Charts and Progressions/Directions as the child grows up, and taking extraordinary protective measures in periods of real danger. One need not assume that these things are "fated". We alter our "fate", and our *karma* every day by the things we do.

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Forthcoming Aspects

Here are important Aspects occurring in the year ahead. They will be especially effective in any Chart where either or both of the planets concerned contact a Significator. Significators are the Sun, Moon and planets, the Zodiacal points MC, Ascendant, Equatorial Ascendant (or East Point), Moon's Nodes, Vertex, Part of Fortune, and *all the House Cusps*. Watch their effect in your own Chart and in those of the people around you. I would welcome your reports.

4 February 1998, Mars Square Pluto: An unpleasant connection that can prove dangerous—violence and accidents. However, it does provide drive and energy that can be utilized constructively to push ahead with plans and projects. Avoid recklessness and haste, and situations that are potentially dangerous.

26 February 1998, Solar Eclipse at 7°55' Pisces (GMT 5:26pm): Often the forerunner of portentous events relating to the Significators contacted.

10 March 1998, Jupiter Square Pluto: A major

configuration that can result in loss of money or assets, more especially if it relates to the 2nd or 8th Houses. If the 5th is involved don't gamble—especially not in stocks and shares. Postpone elective surgery.

2 April 1998, Mars Conjunct Saturn: Another Aspect that has the potential for accidents and injury, but can also provide working energy and stamina. If it connects with one of your physical-body Significators, then be careful and deliberate in all your activities, especially if you are using tools or working around heavy machinery. Avoid dangerous activities that could result in falls or collisions.

30 April 1998, Mars Square Uranus: Again, a discordant Aspect that has the potential for accidents with tools, firearms, electrical appliances and machinery. If this aspect is prominent in your Chart postpone travel plans.

2 June 1998, Mars Opposite Pluto: Operates like Mars Square Pluto above, only more so. Has the potential for creating antagonism and long-lasting enmity, so tread carefully. Utilize its drive and energy along lines of constructive achievement.

25 June 1998, Saturn Square Neptune: Tends to illness and emotional upsets. Keep away from sources of infection, adulterated food, contaminated water, etc. In bad situations, brings flooding and trouble with gas leaks or plumbing. Relationships with others may suffer through covert hostility, deception or misrepresentation.

2 July 1998, Mars Square Jupiter: Encourages quick and effective action but avoid undue haste and impulsiveness. Money goes out freely. Creates a fire hazard in bad circumstances. Don't get entangled with the law, superiors at work or other authorities.

22 August 1998, Solar Eclipse at 28°48' Leo (GMT 2:4am): See the notes for the February Eclipse.

1 November 1998, Saturn square Neptune: A repeat of the June Aspect above, but in a different Zodiacal position. This could make it more or less important for you.

REMEMBER! Your responses to Test No.17 (Issue 197) are due by the 20th of this month.

—Dymock, 6 Jan 1998.

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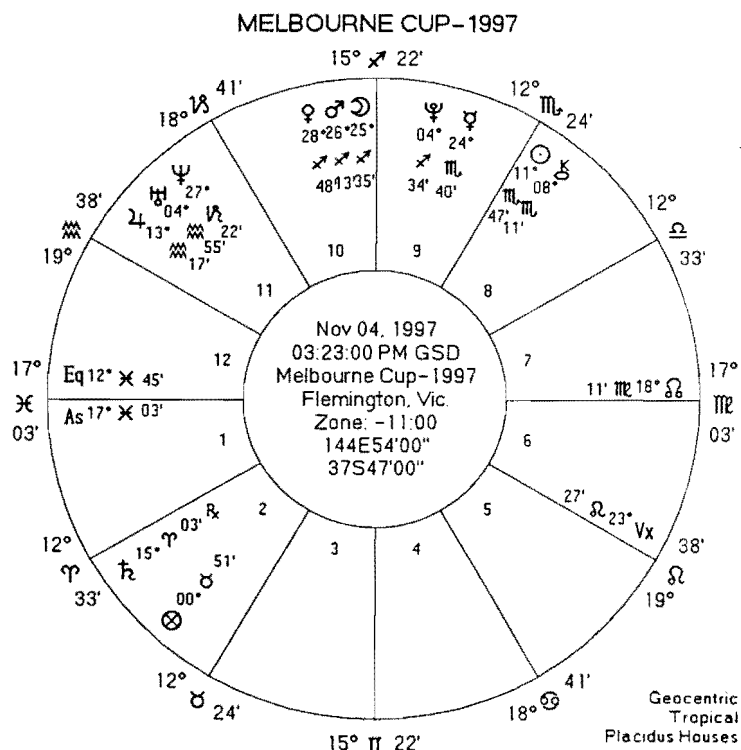
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HORSE RACING

THE 1997 MELBOURNE CUP

Jack Nicholls (Vic.), who used his astrological expertise to win on last year's Melbourne Cup (see *Astrologers' Forum* 184, November 1996) has repeated the experience this year. His report:

A Chart drawn for the finish of the Cup using *Placidus* Cusps showed the Sun separating by 37' from the 9th Cusp, and Saturn applying by 2°30' to the 2nd Cusp. The latter would have been useful if the race had started minutes late. As it was, the start was only delayed by just over a minute according to my watch. Note that if the *Regiomontanus* system had been used, the Sun would have been applying by 1°13' to the 9th Cusp at the same assumed finishing time.



Horses that satisfied the Sun were *Might and Power*, *Count Chivas* and *Grandmaster*. However the betting that I went by in the morning before placing bets showed that *Count Chivas* and *Grandmaster* were beyond my odds limit, viz., 50:1 and 20:1. *Might and*

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Power was backed for a win and paid \$5.70 for a win on the tote. It had firmed from 8:1 with late support.

Editor's note: I might add to the above interesting account by Jack Nicholls that if *Koch* Cusps had been used the Sun would have been out of the picture entirely (separating by 4° from the 9th Cusp), and Saturn (Retrograde) would have been applying by 1°33' to the 2nd Cusp, leading to a false conclusion. On the other hand, the best indication would have been from the *Regiomontanus* Cusps where the Sun was applying to the 9th Cusp by 1°34', and getting closer and therefore more powerful by every minute that the race was delayed.

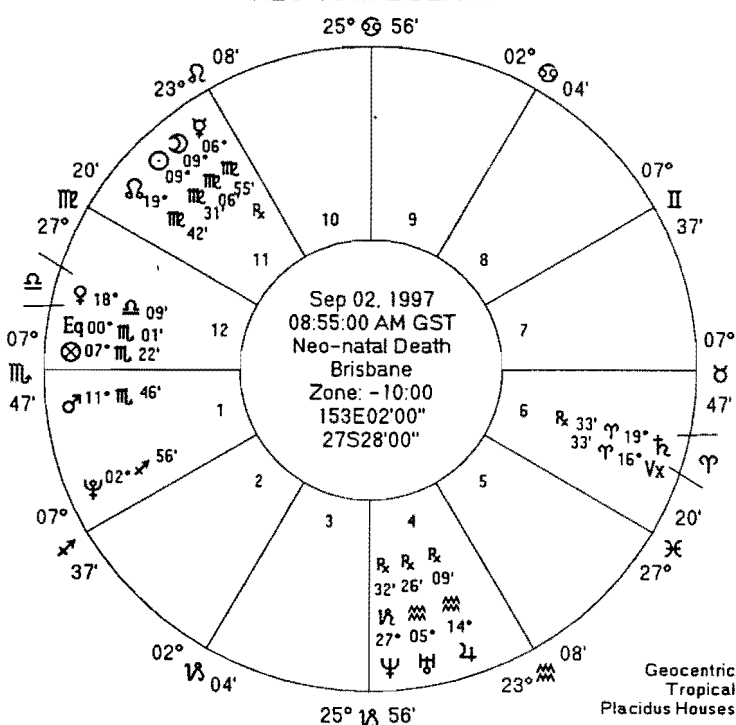
A Case of Neo-Natal Death by Lyla Williams (Qld)

The loss of a new-born baby is a tragic event, and some people might consider it insensitive to use such a chart for research into sudden death. However, the following Chart does seem to cry out for delineation. Perhaps the parents were aware of possible interest from astrologers, as they had the times of both birth and death included in the newspaper Notice.

The baby was born on the 2nd September this year at 8:55am, in the Royal Brisbane Hospital, and died at 10:45am. Mars rises in the 1st House, just 4° from the Ascendant at 7°47' Scorpio, square Jupiter Retrograde in the House of "beginnings and endings". Another planet in the 1st House (the physical body) is Pluto at 2°57' Sagittarius, squaring the Sun, Moon, and Solar Eclipse at 9° Virgo.

Ted Mann suggests that we look to the 9th House for clues to neo-natal health problems: With Cancer on the Cusp we find its Ruler, the Moon, sitting exactly on the pre-natal Solar Eclipse at 9° Virgo. The Moon also rules the 10th House whose Cusp is in opposition to

NEO-NATAL DEATH



Neptune.

How might one delineate the Chart, in hindsight, without knowing the actual cause of death? Mars in Scorpio close to the Ascendant suggests a surgical delivery, or one involving some surgical intervention, particularly in the light of the square from Uranus and Jupiter. Neptune not only rules the House of Health, but disposes the South Node in the 5th House (children). With Pluto square the Sun and Retrograde Mercury ruling the 12th House (hospitals and *karma*, among other things) one could postulate a chest weakness, breathing problems or even a mis-diagnosis.

As I always do when drawing up a chart, I checked the Fixed Stars, and was astonished to find Alioth at 8°49' Virgo conjunct the three planets (and Solar Eclipse). Ebertin gives a chilling warning for this Star when conjunct the Moon: *Possible danger during pregnancy and delivery*. It would be instructive to know whether the baby's mother had the Moon or any other planet or point at 9° Virgo, but as the family are unknown to me I cannot find this out. Ebertin gives a second example from his Pluto Book: The Birth Chart of a child suffering from an incurable congenital impairment of the metabolism—Alioth is conjunct Pluto, square the Moon = Venus/Neptune = Saturn/MC—all planets featuring strongly in our Chart.

A further example gives Mercury conjunct Alioth on the chart of a man struck down with infantile paralysis.

A final point about the 4th Fixed Star on the Chart: Mars conjoins the Southern Cross and Gemma. Ebertin warns that this latter star is associated with the Lord of the House of Death and, if connected with

Neptune and Mars, infectious diseases and poisoning are indicated. Perhaps a reader proficient in Medical Astrology might examine the Chart and my delineation and give us further comments for a later Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*.

RESULTS OF TEST NO. 16

Here is Ross Harvey's report on the Test set in the November Issue:

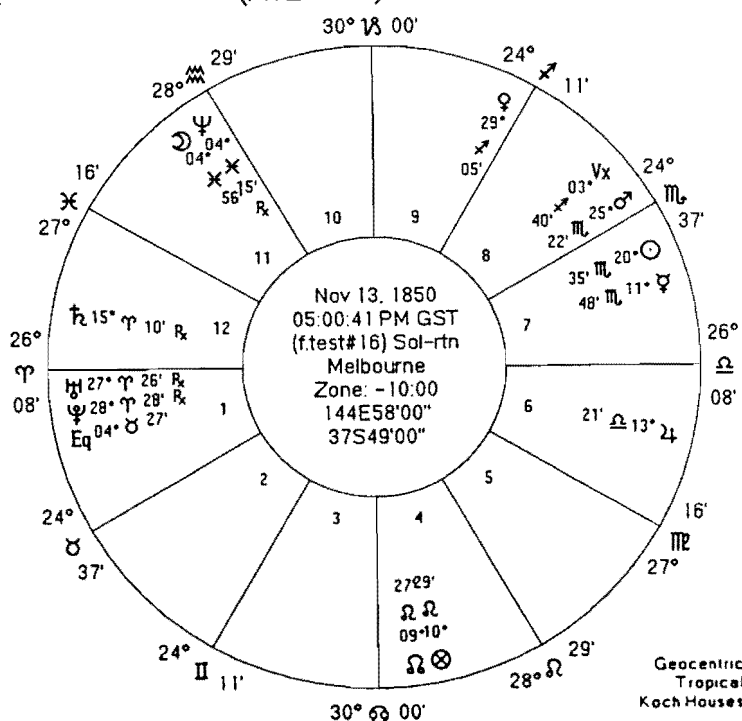
There were five entries for Test No. 16. Congratulations to Shirley Gray (Michigan, USA), Margaret Millard (England), and Dymock Brose (Adelaide), who were all correct. The event on 28th July 1997 was the death of the woman's husband. Shirley used a variety of cyclic charts, Margaret diurnal charts, and Dymock monthly Synodic returns.

I did think this one was easy, although I was surprised that no one mentioned the Station of Saturn on the 2nd of August. The woman's Birth Chart has the Sun almost exactly square Neptune on the 8th Cusp, with the Sun ruling the 7th and 8th Houses. Furthermore, Saturn was opposite her MC and conjunct her husband's Ascendant, and Mars transited over her MC on the 26th of July. I would have thought this would have suggested the death of the partner.

Her Standard Solar Return for the Birth place had Saturn conjunct the Vertex and opposite the Ascendant. The woman was 73 years old, and her 73rd Harmonic Chart had Saturn conjunct the Natal

Prenatal Solar Return, 13 Nov 1850
(Relating to period 14 Nov 96—14 Nov 97)

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Ascendant and the Moon, and the Ascendant opposite her Natal Saturn. Her Secondary-Progressed 8th Koch Cusp was square Neptune and quincunx Saturn. Her prenatal Solar Return (set for the birth place) was the cyclical chart that gave the most specific indications: The Ascendant was conjunct Uranus and Pluto, with Pluto ruling the 8th and Uranus ruling the 10th, and the Ascendant was also opposite Natal Saturn. The Sun was conjunct Mars, Co-Ruler of the 8th House, and both were conjunct the 8th Cusp.

Thanks to Ross for handling this Test (and others) which deprives him of the opportunity to attempt it himself. Happily he has supplied another one, details of which appear below.

Added to the indications cited by Ross, there was a very appropriate Direction by Naibod Arc, signifying a heavy loss, occurring on the very day of the husband's death (28th July 1997):

Saturn (8°59'Cap) square Jup/Nep (8°59'Lib)

—Dymock.

TEST NO.17

The subject is a woman born in Sydney on the 2nd of June 1947, at 2:30am AEST. She is married with two children. She and her family now live in Hobart, Tas., 42°53'S, 147°19'E. She is the second daughter of the subject of the previous Test, No.16.

What happened to her on the 13th of January 1972?

As the Christmas Season is now upon us, when multifarious activities shorten the leisure time available,

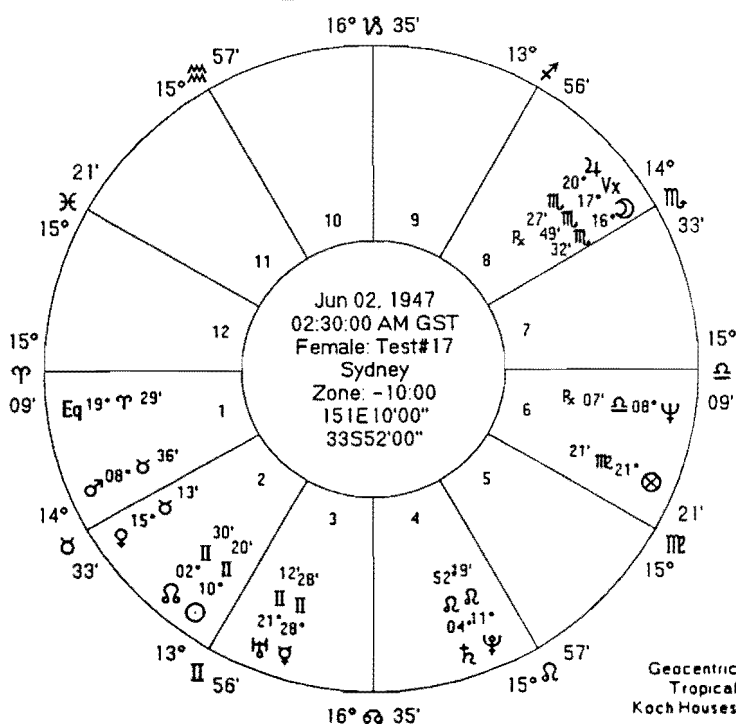
the closing date for answers to this Exercise will be 20th January 1998, and the successful entrants will be named in the February Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*. The Test is open to all readers, whether subscribers or not. Please send your findings to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW, Australia 2074. Overseas readers who have the necessary facilities can if they wish send their entries to me by E-mail (dymock@ozemail.com.au).

CHERYL KERNOT

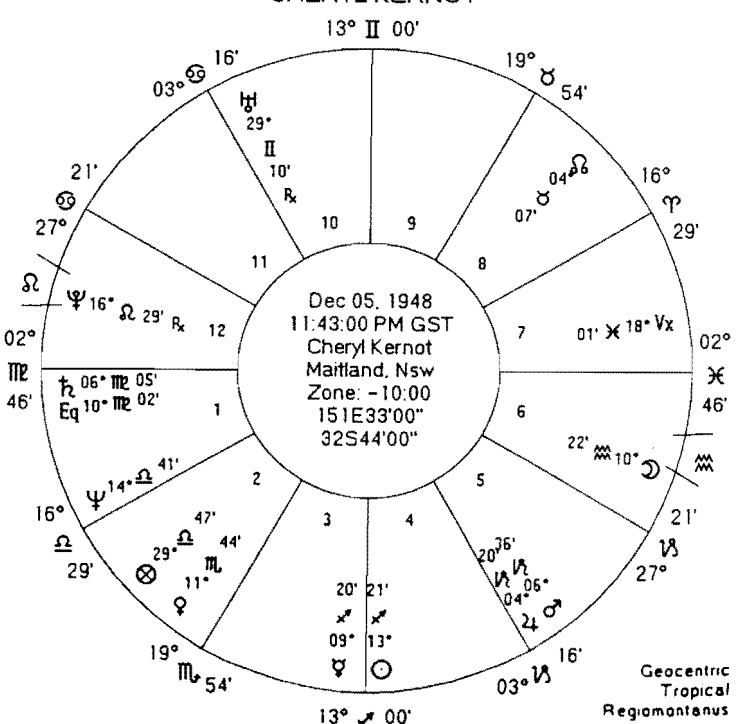
For the benefit of overseas readers unfamiliar with the Australian scene, Cheryl Kernot is a high-profile political figure who led the Australian Democrats Party with distinction for many years. Shortly after the South Australian State Election on 11th October last Cheryl created a shock and much controversy by leaving the Democrats and aligning herself with the Australian Labor Party, her stated reason being that she would be more effective as a political force with Labor than with the smaller Democrats Party, who are unlikely ever to achieve Government. She has yet to be elected, but if so is assured of a job on the Ministry bench. Her defection has aroused mixed feelings—joy and despondency, admiration and irritation among the public and politicians generally. Her future career and fortunes will be watched with great interest.

Birth data for the Chart below was supplied to *Esoteric Technologies* by Cheryl Kernot herself: Born 5 Dec.1948, at Maitland, NSW, between 11:30pm and midnight. Cheryl quotes her mother as stating the time

FEMALE: TEST#17



CHERYL KERNOT



was "somewhere in the last half hour before midnight, [nearer] 11:30pm", and her father saying "it was nearer to midnight".

I have set the Chart for 11:43pm, with Regiomontanus Cusps, for the reason that in early October 1997 (the date of Cheryl's defection to Labor) this Chart has Transiting Neptune Stationary on the 6th Cusp, where it forms a perfect Mundane Trine to the MC, Neptune's latitude being very small (24'N).

This Neptune/MC trine exactly describes the event, inasmuch as the MC relates to career, and Neptune to secret dealings and "an intuitive awareness of how to promote one's professional affairs". The negotiations leading up to the change of Party were conducted in great secrecy, Cheryl's departure coming without warning or the prior knowledge of her own Party (the Democrats). It was mooted that such prior knowledge would have been leaked to the media and harmed her Party's chances in the State Election where, in fact, it performed well. Neptune, true to its nature, symbolized a plan engineered in *secret* and causing a *sensation* on its disclosure.

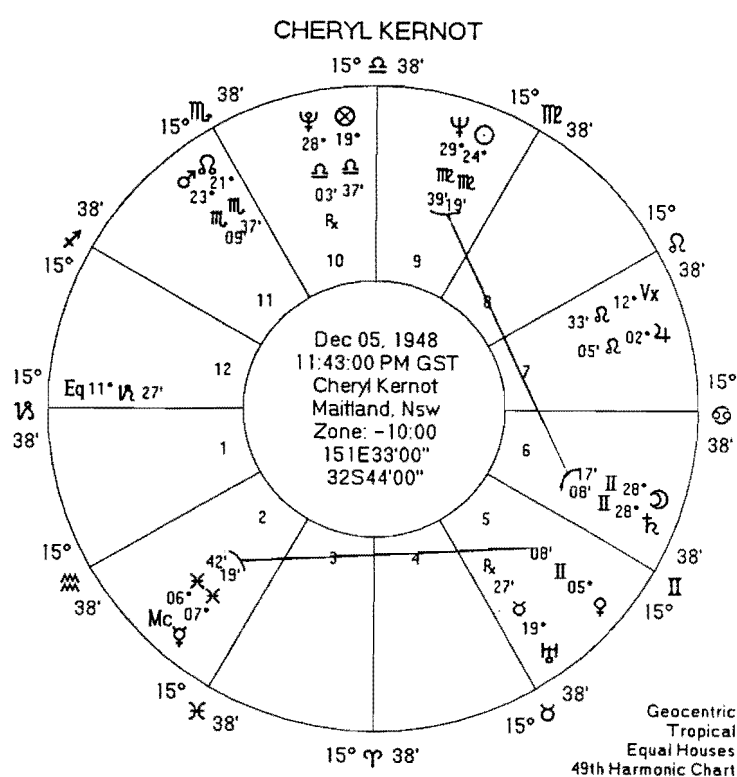
It is noteworthy that Neptune in the Birth Chart is in close *Zodiacal* trine to the MC (as well as trining the Moon), which gives added significance to the Mundane Trine in October/November.

Neptune came to its Station on 9th October at 27°11' Capricorn. The Regiomontanus 6th Cusp for the time adopted is 27°21' Capricorn. The Koch 6th Cusp for the same time is 0°58' Aquarius, the Placidian 6th Cusp, 0°18' Aquarius, and the Campanus 6th, 23°14' Capricorn, none of which allows a Mundane Trine of Neptune to the MC..

Cheryl Kernot's dramatic change in her career is, naturally, reflected in her Cyclic Charts. Cheryl made her move in October 1997 when she was 48. Her 48th Harmonic Chart very appropriately shows Pluto at 11°34' of Gemini conjunct the Natal Midheaven at 13°0' Gemini, and opposite the Natal Sun at 13°21' of Sagittarius. The Solar Return and Age Synodic Charts which I have inspected likewise depict the alteration in her life.

Cheryl is now 49, and her 49th Harmonic Chart applies to her current personal year, 5 Dec.97—5 Dec.98. This Chart appears in the adjacent column.

The salient points are the Sun conjunct Neptune and the Moon conjunct Saturn, both conjunctions being in square to one another. It cannot be said that this configuration portrays brilliant achievements in the coming twelve months, which view is strengthened when one examines the 10th House (career, status, etc.): Venus, ruling Libra on the Cusp, at 5°8' Gemini



is square to the "floating" MC and Mercury and square to Natal Saturn at 6°5' Virgo. Furthermore, the MC itself, at 15°38' Libra is conjunct Natal Neptune at 14°41' Libra.

It appears, therefore, that Cheryl's career will be on hold during 1998.

In 1999, however, matters will be different. The Harmonic Chart for age 50 (5 Dec.98—5 Dec.99) shows Pluto (14°33' Pisces) at the Midheaven (18°24' Pisces) trine to Mercury ruling the Ascendant. I read from this an assumption of power for Cheryl, and full scope for her abilities in trenchant expression and rational persuasion. Mercury, closely sextile to Venus, will add grace and diplomacy to her articulation of policy. Jupiter, traditional Ruler of the Piscean Midheaven, is conjunct the Moon in the 11th House, lending weight to the prediction of a new position of authority and influence for her. This conjunction also shows public support, and a much increased income, the Moon ruling the House of Earnings.

So, not 1998, but 1999 will be the year of Cheryl Kernot's fulfillment and the flowering of her career. In her Natal Chart Cheryl has the Sun in Sagittarius right on the Lower Meridian trine to Pluto, plus Jupiter ruling the 4th (final issues) conjunct Mars and trine Saturn, so it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Cheryl Kernot will become Australia's first female Prime Minister.

—Dymock.

QN: What is a good Christmas present for an astrologer friend? ANS: A \$20 subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

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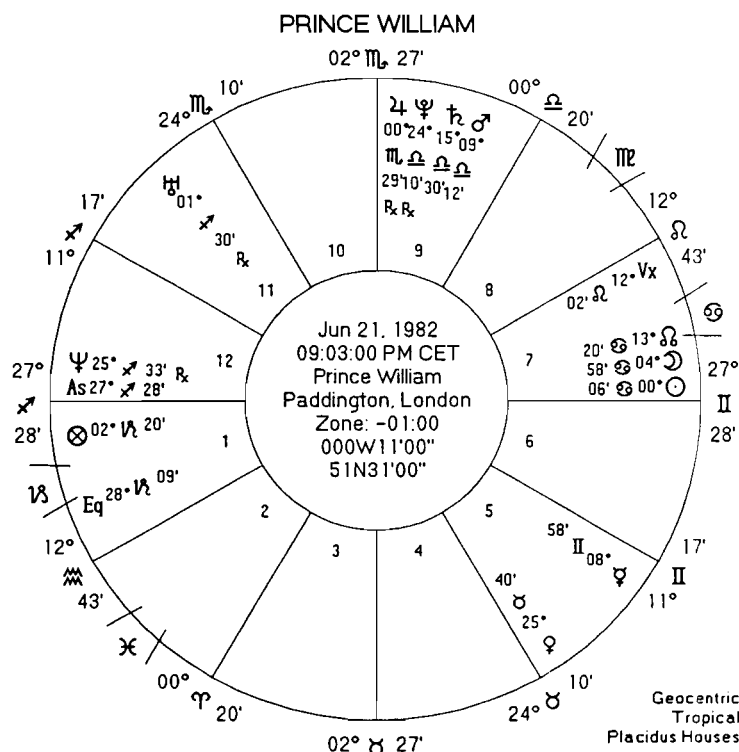
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PROFILE OF A PRINCE

by Allan Johnson

In view of the widespread public interest in the dramatic death of Princess Diana, the question has been raised about the possibility of Prince William becoming the next King. Public opinion polls show that this would go a long way to rehabilitate the image of the Royal Family which has been somewhat tarnished by the behaviour of Prince Charles. So it is worthwhile having a look at Prince William's Chart to see what the indications are. Prince William was born on the 21st of June 1982, 9:02pm BST in London. His mother's charisma has been astonishing, so it will be interesting to see how his stands up by comparison. They both have Sun in Cancer and Sagittarius rising. What does Destiny say about his future?



Neptune is in Sagittarius right on his Ascendant, so it does give him an outgoing personality but also a lot of sensitivity—more suitable for an artist or musician, but at the same time it could generate a lot of glamour. Add to this the placement of Jupiter right on his Midheaven in conjunction with Pluto. He won't shun

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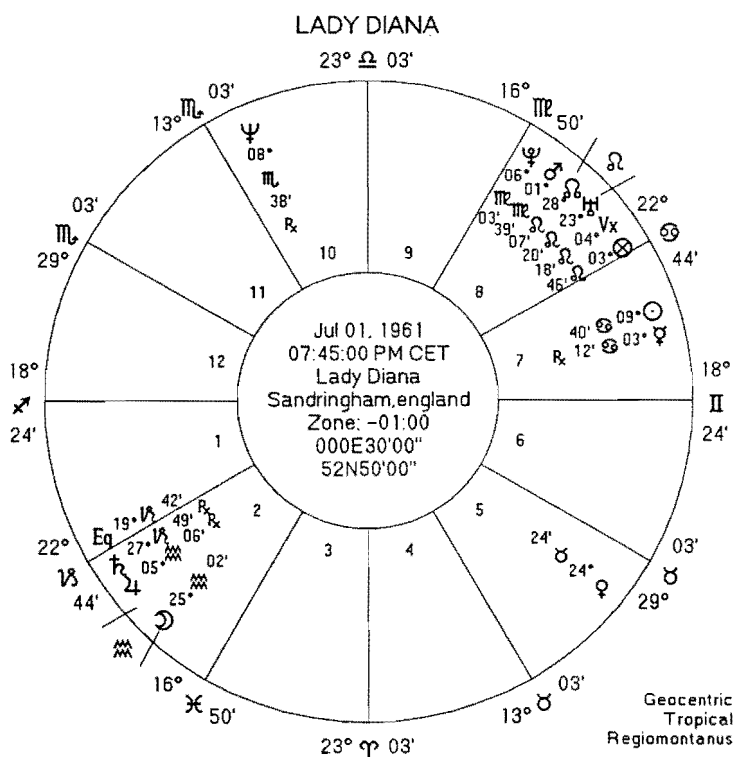
the limelight. So he is not really miscast for his future role. He will never be a recluse. There is nothing macho about his personality but the days are long since gone when monarchs led their armies into battle. So his type of temperament does fit in well with the type of monarch required for today's world—something more in the style of the film star. Neptune right on the Ascendant does suggest a lot of personal magnetism.

Looking at things more from a *destiny* point of view, Pluto and Scorpio have a strong connection with royal houses as they are linked with the hereditary principle. Scorpio is right on the M.C. and Pluto is virtually there due to its conjunction with Jupiter which is right on the M.C. Pluto is very much a fatalistic planet, so here it is playing a very strong part in his future destiny. Add this to the fact that Pluto is also part of the Yod pattern. The Yod is the "Finger of God", which does point very strongly to the fatalistic side of his life, and links Pluto with Neptune and Venus. Another interesting point is that William was born on the summer solstice, just after an eclipse. Eclipses have frequently been linked with fatalistic events in history. So we can see where fate is leading him. We don't get this type of fatalistic element so strongly in the Chart of his father, Prince Charles. The elevated Mars/Saturn conjunction in the 9th House also shows that a strong sense of duty is likely to be a powerful motivation in William's life.

So Prince William's Chart does make out a case for him to succeed Queen Elizabeth as the next Monarch, but I think there is little value at the present time in trying to predict when this will happen. However, there are some further points worth mentioning. He is not a macho type, and the Neptune rising points to a high degree of sensitivity, and although Neptune is much associated with art and music it also rules the sea. It has been traditional for Princes to enter the Services—so it

looks like the Navy for him—he is no rebel. The Sun is also in opposition to Neptune, which would give him a great love of the sea, plus the 9th House being heavily tenanted, and with Jupiter on the M.C. Another interesting point is that although his Sun is in Cancer, it is exactly on the Cusp of Gemini. I see this Cuspal position as giving him a lot of *adaptability*, a person who could fit in with his historic role without rocking the boat too much. So, seeing that Jupiter is conjunct his M.C. and exactly trining his Sun, I think he will go down in history as the “lucky King”.

Princess Diana's Chart —Where is the Fame?

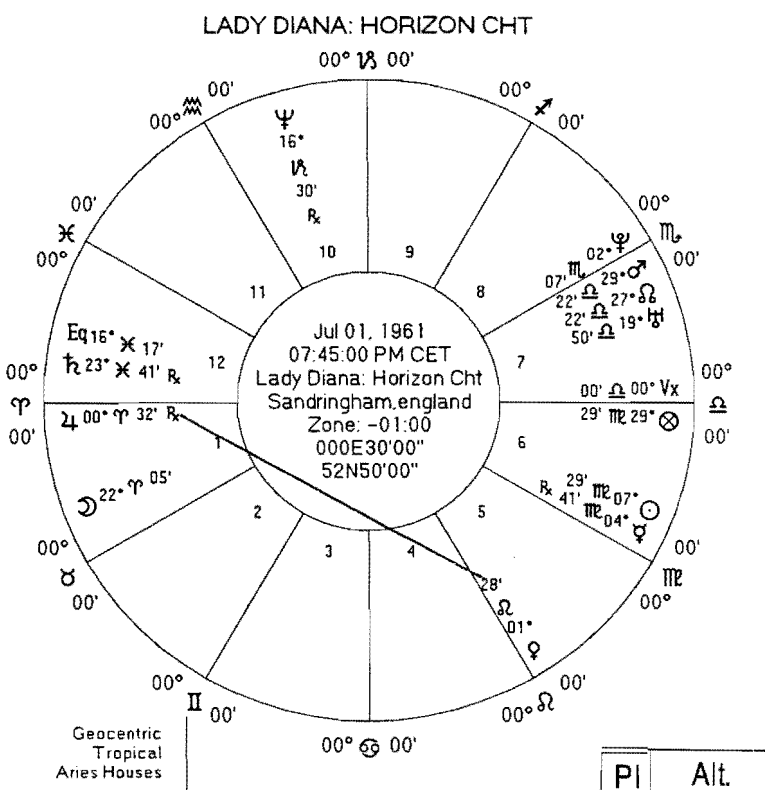


It seems true to say that Princess Diana was better known all over the world than any of the heads of state, international sports people, film stars, etc. This was due to the continuous media coverage—newspapers, magazines, television and radio. Her measure of fame has been unequalled in the present century, or perhaps in any century. One would therefore expect it to be obvious in the traditional Birth Horoscope (above). Fame is principally associated with the expansive planet, Jupiter, prominently placed and powerfully aspected.

In the Birth Chart above, Jupiter certainly is the Ruler, but is placed in a Succedent House, quincunx to Pluto and square to Neptune. These do indicate some measure of fame, but not on the scale of what actually

happened, while the rather wide conjunction with Saturn inclines to privacy and secrecy. Obviously, we have to look elsewhere for the indications we are seeking.

The answer lies in the **Horizon Chart**, which has the planets ranged around the horizon of the birth place instead of along the Ecliptic in the traditional way. This Chart appears below.



Jupiter is almost exactly on the East Point, and is in close trine to **Venus** which is also accentuated by being very close to the Nor-Nor-West compass point (equivalent to the normal 5th Cusp). This powerful position and aspect of Jupiter accounts for the widespread and continuous publicity as well as the public adulation that Princess Diana received. The power of the planets in a Horizon Chart varies directly with (1) their closeness to Cardinal compass points), (2) the strength of their Aspects to the other bodies, and (3) their altitude above the horizon. The Zodiacal Signs have no significance other than to facilitate the calculation of the Aspects.

Jupiter obviously scores highest, being in the most powerful position (conjunct the East point), closely trine to Venus, and only 25°12' below the horizon (see the Table). Venus is the next most powerful, being only 1°28' off an intermediate compass point, and 16°1' below the horizon.

A sinister feature of this Chart, though irrelevant for our present purpose, is the conjunction of Mars and

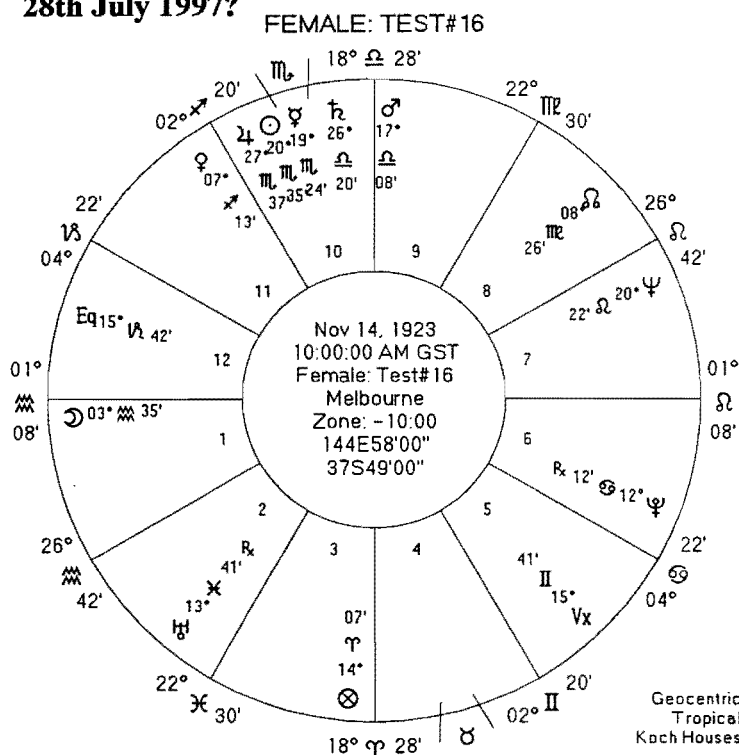
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♂	-25° 12'
♂	-21° 30'
♂	+32° 02'
♂	+23° 09'
♂	+46° 37'

Pluto on the 8th "Cusp" (horrific death).

—Dymock.

TEST NO.16

Ross Harvey has supplied a further exercise to challenge the skill of readers. The subject is a woman born 14th November 1923 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, at 10.00am AEST. Her Birth Chart appears below. She and her husband, who is retired (born 12th May 1917, approximately 4.00am AEST, Barraba, NSW, 30S21, 150E35) live near Gosford on the Central Coast. The coordinates of Gosford are 33S26, 151E20. They have three children, and she has three from her first marriage. The question is: **What happened to her on 28th July 1997?**



Ross notes optimistically, "This one should be fairly easy". Readers should remember that although it is pleasing to find the correct answer the main value of the exercise comes from the new insights and understanding that result from the investigative work needed. Please send your answers to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074**. The astrological reason for your answer should be included.

So that the solution can be published in the December Issue, entries should be in by **Thursday, November 27**. This will give about three weeks for readers to reach a conclusion, which should be sufficient time if you get cracking right away. Give the Test priority over the easy reading of pleasant but non-demanding astrological material. To allow some overseas subscribers about the same time for consideration of the problem (airmail from

Adelaide takes a week to reach them) I propose to send the Test by E-mail to those who have this facility as soon as the present Issue, No. 196, is published. Their replies may also be sent by E-mail to dymock@ozemail.com.au and I shall relay them to Ross.

A PLUS FOR ASTROLOGY!

On July 21, 1982, well-known Australian Astrologer, Richard Sterling wrote of Prince William in *The Australian Women's Weekly*, "Provided this young Prince survives the difficulties which will occur in babyhood, advance cycles in the Horoscope show that he will have to face some extremely adverse circumstances in 1997 and 1998 when he will be 15 to 16 years of age".

William's mother, the Princess Diana, died in the car crash on 31st August 1997.

[Magazine cutting supplied by Elaine Taylor (NSW)]

The Year 2000 Bug

Will it Affect Astrologers?

[from *Esoteric Technologies, Pty Ltd*, the creators of *Solar Fire, Solar Maps, Solar Spark*.]

Astrologers may rest assured that the infamous "Year 2000" or "Millennium" bug which has been reported widely in the press, is unlikely to cause any significant problem with astrological software on their home computers.

Unlike some other business applications that run on mainframe computers, astrological programs have always needed to be able to cope with dates in other centuries, including dates beyond the year 2000. They are invariably designed to store dates using all four digits of the year number. This means that astrological programs will continue to operate quite normally beyond the year 2000.

However, there is a small possibility that some PC owners will find that their computers' clocks reset themselves to the year 1900 at the end of the 31st December 1999. Generally, this is only likely to happen on older PC's, and it is not a serious problem, because all you will have to do is to set the computer's clock to the year 2000 (using the Date/Time utility in the Windows Control Panel, for example), after which there should be no further problem.

Of course, with the vast array of software available today, it is always possible that there will be some other program on your computer that does not work correctly after the year 2000, but we suspect that this will be very much the exception rather than the rule.

Date of the New Millenium

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Howard, has announced that the new Millenium will officially begin on January 1, 2001, not 12 months earlier as many had expected. "The year 2000 will be the last year in the current Century and Millenium. Both the 21st Century and the 3rd Millenium will begin on Monday, 1 January, 2001".

Confusion over the date of the dawn of each century stems from the beginning of the Christian era, when the year 1 BC was followed by 1 AD without a year zero. Without an official international body to determine the date, individual nations could be marking the millennium a year apart.

MP Barry Jones (former *Pick-a-Box* and *Sale of the Century* champion) said that in Britain the Millennium Commission has in fact made the mistake of celebrating the year 2000. "It's a matter of sheer logic because if you say the end of the millennium is 1999 you're actually creating two millenniums of unequal length, one of 1000 years and one of 999."

[Taken from *The Advertiser* Newspaper, Adelaide, 27th August 1997.]

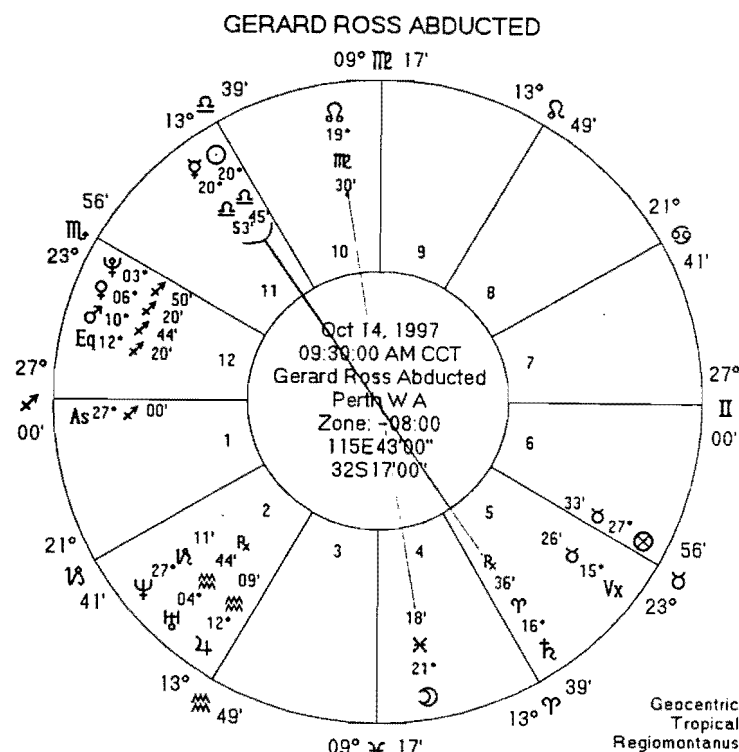
Solving Mysteries with the EVENT CHART

Event Charts are Horary Charts, with the distinction from the latter that they are not subject to the so-called "Strictures against Judgement", which the classicists regard as rendering a Horary Chart unreliable for assessing the outcome. When a horoscope is timed for an actual event, no such restrictions apply and it can be read without qualification, but still with all the facilities of judgement that are available for Horarys.

An example is the abduction of Gerard Ross, an 11-year old boy in West Australia, who disappeared on Tuesday morning, October 14, 1997. He was abducted in broad daylight when walking to a shop to buy comics. His body was found a fortnight later, on 29th October, in bushland South of Perth, about 16km from where he was last seen in Rockingham, 60km South of Perth.

The Figure in the adjoining column is an Event Chart, set for the time and place of Gerard's disappearance. If it were simply a Horary Chart, according to the "Strictures against Judgement" the late degree on the Ascendant would disqualify it from being read. As it is, the horoscope for the event depicts the tragic outcome of Gerard's abduction:

(1) Saturn in the House of Children opposite the Sun (destruction of the life force) and Saturn opposite Mercury, (offence against a child).



(2) The Moon in the House of Endings, ruling the House of Death, opposite the Moon's North Node, and therefore conjunct the South Node. Conjunction with the South Node is itself an indication of death, and being in the 4th House, and having regard to the Moon's rulership of the 8th House, signifies termination of the life.

(3) The Moon in Pisces applying by sextile to Neptune, Ruler of Pisces and the House of Endings. This connection with Neptune is strongly reinforced by the reciprocal effect of a Significator in a Sign being aspected by the Ruler of that Sign. Though the sextile is a relatively mild Aspect (though not necessarily a "good" one—which depends on the planets involved) the reciprocity makes it as strong as a Square.

(4) The 12th House becomes the House of Death for the boy through being the derived 8th House from the 5th (children), and it is tenanted by the two malefic Significators of death, Mars and Pluto, joint Rulers of the House.

(5) The Moon at 3°36' South Declination is contra-parallel Saturn at 3°59' North Declination.

The malefactor has not yet been found. It is obviously a man (the Sun opposite Saturn in the House of Children), and not one just passing through but living in the neighbourhood (Saturn ruling the 3rd House). I surmise that he will be discovered when Retrograde Saturn, having turned Direct, comes again to the opposition of the Sun, and Jupiter will be transiting the 4th House and the Moon. Both these events will happen in March 1998.

—Dymock.

The matter of the best House Cusps to use is again a matter of debate. If you have any experience in testing the different systems of domification, please send in your results.

QUESTION: What is a good present for an astrologer friend?
ANSWER: A subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*.

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REPORT ON TEST NO. 15

by Ross Harvey (NSW)

There were five entrants for Test No. 15. Despite two entrants having tried several times no one was correct, although Ken Gillman (USA) did pick that the event had something to do with overseas by using diurnal charts, and at his third attempt Jack Nicholls (Vic.) suggested that the event could have been to do with a journey, communication or hospitalization, and Margaret Millard (U.K) did suggest travel as part of her answer.

On the 27th of March this year, the couple left on a two months' world trip. As this wasn't a life-changing event for either, it was perhaps harder than I at first thought it was. Nevertheless it was possible to get close by using cyclic charts, as it was the most important event of the year for both.

Had I been attempting this Test myself I would have at first tried to tell whether the event was favourable or otherwise. The wife's Q1 KSR (the Progressed Birthday Solar Return) had the Ascendant conjunct Jupiter, and her 37th Lunar Return after birth had the Sun conjunct Mercury, Venus and Jupiter, and Pluto, which ruled the 9th House was conjunct the Radical MC. All of this was obviously very favourable, and indeed I had told her several years before that this year would be especially good because of the 37th Lunar Return. In her Transit Solar Return, the Sun ruled the (Koch) 9th and was trine Jupiter which ruled the Ascendant, while her Prenatal Precessed Solar Return had Uranus ruling the 9th and conjunct the MC.

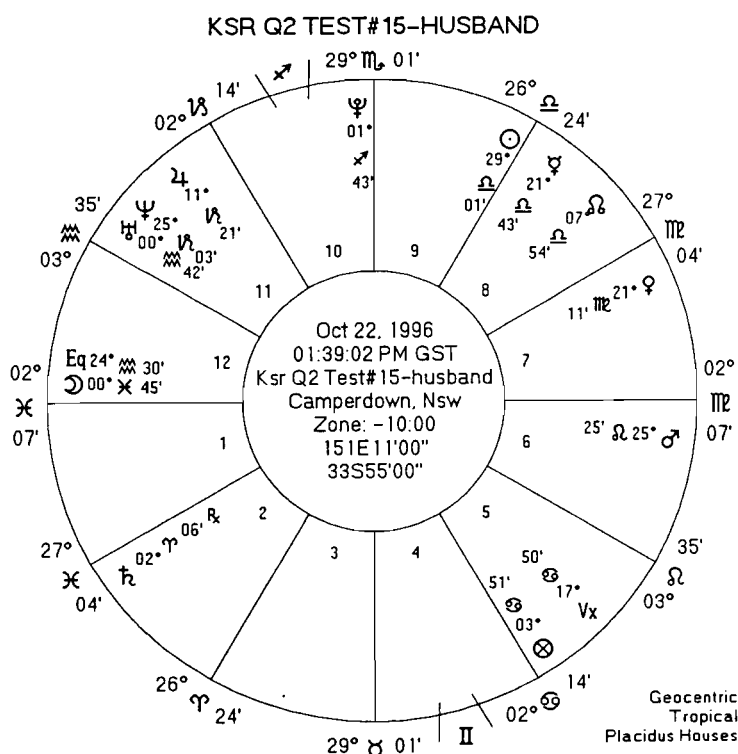
The 9th House emphasis was more clear in the husband's Chart. His Transit Solar Return had Venus and Mars conjunct the 9th Cusp, and Jupiter conjunct the 2nd, and Square Saturn (= considerable expense!), In his Q1 KSR the 9th Cusp was conjunct the Radical Sun. In his Q2 KSR, which gave the clearest indications, the Sun was conjunct the 9th Cusp and trine the Moon on the Ascendant, and the Ruler of the 9th (for the Placidus Cusp), Venus, was trine Neptune which ruled the Ascendant. If Koch Cusps were used,

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the Sun was closer to the 9th Cusp, and Pluto, its Ruler, was conjunct the MC. I have had just this indication myself in a Q2 KSR for an overseas trip.

What we can all learn from this Test is the importance of planets conjunct the Cusps of the various Solar



Returns and, as well, the importance of both types of KSRs.

Ross continues with the following interesting comments on CUSPS:

I've been looking again at Koch Cusps, despite my having rejected them some time ago. In particular, I have been looking at the 2nd Cusp in the charts of the

rich, and nine times out of ten it is the Koch Cusp that is in aspect to Jupiter. Princess Diana had Koch Cusp 2 very closely semi-octile Jupiter, but the 2nd Placidian Cusp conjunct Saturn (!). Prince Charles has Koch Cusp 2 trine Jupiter; the Queen has Koch Cusp 2 mundane conjunct Jupiter; Elton John has Koch Cusp 2 sextile Jupiter and semisquare Pluto, and so on. Perhaps it's all more complicated than I thought.

And re Diana's death:

Regarding Princess Diana, her Solar Return had the Ascendant conjunct Mars which ruled the 7th and 8th; her Q1 KSR had the Ascendant conjunct Mars, opposite Saturn and square Neptune; her 36th Harmonic had the Ascendant conjunct Neptune and opposite Uranus and square Pluto, and Saturn opposite her Radical Sun. If the Chart Angles were Progressed with the Solar Arc in Right Ascension, her Secondary Progressed Ascendant would have been conjunct p.Saturn in December, and her birth time would have had to be only a very little later to make this close enough to the event. At her death p.Saturn was 25° Cap $13'$, and the p.Ascendant 24° Cap $35'$.

Had I known before that her parents had separated when she was six, and that that was the most traumatic event of her childhood, I might have made the correlation with the Life-Span Revolution *p.Sun* conjunct *Pluto*, which is always a disaster. This gave a life span of 35.5 years [Diana died aged 36]. Even had she lived to be 80, this conjunction must have happened before she was seventeen, and so the separation was the most likely event to which the conjunction could have related. As it was I had no definite dates for her before her engagement, and so I wasn't expecting an early death.

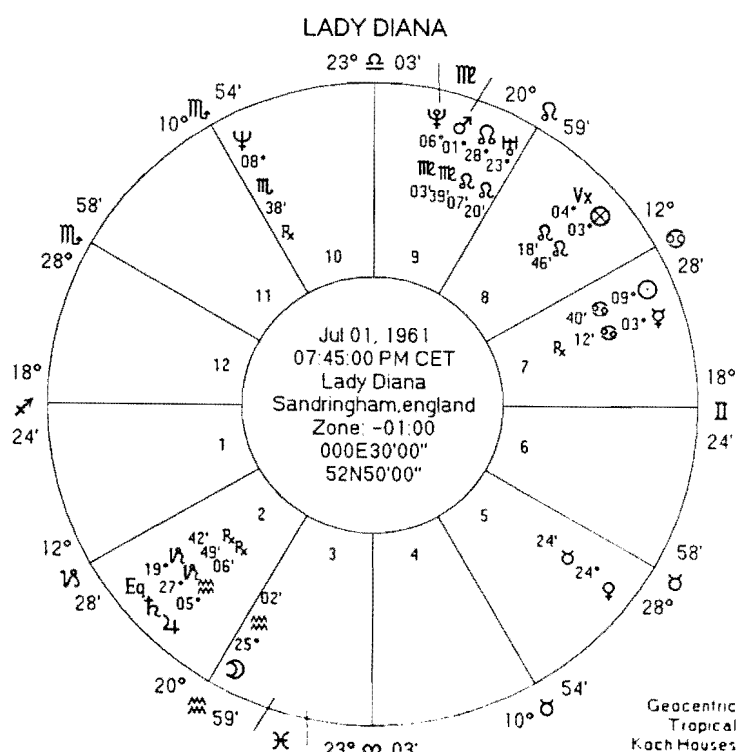
Her Birth Chart should have had some indication of her early death. As I said in the original article, the LSRev can't be reliably used for people who die young. There must be some indication in the chart. As it is, with Placidus Cusps, I can't see anything, but then I tried Koch: The Sun, which rules the 9th, is conjunct the 8th Cusp (orb $2^{\circ}48'$), and is semisquare Uranus which is on the 9th Cusp and rules the 3rd, and is itself opposite the Moon on the 3rd Cusp, ruling the 8th. All very clear for death in a traffic accident abroad.

Those CUSPS Again!

Ross Harvey has raised the point that if Koch Cusps are used on Princess Diana's Chart then a group of Significators (Uranus, Moon's North Node, Mars and Pluto) appear in the 9th instead of the 8th House as

with Placidian, Regiomontanus and Topocentric Houses (apart from others). Ross points out that with Koch domification, the Sun rules the 9th House (travel abroad), is $2^{\circ}48'$ from the 8th Cusp (death), and is semisquare Uranus on the 9th Cusp, ruling the 3rd (short trips). Uranus is itself opposite the Moon on the 3rd Cusp, ruling the 8th, "all very clear for death in a traffic accident abroad".

The question of the "best" House System is a perennial one, though it has not bothered a lot of astrologers who simply use what they have been introduced to in the early stages of their learning, and others, the "cosmobiologists" don't use any. My own thought on the matter is that almost any House system is better than none, but undoubtedly some are better than others, at least for certain purposes. It is seldom we see such a clear demonstration of difference between the House systems as in the above instance—Koch as against Placidian and others. I recently changed from Placidian to Regiomontanus Cusps, having discovered evidence of their validity in several charts on which I was working. Before that, I used Placidian all the time for many years, and before that Topocentric. Just as I begin to feel comfortable with the Regiomontanus Cusps the question arises again. In view of the evidence brought forward by Ross I am now tempted to change once more and use Koch Cusps as the standard procedure. Here is Princess Diana's Birth Chart drawn with Koch Cusps.



In addition to the point raised by Ross, the accumulation of Malefics in the 9th House is very appropriate for the well-publicized trouble Diana had with her in-laws, the Royal Family, and also correlates with her extensive travels abroad..

This is a good case for Koch in the present instance. Will the question remain forever open? Readers are invited to add their experience to this discussion. If you have good grounds for preferring one House system over another, please let us hear from you.

—Dymock.

The Bija Rate of Progression

by Elva Howson (Vic)

Regarding the death of Princess Diana, your statement "The more usual Progressions/Directions yielded nothing of importance" may well be considered close to correct if one uses the most popular method of Secondary Progression based on one mean Solar day after birth equals one year of life. For some years I too have been disappointed with charts and the results from that method, and now use the more correct measure of one *Sidereal Day* equals one year of life. *Solar Fire* produces these charts by the selection of the Bija rate of Progression, and various preferred methods of Progressed Angles (I use MC Progressed by Solar Arc).

The Bija rate, as it is called, is slightly slower than the more commonly used rate, and when this is applied to Princess Diana's Chart shows strong and applicable planetary contacts for her accidental demise:

p.As ☐ p.♀ (orb 10'), p.♂ < p.♂ (1'), p.♂ ≈ n.♂ (15'), p.♂ ≈ n.♂ (27'), p.♂ ≈ n.♂ (26'), p.♂ ≈ n.♂ (30').

None of these is partile but all are within 30' of orb. Astrologers who have researched a large number of events over many years know that only rarely do we find Secondary Progressed Aspects exact on the date of an event but we do know that a catalyst uniting the Progressed planetary energies will be present in a major event. Such catalysts are any, or all, of the following: Secondary Moon, the Eclipse Chart, a Lunation or strong Transit contacts. The above-mentioned Bija rate-Secondary Moon for Diana on the day of the accident/death shows these very tight contacts:

p.♂ ☐ p.♂ (0°orb), p.♂ ☐ p.♂ (1'), p.♂ ≈ n.♂ (15'), p.♂ ≈ n.♂ (2'). ♂ rules the Natal 4th Cusp, and the ♀ rules the Natal 8th Cusp.

Over a period of some 12 years I have written and lectured on the importance of considering the Eclipse CHART as opposed to merely the degree of the Eclipse

itself, and this event once again shows the value of adopting this procedure. Once the three Charts are placed on a Tri-wheel the overall picture satisfies me that the combined planetary energies tell the story of the event. For the sake of brevity I will not go into further detail but leave it for readers to examine the Charts for additional indications of the tragedy.

[The Tri-wheel referred to by Elva appears on Page 4]

MORE ON THE ECLIPSE

by Clair Bunnett (Vic)

In response to your excellent astrological analysis of the death of Princess Diana (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 194), I would like to add a note concerning the partial Solar Eclipse that occurred at 9°34' Virgo (00:52am 2 Sep. 1997, London Summer Time), two days after the death crash.

The Solar Eclipse at 9°34' Virgo was linked with Transiting Mercury Retrograde at 6°53' Virgo. This approaching planetary configuration could have affected Princess Diana's Natal Mars at 1°39' Virgo and Pluto at 6°53' Virgo, both placed in the 8th House (death) of her Natal Chart.

The death crash partook of the nature of Mars and Pluto, as it occurred in an armoured car (Mars), and in a tunnel underground (Pluto).

Misunderstandings complicated the short journey—a change of car, a change of driver, and the paparazzi (Transiting Mercury Retrograde).

No astrologers forecast this tragedy in 1997. However, astrologers were aware that, with Mars and Pluto in conjunction in the 8th House of her Natal Chart, Princess Diana's eventual death was likely to be both sudden (Mars) and fated (Pluto).

PRIMARY DIRECTIONS

RUDOLF SMIT (Netherlands) using the system of Primary Directions (known here as P.E.A.—Primary Event Analysis) initiated by his countryman Wim van Dam, has supplied the following Primary Directions relating to the death of Princess Diana:

Forward Primaries:

Vx♂♂ (3' orb). ♂ < ♀.

Converse Primaries:

As ☐ ♀ (Ruler 8th). As ☐ ☉ (Co-Ruler 8th)

♀ (Ruler 8th) ☐ ♂. As ♀♀.

If the time of the birth is adjusted to 30 seconds earlier, then — As ☐ ♀ (8th Ruler, in 8th).

Inner Wheel

Solar Eclipse 1/9/97**Natal Chart**

1 Sep 1997

11:51:44 PM GMT +0:00

London, U.K.

51N32 000W07

*Geocentric**Tropical**Placidus**True Node*

Middle Wheel

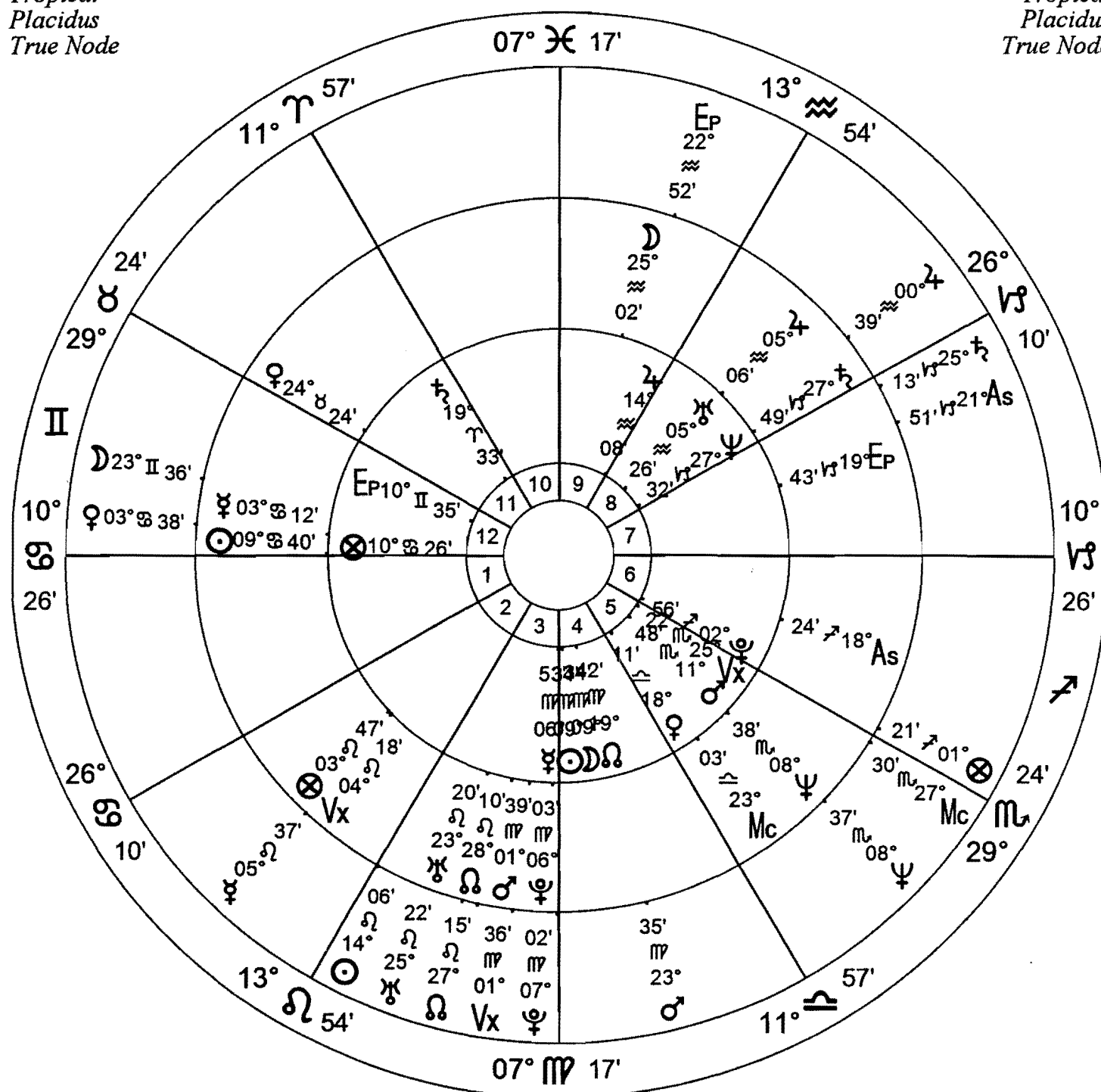
Princess Diana**Natal Chart**

1 Jul 1961

7:45 PM CET -1:00

Sandringham

52N50 000E30

*Geocentric**Tropical**Placidus**True Node***Outer Wheel: Princess Diana, Secondary Progression by Bija Rate.****MC Directed by Solar-Arc in Longitude.**

31 Aug 1997, 2:30 am CET (-1:00 Hr) Sandringham, 52N50, 000E30.

Geocentric. Tropical. Placidus. True Node

How far away? Mercury at 29°46', 10th House, and Venus, Ruler of the 4th House (the grave), at 24°10', suggest 24 kilometres away. This distance South-

South-East of Parramatta gives us the Heathcote, Royal National Park area.

3. Who was responsible?

7th-House Ruler, Jupiter, in the 8th House, the derived 11th House from Mercury in the 10th, suggests an ex-friend, someone close to the family. With the Saturn/Jupiter/MarsYod, perhaps a neighbour is involved in some way, the presence of three planets and the Vertex in the House of "money from others", linked to the Mars neighbour, suggesting a Scorpionic lover or ex-lover (Mars ruling the 5th). The Ruler of the 7th House is not only the enemy, but also a partner. So what is the connection? Libel laws prevent further comment.

4. Further Thoughts.

Arabic Parts:

The Ascendant, 23°Gem1', exactly conjoins the *Part of Danger or Peril*, 23°Gem1'.

Mars, 17°Vir8', opposes the *Part of Catastrophe*, 16°Pis10'.

Fixed Stars:

Venus, 24°Tau10', conjoins Capulus, 24°Tau9', "Male, sexual, and/or aggressive".

Saturn, 14°Ari38', conjoins Alpheratz, 14°Ari15', "Wanting freedom and movement".

The Sun, 15°Tau30', conjoins Menkar, 14°Tau16', "A victim of the unconscious".

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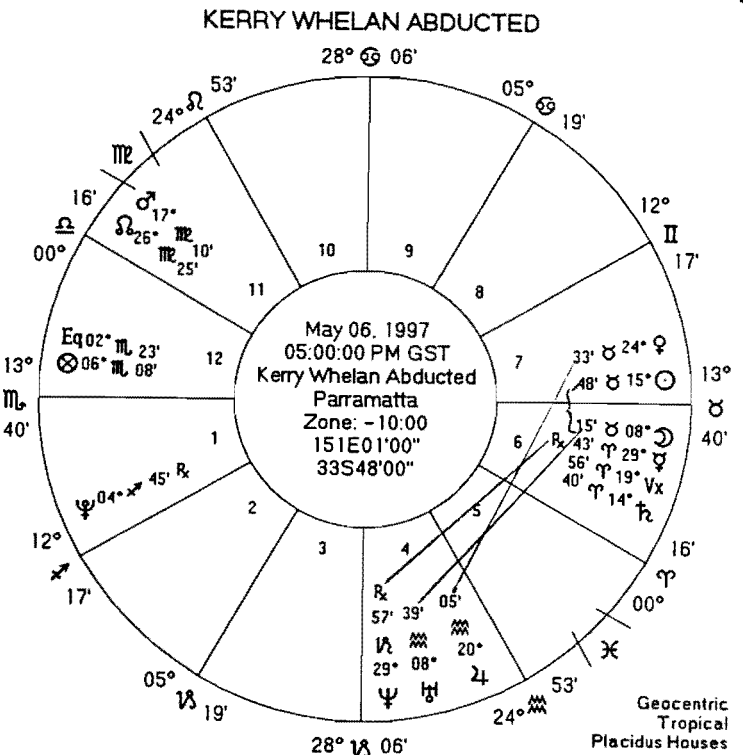
The Horary Astrologer, Issue 12, *Murders, Missing People, Death*, Jan 1992, P.11.

Solar Fire interpretations of the Arabic Parts and Fixed Stars.

KERRY WHELAN: ABDUCTION CHART

Another relevant Chart for the disappearance of Mrs Kerry Whelan is the one in the next column, for the time when it was noticed that she was missing—about 5pm on 6th May.

In general terms, this Chart is more forbidding than the one analysed above by Rob Polglase. The violent and extreme Sign, Scorpio, rises, with the Ascending degree being opposed by a conjunction of both Luminaries. The malefic planet, Neptune (mystery, disappearance), is retrograde on the 4th Cusp (endings, the grave), and is very closely squared by Mercury Retrograde in Aries, another violent Sign, and ruling



the House of Death.

The 4th House also holds Uranus at 8°Aqu39', in very close square to Mrs Whelan's Co-Significator, the Moon, at 8°Tau15'. This could be read, literally, as a sudden (Uranus) end (4th House) to the unfortunate victim (the Moon).

Mrs Whelan here has two other Significators—Mars in Virgo and Pluto in Sagittarius, Co-Rulers of the Ascendant. Mars occupies the Sign, Virgo, and rules the 6th House. Both Sign and House are associated with servants or subordinates, which immediately raises the question, is an employee involved? As Mars is trine to the Sun, it would be a male employee.

Mars in Virgo is in Mutual Reception with Mercury in Aries, thus linking the two planets, which together are much associated with accidents and injury. Mars at 17°Vir10' is right on the Critical Degree, 17°Vir9' ("the end of one phase of activity and the beginning of another"—Anthony Louis), and Mercury rules the House of Death, as already mentioned.

The Moon is *combust* (destroyed by) the Sun, a further indication that the kidnapping was followed by murder.

What was the motive for the abduction (and probable slaying) of Mrs Whelan, and who is the guilty party? The Chart gives multiple indications to its being a crime of passion:

1. There are *three* Rulers of the 5th House (romantic love): Uranus, ruling the Sign on the Cusp, Jupiter and Neptune ruling the Intercepted Sign. All three

have significant Aspects connecting them with the victim or the crime: Uranus, 8°Aqu39', is square the Moon at 8°Tau15'; Neptune, 29°Cap57', squares Mercury (dispositor of the victim's Significator, Mars) at 29°Ari42'; Jupiter at 20°Aqu5' squares Venus (in and ruling the House of the perpetrator) at 24°Tau 32'.

2. Venus at Declination 18°40'N is contraparallel Uranus at 18°41'S (emotional tension).

3. The Node of Mars at 26°Sco25' (See *Astrologers' Forum* #180, July 1996) is opposed by Venus at 24°33' ("sudden outburst of extreme passion").

4. The Sun on the 7th Cusp, signifying a male partner—or enemy—and ruling the House of acquaintances and friends, is trine Mars, Mrs. Whelan's Significator.

5. Venus, ruling the House of partners and opponents, at 24°Tau 33' is precisely opposite the Arabic Part of Divorce, 24°Sco33', the opposition symbolizing the loss of a personal tie.

Who is the guilty party? The square of Neptune to Mercury draws attention as the most significant Aspect, because (1) it is nearly exact (orb only 15') and (2) Neptune is right on the Lower Meridian. Its Angular position adds greatly to its power. Mercury disposes Mrs Whelan's Primary Significator, Mars, and rules the House of Death. Symbolically, Mercury has "disposed" of Kerry Whelan by causing her death. Neptune co-rules the 5th House (lover or would-be lover) and is at the Midpoint Sat/Asc, 29°Cap10', Saturn ruling the House of Endings, the Ascendant signifying Mrs Whelan. Another Arabic Part that bears on the matter is the *Part of Treachery* at 27°Can50', which is conjunct the Midheaven (orb 15'): A former lover turned against her?—the midpoint of Mercury and Neptune is 14°Pis49', which is conjunct the *Part of Passion*, 15°Pis3'.

All this leads to the conclusion that Mrs Whelan's abductor was someone known to her, an ex-lover or infatuated admirer and would-be lover, and the reported ransom demand (Jupiter/Saturn, 17°Pis22' opposite Mars, 17°Vir10') was merely a blind to throw investigators off the trail.

We might read further aspects of the crime from two other Arabic Parts related to midpoint positions of the significant planets:

The *Part of Bondage*, 27°Lib23', opp. Moo/Sat, 26°Ari27': Close confinement of the victim.

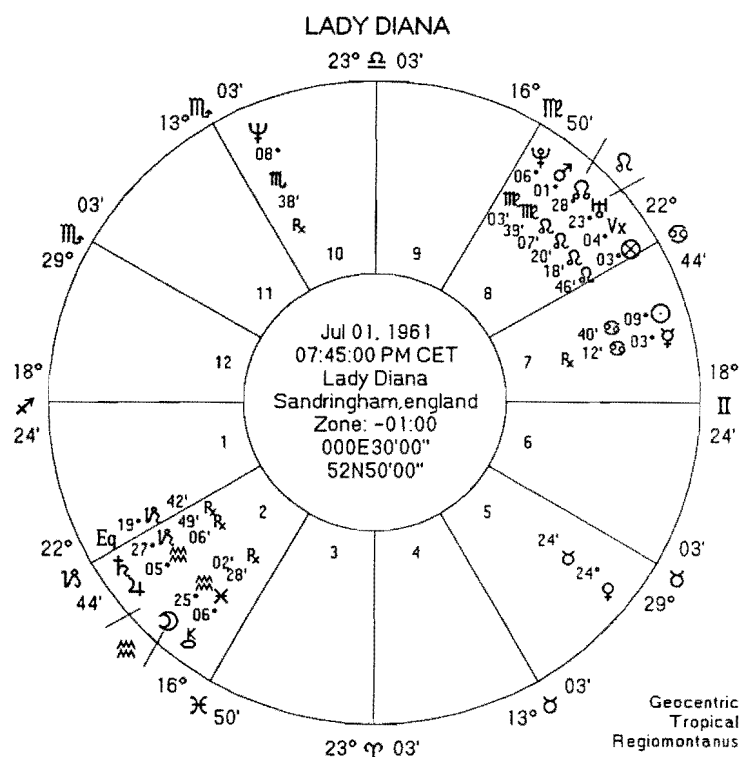
The *Part of Death*, 20°Sag21', cj. Ura/Ep, 20°Sag31' and Nep/Asc, 21°Sag48': Death coming suddenly, possibly by gas poisoning—maybe carbon-monoxide

exhaust fumes in a car. Neptune (gas) is square Mercury (car). Ominous times on the 6th May were 6:10pm, when the Ascendant came to Pluto, and 8:11pm when the Midheaven reached Mars.

It is now nearly four months since the disappearance of Mrs Whelan. Will the case be solved? I should say, yes: The Sun on the Descendant square Jupiter and trine Mars will bring the facts to light. I speculate on the 11th November, about 2½ months from date of writing, when Mercury transits the place of Pluto in the Chart.

—Dymock, 31 August 1997.

Vale PRINCESS DIANA



The world today (31st August 1997) is in a state of shock following the death in Paris of Lady Diana, Princess of Wales. Her glittering career was cut short at the age of 36 in a high-speed car crash in Paris, along with her new lover, Egyptian Prince Dodi al-Fayed and his bodyguard. Princess Diana's bodyguard survived, seriously injured.

It seems true to say that "Di" was the most photographed woman of our time, and was known to millions of people the world over, including many who would probably have difficulty in recalling the names of celebrated Prime Ministers.

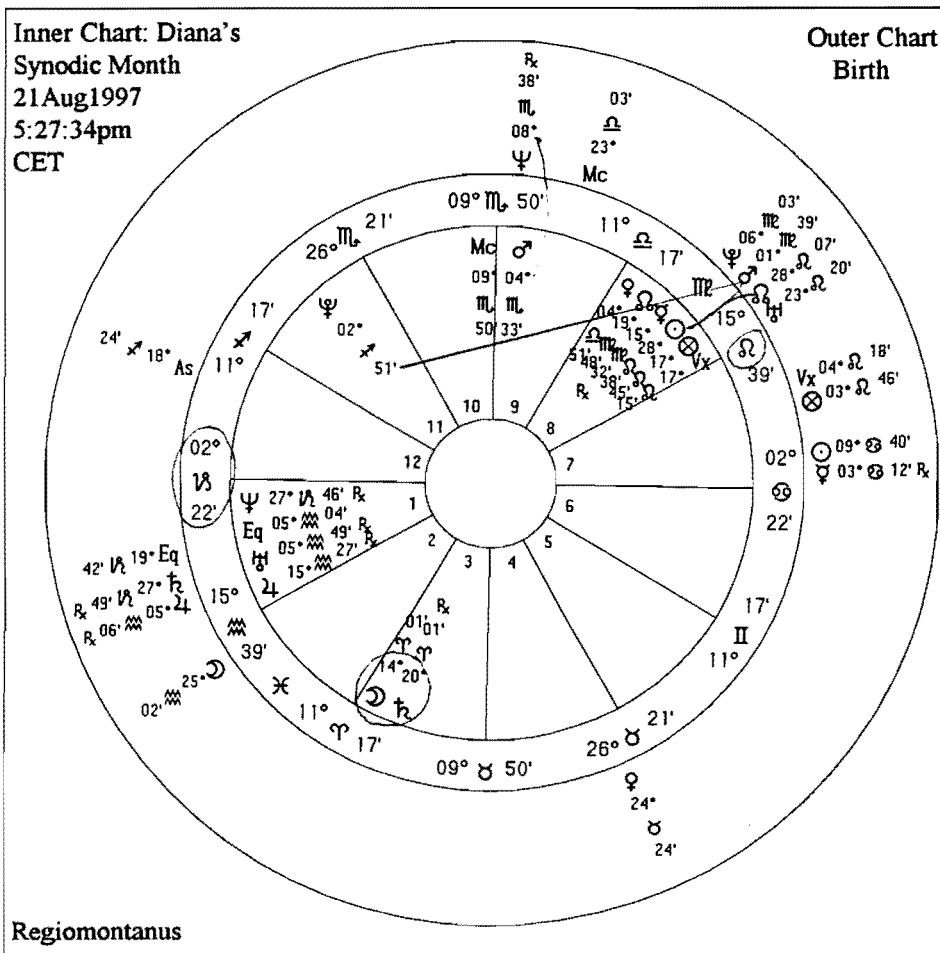
With all this publicity, and the close attention of numerous "Royal Watchers", it is extraordinary that not one English astrologer, for example, foresaw and gave warning of this calamity that has touched the lives and hearts of millions.

The natural response of an astrologer, once the initial shock has subsided, is to investigate the Natus and its current derivatives. The Birth Figure is above.

The Chart most clearly indicative of the fatality is the Month Synodic (Moon/Sun Phase Return) of 21st August, which was ten days before the event. It is shown below with the Natal Chart around it.

Inner Chart: Diana's
Synodic Month
21 Aug 1997
5:27:34pm
CET

Outer Chart
Birth



Regiomontanus

The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in the House of Roads and Vehicles is immediately obvious, and a bad omen to start with, particularly as Saturn is the Ruler of the Ascendant. The Ruler of the House Cusp is Mars, which is the planet most associated with accidents and physical injuries. Mars conjoins Natal Neptune on the Meridian, and Pluto is in close square to Natal Mars ("violent assaults and injuries"). Thus the accent on Mars is doubled. The threat of physical injury and even death is confirmed by the position of the Sun, ruling and occupying the House of Death, conjunct the Moon's Node in the Birth Chart. Conjunction with the Moon's Node is widely recognized as an indication of fatality.

All this is clearly visible, yet not one astrologer has observed and warned about it. Are they looking at the wrong Derived Chart, or not looking at all? There is today so much emphasis on "psychological"

interpretations and vague unprovable assumptions that many astrologers are forgetting to assess the basic physical requirement of being alive and alerted to the physical hazards of everyday life.

I recommend all serious astrologers to study Horary and Event Charts, to bring their astrology down to earth and make it of practical use to their clients.

Reverting to the Synodic Chart, if we look further several other warning factors appear:

Mars/Asc, 3°Sag25', conj. Pluto, 2°Sag 50', (accident, violence).

Mars/Sat 27°Cap17' opp. Natal Saturn, 27°Cap48' (injury, death).

Arabic Part of Death 4°Tau0' Opp. Mars 4°Sco33'

Node of Pluto 19°Cap11' Sq. Saturn 20°Ari 1' (destructive energy).

Diana's Synodic Chart for Age 36 (20th June 1964, 4:00:56am CET),

shows the power of those often neglected Personal Points the Vertex, the Part of Fortune, and the Equatorial Ascendant (or EP). The Natal positions of these Points are, respectively, 4°Leo17', 3°Leo46', and 19°Cap42', and in the Age Synodic Chart the Vertex and Part of Fortune are closely conjunct the 3rd Cusp (Roads and Vehicles) while the Eq.As is right on the 8th Cusp (Death). Thus these supremely important areas of Diana's life were heavily emphasized and brought to the foreground this

year. The violent accident is portrayed by a T-Square of Mars to Saturn and Uranus (very indicative!) and Uranus (6°Vir51') conjunct Natal Pluto (6°Vir3').

As regards Progressions/Directions, the only one of importance relating to the accident was Pluto square Sun by Ascendant-Arc. Though the only one, it was sufficient—Pluto, The Destroyer, cutting off the life (Sun). The more usual Progressions/Directions yielded nothing of importance.

This is not to say that even if the parties in this tragedy had been forewarned, the outcome would necessarily have been different. Many people either disregard or forget warnings. But it is a mistake to think we have no power to modify our destiny by the exercise of our intelligence, wisdom and initiative. Many difficulties or hurts, major and minor, can be avoided or reduced by simple precautions.

I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.

—Dymock. 1st September 1997.

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THE CAREER OF TONY BLAIR

by Allan Johnson

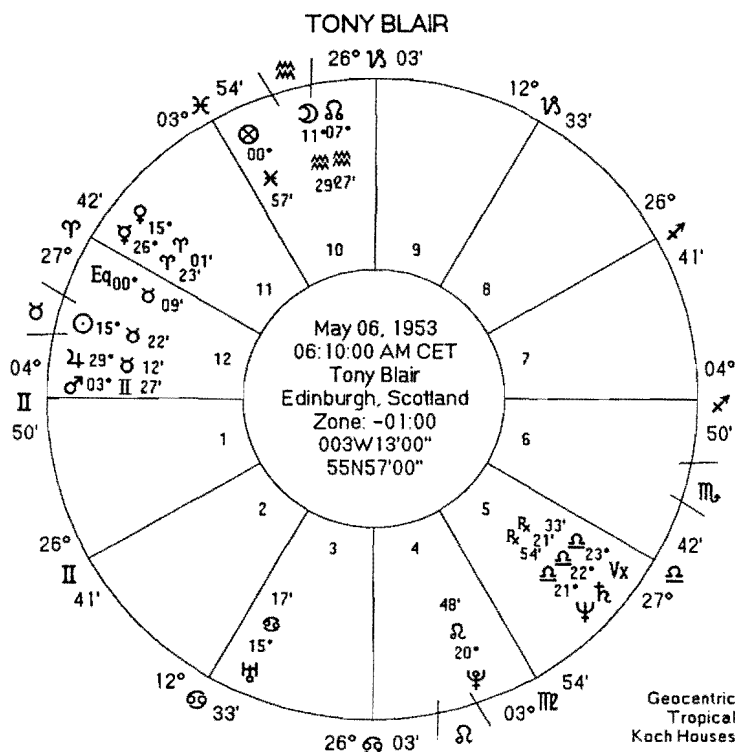
In my previous look at Tony Blair's Chart I concentrated on his Election possibilities for early '97 (June, '96, Issue 179). Just about everybody correctly predicted that he would become Prime Minister as a lot of things were pointing in that one direction. But having won the Election with a landslide majority, the next thing to consider is how successful he is likely to be in his aims, and this is where his Chart could provide a few answers. So I will have a look at his Progressions and Transits in the period through to the end of the Century. I think the best way to do this is to check out the major configurations in his Chart and to see how these are activated.

What I have found in political charts is that we will seldom find planets in Water Signs, and this Chart is no exception, with only Uranus in Cancer. None of the personal planets or the Angles are in Water Signs. What this means is that political figures have to be *extroverts* to cope with that style of life. Also political figures frequently have T-Square patterns as these provide the dynamism that such a competitive type of career requires. This Chart again is no exception as it has two T-Squares—one Cardinal (Venus, Mercury, Uranus, Neptune, Saturn) and one Fixed (Moon, Sun, Pluto).

Taking the Progressions first, the Sun is the major factor as this gives the general pattern of the life. Over the next few years it is not making any drastic aspects and this correlates with the fact that he has a very safe majority in the House. Right now the Progressed Sun is in the last degrees of Gemini, which puts it in the Aquarian decanate, and in '99 it will move into Cancer, and of course the Cancer decanate. I have done a lot of research with these Progressed Decanates, and find them very effective. So in 1999 we should see some changes of direction for Tony Blair. We can see the quite contrasting natures of Aquarius and Cancer. Aquarius is the individualist approach—"I'll do it my way"—and he has done just that, despite a lot of criticism from his own Party. But as the Sun moves in Cancer we will see a more cautious approach. Although it

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is a Water Sign, Cancer can be more down-to-earth in a sense, more related to the domestic side, and of course this means a sharper focus on welfarism. He could be under a lot of pressure from the Left in the Party on this issue. So '99 could be a more difficult year for him. And the Transits emphasize this too. In addition, Progressed Mars makes the semi-square to Pluto in the 4th House, which is a correlation. But I see all this as more of an internal Party upheaval, but not necessarily a threat to his leadership.

Looking at the Transits in detail, it is Uranus that is the key planet. It will conjunct the Moon in '98 and square the Sun in '99, and oppose Pluto in the year 2000. The 10th and 4th Houses are involved, which have to do with his career and public standing as well as the domestic side of his life. In addition, Saturn in

Aries will be connecting with the Cardinal T-Square and then moving on to Sun in Taurus and the link with the Fixed Signs. So all this points to some strife and difficulties in Blair's term as Prime Minister—not a smooth ride despite his landslide victory at the polls. It points to the factions in the Party itself and Blair's attempt to recast the Party's orientation. Basically he is a Sun-Taurus and therefore a very stubborn man, so I feel he will ride out these storms and end his term in the new Century on a much more comfortable level. Over these years the planet Neptune will also be in his 10th House, which could put him in the headlines quite a bit. Neptune has a lot to do with mass publicity.

There remains only Pluto to deal with, and this is always associated with dramatic events. The Mutable Signs are not emphasised so much in Blair's Chart, except for Mars in Gemini on his Ascendant. Pluto is right on his Descendant now and opposite Mars. I think this applies very much to all the drama of his being elected earlier this year with his landslide victory, and the fact that 101 women were elected to his team, plus all the early pressures of taking Office, and so on. I think Pluto will not affect him much in the long term, and will not make any impact on the upheavals that are likely to arise in the years 1999 and 2000. So I would predict that he will still be at the head of affairs in the U.K. at the dawning of the new Century.

Try Your Skills on This One!

TEST #15

In the adjoining column are the Birth Charts of a husband and wife, both born in Camperdown, NSW, on 8 Sep. 1951 and 2 May 1959 respectively. He is a draftsman, and she a part-time office worker. His parents are dead, and so is her mother. They both have brothers and sisters. They do not have children. They own their own house, which they are doing up themselves.

What happened to both of them on the 27th of March this year (1997)?

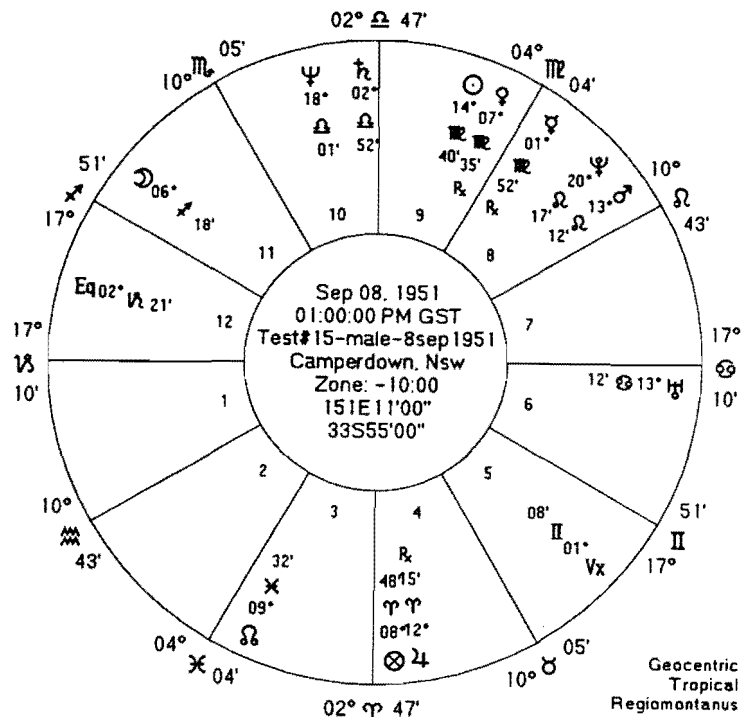
It was the most significant event for both of them since their last birthdays.

This exercise comes from Ross Harvey, so please send your answers directly to him at 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia. 2074, or you can E-mail your answers to me at dymock@ozemail.com.au.

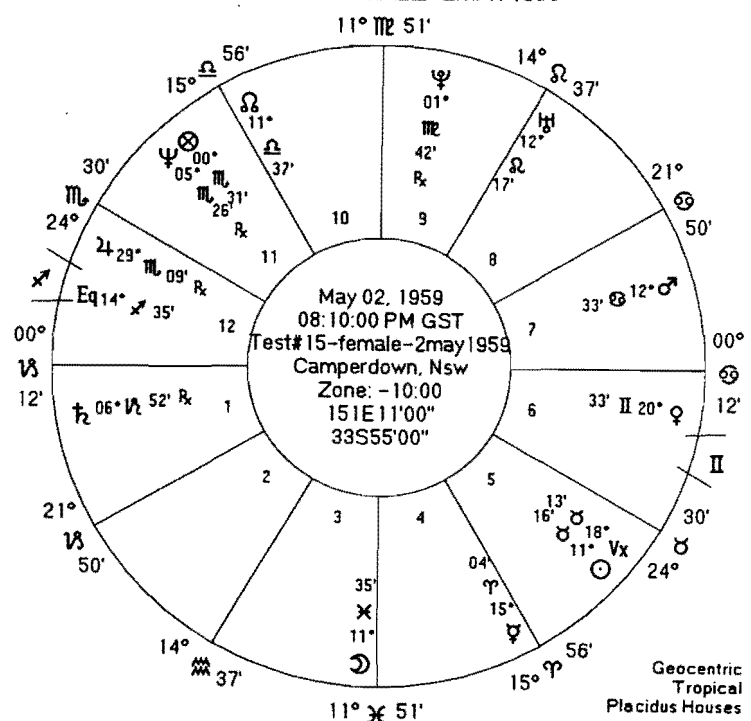
The closing date for answers will be 15th Sep. 1997, which I hope gives you sufficient time (about five weeks for overseas readers and six weeks locally). The astrological basis for your answers should be given as evidence that it is not just a guess.

I realize it is a more laborious task for readers who

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TEST#15-FEMALE-2MAY1959



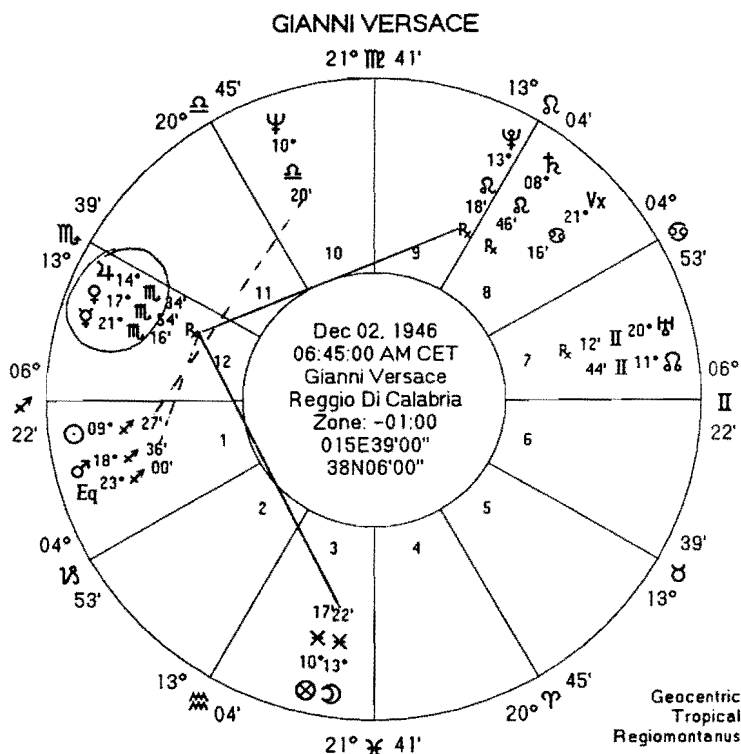
don't have access to a computer. If you send me a couple of stamps I will post back to you any one of the following Cyclic Charts, applicable to the date of the event, which will help you in finding the answer—the Solar Return, the Age Harmonic, the Synodic (Annual) Chart or the Lunar Return.

Re Test #13, just concluded, I am pleased to report that, in a late entry, Shirley Gray (Michigan) was successful in finding the date (1st January 1996) of the brother's suicide. Shirley based her inference principally on the Solar Return and the monthly Synodic

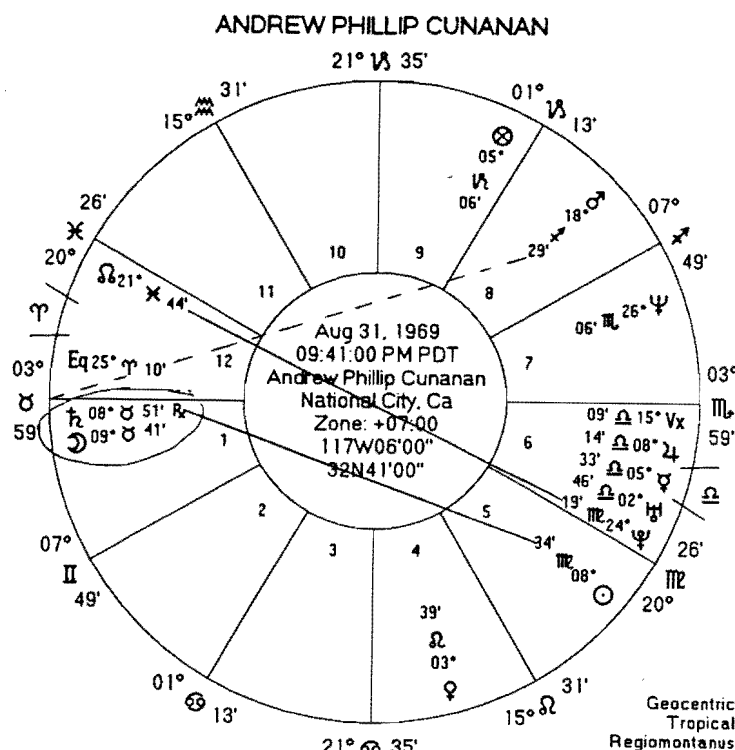
Chart. In brief, the Solar-Return Chart of 4 Dec.1996 has Mercury conjunct Natal Mercury in the House of Brethren, forming a T-Square with the Rising Degree and the Natal conjunction of Uranus and Pluto. The monthly Synodic Return (4Dec95, 6:23:48pm GMT) has Saturn conjunct the Natal Ascendant in T-Square with Mercury and the Vertex, while Mercury, Venus and Mars are all in close Parallel at South Declination 24°31', 24°36' and 24°22' respectively.

FASHION-DESIGNER VERSACE and KILLER-PLAYBOY CUNANAN

The birth data of the above two notables, so recently in the news, has come to me by E-mail. Cunanan's data is from his Birth Certificate, Versace's from The Internet Movie Database.



Gianni Versace, who died aged 50 on 15th July at the hands of Cunanan, was a fashion designer of international fame and unlimited wealth. Resident in Miami, Florida, his billion-dollar fashion empire comprised four luxury homes around the world and a constant entourage of models, movie stars and other notables in the world of art, music and sport. My purpose here is not to examine the Horoscope of either man in detail but to unearth the astrological signifiers in Andrew Cunanan's Chart that led to his (fatal) impact on Versace. However, a brief investigation of both Genitures is illuminating. The salient characteristics of Gianni



Versace were his genius for fashion designing, his fabulous wealth and privileged life-style. These are accounted for principally by the accumulation of Venusian and Jupiterian influences in his Chart. The Venusian characteristics (sense and appreciation of beauty) are amply portrayed by Venus conjunct both Mercury and Jupiter (and right at the Midpoint of both planets—orb only 1!), square Pluto and semi-sextile Mars. His general aesthetic sense and artistic inspiration come from the Moon in Pisces trine Venus, Neptune sextile the Sun, and Jupiter at the centre of Mars/Neptune (14Sco28—orb only 6').

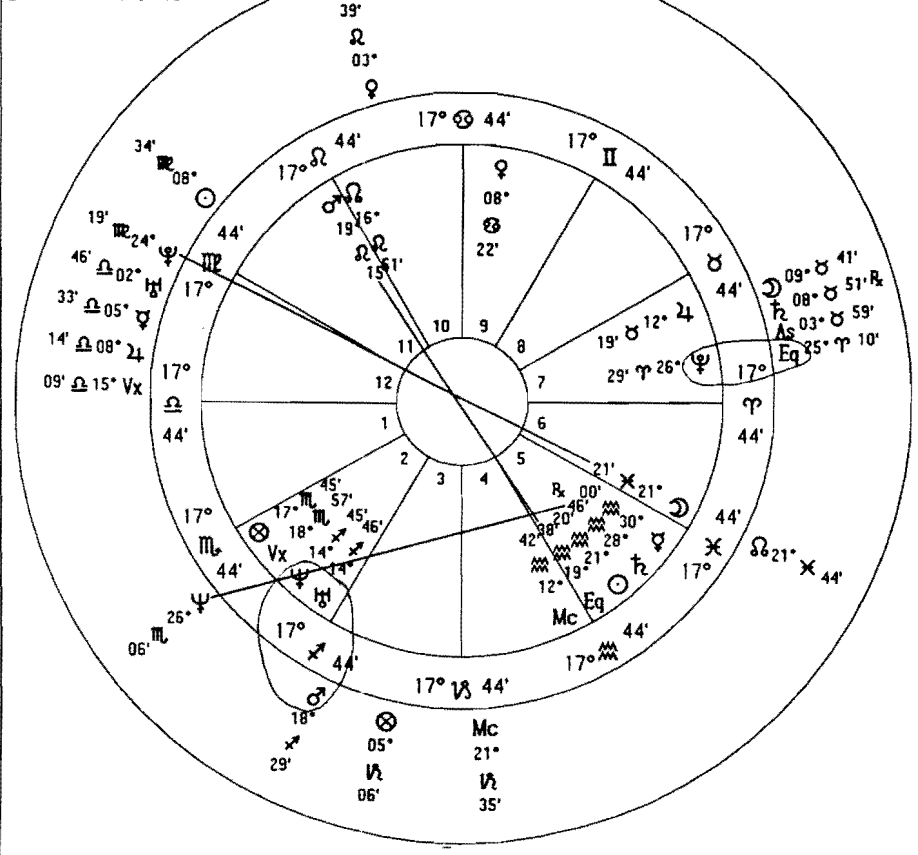
Versace's great wealth and affluent life-style are accounted for by the Moon conjunct *Pars Fortuna* in the fecund Sign Pisces, closely trine Jupiter and quincunx Pluto, plus Sagittarius rising with Ruler, Jupiter, conjunct Venus trine the Moon.

Andrew Cunanan's distinguishing characteristics were his desire for social status and the good things of life, his personal charm and unstable personality. Saturn rising, ruling the Capricorn Midheaven, conjunct the Moon and trine the Sun accounts for his social ambitions. The emphasis on the two Venusian Signs Taurus and Libra correlates with his love of sensual pleasures.

Cunanan's final bout of violence when he killed five people in the space of two and a half months seems to be out of character, unusual in one with Libra strong. However, it is fully explained by the powerful Midpoint of Mars and Uranus at 10°38' Taurus in the Angular 7th House and directly opposite the Moon-Saturn conjunc-

Inner Chart: Cunanan's
27th Harmonic

Outer Chart: Cunanan's
Birth Chart



position along a Cuspal line enhances its power.

(2) Pluto in an Angular House is almost exactly conjunct the Radical Equatorial Ascendant.

(3) Natal Pluto opposes the A-H Moon, again along a Cuspal axis.

(4) Uranus and Neptune are closely joined and conjunct Natal Mars.

(5) The Midpoint of both Mars/Neptune and Mars/Uranus (17° Libra) is right on the Harmonic Ascendant.

(6) Saturn is only 2° from the square of Natal Neptune.

The above concatenation of all the malefics was bound to trigger off the latent violence in Cunanan's nature, especially as Mercury, planet of the intellect, was conjunct Saturn and square Natal Neptune in the same Harmonic Chart.

Cunanan's planetary links with Versace, when he cut off the latter's life in his fiftieth year, are also to be found in the Harmonic Midpoints. Here they are:

tion in the Ascendant. Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar influences*) characterizes this as "violent destruction", and it is here given special power through its placement across the Horizon. The sesquare of Mars to the Rising Degree, with the small orb of 30', and Pluto conjunct the Moon's South Node (opposite the North Node), are contributing factors.

Both men were reportedly homosexual, all the more surprising with Versace since he was constantly surrounded by beautiful women. With Cunanan it was evidently more a means of income through financial favours from his wealthy lovers, which enabled him to indulge in the hedonistic life-style he craved but could not, at the end, maintain.

Cunanan shot Versace dead on 15th July 1997. What was the astrological connection between them?

As with O.J. Simpson and his ex-wife Nicole (October Issue 183) the answer lies in the the Age Harmonics. Cunanan was 27 years old at the time, and his 27th Harmonic Chart (above) tells the story.

To start with, it can be seen that Cunanan's trait of violence has come to the fore through the emphasis on the malefic planets and their connection with the Radix:

(1) Mars is elevated and directly opposite the Equatorial Ascendant and the Sun. The placement of this op-

Cunanan's 27th Harmonic

Versace's Natus

♄/♄ 14♈46	☐	♄ 13♋22
♄/♄ 22♌7	♂	♄ 21♌16
♄/♄ 7♏43	♂	♄ 8♏46
♄/♄ 23♐15	♂	Eq.♄ 23♐0
♄/♄ 21♑45	♂	♄ 21♑16
♄/♄ 21♒40	♂	♄ 20♒12
♄/♄ 7♓43	♂	♄ 8♓46
♄/♄ 22♔48	♂	♄ 21♔16

Thus, all the malefics are involved, and their small orbs, especially for an Age-Harmonic Chart, are remarkable.

There is little doubt that a strong *karmic* relationship existed between the two men. Perhaps the balance on a spiritual level has now been adjusted. —Dymock.

Re Jaidyn Leskie (See last Issue, #192):

The boy-friend of Jaidyn Leskie's mother has now been arrested. This is the person referred to in the Chart of the Abduction (P.4). The 4th House shows Jaidyn's mother, the 10th (Derived 7th) is her partner. It is ruled by Saturn—the Peregrine planet in an Angle that identifies the offender.

As we have now caught up with the calendar through a series of fortnightly Issues, future *A.F.*'s will appear monthly. The aim is to publish them in the first week of each month. Your copy should arrive not later than the second week. —Dymock.

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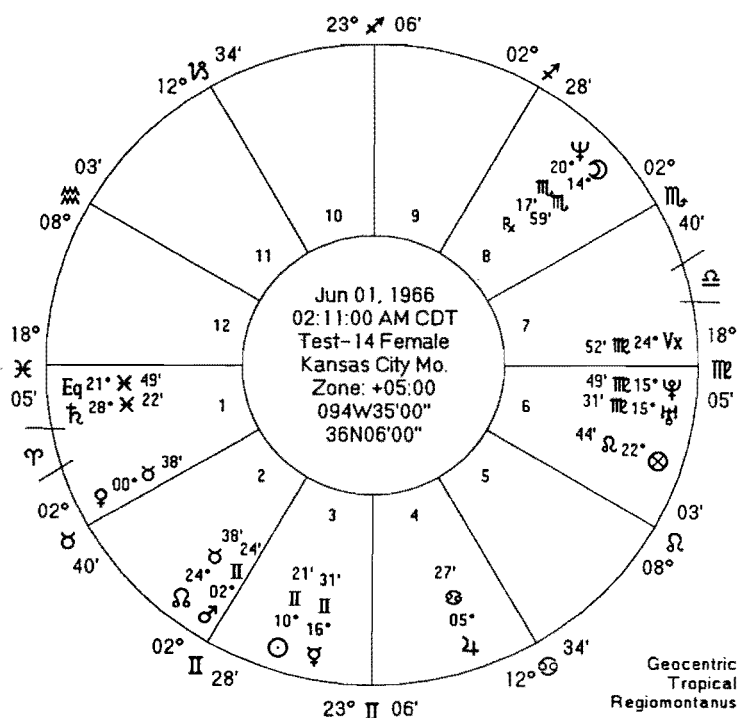
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TEST #14

Woman born 1st June 1966, 2:11am CDT, Kansas
City, Missouri.

TEST-14 FEMALE



The exercise was to determine which of four given
dates applied to four specified events. The correct
answers were the following:

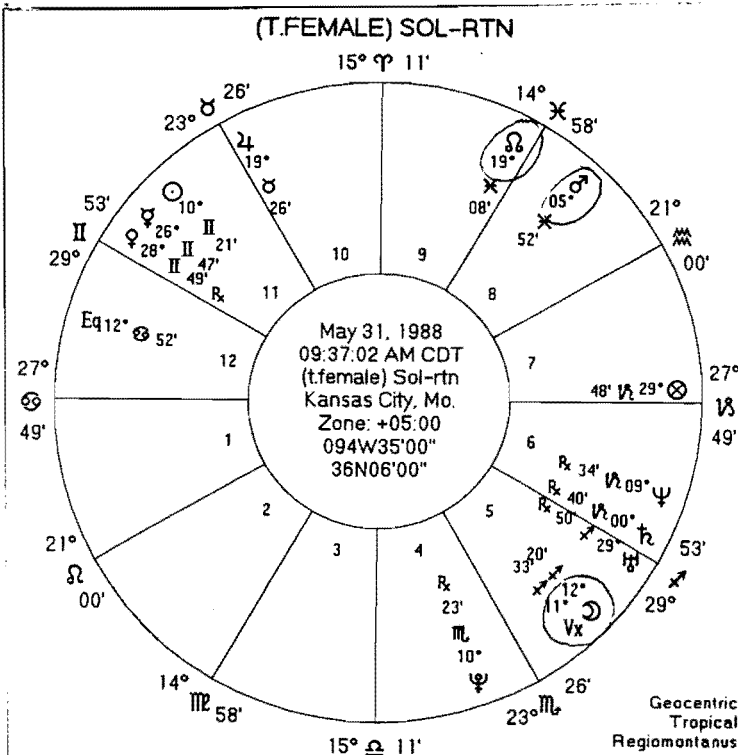
- (1) 12 Apr 1989: Birth of son.
- (2) 9 Feb 1995: Suicide attempt.
- (3) 4 Dec 1995: Car accident (no one injured).
- (4) 1 Jan 1996: Brother's suicide.

This has turned out to be a more difficult exercise
than anticipated, difficult because the Cyclic Charts
appeared to give indications for more than one of the
above events, and it was not easy to see which. There
were three well-researched entries, and I am pleased to
report that Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) correctly ascribed
Event 1 to its proper date, 12 April 1989. This does
not mean that the other participants wasted their time.
The close analysis that accompanied their entries can

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only have been of great benefit to them, and will lead
to successes in the future—not just with exercises such
as these but with astrological interpretation generally.



Birth of Son: ☿ rising, ☾ in 5th H. ☿ Vtx
Interchart Aspects, Solar Return—Natus
♂ Δ ♀
Equatorial Ascendant conjunct Cusp 5
Nth Node conjunct Ascendant

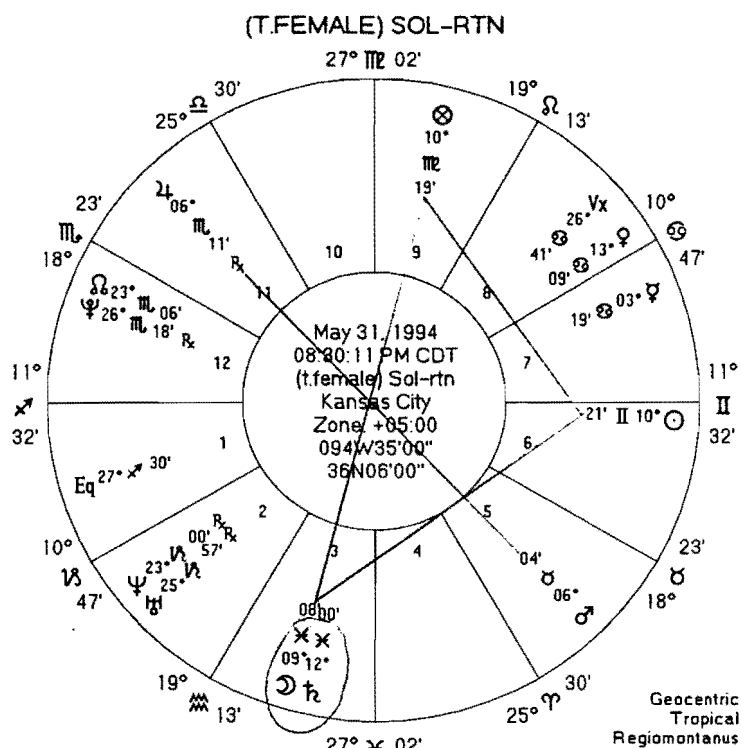
I find that the clearest indication of the birth of the
son was given in the Solar Return (above). The Sign
Cancer rises, so attention is immediately drawn to the
Moon's position in the House of Children, where it

conjuncts the Vertex. This close conjunction of the Moon with the Vertex in the 5th House gives it great importance and is the major indication of a birth. Mars, ruling the 5th is in the 8th, (also associated with parturition) closely trine to natal Jupiter (productivity, fruition).

Further indication is given by the conjunction of the Moon's North Node with the natal Ascendant in the fertile Sign Pisces. The Equatorial Ascendant at 12°52' Cancer was right on the natal 5th Cusp with Regiomontanus domification (but 2°26' away if Placidian Cusps are used). As is well-known, Cyclic Charts should be read not only as single Charts but also in conjunction with the Radix. As well as superimposing the natal Chart on the Solar Return, if the Cyclic Chart is set outside the natal Figure it more clearly points up the connections of Solar-Return Significators with those of the Natus. This is not done here for reasons of space, but the interchart connections are printed below the Solar Return Figure.

Mars trine Jupiter (two Masculine planets), together with the Moon and the Vertex being in the Masculine Sign, Sagittarius, accounts for the birth of a male. The natal Moon and Neptune conjoined in the fertile Sign Scorpio, and close to the Solar-Return 5th Cusp, was a supporting indication of the birth. {I hope readers are aware not to use the Cusps as the *boundaries* of the Houses.)

occurred on March 12, 1968 at 8:38:20 pm GMT, has the indication of The Moon rising conjunct Jupiter ruling the House of Children. One could be thrown off the track, however, by the square from Neptune (Ruling the 8th House) and the opposition from Venus. Presumably, as these are fertile planets they all had a part to play in the reproductive process. Another



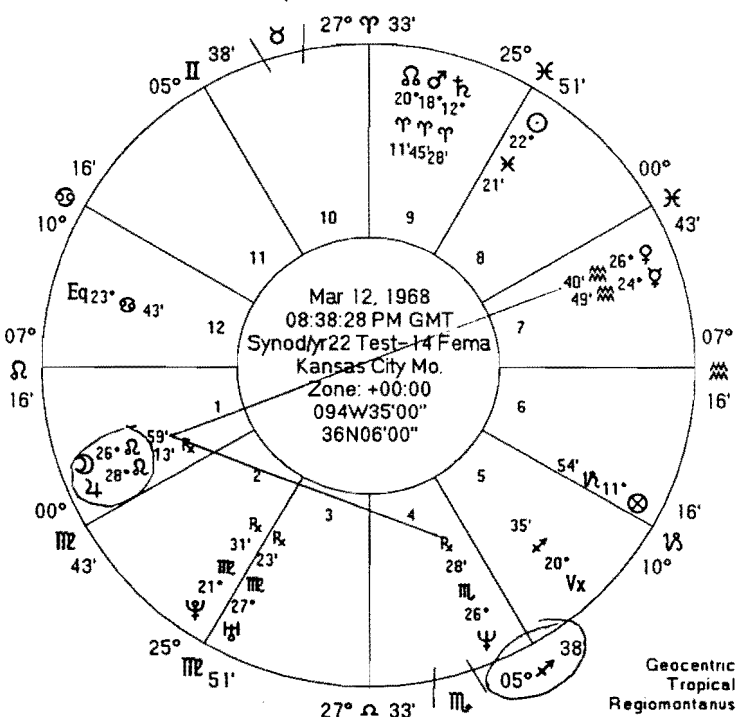
diversion, however, is the position of Pluto and Uranus on the 3rd Cusp opposing the Sun, which rules the Ascendant. One would be justified in assessing this as the car accident. It probably depicted personal relationship troubles that we know not of.

In the case of a Chart such as this with several possible solutions it is better to go to one or more of the other Cyclic Charts with the hope that the indications will be more one-pointed.

The Suicide Attempt of 9th February 1995 is depicted adequately in the Solar Return Chart of May 31, 1994.

Jupiter, Ruler of the Chart, is in very close opposition to Mars (orb 7'), signifying violence against the self (though not necessarily *by* the self). However the subject's depressed state of health that could induce such a misguided action is very well portrayed by the Moon conjunct Saturn in the Sign Pisces. Of all the Signs, the Mutable Water Sign Pisces is the one most prone to self-destruction. The Moon here rules the 8th House which relates to death and near-death experiences. Added to this we have a close square from the Sun (lack of vitality) and the T-Square completed by *Pars Fortuna*. In spite of its

SYNOD/YR22 TEST-14 FEM



The Synodic *Annual* Chart for year 22, that is the 22nd return after birth of the Sun—Moon angle which

name the Part of Fortune is not by any means always a happy symbol of Fortune, whether financial or otherwise. I, and others, have found that it operates also (even *principally*) as an emphasizing factor, bringing out the nature and effects of the bodies it contacts by Aspect, much as do the Moon's Nodes and the Vertex. Speaking of the Vertex we see it here performing this self-same role by being in the 8th House and trine to Pluto (The Destroyer) in the 12th House (Self-Undoing).

The Annual Synodic Chart for Year 28 (Sep 4, 1968, at 9:42:57pm GMT) is not reproduced here to save space, but its main features do relate to the attempted suicide: Capricorn rises, and Ruler Saturn is quincunx an elevated Neptune (planet of suicide, orb 50'). There is a gathering of Sun, Jupiter, Pluto and Uranus in the Death House, Uranus there being in opposition to natal Saturn (orb 9'), and Jupiter, Ruling the House of Self-Undoing conjuncts natal Pluto, which threatens self-destruction (orb 19').

This Chart is shown surrounded by the positions in the natal Chart because of the important connections between the two Figures. The car accident involves the Ascendant (for the Native) and Mars (violence). Mars is thrice implicated here as it also rules the Ascendant and is within 8' of an exact sesquare to the Moon's North Node (an emphasizing factor, as mentioned earlier). Mars is in a very close Grand Trine with Pluto and Jupiter. Pluto/Mars accounts for the accident, and Jupiter (The Preserver) for the fact that no one was injured, though "the car rolled down a 20-foot embankment". Fortunately, Jupiter was elevated and strengthened by being in its own Sign.

The much more serious matter of the brother's suicide is portrayed by appropriately more powerful Aspects. The 3rd House relates to brothers. Gemini on its Cusp is ruled by Mercury. As can be seen, Mercury conjoins natal Mars (orb a little over 3¼°), and is directly opposite the Sun which, so far as the brother is concerned, means a lack of vitality and will.

Other more general indications of a fatality are given by Saturn opposite Pluto, ruling the Deaths House, and natal Moon on the Cusp of this House closely opposed to Harmonic Moon. Uranus sextile to Mercury could also be added as, when combined with adverse indications, it relates to nervous disorder and promotes thoughts of suicide (see *Transits* by R. Ebertin).

Other Cyclic charts covering the period of the car accident and the suicide (Synodic Chart, Solar Month, Lunar Return, converse charts, etc.) were less specific, though with searching once could find appropriate correlations.

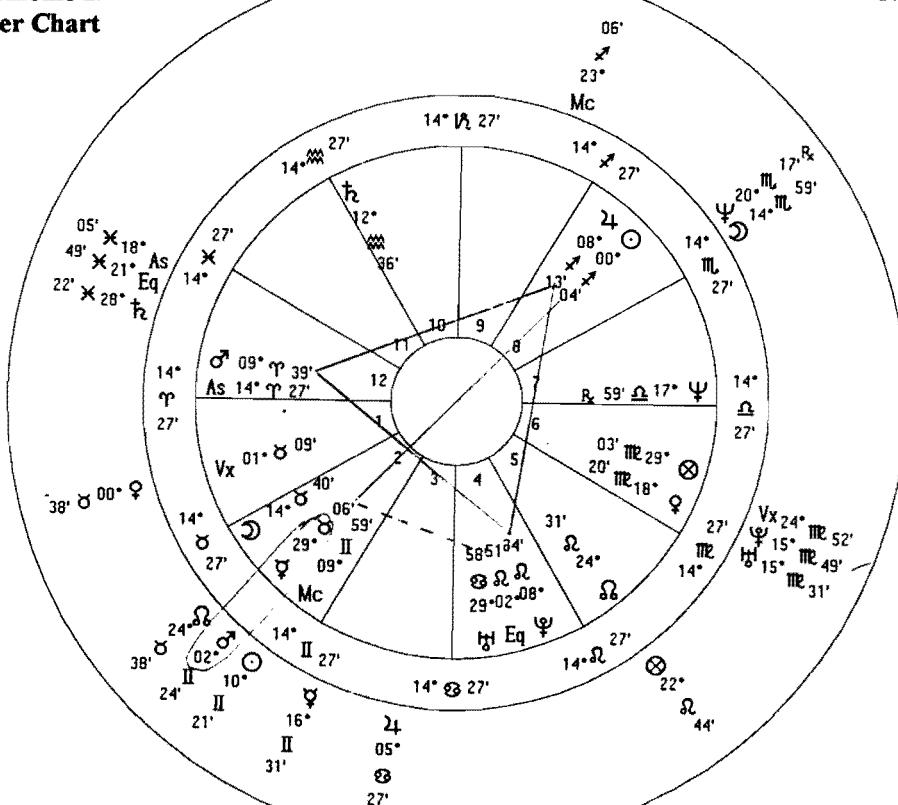
As I say, this was a difficult exercise. All credit to those who attempted it. —Dymock.

MISSING PERSONS

The disappearance of people is a perennial and distressing feature of today's society. As astrologers bent

Test #14
Harmonic 29
Inner Chart

Outer Positions:
Natus



Indications for both the car accident of 4th December 1995, and the suicide of the brother on 1st January 1996 are present in the 29th Age-Harmonic Chart that relates to the period 1st June 1995—1st June 1996, when the subject was 29 years old.

on making our art of practical service in the world we should do more towards solving these mysteries, judging where the missing person is at the moment, whether living or dead, whether he/she will return, whether there has been foul play and, if so, who and

where is the person responsible.

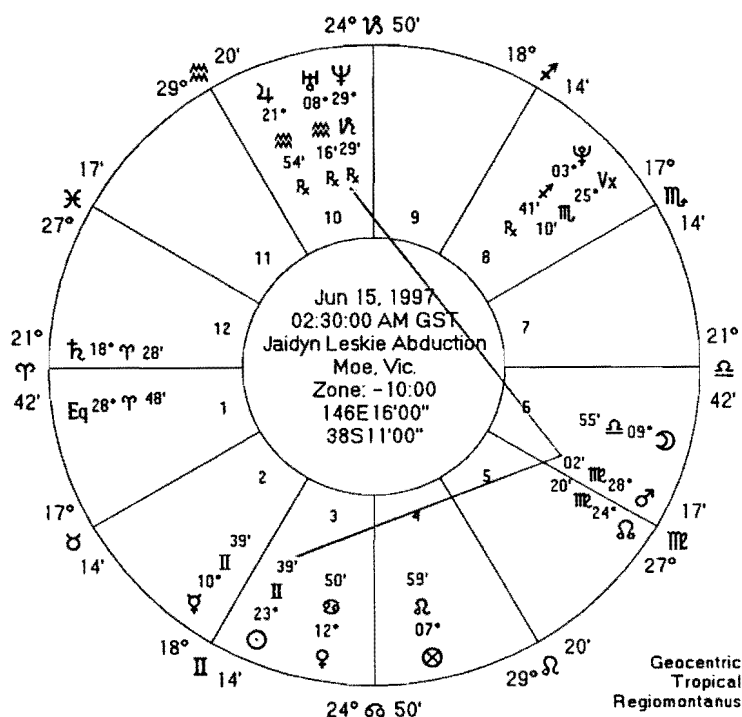
These are usually difficult matters to resolve, and to acquire expertise in this field we need to make a practice of investigating astrologically every disappearance that comes to our knowledge. We need also to learn what is the best chart to use for the missing person—one for the last sighting, the presumed time of the disappearance or kidnapping, or a Horary Chart for the time when the case first makes an impact on the astrologer's mind. These are all matters than can most readily be decided by constant work and observation. As a trial case, here is a recent and unsolved disappearance in South Australia:

Jaidyn Leskie Abduction

According to newspaper reports, on June 15 the mother of a 14-month old boy, Jaidyn Leskie, left her baby son in the care of her boy-friend while she visited a hotel some distance away. The boy-friend left Jaidyn alone reportedly between 2:30am and 3:30am while he went to pick up the boy's mother from the hotel. When they returned, the baby was missing.

The Chart below is calculated for 2:30am. Here is a suggested reading.

JAIDYN LESKIE ABDUCTION



1. Is the baby dead or alive? Aries rises, so the baby's Significator is Mars. Mars is in close trine to Neptune, ruling the 12th House. Both this planet and the House are symbolic of disappearance and mystery. Mars is out of Dignities in Virgo, which augurs badly for the condition of the missing baby, and is square to the Sun (injury or death), and closely quincunx to the Equatorial Ascendant. I reluctantly conclude that baby Jaidyn is dead. This is supported by the Ruler, Mars, being also the Ruler of the 8th House.

2. Where is the body? Jaidyn's Significator, Mars, being in an Earth Sign and trine to Neptune (the closer of the two adverse Aspects) would indicate that Jaidyn is buried near water (probably a lake—Neptune more indicative of still than rushing

water). Mars on the 6th Cusp represents a direction West North West from the house. But how far away? The 4th House and its Ruler, the Moon, represent the grave. I would equate the difference in Zodiacal longitude of the Moon and Mars to the distance in kilometres of the grave from the place where Jaidyn was abducted. This would put the grave nearly 12 kilometres away in a West North West direction.

3. Who was responsible? In Horary Charts a Peregrine planet in an Angle is taken as the wrongdoer. Saturn on the Ascendant answers this description. It is out of Dignities and receives only the sesquare from Malefic Pluto. Using the *Derived Houses*, I have little doubt to whom this refers, but to protect myself from a libel action here in South Australia where the abduction occurred I must keep silence until a conviction is recorded in the law courts.

—Dymock.

Readers' Comments:

"I really enjoyed your interpretation of 'Did the two accused nurses murder Yvonne Gilford?' My major interest is Horary Astrology, and your reading so inspired me. Any time you want to step us through a horary chart, feel free, I am one reader that really appreciates the exercise. Oh, and I agree with you—yes, they did murder her—Mars, their Significator, recently separated from (recently murdered) Venus, Significator of Yvonne Gilford, in the 8th House (Death). And they won't lose their heads. Their Significator is conjunct the very fortunate North Node and beneficial Part of Fortune, with no bad Aspects from heavy planets. They will go to gaol (Mars trines Neptune, Ruler of confinement and gaols). Thanks again for a great Chart."

—Margaret Hughes (W.A.)

"I continue to get more from the seemingly sparse pages of the *Astrologers' Forum* than I ever do from the thick 120+ pages of the commercial astrological magazines. It's the difference between objective, practical astrology and the now too-prevalent opinionated, smoke-screen stuff. Keep going."

—Ken Gillman. (USA).

"I was thrilled to bits to learn that I managed to get at least one Event correct in Test #14. I honestly thought all would be wrong. And as you say, this sort of 'work experience' in Astrology is so beneficial. Your analysis of the Tests, and Ross Harvey's who organized some of the other Tests, are always read carefully because they pinpoint key areas or points that I missed out on. It is a very good way to learn from my mistakes."

—Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.).

"I do so agree with your comments regarding astrologically adverse charts marking the start of various enterprises! It has always been one of our basic tenets that—when asked—we can advise clients of difficult, dangerous or merely unfavourable and unpropitious periods they are likely to encounter over the coming weeks or months. I look forward to future issues of the *Forum*. Thank you for your continued dedication to practical Astrology."

—Lyla William (Qld).

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AVOIDANCE OF AIR CRASHES

Long-time readers of *Astrologers' Forum* will remember my plea years ago to have airplane travel astrologically monitored in order to avert the disasters that happen so frequently. I wanted to see all take-off times of aircraft approved by competent astrologers who could veto set times if the planetary indications were adverse. Though this proposal of mine was regarded with scepticism as being unworkable, I am convinced it is entirely feasible, given the speed and versatility of modern computers.

This was again brought to mind when I received recently precise details of the 1972 crash of Flight 401 out of Kennedy Airport, New York. The details are given in an article by Neville D. Strachan in the June/July Issue of *Acrux*, Newsletter of the Queensland Federation of Astrologers Inc. Of 176 passengers and crew, 99 died when the plane crashed in the Everglades, Miami, Florida. 60 of the 77 survivors were seriously injured.

Neville has many interesting things to say about the doomed Flight, including the spectral reappearance later of the dead flight engineer giving a warning on a pending trouble in another aircraft.

My concern at the moment is the Figure for the take-off as an indicator of the fate of the aircraft and those on board. This Chart appears in the next column.

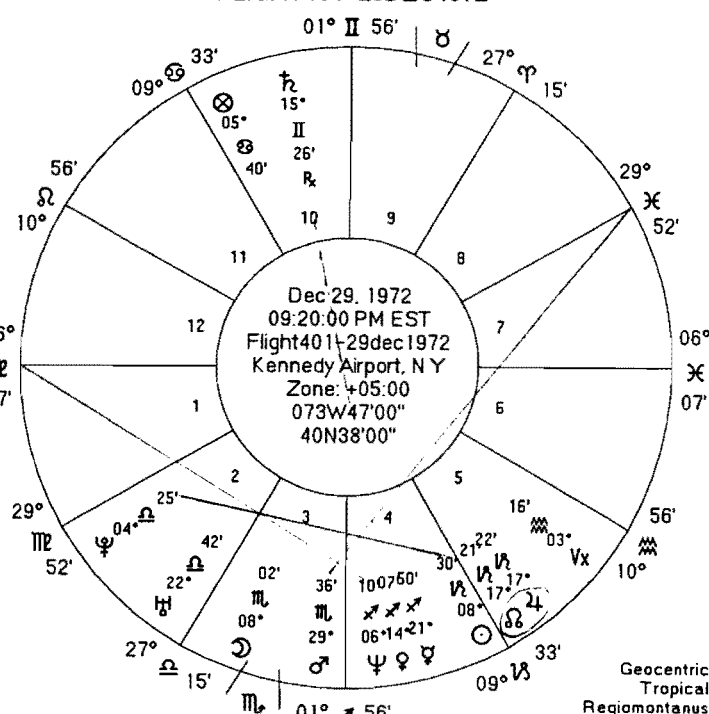
It is not difficult to see from this Chart that disaster is looming. The precise departure time has 6°7' Virgo rising, which is exactly square Neptune (within 3' of arc!) in the House of Terminations—and Neptune rules the House of Death. Further, the malefic Mars on the Terminations Cusp is also almost exactly trine to the Death Cusp (Regiomontanus). Mars and Neptune share the same degree and minute of declination (19°47' South). The famous Astrologer Alan Leo declared "The Zodiacal Parallel is of more importance than any other Aspect. The effect is similar to a close conjunction but even more powerful." This observation was echoed by Simmonite, another famous astrologer of earlier times.

There are still more adverse portents: Venus, also in

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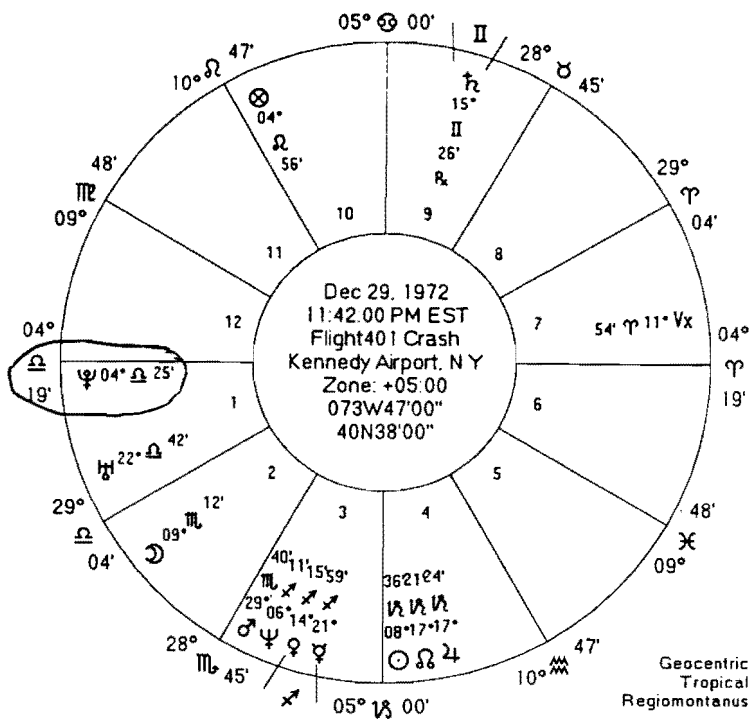
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the Terminal 4th is weighted down by the opposition of Saturn, high in the heavens above it, where its malefic effect is accentuated. Jupiter, Co-Ruler of the Deaths House, occupies the same degree as the Moon's Nodes. This is a well-known indication of fatality in Horary Charts. Finally, Pluto (The Destroyer) is square to the Sun.

Now, here's something else of dramatic import: The aircraft crashed into the marshes of the Everglades at precisely 11:42 pm, 2 hours 22 minutes after take-off. If we re-set the Departure Chart for this time (see Figure on the next page) one highly significant feature is immediately obvious: *Pluto, The Destroyer, harbinger of death, is exactly conjunct the Ascendant!* It is no less than amazing how the celestial phenomena

FLIGHT 401 CRASH



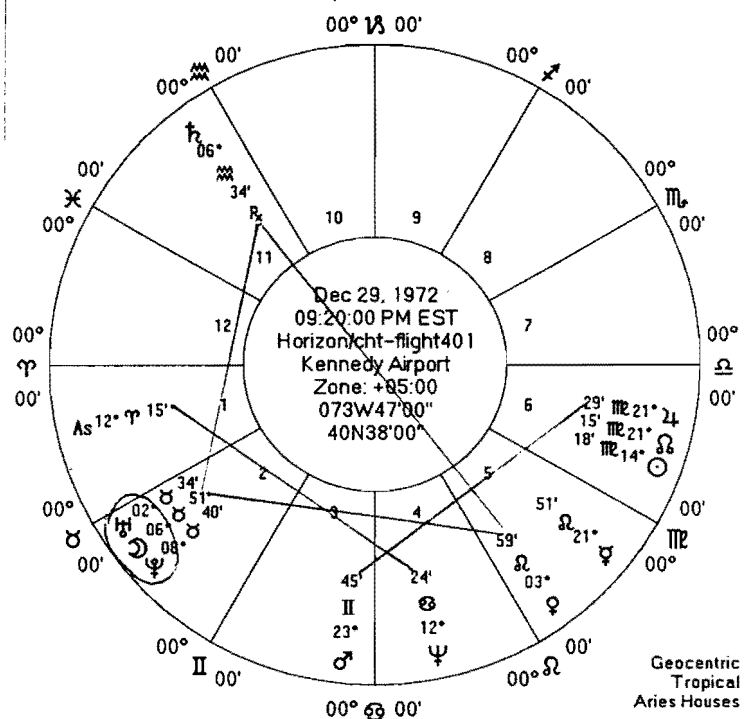
correlate with terrestrial happenings. It would be an invidious procedure for an astrologer to work out beforehand the exact time of the plane's crash and the death of the people on board, but this amazing correlation shows it would certainly be possible. The technique could be useful in other applications—for instance, to assist the police in judging the time when specific events occurred following a robbery, a kidnapping, a hi-jacking, a taking of hostages, etc. or, in the medical field crises following the "decumbiture" of a sick person or the progress of recovery after a surgical operation. When planets that are Significators in relation to the particular happening come to the Ascendant, they must be marking a critical juncture in the course of the events. This could be used in various ways. For instance, in the recent long-term holding of hostages in the Japanese Embassy in Peru, the rescue assault could be made when Jupiter or Venus was on or aspecting the Ascendant (or perhaps better, the Midheaven). As it happened, the rescue was indeed accomplished with a minimum loss of life apart from the unfortunate revolutionaries inside. (If anyone has the precise time and date of the commencement of the affair I should be glad to investigate it astrologically.)

Astrologers should bend their efforts to making our art of practical value in this way. Retrospective analysis has its uses as a learning procedure but to realize the full potential of Astrology we must bring it to bear on the *future*, or outcome, of the critical situations that are forever arising in our society. Over the years I have advocated this in previous Issues of

Astrologers' Forum (with regrettably little response so far).

But we have not yet finished with Flight 401. If, instead of doing the normal Zodiacal horoscope, we range the planets around the **Horizon** as in a **Local Space Chart**, the result is no less dramatic and dire. It is a pity that these Charts do require a computer program, unless one is something of a mathematical whiz and is prepared to do the tedious calculations required. The Horizon Chart appears below.

HORIZON/CHT-FLIGHT 401



Newcomers to this field of Astrology should note that the Zodiacal Signs ranged around the Figure have no significance except to facilitate the calculation of Aspects. Horizon Charts always have Aries 0° on the 1st Cusp, and the other Cusps follow at 30° intervals. I find, however, that the Houses do have significance, just as in a Zodiacal Chart, and the Ascendant, Descendant, MC and IC are represented here as the East, West, South and North points of the compass respectively.

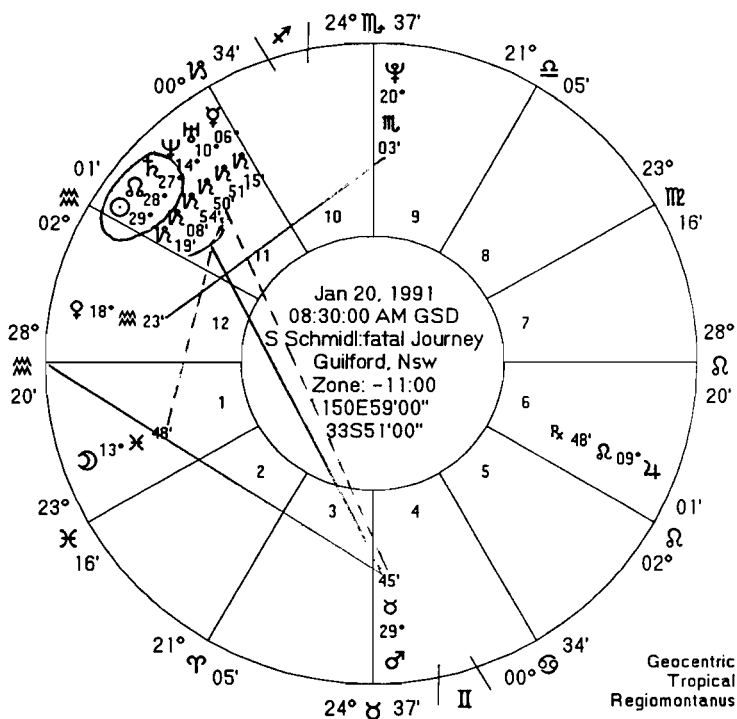
If anything, this Horizon Chart bespeaks tragedy more eloquently than the standard Zodiacal Chart. The Moon is "besieged" by the two malefics, Uranus and Pluto (*sudden disaster*), and the trio are all square to the malefic Saturn, the Moon being in almost *exact* square. Venus completes a T-Square, so "Lady Luck" was denied any saving part to play. The Radical Ascendant (located here just below the East point) is square Neptune (again exact to within a few minutes of the compass). The only other malefic, Mars, squares

Jupiter. Thus all the malefic bodies are involved.

Blind Freddie could see that this was no time to launch an omnibus into the air, especially not one carrying 176 people.

Of course, the results would have been just as dire had there been only one or two people aboard, and this is the other point I wish to make—these **Inceptional Charts** work just as well for a lone traveller, a family going on holidays, or a business group attending an overseas conference, as they do for the hundreds carried on the biggest of our airbuses. A case in point is the fatal departure at 8:30am on Sunday, 20th January 1991, of **Simone Schmidl**, the ill-fated German tourist who fell victim to Ivan Milat, the evil perpetrator of the "back-packer murders" in the Belanglo State Forest in Southern NSW.

S SCHMIDL:FATAL JOURNEY



The profoundly disturbing Aspects in the above Chart for a young woman setting out alone on a hitch-hiking trip are obvious enough. They have been detailed in the September/October Issue (No.146/147) of *Astrologers' Forum*, but for convenience I list them again:

- Saturn (Ruling Asc and 12th) conjunct the Sun on the 12th Cusp and trine Mars
- Mars square the Ascendant and sesquare Neptune (orb 4')
- Pluto dominant and square Venus and the Equatorial Ascendant
- The Moon semisquare Saturn (orb 55')

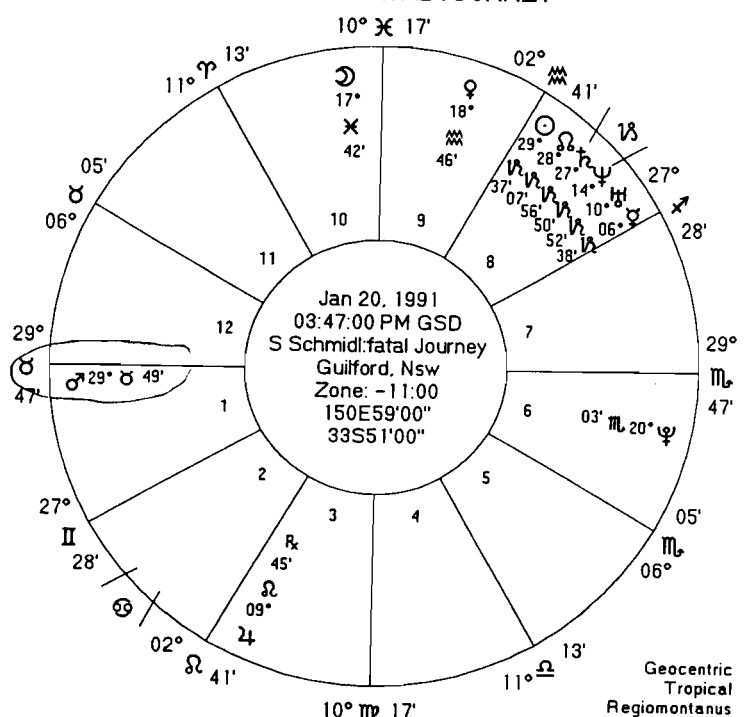
Anyone with the least understanding of planetary symbolism would veto this date and time as safe or suitable for commencing a journey. Unfortunately, no such guidance was available to Simone on her fateful day.

Following the idea put forward in the earlier part of this article, in the above Chart the Ascendant coming to the Moon by the Earth's orbital rotation would have signified a crisis in the course of the day. The Moon rising in Pisces in the Radix is the Significator of Simone—guileless and passively trusting. Being a reflector of influence, it also takes on the nature of the bodies it Aspects—parallel Pluto (orb 0°15') and sextile Neptune and Uranus, apart from being semisquare the Sun, Saturn, and the North Node (with small orbs).

The Ascendant came to the conjunction of the Moon's Radical position at 9:44am, and it was most probably at this time that Simone came to the fearful realization (Neptune/Uranus) that she was in the hands of a rapist/murderer (Pluto/Venus).

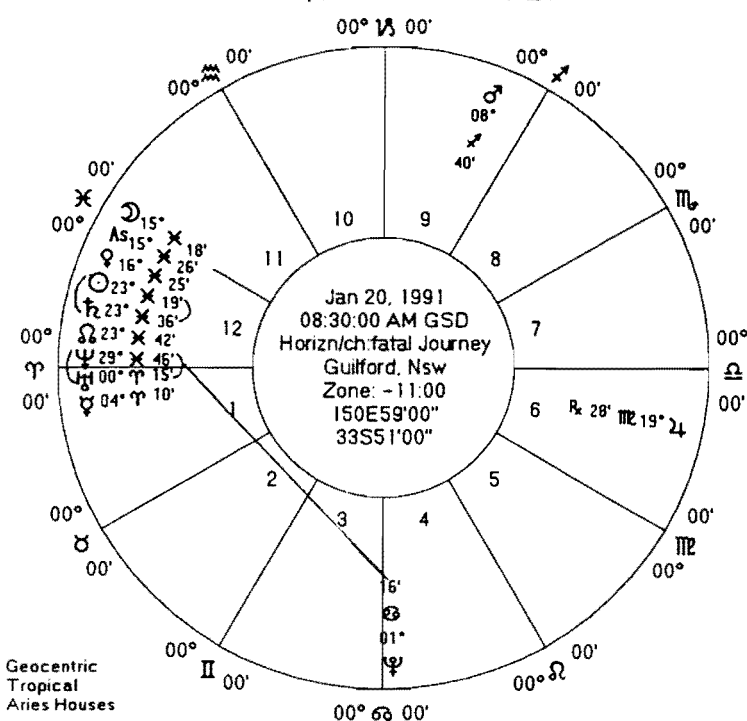
Continuing the dreadful progress of events, the Ascendant came to the Radical position of Mars at 3:47pm, which no doubt signified the end for Simone, particularly as at that time the House of Death was heavily tenanted. Here is this final Chart, with Mars on the Ascendant. Mars is shown just 0°4' past its Radical position due to its progress in 5¼ hours.

S SCHMIDL:FATAL JOURNEY



The **Horizon Chart** for Simone's starting her journey bears out everything shown in the Zodiacal

HORIZN/CH:FATAL JOURNEY



Figure, and even more graphically (Chart above).

One's attention is drawn immediately to Neptune and Uranus on the Eastern Horizon, in almost the identical degree, then to the extremely close Sun/Saturn conjunction, and then the powerful position of Pluto on the Northern point of the compass (corresponding to the Terminal IC) where it is square to Neptune and Uranus.

This Chart also was, indeed, a symbolic and clear representation of things to come. —Dymock.

THE TWO NURSES

The Trial of the two nurses in Saudi Arabia, for which a Horary Chart was analysed in the last Issue, has been adjourned for some weeks. This is ostensibly to allow an approach to the murdered woman's relatives with a plea for clemency if they are found guilty.

In my report on the Horary Chart I drew attention to the Arabic *Part of Decapitation* (Cusp 8+Mars-Moon) as being right on the Ascendant. This is so if Placidian Cusps are used. Though I first set the Chart with Placidus, when I changed to *Regiomontanus* Cusps—much favoured for Horary work—the *Part of Decapitation* dropped to 3°21' below the Ascendant because of the difference in the 8th Cusp. I was pleased to see this as it has a much less dangerous implication for the accused nurses. —Dymock.

Re the Tests: I am pleased to report that Test #13 was solved successfully by Jack Nicholls (Vic), though his answer arrived too late to be included in the last Issue.

Jack used various cyclic Charts to arrive correctly at the conclusion that marriage was what happened on the given date to the young woman concerned.

But where are our enthusiastic astrologers? The mysteries of Test #14 are still not unravelled. Only one reader has so far sent in an answer. Merit lies in attempting the solution, not necessarily in being correct. I doubt whether most readers appreciate the great value of these exercises. You will gain far more from spending an hour or two working on these problems than in many hours perusing voluminous pages of speculative ideas or imaginative theories that do nothing towards furthering your skills as a practical astrologer.

How would it be if someone came to you and said, "I understand that you, as an astrologer, have an understanding of the correlation between 'things terrestrial and things celestial'. Tell me, then, what the planets disclose about an event I am expecting on such-and-such a date."? Would you feel competent to undertake this challenge? I assure you that you *won't* become competent unless you make a practice of applying your knowledge to practical questions like this. *Astrologers' Forum* is one of the few, very few, publications that give you the opportunity. It is, in effect, a teaching and learning experience that is absolutely invaluable for sharpening your insights and practical ability. Will you then send in your attempt?

Notice, I say *send in* your attempt, not just work it out in your mind and think, "I'll wait to see what the answer is". If you discipline yourself to *write* the answer and post it, you will really be gaining maximum benefit from the exercise. In this respect it's rather like betting on a horse race—you can either work out, rather casually, what horse you think will win, but if you are risking your own good money on a bet, it will sharpen your judgement wonderfully.

Closing date for Test #14 is July 15. For details, see *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 189 (April).

Rectification Using JigSaw (the graphic rectification technique developed by Bernadette Brady) will be demonstrated at the next meeting of the South Australian Computer-User Group on Thurs. July 24, at 7:30pm. Admission is free. For location and other details phone Stephanie Johnson on (08) 8331 3057, or E-mail solafire@dove.mtx.net.au.

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TWO NURSES—AND THE SHADOW OF A SAUDI SWORD

The trial of the two nurses, Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan, in Saudi Arabia for the alleged murder of nursing sister Yvonne Gilford has now become a matter of world-wide concern. The harsh Islamic code decrees that if the nurses are found guilty they are liable to be executed by public beheading at the hands of a Saudi swordsman. Their legal system, however, decrees that the relatives of the murdered woman have the option of extending mercy to them and saving them from execution. The relative concerned in this case, a brother of the murdered woman, one Frank Gilford who lives in South Australia, has so far declined to exercise his prerogative, and unless he relents, and the nurses are found guilty, they face a barbaric death.

What can Astrology say in this matter? Are the two accused nurses in fact guilty? Will they be executed?

I do not have the birth data of any of the persons concerned—the two accused, the victim, or her brother. If such birth data were available the use of Age Harmonics in relation to all three Charts would surely shed light on the situation, just as it did in the O.J. Simpson Civil Trial (reported in *Astrologers' Forum* No 183 of October last year).

With nothing else available, I was prompted five days ago, on reading a newspaper report of the proceedings so far, to erect a **Horary Chart** and to try to decipher its meaning. This Chart appears in the next column, and also on page 3, put there for ease of reference while you are reading the text.

My question was, "Did the two accused nurses murder Yvonne Gilford?"

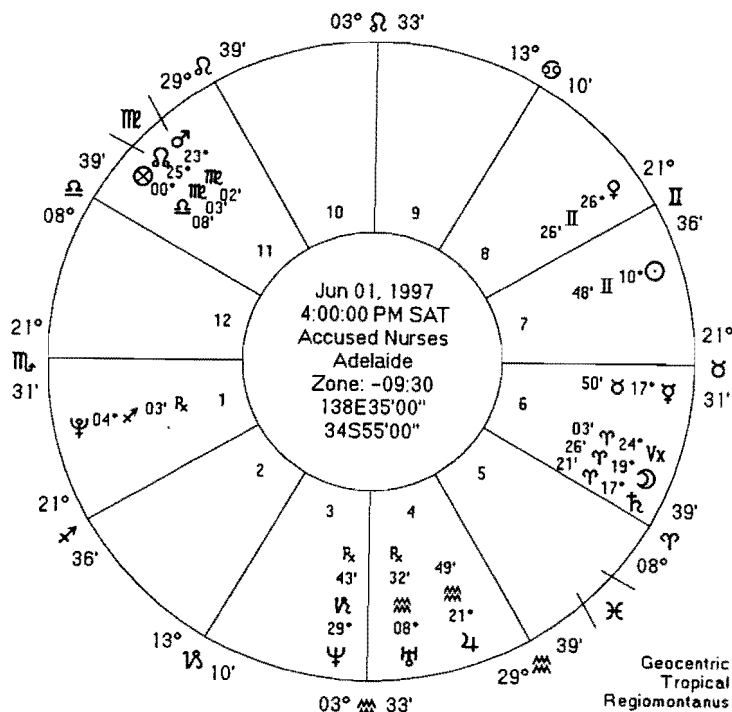
What makes this Chart, in Horary terms, "Radical", or fit to be judged? There are a number of factors that establish its reliability:

1. Scorpio rises—highly appropriate for a murder investigation.
2. The Horary Ruler of Scorpio is Mars, which is conjunct the Moon's Node in the Sign Virgo, very

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HORARY CHART: Did the two accused nurses murder Yvonne Gilford?



appropriate for nursing sisters. *Two* nurses are shown, because of plural nature of the Node—a multiplying factor.

3. Mars and the Node placed in an intercepted Sign is symbolic of the imprisonment of the two nurses.

4. Venus, as Ruler of the 7th House, is Significator of the murdered woman, and it occupies the House of DEATH.

5. The principal Significators are linked by Aspect.

6. The murder occurred six months ago on December 11, 1996, and the two accused women have spent that time in a Saudi jail. If we look back six months in the Ephemeris we see that Mars on December 15, 1996

was exactly transiting its position in the Horary Chart, and on December 24 it was exactly square to Yvonne Gilford's Significator, Venus.

The above is more than sufficient to establish the "Radicality" of the Chart.

In questions of public interest such as this the Querent (the person asking the question) is not represented in the Chart, only the parties directly involved.

The two nurses are represented by the Rising Degree, its Ruler, and Pluto in the 1st House. The slain woman is represented by the 7th House and its Ruler. Her brother is shown by the 9th House (the 3rd House to the 7th) and its Ruler.

Yvonne Gilford, the nurse who was murdered (in most horrific fashion) is represented by Venus, Ruler of the 7th House in the Sign Gemini and occupying the House of Death.

What does the Chart tell us? There is a Square, which has adverse import, between the principal Significators, Mars and Venus. After Mars transited Horary Mars on 15th December it progressed into Libra becoming Stationary in February, retrograding back into Virgo, and turning Direct again on 27th April. It squares Venus (Yvonne Gilford's Significator) on 11th June, six days from now. The trial is to be resumed in just ten days time, on 15th June, and this will be a critical juncture for the parties concerned as on that date the Sun will be at 26°Virgo, conjunct Venus in the Horary Chart, and square to Mars.

What will the verdict be—Guilty, or Not Guilty? If Guilty, what will the sentence be—imprisonment or execution?

This is not a trial by jury, but by three judges. The judges, or tribunal, in Horary Charts are represented by the 10th House, its Ruler (the Sun) and by Jupiter. The Sun in Gemini trine Uranus signifies a tribunal of learning and open mind, which is fortunate for the accused, but what is more *unfortunate* for them is that Jupiter is almost exactly square the rising degree, representative of the two nurses.

It does appear to me that the two nurses are in fact guilty as charged. The victim's Significator is in the House of Death, and the Square from her Significator to that of the accused shows who are responsible for her death, particularly in view of the fact that at the date of the murder, six months back, Mars was actually square to Venus. Mercury disposes the Significators of both victim and accused, which again links the two nurses with the death of Yvonne Gilford, made more certain by the Mutual Reception between Mercury in Taurus and Venus in Gemini.

Scorpio and Mars, associated with the two nurses, are both indicators of violence, and add to this the close sesquare of Mars to Uranus (135°30'—only 30' away from perfection). Mars linked to Uranus is well-known as a configuration of violence and ungovernable temper. Mars being in the Term of Saturn (Virgo 18°—24°) by no means adds gentleness. Pluto in the 1st House, though some distance from the Cusp, is a secondary Significator for the nurses, and its sesquare to the Moon is symptomatic of extreme feeling and violence against a woman. The trine of Mars to Neptune suggests that a hallucinogenic drug has played a damaging part in the sequence of events.

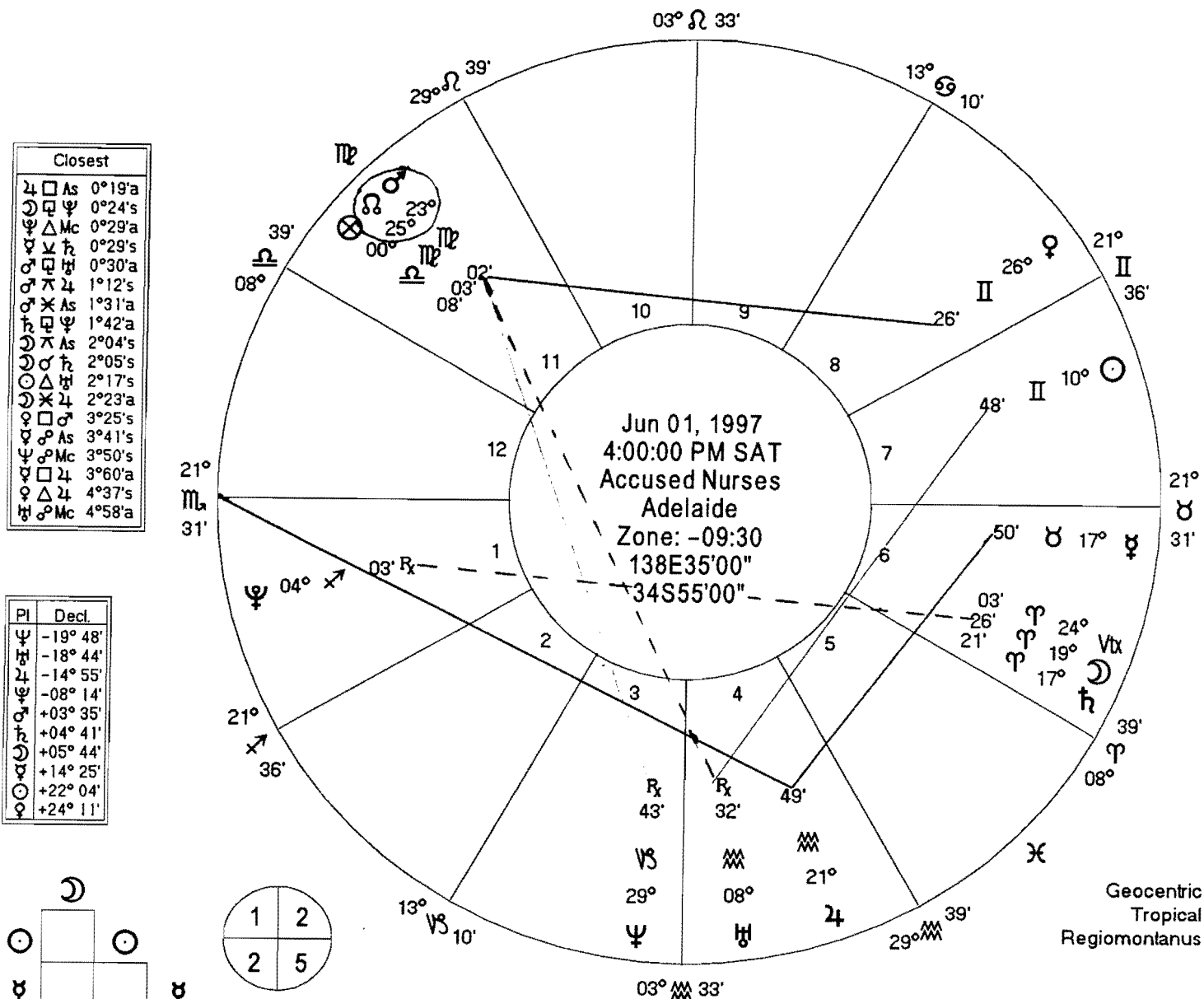
The Verdict is shown by the 4th House which is occupied by a retrograde Uranus and Jupiter (the judges). Uranus is adversely aspecting the Significator of the accused, as already noted. The Horary Ruler of Aquarius is Saturn, which is here conjunct the Moon, a bad omen. Jupiter being closely square to the rising degree is another adverse factor for the accused.

Another element in this case is the alleged confession of the nurses. They claim that it was extracted under pressure and with false promises that it would allow them to go home to England. In the Horary Chart the confession is represented by Mercury and the 3rd House, ruled by Saturn. Mercury has recently passed over the Moon—was, in fact, stationary on it on 23rd December, about the date of the arrests. The Moon here takes over the nature of Pluto, because of its very close sesquare (orb only 23') to that planet, combined with the nature of Saturn conjoining the Moon. This does, indeed, imply coercion of a physical and psychological nature. But were the accused women simply confessing the truth in order to be speedily on their way home, and without a proper realization of the import of their statements? It is a question whether two people, no matter how frightened, would so lightly confess to a heinous crime they had not committed. Mercury is square to Jupiter, the planet that stands for justice and probity, so it is quite possible the women were speaking the truth, albeit unwillingly (the square).

Altogether, I judge that a Guilty verdict is to be anticipated. If so, what of the sentence? Saudi law prescribes death by the sword, unless clemency is sought by the relatives of the victim. This means that Frank Gilford, brother of the deceased, will have the power to grant a reprieve from beheading.

At the present time Frank Gilford stands by his assertion that if found guilty the two nurses should suffer the extreme penalty. Will he relent? It is surely inconceivable that, as a product of a 20th Century supposedly enlightened society, he will insist on the

Did the two accused nurses murder Yvonne Gilford?

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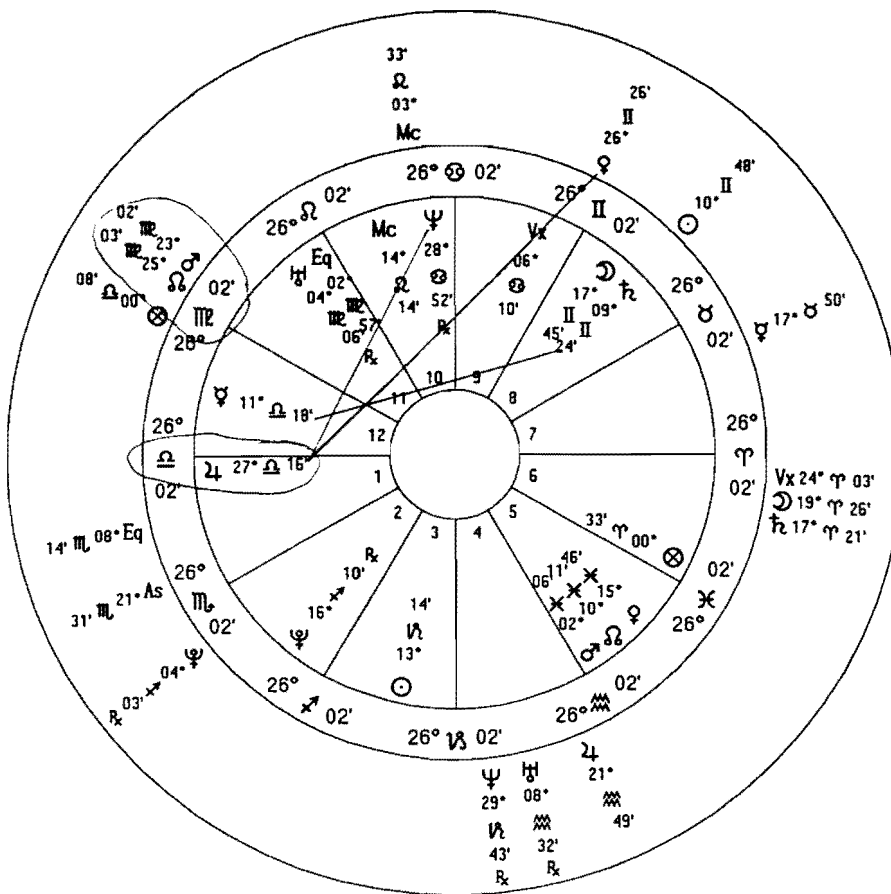
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death penalty, which is a relic of a mediaeval age. Still, in times of stress human beings do strange things. What indication does the Chart give? Frank Gilford's Significator is the Moon, Ruler of the 9th House (3rd House to the 7th, the brother of Yvonne Gilford). The Moon's conjunction with Saturn portrays his hard line. But the Moon is separating from the conjunction and *applying to the sextile of Jupiter*, which is of opposite tendency. Thence it is further lightened by coming to the trine of Venus. My judgement is, therefore, that Frank Gilford will NOT insist on execution.

But there is still another factor to consider: The Arabian *Part of Decapitation* (Cusp 8 + Mars - Moon) in this Chart is at 21°55' Scorpio which is *right on the Ascendant*, Significator of the two nurses. This is a very disturbing feature about which I do not care to speculate beyond hoping that it refers to the *threat* of decapitation rather than its literal application.

As a further measure to determine the outcome, I have erected a *fourth Harmonic* of the Horary Chart—*fourth* because it corresponds to the 4th House which relates to the verdict of the Court. This Chart appears above, and it is revealing: The most heartening aspect is the position of Jupiter ("The Preserver") right on the Ascendant and closely trine to

Radical Venus. Thus the two astrological Fortunes are in complete harmony as well as being powerfully placed. The Ascendant is strongly related to life and health, so I am optimistically confident that Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan will not be executed. Neptune squares Jupiter, and this would refer to the emotional euphoria induced by their release from the shadow of the Saudi sword.

Mars and the Moon's Node, the Radical Significators of the two nurses, appear on the 12th Cusp (Confinement) so I judge they will be sent to prison.

What will be the term of the imprisonment? Mercury rules the 12th House, as well as occupying it, so is doubly significant in relation to the gaol sentence. Saturn's trine to Mercury indicates a long period of incarceration. As Mercury is 16° from the conjunction of Jupiter in the 1st House (liberation) I hazard

a guess that the period would be 16 years.

In one or two weeks time (perhaps on 20th June when the Sun transits Radical Venus) we should have an answer to all the above questions. Many people around the world with different views and strong feelings on the matter will be waiting to see how the issues are resolved. Let us hope we are not going to revert to the Dark Ages.

—Dymock, 5th June 1997.

Did you receive Issue 189 (April 1997)?

A curious thing happened with the posting out of the last Issue. Four of the posted envelopes were returned to me with the address of the recipient expunged! Apparently something untoward happened in the Mail Sorting Centre. Unfortunately, I cannot tell which subscribers missed out. So, if you did not receive Issue No.189 please let me know and I shall send you a copy immediately.

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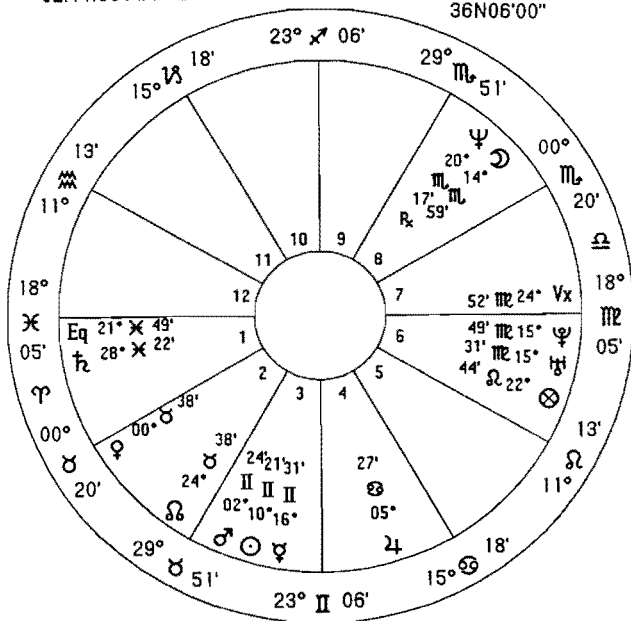
SOLUTION TO TEST NO.13

This Test evidently did exercise the mind of a number of readers, though only two sent in solutions. Neither was correct but I'm sure all who made an attempt would have found it a valuable method of refining and focussing their skills. The correct answer was **marriage**.

The question asked was what occurred on 20th October 1990 in the life of the woman whose Chart appears below.

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In tackling this type of exercise, it is usually not possible to tell what happened from a study of the Progressions and Directions (Forward and Converse) alone. After various approaches, many attempts and numerous failures, I have settled on what appears to be the most promising method for finding the correct answer to questions of this "What happened?" type.

One has to examine the Cyclic Charts, and with repeated experience learn to establish a *hierarchy* of charts—which ones are more important than others. Unfortunately, the hierarchy you establish in one

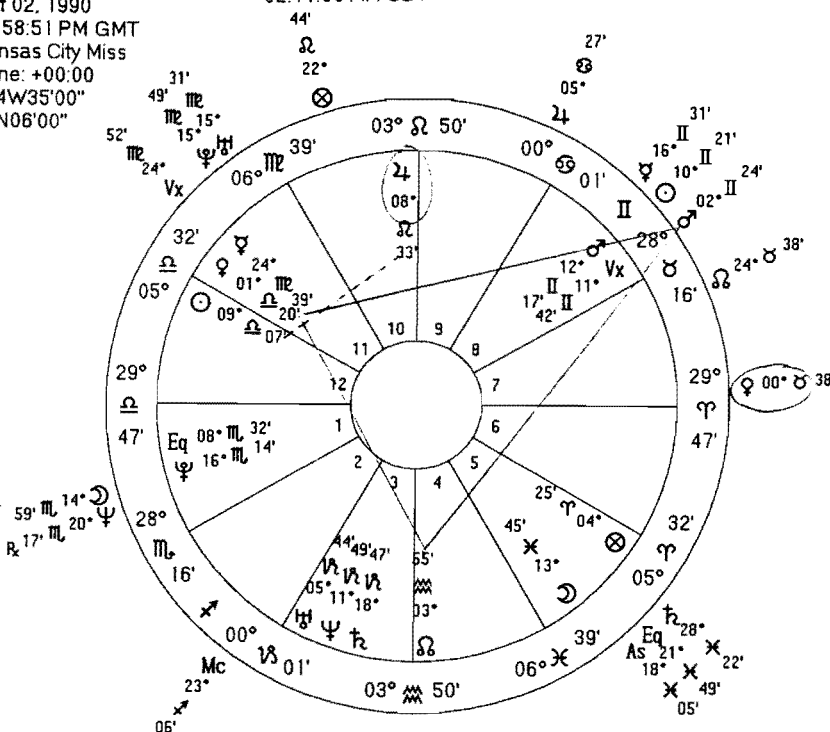
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INNER CHART:
Syn Mth Female-1jun96
Oct 02, 1990
01:58:51 PM GMT
Kansas City Miss
Zone: +00:00
094W35'00"
36N06'00"

OUTER CHART:
Female-1/6/1966-kansas
Jun 01, 1966
02:11:00 AM CDT

Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus Houses



particular case may not hold good for all cases. One clue is to consider first the Cyclic Chart that is closest to the date of the event, prior to its occurrence. It is a curious fact that many of the important events in a person's life come right at the time when a Cyclic Chart is superseded by the next in the series. You are likely to find that the second Chart tells the story even though it is chronologically too late.

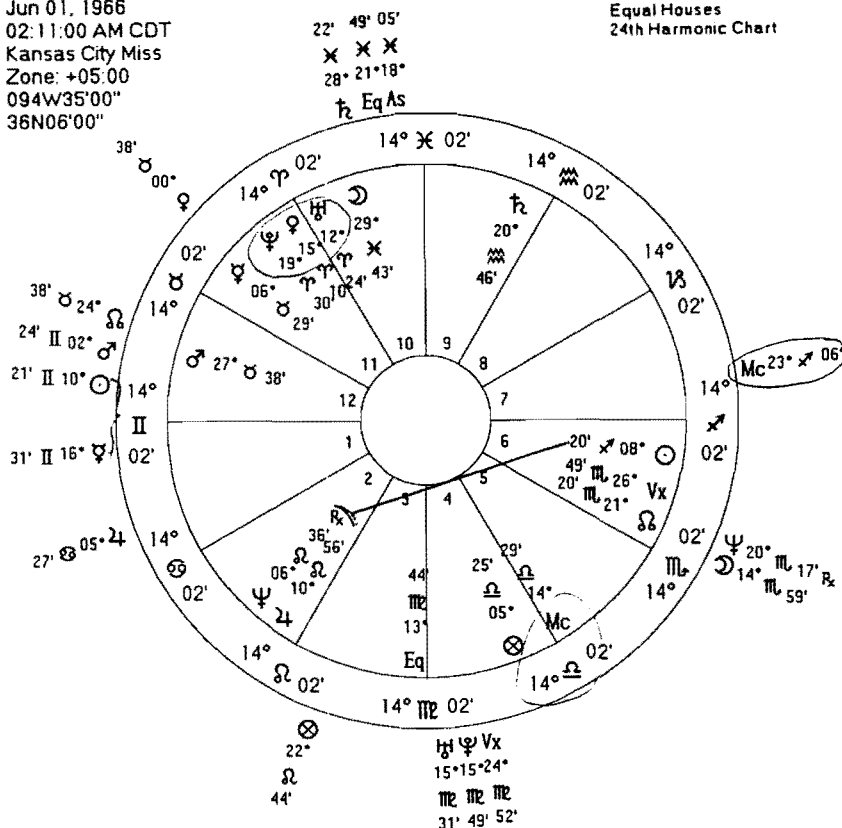
The second essential step is to filter out the insignificant Aspects from the important ones. The most important Aspects will almost invariably be those with the *smallest orbs*. It doesn't matter whether the Aspect is a semisextile or an opposition, the small-*orb*

aspect is the one that will count most.

Very indicative in the present instance was the **Monthly Synodic (or Phase-Return) Figure**, which recurs each month when the Sun and Moon return to the same phase or angular distance they had from one another in the Radix. This Chart, with the Radix superimposed appears on the preceding page..

INNER CHART:
Test-13 Female
Jun 01, 1966
02:11:00 AM CDT
Kansas City Miss
Zone: +05:00
094W35'00"
36N06'00"

Geocentric
Tropical
Equal Houses
24th Harmonic Chart



The conjugal Sign ♌ rises, and its Ruler, ♀ , forms a Grand Trine with the Moon's North Node and Natal ♂ —the trio signifying love and passion. Very appropriately, ♀ rules the 1st House, and ♂ the 7th, relating to the two parties involved. Of more immediate impact, however, is ♄ at the Midheaven and Natal ♀ on the 7th Cusp. These two planets are operating like a Paran, which combines the effect of two bodies through their simultaneous approach to different Angles. ♀ and ♄ from the 7th and 10th Houses together signify love and union. ♄ , moreover, is closely sextile the ☉ which rules the MC (rise or beneficial change in status)

Other Cyclic Charts were also significant, if less spectacular in their indications. The woman concerned being 24 years old at her marriage, her **24th Harmonic Chart** should also provide the answer, as it in fact does: ♄ ruling the House of Marriage is closely trine to the ☉ and conjunct ♅ , ♄ and ♅ being joint Rulers of the Status House. The "floating" MC is on the Cusp

of love and romance, and the Natal ☉ and ♅ conjoin the Ascendant, signifying the impact of a male on the native's life and fortunes. Fittingly, the Natal MC is in the Marriage House. That all did not go well with the native's love-life prior to her marriage is evident from the position of ♀ "besieged" by ♂ and ♅ .

For lack of space the other Cyclic Charts are not shown, though analysed. The **Solar Return** of May 31, 1990 has its Ascendant conjunct the Natal Midheaven, which puts an emphasis on status/achievement. ♄ is trine to the Natal ♄ ruling the Natal House of Romance and Love (good things happening in this area). ♀ is conjunct Natal ♀ (accent on "The Unifier"). The ☉ forms a Grand Trine with the ♄ 's North Node and the Upper Meridian (physical relationship and upgrade of status).

The **Solar Month Chart** (Oct3/Nov1,'90) has meagre indications this time: ♂ ruling the Status House is sextile the ☉ and conjunct Natal ☉ . The ♄ ruling the Marriage House is sextile to Natal ♂ but opposite ♀ .

Finally, the **Lunar Return**: For marriage on October 20 the appropriate Chart is for 2:3:6am on October 20, but just recently I learned that the marriage had actually occurred on October 10, and it "involved travel to Washington on October 20". So the appropriate L.R. for the marriage is the one that occurred on Sept. 22, 1990.

Indications in this Chart, however, are singularly lacking. It is only when the Birth Chart is superimposed that there is a hint through the Angles of the two Charts coinciding and Natal ♀ conjuncting the 7th Cusp. The Chart of October 20 is actually more significant with a triple conjunction of the ☉ , ♅ and ♀ in ♌ .

None of the other Cyclic Charts is affected by the

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change in the marriage date. —Dymock.

TEST NO.14

Here is an exercise of an easier type, though still not really easy. It relates to the same Radix as Test No.13—the female born in Kansas City on June 1, 1966. See page 1 of this Issue, or page 3 of Issue 187, for the Birth Horoscope.

The test here is to match four events in the subject's life with the date on which each one occurred, taken from the list of dates provided.

The events are:

1. A car accident—no one injured, but the car rolled down a 20' embankment.
2. The birth of a son.
3. Suicide attempt.
4. Brother's suicide.

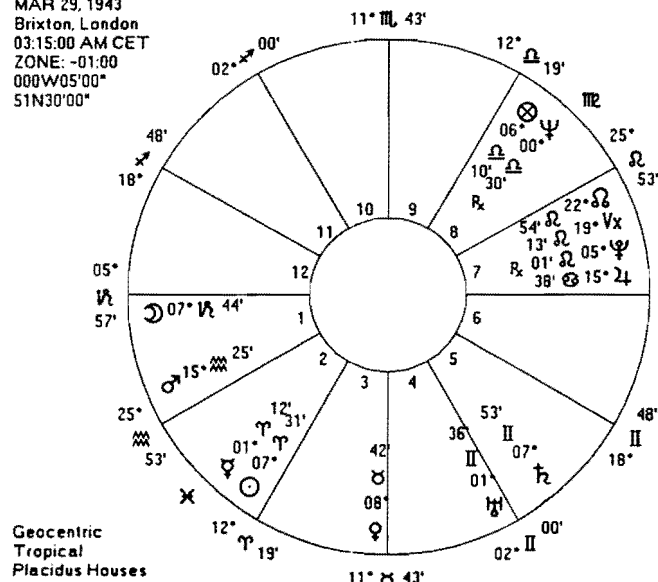
The dates connected with the above events are: 12 Apr 1989, 9 Feb 1995, 4 Dec 1995, and 1 Jan 1996.

Can you match each event with its correct date? Please send your answers to me at 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia, 5073. To give you plenty of time, the closing date is July 15. Include your astrological reasons with your answers, to show they are not just a guess. I promise you that attempting a series of questions such as these Tests will marvellously hone your astrological skills. You will then become an astrologer, not just a dilettante.

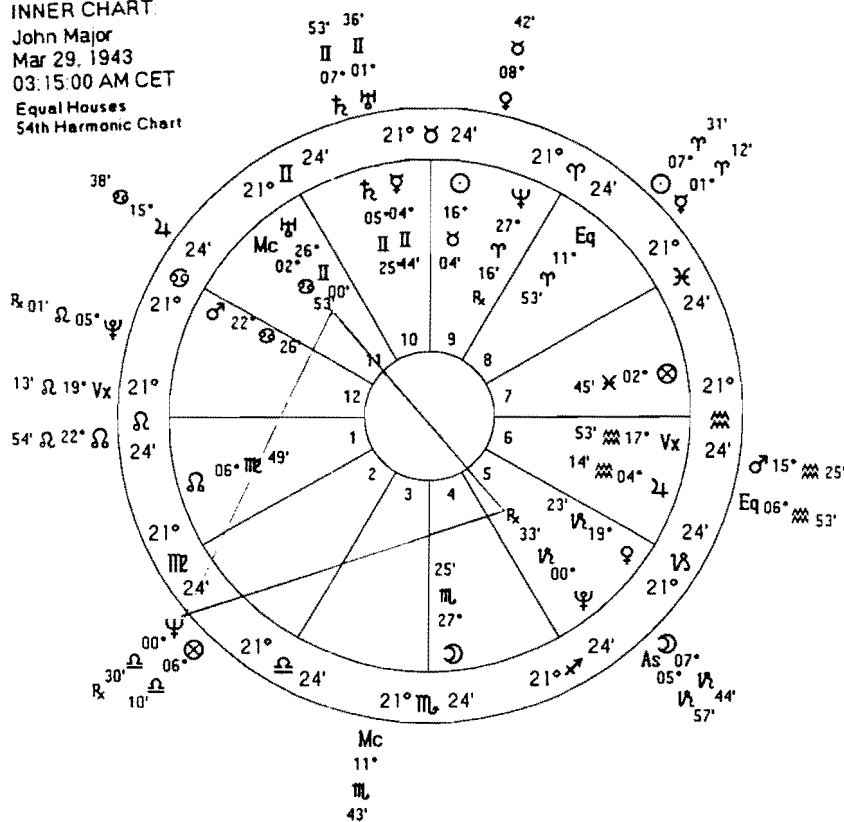
EX-PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR

What appears to be an authentic birth time for John Major has now come to light through the William Lilly

JOHN MAJOR
MAR 29, 1943
Brixton, London
03:15:00 AM CET
ZONE: -01:00
000°W05'00"
51N30'00"



INNER CHART
John Major
Mar 29, 1943
03:15:00 AM CET
Equal Houses
54th Harmonic Chart



Among numerous adverse indications, the outstanding one is
☿ ☿ the "floating" MC, both ☐ to Natal. ♀.

List on the Internet (william_lilly@halcyon.com). The time given is 3:15am BST, at Brixton, London, on 29th March 1943.

This Chart is borne out well by the derived Charts—the 54th Harmonic and the Synodic Return—operating when John Major lost the U.K. Election on 1st May.

The return on 11th July 1947 of the Natal Sun-Moon phase angle gives the Annual Synodic Chart for the year 29 March 1997–29 March 1998. It appears on the next page, circumscribed by the Natal Chart.

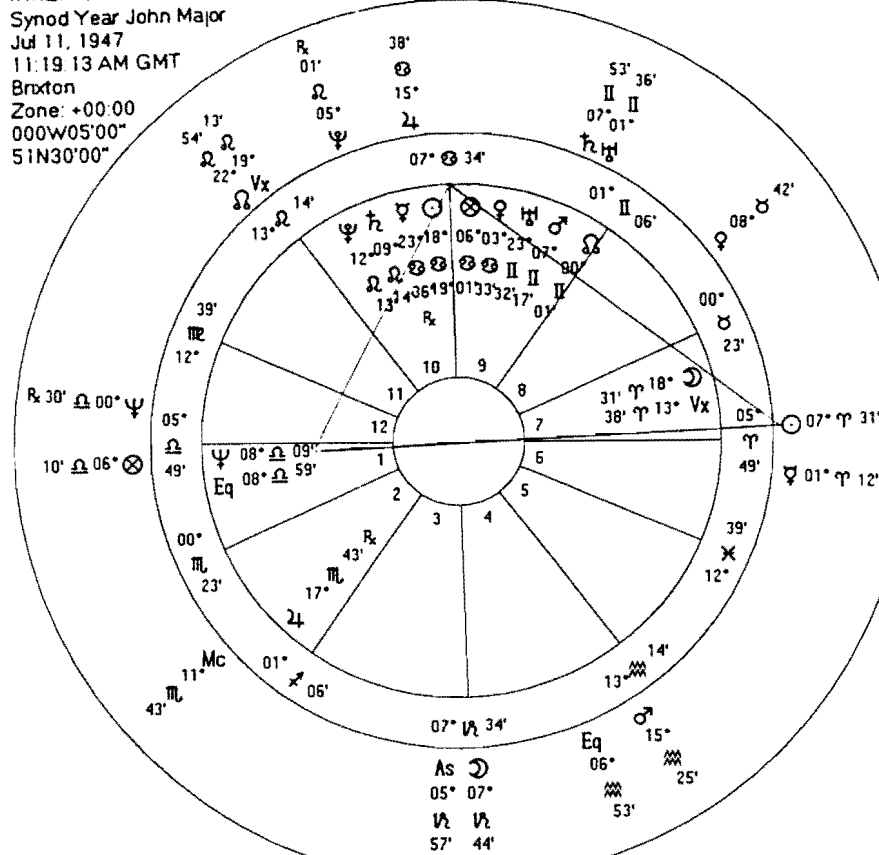
A PLUTO TRANSIT

On 14th April the Leader of the Opposition in the Tasmanian Parliament resigned, which may not have been noticed much outside Tasmania. This is Michael Field, born on 28th May 1948. This puts his Sun in 6° Gemini with the Transiting Pluto within 1° orb of Opposition—so a spot-on Transit. He will be resigning from Parliament altogether in June (endings and new beginnings). I had been wondering about him as there had been no blow-up or crisis in his leadership, and he himself had ridiculed any possibility of stepping down—but politicians always do till the last moment. He comes up to 49 this year, which is very young to end a career. *But these Pluto Transits do work.* Another additional point is that his Progressed Sun is in 23° Cancer. This puts it in the Pisces decanate, and I have found that these Progressed decanates can be very effective. The Sun in a Pisces decanate can be a sticky one.

—Allan Johnson (Tas.).

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Synod Year John Major
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51N30'00"

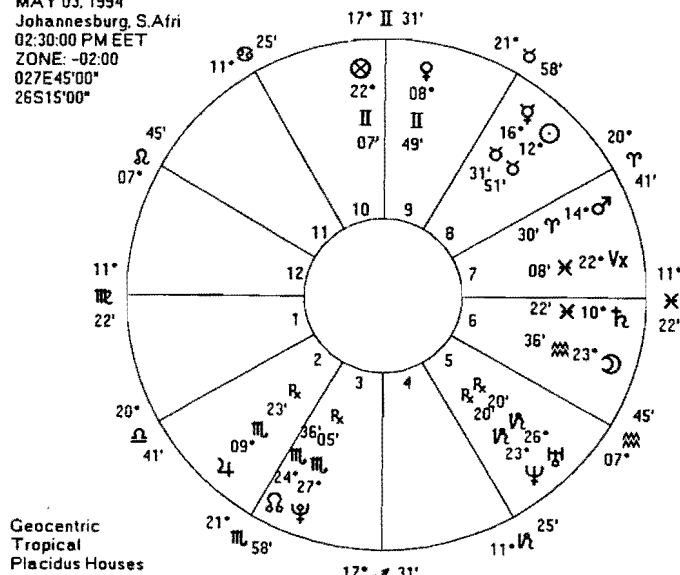


John Major's Electional defeat is graphically described by
 $\Psi \sigma$ Asc ρ Natal \odot , both \square MC.

ABDUCTED CHILD

Here is the Birth Chart of a baby born on 3rd May 1994 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The baby was abducted the next day, and returned two years later, on 4 March, 1996. The Chart was sent to me by Doreen Gilbert (NSW),

ABDUCTED CHILD
MAY 03, 1994
Johannesburg, S. Afri
02:30:00 PM EET
ZONE: -02:00
027E45'00"
26S15'00"



Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus Houses

The Chart for the actual abduction is in the next column. The two Charts invite us to decide whether as astrologers we could foresee the abduction, and the outcome.

Certainly, the Birth Chart does carry a warning of kidnapping: Ψ conjoined with \times , Ψ with Ω , and the

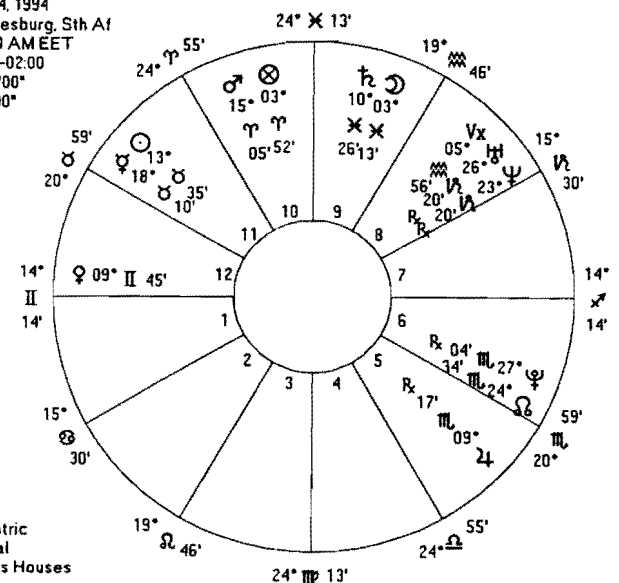
linked to all of them is as clear an indication of kidnapping as one is likely to get. The actual deed occurred when the \mathcal{D} on the day after the birth came to the conjunction of \mathcal{h} .

Foretelling the date when the baby would be re-united with its mother is a more difficult proposition. We should like to be able to read this from the Event Chart. The abductor is represented by the 7th House, which has ρ on the Cusp and so is ruled by \mathcal{L} posited, appropriately, in \mathcal{M} —and *Retrograde*. Retrogradation in Horary Charts is an indication of returning, so we might judge that the abductor would bring the baby back to its mother. But when? I doubt whether the two-year period of abduction can be read from the Event Chart.

However, the Synodic Return Chart of 14 March 1996, where Leo is on the Children's Cusp, has the $\mathcal{D} \sigma \mathcal{L}$ at the Midheaven in the 14th degree of \mathcal{V} trine to the Natal \odot (ruling the House of Children) in

EVENT: THE ABDUCTION

CHILD ABDUCTION
MAY 04, 1994
Johannesburg, Sth Af
09:00:00 AM EET
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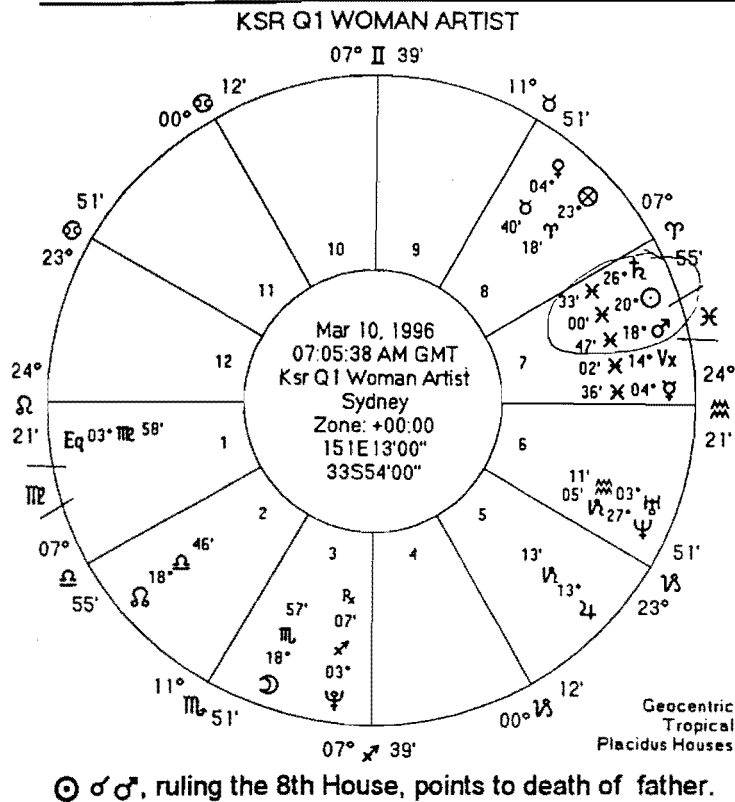


Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus Houses

the 14th degree of \mathcal{O} . This is so symbolic of a joyful re-union of child with parent that I would say the date of restoration was the 14th March, not the 4th, and that a mistake has been made somewhere in the transmission of the information. The previous Synodic Chart does not give any indication of the child's return to its mother.

My kind regards to all. —Dymock, 28 May 1997.

Thanks to Ross for handling this Test, and for his report. My regret is that only four entries were received (none of them correct). If you want to



technique and whether it can be sharpened up, or whether it should be discarded for a more appropriate method. Applying your Astrology to real-life situations and questions is the surest way to acquire practical skill—and that's what Astrology should be about—not just a theme for superficial small talk at parties.

There is another Test (No. 13) on page 3 of this Issue. I urge you, as a serious astrologer, for your own benefit to make the time to tackle this exercise and send in your solution (whether you have confidence in it or not).

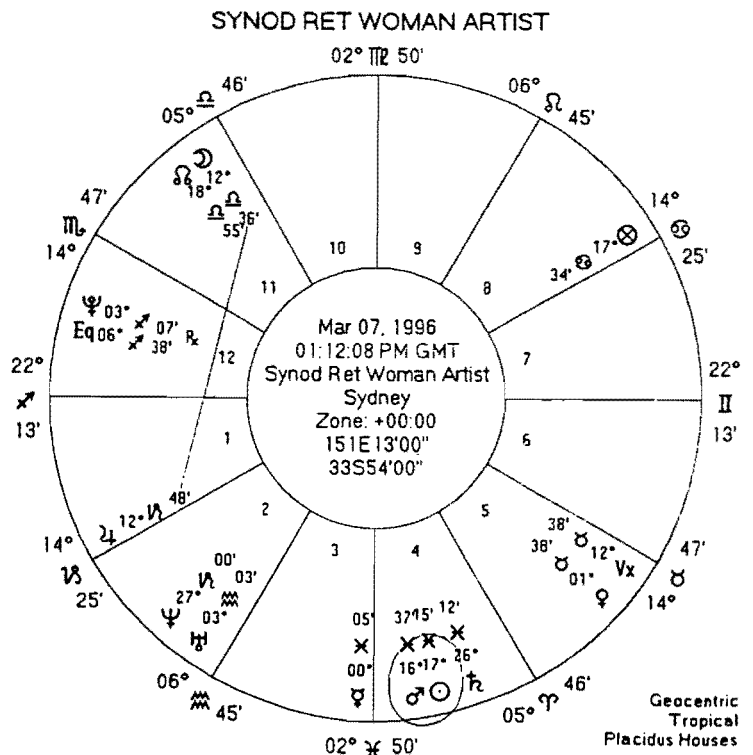
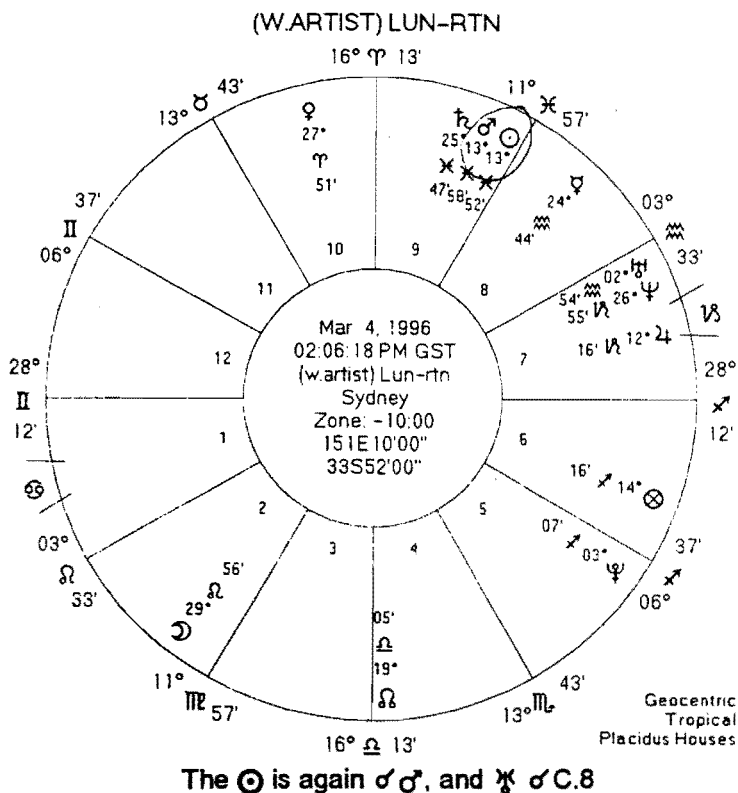
As an addendum to Ross's Report, I could add other Dynamic Aspects that were current at the time of the father's death on 30th March 1996. They were:

♂♂♀ (Solar-Arc Direction) on 29 March 96
(disruption of a love bond).

♂ Transiting Asc and ♀ on 30 March 96.
(emotional distress)

[PEA Primary Direction ♂ d. ☐ Asc, 27 March 96]

In addition to the Charts cited by Ross, there are two others of interest—the Synodic Return of March 7,



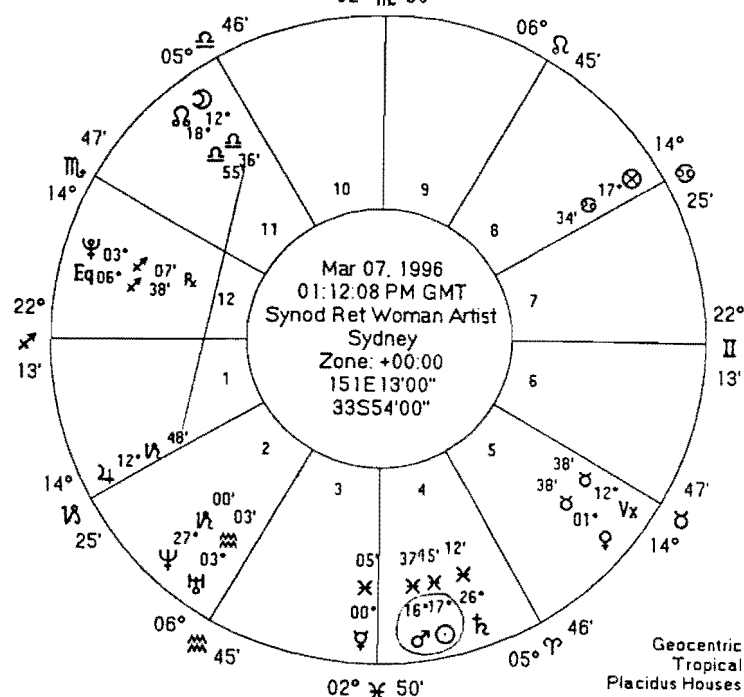
♂♂☉ in 4th House (the father), ♀♂ Natal ☉, and
♂ ruling House of Deaths ☐ 4 point to death of the father.

improve your astrology and make it highly practical, there is no better way than attempting a solution to the various tests and exercises offered in this Publication. It will search out deficiencies in astrological understanding and technique. It is hardly relevant whether you find the correct answer or not—the great benefit comes from doing the exercise and learning by it. You discover for yourself just how good (or bad) is your

1996, that is the time in March when the Sun and Moon returned to the same phase angle that they had at the subject's birth, and the "Solar-Month" Chart for the time in March when the Sun returned to the degree, minute and second it occupied at the birth though in a

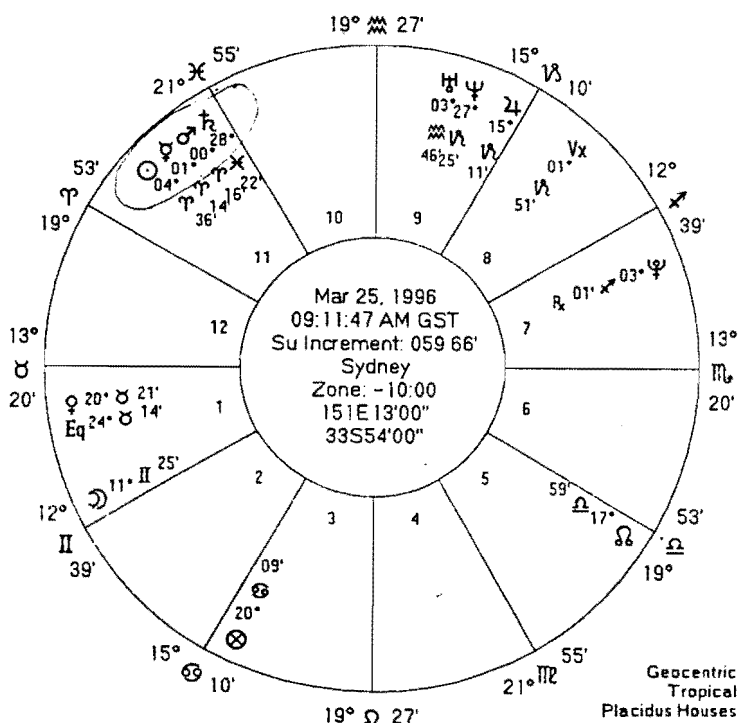
SYNOD RET WOMAN ARTIST

02° 17' 50"



The father's death shown here by ☉ ☿ ☿, ☿ ☿ Natal ☉, and ☿ ☿ ☿.

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Indications of the father's death are ☉, ☿, ☿, ☿ ☿ ☿ in the Derived 8th H. of the father, ☿ ☿ ☿, and N. ☿ ☿ ☿.

different Sign.

In the Synodic Chart the indications of the father's death are even more specific: ☿ closely conjoins the ☉ in the 4th House, traditionally associated with the father: ☿ at ≈3°3' is conjunct the Natal ☉ at ≈4°36' (shock), and the ☿ ruling the House of Deaths is

square ☿ (loss of family member).

The Solar-Month Chart has the ☉ ☿ ☿, ☿ and ☿ a stronger affliction to the ☉ than from ☿ alone. These bodies are all in the 11th House, which is the 8th to the 4th, the 11th therefore being the House of Death in relation to the 4th which has Leo on the Cusp and so is ruled by the Sun. Natal Pluto ("The Destroyer") afflicts the 4th Cusp by conjunction. Pluto in the Chart afflicts the Sun by trine (only less powerful than the square). Notice that the aforesaid ☉, ☿, ☿ and ☿ are all transiting the 8th House of the Natal Chart, pointing to a death.

All these Cyclic Charts are of interest, and it is a matter of debate just which is the more indicative of the event. From my experience, no one Chart is consistently more useful than another in this respect, though my vote in the present instance goes to the Synodic Chart. In view of the offer made in the next Test (below) readers are invited to judge for themselves.

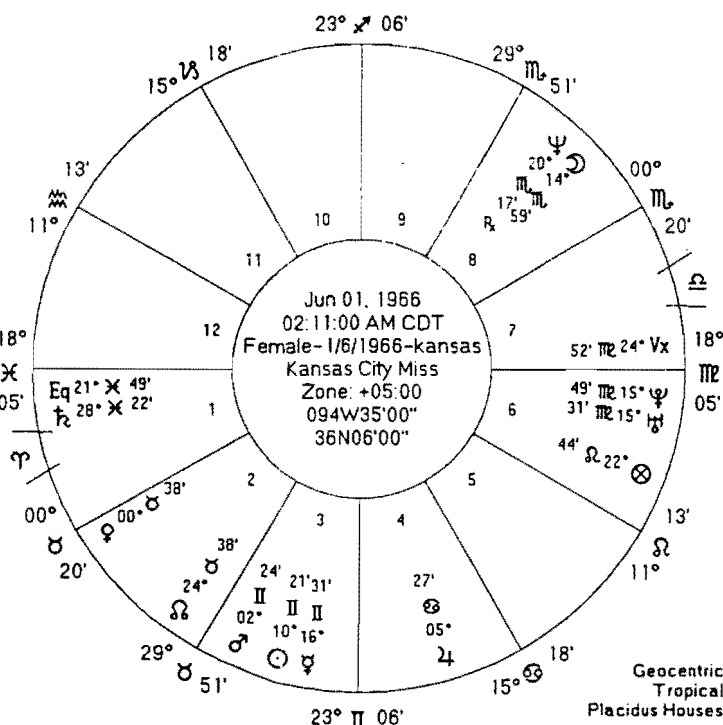
—Dymock.

TEST NO.13

Now here is another Exercise on which you can try your skills. Below is the Birth Chart of a woman born on 1st June 1966 at 2:11am CDT (+5h = GMT) in Kansas City, Missouri. What happened in her life on 20th October 1990?

On this occasion I am unable to supply personal

FEMALE-1/6/1966-KANSAS



details of the subject, but to make the task easier for those who do not have a computer or an appropriate program, I'll supply a relevant Cyclic Chart to any one who sends me a stamped self-addressed envelope. The Cyclic Charts are those that have been discussed in the previous pages—Solar Return, KSR Q1 (Progressive Solar Return), Lunar Return, Synodic Return, or Solar-Month. Each Chart will be a laser print-out circumscribed by the Natal Horoscope. Just let me know which print-out you want.

I hope there will be many prepared to devote some time to this Test. Send your answers to me at 4 Leabrook Drive, Rostrevor, South Australia. 5073.

The closing time for entries will be 20th May.

—Dymock.

HORARY QUESTION

Horary Astrology can be very useful in determining whether a projected course of action will be advisable or not. In the Horary Chart below, the Querent asked whether she should proceed with her wish to do compassionate work as a Life-Line Telephone

Querent, and it closely trines Ψ , ruling the Piscean 10th House (compassionate vocation). The two planets together are characteristic of telephoning. The Querent's Co-Significator, the \mathcal{D} , is conjunct Ψ , Traditional Ruler of \mathcal{K} on the 10th Cusp (orb only 44'). The \mathcal{D} rules the 3rd House—communication.

The Querent accordingly did undertake the Training Course and is glad that she did. She is now a practising Life-Line Telephone Counsellor and finds it fulfilling as it not only satisfies a social need but is also a personal development.

Horary Astrology has proved its value over the years with this type of question—whether to undertake a specific course of training, study, etc. When the matter is one of special importance the Chart gives a clear, correct answer, most valuable when all the factors involved are not necessarily apparent or understood.

Comments on Planets' Stations

Ross Harvey reports:

You asked for comments on the planetary Stations in February/March. In February I was asked to do a term's teaching, which has extended to two terms. It started on the 7th, and Mars was almost exactly Stationary trine my 11th Cusp on the 6th.

On the 22nd of February I won first prize in the Easter Show Still-Life Competition, and Pluto was Stationary closely conjunct my 5th Cusp on the 8th of March. □

Any other observations by readers? Recent approaching planetary Stations that would affect Natal Significators near the given positions are:

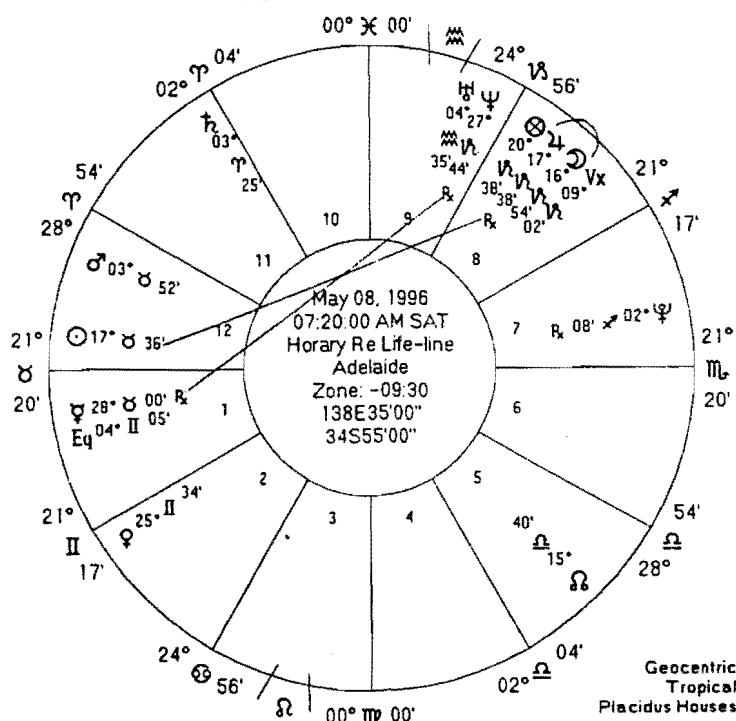
Ψ R at	\mathcal{K} 5°36'	on	March 8
\mathcal{F} R at	\mathcal{O} 9°39'	on	April 15
\mathcal{D} at	\mathcal{M} 16°45'	on	April 27
Ψ R at	\mathcal{V} 29°58'	on	May 1
\mathcal{K} R at	\approx 8°40'	on	May 13
\mathcal{L} R at	\approx 21°56'	on	June 10

Michael Edwards (U.K.) has kindly responded to my request for the Birth Data of Prime Minister John Major, and has written extensively on the General Election to be held there on 1st May. I hope to present at least some of his material in the next Issue, which should still be prior to the Election. John Major was born on 29 March 1943 in SW London, 51N2° 0W13, in the early hours of the morning. Cheston Kemp's rectification is 1:54 UT with the \mathcal{D} rising in \mathcal{V} .

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 17 April 1997

HORARY RE LIFE-LINE



Counsellor. It would mean a twelve months training course followed by an obligatory years voluntary service.

The Chart left no doubt that the Course should be undertaken: The Sign \mathcal{O} rises, and the Ruler \mathcal{F} is in \mathcal{I} . This correlates with the Querent's Birth Chart which has the Venusian Sign \mathcal{L} on the Ascendant and the \mathcal{O} in \mathcal{I} . \mathcal{F} being in the 1st House is a Significator of the

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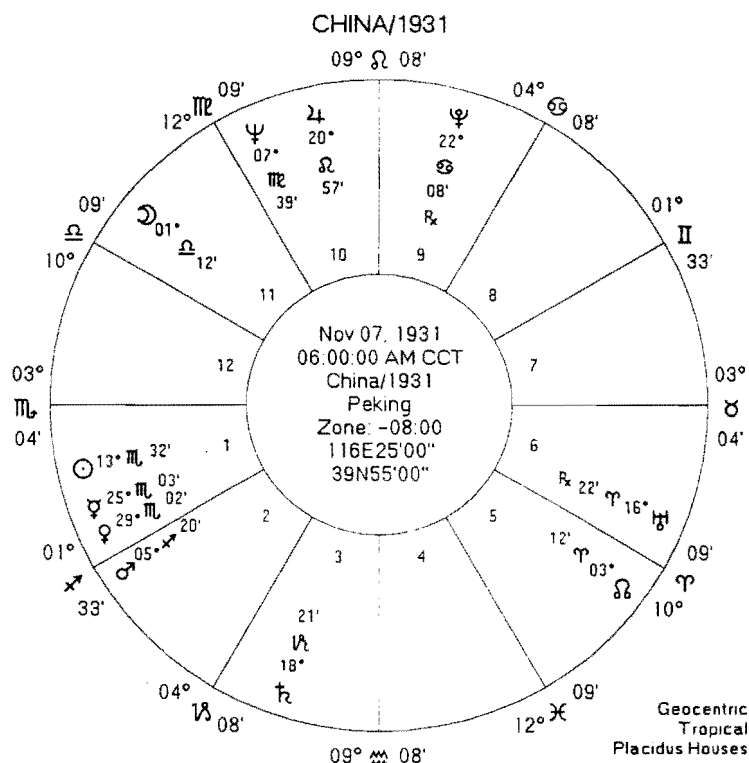
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THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG

by Lyla Williams

I found Allan Johnson's article, *The Future of China*, of great interest (January Issue) but I am even more interested in the future of Hong Kong, which will pass from British to Chinese jurisdiction on the 1st July this year. However, the Chart I have used is not the 1949 Chart given by Allan Johnson but the 1931 Chart given in *The Circle Book of Charts* for the Congress of Soviet Republics: "The opening ... was heralded by the sounding of a trumpet at exactly 6am on November 7th, 1931" (N. Forrest).



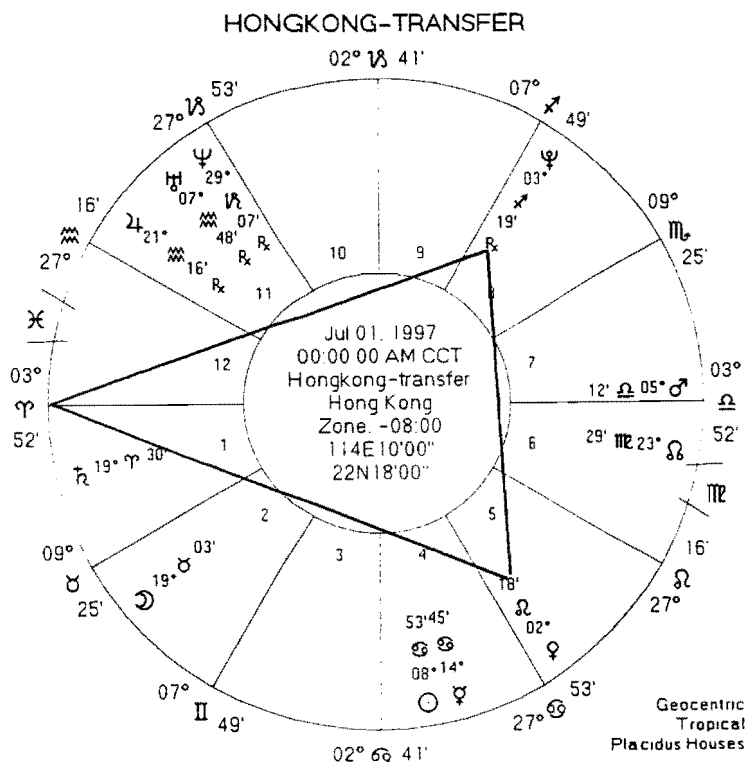
[No coordinates were given for this Chart, so I have used those for Peking. Angles and Cusps differ slightly from the original.]

My reasons for preferring this Chart include a Scorpio Sun and Ascendant—the Republic was achieved through revolution and has consistently shown aggressive tendencies within its own borders and towards its neighbours; ♂ in Fiery and

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"adventurous" Sagittarius; a stern Capricorn, ♄ in the Third House (the family) (see China's draconian birth control methods as example). The ♃ conjunct the South Node in the 11th House (there are friends and "friends"), ♀ in the 9th House (Foreign Relations) and ♃ ♁ in the 10th—Deng Xiaoping (♁♁) and Mao-Tse-Tung (♂♁) add weight to this planet/Sign position.



Transfers of power normally happen at midnight, so my Chart for the Hong Kong handover is calculated for that time, July 1st. The first thing to notice is the tight Grand Trine between the Aries Ascendant, ♀♂ and ♀♁, an Aspect pattern encompassing enthusiasm, passion and dramatic events!. China's ♂ conjoins ♀, China's North Node conjoins the Ascendant,

suggesting (in Aries) aggressive imposition of China's will, and China's MC is but 6° from ♀, suggesting China's need to be seen to receive cooperation from the business, artistic and financial world. The quincunx aspect from China's ♀ to ♈ brings two quite different approaches into the picture: A Virgoan ♀ will take a highly critical if practical line, whilst ♈ in its own Sign of Aquarius is freethinking, humanitarian and modern. It may also be relevant that ♈ lies on China's IC—"the end of life"!

The Chart shows five Cardinal planets plus Ascendant and Midheaven; six Positive planets against four Negative planets which together emphasize an active, forceful, eventful period—fewer Negative planets means a decreased tendency to accept the inevitable. The Hong Kong Taurus ♋ (need for security) falls into China's 7th House ("other people"), and opposes three Scorpio planets including China's ☿. This gives a strong Fixed Quality to the Chart. With the ♋♂♀ we would expect problems of over-sensitivity and hurt feelings; ♈♂, problems with communication between the two sides, and ♈☿, the possibility of an unbalanced relationship—with the "☿ country" dominating. The ♈'s are square, generally taken to suggest a contradictory or conflicting approach to the partner's sense of responsibility. Hong Kong's ☿ falls in China's 9th House where, being in the Sign of the homeland, I would expect an automatic assumption by China that Hong Kong had "come home"!

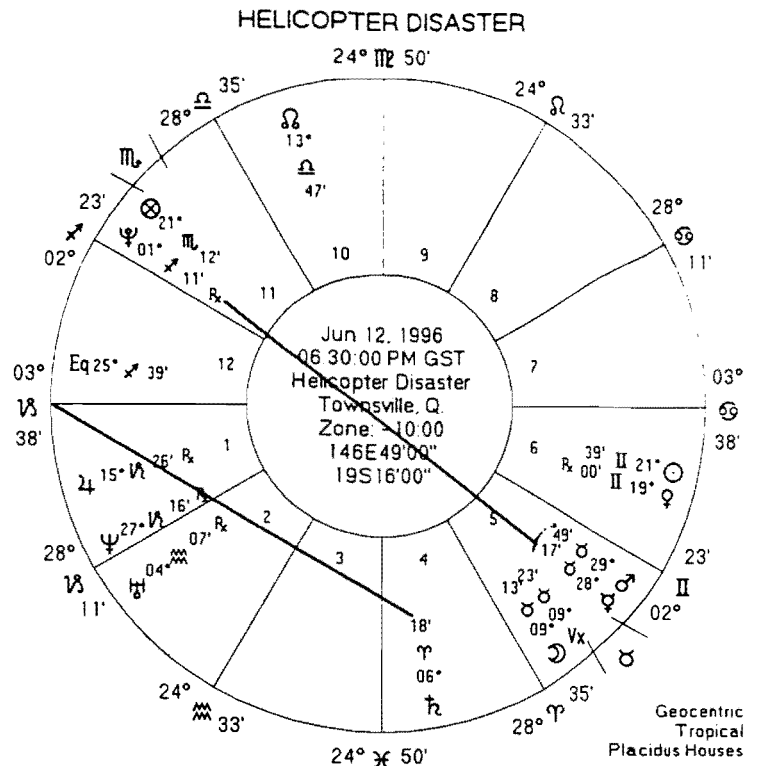
Using this Chart, China's Progressed ☿ at 18♊ applies to Hong Kong's ♈ in the 1st House and Hong Kong's ♋ in the 11th House in the next couple of years. I would suggest that the astrological indications are for an attempt by China to swallow Hong Kong whole, as it were, imposing harsh laws to stifle the Colony's current democratic longings, misinterpreting or ignoring the people's legitimate expectations (Scorpio ☿/Asc) with undue emphasis on the greater family (China's ♀ in Cancer) at the expense of one small but populous branch.

I hope I am wrong—but doubt it.

HELICOPTER DISASTER

A Tragedy that Astrology Might Have Averted

At 6:30pm on 12th June 1996 six Australian Black Hawk helicopters took off from their base in Townsville, Qld., on a night training mission.



Approaching the target area, a series of errors led to the collision of two of the helicopters which plummeted to the ground, killing in all 18 members of the Special Air Services personnel.

When we look at the Chart for the commencement of the exercise it is obvious that disaster would attend it: ♀ and ♂ are in close conjunction and closely opposed by ♀ in the House of Self-Undoing. The late famous astrologer, Charles Carter, declared that ♀ and ♂ in combination are the two planets most frequently associated with personal injuries. Here their violence is increased by the opposition of ♀, planet of extremes. ♀ rises in the Chart, and its Ruler, ♈, is square to the Ascendant Degree with an orb of 2°40'. This orb is quickly diminishing through the action of the fast-moving Ascendant.

On more than one occasion in the past ten years I have advocated the use of Astrology to minimize tragedies in the air and elsewhere by choosing a suitable time for the commencement of journeys. This has been sceptically regarded by some astrologers but it is in fact entirely feasible. With modern high-powered computers a chart for the commencement of every flight by air-liners can be printed out in a few minutes, and it doesn't take an astrological genius to see disastrous planetary combinations like the one above. Proceedings would then be halted until a safe commencing time is found. In the above instance, by delaying the exercise for a couple of weeks the project would then be subject only to the normal hazards of military exercise but not the additional ones imposed by

malefic planetary configurations. —Dymock.

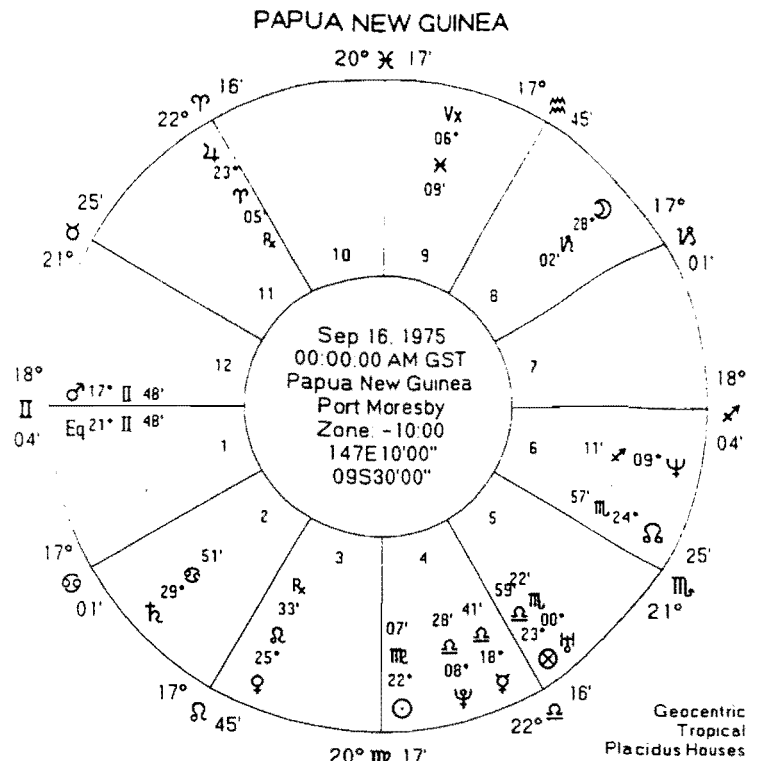
CRISIS IN NEW GUINEA

by Allan Johnson

Papua New Guinea is very much in the news lately, and a lot of things are coming to a head. At the time of writing (21st March) the picture coming across is immensely confusing over the problem of Bougainville and the mercenaries and the rioting in Port Moresby. So it is interesting to look at the relevant Chart. Papua New Guinea received its independence from Australia in 1975, and the Constitution for the new State was set up for zero hours on 16th September at Port Moresby. This Chart is from the Book of World Horoscopes, and there is no controversy about it at all. At the outset it is not an easy Chart for a country to have. \odot is right on the Ascendant and making the square to the \odot , which is an indicator for violence. In addition to this there is a Grand Cross right on the Cusps of the Cardinal and Fixed Signs (\mathbb{A} , \mathbb{T} , \mathbb{M} , \mathbb{D}). This does not make for a lot of stability.

New Guinea is right on Australia's doorstep we could say, so it is interesting to note that the Prime Minister John Howard's own Chart links up so strongly with the P.N.G. Chart. He has a T-Square pattern right on the self-same Cusps of Cardinal and Fixed Signs and involving the \odot , Ψ , \mathbb{T} and \odot . So it is hard to see him not getting involved in the outcome of the conflict. His \odot is exactly on the \mathbb{D} in the P.N.G. Chart, with his \odot/Ψ right on \mathbb{T} and, finally, his \mathbb{T} exactly opposite the P.N.G. \mathbb{M} , an amazing correlation. He came into Office when the New Guinea crisis was very active. And, in addition, Howard's Ascendant is 18°II , identical with that of Papua New Guinea.

At the time of writing, he has made no definite moves. For nine years the Government of New Guinea has battled rebels on Bougainville Island, and the stakes are the huge copper mines that have been temporarily closed down due to the conflict. So the time had to come when things would erupt to boiling point, which is what is occurring right now. When we are looking at the question of massive upheavals it is usual to find the planets \mathbb{M} or Ψ involved by Transit. Looking back over the last couple of years when these traumatic developments have been accentuated, Ψ has not been active in the P.N.G. Chart, but \mathbb{M} certainly has. For the whole of these two years \mathbb{M} has been right on the \mathbb{V}/\approx Cusp and activating the rest of the Grand Cross pattern as well. So this period has set in motion what is now happening—the introduction of the mercenaries to



clear up the issue once and for all. But it is not working out that way, hence the present turmoil and the looting and shooting.

In this same period John Howard went through quite a traumatic period when he could have sunk or swum. For this was the period when he had to throw his hat in the ring for the leadership of the Liberal Party, and it culminated in his successful bid for the Prime Ministership in March 1996. So there was a definite parallel with his Chart and the of the P.N.G. Chart, but in his case he also had a highly favourable Transit of Ψ to his Grand Trine pattern, which flung the balance in his favour. The P.N.G. Chart hasn't got that.

Now we have arrived at the point to look at the Transits for 1997/98. \mathbb{M} has now passed out of this Cuspal area at the beginning of Aquarius, and what we have is *Neptune*. Ψ will be right on the Cusp of Capricorn/Aquarius for both '97 and '98, which means it will be on the New Guinea Grand Cross as well as on Howard's T-Square. The two Charts converge. We all know that Ψ can be a very tricky planet. It is not connected with violence but it is connected with behind-the-scenes subterfuge. And nothing could be more appropriate for the kind of confused and messy situation that we have in Port Moresby right at this moment. The Prime Minister has sacked the head of the Army, and the head of the Army is trying to sack the Prime Minister—a very Neptunian setup. So we are getting a pretty chaotic situation with nobody quite sure what to do next. But I don't expect any large-scale civil war to eventuate. But the muddle and

confusion is likely to continue. John Howard could find himself in the position of being compelled to take some action, but being subject to some heavy criticism whichever course he takes. That is a typical Neptune situation.

NEW GUINEA—LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

News has just come through (26th March) that Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, has bowed to public pressure and stood aside while the matter of the employment of the mercenaries is cleared up. The country's troubles are not over, by any means. A study of the next three Monthly Synodic Charts set for Port Moresby points to April being a critical time also. Below is the Chart for April 17, 1997, when the Sun and Moon repeat the same phase that they had in the Country's Radix. It rules for a month, to May 17. The Radix itself is circumscribed around the Synodic Chart. It can be seen that the ☉ now forms a close and therefore powerful Grand Cross with Natal ♄, ♃ and ♅. Thus the ☉ (the head of government, whoever it is—and several are waiting in the wings) now faces another insurrection (♄) and the opprobrium of the mass of the people ([♃ ♀ ♅] ☉). Within the Chart, ♅ ☉ ♀ points to more mob violence, emphasized by the Vertex forming a T-Square. ♄ ♃ ♀ (orb only ½°) suggests another uprising of the Armed Forces.

These events will likely be precipitated in April by

transiting ♄ Δ ♀ on the 21st and Stationary ♄ ☐ ♄ Radical on the 28th. Prior to that, we have transiting ♄ ♀ on 12th April, indicating insecurity and deaths (♄ ruling the 8th House and ♀ occupying it).

—Dymock.

Comments from Readers

Anne Fryer (S.Aust.) reports:

Re your request for planetary observations, on 8th March I went to a public-speaking adjudication workshop as part of my hobby—Rostrum (a public-speaking Association). ♄ was stationary at 6♈ in my 3rd House opposite my Natal ☉ at 4♌58 in the 9th and square my Natal Mars at 6♌ in the 5th. I am sorry to say I didn't experience "blind love" or a high degree of excitability! [But the connection with the Houses of communication and discussion is obvious. —Ed.]

From Doreen Gilbert (NSW):

Have you found a lot of bone fractures occurring at the time of the Saturn Return? I've just had a spate of these. [I haven't, Doreen, but it could well be expected. Readers may add to this. Ed.]

From Fred Klerk (NSW):

Most of the world's weather phenomena are triggered by Geocentric Transits to the Heliocentric planetary Nodes. Local weather changes are triggered by Transits to the Ascendant and Midheaven of a planet's Ingress Chart set up for your locale. These account for approximately 70% of weather phenomena

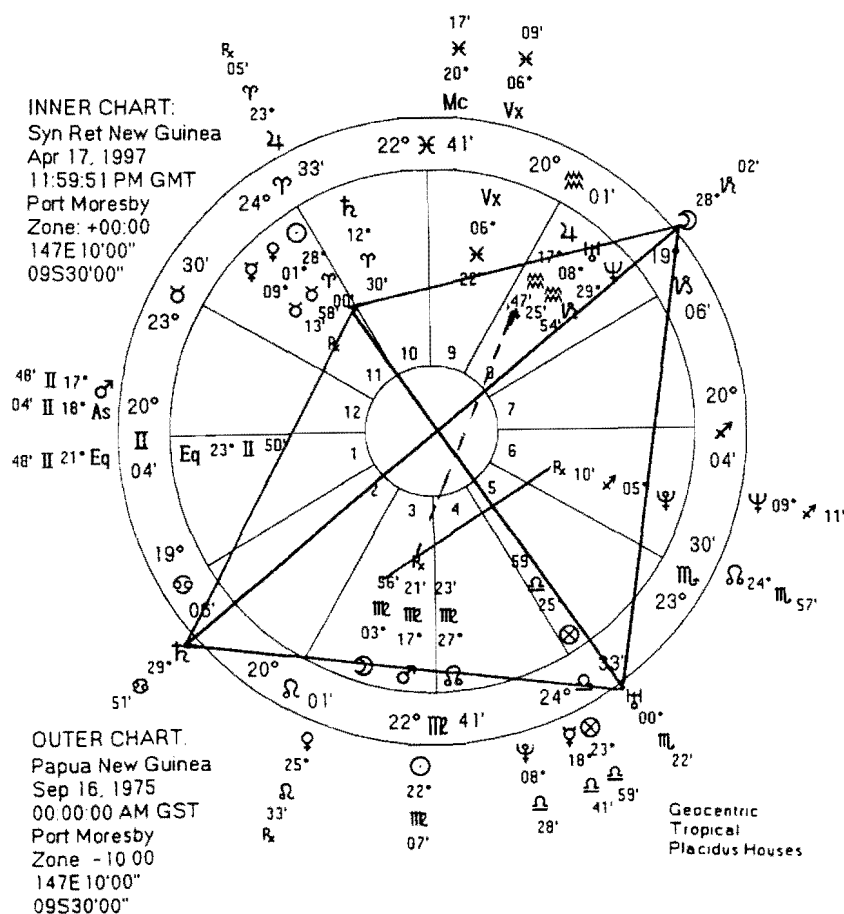
Have you sent your answer to last month's *WHAT HAPPENED* Test?

HELP FOR SMOKERS!

Nicotine addicts who want to give up smoking are helped by a ♄ aspect to the Ascendant, the Ruler or the ♅. ♄ is the great Eliminator—frees us from all sorts of detritus, emotional problems and bad habits. More help is available from a homoeopathic pharmacy: Homoeopathic *Caladium-6x*, three drops three times a day, will reduce the taste for nicotine. The discomfort of withdrawal is greatly relieved by four-drop doses every twelve hours of the homoeopathic complex *Avena sativa-1x* + *Passiflora-1x*.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 26 March 97.



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O.J. SIMPSON DRAMA CONCLUDED

...Murder though it have no tongue, will speak with most miraculous organ. O.J. Simpson has finally been found "responsible for causing the deaths" of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. The idiosyncrasy of American law which, on the one hand, can acquit him of murder in a criminal trial yet on the other hand in a civil case brought by the dependants of the victims find him guilty of causing their deaths is not luminous in its logic but satisfactory in its conclusion. The Court, thankfully, achieved finally what I believe most people will regard as the right verdict.

To my mind, the Harmonic Charts depicted and analysed in the October 1996 *Astrologers' Forum*, at the outset of the civil trial, settled beyond doubt that O.J. Simpson did indeed perpetrate the murders. I regard it as a triumphant demonstration of the power of Harmonics to reveal the truth in the fog of legal argument. The linking of Simpson's Age Harmonics with Nicole Simpson's Birth Horoscope was simple, clear and devastating for O.J. Readers are referred to Page 2 of the October Issue where the links between O.J.'s 46th Harmonic and Nicole Simpson's Natus are clearly shown. [Line 10 in the second column should read *Semisquare her Mars*, not "*Semisextile her Mars*".]

—Dymock.

MADONNA'S TRIUMPH

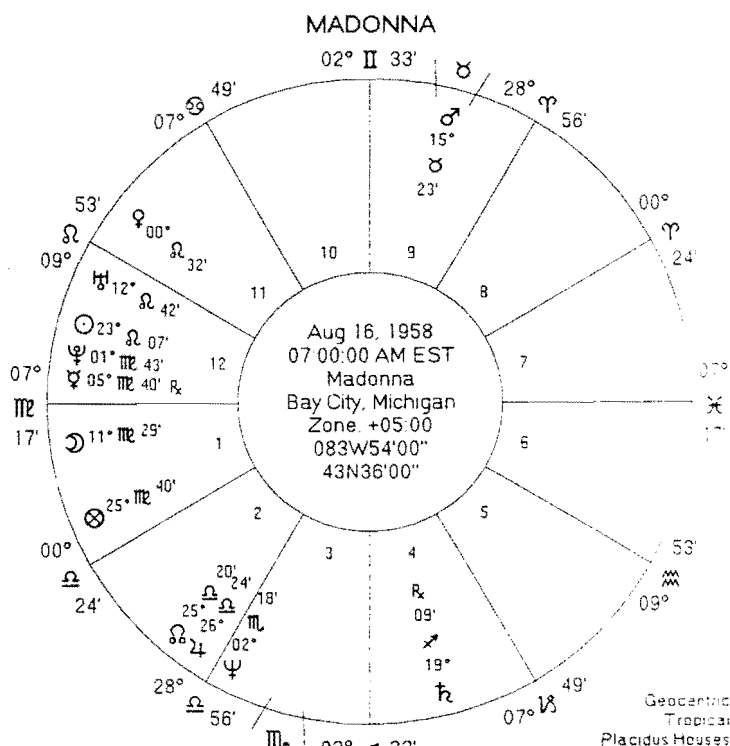
In view of entertainer Madonna's brilliant career success in the film *Evita* which is currently showing round the world, it is interesting to review her Horoscope published in *Astrologers' Forum*, June/July 1994 (next column).

Madonna's achievement is adequately portrayed by the current Solar Return, with the super-imposition of her Birth Chart (see next page). In fact, unless you do superimpose the Birth Chart you might very well miss the great importance of this Solar Year for Madonna.

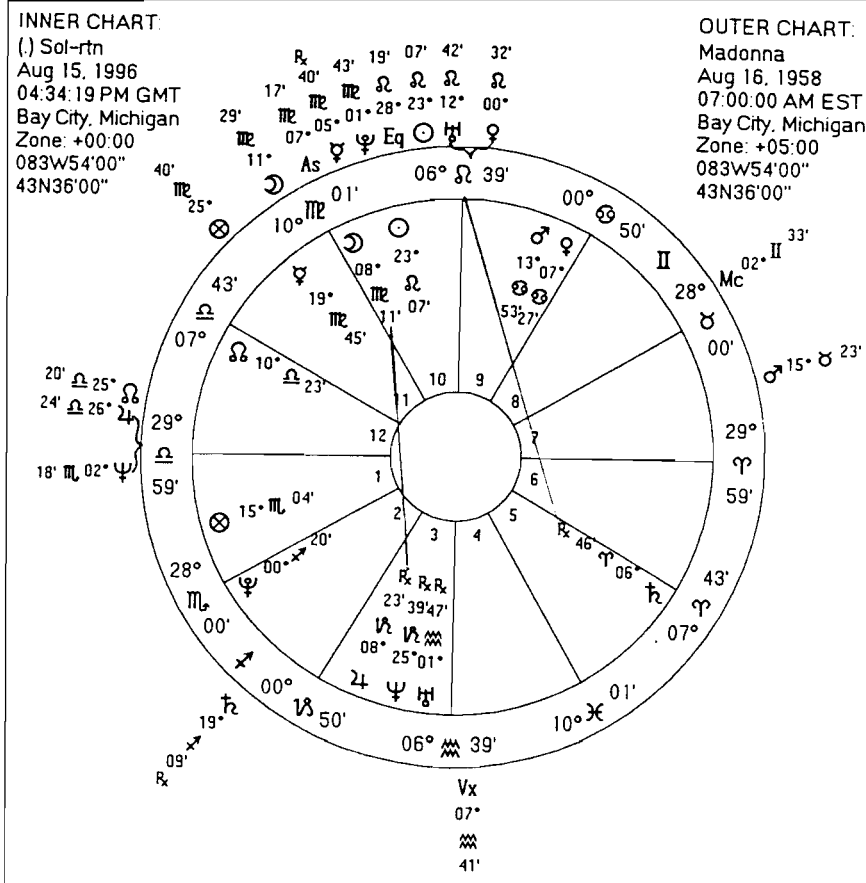
The outstanding factors are Natal ♄ and ♀ on the S.R. Ascendant, and Natal ♀ and ♄ on the S.R. Midheaven. It is quite striking that the Midpoints of

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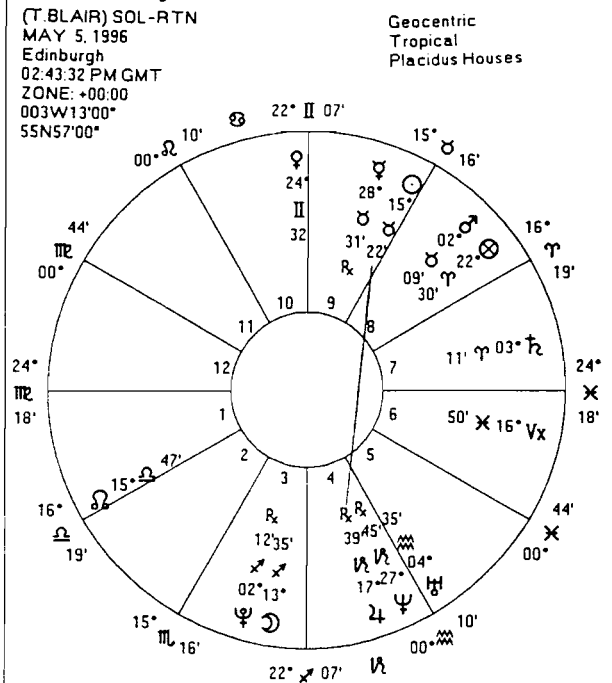
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these two groups of Natal planets are almost identical with the two Natal Angles: ♄/♀ at 29°21' conjunct the Ascendant at 29°58', and Natal ♀/♄ Midpoint 6°37' conjunct the MC at 6°39' (2' orb!). Aside from that we have in the S.R. Chart ♄ in close trine to the MC (orb 7' only). ♄ is a powerful show-business success indicator for Madonna as natively it rules her 5th House and is trine to her Sun. The ♄ also plays a very significant part in the Solar Return. It is strongly placed on the 11th Placidian Cusp (the public), Δ ♄ (orb only 12') and conjunct the Natal Ascendant. The combination of its position and Aspects means fame and fortune for Madonna (the ♄ ruling the Sector of Publicity and ♄ being Co-Ruler of the Income Sector).



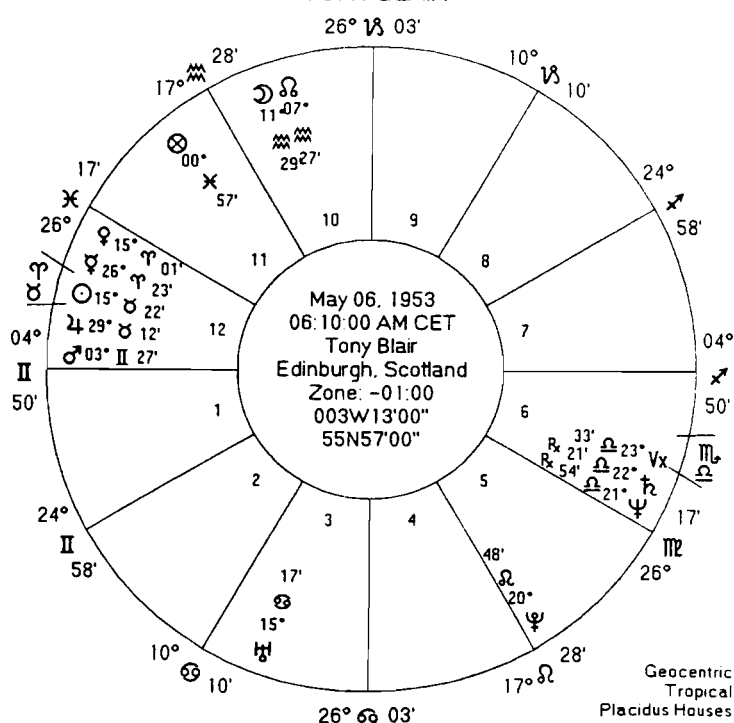
his Solar Return for the period May 5, 1996—May 5 1997.



TONY BLAIR—NEXT PRIME MINISTER OF THE U.K.?

The United Kingdom will have a General Election this year, and it must be held by May. Tony Blair, the Leader of the Labor Opposition is in line to succeed John Major, the present Leader of the Conservative Government. What does Astrology say about his chances? Below is Tony Blair's Birth Chart and also

TONY BLAIR



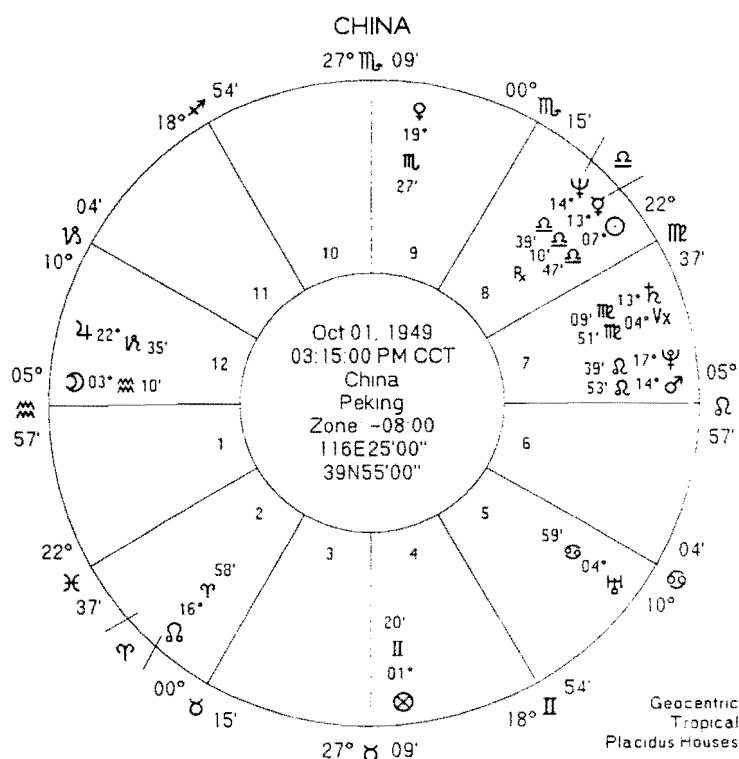
Even without relating the Solar Return to the Birth Chart, it is evident that Mr Blair is going to win. The sight of Lady Luck, ♀, beautifully placed at the Midheaven, only 2½° from the Angle, is just about enough to justify a prediction of victory. On top of that, however, we have ♄ Δ ☉, with the small orb of 2°. It would of course be advisable to examine John Major's astrological portents also. It is well to remember that Mr Major won the last Election in the face of all the predictions and evidence against his doing so. However, not having his birth data I must forego that precaution. If any reader can supply the particulars of birth we will look into it, though I am confident that Tony Blair will be the next Prime Minister.

— Dymock.

THE FUTURE OF CHINA

by Allan Johnson

The recent death of Deng Xiaoping has resulted in a lot of speculation about China. China is the great paradox of a communist dictatorship embracing capitalism, without relaxing the levers of power. China now has its own millionaires. Journalists who love to forecast the future are not having it easy. So it is a good time to have a further look at the Chart of China. *The Book of World Horoscopes* mentions the difficulty in getting a precise date and time for the birth of the Communist regime, and gives several possibilities. Charles Carter in his *Introduction to Political Astrology* gives 3:15pm, 1st October 1949, for the



proclamation in Peking. Champion's book mentions this, and also that astrologers have found it gives suitable results. This is the Chart I have used myself in past articles, so I will do so here. Right at the outset it can be seen that with Deng's death, ♄ was right on the Ascendant of this Chart, and also links up with the ☉ and ♀. This is a good correlation.

If we go back to the death of Mao Zedong on 9th September 1976 we find ☿ in exact conjunction with ♀, and both making a conjunction by Transit of the Natal ☉ in the 8th House. On June 4th 1989 there was the massacre in Tiananmen Square, with ♄ in opposition to Natal ♄, activating the Natal ☉ square ♄, and also ♄/♄ squaring ♄/♄ in the 8th House. These are quite impressive correlations with dramatic events. ♄ is a Sign that has always been traditionally linked with China. ♀ square ☿/♀ in the 7th House showed it was inevitable that the partnership of the Soviet Union and China had to break up.

Today, China with its enormous population occupies a very strategic position in world affairs, so its future interests a lot of people. Looking to the future, no one is expecting any immediate repercussions from Deng's death. Deng, in his 90's has not been politically active for a number of years, but the Chinese as a people have always revered aged leaders, and this has still applied regardless of Communism. So while he still lived, no matter how inarticulate, his mere presence was still a force. The new President is Jiang Zemin, but he has not become a major figure. Basically, China has been ruled

by the Central Committee of the Party for several years. This has created a stability—but it could be deceptive. There are unlikely to be any major dramatic events in the immediate future.

This Chart does not have a really major configuration, such as the T-Square in that of the Soviet Union. The 7th and 8th are the key Houses. So it is not such a dynamic Chart in itself. ♀ in the 9th squares a close ☿/♀ conjunction in the 7th, so we have to look for Transits to this pattern—and we get them. ♄ in the 1st House is the key, and it comes to the opposition of ☿ in May 1998, and in 1999 will oppose both ☿ and ♀, and at the end of the century comes to the square of ♀ and the M.C. These years could produce some interesting developments, which could be *major splits* in the Central Committee. Of course, the split is already there between the old-line Communists and the new-line liberationists. Deng himself was the personification of that split, and was thrown out by Mao for that reason. But he made a come-back. He was the man who introduced capitalism into China at the beginning of the '80's. So what I am predicting is that the last years of the Century will see the *intensification* of that split. Looking at the Progressed ☉, we can see it reaches 27° ♍ in 1999, and if this Chart is correct this is the M.C., and there will be a Progressed New ♀ at the same time. This could mark the beginning of a new era, lining up with the New Millenium.

READERS' LETTERS

re *A WARNING?*

[Aborted book review reported in last Issue]

I have no doubt whatever that you were protected from proceeding any further with that book review—thank your good angel! Many demonic forces are at work in the world at this time, and unfortunate people can be possessed. You must admit there was nothing "human" in the the individuals in question. I wonder whether there have been any recognizable planetary influences to account not only for the massive human tragedies in Africa, India, Indo-China, etc., the intensive crime waves inhumanly conducted, the deliberate lighting of terrible fires, but also the natural disasters—floods, landslides, avalanches, etc., also many aerial "accidents".

We are approaching the year 1998 which is the third intensity of the Year of the Beast spoken of in Revelations and in history. Year 666 the first, Year 1332 the second, when Philip the Fair of France sadistically tortured and then burnt at the stake the

Order of the Knights Templar—the order of chivalric esoteric men who were the first bankers in the world and the protectors of the poor. At the same time were destroyed all the centres of Mystery Wisdom in France and roundabout—the Albigenes, the Cathars, and others.

The third visitation is Year 1998—the third Year of the Beast.

This must sound a bit like journalese but I have studied it for a long time and know that before we leave the 5th Post-Atlantean Era the Light Forces have to be strengthened or evolution will go astray before the 6th Era can come about when Manicheism must show the basic conflict between good and evil.

I am so thankful that you abandoned that project, and that Marguerite helped to get the date for the Horary Chart which showed you so clearly where you stood.

—Sylvia Brose (NSW).

[Sylvia Brose is an esotericist and founder in Australia of the Anthroposophical Schools based on the spiritual insights and teachings of the late Rudolf Steiner.]

I appreciated your concern about reviewing the West book, and I think you chose a wise path. After all, you've had the kinds of medical experiences that must leave you a bit vulnerable.

About the "Coming Significant Aspects", I think it's a helpful item but my own experiences of outer planet Transits is that the real significance may not be obvious until a long time, even years later.

—Peggy Hetherington (NSW).

Your "curious experience" was one of the most fascinating things I've ever read. I passed it on to Dennis Elwell who is very interested in the charts of criminals.

I have some predictions to pass on, made by Henry Jackson, a Vedic astrologer who claims only Hindu methods are capable of predicting accurately:

- (1) Tony Blair will win the coming U.K. Election, but
- (2) Labour will not get an absolute majority.
- (3) It will be on April 10, 1997 (not May 1).

Also, I have a very sensitive area in my Chart. The ♃ at 5♊48 opposes ♀ at 4♋16. When my daughter Bronwyn died, ♀ was transiting through my 8th House in 5♋16. (Helio position of Pluto was 6♋.) On 6th February ♂ went Stationary on 6♋. My husband, Ben, came down with pneumonia on Feb.6, and it was touch and go whether he would survive.

I continue to marvel at the quality of your Newsletter—glad you survived your operation.

—Margaret Millard (U.K.)

Congratulations on your analysis and prognosis for the 2nd O.J. Simpson trial—it was fascinating.

—Lilian Erskine (NSW).

My Ascendant is 27° ♊, and the best I can tell you about having the Jupiter/Neptune conjunction in January is that it expanded the chaos in my life!

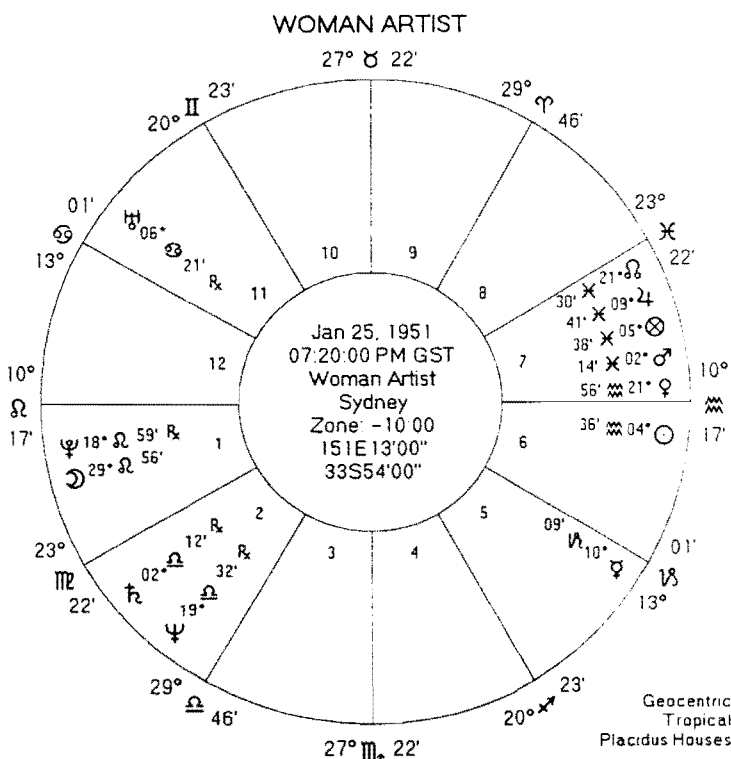
—Rosalind Park (U.K.)

TEST NO.12

Ross Harvey has supplied another test to exercise your skills, and please send your answers to him at 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074.

Below is the Birth Chart of a woman, an art teacher, and the following particulars are given: She is happily married with two sons, born 13 May 1986 and 27 Feb 1991. Her husband was born on 28 Mar 1951 in Port of Spain, Trinidad (time unknown). She studied painting at art school for five years, but has never made it as a painter, these days mainly because she has little time to paint because of her children. Her husband works part-time in an arts related field, and she teaches art part-time in a community workshop. She still has artistic aspirations. They are not very well off. They live in a flat built onto the back of his parents' house. She has one brother seven years younger than herself. Her parents are retired and now live in Queensland.

What happened on 30th March 1996?



My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 27 Feb 1997.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

A WARNING?

There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio... said Shakespeare, and I was aware of this lately when I had a curious experience in relation to a book review that I was preparing to write. Readers will remember the "House of Horrors" — No.25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, England, which concealed the dismembered remains of young women who had been sadistically tortured and murdered there by Frederick West and his wife Rosemary.

In June 1996, the English author Geoffrey Wansell wrote *An Evil Love, The Life of Frederick West*. I applied for a review copy, which was duly sent, thinking to write an article about Frederick West from the astrological angle, correlating his Horoscope and Progressions with his character and deeds.

A curious thing happened. I had worked on the Birth Chart in the computer, and had arrived at what I considered to be a likely Ascendant-Sign for West (the book gave only the birth date and place, not the time, on which of course the Ascendant depends). The next step was to print out the tentative Chart. But at the first key-stroke the Chart and data disappeared completely from the screen and could not be recovered. I do not remember this ever having happened to me before.

However, I persevered and asked my wife to read out dates and events from the book so that I could attempt a rectification, using the *Jigsaw Program*. This she did, and I soon had a list of about 13 events which promised to point the way to the degree rising. The next step was to print out the data, but as soon as I attempted it the data once more completely disappeared and could not be recovered.

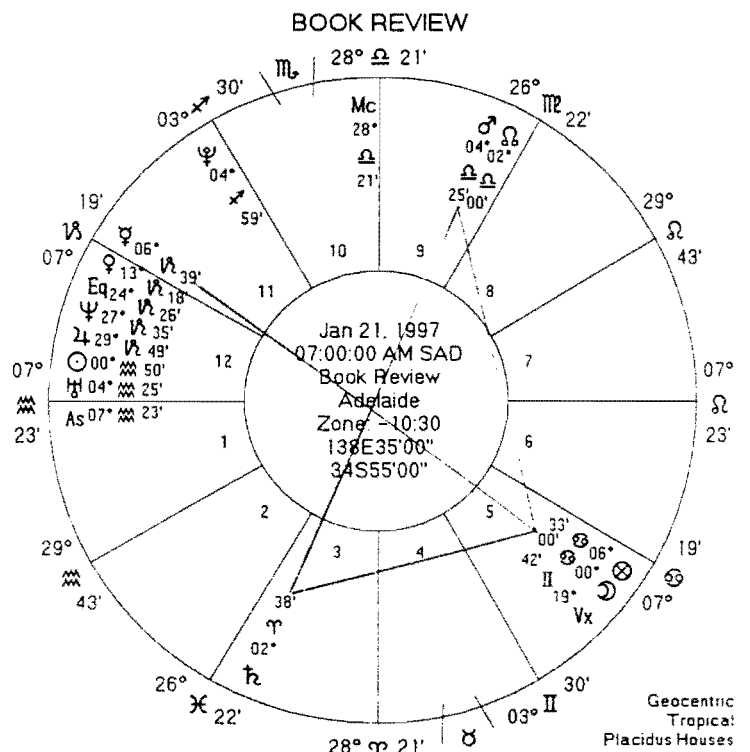
It was then late at night and I was too tired to go through the work again, apart from having an unaccustomed misgiving about it.

In the morning I awoke with the distinct feeling that I should not pursue the matter any further. I mentioned

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this to my wife and she immediately suggested that I should do a Horary Chart in relation to the proposed



review of Geoffrey Wansell book. Here it is:

The Chart is a revelation. It is just about as bad as it could be: The Ruler, ♈, is in the 3rd House (book reviews) in a Grand Cross with the ♃, ♀ and ♂. The ♃ (my Significator) applies to the square of ♈ (Ruler also of the 12th House — occult forces), then the square of ♂ in the 9th House (publications) and then the opposition of ♀, right on the Cusp of the 12th House ("self-undoing"). Could there be a clearer signal to abandon the project?

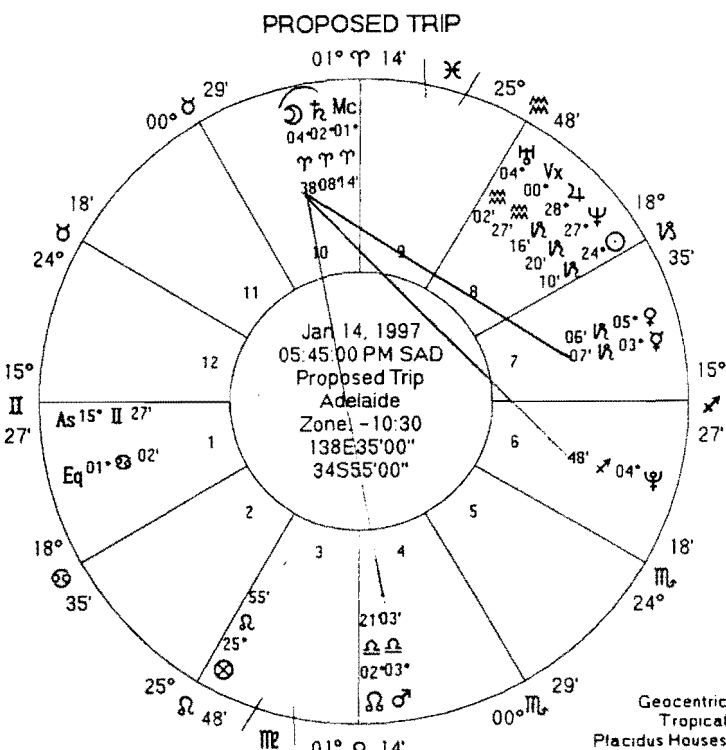
It now dawned on me that by getting deeply into the ideas, moods and abominable cruelties described in the book I was possibly laying my psychic body open to invasion by the same occult and evil forces that had motivated the Wests. The Horary Chart convinced me that my misgivings were well-founded. I decided forthwith to return the book to the publishers.

On reviewing the whole episode I feel sure I received a spiritual warning, of which I was well-advised to take good heed.

— Dymock.

Several other recent Horary Charts may be of interest to readers. In the first, the Querent wanted to know if his proposed trip to Europe in May would be happy and successful.

Will my trip be a good one?



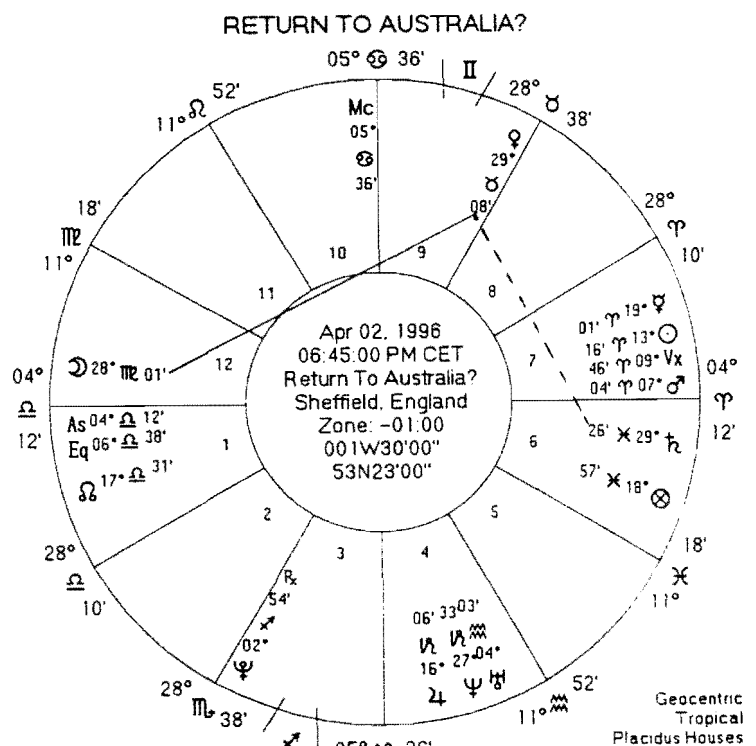
The indications are negative: The Querent is represented by ♄, ruling the Ascendant, and the ☽. These two are in square to one another, which is not a good start. The proposed travel relates to the 9th House, which has ♄ on the Cusp and ☿ intercepted. So the Significators here are ♄ and ♄. The ☽ is separating from the two malefics, ♄ and ☿, and applying to a third malefic, ♄. The ☽ thus carries the influence ("translates the light") of ☿ to ♄ in and ruling the 6th House — a bad omen for health on the

trip. The ☽ then applies to the squares of ♄, ☿, ♄ and ♄ in succession — not a single good aspect among them. The Querent was therefore advised to postpone his trip. A search of his Progressed Aspects revealed a better period for travel a month or two later.

Should I return to Australia?

In the next Chart, the Querent, who is her own Astrologer, asks if she should return to Australia, where she had been living for some time, but had been finding life a struggle.

As both Astrologer and Querent she cast the Chart



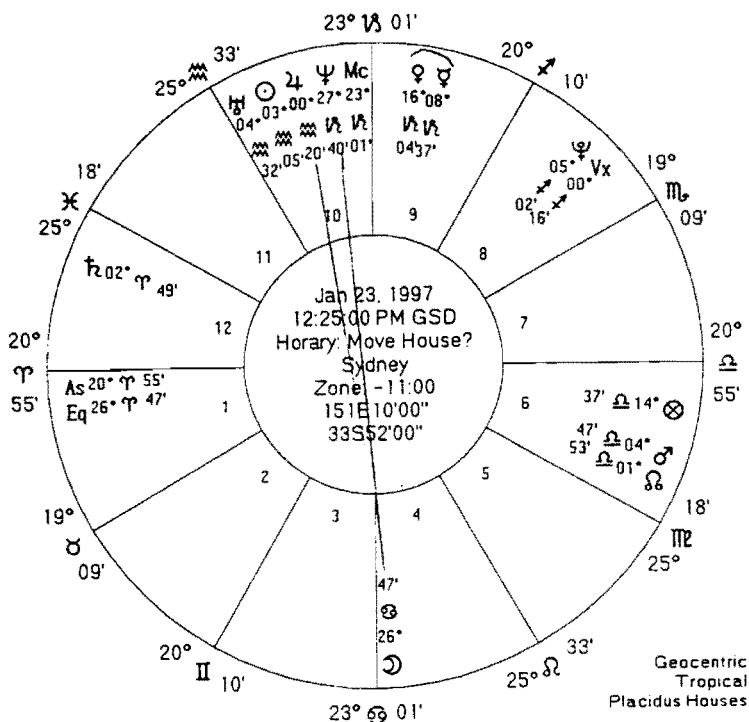
for herself. The Figure left no doubt about the answer — yes, she certainly should return: Her two Significators are the ☽ and ♄, and they are in a beautiful close trine. ♄ is very appropriately situated in the 9th House (long journeys) and particularly strong in ♄, one of the two Signs that Venus rules. A further point of assurance is the close applying sextile between Venus and Saturn, Lord of the 4th House, the homeland. The applications of the ☽ signify things to come, the separating Aspects things that have already happened. The ☽ ruling the 10th House and trining ♄ ruling the Ascendant and the House of Finances signifies that life will improve after the change — a better job with more income. The Querent is now safely returned to Australia.

Should I move to a different house?

The Querent in the Chart below asked whether she should accept tenancy of a house she had just come across in her search for a new home.

The 4th House represents her present home, and the 7th House the place to which she would remove.

HORARY: MOVE HOUSE?



♊ rises, so the Querent's Ruler is ♊, which is posited in ♋ (the Querent's ☉-Sign at birth). Her Co-Significator is the ☿ placed in the 4th House, which it also rules, and opposed by ♀ and ♈, showing she is not happy in her present location.

On the other hand, ♋ on the Cusp of the 7th House is ruled by ♀, elevated in the Chart, and indicates that the proposed new place would be better and happier for her. The Querent is going to make the move about the end of February which is when ♀ and ♋ have moved into ♊ and complete their conjunction.

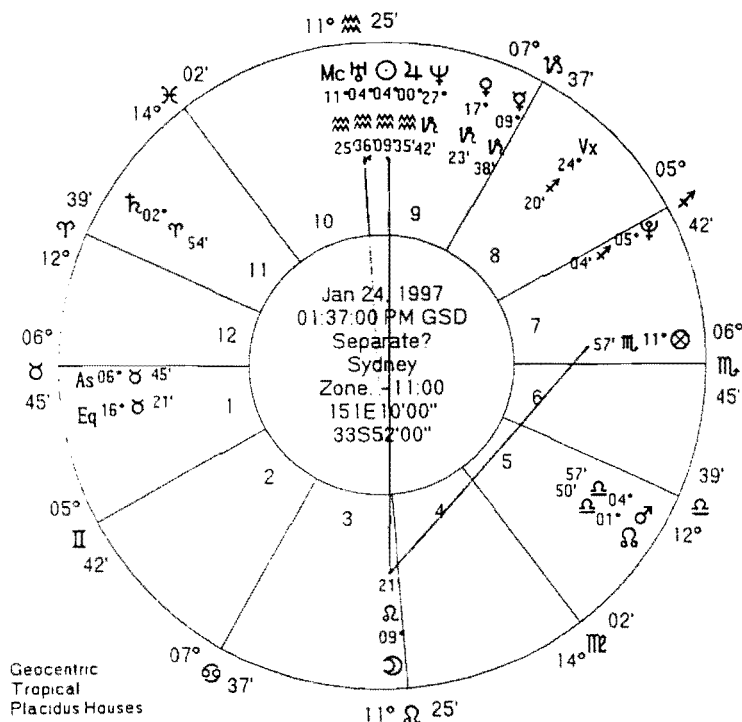
Should I separate from my husband?

In this final Chart, the Querent in an unhappy marital situation asks whether she should now separate from her husband of 11 years. Examination of the Figure shows that in effect the separation has already occurred: The ☿, in ♏ in the 4th House, representing the Querent, is some degrees past the opposition of ♀ and the ☉ (the husband), showing that an emotional separation has already occurred, probably about five

years ago (all the Significators being in Fixed Signs and the Opposition having an orb of approximately 5°).

The ☿☉ in the House of Marriage shows that the situation has not improved. Separation would give the Querent the chance of a making a better union. However, the ☿ being "void-of-course" suggests that no action will be taken at present.

SEPARATE?

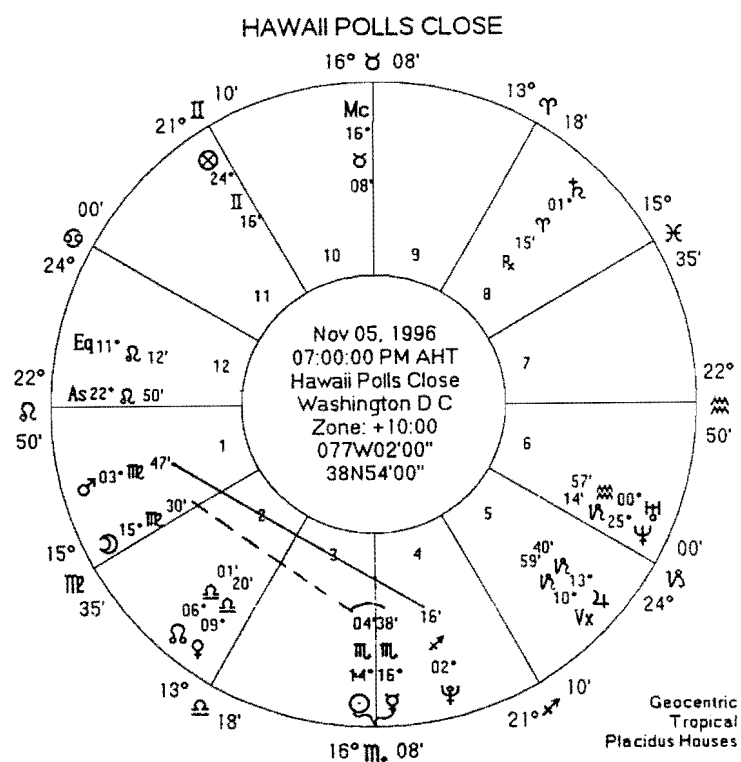
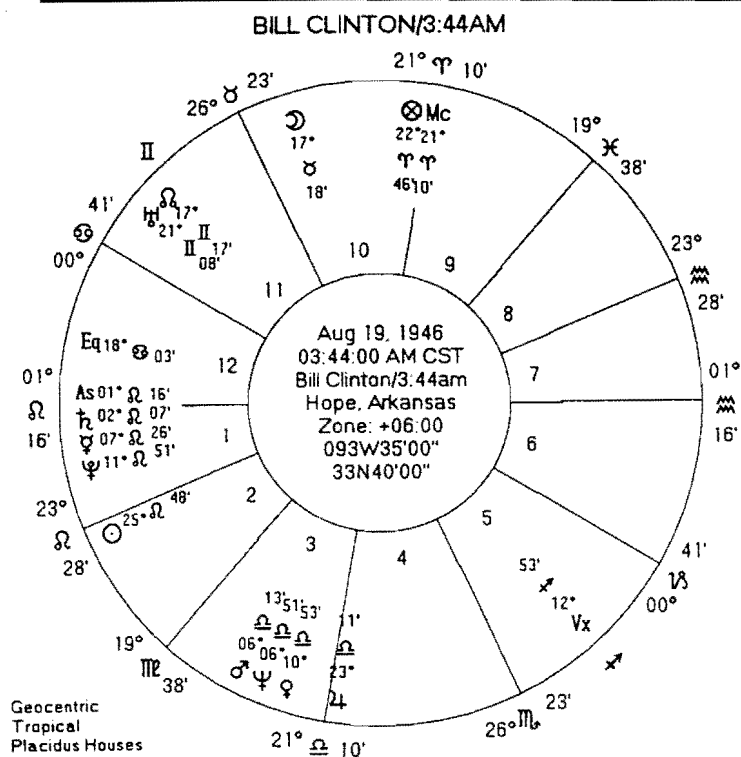


CLOSING OF THE POLLS—REVISED CHART

The Chart in the last Issue for the closing of the polls in the USA Presidential Election was incorrect, the wrong longitude having been entered. Unfortunately I did not discover this in time. The Chart was drawn for 7pm in Washington D.C. on the suggestion that the Election would be decided at that time even if the Western States had not yet finished voting.

Well, the Chart for the proper coordinates of Washington was not at all indicative of Mr Clinton's win. So I have recast the Chart for the 7pm official closing time of the Polls in Alaska/Hawaii, using the geographical coordinates of Washington. According to my best information the standard time in Alaska/Hawaii is 10 hours behind GMT.

The Chart appears on the next page together with Clinton's Birth Horoscope, and it does support the



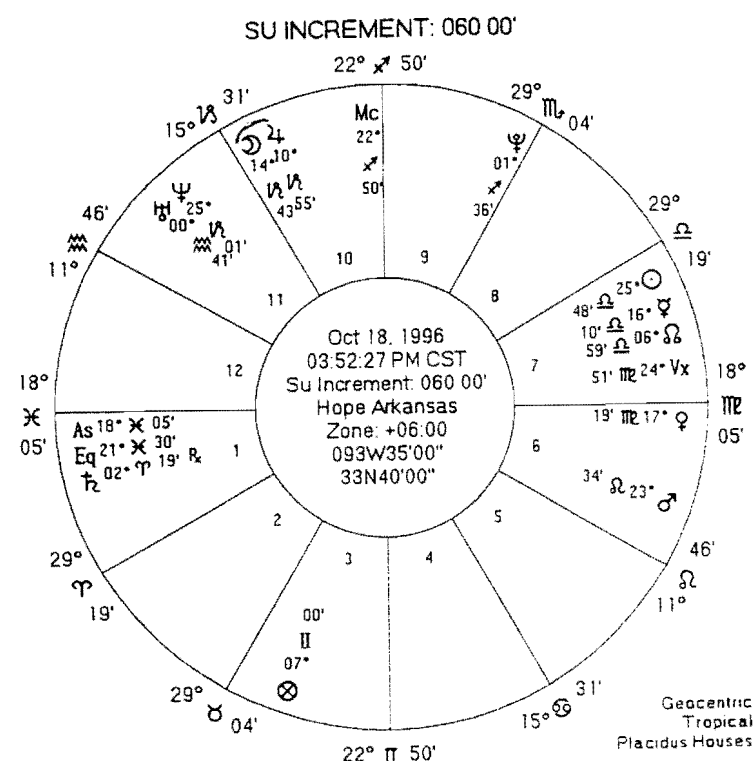
Clinton win:

Bill Clinton, as the President in office, is represented by the Ascendant, and the Midheaven. His principal opponent, Bob Dole, is represented by the Descendant and the Lower Meridian (which becomes Dole's Derived 10th House).

22° 50' rises, which is close to Clinton's Natal ☉ at 25° 48'. Clinton's Significator is the ☉, which is ☿ ♀ and ♄ ♀, the ♄ being Δ the Midheaven. The ☉ and ♄ midpoint is 15° 21' ♍, which straddles the Meridian (orb 13'). On the other hand, Bob Dole's

Significator is ♄, which is Retrograde, and does not receive any helpful aspects. The ♄ to ♄ and the Δ to ♄ cannot be considered a plus. The joint Rulers, ☿ and ♄, of his Derived 10th House are in ☐ to one another. So this Chart did forecast a win for Clinton.

In Clinton's Solar-Month Chart for 18th October the wrong latitude was used for Hope, Arkansas. It was inconsequential, however, as the correct Chart (see below) only varied the Ascendant from 23° 38' to 18° 05', the Midheaven and all the planets remaining the same. The favourable outcome for Clinton is shown principally by ♄, ruling both the Ascendant and Midheaven, being ☿ ♀, and the S.R. ☉ ☿ Natal ♄.



Coming Significant Aspects

No one has yet reported any effects from the planetary conjunctions and parallels listed in the last Issue. I am still hoping that some reader will send in his/her observations as this is an educational exercise and helps to extend our knowledge of planetary action.

Did no one observe the effect of ♄ ☿ ♄ at 27° 13' 9th January? Planetary phenomena to come in the next few weeks are ☿ Stationary at 6° ♍ on 6th February, ♄ ☿ ♄ at 6° ♍ on 16th February, and Pluto Stationary at 6° ♍ on 8th March. Do they make contact in your Chart?

My kind regards to all,

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WINNING ON THE MELBOURNE CUP

From Jack Nicholls (Vic.):

Another Melbourne Cup has been run, with a very acceptable result for astrology. At least my bank balance assures me that this is so. I used the same method as reported last year. A chart was generated for the finish of the race, viz., 1523.20 hrs AEDT. The 9th Cusp, 13°36' Scorpio, has Mercury at 14°59' Scorpio applying, and the Sun at 13°01' Scorpio separating within the acceptable orbs. I considered both planets in case of a delayed start. This was wise as the race started 3 minutes late according to my watch.

On a name basis I could not find a suitable horse for Mercury but *Count Chivas* and *My Kiwi Gold* were chosen for the Sun. *Circles of Gold* (jewellery) was considered to be associated with Venus rather than the Sun.

The numbers for the Sun are 1, 10 or 19, that is, 1. *Doriemus*, 10. *Crying Game*, and *Circles of Gold*, and for Mercury, 5. *Saintly* and 23. *My Kiwi Gold*.

At the time I was considering my bets (Tuesday morning) *My Kiwi Gold* and *Crying Game* were at odds of 33/1 and 80/1 and were not considered. That left me with *Saintly* 6/1, *Doriemus* 7/1, *Count Chivas* and *Circles of Gold* at 25/1. The latter price is my limit. Marie Casey's idea that the Moon away from the Angles is a sign not to back the favourite was comforting with respect to *Oscar Schindler*.

The betting strategy used was 2 units on *Saintly* and *Doriemus*, and 1 unit on *Count Chivas* and *Circles of Gold* for a win, together with 1 unit for each of the 6 combinations as Quinellas. *Saintly* won, paying \$6.80 and *Saintly* with *Count Chivas* as a quinella paid \$125.70 (\$62.80 for 50c). Thus I laid out \$6.00 for a return of \$69.60 for which I thank my lucky stars.

From Clair Bunnnett (Vic.):

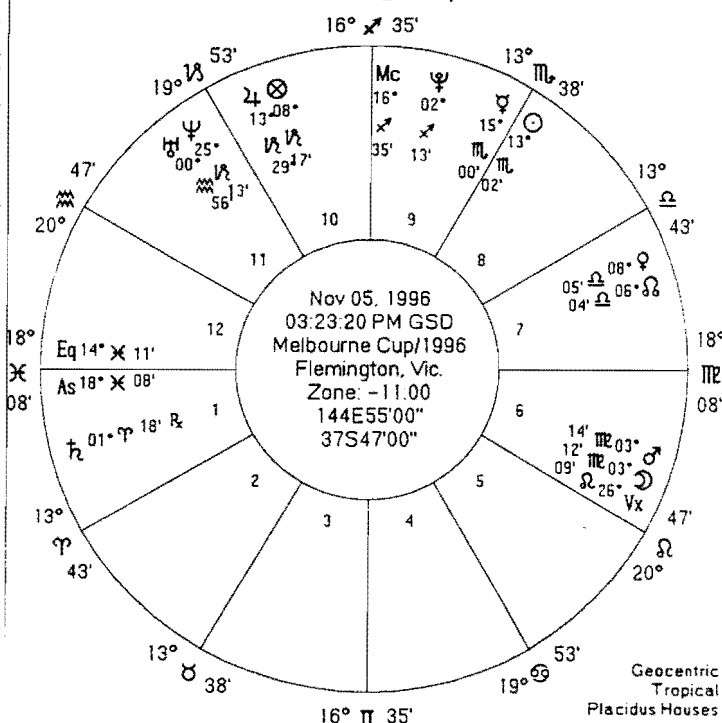
I found it very interesting that the aspects on Cup Day and leading up to it stressed the planets ♃, ♀ and the ☉: T.☉ conjunct T.♀ on 1 11/96, T.♀ sextile T.♂ on 4/11/96, and T.☉ sextile T.♂ on 5/11/96 (Race Day).

The winning jockey (Darren Beadman) wore bright

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MELBOURNE CUP/1996



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| 1. <i>Doriemus</i> | 2. <i>Count Chivas</i> | 3. <i>Court of Honour</i> |
| 4. <i>Oscar Schindler</i> | 5. <i>Saintly</i> | 6. <i>Grey Shot</i> |
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| 22. <i>Skybeau</i> | 23. <i>My Kiwi Gold</i> | 24. <i>Centico</i> |

yellow sleeves (☉) and a black/white check top. This seemed like a ☉/♀ influence. The ♀ was in ♏ (♏).

The winning horse, *Saintly*, was a 4-year old gelding, and his number was 5 (♀). The date was the 5th (♀).

As for the ♃ influence on the day, the horse's part-owner was Dato Tan Chin Nam (from Malaysia). The barrier position was 3 (♂).

Trainer, Bart Cummings (☉♏) won his tenth

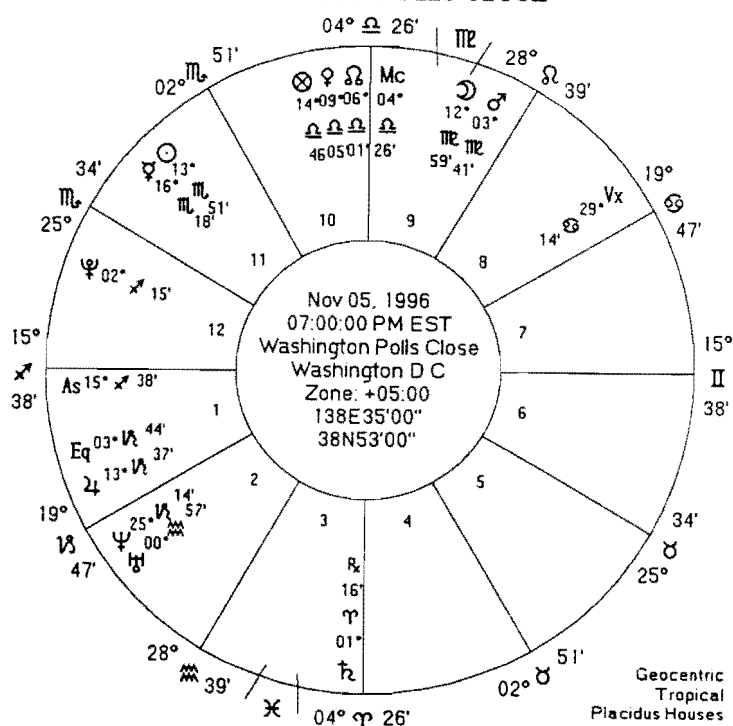
Trainer, Bart Cummings (♊) won his tenth Melbourne Cup (♊ = 1) with this win. T.♊ ✕ T.♊.

THE USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Another event of the 5th November 1996 (of secondary importance to the sporting section of the Australian population) was the election of a President in the USA. As was predicted by all the polls, Bill Clinton was a clear winner. Readers know I like to use a chart for the *closing* of the polls to make an astrological judgement. There was a difficulty here due to the large range of time zones in the USA. I was advised by Rowena Wall, a resident of Georgia, that the polls open at 7am and close at 7pm in the Eastern Standard Zone, but the Central time is 8pm EST, the Mountain time would be 9pm and the Pacific region 10pm. But I am further advised that an Election is in effect decided by the voting in the Eastern zone, the votes in the other States being superfluous.

In the circumstances I decided that a Chart for 7pm at Washington, DC would therefore show the result—and it did. Here it is:

WASHINGTON POLLS CLOSE

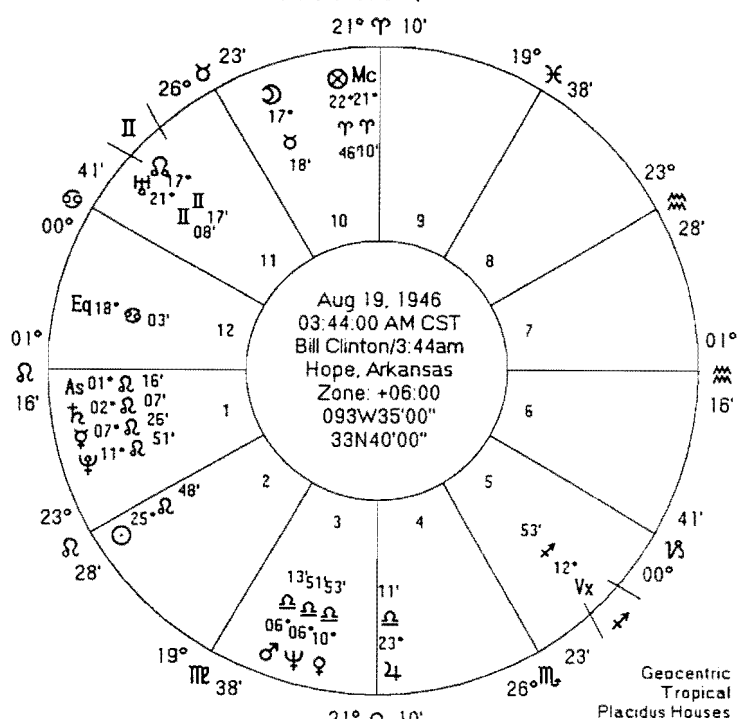


The incumbent, Bill Clinton, is represented by the Ascendant and Midheaven. His chief opponent, Bob Dole, is represented by the Descendant and the Lower Meridian. The issue is decided immediately in Clinton's favour through the Ruler of the Ascendant, Jupiter, being in close applying trine to the Moon, plus the Moon's N.Node, Venus and the Part of Fortune being in the 10th House. Bob Dole, on the other hand, has a retrograde Saturn in his Derived 10th, and its Ruler, Mars, square to Pluto.

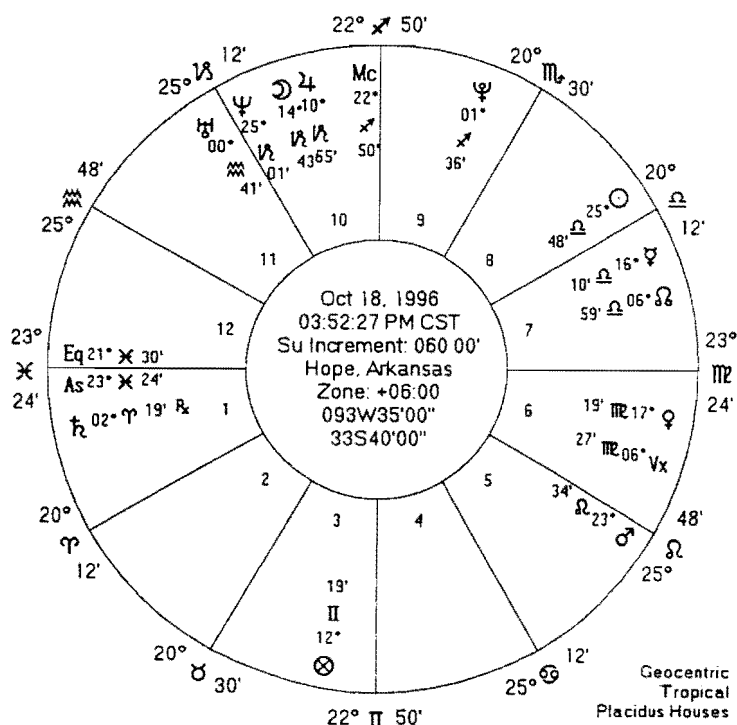
Confirmation, if required, is supplied by Bill Clinton's Solar-Month Chart of 18 October 1996. Here it is, with the Birth Chart for 3:44am, taken from his Birth Certificate (see *Astrologers' Forum* No. 182, page 4).

Bill Clinton's 50th Age Harmonic Chart (not shown here) supplies further evidence of his success: The

BILL CLINTON/3:44AM



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Jupiter, ruling both the Ascendant (the self) and the Midheaven (achievement) is conjunct the Moon and trine the Part of Fortune. In addition, if we relate this Chart to the Natus, the S.R.-Sun conjoins Natal Jupiter, and S.R. Mars conjoins the Natal Sun. The Sun is Clinton's planetary Ruler.

Moon conjunct Natal Jupiter and sextile the Natal Sun (orb only 36'), the A.H.-Moon and Sun in trine, A.H.-Mars just below the Ascendant, ruling the House of Achievement, and in very close trine to Natal Venus (orb 1').

SELECTING A DATE FOR SURGERY

My recent open-heart surgery is now over, though the heart will not be fully healed until the end of December and there is still lingering soreness of the breast-bone and surrounding tissues. Several readers have asked me to outline the procedure by which I selected the date, 15th October.

It was a question of finding a date within the allowable time limits, and one that would fit in with the operating schedule of the surgeon and the hospital. My condition of a faulty aortic valve (a probable legacy of rheumatic fever in 1944) was assessed by the surgeon on 15th May 1996, and set down for surgery about the end of July.

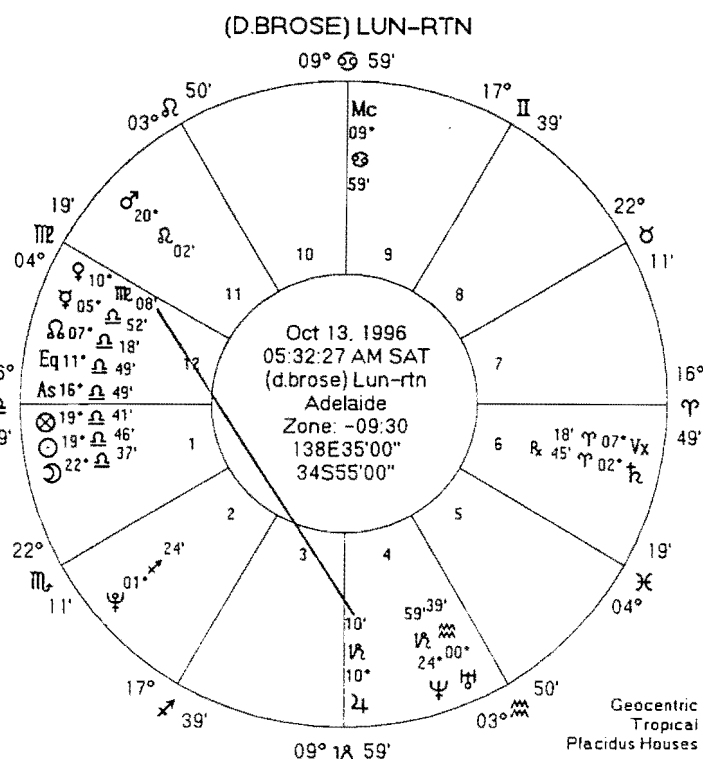
Stationary Pluto early in August closely square my Natal Ascendant was not a propitious Aspect for surgery, so I decided to search astrologically for the best date. As the condition was not specially urgent, I allowed myself a period of months. I reviewed all Direct and Converse Progressions, plus Naibod-Arc Directions to the end of the year. (Solar-Arc Directions were not considered because of their inaccurate timing.) The search did not reveal any Aspects that were very favourable for major surgery, so I examined the period, month by month, through Lunar Returns.

The first three Lunar Returns were unfavourable—23 July—19 August: Pluto (surgery) on the 2nd/8th axis closely square my Natal Ascendant, plus the Sun opposite Uranus.

19 August—15 September: Uranus rising opposite the Sun across the Horizon. The Moon ruling the Health House square Neptune in the Hospitals House. Natal Saturn directly opposite the Ascendant.

15 September—13 October: Mars and Pluto ruling the House of Health in a Grand Trine with Saturn. Mars opposite Uranus.

The next Lunar Chart (13 October—9 November) was by far the most favourable: **Libra** on the Ascendant, and Ruler, **Venus**, at 11°20' Virgo in the Hospitals House, ruling the Health House, was **trine** to **Jupiter** on the Lower Meridian and **sextile** to **Natal Jupiter** at 11°11' Cancer.. **Venus** was also **conjunct** my Natal Equatorial Ascendant. The Chart is reproduced in the next column.



The close linking of the two Fortunes, **Jupiter** and **Venus**, with the latter ruling the Ascendant, promised good conditions and attention in the hospital which, indeed, was the case. The **Sun conjunct the Natal Moon**, close to the Ascendant, was indicative of a new phase commencing, and this was certainly true of heart surgery, which is a fundamental operation. The **Moon square Neptune**, ruling the Health House was unfortunate, but one cannot create the ideal situation. An examination of the **Day Charts** suggested that the 14th October was the best for me, but this was not a surgery day, so I had to settle for the 15th. A Transit of Mars over Saturn on the 16th October was also unavoidable, but not too serious as Mars was not Stationary. **Mars on Saturn** is indeed indicative of injury to bone, in this case splitting the breast-bone, a necessary procedure in heart surgery.

The outcome of the hospitalization was as good as it could be, and I am recovering well.

DOWN'S SYNDROME—IS THERE A PATTERN?

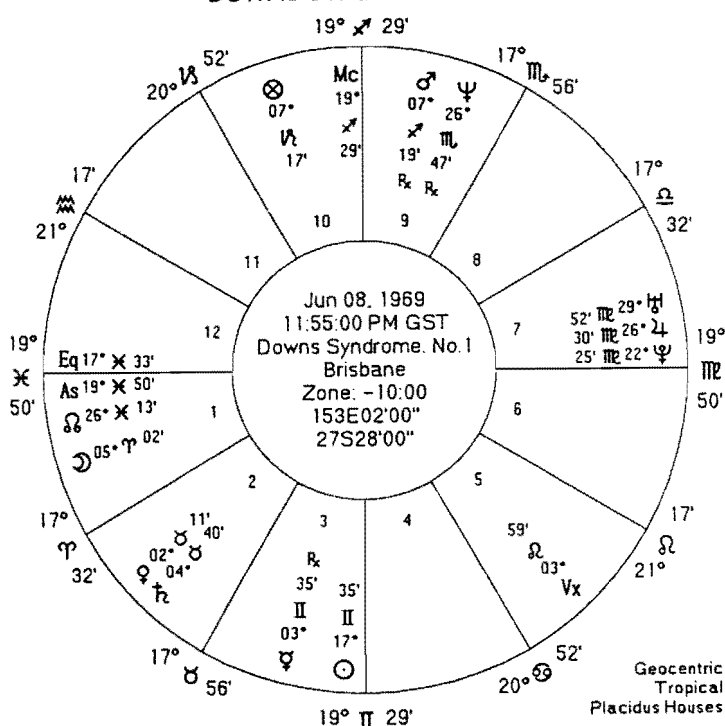
by Lyla Williams

In Margaret Millard's book, *Case Notes of a Medical Astrologer*, she mentions various theories concerning such medical phenomena as haemophilia and diabetes, and quotes from Dennis Elwell's study of children with Down's Syndrome, formerly known as Mongolism. When I obtained data of two children born

Elwell's theory was supported, with quite surprising results.

The older child, now 27, was born at 11:55pm on the 8th June 1969 in Brisbane, while the younger was born on the 8th June this year, also in Brisbane at 6:05am. Before I look at the Charts for clues, I will précis Elwell's theory: He states that there should be a "sympathetic" link between the Sun and Saturn, between Mars and Mercury, and the 12th House. He suggests using all types of connection from planetary or House rulership, parallels or any Aspect between

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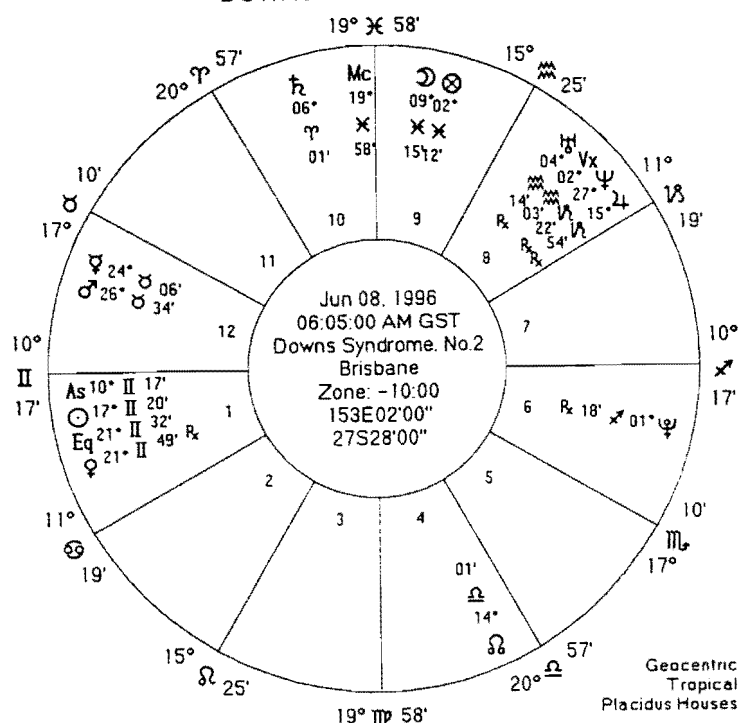
them, even unusual or little used Aspects.

On the first Chart we find a 43° aspect between the Sun and Saturn (semisquare). Mars at 7° Sagittarius is in opposition to Mercury at 3° Gemini. Mars is in the Sign of Mercury's Detriment.

The second Chart (see next column) does not contain any Sun-Saturn Aspect, but Mars and Mercury are just 2° apart in the 12th House, both being trine Neptune in the 8th House and opposing Pluto in the the House of Health. I have found that Mercury in Taurus can bring speech or hearing problems, particularly if afflicted by Mars, as it is here.

Tad Mann writes extensively about the pre-natal, post-conceptual period in his book, *Astrology and the Art of Healing*. Looking at the important 9th House (the conceptual point), we find the Moon in Pisces squaring the 6th-House ♀ and the Ascendant. I did enquire whether the mother had received any medication during the early part of the pregnancy, but

DOWNS SYNDROME. NO.2



received a definite negative answer. The ☾ on the Chart is at the midpoint of ☉/♀, ♄ at the midpoint of ☉/♀, and ♄, Ruler of the 9th House, at the midpoint of ♄/♀, ♄/♄ and ♄/♄!

♄ rules not only the Ascendant but also the 4th House in which we find ♄, North ♄ and the Pre-natal Lunar Eclipse. The ♄-ruled Aries Solar Eclipse lies in the 11th House.

I think we have found links aplenty between the relevant planets as named by Dennis Elwell—the ☉ and ♄, ♄ and ♄, with some assistance from ♀ and ♄. I also found three Fixed Stars on the Chart—the dreaded Algol conjunct ♄, Rigel conjunct the ☉, and Capella conjunct ♄. Algol has ♄'n influence, Rigel (according to Ebertin) can bring a constant battle to retain one's position, difficulties but strong will-power, and Capella which, says Ebertin, has a ♄-♄ nature!

I am indebted to both sets of parents for their kind permission to use their child's birth data.

Coming Significant Aspects

There are four significant Aspects coming in the next few weeks, on which your Editor would like to receive a report from readers who are affected by them. You are likely to feel their impact if the planets concerned are already strongly connected in your birth chart. They are: ♄||♄ (good luck; socializing) on 29 Dec 96, ♄♄♄ (fruitfulness, gain) on 9 Jan 97 and ♄||♄ (same) on 28 Jan 97.

My kind regards to all. —Dymock, 15 Dec 1996.

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O.J. SIMPSON DRAMA—2ND STAGE

O.J. Simpson, notorious American sporting hero acquitted on 3rd October 1995 of the double murder of his ex-wife and Ronald Goldman, now faces a civil action for damages brought by the families of the two victims. This is a peculiarity of American law that we find surprising—in Australia and England once a person is acquitted of a crime no further action lies against him unless a re-trial is ordered because of new evidence or for other reasons as ruled by the Court.

O.J., having survived the criminal trial (against the expectations of most of us) now faces what will probably be a more difficult battle than previously as evidence against him, formerly disallowed, can now be admitted. Further, only a majority verdict, from 9 out of 12 jurors, is required—not a unanimous one. If O.J. loses the case, apparently he is liable only to pay damages—not to be confined in jail (unless, perhaps, he defaults in the payments). His **Natal Sun Trine Jupiter**, The Preserver, (see Chart in adjacent column) has stood him in good stead, preserving his life and fortunes. This was noted in the original discussion of his murder trial in *Astrologers' Forum* Issue No. 174 for January 1996. Will this super-lucky Aspect continue to protect Simpson from an adverse judgement?

Your Editor was one of many who believed the verdict in the original Trial to be a perverse one, contrary to reason and the evidence.

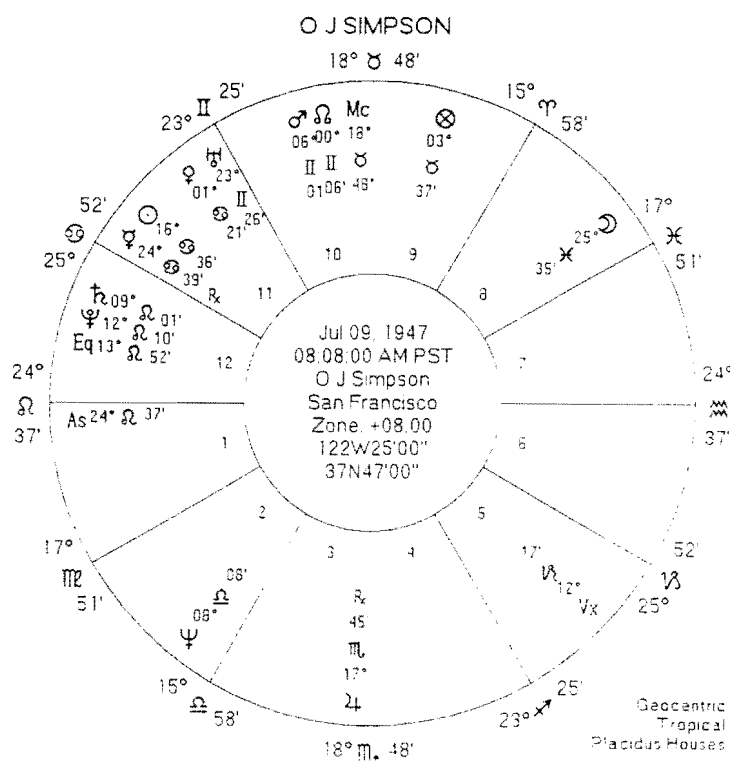
An astrological basis for this belief is afforded by Simpson's **46th Age-Harmonic Chart** which relates to the period 9th July 1993 to 9th July 1994, and thus covers the date **12th June 1994**, when the bodies of Nicole Simpson, Simpson's former wife, and a male companion, Ronald Goldman, were found.

Simpson's 46th Harmonic Chart appears on the next page with his Natal positions circumscribed around it. One's attention is immediately drawn to the close conjunction of Saturn with the Harmonic Ascendant, and its even closer opposition to the Natal Moon. Further, Saturn is squared by Natal Uranus, also with a small orb ($1\frac{1}{4}^\circ$).

The Harmonic Moon is closely joined to Mars in the

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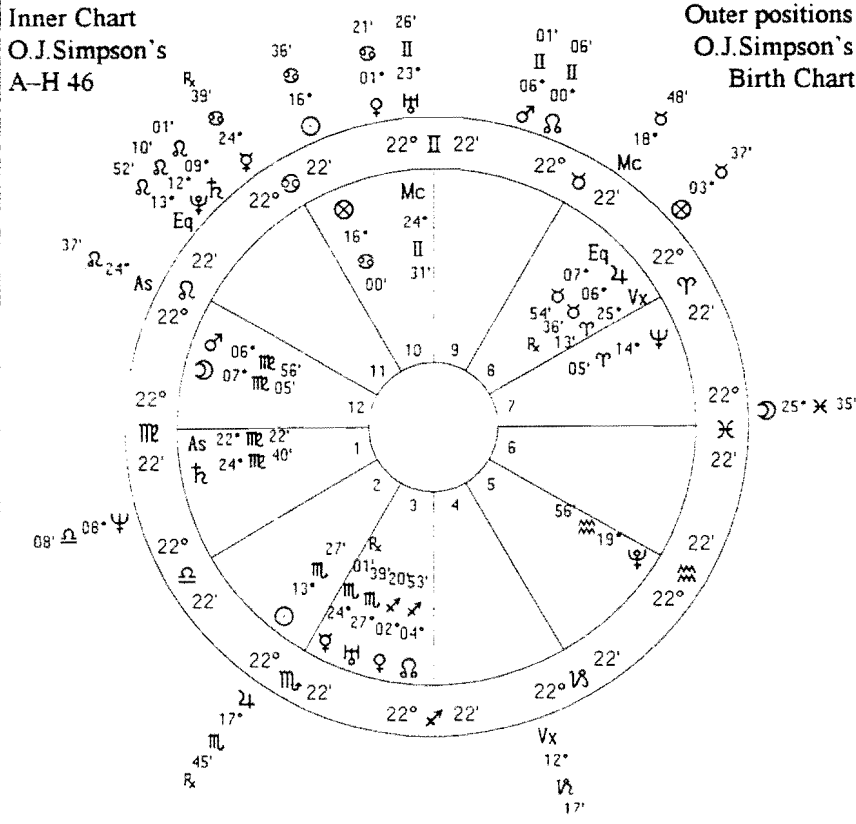


12th House, both being square to Natal Mars, which effectively doubles the Martian influence, justifying an interpretation of furious anger and uncontrollable passionate impulses. Jupiter, planet of increase, aspecting all these Significators simply amplifies the effects.

Mercury conjunct Uranus in Scorpio in the 3rd House Square to the Natal Ascendant indicates thinking distorted by vengefulness.

The Natal Ascendant is conjunct the 12th Cusp (secrecy and concealment).

Taken together, and in the light of the adverse Aspects already present in O.J.'s Birth Chart (Saturn conjunct Pluto, semisquare Uranus, sextile Mars, sesquare the Moon; Mars trine Neptune, etc.) these powerful configurations paint a picture of murderous



with her in that fatal year prior to her murder.

The links are, in fact, multiple, and are highly significant: In relation to Nicole's Birth Chart, the Moon/Mars conjunction in Simpson's Harmonic Chart is—

Opposite her Ascendant (physical violence)

Conjunct her Pluto (extremes of passion)

Trine her Saturn (vindictiveness)

Sextile her Venus (sexual passion)

Semisextile her Mars (rage and turmoil).

The linking does not finish there: Additionally, Simpson's Harmonic Uranus at 27°39' Scorpio is in almost exact opposition to Nicole's Natal Sun at 27°20' of Taurus. It also activates Nicole's unlucky Opposition of Jupiter to the Sun.

Of lesser import, though still significant, is the Opposition of Simpson's H. Jupiter and Equ. Asc to Nicole's Neptune, her planetary Ruler.

Note that we are not talking about Transits, but about the more powerful and intimately involved *Harmonics* — more intimate because they are drawn directly from the Birth Chart.

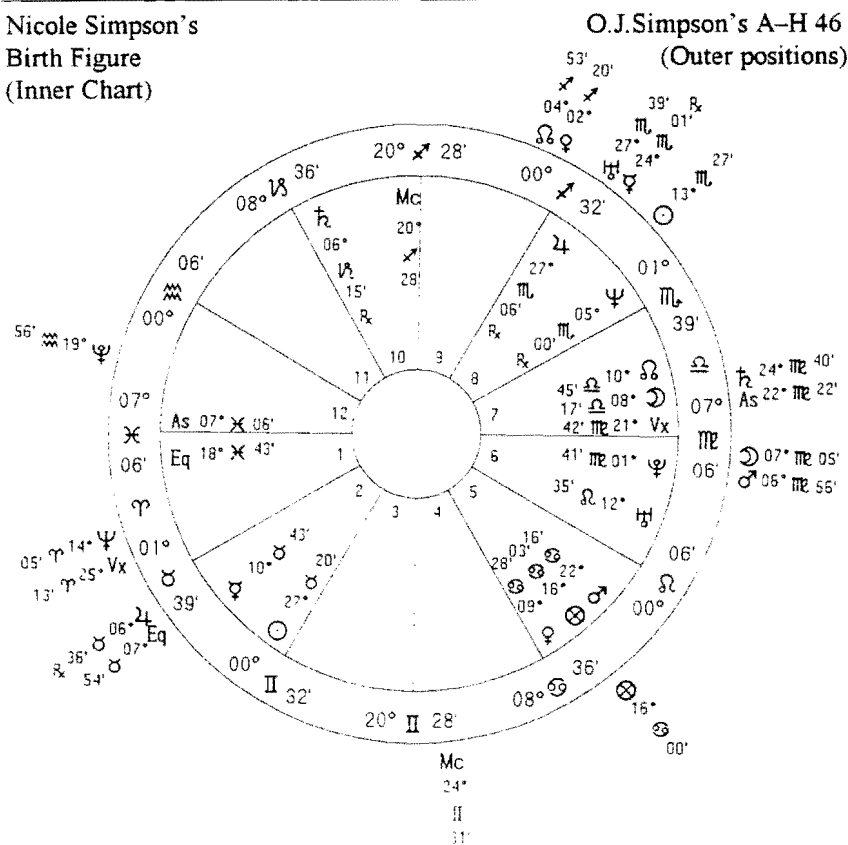
All these connections are easily seen from the combined Figure of Simpson's Age-Harmonic with Nicole's Natus, above.

From the astrological point of view, this is damning evidence against O.J. Simpson and, though not likely to be recognized in a Court of Law, quite sufficient to establish his guilt.

The second trial is expected to last four months or more, and was due to start in Santa Monica, California, in September. The trial proper has to wait on the selection of a jury, which could take weeks.

What are O.J. Simpson's prospects in this second Court proceeding? Will his Natal Sun Trine Jupiter save him again?

When O.J. was acquitted in October 1995 a favourable outcome for him was shown by both the Age-Harmonic and the Standard Solar-Return Chart. These Figures also adequately portrayed the personal trauma of the trial and the enormous expense incurred

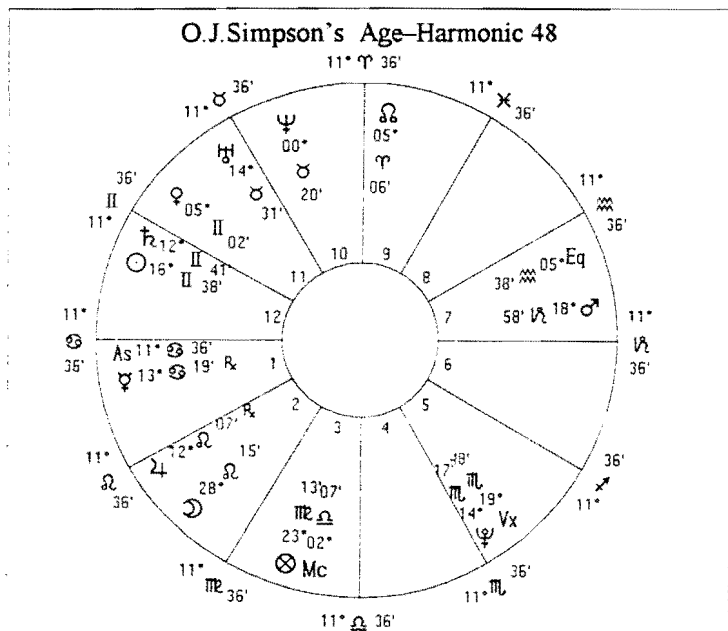


impulses out of control, and certainly suggest that O.J. at the time was at least *capable* of the murders of which he stood accused.

What is particularly significant and revealing is that the Harmonic Chart shows a link between Simpson and his ex-wife, Nicole, and Simpson's interaction

for his defence. See the Charts and their notes on the next page.

For the period of the second Trial, the Charts that apply are Age-Harmonic No. 49, and the Solar Return of 8th July 1996, both covering the period 9 July 1996 to 9 July 1997. These are certainly less



O.J. Simpson's Age-Harmonic Chart covering the period of the Murder Trial leading up to his acquittal on 3rd October 1995.

The personal stress and strain is shown by Saturn conjunct the Sun in the 12th House (emotional trauma), plus Mercury (ruling the 12th) on the Ascendant trine to Pluto, opposite Mars and the Natal Vertex (nervous stress).

The enormous expense for him is shown by Jupiter on the 2nd Cusp (financial assets) square to Pluto and Uranus and conjunct Natal Pluto. Pluto = mass; in this case, massive expenditure.

The acquittal follows from (1) the Moon ruling the Ascendant and hence representing Simpson, trine to Neptune ruling the 9th House (legal proceedings), and (2) Venus ruling the 4th House (end of the matter) and the 11th (the jury) trine to the Equatorial Ascendant and to Natal Neptune ruling the 9th (legal proceedings).

Venus is also conjunct Natal Mars, ruling the Midheaven (victory).

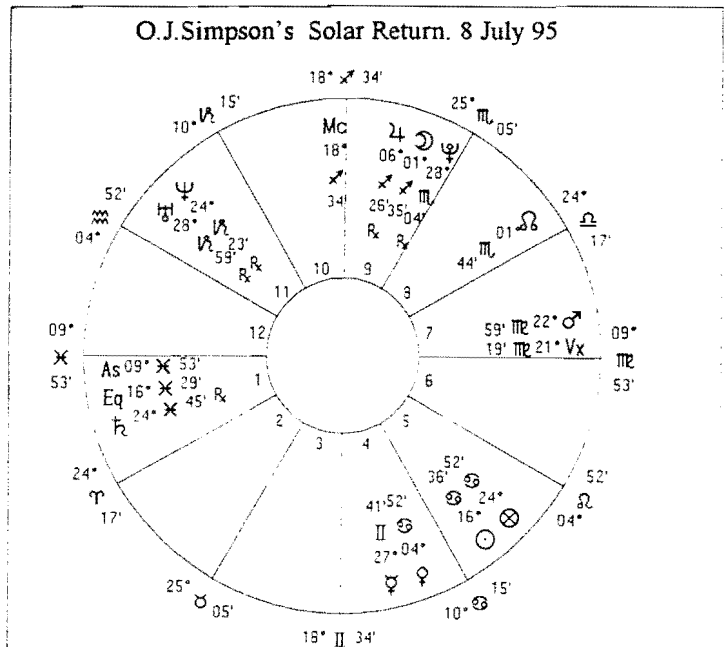
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attractive from O.J.'s point of view than those applicable to his first Trial. In fact, they are quite foreboding. See page 4 for these Charts.

Sagittarius rises in the **49th Age-Harmonic Chart**, which is *a priori* a favourable indication. In this case, however, its Ruler, Jupiter, is afflicted by conjunction with the malefics Pluto and Mars, both ruling the 12th House (personal trauma).

Again, the appearance of Venus almost exactly on the Upper Meridian at first sight seems very favourable for success, but its apparent good promises are nullified by the square to the Moon's North and South Nodes, and its close semisquare to Saturn in the House of the Jury, which itself is ruled by Venus. As one has often noted, an Aspect from the Ruler of a House to a planet in that House has a more than usually powerful effect.

The House of Legal Proceedings is also under heavy



The Solar-Return for the period of the Trial is principally indicative of Simpson's acquittal (Moon, Jupiter and Pluto conjunct in the 9th Cusp—legal proceedings). However, personal anxiety and stress is shown by Saturn rising in Pisces conjunct the Natal Moon and opposite S-R Mars, with Ruler, Neptune, conjunct Uranus and opposite Natal Mercury.

The financial drain is apparent from the Ruler, Mars, of the Finance House in a T-Square with Saturn and Mercury, plus the Ruler of the Ascendant, Neptune, opposing the Part of Fortune.

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affliction from Uranus, plus Natal Saturn and Pluto. Uranus there, very close to the Cusp (the most potent place) squares both Mercury (nervous stress) and Neptune ruling the 4th House (loss at the end).

Mercury ruling the House of Status, and sextile to Venus there, looks promising but is stultified by its conjunction with Neptune (disappointment). Venus also suffers from the square of Natal Mars, so little of good for O.J. can be expected from it.

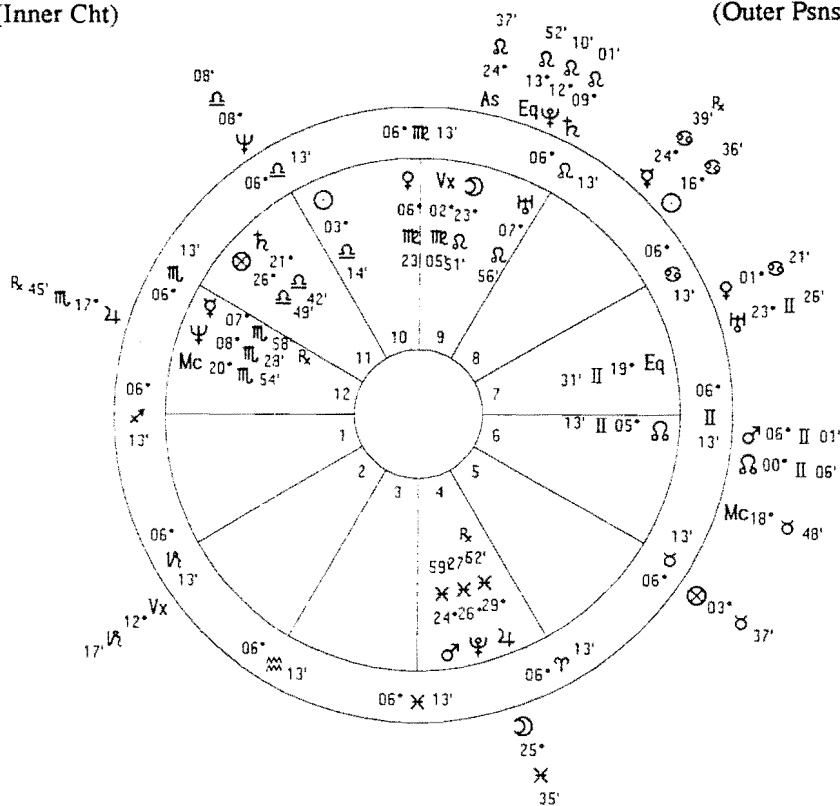
Confirmation of the adverse legal proceedings is provided by the Sun, Ruler of the 9th, opposite both Jupiter and Pluto (big losses). This is made more certain by the fact that Jupiter is the Ruler of this Harmonic Chart.

The **Solar-Return Chart** is just as definite in its own way—and adverse for Simpson—as the Age-Harmonic. Most prominent is the opposition of Jupiter to the Sun (and Mercury) across the Chart. This is a clear indication of conflict with the law and adverse results. Confirmation comes from the Moon, Ruler of the Ascendant, closely square to Neptune, joint Ruler with Jupiter of the Status House.

As the Moon rules also the Money House, its square

O.J. Simpson's A-H.49
(Inner Cht)

O.J. Simpson's Birth Cht.
(Outer Psn.)



sesquare to the Natal Sun (1° orb) and quincunx Natal Venus could even precipitate a break-down.

All told, it appears that this time luck will desert Simpson, despite his Natal Sun trine Jupiter.

If the families win the action, which looks certain, it is problematical what they can gain other than a sense of justice being done. Financial damages may be a chimera, given that Simpson is already deeply in debt to his lawyers in the murder trial.

—Dymock.

DOOMED

A fierce gust of wind blew 45-year-old Vittorio Luise's car into a river near Naples, Italy, in 1983. He managed to break a window, climb out and swim to shore—where a tree blew over and killed him.

George Schwartz, owner of a factory in Providence, Rhode Island, narrowly escaped death when a 1983 blast flattened his factory except for one wall. After treatment of minor injuries, he returned to the scene to search for files. The remaining wall then collapsed and killed him.

A man hit by a car in New York in 1977 got up uninjured, but lay back down in front of the car when a bystander told him to pretend he was hurt so he could collect insurance money. The car rolled forward and crushed him to death.

Surprised while burgling a house in Antwerp, Belgium, a thief fled out the back door, clambered over a nine-foot wall, dropped down and found himself in the city prison.

—Gleaned from the Internet.

This Issue is earlier than usual as your Editor is going into hospital for open-heart surgery on 15th October. The date is chosen astrologically as the best for surgery within the allowable time-span, and I have no qualms.

My kind regards to all.

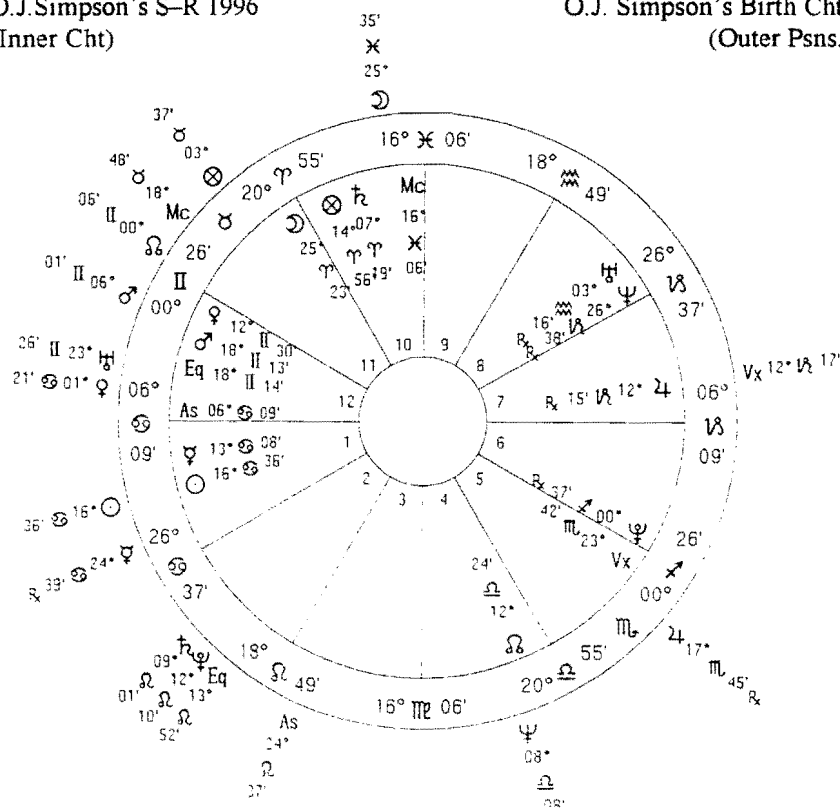
—Dymock, 5 Oct 1996.

to Neptune shows financial losses. The afflicted 8th House further signifies debts incurred, emphasized by Uranus there square to the Natal Part of Fortune.

The year will be very taxing on Simpson's health: Pluto Retrograde on the Cusp of the Health House.

O.J. Simpson's S-R 1996
(Inner Cht)

O.J. Simpson's Birth Cht.
(Outer Psn.)



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LOST KEYS—HORARY CHART READING

by Lee Miller (Houston, Texas)

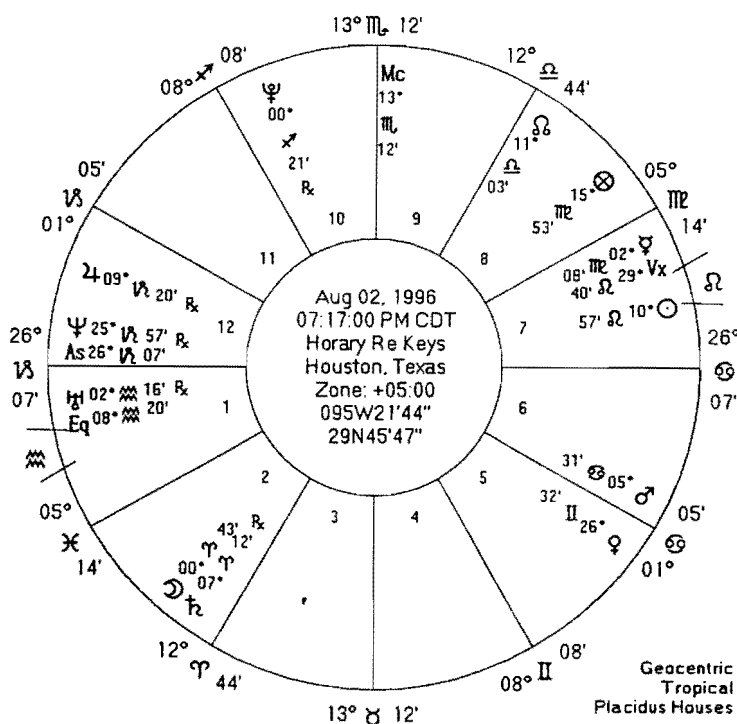
with comments by John Somoza (New York)

This is the solution to the Horary Chart given in the
last Issue.

The Chart was set for Aug. 02, 1996, 7:17PM CDT
(+5:00 = GMT) Houston, Texas,
95°21'44" W, 29°45'47" N.

A man asked where his keys were. He had been
working in a warehouse area. His boss had come

HORARY RE KEYS



through briefly. When the man went to close up he
found that his keys were missing.

In looking for the keys I first went to the 2nd House
Ruler, Jupiter, which was in the 12th House, and
Retrograde. That could describe their location or their
condition.

Next, is the Ruler of the 2nd House in Aspect to the
Querent's Ruler? (Querent is the 1st House, the person
who asked the question). Yes it's separating from a
square (describes a past action).

Now Neptune which also rules the 2nd House

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(possessions) is also in the 12th House—no Aspect to
Saturn but it is returning to conjunct the Ascendant. (It
looks like he will get the keys back.) We know that he
has lost the keys—they are out of his sight in H.12.

Now Saturn is also the Co-Ruler of the keys by its
presence in H.2. Saturn is also Retrograde (those keys
really want to come back).

Mercury (the generic Ruler of keys) is in H.7 (they
could they be on the other person's body). Let's look
for an Aspect between the Querent and Mercury (yes,
the Moon, Co-Ruler of the Querent, is applying to
quincunx Mercury). We have seen with the
retrogrades that the keys are coming back. Now we
have an applying Aspect between the keys and the
Querent, so I am going to go with the keys as
Mercury.

The 7th-House Ruler of the other person is the
Moon which is quincunx Mercury. As it is his (H.7)
Primary Ruler I believe he is the one that will have to
make the adjustment in regard to the keys (Mercury)
that are on his person (Mercury in the 7th—Angular
House = at home or on your person). This is backed
up with Taurus on the 4th-House Cusp. (4th House =
beginning and ending of the matter.) Olivia Barclay
says with Taurus here we should look to cloth and
clothing.

Now I have: On his person, cloth or clothing (wait
—we also have Mercury in Virgo, which is pockets).
I'm betting they are in his pocket.

But which pocket? Since we are not going to be able
to frisk the fellow it really doesn't matter but I want to
see what the Chart has to say.

Well, Mercury is within 5° of the 8th-House Cusp
indicating water or plumbing. John Somoza [Horary
Astrologer] says that with Moon and Mars in Mutual
Reception we can read the Moon as back in Cancer.

There is also an emphasis on Mutable/Earth. Mutables give very good capacity for compromising, making deals and pulling strings. Bob Hawke was very notable for that and he had a heavy emphasis on Mutable Signs. Also, like Hawke, he has Scorpio Ascending. This gives a lot of ruthlessness when it is needed. Lebed hasn't got the emphasis on Cardinals that Yeltsin has. He is not the type to "crash through". Rather he is one who will bide his time and *act* at the opportune moment. The emphasis on Earth Signs shows his *practicality*, not the dreamer of great visions, as Russia has had in its past.

But are there elements in his Chart that might show that *fate* will play a part in his rise? On that score it is worth noting the Yod pattern with Saturn as the prime Significator, set squarely in the Tenth House—the “Finger of God”. And Pluto, linked strongly with fate, is part of this pattern. It does look as if the *potential* to achieve the top job is there, and he could be the pragmatic type to guide Russia through this difficult phase ahead. There can be no going back.

Looking at the current indications in his Chart, we see the Progressed Sun making a trine to Neptune and a sextile to Pluto—and of course these two planets are part of the Yod pattern. 1997 could be a fairly critical period for Yeltsin, and during that year Transiting Pluto will be opposing Lebed’s Natal Moon, and Transiting Uranus trining it, and these could bring some very fundamental changes to his life. But of course the bottom line is that Russia, being an Aquarian Nation, will always have an element of the unpredictable. □

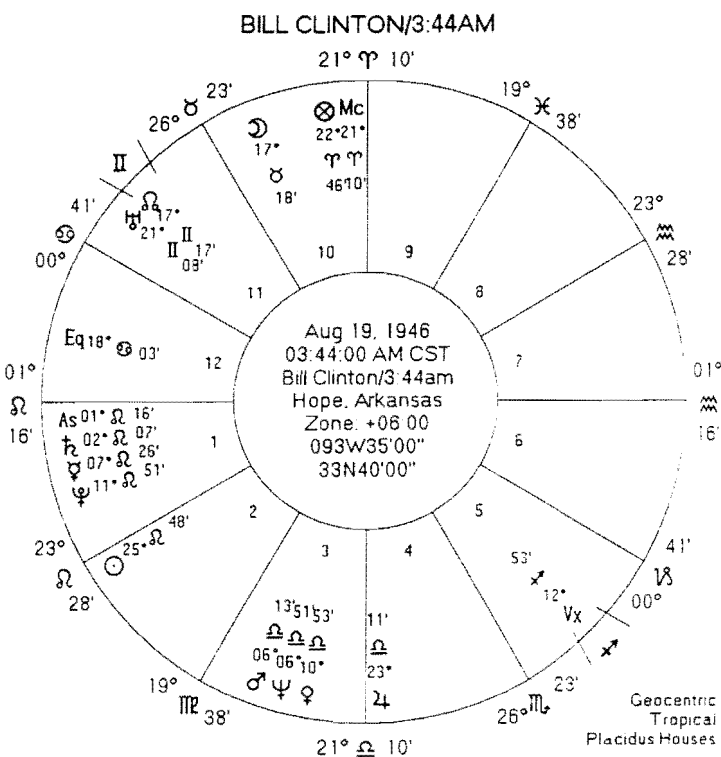
PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON Claim for an Authentic Chart

Here is something that may settle the controversy over the time of President Clinton’s birth. It comes from Rowena Wall in Georgia, USA, who declares that 3:44am CST is the time on the Birth Certificate of the President, as seen, written down and remembered by her mother.

Rowena writes:

The 3:44am time is one that my mother got for me WAAAAY back before he was elected. She saw the Birth Certificate in a book. (I’ve told the story of this several times). I find this Chart to describe him perfectly. This man is clearly a double Leo. He is NOT a Libra Rising. He has none of the natural social graces and gentleness that Libra Rising brings. He does have the acting ability and the force of personality of a double Leo however. Also, if all else failed, the hair is a major tip off!

Saturn in the first does not necessarily bring a “look”. And this especially when it is in the Sign of Leo the Actor! Clinton is capable of affecting any number of “looks” on demand. Note the closeness of Mercury to that Saturn along with Pluto. There is a complexity here that clearly describes him. I think with some rectification that the Saturn might ease back to the 12th, but whether it did or not is not the point. He had a VERY hard childhood. He was illegitimate and lost what was supposed to be his real father as a baby. All of those things affected him. He and his family were



very poor until his Mother married his stepfather, Mr. Clinton, who adopted him. Saturn in the first like this is the perfect description of hard times as a child and a sense of abandonment and loss. Saturn-conjunct-Ascendant people burn their *karma* early. It in no way means their ENTIRE life is bad in some way. It just reflects the early times. The Mars/Neptune/Venus Stellium is quite fitting for the 3rd House—thinking and speaking. And the Moon in the 10th tells clearly who elected him.

Bill Clinton is a man concerned with power. This double-Leo Chart clearly depicts that. He has no “softness” such as that attributed to Libra. As to the “good looks and charm”, well that is debatable, and in the eyes of the beholder, I think. But I still say that Libra Stellium in the 3rd explains the waffling, the smooth talk and every other thing you attribute to him.

The 3:44am time came from an excellent source—my mother, the numbers freak. She is a whiz at this sort of thing and never makes errors. It is most unfortunate that neither she nor I thought to get a copy of the book at the time. But no one thought he would get very far, and by the time he DID, the book was no longer available ANYWHERE. The book was in the library and was the history of his 12 years as Governor. IT had a copy of the birth certificate. It was a “vanity” publication, and the writer thought we would all be enchanted by this. (Of course, I’m sure the writer had no idea that the astrological community would INDEED be enchanted.) [I am told a “vanity” publication is an American term applied to a work whose publication is paid for by the author, though in

this instance it was paid for by the State of Arkansas. —Ed.]

I understand when he got the nomination, they ordered all documents relating to his actual birth data to be closed tight as a drum. They (or at least the President's wife, Hillary) apparently believe in Astrology. I don't think they use it, but they certainly believe in it. Hence, as with Reagan, the birth time has become a State secret. But I will tell you this—my Mother is so good about this sort of thing, I consider her an unimpeachable source. She is, by the way, a retired accountant. If she ever knew your birth data, she would remember it now, even if she was told this information YEARS ago. She remembers dates like no one I've ever seen. But in this instance, she actually wrote it down in addition, and so I have every faith it is correct. I just can't prove it, and at this point no longer care to. I just know it's right. The Chart doesn't intrigue me so much as does its fitting the man, and since

it is the truth, I use it.

Age Harmonics Confirm the Chart of Bill Clinton—3:44pm

In confirmation of the above Chart of President Bill Clinton, here are Age-Harmonic Charts for his marriage to Hillary on 11th October 1975, and his becoming Governor of Arkansas in November, 1978, when he was aged respectively 29 and 32.

Marriage Chart (Age-Harmonic 29)

1. Venus (love), Jupiter (increase) and Vertex (destiny) all conjoined in Leo (love Sign), and all trine to Floating MC (status), Equat.Asc (the person) and Natal Vertex (destiny). Venus rules 10th House (status) and 5th House (romance).

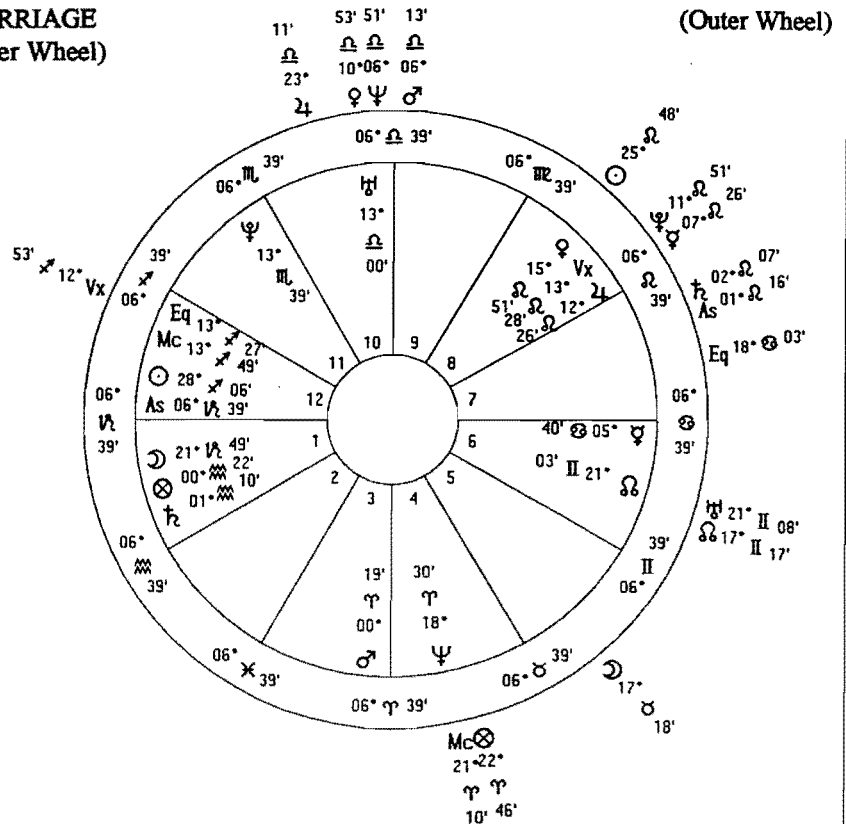
2. Natal Mars, Venus and Neptune (together signifying amorous urges) all conjunct the MC (emotional state).

3. Mercury on Marriage Cusp (marriage vows).

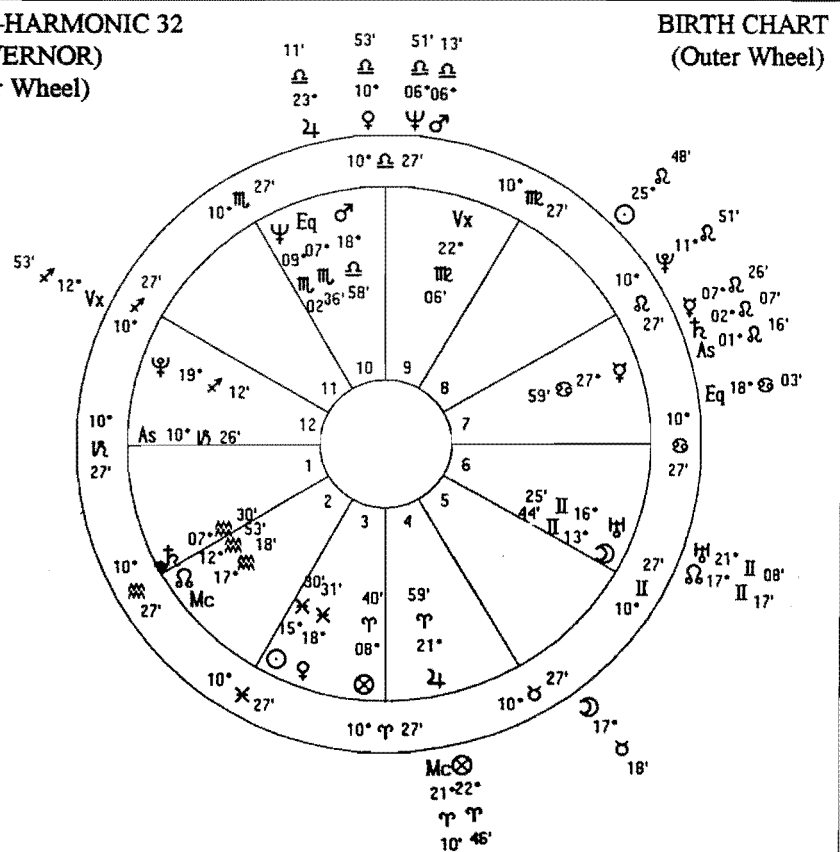
Elected Governor of Arkansas (Age Harmonic 32)

1. Natal Venus at 10°53' Libra conjunct the Harmonic M.C. at 10°27' Libra, and trine Saturn ruling the Ascendant.
2. Jupiter at 21°59' Aries conjunct Natal M.C. at 21°10'

AGE-HARMONIC 29
(MARRIAGE
(Inner Wheel)



AGE-HARMONIC 32
(GOVERNOR)
(Inner Wheel)



Aries and Pars Fortunae at 22°46' Aries, also in a Grand Trine with Pluto and the Natal Sun. ☐

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—Dymock,
23rd September 1996.

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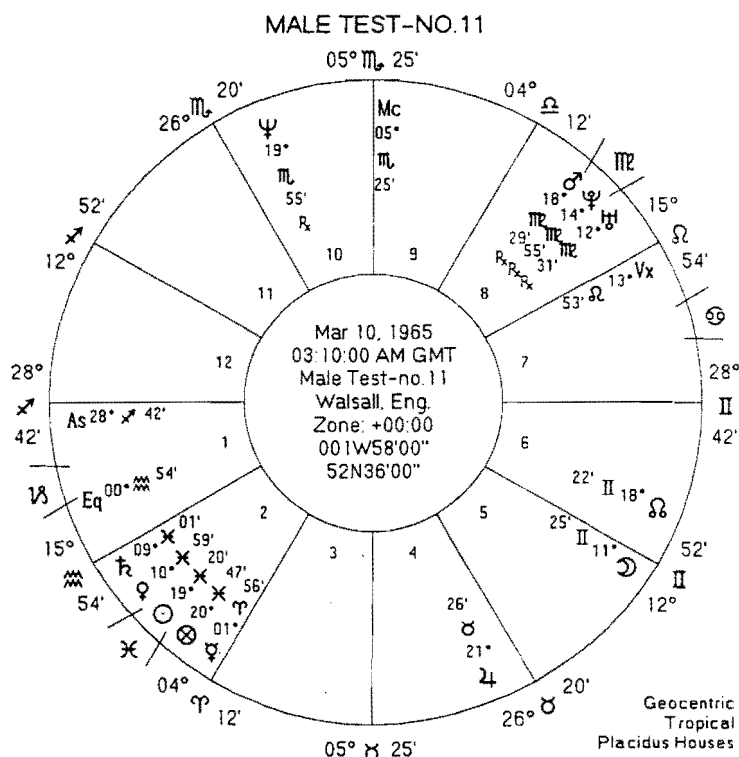
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COMMENTS ON TEST NO.11

Death of Young Man

This is the solution to Test No.11, held over from the last Issue. Here again is the Birth Chart of the young man, the subject of the Test:



The question was, what happened to him on 20th October 1984, about 2am, in Adelaide? The answer (published last month) was that the young man died, following two accidents. No one succeeded in deducing this; a "serious accident" was close. Here is Miriam Laister's interesting comment.

Miriam Laister (S.Aust.) writes—

There were two accidents, the first was on 18th October in which he wrote off a motor-bike but escaped without a scratch, and the second on 20th October at approximately 2am, when he was badly burned. He was spending the night at his future in-laws place. He heard a noise from the shed. On the way to investigate he wrapped a sheet taken from the line around himself for warmth. When he opened the door his two teenage brothers-in-law-to-be were there with a lighted candle on the floor. The coroner never

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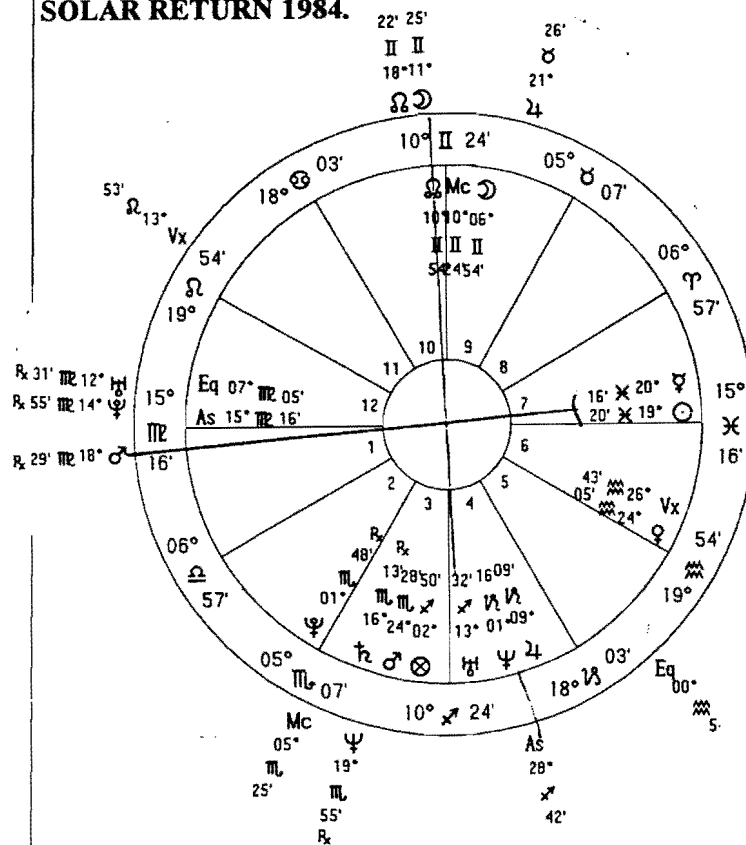
discovered what they were doing, but the suspicion is that they were sniffing petrol or drinking (Neptune). The draught from the door being opened blew the sheet on to the candle. Unknown to the young man, the sheet had been in the boot of a car with a lawn mower and, having been soaked with petrol, was hung out to dry. The sheet caught fire and burned the man badly. He died on November 22nd.

The Natal Mars-Uranus-Pluto conjunction certainly fits. Transiting Uranus was at 11°8' Sagittarius, turning the Natal T-Square (Moon-Uranus/Pluto-Saturn) into a temporary Grand Cross. The previous Solar Eclipse was conjunct the Natal Moon on the 6th Cusp, signifying health and work as the focus at that time. He had been unemployed but was to start a new job that day. The Eclipse also touched off the configuration by conjuncting the Moon.

On the Solar-Return Chart [see next page] the Natal Stellium is on the S.R. Ascendant, S.R. Uranus on the IC (end of life). The Lunar Return often shows timing by picking up the theme of the current Solar Return. The Relocated L.R. (Adelaide) had a conjunction of Mars and Jupiter (fire) on the 8th Cusp (death), the Moon rising opposite Uranus, and the Natal Stellium of Mars, Pluto and Uranus on the IC. The Lunar Return for the Birth Place had Pluto exactly on the MC, Neptune on the Ascendant, a close conjunction of Mars and Jupiter also rising, the Moon in the 6th House opposed by Uranus, and both aspecting the Vertex on the 8th Cusp.

Early in the year I had cast the Progressed Chart and Solar Return and looked at Transits. I was fairly new to Astrology, and the boy was a friend's son whom I had known for some years. To say that the Charts gave me the heebie-jeebies was an understatement. I felt something would go badly that year.

SOLAR RETURN 1984.



Natal Mars on Ascendant, together with Pluto and Uranus. Mars rules the 8th House, and opposes Ruler, Mercury. Pluto conjuncts the Natal Midheaven at 5°25' Scorpio. Neptune conjuncts Natal Ascendant. Uranus on I.C. opposite the Natal Moon, along the Meridian.

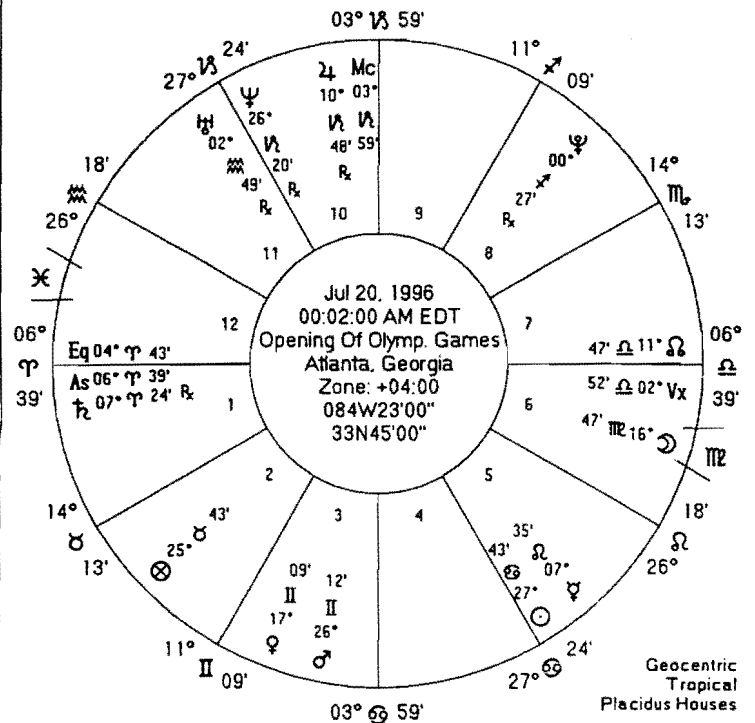
THE GAMES AND THE BOMB

Can Astrology Help?

In the adjacent column you see the Chart for the time President Bill Clinton declared the Olympic Games open on 20th July 1996. The issue that particularly concerns me at this time is not which country was most distinguished in the final results, but the matter of the bomb that exploded in one of the Pavilions on 27th July.

It is noteworthy that at the precise time of the Opening, the Sun was right on the 5th Cusp. This is a very appropriate position. The 5th House relates to games, recreations, and showmanship. The Sun illuminates the House and highlights its activities. One wonders if President Clinton had the benefit of astrological advice for choosing the time of his crucial pronouncement, "I declare the Games open!". It is more than likely, as I understand the President's wife, Hillary, is a believer in astrology, and for such an important National event might have put pressure on her husband which he heeded, even allowing for the fact that he may himself be a sceptic. However, Saturn on the Ascendant square Jupiter was not such a good

OPENING OF OLYMP. GAMES



choice.

But the point at issue now is, could the bomb explosion on 27th July be foreseen?

Looking at the Chart at this late date it is apparent that secret, hostile forces were at work. The Sun is opposed by both Neptune and Uranus, and these two Malefics have rulership over the 12th House (secret enemies), Uranus ruling the Cusp, and Neptune the intercepted Sign. There is an additional adverse factor, in that the Traditional Ruler of Aquarius, Saturn, is right on the Ascendant and square to Jupiter, itself Traditional Ruler of Pisces, intercepted in the 12th. Thus there are *three* Malefics involved in the House of Secret Enemies, giving it very considerable emphasis.

Jupiter in itself stands for law and order, and here it rules the House of Law (9th) which has Sagittarius on the Cusp, so Saturn's square shows a contrary influence, and a powerful one, powerful because Saturn has such a strong Mundane position, right on the Ascendant, and is in Aries, the Sign of its Exaltation, where it's influence is transmitted without let or hindrance. Saturn's dispositor, Mars, is itself in a tight quincunx with Neptune, Co-Ruler of the 12th, confirming the presence of hostile, secret conspirators.

The Saturn-Jupiter square, in fact, suggests someone involved in, but obstructive of, law and order—could it be a renegade Security Officer? Suspicion has indeed fastened on the the Security Officer who "discovered" the bomb, but nothing has as yet been proved.

This is the first step—establishing that danger exists through the agency of secret antagonists. The next

step is to establish the specific times when the danger would be most threatening. Bearing in mind that the Games last only a fortnight, it is hardly likely that there would be any significant Transits by the slow-moving Malefics except, perhaps, Transits over Midpoints. More important, however, are *Directions* to Midpoints, and a very appropriate one occurs on the day of the bombing: By the Naibod-Arc measure of $0^{\circ}59'$ a year (the mean daily motion of the Sun) the Moon moved to the trine of the Mars/Saturn Midpoint on *the very day of the bombing*. This Direction brought into play the two Malefics so important in the Inceptional Chart—Saturn on the Ascendant, and its dispositor, Mars.

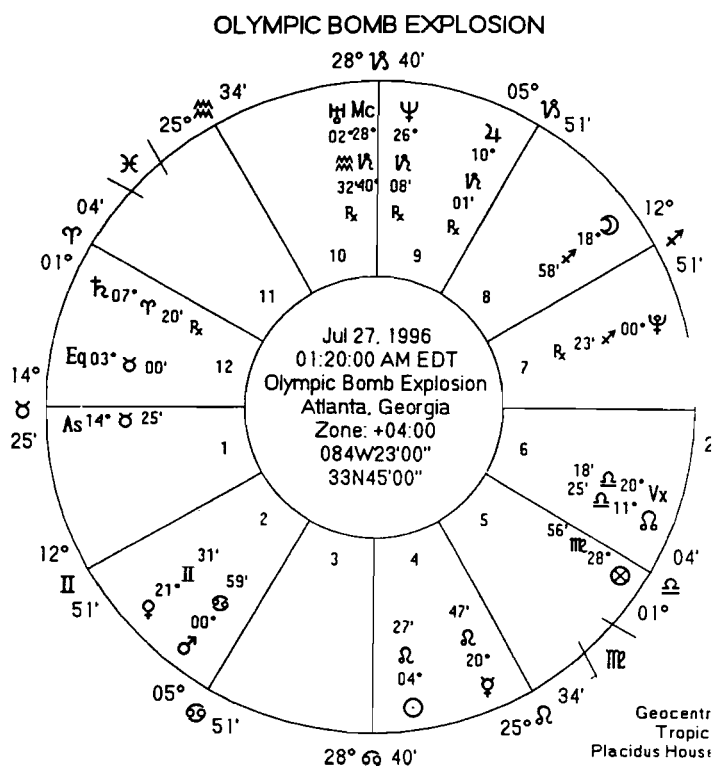
For the timing we might also use the Horary technique of equating degrees to days. The explosion occurred seven days (almost to the hour) after the Opening. In the Inceptional Chart a very significant factor is the position of Uranus just $6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ from the position of Neptune, to which it would be carried by rotation of the Earth, as distinct from its movement in the Zodiac. Thus the Radical conjunction of two planets ruling the 12th House, Uranus and Neptune, would be perfected, and they would then both be opposite the Sun and quincunx Mars.

So there are at least two indications in the Radix of the time of danger.

This is hindsight—too late for this event but may be of value in assessing danger times in regard to future events of importance where the disposition of the planets suggests deadly inimical forces. Our experience here could be invaluable, perhaps life-saving, as a guide in relation to convocations of heads of state, national celebrations and festivities, launching of major projects, etc., wherever a starting time can be determined.

A further step is desirable—to find the perpetrators of the deed. It is possible this might be revealed by a chart for the time of the explosion—if we learn how to read it correctly. The Chart in the next column is for the date and time the Olympic bomb was detonated.

If we are looking for secret enemies, obviously the 12th House must be carefully examined—and the same two Malefics as before are seen to be prominent. We find Saturn in the 12th, Retrograde in Aries, and its dispositor, Mars, closely quincunx Neptune (orb $0^{\circ}7'$) and, very significantly, at the *direct* Midpoint of Uranus and Pluto (orb $0^{\circ}29'$). This suggests to me that two people were involved—an older man (Saturn) working from cover and organizing the operation, with a younger man (Mars) out front and detonating the bomb. The combination of Mars, Uranus and Pluto



spells violence and fanaticism in the younger man. Mars in Cancer could describe a person of less than average height, heavy build, pale complexion, and possibly in uniform. He seeks notoriety (Mars in Cancer wants to be "on stage").

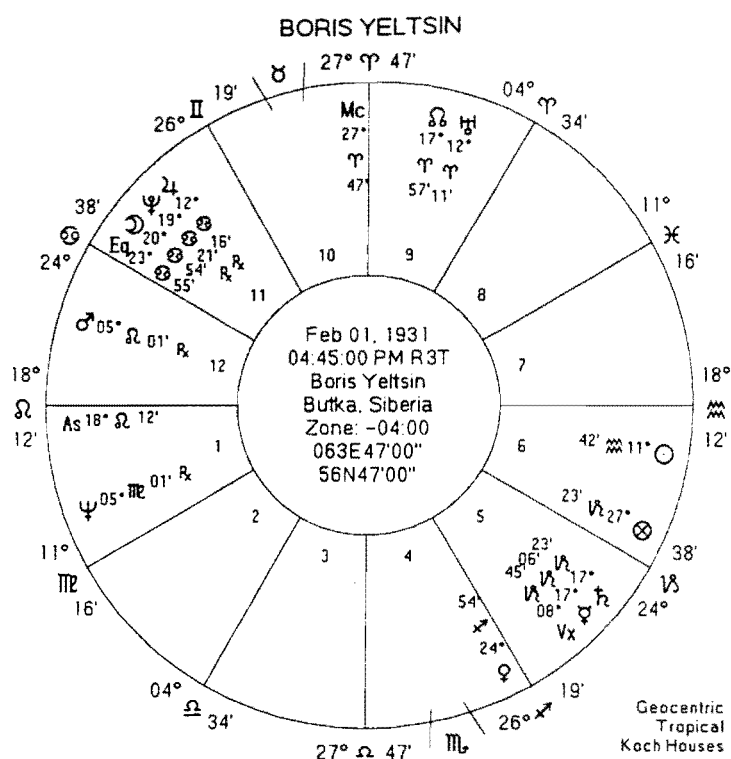
Where do we go from here? It would certainly be useful to be able to deduce from either of the above Charts, or another one altogether, just where the persons responsible for the blast are presently located and whether they will be apprehended. It is not too much to hope that Astrology can achieve this. Thought, experience, and application are needed. Readers who have ideas along these lines are invited to submit them for publication.

—Dymock

RUSSIAN UPDATE

by Allan Johnson

Russia is still the country that presents the greatest enigmas to the world. Few commentators are very sure about the ultimate outcome of the collapse of communism. There is an unpredictability. Traditionally Russia has always come under the rulership of Aquarius, which in turn is ruled by Uranus. So we have to expect surprise developments. So it was fitting that Russia became the father of the world communist empire. It became the great utopian experiment, very much in line with Aquarianism. But Aquarius also is associated with democracy, which Russia did not embrace, but rather continued the absolute rule of the

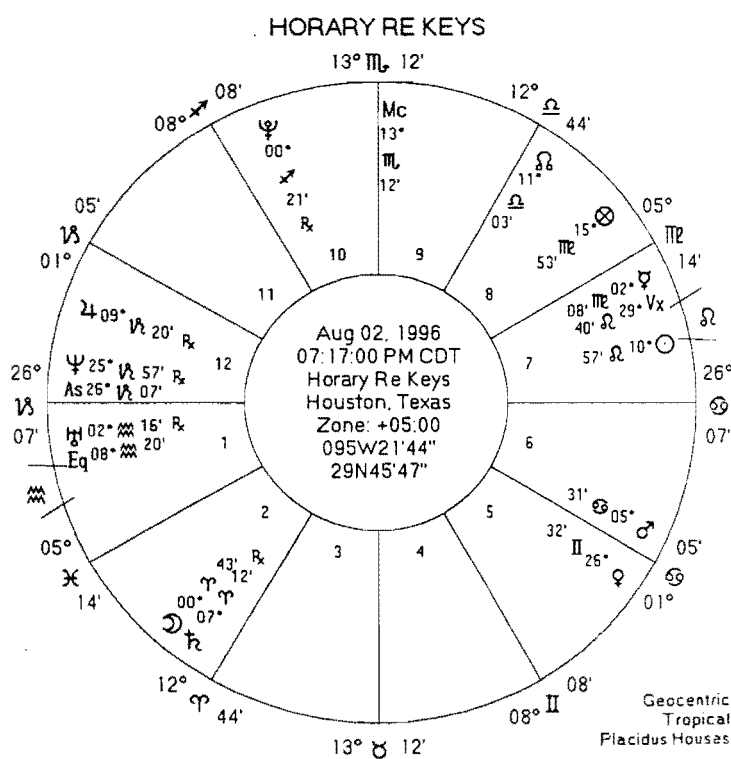


Tsars under a new label. This resulted in an enormous contradiction—and it ended up in destroying the whole regime. Russia has never had democracy any time in its history. So its people have always looked to all-powerful leaders, so in seeking to predict the future for this great Nation we have to look at the charts of its leaders, perhaps more so than any mundane charts.

Since the beginning of the 1990's Boris Yeltsin has been at the centre of the stage in Russia, and his Sun is in Aquarius, very fittingly. I did have an article in *Astrologers' Forum* in December 1992 on the future of Yeltsin. At that time Uranus and Neptune were very close together and activating the powerful T-Square pattern in his personal Chart that embraced the *Moon, Pluto, Jupiter, Node, Uranus, Saturn and Mercury* (seven points in all) and he was going through a very drastic and dangerous period in his life. All this correlated very precisely with what was happening at the time. But he has survived it all, and reaffirmed his position as President in June of this year. He is still at the top—but a big question mark still hangs over his head. The reason this time is not a question of revolt from below, but of his own *health*. He has already had several heart attacks, and that can certainly be a threat to a Head of State.

So it is time for another look at his Chart. And once again the T-Square pattern is activated, this time not by Transits but by the Progressed Sun. This has now reached the conjunction of the North Node. This in itself is not adverse, but Nately the Node squares both the Moon and Pluto. When a major Progressed planet

hits a point of a major configuration, it activates the whole pattern. Right now the Progressed Sun is within a 1° orb of the Square of Progressed Pluto, and a year later of Natal Pluto. This Aspect could be quite dangerous to a person of his health background, added to the pressures of his Office. Also, by the middle of 1997 Saturn will activate the same T-Square. So August '97 could be a dangerous month for Yeltsin. Transiting Uranus will also be in Opposition to Natal Mars in 1997, so next year could be rather an adverse year for him, and lends a lot of credence to general speculation about his future. His demise could throw the country into a lot of confusion. ■



WHERE ARE THE KEYS?

The Querent (a man) who lost his keys had been working in a warehouse area where he had seen another man pass through briefly. The Querent thought that he had put the keys down after he opened a locked area. When he went back they were gone.

The keys were found.

This Horary question is supplied by Lee Miller of Houston, Texas. Can you deduce from the Chart where they were, and if they were recovered? No prizes are offered, but it is well worth attempting as an informative exercise to increase your skill with Horaries. Lee Miller's full explanation will appear next month.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 21st August 1996

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PLUTO AND JUPITER

—a Personal Odyssey

by Polly Eskenasy (USA)

Since I was born, (October 21, 1947, 3:55AM, Holyoke Massachusetts), Pluto has been periodically zapping various and sundry significant parts of my Chart.

My Natal Pluto is conjunct Saturn and Mars in Leo in the 11th. Natal Mars is at 11° and Pluto at 14°—so the first retrograde of Pluto never reached back to Mars. My life has been a series of Pluto Transits. In 1950, Pluto was edging up to conjunct my Saturn. I lived with my parents, near-aunts, uncle, cousins, grandparents. My dad and uncle worked with my grandfather. They were just beginning to fight over whether they should really be paid or the money should be reinvested in the family business.

When Pluto was transiting back and forth over my Saturn, squaring my Mercury, quincunx my Moon (in the Home Sector) and moving into squaring the Moon's Nodes, my cousin and her family had moved to New York, my Dad had moved to Texas, and my aunt and her new husband had moved to upstate New York. My mother became pregnant, we lived in three different places, then we moved back North for my sister's birth. By the time it was over, I was starting school, Dad had returned to work for Grandpa, Mom went to work, we lived in a home I didn't like, and I had mysteriously lost two boyfriends. Having moved to a school where I was an outsider, I gradually changed from a self-confident, boisterous and out-going child to one who was self-consciously losing all self-confidence.

The six years between 1953 and 1959, with Pluto successively transiting Mercury, and squaring Jupiter and the Moon's Nodes, are a blur of discomfort and desperate attempts to disappear. My life was devoted to making sure I made no mistakes. I was quite forgetful.

In December, 1956, Jupiter retrograding square to Jupiter brought the death of my closest uncle. The trauma of that event was one I felt in jealousy as my father bent over backwards to cater to my uncle's orphaned children. I was consumed with fear that I had lost my own father. My eyesight quickly deteriorated into near-sightedness.

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In May of '58, with Pluto squaring my Jupiter (in a Travel House) and sextiling my Sun, while on a trip with Dad and my cousin to visit his California relatives I had my first menstrual period. Jupiter Stationary on Natal Jupiter in March and May 1959 started an upward trend, and our business was flourishing.

In August '64, with Jupiter on the North Node, I was flying high with academic, leadership, and social success—which continued through most of '65. Jupiter was Stationary on my MC in October.

In March '65, with the Progressed Moon conjunct the North Node, I met my first husband (b. 17Aug43), and in October, when Jupiter was retrograding back over my MC, I obligated myself to marry. Our marriage in June, '67 was a Neptunian one of deception, in which each of us wanted the other to be what we thought the other should be—with his Saturn conjunct my Uranus I literally felt as if our marriage was a ball and chain—and I knew I had used him in order to disappear from the obligations I felt my success was bringing, and to escape from the competition of who of my friends would be married first. Neptune was Stationary on Mercury in August. After our marriage, with Jupiter conjunct Saturn, I became disciplined through teaching in a Catholic school, studying violin, and learning to be a military wife.

I went to Iran (Summer, '70) with Jupiter conjunct the Sun. With Saturn conjunct the North Node (September) and Neptune conjunct Jupiter (October) I left my husband and returned home to find who I was.

In November/December '70, (Pluto conjunct the Ascendant, Neptune conjunct Jupiter, Jupiter conjunct Mercury) I dreamed I met with a convocation of professors and philosophers of the past and my future was set. I went to visit two professors about graduate work. One said I only needed to learn Greek, German, and Hebrew, and he would accept me. German was already underway; I met a Smith professor who gave

me a book to complete to catch up with his class, and astonished him by completing all the exercises correctly in the two weeks that I was visiting my grandparents in Florida over Christmas; I didn't quite learn the Hebrew—so I could still stay behind.

The Pluto Transit of my Ascendant also meant I was divorced, lost my family inheritance to my ex-husband, and lost my desire to dress well and look good. I entered the graduate program of my dreams and fears. On the 4th June 1974, when Pluto was again Stationary close to my Ascendant, I met and married the most idealistic, well-versed, genteel musician-composer, who shared my birthday (21 Oct 1945, 11:57pm, NYC) and always claimed he was "crazy". We had the most idyllic and dream-like existence for seven years—hard work, poverty of students and artists. For our honeymoon, we hiked in Switzerland for six weeks.

Interesting, when Pluto hit my first house Neptune in 1976 I decided not to live in the dream-world of "can't" and "we're poor" anymore, and I buckled down to prove myself by actually taking the general examinations—which coincided with my 30th birthday and Saturn return, and Grandpa's death.

With Jupiter Stationary trine Jupiter in March 1979 my son was born (March 11, 1979, 3:47pm, Boston Massachusettes). His Jupiter is exactly trine mine. This ushered in some good years.

By the early 80's, Pluto was about to do some real work with me. Pluto had entered my 2nd House and I needed some financial responsibility. I completed outstanding papers to be published, learned to type without mistakes, and applied to law schools. The '82 Pluto/Saturn conjunction conjoined my Sun. I started acting as if I had been shot out of a cannon; my husband slowed down to turtle-pace and slower, claiming incompetence and confusion. I was divorced a second time, became a single parent, and changed from student to business woman—a complete lifestyle change. Then life became ever more disrupted as Pluto transited Venus, Mercury, the South Node and Chiron—all squaring the Mars-Pluto-Saturn Stellium in the 11th House. Needless to say, my finances, health, love-life and everything else were all blown out of all proportion and I was left exhausted and rather a mess. I worked all the time, went into business, kept my dissertation going, studied astrology every spare moment I had, entered a Zen monastery, earned three black belts, then threw everything out as Saturn and Uranus were conjunct opposite Natal Uranus and conjunct my IC in February '88. I gave everything away and found myself selling fruits and vegetables—a Pluto-Venus Transit in October was causing me to transform all my values.

When Pluto squared Mars in '88, an article that was accepted for publication in 1981, at the beginning of all this, suddenly reappeared in my mailbox and was published. I returned to complete my dissertation and did so when Pluto squared Saturn, conjuncted Mercury, and sextiled my Capricorn Moon. Then I turned around, moved to idyllic circumstances in the North Carolina mountains, wrote a 700-page book in 6 months, hosted an international Bar Mitzvah for my son, started teaching, etc.

Those were the transits I focused on. The thing is, I totally ignored Jupiter at 29°26' Scorpio, sextile my 0° Libra Ascendant. Now that I look there, everything has opened up since Pluto started nudging into Jupiter and entered my 3rd House. I started going places and being noticed again.

Joe (b. 7 April 1932, 2:34pm, Evanston, IL, a physics teacher, father of 11, former priest, and soul-mate) read my book, and we started keeping company. We married on 2nd March 1995 when Pluto was Stationary sextile the Ascendant and Jupiter was trine to Natal Pluto. When Pluto retrograded back over Jupiter, Joe left me, and returned when Pluto reached the other side of Jupiter again.

Since last Christmas we have been together, set up a great combined home, logged perhaps 30,000 miles in travelling to seminars and to visit and heal family ties. We've linked up with the Internet, I'm back in scholarship, book revisions are proceeding rapidly, I'm a new person—and it has all been without the struggle that marked almost every one of the other Transits of Pluto. This one is very busy—but like a huge sigh of relief. ■

VIRGO—

REALISTIC, NOT PERFECTIONIST!

By Barbara Banfield (USA)

I want to share some thoughts about Virgo. I have Sun-Jupiter conjunct in Virgo and have done a lot of thinking and, yes!, analyzing this Sign. A very common description of Virgo is "perfectionistic". Yet, the most accurate thing I ever read about Virgo was by Liz Greene.

She says Virgo is an Earth Sign and hence it is realistic. Perfection is an ideal state, and thus much more associated with Air Signs. Now, Virgos will be the first to tell you that we aren't perfect, we know we never will be, and aren't really trying to be. I am going to do a little Virgoan hairsplitting here and try to be more specific about what Virgo really is all about. Virgo is a mutable Earth Sign. Mutable Signs are pri-

marily concerned with gathering information, learning, and making use of that learning. Therefore, since Virgo is in Earth, it is especially tuned into material reality. It is very good at discerning details and patterns and understanding how this material world (including our bodies) fits together and works. It is interested in using this knowledge to make things and fix things and do things and generally improve things here on the Earth plane. It has a natural talent for noticing when and how things are not as they should or could be. Yes, Virgo is EXACTING. Virgo strives for EXCELLENCE. But this is a very grounded kind of exactness. It knows what degree of exactness is possible to attain for any given task and once it has reached that, it says Great! Good enough! and cheerfully lets go.

It is my observation of people who are weak in Virgo or heavy in Air Signs that they are in fact perfectionists. I used to own a business and had the interesting task of training and supervising others. My perfectionist employees had a very hard time finishing something. It was NEVER good enough. I would finally look it over and say—great, this is fine, this is good enough! Virgo is eminently practical and knows when something is good enough for its intended purpose. Here is the use of the Virgo discernment. It is not only used to find endless faults but also used to determine what level of exactitude is necessary for every task and to know when something has reached that state.

The other thing I noticed is that my heavy Air or Water-Sign people had no idea whether something was accomplished properly. Several employees had the idea that something should be clean because they "cleaned" it—but paid absolutely no attention to whether they had actually gotten it clean! Or something should be finished because they had spent X amount of time on it and that is about how long it should take, regardless of whether they had effectively accomplished the task.

I think that all the other Signs look at Virgo's natural ease and skill at working with the material world, her ability to achieve excellent outcomes, her keen eye for detail and pattern, her relentless realism and cry "Perfectionist!" because it is not nearly so easy or so natural to the other Signs to operate in that fashion. When they attempt to achieve excellent results they often DO resort to perfectionism and frequently have a hard time knowing when something is "good enough".

This is why so many people with heavy Virgo have sloppy houses, messy kitchens, and do NOT spend endless hours house-cleaning. Virgo discerns what level of excellence is needed and necessary for every endeavour. A super-clean house is often not on

the priority list. Remember, Virgo is a realist, and if she knows that she only has 24 hours in the day and if she is truly going to achieve excellence in the things that matter most to her she happily tolerates disorder and sloppiness in the areas of life that are less important to her. Yet, if she is a Virgo-Moon in the 4th House, that house-cleaning may just be at the top of the list!

So, yes, Virgo is exacting, she strives for excellence, she notices all the details, and even though she is aware of all the imperfections, she knows when something is good enough. It is just that the level of excellence she is capable of attaining often looks and feels like perfection to others. But she knows it's not, because she can still see the remaining flaws!

There—I have had my hairsplitting, nitpicky, analytical say.

If you want something done right, do it yourself — or hire a Virgo!

THE NODES OF THE PLANETS

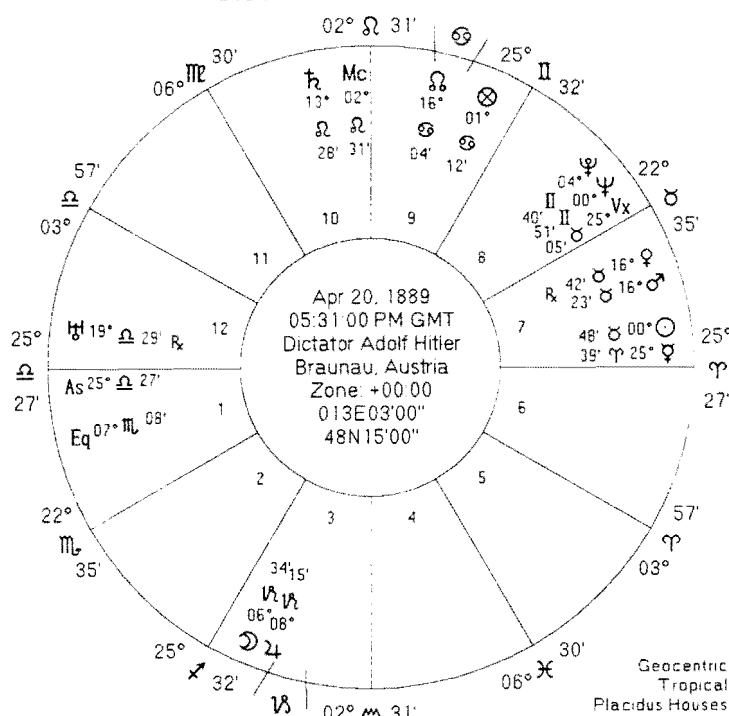
Dr Theodor Landscheit of Nova Scotia has opened a new vista to astrologers with his research into the geocentric nodes of the planets. We are all familiar with the nodes of the Moon—they are commonly used in astrological charts of all kinds—but Dr. Landscheit has pointed out that all the planets have their nodes where their orbits intersect the Ecliptic, and what is so important for astrologers is that these nodes produce effects just like the planets themselves. This is a remarkable additional factor that explains a lot of what was hitherto unexplainable in many charts.

For example, Dr. Landscheit cites the Horoscope of Adolf Hitler (see next page). "...there are three outstanding conjunctions that point to a positive disposition: Jupiter conjunct the Moon (*kindness, good heart, religiosity, readiness to help others*); Mercury conjunct the Sun and the Desc. (*common sense, power of thought, circumspection and prudence; cultivates the exchange of ideas*); Venus conjunct Mars (*the impulse to love, a warm heart, creativity in the arts, sensitivity*). The interpretations are from Ebertin's

Combination of Stellar Influences. There is also a conjunction of Neptune and Pluto that could be linked to negative interpretations. Yet it is not individual; the

Native shares this wide conjunction of these slowly moving planets with many other persons. Uranus near the Ascendant could be critical, but its position is in Libra, the Sign of harmony, peace and diplomacy. Finally, there is a square between Mars and Saturn. Yet Mars is conjunct Venus and forms a trine and a sextile with the Moon's Nodes. Does this Chart properly

DICTATOR ADOLF HITLER



Planets' Nodes

(North)

(South)

Mars 11°28' Taurus

Saturn 16°31' Cancer 28°26' Capricorn

Pluto 17°26' Cancer Neptune 12°26' Aquarius

It is a point of interest regarding the planetary nodes that the ascending and descending nodes (here designated North and South) are not diametrically opposite one another as with the Moon's nodes.

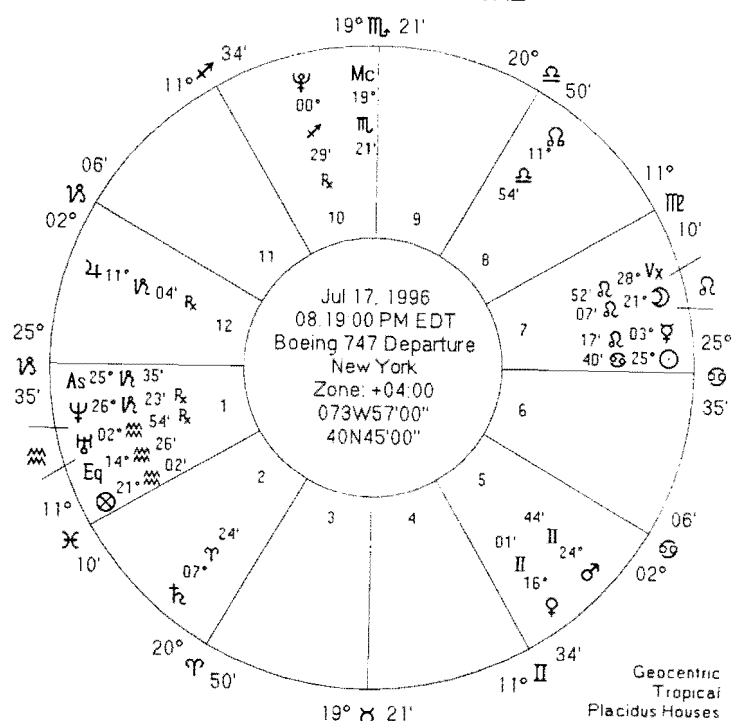
reflect the dictator Hitler's personality?

"The geocentric nodes set the picture right. The Moon's Node forms a triple conjunction with the Nodes of Saturn and Pluto, which is squared by Uranus. Saturn opposes Neptune's Node and squares Mars' Node and also Mars, thus changing completely the nature of the conjunction between Mars and Venus. This configuration is accentuated by Saturn-68.8°-Pluto, an exact golden aspect (Ebertin: *Cold-heartedness, tendency to violence, fanatical adherence to one's principles*). ... At the time of Hitler's suicide (April 30, 1945) Mars' transiting Node squared Natal Saturn, and Saturn's transiting Node was conjunct the Natal Moon's Node and close to the square with the Natal Uranus."

[The above quote is taken from *Considerations X:4*, published by Ken Gillman, Mount Kisco, New York.]

The above is certainly a striking illustration of the power and importance of the planets' nodes. Another and very topical illustration is provided by the tragic air crash of the Boeing 747 (Flight No. 800) on 17 July this year in the Atlantic Ocean off Long Island, New

BOEING 747 DEPARTURE



York. The Chart for the take-off time from the J.F.Kennedy Airport, New York is above.

The Ecliptical positions are bad enough—Neptune right on the Ascendant opposite the Sun and quincunx Mars; Uranus rising opposite Mercury; Ruler, Saturn, sesquare the Moon; etc., but the adverse indications are considerably magnified by the aspects of the planetary Nodes:

The Sun's Node at 15°43' Gemini, Mars' N.Node at 15°48' Gemini, and Uranus' N.Node at 15°53' Gemini, are all conjunct Ecliptical Venus at 16°01' Gemini. Note that Venus rules the 9th House (travel) and the 4th (terminations). Venus' S.Node at 10°59' Virgo is conjunct the 8th Placidian Cusp (deaths) at 11°31' Virgo. Saturn's S.Node at 23°24' Capricorn conjoins the Ascendant, and Pluto's S.Node at 20°06' is just above the Ascendant.

All the above positions have been calculated by Dr. Landscheit's own computer Program, which covers the period 1600 to 2100 and has an accuracy down to seconds of arc. It costs \$US35 and is obtainable from him at 11227 Cabot Trail, Belle Côte, N.S. BOEICO, Canada.

—Dymock.

ANSWER TO TEST NO.11

(See Chart, P.3, Issue 178)

The young man died, following two accidents. Miriam Laister's interesting report on this will be given in detail in the next Issue. My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 22 July 1996.

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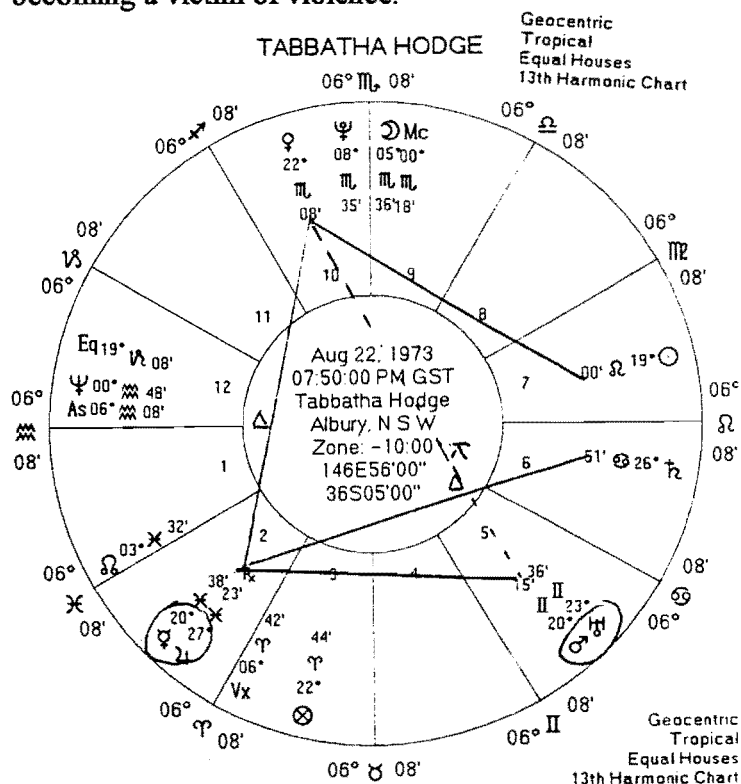
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MORE ON MISSING TABBATHA

Lyla Williams (Qld) gives her view of what happened to Tabbatha:

In addition to the Natal Chart for Tabbatha, and the 11:10pm Chart for her last sighting [See the May Issue], I also drew up a Chart for the 13th Harmonic, which I believe holds clues to the possibility of a person becoming a victim of violence.



This Chart was very revealing—Aquarius on the Ascendant and Scorpio on the MC, and several combinations of planets pointing to violent events, most notably Mars/Uranus conjunct in Mercury-ruled Gemini, squaring Mercury/Jupiter conjunct in Pisces, they in turn trining Saturn in Cancer and Venus in Scorpio. Venus itself squares the Sun in Leo and is quincunx the Mars/Uranus conjunction. There is also a Moon/Pluto conjunction in Scorpio squaring the Ascendant!

The 13th Harmonic Chart therefore contains five squares and a quincunx, showing it to be a chart of tension.

I find it hard to accept the suggestion that Tabbatha

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was by nature a predictable, thoughtful, safety-conscious young woman. At 20 she had already entered and left one serious relationship, and her actions on the night she disappeared were careless, to say the least—after several hours drinking and dining with friends she set off for an unknown destination, alone, in a car she was not licensed to drive, with no money and without her mobile phone. Her Natal Chart shows her to be a Leo with an Aquarian Jupiter (Retrograde) in her 11th House (gregarious), Pluto, Venus and Uranus all in Libra in her 7th House (wide spectrum of partners, some unusual or even dangerous) and the Moon in Gemini—restless and emotionally changeable.

Mars in her Natal Chart is conjunct the fixed star El-Sheratain (Mars/Saturn) of which Ebertin (*Fixed Stars*) says, “danger is indicated when acting impulsively and in a foolhardy fashion”. Mars is also squaring her 11th House Jupiter and trining her Sun, which suggests that it is a very important planet indeed in the Chart.

Comparing the disappearance Chart with the Natal Chart I read the sequence of events as follows:

After leaving her friend at 11:10pm Tabbatha changed her mind about going home and started to drive to the nearest coastal town (Saturn in Pisces ruling Neptune in Capricorn in the 9th House). On the way she stopped to pick up a hitchhiker (transiting Mars in her 7th conjunct Natal Uranus). The Progressed Moon at 29°Pisces (anaretic and deceptive) was quincunx her Leo Sun and opposite her Natal Pluto in her 1st House. It makes a mundane opposition to all the 7th-House planets, plus transiting Mars. This “known enemy” at 17° Libra is making only one aspect on the disappearance Chart—a trine to the MC which also happens to be square the midpoint of Tabbatha's Pluto/MC and Venus/MC!

I do not expect that Tabbatha was alive for many more hours as Pluto (27°51' Scorpio) on the disappearance Chart has now trined Jupiter on the 13th Harmonic Chart (27°23' Pisces), squared her Natal Sun (29°9' Leo), opposed the transiting Moon (29°45' Taurus) and trined her Natal Lilith at 26° Cancer.

I believe her car was taken by the hitchhiker and Tabbatha was transported by him—possibly down to the Gold Coast and even interstate. ■

THE FUTURE OF TONY BLAIR

by Allan Johnson

Tony Blair is the man who is widely tipped to be the next British Prime Minister. He is the current Leader of the Labour Party which has been in opposition for the past seventeen years. So from that point of view he is odds-on favourite to win, having stabilized his position in the Party itself. Add to this the fact that John Major, the present P.M. has been having an extremely rocky ride, struggling with a very small majority, and getting a lot of flack from his own Party. So it looks as if a change of government is certain. In these circumstances is it worth while making a prediction? But nothing is *really* certain until the numbers go up, so it is worth having a look at Blair's Chart to see 'what the stars say'. Incidentally, John Major's Progressed Sun is moving to the conjunction of Uranus. So he is in for a surprise—but what sort of one?

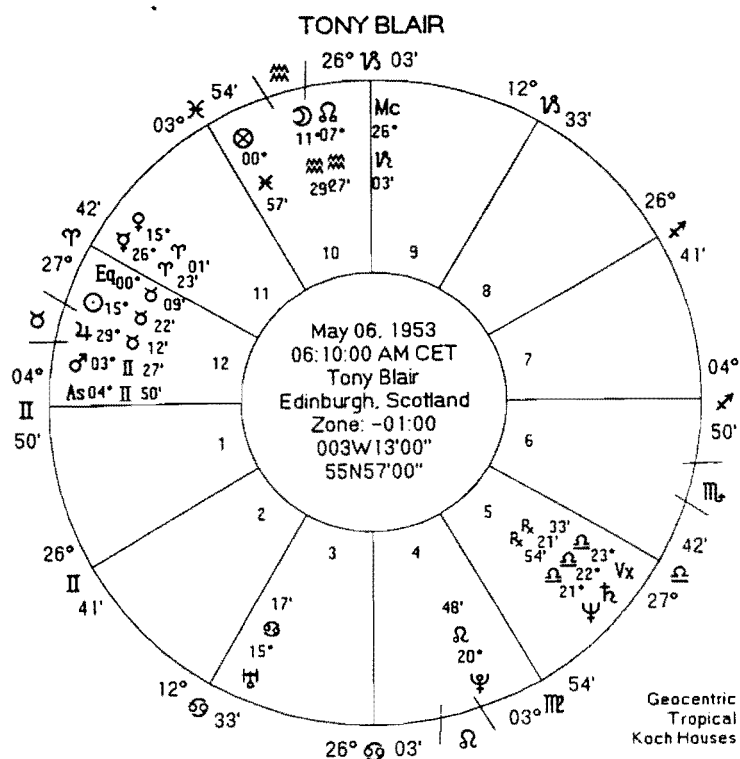
Tony Blair was born on the 6th May, 1953, at 6:10 am in Edinburgh. Scotland is one of those countries that put the time of birth on the birth certificate (which doesn't apply to England or Ireland). So this gives some reliability to the time. At first this Chart is not so easy to come to terms with, and it raises the question of House division. The City of Edinburgh is in a very high latitude (55°57'). The main reason there has been a lot of debate about House division systems is because Placidus does not give such good results for very high latitudes. This is not a live issue so much for Australian astrologers as we don't have any latitudes above 43°. So Placidus can serve us very well. But this is not the case with countries such as Scotland. High latitudes tend to push a chart out of shape and give a high number of intercepted Signs with Placidus. Margaret Hone introduced the Equal House system as a counter to this, but this could be an over-simplification. At about the time I was getting into professional astrology in the '60's the Koch system was developed in

Germany, and Koch did claim to have done an immense amount of research into House division systems. So I decided to use the Koch system, and found it did go a long way to overcome the problem of high latitudes. Tony Blair's Chart is a case in point.

We have to decide if the Chart does fit the person as a whole, and how that destiny has worked out. The Placidus system applied to Blair's Chart gives us a heavily-tenanted 12th House, as well as two more planets in the 6th. So what we have is six planets in the Cadent Houses—which I feel is not at all appropriate for an active political leader. We often get famous personalities with a heavily-tenanted 12th, but in most cases these are in the entertainment field, seeing that Neptune is the natural Ruler of the 12th. Politics may be entertaining at times—but that's not what it is supposed to be all about. So re-casting the Chart with the Koch system gets us a more appropriate distribution of planets, though of course the degrees on the Angles remain the same.

Of course, the Sun remains in the 12th House, but this is not a bar in itself to political leadership. Is this Chart valid for a successful political leader? Capricorn on the M.C. certainly figures, but a key point is that Mars is closely conjunct the Ascendant. A Gemini Ascendant is the talker and debater, but Mars makes him the man of action as well. Mars is also closely conjunct Jupiter, and the Jupiter element does reveal itself in his appearance. He comes over as a benign personality, persuasive rather than vituperative or abrasive, as is Paul Keating's style. Having the Sun in the 12th would account for a more subtle or "soft" approach. In his policy he avoids extremism and pushes a Christian background and middle-of-the-road approach, which has drawn a lot of criticism from members of his own Party. I think a lot of this would have much to do with Gemini rising. The Chart has two T-Squares (Sun, Moon, Pluto in Fixed Signs, and Venus, Mercury, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus in Cardinal). T-Squares are frequently a feature in leadership charts as they give the dynamism necessary to get to the top.

The last British General Election was held on 10th April 1992, and with a five-year term the next Election must come up well within the next twelve months. Will this be his hour of destiny? Right now Neptune is right on his M.C., which is very good for mass publicity, but Uranus and Pluto are the planets for dramatic events, and these are both being involved. Uranus has recently crossed his M.C. and in 1997 will conjunct his North Node, which is trine his Natal Mars. This is quite favourable for his prospects. But where *destiny* is



concerned we have to look to Pluto, which played such a strong part in John Howard's victory in the Australian Elections.

Pluto on the Angles can be immensely important, and right now it is in opposition to his Natal Jupiter/Mars conjunction. These are the keys to his political career. The opposition is a most dynamic aspect, and puts him under immense pressure, but it could also *accelerate his rise to power*.

So my prediction is that Tony Blair will be the next Prime Minister of Britain. ■

BOB DOLE'S CHART

Jack Nicholls (Vic.) writes:

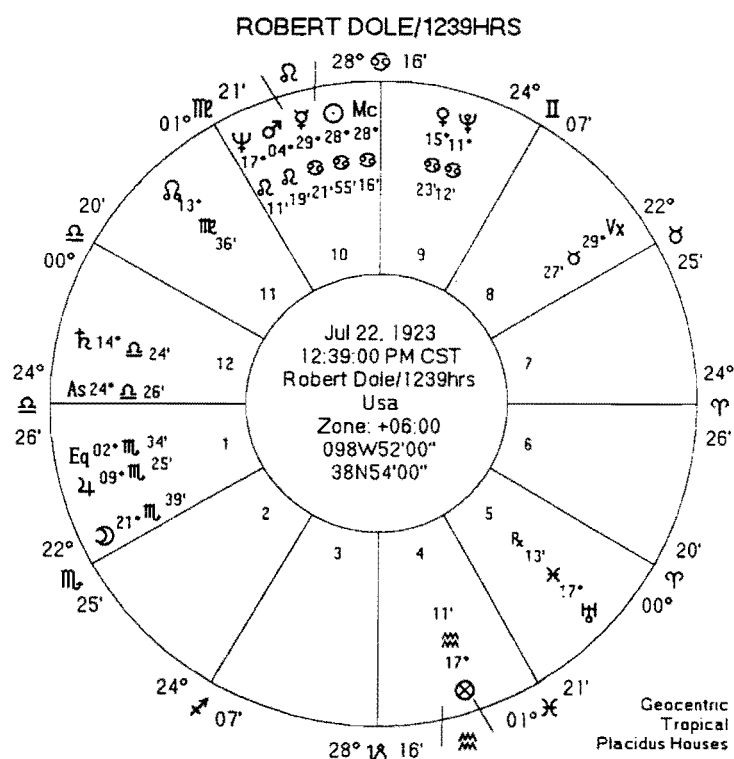
I have discussed the Bob Dole rectification by correspondence with Ross Harvey. He emphasizes that the estimate he obtained using his Solar Technique [see last Issue] is only accurate to an hour either way at best.

Sixteen usable events provided 135 units with the *Jigsaw* software, to give a time of 12:38 hrs. CST. The planets featured were the Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Pluto, Chiron and the North Node. Three only well-defined peaks were obtained, which is excellent with this Program. The Dynamic Chart Display facility was used to look at times of one minute on either side of the 12:38 hrs. estimate, but that time produced the tightest orbs with acceptable Transits to the Angles.

Five events were tried with my Solar-Return method, and the result produced a time of 12:39 hrs., which supports the *Jigsaw* time, for what it is worth. The

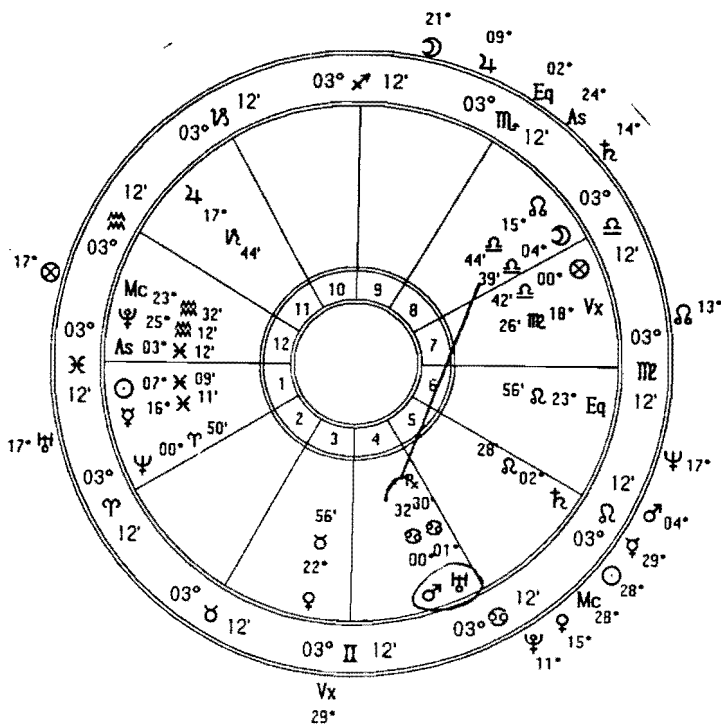
Chart has an Ascendant of 24°26' Libra. The only photograph I have seen of the subject is one that appeared in *The Bulletin* for 12th March 1996, and several characteristics are apparent that support the Libran Rising Sign, according to Laurie Efrein's *How to Rectify a Birth Chart*. The subject is seen to have long fingers, eyebrows somewhat thick, the space between the brow and eyes wide, the eyeline is low on the face, and the hair tends to be straight.

Furthermore, the time of 12:38 hrs. would agree with Ross's estimate of 13:12 hrs. in view of the accuracy he attributes to it. I offer this time in the hope that it is a plausible one and might allow a correct prediction for the Presidential race. ■



Editor's Note: This Rectification by Jack Nicholls appears to be the most accurate one to date. One good way of testing rectifications is by using Age-Harmonic Charts for specific Events. Three important events in Bob Dole's life were his being wounded in the right shoulder (with spinal injury and subsequent paralysis) on 14th April 1945, his first marriage on 12th June 1948, and the death of his father on 7th December 1975. The Harmonic Charts associated with these events are shown below, each one circumscribed by the Natus, and there are appropriate features in all three of them. What is significant for the accuracy of the rectification is closeness of the appropriate Significators to Cusps, especially to the Angles, as also conjunctions with what I call the True Harmonic Midheaven—not only the one derived from the Harmonic Ascendant.

Chart 1: 21st Harmonic, & Birth Chart



In Chart No. 1 (for the wounding), Natal Mars and Mercury are conjunct Harmonic Saturn on the 6th Cusp (health), while the Moon on the 8th Cusp (traumatic experiences) is square the conjunction of Harmonic Mars and Uranus. Mars and Uranus spell gunshot or other injury.

Chart 2: 24th Harmonic, & Birth Chart

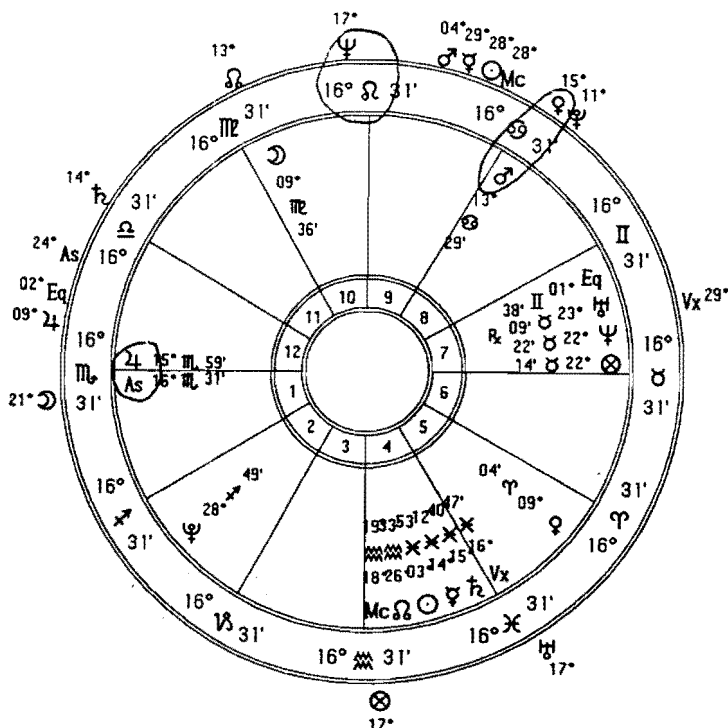


Chart 2, for Bob Dole's first marriage, has Jupiter

conjunct the Ascendant and the Natal Moon, which is typical of marriage. Physical attraction is indicated by Harmonic Mars conjunct Natal Venus and Pluto, on the 9th Cusp. The 5th House (romance) is accented by the Harmonic Vertex, Saturn and Mercury plus Natal Uranus all conjunct the Cusp, while Natal Neptune, ruling the 5th conjoins the Midheaven..

Chart 3: 52nd Harmonic, & Birth Chart

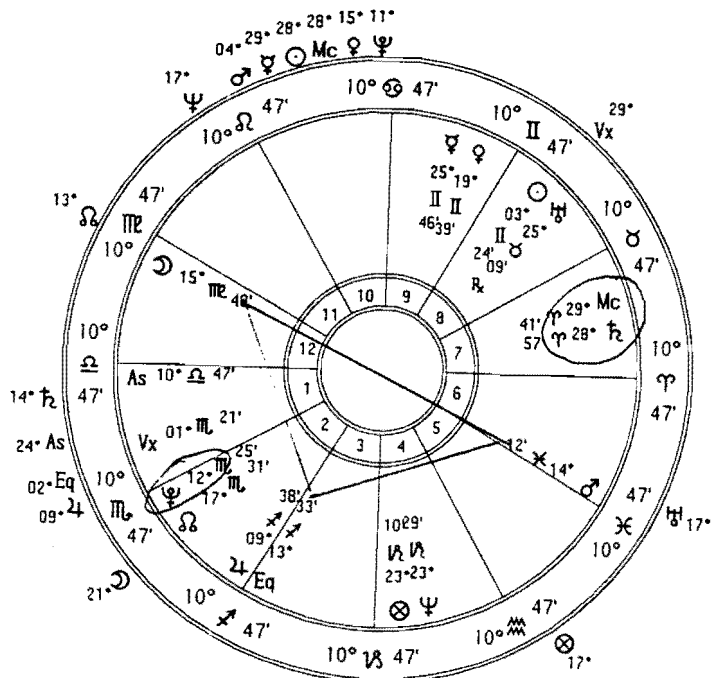


Chart 3, for the death of Bob Dole's father, has several indications of this: Saturn is conjunct the Harmonic True MC (29°41' Aries) and Harmonic Pluto sits on the 2nd-8th axis. The Natal Sun is closely square to Harmonic Saturn, which is typical of a father's death, but this does not of itself validate the time of birth because neither body is connected with a Cusp or other sensitive point. Loss and sorrow is shown by the Moon in the 12th House conjunct the Natal Node on the 12th Cusp, opposite Mars and square to the Equatorial Ascendant. The Equatorial Ascendant is the sensitive point that permits this aspect to be used for validating the birth time. ■

READERS MAKE HASTE! 16th July is the last day for sending your thoughts on Test No.11 in the May Issue ("What Happened..."). Send your answers to Miriam Laister, 8 Plaza Avenue, Sellicks Beach, South Australia 5174. Anyone getting the correct answer will receive a free year's subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*. This is the way to develop your astrological skills. So, have a go!

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 1st July 1996.

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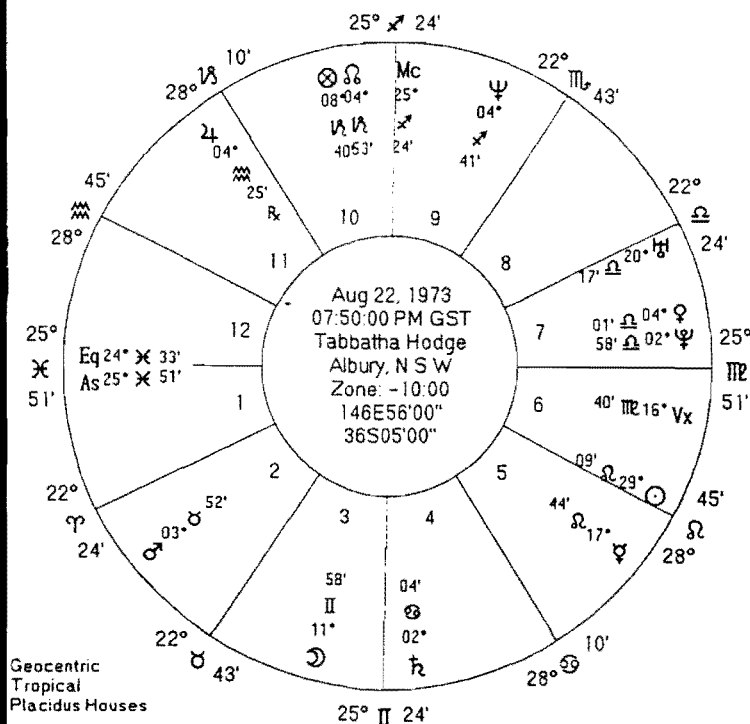
In the last issue the question was posed to readers, "What happened to Tabbatha Hodge on 18th August 1995?". Tabbatha disappeared mysteriously on that date. Her photo appears above, and her Birth Chart in the adjoining column.

So far, only two readers have responded to the challenge, apart from my own analysis. From their extensive investigations of the Birth Chart and Cyclic Charts, both Jillian Boton (Tas.) and Ross Harvey

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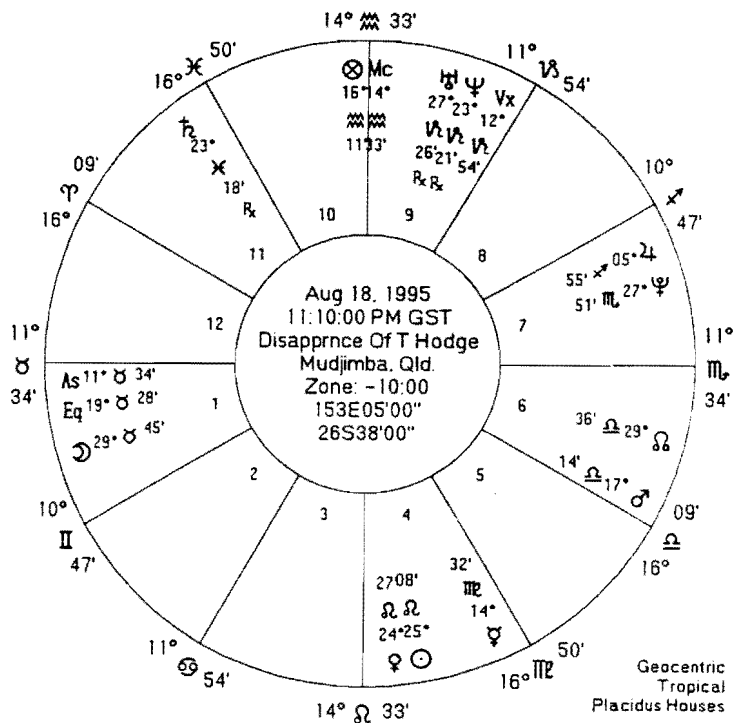
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TABBATHA HODGE



(NSW) conclude that Tabbatha is dead.

Jillian used the Chart for Tabbatha's leaving the home of Olivia at 11:10pm on 18th August (see next page), as the the Chart of Olivia saying goodbye to her friend, Tabbatha. Jillian then reads the 11th House as the Ascendant of Tabbatha. Pisces on the Cusp correlates with Tabbatha's Natal Ascendant, and puts the Venus/Sun conjunction (focal point of the Yod—Venus, Saturn, Neptune) in the 6th House (health and employment) which confirms her quitting work earlier that day. Mars in the 8th House (death) is parallel Pluto, planet of death. As Mars is in Libra, the Sign of partnership, Jillian infers that Tabbatha may have met her death through violence at the hands of another. The Moon-Pluto opposition suggests



turmoil whilst travelling as it overlays her 3rd/9th travel Houses. The square to Venus ruling the derived 8th House is misfortune while travelling. Tabbatha's Rulers, Saturn and Neptune, could indicate that drugs, alcohol or toxic gases played a part. The MC of the moment (14°36' Aquarius) moves forward to re-ignite Venus/Sun/Moon at 24°25' of Leo and Taurus. This would have happened approximately 40 minutes from the moment she was last sighted.

Ross Harvey thinks that the combination of planets activated by Solar-Return Mars suggests a sexual assault (Venus, Mars and Pluto), emphasized by the Solar-Return Moon, ruling the 4th House, being in the Radical 12th. If the Solar Return is re-located to the place of residence the 8th Cusp is conjunct Pluto and square the Sun. Ross's guess is that Tabbatha drove away, probably a long way, from where she was, and perhaps from where she said she was going, and that a friend or acquaintance who may not have been known to her family or other friends was involved.

For my own analysis I have also used the above Chart for Tabbatha's departure from Olivia's place, treating it straightforwardly as the commencement of her journey.

The Ascendant, its Ruler and the Moon represent Tabbatha. Taurus rises, so Venus is Tabbatha's personal Significator, with the Moon as Co-

Significator. Both are prominently placed in Angles. The Moon is *Void of Course*, showing the journey was not completed.

It is fairly obvious that Tabbatha is no longer among the living: The Moon is opposed by Pluto ("The Destroyer") and by Jupiter, ruling the House of Death, and is also sesquare to Mars, while Venus is in a Yod with the two major malefics, Saturn and Pluto.

It is this last configuration—the Moon quincunx both Saturn and Neptune—that to my mind spells out what happened to Tabbatha: She has drowned. No human agency was at work except her own careless driving, shown by the Moon ruling the 3rd House (cars) opposite Jupiter. As the Moon was also opposed by Pluto, and Venus is quincunx Neptune I would say Tabbatha was under the influence of alcohol, which destroyed her judgement and led to her death.

Apparently Tabbatha lost control of her car and, somewhere along the way home, ran off the road into the sea or other water hazard. Judging from the Moon's applying distance to the opposition of Jupiter, I estimate the accident would have occurred about six minutes after Tabbatha left Olivia's place, which may give the police and searchers an indication of where to look along the coast line.

—Dymock.

MORE ABOUT PLUTO

Miriam Laister (S.A.) reports an effect of Pluto transiting the 4th Cusp (the home): In the process of laying some pavers a builder was wheeling a barrow full of dolomite to the work area when he found himself being dragged into a hole. The heavy weight had gone through the crust of an old septic tank that no one knew was there. The builder obviously did not have a Mars Transit as he was badly shaken but unhurt.

NEPTUNE AND WATER

A client who had the Neptune/Uranus conjunction on her Solar Return I.C. was told by Miriam that she may move house and that there might be problems with water in the home. A recent letter from the client said she had fallen in love and unexpectedly moved interstate. Her new home has been plagued with water problems. The client reported that taps leak, water has come into the bedroom, flooding the carpet—builder's fault. An old washing machine leaked gallons of water on the floor, and they have not tapered the floor—nor in the shower recess—so the water doesn't go away very easily. An air-conditioner has a blocked overflow pipe so water stays inside and goes all down the wall.

The fishtank sprang a leak after Christmas when they were not at home—70-80 litres of water everywhere. Luckily it is all tiled and the fish were in 6" of water. The storm-water pipe from the roof is not sealed, so the torrential downpours come onto the balcony. The 'fridge also leaks water!

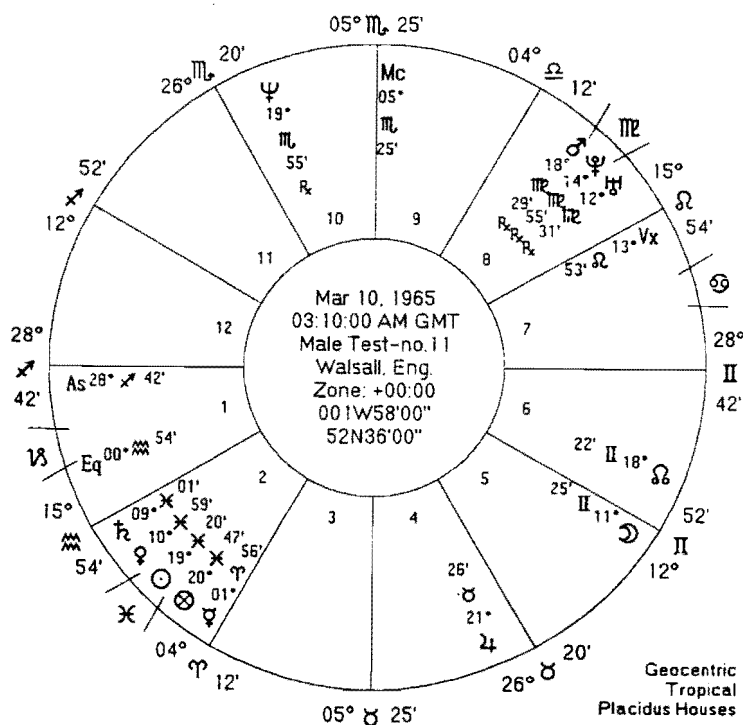
Miriam says that the client's re-location chart for Darwin has Neptune on the I.C. ■

Miriam has submitted this further Test (below) of the *What Happened* variety to exercise your skills. Please send your answers to Miriam Laister, Editor, *The Cosmic Experience*, 8 Plaza Avenue, Sellicks Beach, South Australia 5174. Correct answers will be published, and rewarded with a year's subscription to *Astrologers' Forum*. The closing date for entries is 16th July 1996.

TEST NO.11

Male born 10th March 1965 at Walsall, England
52N36, 1W58, 3:10am GMT

MALE TEST-NO.11



What happened to him on 20th October 1984, about 2am, in Adelaide?

Here are some biographical details that will put you in the picture: At the time of the incident the young man was unemployed. He had no particular work training. His hobbies were motor cross and scuba diving. He had two living parents and a sister; no children, but his fiancée had a young baby who is not

his natural child but was accepted by all concerned as his, and would bear his name. ■

PLUTO AGAIN

Pluto's Stations from January 1996, and for the next few years, are all in Sagittarius and are—

3°07' on 5th March 1996,
0°20' on 10th August 1996,
5°36' on 8th March 1997,
2°50' on 13th August 1997,
8°04' on 11th March 1998,
5°18' on 16th August 1998,
10°30' on 14th March 1999,
7°44' on 19th August 1999.

Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) writes:

About the Station of Pluto: My husband has Natal Sun 3°20', Jupiter 3°51', Moon 8°25', all in Sagittarius and in the 9th House, square to Saturn at 3°49' Pisces. Because the Transit of Pluto is there right up to October 1999 I can't make a full report on its effect, but two events out of the usual were my going overseas for two weeks, and on the day I went he won \$500 on a *Scratch and Match*. I "disappeared", and money "appeared".

A strange coincidence is that while I was away my husband had an experience similar to Margaret Millard's [see last Issue]: In the pre-dawn he got out of bed and looked out of the window to check the weather. He saw lightning flashes across a pitch-black sky. He looked again, puzzled, and saw trees framed against a grey sky with some clouds. For about ten seconds he had been totally blind. When he asked the doctor about this, the answer was "a drop in blood pressure". Neptune at 27°25' Capricorn was directly opposite Natal Pluto.

In myths, Pluto owns the Helmet of Invisibility (so can't be sighted at times), and is associated with darkness.

Other Transits were the conjunction of Mars and Saturn in trine to Natal Pluto. Uranus was square to Natal Uranus. Natal Uranus and Natal Pluto are in aspect to the Natal Sun and Jupiter, the Ruler of the Sun Sign, so perhaps there was a triggering effect there.

This year Pluto is square to my MC and trine to Natal Venus. A major event was my going to India to see Sai Baba (something I never thought to do, and which was a struggle to accomplish). Once I was there everything was so much more pleasureable than anticipated. Transiting Jupiter was conjunct Natal Jupiter, so there was this influence as well.

I am also winding up several activities in which for many years I was heavily involved. [Typical Pluto effect.—Ed.] There is a sense of release, and even joy, because I don't have to do "that" any more. ■

[Other readers are invited to send in their experiences with Pluto. —Ed.]

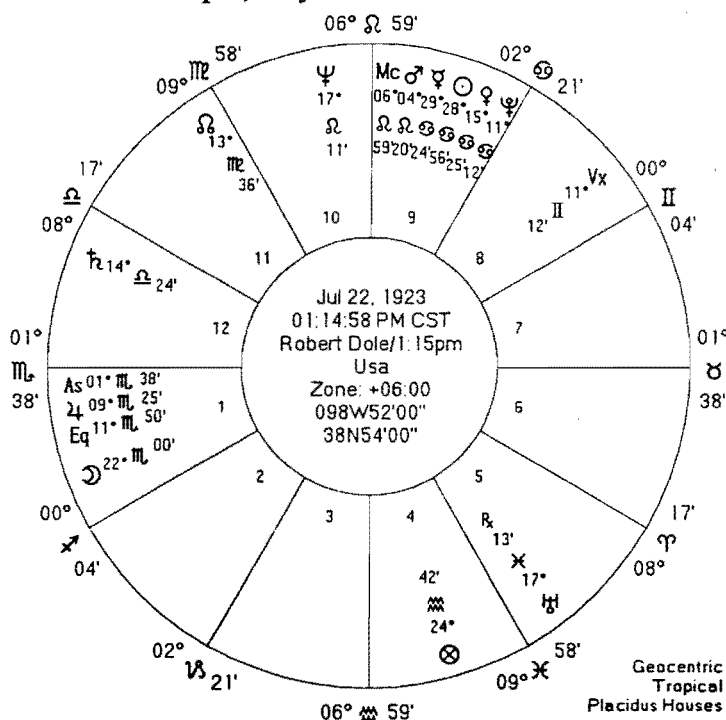
BOB DOLE

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENCY

November 5, 1996, is the U.S. Election Day, and one of the contenders is Senator Robert Dole—the chief threat to President Bill Clinton.

Unfortunately, Bob Dole's birth time is unknown. Nick Sutherland (USA) writes that the office headquarters of Bob Dole did not answer Lois Rodden's query about his birth time.

Nick has furnished an extensive list of events in Bob Dole's life, and has come up with a speculative time of 1:14:58 pm CST, with 1°38' Scorpio on the Ascendant. This Chart appears below. Ross Harvey (NSW), applying his Solar-Return Technique, has arrived at a time of 1:12pm, only three minutes different.



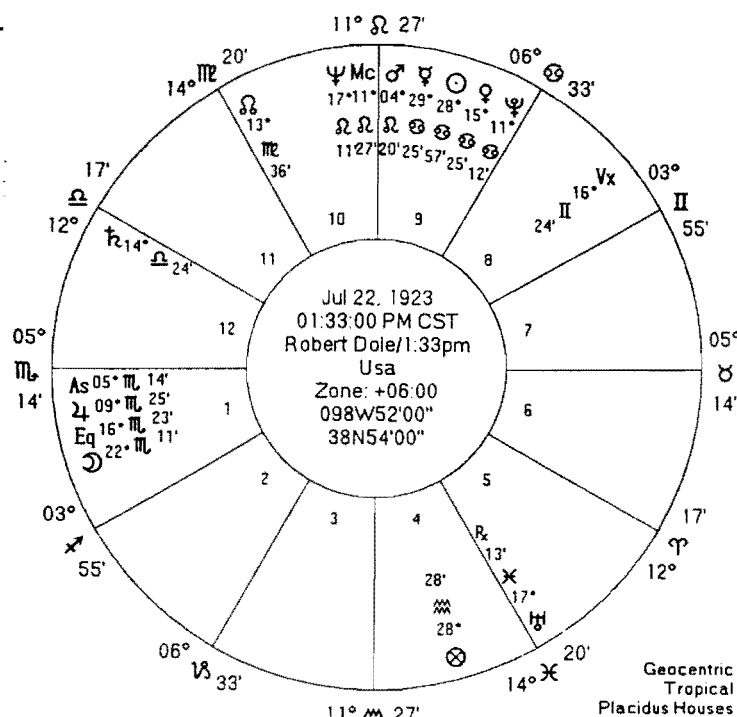
Using the following list of dated events supplied by Nick, I have come up with the Chart in the next column, not vastly different but with 5°14' Scorpio on the Ascendant which is closely square to Mars, correlating with Bob Dole's war injuries.

14 Dec 1942: Signed up for the Army's Enlisted Reserve Corps.

14 Apr 1945: Wounded in right shoulder.

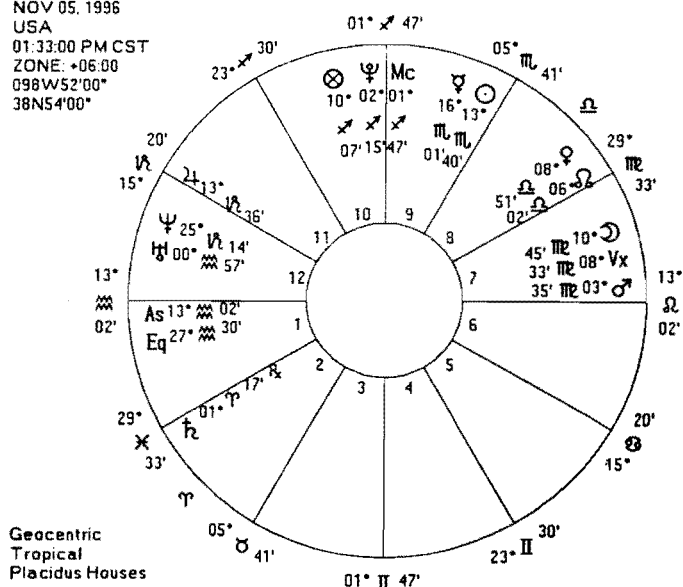
11 July 1945: Right kidney removed.

18 Oct 1945: Birth of daughter, Robin.



- 3 Jan 1963: Took oath as U.S. Senator.
- 14 Apr 1969: First speech in Senate.
- 11 Jan 1972: Divorce.
- 6 Dec 1975: Married Eliz. Hanford, b. 20 Jul 1963.
- 7 Dec 1975: Father died (heart attack).
- Feb 1981: Kidney stone removed.
- 5 Sep 1983: Mother died in hospital (heart attack).
- 9 Nov 1987: Withdrew his candidacy for President.
- 18 Dec 1991: Surgery to remove prostate.
- 10 Apr 1995: Declared his candidacy for President.

DAY 5 NOV 1996 BOB DOLE
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The above is Bob Dole's Day-Chart for the date of the U.S. Election, 5 Nov 1996. It is based on the speculative birth time of 1:33pm. What conclusions do you draw?

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 1 Jun 1996.

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more than two months overdue.

Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Mrs Brenda Bellamy (Qld) has written enlisting the help of *Astrologers' Forum* readers about a mystery disappearance of a woman in Queensland, Australia, last August. Here is the story in Brenda's own words:

TABBATHA HODGE

born 22nd August 1973, 7:50pm

Albury, NSW

(Time verified by Hospital Records)

Tabbatha was last seen on 18th August 1995, at 11:10pm, driving away from Yango Street, Pacific Paradise, Mudjimba, Qld., in a silver-grey Ford Laser Sports. The car has not been found.

As this case is now six months old I have included a thumb-nail report of all the data I have received from her mother, Vivienne Hodge.

I have double-checked everything herein with Mrs Hodge, and I am satisfied that it is correct.

With your help and the *Forum* members' expertise we might be able to shed some new light on the case.

I have spent hours on the phone with Mrs Hodge, not only collecting data, but also explaining how responsible astrologers work—given correct times and places we are able to envisage probable scenarios. If enough of us can come up with similar clues that have not already been explored, of course she will bring them to the attention of the police.

Mrs Hodge appeals for complete honesty—that nobody “pulls their punches” to spare her feelings. I have reassured her we deal in recognized scientific data that can be found in any reputable astrological book—fact, not fantasy. She appears to be very realistic, and knows that the longer this case goes on the less chance there is of a positive outcome; she has an excellent rapport with the police who work closely with her on any ‘X-File’ (clairvoyants'/astrologers' material). Like Mrs Hodge, they are prepared to look at any theories. Over eighty clairvoyants have been in touch with her during the last six months.

In the months prior to her disappearance Tabbatha burned up a lot of energy and kilometres catching up with relatives and friends she'd lost track of. She also

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terminated her ‘live-in’ relationship. Although they no longer lived together they remained friends and continued to be an ‘item’ for some weeks. This behaviour reminds me, as an ex-nurse, of the ‘leave-taking’ pattern of behaviour that is commonly exhibited by either terminally ill patients or people suffering from endogenous depression. According to the professionals Tabbatha did not fit into either of these categories.

Tabbatha had many friends but no known enemies. To this day a lot of her friends keep in close touch with her mother, seeking news and/or emotional support.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

EMPLOYMENT

Tabbath was employed by the Kings Beach Tavern Hotel, Caloundra, Qld. She had a second, casual, job at a Surf shop, which she resigned on 18th August 1995, the day she disappeared.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Many friends, both sexes. Heterosexual. Predominantly long-term friendships; loyalty on both sides.

In January 1995 ended live-in relationship; had known the man for some time and had been living together with him for four months. Despite the break-up the friendship continued. She spent part of the weekend before her disappearance in his company, fishing.

At the time of her Solar Return in 1994 she was living at Caboolture, Qld., but moved to Wurtulla, Caloundra, Qld. in early July 1995. Here she shared a house with a male ‘flat-mate’—not an emotional set-up, a financial arrangement only. No current relationship; had made new friends on the coast—Olivia, who worked in the same shopping arcade, and a couple of males her mother hadn't met.

HABITS

Predictable. Always told people who she was with, where she was going, who she would be with, how long she expected to be there. When she visited her mother she tended to ring first. This behaviour pattern appears to have been instilled into all the Hodge children. It was second-nature to her to announce her plans, and she rarely deviated from them once made, again not without announcing her new intentions.

Her mother had recently spoken to her about her lack of attention to her diet, and suggested she should reduce her alcohol consumption, advice she agreed to take.

Safety-conscious. Locked her parked car, avoided driving in unfamiliar/dark areas at night, never been known to pick up hitch-hikers, carried a mobile telephone—except on 18th August 1995...

Emotionally, had her ups and downs, but her mother feels no more so than anyone else.

Mentally stable, not depressed. Had sufficient confidence to 'know' she would be able to find another casual job in the near future. No money problems. Had arranged a birthday celebration party to be held at her new abode (Wurtulla). The invitations she sent out said "7pm on 19/8/95". Although she had lost her licence she did drive the car on occasions.

Physically, enjoyed good health; social drinker (never drank alone); not involved in drugs—if anything, 'anti-drugs'; had one cardinal rule she lived by—never had sexual intercourse during menses; known to be menstruating on the 18th.

Currently, was undergoing dental treatment (grinding her teeth during sleep). *Panadol* prescribed for pain; was taken only when necessary.

People involved in the evening out: Tabbatha, Olivia, three female friends of Olivia's whom Tabbatha had not met before. They all travelled in one car—Olivia's. Both Tabbatha's and the other females' cars were left in Yango Street, Paradise Point, Mudjimba. Some time during the evening Tabbatha borrowed \$1.50 from Olivia to pay the Sunshine Motorway Toll fee, the road that would take her home to Wurtulla. If she had planned on going home to her mother's house she would have needed another 50c for the second toll fee. She had a \$50 note in her purse, but no small change. She left her bank book, A.T.M. card and mobile phone at home (Wurtulla), the latter in case she 'lost' it. Her mother now has both the bank book and card, and her account has been frozen. No attempt has been made to

withdraw money from it.

18TH AUGUST 1995

Tabbatha went to her casual job (Surf Shop) in the morning. Hadn't really settled into this job—felt it didn't come up to the standards she expected. She had been used to working in a Southern store (the further North one goes the more relaxed and friendly trade becomes).

Shortly before lunch she resigned and left the premises (no argument reported). She waited for Olivia to finish her shift at 3pm. Olivia drove Tabbatha's car to the suburb of Mooloolaba where they had a drink and played a game of Pool. They went from there to Tabbatha's home in Wurtulla where she changed her clothes, rang the Kings Beach Tavern Hotel and told them she wouldn't be coming in because she was sick. She paid her rent before they left to go to Olivia's house, arriving at Yango Street at approximately 6pm. The other three females arrived around 7pm. After the introductions they decided to go to Noosa for dinner. They wine and dined at the Cafe Lamond, leaving the restaurant shortly before 9:30pm, and went to the bar next door where they had a couple of beers. From there they went on to a local nightclub. While there Tabbatha consumed a Bourbon.

They left for home shortly after 10:30pm. The journey home took approximately 30 minutes.

They discussed going on to another nightclub (in Mooloolaba), but en route one of them became ill, and they abandoned the idea. One of the females was dropped off at home in Coolumb, and the remaining four arrived back at Olivia's at approximately 11pm. Olivia's friends departed. Tabbatha and Olivia stood talking on the drive (this could be when she borrowed the money for the toll fee). As Tabbatha climbed into her car Olivia climbed into her own car, parked behind Tabbatha's. Both cars reversed out of the narrow driveway onto the street. As Tabbatha drove away she tooted her horn and waved to Olivia who then drove into the empty parking bay. The time was approximately 11:10pm.

Tabbatha has never been seen since then.

To enter the Motorway Tabbatha would have to make a right-hand turn off Yango Street (Pacific Paradise, Mudjimba, Qld) heading towards Ocean View Drive. In less than one minute she would have reached the David Low Way intersection and entered the slipway road leading onto the Motorway. As the motorist has a clear view of on-coming traffic from their right-hand side it is doubtful that she would have

been required to come to a full stop at this junction. This is not a busy road as most of the traffic now uses the nearby Motorway, furthermore no aeroplanes landed at the Aigret on the night of the 18th of August.

It wasn't until nineteen and a half hours later (19th August 1995) that anyone realized Tabbatha was missing. At 6:45pm her friend, Jackie, rang from Wurtulla asking Vivienne (Tabbatha's mother) "Where's Tabb?" Apart from her stomach "churning over" Vivienne was not alarmed at this stage. She was running late to pick up her youngest daughter from a friend's.

At 7:15pm there was another phone call, this time from Tabbatha's brother, Mitch, "Where's Tabb?". Vivienne was now very alarmed. She rang all of Tabbatha's friends. At 7:45pm Vivienne rang the police and reported her missing.

THE SEARCH

Maroochydhore C.I.B have eliminated both the suicide and runaway theories in this case. From Day One they have treated it as a homicide. They have left no stone unturned in their attempts to solve the case. Nightclub staff and patrons both in Noosa and Mooloolaba have been interviewed. Likewise family, friends and acquaintances have also been eliminated. Police divers have dragged umpteen waterways. Helicopters have scoured the local terrain which is heavy with cane fields, all of which have now been 'burned off' (harvested) in the last six months. Police, volunteers and the public have walked the length of the Motorway, but there has been no trace of Tabbatha or her car. Likewise, the terrain leading to her mother's home has also been searched to no avail. A \$50,000 reward failed to reveal anything new.

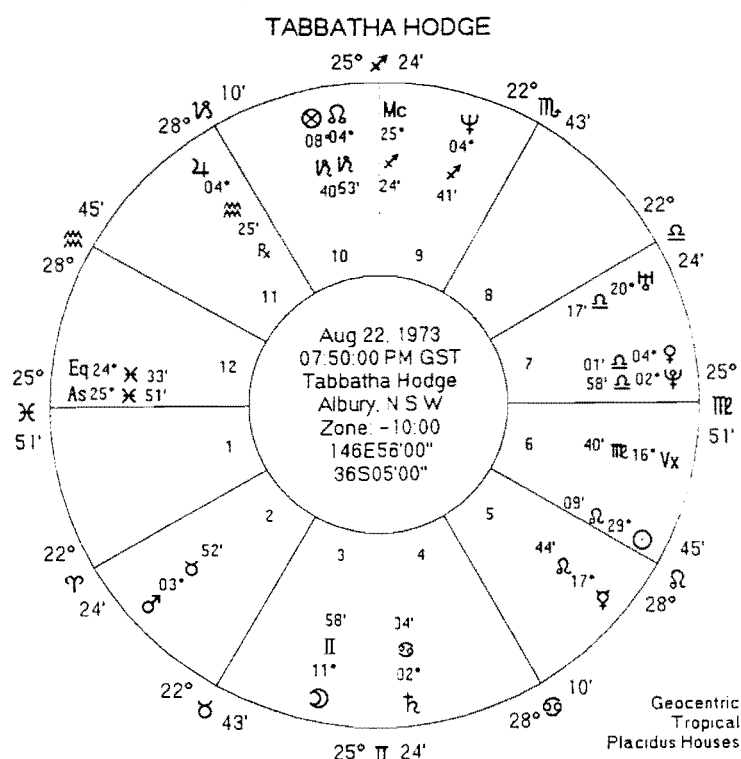
So now the case is referred to *Astrologers' Forum*. Tabbatha Hodge's Birth Horoscope appears in the next column. Readers are asked to apply their knowledge and skills and offer their solutions to the mystery of Tabbatha's disappearance. I look forward to receiving them. Excellent submissions will be published and rewarded with subscriptions or extensions of existing subscriptions. No time limit is set. Just think and write as soon as you can.

—Ed.

A FRIGHT FROM NEPTUNE

Margaret Millard (Eng.) writes:

A very interesting thing happened to me. I never believed in Astro-Cartography, but now I do! I had



mine done, and noticed that my Natal Neptune is on the Ascendant in Perth. "Maybe I'll meet some Neptunian astrologers!" I thought.

But this is what actually happened. As soon as we got to our hotel in Perth I went swimming. The hotel pool was very cold. I swam five lengths, and half-way through the sixth I felt chilled, so I turned around and swam back to the shallow end. As I reached the steps that led up to where Ben [husband] was sitting I suddenly became blind—all I could see was a kaleidoscope of colour like a honeycomb, with a pattern of green and purple.

I said, "Ben, I'm blind!" and he got up and came to help me to a chair. But I fell across the table and was rolling onto the floor—concrete, of course—when he grabbed me and laid me down. My eyes were open and staring, fixed, unseeing. I was as pale as a ghost, completely limp and icy-cold. I had no pulse or respiration. Ben thought I was dead.

But I came out of it after about five hours in semi-coma. Putting up the Chart, I found that the only planet that aspected any of mine was Neptune, in 27° Capricorn. My South Node is 27° Cancer, with my Venus and Saturn. And my Natal Sun in 13°53' Virgo was in opposition to the Transiting Mars/Saturn midpoint in 13°53' Pisces. And Ben's Sun is in 13° Sagittarius.

So how about that for Neptune?

I was checked out when we got home, and my electrocardiogram was normal, and all my blood tests. I seem to be OK.

The final conclusion was that it was a reflex action due to the cold water which set up a series of events in the brain. My blood-pressure must have dropped, and my pulse was on 40 instead of 80 when it finally came back. I was ice-cold and pale because the blood was keeping my internal organs warm, not my skin. And my brain was asleep.

One of the effects of Neptune is unconsciousness. It rules anaesthesia, sleep and coma. ■

PLUTO'S POWER

I have already received several responses to my request in the last Issue for illustrations of the working of Pluto. This was prompted by the recent Station of Pluto at 3°7' Sagittarius on 5th March. Here are some of the results already recorded. More comments from readers are awaited.

Lilian Erskine (NSW) reports that coinciding with Pluto Stationary trine the Sun and the MC, she acquired an extra, interesting sideline through work—assisting the Marketing Co-ordinator of Blue Mountains Tourism in setting up and establishing a film/image library for the Blue Mountains—a line of work that she finds interesting and enjoyable.

Lilian's niece has the Sun and Venus conjunct the MC in the early degrees of Leo, where they are trine to Stationary Pluto. The niece had a breakdown approximately 1 year ago and couldn't continue in the line of work she had chosen (dental nursing). She returned home and applied—successfully—for a fine arts degree she had always wanted to do. This has totally transformed her life. She is happy, succeeding at what she loves, has a new circle of friends and someone she is romantically interested in. It is a total transformation—Pluto at its best, developing latent talents and abilities in a very dramatic way.

[Lilian writes also, "I am curious to see if your readers have noticed any differences in effectiveness/achievement potential in people that can be ascribed to predominant types of aspects in the nativity, e.g. Stelliums, Oppositions, Squares, Trines, etc.; or Aspects to Asc/Dsc or MC/IC, versus no Aspects to these points in the chart." Readers' comments will be welcome. —Ed.]

Ethel Bundell (W.A.) has had stationary Pluto conjunct the Moon in her Natal Chart. The drama of Pluto has been prominent. There have been dramatic disturbances in the family. Without going into the details, suffice it to say that her son's ex-wife has had

manic episodes of major proportions, and a daughter has suffered what must be described as schizophrenic attacks. [This is an illustration of the "splitting" effect of Pluto, which I have previously observed with schizophrenics. —Ed.]

Ethel also records that in May/June 1995, when Transiting Pluto was trine Venus in her Natal Chart, she and husband demolished the existing garden, sending all shrubs, etc., to the rubbish tip, and had the whole thing landscaped—no more lawn, winding paths and garden beds. This was a nice Plutonic exercise—destruction and regeneration!

In my own life Pluto is square my Ascendant and Ruling Planet (Mercury), as a result of which I find myself booked for surgery of the prostate, hernia repairs and possible heart-bypass. Pluto's connection with surgery is well established.

Pluto has also been instrumental in completely changing my environment after 23 years, moving from one Australian State to another—from a rural to an urban setting, a transformation that is clearly starting me on a new phase of life (Pluto = endings and beginnings).

Miriam Laister (S.A.) who edits *The Cosmic Experience*, an attractive and informative astrological newsletter in booklet form has submitted the following observations on Pluto, taken from her *Moon Notes*.

Pluto on an Angle: One-parent family, or one parent distant and not involved with the child.

Pluto aspecting Venus or the Moon in a male chart: Marries a woman like his mother.

Pluto in the 6th or 12th House, particularly when aspecting the M.C.: Likely career in medicine or healing.

Pluto quincunx the Ascendant: Possible self-destructive tendencies.

Pluto-Mars-Saturn conjunction: Strong energies which need patience to deal with.

Pluto-Transits of Personal Points can indicate skin problems, as with Saturn. Pluto-Transits can also indicate tumours, not necessarily malignant.

Pluto in the 2nd House: Finances uncertain.

Pluto conjunct Jupiter: Leadership qualities.

Pluto conjunct the 7th Cusp: Marriage break-up.

[Miriam, 8 Plaza Avenue, Sellicks Beach, S.A. 5174.
Phone or fax, 085 574029.]

Remember you have until 15th May to send your attempts at Test No. 10 in the last Issue.

My kind regards to all,

—Dymock, 13th April 1996.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The Liberal/National Coalition won the Federal Election as predicted. Allan Johnson here adds a few more thoughts to the result:

POSTSCRIPT TO THE ELECTION

by Allan Johnson

I always think that the personal Charts of the leaders of the rival parties in an election can be the most important in election predictions. This is where we are dealing with human destiny itself, and being elected Prime Minister can be such a powerful event. And where fate or destiny is concerned, Pluto can be such a compelling influence. This was shown clearly enough in the recent history of the Royal Family.

Having done a lot of professional predictive work, I have always found Transits in themselves very effective, but have also found Secondary Progressions very useful as a back-up. In particular, the Progressed Sun can give a long-range account of a person's progress through life. A thing I have focussed a lot of research on is the Progression of the Sun through decanates of each Sign. This can be very impressive. I have done a lot of research with the biographies of notable people, and have often been amazed at how accurate their life stories line up.

The Progressed Sun hitting the Cusp of a new decanate can be particularly worth watching. And this applies to Paul Keating. In 1996 his Progressed Sun is in 19° of Pisces, and therefore right on the Cusp of the Scorpio decanate. And what does Scorpio and its Ruler Pluto represent? Endings and new beginnings. How appropriate for not only his defeat in the Election—but the ending of his political career. Where will he go from here? Seeing he is only 52 and has Aries rising as well as a Capricorn Sun, he is unlikely to simply put his feet up and rest on his laurels. So he will feel impelled to get into other pursuits as Bob Hawke has done. In that case it could mean a Scorpio orientation, and what that means. It might mean a role in the United Nations.

But to go back to Keating's Chart for the Elections, I think the most significant Transit is Pluto, stationary, and in opposition to the Natal Uranus/Mars conjunction. This can be a shock-creating aspect, a stroke of destiny. So Pluto played a major part in his defeat.

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To go on to John Howard's Chart, we have Progressed Mars conjunct Natal Mars—thus stirring up the whole T-Square pattern, resulting in a 'make-or-break' situation. But in addition there are the other very powerful Transits which key in on the same pattern, and which I dealt with in my previous article twelve months ago—Transiting Uranus opposite his Natal Sun/Pluto, which indicated a shock result, plus Pluto trining both planets also. It was an incredible line-up, activating the Grand Trine as well as the T-Square, so it had to be a highly dramatic event, which is more appropriate for a landslide than a narrow win. It had to be a 'make or break' drama, which it turned out to be. I think you will never get half-measures where Pluto is concerned. So it was a gladiatorial contest—each would end his career in the event of losing—but of course well-cushioned from a financial point of view. ■

ASTROLOGY AND HOMOEOPATHY

Homoeopaths regard their calling as the true art of healing, and those who practise it in conjunction with their Astrology will be interested in the following ideas from Radu Serban, who is a doctor of medicine in N.S.W. In his own words—

I've had a thought for a long time regarding one way of combining Astrology with Homoeopathy to increase the efficacy of healing. The principle is simple. Whatever the problem is, as well as selecting the homoeopathic remedy, you make an astrological diagnosis based on the Transits or Progressions that are 'causing' the problem. Typically, one would expect a malefic natal syndrome to be activated by another malefic Progression and/or Transit. The key then is to pick one or more points on the Chart that provide 'relief' to the causal syndrome by forming harmonious

Aspects to all of the problem planets involved. Then the homoeopathic remedy is taken at times when the Asc, MC, Moon or any other appropriate planet passes that point.

For example, in 1990 my mother had a series of disasters within a month of each other, around May/June. First, she fell and broke her wrist. A few weeks later the house was ransacked and robbed. A few days later she fell, broke her hip, and had emergency surgery. A few days later she was dying from post-operative complications.

I can't remember exact dates but essentially what happened was—

Natal Sun opposite Uranus was activated by Solar-Arc Progression of Pluto (opposite Uranus, conjunct Sun/Mercury) along roughly the 19° Virgo-Pisces axis.

Then, according to the principles I'm postulating the relieving points would be 19° of Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Capricorn, so that homoeopathic remedies such as *Arnica*, *Hypericum* or *Symphytum* would be administered when the Ascendant, Midheaven, Moon, Sun or Jupiter passed over these points.

Perhaps further refinements, following this example, would be *Hypericum* when the 19° Virgo point was activated (as both Virgo and *Hypericum* correspond to surgery, and *Symphytum* when the Capricorn point was activated (as Capricorn has the best correspondence to bones). One of my mother's complications was uncontrolled diabetes—the Taurus point would relate there.

When a case is complicated so that a number of remedies seem indicated, perhaps this approach could be used to determine the best time to give each individual remedy, or if a single constitutional remedy is used, the nature of the problem would determine the optimum astrological point for its administration.

To conclude the story about Radu's mother, though the above method was not tested out in this instance, Radu writes—

"I did a very intense distant healing on her (I was in Sydney and she in Melbourne), and the following day she turned the corner, having also had a 'mystical experience'! This was particularly significant because (1) it came about 18 hours after I did the healing, and (2) she didn't 'believe in these things'. She then made a slow painful recovery over about a year". ■

TEST NO 10—SORTING

On the adjacent page are the Birth Charts of four women. Two of them are sisters. All are married.

Three of them are, or were, teachers.

One is a high-school English/History teacher, with a son and a daughter.

One is a former primary-school teacher, with a son and a daughter and three step-sons.

One is a part-time art teacher, with two sons.

The fourth woman is a part-time office worker, with two daughters.

Can you find which is which?

Which, in particular, is the non-teacher?

Which are the sisters?

Send your answers to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2704, not later than **15th May 1996**. Only correct entries, astrologically based, will be published. They will be rewarded as follows:

For an answer correct in all particulars—12 months extension of subscription.

For finding the non-teacher—3 months extension of subscription. ■

WANTED: READERS' OBSERVATIONS ON PLUTO

Pluto was Stationary, turning retrograde, at 3°7' Sagittarius on 5th March 1996. If it was conjunct, opposite, square, trine, sextile, quincunx (150°), sesquare (135°) or semisquare (45°) any planet or important Zodiacal point in your Natal Chart, you can add to our understanding of this planet by writing to the Editor and telling us your observations of its effects. Typical Keywords of Pluto (according to the context and the particular Significator aspected) are—

Critical juncture; crisis. Important new phase.

Fundamental change. Transformation. Isolation.

Emotional upheaval. Drama.

Resuscitation. Rejuvenation. Streamlining.

Splitting.

Investigation, probing, delving, detecting, bringing to the surface.

Eliminating, discarding, cleansing, disposing of waste.

Revivals from the past. *Karmic* results.

Purgation. Surgery. Destruction. Death.

How did Pluto affect you? Write and tell us. Your comments will be published unless you indicate otherwise. Remember that the more thought and effort you put into your Astrology the more significant and meaningful it will become.

—Dymock.

CORRECTION

In the Uranian Astrology article, page 7 of Issues 172/173, the position of transiting Jupiter on August 11, 1994, was 7°3' Scorpio, translating to 37°3', not

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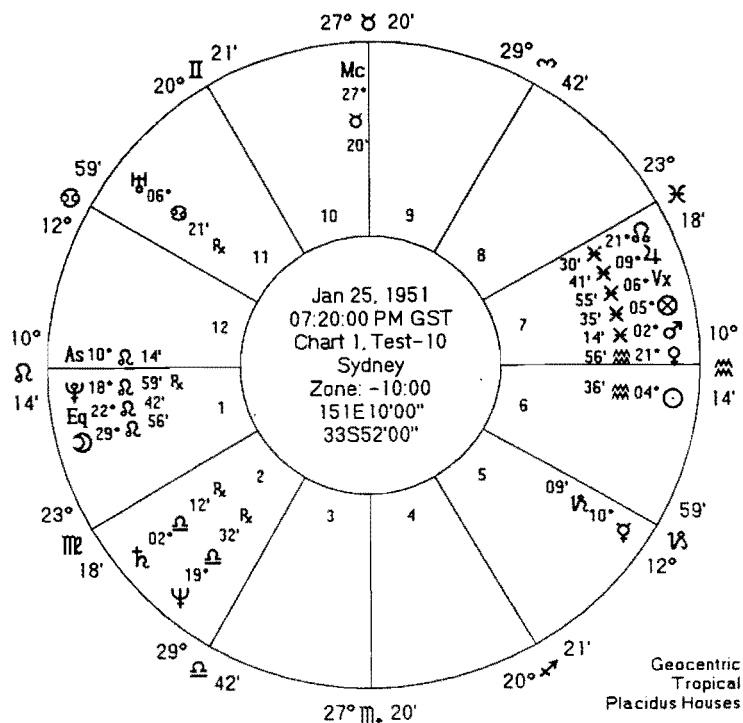


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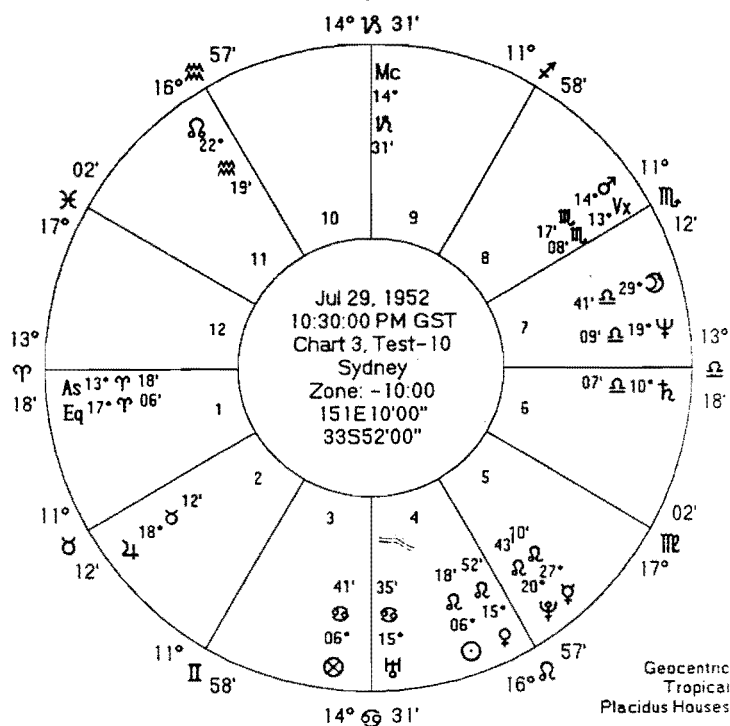


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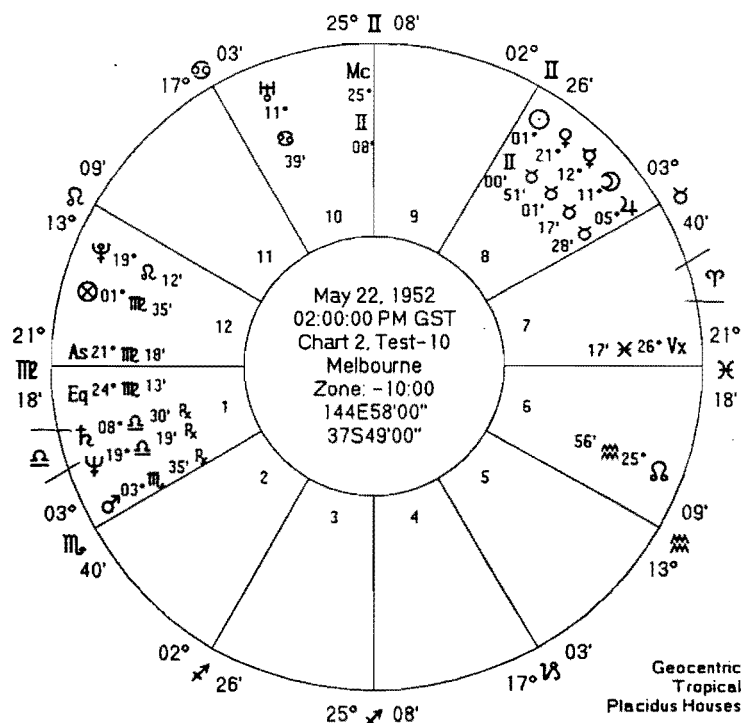
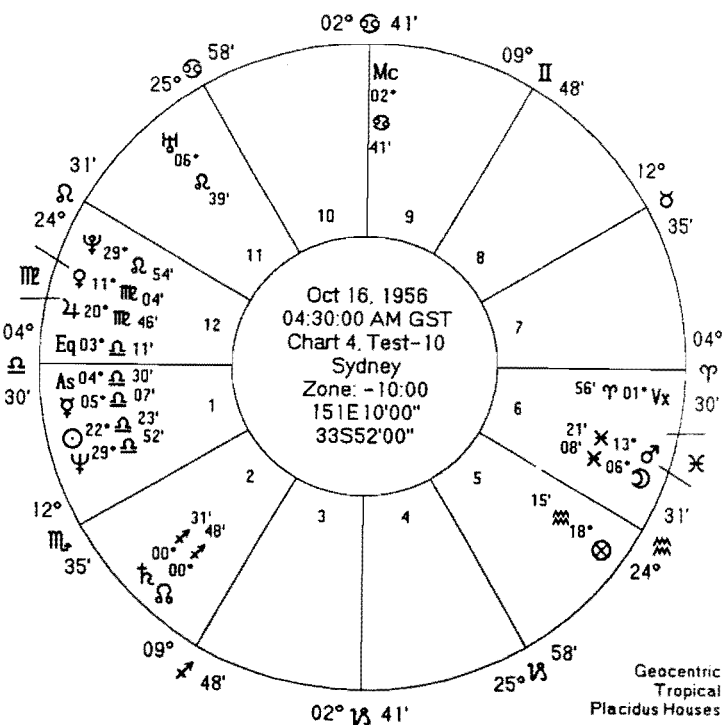


CHART 4, TEST-10



33°3'. In the paragraph beginning "What triggered Mary's sudden good luck?", the final sentence should read, "On August 11, 1994, transiting Jupiter (37°3'-22.5° = 14°33') hit MC-n, 14°33', triggering the accompanying good-luck/big-money pictures

mentioned earlier. ■

REFLECTIONS ON TEST NO. 9

In the above Test, discussed in the last Issue, a young man driving heavy machinery at work accidentally ran

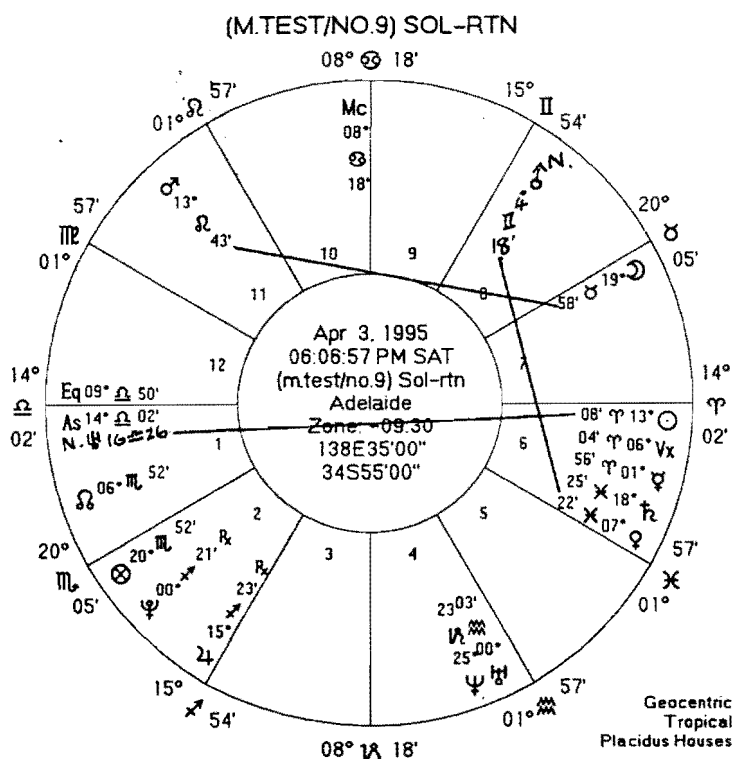
over and killed a fellow worker. In the previous Issue I asked myself and readers the question, "If you were doing a 12-months Forecast for this young man, how could you foresee his accidental killing of a work-mate?" No one has yet essayed an answer to this question.

My own experience is that Cyclic Charts give the best clues to forthcoming events. Secondary Progressions, Transits, Primary Directions and Symbolic Directions will usually give the TIMING of significant events, but the actual NATURE of the event may be impossible to determine from these factors alone.

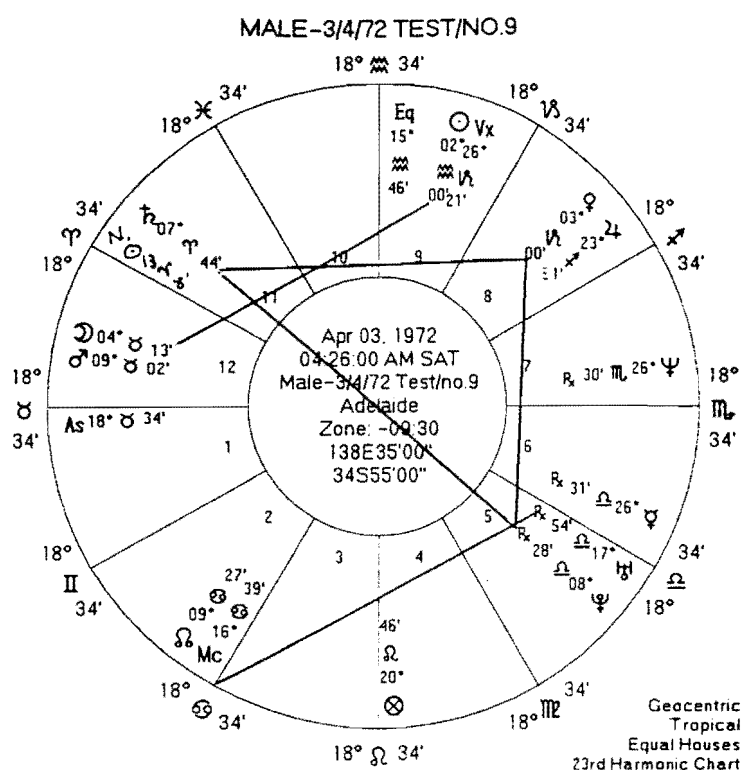
This is not to say that the coming events can be infallibly seen in a Cyclic Chart, but certainly one has a better chance of doing so from the greater number of judgement factors available.

Under the heading of Cyclic Charts I include Solar Returns (Standard, Progressive and Precessed), Synodic Charts (for the times when the natal Sun-Moon angle is repeated each month), Lunar Returns and Age Harmonic Charts.

Presented here for comparison are the Standard Solar Return and the Age Harmonic Chart covering the period of the Accident:



In the Solar Return the Natal Sun-Uranus opposition lies on the Horizon, indicating shock and misadventure. The Moon is on the Cusp of the House of Deaths, square to Mars. Libra rises, and Ruler Venus is in the House of Employment, square to Natal Mars. Saturn, Mercury and the Vertex are also in this



House, giving it added significance. The 1st and the 8th Houses are linked through Venus ruling them both. All this points to something rather drastic happening in the work-place, but would it be possible to read the fatal accident that killed a fellow worker? What is likely to attract more attention is the close Grand Trine involving the Sun, Jupiter and Mars, pointing to a successful initiative on the part of the Native. (This did eventuate later in the 12 months, apparently.)

In the Age Harmonic Chart, Venus is again the Ruler, and is placed in the 8th House in a dire T-Square with Saturn and Pluto—a strong portent of a death. Venus ruling the 6th suggests a death in the work-place. Uranus on the 6th Cusp and opposing the Natal Sun more specifically shows just where the shock and misadventure originate.

The Moon conjoins Mars in the 12th House signifying emotional trauma, and is square to the Sun, an additional and powerful upsetting influence. A further indication of emotional suffering is Neptune in Scorpio closely conjunct Natal Moon.

The accident occurred through the movement of heavy machinery, shown here by Uranus, conjunct Natal Uranus, and square to the the 3rd Placidian Cusp, the latter being emphasized by the Harmonic MC.

All in all, the Age Harmonic gives a better picture of the event than the Solar Return, but it still defies exact definition.

My kind regards to all,

—Dymock, 17th February 1996.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

FEDERAL ELECTION 2ND MARCH 1996

The political event of greatest interest in Australia at the moment is the struggle between the two Federal Parties, Labor and the Liberal Coalition, that will culminate with the General Election on Saturday, 2nd March next. A minor group, the Democrats, may hold the balance of power in Parliament but are not serious contenders for Government.

Events such as these provide opportunities for astrologers to test their predictive skills, the result being of special interest when the two major contenders are apparently fairly evenly matched. At the time of writing this (3rd February), the Liberal Party is leading Labor by several points in the Gallup polls, but there is still a month before the Election.

The Polls close at 6pm in all States, but West Australia is normally two hours behind the Eastern States and now, due to Eastern Daylight Saving Time (which finishes on the next day, 3rd March), Canberra in the Australian Capital Territory will be three hours ahead of West Australia.

So a Chart for the closing of the Polls Australia-wide if set for Canberra, our political centre, should be timed at 9pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time, which will be 6pm West Australian Standard Time in Perth, the West Australian capital. (Chart in next column.)

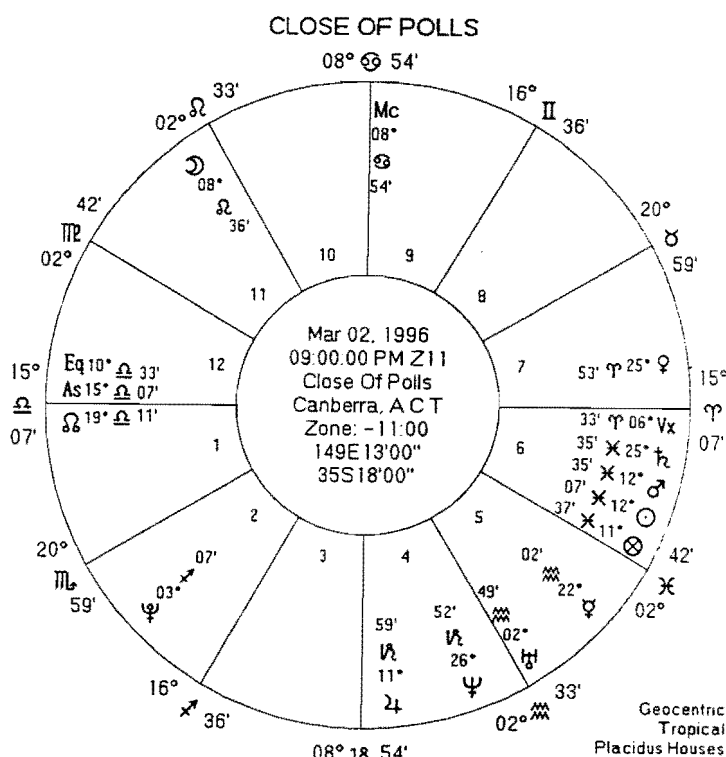
The 1st House and the 10th represent the incumbent Party (Labor), while the 7th and 4th Houses represent the opposing Liberal Coalition Party.

For **Labor**, the Sign Libra rises, and its Ruler, Venus, is in the 7th House in Aries. Mars disposes Venus, and Mars being the Ruler of the 7th House is the Significator of the Opposition Party. I read this as an indication that the Liberal Coalition will displace the Labor Party. Labor's chances of victory hang on the 10th House. Its Ruler, the Moon, is separating from the opposition of Uranus and the trine of Pluto, and applying to the sesquare of Saturn—not by any means a happy omen, three malefics being involved.

For the **Liberal Coalition**, Mars not only displaces the Labor Significator but is sextile Jupiter in the Derived 10th House, and conjunct the Sun. This is a double indication of a successful outcome for the

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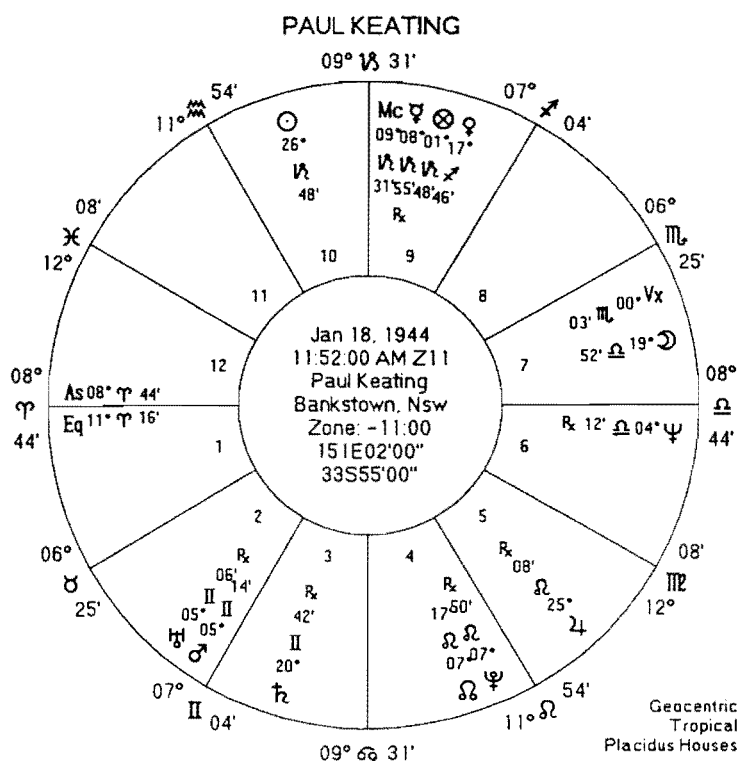
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present Opposition Party. The margin of victory may be small as Mars is in the Sign of its Fall, and Jupiter in the Sign of its Detriment.

The individual Charts of the protagonists should give us confirmation of the outcome as judged from the Closing-of-the-Polls Figure. For **Paul Keating** I use the Chart that appeared in Issue 165, as rectified by Jack Nicholls. This, I believe, is correct, or as near correct as we are ever likely to get it. It appears on the next page, together with Keating's **52nd Age Harmonic Chart**, which covers the day of the Election.

In the Figure for the 52nd Harmonic, Cancer rises, and the Moon, the Ruler, is separating from the Square of Neptune and the quincunx of Uranus, and applying to the conjunction of the Sun. The separating Aspects are manifestly bad, and the application to the Sun in the Sign of its Fall means that the Moon is "Combust", "burned-up" or



destroyed, another ill omen for Keating.

The Career House of the Chart is ruled by Mars, which is conjunct Uranus and square to Saturn. Though these Aspects are not particularly close, they are by no means healthy, and their cumulative effect must be damaging to Keating's career. Even worse, however, is the the close opposition of Natal Neptune (4°12' Libra) to the Harmonic Midheaven (4°18' Aries), signifying disappointment and loss.

The **Solar Return** is similarly afflicted: The 10th House, ruled by the Sun, is conjunct Neptune, Mercury and Uranus, and the rising Moon is square Saturn.

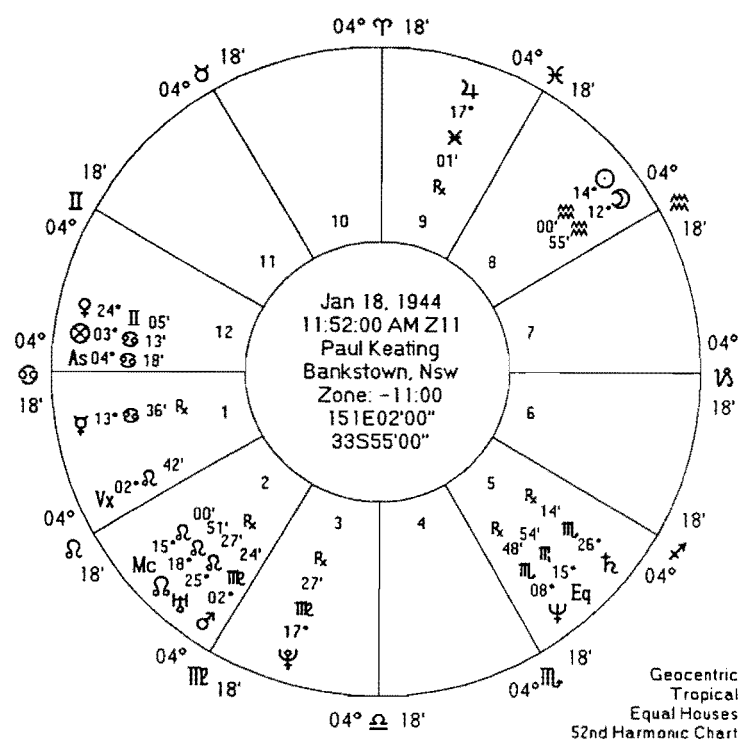
Paul Keating's prospects are not enhanced by the Transits. On 6th March Pluto is stationary opposite Natal Mars, Ruling the House of Career. Neptune Transits the Sun in the 10th House on 29th February and Venus Transits square to the Sun on 3rd March.

There are no Progressions, Direct or Converse, that might change the scene.

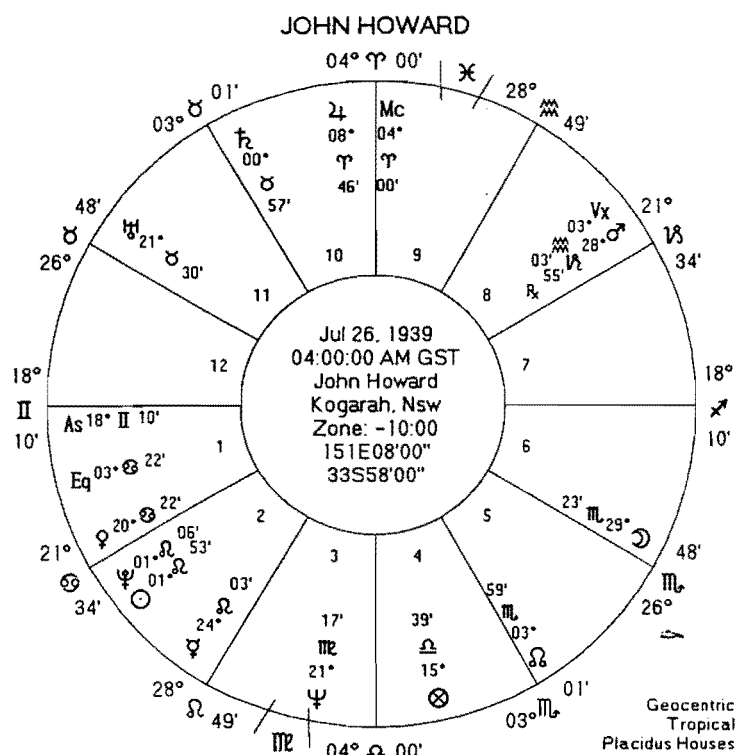
Turning now to **John Howard**, Leader of the Coalition and aspirant for the Prime Ministership, his precise birth time is in doubt, but the accompanying Figure appears to be reasonably accurate. His 56th **Harmonic Chart** covers the period of the Election, and appears below.

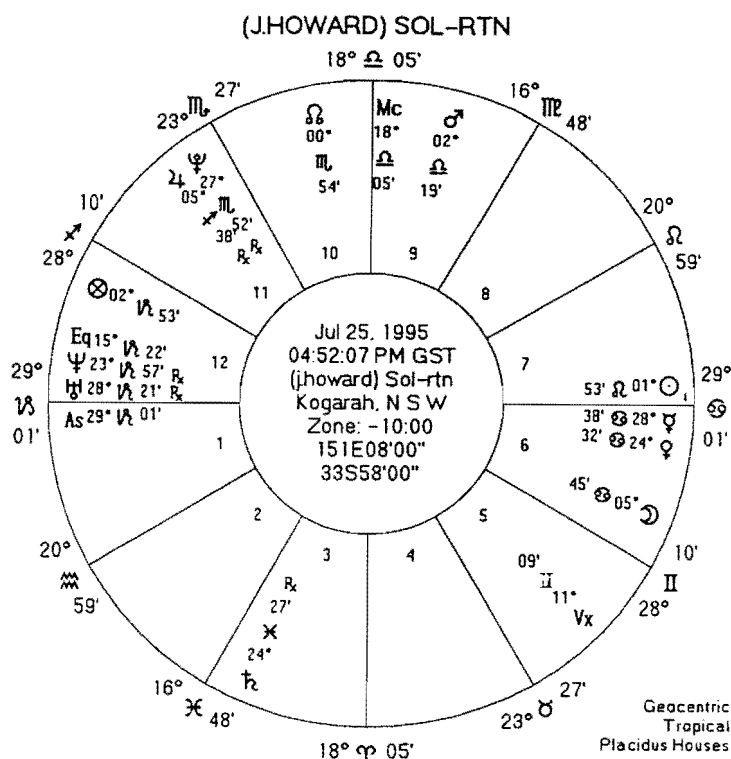
Taurus rises, and the Ruler, Venus, is well-placed just under the Horizon in a Grand Trine with Pluto and Mars, signifying a favourable initiative and new phase of life. To complement this, a second Grand Trine involves the Sun, Harmonic Midheaven and the Moon's Node. (The Harmonic Midheaven is to be distinguished from the degree that appears on Cusp 10, which is drawn from the Harmonic Ascendant by

Equal House division.) Saturn and Uranus are Rulers of the 10th House, and an adverse feature is the opposition of Mars to Uranus. This is outweighed, however, by the previously mentioned configurations and by the trine of Saturn (23°7' Capricorn) to Natal Uranus (21°30' Taurus).



John Howard's **Solar Return** for the period of the Election (next column) is likewise positive, though with fewer elements, as regards his prospects for winning. The single, most important indication is the very close trine (orb only 3') between Saturn and Venus. Saturn rules the Ascendant, and Venus rules





—Dymock, ■

This was based on the Native's Natal Chart showing a tendency to speak out of place when provoked. Pluto ruling the 9th House (the law) in the 7th House (judgement of a legal nature); Pluto bringing karmic problems/confrontations.

Transiting Jupiter protects. [T.Jupiter at the Natal MC] This was true in that the Native was not to blame and no court case will come of it.

Transiting Uranus trine Pluto (the closest transiting Aspect): Sudden change due to traumatic life events, leaving physical or psychological scarring.

He is certainly psychologically scarred and is now on anti-depressants, has taken up smoking, occasionally drinks to excess, and is having counselling. He sleeps too much and has difficulty making new friends. After 9 months and moving to a new State, his natural strength of character has asserted itself and he is slowly recovering. Sport and other personal victories are building up his self-esteem.

Entry 2: "Sudden news concerning some personal accomplishment."

Entry 3: "Native's mother died"

Thankfully, no, (this is my son's Chart). In her work papers Entrant 3 mentioned "separation through disaster, death, bereavement, accident", and T.Uranus opposite Mars/Pluto for sudden disaster.

But why was his accident at work and not involving a woman or mother? I think the incident is most closely shown by the closest aspect. **T.Uranus trine N.Pluto** involves the 11th and 7th Houses, and by rulership the 12th and 9th Houses. None of these are parental Houses, but then none of these are work either.

Could he have been warned not to go to work that day? His Natal Chart shows one who is accident-prone (impulsive, intense) and he has had minor accidents before, but none where another person was injured.

The victim had T.Pluto conjunct his N.Sun that week, and was also having his first Saturn-Return.

SECOND INCIDENT, 11th August 1995:

Now in a new job 2000-kms from home, the same Native made a large sale of paint.

This was the turning point to regaining his self-confidence and was a commission sale, so quite lucrative. He had T.Venus exactly trining the MC. It is interesting that it occurred with T.Jupiter conjunct Neptune (paint) in the 9th House (long-distance travel).

Entry 1: "Accident on the way to work."

Entry 2: "Health matter requiring hospital treatment."

Entry 3: "Motor-car or motor-cycle accident."

Entrants 1 and 3 also discussed the Native's depression, pessimism, loneliness. All of this is true of this whole period, but the actual incident was a good one. ■

[A further exercise: If you were doing a 12-months forecast for this young man, how could you foresee his accidental killing of a workmate? —Ed]

TEST NO.8 RESULTS

See page 8 of Issues 172/173 for details of this Test. Four charts were presented, all of women. Three were medical doctors, and one was not. The exercise was to determine which chart represents the odd one out. Ross Harvey undertook to report on this Test, and here are his comments:

"Margaret Millard who supplied the data for this Test kindly gave the answer in a sealed envelope, so for once I could try it myself. My reasoning was as follows.

"I have noticed that in accurate charts of doctors the common indications are that the Moon and Saturn are in aspect to the Angles and sometimes to each other as well, though the latter is not crucial. If these criteria can be relied on, then Charts 1 and 4 are obviously of doctors: Chart 1 has Moon conjunct Asc, and Saturn square MC—I need look no further—while Chart 4 has Saturn conjunct the Asc and Moon square MC, with the Moon and Saturn 9/19ths apart, with an orb of only 0°4'. So the non-doctor is either No.2 or No.3.

Chart No.2 has Saturn square MC and the Moon 10° from the MC and 105° from the Asc. 10° is an extremely weak Aspect, if it is an Aspect at all, that is, and 105° is an experimental Aspect. Some people think it is, but my own observations so far are not conclusive.

Chart No.3 has Saturn sextile MC and bi-quintile Asc, and the Moon is three semi-octiles to the Asc, while the Moon is 3/14th to Saturn with an orb of 0°33'. Both Charts have some indications that could point to some aptitude for or association with medicine, however Saturn in Chart 3 is much stronger, being in Aspect to both Angles, and the semi-octile (22½°) is, I am sure, an important Aspect, whereas the Aspects of the Moon in Chart 2 are unproved. Therefore, it seemed to me that Chart 2 was the less likely to be that of the doctor. At this point I opened the answer and discovered that I was correct."

Congratulations to Ross—and a three-months extension to his Subscription.

A further **Sorting Test** will appear in the March Issue, with the same Subscription benefits for correct answers.

We need more material to continue our series of educative exercises. Please send to me whatever data you have that could be useful.—Ed.

My kind regards to all,

—Dymock, 17th February 1995.

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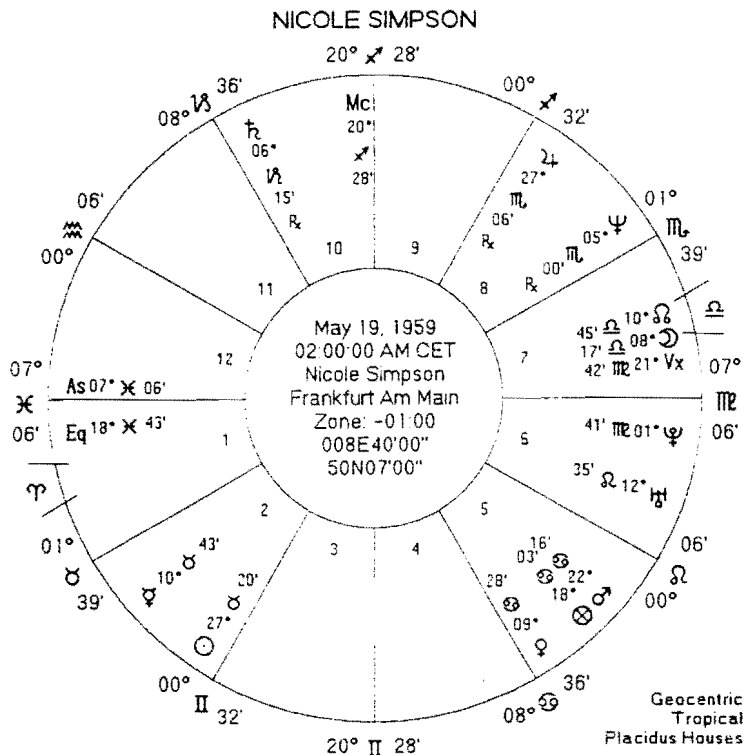
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The O.J. SIMPSON drama in the U.S.A. is over (for the moment). The principal protagonists were O.J Simpson and his murdered ex-wife, Nicole. Their Charts below, with brief notes, will be of interest to readers. Birth dates and times are taken from a recent issue of, Ken Gillman's excellent publication, *Considerations* (P.O. Box 491, Mount Kisco, New York 10549). Biographical details were supplied by Nick Sutherland in the same publication.

Born under Pisces with her Ruler in the House of

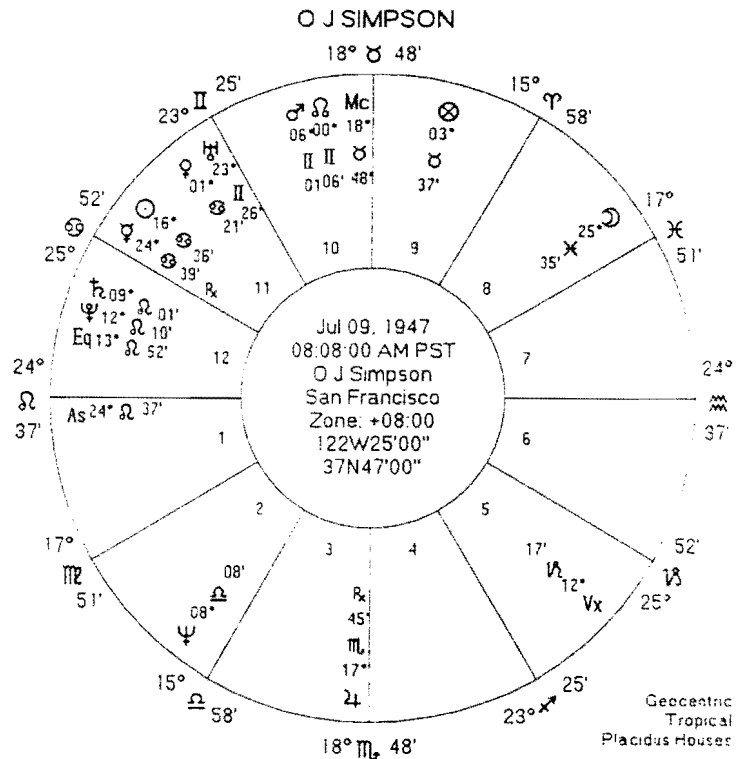


Deaths afflicted by the Ruler of the Marriage House was a tragic portent for Nicole. It was augmented by the Moon in the House of Marriage in a T-Square with Saturn and Venus (emotional deprivation, sorrow in love, anxiety and fear). Two Midpoint configurations also had dire consequences for her: Uranus conjunct Mars/Pluto (orb 38'), interpreted by Reinhold Ebertin in *The Combination of Stellar Influences*, as "Cruelty, violence, brutality. Sudden disasters or calamities of great consequence", and Pluto conjunct Mars/Node (orb 11'), "a violent or forced separation of a partnership or union".

The opposition of Jupiter to the Sun in Taurus

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separates her from good luck which, indeed, was conspicuously absent in her life. The Sun's square to Pluto, ruling the Death House, was indicative of her fateful end.

O.J. Simpson's Chart, on the other hand, shows amazing good luck—his Ruler, the Sun, trine Jupiter. How did he escape a "Guilty" verdict? Jupiter Angular also brought him public acclaim for his prowess as a footballer. (Mars in the Career House in Gemini (speed) trine Neptune: Large-scale promotions; Jupiter ruling the 5th House, Sport and Showmanship, emphasized by Leo rising.

The sinister conjunction of Saturn and Pluto in the 12th House is sesquare the Moon in the House of Deaths. According to Ebertin, this configuration is to be read as "The tragic destiny of a woman". Saturn

ruling the 7th House, linked to the Moon, clearly connects the conjunction with the marriage partner but does not alone establish the husband's guilt. It is recorded, however, that O.J. had repeatedly assaulted Nicole, as a result of which she needed hospital treatment on at least one occasion.

The squares of the Moon to both Uranus and Venus speak loudly of his marital troubles (he was married twice and divorced twice).

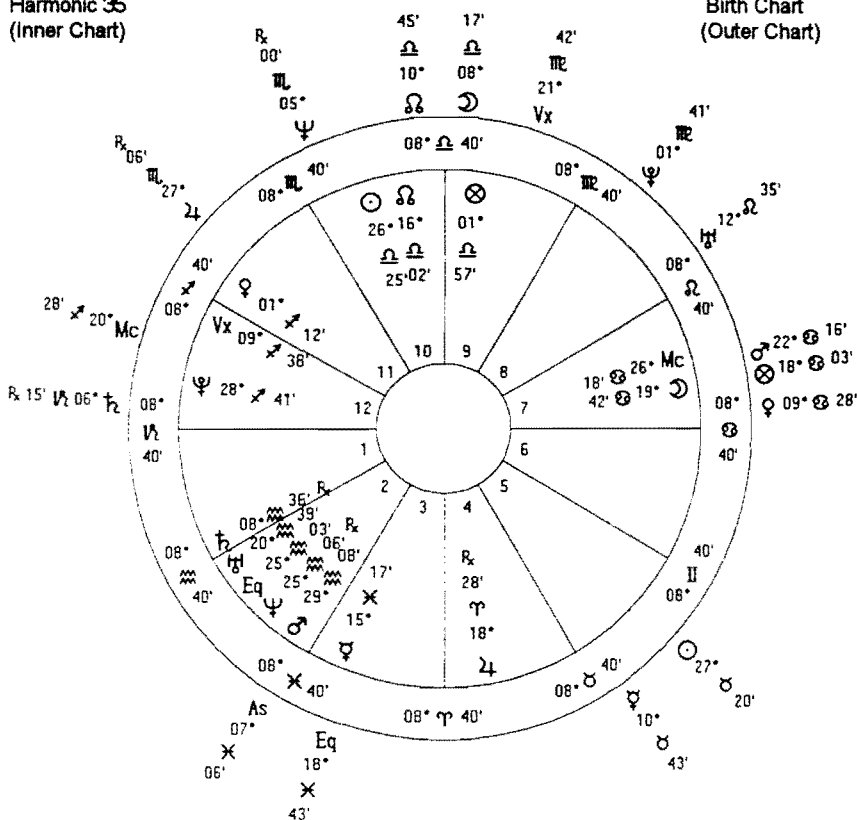
Pluto is also quincunx the Vertex (orb only 7'), so this planet is a Destiny Planet for O.J.

The bodies of Nicole and a male companion were found on **12th June 1994**. In Nicole's Chart, there are no relevant Secondary Progressions or Solar-Arc Directions, but there is a very appropriate **Naibod-Arc Direction** (based on the mean motion of the Sun in longitude—0°59' a day). It surprises me that many astrologers continue to use the inaccurate Solar-Arc. The Naibod-Arc Direction is **Pluto square Saturn**, exact on 14th June 1994—just two days after the discovery of the bodies. Pluto, The Destroyer, rules Nicole's 8th House (Deaths) and is square Saturn (the major malefic). In addition, Natal Pluto is also square the Sun. So here is a cumulative effect of Pluto, 8th House, Saturn, and square Aspect all pointing the same way—*terminus vitae*. A trigger was transiting Mars square Uranus on 10th June. Note that the mean in time of the Direction and the Transit is exactly 12th June.

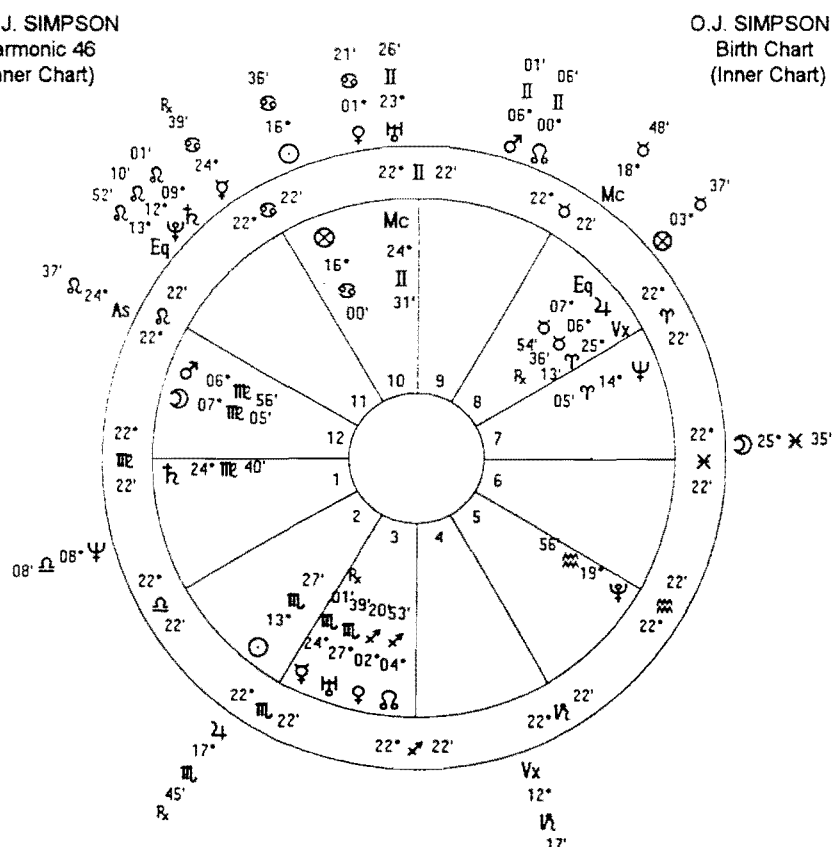
In **O.J. Simpson's Chart** the event is marked by the Transit of **Saturn stationary** on 23rd June at 12°24' Pisces, **quincunx Natal Pluto** at 12°10' Leo. This is particularly powerful as it activates the malefic conjunction of Saturn and Pluto in the 12th House. The quincunx may not be as strong as the square, but it is strong enough, and a stationary Transit is as powerful as any Progression or Direction, Secondary or Primary. It was triggered by Transiting Mars square Pluto on 9th June.

The Harmonic Charts also have a story to tell. In the next column is **Nicole's 35th Harmonic**, encircled by her Natal Chart. Capricorn rises, and the Ruler, Saturn, lies on the 2nd–8th axis opposite Natal Uranus, an aspect of violence. The Sun, ruling the Deaths House is afflicted by the trine of Mars, Neptune and the Equatorial Ascendant. The trine here is an affliction by virtue of the planets involved. The Natal opposition of Saturn and Venus lies on the Ascendant, thereby fulfilling its *Karmic* destiny of suffering in love.

NICOLE SIMPSON
Harmonic 35
(Inner Chart)



O.J. SIMPSON
Harmonic 46
(Inner Chart)



O.J. Simpson's 46th Age Harmonic Chart is similarly indicative: Saturn conjunct the Ascendant opposes his Natal Moon, both being squared by his Natal Uranus right on the Meridian. Notwithstanding O.J.'s acquittal, I would certainly read this as an

initiative on his part for the infliction of bodily harm on his ex-wife (7th House), particularly as Mars is conjunct the Moon in the 12th House, both being square to Natal Mars (injury to a woman). Stealth, or the secrecy of night, is suggested by the 12th-House conjunction, and by Neptune quincunx the Sun ruling the 12th. The attack on Nicole and her companion took place at night.

O.J. should be forever thankful to his Natal Aspect of the Sun trine Jupiter, The Preserver, for saving him from a life in gaol. If he is, indeed, guilty, he will be called on to pay his debt in other ways.

—Dymock.■

HORARY ASTROLOGY—TIME AND PLACE

It has been a matter of debate among Horary Astrologers whether the Chart should be set for the place where the astrologer is situated, or where the querent is located when the question is asked.

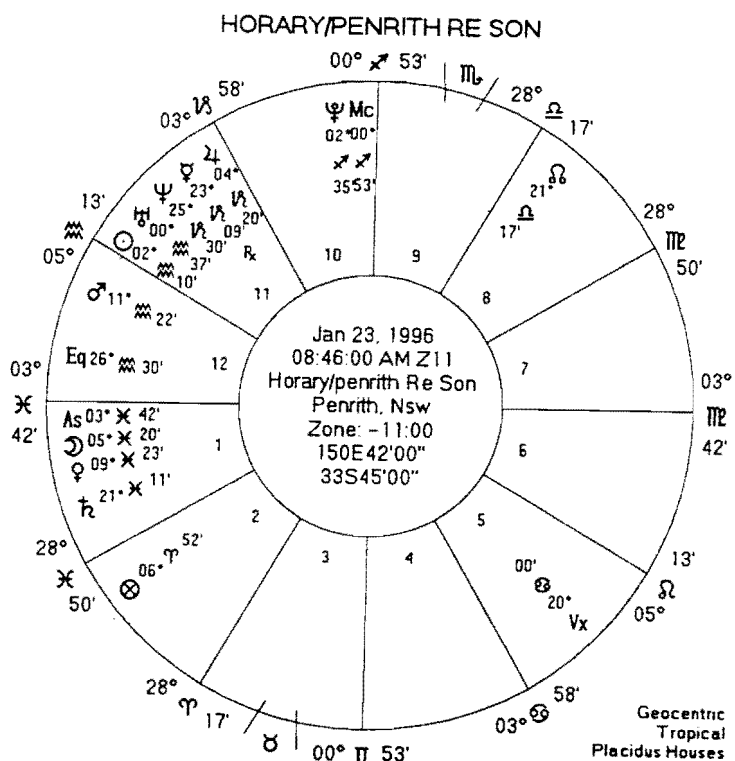
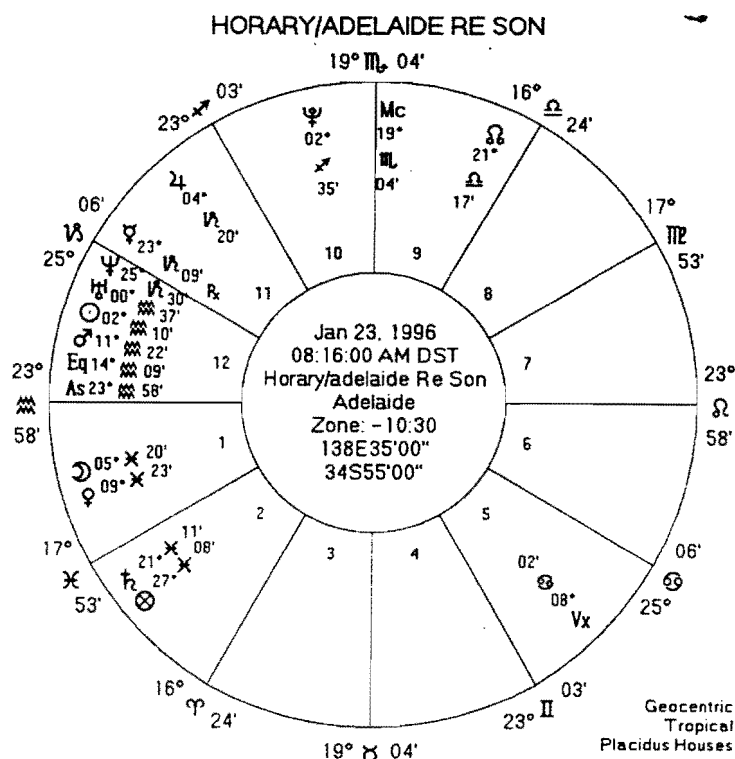
In bygone years this problem usually did not arise as questions were asked personally of the astrologer, both querent and astrologer being in the same place. But since the introduction of telegraph, telephone, fax and now E-Mail, it becomes of real importance. People communicate freely not only between cities, but across the world. I am frequently asked questions by people living interstate or overseas. In general, I have found that the place of the querent is the one that most easily yields the answer.

This was demonstrated again recently when a woman asked me the dual question, "Will my son move away in 1997, because of his work? Will he ever marry?" (The son is 28 years old.)

The querent was telephoning from Penrith, NSW, to me in Adelaide, South Australia. The Charts for the two different locations appear below. **Chart 1** is set for the Querent's location (Penrith), and **Chart 2** for my location (Adelaide). The difference in geographical longitude between the two places is 12°7', making a difference on the MC of 11°49' and slightly less on the Ascendant, which of course is also affected by the difference in latitude. In both Charts the planets occupy identical Zodiacal positions, as they have the same GMT, but the important difference is in the House Cusps. **Chart 1** has Aquarius rising, and **Chart 2** has Pisces.

The question is about the Querent's son, who is represented by the 5th House. In **Chart 1**, Gemini appears on the 5th Cusp, and its Ruler, Mercury, is in Capricorn, which does not bear any relation to the son's Birth Horoscope. In **Chart 2**, Cancer is on the 5th Cusp, and its Ruler, the Moon, is in Pisces, which is directly related to the son because he has both Sun and Moon in Pisces in his Birth Figure.

Furthermore, In **Chart 1** Aquarius on the Ascendant does not describe the Querent (the mother), whereas



the Moon conjunct the Ascendant in **Chart 2** is the same aspect that appears in her Natus.

It is obvious that **Chart 2**, cast for the location of the Querent at the time she asked the question is the preferable Figure.

As a matter of interest, I judged that the son would, in fact, be moving because of his work. Jupiter rules his Career House, the Derived 10th (the Radical 2nd), and is sextile to the Moon (change). The move will be a beneficial one because of Venus also being sextile to Jupiter.

The second question also has a positive answer. The son will indeed marry as his Significator, the Moon, is applying to a conjunction of Venus in its Exaltation Sign, Pisces. It will be a happy marriage to a charming wife.

A further question arises when a question is sent by letter. Usually the time of receipt of the letter has to be taken by the astrologer, but if the querent is familiar with Horary procedures and gives the date and local time of writing the letter, this will provide the better chart. It should be set for the place where the letter was written.

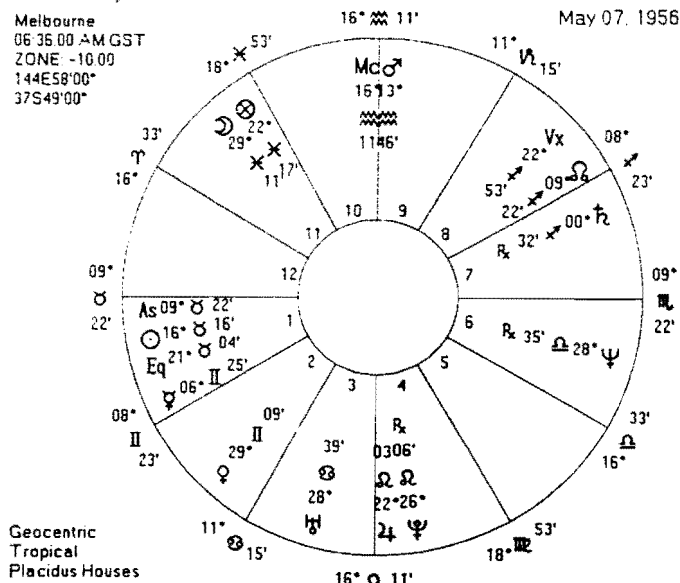
In the case of a long-distance telephone call there is no difference in the GMT but, again, the chart should be set for the location of the querent.

Another possibility is the case where the querent has been considering a matter for some time (days or weeks), then suddenly decides to ask a Horary question about it. The time of asking the question provides a good chart, but I have also found that if the querent can identify the date, time and place when the matter was most deeply concerning him or her, then that specific data will also give clear indications. —Dymock.■

FURTHER COMMENT ON TEST 6 in the last Issue

It was discovered that Chart 3 of the above-mentioned Test, of which the results were given last month, should have been 10 minutes earlier, and set for Melbourne, not Sydney.

From the point of view of the Test this varies the Chart only slightly, but Jenifer Pommerin points out the following links with Chart 4 (page 4 of A.F. 170/171):



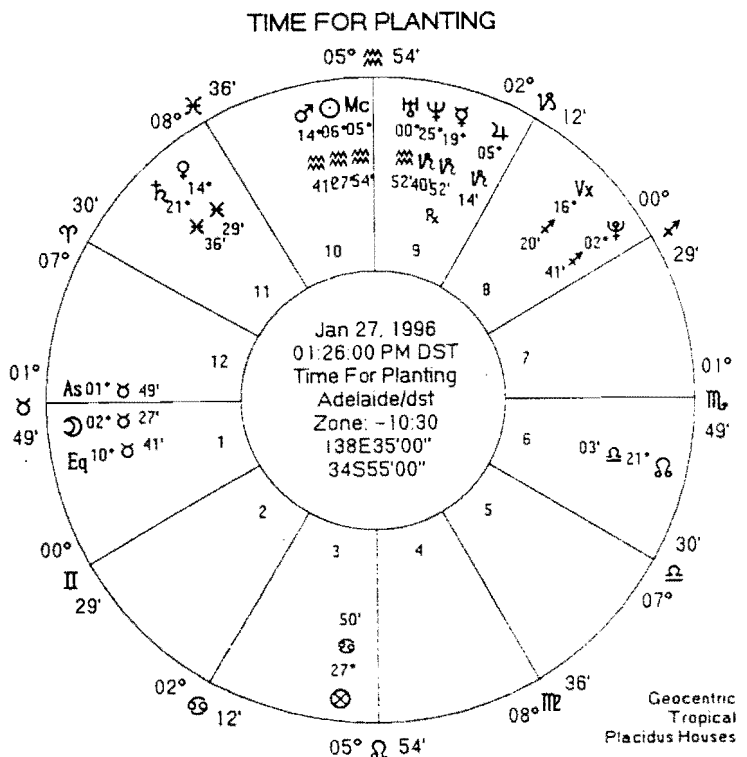
Map 3: ☿△♂, ♀♂♂, ♀♂♂, ☿♂♂, ☿♂♂.
Map 4: ☿♂♂, ♀♂♂, ☿♂♂, ☿♂♂, ☿♂♂.

So there are some connecting links between the Charts of the two brothers, not perhaps as much as we would expect to see, but enough to establish a family relationship. The multiple connections that readers noted between Charts 2 and 4 did not indicate a blood bond, but was there some other significant relationship?■

A TIME FOR PLANTING

Having to plant a lemon tree, a passionfruit vine, and sundry native shrubs, I selected the Chart below for best results.

The Earth Sign Taurus rises, with the Moon also in Taurus, just under the Ascendant. The Moon is applying to Jupiter (The Preserver), and is increasing in light. Experience proves that it does pay to plant in accordance with good astrological indications.■



I wish to remind readers that they have until **15th February** to send in their answers to **Tests 8 and 9** in the last Issue. For the sake of improving your astrological skills, do make an attempt. Only correct answers will be published, and will be rewarded with extensions to your subscription.

Answers to **Test No. 8** should go to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, NSW, Australia 2074**. Answers to **Test No. 9** go to **Anne Elliott, P.O. Box 5191, Manly Qld, Australia 4179**.

My kind regards to all,

—Dymock,
27th January 1996.

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RESULTS OF TEST NO. 6 in the last issue

Ross Harvey conducted the Test involving the sorting of four charts, and his report follows. Readers should view the Charts (page 4 of Issue 170/171) while reading the commentary. The Charts are not reproduced here in order to save space.

There were four entries for the latest test. The correct answer was 1, 2, 3, 4, i.e. **physics professor, business executive, mining engineer, and naval helicopter pilot.**

Entry 1: 3, 4, 1, 2. Second attempt: 2, 3, 4, 1.

Entry 2: 3, 4, 1, 2. Second attempt: 3, 4, 2, 1.

Entry 3: 1, 3, 2, 4.

Entry 4: - 3, 2, 4. This entrant supplied Chart No.1., so his task was easier.

Congratulations to Brenda Bellamy who got the professor and the pilot, and to Dymock Brose who got the pilot.

As I have said before, Uranus is the planet of science and technology, especially when in aspect to Mercury. Only **Chart 2** has neither a Mercury-Uranus aspect nor Uranus in major or close aspect to any personal point. This should have suggested that this person was the one whose job did not involve technology, i.e. that he was the businessman. Furthermore, when I set this test I looked through the Gauquelin Book of American Charts which contains many company executives. I had expected to find that Jupiter was the common factor, but instead saw that Mars and Pluto were almost always strong in the charts of business executives—Mars for energy, initiative, enterprise and aggression, and Pluto for power. Jupiter rather seems to indicate the sort of success that brings the person before the public eye, as is the case with the cartoonist in the first vocational Test.

In **Chart 2** the Moon is the dominant body, being conjunct the Descendant, and is trine Mars in the 2nd House, ruling the 10th (income from career, appropriate enough), and is also almost exactly 9/20th (orb only 0°1') to Pluto in the 1st.

Chart 1 has Uranus biquintile the Ascendant and 1/11th to the Sun, and ten degrees to Mercury. So

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the criteria for science are satisfied. A little traditional astrology explains which one this is: Neptune, the Ruler, is conjunct Pluto, ruling the 9th House (higher education) in the 3rd (communications)—the university teacher.

In **Chart 3**, the dominant aspect complex is the Grand Trine of the Moon, Uranus and Saturn. Mercury is septile Uranus. Uranus is for science, and Saturn is often associated with the earth and mining. Moreover, the Sun is conjunct the Ascendant in an Earth Sign.

The strongest indication in **Chart 4** is Pluto conjunct the MC, suggesting either power, or a power-complex, or a career that involves power or danger. Here, Pluto is sextile Neptune (the sea) in Scorpio, a Water Sign. Jupiter, the Chart Ruler, is also in a Water Sign. The Moon is opposite Mars (appropriate for the armed services), and forms a Yod with Neptune and Pluto. The Neptune-Pluto sextile, which was in orbs for years, is here personal because Pluto is conjunct the MC, and disposes of the Chart Ruler. Jupiter is sextile to the Sun in the 10th House (career) and ruling the 9th, and Jupiter is square Venus in the 9th ruling the 6th (work). The 9th emphasis is appropriate for someone whose work takes him overseas.

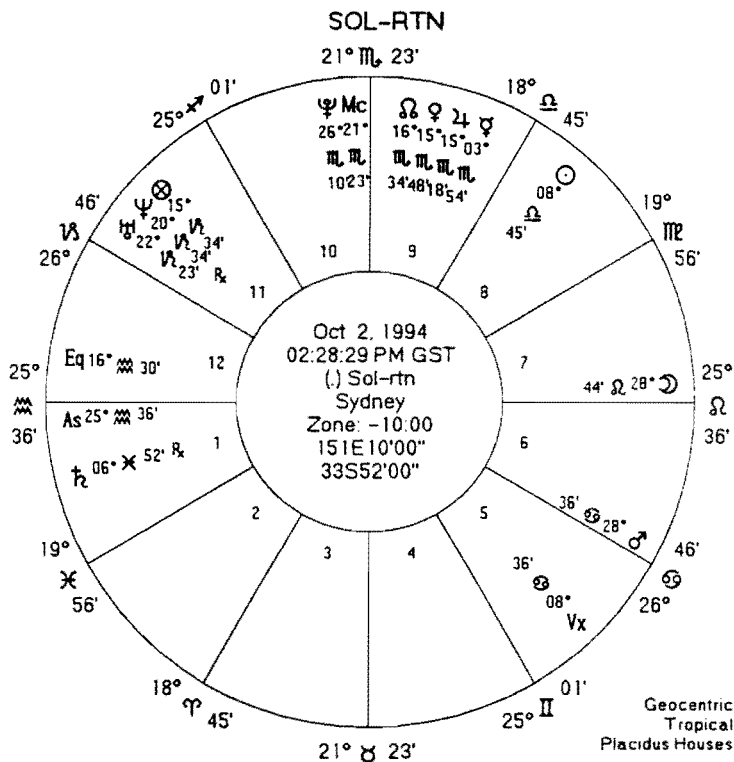
[The addendum to this Test was to distinguish the two family members.] The relatives were **Charts 3 and 4—brothers**. No one was correct. Everyone thought that 2 and 4 were father and son, but the similarities were just coincidental. I couldn't have done this myself, but I threw this in just to show that things aren't always as straightforward as they might seem.

Brenda Bellamy, having supplied two correct answers, has her subscription to *Astrologers' Forum* extended by six months.
—Ed.

RESULTS OF TEST NO. 7

The challenge was to determine what happened to the Finnish Woman on 16th September 1995, in Sydney. Her Natal Chart appears on page 6 of the last Issue.

Ross reports: This Test attracted only two entries, neither of which was close. **She was married.** The Solar Return for 1994, set for Sydney, had the MC conjunct Venus, Jupiter and the Node (the Node emphasizes relationships), while the Moon was opposite the Ascendant (emotions identified with the partner).



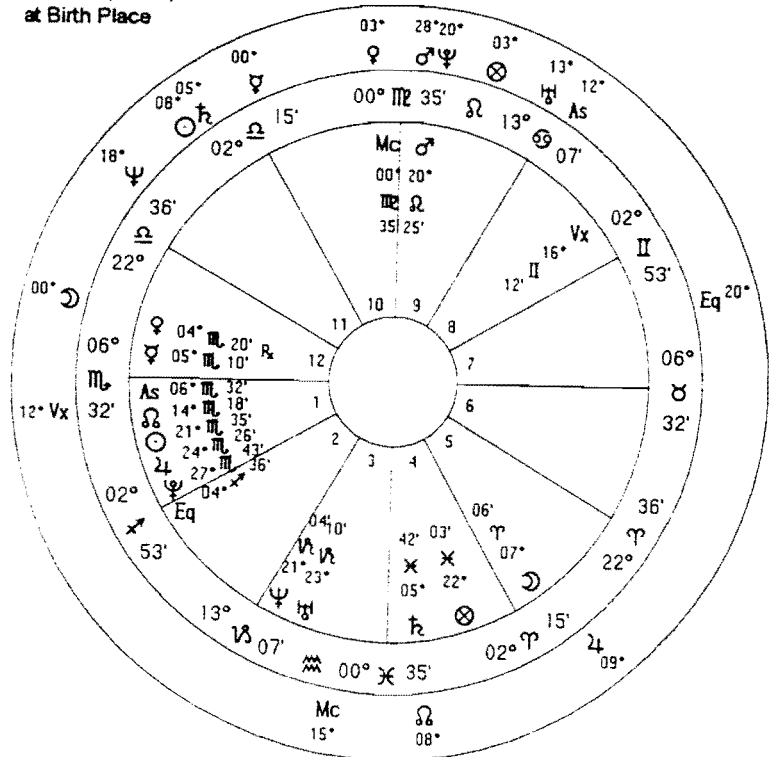
The Progressed Birthday Solar Return set for the Birth Place [see Chart in adjacent column] had MC conjunct Radical Venus, and the Ascendant conjunct Venus and Mercury, with Venus ruling the 7th House, and Mercury the 10th, a typical marriage indication. Furthermore, the Sun was conjunct Jupiter. Jupiter transited sextile the Sun three days after the event.

Editor's Note: Readers will note that the "Standard" Solar Return Chart above was set for the place of residence of the subject, and the Progressed Birthday Solar Return for the place of birth. Once again we are faced with the question—which is the better procedure? There seems to be no conclusive answer to this question. My own experience suggests that it is better to employ them both. Often one of the two will give clear indications that are rather nebulous in the other.

Brenda Bellamy has her subscription to *Astrologers' Forum* extended by six months for her her two correct

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answers.

The big surprise in this latest Test is that the subjects of Charts 3 and 4 are brothers, and yet there is no obvious connection between them, and I am assured that the two people concerned are blood-brothers, not brothers by adoption or one of them having a different parent. We are used to seeing similar themes in the horoscopes of family members—the same planets emphasized by major aspect, for example, or the Signs related. A frequent occurrence with Signs is the Sun-Sign of a parent becoming the Ascendant-Sign of the child, or being placed on one of the other Angles.

So what is the answer? Is there another link of which we are not aware, or is it not always possible to discern blood ties? If you have any ideas about this please write to me.

What is also abundantly clear from the results of these Exercises so far is that we definitely need them to sharpen up our knowledge and application of Astrology. If we can't apply Astrology accurately to matters of everyday life, it loses most of its value. We may talk theory for hours, but the acid test is how our ideas work in practice. I urge all readers to attempt the Tests offered in this publication and reap the benefit of increased skill and ability.

To maintain these very useful exercises we need a continuing flow of data from readers. If you have material suitable for a test, please send it in.

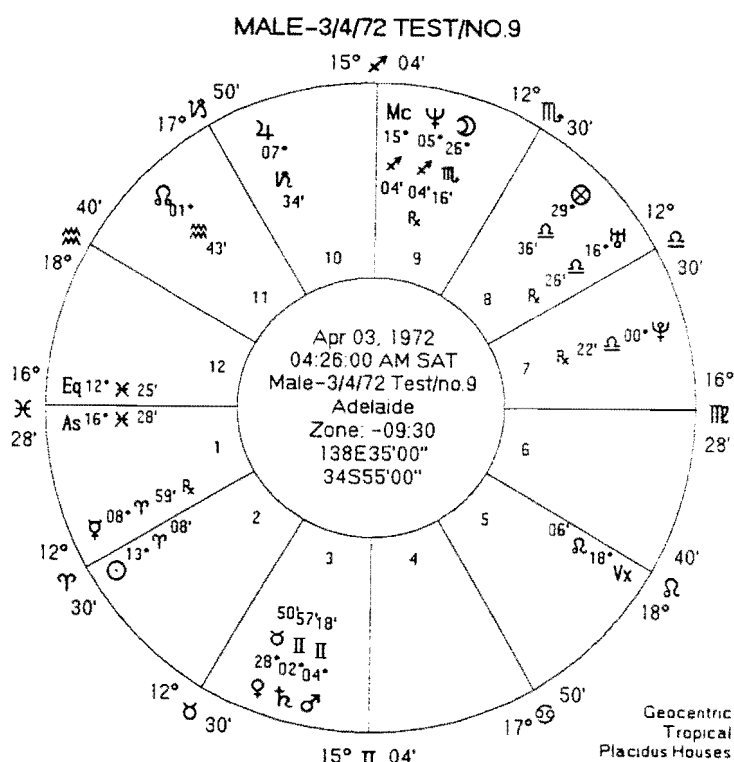
Dr Margaret Millard (Eng.) has supplied a further sorting exercise—**TEST NO.8**—on page 8. Four Charts are given, three of which represent medical doctors, and one that doesn't. Can you pick the odd one out? As before, an extension of three months

will be added to the subscription of any reader who succeeds in this Test. The answer has to be accompanied by the astrological reasons on which it is based. Again, please send your entries to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW AUSTRALIA 2074**. The closing date will be **15th February 1996**. ■

TEST NO. 9

Test No.9, of the "What Happened" variety, is supplied by Astrologer Anne Elliott of Qld.

The Birth Chart below is that of a male. There were two incidents in his life that you are asked to define. The first occurred at 11am ACST on 27th April 1995,



at 34°55' S, 138°44' E.

The second was at 8:55am on 11th August 1995 AEST at 27°28' S, 153°02' E. What were they?

Anne writes that the incidents are unrelated, and, "the first is a good example I think of interpreting outer planet to outer planet transits. The second incident was minor in comparison but serves to show how clear things can be in retrospect."

As this is a more difficult Test, each correct answer, accompanied by the astrological reasons for it, will be rewarded with a six months extension to the annual subscription. If you get both incidents correctly you will qualify for a 12-months extension.

Please send your answers to Anne at P.O. Box 5191, Manly Qld. Australia 4179. The closing date will be **15th February 1996**. Remember, the chief value of all these Tests is the **attempting** of them, not necessarily getting them right! ■

THE MELBOURNE CUP

In Retrospect

Jack Nicholls (Vic.) writes—

Astrology did very well in today's (7th Nov.'95) Melbourne Cup. You set out some requirements for Jupiterian characteristics, but only the foreign-sounding names were applicable. The runners satisfying this criterion according to me were: *Jeune* 12/1, *Doriemus* 10/1, *Daacha* 20/1 and *Nothin' Leica Dane* 20/1. In addition *Vintage Crop* 8/1 would be selected because it was Number 3. According to De Vore, the colours for Jupiter include deep blue—*Jeune* and *Bullwinkle* 40/1, and red and indigo, close to the colours worn by *Doriemus* [the winner]. The colours were printed in colour by the Melbourne *Sunday Age*. A further characteristic of Jupiter is joviality, thereby nominating *It's All in Fun*, 20/1.

In previous reports on the subject you have suggested a sensible cut-off for runners at large odds. Putting all this together, the group for investment would have been *Jeune*, *Doriemus*, and *Vintage Crop* [ran third], a satisfactory result as it forecast 1st and 3rd from three runners, or 1st, 2nd and 3rd from six, depending on the price cut-off. ■

PLANETARY ASPECTS (Contd)

by Jenifer Pommerin

MERCURY CONJUNCT VENUS: Those with this aspect are more likely to seek and enjoy social contacts than those without the aspect. They are fair to all sides when there is dissension. In female charts, the naturalness and ease of manner make for popularity. Their ideas are readily accepted, hence may be leaders in their social circle (where this is sought). In male charts, usually a lot of communication with women, or the female influence is strong in the life.

MERCURY CONJUNCT MARS: Not swayed by the opinions of others—have the strength of their own convictions. Conscious of future trends, and thus are often the vanguard of new developments. Tend to be tactless. Can be very talkative (female charts). Can be very opportunistic (male charts).

MERCURY SQUARE MARS: When in charge are very quick to pull others into line—will not brook interference or a lack of respect. Say too much when in a temper. A liking for gossip.

MERCURY OPPOSITE MARS: Can think on their feet.

MERCURY TRINE JUPITER: Too prone to allow others do the decision-making. In other cases, where

the initiative is taken, the results can be poor due to one misjudgement after another. Losses in both instances seem to be due to a lack of discrimination. Are too lax at crucial moments, so their opinions are not sought, or are ignored. Have a lot of wisdom but not many are prepared to listen.

MERCURY SQUARE JUPITER: Very rarely stuck for a word; a chatterbox in childhood. Can be the good talker or the quick wit or the diplomat. Very kindly and are able to lift the spirits of others by the right words at the right time.

MERCURY OPPOSITE JUPITER: Strong views, and much enthusiasm about the chosen subject. Very talkative (female charts). Undertake projects without full understanding of difficulties ahead (male charts). Business losses, generally through an inability to discern obvious future problems, or a misplaced trust in an associate.

MERCURY CONJUNCT SATURN: May suffer from a speech impediment. Keep their opinions to themselves, to the extent of keeping silent when a word of warning would have been appropriate. Rarely confide in others, and are very close-mouthed in general. Do not gossip unless there is an aspect to Jupiter or Pluto. Very conscientious and will take on responsibilities in looking after friends or family.

MERCURY CONJUNCT URANUS: Acutely observant of the passing scene. Will pick up on points missed by others. Are rarely confused or "thrown". Lightning-fast thought processes—are generally ten steps ahead of everybody else.

MERCURY TRINE URANUS: Can be unthinking in group discussions. A good grasp of the subject but innocently oblivious of any adverse reactions towards what is said.

MERCURY CONJUNCT NEPTUNE: Self-undoing when a discussion would result in a more satisfactory outcome.

MERCURY SQUARE NEPTUNE: May be hypochondriacs, or fond of visiting the health profession. Will give the impression of being more fragile in health than is the case (female charts). May withdraw from social life periodically. Avoid people, conditions, situations, that are unpleasant or uncongenial. Avoid open controversy or dissension (unless impelled by a Mars/Uranus aspect). Can misread the cues of others, getting the incorrect message. Substance abuse is possible, or a health condition where medication must be taken for life. Mental illness, short or long-term, is sometimes

experienced.

MERCURY TRINE NEPTUNE: In early life are too trusting, accepting everything at face value. In later life, are very aware of the environment around them.

MERCURY CONJUNCT PLUTO: Compulsive talkers or writers (when in congenial company). Words flow. Have the ability to communicate truths clearly and with impact.

MERCURY SQUARE PLUTO: With the most extreme influence, the mind is cruel, revengeful, and scheming. There can be unpredictable eruptions of rage, where words are used to cause the most lasting hurt or harm. Strong and implacable opinions—cannot be convinced or persuaded otherwise, and to try is not advisable. Never forgive and never forget. Can chew over the same subject again and again. Tend to be vehement and overpowering; others must perceive and believe the same way. Contradictory opinions are given short shrift, either annihilated or politely put to one side. A one-track mind. Convictions become more deeply entrenched with age. In some cases, this aspect indicates a close association with a person possessing the above traits.

MERCURY TRINE PLUTO: The influence is very similar to the above, especially if Mercury is in Scorpio. An important distinction is that advancing age sees less insistence on others obeying their dictates. The trine of Pluto is a redemptive influence in that there can be a change of perceptions, leading to a greater tolerance in a lesser or greater degree. Confident speakers. Can give right words of comfort in unhappy or distressing situations—make good counsellors in this regard. Long memories for past slights. Can be scathing when crossed or ignored. Tend to have specialized interests and a retentive memory in that field. Like to be informed of the latest developments, be they trivial or important.

VENUS SQUARE MARS: Truthful and outspoken. Reduces the number of close friends, either because of the person's nature, or because of the lifestyle. Appear to lack a close tie in family relationships. Parenting-time might be limited through outside interests, e.g. the working mother or the socialite; the working father. Or there may be a lack of common ground between the child and the parent, or outside circumstances prevent a greater familiarity. In marriage, there may or may not be an amicable bond. But different interests or some other separative influence affects the closeness between the partners. In male charts, can be well-meaning and kindly, but have a poor understanding of women and a poor

sense of timing. In the worst case, can be chauvinistic with the belief that women are inferior and should 'stay in their place'. In female charts, may be left in charge of business or domestic concerns periodically (due to absence of partner). Will stand up for their rights.

VENUS SQUARE JUPITER: Are givers or takers. Very obliging and like to help; or a somewhat immoral, greedy nature.

VENUS CONJUNCT SATURN: A preference for shared responsibility in making decisions of an important nature, hence advice from someone close is often sought. An aspect of divorce or of a partner who can be selfish and unbending. In male charts can indicate a marriage later in life.

VENUS OPPOSITE SATURN: In female charts, can indicate a cold-hearted, unsympathetic attitude to the spouse. In its most extreme, there is a cruelty that is the very opposite to love. Motherhood is enjoyed while the children are young, but estrangement may occur in adult years due to rigid demands. In general, must hold the reins of command in all relationships. Have a highly developed critical sense.

VENUS SQUARE URANUS: Very tolerant or accommodating towards the marital partner. The partner's wishes or needs are given first preference. Circumstances can bring separation from family and friends, or contacts are infrequent. Can denote divorce.

VENUS TRINE URANUS: At different times will receive, or give, much aid to family or friends. Like to maintain close links with members of family (brothers/sisters, children/grandchildren).

VENUS CONJUNCT NEPTUNE: In male charts, often content to be at the beck and call of the spouse. In early years, the sensitive nature may suffer through unsympathetic treatment from the mother. Fervent religious convictions. Extremely kind—but can be impractical in actual service.

VENUS TRINE NEPTUNE: An abstract or nebulous sort of influence. An undemanding and placid nature largely due to an acceptance of others as they are, be they close-family or strangers. Little or no interest in people as people—are more drawn to some vague ideal in human relationships. May gloss over or deny anything that deviates from 'what should be'.

VENUS OPPOSITE NEPTUNE: Tend not to deal with unpleasant reality or serious problems in connection with a loved one. The domestic life may

be affected by a family member who is psychologically unbalanced or physically ill or drug-addicted. Or may themselves possess one of these traits.

VENUS CONJUNCT PLUTO: Not bound by convention in love relationships. The partner may be of a lesser calibre, or immoral, or uncaring in some way. Circumstances (e.g., death) sever associations. Very loyal friends. In female charts, a dependent bond to the mother. May manipulate own sons and grandchildren.

VENUS CONJUNCT PLUTO: The influence can vary from a lack of mother-love to a very possessive mother-love, in male charts. With both sexes, there is a strong bond, or unconscious reliance on the mother-figure. The death of the mother can have a shattering effect on an otherwise stable personality. The ability to cope is poor. A sensitivity to pain and suffering on the world level, and a belief in doomsday-type philosophy.

VENUS TRINE PLUTO: The dying experiences of loved ones and pets are deeply felt and not forgotten. Very sensitive to the pain and suffering of others. The trine of Pluto is a transformative influence in that there is a greater understanding of love in all its manifestations.

VENUS OPPOSITE PLUTO: In female charts, a jealous streak (mostly in sibling rivalry or partnership relationships). There is a strong desire to remain in close contact with adult children—can be an inopportune visitor, 'helpful' suggestions, etc. In some instances, the aspect indicates a hurtful rejection of the mother, without due cause. The spouse often has a deeper involvement and commitment to his work or hobbies than to his wife.

MARS SQUARE JUPITER: A restless influence. Short-term but whole-hearted involvement in different activities. Always have faith in the latest pursuit. Self-confident, with the ability to give confidence to others.

MAR TRINE JUPITER: One of the luckiest of aspects. Good fortune and success in endeavours. Opportunities to do what is wanted when it is wanted are available, and difficulties are quickly overcome. Support from friends and from those in authority. A sociable, open-hearted person, firm and confident.

MARS SQUARE SATURN: Capable of sustained effort and feats of endurance, e.g., long-distance truck-drivers, triathlon competitors, the painstaking worker. Often do things the hard way when there is

an easier and less strenuous option.

MARS TRINE SATURN: Reliable worker. Often have to cope with arduous and demanding work loads. Carry out duties efficiently and with the least possible effort.

MARS SQUARE URANUS: Too tolerant or too assertive in family relationships.

MARS TRINE URANUS: Very capable of independent action. Like to be in charge but will step away from leadership because it lessens freedom of action.

MARS OPPOSITE URANUS: Enjoy group work—but others must follow their plans. Very sensitive to leadership challenges. Quick to take umbrage, and will react by a refusal to co-operate and (in extreme instances), severing all ties.

MARS SQUARE NEPTUNE: Practical decisions are too often made on the spur of the moment, or are based on false assumptions. Commonsense takes a back seat to the desire for something richer than ordinary life. In some cases, there can be resultant financial disasters or the need to live with one's mistakes.

MARS TRINE NEPTUNE: As above, but many special favours and strokes of luck as well (e.g., at right place at right time).

MARS CONJUNCT PLUTO: Great reserves of energy—rarely tired. Goal-oriented—very ambitious. Hidden agendas. Very confident. Will not admit failure in self or others. Put own capabilities to the test, regarding different situations or conditions as challenges to be overcome. Compulsive achievers. An underlying desire to be a strong influence in the lives of others.

MARS SQUARE PLUTO: Brave fighters, but usually confronted by forces too strong for them. This can vary from a bodily condition, to unfortunate circumstances to dealing with a power-hungry person. Tend to be overwhelmed at the crucial moment by uncontrollable emotions. In some instances, can be set back or destroyed by the machinations of someone close.

MARS TRINE PLUTO: Much belief, warranted or not, in ability to succeed. Have the knack of having others do what is their own personal duty.

MARS OPPOSITE PLUTO: Very little sense of fear. Competitive in minor matters. Have a trigger-temper

of which only those close are aware. Often have to struggle against powerful forces for what is wanted, and success is not always forthcoming.

JUPITER CONJUNCT SATURN: Would like to soar, but wings are clipped.

JUPITER SQUARE SATURN: Dislike authority figures, but are adept at dealing with them, and at getting the system to work for their benefit. Take direction badly because of the conviction that they know better, but responsible positions or duties are either refused or avoided.

JUPITER SQUARE NEPTUNE: Tend to pussy-foot around or avoid dealing with troublesome issues. Minor problems thus gradually become major worries. Unhappiness and losses occur through leaving things unresolved or being too late in acting. In female charts, one whose life is affected by the habits of a family member, e.g., duplicity, gambling, alcoholism, mental illness. The partner may be a 'weak reed' when emotional understanding or support is needed.

JUPITER TRINE NEPTUNE: A ministering urge. The wish to 'make the world a better place'. In female charts, one whose life is affected by the habits of a family member, e.g., duplicity, gambling, alcoholism, mental illness. The partner may be a 'weak reed' when emotional understanding or support is needed.

JUPITER OPPOSITE NEPTUNE: Trust the wrong people—can be led astray through false promises. Have faith in their own judgements. The judgements are often influenced by worldly or spiritual ambitions. May ignore the psychological needs of offspring; can be domineering when there are conflicts, otherwise indulgent and over-generous.

JUPITER TRINE PLUTO: Receive payouts (government claims, insurance, etc.), or cash in hand from other resources such as legacies, sale of property, spouse, but make unwise use of what is given. Easy come, easy go.

JUPITER OPPOSITE PLUTO: Physical or mental or spiritual exploration. A gambling instinct. Have a blind sort of optimism in the face of standstill or no growth.

Editor's Note: I have been struck by Jenifer's percipience in her notes to the above planetary aspects and those that appeared in the previous Issues. Many of her comments I can verify from my own experience, and I have not seen them in any printed book or text. They are a great help to the expansion of our knowledge of aspects and to the

comprehensive résumé I am planning to produce at a later date. Well done, Jenifer, and many thanks!

Other readers are invited to add their experience also. You do not have to produce a lengthy article—even a sentence or two would be useful, and appreciated. ■

MARY'S LOTTERY WIN

from the standpoint of Uranian Astrology
by Nicholas D. Sutherland

The fact that Mary won the lottery (Issue 165) reminded me of an earlier article I wrote on a lottery winner showing how Uranian Astrology picks them.

Rather than show an actual 90° dial, I've included the numerical equivalents for the planetary positions and pictures. In some cases 45° is added/subtracted to bring a position to the vertical axis, or 22½° is added/subtracted to bring a position to the horizontal axis.

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Vix	Vertex	21° 18'		051° 18'
Eq	Eq. Asc.	03° 40'		063° 40'
⊗	Part Fortn	11° 32'		011° 32'
Mc	Midheaven	29° 33'		059° 33'
☾	Moon	05° 24'		065° 24'
☼	Sun	03° 39'		063° 39'
☿	Mercury	02° 32'	R _x	062° 32'
♀	Venus	17° 52'		017° 52'
♂	Mars	01° 33'		001° 33'
♃	Jupiter	25° 56'		025° 56'
♄	Saturn	25° 34'		025° 34'
♅	Uranus	23° 20'	R _x	053° 20'
♆	Neptune	11° 17'	R _x	041° 17'
♇	Pluto	06° 57'	R _x	066° 57'
Ω	Node	06° 34'		066° 34'
Mc	Midheaven	29° 33'		059° 33'

Mary is likely to be a participant in a lottery. The Uranian picture is **Jupiter+Neptune-Ascendant**, and it equals her MC. But the crucial question is, if she participates in a lottery will she be a winner?

A study of Mary's MC (I, me) at her birthplace shows the following significant pictures:

MC = 59°33', I...
Jup+Nep-Asc = 57°17', Participant in a lottery.

Jup+Apo-Asc,
12°33'+45° = 57°33', Participant in a vast amount of money.

Jup+Ura-Moo
13°53'+45° = 58°53', Unexpected good fortune of a female.

Jup+Nep-Ura
13°54'+45° = 58°54', Suddenly getting money which is easily earned.
Apo+Vul-Jup = 59°06' Great fortune, prosperity, wealth and success.
Jup+Apo-Ura = 59°10', Sudden great gains.
Jup+Ura-Sun = 60°38', Luck of the day.

Mary's birthplace-Ascendant (this place) also shows the possibility of winning money:

GLASGOW-ASC 9°47', At this place...
Jup+Vul-MC = 9°54', Have good luck.

And then Mary moved from her birthplace, Glasgow, to Australia. How did this new location affect the luck promised at birth?

NSW-MC 11°24', I...
Jupiter/Neptune 11°07', Easily acquired money.
Jupiter/Apollon 11°15', Multitude of money.
Jup+Ura+Ari
79°17'+22.5° = 11°47', Lottery.

So moving from Glasgow to NSW did not negate her chance to win.

What triggered Mary's sudden good luck? True Solar-Arc is used to Direct the positions. We find that MC-d (read as "the individual at this age") is approaching Natal Jupiter (25°57'), and Jupiter-d, 14°21' is approaching MC-n, 14°33'. On August 11, 1994 transiting Jupiter (33°3'-22.5° = 14°33') hit MC-n, 14°33' triggering the accompanying good luck/big money pictures mentioned earlier.

MC-n 14°33', I...
Jupiter-d 14°21', Good luck at this age.
Moon-d 14°36', A female who has reached this age.
Jupiter-t 14°33', Good luck on this day.
Sun-d+Sun-t+Sun-r 14°30', An individual (Sun-n) who has reached this age (Sun-d) on this day (Sun-t)

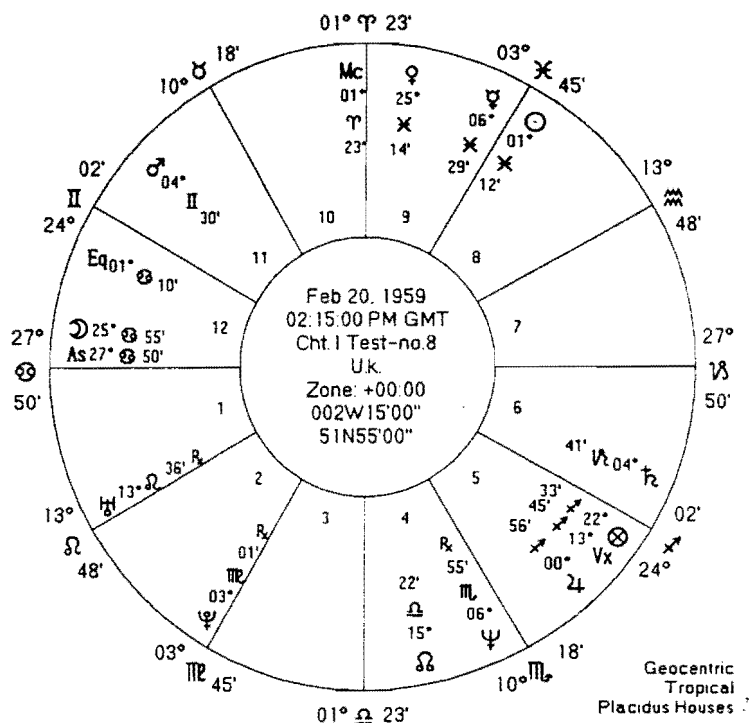
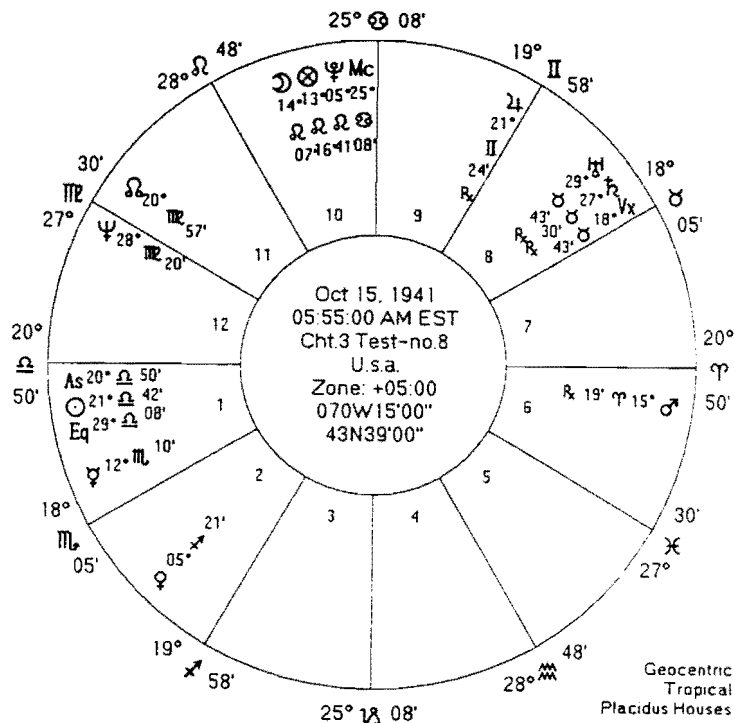
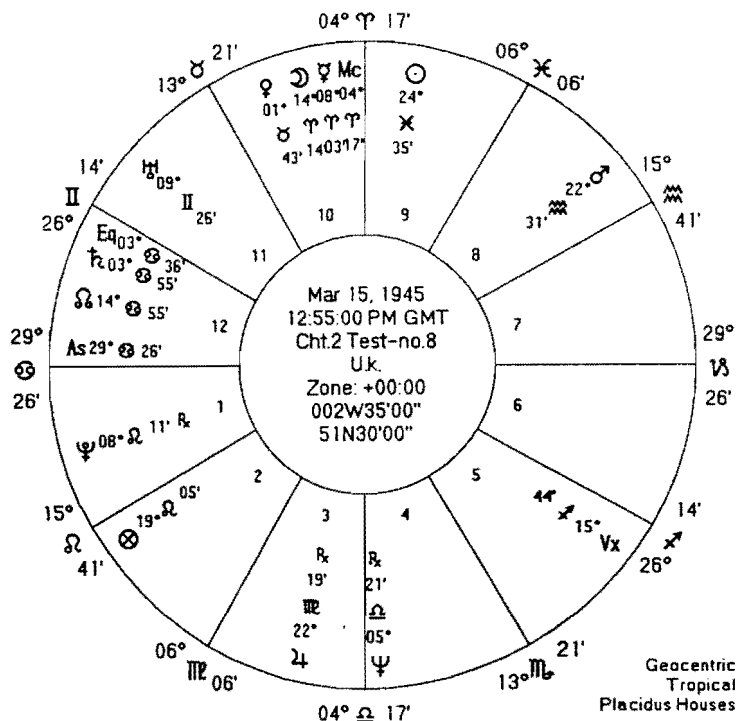
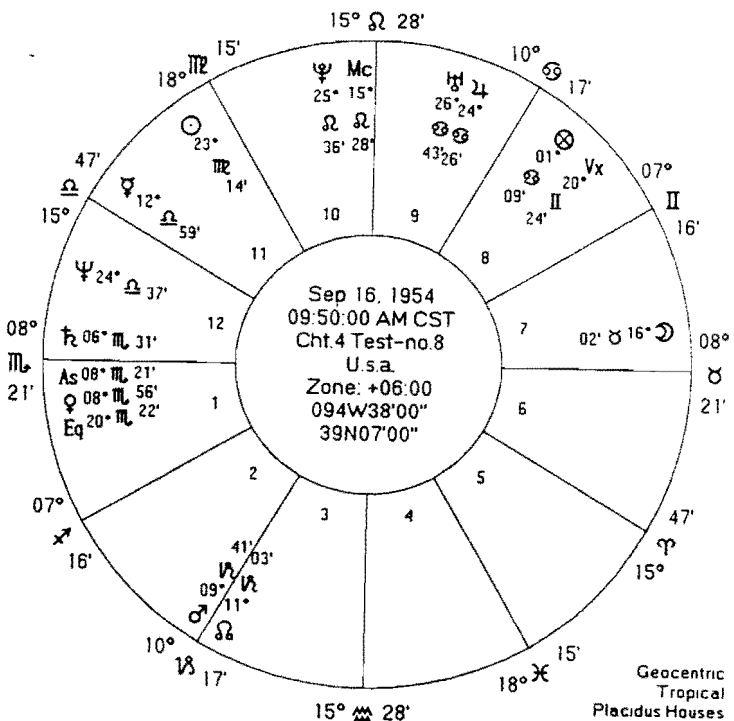
Mary's Directed MC [Solar-Arc] points to the same conclusion:

MC-d [2°57'Aries] 2°57', At this age, I...
Jupiter-n 3°27', Good luck.
Jup+Plu-Ari 2°53', Fortunate change.
Jup+Vul-Nod 47°53'-45° 2°53', Connected with mighty luck.

[AP = Appollon, VU = Vulcan, AR = 0° Aries] ■

TEST NO. 8**Supplied by Dr Margaret Millard**

The four Charts below are all of women. Three are medical doctors, and one is not. Which is the odd one out?

CHT.1 TEST-NO.8**CHT.3 TEST-NO.8****CHT.2 TEST-NO.8****CHT.4 TEST-NO.8**

Please send your entries to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW AUSTRALIA 2074**, not later than **15th February 1996**.

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for a correct entry. Include the astrological reasoning that inspired your answer. ■

More Horary Charts are wanted for practice by readers. If you have any, whether or not you solved them correctly at the time, please send them in. The Charts generally need to be free of the astrological

"Strictures", that is, apposite to the question asked, not with a void-of-course Moon, or an Ascendant within the first or last 3° of a Sign.

My kind regards to all. —Dymock, 30th Dec.1995.

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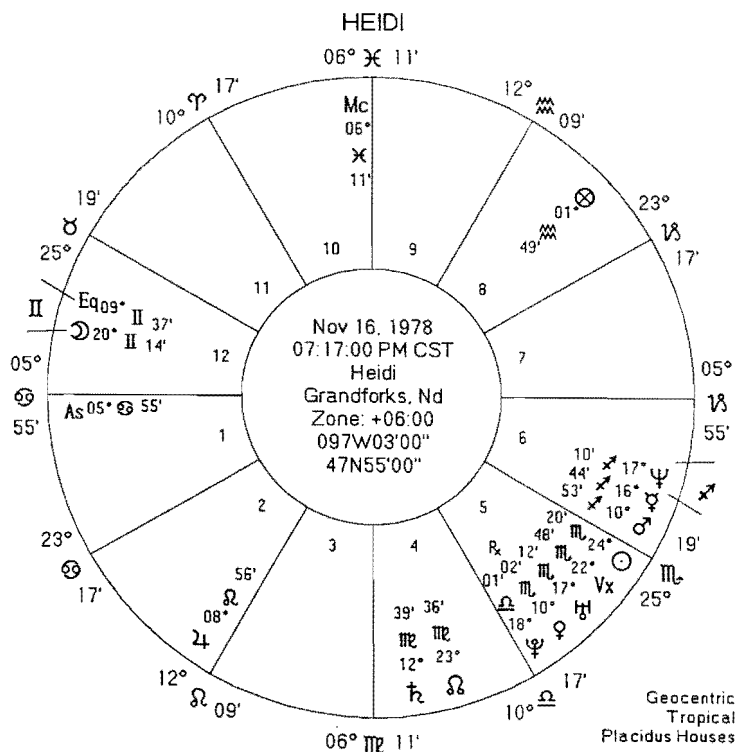
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Answering the Question in our last Issue—

WHAT HAPPENED TO HEIDI on 4th August 1990?

She disappeared, and was murdered. Nick Sutherland (USA), who supplied the information and data, writes as follows:

"Shortly before noon on August 4, 1990, 11-year old Heidi separated from a friend less than a mile from her home and disappeared. They were walking towards Heidi's house along a wooded, deserted stretch of Stahl Road after spending the night together. A red car reportedly drove past the girls three times just before the disappearance, which was reported to authorities at 12:01 pm."



A three-week search for Heidi ended on Saturday, 25th August 1990. Her body was found by a rancher around 4:30 pm in a desolate area about eight miles north of Wimberley, Texas. She had apparently been bound with ligatures, wrapped in a blanket, and stuffed inside some plastic bags. The bundle was tied together with rope. Due to the state of decomposition Heidi may have been killed shortly

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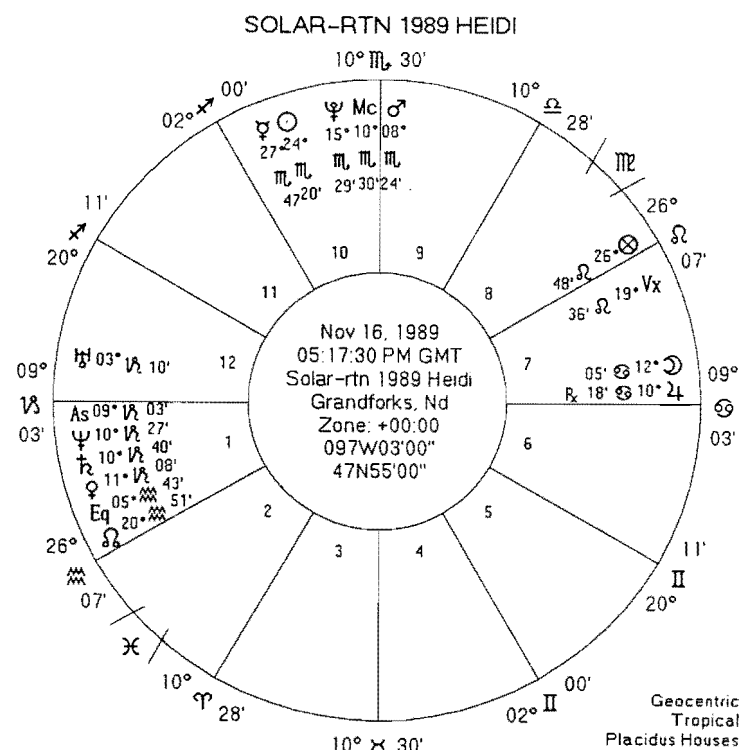
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after her abduction. The identification was made through dental records.

So far the case has not been resolved. The father is in the military. His boss was and still is under suspicion, but nothing has ever been proved.

Nick analysed the case using Uranian (Hamburg School) methods, which pointed to murder. (See later in this article.)

In Heidi's **Birth Chart** (adjacent column) the potential for trouble is shown by the Ruler, the Moon, in the 12th House (misfortunes, etc.) opposite Neptune and square Saturn. Ominously, Saturn rules the House of Death. A conjunction of Mars, Mercury and Neptune in the 6th House is square to Saturn in the 4th (end of life), ruling the 7th and 8th (the 4th,



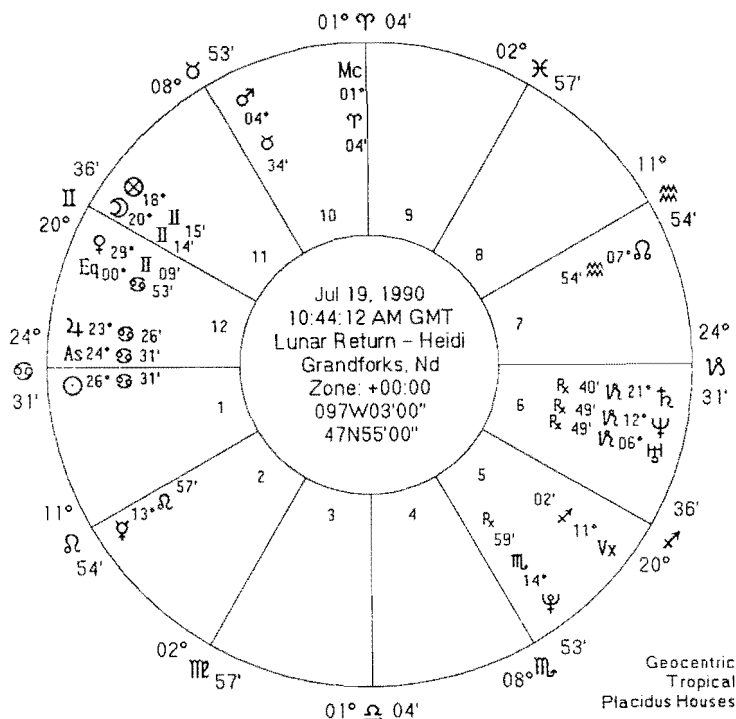
6th, 8th and 12th all being traditionally "unfavourable" Houses). Traditionally, also, a life was rated as being short if "malefics" afflicted both Sun and Moon, or if either Luminary was afflicted by two "malefics".

Heidi's **Solar-Return Chart** above is notably adverse—Neptune and Saturn in almost exact conjunction right on the Ascendant and afflicting Venus, all four points being sextile to Mars in Scorpio on the M.C. (The sextile does not improve matters.)

Neptune is pre-eminently the planet associated with mysterious occurrences and disappearances. It's dominant position here just below the Ascendant afflicted by Angular Saturn and Mars fully justifies the gravest interpretation. How else could the planets show an abduction and murder?

The conjunction of Venus with Saturn and Neptune suggests a sexual assault (as also the conjunction of Mars with Natal Venus), and the opposition of Jupiter to Neptune, Saturn and Venus implies that Heidi's

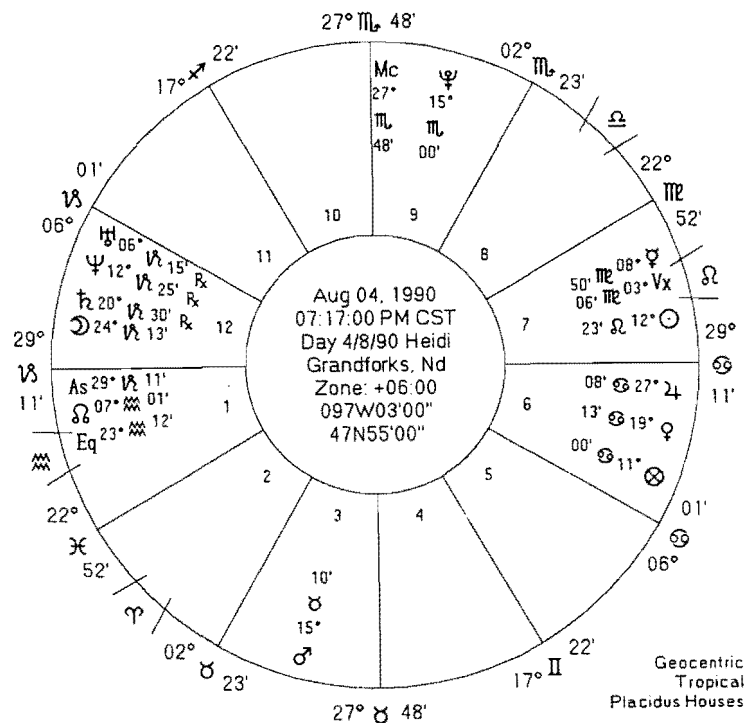
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luck was out, and she probably went unsuspectingly with her murderer.

The train of planetary afflictions continues with Heidi's Lunar Return and her Day Chart for 4th August 1990. In the **Lunar Return** above, covering the date of the disappearance, the Moon rules the Chart and is almost exactly on the 12th (Placidian) Cusp. The 12th House has a correlation with Neptune and is associated with mystery disappearances. Saturn ruling the 7th and 8th Houses (other people, and death), opposes the Sun and Jupiter on the Ascendant, the Ascendant being representative of the native. Jupiter's traditional benefic nature is vitiated by the opposition of Saturn,

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and was not sufficient to save Heidi.

Heidi's **Day Chart** (above) for the 4th of August is ruled by Saturn, which is conjunct the Moon in the 12th House, together with Uranus and Neptune. Pluto is elevated and dominant, almost precisely opposite Mars (orb only 10') and both form a T-Square with the Sun—a configuration typical of violent death.

On **4th August**, the day of the disappearance, Venus was transiting square to Natal Pluto at 11:41am—almost exactly the time of Heidi's disappearance. Transiting Mars was opposite Uranus just four days later.

Midpoint Progressions were equally sinister: Progressed Mars/Neptune square Progressed MC on 3rd August, and the Solar-Arc Direction of Mars/Uranus to Natal Mars on 5th August.

Nick Sutherland, analysing Heidi's Horoscope by the **Uranian methods**, points out that the MC at 66°11' (90° dial) = MA+SA-NE, 66°22', indicating that she could experience death through treachery or cunning. In addition, her birthplace Asc 5°55' (near environment/others) =

SU/UR 5°46': Sudden events caused by others.
UR/VU 5°46': Suddenly exposed to violent acts of others.

MA+SA-UR 6°21': Sudden death through others.

This Exercise—to discover what happened to Heidi—was not an easy one, however clear it looks in hindsight, and only three readers essayed the task. They are to be commended for their efforts. They are rewarded by the additional insight into Astrology that they will have gained. Only those who seriously

attempt the various Exercises and Tests presented in this publication will realize what a benefit they are. Summarized, the answers were—

Entrant No.1: The Annual and Monthly Charts having both favourable and unfavourable indications, Heidi survived some threat to herself, probably an accident.

Entrant No.2: A tonsillectomy—from Mars and Saturn in the Solar Return indicating surgery, Venus, the throat.

Entrant No.3: A big win or inheritance. ■

TEST NO. 4, sorting the Charts of the **antique dealer**, the **physician** and the **research chemist**, (see page 7 of last Issue) was conducted by Ross Harvey, who reports as follows:

There were five entries for the latest test. The details are as follows. The correct answer is 1, 2, 3, i.e. chemist, doctor and antique dealer.

Entry 1: 3, 2, 1.

Entry 2: 1, 2, 3.

Entry 3: 1, 3, 2.

Entry 4: 3, 2, 1.

Entry 5: 3, 1, 2.

Especial congratulations must go to Dymock Brose, who got all three right at his first attempt. Dymock has shown us that it is possible to correctly determine the vocations by using traditional methods, as has one other person previously, although she didn't send in her results. Congratulations also to Jenifer Pommerin and Susan Camilleri, who both got the doctor, and to Margaret Millard, who got the chemist.

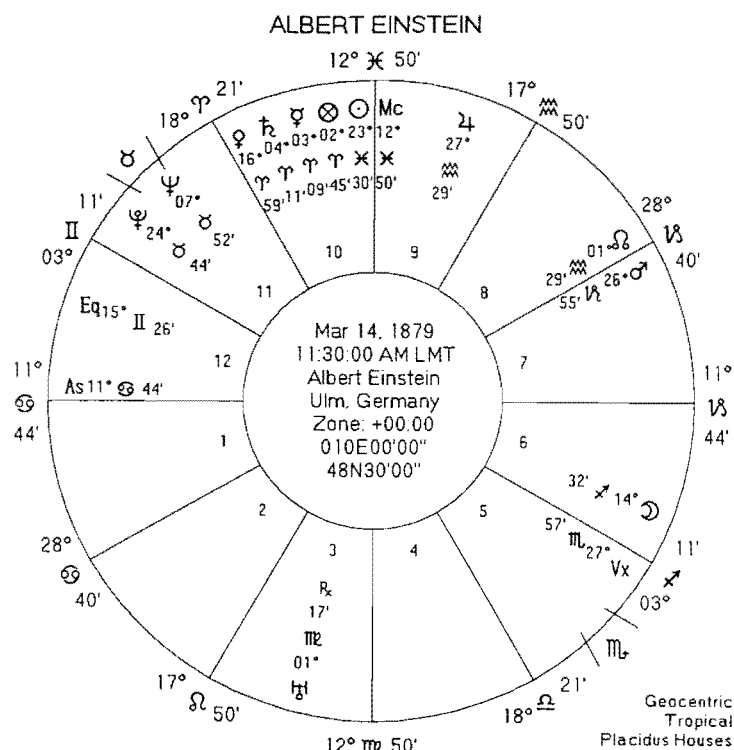
It is worth quoting Dymock's answers in full:

Chart No.1 is the **research chemist**—Venus, ruling the 10th House (profession) in Scorpio (research, probing) in the 12th House (laboratories, etc.) trine to the Vertex and Pluto (research) in the 8th House.

Chart No.2 is the **physician**—Strong emphasis on Virgo (health and healing); Taurus rising (healing power); Saturn, Co-Ruler of 10th House, in Taurus conjunct Jupiter; The Moon in the 6th House in Scorpio; Uranus, Co-Ruler of 10th, trine Neptune (empathy).

Chart No.3 is the **antique dealer**—Aquarius at the Midheaven; Ruler of 10th, Saturn (old things), trine the Moon; Uranus (antiques), Co-Ruler of 10th, contra-parallel the Sun.

Here are my own suggestions. I would have found this test easy, as should anyone who had read my comments on the previous test. Uranus is overwhelmingly the planet of science and technology, and when it is closely aspected by the personal points (Sun, Moon, Ascendant and MC), a scientific or



technical career should be suspected. **Einstein's Chart** is a typical example: Uranus is in close aspect to all four personal points, 50° to the Ascendant (orb 0°27'), seven semi-octiles to the Sun (157°30', orb 0°17'), biseptile Moon (orb 0° 24') and 7/15ths to the MC (orb 0°27'). **Chart No.1** has Uranus almost exactly conjunct the Moon, both sesquare the Ascendant and again almost exactly 110° to the Sun. He is the chemist.

I have noticed that doctors frequently have the Moon and Saturn strong, either by being in aspect to each other or by having each in aspect to an Angle. **Chart No. 2** has the Moon almost exactly opposite Saturn (and Jupiter) across the Ascendant-Descendant axis. He is the doctor.

I would have had more difficulty with the antique dealer, as much as anything because I have not seen any other charts of antique dealers. However, I think it may be significant that **Chart No.3** has the Venus-Jupiter conjunction also conjunct the Sun/Neptune midpoint, with Venus closely novile Neptune, and the Sun novile Jupiter. Saturn, which is associated with old things, is 100° to Jupiter, and 140° to the Sun, both with small orbs—and opposite the MC. Venus-Neptune aspects, when close or when one or the other planet is also in aspect to the personal points, give a love of art and, in combination with Saturn, give a love of art and antiques. To make things more difficult, both the other Charts have Venus-Neptune aspects, but they are not as strongly placed as here, and Saturn is not connected with them.

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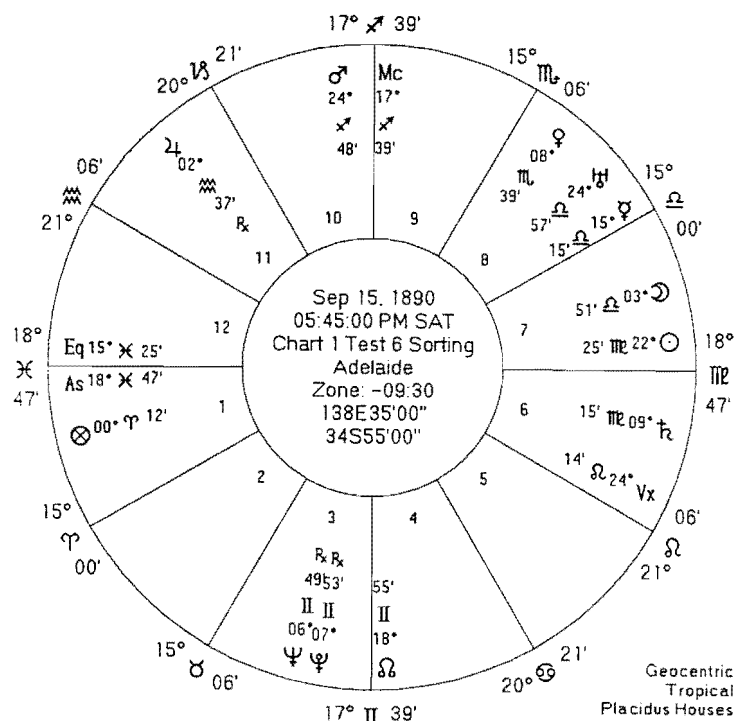


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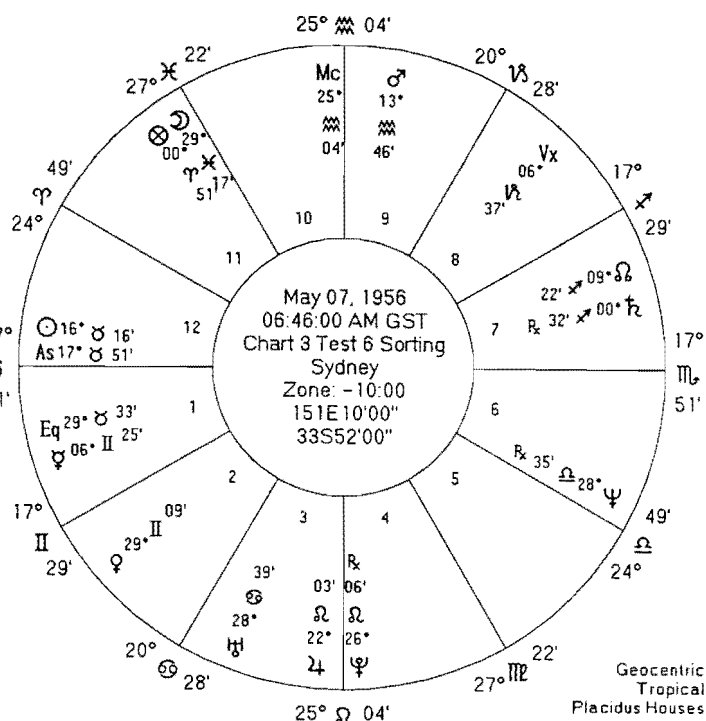


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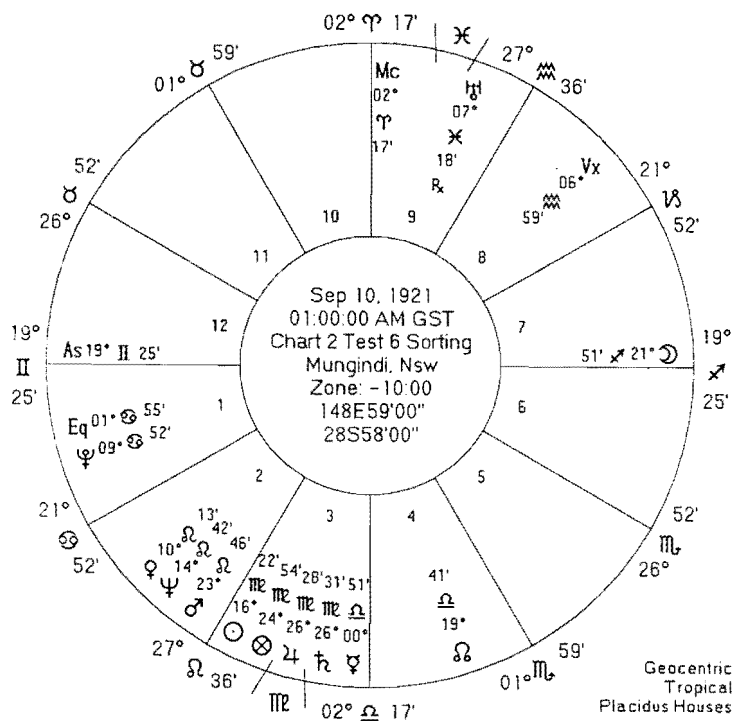
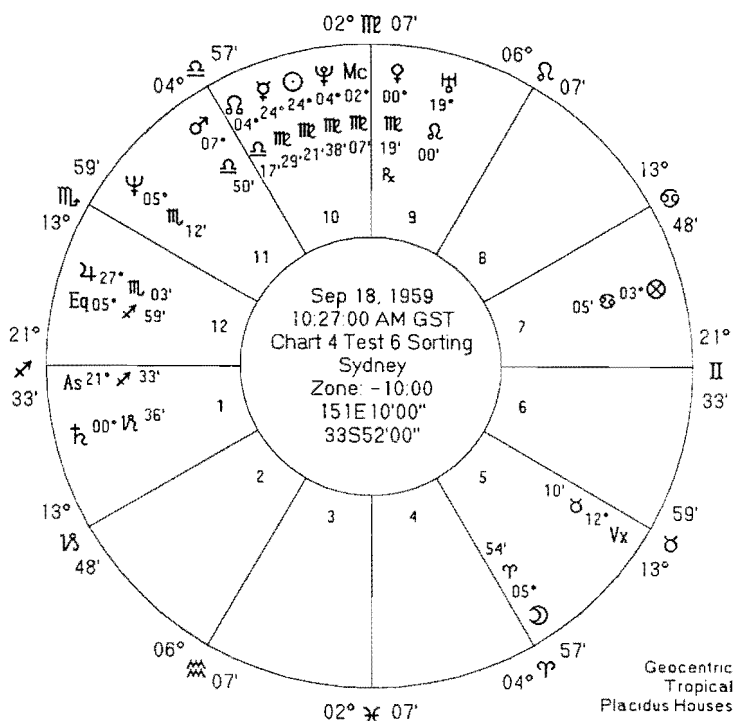


CHART 4 TEST 6 SORTING



TEST NO. 6 Sorting Four Charts

And so to the next Test. All are men, and the first is deceased. One is a **naval helicopter pilot**, one a successful company **business executive**, one a **mining engineer**, and one a **professor of physics**.

Can you sort them out? As a further test, two are very close family members. **Which are they?** ■

Editor's Note: As an incentive for readers to send in their answers instead of sitting on them at home, I am offering **three months' free subscription for each correct answer**. If you get one Chart right you get a three months' subscription, for four Charts correct, a year's subscription. Three months' subscription also for sorting the relatives correctly. To qualify, your answer should be accompanied by the astrological reasons on which it is based, to show it is not just a lucky guess. Send your replies direct to Ross Harvey.

PREGNANCY CHART NO.1

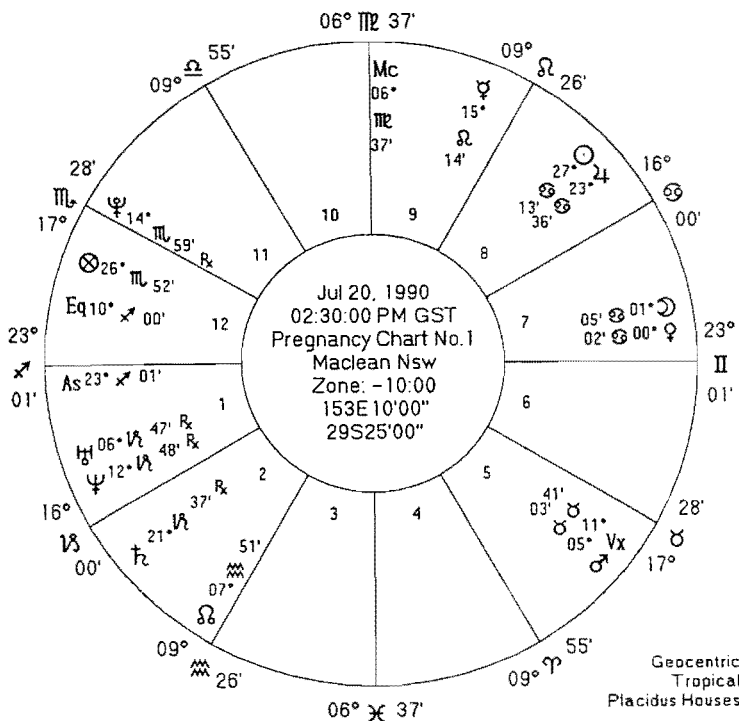


Chart 1

"The Fruitful Signs are Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces. There are no Fruitful Signs on the Ascendant or 5th House Cusp. The benefic planet Venus is in an Angle but weakened by being opposite Uranus. The Ascendant Ruler, Jupiter, and the Moon are in mixed mutual reception from an Angle, which gives hopes but no real assurance. The Moon is sextile the 5th House Ruler. On balance I would say there is not enough to indicate pregnancy, only the hopes for one."

Chart 2

"The 5th House Ruler, Venus, is in the 1st House, which is a positive sign. Venus as a benefic is in the 1st House with Gemini on the Cusp and the Moon in a Mutable Sign, all of which is an indication of twins. The sex is probably male as the Signs on the Ascendant and 5th House are male, and Mercury, Ruler of the Ascendant and the hour, is in a male Sign." [The birth was, indeed, male. —Ed.]

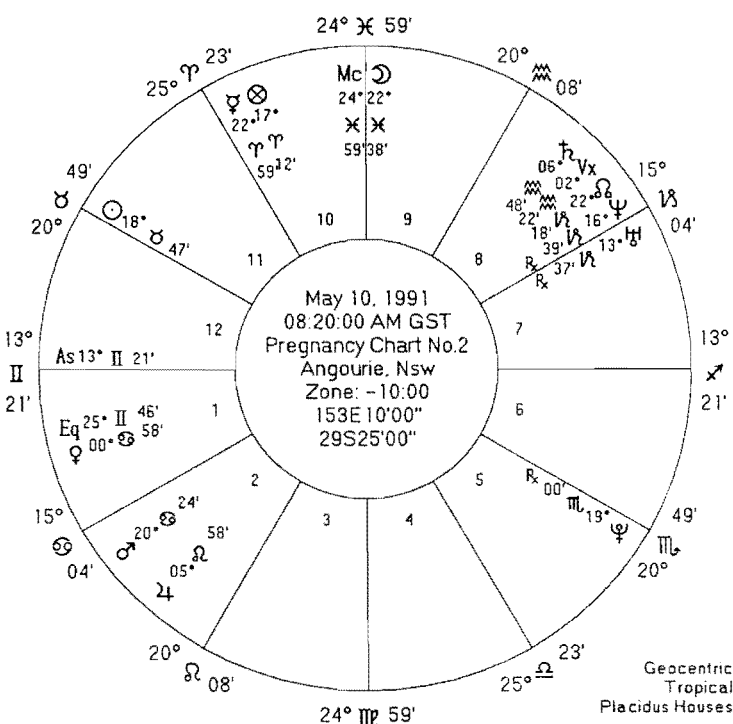
From my own reading of **Chart No.1** I would say that Susan Camilleri, Ross Harvey and Jillian Boton, the three other entrants who judged that it showed pregnancy were not wrong, because the woman was pregnant *at the time the question was asked*, but the pregnancy did not progress to full term.

My approach is that the astrologer has to look at the *separating* aspects of the Moon to see if the woman has conceived. The House to be looked at is the 8th (for conception), not the 5th (for birth). In **Chart No.1**, the Moon ruling the 8th House is separating from Venus, The Unifier, in the 7th House, showing that there has been sexual union with the partner, and conception has actually occurred, *but* the Moon then applies to Uranus and Neptune which indicates a spontaneous abortion (not an uncommon thing) about five days after the question was asked (the Moon 5°+ from the opposition of Uranus). So I consider Susan, Ross and Jillian were right about the pregnancy even though it was not followed by a birth.

In **Chart No.2** the Moon is Angular in Pisces (the most fertile Sign) and separating from the trine of Mars and Pluto (conception), both in Fertile Signs, so the woman is pregnant. The Moon being "void of course" I interpret as meaning that nothing will interfere with the pregnancy, as it did in Chart No.1.

Traditionally, questions of pregnancy were answered by reference to the Moon, the 1st and 5th Houses and their Rulers. This was before the discovery or utilization of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto which have made the resolution of these questions more reliable.

PREGNANCY CHART NO.2



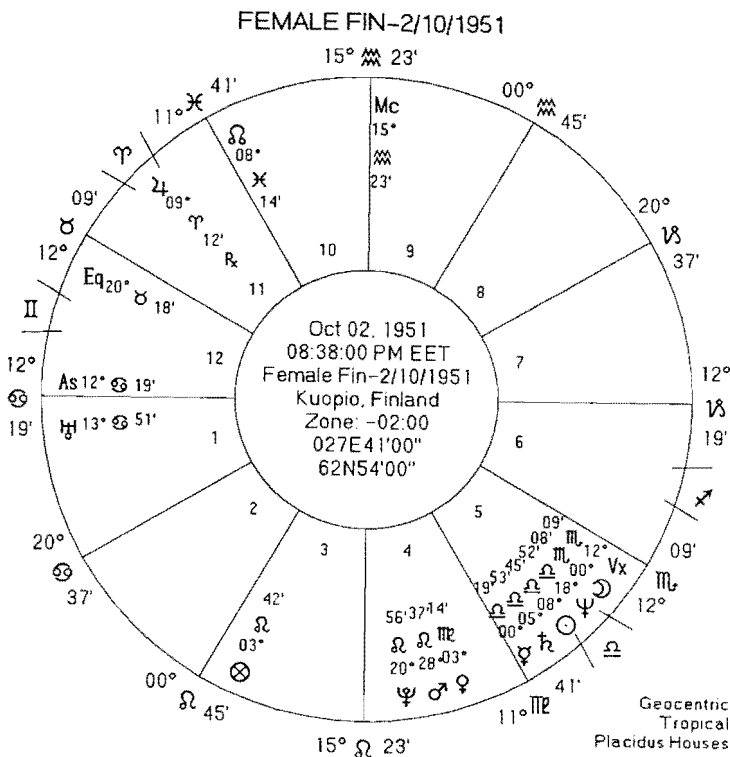
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TEST NO. 5: Am I pregnant?

The woman who asked the question, which related to herself, supplied the answers, which were—

Chart No.1: NO. Chart No.2: YES.

The two Charts are reproduced on the next page. There were four entries, and Anne Elliott (Qld.) is to be congratulated on obtaining the correct answer to both questions. Anne's reasoning was—



TEST NO. 7

Ross Harvey asks a further question relating to the Finnish woman who was the subject of an earlier Test. Her Birth Chart is reproduced above. The question is: **What happened to her on the 16th of September 1995 (in Sydney)?**

As before, please send in your answers to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW 2074 by **15th December**.

A SEQUEL TO SORTING TEST NO.2

by Jack Nicholls

Ross Harvey pointed out that when he set the Test he examined the charts of a number of astrologers and found that they commonly had Neptunian rather than the expected Uranian aspects.

When I worked on the Test and looked for the astrologer I started by examining Uranian aspects, and arrived at an erroneous answer. There was a close trine between Uranus and the Ascendant in No.2 Chart, and a 135° aspect between Uranus and the Ascendant for No.3.

These sorting tests are valuable practice and I decided to derive some belated benefit from the exercise. I first established a data base of 100 astrologers, gleaned this information from a variety of sources. A further mixed group of non-astrologers was obtained from *Astro-Data II* by Lois Rodden. Contacts between Uranus and Neptune, and Sun

and Moon were sought for the nine standard aspects (0°, 30°, 45°, 60°, 90°, 120°, 135°, 150°, and 180°) using an orb of 3°. Aspects to the Angles were not examined in case of imprecision in the birth data.

The results showed that for the astrologers there were 56 aspects to the Sun and 55 to the Moon, with 53 involving Uranus and 58 Neptune. For the non-astrologer group, the proportion was 24% for Uranus, 30% for Neptune, 20% for the Sun and 38% for the Moon. Clearly, Neptune must be considered equally with Uranus, thus supporting Ross's finding. The combined aspects for the astrologers totalled 82%, compared with 54% for the non-astrologers. Therefore, using the combined approach in a sorting exercise would not definitely select the astrologer.

Mid-points were examined next with the orb reduced to 2°. Ebertin suggests that the Mercury/-Uranus midpoint is the indicator for astrologers. The two lists were examined for aspects between the Sun, Moon and this midpoint. The astrologers registered 24% contacts compared with 10% for the non-astrologers. Ross believes that the Mercury/-Uranus midpoint is relevant for science and technology, and hence would be more applicable to those astrologers who are involved with computers and programming.

Other midpoint possibilities are Uranus/Neptune with the Sun and Moon, and Sun/Moon with Uranus and Neptune. The results were indifferent, with Uranus/Neptune versus Sun and Moon giving 45% contacts for the astrologers and 57% for the others, Uranus or Neptune versus the Sun/Moon producing 55% contacts for each group, and Uranus/Neptune versus Sun/Moon yielding 65% for the astrologers and 77% for the non-astrologers.

Ross has suggested that minor aspects, and indeed micro-aspects yield good results for this work. I suggest an orb of 30' for the Quintile and Septile series, and 8' for the micro-aspects would be appropriate in the present case. However, I have reservations about the latter, as in the interval from 0° to 180°, with only harmonic numbers up to 25 under consideration, there are 81 aspects. Nevertheless, applying these criteria to the two lists there are no significant differences in the number of acceptable aspects between the astrologers and non-astrologers.

PLANETARY ASPECTS

Anne Elliott (Qld) writes—

Jenifer Pommerin is a lovely person, but **Moon conjunct Jupiter!!** There are some of us out here who say we are not hidden bigots. Yes, I'm adaptable and had marked mood swings until I got old enough and wise enough to hide it back there with the bigotry. Whoops! And all the rest of what she says I can't relate to at all. Jenifer, did you do this to stir?

Now on the lovely interpretation from the Editor. I lay claim to all those good qualities except forgiveness. Hard for some Cancerians. My conjunction is in Libra in the 3rd House conjunct the I.C. It seems to give a love of learning, of moving to bigger houses, of sloth, the good life, over-indulgence, optimism and some luck.

I'll be interested to hear others on Moon opposite Jupiter as my son has that. The only comment I get from his astrologer is "I see you are the cause of most of his problems". which is not a useful interpretation. Nearly all mothers are the fault of nearly all their son's faults aren't they? His opposition is across the 3rd-9th axis in Virgo-Pisces. He has to be encouraged to study, came to tertiary study later than his friends, and takes sloth to an art form. He will never discuss his school marks so doesn't do it for recognition, though he likes certificates for achievement. He hates owing money, plays lots of sports, which is the only time he moves. He collects martial art weapons, practises with them and hates violence. He has studied all martial arts forms superficially. He has been heard to say, "There was a fight at indoor cricket last night. I was going to get involved but it was too far to walk". His motto is surely, "Suppose they gave a war and nobody came."

Re MOON CONJUNCT JUPITER in the last Issue: Jenifer Pommerin writes that it was not her intention to give the possessors of this aspect such a bad press, although it reads that way. The other [desirable] traits listed in the last Issue are equally valid. Jenifer wanted to emphasize the less well-known traits and known ones that were 'right' time and again. Moon conjunct Jupiter can be indicative of a very high level of spirituality, but because this occurrence is fairly uncommon (with most astrologers being theoretically aware of it) it wasn't included.

Jenifer adds, "I found the Natal Chart of D'Jango O'Hara [murder-suspect] very interesting with the placement of "good-natured, amiable, tolerant and forgiving" Jupiter prominently placed in the public sector of the Chart. Zeus, with his irrational outbursts of rage and his megalomania often comes to mind when I think of Jupiter!"

PLANETARY ASPECTS (Contd.)

by Jenifer Pommerin

[Readers are reminded that what follows are experiences of Jenifer with the effect of the various aspects she writes about. They are not meant to be definitive but simply an addition to our current knowledge. Contributions from other astrologers would be most welcome.]

MOON SQUARE JUPITER: The obvious is often not

seen, or else is deliberately ignored. Impractical in at least one direction—the judgement being greatly affected by personal desires. Can be thoughtless or regardless of the feelings of others. Easily get what is wanted in adult life. There is a self-indulgence, a "me first" in the nature. Or there is a close relationship with a person who has the aforementioned traits. In female charts the partner may be a heavy drinker or very impractical in some way.

MOON TRINE JUPITER: A very honourable and truthful nature. High morals.

MOON CONJUNCT SATURN: The effect can be shyness or inhibitions, with the concern to behave appropriately. Some will have a grasping, mean attitude where money is concerned. The nature will be either very unselfish (self-sacrificing) or quite uncaring about the needs of others. May be disliked by the father, or the father is absent for long periods (male charts); or disliked by the mother, or the mother is absent for long periods (female charts).

MOON TRINE SATURN: Reliable and conscientious. Takes life seriously. Exercises much self-control, especially in marital life. The partner may be narrow-minded or "difficult" in some way.

MOON OPPOSITE SATURN: In female charts, can be an aspect of divorce where marital unhappiness, unkindness and frustration is experienced, especially if the Sun is in adverse aspect to Uranus. The same unhappiness is more likely to be endured where there are few separative aspects in the chart. In male charts, the home life may take second place to the demands of the workplace, but there can be a longing for the warmth and affection of family life. In the latter years of life, there can be a welcome improvement with more time spent with the family, and a greater closeness.

MOON SQUARE SATURN: In its worst form, a bitter, mean and resentful nature. There can be jealousy of another's success, and considerable self-pity. Will withdraw from, or not undertake, any activity if personal satisfaction or benefit is non-forthcoming. Can be suspicious of people in general, including friends and family. Like to be in sole charge of their own life, and of family members. The above is greatly modified if Saturn should be in aspect to Venus or Jupiter. Early experiences deeply affect the child (sometimes unconsciously), resulting in a hardening in some way of the adult's thinking or reasoning processes. In formative years the mother is absent or dislikes the child (female charts). In formative years, the father is absent or dislikes the child (male charts). Are capable of functioning at a

greater capacity or higher level—but the opportunity for this may not eventuate; or the opportunity may be rejected (a fear of failure).

MOON OPPOSITE URANUS: Tend to be loners even where there is an active social or family life. An isolating factor is present, e.g., a physical disability, foreign birth, a dislike of 'ties that bind'. In female charts, divorce is a possibility.

MOON SQUARE NEPTUNE: The same urge to help others is present as in the opposition—but the help may be more effective. Often are in situations where their services are required, e.g., serious sickness in the family, accommodation for visitors, provision of transport, etc. Where there is not a strong Saturn influence, the tendency is towards an over-estimation of one's gifts or abilities. There can be a "saviour" complex. In its most negative form, the considerable charm is used to cheat and delude others. There can be illegal activities with subterfuge on a major scale.

MOON TRINE NEPTUNE: Seem to receive a great deal of help from others, and this is taken for granted. Will often gain and hold a job for reasons other than expertise or qualifications.

MOON OPPOSITE NEPTUNE: In its worst form, can indicate the ability to successfully deceive others—a charming but scheming nature. Slander is freely dispensed—a skilled story-teller where the truth becomes lost. In the more positive form, which is that of a kind and sympathetic nature, it is white lies that may be told in order to help boost spirits. There is usually a strong urge to bring comfort to others, e.g., visiting the sick, preaching the gospel, etc., but the ministrations may not always be welcome.

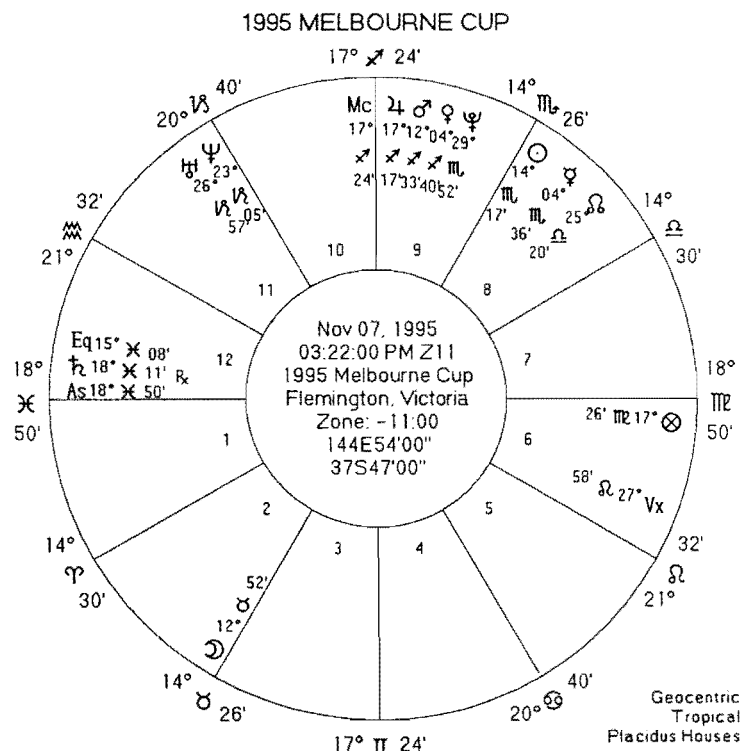
MOON-PLUTO: Women with the Moon (the nurturing womb) in aspect to Pluto, a planet that "destroys", are less likely to nurture a foetus. This can be due to a natural physical condition, or a deliberate decision to terminate or prevent a pregnancy.

MOON CONJUNCT PLUTO: Rarely re-consider judgements or decisions—tend to get fixated on certain character traits of an individual, or certain aspects of a problem, and ignore all other considerations. Very conscious of their worth and will not forgive those who humiliate them—in some cases, will sever all ties and avoid any future interaction. Deeply attached to family members (either parents or children, etc., female charts). There is emotional turmoil when such attachments are threatened or undergo change.

MOON TRINE PLUTO: Traumatic experiences in the domestic spheres—there can be a sort of "brainwashing" atmosphere that seeks to demolish self-confidence. The partner may be domineering or unknowingly demanding. There is a denial of self-expression in some way, in various degrees. The trine can lead to a slow transformation where an inner detachment is developed, or to a great inner strength, a wisdom that will help others in similar circumstances. [More next Issue—comments and additions reflecting your own experience are welcomed.—Ed.]

THE 1995 MELBOURNE CUP

Australia's most famous horse-race will be run again on Tuesday, 7th November. Many a non-gambler is tempted to try his luck on this one occasion. From the point of view of the astrologer it is another opportunity to test the applicability of planetary influence.



The above Chart is drawn for the estimated finishing time of the race. Note the prominence of Jupiter, dominant in its own Sign conjunct the MC and ruling the Ascendant. Look for a name that suggests Jupiterian characteristics—foreign-sounding, legal, religious, affluent, large, etc.—and the number 3.

After 23 years in the Blue Mountains of N.S.W. your Editor is removing to South Australia. As from November 22, 1995 my address will be—
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My kind regards to all,

Dymock,
 21st November, 1995.

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PLANETARY ASPECTS (Contd.)

by Jenifer Pommerin

SUN CONJUNCT PLUTO: In its worst form, an unfeeling person, or one who is closely linked to such a person. Decisions are made to profit themselves—but the personal rationale is "I did it for you". Must be in control of finances and will not share (or there is an association with such a person). The intensity and determination of Pluto is well-hidden. Can appear sweet and helpless (female charts); or upright and open (male charts). A major crisis (illness, bankruptcy, etc.) can strip the heart and bring about a reformation of character through the profound realization of spiritual (or other) values.

SUN SQUARE PLUTO: In female charts, usually manifests as a physical or material condition. Check the House position of the two planets, e.g., 1st House = severe and devastating health problems that cause a major and lasting change in thinking or attitudes. Generally quite reserved until a degree of familiarity is established—then very forthright with opinions. Are excellent and loyal friends. Have a personality that is not easily overlooked, and are often respected for their courage and ability to rise above very adverse circumstances.

SUN TRINE PLUTO: Often have to cope with uncongenial situations where the exercise of personal power is denied. Individual reactions vary from explosive rages and revengeful plots to the practice of acceptance and tolerance. The trine can be a redemptive influence in that there can be a transformation within the character to a greater or lesser degree.

MOON SQUARE MERCURY: Poor understanding of offspring and children in general. Often influenced by book knowledge or "experts", and fail to cope with the real child.

MOON OPPOSITE MERCURY: As the square. Have too strong a belief in the powers of verbal encouragement. Will push the child to achieve. This aspect is often found in the charts of teachers and coaches where there is the practice of child-theory but no real understanding of individual needs. Excellent ability to adjust to all levels of society.

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MOON SQUARE VENUS: The marital partner may be unreliable or self-indulgent (female charts). In male charts the marital partner may be "too" independent. The partner could be a disappointment in these respects, but otherwise there is conjugal happiness (depending on other chart considerations).

MOON TRINE VENUS: The confidence of the trine can manifest as a decided "pickiness" in female charts. This is more noticeable in family circles and with close friends. There is a sensitivity to anything that is not polite or nice, and the tendency to take comments personally.

Women with the Moon (the nurturing womb) in aspect to Mars, a planet that "destroys", are less likely to nurture a foetus. This can be due to a natural physical condition, or a deliberate decision to terminate or prevent a pregnancy.

MOON CONJUNCT MARS: Like to be mentally or physically occupied. Find it difficult to be idle—are very purposeful. Can be forgetful in everyday matters. Clumsy in action. Either acutely aware and caring of how others feel, or quite insensitive and uncaring.

MOON SQUARE MARS: Can be too slow in coming to a decision where this means having to make an unwelcome but needed change; will procrastinate. An excellent memory for what interests them, otherwise do not bother. Not concerned about the feelings of others, and little thought given to their own feelings. Not well-organized in personal life or domestic matters—often run late. Careless or

slapdash in action (modified if the Sun has an aspect to Saturn or Pluto). A compulsion to gamble (sometimes literally, especially if the Sun is in aspect to Pluto or Mars).

MOON TRINE MARS: Confident and sure in action. Excellent memory, becoming more forgetful with advancing years. Assertive and protective of own interests. Careless of others' sensibilities—can tread on toes.

MOON OPPOSITE MARS: A somewhat chaotic domestic life—chores, jobs, etc., not attended to until the last minute. Can be very untidy in personal habits thus constantly mislaying articles. Acutely aware of own emotions, and of how other people are feeling. Very fast reactions in a crisis or when under threat. A gambling urge (sometimes literally, especially if the Sun is in aspect to Pluto or Mars).

MOON CONJUNCT JUPITER: Can be very bigoted. This trait is not always apparent to outsiders. Very adaptable to different classes and types of people. Have marked mood swings. Capable of presenting a false image of themselves to others; or there is a close tie to a person who behaves in such a fashion. Can deliberately misrepresent a domestic or financial situation, business interests, state of health, etc. Can cheat, lie, or steal, and not get caught; or be in a relationship with such a person (willingly or unwillingly).

Editor's Note:

Jenifer's experience of Moon conjunct Jupiter will surprise many. The conventional interpretation goes something like—

Good-natured, generous, amiable, tolerant and forgiving. Socially successful, mix easily. Partial to having a good time and may neglect work and responsibilities on this account. As many of the good things of life come easily there may be a tendency for the native to relax too much.

Material affluence and physical comfort. Large-scale enterprises. In the 9th House, much travel, foreign contacts and investments. In the 10th, a career in marketing. Weight problems, especially if the conjunction occurs in a Water Sign, and particularly if in the 1st House. Liver and gall bladder ailments.

Readers are invited to submit their own findings with regard to this (or any other) planetary aspect. Accumulated experience from many quarters will help to define the effect of aspects more precisely.

What are your thoughts on **MOON OPPOSITE JUPITER**?

This theme will be continued in the next Issue.

Book Review:

READER'S DIGEST ATLAS OF THE WORLD

This most up-to-date atlas is an impressive production in beautiful colour that should interest all astrologers who want to see *where* places are—not just their coordinates. Australian astrologers are getting clients from all over the world—from places we had barely heard of a decade or so ago. It is a pleasure to look them up in this splendidly produced reference work. The pages are of strong glossy paper measuring 10½" x 14½" (26½cm x 37cm) and the maps themselves are artistically tinted and shaded to give a three-dimensional effect. The book is bound in a hard dark-blue cover with attractive gold lettering, and looks as if it would last indefinitely.

The 1995 *Atlas of the World* edition is revised to show new boundaries in former Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, democratic South Africa, the new Russian republics, independent Eritrea and others. It also includes a special 17-page section covering Australia New Zealand, New Guinea and Pacific Islands.

The book is not just a series of maps, beautiful as they are. There is an introductory section of no less than 64 pages dealing with the formation of the Universe, the Galaxy, our Solar System, space probes, the continental plates, oceans, mountains, rivers and lakes and a dozen other topics of absorbing interest, not to say educational value. Astrologers will be particularly interested in the depiction of the Solar System showing, in beautiful colour, the relative sizes and spacing of the planets—including Pluto, a tiny dot in comparison with the other outer planets.

The book is priced at \$80, and is worth every cent.

—Dymock.

THE CYCLES OF TIME

The *Cycles of Time* is a computer program designed to analyse the nature and life cycles of any person born between 1583 and 2199. It utilizes the combined resources of Numerology, Astrology, Moon Phases, Bio-Rhythms and other cyclic factors into one comprehensive analysis tool. A major emphasis of the Program is to permit the rapid assessment of any period in an individual's life span. Thus in one screen you are able to overview the first 78 years of a person's life, and overall you are able to analyse any day, month or year in a 120-year life span. The *Cycles of Time* creates new approaches in the science of forecasting because it not only forecasts the future but also looks closely at the past as well. The reason for this is not only to provide some

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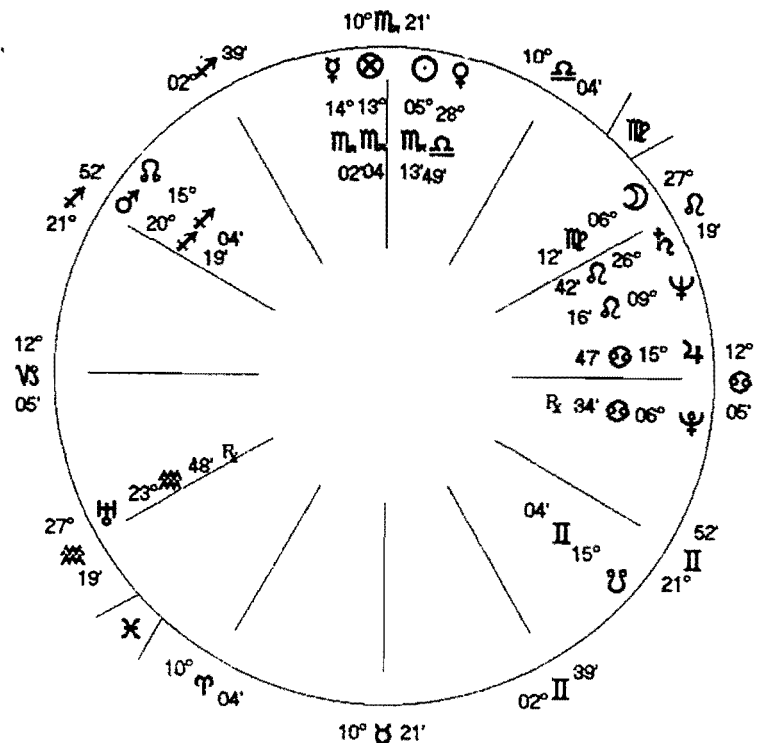
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A FURTHER LOOK AT YUGOSLAVIA

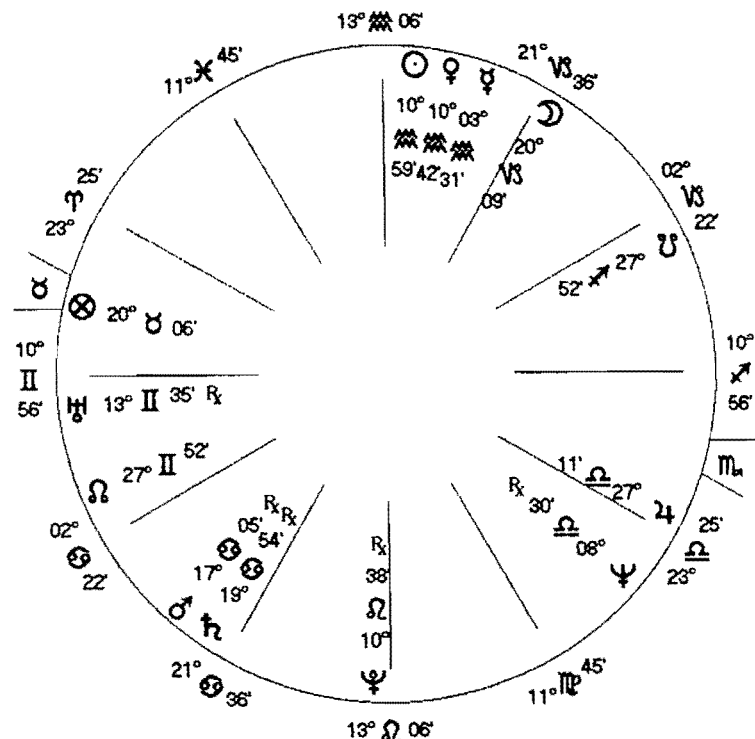
by Allan Johnson

I previously wrote an article on Yugoslavia for the November 1992 issue of *Astrologers' Forum*. I made use of two Charts for that country, the first for the original Yugoslav State, 29th October 1918, and the second for the communist takeover, 31st January 1946. Although officially there are no longer any communist states in Europe since the great collapse at the beginning of the '90's, we do get an overlap of

YUGOSLAVIA, 29 OCT.1918, 12PM CET ZAGREB, 45°48'N, 15°58'E, PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



YUGOSLAVIA, COMMUNIST, 31 JAN, 1946, 12PM CET, BELGRADE, 20°30'E, 44°50'N. PLACIDUS.



influence due to the long period of communist rule plus the difficulties of setting up effective governments in the wake of communism. That is why there was strong correlation of transits on the Yugoslav Chart at the very time that the present upheavals and civil war situation commenced in April 1992. In that very month the close conjunction of

Uranus/Neptune by transit was exactly on the Natal Moon, and Stationary. This activated the opposition of the Moon—Mars/Saturn axis, which can be a violent pattern. At the same time, by Secondary Progression, Mars was also conjunct its own Natal position and stirring up the same Natal axis.

When I was writing there were some hopes expressed in the media that something might come out of the peace talks going on at the time. But my prediction was that there was not much chance of any early peaceful settlement from what I could interpret from the Charts. Since that time almost three years have passed and the war is still going on despite all the efforts of the United Nations. So it is worth having another look at these two Charts to see what the prospects are for the future.

One major reason that the war has continued for so long is because of the absence of decisive action on the part of U.N.O. This is deplored on all sides. There has been an enormous amount of *confusion of aims* on the part of the peace-keepers in Yugoslavia, and a constant call for more decisive action. But if we look at the Chart for 1946 we can see the correlation of Transits. At the start of the conflict **Neptune** was right on the Natal Moon, and being such a slow-moving planet has remained with close orb right through the years from 1992 till 1995, and will make a final conjunction within a 2° orb in October next. On its negative side Neptune is very much the planet for confusion, indecisiveness, shattered hopes, misplaced optimism, and so on. Added to this the Progressed Mars has also been moving very slowly over the Mars/Saturn conjunction in the very same years. So this is pretty spot on.

As Neptune moves out of orb of the Natal Moon and its link in opposition to Natal Mars/Saturn, the chances of more decisive action to end the war will get much stronger. However, it should not be overlooked that Moon opposite Mars/Saturn is also part of a wide T-Square to Jupiter in Libra. So in 1996 Neptune will move on to the square of Jupiter. This could mean further deceptiveness and some dashed hopes—but the over-all pattern does give more promise of an early end to the War. Another interesting pointer is the fact that the Progressed Sun has now moved out of Pisces into Aries—and I see this correlating with more decisive action on the part of U.N.O.

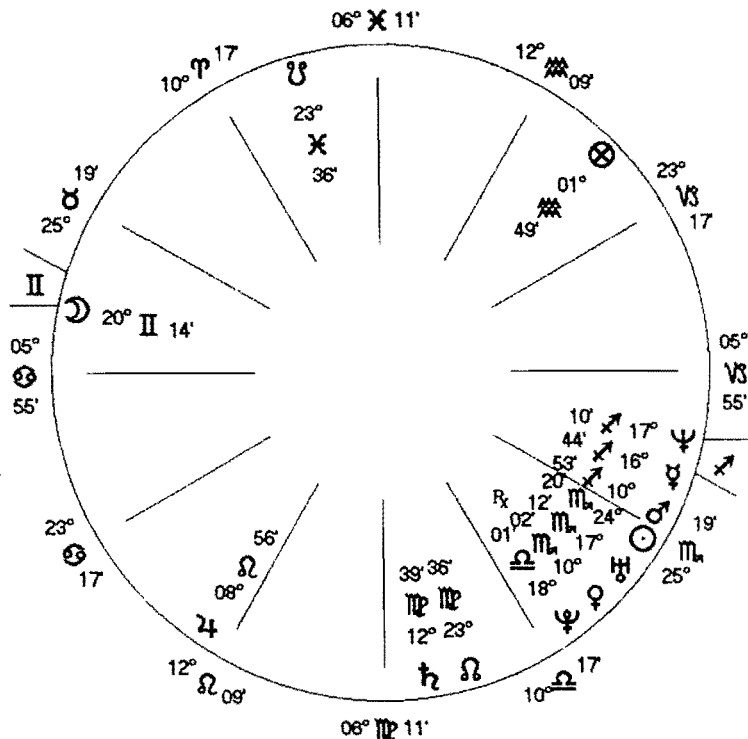
If we take a further look at the 1918 Chart, there is also a definite correlation with Transits over the 1992—1995 period. This time it is Pluto linking up with the Natal Mars opposition to Saturn axis. And this also comes to an end in the later months of this year. September/October could be eventful. My prediction is that the the Bosnia War is nearly at its end, but I would not like to predict a definite date. There is still too much Neptune in the picture for that.

TEST No 3—HEIDI

HEIDI

BORN 16 NOV 1978, 7:17 PM CST

AT GRANDFORKS, NTH. DAKOTA, 97°3'W, 47°55'N. PLACIDUS.



Something happened to Heidi on 4th August 1990?

What was it?

I was hoping to print Heidi's Solar Return Chart also, but found that I had run out of room. Those who set it up will find it very revealing.

I hope many readers will send me their answers to this Test No. 3 by **15th October**, in time for the next Issue. Correct, or near-correct interpretations will be published.

More astrologers should take part in these Exercises. They are invaluable for readers who are serious about improving their skills. Very few other publications give you this opportunity. It is something that you could be paying a tutor to provide. The Exercises are both interesting and educative to puzzle over. If you take the trouble to write out your answers and send them in it will sharpen your judgement.

Ross Harvey comments on —

PAUL KEATING'S BIRTH TIME

All the birth times given for Paul Keating in the last *Astrologers' Forum* are not of equal merit. Lyla Williams, who is my source, said that it had been put to Mrs Keating the Paul was born in the early morning,

and she replied "No, that's wrong. He was born around noon [DST]." I don't think that there can be any doubt that he was indeed born near noon; the only problem is exactly when.

FIXED STARS—PREMIER CARR'S CHART

I have been looking at the possible influence of fixed stars in Solar Return Charts—one way to see if the stars really do have any effect—and have concentrated on the mundane positions, i.e., on the Meridian or the Horizon. **Bob Carr's** Birth Chart has *Altair* on the western horizon (*Altair's* Placidian longitude equivalent is 4°19' Capricorn) and his Solar Return for winning the Election has *Regulus* on the MC with only ¼° orb in Right Ascension (a clear indication of success, or at least something out of the ordinary, while his Progressive Solar Return has *Sirius* on the western horizon (longitude equivalent 3°24' Leo).

—Ross Harvey.

SORTING TEST NO.2—RESULTS

[See the three Charts on page 3 of last Issue]

Ross Harvey reports as follows:

There were nine entries for Sorting Test No.2, and especial congratulations must go to Mignon Halford and to Elva Howson who, at their second and third attempts respectively, got everything right. Ken Gillman correctly got the astrologer and the sisters but did not attempt the other two careers. Dymock Brose got the Telecom employee, and Ricky Corcilus the sisters. It was particularly pleasing to have received entries from several people who had not previously attempted these tests.

Chart 1 was the astrologer, Chart 2 the Telecom employee, and Chart 3 the geologist. The sisters were Charts 2 and 3.

When I set this test I looked at all the charts I have for astrologers, and found that what they mostly had in common was Neptune aspects, not Uranus ones, even though Uranus seems to be thought to be the planet of Astrology in some quarters. Ebertin had Sun trine Neptune, Charles Carter biseptile, John Addey semisquare, Robert Hand quintile, with Neptune also in aspect to the Ascendant and MC. All these aspects have very small orbs. I have Neptune in aspect to the Ascendant, MC, Sun and Moon, all again with small orbs, but I do not have any significant Uranus aspects.

Neptune is the planet of the occult, Uranus of science and technology, especially if it is in combination with Mercury. All this tends to support my original point that minor aspects with very small orbs are as important as major ones and should not be overlooked.

Chart 1 has the Sun closely trine Neptune. **Chart 3** also has the Sun trine Neptune but the orb is wider. In **Chart 1** the slightly more than seven degrees that separate Mercury and Uranus seem to me to be too great an orb for a planetary conjunction (even though several entrants thought that this was still a conjunction) and are too close for any sort of aspect, so I would have said that in this Chart Mercury and Uranus are not in aspect at all, whereas **Chart 2** has them semisextile (actually they are closer to an eleventh of 360°), and **Chart 3** has them semisquare. The Solar Return (both for birth place and relocated) for the year of the accident leaves no doubt that **Chart 1** is the astrologer, as the Ascendant is conjunct Mars and opposite Radical Pluto. The Moon on the Ascendant of **Chart 3** makes this person able to deal with others sympathetically, and therefore she is more likely to be the one who works at conferences.

Ken Gillman pointed out that if the MC's of **Charts 2 and 3** are multiplied by 13 (the Dodekatemoria) the results are close to each other in Sagittarius, meaning that they had the same parents. I noticed that they both have Saturn as the most elevated planet. Ricky Corcilus pointed out that **Charts 2 and 3** have the Nodes in the 3rd and 9th Houses, emphasizing relationships with siblings. Several people thought that the Sun-Neptune trine in **Charts 1 and 3** meant that they were the sisters, but that was just coincidence, as was the similarity of the Angles of 1 and 3—in fact most people thought that these were the sisters because of their similar Angles.

I hope that these tests encourage people to put aside their preconceptions and to try to see just what charts of people in various occupations do have in common.

The results in detail are as follows. The Charts are listed by numbers. The correct answer is 1, 2, 3, (astrologer, Telecom employee, geologist), the sisters being 2 and 3.

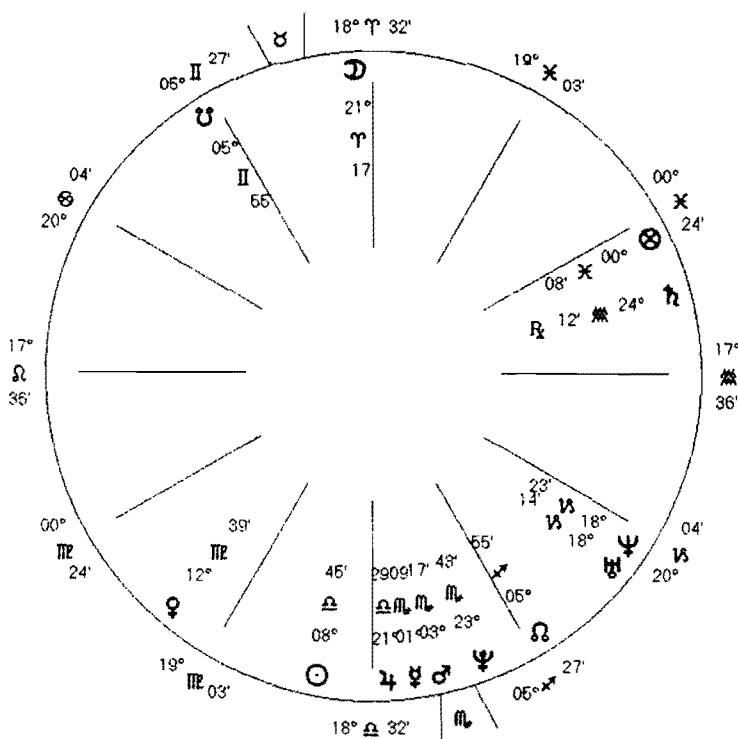
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- Entrant 4: Astrologer 1, sisters 2 and 3.
- Entrant 5: 3, 2, 1. Sisters 1 and 3.
- Entrant 6: 2, 1, 3. Sisters 1 and 3. Second attempt: 1, 2, 3. Sisters 2 and 3.
- Entrant 7: 2, 3, 1. Sisters 1 and 3.
- Entrant 8: 2, 1, 3. Sisters 1 and 3.
- Entrant 9: 2, 1, 3. Sisters 1 and 3.

There were five entries for the **second test**. Suggestions were a meeting with a former lover, the

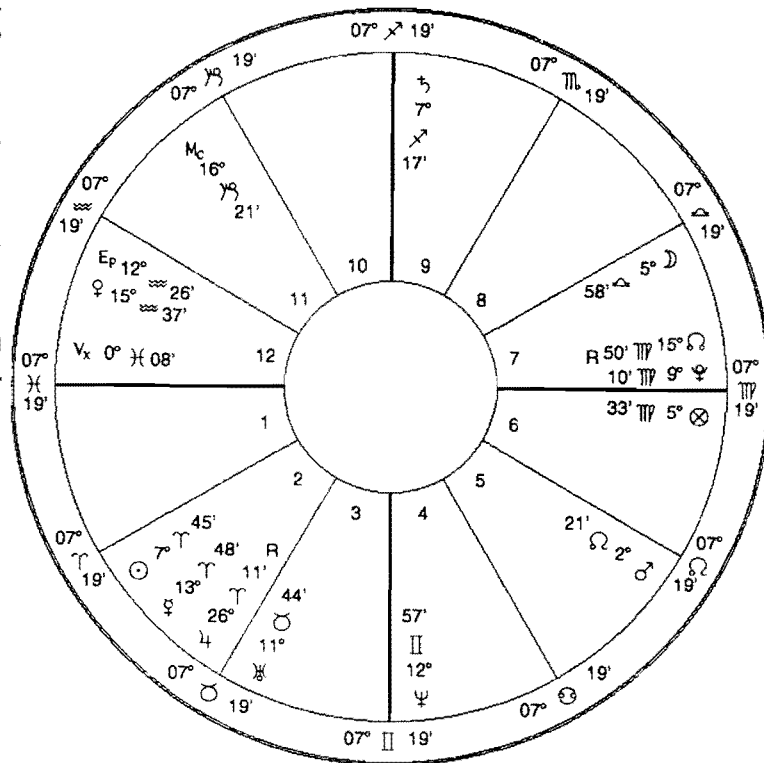
wealth due to the death of a female relative, birth of a daughter, being shot, and "a beneficial change in the lady's employment". The last suggestion, from Jack Nicholls, was exactly correct. She was promoted to be head of her department. Congratulations, Jack. I can do no better than to summarize his reasons: Transiting Uranus was conjunct her 8th Regiomontanus Cusp, and Pluto was trine the 2nd Cusp. The Solar Return [for the birth place] had Venus in the 2nd House and the Moon in the 10th House opposite Jupiter. "The Transit of Uranus indicates a sudden happening; Pluto, a change, while the Venus and Jupiter connections suggest it will be a beneficial change." The Moon in the 10th House in the Solar Return, and Venus aspecting the 10th, suggest a beneficial change in employment.

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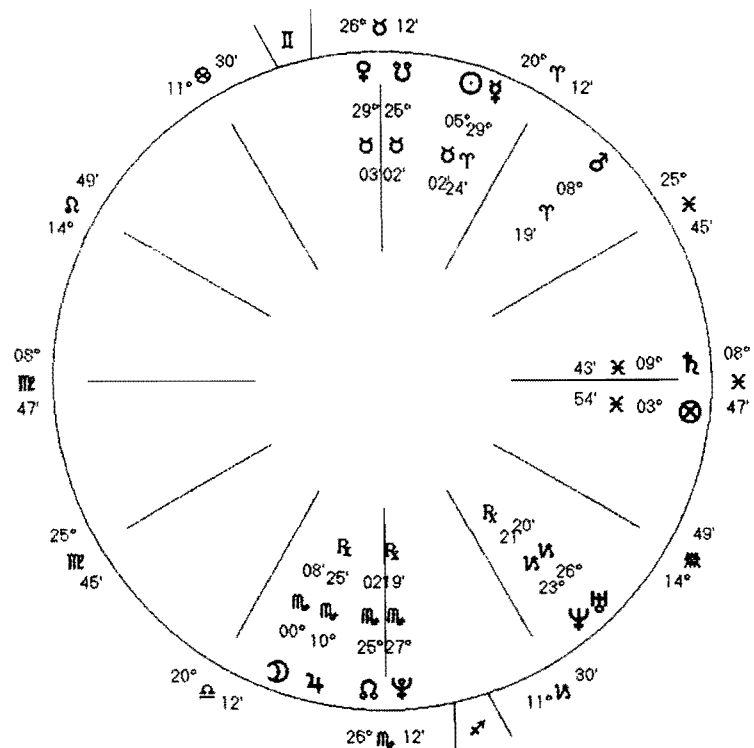
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27°41' E, 62°54' N. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



**AGE HARMONIC 42 FOR FINNISH WOMAN
BORN 2 OCT 1951, AT KNOPIO, FINLAND**



**LUNAR RETURN FOR FINNISH WOMAN
25 APRIL 1994, 11:39:41 AM GMT
SET FOR BIRTH PLACE, KNOPIO FINLAND**



Editor's Note: Jack Nicholls read the situation correctly from the Solar Return Chart. I was interested to see that further evidence, even more indicative, was provided by the **Harmonic Chart** for the subject's age (42). (See Chart in next column.) The Sun is almost exactly on the Cusp of the 2nd House (Income), conjunct Natal Jupiter, and trine to Saturn right on the upper Meridian (Career, Status, etc.). Mercury and Jupiter also occupy the 2nd House adding their weight to the increase in finances. Jupiter

is in 26°20' of Aries, trine to Natal Mars, Ruler of Aries,

at 28°37' of Leo. This again is an example of increased potency of a planet in a Sign being aspected by the Ruler of the Sign. Pluto on the Descendant conjunct the Part of Fortune = a change in circumstances (beneficial, because of the Part of Fortune).

It is interesting also that the **Lunar Return Chart**, if set for the place of birth gives further indications of an advance in career: Venus is close to the MC in its own Sign, Taurus, (the Money Sign), and the Natal MC at 15°23' Aquarius is closely conjunct the 6th Cusp at 14°49' Aquarius. The surprising thing for me, and one that led me astray in my assessment of the situation, was that if this Chart is set for Sydney, the place of residence, it invites quite a different interpretation, the emphasis being mainly on the 5th House. The issue of whether to use the place of birth or the place of residence/activity for cyclic charts has been, and still is, controversial. The present instance certainly lends weight to the argument that the locus should be the place of birth.

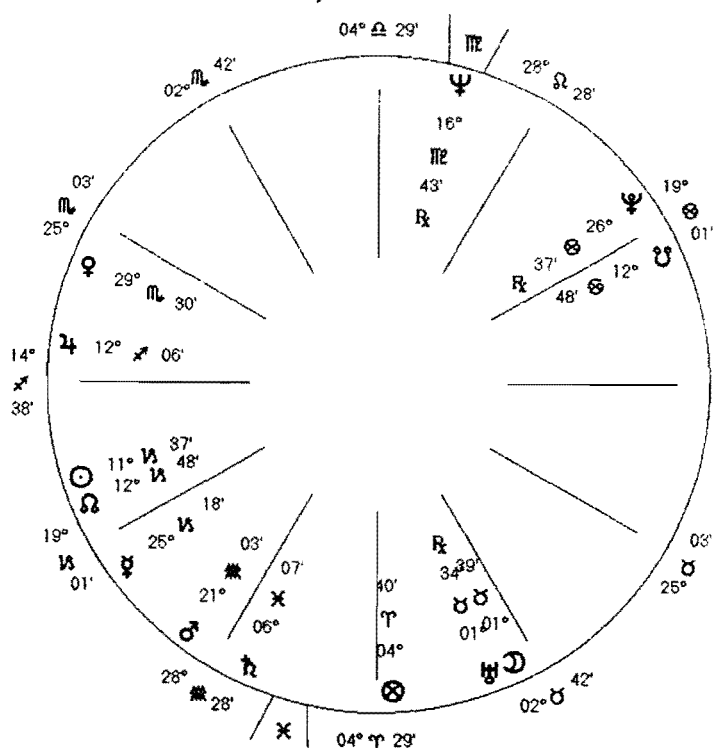
TEST NO. 4

Ross supplies a further test to increase your skills as an astrologer:

All the following three Charts are those of men. one is an antique dealer, one a physician, and one a research chemist. Can you sort them out? Answers, please, to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra NSW, Australia 2074. by 15th October.

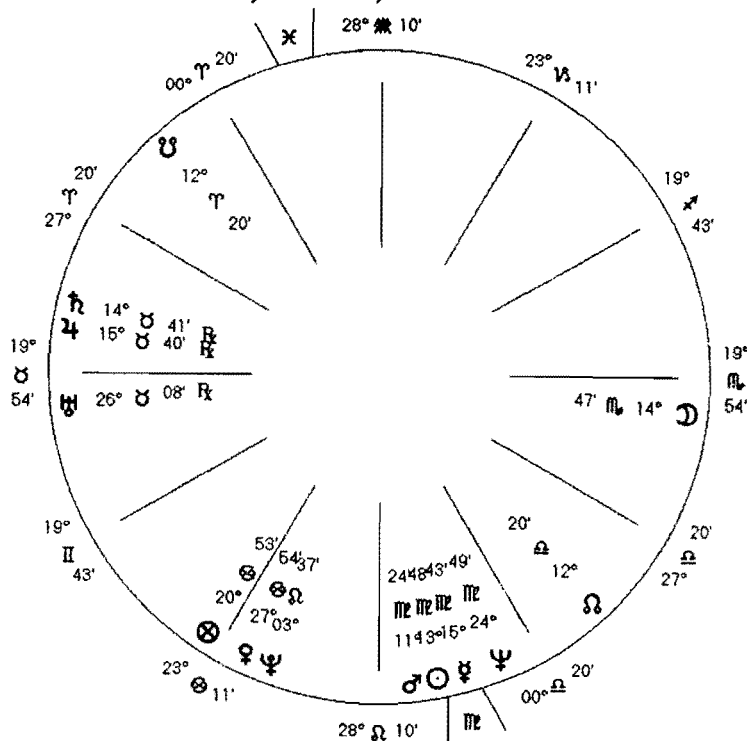
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AT 40°30'N, 22°30'E PLACIDEAN CUSPS



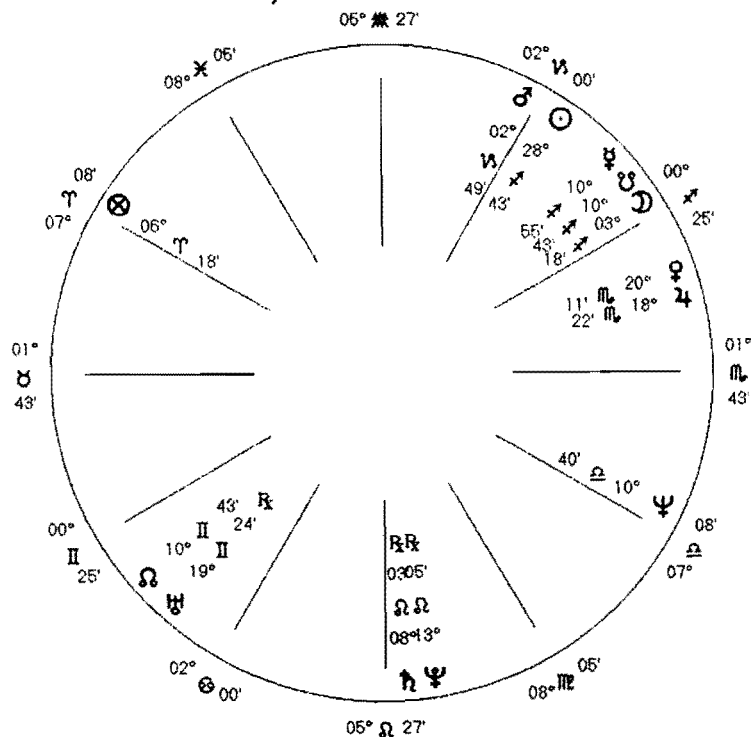
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MALE BORN 6 SEP 1940 ADELAIDE, 11:15PM ACST
138°35'E, 34°55'S, PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



TEST NO 4, CHART 3

MALE BORN 21 DEC 1946, SYDNEY 2:30PM AEST,
151°10'E, 33°52'S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS



"The first Lunar Revolutions after and before birth are as significant as the Diurnal and Solar Revolutions. Stations in it are particularly important: Nixon's Saturn turned Direct when he became President. That was the only Station in his first Lunar Cycles. The Angles,

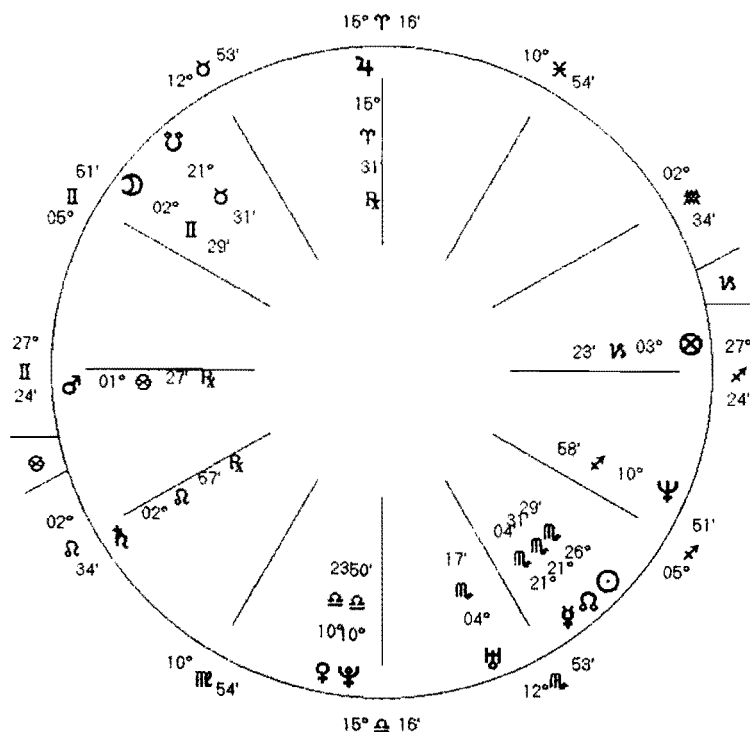
Progressed by the lunar motion, don't differ much from those for the other two Cycles, but the Progressed planets do. For Nixon's marriage there was converse MC conjunct converse Venus conjunct Radical Moon. He also had a Regressed New Moon (they are especially important) conjunct his Radical Ascendant in the Solar Cycle."

—Ross Harvey.

D'JANGO O'HARA

19 NOV 1975, 9 PM, SYDNEY, 151°12'E, 33°55'S.

PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



Kim Layton (NSW) submits the above Birth Chart of **D'Jango O'Hara**, the youth charged with the murder of the security guard at Roseville in June. D'Jango's mother gave Kim the data two years back when D'Jango was charged with a couple of other offences. The murder trial will come up later.

TEST NO. 5

Mignon Halford (NSW) offers the following two Horary Charts as an exercise for readers: They both have the same question: **Am I pregnant?**

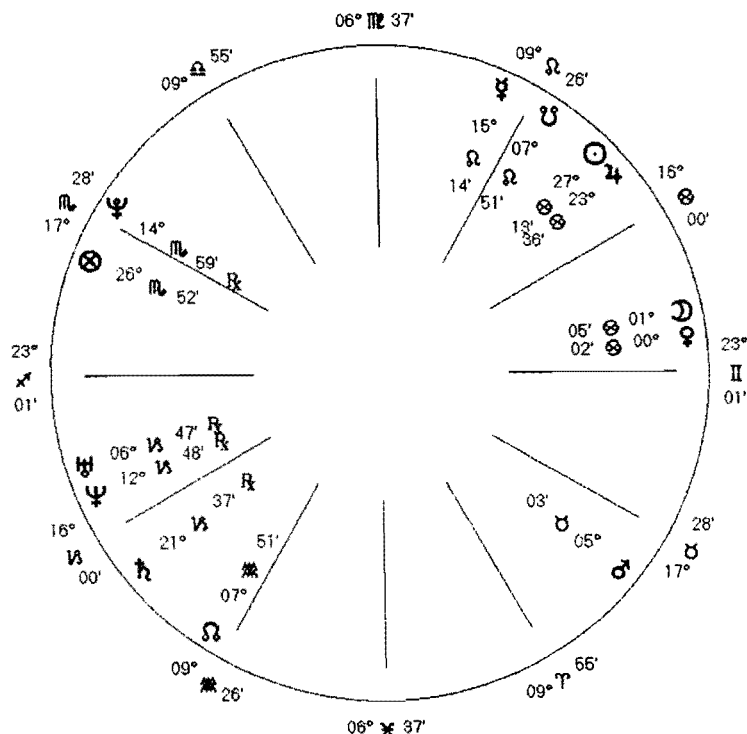
Treat this as another useful practice for a question that often arises. Send your answers to me by **15th October**. The truth will be revealed in the next Issue. The questions were actually asked, and of course the results are known.

I invite other readers to send in their Horary Charts that can possibly be presented in these pages as a stimulating exercise.

TEST NO. 5—CHART 1

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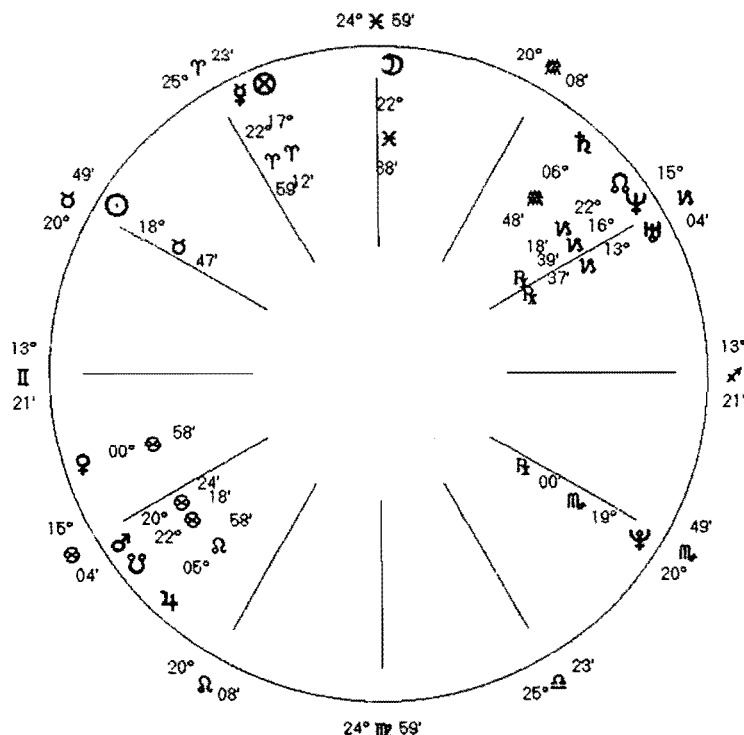
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TEST NO. 5—CHART 2

10 MAY 1991, 8:20 AM AEST, 153°10'E, 29°25'S.

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My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 1 Sep. 1995

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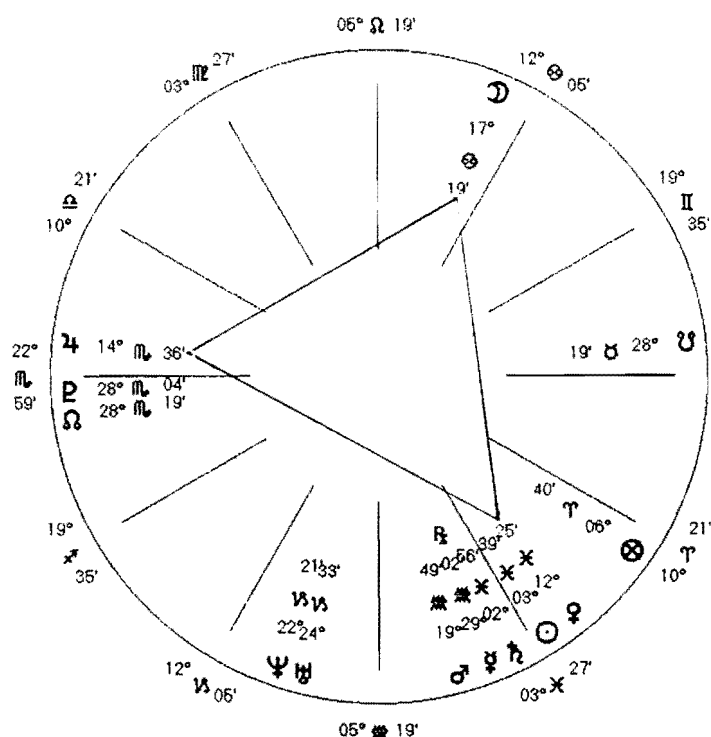
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WHAT DID HAPPEN TO MARY

The Charts and Exercise suggested in the last Issue attracted a response from three readers. I commend them for their willingness to "have a go", apart from the energy and time required for their thoughtful analyses.

Here again is the **Solar Return Chart** that depicted the event



Here is what actually did happen to Mary: **She won \$100,000 dollars in a lottery**—a momentous event indeed for her, as it enabled her to buy a home for herself and family.

Deducing from the given data what would happen was not an easy task, even if it looks that way in hindsight.. Prediction never is easy, but anyone who wants to succeed in forecasting must practise along these lines and attempt exercises that are typical of the situations constantly faced by a predictive astrologer.

Two of the participants, though only partially correct, were well on the right track—

Ross Harvey (NSW) deduced correctly that the momentous event was "positive", and there were messages "concerning...money". [the news of the lottery win].

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Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) saw "success and happiness (plans accomplished)...fulfilment and joy...life-changing.. a winning pattern". Well done, both.

All the necessary clues to interpretation were in the two Charts presented for readers to work on—the Standard Solar Return (Tropical Zodiac) and the Natal Chart . There was no real need for reference to the Sidereal Zodiac, Progressive or Converse Returns Tertiary Progressions, New-Moon Charts, etc. The employment of too many techniques can have the negative effect of leading the astrologer astray.

I suggest that one should look first at the Solar Return Chart provided. There is an obvious emphasis on the 5th House with the Sun, Venus, Saturn and Mercury, (plus the Natal Midheaven and Mercury), all grouped around the 5th Cusp which is THE point of power so far as the House is concerned. This, then, brings to mind the 5th-House matters—Love and Romance, Children, Schools, Gambling, Hazardous Investments and Show Business. It is a matter of selecting the appropriate one in the present instance.

A closer look at the Chart discovers the beautiful trine from Venus (Exalted in Pisces) to Jupiter. The trine is a "Harvest" aspect, reaping benefits for the recipient. Jupiter and Venus linked spell LUCK and often, LOVE. The power of this aspect becomes apparent when we see the small orb involved (2°10'), that both Significators are linked to the Moon, forming a Grand Trine, and that Jupiter as traditional Ruler of the Sign Pisces, disposes Venus . It is the classic example of potency—a planet in a House being aspected by the Ruler of that House.

The Moon is one of the Significators of money;

Jupiter trine Venus, the "Harvest Aspect", signifies gain without effort; and Jupiter, disposing Venus, rules also the 2nd House (Money), where Sagittarius is on the Cusp. So the greater emphasis here is on MONEY rather than Love or any of the other 5th-House matters.

Mary received news of her win on 11th August, and the Progressions/Regressions point to the date:

10th August—Regressed Venus trine Jupiter/Pluto Midpoint, and Tr.Jupiter sextile Pluto. The combination of Jupiter and Pluto when favourably aspected signifies large amounts of money.

11th August—Tr.Sun trine Venus (both in the Radical 5th House) pinpoints the date exactly.

This first sorting exercise brought a reply from three serious astrologers, and I'm sure they all feel that they have benefited from the attempt. It is an excellent way to improve your astrology, bringing it out of the realm of the "dream-dancers" and making it effective in the practical world.

Now, here is another exercise, which I hope will attract more entries. It is supplied on this occasion by **Ross Harvey**, so please send your attempts to him at **7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW, Australia 2074**. Your replies should be with him by the 10th of August:

The Birth Chart below is that of a woman born in Knopio, Finland, on 2nd October 1951, at 20h 38m local time (= 18h 38m U.T.), and now living in Sydney, NSW. Something important happened to her in Sydney on the **23rd May 1994**. *What was it?*

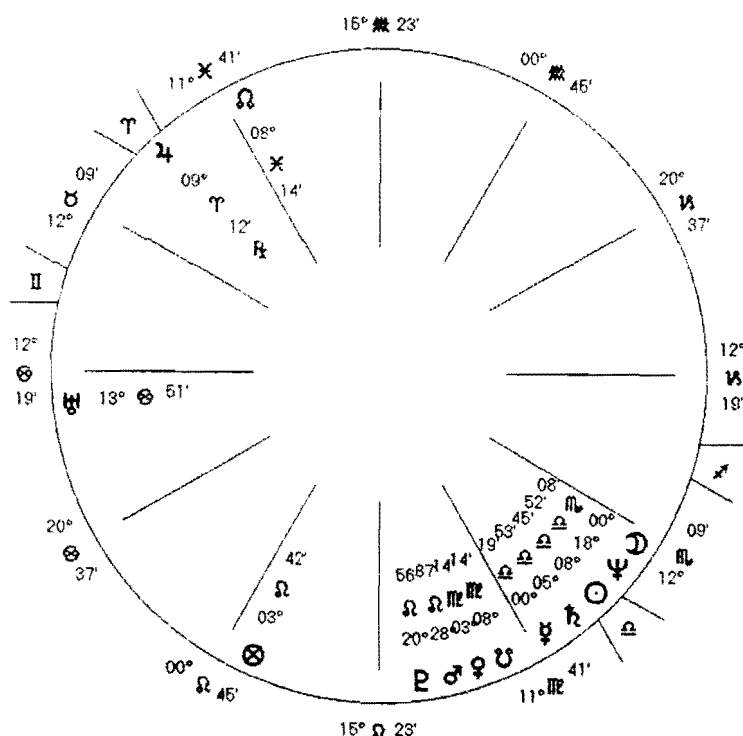


CHART SORTING

The three Charts in the Sorting Exercise of the last Issue are correctly assigned as follows:

Chart No.1 belonged to the piano teacher,

Chart No. 2 was that of the woman with six children,

Chart No.3 is the Radix of the woman without any children.

Ross Harvey, who conducted the Exercise, reports that there were finally six entrants who gave detailed reasons for their conclusions. These are listed below [Readers should have in front of them the three Charts on Page 3 of the last Issue, No.165]

First entrant—Piano teacher, No. 2; second attempt, piano teacher No.1.

Second entrant—Piano teacher No.3; woman with six children, No.1; woman without children, No.2.

Third entrant—No children, No.1; six children, No.3; piano teacher [also] No.3. Second attempt, piano teacher No.1; six children No. 2; no children No.3.

Fourth entrant—No children, No.1; piano teacher, No.2; six children No.3. This entrant had originally suggested that No. 2 had six children, but then changed her mind.

Fifth entrant—Piano teacher, No.1; No children, No.2; six children, No.3.

Sixth entrant—No children, No.1; six children No.2, piano teacher No.3.

Ross writes, "Congratulations to Jenifer Pommerin who got all three right at her second attempt, and to Allan Grant who got the piano teacher, and to Ken Gillman who got the woman with six children.

"I would have found this difficult myself, so these observations are what I noticed after I knew which chart was which. **Chart No.1** has MC square Mercury, sextile Venus, and sesquare Neptune. I would interpret these indications as communication and art, very appropriate for a music teacher.

"The other two Charts do not have these planets so emphasized. **Chart No.3** has Venus sesquare Neptune, but neither is in aspect to the Angles, while Chart No.2 has Neptune square Sun and Mercury, and sextile MC, but none in aspect to Venus. Venus and Neptune together are the quintessential artistic combination, but to be really effective, one planet at least should also be in aspect to the Angles, or if Venus and Neptune are not in aspect to each other, both should be in aspect to the Angles.

"Margaret Millard alerted me to the significance of Moon—Saturn aspects in a woman's chart, which she describes as being 'deadly for childbirth'. I do not know whether No.1 has any children, but No.3, who desperately wants children has Saturn rising sextile Moon [which is] conjunct the I.C. In my rather limited

experience of charts of women who have difficulty conceiving I have found that even favourable aspects of the Moon to Saturn can delay childbirth. I know of one woman who has Saturn opposite Sun square Ascendant sextile Moon and sesquare Venus, who had her only child after sixteen years of marriage.

"Significantly, Chart 2 has no aspect at all, no matter how minor, between the Moon and Saturn; rather the Moon is conjunct the Ascendant, sextile Venus, quintile Sun, novile to Uranus, and two-elevenths to Jupiter.

"Interestingly, one entrant thought that Chart 2 was the woman without children because the 5th House was vacant, but once again this merely shows that traditional rules can't be relied on."

SORTING TEST NO. 2

Ross then supplies a further test:

All three of the charts below are of women.

- ♦ One is an **astrologer** with two children, who was seriously injured and left partially crippled in a car crash in Hobart on the 13th January 1972.

- ♦ One is of a **Telecom employee**, formerly a "lines-person", now an office worker.

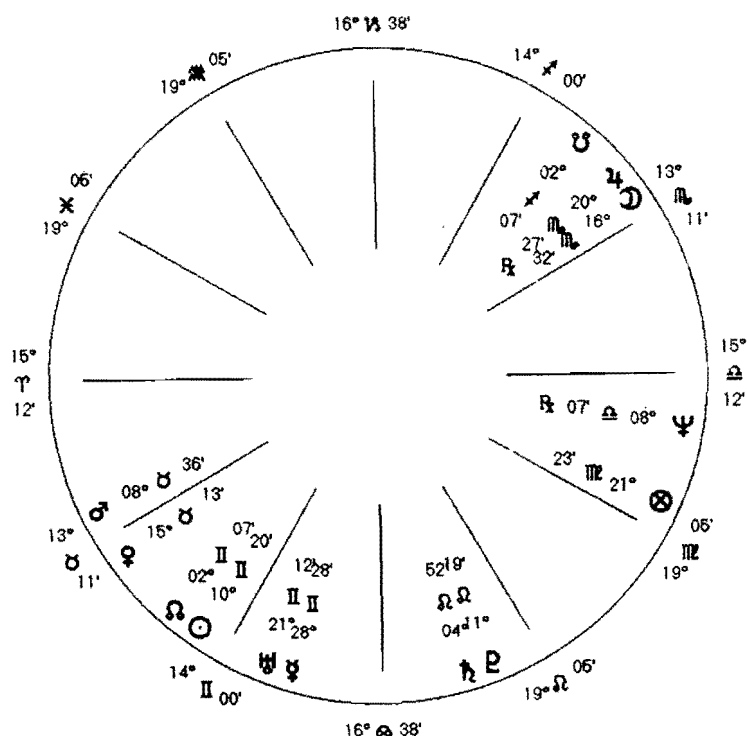
- ♦ One is of a **geologist** who works part-time as a company representative at conferences. Can you link each Chart to the person it represents?

As an additional test, **two are sisters**. Which is the odd one out?

SORTING TEST NO.2—CHART NO.1

2ND JUNE 1947, 2:30AM GST

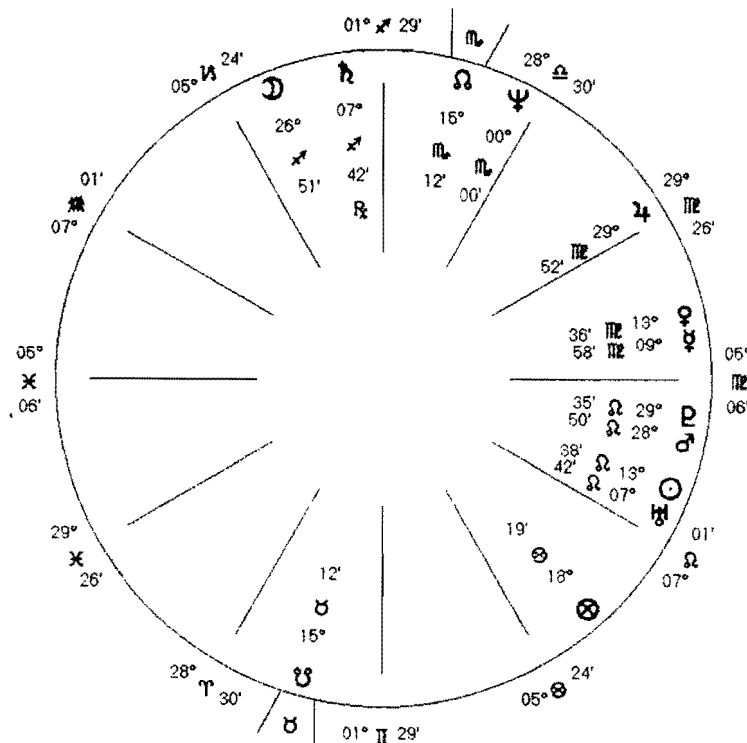
DARLINGHURST, NSW. 151°13' E, 33°53'S



SORTING TEST NO.2—CHART NO.2

6TH AUGUST 1957, 7:19PM GST

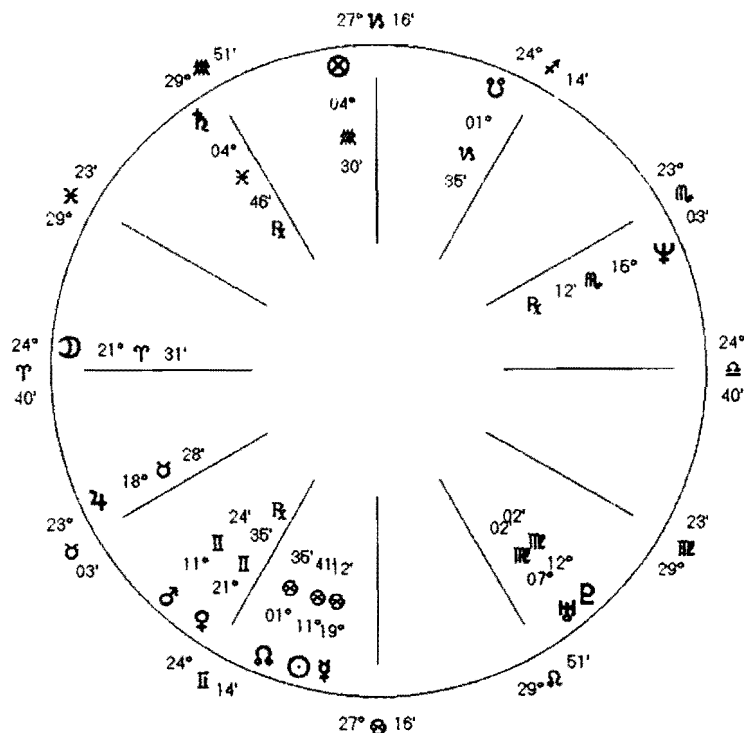
MELBOURNE, VIC.. 144°58'E, 37°49'S



SORTING TEST NO.2—CHART NO.3

4TH JULY 1964, 1:6AM GST

SYDNEY, NSW. 151°10' E, 33°52'S



Remember to send your answers to Ross (address above) by **10th August**. That should give plenty of time even for overseas participants. The value of this sort of exercise is in *doing it*, not necessarily getting it right.

SKIN DISORDERS—SOME ASTROLOGICAL INDICATORS

by Ricky Corcilius

Recently I came across four people with skin complaints—eczema in particular, but also problems with related symptoms. Their Charts show many correspondences, and if other astrologers have similar experiences, seeing these planetary indicators in a natal chart would prove an easy diagnostic tool.

It seems that a person who has some affliction of Jupiter or Sagittarius, and an Aquarian influence, will be prone to skin complaints of varying degrees of severity depending on the strength of the planetary indicators. In astrology Jupiter rules the liver. In some ancient societies the liver was considered the seat of the soul, and anything affecting it was central to the functioning of the biological system. The liver eliminates toxins; its associated gall-bladder makes sure you can process nutrients you take in. The blood is purified by the liver, and any dysfunction, i.e., an afflicted Jupiter in the natal chart, can show up as skin complaints.

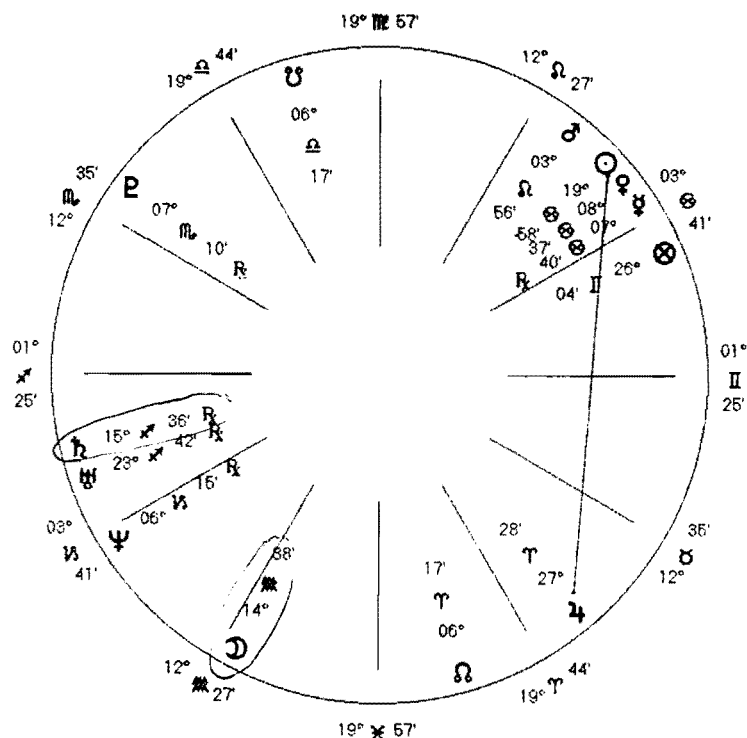
Jupiter rules growth in general, and excess Jupiterian function can be over-production of growth hormones. Both the skin and the liver are defences against toxins for the organism.

It seems however that the tendency to skin problems represented by liver dysfunction as represented by Jupiter afflicted needs also some placement in Aquarius, most particularly the Moon, to

to really manifest as a chronic or serious problem. Why this should be so can perhaps be traced to the traditional rulership of Aquarius by Saturn which, again, corresponds to the skin, the outer barrier of the body.

In the case of **Boy No.1**, whose Natal Jupiter is conjunct Mars (a traditional malefic), the Progression of Mars over this Natal Jupiter marked the first outbreak of eczema, and heat and anger (Mars) certainly make his condition worse, as does stress (Mars) for the man aged 66. The Moon is in Aquarius, and Jupiter is conjunct Mars in Taurus in the 8th House. The eczema first appeared in September '94 as Saturn in Pisces transited his Pisces Sun (co-ruled by Jupiter) in the 6th House, Progressed Neptune in Capricorn exactly conjuncted his Natal Saturn (Ruler of the 6th) and, as above, Progressed Mars conjuncted Natal Jupiter at 29° Taurus. So far the eczema has not responded to any but conventional treatments, mostly cortisone.

**BOY NO.2, 12TH JULY 1987, 4:55PM EDT
BURLINGTON, USA, 73°12'W, 44°29'N**

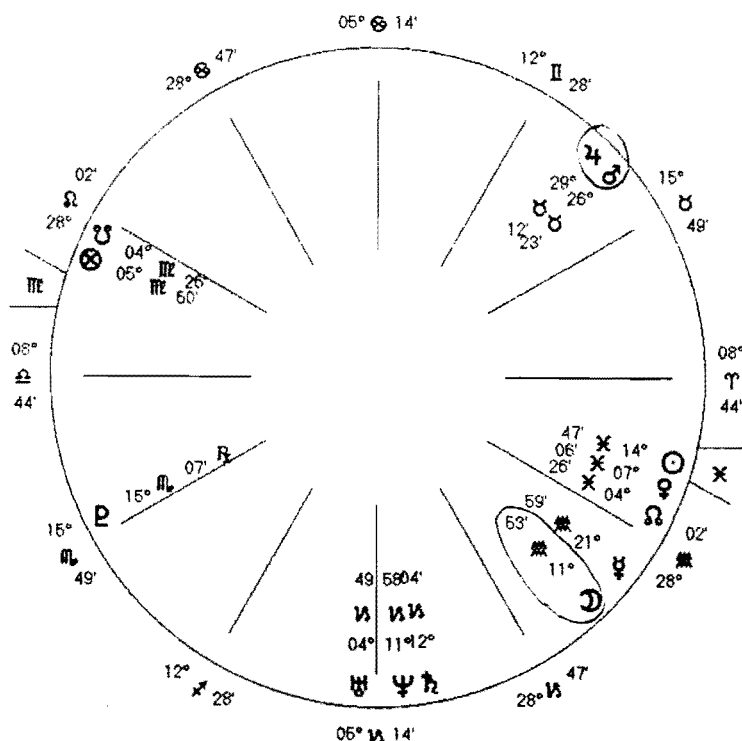


With **Boy No.2**, The Moon is in Aquarius, The Sun is square Jupiter, and Saturn is in Sagittarius in the 1st House. He has had chronic rashes and intermittent skin eruptions since earliest childhood.

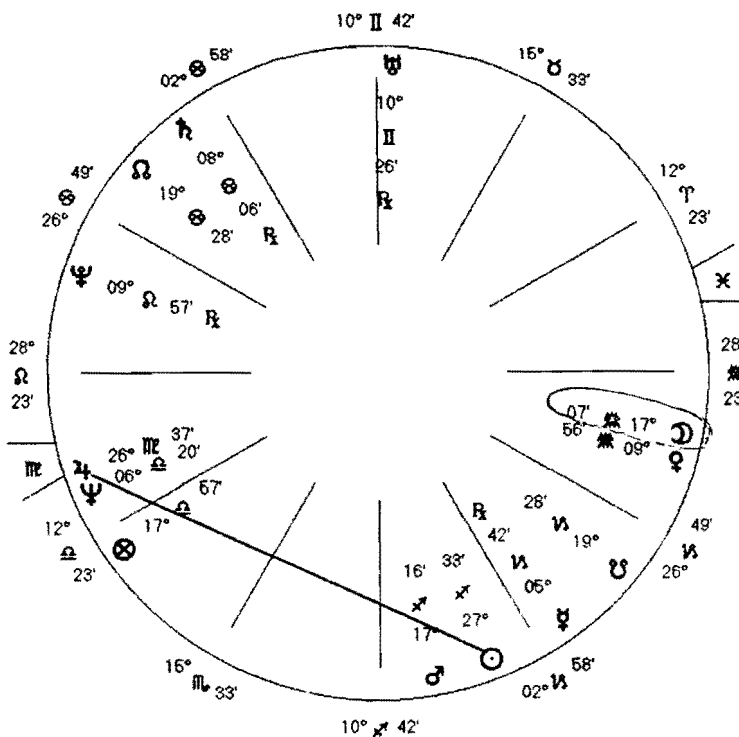
Man No.1 has had severe chronic eczema since childhood. It has never responded to any treatment except cortisone. He also has the Moon in Aquarius, and the Sun square Jupiter in detriment in Virgo in the 1st House.

[See Chart next page]

**BOY NO.1, 5TH MARCH 1989, 8:30PM AEDT
HORNSBY, NSW. 150°6'E, 33°42'S**

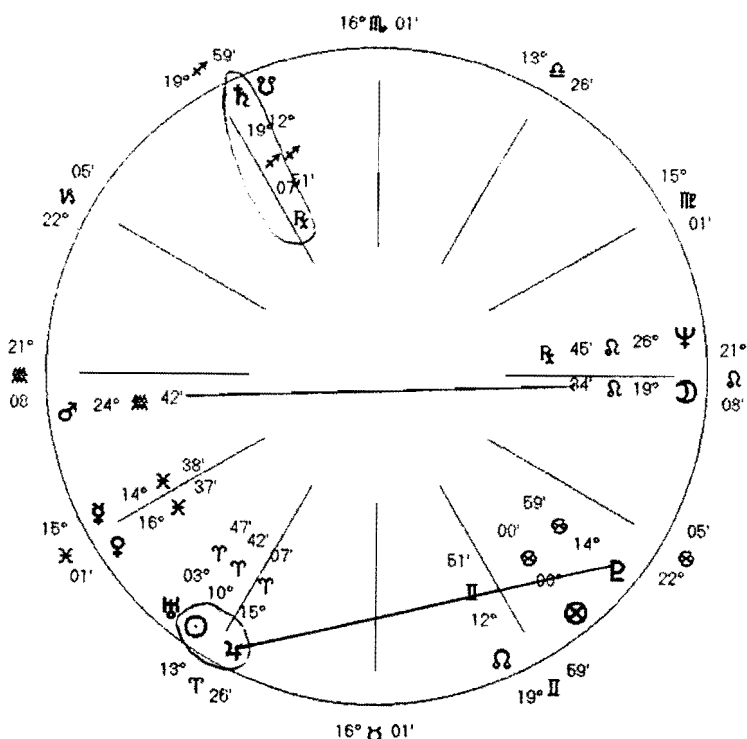


MAN NO.1, 19TH DECEMBER 1944, 11PM ACST
ADELAIDE, SA, 138°35'E, 34°55'S.



In the man's Chart below, Aquarius rises, the Moon is opposite Mars in Aquarius, the Sun is conjunct Jupiter square Pluto, and Saturn is in Sagittarius. The Man complains of skin rashes when under a lot of stress.

MAN NO.2, 1ST APRIL 1928, 2:14AM AEST
WAVERLEY, NSW, 151°16'E, 33°54'N



In Raphael's *Medical Astrology* Jupiter in Saturn's Sign of Capricorn is said to incline toward eczema

and skin trouble, due to sluggish circulation of blood, but in the above cases we have Saturn in Jupiter's Sign. Maintenance of the composition of the blood is, however, the function of the liver, ruled by Jupiter and Sagittarius.

AMERICAN AND HINDU ASTROLOGY

[Extract from a letter to the Editor
of *The Mountain Astrologer* (California)]

... The origin of all styles of astrology was prophetic, giving the recipients very valuable information that they could not receive from any other source... it has nothing to do with pre-determinism or fatalism. It simply is information that, because of its unique nature, can have an incredible impact on how one chooses to live the rest of one's life. Astrology in America, however, is often a session in transpersonal analysis. Practitioners of this form seem to be proud of it, viewing it as being more evolved, sophisticated, or spiritual. I suggest it is more of a reversion, because the practitioners are technically unable to perform astrology's original function.

[I] recalled to mind my last astrological reading in America. After 90 minutes and \$100, I had some very helpful information, but it could have been given to me by any keen and sensitive observer of human nature after talking to me for ten minutes. My mother could have told me the same things for free, although she couldn't have used the newly-invented transpersonal multi-syllabic terms.

On the other hand, the astrologer on the Indian subcontinent makes objective statements, often in detail, which no Westerner I've consulted is willing to attempt. They are willing and able to describe potential pratfalls and opportunities using specific terms.

As an example of this difference, before hearing about my future, I always first test Hindu astrologers about my past. I ask them a question about something verifiable, such as "How many children do I have?" If they prove their skill by answering it correctly, I then pay for a reading. They've never failed my test. On the other hand, I've not met a Western astrologer who was willing to see if their skill indeed matched their reputation.

I anticipate some astrologers reading this will simply say that what they do is more important than mere predictions. And yet, I still can't help but feel this comes from not being able to do it rather than not wanting to. An example of this repressed desire to do real astrology is the "retrospective analysis", which is a common feature in all astrology magazines and most books. These are seen

everywhere...A person's horoscope is printed, and then astrological explanations are given as to why something happened, usually a notable disaster or success. *Happened?* Why the past tense? This unusual practice has become so pervasive that no one within the trade seems to question it.

Anyone can explain an event that has *already* happened. It doesn't take an astrologer to do that. This is the function of newspaper reporters and, indeed, all the objective information in these retrospective analyses *does* come from common newspaper reports. The authors merely add their own opinion as to why it happened in astrological terms. This is a cheap trick and is already performed by countless indignant newspaper columnists, politicians, Christian preachers, and others trying to capture the public with their own brand of world view.

The logic of retrospective analysis is based entirely on "truth by association", using "reverse linear thinking". These are inherently erroneous forms of reason, as explained in logic classes taken by college freshmen. When employing reverse linear reasoning, any astrological explanation, or any explanation whatsoever for that matter, will always *appear* to be correct, since the event indeed took place as described. This gives astrology a bad reputation because clear-thinking people can see the illogic of this process and are thus turned off to the whole practice, consequently losing the real benefits astrology has to offer.

Hindu astrologers perform this same process, but in the correct order. Instead of a retrospective analysis they describe the same events, in the same detail, with the same explanations, suggesting the same opportunities for personal change and growth—all *before* the events take place. Obviously, this makes a lot more sense! This ability is one of the vital reasons to see an astrologer in the first place. Otherwise, it would be simpler to have a quality talk with a lifelong friend and read the headlines in the newspaper. As a result, astrologers are far more revered in India than they are here.

I haven't the slightest knowledge or information on how Vedic Astrology works. I offer the above testimonial in support of Ms. Johnsen's article [in the Californian *The Mountain Astrologer*] and forthcoming work, in the hopes of alerting Western astrologers to the potential of their craft. My little diatribe certainly focused on a few aspects of astrology as practised here that I consider aberrant and non-useful. I hope any negative tone in my letter is not taken as an attack on the industry as a whole and every individual, but rather as a fresh and helpful perspective from one who has experienced both traditions. I hope it is a stimulus for astrologers here to reach out and increase their goals and abilities. This is not being righteous or altruistic. I just

don't want to suffer horrendous jet-lag every time I need a good consultation!

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PRIME MINISTER PAUL KEATING

Natal Birth Times

Compiled by Neville D. Strachan

The examination of Mr. Keating's Natal Chart is not easy because there are at least seven suggested birth times in two groups some ten or eleven hours apart.

From the 3rd of October 1943 until 26th March 1944 Daylight Saving Time was in operation in New South Wales.

Paul Keating was born on the 18th of January 1944 at Bankstown, NSW, latitude 33°55' S, longitude 151° 2' E.

The following suggestions for a birth time are current:

- (1) The *FAA Journal*, Volume 22, No.1, March 1992, pp.50,51: Time 1:04am (EST?—article does not clarify). Rectified by Gwen LStoney, "...a speculative time of birth rectified...using life events."
- (2) *FAAJ*, Vol.22, No.1, March 1992, P.53: 12:10pm DST.
- (3) *FAAJ*, Vol.22, No.2, June 1992, pp. 16—23, 00:05pm (= 12:05pm) DST. Research by Douglas Parker. From "his mother, 'very close to midday'."
- (4) *Mercury Hour*, 72nd Edition, April 1992, p.11: 1:50am GSD, quoted by Doris Greaves as being from Mr. Keating's Office. I presume that Doris has equated DST to GSD, and does not mean GST (Guam Standard Time). Guam was occupied by the Japanese when Mr Keating was born.
- (5) *Astrologers' Forum*, Issue 137, December 1992, p.4: 11:30am (Chart for EST). Quoted as being from his mother, but stated as uncertain.
- (6) Alan Lander, "Paul Keating, The Leader We Had to Have", *Astrological Monthly Review*, May 1992, p.20, 11:00am EST.
- (7) *ACRUX*, Vol.1, No.2, P.2: 0.00pm (noon) AEDT. Chart from Lander's article.
- (8) A member of the Queensland Federation of Astrologers Inc.: 10:46:50am EST, no source given.
- (9) Ross Harvey & Jack Nicholls, *Astrologers' Forum*, Issue 165, April 1995, p.2, 11:52am DST, rectified by using Jigsaw Program. "His mother said he was born around noon."

From this list it can be seen that the speculative times have quite a range—

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| (1) 01:04 am EST? DST? | 01:04am EST? |
| (2) 12:10pm DST | 11:10am EST |
| (3) 12:05pm DST | 11:05am EST |

(4) 01:50am DST(?)	00:50am EST?
(5)	11:30am EST
(6)	11:00am EST
(7)	12:00pm EST
(8)	10:46:50am EST
(9) 11:52am DST	10:52am EST.

(1) and (3) differ from the other times by a considerable amount—ten or eleven hours—and the type of time seems to be in doubt.

Overall, there are quite a number of projected times for Mr. Keating's birth, each felt by its advocate to be correct.

PLANETARY ASPECTS by Jenifer Pommerin

Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) has responded to my request for input from readers regarding the effect of planetary aspects in Birth Horoscopes or in Progression/Regression. Jenifer has sent a lengthy article detailing her experience with a wide variety of aspects in the Birth Chart. The first part of her article appears below, and follow-ups will be published in the next Issues. Elva Howson (Vic) contributed information on Sun-Pluto in the March Issue. I look forward to receiving more contributions from readers. When enough new material is available it will all be collated into a *modern* guide on planetary aspects.

Jenifer prefaces her remarks with the caution, with which most astrologers will be familiar, that interpretation must always take into account the Sign, House and other aspects of any Significator. The PARALLEL can be very potent, and is considered as a conjunction or opposition (Parallel or Contra-Parallel). The QUINCUNX is also powerful, symbolizing unpre-dictable twists and turns. "It seems to encourage some sort of tunnel vision whereby a certain direction is taken rather than another." Planetary aspects to the Ascendant also have a definite effect upon the character and interests, but along with the quincunx have been omitted in the present article.

SUN CONJUNCT MOON: Self-centred and touchy. Like to be consulted, and are highly sensitive to any "other" suggestion. Little insight about own nature, and the feelings of others, yet very supportive and helpful to those outside the family circle. Hold fast to the ideal of the family, especially in traditional roles.

SUN SQUARE MOON: Feelings of inadequacy. Suffer from bouts of indecision and inner conflicts. Marital woes. Private sorrows. Unfulfilled goals or desires difficult to achieve. Hindrances rather than help in career matters. Good knowledge of human nature (unless an inner planet is in adverse aspect to

Neptune or Jupiter).

SUN TRINE MOON: Natural self-confidence. Rarely indecisive. Good social skills. A well-balanced personality. Rarely suffer from inner conflict, doubts or regrets. Conjugal harmony, (unless Venus is in an adverse aspect to an outer planet, especially Saturn). Goals achieved comparatively easily, aided by favours or help from peers or superiors. Poor judge of character—are guided by affinity, or no affinity.

SUN CONJUNCT MERCURY: Prone to dwell on minor details at the expense of those more in need of attention. Can be "without thought" in that once an idea is accepted its influence remains in the life for a long time without further examination. Can get stuck in a non-productive phase of life needlessly. Not easily upset by the ups and downs of life, and can be very good in a crisis. Have the knack of saying the right thing at the right time. Frequent routine trips a common occurrence. Often preoccupied with own interests.

SUN CONJUNCT MARS: Abundant energy. In female charts, the dominant partner.

SUN SQUARE MARS: Often a lack of affinity with employer, or open conflict. The occupation may take a mental or physical toll.

SUN CONJUNCT JUPITER: Have tremendous faith in themselves. Like to associate with or know important people, yet are genuinely interested in and caring for all classes of people. Very adaptable (short-term) to different situations and places. Luck in obtaining or being given information that can be advantageous to themselves, or for those they wish to help.

SUN SQUARE JUPITER: Excellent at learning foreign languages. Likely to travel overseas more than once, but the experiences are not always happy. May marry someone from a different country, culture, or station in life, or may live in a land distant from the birth place. Prone to make one or more major errors in big-money items because of impatience or imprudence. May gain what is desired in material affairs, but sometimes this leads to unwise decisions and a serious loss of one sort or another. Can be very extravagant or wasteful in daily living (unless Saturn is also in aspect). Seem to reach a peak of easy living or good fortune in the age period of 20 to 30, or 40 to 50, and then there is a cessation and life becomes more of a struggle.

SUN TRINE JUPITER: Rarely worry much about anything for long. Challenges or hardships in life are

very often eased through help given by others. This is most evident in the age period of 35 to 55. Few personal responsibilities (unless Saturn is in aspect to an inner planet) and usually a lot of freedom in regard to personal expenditure. Can be wasteful but not extravagant in daily living. Tend to be lazy in regard to routine or uninteresting work (unless the Sun or Moon is in aspect to Saturn).

SUN OPPOSITE JUPITER: Often an active member of a church or spiritual organization. Find it difficult to live life away from the mainstream. Like to be out and about, and to be important in the lives of others. Will strive to be well-known and popular. Are generous and warm-hearted. Can be wasteful but not extravagant in daily living. May marry someone from a foreign country, or settle in a foreign land. The cushioning effect of this aspect wanes sharply in the last decades of life. In general, the protective influence is strongest in the age-period of 35 to 55.

SUN CONJUNCT SATURN: The life path causes some sort of isolation from one's peers or culture. Hardship, of a physical or emotional nature, is experienced. However, there is an inborn toughness that ensures survival. The influence is stronger in childhood, and the last years of life. May indicate a divorce because of marital unhappiness. In male charts, the mother may dislike the child, or is absent for long periods. In female charts, the father may dislike the child, or be absent for long periods. The character is reliable and conscientious, especially in work matters. The aspect tends to delay parenthood or limit the number of children.

SUN TRINE SATURN: Have a good business sense, and are often presented with the opportunity to use it. However, where there is not this opportunity, or the inclination, the influence may manifest in the character as one who is not overly concerned with luxury. There is the ability to cut the coat according to the cloth. In female charts, where the Moon is in aspect to Mars or Pluto, may delay or prevent childbearing.

SUN SQUARE SATURN: Hard-working and practical. Like to be in charge or exercise some sort of authority. Tend to take over the decision-making in family life. Like to benefit personally for any effort made, be it monetary return or promotion or acclaim. A firm belief in the virtues of self-discipline (although this is more likely to be exercised only if something is to be gained by it). These influences are much modified if Venus or Jupiter should be conjunct or in trine to Saturn. In female charts the likelihood of motherhood is much reduced; or the partner is much older, and a rigid disciplinarian where

the children are concerned. Major upheavals may occur because of the partner's occupation or state of health, e.g., travel and residence overseas, or early retirement.

SUN CONJUNCT URANUS: An inspiring and magnetic leader, but this gift is strongest in early childhood and often fades away in adult years. Friendly and kind, but seem to have a personality that prevents ordinary closeness. Very resistant (but politely so) to taking advice of any kind. This characteristic can be responsible for losses that may impinge on others, e.g., failure of a business, estrangement from children.

SUN TRINE URANUS: Are rarely found in the place of birth. Either the parents move to a different country, or the native migrates, or moves to a different part of the country.

SUN CONJUNCT NEPTUNE: May become addicted to alcohol or other substances. Are kindly and try to avoid offending others. In some instances, the life path is from comparative poverty to a position of considerable wealth. May be a frequent overseas traveller. Can renege on promises but will fulfil contracts. May manipulate the system to cheat, e.g., tax evasion. Can have a blind spot and misjudge the motives and nature of others, and thus be taken advantage of. But Neptune can be a protective influence—many mistakes may be made, but all works out in the end. There is often an avoidance of any sort of religion but a belief in things mystical.

SUN SQUARE NEPTUNE: The (usually unconscious) desire for something strange, something exciting, something inexplicable, is an influence. This can lead to physical risks, a preoccupation with the supernatural or magical, or a constant dissatisfaction with the day-to-day life. The desire to escape the humdrum, the painful or the unpleasant, may cause over-reliance on prescription drugs or alcohol. Others cope by a busy social life, or a withdrawal from life, or by travelling in remote places. Rejection is felt very deeply, so there is a reserve in the nature, especially in revealing the feelings (unless the Moon is aspected by Pluto). The tendency to procrastinate in important decisions is marked. The life is often lived according to the actions of others—it is reactionary rather than initiatory. In female charts, marriage is delayed, avoided, or the partner may be a cause of considerable worry (perhaps an alcoholic, a taker, or unreliable). There may be a de facto relationship.

My kind regards to all,

Dymock, 4th July 1995.

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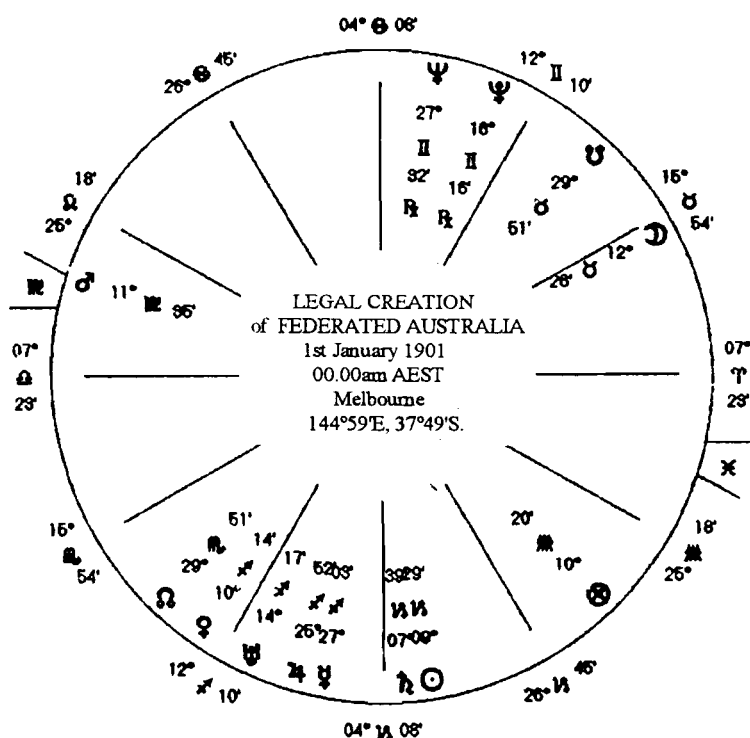
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THE REPUBLIC QUESTION

by Allan Johnson (NSW)

As we are getting closer to the end of the Century the idea is being promoted that this is a good time to change the Constitution from the monarchic one to that of a republic, so it is worthwhile to look at Australia's Natal Chart for any indications of the possibilities. There have been debates about the correct time for the Federation in 1901, but seeing that this question is very much a *constitutional* one, the actual starting point of the *legal constitution* should be the Chart we should use. All legal constitutions of that type start from **zero hours**, and this Chart is given in Campion's *Book of World Horoscopes* for 1st January 1901.



As a backdrop to this whole question of the Republic, we have to note that from an historical point of view it has been extremely hard to change our Constitution, and nearly all referendums for that purpose have been thrown out. Will this be an exception?

To change from a Monarchy to a Republic is quite a big historical event, so that fact should show up in the Transits for the end of this Century. Pluto and

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Uranus are, of course, the key Transits to look at. On the 1st January 2001 Pluto will be at 13°47' Sagittarius, which puts it exactly on Natal Uranus in the Federation Chart, and closely opposite its own Natal position, stirring up the Natal T-Square.

This is highly appropriate for a cross-road situation of that sort—Third House/Ninth House activation. This is spot-on for a *war of words*. We should expect

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some furious debates, and there may even be violence, as it is a violent T-Square, including Mars. Pluto has a lot to do with things of the past, and there were a lot of violent debates about Republicanism in the early stages of the Federation. All this will be replayed. It looks as if a lot of people who don't normally get very excited about political issues might find themselves getting very stirred up emotionally. At the moment the community is pretty apathetic about the whole issue. But this won't last. In 1999 Pluto moves to the square of Natal Mars, and I would say that from that point the community is likely to become very polarized down the middle, and political parties very cautious of conducting a referendum in such an atmosphere.

So I am predicting that no major decision will be made in 2001. All through 2001 and on into 2002/3 Pluto will continue to activate the Natal configuration. So I can see the fires of debate continuing through those years.

Bob Hawke has suggested a postponement of the question during the life of the present Queen, and think this will be the solution adopted as the present century runs out. If we look at the Transit of Uranus

we find it at 18°39' Aquarius in 2001. This makes the trine to Natal Pluto, but *separating*, not really suggestive of radical changes. Transiting Saturn will be stationary in January 2001 at 24° Taurus, so does not throw further light on the issue. Nor do the Progressions, with Mercury squaring Jupiter (confusion). All this means that the Republican issue won't go away but could become a much more protracted one.

EXERCISE NO. 3 SORT OUT THESE THREE CHARTS!

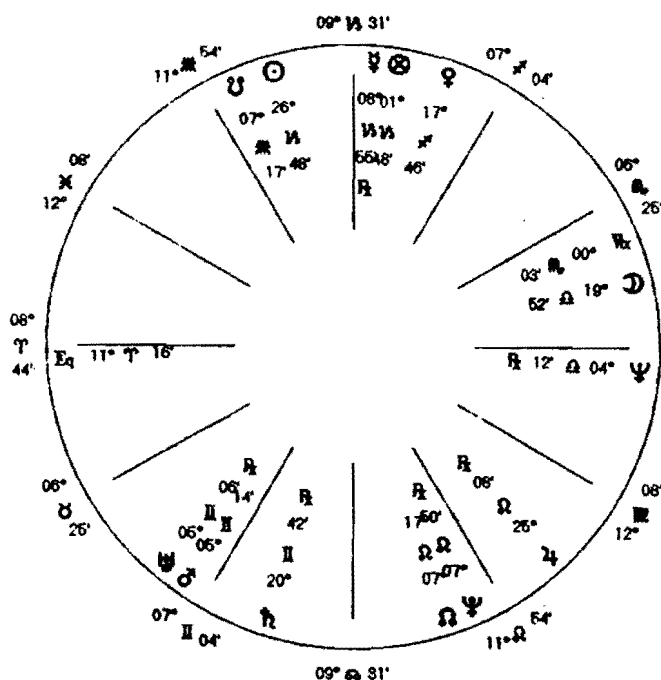
Here is another test to try your skills: In the three Charts below, which one represents—

- A piano teacher,
- A housewife with six children,
- A housewife without children?

You have until 15th June to decide on your answers. Please send entries direct to Ross Harvey 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra, NSW, 2074.

PRIME MINISTER PAUL KEATING

18TH JANUARY 1944, BANKSTOWN, NSW, 11:52 AM DST
151°2' E, 33°55' S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



The above Horoscope for our present Prime Minister has been furnished by Ross Harvey, who writes, "Paul Keating's mother said that he was born 'around noon'. Jack [Nicholls] subsequently used the Jigsaw Program to get 11:52 am, Daylight Saving Time.

I'm sure that this must be within a minute or two of the correct time. The Ascendant is 8°—9° Aries, with Mercury conjunct the MC. Saturn is stationary conjunct his Ascendant in July next year, and he also has Secondary[-Progressed] Sun square Progressed Saturn later next year. Obviously bad, but if the political commentators are to be believed, the next Election has to be before May."

The new Chart for Prime Minister Keating is very useful information for those astrologers (I hope there are some!) who will essay a forecast for the result of the next Federal Election.

I should like to see dozens of entries for these exercises, instead of the usual six or seven. Don't be worried about failure. Just make the attempt. The more you put your astrology to a practical test, the more you will become an *effective* astrologer, instead of one who merely talks and philosophizes about astrology without making it a valuable tool in everyday life.

Relevant to this, I have received the following comment from Michael Edwards, QHP, (Qualified Horary Practitioner) in London: "I like the fact that *Astrologers' Forum* is devoted to *practice* of astrology, especially on the concrete and predictive side. I can do without psychological, philosophical, pseudo-scientific waffle!"

Theory has its place, but there are plenty of publications giving scope to the ideas/fantasies of enthusiastic theorists.

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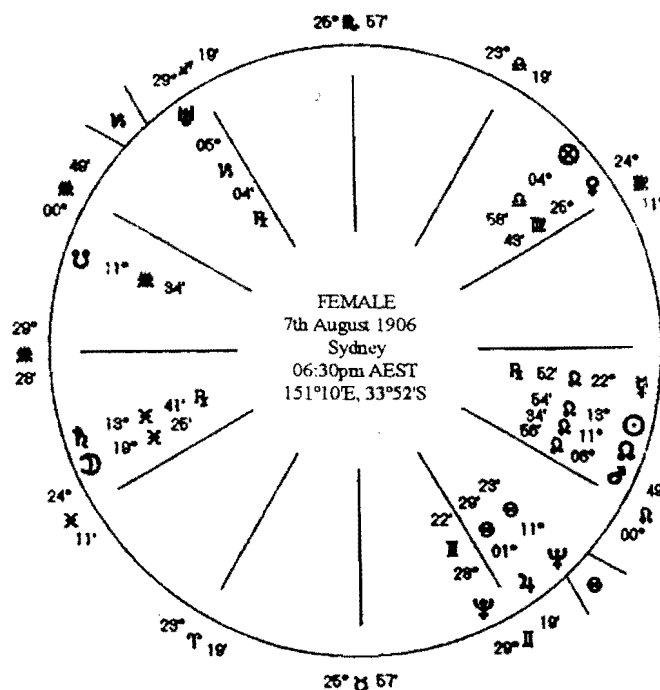


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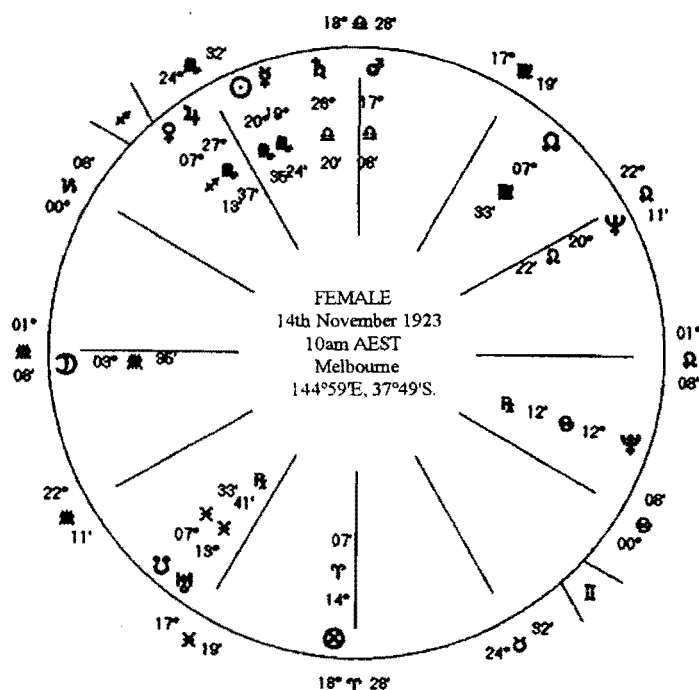
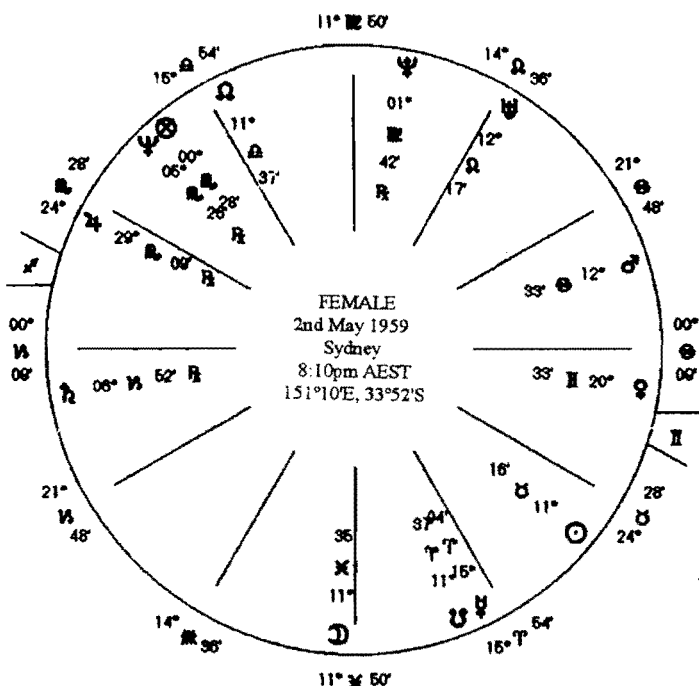


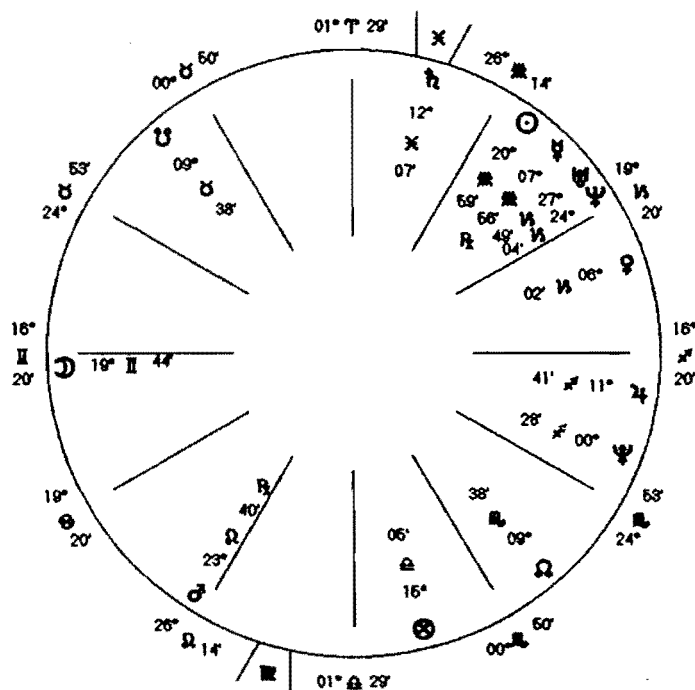
CHART NO. 3



WERE IS MY PORTRAIT?

Finding the missing portrait was offered as an exercise for astrologers in the January Issue of *Astrologers Forum*. Evidently readers were dubious of their abilities in this respect, as only one reply was received. Unfortunately, there was a basic misunderstanding about this Exercise. My

impression was that the portrait had been found by the owner, who then propounded the question. But the portrait has never been found and the Horary Question was put at a later date, not the date when awareness of the loss first occurred. By traditional standards this, of course, invalidates the Question from a Horary point of view, though it is possible that if there had not been a previous Chart, this Chart for the time when the loss was very much on the Querent's mind could still be Radical.



The reply that was received from MIGNON HALFORD (NSW) is worthy of printing as a well-thought-out attempt, and possibly does provide an answer. Here it is:

The Horary Chart seems fit to be read—that is, no obvious strictures again judgement.

I look at the Significators for the Querent—

1. Mercury, Ruler of the Ascendant.
2. The Moon, Co-Ruler of the Ascendant, as well as being situated in the 1st House.

I chose the 2nd House, the House of movable possessions to rule the missing portrait. The Significators are:

1. The Moon, Ruler of the 2nd House.
2. The Sun, Co-Ruler of the 2nd House.
3. Mars, situated in the 2nd House, as well as
4. Venus, the natural Ruler of Possessions.

Since the Moon, the Significator of the portrait, is located in the 1st House, the House of the Querent,

it suggests to me that the portrait is where the Querent spends most of her time—maybe at home.

The Moon is applying to a trine to the Sun, then a sextile to Mars suggesting a favourable outcome.

Where? The predominance of the 8th House, suggests to me something secret or hidden. Retrograde Mercury, the Ruler of the Querent (and natural ruler of thieves) is applying to a semi-sextile to Venus, the natural ruler of possessions, located in the 7th House, the House of the partner. The 8th House is also the Possession House of the partner. Does this mean the partner may be responsible for the disappearance?

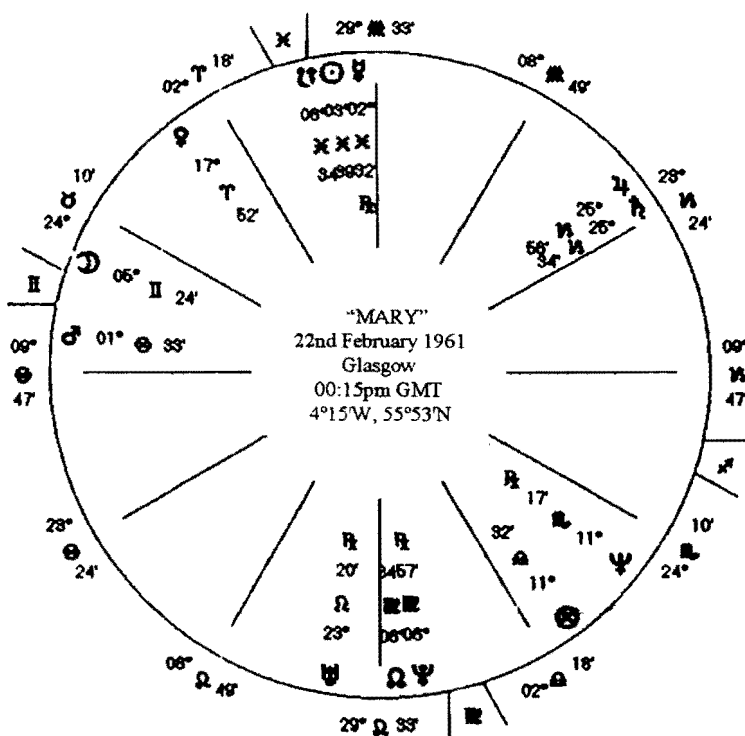
I suggest the Querent look South-West of her home, and somewhere hidden and high up.

Editor's Note: Mignon could very well be on the right track as regards the 7th-House influence. There is a suspicion that the portrait was taken away by a former partner.

Transits, and the Solar Return Figure for the period involved—

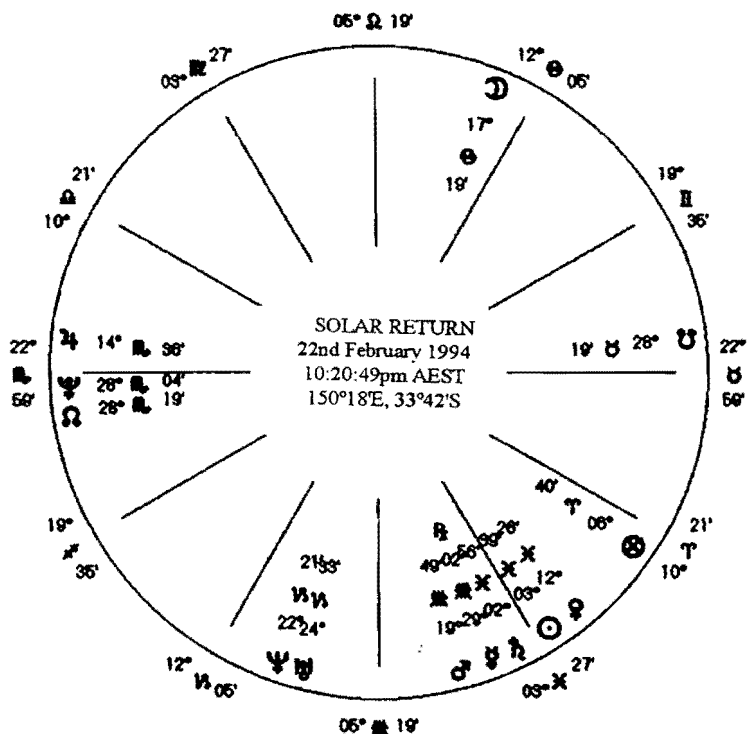
- 5 Aug 94: Pluto Stationary (25°17'♈) sextile Natal Jupiter
- 9 Aug 94: Prog.Moon trine Moon/Mercury Midpoint
- 10 Aug 94: Regr. Venus trine Jupiter/Pluto Midpoint
- 10 Aug 94: Tr. Jupiter sextile Pluto
- 11 Aug 94: Tr. Sun trine Venus
- 11 Aug 94: Tr. Venus trine Equatorial Ascendant.
- 12 Aug 94: Regr. Mercury trine Neptune/Node Midpoint.
- 12 Aug 94 Tr. Mercury trine Venus
- 13 Aug 94: Tr.Venus trine Moon.
- 16 Aug 94: Mars trine Mercury/Node Midpoint (by Naibod-Arc Direction)
- 20 Aug 94: Regr. Moon parallel Natal Mercury
- 26 Aug 94: Prog. Moon trine Sun/Moon Midpoint.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY?



The Chart above is the Horoscope of "Mary", a woman born in Scotland but living now in New South Wales, for whom something momentous happened on 11th August 1944. Can any reader work out what it was? This is another small practical exercise that will help to develop your astrological skills.

To aid in your efforts I supply also the Progressions, Regressions and Directions around that date, the



This is the typical of the situation that one meets when making forecasts for a client. The astrological factors show something of note—but precisely what?

Please send your deductions/comments to me by the 15th June. The solution will be published in the next Issue.

The Life-Span Revolution booklet mentioned in the last Issue is now available direct from Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra NSW 2074.

My kind regards to all,

—Dymock, 15th May 1995.

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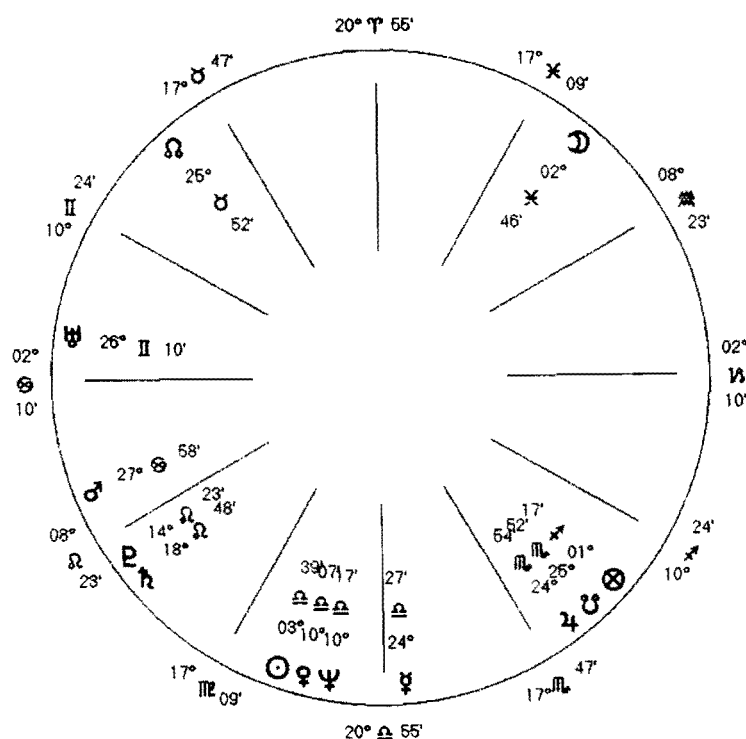
PREMIER BOB CARR

Now that Bob Carr has won the NSW Election, as predicted in the last Issue, it behoves us to consider what sort of a Leader he will be. Here, once more, is his Birth Horoscope.

PREMIER BOB CARR

28 SEPTEMBER 1947, 12:50AM AEST, MAROUBRA NSW

151°16' E, 33°57' S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



Bob is born under the Sign Cancer—The Prophet or Teacher—with the Sun in Libra, the Sign of The Statesman or Arbitrator. From Cancer he receives the gifts of retentive memory and vivid imagination, plus tenacity of purpose, and a dramatic quality that enables him to strike an attitude and gain the attention of his hearers when he wishes to deliver an important message. Another trait, important among our free-spending politicians, is a certain *frugality* that augurs well for the saving of public monies in NSW now that Bob is at the helm.

From the Sign Libra Bob derives a laudable impartiality and a sense of honour. His weakness may be great difficulty in coming to a decision on matters, this because of his sense of fairness and judicial capacity to see both sides—or all sides—of a

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question. No doubt he will be helped in this respect by those of his colleagues who are not too much troubled by impartiality.

In view of the close and very attractive conjunction in Bob's Geniture between the planets Venus and Neptune, which proclaims aesthetic sensibilities, a love of beauty and a keen sense of delicate nuances in music, art (and romance!), we may expect more than nominal support for the arts during Bob's régime. This will gladden the hearts of many.

So far as policy is concerned, the 10th House of the Chart should give us some clues. The Sign Aries there typifies the person who likes to be in the vanguard of thought and entertain new projects. To quote Isabelle Pagan (*From Pioneer to Poet*, now reprinted as *The Signs of the Zodiac Analyzed*) his outlook is "bright and hopeful, expectant and progressive".

Though Mars, Ruler of the 10th, occupies the Sign Cancer which tends to be conservative, its trine to Jupiter signifies an expansionist outlook, an enterprising attitude and many successful undertakings. The Moon, Ruler of the Chart, leaving the trine of Uranus and applying to the square of Jupiter, indicates that Bob is not bogged down in outworn ideas, but may on occasions be more hopeful and optimistic than circumstances warrant.

It is obvious from the position of the Moon (The Ruler) in Pisces plus the Ascendant in Cancer (two accented Water Signs), and the Sun conjunct Neptune, that Bob is far from being an insensitive politician. He must actually be very thin-skinned—a considerable disadvantage in the rough world of politics—but his Cancerian shell will conceal it, and the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn (orb 4°24') endows him with toughness and endurance. Pluto is emphasized by its opposition to the Vertex, and Saturn by its contra-parallel to the Moon.

The Sun conjunct Neptune, plus the Moon in Pisces, also confers on Bob a keen intuitive feeling that will be of inestimable value to him in finding his way through the labyrinth of politics, intrigue, scheming and infighting that is endemic in the world in which he is now cast in the role of leader.

Could one deduce from his Birth Horoscope that Bob Carr would achieve his current eminence? What is there to suggest that a battling politician would indeed become a Premier, with its attendant fame and emoluments? This is the sort of question that might very well be put to an astrologer if he were consulted by an aspiring politician whose career was just starting.

For eminence and fame we should look both to the 10th House, which signifies the potential for worldly elevation, and to the planet Jupiter which carries the potential for fame. In Bob Carr's Radix these two Significators are linked by the "Harvest" aspect—the trine. It is true that this aspect appears in many charts without always a commensurate elevation of the native in the eyes of the world, though I have noticed there is always some degree of leadership displayed, if only within a limited circle.

However, in the Premier's Chart additional factors enhance the Harvest aspect: Mars and Jupiter are in *Mutual Reception*—Mars being in Jupiter's Exaltation, and Jupiter being in the Sign Scorpio, traditionally ruled by Mars. Mutual Reception produces something like the power of a conjunction. Further, Jupiter, principal Significator of fame, is conjunct the Nodal axis of the Moon, which adds considerably to its significance.

STANDARD AND PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURNS

More attention should be paid to the **Progressive Solar Return**. In many instances I have found it to be more indicative of circumstances and events than the standard variety. The Progressive Solar Return is calculated for the time the Sun arrives in any year at the Secondary-Progressed position of the Sun on the birthday. The Chart thus derived applies to the following twelve months.

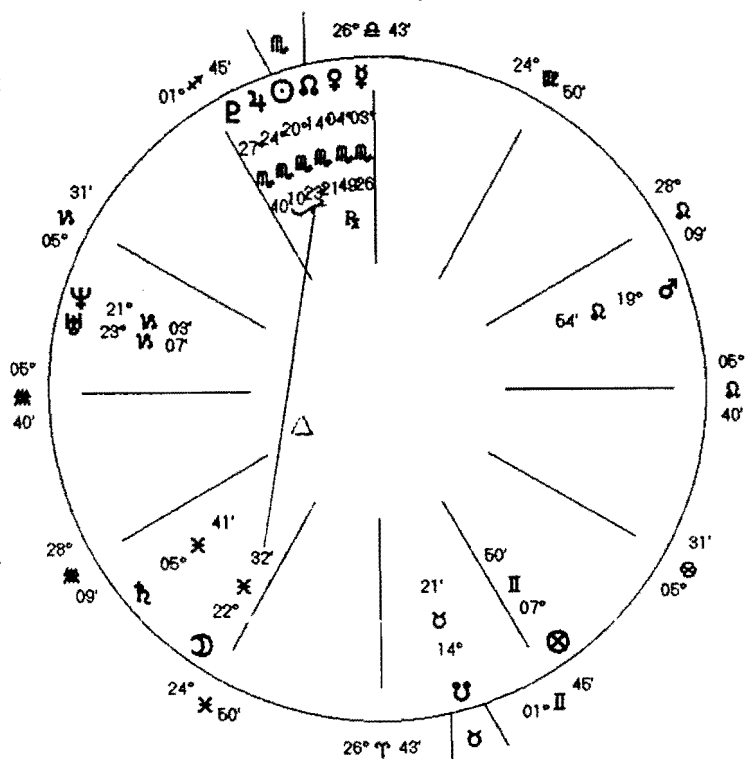
The Progressed Sun on Bob Carr's 47th birthday (28th September 1994, 12:50am AEST) was at 20°22'55" of Scorpio, and the Sun transited this point exactly on 13th November 1994 at GMT 0h 6m 58s. The Chart thus derived applies for the twelve months following, until the new Progressive Solar Return comes in on 14th November 1995. See below.

There is a close sequence of Sun—Jupiter—Pluto in the Figure, forming part of a powerful stellium in the 10th House. Jupiter is not only close to its Natal position but is also at the **midpoint of the Sun and Pluto**. Reinhold Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) interprets this as "successful striving for power...a person who establishes his position in life

BOB CARR: PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN

13 NOVEMBER 1994, 00:06:58 AM GMT

SYDNEY, 151°10' E, 33°52' S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS



successfully", which is certainly appropriate in view of Bob Carr's recent victory at the polls. Apart from that, Venus ruling the Midheaven is conjunct Mercury and trine to Saturn ruling the Ascendant, giving promise of worldly elevation.

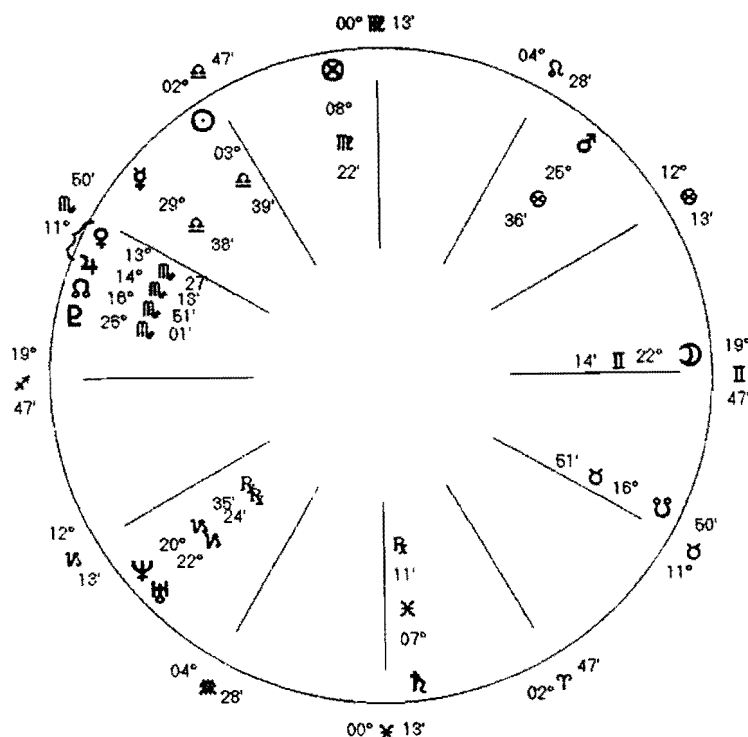
Compare the above Figure with the **Standard Solar Return** on the next page. This Chart also relates to the period in which Bob Carr won the Election. Jupiter, ruling the Ascendant, conjoins Venus within a 1° orb—a sign of good fortune, among other things, particularly as Sagittarius rises—but not specifically referring to a major advancement in career. The only direct links with career are the Part of Fortune in the 10th House, and the elevated Sun on the 11th Cusp trine to Saturn. The latter aspect is very favourable for sustaining his position of authority, particularly as both bodies are well-placed mundanely—Saturn Angular close to the 4th Cusp, and the Sun less than 1° from the 11th Cusp. Apart from its relevance or otherwise to the attainment of the Premiership, this Solar-Return Chart is certainly favourable to Bob Carr in the pursuit of his objectives this year: Sun trine Saturn maintains his position (against any challenges), Sagittarius rising with Venus conjunct Jupiter brings him luck, and Mars trine Pluto signifies drive and determination to achieve his objectives.

This is, of course, borne out by the Progressive Solar Return for the reasons beforementioned and also because of the Moon trine the Sun, and Saturn, traditional Ruler of the Ascendant, being trine to

BOB CARR: STANDARD SOLAR RETURN

27 SEPTEMBER 1994, 9:42:22AM GMT

SYDNEY, 151°10' E, 33°52" S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



Mercury and Venus in the Midheaven. Thus the Sector of Career, Status and Advancement is well fortified.

The Premier's **Progressed Aspects** on the following dates suggest periods that will be highlights of the current year:

20th April 1995, Regressed Saturn conjunct Regressed Pluto at 13°7' Leo: Slow-moving Progressions/-Regressions such as this make their influence felt over lengthy periods. This converse conjunction has already been operating for months, and will continue during the present year. The Premier will be applying himself to his governmental tasks with zeal, energy and determination. This is an uncompromising aspect, and Bob Carr's natural tenacity, toughness and capacity for hard work will be evident. He will demand much of himself, and much of others.

14th to 19th June 1995, Progressed Moon contra-parallel Natal Pluto: This marks a few days especially adapted to clearing out impedimenta and generally streamlining one's operation. The Premier should take advantage of the planetary energies to get rid of dead wood, out-moded methods and anything else that stands in the way of progress and a new order.

6th July 1995, Saturn Stationary trine Natal Jupiter: A favourable period of about two weeks around 6th July for enacting legislation, settling legal disputes, and paring down expenses.

17th July 1995, Progressed Moon conjunct Progressed Venus at 9°44' Sagittarius: This benefic conjunction, occurring right on the 6th Cusp of Bob Carr's Radix, will focus his attention on his undertaking prior to the Election regarding health matters. Good results will surely follow, and the Premier will grow in popularity.

31st July to 3rd August 1995, Progressed Moon contra-parallel Natal Uranus: A time to inaugurate changes. The two bodies being already in favourable aspect in the Premier's Natus will facilitate progress and departures from old-style procedures.

1st to 4th August 1995, Jupiter stationary sextile Natal Sun: Revenue flows in and benefits come from past activities. This is a generally fortunate influence when the Premier will find most things go well, and he will enjoy considerable popular esteem.

4th to 12th August 1995, Pluto stationary trine Natal Mars: Some notable achievement. Success through persistent, determined effort.

5th September 1995, Solar-Arc Neptune trine Natal Mars: The voice of Intuition will help in deciding policy matters. The Premier should also be attending to the claims of the Arts.

5th October 1995, Neptune stationary square Natal Mercury: Adverse publicity possible through mistakes, confusion and/or misrepresentation.

6th October 1995, Uranus stationary square Natal Mercury: Disconcerting news, upset plans and trouble through news reports are probable.

October 1995, Solar-Arc Pluto square the Natal Ascendant: A challenging time necessitating fundamental (even fateful) changes.

November 1995, Progressed Venus sextile Natal Venus, (plus other favourable influences from Venus, the Moon and Jupiter): Calm after the transition period. A time for relaxation and enjoyment of the good things of life and the perquisites of Office.

—Dymock.

FIND THE LAWYER!

ROSS HARVEY reports that there were five entries for the *FIND THE LAWYER* competition. One person made two attempts, and one person was correct. **The Lawyer's Chart was No. 2.** The draftsman was No.1, and the repairer, No 3. [See the Charts in Issue 159/160. page 6.]

FIRST ENTRANT: Lawyer, Chart No. 2. This entrant had supplied the third Chart for the competition, so had only two to choose from.

SECOND ENTRANT: Lawyer, Chart No. 1. Second attempt: Lawyer, Chart No. 3.

THIRD ENTRANT: Lawyer, Chart No.1; sailor/-repairer, Chart No. 2; draftsman, Chart No. 3.

FOURTH ENTRANT: Lawyer, Chart No.1; sailor/-repairer, Chart No. 2; draftsman, Chart No. 3.

FIFTH ENTRANT: Lawyer, Chart No.1; sailor/repairer, Chart No. 2; draftsman, Chart No. 3.

ROSS HARVEY writes: Congratulations to Jack Nicholls, who was the First Entrant. When I set this test I wondered if I could have done it myself, so I looked through all the collections of data I have for charts of lawyers. Fortunately, many politicians were lawyers before they entered politics, so I found many charts, especially in Doris Chase Doane's *Horoscopes of the U.S. Presidents*.

I first assumed that Mercury must be in some way prominent, as lawyers deal with information and words, and thought that aspects of Mercury to Pluto might be important. However in over forty charts I found, aspects of Mercury to Mars as well as to Pluto were in every one with only two exceptions, and of these two, one had Sun conjunct Mars, and the other Moon conjunct Mars.

Mercury—Mars aspects are almost more important than those to Pluto, and signify "love of disputation". Who would have thought it? I would almost go so far as to say that combined aspects of Mercury, Mars and Pluto are the signature of the lawyer. Richard Nixon's Chart is typical, with Mercury conjunct Mars and opposite Pluto. F.D. Roosevelt had Mercury square Pluto, trine Mars. Harry Truman had Mercury conjunct Pluto, and [an aspect of] 4/19th to Mars, with an orb of only 0°10'.

Chart No. 2 has Mercury sesquare an Angular Pluto, and 100° to Mars, with an orb of only 0°11'. This is wholly typical of a lawyer.

Thanks to Ross for his research and enlightening report.

A further development of this Exercise would be an analysis of the other two Charts. What suggests the **draftsman** in Chart No.1, and the **sailor/repairer** in Chart No. 2? Comments/research by readers on

these Charts will be welcomed. Meantime, we want more Charts of specific occupations so that this educational series can be extended. Surely every reader must have at least one! Please send the data direct to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia, 2074.**

Ross Harvey's brilliantly innovative *Life Span Revolution* has now been reprinted in a separate booklet by Ken Gillman, Editor of *Considerations*. Those interested should write to Ken at P.O. Box 655, Mount Kisco, New York, 10549. The article originally appeared in *Astrologers' Forum* Issues 125, 126 and 127, December 1991 to February 1992.

SUN—PLUTO

ELVA HOWSON (Vic.) writes:

I think it is a marvellous idea to collect actual planetary effects from contributors' personal observations. I tender my observations of six **Sun—Pluto** personally-known cases (four conjunctions, one sextile, one trine).

PHYSICAL—All natives have experienced several (varied) surgical procedures.

THE CONJUNCTION:

Exceedingly strong ability to manipulate or dominate others by fair means or foul. Periodic involvement in power struggles, with ego-feeling crushed should victory not be theirs, but they rise to battle again with other opponents.

Strongly persistent in pursuit of personal desires. Selfish.

Very efficient in chosen vocation.

The father is removed from the native's life, or is ineffectual. The mother in all cases is the more dominant (powerful) parent even when the father is present in the native's youth.

One native with the **conjunction in Virgo** was diagnosed with compulsive obsession disorder.

SEXTILE, TRINE:

As above, but somewhat softened approach.

Thank you, Elva. It is good to have a response to the request in the last Issue. I hope other readers will follow suit and contribute their personal observations of planetary interactions. When enough worthwhile material has been collected I hope to publish a collated rendering in *The Best of Astrologers' Forum*. Much of the present textbook interpretations relate to a bygone era, and need to be brought into line with present-day conditions.

My kind regards to all.

—Dymock, 23rd April 1995.

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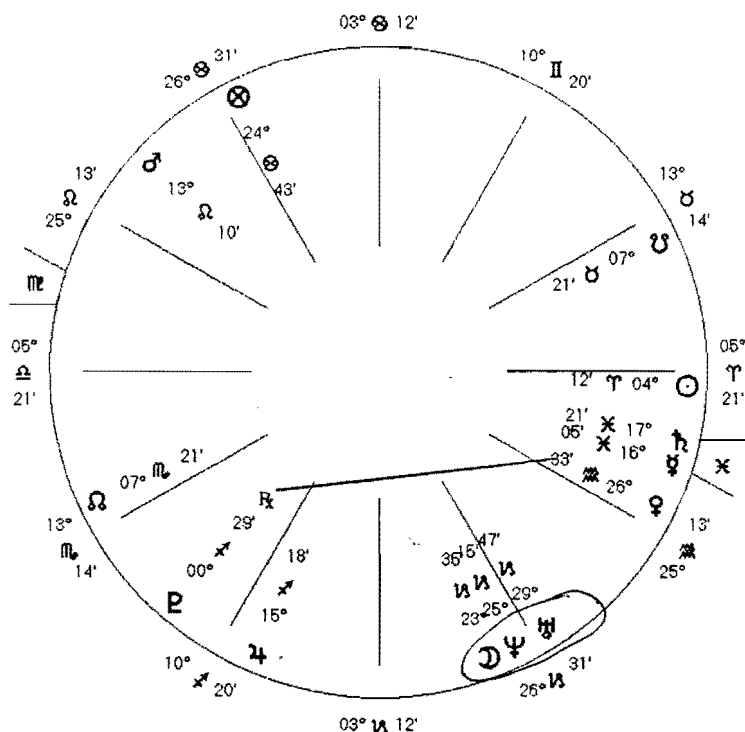
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ELECTION FORECAST

A political Election is scheduled for the State of New South Wales on Saturday, 25th March next. The chief protagonists are the incumbent Liberal Premier, John Fahey, and the Leader of the Labour Opposition, Bob Carr. Can astrology determine *who will win?* Various techniques are available, but the the Event Chart below already decides the issue in favour of Bob Carr. It is set for the closing time of the Polls, 6pm, AEST, on the Election day, and for Sydney, the NSW Capital and seat of the State Parliament, .

NSW STATE ELECTION 25 March 1995

CLOSING OF THE POLLS, 6 PM SYDNEY
151°10' E, 33°52' S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



John Fahey and his Liberal Government is represented by the East side of the Chart, more especially the Ascendant and Midheaven.

The Labour Opposition is represented by the West Side of the Chart—the 7th Cusp becoming its Ascendant.

The Sign Libra rises, and its Ruler, Venus, is squared by Pluto, The Destroyer—a bad portent, indeed. This, in itself, is probably enough to ensure defeat of the present Government, but when we look further we see that the 10th House, representing the Government's chances of victory has Cancer on the

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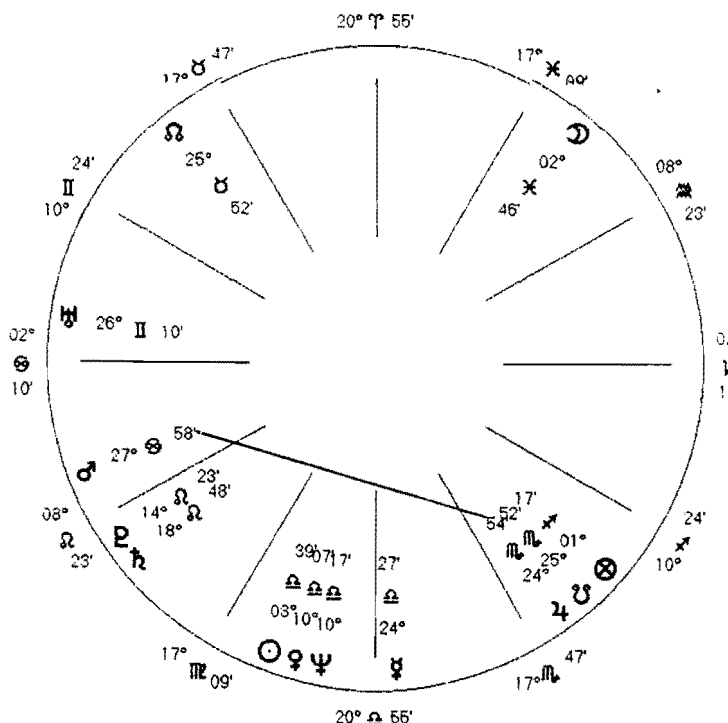
Cusp, ruled by the Moon, which is in a close applying conjunction with Neptune, and then moves on to join Uranus. This will surely wreck the Liberal Party's prospects.

The Labour Opposition, on the other hand, has its Ascendant (7th Cusp) fortified by the close conjunction of the Sun, its power emphasized by the conjoined Vertex and the trine from Pluto. Additionally, the Ruler of the Derived Ascendant, Mars, forms a beautiful trine with Jupiter—success.

The Mars-Jupiter trine repeats the same aspect in Bob Carr's Natal Horoscope (for which details I believe I was originally indebted to Gwen Stoney, indefatigable worker for correct Radix times).

BOB CARR,

LEADER OF THE NSW LABOUR OPPOSITION
28 SEPTEMBER 1947, 12:50AM AEST, MAROUBRA, NSW
151°16' E, 33°57' S. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.

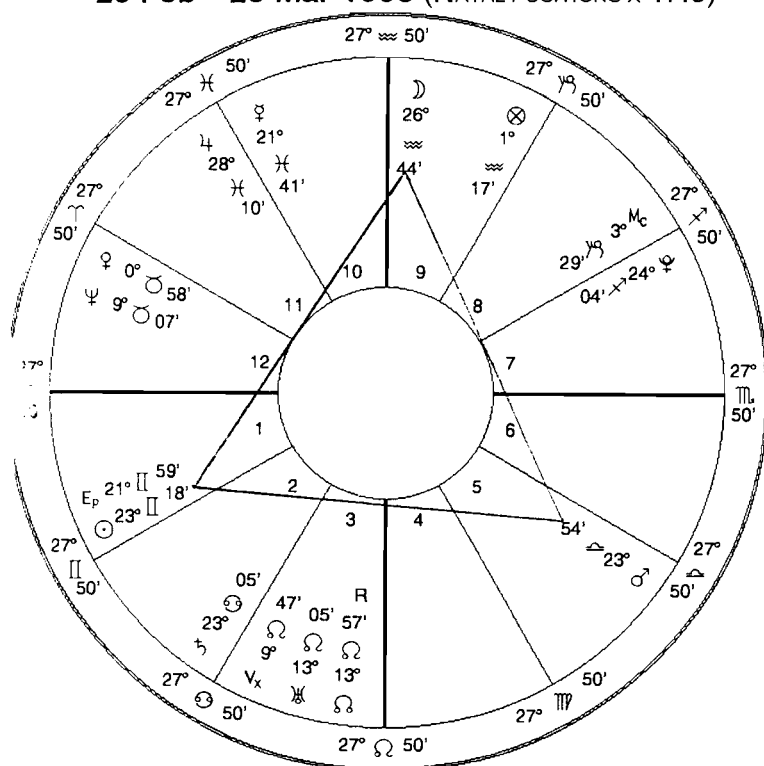


In Bob's Chart the Mars—Jupiter trine has particular application to his career, as Mars rules his 10th House.

Further cheering indications for Bob are given in the Chart for his Harmonic Month covering the period of the Election.

For information on fractional Harmonics see *Astrologers' Forum* 157/158, page 2, foot of second column. The Astrolabe Nova Program prints these Charts—otherwise use a calculator. They are tedious to do by hand, but very rewarding. But you must have a reasonably accurate birth time, otherwise Cusps and House positions will be wrong.

BOB CARR: Harmonic Month
28 Feb—28 Mar 1995 (NATAL POSITIONS X 47.5)



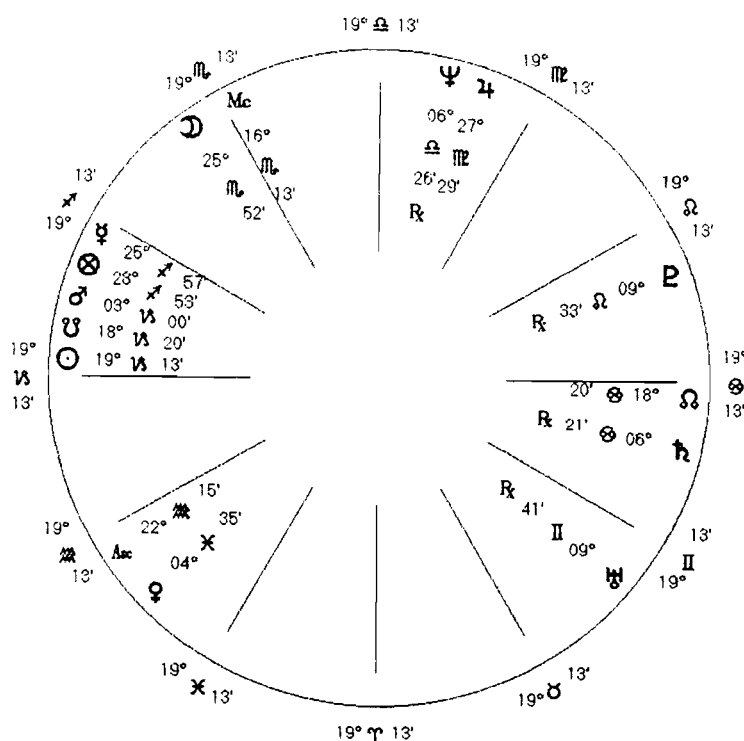
The dominating Grand Trine involving the Moon at the Midheaven, the Sun and Mars, does not need comment. It is a winner!

On the very day of the Election, 25th March, Mars is Stationary, turning Direct, at 13°10' Leo. Here it closely conjuncts Bob Carr's Natal Pluto at 14°23' Leo. As Pluto is the Planet of Power, and Mars rules the Radical Midheaven, I read this conjunction as empowering Bob's career. This is again supported by Jupiter on 1st April stationary at 15°23' Sagittarius, where it also trines Natal Pluto. The two stationary Transiting planets Mars and Jupiter together with Natal Pluto form a Grand Trine of Power for Bob Carr's benefit. As if anything further were needed, the Regressed Moon trines the Natal Sun on 1st April, a date when I expect Bob to be savouring the fruits of victory.

So far as the Premier, John Fahey, is concerned, I have only a date and place of birth, and not the time. Consequently the Horoscope below is only a Solar Chart, with the Sun placed on the Eastern Horizon. The Solar Figure precludes an analysis of Cyclic Charts, and we are restricted to Progressions/-Regressions and Transits. However, this is not of much consequence as the issue of Electoral Victory is decided anyway.

The stationary positions of Mars and Jupiter on the 25th March and 1st April do not yield John Fahey

JOHN FAHEY, N.S.W. PREMIER
10TH JANUARY 1945, AUCKLAND, N.Z.
SOLAR CHART. PLACIDEAN CUSPS.



any joy, and a Naibod-Arc Direction of Saturn trine Mercury on 10th April is no cause for cheering.

If Bob Carr doesn't win this Election I'll start my astrological studies all over again.

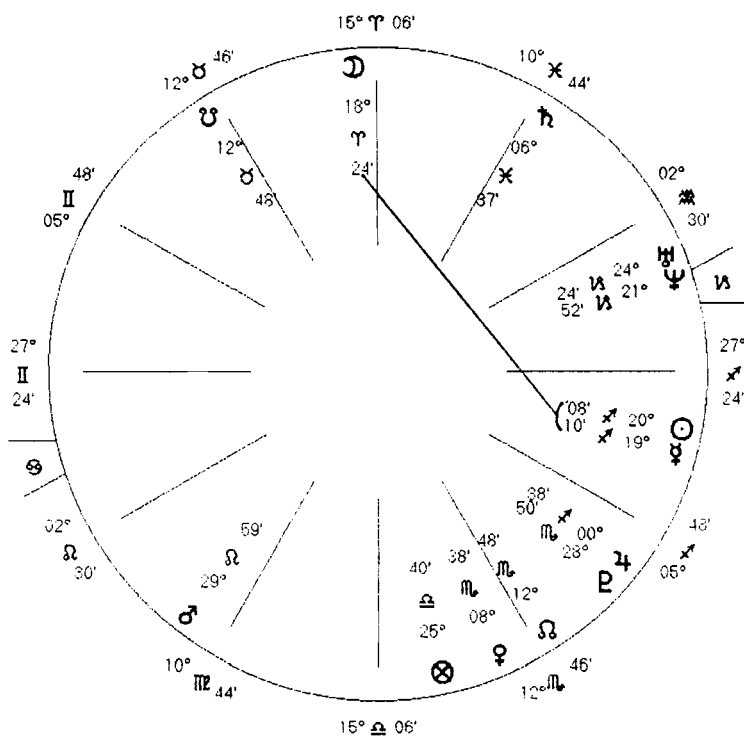
—Dymock.

Will my lost rings be recovered?

The Horary Chart on the next page was drawn up in response to a client who had lost two rings, very valuable both in monetary terms and for sentimental reasons. The woman concerned was worried that they had been stolen after she took them off during a cleaning operation and left the house for an hour or two, forgetting to replace them on her hand. Would they be recovered?, was her question.

Gemini rising, and the Moon in Aries, adequately describes the Querent—she is highly intelligent and has her Natal Moon in Aries.

HORARY CHART 12 DECEMBER 1994



My interpretation of the Chart was that the rings would be recovered. I took the 2nd House to represent the lost rings. Leo on the Cusp is ruled by the Sun, posited here in the 2nd House, conjunct Mercury. This is very appropriate for a valuable item (Sun) worn on the hand (Mercury).

They would be recovered because the Querent's Significator, the Moon is *applying* to a *trine* of both Mercury and the Sun.

Because of the position of the latter two planets in the 6th House and in Sagittarius, I suggested that the lost items were in the kitchen and in or near a heater.

The Querent and her husband scoured every inch of the kitchen, and practically dismantled the stove and a heater, but without result.

The search was finally given up, though I still believed the rings were not stolen but were somewhere in the house.

I heard no more of the matter until the Querent excitedly 'phoned me on 3rd March to say that she had found the rings that every morning! Where were they? In the pocket of her woollen jacket, which had apparently been in the kitchen at the time, and where the rings had possibly been put by her three-year-old daughter.

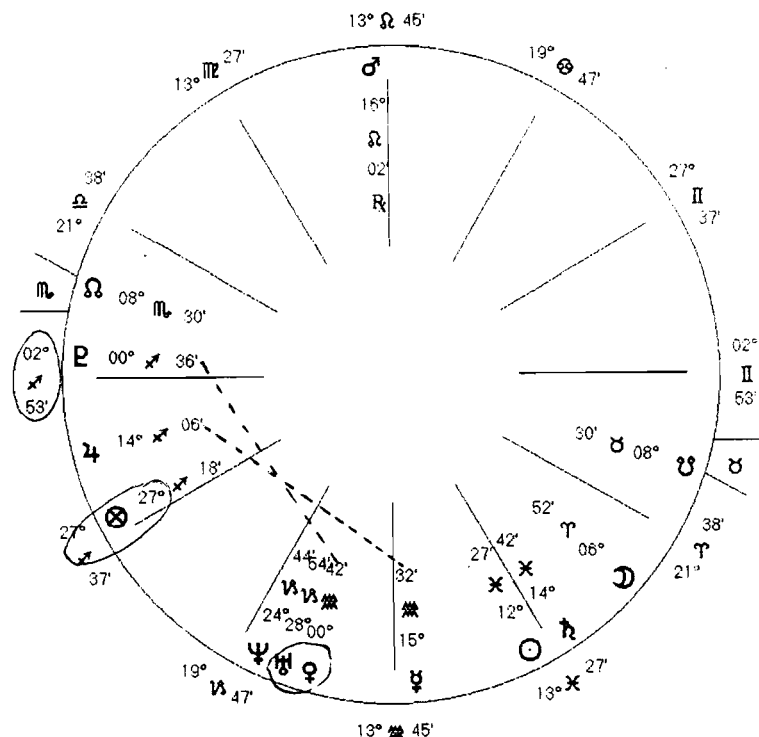
The woollen jacket was, of course, the *heater*—not easy to specify!

An interesting facet of the case is the *timing* of the find: The Sun and Mercury are disposed by Jupiter at 0°38' of Sagittarius. (Jupiter rules wool) At the date the rings were discovered, Pluto was stationery at 0°37' of Sagittarius—precisely on Jupiter. Pluto *brings things to light*.

The Ascendant of the Chart is just into the last three degrees of the Sign, which is supposed to be a "Stricture" against judgement. "Strictures" have to be interpreted with some flexibility. Here it probably meant that nothing *need* be done—the lost items would be discovered in the normal course of events.

An interesting corollary to the above is the Querent's Lunar Return Chart, which came into operation on the 3rd of March—the day on which the lost items were discovered.

LUNAR RETURN 3 MARCH 1995 (Placidus)

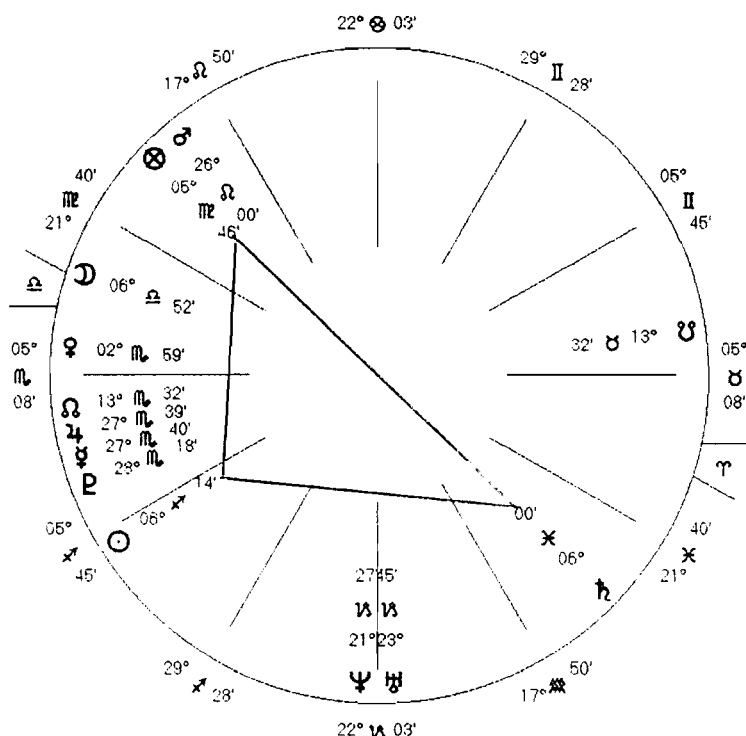


Sagittarius rises—the "lucky" Sign. Jupiter, its Ruler, is just below the horizon and in its Dignity, closely sextile to Mercury (small items) in the 4th House—the realm of lost and hidden things. Again, Venus (valuables) in the 3rd House is conjunct Uranus (discovery) and closely sextile to Pluto which "brings things to light". A third indication is the presence of the Part of Fortune (one's treasure) right on the Cusp of the 2nd House (gains and material assets)

None of the preceding or succeeding Lunar Return Charts had any comparable planetary configurations. Truly it has been written in Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything under the Sun"

Taking the matter a step further, could we infer the loss of a valuable item from the Lunar Chart just prior to the loss? The Lunar Return of 14th November 1994 is too remote from the event (3rd December), but the "Demi-Lunar Return", when the Moon was opposite its Natal position occurred on 29th November, Australian time. It appears on the next page.

DEMI-LUNAR RETURN 29 NOV.1994



The interesting thing about this Chart is the T-Square involving the Sun in the 2nd House (material assets) in close square to the Part of Fortune (possessions), and very close square to Saturn. An alert astrologer might well deduce from this combination a loss of some important asset. Perhaps, if this configuration had occurred in a *major* cyclic chart—an annual Solar or Synodic Return, for instance, it might well have portended an irrevocable loss.

—Dymock.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES of PLANETARY EFFECTS

Astrologers' Forum is a publication "devoted to the improvement of astrological practice through the sharing of knowledge, experience and techniques". We need more input from readers contributing their knowledge of planetary action through their experience with their own Charts or those of friends/clients, etc. This is the way in which we can add to, improve and correct the textbook definitions. Practical experience gives precision to what is sometimes only the speculation of imaginative astrologers when expounding the supposed action and interaction of the planets and Signs. Don't tell me that after observing the linking of, say, Mercury and Venus for years you don't have your own ideas of what they mean and how they work! Your experience could be a valuable extension of present knowledge, something to go into the text books of the future.

I am asking readers to submit their knowledge and conclusions founded on their own special observation and research, so that all of us can benefit.

As a start, can you add to or enlarge on the following brief delineation of the Moon linked to Neptune?

Moon—Neptune:

Psychological: Soft-nature, gentle, sensitive, impressionable, compassionate, dreamy, inspired, forgetful, absent-minded,, unpunctual, unworldly, improvident, naive and gullible; easily imposed upon. apt to be uncertain and confused. Aesthetic tastes; interested in music, art, theatre, dancing, mysticism or the occult. Sometimes psychic impressions, with varying degrees of reliability.

(Trine/Sextile) Love lakes and peaceful waters. (Opposition, Square) Uneasy at sea. Afraid of drowning.

Physical: Prone to periods of lassitude and apathy. Over-indulgence in or addicted to alcohol, smoking or drugs. Physiologically vulnerable parts are the feet and lungs.

The above characteristics are of course to be read in conjunction with other features of the chart, and may have to be modified considerably in a particular delineation.

Though I have cited the Moon-Neptune link as an introductory example, feel free to write about any other planetary combination whose effects you have observed. Names of those who contribute will be published unless otherwise indicated by the contributor. The more contributions we have the more progress we can make towards precise and comprehensive delineation of planetary action.

"Accuracy and definition of judgement are the qualities most needed in present day astrological practice."—written by Vivian E. Robson, B.Sc., about 60 years ago, and still applicable today.

You still have until 15th March to submit your answers to *Where is my Portrait* (in the last Issue) and the *Find the Lawyer* Exercise (Issues 159/160,) If you are serious about Astrology it is certainly worthwhile making the time to attempt these questions.

Information is also requested from readers who have accurate birth data of people engaged in any of the professions. This can be the basis of future exercises to increase astrological insight.

—Dymock, 6th March 1995.

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THE FUTURE OF JOHN HOWARD

by Allan Johnson

Will John Howard be the next Prime Minister?

At the beginning of each year the *Weekend Australian* always runs a page of predictions for the year ahead. This year the star turn was John Howard as the next Prime Minister. Of course a Federal Election won't necessarily have to be held this year, but if not it would have to take place in the early part of 1996. So in that case he would certainly have to be the new leader of the Liberal Party before this year runs out. Also, in view of Alexander Downing's poor showing in the opinion polls just now it is a good time to have a look at Howard's Chart. He was born on 26th July 1939, and the time I have is approximately 4am.

This makes for quite a strong Chart, with a close T-Square pattern—Sun, Pluto, Saturn, Mars. These are all powerful planets, and the T-Square can be a dynamic configuration. It is also worth noting that all these planets are right on the Cusps of Signs, as well as the Moon being right on the Cusp of Scorpio. So here we have five planets all very closely on Cusps, enough to call it a "Cuspal" Chart. I have always found that people born with the Sun on the Cusps of two Signs are very prone to live fluctuating lives. For political figures this could mean sudden rises and falls. This has already happened in Howard's case. That situation could be very much emphasized by so many other planets also being on Cusps. I would say that a lot of Cuspal planets could make for a high degree of *adaptability*, being able to handle any type of eventuality. And of course this contradicts the fact that nearly all these planets are in *Fixed Signs*, not usually considered to be so flexible. So such a person could take a lot of people by surprise.

But a point of major interest at this time is that both Uranus and Pluto, the two planets most associated with dramatic events, hit the Cusps this year. This means that Pluto will be right on Howard's Moon for most of this year, while Uranus will be right on his Natal Mars, squaring Saturn and opposing his Sun/Pluto, thus activating the Natal T-Square very strongly. This could make this year very much a "Destiny Year" for him.

The activation of a pattern like this does not make for an easy situation, rather it puts one in the "hot seat", and how many want that? But it is precisely

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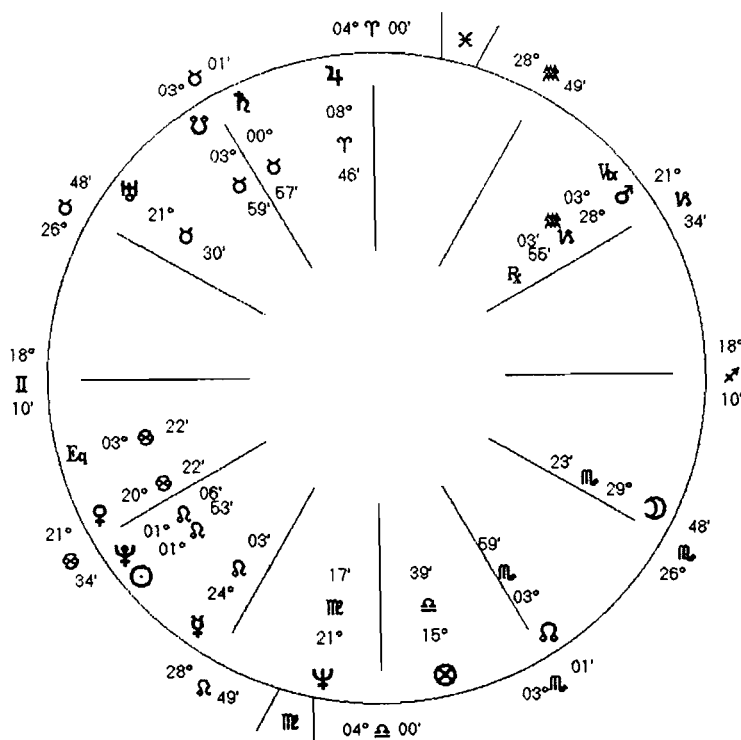
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JOHN HOWARD

26 July 1939, Kogarah, NSW 4 am

151°8' E, 33°58'S

Koch Cusps



"people born with the Sun on the Cusps of two Signs are very prone to live fluctuating lives"

what any person aspiring to be Prime Minister has to contend with. There has to be a big difference between winning political office and winning a

lottery. On the other hand, if we look at the position of transiting Pluto conjuncting Natal Moon, we see it also trines Sun/Pluto, and links up in a wide Grand Trine involving Natal Jupiter. This does bring a luck element into the picture, which is often needed as well as hard effort. Progressions don't play such a big part in this situation, though the Progressed Sun

is moving towards the trine to Mars. So John Howard could achieve his long-term ambition to be Prime Minister, and it will be interesting to see these Transits in action.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above was written by Allan Johnson on the 16th of January, well before the Opposition Liberal Party moved to replace Leader Alexander Downer with former Deputy Prime Minister, John Howard. The latter is assuming the mantle of office this day, 30th January 1995, and his Progressed Aspect is *Mercury, his Natal Ruler, parallel the Sun (success)*. (31st January).

POLITICAL FORECASTING

No one has yet responded to the challenge of making a political forecast from the FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA Chart given in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*. Potential forecasters may take courage from the fact that the Stationary position of Mercury at 21°16' Aquarius was right on the 11th Placidian Cusp (20°56' Aquarius) of the Radical Chart. The 11th House represents Parliament, and Mercury here indicates the current acrimonious discussion regarding the Government's wood-chip policy, with a huge blockade today of Parliament House by over 2000 logging trucks and about 5000 people.

The big question now is "Will the Liberal Opposition win the Federal Election due to be held this year or early next?" Again, astrologers with a political bent are invited to try their hand at answering this question. The astrological reasoning will be published in this Journal along with the names of any successful authors.

THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

The horrific earthquake in Japan once again raises the question whether these calamities can be foretold by Astrology. Erecting a Chart for the time and place of the event is instructive insofar as one can see the symbolic representation of the tremendous forces at work, but so far as practical help is concerned it is only an intellectual exercise.

A possible, or partial, solution to this problem is to be found in the writings of L. Edward Johndro whose book *The Earth in the Heavens* describes a method of equating various Longitudes on the Earth's surface with specific Zodiacal Degrees. The Zodiacal degree found to correspond to the particular geographic longitude of the place is then put at the Midheaven of any Chart concerning that particular

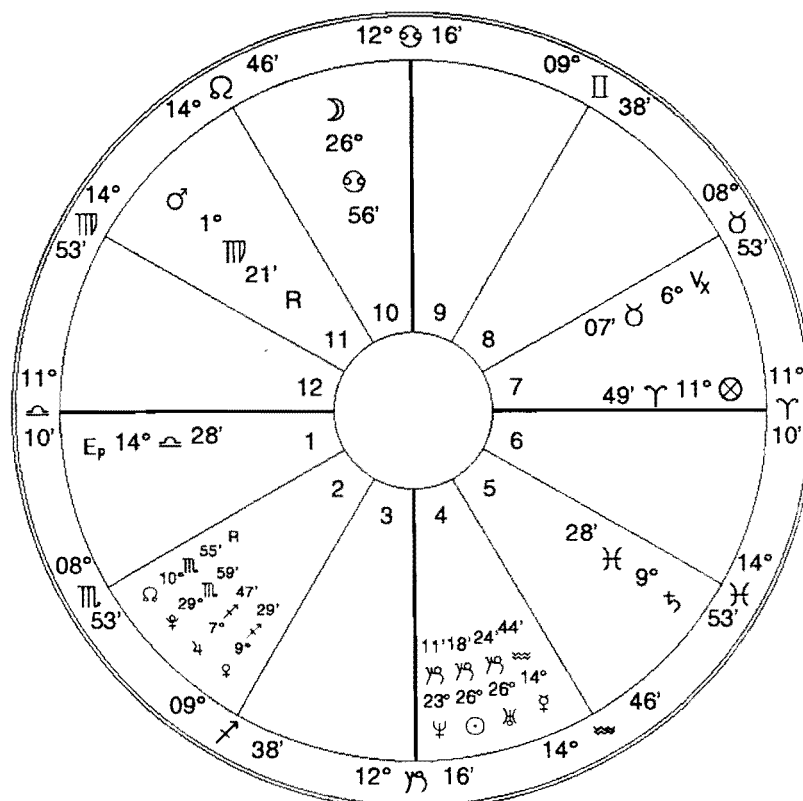
locality, the other Cusps and planetary positions being calculated in the usual way from the latitude of the place and the date of the event. The preselected longitude (which becomes the Midheaven) changes very slightly from year to year as Johndro based his system on the precession of the Equinoxes. The Nova Computer Program readily calculates these Charts though they are not difficult to do by hand.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

17 January 1995, 5:46am Awaji, Japan

5:46am, latitude 34°35' N.

JOHNDRO CHART for 135°1'E.



The epicentre of the Japanese Earthquake was Awaji Island, near the major cities of Kobe, Osaka and Kyoto. The terrestrial longitude of Awaji is 135°1' East, and a Johndro Chart for the time of the Quake at this longitude and at the latitude of Awaji does indeed reflect the event: The 4th House (the Earth) contains a conjunction of Neptune, the Sun and Uranus all opposed by the Moon. The Sun and Uranus (shock!) are very close in the 27th degree of Capricorn (Earth Sign), and so is their opposition to the Moon (orb about ½°). There are other planetary afflictions—Mars square Pluto, and Saturn ruling the 4th square Venus ruling the 8th, both aspects being harbingers of death.

The point about all this is that a vigilant mundane astrologer would be aware of critical configurations forming in the sky, and with the help of the Johndro method of equating locality longitudes to Midheaven

degrees may be able to narrow down the area of the Earth that would be affected. The astrologer would search for those places where the major adverse configurations are close to the Angles, as in the Chart above. The remaining problem would be to decide on the *latitude*, of the place or district at risk, and in the case of a probable earthquake, as here, one would of course be guided to a large extent by the known Fault Lines and the places they affect.

The above is one suggested avenue of research that could give worthwhile results. Probably others will suggest themselves to interested astrologers. I should be pleased to hear from them. —Dymock.

A CASE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH

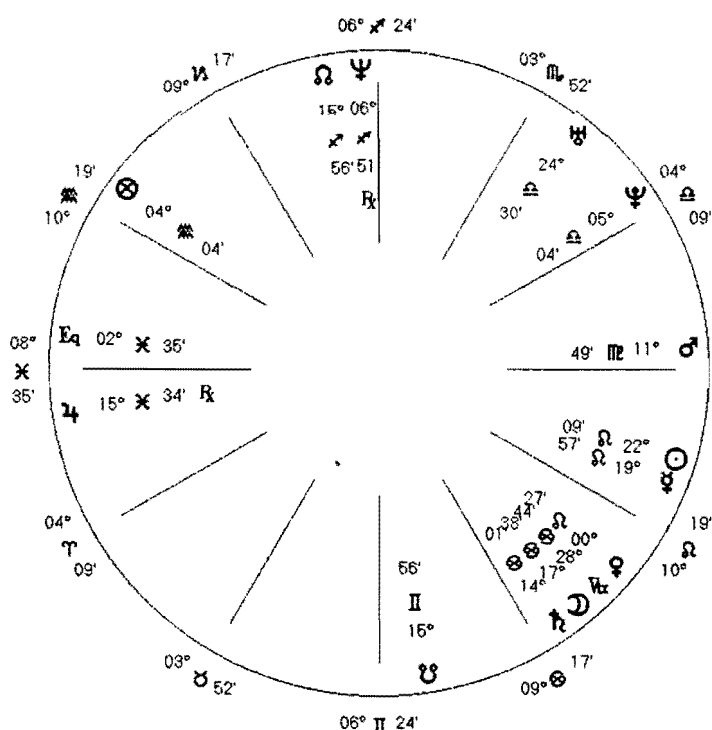
by Ricky Corcilius

Here is an example of how powerful are the indications and especially the degrees in the Solar Return Chart. Transits that are technically over and separating, and Eclipse degrees, can be still very active, as shown in a Solar Return, when backed up by other Progressed or Transiting aspects.

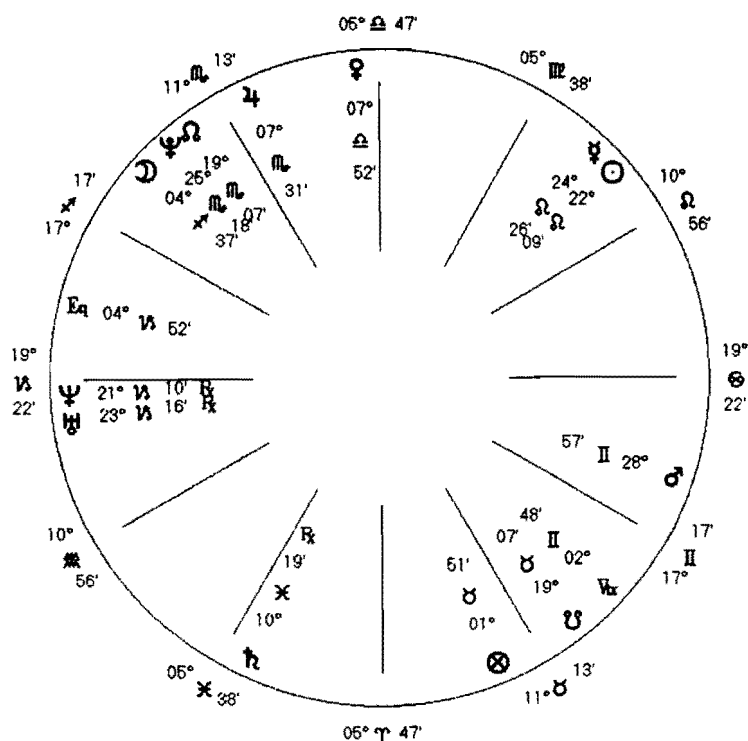
The man concerned was born on 15th August 1974, Sydney, 6:40pm, and he died overseas on 31st December 1994 while riding in a taxi which was hit by a bus.

MALE BORN 15TH AUGUST 1974, SYDNEY

151°10' E, 33°55' E, 6:40 pm AEST. Placidus.



SOLAR RETURN 15th August 1994 (Set for Birth Place)



The Solar Return for his last birthday has the SR-Sun in the 8th House (death) conjunct Mercury, both square to Pluto. Mars is in the 6th House in Gemini (cars and transport) quincunx to Pluto. The SR-Midheaven is 5° Libra conjunct Natal Pluto, and the yearly Moon is in Sagittarius, showing overseas travel, which did begin before the birthday and lasted throughout the rest of the year until his death. Transiting Jupiter conjuncted this yearly Moon at 4°37' Sagittarius on the day he was killed, which says something about some of the so-called lucky effects of Jupiter.

The Lunar Eclipse in May 1994 occurred at 3°43' Sagittarius, close to Natal Neptune, Ruler of his Birth Ascendant—he left Australia in May.

What is even more macabre, his funeral was held on the 10th January 1995, when the Sun was at 19°17' of Capricorn, exactly conjunct the SR-Ascendant. The SR-North Node in the 11th House at 19° Scorpio is in the same degree as this Ascendant. Anything in the same degree as the Moon's Node is said to be fateful and difficult. Here it is certainly so, as the Ascendant itself was jeopardized.

The young man died in Sri Lanka where he had gone to see a girlfriend, who was also very badly hurt in the accident. He would otherwise never have been in that place.

Rising in the Yearly Chart are Uranus and Neptune retrograde, quincunx to the Sun in the 8th House and quincunx Mars in the 6th, if you allow a wide orb, which is certainly warranted, as later events tragically showed.

Alexandre Volguine, who wrote a book on Solar

Returns, always said that something like death in the Solar Return Chart had to be backed up by other Progressed aspects. This young man's Progressed Sun conjuncted his Natal Mars exactly on the 4th of January 1995, four days after he died (of severe head injuries). The Progressed Sun was in the Progressed 6th House, where it would always stay. The Progressed Moon in Aries squared Natal Saturn in the Progressed 4th House two weeks before the accident. Progressed Mars at 24° Virgo opposed the Progressed Ascendant. The Progressed Moon at 14°51' Aries trined the Progressed Node the day he died.

• Other Transits in effect at the time of his death were:

• Uranus in the Natal 11th House square Natal Uranus in the 8th House—a separating aspect but still obviously powerful.

• Transiting Venus square his Natal Sun.

• Transiting Saturn about to conjunct the Natal Ascendant.

Looking at the Midpoints—

• Uranus = Mars/Neptune: "A crisis in life, an illness or an accident". The accident occurred while travelling in a taxi with his girlfriend.

• Natal Pluto = Venus/Neptune: "A tragic love, a painful renunciation". It is not known whether his girlfriend survived the accident.

The Chart for the accident has its Midheaven at 7° Libra conjunct the SR-Venus (7° Libra), and his Natal Pluto at 5° Libra.

Very sadly, I am sure there are more fingers of destiny that could be found in these Charts.■

EDITOR'S NOTE

Readers who investigate the **20th AGE HARMONIC CHART** will find it equally cogent:

- The Ruler, Saturn, is opposed by The Destroyer, Pluto, across the Chart.
- The Moon conjoins Mars on the Third Cusp (Transport and Vehicles) in opposition to the Equatorial Ascendant and square to Neptune.
- Mercury, natural Significator of cars, etc., conjoins Saturn and is opposed by Pluto.
- Natal Sun is in close conjunction with the Harmonic 8th Cusp and in opposition to the Harmonic Sun. (The Chart itself is not presented for lack of space.)

An interesting question is—Could an astrologer have deduced an early death from a study of the Birth Chart?

- Pisces rises, and its two Rulers, Jupiter and Neptune are both Angular, and both afflicted by Mars! Jupiter and Neptune are in Mutual Reception,

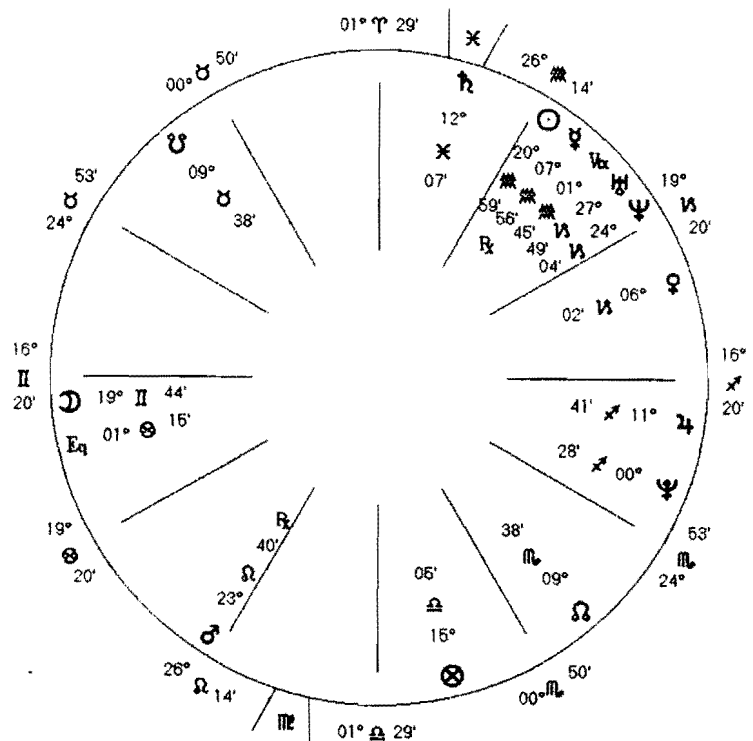
each occupying the other's Sign, which must enhance their importance, like planetary conjunctions in a horoscope.

- Neptune is further afflicted by the sextile to Pluto, right on the Death Cusp, and the Ruler of this Cusp, Venus, is squared by Uranus. The conjunction of Venus with the Vertex gives it added significance. Pluto rules the 9th House—foreign countries. The death occurred in Sri Lanka.

- Saturn afflicts the Moon by conjunction.

So the indications are there. An astrologer is naturally chary of looking for portents of an early death, but there are occasions when this is desirable. The information gained should naturally be used with discretion.

WHERE IS MY PORTRAIT?



The above Horary Chart is submitted by Marie Casey (NSW) as a useful and interesting exercise to improve skills. Can you locate from the above Chart the missing portrait? Send your answers to the Editor not later than **15th March**. Any correct solutions will be published.

It has been decided also to extend the closing date for the **FIND THE LAWYER** Exercise to **15th March**, in view of the limited number of entries so far. Full details are given in Issue 159/160 (October/November 1994). These exercises are valuable, *whether or not you find the right answer*. Be brave! Try it! Entries to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074**.

—Dymock, 18th February 1995.

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PEACE IN NORTHERN IRELAND

by Allan Johnson

A lot of people are holding their breath as to what will happen in Northern Ireland, so it is a good time to have a look at the Chart for that controversial place. Nicholas Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes* does give a Chart for Northern Ireland. It is really the date for the reorganization of the United Kingdom to exclude most of Ireland, but to include Northern Ireland as a separate State within the U.K. This would not mean a new Chart for the U.K. but the time and date for this change could be taken as a Chart for Northern Ireland's new identity. The vote to this effect was formally taken in the British Parliament at 3:30 pm, December 7th, 1922, and therefore the Chart is set up for London. Campion suggests that this Chart would have real validity, and it is being tested by events.

The main features of this Chart are the very close Grand Trine (Uranus, Pluto, Jupiter) in Water Signs, plus a fairly wide T-Square in Fixed Signs (Mars, Venus, Neptune). This T-Square becomes very significant in the new State's subsequent history, for Venus is in Scorpio and afflicted by both Mars and Neptune, and rules relationships—with Neptune showing the delusions and Mars the violence. Venus is also in the House of Service, and one of the biggest grounds for contention internally was the discrimination on religious grounds for jobs in the Public Service. The Sun in Sagittarius trine Neptune shows more optimism by its founders than turned out to be justified by events. Sun/Mercury square Uranus is also disruptive and not sympathetic to sweet reason.

Gemini on the Ascendant seems to typify the division in the State from the beginning, as it always had a split personality which developed more and more with the passing of the years. What is highly significant in the Chart is the total absence of planets in Earth, as well as no Earth on the Angles. It is predominantly a Water Chart—so it is easy to see the dominance of emotions and the absence of down-to-earth common sense that has been apparent. People in other countries, such as Australia, have been rather bemused by the State's apparent inability to come to terms with religious differences. But the Water/Earth contrasts do throw light on this.

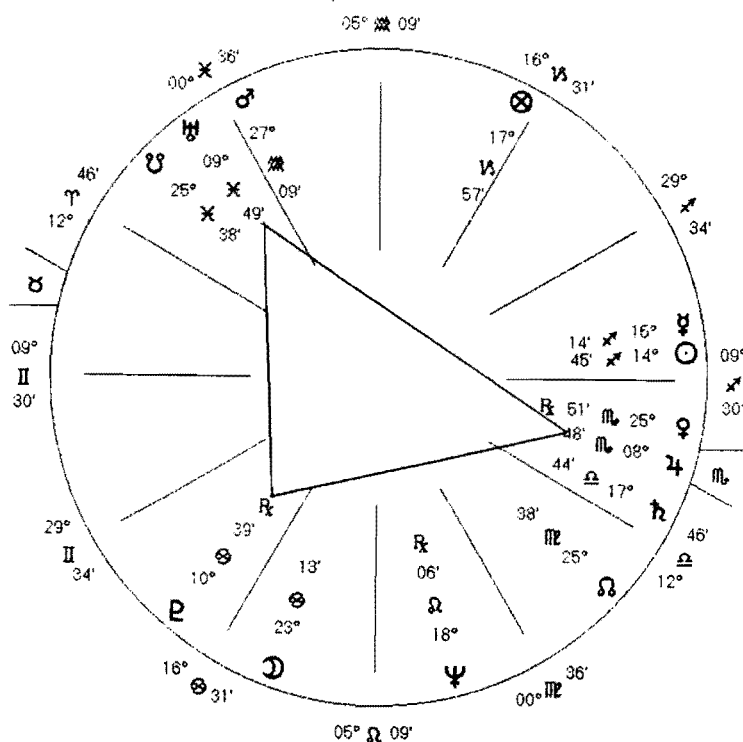
The beginning of what became known as the "Troubles" was in August 1969 with a week of furious

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NORTHERN IRELAND

7th December 1922, 3 29 pm GMT
Westminster, England. 0°7' W, 51°30' N.



sectarian fighting in Belfast, with the use of Sten-guns and rifles, and the British Army had to be sent in to break it up. Five people were killed and hundreds injured. From then on "a cycle of murder which claimed 3,100 lives, 39,000 injured, 10,000 bombings covered a period of 25 years right up to the present". If it is a valid Chart the Transits for August 1969 should correlate. It is appropriate that the Progressed Sun had just moved into Aquarius (Natal Sun square Uranus). In Transits we should expect the T-square to be activated. What we get is not Pluto or Uranus but Neptune—which is stationary and right on the exact degree of Natal Venus, making the close square to

Mars. Of course, Neptune is part of the Natal configuration as well. It was not the beginning of large-scale warfare, but it did pinpoint the use of violence and the fantasies that became associated with what was to follow. Of course, Neptune/Mars must link with religious conflicts. There was tremendous *self-deception* that problems could be solved by violence rather than compromise. They never were solved, right up until now.

This brings us to what appears to be a breakthrough at the present time. This came with the I.R.A. Cease-Fire on 31st August this year. The Transits are once again very interesting, for right on that day Jupiter was on 9° Scorpio, Saturn 9° Pisces, Mars 9° Cancer, all making the exact Grand Trine! And virtually all lying exactly on the Grand Trine of the Ulster Chart. What was remarkably spot-on was that Jupiter was also right on Natal Jupiter. This is a very good augury—but the position of Pluto has to be considered, and it was right on Natal Venus.

Pluto rules beginnings and endings, so if we look at it in a positive light it could mean the ending of the cycle of violence. But there is also the negative side. We have to look at the fact that the Cease-Fire does not necessarily solve the intractable problem. It only means it goes to the conference table. Another factor is that Neptune/Uranus was in opposition to Natal Neptune—making it a very fluid situation.

What we are getting here is an extremely tricky situation. Everybody knows that without consulting astrology. Since 31st August the Cease-Fire has held—but only just. All this proves we are dealing with a valid Chart. With Pluto and Uranus in those positions we are treading on extremely thin ice. Will the peace hold? Pluto has just been passing the square to Mars, a type of aspect that can blow up in everybody's face. The saving grace in this situation is that there has not been any great hurry to force the pace. A long drawn-out set-up could be in everybody's favour. This will take things into 1995. On January 17 Pluto moves to the Cusp of Sagittarius, which is a more neutral area. It does not come back to the exact square to Mars till late in the year. By early '95 Uranus will have left behind the opposition to Natal Moon.

Although the peace process did start with some promising auguries I don't think any astrologer could predict with any certainty that the Irish "Troubles" are about to end. But there is some ground for confidence. Peace could be a protracted process. After what happened in South Africa it could be that peace is "catching". One last point is that the Progressed Sun has this year moved into the Libran Decanate, which is appropriate for a peaceful solution. ■



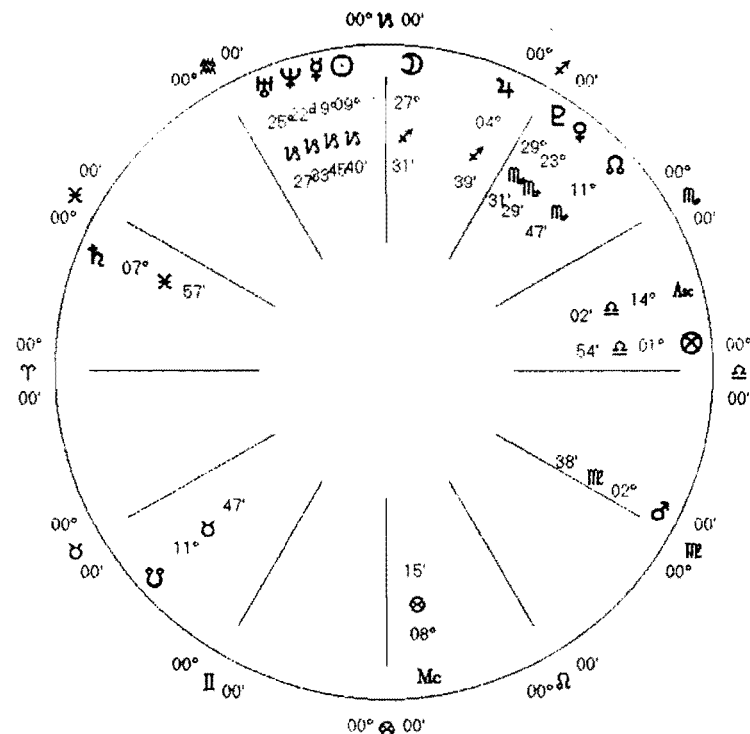
PREDICTIONS FOR 1995

by Jillian Boton

Rather than use an Ingress Chart for predictions, I use a New Year's Day Chart to predict the year ahead. For Aries predictions I place 0° Aries on the Ascendant, Capricorn in the 10th House, Sagittarius in the 9th, and Saturn in Pisces in the 12th. For Taurus, 0° Taurus is placed at the Ascendant, Capricorn in the 9th, Sagittarius in the 8th, Saturn in Pisces in the 11th, and so on.

PREDICTION CHART, JANUARY 1, 1995

Planets for 0-hours GMT



The Chart shows an emphasis of planets in favourable condition in Capricorn. The Moon still in Sagittarius and the on-going favourable influence of Jupiter transiting its own Sign is next in importance. Saturn in Pisces has trying aspects—the opposition of Mars and the square of Jupiter.

ARIES

Head and shoulders above the rest, show what you can do. Make your mark on the world. Promote yourself. Overseas travel plans firm up now. With a lot on your mind, you spend more time alone working behind the scenes. Increased contact with institutions or government bodies for some.

TAURUS

Travel, study and widen your horizons. Take a chance, find adventure, get a life! Be nice and smile as money by the bucketful is yours to be had. Social contacts may be testing, and you stick to friends who

are tried and true. Some take on responsibility or a status position in a group situation.

GEMINI

Money makes your world go round. Buy, sell, wheel and deal in the market place. Marriage may tempt you as you enjoy happy liaisons now. As matters of career, status and worldly reputation become important, you take on added responsibilities and work long and hard to achieve goals.

CANCER

Encounters of the closest kind—rub noses or bond with that every important other person. Opportunities to increase your work-load are boundless. You take seriously the written word, whether publishing, or of a legal or academic nature. Contact with in-laws or those distant may be arduous.

LEO

Your days are fully booked, your agenda is flat out and you'll be working overtime. Live life to the full, grab lucky opportunities. Love-life blossoms. There's Always somebody overseeing your money-pot to ensure you don't waste it or overspend. Many take on an important financial commitment.

VIRGO

Be creative, show your artistic flair. Make things, make merry, make music. Make out! Have fun. Living conditions and home life improve. Some will be tempted to make a serious relationship commitment—business or otherwise. A bit of a wet blanket, but practical nevertheless!

LIBRA

Home is where your heart is, and changes around a family or domestic situation occur. New horizons open up for you, with learning or travel. Self-discipline develops as employment commitments or routine obligations will mean nose to the grindstone. Attend to health matters.

SCORPIO

Your gift of the gab, charm and flashy smile open all the right doors. Travel, chat, visit and keep in touch. You'll accrue wealth and prosperity. Some will have their work cut out for them where children's matters are concerned, and romantic, leisure or creative activities develop slowly.

SAGITTARIUS

Money talks, and you do whatever it takes to get your hands on it. The travel-bug bites, so prepare to follow the Sun. North or West? Flip a coin! Home affairs may be limiting, tiresome or restricted in some way especially if you have to divide your time between family and career.

CAPRICORN

The ball's in your court, take action, make your move and make life happen how you want it. Do what YOU want to do. Remember to sleep. More patience is called for in dealings with relatives or neighbours, and a serious frame of mind favours concentration, study, research or analysis.

AQUARIUS

There's a lot to sort out, plan, devise, soul-search. Find your own truth and dare to live it. Sociable at heart, this is the year you party and mix. You'll have to pull your money-belt in tight—be strict with yourself as your personal budget will require a "do-I-want-it or do-I-need-it" approach!

PISCES

Circulate, socialize and make friends—it's who you know, and what they can do for you! You go far in furthering your cause, reputation or career. Personal responsibilities abound and you may feel snowed under, but try to lighten up and see the brighter side of things, instead of the negative! ■

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AUSTRALIA—FOUNDATION CHART

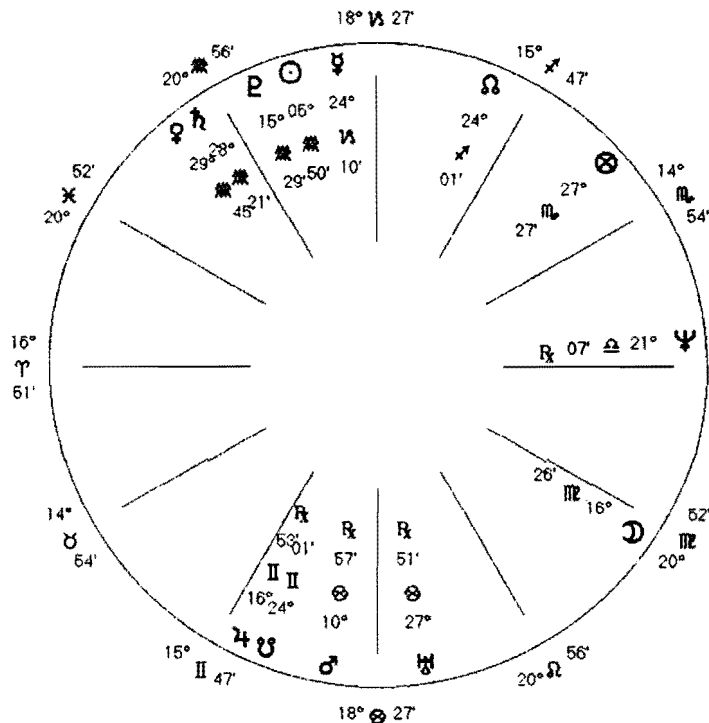
The Chart for the Foundation of the Colony in 1788 (see next page) is set for 11am L.M.T. at Sydney. Its validity may be tested by a review of the principal Australian events in 1994 and their correlation with Progressed Aspects, Directions and Transits.

The Chart already has some claim to authenticity through the devastating **Cyclone Tracy** that afflicted Darwin on 24th December 1974: The Ascendant by Naibod-Arc Direction was exactly conjunct Radical Neptune on 9th January 1975. Neptune is Angular in the Radix, retrograde, square Mercury and ruling the House of Misfortunes. (Neptune at 21°7' Libra was also sextile the Solar Eclipse of 13th December 1974 at 21°17' Sagittarius.) Pluto stationary at 9°15' Libra was square Radical Mars at 10°57' Cancer.

The Foundation Chart was further supported by the events of **January** this year. As reported in the December/January 1994 Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, the bush-fires that ravaged New South Wales in January were signalled by the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter (6 September 1993) at 16°10' Libra,

AUSTRALIA—FOUNDATION

26 January 1788, Sydney 11am LMT.
151°10' E, 33°52' S. Placidian Cusps.



within 41' of the exact opposition to the Chart Ascendant at 16°51' Aries.

In the following brief analysis of political events during 1994, p.= Progressed; r.= Regressed or Converse; NA. = Naibod-Arc Direction; SA = Solar-Arc Direction; || = Parallel; c|| = Contra-Parallel; SR = Stationary, turning Retrograde; SD = Stationary, turning Direct. All aspects quoted are to Radical positions.

1994

p.Saturn conjunct Saturn, 27 January—Federal Minister Alan Griffiths forced to resign over complications involving his private business affairs.

Saturn in the 11th = Cabinet Minister.

Moon || Moon, 6 February; Mercury SR trine Mars, 11 February—Controversy over Parliamentary Roster altered by the Prime Minister to reduce his attendances at Question Time in the House.

Moon-Moon = changes in routine; Mars rules Ascendant (working method); Mercury trine Mars = variation. and controversy

Pluto SR square Saturn, 1 March—Ros Kelly forced to resign Sports Portfolio; Minister Graham Richardson resigns; Bronwyn Bishop, aspiring to leadership of the Liberal Party, suffers serious reverse through poor result in Mackellar By-Election.

Saturn = Cabinet Minister, politician; Pluto = ending.

Mercury SD conjunct Cusp 11, 5 March—Carmen Lawrence, ex-Premier of West Australia, has good election win and enters Federal politics, boosting the Government

Party. Cusp 11 = assets of the Government (10th House).

r.Moon c|| Mars, 18 April; Neptune SR conj. Mercury.

25 April—Bob Hawke, ex-Prime Minister, involved in dispute with media magnate, Conrad Black, over allegations of unethical commercial activity.

Mars = dispute; Mercury = reports, media;

Neptune = scandal, misrepresentation.

Uranus SR conjunct Mercury, 1 May—John Hewson replaced as Leader of the Liberal Party by Alexander Downer.

Uranus in 4th House (the Party in Opposition).

Uranus—Mercury = change.

Mercury SR conjunct Mars, 13 June—Memoirs of ex-Prime Minister Hawke cause controversy.

Mercury rules 3rd House—writings, memoirs.

Mercury—Mars = controversy.

Saturn SR opposite Moon, square Jupiter, 24 June—

Labour Party suffers reversal in Northern Territory election.

Saturn rules 10th House, Government.

Jupiter SD square the Sun, 2 July—Alexander Downer, new Leader of the Liberal Opposition loses popularity through ill-advised pronouncements.

Jupiter adverse = loss of favour.

Mercury opposite Pluto (SA), 18 August—NSW State Member for Cabramatta murdered (September).

Pluto = death, and rules 8th (death).

Mercury in Capricorn, politician.

Neptune SD conjunct MC, 2nd October—Prime Minister makes important statement of support for the arts.

MC = Government policy, Neptune = the arts.

Ascendant c|| Jupiter, 13 November—Prime Minister Keating achieves personal triumph at Australian-Pacific Economic Conference.

Ascendant = initiative, Jupiter = success.

Sun opposite Venus (NA), 11 December—Government loses support through decision on wood-chipping industry.

Sun = Government; Venus adverse = disaffection.

The correspondences do validate the Chart, but it would be difficult to particularize in advance the precise ways in which the Progressed Aspects/Transits would evidence themselves. Anyone brave enough to attempt a 1995 Forecast from the above Foundation Chart is invited to send the results to me for publication. — Dymock, 86 Clarence Road, Blackheath 2785.

Remember to send in your answers **NOW** to the **FIND THE LAWYER** Exercise set out on page 6 of the last Issue. Test and improve your astrological skills!

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CHART MATCHING EXERCISE RESULTS

Here are the results of the entries to the four-Chart Exercise initiated in the June/July Issue. See page 6 of that Issue for the Charts concerned.

ROSS HARVEY reports:

There were nine entrants for the competition, and of these five made two attempts. Two got one right, three got both vocations correct (with two attempts), and one got all four right at the second attempt. **Male No. 1 was the cartoonist, and Male No. 4 was the statistician.** [The public service clerk was Male No.2, the hotel worker was Male No.3.]

Entrant 1: Cartoonist Chart 2, statistician Chart 1.

Second attempt—cartoonist No.1, statistician No.3.

Entrant 2: Cartoonist No.3, statistician No.1.

Entrant 3: Cartoonist No.2, statistician No.1, clerk No. 3, hotel worker No.4

Entrant 4: Cartoonist No.1, and statistician No.2.

Second attempt—statistician No.4.

Entrant 5: Cartoonist No.2, statistician No.4. Second attempt—cartoonist No.1.

Entrant 6: Hotel worker No. 1, cartoonist No. 2, clerk No.3, statistician No.4. Second attempt—cartoonist No.1, clerk No.2, hotel worker No.3, statistician No.4.

Entrant 7: Cartoonist No.4, and statistician No.2.

Entrant 8: Cartoonist No.4, and statistician No.3.

Second attempt—statistician No.4.

Entrant 9: Cartoonist No.1, clerk No.2, statistician No.3, hotel worker No.4.

Congratulations to Nick Sutherland (Texas) who got all four right on his second attempt, and to Allan Grant (Victoria), Peggy Hetherington (New South Wales) and Gisela Rosmann (Victoria) who got both right on the second try, and to Jennifer Pommerin (West Australia) who got the cartoonist and the clerk on her first attempt. The others got one right on their first attempt.

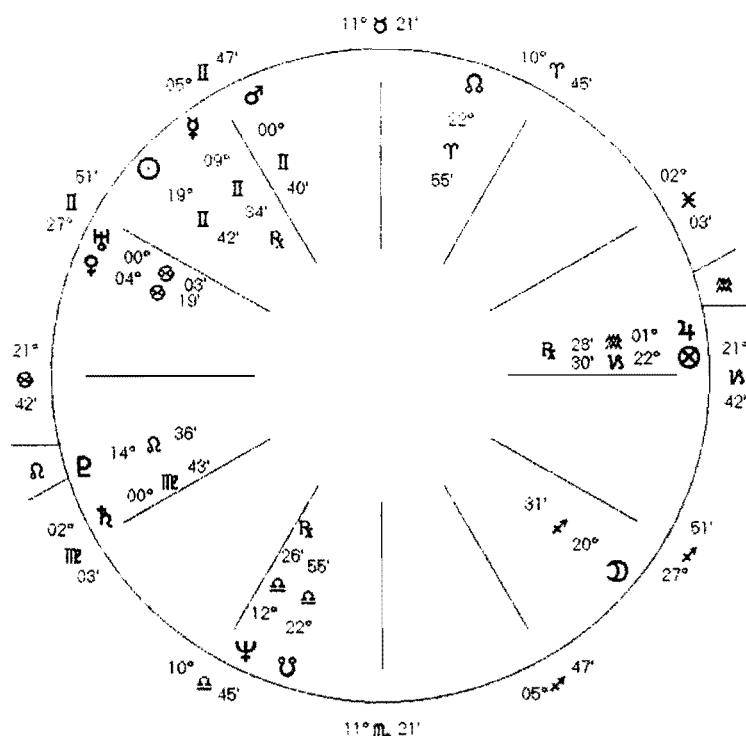
My own idea is that exact, or almost exact, minor aspects may be the most reliable way of determining vocation. For instance, the most significant thing about myself is that I am an artist, yet several well-known astrologers have looked at my Chart [above] and said they would not have been able to tell this. All the text-books say that Venus and Neptune are the artistic combination, yet I have no contact between

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ROSS HARVEY

11th June 1949, Crows Nest, NSW,
151°12' E, 33°50'S. 9:15am AEST



them according to traditional methods. I do, in fact, have an almost exact Venus-Neptune aspect, with an orb of only 0°2', but it is 3/11ths of the 360° (98° 11'), and Neptune is also in aspect to the Ascendant, Sun and MC. I am inclined to think that all divisions of the 360° circle are aspects, declining in importance as the number of the division increases. Of course, there must be a cut-off point, which I take is the 36th Harmonic, as Charles Carter was sure that all multiples of 10° were aspects, and I agree. The

latest *CONSIDERATIONS* contained an article about planetary importance in a chart, and the method described used all multiples of 15° as aspects. I also think that the orbs for these non-traditional aspects must be very small if they are to be noticeably effective, say $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ for maximum effect, but if they are exact, they may be as important as traditional major aspects.

I also think that exact or almost exact aspects to the Angles are of the greatest significance, as these are the most personal ones, forming and dissolving as they do within a couple of minutes. For instance, several entrants noticed that the statistician had Mercury square Saturn, making him good at figures, yet this aspect would have been within orbs for more than a week. Not all people born in that time became statisticians. *No one noticed that in his Chart the Sun, Mercury and Saturn are all sesquare the Ascendant.* These aspects are probably almost exact, as I suspect for other reasons that the time should be a minute or two earlier, and that is what makes this aspect-complex personal in this case, and made him choose, or, as I think, destined him for, a career in mathematics.

The cartoonist (Male No.1) has an exact aspect (no orb at all) between Venus and Neptune, but it is $10/33$ ths of 360° ($109^\circ 5'$). This is also close enough to being a tredecile (108°). It could be that it is a tredecile, but that it is also exactly a more minor aspect makes it much more powerful than usual.

You might think I have gone overboard in putting such emphasis on such a minor aspect, but I think that in this case it is important not only because it is the closest aspect in the Chart, but also because Venus is conjunct the Ascendant, and that makes it central to the whole Chart. Neptune is also closely sextile Jupiter, which in turn is 75° from the MC ($5/24$ ths) and $9/19$ th from the Ascendant. Both these Jupiter-Angle aspects are probably almost exact, as again I suspect that the Chart should be a minute or two earlier.

I have begun to think that almost-exact aspects of Jupiter to both Angles (orb less than $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$), and usually minor aspects, may be a good indicator of eventual vocational and financial success. As with myself, the Venus-Neptune aspect is the most important aspect in the Chart, if one considers minor aspects, and that fits with the cartoonist's having wanted to be an artist since he was a small child. I would have interpreted the Ascendant-Venus-Neptune-Jupiter complex as "success through art".

Thanks to Ross for his handling of this Exercise, and his challenging ideas. *Astrologers' Forum* would be most interested to hear of other readers' researches into the minor aspects Ross talks about. Ross has

provided us with another interesting exercise—see later in this Issue.

Comments of the participants in the current Exercise are also of interest—

JACK NICHOLLS: I nominate No.1 as the cartoonist based on Venus conjunct the Ascendant, Saturn in Scorpio associated with a stinging humour, Jupiter in Virgo as practical and analytical, and Mercury in Aquarius giving an original mind, good observation, and judgement of human nature. He appears to be the most successful in the mundane sense, supported by the 10th House.

PEGGY HETHERINGTON: Three planets in the 10th House of Chart No.1 indicate two careers (artist/cartoonist) and perhaps another creative field later in life. The joint Rulers of the 10th (Mars and Male No.) in square to each other and with Pluto also squaring the Ruler of the 6th (the Moon) are appropriate for a work field where there are continual pressures and constraints.

The Rulers of the other work/vocation House (2nd) are also strongly aspected, with Jupiter conjunct Pluto, and Neptune being the focal point of the Mercury, Neptune, Uranus T-Square.

Neptune in this Chart seems to be fiercely creative and not in the least dreamy or "wafty".

Mercury is particularly important for the cartoonist, and Mercury is strong with aspects to Uranus, Neptune, the Moon and also Saturn (by connection with the Moon).

The South Node in the 5th House puts emphasis on creative work, and in Gemini reinforces the mental agility needed.

He could be a successful artist without being particularly original (and Venus conjunct the Ascendant would help here), but to be a cartoonist originality of outlook is essential, and Mercury opposite Uranus is iconoclastic enough for this, and the strong Pluto gives the obsession necessary for two tough careers.

Re **Male No. 4**, the statistician, the Sun closely conjunct Mercury in Sagittarius should give considerable mental power, and Sagittarius is quite often prominent in "number" charts. Although the conjunction is in the 5th House the natural rulership of Sagittarius brings in the 9th House, appropriate for a career in statistics, which is usually pursued in a University or in a "think tank".

Two other factors that are supposed to be prominent in "numbers" charts are the 25th degree of Cancer and a prominent Venus. The Ascendant is 26° of Cancer, which I think close enough to be counted, especially as the time of birth is rounded to 10pm,

which could very easily be a few minutes earlier. Venus is certainly prominent enough, opposite the Ascendant and in Capricorn (the natural 10th House), and ruling the Chart's 10th House.

Mercury (with its close conjunction with the Sun) rules the Chart's strong 2nd House, which is not only "things" or "possessions" but also the craftsman's House. The remaining 'Vocation' House, the 6th, is also strong, with Mars strong in Capricorn and trining the 2nd-House planets Pluto and Uranus, and with the 6th-House Ruler, Saturn, exactly square the Mercury-Sun conjunction.

I think this is a very intellectual Chart.

ALLAN GRANT: I selected Male No. 4 as being likely to make statistics his career. The first pointer to this decision is the composition of the 6th House; Mars in Capricorn indicates his ambition and his capacity to work methodically and in detail.

As a statistician he would for each project work with a sub-group for the time required to complete it. He would then start again on the next project with another sub-group. Such frequent short term relationships with different groups is indicated by the South Node in Sagittarius. His probable enjoyment of this type of work is shown by Mercury and the Sun in the 5th House trine the Moon in Aries, with its emphasis on activity.

That he would have to work tediously is indicated by Mercury square Saturn. His analytical ability and tirelessness are indicated by Pluto and Uranus in Virgo trine Mars. Pluto and Uranus both in the 2nd House clearly show his source of financial income.

I have now selected Male No. 1 as the artist and cartoonist. This Chart seems to be powerfully oriented towards both those activities. I think the orientation is stronger with regard to the business/income side of being a cartoonist. I find that all aspects are so interlinked as to reinforce the cartoonist career that it is difficult to put the interlinking of them into an easy flowing essay.

He would be able to use his artistic talents to support a successful financial career. His earning source is indicated by the 2nd House in Pisces, ruled by the artistic force of Neptune.

Other indicators are needed to swing the Neptunian influence from painting art towards the illustrative media form. Reinforcement towards an illustrative use of his talents is shown by the Aquarian Ascendant conjunct Venus and the Ruling Planet Uranus in Cancer in the 6th House. These tie his free-thinking powers (Uranus) to his work effort.

The T-Square of Mercury-Neptune-Uranus reinforces his ability to quickly develop the clear thought patterns that would be needed for the daily

come-what-may subjects.

His ideas for cartoons would be enhanced by the Mercury sextile to Mars and Saturn.

GISELA ROSMANN: Male No. 1 would associate with other artists—Leo on the 7th House (on a Fire and Earthquake degree). With transiting Jupiter, Pluto and the North Node straddling his MC he should be a successful cartoonist. Thank you for providing an interesting challenge.

MATCHING THE CHART TO THE OCCUPATION

by Jennifer Pommerin

The common belief that a person's aptitude for a career is indicated by the Sun-Sign is unfortunately not true. It would be so easy (for astrologers) if this was so. Rather, aptitude is better defined by several astrological factors—and even then one can be misled if the astrologer does not have the knowledge of what is required in a particular occupation. For example, a position such as coordinator or manager of a community organization may well require skills in fund-raising and public speaking, whereas twenty years ago the position was far more office-oriented.

In like fashion, perhaps statistics involves a lot of networking ("who you know") for access to vital data, or a hotel worker/manager has to be familiar with data-processing (orders, accounts, maintenance, etc). So a good awareness of career requirements (or a good intuition) is needed by the astrologer in order to correctly assess the individual's suitability when a specific job is mentioned.

The main difference in the four occupations of the Chart-Matching Exercise is that in three of them (clerk, hotel worker, statistician), the necessary job skills may be acquired through study or training plus practice. Success then becomes dependent upon the person's interest in the job, his personal attributes (or aptitude) and a good working environment.

Yet a lack of native aptitude will not prevent some competency, provided there is sufficient intelligence, commonsense, and memory. (This may apply to other jobs where there is no vocation.)

Therefore an artist may work as a clerk after the appropriate training, but a hotel worker will not become an artist through study or training.

In certain occupations the individual must have the gift *and* the compulsion to follow their genius. So one of the Charts in the Exercise contains factors that indicate a special gift used in an artistic career.

In a career such as the arts (of any kind) one would look for these factors:

1. The gift.
2. A liking, if not love, for the work.

3. Character traits—self-driven, with a fixity of purpose.
4. Unique ability to express inspiration physically (invisible made visible)—the hand skills (where the art is painting, drawing, crafts, sculpting).
5. The success factor—luck and determination.

THE CARTOONIST OR PAINTER—Chart 1

1. The Artistic Gift

- a. Inspiration = Sun or Moon in a Fire or Air Sign—*Moon in Sagittarius*
- b. Acute Sensitivity to Beauty and Colour = Fire planets (Sun, Mars, Jupiter) or Air planets (Venus, Mercury) in Water Signs, or in major aspect to Water planets—*Mars in Pisces, Mars conjunct the Moon, Jupiter conjunct Pluto, Mercury square Neptune.*
- c. Acute Perception of Form and Design = Sun or Moon or Mercury in Earth Signs, or in Earth Houses (2nd, 6th, 10th)—*Sun in Capricorn.*
Mercury in Fire or Air Signs—*Mercury in Aquarius.*
- d. Harmony (not all artists use this Venusian quality): Venus in Water or Air Signs—*Venus in Aquarius.*

2. Passion and Dedication to the Work

- a. Compulsion: Sun or Moon or Mars in Aries or Scorpio, or in major aspect to a Fire planet or Pluto.—*Mars in Scorpio, Mars square Pluto, Moon square Jupiter, Moon square Pluto.*
Cardinal or Fixed Signs on the Ascendant or Midheaven—*Aquarius Ascendant, Scorpio Midheaven*

3. Character Traits.

- a. The Self-Driven Personality: Sun or Moon in Cardinal Signs—*Sun in Capricorn.*
Cardinal Signs on the Ascendant or Midheaven—*Negative.*
Pluto or Mars in the 1st or 10th House—*Mars in 10th.*
(If the cartoonist does work of a satirical or humorous nature, then there would be the capacity to discern the funny side of life. Planets in Capricorn often give an acute sense of the ridiculous.)—*Sun in Capricorn.*

4. Unique Ability to Express Inspiration

- a. Hand Skills—Ruler of the Ascendant in the 6th House—*Uranus in the 6th.*
Mars in the 2nd, 6th or 10th House—*Mars in the 10th.*

5. Success Factors

- a. The foregoing factors plus
- b. Luck (the charts will reflect life in that there is no such thing as a career where luck smooths the way all the way. So some indicators for luck will be absent.

No adverse aspects between the Sun and the Moon—*No adverse aspects.*

The 12th House untenanted by the Sun or Moon, or the Ruler of the 10th House (troubles, trials, etc.)
Clear (but near).

The 10th House untenanted by Neptune (troubles, trials, etc.)—*Clear.*

Sun or Jupiter in the 7th or 10th House (fortunate social contacts)—*Jupiter in the 7th.*

Mars in major aspect to Jupiter or Uranus (opportunities)—*Mars trine Uranus, square Jupiter.*

Air Signs on the Ascendant or Midheaven with the Ruler well-aspected (charisma or likeability)—*Aquarius Ascendant, Uranus trine the Moon.*

Sun, Moon, Mercury or Venus in the 1st House (charisma or likeability)—*Venus in 1st House*

Here, the indicators for luck are absent: The Sun or Moon or Jupiter without aspects to Saturn—an exception being the trine with Capricorn on the 10th Cusp. (Aspects to Saturn denote striving and hard work to gain success, and the presence of obstacles, limitations, denials.)—*Negative*—The Moon is conjunct Saturn, Jupiter is square to Saturn.

The Sun in Mutable or Fire Signs (with these Sun Signs undesirable circumstances change for the better, sooner and faster)—*Negative*—The Sun is in Capricorn.

The Sun or Moon in trine aspect to Jupiter or Neptune—*Negative*—no trines.

c. Determination (fixity of purpose).

The Sun or Mercury in Fixed Signs or in major aspect to Uranus, Pluto or Saturn—*Mercury in Aquarius, opposite Uranus.*

The Sun or Moon or Mars in Fixed Signs or Capricorn, or in major aspect to Saturn or Pluto (persistence)—*Sun in Capricorn, Moon conjunct Saturn and square Pluto, Mars in Scorpio conjunct Saturn and square Pluto.*

Sun or Mercury in the Fixed Houses (2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th)—*Sun in 11th.*

Where a career is more an occupation than a way of life, one would check for character traits that would readily accept the daily requirements of the job. Interest in the work may or may not be present.

THE CLERK—Chart 2

In a career such as a public service clerk one would look for these factors:

1. Clerical aptitude.
2. Character traits with affinity for set routines.
3. Contact with government and the public or their affairs.
4. The success factor—luck and determination.

1. Clerical Aptitude, or the Mathematical Mind

a. Affinity for Symbolic and Factual Data

Sun in Mutable Signs. (Mutability gives a liking for moving things around—for taking details and 'playing' with them.)—*Sun in Pisces.*

The Sun or Moon or Mercury in major aspect to Uranus. (This can be the mathematical genius. In any case, the mind can arrive at correct solutions to problems where there is a considerable input of data—and sometimes this is done instantaneously. The mind just 'knows'—*Mercury trine Uranus.*

2. Character Traits

a. The Wish for Order—Strong Pisces emphasis.

(People have various ways of dealing with uncertainty—and there are some who seek employment where (there, at least) they are dealing with known facts and accepted routine. This liking for order and logic is often present in Pisces-type people. Perhaps it is an anchor line, helping to counteract the Pisces fluidity—*Sun in Pisces.*

Sun, Moon or Mercury in Earth or Fixed Signs—*Moon in Capricorn.*

The Sun or Moon in major aspect to Saturn. (The square will particularly indicate a liking for work where measuring or accuracy is important, and where all the rules or processes are well-defined)—*Sun square Saturn.*

b. Patience

The Sun or Moon in Water or Fixed Signs—*Sun in Pisces.*

3. Employment with Government

Mercury or Mars or Pluto in Air Houses (3rd, 7th, 11th) or in the 10th House. Servant (Mercury)—*Mercury in 10th.*

An inner planet in major aspect to Saturn—*Sun Square Saturn.*

Planets in the 5th House. (This House or Leo is linked to power, and perhaps this is the connection to government. Individual assessment of a chart is needed to see if 'government' is the best interpretation. In the 'clerk' Chart, Neptune, the Ruler of his Sun Sign, is placed in the 5th House—but government work wouldn't necessarily be the only outlet for this Neptune.)

4. Success Factor

a. Luck (the charts will reflect life in that there is no such thing as a career where luck smooths the way all the way. So some indicators for luck will be absent.

No adverse aspects between the Sun and the Moon—*No adverse aspects.*

The 12th House untenanted by Neptune (troubles, trials, etc.)—*Clear.*

Mars in major aspect to Jupiter or Uranus (opportunities)—*Mars square Jupiter.*

Air Signs on the Ascendant or Midheaven with the Ruler well-aspected (charisma or likeability)—*Gemini Ascendant, Mercury trine Uranus.*

The Sun in Mutable or Fire Signs (With these Sun Signs undesirable circumstances change for the better, sooner and faster—*Sun in Pisces.*

Here the Indicators for luck are absent. The Sun or Jupiter in the 7th or 10th House (fortunate social contacts)—*Negative.*

The Sun, Moon, Mercury or Venus in the 1st House (charisma or likeability)—*Negative.*

The Sun or Moon or Jupiter without aspects to Saturn—an exception being the trine with Capricorn on the 10th-House Cusp. (Aspects to Saturn signify striving and hard work to gain success, and the presence of obstacles, limitations, denials.)—*Negative*—The Sun is square to Saturn.

The Sun or Moon in trine aspect to Jupiter or Neptune—*Negative.*

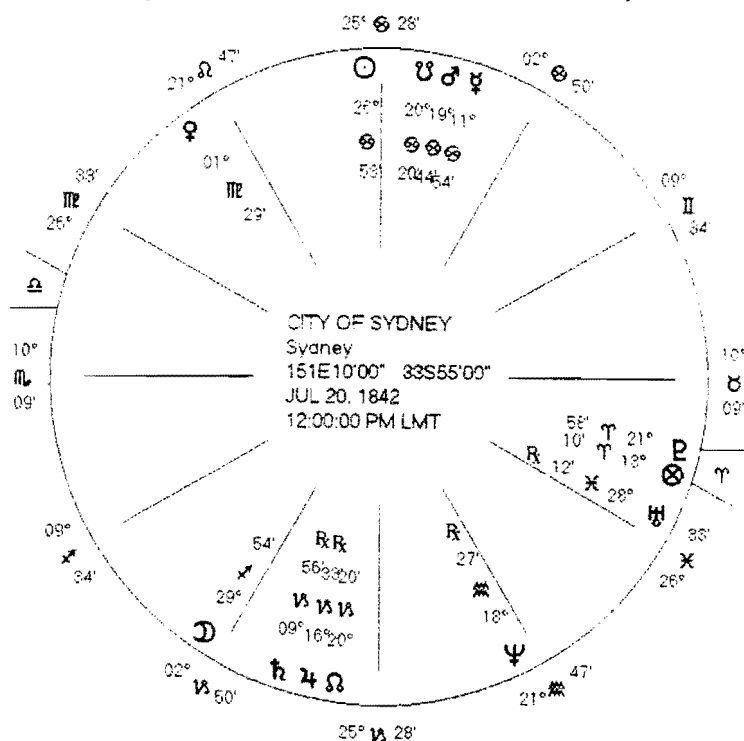
b. Determination (fixity of purpose).

The Sun or Mercury in Fixed Signs or in major aspect to Saturn, Uranus or Pluto—*Sun square Saturn, Mercury trine Uranus.*

The Sun or Moon or Mars in Fixed Signs or sign, or in major aspect to Saturn or Pluto (Persistence)—*The Moon and Mars in Capricorn.*

The Sun or Mercury in the Fixed Houses (2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th)—*Negative.*

SYDNEY DECLARED A CITY (See Page 8) 20 July 1842, LMT Noon. Placidian Cusps.



EXERCISE NO.2—FIND THE LAWYER!

Here is another test from Ross to engage the minds of serious astrologers: The three Charts on this page are all of men. One is a lawyer (a solicitor), one a former sailor who now repairs medical equipment, and one is an engineering draftsman. THE TEST IS TO FIND THE LAWYER.

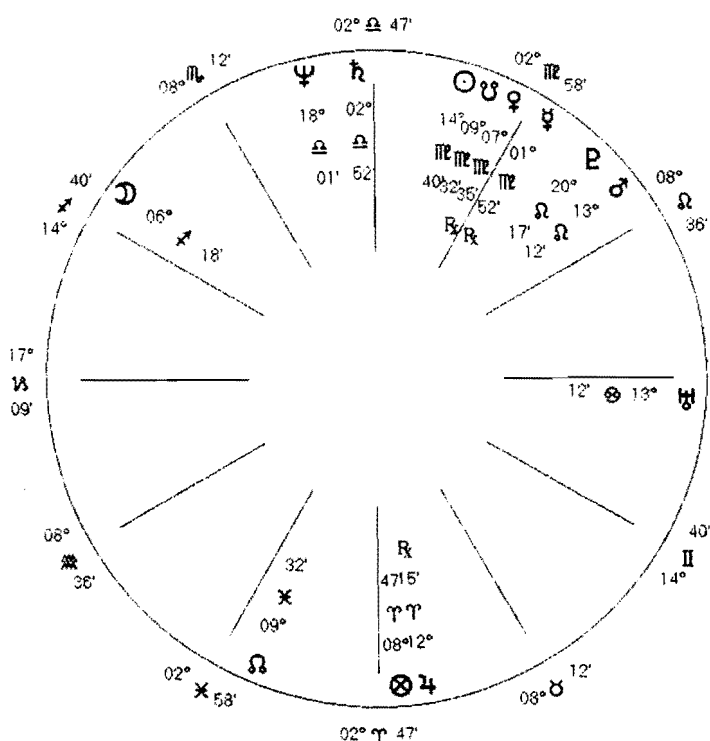
Entries are not required until **15th January 1995**. That is, you have about two months to work on the Charts. As before, send your attempts to **Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra, NSW, Australia 2074**.

These Exercises are fun, and educational. I urge you to participate. Don't worry about being wrong. If you don't try them you won't learn how to be right. Those who attempted the first Exercise will, I am sure, be conscious of the benefit they derived, whether their answers were right or wrong.

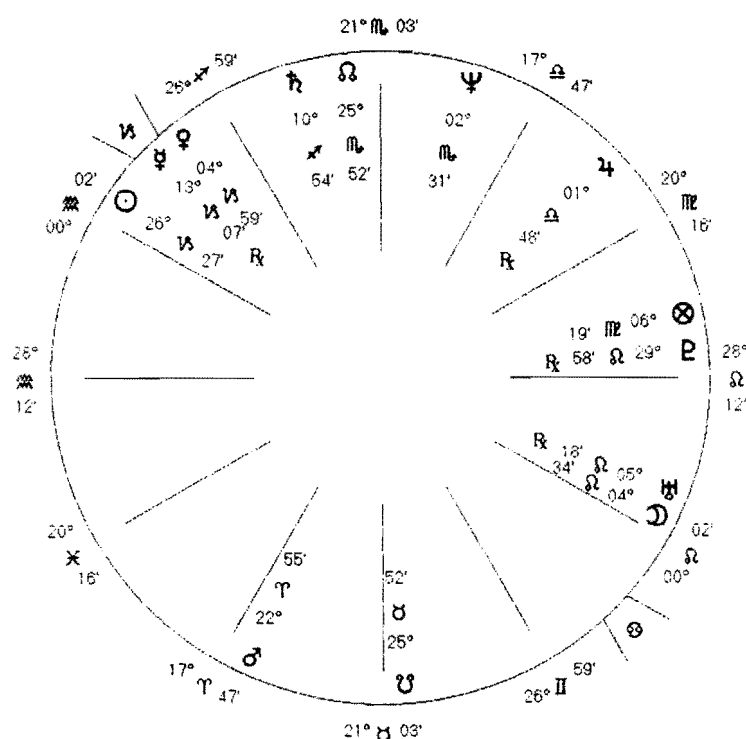
Only names of those who succeed will be published, but Ross will send an individual reply to all entrants who enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Request for data! If you know accurate Birth Charts of professional people, send the data to Ross together with information as to the nature of the profession, so that we can continue this series of Exercises.

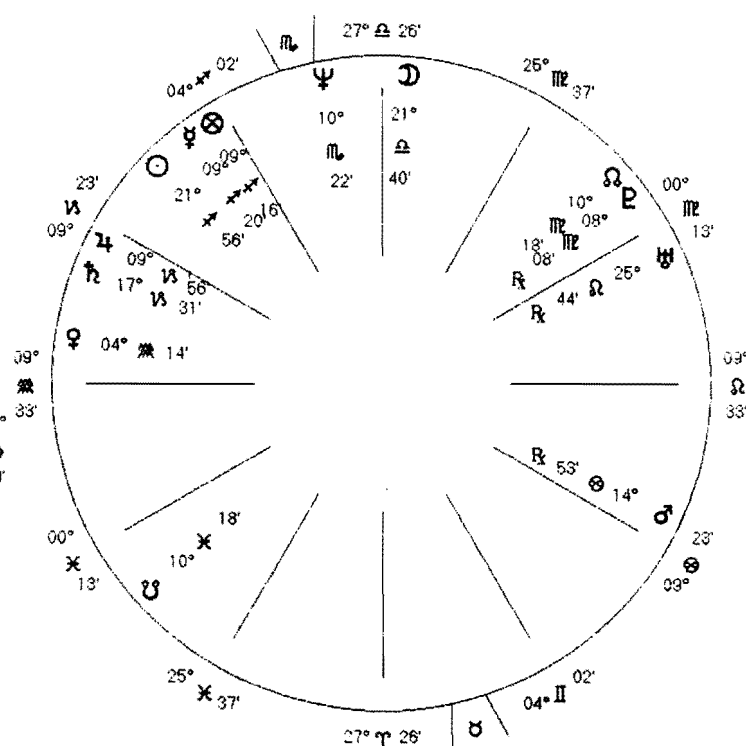
**CHART NO. 1: 8th September 1951,
33°53' S, 151°11' E, 1pm**



**CHART NO. 2: 17th January 1957,
43°32' S, 172°38' E, 8am (GMT 8pm on 16 January).**



**CHART NO.3: 14th December 1960,
41°25' S, 147°7' E, 8:23am.**



PLANETARY PERIODS

by Leslie Black

There are certain fairly well-marked planetary periods governing the life, as shown in the Table below. From birth to the fourth year is dominated by the Moon; the 4th to the 10th by Mercury, the 10th to the 18th by Venus, the 18th to the 37th by the Sun, the 37th to the 52nd by Mars, the 52nd to the 64th by Jupiter, and the remainder by Saturn.

Planet	Period	Ages
Moon	4 years	0 - 4
Mercury	6 years	4 - 10
Venus	8 years	10 - 18
Sun	19 years	18 - 37
Mars	15 years	37 - 52
Jupiter	12 years	52 - 64
Saturn	30 years	64 - end

Adverse Directions of the Moon during the Lunar Period will be especially dangerous, as will those of Mars in the Martial period, those of Saturn in the Saturnine Period, and so with the others.

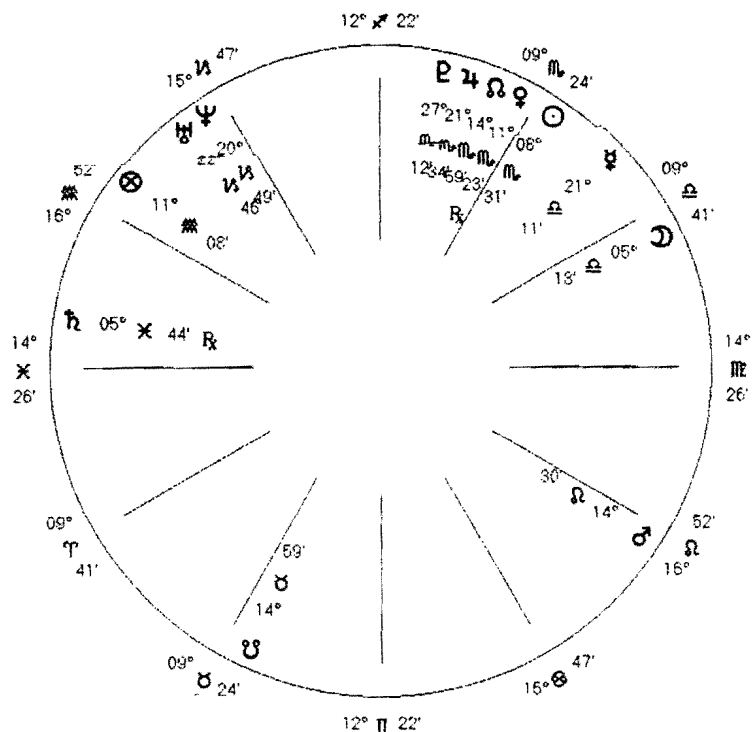
Referring to the Horoscope that appeared on page 1 of the August/September 1994 Issue of the *Astrologers' Forum*, if we discount for the moment Directional Arcs, and look for the specific planetary period the native would have to be in for the adverse Radical configuration to take effect, it will be seen that this unfortunate woman entered the planetary period of Mars in her 37th year of life. This ushered in the break-up of marriage, with subsequent divorce, and was followed by the life-threatening physical disorders described.

It is worth noting, too, that at 39 years, in 1991, Uranus came to the opposition of its Radical place. In November 1993 The Sun came to the conjunction of Uranus by Naibod Arc Direction (59'8" a year).

Editor's Note: In relation to the same Chart (Page 1 of last Issue) another adverse feature is the position of the malefic Fixed Stars *Aldebaran* (Mars) and *Antares* (Mars/Jupiter) in opposition right across the Horizon. (8°12' of Gemini and Sagittarius). *Aldebaran* at the birth date was at 9°7' of Gemini, and *Antares* at 9°6' of Sagittarius.

GISELA ROSMANN points out that on 10th May last the Sun was eclipsed at 19°48' of Taurus, where it conjuncted Natal Venus in the 12th House. This was exactly two calendar months before the cerebral haemorrhage. Ivy Goldstein regards the *Part of Fortune* in the 12th (or in Pisces) as the *Part of Misfortune*.

1994 MELBOURNE CUP 1 November 1994, Flemington, Victoria 144°54' E, 37°47' S. 3:23pm AEDT



RUNNERS....

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| 1. Vintage Crop | 13. Gossips |
| 2. River Verdon | 14. Alcove |
| 3. Jeune | 15. Gold Sovereign |
| 4. Our Pompeii | 16. Grass Valley |
| 5. Air Seattle | 17. Oppressor |
| 6. Paris Lane | 18. Starstruck |
| 7. Hear That Bell | 19. Toll Bell |
| 8. Quick Ransom | 20. Cliveden Gail |
| 9. Oompala | 21. Coachwood |
| 10. Top Rating | 22. Major Decision |
| 11. Double Take | 23. Pindi |
| 12. Glastonbury | 24. Sweet Glory |

The Chart is calculated for the estimated finishing time of the race, rather than the official starting time. In my experience, this gives better results, showing the situation at the end, rather than at the beginning.

The 9th House is emphasized—foreign places, names and affairs—and the chief Significator is VENUS, being only two degrees from the 9th Cusp. The Cusp is the point of power in any House. The Cusp gets closer to Venus with every minute, so that if the Race is delayed slightly the influence of Venus increases.

The placings were—

- First: No. 3 JEUNE (French)
Second: No. 6 PARIS LANE
(French place; 6 = Venus number)
Third: No. 9 OOMPALA (foreign name)

The signs were there for those who could read them.

MORE ON THE CUP by MARIE CASEY

On Cup Day, Jupiter was exactly semi-sextile to Mercury and sextile to the Uranus/Neptune conjunction, so was aspected either way. This double aspect pointed to Jupiter and the **Number 3**. But which No.3?—No.12? (1+2=3), No.21? (2+1=3). The main clue was the foreign name JEUNE, with saddle cloth No.3, as Jupiter relates to foreign names, giving the number 3 more power.

As a result, No.3 won. Venus was close to the 9th Cusp, and the number of Venus is 6. No.6 came second (PARIS LANE).

A full list of the numbers of the planets was included in my article *Games of Chance* in the January Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*.

LUNAR-NODE CONTACTS

Jenifer Pommerin's article in the last Issue suffered from a transcription error in relation to the contacts of Mars and Jupiter with the Moon's North Node. Here is the corrected text:

The Node with the SUN: Helpmates. Common life goals. Lessons in parenting.

The Node with the MOON: True love. Strong family bond. Need to learn loving non-attachment.

The Node with MERCURY: Brotherly love. Need to learn appreciation of other's qualities.

The Node with VENUS: Love and kindness. Lessons in consideration for the other.

The Node with MARS: Love in action. The need to learn patience and self-reliance.

The Node with JUPITER: Spiritual love. The need to learn wisdom and discrimination (judgement).

The Node with SATURN: Parental love. The need to be less exacting and controlling.

The Node with URANUS: Love and understanding. Lessons in communicating love.

The Node with NEPTUNE: Universal love. Lessons

in being unselfish and non-taking.

The Node with PLUTO: Undying love. The need to act according to the other's real needs and avoid pressuring.

The Node with the MIDHEAVEN: A constructive or destructive influence in the other's life.

The Node with the ASCENDANT: Deliberately strengthens, or weakens, the other's confidence. ■

SOLAR ECLIPSE 10° SCORPIO

By Marie Casey

Within a few days of the Total Solar Eclipse (10° Scorpio) on 3rd November 1994 wild winds at cyclone speeds created havoc in the Eastern States of Australia. New South Wales suffered the greatest damage with the chaotic weather patterns. The violent wind storms reached 100 -km/ph in Sydney with gusts over 140-km/ph in the Blue Mountains. Also 61 fires swept across the State, many homes were left without power, and snow fell on the mountains even though the skiing season was over.

The Eclipse fell *exactly on the Ascendant of the Chart for when Sydney was Declared a City in 1842*. My article on this Chart was published in the March Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*.

I mentioned in the article that Transiting Uranus was conjunct the North Node and I.C. this year, which could bring on a disaster, not realizing at that time that the Solar Eclipse would fall on the Ascendant in November. From the 4th to the 8th November Transiting Uranus moved from 22°50' to 22°57' Capricorn. The actual Midpoint of the North Node and the I.C. of Sydney's Chart is 22°54' Capricorn. Consequently, Uranus was exactly conjunct this point when the winds began. It was no doubt a very Uranian effect, and the fact that the Solar Eclipse was in the Sign of Scorpio brought about the extremes of weather conditions as well.

Recently I have been telling friends that this Solar Eclipse on Sydney's Ascendant would bring on some rough weather. The fact that other Eastern States were also involved would indicate that 10° Scorpio is a sensitive degree in their individual Charts—which would be an interesting study.

[The Chart for Sydney appears on Page 5]

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

A PERSONAL CALAMITY

Life deals some hard blows. A woman of 42, in the prime of her life, a professional musician with an established career, highly successful in both performing and teaching, is found one day fully conscious in her bed, but unable to move, and breathing only with difficulty. She is rushed to hospital and placed in a respirator in the Intensive Care Ward. The diagnosis is uncertain until X-rays finally reveal a haemorrhage in the brain stem, cutting off the nerve impulses that would enable her to function in the normal way. A tracheostomy is performed to allow breathing outside the respirator, and feeding is done through a tube directly into her stomach, as she has also lost the power to swallow. Her mind and thinking is unimpaired. Without the artificial aids and constant nursing care she would surely die.

The Birth Horoscope of this unfortunate woman is given in the adjacent column. We look first to see what are the Natal indications of a calamity such as this. There it is! Mars opposing the conjunction of Jupiter, Moon and Mercury. Jupiter rules blood, the Moon rules the bodily fluids, and Mercury relates to the brain and nerves. Mars produces the haemorrhage.

The configuration had already wreaked its power the previous year in another unhappy way - divorce - (Jupiter being Ruler of the 7th House).

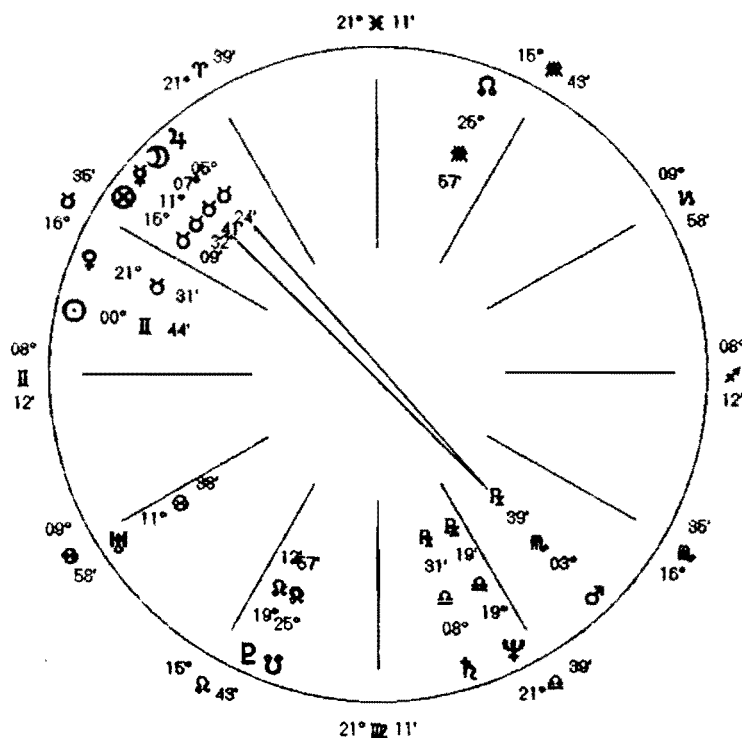
It is appropriate that the Mars/Jupiter opposition should lie along the Meridian of the Progressed Chart at the time of the occurrence, 10th July 1994. See the Biwheel. Progression here of the Midheaven is by the normal Sidereal Time increment. Progression by Solar-Arc, which is often done, and which I don't use as I find it less accurate, puts the Midheaven not at 5°44' but at 1°29' Taurus, where the opposing planets are separated from the Meridian by several degrees. Not only that, but the Progressed Ascendant instead of 15°58' Cancer where it is dominated by Uranus (shock, disruption) is 11°50' Cancer, dominated by the Sun and Venus

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- a totally contrary indication.

BIRTH CHART: 22nd May 1952, North Sydney
151°12'6" E, 33°50'W. 7:25 am AEST. Placidus.



A precise dating of the event (10th July) is given by a series of powerful factors: The groundwork was laid on 2nd July by Jupiter stationary at 4°46' Scorpio, where it conjuncts Mars, thus activating the Natal opposition. A stationary Transit has maximum power.

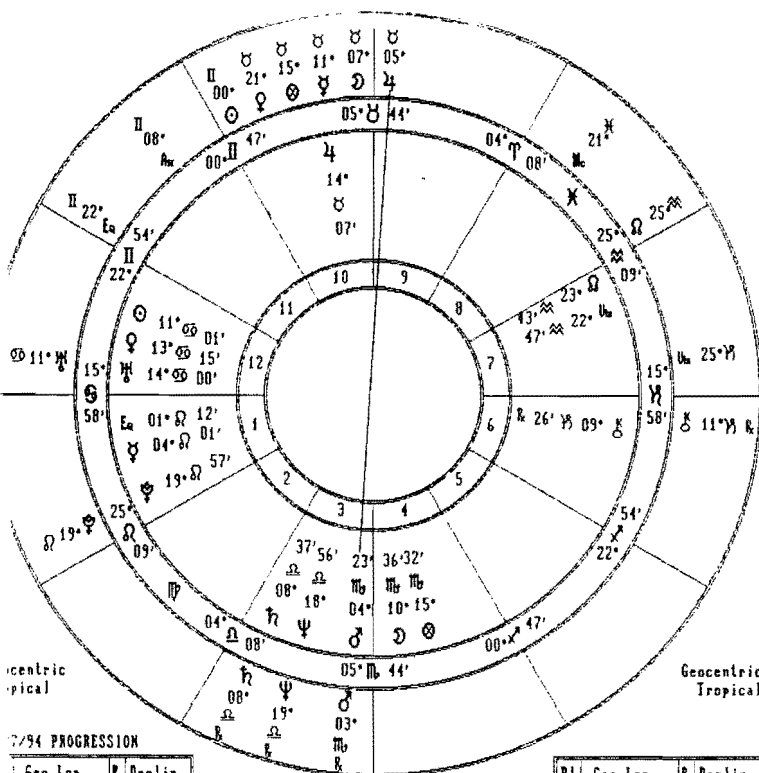
Pluto, ruling the House of Illness, trined the Sun by Naibod-Arc Direction (0°59'8" a year) on 14th July, signifying fundamental change and probable confinement in hospital (the Sun being in the 12th House).

Transiting Mars conjuncted the midpoint of Sun/Ascendant on 10th July, and of Pluto/Midheaven on 11th July, pin-pointing the date.

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Inner Chart: PROGRESSION AT 10TH JULY 1994.

Outer Chart: BIRTH HOROSCOPE.



2/94 PROGRESSION

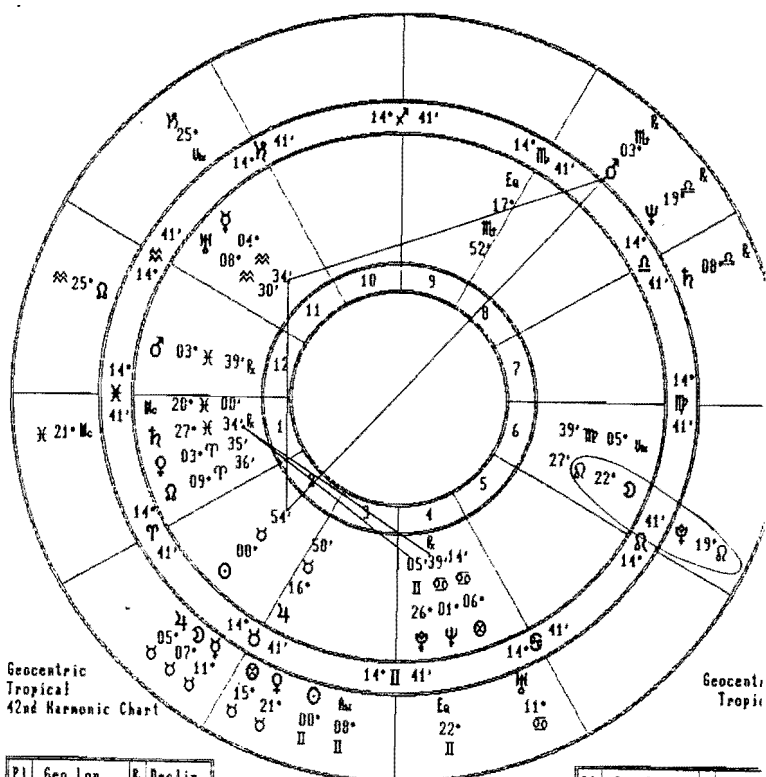
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Geocentric Tropical

Inner Chart and Cusps: AGE HARMONIC 42.
Outer Chart: BIRTH HOROSCOPE



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42nd Harmonic Chart

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January 1995, is an adverse factor, dispiriting and devitalizing, but not life-threatening. However, there are additionally four critical junctures in the next two years:

- (1) The end of February and beginning of March 1995, when Pluto is stationary opposite the Sun (6' orb only), the Progressed Sun is conjunct Uranus, and the Regressed Sun is trine Pluto.
- (2) The Moon's Node Directed to the opposition of Saturn in July 1995 (Saturn rules the 8th House).
- (3) Pluto again stationary opposite the Sun, though with a larger orb this time (2½°), in March 1996.
- (4) Pluto again stationary opposite the Sun, with a small orb (21'), in August 1996.

The first time of crisis is covered by the Chart for the Harmonic Month 22nd February - 22nd March 1995 (next page). Fractional Harmonic Charts are constructed by multiplying the natal positions by a factor comprising the age of the subject plus a fraction corresponding to the month after the birthday: For the 1st month after the birthday add .0833; for the 2nd month, .1667;

Warning of the approaching calamity was given in the Chart for Age Harmonic 42 (next column), covering the period 22nd May 1994 to 22nd May 1995.

The Harmonic Sun lies on the Natal Mars/Jupiter axis, the chief adverse factor in the Birth Figure. The T-Square formed by Harmonic Mercury (Mars-Mercury-Sun/Jupiter) produced the cerebral haemorrhage. Saturn rising is square both Pluto and Neptune, and the Harmonic Moon in the House of Illness is conjunct Natal Pluto.

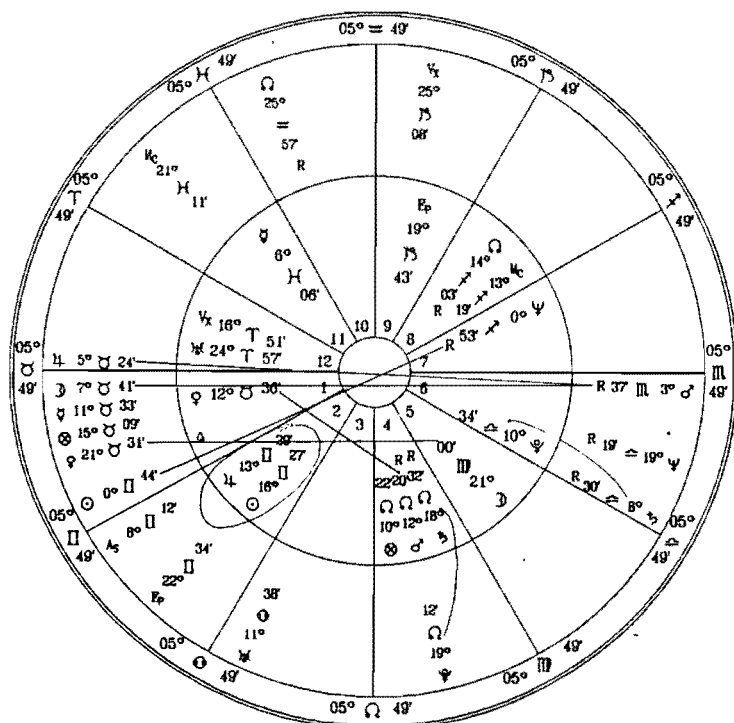
What of the future? A physician in attendance said that the patient would never be able to resume her professional career. Will she be totally disabled and dependent for the rest of her life? This is something that may perhaps be determined by astrological methods. Below are some relevant Charts and other important factors:

The Regressed Sun opposite Neptune on 13th

3rd, .25; 4th, .3333; 5th, .4167; 6th, .5; 7th, .5833; 8th, .6667; 9th, .75; 10th, .8333; 11th, .9167.

The chief adverse indications in the Chart below are the Natal Mars/Jupiter opposition across the Horizon, Harmonic Neptune closely opposing Natal Sun, Venus (Ascendant Ruler) squared by Mars, and H.Pluto in the House of Illness conjuncting Natal Saturn, reciprocated by Natal Pluto conjunct H.Saturn. However, H.Jupiter and the Sun are conjunct, while the H.Moon closely trines N.Venus. The patient's determination and fighting spirit could bring about a favourable outcome.

Inner Chart: HARMONIC MONTH, 22ND FEBRUARY-22ND MARCH 1995 (Natal positions x 42.75).
Outer Chart: BIRTH HOROSCOPE

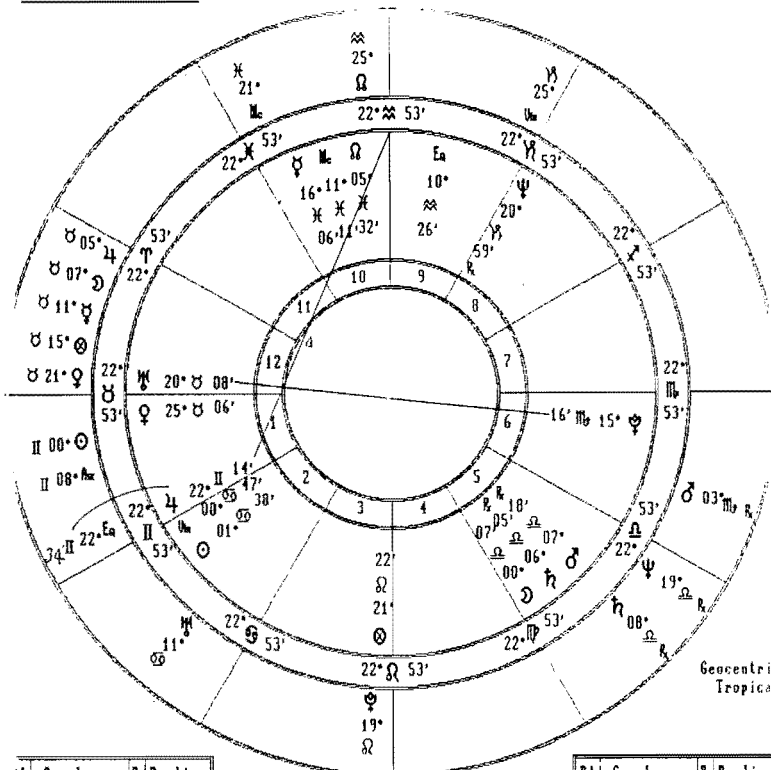


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Following this, the patient attains her 43rd birthday on 22nd May 1995, and the second and third critical periods fall within the province of the 43rd Harmonic Chart (next column).

It is a hopeful sign that Taurus rises, and its Ruler, Venus, strongly placed in its own Sign and just under the Horizon, rules also the 6th House, which must have some positive effect on the patient's health. This is supported by Natal Venus also on the Ascendant. Pluto opposing Uranus just above the Ascendant is disturbing but related more to a change of circumstances than a deterioration in the patient's condition. A decidedly positive influence is the placement of Jupiter mundanely strong on the 2nd Cusp and closely conjunct the Natal Equatorial Ascendant and trining the degree on the Midheaven.

Inner Chart: AGE HARMONIC 43
Outer Chart: BIRTH HOROSCOPE.



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This could very well mean a resumption of professional activity.

The 4th critical period, in August 1996, (Pluto stationary opposite the Sun) is revealed by the Cyclic Charts to produce an interruption to professional activities for reasons of health. Once again, the Natal Mars/Jupiter opposition is significant, lying along the Meridian of the 44th Harmonic Chart. Further analysis will wait until the earlier difficulties have been surmounted.

So the outlook for the patient is not by any means hopeless. The major hurdle at the end of February next has to be successfully negotiated, but after that the crises are less threatening. The gloomy forecast of the attending physician may prove to be wrong.

THE RUSSIAN SCENE

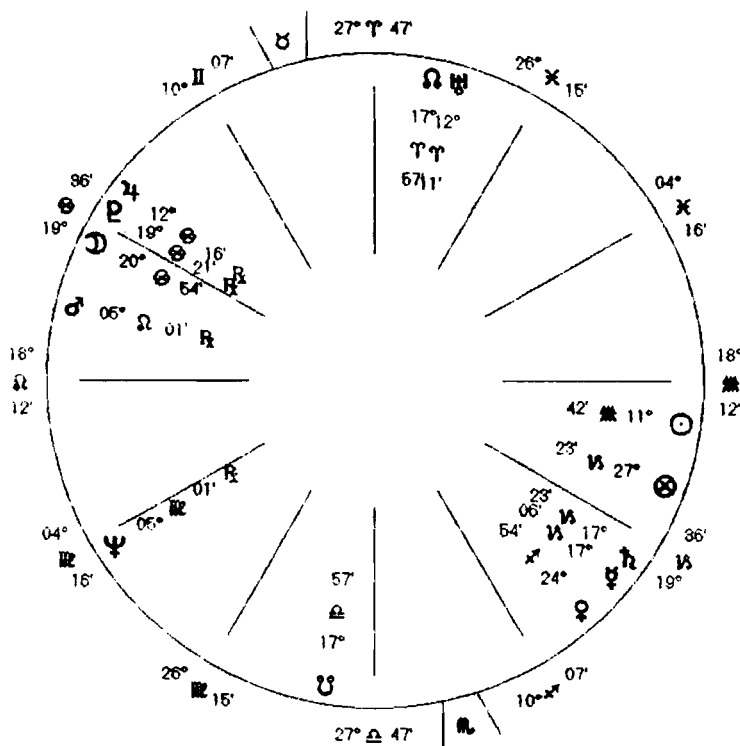
by Allan Johnson

The last article I wrote about Russia was in the December 1992 Issue, confirming the continuation of what I called "the years of living dangerously" for Boris Yeltsin. This culminated in two days of violence in Moscow

in the first week of October '93, which "reduced the besieged Parliament building to a smouldering wreck, its white walls holed by tank shells and blackened by smoke pouring from shattered windows". All this happened when Uranus and Neptune were conjunct and stationary and in opposition to his Natal Pluto/Moon, and conjunct his Mercury/Saturn, stirring up the whole T-Square pattern. Which proves how accurately Transits do really work. Despite the uprisings Yeltsin won out.

BORIS YELTSIN

1st February 1931, Butka, Siberia, 4:45pm
(GMT 0:45pm). 63°47'E, 56°47'N. Placidus.



Since then the two planets have of course moved on - and he and Russia generally have been going through a much more settled period. The T-Square pattern is the most dominating configuration in his Chart (six planets plus the Node) which doesn't leave much else in his Chart. So when Uranus passes out of orb of all these planets, then the days of great drama are over. Uranus does return to 22° Capricorn next October, but I doubt if this will reactivate his Chart to any great extent. Also his Progressed Sun comes to conjunct Progressed Uranus this year, but since these two planets are in sextile at birth, any unexpected changes might be to his advantage. So his future has much more stability.

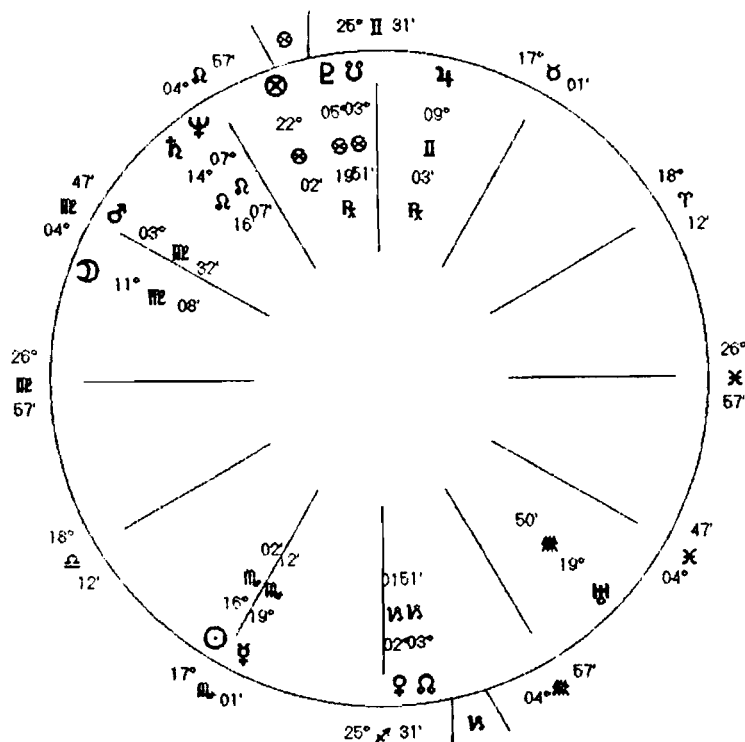
In looking at the future of Russia, I don't think we can altogether discard the Chart for the Soviet Union. Over the years it has developed a powerful identity, and experience

with other countries has shown that charts which were technically no longer valid have still carried on an influence. Thus the Chart of the last Czar had a strong link up with the collapse of communism in the early '90's. Also large numbers of key personalities in the old regime still hold positions of authority today, and this is one of the problems Yeltsin has had to cope with. So the country remains in a very muddled and confused state, and no clear-cut political and economic system has emerged. In these circumstances the Soviet Chart could still throw some light on events. Like Yeltsin's, the Soviet Chart has a very powerful T-Square configuration, but in the Fixed Signs and activated by Pluto. The key period in the end of communism was the end of 1989 when Pluto was exactly conjunct the Natal Sun and square Natal Saturn. It continued to activate the same pattern through 1990/91, and made the exact square to Uranus when the Soviet Union ended in December 1991.

So all the dramatic action correlated very closely with the Transits of Pluto on the T-Square pattern. So subsequent years could still provide us with some information on Russia's future. During 1994/95 Pluto makes the square to the Moon on the Ascendant. The Moon is in a very strong position in the Soviet Chart, but it is not part of any major configuration, so I would not expect any major upheavals in the immediate future. The Moon rules the people, so we could expect

SOVIET RUSSIA

9th November 1917, Leningrad, 2:30am LMT.
(M. Baigent's Chart in *Mundane Astrology*)



continuing turbulence and pressures from the population as a whole, as a lot of problems continue to evade solution. This trend continues through 1996/97 with Pluto making the square to Mars as it moves into Sagittarius. But Transiting aspects taken on their own don't have that big impact we would get from the activation of a major configuration. It is the same sort of situation we are getting from Yeltsin's Chart. We are not getting the big dramas. He could easily decide to retire at the end of his term as President. So taking the two Charts together, we are looking at a calmer period in the next three or four years than in the one immediately behind us.

The interesting period is when Uranus moves into the middle degrees of Aquarius, the closing years of the twentieth century (1998 - 2000). Uranus will then activate the powerful configuration involving Saturn, Uranus, Sun, Mercury. It could mean some further re-structuring, and of course some further upheavals, and a new type of constitution could emerge. Right on the year 2000 Uranus will be having its "Return" and this could mean the end of the "hangover" which had to follow the end of communism.

THE MOON'S NODES by Jenifer Pommerin

The following findings (researched on about 30 charts) are based on

- a. The True Node of the Moon.
- b. Aspects - conjunction, square, trine, opposition, quincunx.
- c. An orb of 1°.
- d. The proposition that the Nodes represent a person-to-person relationship, and this relationship is familial, or intimate, or close friendship, and private rather than public.

Nodes also represent contacts between a person and a group or association (a body of people), but my research did not cover that area.

- e. The proposition that the Nodes represent Karma from past lives, and are karma-inducing in the present life - the definition of karma being 'action' or 'reaction'.

Nodes and Planets in the Natal Charts

A study of the Nodes was puzzle-making rather than conclusion-stating.

FIRSTLY, in the natal charts of parent/child, wife/husband or sibling/sibling where one would expect to see a Node from one chart

aspecting a planet or point in the other chart, there was a paucity of major aspects.

Perhaps this means a loose or casual relationship within the family, and this could reflect modern life; or it could mean something different - that the Nodes are concerned with close relationships.

I will give one family as an example. The daughter was born with a very severe physical disability. As you can imagine, this is a make-or-break crisis for a family - especially in that this was a life-time condition. Fortunately the experience brought out the best in everyone, including the disabled daughter, "June".

Here is the interaction of the Nodes in the four Charts:

<u>"June"</u>		<u>Family Member</u>
Mars	square	Mother's Node
Ascendant	square	Father's Node
Sun	quincunx	Father's Node
Node	square	Father's Jupiter
Node	opposite	Brother's Venus

That the 'planning' to bring people together is well thought out ahead (in terms of generations) might be indicated by this:

Node	opposite	Grandmother's Jupiter
Node	trine	Grandmother's Neptune

It is interesting to note that the father and maternal grandmother (with more than one Node contact) were also the members of the family most overwhelmed by what had happened.

SECONDLY, a square or opposition to the Node did not always signify a troubled, unloving or unhappy relationship. On the contrary, there often existed a deep love and affinity. The problems or worries of a traumatic nature were more circumstantial or caused by a third party.

The conjunction did not always signify togetherness, harmony and love. It was the most challenging of the aspects - denoting polarised viewpoints and emotional, sometimes bitter, conflicts. (However, was that due to the South Node with its aspect of opposition?). In only two cases was there manifested a natural harmony of character, and agreement concerning life goals. These people had a unity that was nice to see.

The trine was difficult to assess. Mostly there seemed to be a relationship that "coasted" on assumptions concerning the other person, that may or may not have been correct. There was kindness but not always understanding, perhaps.

The quincunx denoted a big difference of

opinion in one area of life, and this could cause an upset in an otherwise harmonious relationship.

In order to assess the role of the Node in the chart of another, it is advisable to include the nature of the planet/s aspected, and the House/s involved.

Briefly, here are some findings re the Lunar Node contact with planets/points - modified according to aspect.
With the SUN: Helpmates. Common life goals. Lessons in parenting.

With the MOON: True love. Strong family bond. Need to learn loving non-attachment.

With MERCURY: Brotherly love. Need to learn appreciation of other's qualities.

With VENUS: Love and kindness. Lessons in consideration for the other.

With MARS: Love in action. The need to learn wisdom and discrimination (judgement).

With SATURN: Parental love. The need to be less exacting and controlling.

With URANUS: Love and understanding. Lessons in communicating love.

With NEPTUNE: Universal love. Lessons in being unselfish and non-taking.

With PLUTO: Undying love. The need to act according to the other's real needs and avoid pressuring.

With the MIDHEAVEN: A constructive or destructive influence in the other's life.

With the ASCENDANT: Deliberately strengthens, or weakens, the other's confidence.

Nodes and Planets in Transit

This study was done on individual and 'relating' charts. Again this study brought forth some surprises.

FIRSTLY, the paucity of contacts in major events. (The event was usually marriage, death, or a parting.)

SECONDLY, a much more frequent aspecting occurred in 'trivial' daily events (natal or transiting Node or planet).

THIRDLY, the traditional meaning of the planet was more evident and more telling than it was in the previous sector about natal relationships.

FOURTHLY, the same points or planets were often involved in a chart. This is one example in an individual's chart:

Transiting Node conjunct 4th-House Cusp = marriage.

Transiting Node conjunct 4th-House Cusp = death of father. (So there appears to be a 'sensitive' area that links with the Nodes.)

My only conclusion following what is admittedly a small sampling is that the Nodes "bring together", or, on the other hand, signify the breaking of ties.

My big question is, "Why do so many families and partners lack a Node contact?" Of course correspondences between natal planets and Signs were present, but the Node is also an important factor. I may have been a little severe in restricting the orb to one degree - but even when the orb was extended, there were still a considerable number of charts without a contact.

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CROSSING

by Marie Casey

The crossing of the Blue Mountains (N.S.W.) was a stupendous effort considering many prior attempts had to be abandoned. The first expedition to succeed was undertaken by Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William C. Wentworth. This expedition had conquered the mountains, and a new rich country was open to development.

It was on 28th May 1913 that the party finally reached Mount York. According to records, they left about 9 o'clock that day and, not being able to find water, they did not encamp until 5 o'clock. They discovered on the edge of the precipice (Mt. York) the land below to be forest land covered with trees and good grass.

The time was rather rounded off to an exact hour, so I did some rectification and found the Progressions to be workable for the time of 4:46 pm (10 minutes before sunset). This is the time they must have arrived at Mt. York (the high point), discovered the land below and encamped around 5 o'clock.

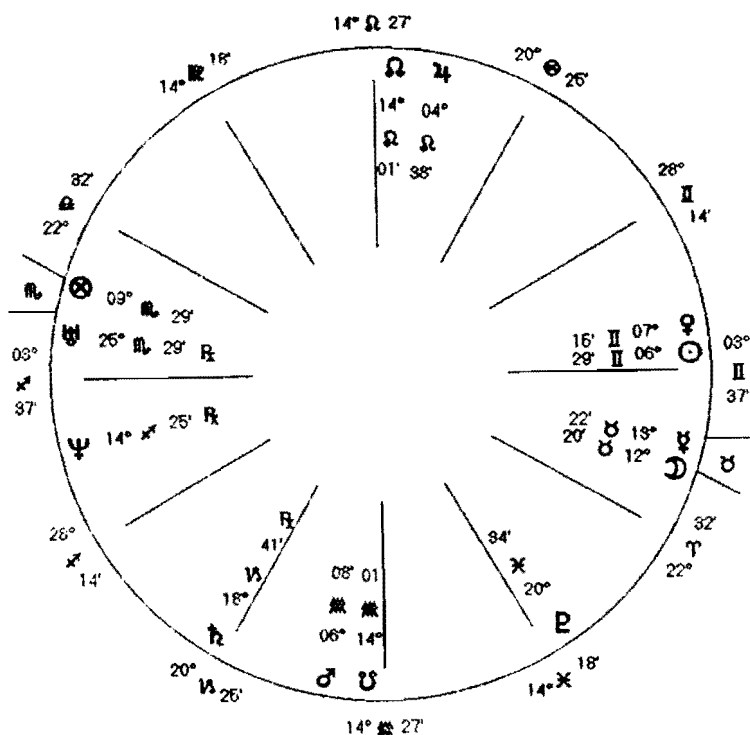
As part of the Bi-Centennial Celebrations, the re-enactment of the Blue Mountains Crossing was staged on 28th May 1944 (175 years since the Crossing in 1813). It was

then in May that I moved to the Mountains and was inspired to do some research and set up a Chart.

It seemed very significant that the Midheaven had just passed Jupiter (the planet of expansion) and come to a conjunction with the North Node. A great feat was accomplished. The Chart is quite in tune with the Mountains, and I give some comments on the Houses:

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS CROSSING

28th May 1813, Mt. Victoria, N.S.W. 4:46PM LMT
150°15'E, 33°35'S. Placidian Cusps.



Neptune in the First House would refer to the enchantment and mystique of the Mountains and the inducement of many tourists coming to visit. This House represents the general conditions of the area, and Neptune suggests many ceremonial events and festivities, which is true of the Mountains. Most townships have their annual festivals. In terms of weather, Neptune would relate to the general misty conditions and the snow.

Saturn in the Second House indicates financial stagnation. It wasn't until 1988 that properties really increased in value. Money may be hard to get in terms of employment and general business. On a more positive note there would be a steady flow of incoming finance to the local Government.

Mars. The Third House represents public transport, roads and highways, and with Mars placed here indicates much expenditure and energy involved. Continual construction is in progress on the highways now, more

Mountain rock having to be blasted through to widen some areas as well as make more new roads. The other side of Mars relates to accidents, so adequate safety precautions are needed on the roads.

Pluto in the Fifth House would denote deep and extended interest in the Arts and Crafts. Many people of the Mountains are involved in artistic endeavours.

Mercury and the Moon in the Sixth House shows some restlessness and discontent to do with employment, which signifies the lack of work in the Mountains and lack of industry.

The Sun and Venus in the Seventh House is very favourable for foreign trade, and this manifests in tourism - the bus-loads of people from other countries visiting the Mountains.

Jupiter in the Ninth House does tell of the expansion of the Mountains in connection with foreign people (tourism). It is also favourable for religious matters and those involving the higher mind.

Uranus in the Twelfth House may denote sudden or radical changes in Government Institutions such as hospitals, prisons, etc.

The above comments do not embrace the entirety of the House placings but give some indication of the manifestations of the planetary significance in each House.

A major issue in the Mountains is the bush fires. Going back to 1968, when they were considered to be one of the worst up to that time, the Transits were as follows: On 28th November 1968, the day the Blue Hills turned red, then black, 120 houses were burned down and three fire-fighters lost their lives. Tr.Saturn at 19°9' Aries squared Natal Saturn. In this sense Saturn relates to the loss involved. Tr.Mars (Planet of Fire) between 11°18' and 11°54' Libra, was quincunx Mercury/Moon and Tr.Sun 6° Sagittarius opposed Sun/Venus.

The recent bush fires in January 1994, considered the worst in the history of NSW., had a great effect on parts of the Mountains. They became more severe from the 6th to the 12th January. Again Saturn was in the picture: Transiting positions of the six planets in Capricorn on the 7th January were - Uranus 21°55', Neptune 20°41', Mercury 18°21', Sun 16°27', Venus 14°2', Mars 13°39'. Natal Saturn is at 18°41' in the Blue Mountains Chart. The planets surrounding Natal Saturn give a dismal picture. Tr.

Mercury made its conjunction, and Tr.Sun, Venus and Mars were coming to the conjunction. Mars being the planet relating to fires is afflicted in the Chart at 6°9' Aquarius. It makes an opposition to Natal Jupiter, North Node and MC, and squares the Moon/Mercury conjunction. Fortunately it does trine the Sun and Venus, modifying somewhat the more drastic effects it could create.

Progressions re the Bush Fires

By 1968 the Progressed Midheaven had come to a conjunction with Natal Saturn, 19° Capricorn, by using the 1° method of Progression. Again Saturn is in the picture.

Then in May 1993 the Progressed Midheaven moved to the I.C. at 14° Aquarius, exactly 180 years since the Blue Mountains Crossing in 1813. Bearing in mind that Progressions have a lasting power for a year or more, this major aspect by the MC in opposition to the Node and Natal MC had a lot to do with the recent disastrous bush fires in January 1994. The I.C. is a vital point when strongly aspected, bringing on upheavals, disasters and also earthquakes.

WHAT ARE DIRECTIONS

by Leslie Black.

Many people, including some astrologers, have only a vague idea about Directions. From my long study of astrology, and letters received on this particular matter, I have come to the conclusion that about 75% of people who send for Directions do so because they think they are going to be told what will happen to them during a certain period, and they are greatly disappointed and sometimes indignant because they do not get what they have expected.

What then are Directions? Directions are mathematical calculations showing the time when certain influences are due, and the tendencies they are likely to produce in the lives of people. But what about the people themselves? Have they no free-will? Are they blind puppets of Fate, buffeted by every wind of planetary force, incapable of taking advantage of good influences, or standing up against adverse ones?

I've heard it said by competent astrologers, "Oh, I'm under adverse Directions at the present time, so I must lie quiet and do nothing important." But you can be sure you won't escape what is in the heavens activating your Radical Chart at that particular time. It happened to me on 4th January this year when I was struck down with

a stroke that inflicted upon me a fractured ankle and completely drained my body of all physical energy, with which now I'm gradually coming to terms.

So was the poet Shakespeare correct when he wrote, "This is the excellent foppery of the world, that, when we are sick in fortune, - often the surfeit of our own behaviour, - we make guilty of our disasters the Sun the Moon, and the stars; as if we were villains by necessity, fools by heavenly compulsion; knaves, thieves, and treachers, by spherical predominance; drunkards, liars, and adulterers, by an enforced obedience of planetary influence, and all that we are evil in, by a divine thrusting on."?

In all my professional work, it has always been a fixed rule never to predict definite or particular events, but merely to explain the meaning of the several Directions operating, and how they will act in the life and circumstances of the individual. I have seen cases where there are several very adverse Directions acting at the time, some of which might easily be indications of very serious events, but I have always toned them down.

It is arguable whether we are tied and bound by planetary forces, and that there is no way of escaping them, that we are merely pawns on the great chessboard of life, moved hither and thither by every blast of planetary vibration. Certainly, we have "free-will", but only in a limited way which inspires our instincts to protect ourselves for self-preservation, as is designated by Mutual Progressions which occur during life. But major Directions show how the life is responding to fate and karma in the present life, which prepares it for future reincarnations and evolution.

CHART EXERCISE

See last Issue, pages 5 & 6. No one has yet been 100% successful at the first attempt. To give more readers a chance to participate the time for closing of the exercise is now extended to 15th October. I urge you to try - it will certainly help your astrology. Don't be concerned about being wrong. It is by trial and error that we all learn. Send your assessment to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turrumurra NSW, Australia 2074. Ross will tell you your results immediately. If wrong, you can try again.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

6th September 1994.

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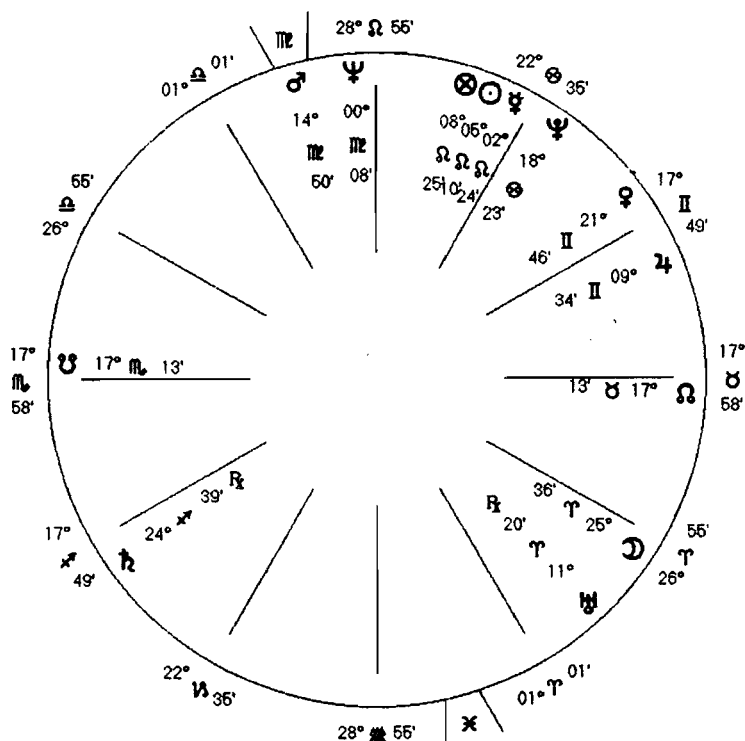
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The Horoscope of the late Jacqueline Onassis is of interest not only because she was so much in the public eye but also because we are fairly certain of her birth time, and so we can confidently utilize astrological techniques to see how appropriately planetary dispositions depict the events of her life. This hindsight analysis becomes a lesson in astrology. Here, I propose to look at four of the most important events - her marriage to John F. Kennedy, who became President of the U.S.A., her being widowed through his assassination, her subsequent marriage to the shipping magnate, Aristotle Onassis, and her own death a little over a month ago.

JACQUELINE ONASSIS

Born 28th July 1929, 2:30pm EDT (GMT 6:30pm)
at Southampton, N.Y. 72°23'W, 40°53'N.
Placidian Cusps.



Venus ruling the House of Marriage occupies the 8th House (Deaths), and is opposite Saturn. This is sufficient indication of the death of a husband, and also the sadness surrounding both her marriages - the

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infidelities of J.F.Kennedy and the lack of rapport with Aristotle Onassis. People with Venus opposed by Saturn in their Horoscopes have difficulty in achieving a union that is satisfying and happy. A great deal of effort is needed to avoid emotional coldness and separation. It is not surprising that the effort is often too much for most of us ordinary mortals.

This situation is particularly sad for a person born with the Sun in Leo - the Heart Sign - where the need for love and admiration is usually the mainspring of the nature. Jackie had this heart quality, and suffered from its lack of gratification, but the pride of Leo and the fortitude of her Scorpio Ascendant prevented her from making a public exhibition of it.

The Scorpio Ascendant also accounts for the privacy of her nature - the radiance of Leo subjected to the reserve, even secrecy, of Scorpio. Never were the details of her personal life open for scrutiny until the one occasion near the very end when she let it be known that she was entering hospital for treatment of Hodgekin's Lymphoma. She bore her illness with dignity, and herself made the decision to die at home among family and friends when it became clear that further treatment would be useless. Did Jackie, in fact, deliberately cut short her life span rather than endure perhaps weeks more of traumatic living without quality? She did not lack courage and resolve. This question does come to mind in view of the very short lapse of time between her leaving hospital and her death on the 20th of May this year.

Neptune at the Midheaven of her Chart forms a grand trine with the Moon in the House of Health, and Saturn in the House of Income. It

cannot be said that this is a joyful combination, notwithstanding the trines - they simply link Saturn and Neptune to the Moon. It is only a little better than having the same planets in a T-Square with the Moon. Undoubtedly this configuration was the dominant factor in her final illness, the Moon being associated with glandular function as in lymphoma, and Saturn/Neptune with illness and suffering. It must also have had a very depressing effect on her spirits at times, however well Jackie concealed this from the gaze of others.

Scorpio on the Ascendant, reinforced by the trine from its Ruler, Pluto, to the rising Degree, and unmodified by any other planet near the Ascendant, pointed to a life of extremes, which is typical of most born under this powerful Sign. With Jackie it was simply more so - married to a President of the U.S.A., the horror of having him shot to death beside her and being spattered with his blood, her brother-in-law, Robert Kennedy, also assassinated, a second marriage to one of the world's richest men who died only six-and-a-half years later, continued association with famous people, and throughout being the focus of world-wide attention.

A trait of the Sign Leo that Jackie amply demonstrated was self-indulgence and love of luxury. Jupiter (the Expander) and Venus (pleasure and beautiful things) aspecting the Sun by sextile and semi-square respectively boosted this failing of Leo. Her extravagant spending (Jupiter ruling the 2nd House square Mars and semisquare the Moon) caused trouble in both her marriages. The money went largely on fashion clothes and jewellery (Venus/Sun). Leo vanity had a hand in this. It brought its own penalty in the shape of an unhappy union with Aristotle Onassis, which was widely and probably correctly assumed to have been made for the sake of the wealth that came with it. Divorce proceedings were an imminent prospect at the time of Aristotle's death in March 1975 from a complex of serious bodily ailments. So Jackie was widowed again.

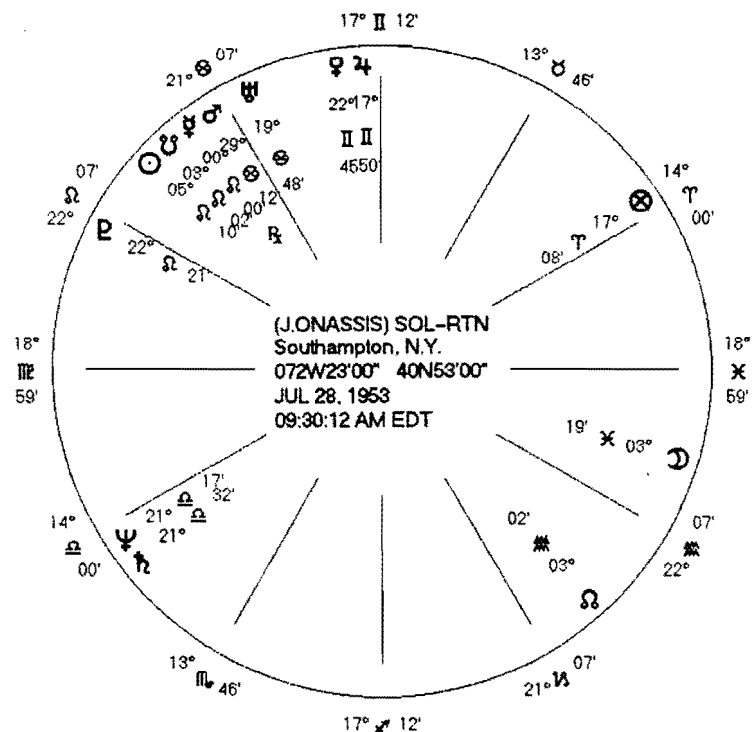
Another, more attractive trait of Leo which Jacqueline also exemplified, was hospitality. It is reported that at her home functions she had the capacity for making each individual guest feel specially welcome and valued. They blossomed and bloomed through her attention and the radiance of her personality.

What do we make of Neptune at the Midheaven of the Chart? Well, Jackie started her career (successfully) as a photographer, and was forever a keen and knowledgeable follower and patron of art, music, ballet and theatre.

Neptune was responsible for the aura of glamour that surrounded all her doings, and which were widely reported on that specially Neptunian medium - television. Neptune also played its part in the book promotions she instigated when, after Aristotle's death, she became an editor at a big publishing house. In this she was highly successful (Sun conjunct Mercury in the 9th House), not only rescuing worthwhile manuscripts from obscurity but also bringing out and promoting the sale of dozens of books each year. Aside from its mundane effects, Neptune must have coloured her inner life with its qualities of fantasy and imagination, sensitivity and intuition.

When Jacqueline married John F. Kennedy on 12th September 1953, the Solar-Return Chart proclaimed it as a love match: Jupiter, ruling the 7th House, conjoins Venus, The Unifier, at the Midheaven. The Part of Fortune closely sextiles Jupiter, adding to the prominence of this Planet of Fulfilment. Students of the Arabian Parts will also find it of interest that the Part of Marriage in this Chart is 15°13' Gemini, which is conjunct Jupiter and the Midheaven.

JACQUELINE BOUVIER MARRIES JOHN F. KENNEDY
Solar Return 28 July 1953, Southampton, N.Y.
EDT 9:30:12am, GMT 13:30:12. Placidian Cusps.

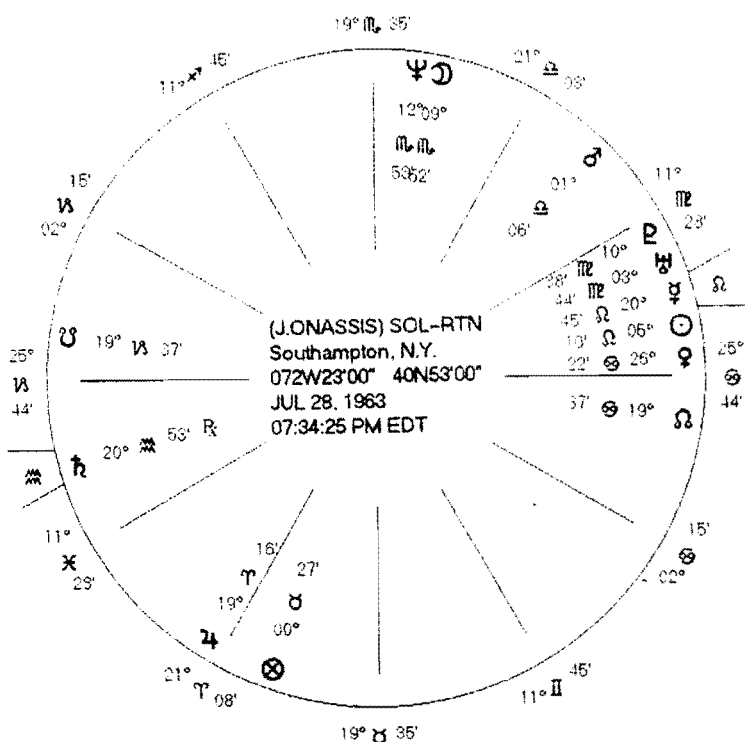


Something that was probably not noticed or was disregarded at the time is that if we turn the Chart to make the Marriage Cusp the Ascendant, an ominous note is struck by the almost exact conjunction of the malefics Saturn and Neptune in the derived 8th House -

the House of Death. This portent of Saturn and Neptune becomes more dangerous through the close sextile of Pluto, The Destroyer, and the square from Uranus - planet of sudden shocks. The marriage lasted until Kennedy's death a little over ten years later - and the violent conjunction of Mars and Uranus is separated by approximately ten degrees.

The assassination of President Kennedy at Dallas, Texas, on 22nd November 1963, was an event of unprecedented shock and horror in the political field, certainly eclipsing that of the Archduke Ferdinand at Sarajevo in 1914, which started the First World War. One would expect it to be reflected in his wife's Solar Return by appropriate afflictions. Curiously, this is not the case.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATED, 22 NOV.1963.
Jacqueline's Solar Return 29 Jul.1963 Placidus



*A lack of appropriate configurations
for the violent death of a husband*

Far from depicting a marital catastrophe Venus right on the 7th Cusp suggests a state of connubial bliss. Perhaps this did exist prior to the fatality, but where are the portents for the latter? The closest we come to a pointer is the position of Pluto on the 8th Cusp 7° from the conjunction of Uranus, and 4° from the conjunction of Natal Mars. The Moon ruling the 7th House is conjunct Neptune, a mild indication of loss nowhere near commensurate with the tragedy that ensued, and the Moon's Rulership is the only acceptable connection with the 7th House (husband). Superimposing the Birth Chart does

not in this case add any significant features. Neither is there any appreciable difference if the location is changed to Dallas.

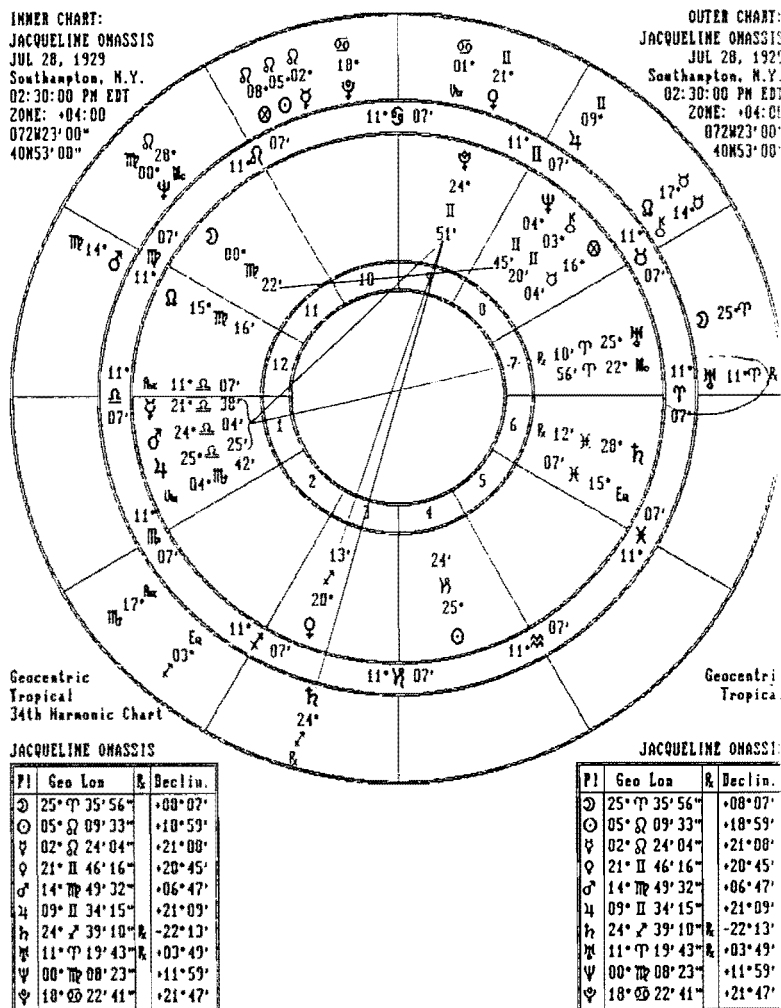
There is, however, a Chart for the event that reflects its full horror. This is the Harmonic for Jacqueline at age 34, relating to the year 28th July 1963 to 28th July 1964.

JACQUELINE ONASSIS: 34th AGE HARMONIC

28 July 1963 - 28 July 1964.

Husband assassinated 22nd November 1963.

[Birth Chart positions in outer circle]



The Age Harmonic aptly depicts the events

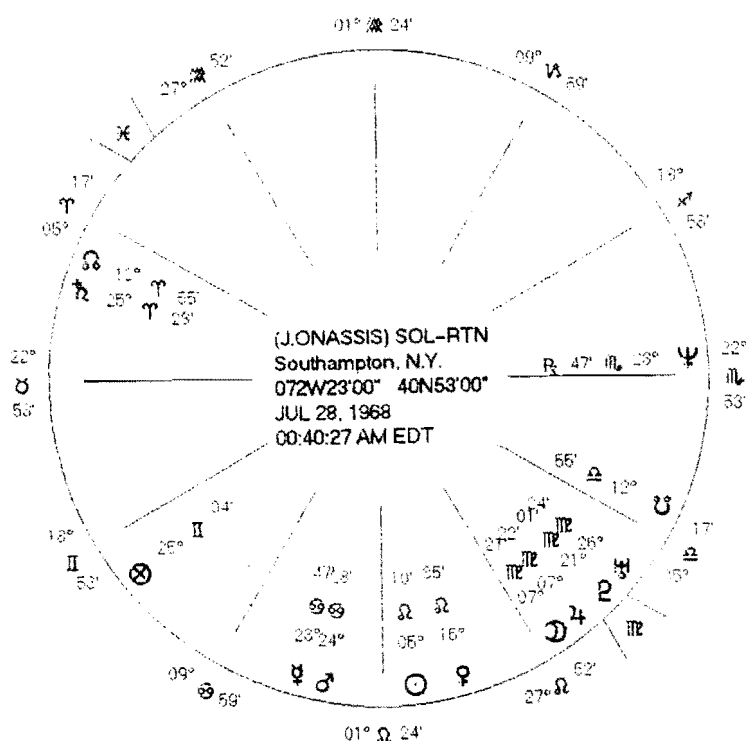
What a different story! Mars ruling the 7th House (marriage and husband) is directly opposite Uranus in the 7th, and conjunct Jupiter and Mercury (violence, gunshot), while Natal Uranus sits on the 7th Cusp. Pluto adds its malign influence by trining the Mars/Jupiter/Mercury conjunction, squaring AH-Saturn and opposing Natal Saturn. A feature of nearly all these aspects is the very small orbs involved, less than 1° in some cases. This is quite remarkable for a Harmonic Chart where, due to the high multiplication factors, orbs of 5½° or even 6° are acceptable, as introduced by Ross Harvey some

years ago when he awoke us to the importance of Age Harmonics. If there are any who still have doubts about their validity and effectiveness let them take due note of this example.

Jacqueline's marriage to Aristotle Onassis on 20th October 1968 surprised, even shocked, the world. It was seen as Elegance marrying Money.

MARRIAGE TO ARISTOTLE ONASSIS

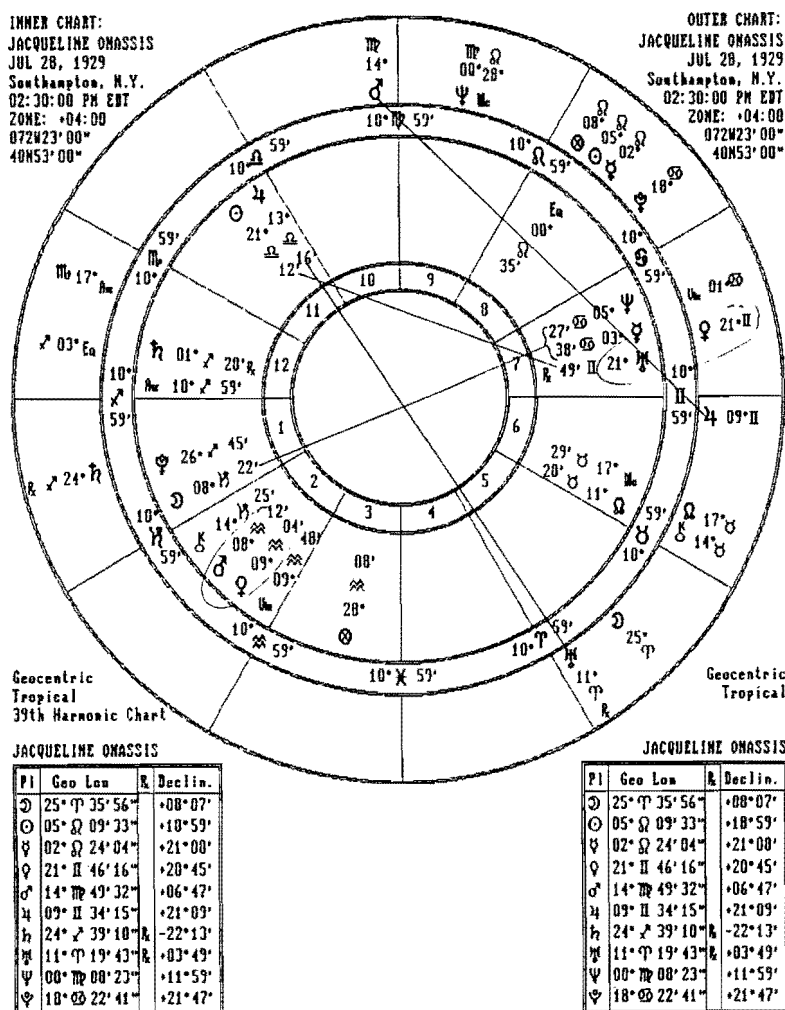
Solar Return 28 Jul 1968. Placidus.



Here, the normal Solar Return Chart does tell the story: Neptune on the 7th Cusp is a classic position for an unsatisfactory union. The two Rulers of the Marriage House, Mars and Pluto are both afflicted, Mars by Mercury (arguments) and Pluto by Uranus (crises). Mars trine to Neptune tends to exacerbate the marital situation - heat applied to water produces steam, and perhaps explosions. Saturn is in the 12th House (Sorrows, Self-undoing), and is closely conjunct Natal Moon, foreshadowing the emotional unhappiness in store for Jackie.

Jacqueline was 39 when she married Onassis, and the ill-assorted union is even more graphically portrayed in the Chart of the 39th Harmonic. Mercury, Ruler of the Marriage House is conjunct Neptune, and both are opposite the Moon, signifying misunderstandings and emotional unhappiness. Aristotle Onassis was reputed to have a considerable attraction for women, and there is plainly physical attraction here - Uranus closely trine the Sun and conjunct Natal Venus, and Venus conjunct Mars - but Uranus in the

AGE HARMONIC 39, 28 July 1968 - 28 July 1969.
20 Oct 1968 Jackie marries Aristotle Onassis.
[Birth Chart positions in outer circle]



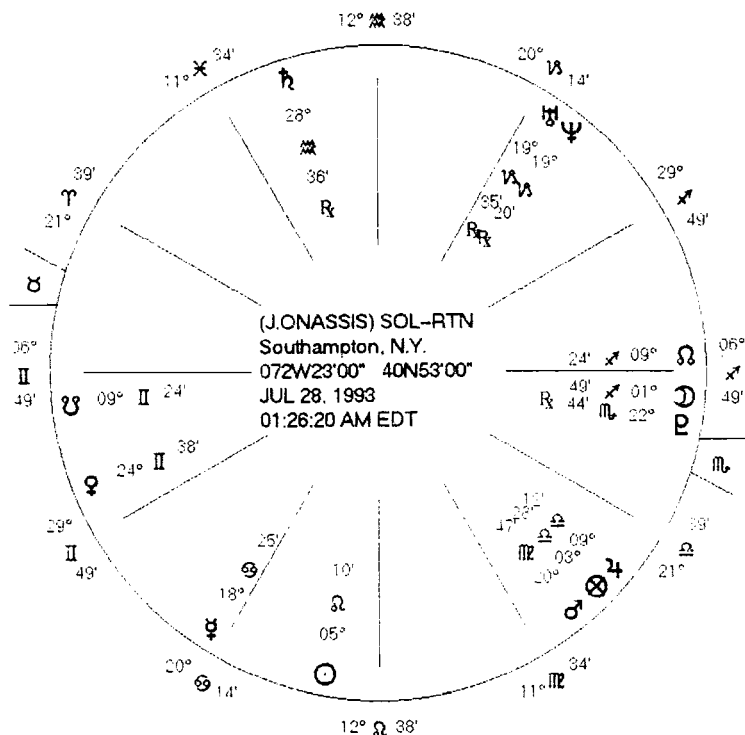
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Marriage House has a disruptive effect, and Mars conjoined with Venus, though warming the feelings also produces conflict and altercations in the love life. The Ruler of the Chart, Jupiter, is opposed by Natal Uranus, indicating diversity of views, different values, and a stubborn adherence to personal opinions. An interesting factor is the Natal square of Jupiter and Mars afflicting the 7th and 10th Angles, showing that Jacqueline's habit of excessive spending was a big issue and caused dissension in the marriage.

"Last scene of all, that ends this strange, eventful history" is Jacqueline's passing on 20th May last at her home in New York. Is death apparent from this Chart? There is nothing very prominent and close in the way of afflictions. The Ascendant, significator of life and well-being is ruled by Mercury, which is opposed by Neptune and Uranus, certainly an affliction, but not one that invites a presumption of approaching death. Mental disturbance would be more in line with the nature of the planets concerned. The Moon, an important factor in a woman's health, is separating by 3° from the square

SOLAR RETURN 28 JULY 1993,
Death on 20th May 1994.



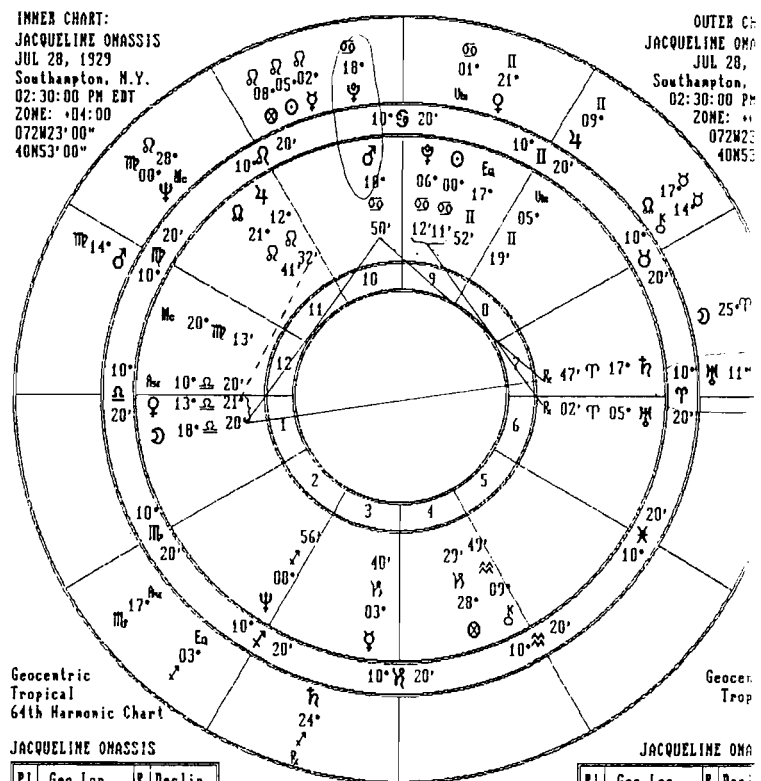
of an elevated Saturn - not healthy, but also not lethal.

The Chart becomes rather more significant when compared with the Radix: Pluto, planet of death and destruction, conjoins the Natal Ascendant, though the orb is 5° - more than one would expect in the circumstances. This conjunction gains extra significance through occurring in the 6th House (illness), and in Pluto's own Sign, Scorpio, which suggests malignancy. Natal Pluto at 18°23' Cancer is conjunct SR-Mercury at 18°25' Cancer (only a 2' orb), and Mercury here rules the Ascendant - the physical body. Natal Jupiter at 9°34' Gemini is just below the Ascendant of the SR-Chart and rules the SR-8th House (death). Jupiter's influence is emphasized by its opposition to the SR-North Node (conjunct the South Node).

So, there are a number of indications when one searches for them, but they do not immediately spring to view. The 39th Harmonic on the other hand covers the same period and is much more graphically representative of the event.

The immediate impact is that of the Moon rising, forming a T-Square with Saturn and Mars, in opposition and square respectively. Natal Pluto at 18°23' Cancer adds its power to the T-Square. Saturn here rules the 4th House (end of life) where Capricorn is on the Cusp. What is specially striking about this affliction is the closeness of the orb, less than 1° for all four signifiers - truly remarkable when you consider the high

AGE HARMONIC 64, 28 JULY 1993 - 28 JULY 1994
Jacqueline Onassis dies on 20th May 1994.
[Birth Chart positions in outer circle]



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♂	05° 09' 33"	+10° 59'
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♂	14° 49' 32"	+06° 47'
♂	09° 34' 15"	+21° 09'
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multiplication factor of 64 involved in the construction of this Chart. Venus just below the Ascendant is also drawn into the T-Square, and Venus rules both the 1st and the 8th House - a hint of mortality.

Another factor pointing in the same direction is the conjunction of the Sun (the life-force) with Pluto (the Destroyer) and square to Uranus. We can attribute to Uranus the relative suddenness with which the end came after Jackie left the hospital. Jupiter's sextile to Venus on the Ascendant and ruling the Deaths House implies that it was without trauma and pain.

- Dymock.

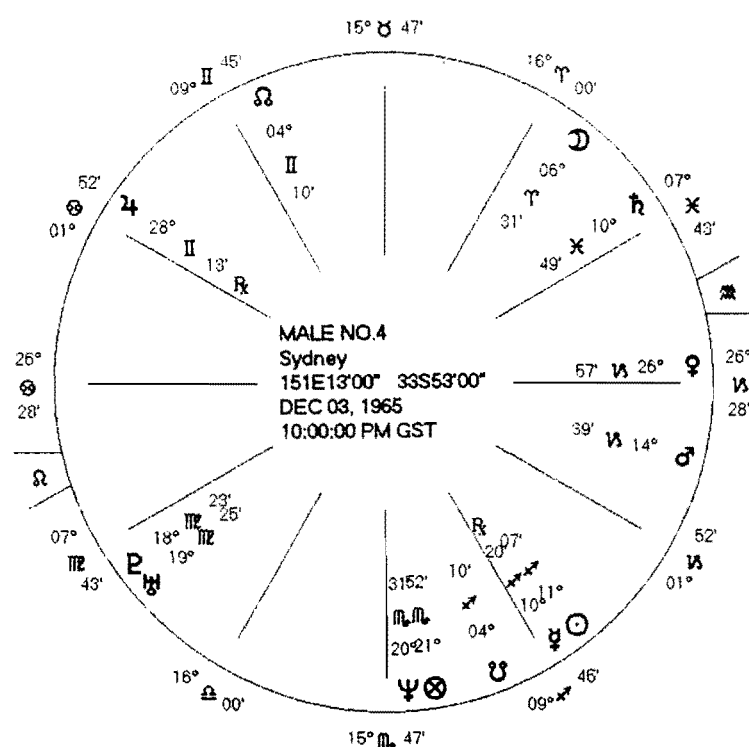
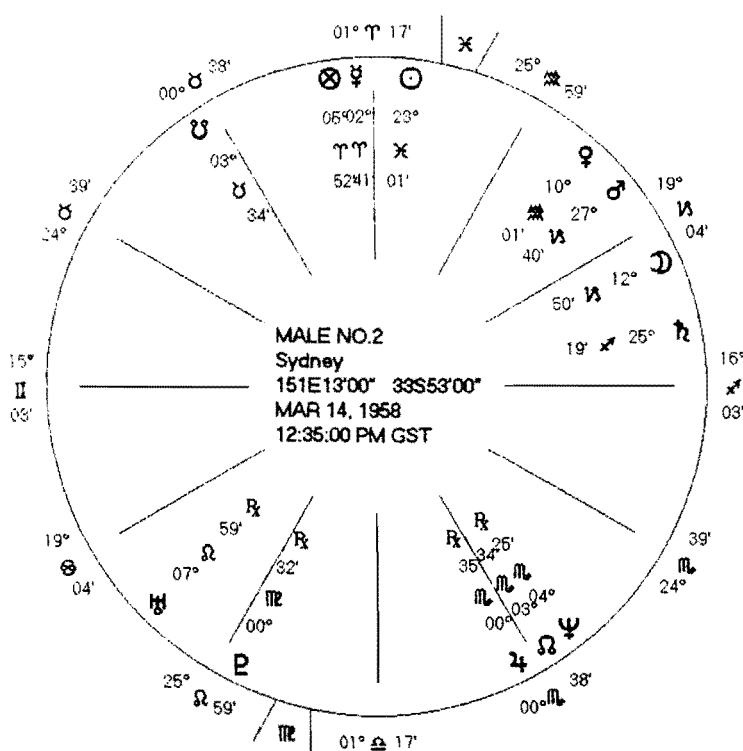
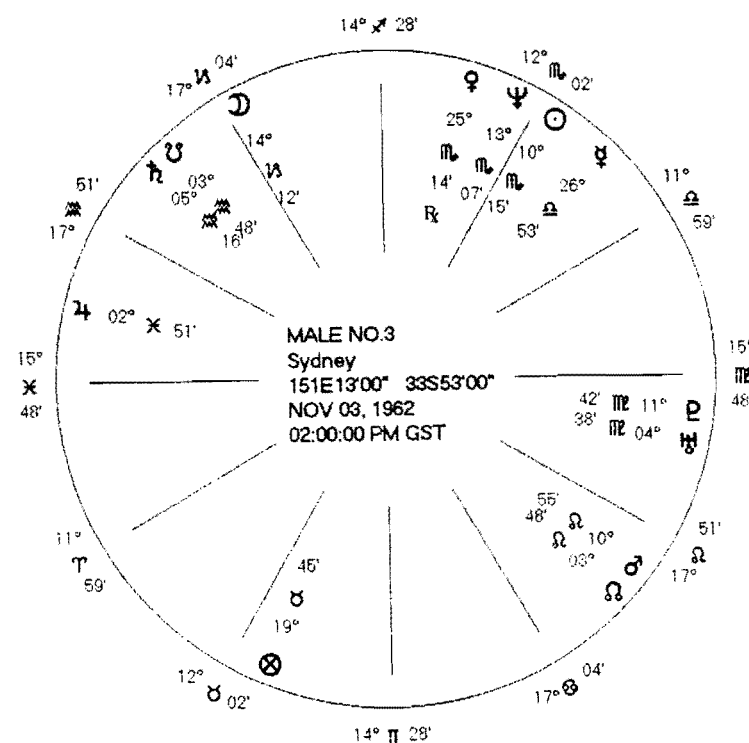
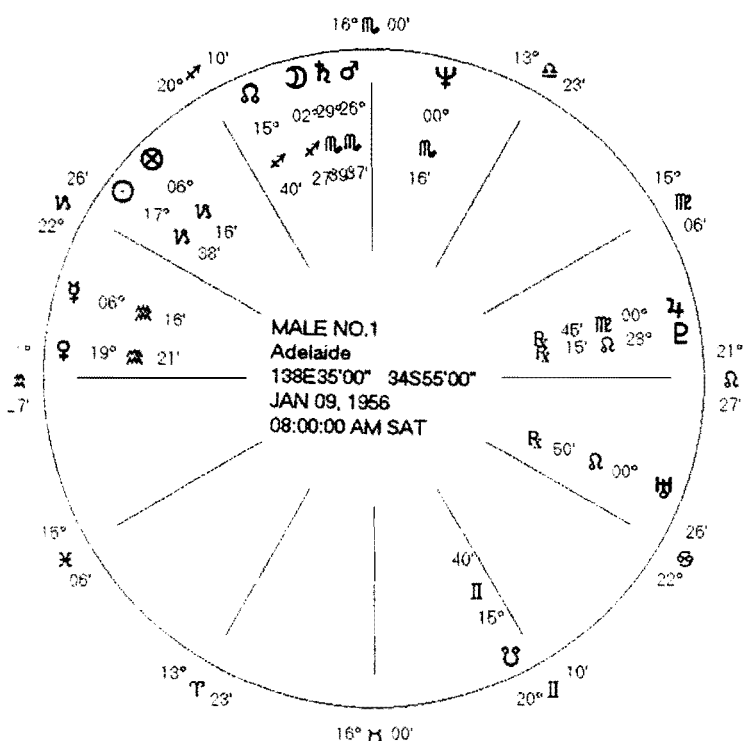
ASTROLOGICAL EXERCISE

Match the Chart to the Occupations

ROSS HARVEY has submitted the following exercise to test your astrological skills: Below are four Charts of males who are severally engaged in the occupations of successful CARTOONIST and PAINTER (art), STATISTICIAN, Public Service CLERK, and HOTEL WORKER who aspires to be a manager.

The test is which is the cartoonist and which the statistician.

published in the August Issue. Only names of those who supply correct solutions will be published.



Ross writes, "People would need to find indications for aptitude for art or mathematics, and also for vocational success. Entrants should say which is which, and how they arrived at their decisions." Give it a go! An exercise like this has much practical value. Send your answers direct to Ross Harvey, 7 Trentino Road, Turramurra NSW, Australia 2074. Entries should be in by the 15th of August so that the results can be

Re THE PLUTO/NODE INFLUENCE

There has been only one submission so far on the Pluto/Node or Pluto influence as was requested in Issue 153.

JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.) suggests that we should seek information from readers regarding their experiences of a contact between

the Node and ANY planet or sensitive point (e.g., MC or ASC). Jenifer writes, "I have found that very often when there has been a significant event, and yet no significant Transit, that indeed the Node was involved. It is routinely overlooked by most of us. If the *Forum* readers cared to check they might find, too, some very interesting Node activity. We could get quite a collection of useful findings concerning Node/planet/House."

Jenifer will send her own observations later. Meantime let us hear from other readers who are practising astrology. A report on your experiences and findings would be a benefit to all. - Dymock.

MADONNA & MICHAEL JACKSON (What motivates the "Superstars") By Marie Casey.

There are a few charts in circulation for Michael Jackson with different birth times. The Chart I submit in this article is taken from the Data Section of *The Astrological Journal* (London), 1989 September Issue. The source given - "Ananda Bagley quotes from the official biography, *Moon Walker*." Madonna's Chart is from *The Astrological Journal* 1990 September Issue. The source given - "Tashi Grady quotes Madonna's father for around 7 am".

Michael's Chart gives him a Gemini Ascendant that does explain his versatility. The body movements and intricate footwork, along with his singing ability describes the duality and artistic attributes of the Gemini Sign, whereas Madonna with Virgo Ascendant would not have those same capabilities. Virgo describes her Christian name by birth (Madonna) and the crucifix she wore on stage portraying the purity of the Sign. Also she leads the group into prayer before each act. The Ascendant shows our outer mannerisms, Although Madonna is certainly not a virginal type it's what she is sending out. Perhaps it's not such a big act after all. She is a health fanatic, spending hours at the Gym every day as well as jogging, in tune with the Virgo Sign. The Moon, Mercury and Pluto are also in Virgo, accentuating that Sign. At first I felt she may have a Leo Ascendant, but the Sun, Uranus and Venus in Leo would help to modify the shyness of a Virgo Ascendant.

Madonna's Midheaven in Gemini makes her very outgoing and communicative. This can be seen when she is interviewed on or off stage - she is never short on words. Her book, recently published, was tainted with Mars in Taurus, giving sensuality and a down-to-

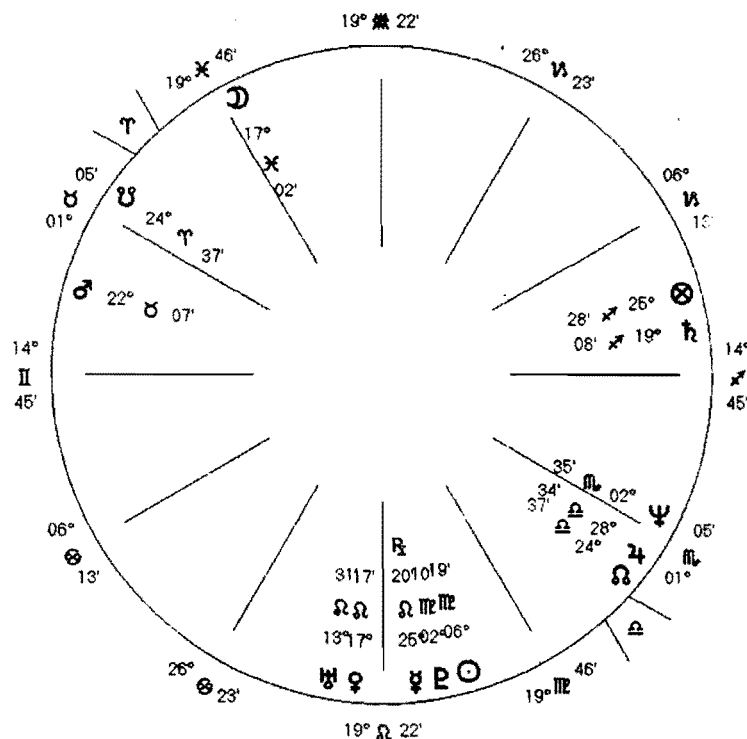
basics attitude, shown in her "erotica" endeavours.

Michael's Midheaven in Aquarius relates to the "Humanitarian", and he is a giver. His destiny is to share his resources, which he has done with his family and the Zoo project he built to entertain the children. It's rather ironical that he had to share more of his resources when he was sued for millions of dollars for child abuse. (Mars in 12th - forthright opponents working against him). The 10th-House Moon is indicative of being in the public eye for most of his life.

The Moon is Angular again in Madonna's Chart, and being in the 1st House would describe her changing looks from dark to blonde then to dark again. Then she changes her hair style from time to time, giving a completely different appearance. They have a lot in common with only 13 days difference in their birth dates. They are blessed with the Jupiter/Neptune conjunction relating to musical and artistic talent. Then they have Pluto in conjunction - Michael with Pluto/Sun, and Madonna with Pluto/Mercury, indicating the

MICHAEL JACKSON

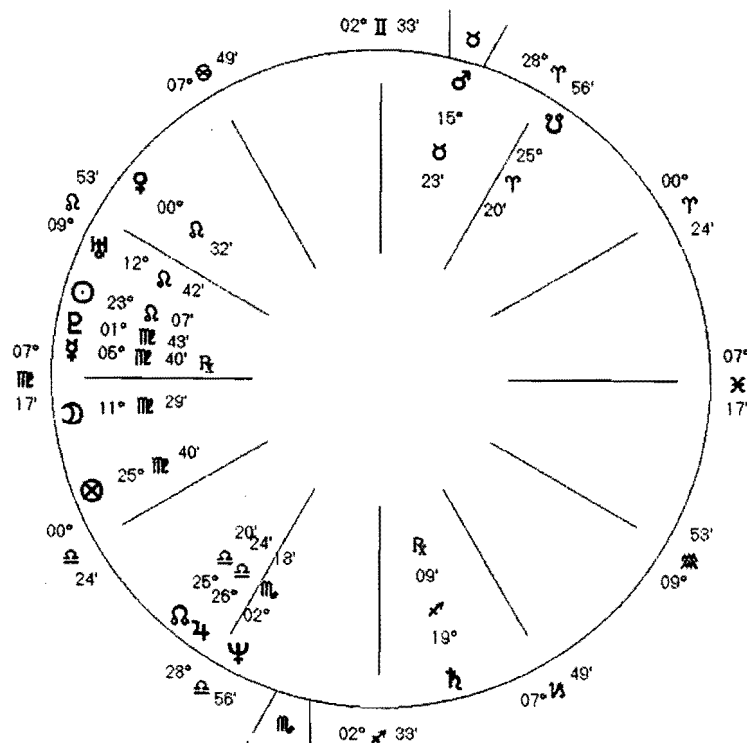
29th August 1958, 11:45pm CDT (GMT 4:45am.
30th August) at Gary, Indiana,
41°36'N, 87°27'W. Placidian Cusps.



power and driving force that motivates them and provides the massive energy when performing.

I noticed with Michael's 9th House the lack of planets not accentuating his overseas travel and performances, but the Ruler, Saturn, is trine to Uranus, Venus and Mercu-

MADONNA (Madonna Louise Ciccone)
16th August 1958, Bay City, Michigan,
43°36'N, 83°54'W. 7am EST (12 noon GMT).
Placidian Cusps.



ry. As the Moon squares Saturn it would explain the cancellation of some of his recent appointments in other countries. The Moon in Pisces makes him very gentle emotionally, and we can see this when he is interviewed, with such a soft speaking voice. Madonna's 9th House contains Mars trining her Moon, being good for travel, and this aspect gives courage, daring and bodily vigour.

They both have the golden touch, with Leo being well stressed. Michael's Jupiter on the 6th Cusp indicates the successful cosmetic surgery he has undergone.

Madonna's 5th House is void of any planets so we need to look at Saturn, the Ruler. Saturn trines the Sun and Uranus and squares the Moon. Saturn trining Uranus gives initiative, nervous energy and the ability to apply oneself in an original way. Saturn squaring her Moon would denote those times when she was unwelcome in certain countries for her outrageous performances (5th House affairs). Her magnetism to attract such large audiences would stem from the Sun at the midpoint of Venus and Uranus. By contrast, Michael has Venus conjunct Uranus, another magnetic aspect.

The "love" planet, Venus, is afflicted in their Charts. Michael has Venus conjunct Uranus and Mercury on either side, square to Mars and quincunx the Moon. The Venus/Uranus conjunction indicates sudden infatuations that may not last. Madonna's Venus squares

the Node, Jupiter and Neptune. Venus square Neptune signifies a constant seeking for an ideal which may not be realised. Adding to this, Pluto, Mercury, the Ascendant and the Moon in Virgo makes her very choosy and particular in relationships. Both Michael and Madonna have Saturn square Moon. Michael's Moon squaring Saturn in the 7th would give him a feeling of inadequacy in his relationships and difficulty in finding emotional satisfaction. Madonna's Moon square Saturn in the 4th indicates problems with parents during her upbringing, and dissatisfaction in the home environment.

Although these birth times have been published we still have no surety that they are exact, but they do unfold a picture that seems to be fairly accurate.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The *PLACIDUS TABLES OF HOUSES FOR LATITUDES OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND* compiled by Rudolf Smit has just come to hand. It is an excellent publication, beautifully printed, clear and easy to handle - the pages lie flat because of the excellent ring-binding. Most important of all, the Cuspal positions are computer-calculated, which guarantees their mathematical accuracy. They are given for every four minutes of Sidereal Time, and Rudolf has incorporated a well-written explanation of the method of interpolation for "in-between" times. There is also a short treatise on House Systems generally, the Vertex and the "East Point", and a section on the different times, including Daylight Saving Times, in Australia and New Zealand. The book is available from Regulus Astrological Publications, P.O. Box 95, Tathra NSW 2550, or probably from your nearest astrological bookshop. It is priced at \$25.

NEWS BY DEGREES is an attractive Canadian publication of around 50 pages in booklet form, dealing principally with the influence of the 360 individual degrees of the Zodiac. This facet of astrology has been much neglected since the earlier writings by famous astrologers dating back to 70 years ago. It is a fascinating area that will repay study. *NEWS BY DEGREES* comes from the National Council for Geocosmic Research, 87 St Nicholas Street Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1W8, and is available to non-members for a yearly subscription of \$25 Canadian.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The unbelievable savagery and slaughter in Rwanda during the last month makes even the Bosnian horror pale into relative insignificance. No doubt you have seen, as I have, photographs of large areas of ground packed (not "littered") with corpses - men, women and children shot, stabbed and hacked to death. At last the United Nations (April 30) declared that "forceful action is needed" if the massacres are to be stopped. It is appalling that civilized nations can stand by and witness the butchery in Rwanda without taking immediate and effective action to end it. In a sense we are all responsible for our inactivity and apparent lack concern. If a similar thing - even a thousandth part as dreadful - happened in Australia, England, Europe or the U.S., everything else would be put aside until peace and the rule of law was again established. Yet these people in Rwanda - people just like us, though coloured and speaking a different language - are abandoned to their fate. In the large scheme of things we will one day have to answer for our inactivity.

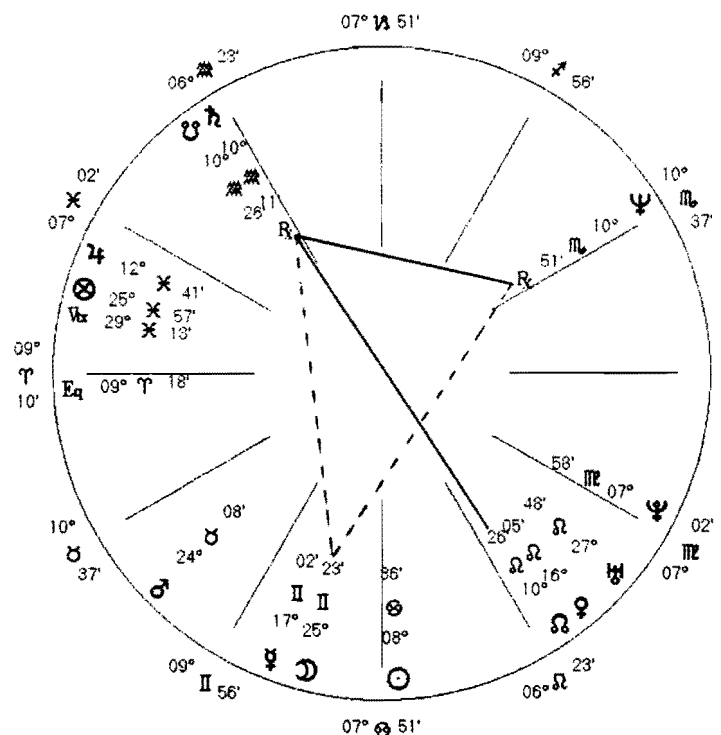
Could this situation in the small African State of Rwanda have been foreseen? The only horoscopes I have are those from Nicolas Campion's invaluable work, *The Book of World Horoscopes*. It is hard to know what an astrologer would do without this monumental production. Campion gives the Chart below for the granting of full legal independence to Rwanda in 1962. The potential for trauma and suffering of the populace is shown by the tight Neptune-Saturn square, Neptune being right on the 8th Placidian Cusp - death and privation - and both malefics being closely sesquiquadrate to the Moon. Saturn is retrograde, and by Secondary Progression (MC progressed by Sidereal Time increment or Naibod-Arc) has now arrived close to the MC ($7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Aquar.) where it still squares Neptune on the 7th Cusp and opposes the Moon's Node on the 4th. The Node is here fulfilling its function of adding force to the Saturn-Neptune square (see last Issue). Natal Saturn is also nearing the conjunction of the Progressed MC so it is evident that the

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RWANDA INDEPENDENCE 1962

1 July 1962 00 am EET, Kigali, Rwanda.
30°E4', 1°S57'. Placidian Cusps.



Nation's misery is going to continue for some years - the MC conjoins Saturn exactly at the end of January 1997 and, to add to the affliction, the Progressed Sun will then be opposing Natal Saturn.

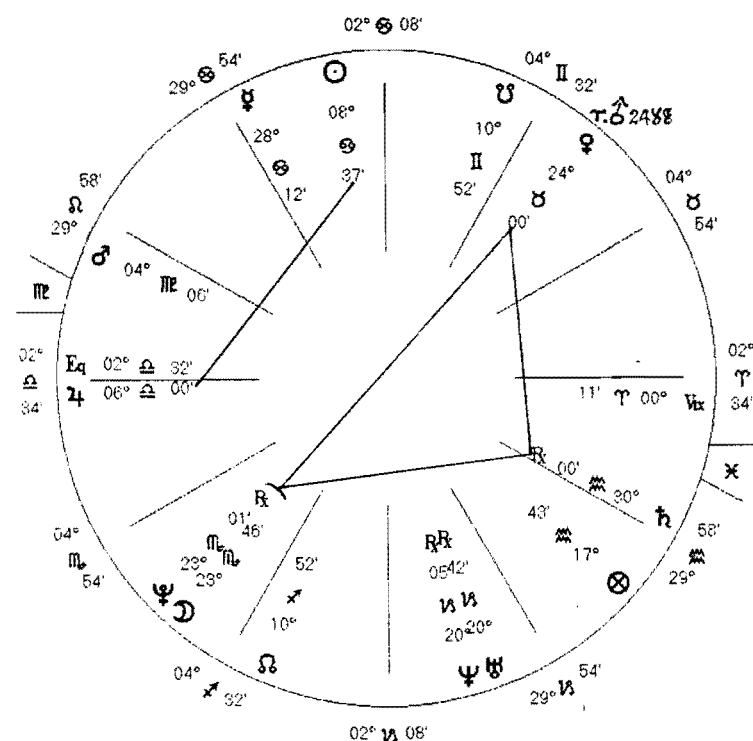
Neptune's dispositor is Pluto, in the House of Illness, opposed by Jupiter and linked to the Ascendant by quincunx aspect (orb $1^{\circ}13'$). The Keywords originally allotted to Pluto were Power and Mass, while Jupiter enlarges things, so the combination of these two bodies spells suffering on a huge scale. It is significant that Pluto, by Naibod-Arc Direction ($59'8''$ a year) came to the exact opposition of the Ascendant at the end of

February, shortly before the massacres developed into what is now genocide.

Aries rises in the Rwanda Chart, and Ruler Mars squares Uranus, which is consonant with the rebellion against the Government that has initiated all the butchery.

As was to be expected, the situation is reflected in all the Annual Charts - Harmonic, Solar, Synodic, and in the Solar, Lunar and Synodic Monthly Charts. In the Annual Solar Return (below), the Moon conjoins Pluto, in opposition to Venus and Natal Mars in the SR-Death House, all four bodies being square to SR-Saturn. This graphically depicts destruction of the population, including women and children.

SOLAR RETURN, RWANDA, 30 JUNE 1993
11:35:08 AM EET, Kigali. Placidian Cusps.

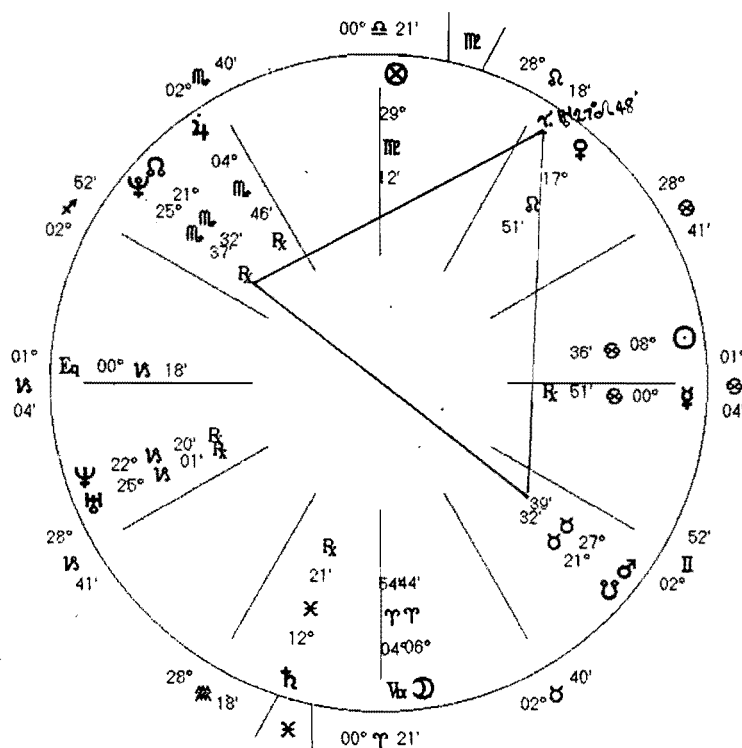


At first glance, Jupiter rising in this Chart seems anomalous, but the square to the Sun in the House of Authority must be related to the insurrection against the Government, a key factor in the whole process.

The Solar Return for the following twelve months, 1 July 1994 - 1 July 1995 (below) is about equally cursed. Pluto opposes Mars, and both are square to Natal Uranus. The rebellion continues with unabated ferocity.

This is borne out by the Progressions and Directions operating during this Solar Year. I notice Sun opposite Saturn (Naibod-Arc Direction), and Sun square Pluto (Secondary Regression) both in July next; Pluto stationary square Uranus in August, as well as the Ascendant opposite Neptune by Naibod

SOLAR RETURN, RWANDA, 30 JUNE 1994
5:27:9 PM EET, Kigali. Placidian Cusps.



Arc. Saturn is stationary opposing Pluto in November. The worst part of the year is apparently the remainder of 1994 when the above malefic combinations occur. There are fewer in 1995, and even some suggesting better conditions - Progressed Ascendant sextile Jupiter in March, with Stationary Jupiter trine Venus, and Regressed Sun parallel Venus in early May - Dymock.

"I noticed your request for comments on Pluto or Pluto/Node, so got together an article solely on Pluto. I do agree that when both of them aspect an important degree in a chart it makes the effects so much more dramatic. Pluto is just one degree past my MC now, and showed up on the 7th Cusp along with the Node in my March Solar Return, so it could point to a relationship, or someone from the past. It's a bit early yet as there is still ten months to go." - Marie Casey.

THE POWER OF PLUTO

by Marie Casey.

One of the frequent factors of transiting Pluto aspecting another natal planet is how it draws one into a group situation. Pluto unites people under a common banner. If, for example, Tr.Pluto makes a major aspect to natal Venus, apart from being involved in a love relationship, one can be drawn into a group of artistic or musical people. If Pluto

aspects Mars, then it could be the army, a sports activity, or a group where members may be starting a new project.

In the Chart of a client who had Pluto coming to conjunct Mercury, I mentioned she would probably get some publicity. Subsequently an article about her was published in a daily newspaper. From this point of view she was drawn into the media.

A young person graduated from University when Pluto, 24°45' Scorpio, was within 2° of conjunction with her Natal Jupiter (26°45' Scorpio). By the time Pluto made the exact conjunction she was teaching at the University. Her Natal Jupiter is in the 3rd House, and Saturn in the 9th.

Alan Bond, born on 22 April 1938, has Natal Jupiter 26°54' Aquarius, and Tr.Pluto is squaring it right now. Thus the ongoing court cases he is involved in.

Michael Jackson, born 29 August 1958, has recently had Pluto squaring his Natal Mercury at 25°38' Leo. The accusation of child abuse has been well-publicised (Mercury - the media). A client has Natal Mercury on the same degree of Leo, and after a period of not working he was drawn into a group selling on the phones - he had acquired a job.

When Pluto made a square to Neptune in another Chart, the person had to undergo a series of X-rays (Neptune), and hospital visits for treatment of an illness. After that there was an overseas trip. Neptune relates to boundless space, and often I find Neptune in aspect when people travel by air as well as by sea.

A square aspect at birth with Pluto/Venus 26° Leo in the 2nd House was triggered by Tr.Pluto last December. The person had previously borrowed a substantial amount to go into a business partnership. Then she was unable to continue working in the business because of the lack of a salary, and is now having difficulty getting the money back that was invested - Pluto's "all or nothing" factor affecting the House of Finance.

PLUTO ON THE MC/IC

Pluto conjunct MC seems to often shift people from their normal place of residence. The I.C. (home base) becomes activated as well as the career - the separation and transformation facet of Pluto. A relative sold the family home when Pluto was on the Midheaven, and went into a completely different lifestyle, both in career and living situation. A client actually purchased the house she had been renting for years - the transformation was in her becoming the owner. In another case their property was up

for sale as Pluto was nearing the MC. Then, when the aspect became exact a bank agreed to take over the existing loan, making it easier and quicker to pay off the property. Consequently they decided not to sell. Then when Pluto transited the Queen's MC (25° Scorpio) there were the separations of Prince Charles and Prince Andrew, both Princesses leaving the Royal Palace, thus creating a crisis in the family.

When Pluto came to the Ascendant in the Chart of an Indian Guru there was an assassination attempt on his life when he was asleep. After that he was moved to a different location. Bob Hawke resigned as Prime Minister on 18th December 1991 when Pluto was at 21°38' Scorpio. His Natal Ascendant is reckoned to be 24° Scorpio - maybe there needs to be a slight rectification. When he first assumed office as Prime Minister (11:6am Canberra on 11th March 1983) the transiting Ascendant was 22° Taurus, 2° away from the opposition to his Natal Ascendant.

TRANSITS TO PLUTO AT BIRTH

When birth Pluto gets activated it also has a very powerful effect. In one case I mentioned to a client on the phone he could have some people working against him, as Natal Pluto in the 12th was being aspected. He then told me the Directors were trying to oust him from the Board. It reminded me of Marilyn Monroe who had Pluto in the 12th House natively, and obviously had secret enemies (more than one), and for this reason I always felt she never committed suicide.

The quincunx aspect, not often spoken about, had a drastic effect when Tr.Pluto in a client's Chart formed a close quincunx with Natal Venus. Her husband died suddenly in his late 50's. The quincunx seems to range from a reconciliation or resolution of the matter to an ending, and does show up in many deaths.

SOLAR-RETURN PLUTO

In a Solar-Return Chart Pluto was elevated, very close to the MC, and the business partnership broke up, so the woman concerned then operated the business on her own. The career (10th House) took a different turn and the shop was transformed, giving it a completely different atmosphere. In another Solar Return Pluto was in the 4th House, close to the I.C., suggesting a transformation in the home. Then, when Tr.Pluto made a square aspect to Natal Jupiter, some months after the Return, she sold the unit and purchased a house. Jupiter figured in the legal affairs associated with buying and selling properties and the expansion of the

home.

The article by Dymock Brose in the recent issue of the *Astrologers' Forum* was very informative re the transiting Node in line with Tr.Pluto. The Node being very karmic in itself, when strongly activated can bring someone back into the life who had been met before, or a new relationship can be formed. In a female Chart, Tr.Pluto and the Node made a conjunction with the subject's Natal Mars in her Solar Return Chart this year, and a new relationship began. Yet in another female Chart when Pluto alone conjoined Mars her long-term relationship ended.

THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA

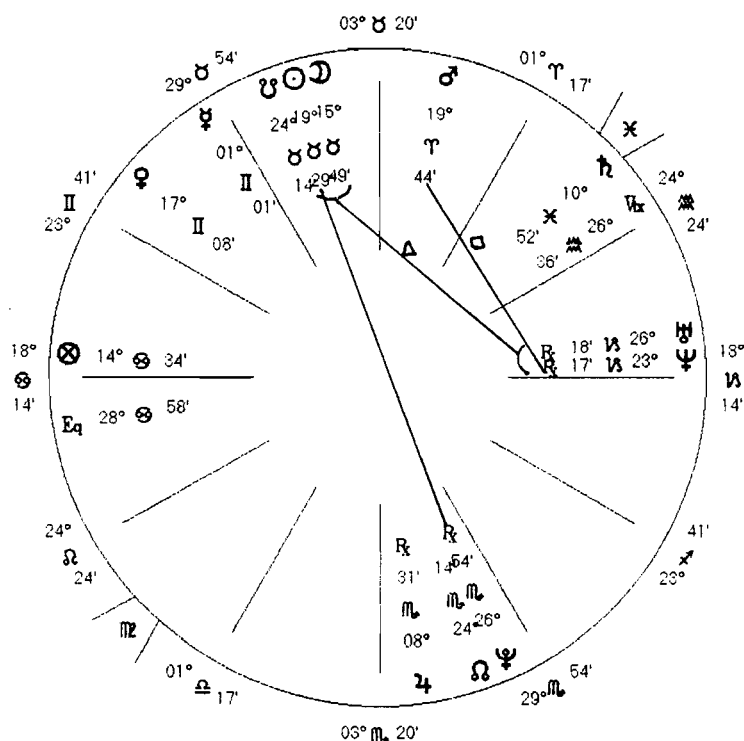
by Allan Johnson.

This is a follow-up from my last article in the March issue, giving a prediction of the general outcome of the South African Election, as it would affect the country as a whole. A lot of dire predictions had been made by a lot of commentators. But according to the news headlines the result was a "miracle" of compromise - which was exactly what I predicted, though I didn't use the word "miracle". But it shows what a lot of people were expecting. All this does tend to prove that the Charts I was using were pretty valid. But that article was referring to the immediate aftermath of the Elections. What of the long-term future?

The Chart for the inauguration of the new regime should supply us with a few answers. But of course this doesn't mean that the earlier Charts I used can now be automatically discarded. They can't. In previous articles I have shown that the charts of personalities dead for quite long periods can still correlate with current events, and this applies to countries as well. But certainly a chart for the completely new regime, and a revolutionary one too, can have a lot going for it. So this is the Chart for the inauguration of the New President, Nelson Mandela, 11am at Pretoria, 10 May 1994.

One interesting point worth noting in this Chart is the Mars square Neptune aspect. This is a repeat of what I noted in the first two Charts, Mars-Neptune: The linking of strong religious visions with overtones of violence. In this new Chart Mars is actually in the 9th House - religion. The original Apartheid programme had strong links with Calvinism, and now black liberation has become very much a religion to millions in South Africa. But this is not really an adverse Chart, with Sun and Moon in Taurus in the Midheaven, making

SOUTH AFRICAN INAUGURATION
10 May 1994, Pretoria, 11am. 25°45'S, 28°10'E.
Placidian Cusps.



the trine to the Uranus/Neptune conjunction in the 7th. This gives the Regime a lot of basic stability despite the mix of races - a stubbornness to endure. But at the same time we are getting Mars in square to the same conjunction. This gives the other side of the picture. Violence will continue in South Africa, but it is hard to see in this anything like the scene in Bosnia. The Sun is also in wide opposition to Pluto in Scorpio, marking a regeneration process very much in line with what has been happening in Russia and Eastern Europe.

One highly favourable pattern in the Chart is the close Saturn-Jupiter trine. I always regard this as a particularly fortunate aspect, very much in line with the Sun trine Jupiter aspects in the other two Charts. So the luck continues. In this Chart Saturn links with the 8th and 1st Houses. This is very good news for the South African economy. It suggests that the industrial structure will not suffer too much disruption from the changeover, but of course no one is likely to underrate the immense problems that lie ahead. But there is ground for a lot of hope. Finally, the three Charts I have so far looked at don't seem to confirm a lot of the dire predictions made in some quarters.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
23 May 1994.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE PLUTO-NODE CONJUNCTION

The conjunction of Pluto with the Moon's Node has appeared in everybody's horoscope during the last couple of months. Allowing a 3° orb, Pluto and the Mean Node are conjoined from mid-January to near the end of May this year. The exact conjunction occurred on 26th February. The conjunction with the "True" Node occurred on 22nd February and, with the same 3° orb, the conjunction with this Node extends from the end of January to the first ten days of July. There is no sudden cut-off, of course, and the effects will be felt with greater or less power according to the placement of the two Significators in the particular horoscope under consideration. One or both of them on an Angle or a Placidian Cusp is always important, and sometimes dominates the whole chart. This can occur in the Birth Chart, the Progressed Chart or the Cyclic Charts (Solar Return, Solar-Month, Lunar Return, Lunar Week, Synodic Return, Age-Harmonic).

I have observed that there are two major significations of the Moon's Node. In the first place it signifies associations, personal links, close contacts. For instance, the Node conjunct Venus is a love link or tie of affection; conjunct the Moon, association with women or the public, or a close link with the mother; conjunct Mars, passion, sexual union.

Secondly, the Node emphasizes the planet or point with which it makes contact, bringing into the native's life, feelings and circumstances of the nature of the body contacted. The Node conjunct the Sun emphasizes a person's capacity to "shine" and succeed; conjunct the Moon, emotional reactions, sensitivity, waywardness; conjunct Mercury, intellectual faculties, curiosity, activity and movement.

Pluto alone on one of the Angles is frequently encountered in Age-Harmonic and Solar-Return Charts. Its effect is powerful, even without the combination of the Node. When the two are together, the results are often dramatic. I have put together my findings so far, and suggest that other readers might like to add their own experi-

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ence of either Pluto or Pluto-conjunct-the-Node, in order to enlarge our understanding of the planet or combination.

Pluto or Pluto-Node on the Ascendant:

Pluto on the Ascendant in a Cyclic or Progressed Chart portends a change in the pattern of living, as well as a change of environment - new surroundings. This is a time of self-discovery when the native may be surprised at the hitherto dormant capacities and abilities that now come to light. He/she will experience a new or enhanced feeling of power and personal effectiveness. It is a very appropriate time for a major overhaul and re-organization of the life and activities. The native will be much inclined to introspection, and should take advantage of this inward-looking to see what should now be eliminated from the life, no matter how useful the particular things or activities have been in the past. They can be let go in the confident assurance that better things will take their place. This accords with evolutionary progress.

People from the past may impinge on the life, particularly so if the Node is also with Pluto. The contact may be only brief, but it gives the opportunity, from a more mature standpoint, to revise old modes of feeling and thinking which are now seen to be inappropriate.

The personal problems that can arise when Pluto conjuncts the Ascendant may be of such a nature that the native needs to seek help from a psychological therapist.

Pluto or Pluto-Node conjunct the Midheaven:

Pluto at the Midheaven puts a powerful emphasis on career, work, vocation and status. Strength and leadership qualities come to the fore, and the urge for personal recognition and acknowledgement of one's abilities is strong. The native acquires more

definite ideas concerning ambitions and purpose and what is wanted in life. New goals are formed, and are pursued with intensity. Pluto brings a new outlook on the world, and may spark off a professional crisis that induces fundamental change. Business life culminates in re-structuring and development, possibly involving technological advance. Sometimes it is a struggle to resuscitate a business that was dying. Pluto at the Midheaven marks a turning point in career, opening a new phase of concentrated effort.

If Pluto is afflicted there is a danger of a radical reversal in the native's fortunes, dictating the need to wipe off losses and start again with whatever meagre resources are available.

Pluto or Pluto-Node conjunct the Descendant

Pluto on the Descendant of the chart puts a focus on relationships with other people in general, but more particularly on those of a committed, intimate, one-to-one nature. With either a personal tie or a business partnership, a critical period is reached when previously undisclosed resentments and irritations will come to light. The inter-personal difficulties that arise will have to be resolved, and the parties reconciled to one another, if the association is to have a viable future.

People known in the past are attracted back into the native's life, if only briefly, and perhaps a clearer understanding emerges or some painful episode from the early history re-surfaces. In the latter event it can now be dealt with from a more mature standpoint and the pain from the memories can be purged from the consciousness.

One could also be involved in the difficulties of other people, and perhaps be instrumental in achieving a solution for them. The possibility with either oneself or others is that some matter or issue from the past will be resolved through clarification of the problem and a deeper insight than was had before.

There is also the probability that if the relationship is not well-founded, that is not based on mutual affection, regard, community of interests, etc., it will disintegrate under the strain of the difficulties that emerge.

If Pluto is conjoined by the Moon's Node there is the strong possibility of a meeting with someone who makes a great impression, stirs up sexual feeling and precipitates emotional turmoil. This makes one aware of ungratified desires and focusses on the need for fulfilment of the love-nature. In this case the life could be transformed suddenly

through an all-consuming emotional and sexual relationship.

If Pluto is afflicted, one should beware of vindictive enemies, power struggles and the possibility of hostile court-action.

Pluto or Pluto-Node conjunct the I.C.:

With Pluto on the 4th Cusp domestic issues and family matters come to the fore. It may be a time for a "showdown" with parents or partner. Fears, worries and hurts from the early years now impinge on the consciousness and may greatly disturb one's equilibrium, even producing emotional chaos. If the disturbance is too much to handle on one's own it is time to seek help from an experienced counsellor.

At its strongest, the Plutonian energies will bring about disintegration of a household, but if so the situation was not really good, however well it appeared from the outside, and Pluto can do away with destructive circumstances that were not benefiting anybody.

A further result from this position of Pluto is the likelihood of retrenchment from a job, a professional crisis involving loss of position, or the collapse of a business. In this event one must accept that it is time for a radical change in one's worldly activities, and take the opportunity to develop in an entirely different direction.

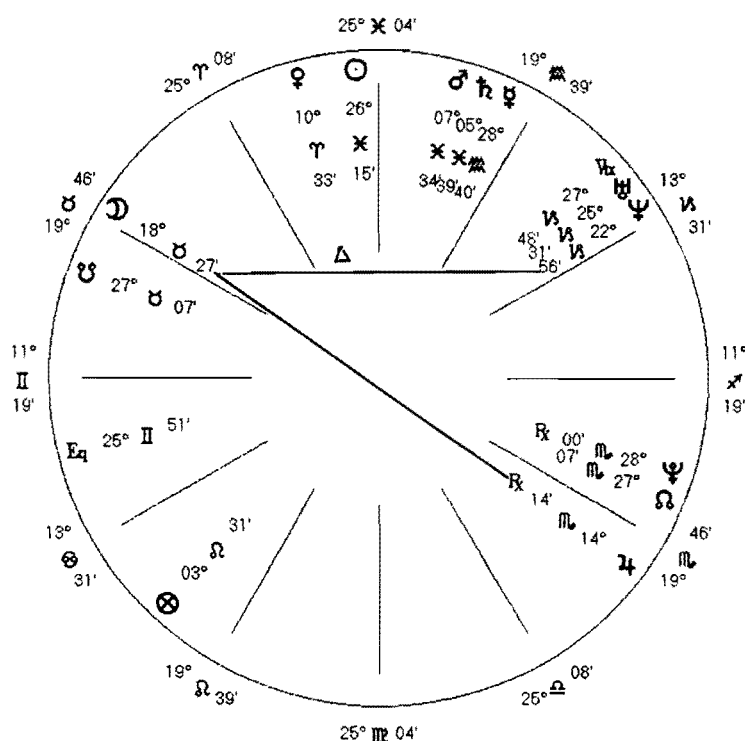
As mentioned earlier, readers are asked to write to me and add their own experience to the above. If any communications are not intended for publication please mark them accordingly.

- Dymock.

Horary Question: Should I accept the new position being offered to me? (Chart below.)

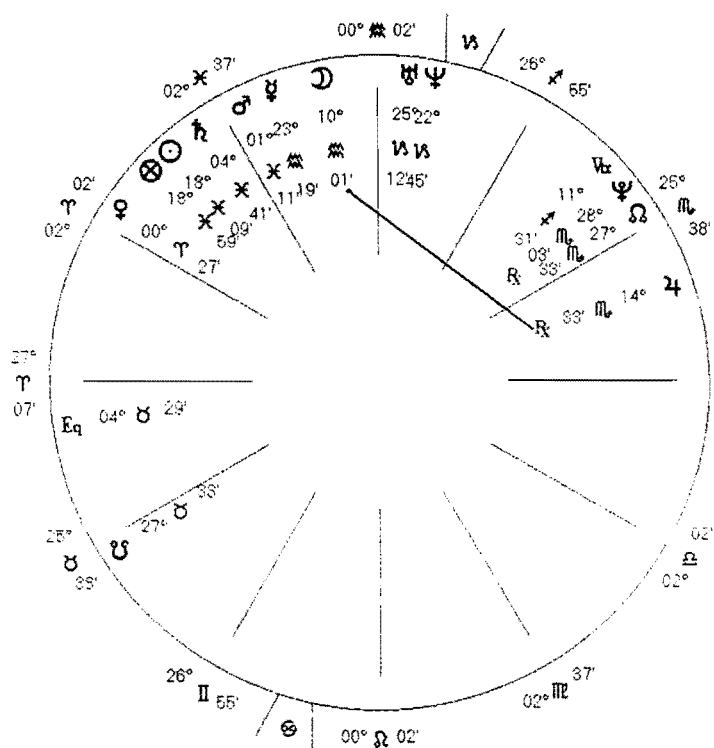
The Querent was already working for the large organization in the finance industry that now offered her a new position. She had recently separated from her husband. Two interesting factors confirm the "Radicality" of the Chart: The Moon, representing the Querent is in the Sign Taurus (finances), and is leaving the opposition of Jupiter ruling the 7th House (her husband). This depicts her recent marital separation.

The Moon then applies to the trine of Neptune in Capricorn (business) ruling the 10th House (occupation, career). This alone is sufficient to answer the question in the affirmative, but additionally the Sun and Venus exert their benefic influence in the Career House, showing that acceptance of the job would not only be a marked advance but also a source of pleasure. The Moon is coming



to a sextile of the Sun ruling the House of short trips. Acceptance of the job would involve the querent in extra travelling.

Horary Question: Should I accept the job in a coffee-shop?

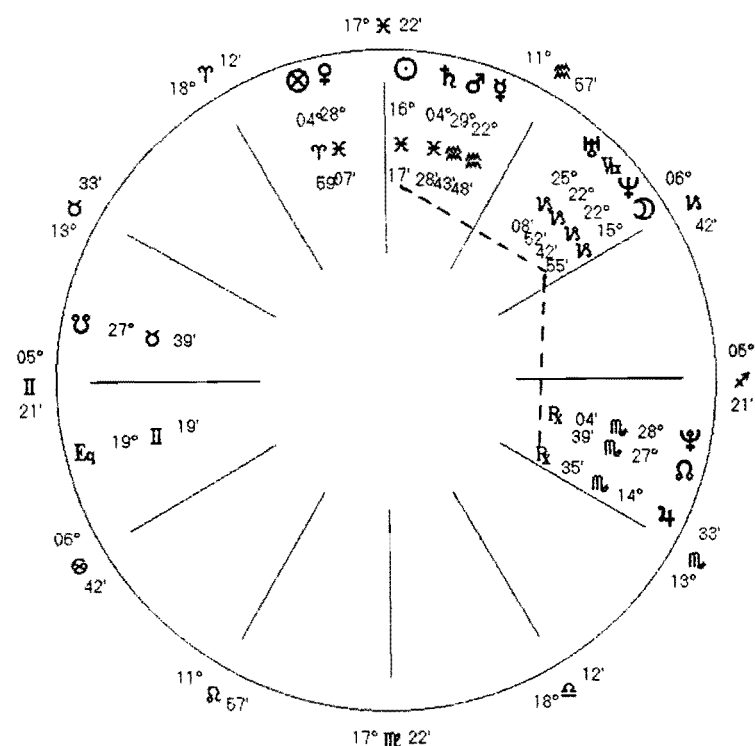


An interesting point here is that the Ascendant is (just) into the last three degrees of a Sign, invoking one of the so-called "strictures against judgement". The last three degrees rising implies that the question is already decided, and nothing the Querent does about it will be effective.

In the present case the Querent applied for

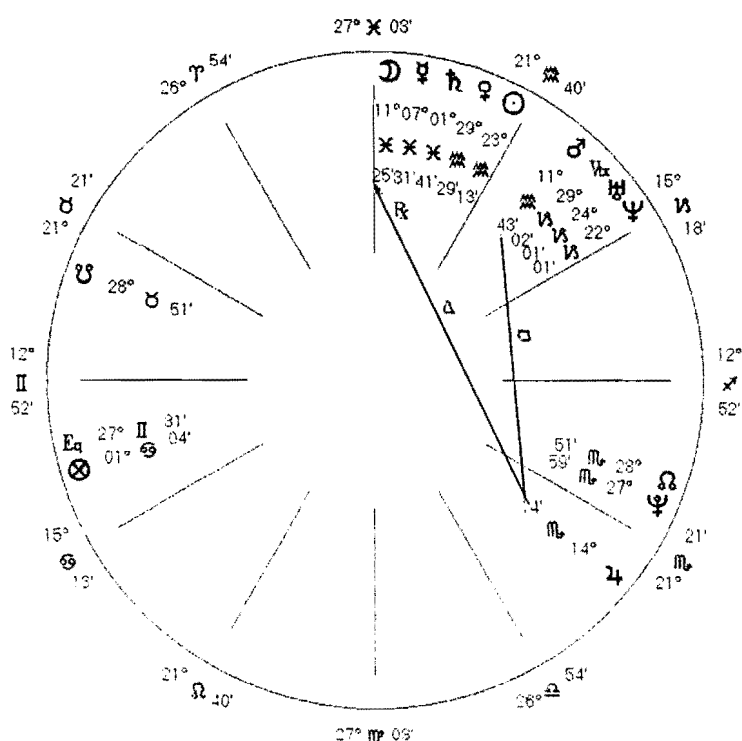
the job and actually did a trial day's work, but later the position became unavailable as the incumbent employee decided not to leave. The Moon, the Querent's Significator, occupies the Sign Aquarius, which is her Natal Sun-Sign, and is in the House of Occupation and Career, which is appropriate, but the square to Jupiter suggests she is out of luck so far as this particular job is concerned.

Horary Question: Should I leave my present library job to work in art?



Gemini rises (appropriate for a librarian) and its Ruler, Mercury, is in the 9th House (libraries), so the Chart is "Radical". The fact that Mercury is associated with Mars and Saturn is an intimation that the Querent finds the job onerous and would like to change. However, it is not yet the right time: The 5th House is the House of artistic productivity. With Libra on the Cusp, its Ruler is Venus, here exalted in Pisces in the 10th, and the Moon is applying (by 12°12') to a sextile of Venus. This indicates that the Querent will obtain her opportunity later. Her present employment is signified by the 6th House, holding Jupiter. The Moon (the Querent's chief Significator) is leaving the sextile of Jupiter and applying to the sextile of the Sun, thereby transferring the "light", or influence, of Jupiter to the Sun, a healthy indication that her present employment is O.K. - and remunerative (the Moon being the ruler of the income House).

Horary Question: (1) What are my prospects regarding health? (2) Shall I be separating from my wife?

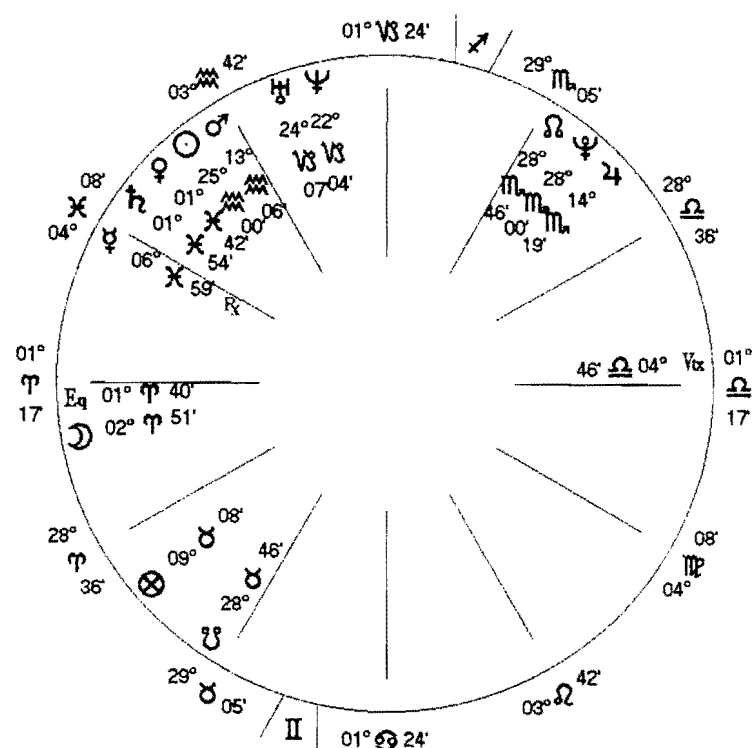


The Querent's Significators are the Moon and Mercury, Ruler of the Ascendant. Both are in Pisces, which reflects his Natal conjunction of the Sun and Neptune. His wife is born in Scorpio, and it is appropriate here that her Significator, Jupiter, Ruler of the 7th House occupies Scorpio. This is sufficient to establish that the Chart is "Radical".

Bodily health and well-being are related to the 1st House, illness and healing to the 6th. The Ruler of the 1st, Mercury, is in Pisces, its Detriment, and is conjunct the Moon and Saturn. This indicates nervous stress and emotional agitation affecting the body. However both Mercury and the Moon are leaving Saturn and applying to Jupiter, which means that improvement will occur. The improvement will be progressive over a period of three months (the Moon in a Mutable Sign and Cadent House and within 3° of the perfect trine). There is no indication that hospital treatment will be needed as the 12th House is not involved. Pluto and the Node conjoined in the 6th House in Scorpio suggests that therapy of a psychological or occult nature would result in a healing through emotional catharsis. (This subsequently occurred.)

The second question is answered by the relation of the Moon and Mercury to Jupiter, Significator of the Querent's wife. This is an applying trine, showing a separation will not come about. On the contrary, the marital situation will improve. It can be seen that the wife's health is under greater stress than that of the Querent as Mars afflicts her Significator by an applying square, and Mars rules her derived 12th House (Radical 6th).

Horary Question: Should I try to join Mr. X in Lima with a view to continuing our relationship?



The Querent had recently been involved in a brief romance with a Peruvian national who had now returned to his native country. Such were her feelings towards him that she wanted to follow him there with the idea of establishing a permanent relationship.

Less than 3° of Aries on the Ascendant invokes a "stricture against judgement". The question is premature, not properly thought out, and further developments should be awaited.

As it is, the Chart gives a negative answer: The Querent's Significators are the Moon and Mars, Ruler of the Ascendant. Mars occupies the Sign Aquarius, the Querent's Natal Moon Sign, and is in the Derived 5th House of the man - his love affairs. The man is represented by Venus, ruling the 7th House, in the Sign Pisces.

To start with, there is no connection between Mars and Venus. In fact Venus is moving further away from Mars. Venus is also moving away from the Sun, ruling the Querent's 5th House (Love Affairs), depicting the romance that is now over. The Moon rising will not contact Venus during its progress through Aries, so there is no prospect of an early resumption of the relationship.

A further interesting indication of past happenings is the Moon separating from the trine of Pluto and the Node on the 9th Cusp, indicative of a foreign national. The relationship was good, but is now over.

- Dymock,
16th April 1994.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTH AFRICA

by Allan Johnson.

South Africa is very much in the news just now due to the historic Election coming up on 27th April next. South Africa has always been a dangerous racial mix of black and white, and in addition there are the big splits in the black population itself. This is between the Zulus on the one hand and those represented by the African National Congress (A.N.C.) on the other. So it has to be a very volatile situation in which to hold a general election for all races. There have been predictions of massive violence and South Africa becoming a No.1 trouble spot. It has all the elements of another Bosnia - but will this be the result?

The Chart for South Africa should throw some light on the situation. But here we have a few problems - which Chart? Nicholas Campion in *The Book of World Horoscopes* gives a number of Charts, from the original 1852, then 1880, 1910, 1961 and 1984. On top of that we also have the question of the time of Proclamations as distinct from the customary zero-hours when constitutions come into force. The 1910 Chart has a lot of validity as it is the date when South Africa ceased to be a colony and established the Union of South Africa as a self-governing National State. Nicholas Campion favours the noon time when the Governor-General and his ministers took the oath. So I will use this Chart.

One interesting feature of this Chart is the Mars/Neptune conjunction, linking up to a wide opposition to Uranus. This could mean certain eccentricities of government, taking a very independent line, which could meet with a lot of criticism outside. This could well correlate with the adoption of the policy of Apartheid, which had the support of the Dutch Church. What is highly significant is that the position of Uranus is 24°51' Capricorn, and Uranus will be very close to that position by Transit at the time of the Election; and Neptune will be, also. This marks the full cycle of 84 years of white rulership, which will end in April this year. In the Natal Chart Pluto is quincunx Uranus.

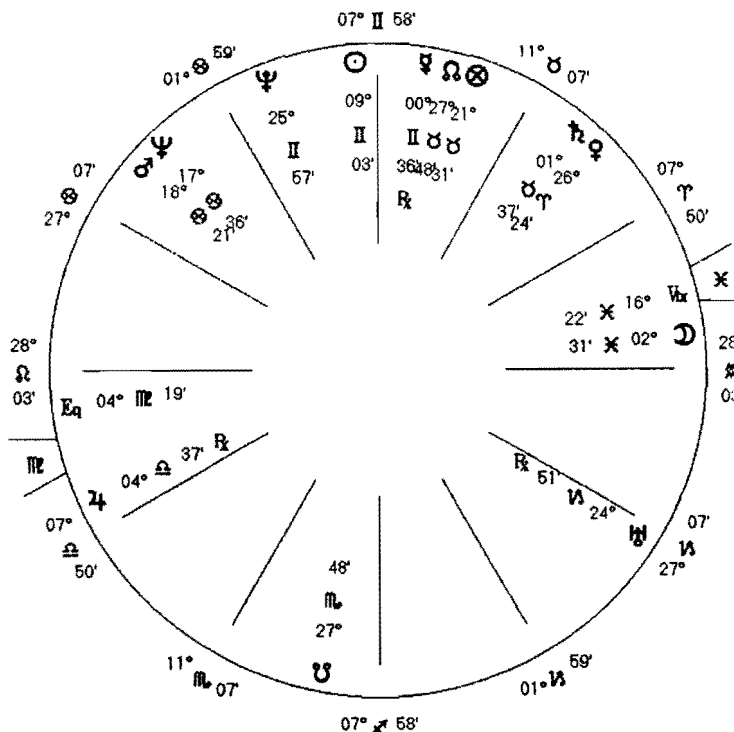
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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1910

May 31, 1910, 12pm EET, 10am UT.

Pretoria, 25°45'S, 28°10'E. Placidian Cusps.



Both Pluto and the quincunx are related to endings and new beginnings. This certainly emphasizes this Chart's validity. Another interesting point is that the Sun in Gemini is trine Jupiter. Gemini is the Sign for compromise as distinct from the Leo Ascendant. Sun trine Jupiter does help to pull off such a compromise.

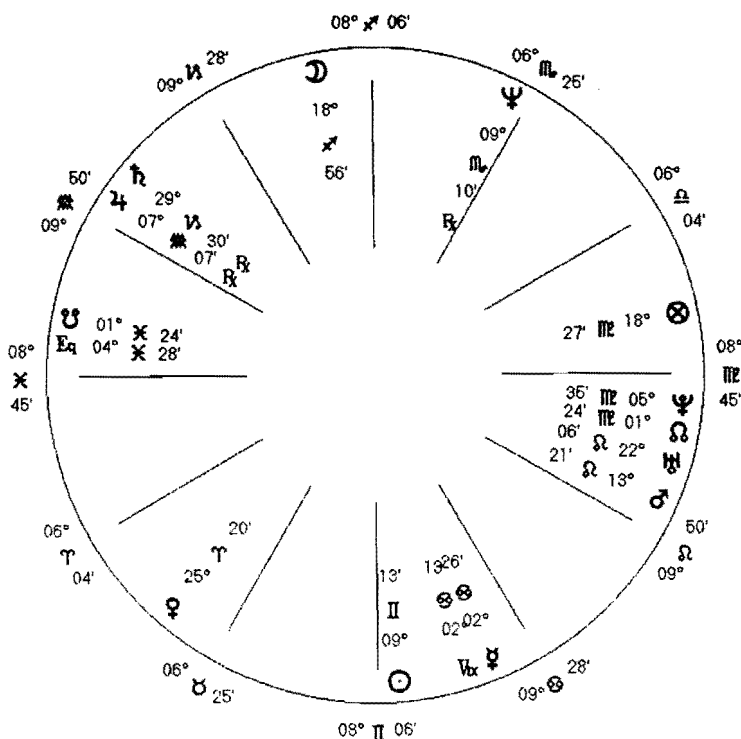
At the time of the Election Transiting Saturn will exactly square Natal Sun, which is appropriate for what is happening. And Pluto will make the quincunx to its own position. All this is very relevant. On the other hand the Progressed Sun is moving to trine Natal Saturn, having been conjunct the Natal Ascendant. Putting all this together, I

don't see the coming Election period as all that disruptive. An element of good sense could prevail. The warring racial factions could see the virtue of an uneasy compromise instead of a bloody confrontation.

It is now worth looking at a second Chart, the one for the formation of the Republic and the separation from the British Commonwealth. That is for 31st May 1961. With the formation of the Republic, South Africa announced to the world its determination to adhere strongly to its policy of Apartheid. This was its reason for being totally independent. So this is very relevant for what is happening now. The selection of the 31st of May was obviously based on the anniversary of the 1910 Union. The zero-hour seems the most reliable in this case.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, 1961

May 31, 1961, 00.00am EET. UT 22h, May 30.
Pretoria, 25°45'S, 28°10'E. Placidian Cusps.



The first thing to note with this Chart is that the Natal Sun is again in trine to Jupiter, which emphasizes the element of luck, which will be needed in such a tricky situation. But in addition to this the Natal Moon is in the 10th House, making a Grand Trine with Venus and Uranus. This has some parallel with the East German Chart, Which I mentioned in an earlier article as being a strong contributing factor in being let down lightly in its final hours. The same thing could apply here. Especially significant in the 1961 Chart is the T-square involving Jupiter, Neptune and Mars. Note once again the strong link between Neptune and Mars, which I have linked with the tough political

policy of Apartheid, and having strong religious connotations. This is reinforced by Natal Sun square Pluto - high-lighting the obsessional nature of the whole set-up.

But the important point here in relation to the coming Election is that neither the T-square nor the Sun-Pluto square are being activated by major Transits, now or in the immediate future. Also there are no major adverse Progressions to add any complications. All this suggests that the Election and the aftermath should not result in violent upheavals. But looking ahead into the future, 1997/98 is a more dangerous period, Uranus activating the T-square and Pluto squaring its own Natal position at the same time.

SYDNEY DECLARED A CITY

by Marie Casey

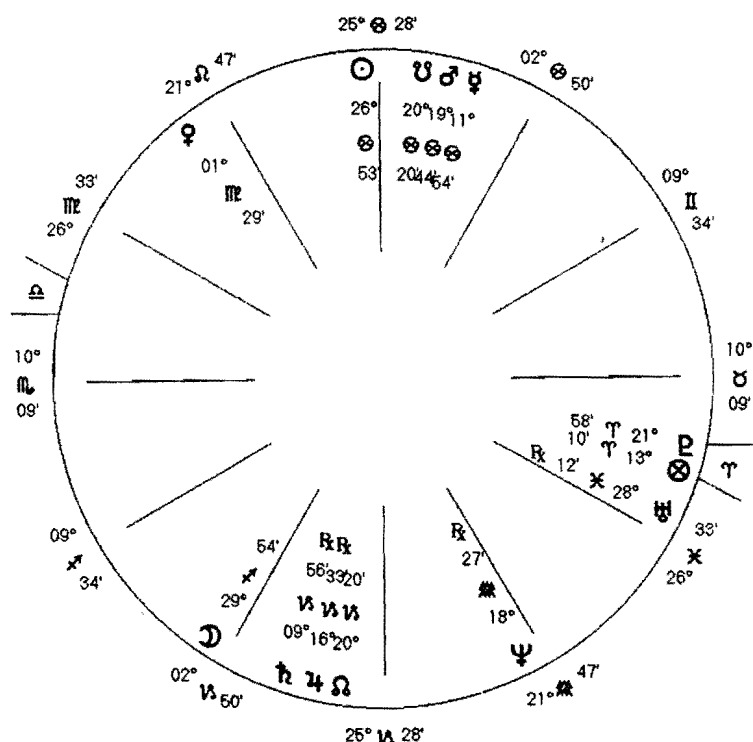
The charts of nations have always been of great interest but rarely does one see an exact chart of a town or city. It would stand to reason that the individual chart of a city should give a more precise picture of events and greater reliability of Transits. Fortunately, Sydney does have a date to go on when it was declared a City. According to records from the library, there was an Act of Parliament passed to declare Sydney a City on 20th July 1842. The Council met at 12 o'clock and adjourned at 4 o'clock. On that day the Municipal Council of Sydney was incorporated by an Act to declare the Town of Sydney to be a City. I set the Chart for noon at the beginning of the meeting, in preference to when it ended. Recently I have been making more enquiries for a detailed account of the meeting. Nevertheless the date is definite, and the planetary degrees should give some important findings.

Beginning from 1900, Transits are as follows:

1900, January 19: The first case of the Bubonic Plague was detected in Sydney, and 103 people died over the following seven months, which began a 10-year epidemic. In addition, tens of thousands of rats were destroyed as they carried the infection. T.Saturn 29°44' Sagittarius conjunct the Moon. From this alone one would give some credence to the noon position of the Natal Moon, the Moon relating to the affairs of the public. T.Mars 27° Capricorn, and T.Sun 28° Capricorn oppose the Natal Sun and MC. Also in January 1900 the 2nd Contingents left Australia for the Boer War in South Africa, another Saturnian effect.

NATAL CHART FOR SYDNEY DECLARED A CITY

20 July 1842. LMT noon Sydney. GMT 1:55am.
33°55'S, 151°10'E. Placidian Cusps.



1901, January 1, 1pm: Commonwealth of Australia. MC 24°23'Capricorn, Ascendant 22°8'Aries.
T.Sun 10°1'Capricorn conjunct Saturn opposite Mercury.
T.Moon 20°7'Taurus trine North Node sextile Mars.
T.Mercury 27°54'Sagittarius within 2° of Natal Moon.
T.Mars 11°39'Virgo sextile Mercury.
T.Neptune 27°31'Gemini opposite the Moon.
T.MC 24°Capricorn opposite MC and Sun.
T.Ascendant 22°Aries conjunct Pluto.

The above Transits certainly activated the Sydney Chart, particularly the T.MC being an inversion of the other.

1932, March 19: The Sydney Harbour Bridge opened.

T.Sun 28°11'Pisces conjunct Uranus.
T.Venus 11°19'Taurus opposite Ascendant.
T.Mars 18°Pisces trine Mars.
T.Uranus 18°7'Aries sextile Neptune.
T.Pluto 20°Cancer conjunct South Node.

Pluto being the planet of transformation takes the dominant role in the Transits. It really was a transformation for Sydney when the Bridge opened.

1961, October 31: Radio Telescope at Parkes. After four years of planning and two years of construction, the 210-foot Radio Telescope at Parkes was commissioned. It was one of the

two largest telescopes in the world.
T.Mercury 22°21'Libra opposite Pluto.
T.Mars 20°7'Scorpio sextile North Node.
T.Saturn 24°8'Capricorn conjunct IC. within 1°.
T.Uranus 20°56'Leo trine the Moon.
T.Neptune 10°54'Scorpio conjunct Ascendant.
T.Pluto 9°39'Virgo trine Saturn.

The Saturn aspects relate to the scientific facet and the years of construction. Neptune on the Ascendant would relate to the vision realized.

1973, October 20: Sydney Opera House officially opened by Queen Elizabeth.

T.Sun 26°Libra square Sun and MC.
T.Mercury 20°Scorpio sextile North Node, trine Mars.
T.North Node 1°Capricorn conjunct the Moon.

Note: The Midpoint Moon/Saturn in Sydney's Chart is 4°55'Capricorn. T.Saturn on the day was 4°44'Cancer opposite the Midpoint, and T.Pluto 5°Libra squares the Midpoint - Pluto again in strong aspect to do with massive undertakings.

1977, January 18: Granville Bridge Collapse.

The train left the rails and knocked down pylons supporting the Bridge. Eighty people were crushed to death and eighty three injured.

T.Sun 27°Capricorn opposite Sun.
T.Mars 12°47'Capricorn conjunct Saturn/Jupiter Midpoint, opposite Mercury.
T.Uranus 11°26'Scorpio 1° past the Ascendant.

Mars, the accident planet, well-activated. Uranus on the Ascendant would relate to the upheaval. This prompted me to see what happened in 1938 when T.Uranus conjoined the Descendant. On February 26 three freak waves in succession swept thousands of surfers out to sea off Sydney's Bondi Beach. Two hundred people were rescued, and five people lost - the sudden shock and upheaval effects of Uranus.

1985, March 31: Anti-Nuclear Rallies. Over 300,000 people were involved in marches around Australia. The biggest rally was in Sydney, bringing the City to a standstill.
T.Sun 10°13'Aries square Saturn.
T.Mercury & Venus 16°Aries square Jupiter.
T.Mars 11°Taurus conjunct Descendant and sextile Mercury.

T.Saturn, 27°Scorpio, forms a Grand Trine with Natal Uranus and the Sun.
T.Uranus 17°57'Sagittarius sextile Neptune.

The radical action taken refers to Uranus, and the visions of the people to Neptune.

1988, January 26: Australia's Bi-Centennial Birthday.

T.North Node 24°23' Pisces trine MC.
T.Jupiter 22°35' Aries conjunct Pluto.
T.Uranus 29°4' Sagittarius conjunct the Moon.
T.Pluto 12° Scorpio trine Mercury and just past the Ascendant.

Pluto would have to be accounted for in such a massive celebration all over Australia. Its conjunction by Jupiter refers to the grand and jubilant occasion. Pluto trine to Mercury would relate to the massive media coverage. After retrograding, T.Pluto came to the Ascendant, and on 2nd September 1988 - Pluto 10°17' Scorpio - there were ceremonies for the opening of the new \$15-million all-Australian telescope at Culgoora near Narrabri, rated to be one of the best in the world, and which will keep Australia in the forefront of Radio Astronomy Research - Pluto again in a massive undertaking; and it also refers to research.

1993, September 24: Sydney wins Olympic Bid.

T.Sun 0°44' Libra square Moon, trine Uranus.
T.Moon 12°8' Capricorn (at 4:27am Sydney, when the winning envelope was opened) opposite Mercury, sextile Ascendant.
T.Mercury 19°34' Libra, & T.Jupiter 19°44' Libra, trine Neptune, square Mars.
T.Venus 2°39' Virgo conjunct Venus.
T.Mars 27°46' Libra sextile Moon, quincunx Uranus.
T.Neptune 18°23' Capricorn, and Uranus 18°14' Capricorn, conjunct the Midpoint Jupiter/Node (18°27' Capricorn).

The last-named Transit is particularly significant as Neptune in the Radix is on the 5th Cusp (The Games), and the combination Jupiter, Neptune, Node is expressive of the Australian euphoria that greeted the announcement of the win.

1994, January 5-12: Bush fires - the worst in N.S.W.'s history. Sydney suburbs ablaze.

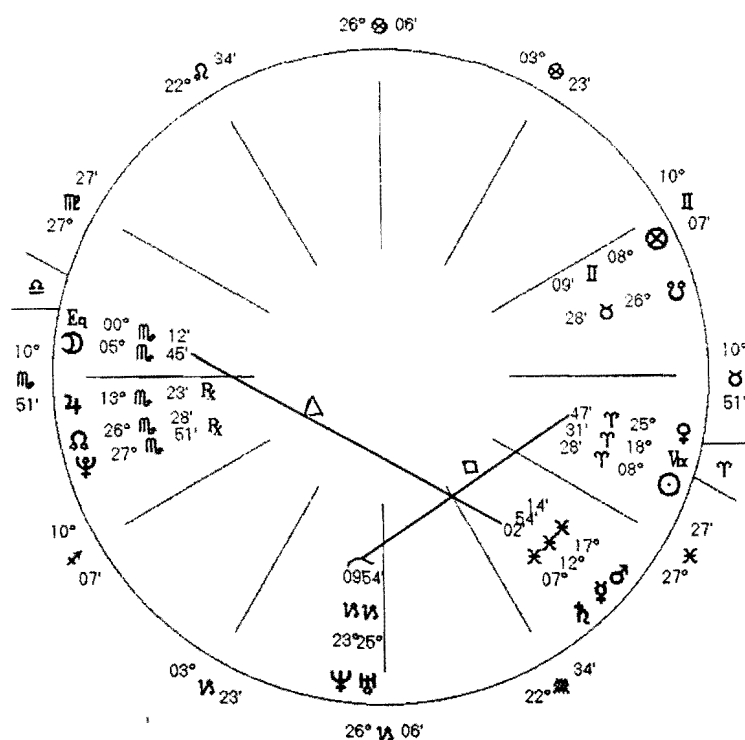
Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars were all transiting between Saturn and Jupiter in Capricorn.

T.Jupiter 10°38' Scorpio conjunct Ascendant. Jupiter helps to spread and promote things.
T.Uranus 21° Capricorn square Pluto - the unexpected disaster (Uranus) and massive outbreaks of fire (Pluto).

With Uranus and Neptune still hovering around the I.C. this year and next year, there could well be the unexpected or another disaster, as the I.C. when triggered off with such slow-

moving planets can create havoc. Neptune still has to conjunct the North Node again in August, September and October this year. As Neptune relates to the navy, sea and ships, it could have relevance to the differing opinions whether to move the Navy from Garden Island in Sydney to White Bay. There has been opposition from the National Trust, etc. Prime Minister Paul Keating said a move would not be stopped by conservationists who tried to preserve the shed and marshall yards of Darling Harbour, and he warned Independants in NSW Parliament they would not be able to prevent the move on Heritage grounds because the land was Commonwealth-owned. Then the Defence Minister opposed Paul Keating's plan. The outcome of this is dependent on the later Transits of Uranus on the I.C. and Neptune conjunct the North Node. The Fourth House not only relates to National Housing, it is linked with the "home or base" of certain Government Departments.

Horary Question: Is it advisable for me to join with four other homoeopaths in a medical practice?



The five practitioners would in effect be partners, signified by the 7th House. Venus ruling the 7th is in Detriment in Aries, and squared by Uranus and Neptune. This indicates a discordant group which would soon break up. The Querent's Significator, the Moon, rules her 10th House (profession), and being trine to Saturn, shows she is better off operating solo.

- Dymock.

My kind regards to all.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Marie Casey takes up the discussion on the times of certain Royal Births:

H.R.H. QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND ROYAL FAMILY by Marie Casey (NSW).

It was a bit disconcerting, to say the least, that the official time of the Queen's Birth has met with some disagreement as mentioned in the July/August Issue of *The Astrologers' Forum*. I have taken quite an interest in the Charts of the Royal Family for some time and would like to make some comments.

Edward Lyndoe, who was a well-known English astrologer and astrological adviser to *The People Newspaper* (London) wrote various books on Astrology. It was from one of his books I found the birth data of the Monarchs of England, and began doing some research on the Royal Family.

Below are aspects to the Angles of the official Natal Chart of H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II, born 1:40am GMT, 21st April, 1926, with 25°37' Scorpio Midheaven and 025' Capricorn Ascendant. MC/ASC Midpoint 23°31' Sagittarius.

King George V, grandfather of the Queen, has Jupiter 25°39' Sagittarius, and Saturn 24°24' Libra, both semi-sextile the Queen's Midheaven. This puts the Queen's MC at the midpoint of those two planets.

King George VI, father of the Queen, has his Natal Moon 24°51' Scorpio, conjunct her Midheaven, and his Uranus on 22°8' Scorpio is sextile her Ascendant as well. His Sun at 21°55' Sagittarius makes a semi-sextile to the Queen's Ascendant. On the day of his Accession to the Throne (when Elizabeth was 10 years old) on 11th December 1936 at 1:52pm, the Moon was 22°55' Scorpio sextile the Queen's Ascendant and approaching her Midheaven.

The Queen's Mother, born 4th August 1900, (Chart in September/October Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*) has her Natal Moon 20°19' Scorpio in close sextile to the Queen's Ascendant.

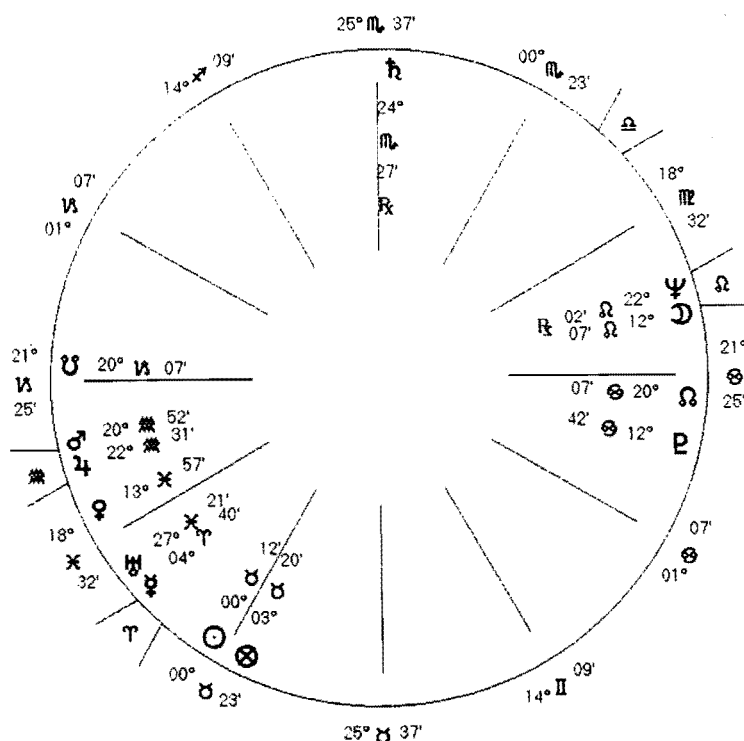
At the accession to the Throne of Edward VIII, uncle of the Queen, on 20th January 1936, 11:55pm, the MC was 25°49' Cancer, and

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II

21st April 1926, 2:40am Summer Time (1 hour).
GMT 1:40am. 17 Bruton Street, London.
0°6'W, 51°32'N. Placidian Cusps.



Pluto 26°13' Cancer, both trine the Queen's MC.

The Natal Chart for the Duchess of Windsor (Wallis Simpson), born 19th June 1896, has Mars 21°5' Aries square to the Queen's Ascendant, and her Midheaven at 20°7' Capricorn conjuncts it. Wallis's North Node at 27°30' Aquarius squares the Queen's Midheaven. These were very strong aspects for the problems caused by Wallis Simpson in the Royal Family.

Prince Margaret, sister of the Queen, born 21st August 1930, has Natal Mercury at 24°

Capricorn sextile the Queen's Midheaven, and her Sun at 25° Leo squaring the Midheaven.

Prince Charles's Natal Sun, 22°26' Scorpio, is again closely conjunct the Queen's Midheaven, and sextiles her Ascendant, and his Mars at 20°57' Sagittarius makes a semi-sextile to her Ascendant, and is again close to the MC/ASC midpoint.

Princess Diana's Natal Moon at 25°2' Aquarius squares the Queen's Midheaven, her Natal Uranus at 23°20' Leo also closely squares it. These squares signify the problems the Queen has had with the separation of Charles and Diana.

At the marriage of Prince Charles and Diana on 29th July 1981, Pluto at 21°46' Libra squared the Queen's Ascendant. Transiting Uranus on that day was 26°4' Scorpio on the Queen's MC, within a few minutes, and Neptune at 22°25' Sagittarius was conjunct her MC/ASC Midpoint.

Prince Andrew (son of the Queen) has Natal Moon 25°33' Scorpio, almost exactly conjunct his mother's MC, and his Saturn/Mars midpoint is 21°8' Capricorn conjunct her Ascendant. When Andrew married Sarah Ferguson on 23rd July 1986, 10:50am GMT, the North Node at 25°3' Aries made a quincunx to the Queen's MC.

Prince William, son of Charles, grandson of the Queen, has Venus at 25°40' Taurus opposite her MC.

List of Degrees in Aspect with Natal Charts of the Royal Family

	<u>H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II</u>	
	Midheaven	Ascendant
	25°37'Sco.	21°25'Cap.
King George V	Jupiter 25°39'	Sagitt.
	Saturn 24°24'	Libra
King George VI	Moon 24°51'	Scorp.
	Uranus 22°8'	Scorp.
	Sun 21°55'	Sagitt.
The Queen Mother	Moon 20°19'	Scorp.
Duchess of Windsor	Mars 21°5'	Aries.
	MC 20°7'	Capric.
	Node 27°30'	Aquar.
Princess Margaret	Mercury 24°0'	Capric.
	Sun 25°0'	Leo
Prince Charles	Sun 22°26'	Scorp.
	Mars 20°57'	Sagitt.
Princess Diana	Moon 25°2'	Aquar.
	Uranus 23°20'	Leo
Prince Andrew	Moon 25°33'	Scorpio
Prince William	Venus 25°40'	Taurus.

Judging from all the above data, the close aspects to the Angles of the Birth Chart of Queen Elizabeth in comparison with her family gives validity to her official birth time. But the additional proof lies in the Transits and Progressions.

One very strong point is that when

Elizabeth ascended the Throne (8th February 1952) her Progressed Sun at 25° Taurus made a conjunction with her 4th House Cusp. The exact position of the Progressed Sun was 25°24' Taurus on her birthday month. Her Progressed Midheaven, 21°25' Sagittarius, was semi-sextile her Ascendant.

In 1981 the Queen's Midheaven by Progression (1° per year) had come to the Ascendant. This was the year Prince Charles married. The Queen's destiny (MC) came to an important juncture with the Heir to the Throne's Marriage. The conjunction with the Ascendant made the event manifest in the physical world.

Continuing in this mode of 1° per year, 1990-1991 brings the Progressed Midheaven to 0° Aquarius, squaring the Queen's Natal Sun. This is when all the trouble started with Charles and Diana at the Palace, upsetting her honour, prestige and dignity (Sun). During the ongoing scandals from 1991-3 in the Royal Family, the Progressed Sun made the square to the midpoint of the Queen's Sun and Part of Fortune, and then in 1993 squared the Part of Fortune on 3°27' Taurus.

TRANSITS

When Princess Elizabeth married Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten on November 20th 1947 the Transiting Sun at 26° Scorpio was conjunct her Midheaven.

At the death of the Queen's father (King George VI) on 7th February 1952 Transiting Neptune at 21°39' Libra squared her Ascendant. She was only 26 years old. The Queen's Accession to the Throne was on the following day. The Moon at noon, 21° Cancer, opposed her Ascendant (conjunct the 7th Cusp).

On 1st July 1969 the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, said to be a magnificent State ritual, was an important day for the Queen also. Transiting Venus at 24° Taurus was conjunct the Queen's 4th Cusp. Transiting Neptune, 26°17' Scorpio was passing her MC but still within the 1° orb.

When the Duke of Edinburgh and the Queen visited Australia in 1986 (4th-13th March) Transiting Uranus, 22°7' - 22°16' Sagittarius, was semi-sextile the Queen's Ascendant and closely conjunct her MC/ASC midpoint. On the day they arrived Transiting Venus was 23°35' Pisces, square the MC/ASC midpoint exactly, and the next day formed a trine to her Midheaven.

Transiting Pluto during 1993 was conjunct the Queen's Midheaven. This would have a great bearing on the finality of the marital separations of both the Princes, and their leading separate lives.

Another important link is with the Chart for the Commonwealth of Australia, 1st January

1901 at 1pm, the one I have been researching for some years. The Midheaven of the Chart is 25°Capricorn, making a sextile to the Queen's Natal M C. This verifies the destiny (MC) of the Queen and her strong link with that of Australia.

There are too many aspects to the Angles of the Queen's Natal Chart to subtract 28 minutes from her official birth time. It may be interesting for some astrologers to research Local Space Charts, but to rectify through that method is a bit shaky and can lead others blindly into another direction.

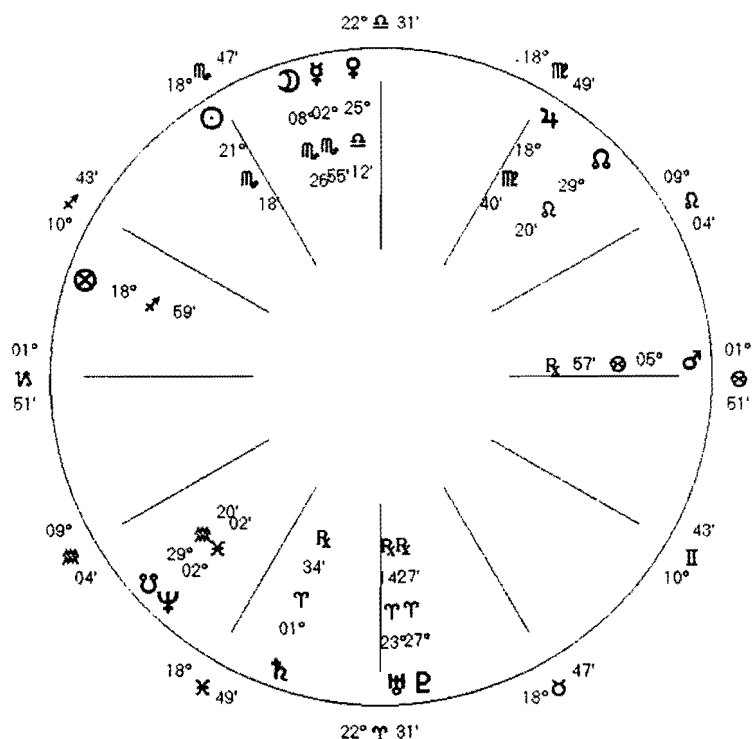
Marie Casey has responded to my request for the Chart of Los Angeles (last Issue) with the following Article:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA by Marie Casey (NSW).

An interesting Chart for the State of California appeared in *The Astrological Monthly Review* some years ago by G. Hall. Although no time was given I set up the Chart for 10:00am as the Sun was about two hours away from noon position on the Chart. The Angles matched so obviously the time was in fact 10:00am.

CALIFORNIA: RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION

13th November 1849, 10am PST, 6pm GMT.
Monterey, 122°00'W, 36°30'N. Placidian Cusps.



This was the date the Constitution to consolidate the State was approved by popular vote. The State of California became a separate entity.

Looking at the Libra Midheaven, ruled by Venus, plus Venus close by, one would think in terms of the arts, beauty, harmony and luxury. This could be correlated with Beverly Hills, Hollywood, the paradise of the Stars and all the multi-million-dollar mansions there. California is a very popular tourist venue typical of the social pleasures, vacations and entertainment relating to Venus.

Although the Libra MC seems fitting in one sense we cannot judge the Chart on this alone. Transit action must activate the Angles primarily to give some validity. Important Transits this century are listed hereunder.

TRANSITS

1906, April 18. SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE (California) - recorded as one of history's greatest quakes.

Tr.Sun 27°Aries conjunct Pluto.

Tr.Mars 22°30'Taurus quincunx MC, opposite the Sun.

Tr.Asc 18°Aries quincunx Jupiter.

Tr.Pluto 21°Gemini quincunx Sun.

One would expect Uranus to be in strong aspect as it relates to earthquakes, but on 8°29'Capricorn at the time of the quake it was 2°32' away from opposing Mars. Nevertheless, a vital point here is that Uranus by Progression came to 22°22'Aries exactly conjunct the 4th Cusp. It was Retrograde in the 1849 Natal Chart, only 1° away from the Cusp, then later went Direct. Uranus conjunct the 4th whether by Progression or Transit can create upheavals.

By Progressing the MC of the Chart to 1906 at one degree per year it comes to 19°Sagittarius, square Natal Jupiter and conjunct *Fortuna*. One may not think the square to Jupiter a serious enough aspect, but Jupiter is exactly square *Fortuna* in the 12th House, and rules that House of the Chart. (By Solar-Arc method the Progressed MC was a degree away on 20° Sagittarius.)

1917, April 6. AMERICA ENTERS WORLD WAR 1:

Tr.Saturn 23°45'Cancer square Uranus and MC.

Tr.Uranus 22°Aquarius square Sun.

These aspects speak for themselves.

1929, October 29. STOCK MARKET CRASH:

Tr.Uranus 8°23'Aries quincunx the Moon.

Tr.Neptune 3°10'Virgo opposite its Natal place within 1°. Neptune relates to collapses.

1939, September 3. SECOND WORLD WAR:

Tr.Uranus 21°57'Taurus opposite the Sun.

Tr.Mars 24°35'Capricorn square Venus.

1945, April 12. DEATH OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

Tr.Sun 21°43'Aries square MC.
 Tr.Jupiter 19°6'Virgo conjunct Natal Jupiter square *Fortuna*.
 Tr.Saturn 5°4'Cancer conjunct Mars.

The Sun primarily names the day of an event, sometimes Mercury, Venus and Mars. Also the Sun relates to the Head of State, consequently Tr.Sun squaring MC (destiny of the Nation and Government matters) brought the other Transits into action.

1950, June 25. KOREAN WAR:

Tr.Venus 27°Taurus square Node.
 Tr.Mars 5°18'Libra square Mars.
 Tr.Uranus 5°2'Cancer conjunct Mars.
 This is an example of how the aspects of Venus and Mars activated the slower-moving planet (Uranus).

1963, November 22. ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

Tr.Sun square Node, quincunx Pluto.
 Tr.Mars 19°56'Sagittarius conjunct *Fortuna*.
 Tr.Saturn 17°16'Aquarius quincunx Jupiter.
 This time the Sun named the day, activating the Saturn aspect.

1969, July 16. MOON LANDING TAKE-OFF:

Tr.Sun 23°17'Cancer square Uranus and MC.
 Tr.Pluto 22°53'Virgo semi-sextile MC - another point in favour of the Natal Midheaven. Pluto relates to rockets, shuttles and laser beams.

1986, January 28. SHUTTLE EXPLOSION:

Tr.Sun 8°Aquarius, and Tr.Venus 9°Aquarius, both square the Moon.
 Tr.Mars 26°52'Scorpio quincunx Pluto.
 Tr.Pluto 7°19'Scorpio conjunct the Moon.
 Pluto again in aspect, but this time more strongly so.

1989, October 17. EARTHQUAKE SAN FRANCISCO (California). 270 people were killed and about 1400 injured:

Tr.Sun 23°Libra conjunct MC opposite Uranus.
 Tr.Uranus 1°54'Capricorn conjunct the Ascendant.

The other earthquake mentioned (1906) had Progressed Uranus conjunct the Nadir, consequently it verifies the sensitivity and validity of both Angles.

1993, October 28-29. BUSH FIRES - LOS ANGELES TOP SUBURBS, INCLUDING HOLLYWOOD ABLAZE. Wild fires exploded across Southern California.

Tr.Mercury and Mars both 21°Scorpio conjunct the Sun.

Tr.Jupiter 27°8'Libra opposite Pluto.

Tr.Pluto 24°36'Scorpio quincunx Uranus/Pluto.
 An interesting set of aspects, with Pluto and

Scorpio being so strong. Pluto being the higher octave of Mars (fires) does show its presence here, and it relates to mass destruction.

1994, January 17th. EARTHQUAKE, LOS ANGELES.

Freeways and buildings buckled under the force of the quake. The death toll, 42 people; the estimated damage was put by experts at more than \$21 billion:

Tr.Sun and Venus square Pluto.
 Tr.Saturn square Node in the 8th House.
 Tr.NEPTUNE, MARS and URANUS square the MIDHEAVEN.

At the previous quake (1989) above, it was the Ascendant afflicted. This time it's the MC/Nadir, giving more validity to the Californian Chart with the triple planet action.

It might be well to note that Tr.Moon (see Chart for the 1994 quake) at 1°54'Aries squared the Ascendant of the Californian Chart exactly at the time when the quake began. Also, in the 1989 Earthquake (see above) Tr.Uranus 1°54'Capricorn was conjunct the Ascendant exactly at the beginning of that quake. It has often been said strong aspects to the 4th Cusp can bring on disasters, but not to forget the Ascendant relates to the general conditions of the Nation and those slow-moving planets can create havoc when in square, conjunction or opposition to it.

The Progressed MC this year by Solar-Arc is 18°41'Pisces, in opposition to Natal Jupiter in the 8th House, and square *Fortuna*. You will also note in the 1906 quake that Jupiter was afflicted by the square from the Progressed Midheaven.

Summing up the aspects, I feel the Chart is quite valid, and possibly worth future prognostication. For example, Tr.Pluto will be making a quincunx to itself in November and squaring the North Node in the 8th House in December this year, and again next year. The North Node is a very sensitive spot, and is trine to Pluto in the Natal Chart as well as opposing Neptune. Consequently, with Pluto's square to the Node it will trigger the opposition to Neptune in the 2nd House (Finance). According to Raphael's *Mundane Astrology*, Neptune in the 2nd natally denotes losses to the revenue through illicit undertakings. Also Neptune dissolves things. Possibly certain financial relations with another country (8th House matters) could be dissolved.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
 16th February 1994

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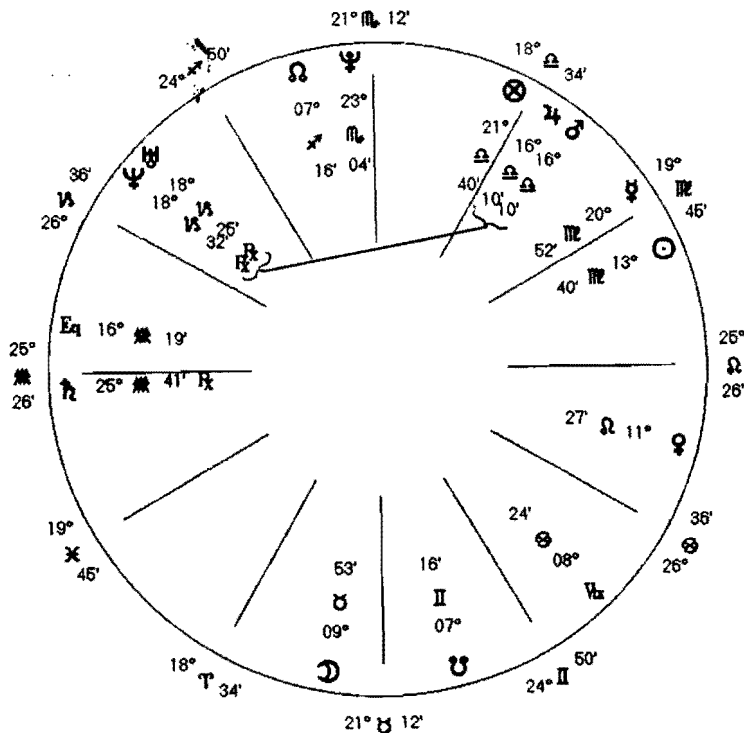
Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE BUSH FIRES

The scarifying bush fires in the first few days of 1994 (January 4-12) that have left Australians dazed and bewildered with their suddenness and destructive power set me on an urgent quest for their astrological indications.

I did not have far to seek. Mars and Jupiter in combination are the planetary Significators of fire, and their last conjunction occurred on September 6th 1993. Here is the Chart, set for Sydney, the NSW capital.

MARS/JUPITER CONJUNCTION, 6 SEPTEMBER 1993
6:9am GMT. Sydney, 151°10'E, 33°52'S.
Placidian Cusps.



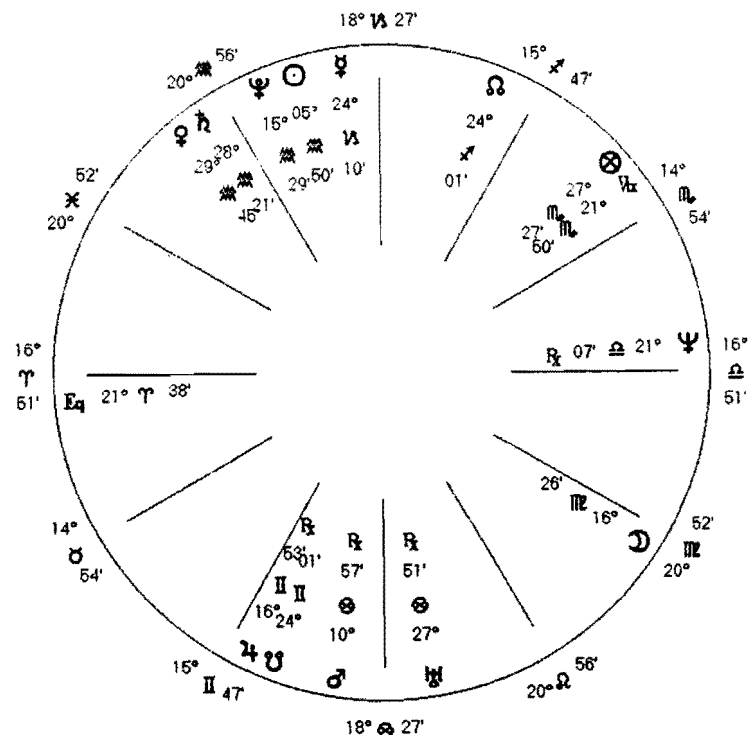
The planetary positions will of course be the same for any part of the world, only the Cusps differing. The Mars/Jupiter conjunction is the more virulent through being square Uranus and Neptune, which are also conjoined. When set for Sydney the Figure is particularly dangerous and destructive:

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Saturn is almost exactly on the Ascendant, and square to Pluto at the Midheaven. The Saturn/Pluto square has been the correlating factor in recent months for the huge number of deaths through earthquakes, land-slides and collapse of buildings in various parts of the world. These calamities unfortunately will continue while the square remains within orbs. Its presence here, so powerful on Angles, was a dire portent for New South Wales.

FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA
26th January 1788, 11am LMT, Sydney
151°10'E, 33°52'S. Placidian Cusps.



The gravity of the threat becomes more apparent when we relate the Chart to the

Horoscope for the Foundation of Australia (above). The Mars/Jupiter conjunction is in close opposition to the Ascendant, and the Uranus/Neptune conjunction exactly straddles the Midheaven. Pluto and the Mars/Jupiter-MC fall on the Vertex in the House of death and disaster. The trine of Radical Pluto to the Mars/Jupiter conjunction adds to the danger. The implication is clear - destructive fires on a massive scale (Mars/Jupiter/Pluto).

Another factor of ill-omen for Australia was the Eclipse of 13th November 1993, which occurred at 21°32' of Scorpio. This Eclipse also falls on the Vertex in the 8th House of the Foundation Chart, and does so even more closely than does Pluto and the MC in the Mars/Jupiter Chart.

The month in which the devastating force of the fires would be unleashed is revealed by the Lunar Return Chart derived from the Mars/Jupiter Figure. The fires started a few days earlier, but commenced their havoc on 4th January. Here is the Lunar Return covering the period from 24th December 1993 to 20th January 1994.

Mars/Jupiter Conjunction LUNAR RETURN
24th Dec.1993, Sydney, 151°10'E, 33°52'S.
Placidian Cusps.

Mars and the Sun conjoined and closely opposing the Ascendant is the trigger.

Progression of the Australia Chart to January 1994 is interesting and informative. Saturn conjuncts Saturn! (27th January). This is a Saturn Return by Progression, and coincides with the Saturn Return by Transit on 14th January, the combination producing a

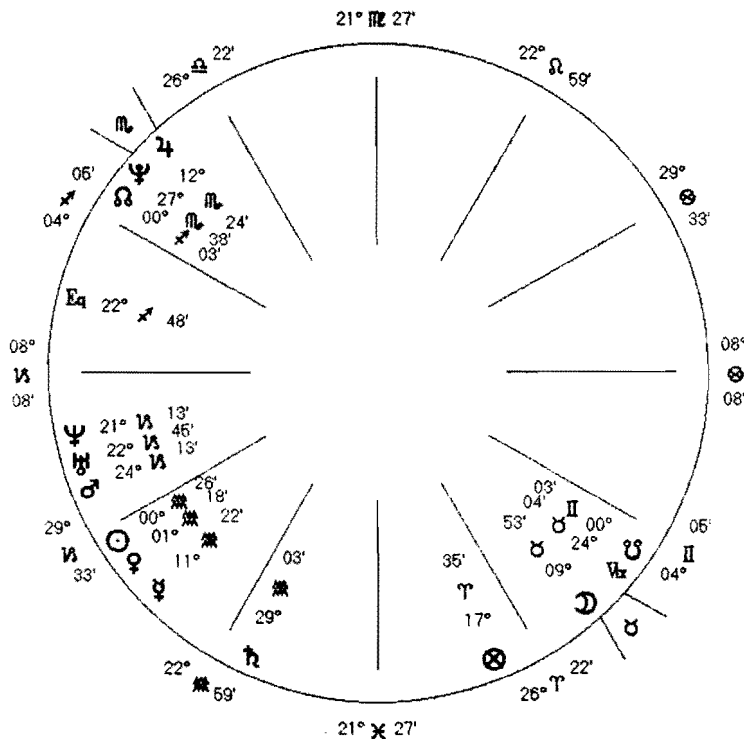
critical year and a cycle of unusual significance. It is certainly an indication that Australia, and New South Wales in particular (because that is where Australia was founded), should take stock of its position, re-assess its values and make plans for the future. In Sydney there is already a move afoot to do this, more especially in relation to the handling of future fire holocausts. Up-dating of equipment with new technology, investigation of causes, increased funding for training, maintenance of large-scale fire-breaks and even involvement of the defence forces are all on the agenda for discussion.

Transits (including parallels of declination) of the Mars/Jupiter Chart indicate the course of events: On January 2, when the fires were starting to become large-scale, Pluto was parallel Mars. On the next day, Mars at 10°26'-10°41' of Capricorn was semi-square both the Ascendant and Saturn. On 5th January, when alarm was becoming general, the Sun was parallel Uranus and the Moon conjunct Mars, and on Friday the 7th the Sun had reached the square of the Mars/Jupiter conjunction.

At this time I was asked by an anxious enquirer when would the danger be over. I said Thursday the 13th or Friday the 14th, because on the 13th Mars would be transiting Neptune at 18°32' Capricorn in 'the Mars/-Jupiter Figure. My reasoning was that Neptune would bring rain, and damp down the fires sufficiently to render them manageable so that they could be contained and homes put out of danger. This is in fact what happened, rain did come on the 13th and from that date we started hearing good news instead of bad. Many fires were still burning in various parts of the State, and the authorities continually warned against complacency, but short of some unforeseen catastrophe the danger to life and property was over.

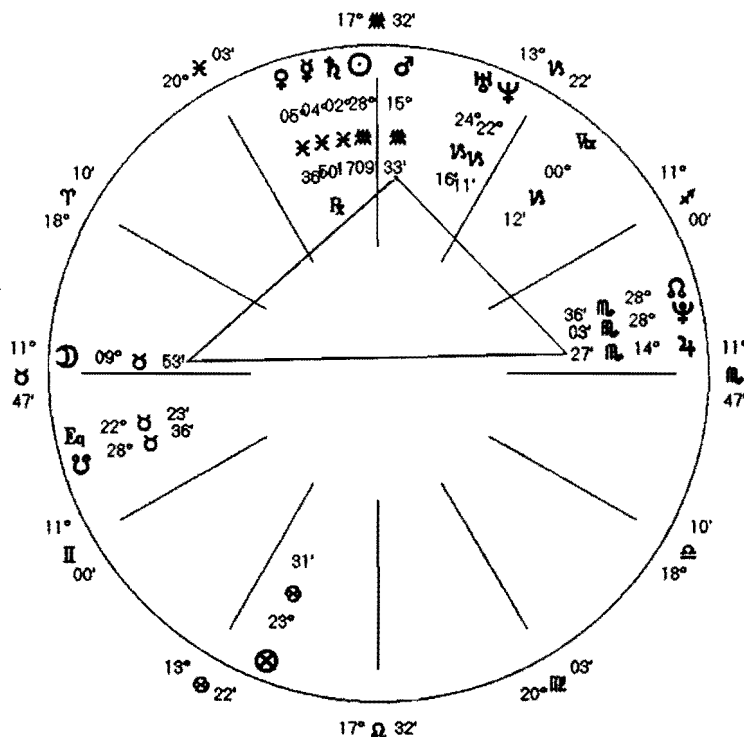
The Lunar Return of 24th December (above), derived from the conjunction of Mars and Jupiter the previous September, pointed to the fire crisis that commenced in early January. The next Lunar Return from 21st January to 17th February 1994 does not pose any special threat. However, the one after that, operating from 17th February to 16th March has Mars square Jupiter from the Angular 10th to 7th Cusps, and forming a T-Square to the Moon on the Ascendant. This does, indeed, suggest a flare-up, though not of the same magnitude, the T-Square being less powerful than the Mars/Sun conjunction opposing the Ascendant in the Lunar Return of 24th December. (See Charts below).

Mars/Jupiter Conjunction LUNAR RETURN
21st Jan.1994, Sydney, 151°10'E, 33°52'S.
Placidian Cusps.



[No real threat in this Chart]

Mars/Jupiter Conjunction LUNAR RETURN
17th Feb.1994, Sydney, 151°10'E, 33°52'S.
Placidian Cusps.



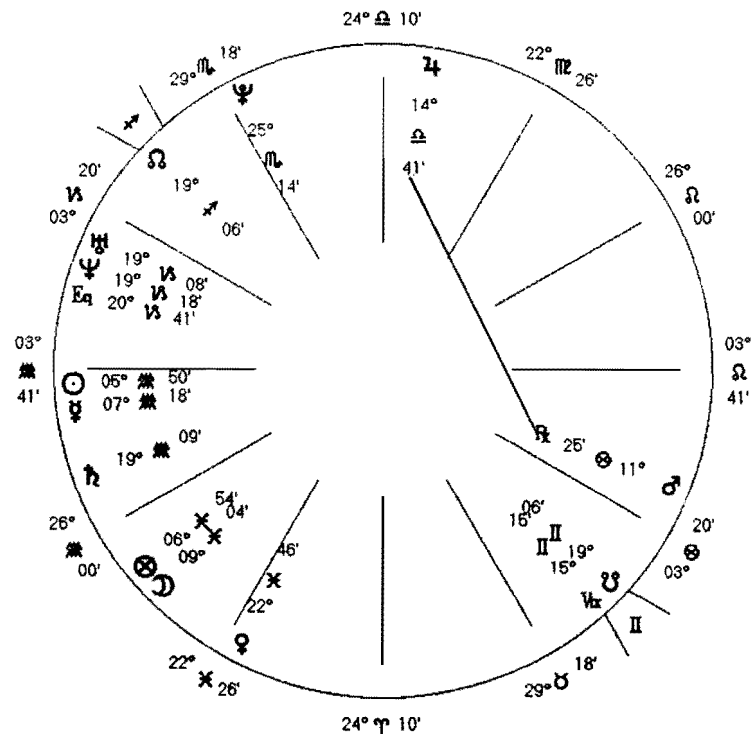
[The Mars, Jupiter Moon T-Square is a threat]

Aside from that, Mars and Jupiter square one another in the sky on 15th February 1994, from 14°24' Aquarius to 14°24' Scorpio. This

falls on Pluto (15°29' Aquarius) and the 8th Placidian Cusp (14°54' Scorpio) in the Chart for the Foundation of Australia. This square is followed by a parallel of Mars and Jupiter on 26th February. I anticipate therefore that mid-February 1994 will see a resurgence of bush-fire fighting, though not like the holocaust we have just witnessed, and not necessarily limited to New South Wales.

The next conjunction of Mars and Jupiter occurs on 16th November 1995 at 19°10' of Sagittarius. Though this opposes Jupiter in the Foundation Chart (orb 2°17') and squares the Moon (orb 2°44'), the Solar Return for 1995 from the Australia Foundation Chart does not show any connection between the fire-makers, Mars and Jupiter. In contrast, the current Solar Return Chart (26/1/93 -26/1/94) (below) has Mars not only squaring Jupiter but also conjuncting Mars in the Radix (orb 0°28'), and ruling the S.R.-4th House (the land and its people).

Foundation of Australia: SOLAR RETURN
26th Jan.1993, Sydney, 151°10'E, 33°52'S.
Placidian Cusps.



- Dymock.

GAMES OF CHANCE
by Marie Casey (NSW)

In any competitive situation where an event takes place, be it a Federal Election or the Olympic Bid, charts may be set up to ascertain the outcome. But in games of chance such as racing, events where numbers are con-

cerned, the planetary numbers need to be studied as well, particularly in horse racing, trotting and dog racing. Horse racing is a colourful event and supplies the astrologer an ongoing series of events for research purposes. Astrologers from early this century have been setting up charts for these races, so there has been some information handed down.

Firstly, a chart needs to be set up for the beginning of the race with the latitude and longitude of the race track. Then planets in aspect take preference, and next in line are any planets conjunct the Midheaven, the 8th Cusp or 9th Cusp. The Moon is important when in aspect to any planet or Angle. When in aspect to a planet, the affairs of that planet give guide lines to the name of the horse. If the Moon is on Angles or in the 2nd House or conjunct the MC a popular horse usually wins, as the Moon relates to popularity. Squares are favourable only when a planet squares the Midheaven, then the affairs of that planet lead to the name of the winner. With all aspects they need to be fairly exact - one cannot take a wide orb.

Regarding numbers: the numbers of the saddle cloth are taken, those entered in the run-down in the newspapers, not the barrier numbers. Astrologers have always used the numbers of the planets. These have been handed down for centuries, and never change:

Sun	= 1	Jupiter	= 3
Moon	= 2	Saturn	= 8
Mercury	= 5	Uranus	= 4
Venus	= 6	Neptune	= 7
Mars	= 9		

There have been different numbers assigned to Pluto since its discovery in 1930. In racing events Pluto seems to vibrate to the number 9 of Mars, and when Pluto is strong in a chart the names according to Mars and Pluto often win.

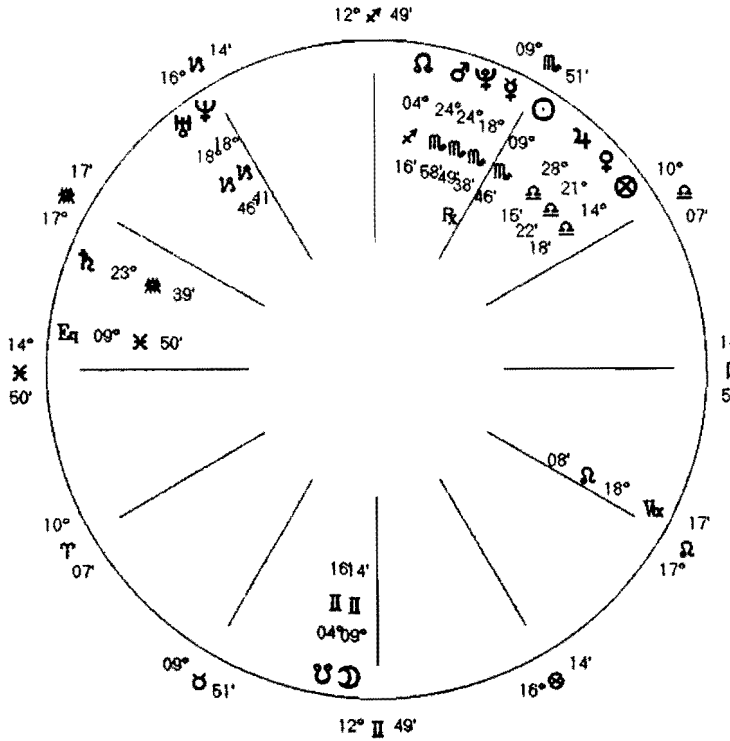
The deciding factor does have an element of luck, because if the Sun was conjunct the Midheaven, then one would have to look for a name to do with the affairs of the Sun, such as a regal name - King, Prince, Duke, etc. But the other alternative is the number. The Sun's number is 1, and if there are more than nine horses in race then No. 10 (1 + 0 = 1) could be selected.

In a race meeting last December, the Sun was conjunct the 9th House Cusp at the time of the event. No. 1 was a favourite, and No. 10 was at odds of over 100 to 1. No. 10, in fact, won and paid \$163.90 to the \$1, while No.1 ran second. So there are some variables when it comes to names and numbers.

The Melbourne Cup on 2nd November last year was an interesting event in that the big conjunction of Uranus and Neptune was still in force. The question was which one would take priority. Uranus ruled the 12th Cusp with Aquarius there, and Neptune ruled the Ascendant 14°49' Pisces, so Neptune was predominant.

MELBOURNE CUP HORSE RACE 1993

2nd November 1993, 3:20 pm DST. GMT 4:20am.
Flemington Race Course, 37°47' S, 144°55'E.



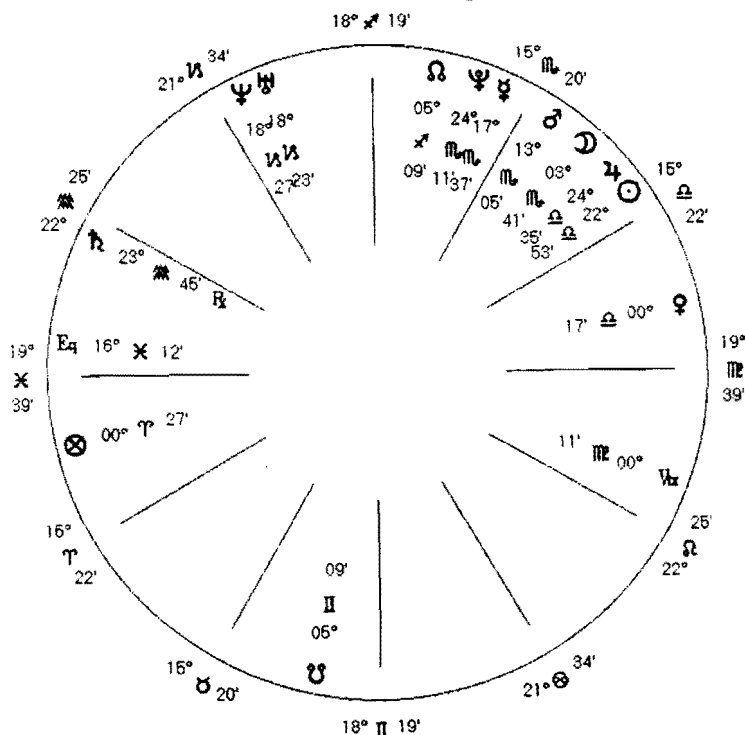
At the start of the Cup the Sun at 9°46' Scorpio was conjunct the 9th Cusp, which still had to be taken into consideration. The Nadir, 12°49' Gemini, had moved away from the Moon on 9°14' Gemini more than three degrees, so a favourite was not the ideal pick. The results were

- 1st, No. 6 Vintage Crop
- 2nd, No. 5 Te Akau Nick
- 3rd, No. 10 Mercator.

The winner was attributed to Neptune by its conjunction. Vintage is the wine from a particular harvest or crop, the annual produce of the grape harvest with reference to the wine obtained. Neptune does relate to drugs and alcohol, so here we have the cunning Neptune taking the prize. The Sun, conjunct the 9th, did get third prize with No. 10. Mercury, whose number is 5, took 2nd place as it was sextile the Uranus/Neptune conjunction. Admittedly, the Melbourne Cup is not the easiest of races to select winners as there are usually up to 24 horses in the race, giving a greater range of selections.

THE CAULFIELD CUP

16th October 1993, 3:50pm. GMT 5:50am
Caulfield Race Course 37°53'S, 145°2'E.
Placidian Cusps.



In the Caulfield Cup, Neptune took the prize again with its conjunction to Uranus, and a close sextile to the Ascendant. Mars was well-favoured, closely conjunct the 9th House cusp. Neptune also ruled the Ascendant 19°39' Pisces. The results were

1st, No. 7 Fraar

2nd, No. 9 Air Seattle

3rd, No. 6 The Phantom.

The winner, No. 7 = Neptune's number; 2nd, No. 9 = Mars conjunct the 9th Cusp; 3rd, The Phantom was a Neptunian name.

From the above examples readers will appreciate the skill involved when having to decide on the names or numbers and realising the variations that can take place. It's best to select a name or number and stick to that in an each-way bet. The easiest times are when a planet conjuncts the Midheaven and there are no other aspects to consider. Then the affairs of that planet by name take precedence, or the number assigned to that planet.

[The Horizon Chart for the Melbourne Cup that appeared last month in the December Issue was drawn for the estimated *finishing* time of the race - 3:23pm. - Ed.]

THE LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE

As I wrote about the New South Wales bush-

fires, news came through of another dreadful earthquake in California on 17th January. My first thought was that here is another demonstration of the malefic power of the Saturn/Pluto Square, and this is apparent if we translate it to the latitude and longitude of Los Angeles.

Saturn and Pluto have been square to each other three times since the beginning of 1993. Below are the three Charts, set for Los Angeles (Placidian Cusps throughout).

It can be readily seen that the most powerful and effective of these three Charts, at least so far as Los Angeles is concerned, is that of 20th March 1993, the first one in the series. In this Chart Saturn and the Moon are conjunct the 4th Cusp (the land, homes, people, etc.) and both are square to Pluto just under the Ascendant and retrograde, which increases its power. Furthermore, the malefic star, Algol (Medusa's Head) at 26°4' of Taurus completes a T-Square with Pluto, Saturn and the Moon, within an orb of 1°, but is beyond this orb in the other two.

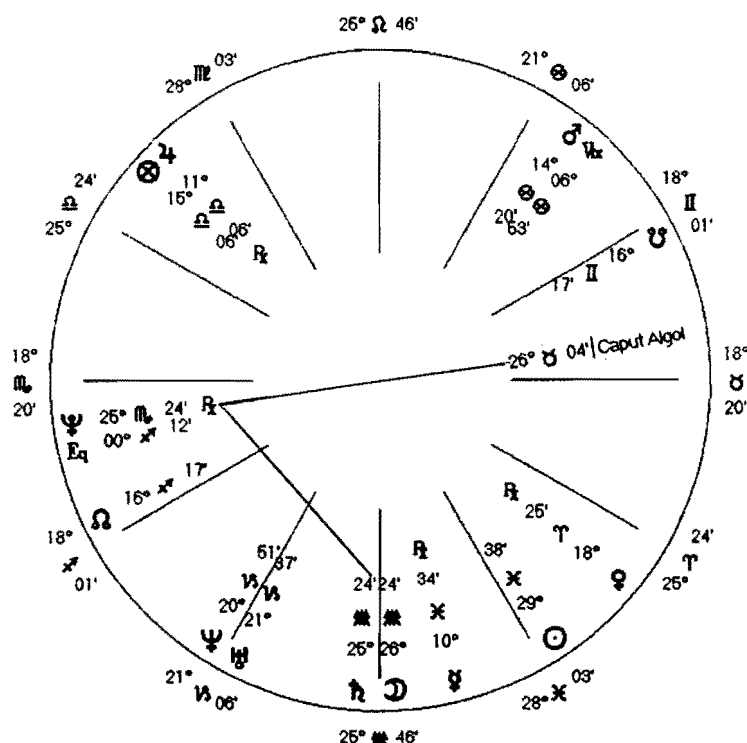
The earthquake occurred on 17th January, and on that date precisely Mars was transiting Uranus in the Figure, setting off the original quake and the subsequent train of after-shocks.

A Horoscope for the foundation of Los Angeles, should also provide some enlightening insights. Can any reader supply the Chart?

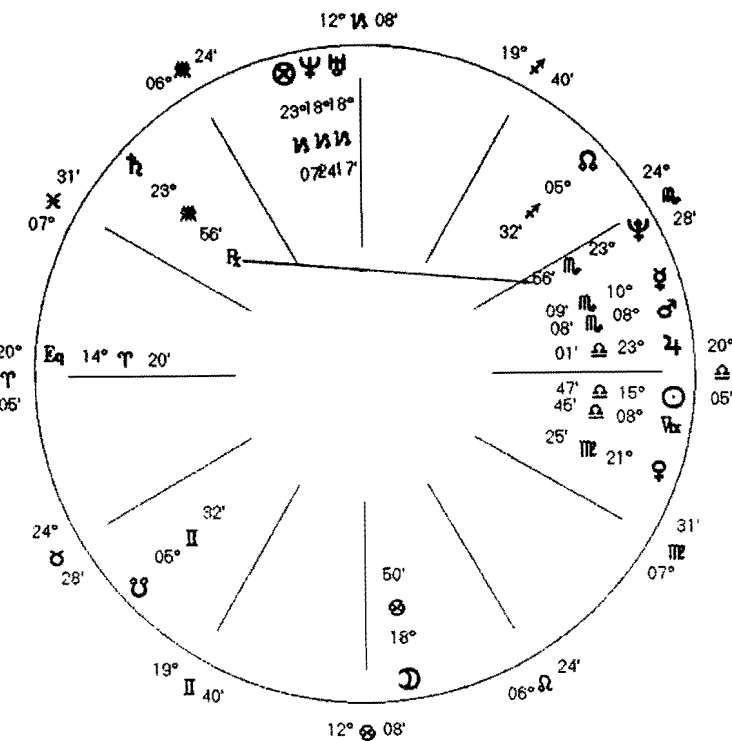
- Dymock.

SATURN SQUARE PLUTO, 20TH MARCH 1993

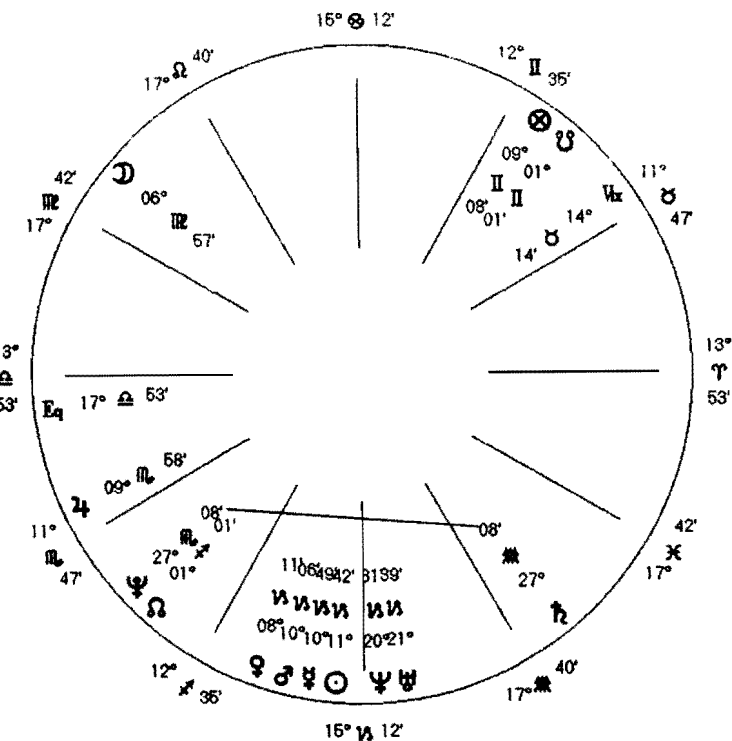
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THE QUEEN MOTHER: BIRTH DETAILS

From NEVILLE STRACHAN (Qld.): In Issue 146/147 of *Astrologers' Forum*, Leslie Black gives a rectified Chart (11:21am GMT) for the Queen Mother's birth. Some time ago I was interested in finding a time for her birth,

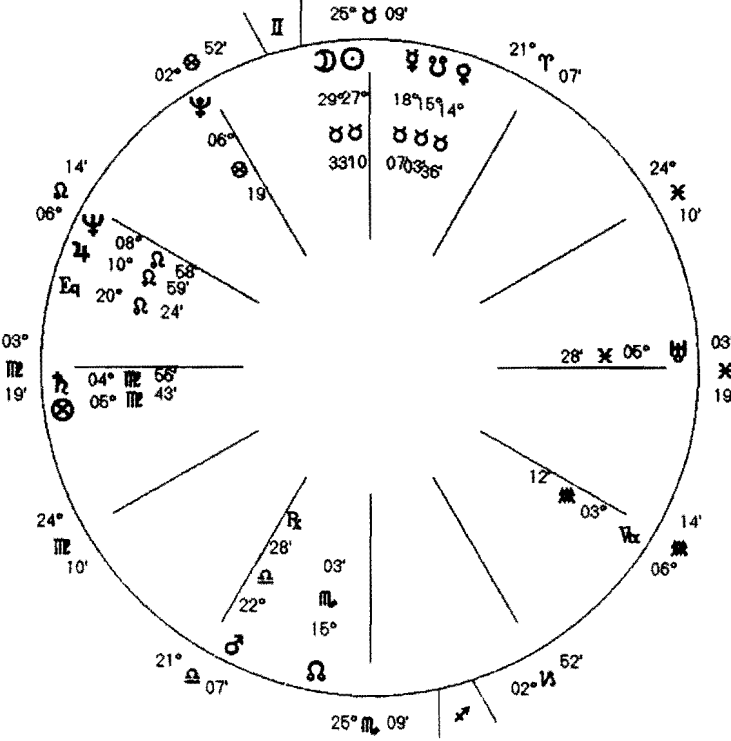
and the following notes outline my findings. I have not attempted any rectification at this stage, but readers may be interested in some other times that are quoted:

Mark Edmund Jones in his book *Sabian Symbols* (1969), page 350, quotes the time as 11:31am. In a footnote on page 26 of *The Traditional Astrologer*, Issue 2, Autumn 1993, the time is quoted as 10:35am GMT, with Ascendant 16°41' Libra. No source is given for the data.

The times are about one hour apart, which would make one wonder if daylight-saving was operative at the later time, but I have not been able to find out if this was so in August 1900. Doris Chase Doane in *Time Changes in the World*, 1992 Revised Edition, does not mention it.

[According to *The International Atlas* compiled by Thomas Shanks, daylight saving did not commence in England until 1916. - Ed.]

POPE JOHN PAUL II
18th May 1920, 12:30pm EET, 10:30am GMT.
Wadowice, Poland. 49°53'N, 19°30'E. Placidus.



THE POPE AND THE VATICAN
by Marie Casey (NSW)

The Birth Chart of Pope John Paul II is a very significant one as there was a Solar Eclipse on the day of his birth. His birth data was published in Jim Lewis' *Astro-Cartography Book of Maps* (Llewellyn Publications, 1989). If the time of his birth is correct there are some very strong contacts

with the Chart of the Vatican.

Some time ago I progressed his Chart to check its validity, and found the Progressions to be very appropriate to the events of his life. Following are some of those aspects using the 1° per year method:

1929. P.Midheaven 4°9'-5°9' Gemini square Natal Saturn. This was the year his mother died. From research I have done on the death of parents, often it is the case that the MC will conjunct, square or quincunx natal Saturn, Saturn representing the loss and suffering, and the demise as well of a parent.

1941. P.Midheaven 16°91'-17°91' Gemini quincunx Natal Node. His father died this year, and here is an example of the death aspect, the quincunx. The Pope himself had an accident and was struck by a tram. The Natal Node is opposite Mercury/Venus midpoint, Mercury relating to transport.

1978. P.Midheaven 23°9'-24°9' Cancer, separating from the square to Natal Mars, and the Progressed New Moon (Sun/Moon 22° Cancer) squared Natal Mars. The New Moon by progression only happens once in 29 years. This was the year John Paul became Pope, consequently the strong aspect to Mars brings in the leadership role the Pope was to take on. Also for this grand occasion when he became the Pope the Sun would have to be involved in a progressed aspect as it relates to success, honour and prestige. The Progressed New Moon always relates to new beginnings in the life.

1985. P.Midheaven 0°9' Leo. As the *Sydney Morning Herald* stated on 27th May 1985, "Pomp and splendour caps colourful week in Rome". It was a grand pageant. 20,000 people gathered in St. Peters Square to watch the 2½-hour elevation ceremony of the consecration of 28 new Cardinals. Some were Archbishops of the largest Roman Catholic dioceses in the world. There were many dignitaries present, including Roman Catholic leaders from around the globe. The following day, Pope John Paul from this throne in front of St. Peters Basilica received the new Cardinals as they climbed the red-carpeted steps and joined him in a special mass.

One cannot deny the splendour of the "entrée" into Leo.

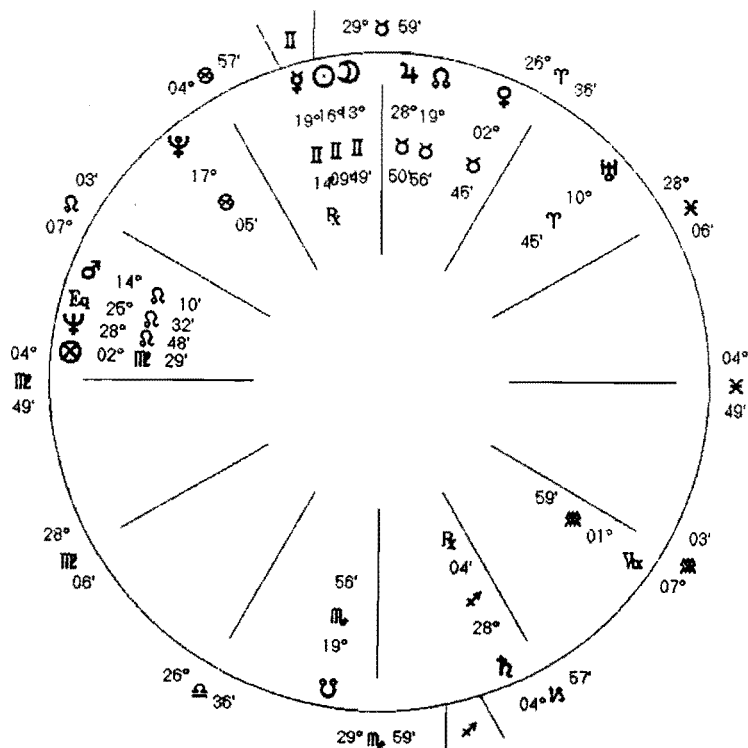
During the first half of this year, 1994, P.Midheaven will conjunct Natal Neptune in the 12th House. There would be a special occasion with a ceremony involved, as Neptune has a lot to do with celebrations.

INDEPENDENCE CHART FOR VATICAN CITY STATE

7 June 1929, Rome, Italy. 11am CET, 10am GMT.

41°54'N, 12°29'E. Placidian Cusps.

(From *Book of World Horoscopes*)



VATICAN LINKS

The Angles of the Chart for the Pope and the Vatican are very close and also similar in pattern as most of the planets are elevated. There are some very strong links: The Sun/Moon conjunction in Pope John Paul's Chart conjunct the Midheaven in that of the Vatican. From other research I have done, various figure-heads have their Sun or Moon close to the Midheaven of their country.

Other major aspects within 4° of orb are the following:

Pope John Paul

MC	conjunct
Sun/Moon	conjunct
Sun/Moon	conjunct
Sun/Moon	quincunx
Mercury	conjunct
Venus	square
Mars	quincunx
Mars	trine
Jupiter	trine
Jupiter	conjunct
Saturn	conjunct
Saturn	trine
Uranus	opposite
Neptune	trine
Pluto	square
Ascendant	conjunct
North Node	opposite

Vatican

MC
Jupiter
Neptune
Saturn
Node
Mars
Nth.Node
Mercury
Uranus
Mars
Asc.& P/Fort.
Venus
Asc.& P/Fort.
Uranus
Uranus
Asc.
Nth.Node

Taking a wider orb, there are many more

aspects, plus the minors. Judging from the above, with six major close conjunctions between the Charts it does create a powerful interplay.

The Pope's Saturn conjuncting his Ascendant makes him able to assume the role of responsibility, and on the Vatican Ascendant would suggest his authoritative position there, but he could be considered a bit too traditional and serious-minded.

The Sun/Moon conjunction on the Pope's own Midheaven does denote importance. Mercury also close to the MC gives him the speaking qualities. Of course, he is not speaking his own tongue, which does limit his ability.

This year he has some important Transits coming very soon. Transiting Pluto will be opposite his Sun for the second time at the end of April, and the third time on 1st November. This Transit will be opposite that Solar Eclipse at his birth. Also if one takes the midpoint of the Sun/Moon at 28°22' Taurus, Pluto will oppose this at the end of November. I have found with close conjunctions that the midpoints are often more vulnerable than the actual conjunctions of the planets either side. Pluto relates to separations and, of course, transformation, so he will be separated from the Vatican by a journey, or even in hospital. He may not be well, particularly as the Sun relates to the health in a male chart.

Transiting Saturn is creating a bit of a havoc as it conjuncts his Uranus, opposes his Ascendant and *Fortuna*, as well as the Ascendant of the Vatican, and trines his Natal Pluto in March. Apart from the extra responsibility one gets with strong Saturn aspects it relates to the end of things.

In the Chart of the Vatican Pluto opposes Jupiter and squares Neptune on 12th December 1994. The Pope would be represented by Jupiter as well as the Sun in the Vatican Chart, as Jupiter relates to the highest dignitary in a country's Chart. (In Australia it's the Governor-General). Consequently all these aspects seem to point to a new Pope.

The Total Solar Eclipse in November on 10°54' Scorpio squares the Neptune/Jupiter midpoint in the Pope's Chart, and makes a quincunx to Uranus in the 8th House of the Vatican. Then the Lunar Eclipse on the 18th November falls right on the Pope's Midheaven.

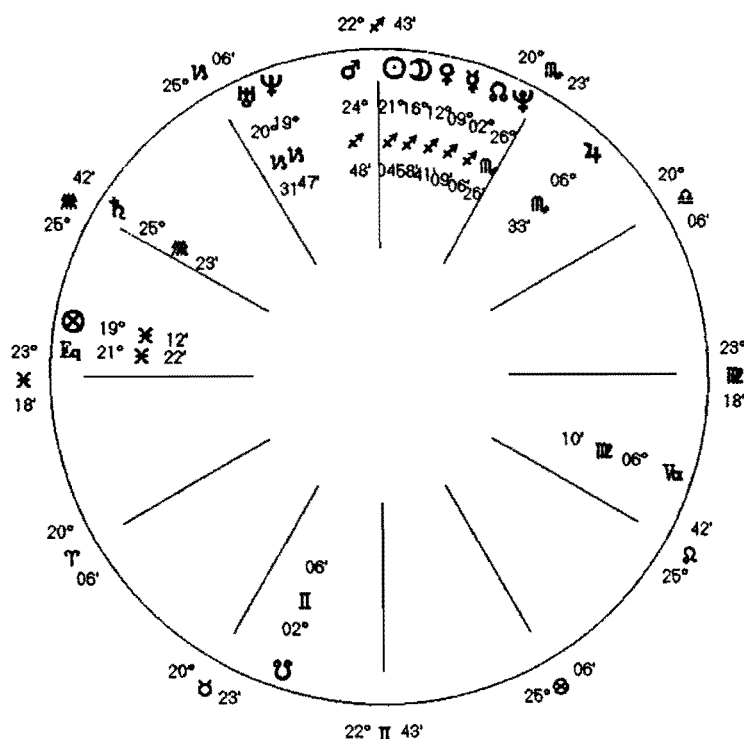
So I would venture to say that if the Pope survives the Papacy through those earlier aspects he would probably retire at the end of the year.

A Horary Question by Ricky Corcilus (NSW)

A friend was telling me a story about an influential man who owned a painting which he thought might be by a Flemish artist of the 17th Century named Jordaens. This man had the painting X-rayed, and various other experts had examined it and dated the frame. He then sent a large pile of documentation to Sotheby's in London, hoping they would be able to authenticate it. Upon hearing this story, I asked the question, *Is this painting a real Jordaens?* I found out that it had been painted in 1640, and was a bucolic, arcadian scene of a goatherd and shepherdess. Jordaens himself lived from 1593 until 1678. This is the Chart:

Horary: Jordaen Painting

13th December 1993, 1pm DST, Katoomba, NSW
33°42'S, 150°18'E. Placidian Cusps.



The owner is signified by the Pisces Ascendant, and the painting is described by the 5th House and its Ruler, the Moon, which is in the 9th at 16° Sagittarius combust the Sun. One need look no further. It will not be validated. I later found out that Sotheby's decided the painting was not by Jordaens but by a student of his (after the school of Jordaens) and has more value than if it had been done by the master! The only explanation seems to be the owner's Ruler, Jupiter, located in the 8th House, and/or the Part of Fortune rising in Pisces.

Kind regards to all. - Dymock, 25 Jan.'94.

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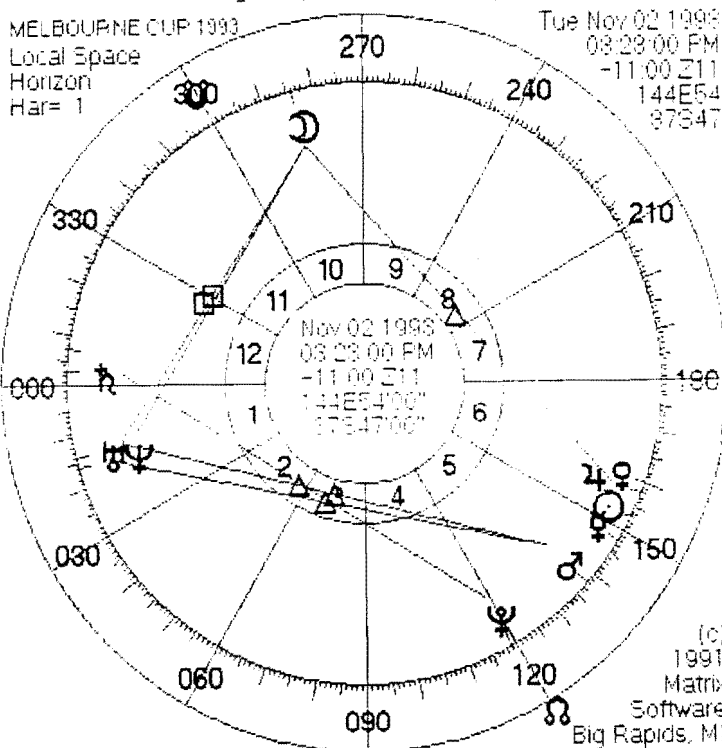
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Shortage of space prevented a comment in the last (double) Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* on the Melbourne Cup, run on 2nd November. The winner was VINTAGE CROP. As occurred in the previous year, the more revealing Horoscope was the HORIZON CHART, rather than the standard Ecliptic version. Here it is:

MELBOURNE CUP HORSE RACE HORIZON CHART

2nd November 1993, 3:23 pm AEDT
Flemington, Vic. 144E54, 37S47.



In the name VINTAGE CROP, the substantive part is CROP, and VINTAGE is a qualifying adjective. Crops are associated with the 6th House of a Chart, and here we see the congregation of the Sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Venus emphasizing this area of the Figure. Furthermore, the Moon, representing growth of crops (etc.), is in trine (the "Harvest" aspect) to both Venus and Jupiter - 124°16' and 126°45' respectively.

VINTAGE is of course a Saturnian adjective, Saturn being representative of maturity, the elderly and old. Saturn is powerfully placed

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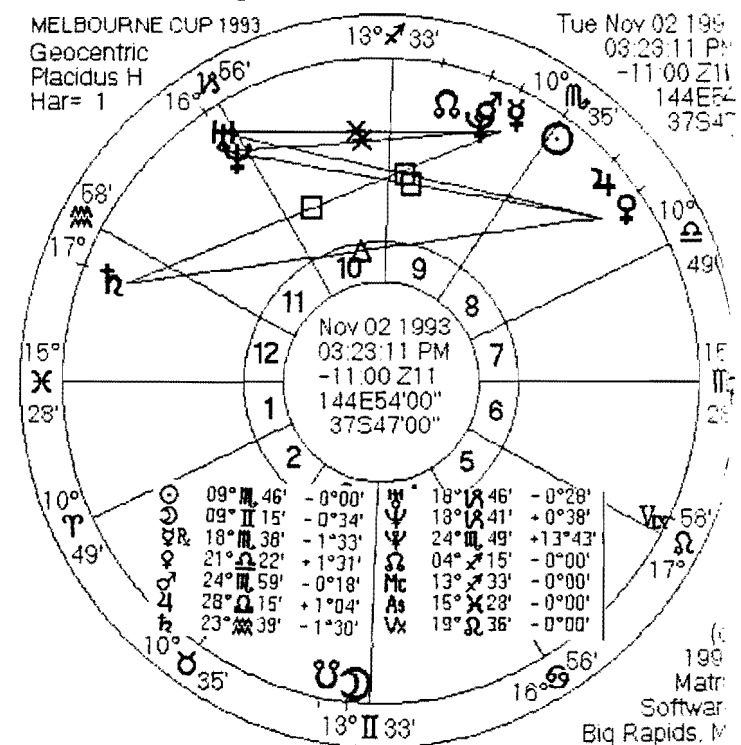
at the Cardinal East point of the Horizon, so exerting a strong influence at the time of the race. The only other Angular body is the Moon, which is playing its part too, as already mentioned.

Putting the two major factors together, it is not hard to see that VINTAGE CROP was a logical winner from the astrological point of view. It is much easier to see this in hindsight which, however, is a worthwhile exercise for the understanding it gives.

By contrast, it is hard to find suitable astrological correlations from the standard Ecliptic Chart:

MELBOURNE CUP HORSE RACE: ECLIPTIC VERSION

2nd November 1993, 3:23 pm AEDT
Flemington, Vic. 144E54, 37S47.



Readers who would like to exercise their

analytical skill on this Chart are welcome to do so. The results would be considered for publication.

MORE CONTROVERSIAL POINTS

from Laurence Ely, Dir. IN FOCUS PO Box 192,
Hadley, MA01035, U.S.A. Tel. 413-256-0303.

Solar and Lunar Progressions.

"In a 1982 article I discussed theoretical refinements to Secondary and Tertiary Progressions and how these refinements rendered progressions more accurate and precise so that timing from them gives consistency with timing from Transits. Secondary and Tertiary Progressions derive their names either from coming after Primary Directions in historical development or from being regarded as having lesser importance than them. Because I found that Primary Directions do not work (and therefore do not exist as an astrological force principle), I suggested that the ordinary terminology be dropped and that we rename Secondary Progressions to Solar Progressions, and Tertiary Progressions to Lunar Progressions. These new names are based on the planet that creates the cycle to which one refers when one makes the analogy between the day and the year (solar cycle) or the day and the month (lunar cycle). This direct and natural referencing is preferable to the old, ordinal terminology.

"Having predictive techniques that work is crucial if one expects to rectify correctly, because rectification is actually prediction. The important thrust of my article is that the rigorous and natural description of progressions that I set forth results in timing consistency between Solar and Lunar Progressions and Transits which one cannot get with the customary Secondary and Tertiary Progressions. The customary progressions contain two approximations which create fluctuating timing errors, sometimes reaching 12 days. This would be a 2' error in the rectified MC.

"With Solar progressions one can get accuracies of 10" = 1 day for the Sun or the inner planets. The accuracy and precision (consistency) of Solar Progressions and Solar Arc Directions based on them contributes to my ability to rectify Angles to 1" accuracy. They provide the MC to 10" and then from high harmonic charts I can get 1" or better. Switching from Secondary and Tertiary Progressions to Solar and Lunar Progressions is like going from darkness to light."

"...directional theories in Ecliptic Longitude do not work: These are the One-

Degree (one exact degree = one year), Naibod (59'8" average Sun speed = one year), and Simmonite (speed of natal Sun = one year) directions.

"A very powerful idea I use is the twelfth part of the Sign, or twelfth harmonic. The idea is that the first 2.5° of any Sign (from 0.0° to 2.5° of every Sign) is the Aries sub-Sign in tonality, the second 2.5° (from 2.5° to 5.0° of every Sign) is the Taurus sub-Sign in tonality, etc. Starting each Sign with a sub-Sign the same as that Sign is confused, as seen in the Hindu dwadasama. Knowledge of the correct theory of sub-Signs greatly helps one centre in on the correct area of a Sign in rectification, and adds interpretative depth in chart readings."

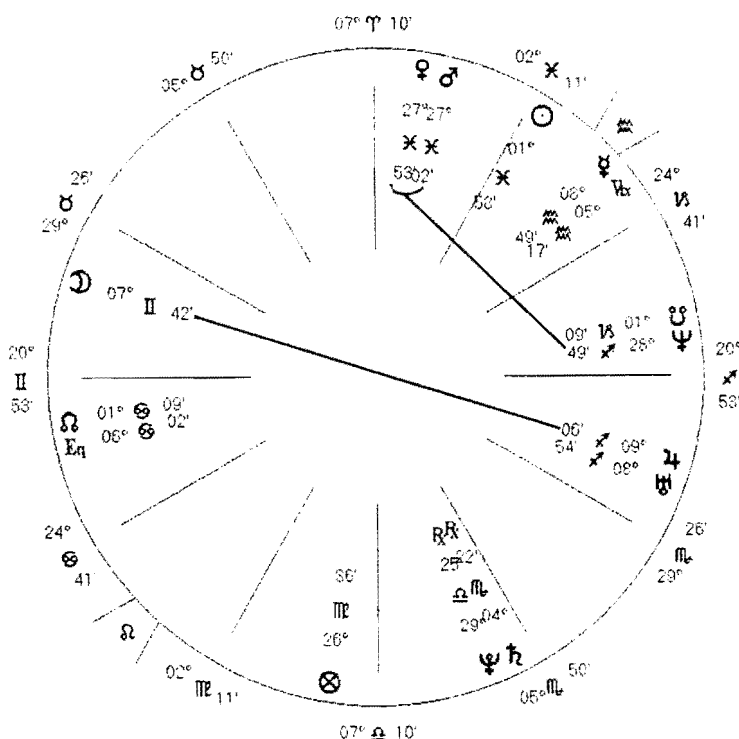
Well those are the views of Laurence Ely, which must surely produce some comment, especially the statement, "Primary Directions do not work"! I should be pleased to learn of the research and experience of other workers in this field.

- Dymock.

The Horary Charts from my recent practice that appeared in the last Issue have aroused considerable interest. Readers are invited to submit charts from their own experience. Meantime, here is another question that I answered for a client ten years ago:

HORARY CHART

QUESTION: What are the prospects regarding my partnership with X?"



ANSWER: "The Chart is clearly unfavourable as

regards the partnership prospects. The planet Neptune in the House of Partnership is adverse to begin with, and the effects are compounded by the 'square' aspects from Mars and Venus. Mars rules the House of Business, and Venus the House of Outcomes and Endings, and of Sorrows and Bondage. The combination means that the partnership will suffer from endless misunderstandings, confusion and losses, not to say disappointments. Failures will arise through absence of plans or through lack of energy, and perhaps a dislike of work.

"Your partner's Significator, Jupiter, occupies his Derived 12th House, opposite your Co-Significator, the Moon, in your 12th House. This is absolutely incompatible with a successful business relationship, however well you may relate on other levels. Your partner's Significator being conjunct the planet Uranus and opposite the Moon signifies that he is subject to nervous strain and is apt to act in a most erratic fashion. His eccentricities of conduct would be a most disturbing factor in your relationship.

"If any further confirmation were needed of the inadvisability of the partnership it is supplied by the 'T-Square' between the Moon, Jupiter/Uranus and the Sun. This implies a lack of harmony, and financial losses (as the Sun is Co-Ruler of the House of Money)."

[The partnership was dissolved soon after, though not before considerable losses had been sustained.]

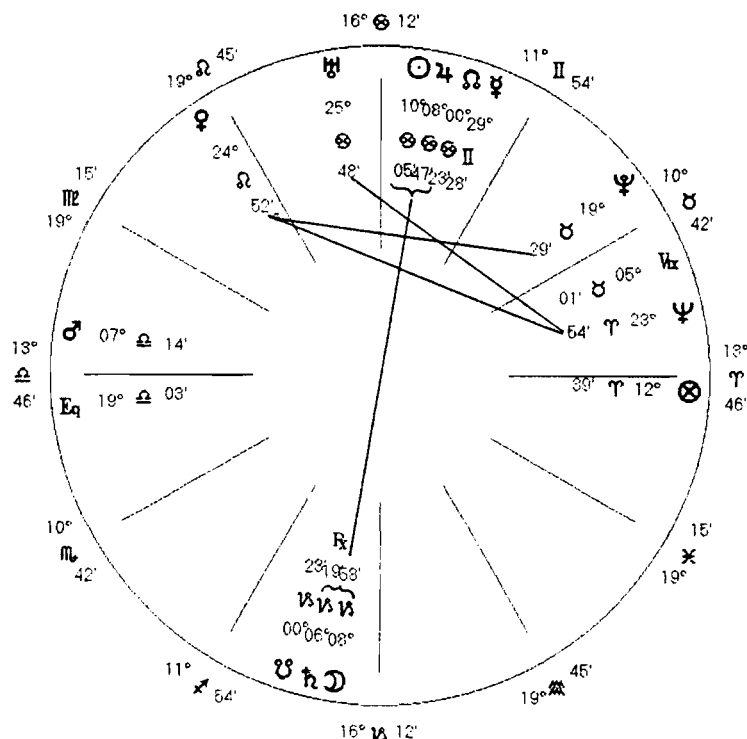
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THE ITALIAN CRISIS

Astrologers owe a debt of gratitude to Nicholas Campion for his monumental work, *The Book of World Horoscopes*. Never before have we seen such a comprehensive, carefully-researched and authoritative collection of National Charts. These thoughts sprang to mind, when I opened the book to inspect the National Chart for Italy, which has been having a tempestuous time following the disclosures of widespread corruption in political and business circles.

Campion gives three Charts for Italy, including one for the proclamation of the Republic in 1946. I expected this Chart to be the more important in relation to current events, but surprisingly, it appears to have little significance. On the other hand, the Chart for the entry of Victor Emmanuel into Rome in 1971 does reflect the current situation, and Campion writes that this Chart may, in fact, be taken as the basis for a National Horoscope.

KINGDOM OF ITALY ENTRY OF VICTOR EMMANUEL INTO ROME 2nd July 1871, 11:40:04 am GMT. 12°29'East, 41°54'North. Placidian Cusps.



The magisterial probings dubbed "Clean Hands" in Italy has resulted in charges of corruption being laid against more than 2000 politicians and businessmen so far, and several hundreds more are under investigation. The charges relate to the giving or receiving of bribes, association with the Mafia, and illegally using positions of power and influence for personal gain. Twelve of the accused have taken their own lives. Though "kick-backs" are considered almost a way of life in Italy, the general populace has been so angered by the disclosures that they overwhelmingly supported a referendum for political change that will alter the system of voting and reduce the opportunities for corruption.

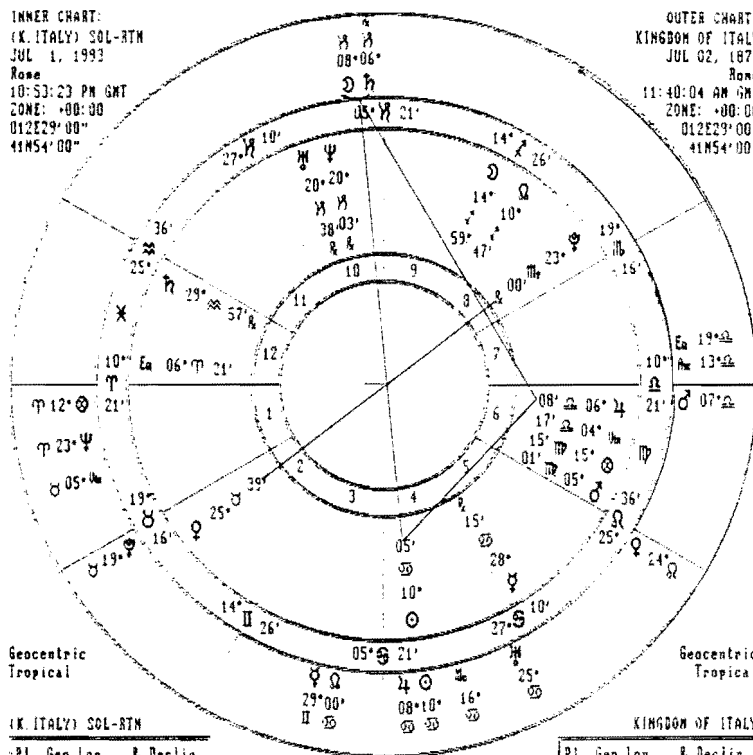
The Kingdom of Italy Chart above has Uranus in the Midheaven square to Neptune, showing the frequent changes of Government for which Italy is notorious. The opposition of Saturn and the Moon to Jupiter and the Sun indicates at least the tendency to corruption in high places. Venus ruling the Ascendant trine to Neptune and square to Pluto in the House of Other People's Money is also indicative of financial scandals.

The present situation is reflected in the Solar Return Chart of 1st July this year. Natal Saturn and the Moon at the Midheaven of the Chart opposing the Sun and in T-Square with Jupiter (ruling the 9th House - legal proceedings) shows the fall of the Government

KINGDOM OF ITALY: SOLAR RETURN 1ST JULY 1993

Rome, 10:53:23 pm GMT.

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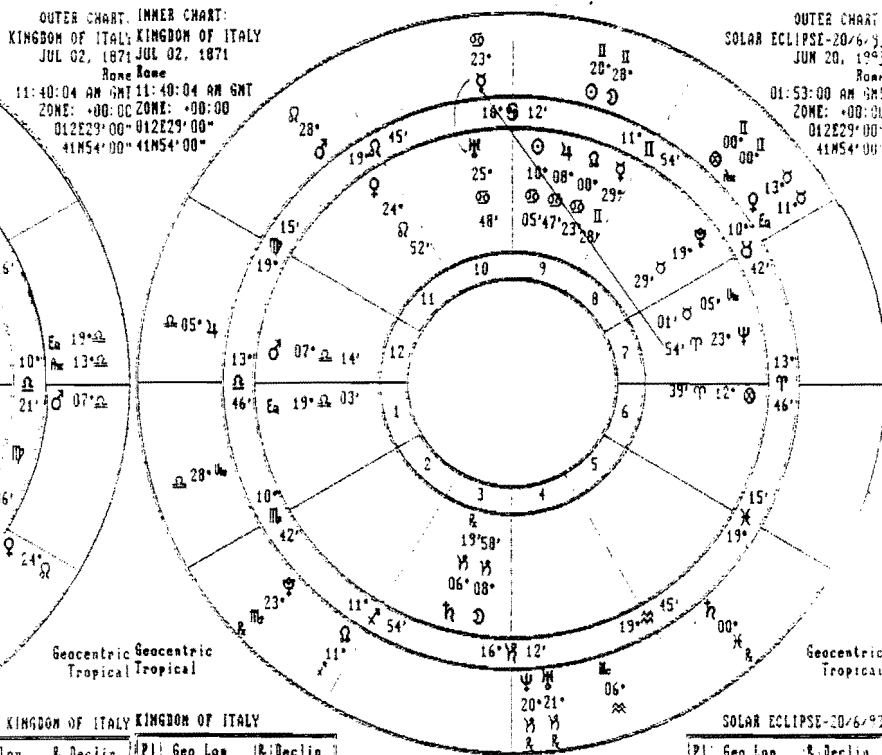


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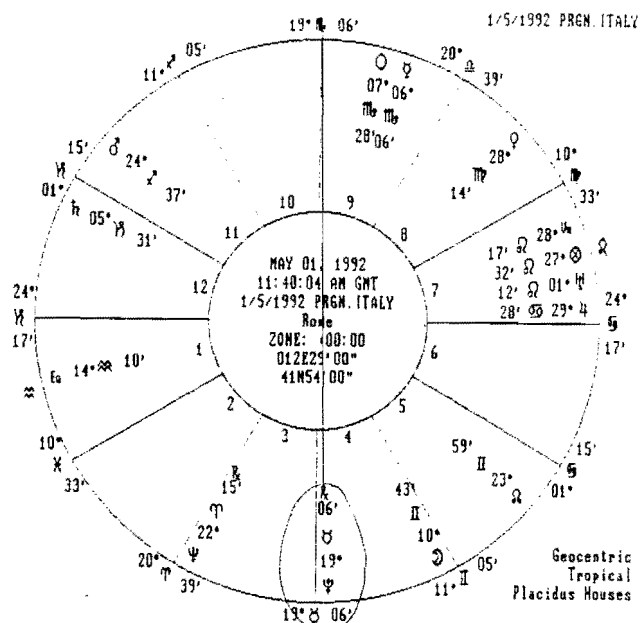
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and the weight of the law being brought to bear. The Moon on the Cusp of the 9th House in a Mutable Sign declares the multiplicity of legal proceedings. Pluto opposite Venus in the "Money House" indicates the judicial probing into financial affairs.

Further evidence of Italy's troubles is given by the Chart for the Solar Eclipse on 20th June. When this Chart is superimposed on that for the Kingdom of Italy, the most striking thing is the conjunction of Mercury with Radical Uranus in the Midheaven, and its very close square to Radical Neptune - a prime indication of shock and scandal.

The boil-over in Italy started in 1992, and the Progressed Chart for 1st May of that year is shown below. The Progressed Midheaven is precisely opposite Pluto, The Destroyer, which exactly describes the political turmoil and re-organization. The Midheaven here is Progressed in the standard way by Sidereal Time increment. If we Progress it by Solar-Arc, as recommended by Laurence Ely (page 8, last Issue) the Midheaven is at 13°34' Scorpio - nowhere near the opposition to Pluto. To my mind this affirms the validity of the MC progressed by Sidereal Time.

PROGRESSED CHART 1ST MAY 1992
FOR KINGDOM OF ITALY
Midheaven Progressed by Sidereal Increment.



Christmas is now upon us, and I wish all readers a happy, and safe, festive season. Have you thought of giving a subscription to *Astrologers' Forum* as a Christmas Present?

- Dymock, 11th December 1993.

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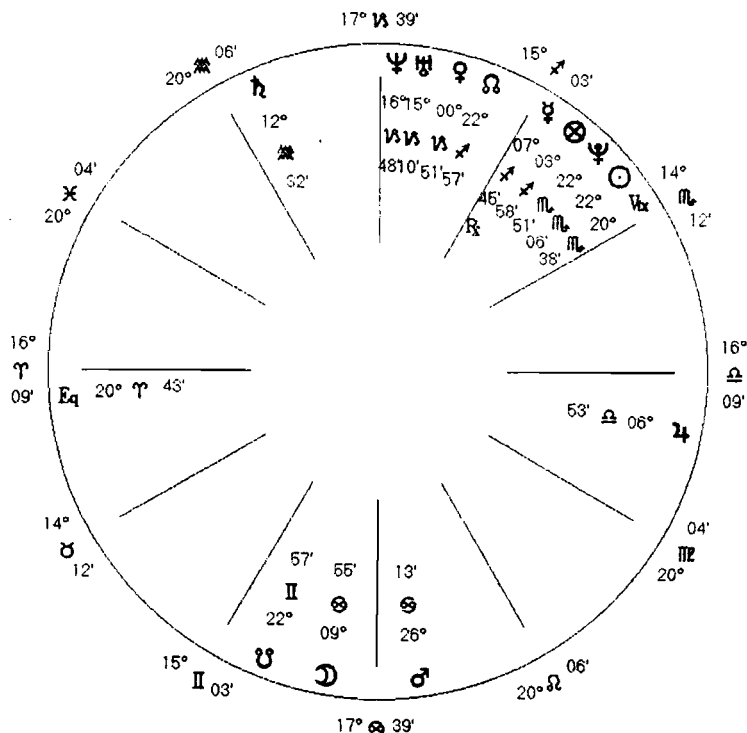
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

HORARY QUESTIONS

Robert De Luce said Horary Astrology is the most useful and practical branch of the art, and opportunities for its employment are forever presenting themselves. Here are some horary questions from recent practice:

Chart1: A woman asks, "What will be the outcome of my relationship with this man?"



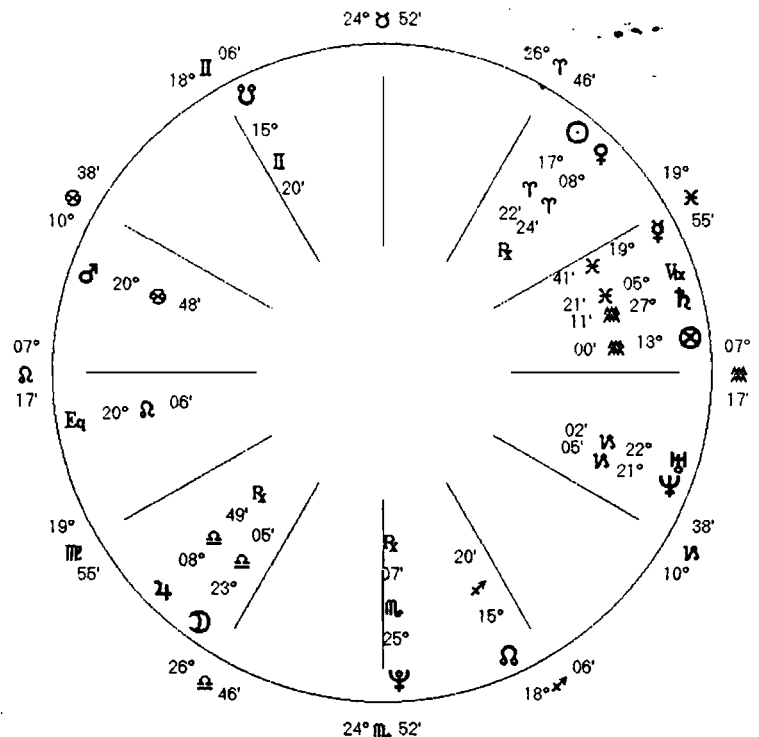
The Querent is signified by the Ruler of the Ascendant, Mars, and the Moon, both of which occupy the Sign Cancer - her Natal Ascendant. Her partner is signified by Venus, the Ruler of the 7th House. Venus is in the Exaltation (Capricorn) of Mars, and Mars is in the Term of Venus (20°-27° Cancer). This is a minor sort of Mutual Reception, and has some binding effect but not of great depth. There is a link, but it is not strong enough to overcome the opposition of the Moon to Venus, Uranus and Neptune. The Moon separating from the opposition of Venus, the man's Significator, shows a rift has already developed in the relationship, and the

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applying opposition to disruptive Uranus and Neptune (The Dissolver) portends an early end to the affair. And this is what duly happened.

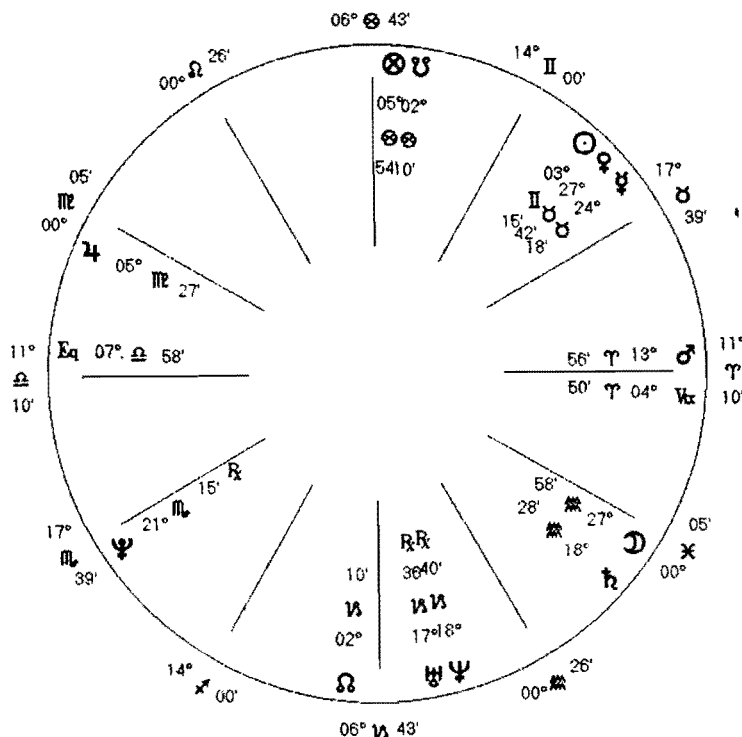
Chart 2: Is it time to die?



The unfortunate Querent was suffering from cancer and felt that her end was approaching. Her question was apparently prompted by the thought that by striving to live she was only prolonging a useless and painful struggle. The answer is clear from the Chart: The Querent is signified by the Sun, Ruling the

Ascendant, and the Moon, which are opposing each other. The Sun occupies the House of Death, and is squared by Mars (ruling the terminal 4th House), Uranus and Neptune. These five celestial bodies (Sun, Moon, Mars, Uranus and Neptune) form a Cardinal Cross. Pluto, the Destroyer, is right on the Cusp of the 4th House, and is linked by trine to the Horary Ruler of the 4th, Mars. The stage was set, and the end came just $7\frac{1}{2}$ weeks after the question was asked. The Sun is a little more than $7\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ from the quincunx of Pluto, where it stands balefully at the terminus. As the Sun occupies a Cardinal Sign and a Succedent House, degrees here correspond to weeks - and the reckoning was very close.

Chart 3: What will be the outcome in my present difficult relationship?



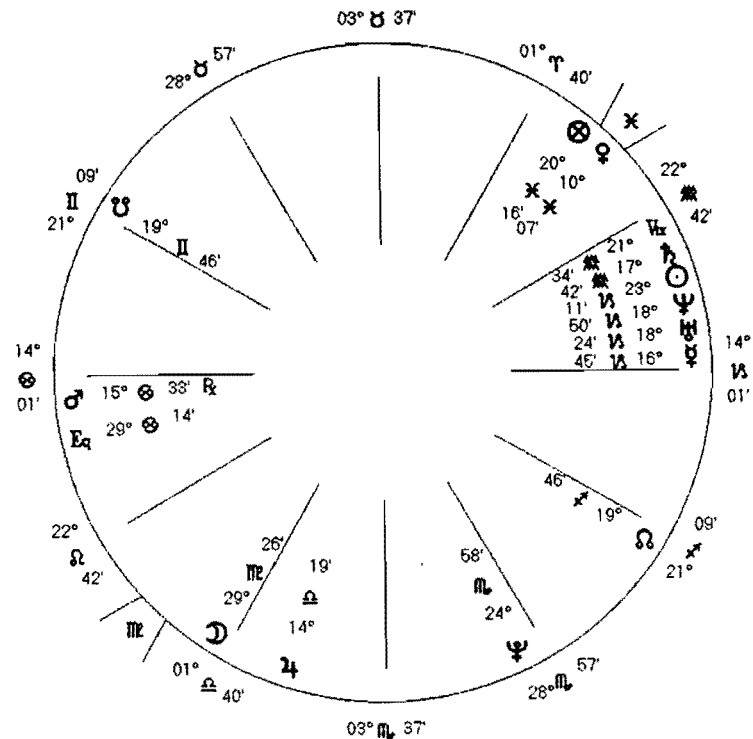
The querent, a woman, is in a difficult situation with an erratic, non-working male. The Moon being void-of-course gives an immediate hint that the relationship has no future. The Moon is also Co-Significator of the Querent, the other Significator being Venus, Ruler of the Ascendant. The Moon in the 6th House, and ruling the 10th, identifies with the Querent who was developing a business by working and manufacturing in the home. The squares to Pluto in the 2nd and Venus in the 8th show the financial difficulties she is encountering.

The partner is signified by Mars in and ruling the 7th House. The squares to Mars from Uranus and Neptune show him to be not

only erratic but also having psychotic tendencies.

The only connection between the Significators of the Querent and those of the Quesited are semisquares from Mars to the Moon and Venus, which is certainly not enough to keep the partnership together. In fact, it augurs strife. This as well as the void-of-course Moon shows the relationship will break up, which it did very soon after, and hasn't been resumed.

Chart 4: Should I employ this person in my business?



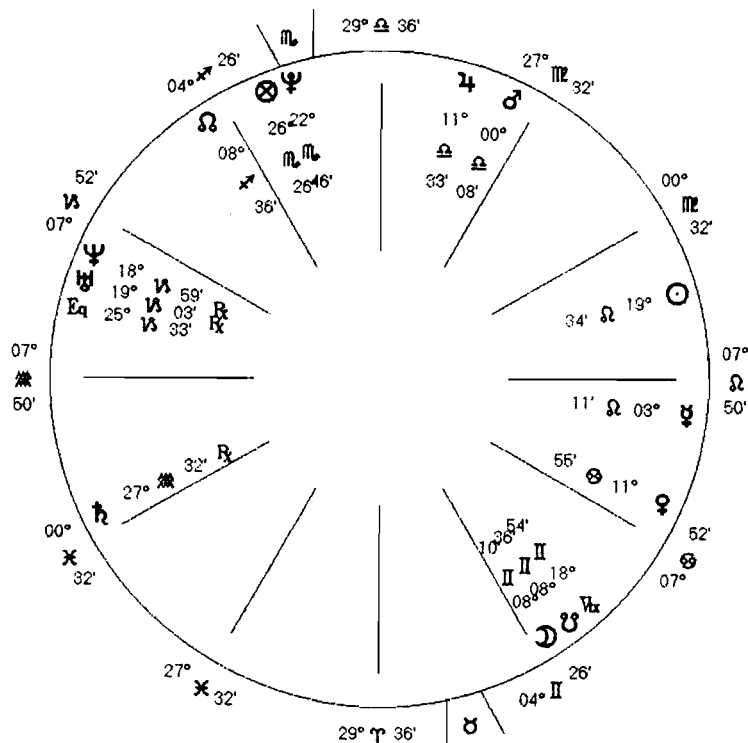
The Querent is represented by the Moon ruling the 1st House, and Mars on the Cusp of the 1st. The Quesited is represented by Mercury on the Cusp of the 7th, and Saturn, ruling the 7th. Mars and Mercury being closely opposed to one another is a sufficient indication on its own that employing the Quesited would be a huge mistake, leading to antagonism and wrangling. Additionally, however, as the Moon is void-of-course, there would be no future in the arrangement.

The employment did take place, lasted a very short time, and broke up in dissension.

Chart 5: Will Australia get the Olympic Games in the year 2000?

It is now history that Australia did gain the right to stage the Olympic Games in the year 2000, but it was still a matter of

HORARY CHART: 12th August 1993, 4:26pm.
150°18'E, 33°38'S. Placidian Cusps.



excited speculation on 12th August when the question was put to me by a subscriber to *Astrologers' Forum*. The above Chart was calculated for the time of the question.

As the Chart relates to a matter of National interest, the particular querent (the person who enquired) is not represented in it, and the two sides of the Figure, Eastern and Western, may be taken to denote Australia (Ascendant) and the other countries in a group, (Descendant). The question was not which of the five contenders will win selection, but specifically, will Australia win?

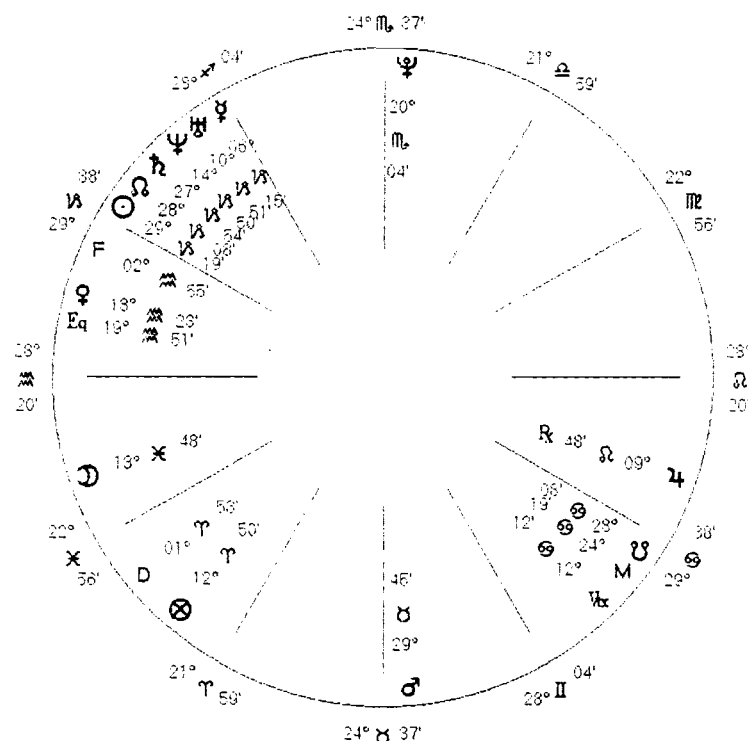
Aquarius rises, so the Significators of Australia are Saturn and the Moon. In this case, the Moon is obviously the more important Significator as it is on the Cusp of the 5th House, which of course signifies the Games. The beautiful trine to Jupiter elevated in the 9th House settles the matter out of hand - a win for Australia. Jupiter rules the 11th House, which signifies the International Olympic Committee, who made the selection, and the 9th House relates to the overseas setting (Monaco) where the decision was made and announced.

As for the rival group of cities, they are represented by the Sun, ruling the 7th House, and their chances were killed by the opposition of Saturn and the square of Pluto. Their bid, however, was strong as the Sun is powerful through occupying its own Sign.

- Dymock.

FATAL JOURNEY

20th January 1991, Guilford, NSW.
150°59'E, 33°51'S. Placidian Cusps.

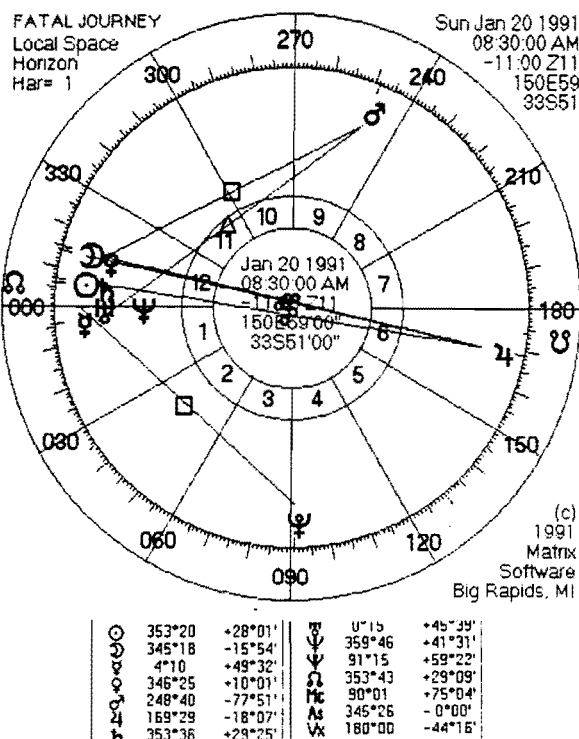


This is the Chart for the commencement in January 1991 of Simone Schmidl's ill-fated attempt to hitch-hike to Melbourne from the Sydney suburb, Guildford. She left at 8:30 in the morning, and was never seen again. Skeletal remains found recently in the Belanglo State Forest in Southern NSW have now been identified as those of Simone, the fifth murder victim found in the area.

The Chart is just about as bad as it could be for a lone woman undertaking such a risky journey. The Sun, The Life-Giver, is exactly on the 12th Cusp ("Self-Undoing") in close conjunction with malefic Saturn - which presages a *denial* of life. Saturn rules the 12th, and by tradition is ruler of the Ascendant also in this Chart. The trine from Mars to both the Sun and Saturn signifies personal injury, the Martian influence being augmented by its Angular position close to the 4th Cusp (end of life). Venus in the 12th in close square to Pluto indicates the danger of rape.

In the Horizon Chart below the same Radical data are used but the planets are referred to the plane of the Horizon instead of the Ecliptic. This Chart also depicts a highly dangerous situation: The Ascendant, signifying the person's health and wellbeing, is assailed by no less than four malefic planets - Saturn, Uranus and Neptune by conjunction, and Pluto by square. Mars adds its quota of menace by being square to the Moon and Venus.

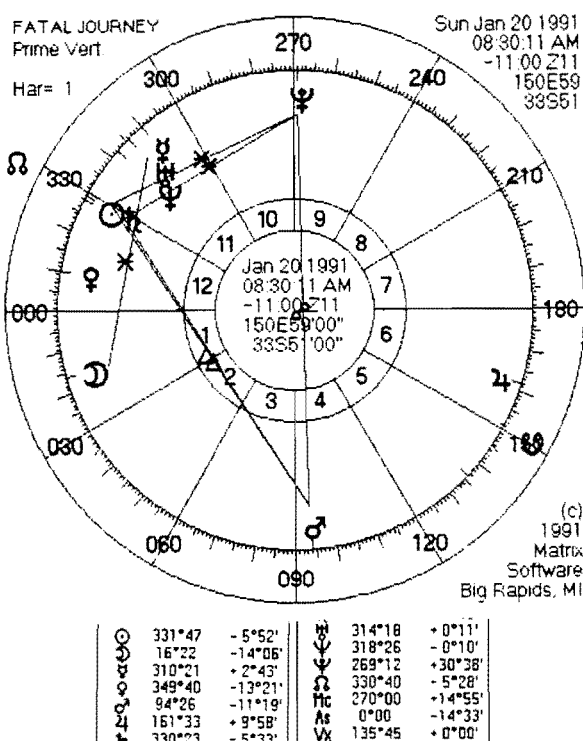
FATAL JOURNEY: HORIZON CHART



Again, the Sun and Saturn are conjunct, even closer than in the Ecliptic Chart (0°16').

As a matter of interest I include also a third Local Space Chart, with equally adverse implications. It is the Prime Vertical Horoscope, where the planets' positions are referred to the plane of the Prime Vertical.

FATAL JOURNEY: PRIME VERTICAL CHART



Again, the Sun conjoins Saturn on the 12th Cusp, but the most striking feature is the

highly perilous opposition of Pluto to Mars on the 10th/4th axis, a combination associated with rape and murder.

The three Charts show that the unfortunate victim, setting out at that particular hour, had little chance of survival. - Dymock.

From NICK SUTHERLAND (USA):

Thank you for publishing your series of rectification exercises. Using some of the techniques developed by Dr. Jack Nicholls and Ross Harvey, I was one of two people to come within a half-hour of the birth time in Rectification Contest #2 published by Ken Gillman in *Considerations VIII*, No.3. Diane Cramer, the other winner, used a Cosmobiology technique developed by Henry Neimann and described in his book *Rectification: Known and Unknown Birth Times*. This technique might be of interest to some of your readers:

1. Use a 45° chart. This makes it easy to spot event-causing hard aspects in the 45° series (0, 45, 90, 135, 180, 225, 270, 315, 360) because they appear as conjunctions.
2. Calculate the 0h and 24h Moon positions at birth, and enter them on the 45° chart.
3. Calculate the 12h Jupiter position and enter it on the 45° chart. Jupiter has less motion per day than Venus.
4. Find a joyous event that could be symbolized by a Moon-Jupiter or Jupiter-Moon contact.
5. Determine the True Solar Arc (TSA) for the event.
6. Both add and subtract the TSA from the 12h Jupiter position, and enter these two positions on the 45° chart. These two positions indicate where the Natal Moon would have to be for a Jupiter/Moon contact (JUC).
7. Calculate the time.

To convert planetary positions to the 45° format, simply express them as a 360° position and subtract 45° or the appropriate multiple. For example:

12h Jup. 2°14'Vir.= 152°14' - 135 = 17°14'.
 0h Moon 15°46'Sag.= 255°46' - 225 = 30°46'.
 12h Moo 27°41'Sag.= 267°41' - 225 = 42°41'

Diane Cramer selected the birth of the first daughter as a joyous event. The TSA for this event was 27°53'.

12h Jup 17°14'+ TSA 27°53' = 45°07' - 45°
 = Jupiter direct 0°07'.
 12h Jup 17°14'- TSA 27°53' = -10°39' + 45°
 = Jup.converse 34°21'.

(Note: Add or subtract 45° as necessary to stay in the 0 - 45° range.)

The Jupiter converse position falls in the

Moon's Oh - 24h range, which indicates a Moon-Jupiter contact. In other words, a Natal Moon at the Jupiter converse position plus a TSA of 27°53' will contact Natal Jupiter.

Trial Moon 34°21' - Oh-Moon 30°46' = 3°35'.
Divided by 24h motion (11°55') = 0:18:2.52.
Multiplied by 24h = 7:13 am, which is within 21 minutes of the given birth time (6:52 am).

Neimann then uses other events with their Solar-Arc and Transit positions to fine-tune the Midheaven and Ascendant.

The problem with this technique is obvious. Joyous events can be indicated by contacts other than Moon - Jupiter or Jupiter - Moon.

H.R.H. THE QUEEN MOTHER by Leslie Black

So far as known, a correct horoscope of the Queen Mother has not been put forward, as the place and time of birth were not known, even to the Queen Mother herself! But reliable information from royal biographers recently has now provided a working basis.

Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, ninth child and daughter of Claude George Bowes-Lyon, 14th Earl of Strathmore, and Nina Cavendish-Bentinck, was born on a Bank LHoliday, Saturday, 4th August 1900.

It is now known that at the time of the Queen Mother's birth her parents had a city residence at 20 St James Square, London, and a country one in Hertfordshire, at St Pauls Walden Bury, Welwyn. But it was on the father's inheritance of the Earldom of Strathmore and Glamis Castle in 1904, when young Elizabeth was aged four, that a lease was taken out on 20 St James Square. So this discounts the rumour that the Queen Mother was born in Scotland, although she has always considered herself Scottish, and the Scots have duly claimed her as their own.

There is only a slight difference between the geographical coordinates of both English residences, and London seems to be the one most favoured by the researchers.

The appended Chart is cast for 11:21am, a time rectified by the four main events of her life with their appropriate Directions. The time is supported by the Secondary measure, counting 23 days after birth for marriage, which shows Progressed Venus trine to the Radical Moon, suggesting the time of birth would be a little before noon.

Lady Elizabeth, a commoner, married the Duke of York on the 26th April 1937 at Westminster Abbey, becoming the Duchess of

York, the Naibod Arc being 22°24'. The Directions formed for this event were Prog. Venus conjunct M.C, Prog.Ascendant trine Venus, and Prog. Neptune trine the Moon.

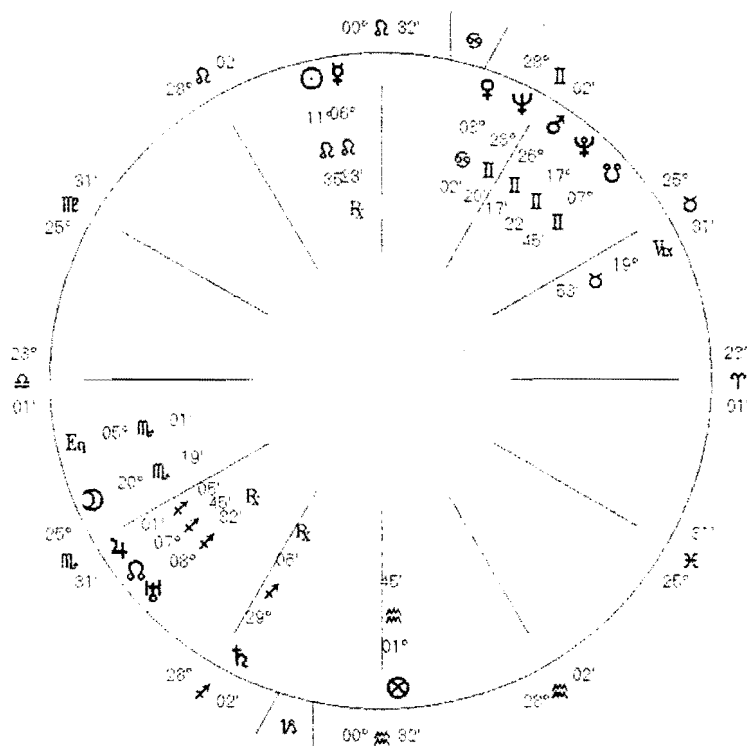
On the abdication of King Edward VIII on 10th December 1936, Lady Elizabeth became Queen Consort to her husband, who then became King George VI. The Naibod Arc for this event was 35°50', which formed the Directions of Prog. Moon opposite Mars and Prog.Jupiter sextile the North Node.

At the Coronation, which took place on 12th May 1937, the Naibod Arc of 36°14' gave the Direction of Prog. Jupiter sextile Uranus.

On the death of King George VI, 6th February 1952, the Naibod arc was 50°56', giving Directions Prog. Saturn conjunct the Moon, Prog. Neptune square the Moon, and Prog. Moon quincunx the Sun.

H.R.H. THE QUEEN MOTHER

4th August 1900. 51°32'N, 0°5'W. Porphyry Cusps. Leslie Black's rectified time 11:21am.



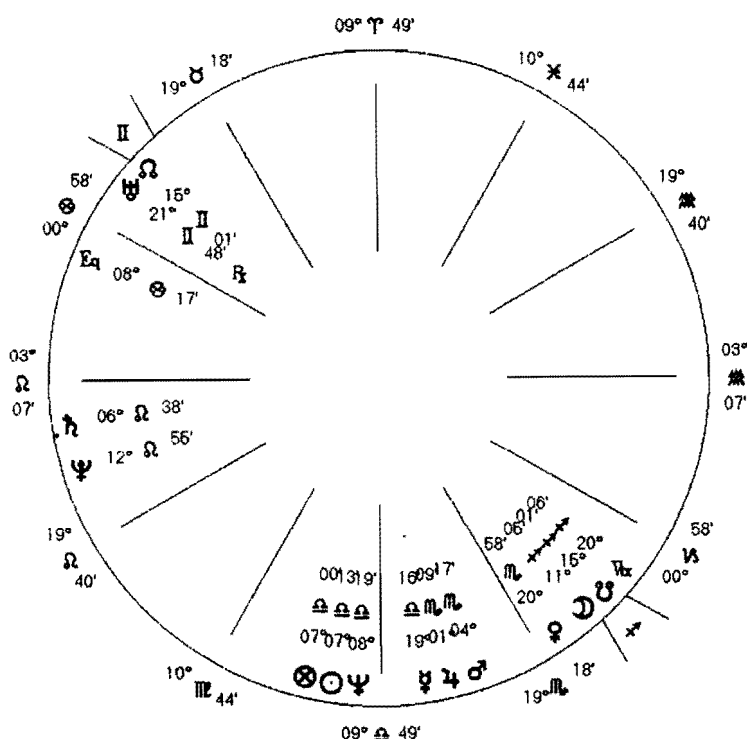
The Horoscope is truly a regal one with the Sun elevated in royal Leo in parallel with her Ruler, Venus. Mercury culminating and being the Hour Ruler is in trine to royal Jupiter, Uranus, and the North Node - "Queen-ship in the process of being decreed by the stars.

The Gemini decanate rising brings the sub-influence of both Mercury and Venus into the Ascendant, so all they represent would have a considerable influence upon the life. They give intellectual stability, a keen appreciation of beauty, a desire to serve the common good, gracious charm of manner and

gentle solicitude shown to everyone irrespective of class or station. The Libran poise and dignity, which is a natural attribute, immense adaptability (six planets in Mutable) and (her greatest asset) the ability to get on easily with others, endear her to the hearts of all her subjects.

JOAN ERIKSEN (NSW) has sent me data concerning the birth and death of a man who died in a fire in 1984. The cause of death was asphyxiation. Here is the Birth Chart:

1st October 1946, London, 0°6'W, 51°31'N
Placidian Cusps.

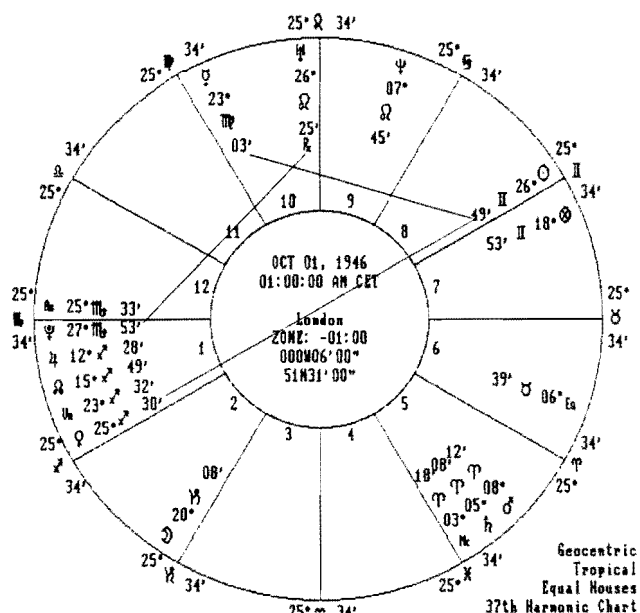


The danger from fire is fairly obvious: Mars conjunct Jupiter in Scorpio in the terminal 4th House, both square to Saturn at the Ascendant. Additionally there are some malefic Fixed Star influences: The Moon conjunct Rastaban, with the combined nature of Saturn/Mars/Jupiter, exactly the three planets posing the threat in his Birth Chart! Venus, ruling the "End-of-Life" House is conjunct Alpha Serpentis, also a Saturn/Mars combination.

The 37th Harmonic Chart, covering the date of the death, is very clear in its implications:

One is immediately struck with the position of Pluto, The Destroyer, right on the Ascendant, and square to Uranus at the Midheaven. Uranus rules the terminal 4th House. The Sun is on the Cusp of the House of Death, square Mercury ruling the same House,

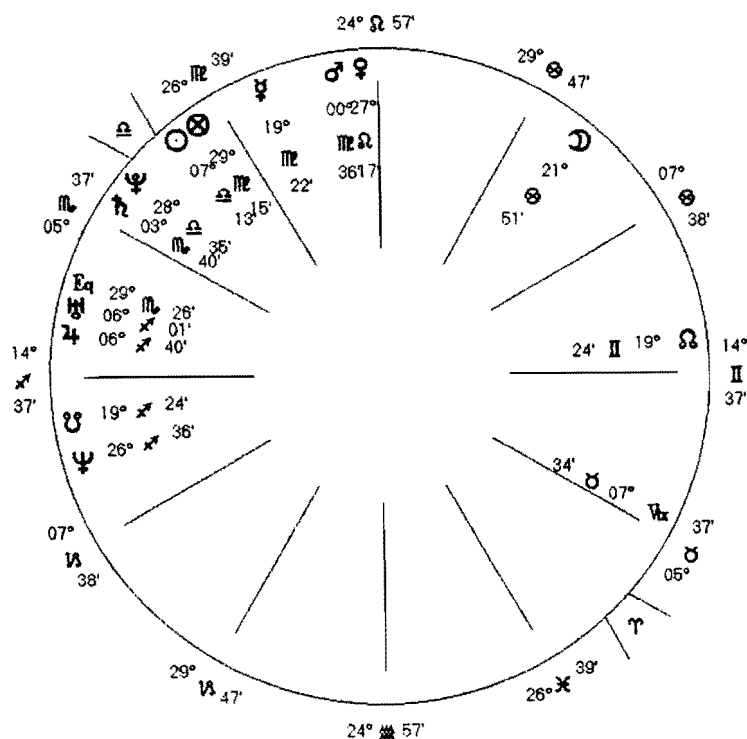
FIRE DEATH: AGE HARMONIC 37



♌♌♌ 1°50'a ♏♏♏ 1°19's
♊♊♊ 2°20'a ♊♊♊ 1°28's

opposite the Vertex (fateful occurrences), and Venus, ruling the unfortunate 12th House. Natal Uranus is also conjunct the Age-Harmonic Sun in the 8th House. Scorpio on the Ascendant draws attention to the 8th House and its possibilities of a fatality, amply borne out by the planetary configurations.

FIRE DEATH: SOLAR RETURN 1st October 1983 Place of Residence: 150°33'E, 33°42'S

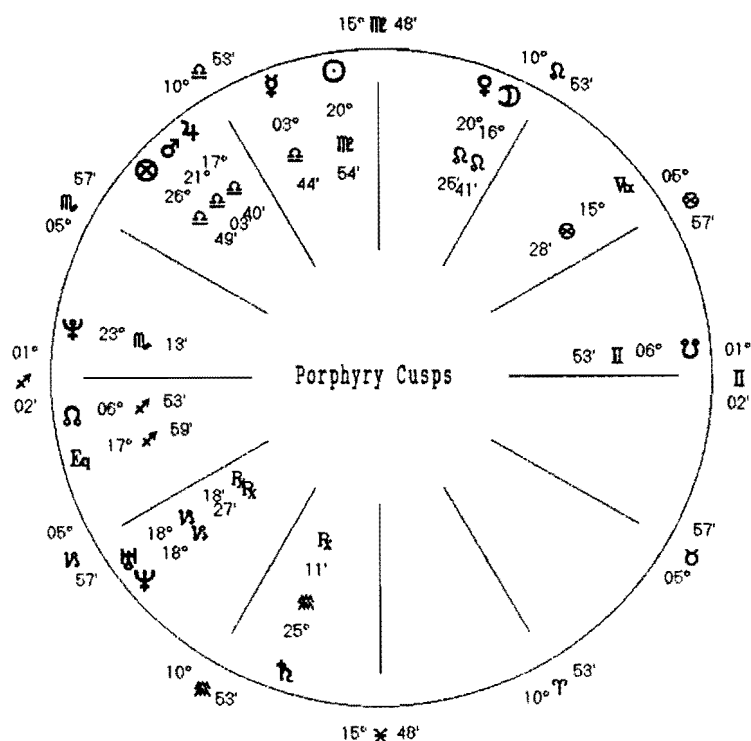


Curiously, the Solar Return Chart above gives little hint of the impending fatality. There is one significant contact with the Birth Horoscope (Saturn conjunct Mars - the two being in square at the birth). The Chart is set for the place of residence, but it is no more indicative when cast for the place of birth.

This is a caution to look beyond a single Cyclic Chart when prognosticating.

Saturn was transitting square to Natal Pluto on the 5th of May, nine days before the fire. The event was timed accurately by the Progressed Moon/Mars midpoint sextile Natal Moon on 14th May.

THE ISRAEL-PLO PEACE ACCORD by Leslie Black.



The Peace Accord signed in the White House garden at Washington on Monday, September 13, 1993, was more a set of principles than a formal Treaty. It called for a five-year phase of limited self-rule in the Occupied Territories, beginning with Gaza and Jericho on the West Bank. It was a sombre ceremony, lacking flags and anthems, as the world looked on to witness this historic moment for Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to call for an end to decades of bloodshed in the Middle East. At precisely 11:45 EST, with the signatures drying on the page, Mr. Yasser Arafat, PLO Chairman, thrust his hand towards his bitter enemy, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israel Prime Minister and military mastermind of the 1967 War.

In his address Mr. Rabin said Jews around

the world were watching the event in Washington with great hope mixed with apprehension. He quoted the Bible, Ecclesiastes 3, 1-6: "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under the Heaven...", adding a personal rider, "a time for war and a time for peace". Mr Rabin also used his address to re-affirm Israel's claim to the ancient and eternal Capital of the Jewish people, Jerusalem.

Mr. Arafat speaking in Arabic said, "My people hope that this agreement which we are signing today marks the beginning of the end of a chapter of pain and suffering which has lasted throughout this Century". But much remains to bring round the opposition to Mr. Arafat from within the Palestine movement. Jordan is worried about the effects of autonomy on its own Palestinian population. Syria, as usual, is playing a waiting game. Meanwhile, radical Islamists, largely financed by Iran, are keeping up the momentum of killing Jews since the signing of the Accord, and are hell-bent on pulling the fragile structure down.

Mundanelly, the United Arab Republic as a unit comes under the Zodiacal Sign of Libra. Jerusalem is under Virgo. So what does the Figure of the Heavens show in terms of "Peace" becoming a possibility for the moment of the signatures of the plenipotentiaries being appended to the Accord? In the first instance, although the U.T. was 4:45pm for the signing, it was 11:37am local time. So, according to Llewellyn George's Planetary hours, Venus, planet of peace, ruled the hour at Washington's latitude.

The Chart shows Virgo 15°48' on the Midheaven, with Sagittarius 1°33' ascending. The Sun is in Virgo 20°54', culminating in the M.C., well-aspected, and by virtue of its position and power, becoming the Ruler of the scheme. The Moon is in the Ninth House conjoined with Venus, both sextiling Jupiter and Mars, while Mercury in the Eleventh throws a double sextile to the North Node and Ascendant. The Sun and the North Node are the only Significators that are Angular. It is a sign that energies will be directed towards success and accomplishment. Five planets in the Cardinal Signs provide ample scope for branching out, pioneering new enterprises and seeking new paths for future development. Four planets in Fixed Signs shows much determination, fixity of purpose, and the ability to handle difficult details that arise. To be able to adapt to changing circumstances and be at the forefront of affairs is indicated by one planet and all Angles in the Mutables.

It can be judged therefore, that the

Agreement will be fully implemented with much activity, daring and fixity of purpose, coupled with determination in adapting a means to an end. Four planets in the Airy Signs shows events to move largely on the intellectual plane, with sound judgement being in evidence, and practical considerations playing an important part in decision-making, as seen by three planets in the Earthy Signs. Two planets in Fiery Signs shows much zeal and enthusiasm.

The fact that the four Angles of the Figure are occupied by Common Signs is in keeping with the agreement being an Accord and not a Treaty, which would require a more fixed and stable orientation for success. But there is a five-year interim before the Accord can be judged finally as to the probable duration of peace in the Middle East.

In five years time Secondary Progressions show M.C. conjunct the Sun, and the Ascendant conjunct the True Node (6°7' Sagittarius) [Mean Node shown in the Figure - Ed.]. Taking everything into consideration, the Map is as good as if an Election of time had been prepared for it. The only impediment that exists is the inharmonious configuration of Venus's opposition to and contra-parallel with Saturn. This may not prove to be menacing, as the Sun disposes of Venus.

If peace is to have a chance at all, what better ambient could be wished for than Venus, planet of peace, ruling the very hour, conjoined with the Moon that rules the day, disposed by the Sun who rules supreme and in glory!

LAURENCE ELY, Director of *In Focus*, P.O. Box 192, Hadley, MA 01035 U.S.A. makes some interesting claims regarding astrological techniques. Readers might like to consider and comment on them in relation to their own experience. The information was sent to me by Nick Sutherland (USA). Here is the substance of what Laurence Ely says:

House Systems

There are four valid House systems - Alcabitius, Campanus, Koch and Meridian. The intermediate Cusps by these systems give appropriate events, feelings, and changes, and so they exist and are useful for interpretation, prediction, and rectification. The Placidian, Regiomontanus, Porphyry and Topocentric Cusps on the other hand do not give appropriate events, feelings, and changes, so Laurence thinks these systems do not exist in the sense of astrological efficacy. The so-called Equal Houses are not Houses because Houses must divide a circle

other than the Ecliptic, and project back onto the Ecliptic. The fact that Equal Houses work is due to a principle other than Houses. Using many House systems is valuable in rectification, because they give many check points (Cusps) for past feelings and changes, and can be especially helpful for inspecting relatively recent events or shifts in connection with Transits, Progressions, and Directions. Many times people do not have many events in their lives that they remember clearly as to the date and time, but they are often able to recall the dates and times of relatively recent events.

Progression

MC progressed by Solar-Arc, not by Sidereal Time. "One cannot rectify or predict if one calculates the Progressed MC by the change in Sidereal Time."

Using the Equatorial Ascendant is important because it allows one to avoid the error of taking a square to the MC, when it was a conjunction with the Equatorial Ascendant that was manifesting. The Vertex is important because it rapidly separates from the other three Angles when the Ascendant is near 0° Aries.

Zodiac, Lunar Node, Latitude of birth, planetary positions

The Tropical Zodiac is what operates on Earth, and is correct for geocentric Astrology.

The Mean Lunar Node is the "true" Node - not the so-called "True Node". The geographic latitude of birth, not the geocentric latitude of birth, is correct, and the geocentric, apparent planetary positions (not topocentric or geometric).

The Tropical Zodiac is what operates on the Earth when doing geocentric astrology. The Sidereal Zodiac is what operates on the Sun when doing heliocentric astrology. One cannot employ the Sidereal Zodiac when doing geocentric astrology because one cannot use Houses in the Sidereal Zodiac. Houses are created by macrocosmic-microcosmic reflection from the Tropical Zodiac. The Tropical Zodiac's Aries point is created by the node of the Ecliptic Circle on the Celestial Equator. The Ascendant (analogous to Aries in the Tropical Zodiac) is the node of the Ecliptic on the Horizon. In the Sidereal Zodiac there is no node since its Aries point is not defined by one. I found that when I used the Sidereal Zodiac for geocentric astrology, transits to the Ascendant did not work.

The comments of readers on the above would be welcome. More to come if interest is shown.
- Dymock, 29th November 1993.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

BERLIN WALL REVISITED by Allan Johnson

The collapse of the Berlin Wall on 9th November 1989 was one of the most dramatic events of this Century. Effectively it marked the end of the German Democratic Republic (G.D.R.), but its final *official* ending did not come till German Unification was proclaimed at midnight on 3rd of October 1990, almost twelve months later. Thus one of the most hard-line communist countries of Eastern Europe vanished into history. However, the crisis in East Germany was not altogether unexpected. Erich Honecker, the leader for 18 years, had been compelled to resign by his own cabinet. There was no organized coup. No one was waiting in the wings to seize power. In fact, there was a power vacuum. Almost no violence - in a country where violence is no stranger. It was simply that the decline which everybody had been aware of, had now quickened. It was more of a grass-roots revolution, with massive street demonstrations of up to a million people demanding reform. The Government didn't have the answers, and lacking the will even to hold itself together, simply collapsed. As the termination of a country it was pretty unique.

There is some confusion about the actual Chart for East Germany, as it emerged out of the Soviet Sector of the Four-power Administration of post-war Germany. *The Book of World Horoscopes* by Nicholas Campion gives 25th March 1954 as the date for East German independence, when sovereignty was actually transferred from the Soviet military authorities to the East German Government, with the time given as 10:30 pm. There is also a Chart for 7th October 1949 for the G.D.R. but this did not involve complete independence as a sovereign State, being more of a de facto set-up. So I am using the 1954 Chart.

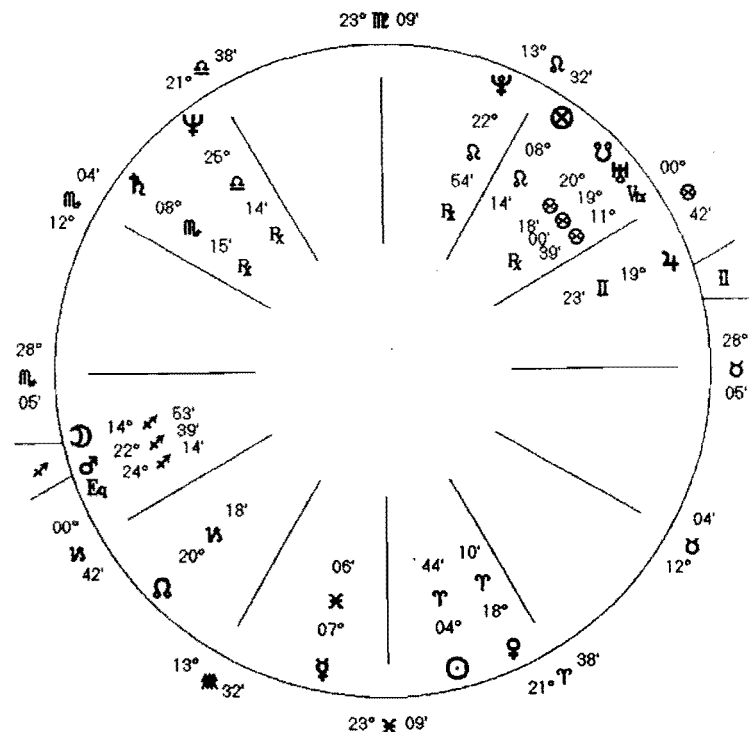
Of course there are two ways of looking at a chart of this nature. One is whether its subsequent history is reflected in the chart as a whole, and the other is whether we get a

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EAST GERMAN INDEPENDENCE

25th March 1954, 10:30pm GMT, Berlin.
13°22'E, 52°30'N. Placidian Cusps.



correlation of events with astrological phenomena. Of course the rise and fall of the Wall itself are key dates - but on the other hand we cannot look at events in isolation. The G.D.R. was never an isolated set-up, but part of a much wider canvas involving the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries. So events outside could be even more important than those within. And there is one date that stands out like a lighthouse in regard to the collapse of communism world-wide. That date was 11th March 1985 - the Russia. It didn't seem so dramatic at the time, but it was his change in Russia's

date when M. Gorbachev came to power in foreign policy that precipitated everything else. He pulled Russian troops out of Afghanistan and made it clear that communist governments could not expect Russian troops and tanks to prop them up in future. This was a total reversal of policy, and started the rot for world communism.

So the 1985 date should figure as a very major event for the G.D.R. For the G.D.R. Chart the Ascendant is 28°5' Scorpio - and on that date Saturn was right on 28°6' Scorpio! So we do get effective correlations. Transitting Pluto was exactly quincunx Natal Sun (a death aspect), Neptune was square the Sun (very appropriate), while Uranus was on the Moon/Jupiter axis (portent of liberation). In addition Progressed Mars exactly squared Natal Sun. Looking at the collapse of the Wall itself we get transitting Uranus square Natal Sun in the 4th, while Saturn and Neptune were making a close conjunction in the heavens, very symptomatic of what was happening - a visionary dream meeting the hard impact of reality. The other date for the start of the building of the Wall was equally revealing: Neptune right on Natal Saturn (again the same combination of Neptune/Saturn linking visions with reality), while transitting Saturn at 25° Capricorn squared Natal Neptune! So all this does very much to confirm the validity of the 1954 Chart.

Now to look at the G.D.R. Chart as a whole. What is significant here is that although it has some powerful configurations, the Sun is not involved, being virtually unaspected. A person with an unaspected Sun often lacks a real sense of direction in life, or of self-confidence, or a real independence. This means that to a great extent such people are motivated by others. And when that support is taken away they can be left without a rudder. This is exactly applicable to the G.D.R., even with the Sun in Aries, a very self-assertive Sign. It has shown a very aggressive stance at times, and achieved a high profile - yet at the same time it commenced life as a satellite, and to a great extent remained one.

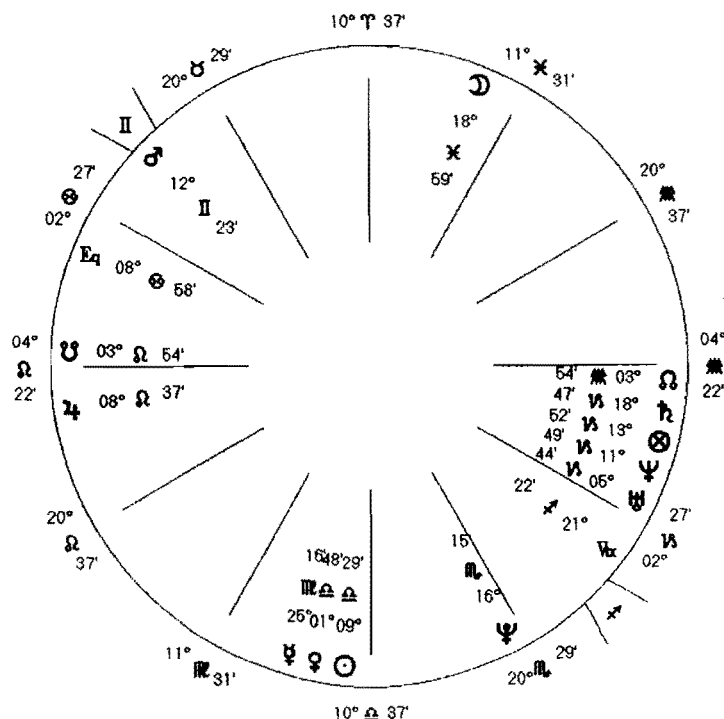
When the internal crisis finally came, and without Russian intervention, it was unable to survive. I think the reason why it expired without a lot of violence and bloodshed, which might have been expected, was the Grand Trine in Fire Signs (Moon, Mars, Venus, Pluto). I have found that people with Grand Trines can get into a lot of trouble - but come out of it on a soft landing. I have seen this happen over and over again. The other important configuration is the T-Square

pattern (Neptune, Uranus, Venus). This could also not be considered a violent configuration. But Uranus is in the 8th House. Its demise was very unexpected to the world at large. The square of Uranus to Neptune is interesting. Although it links with unrealized visions of Utopia, it also has a lot to do with espionage, massive secrecy and surveillance. It was this side of its activities that finally undermined its popularity. In a population of 16 million, the secret police held dossiers on 5 million of its citizens! It was the most complete system of surveillance known to history.

The Chart for German Unification (3rd October 1990) does not have such a high profile, with a stellium of Capricorn planets in the 6th House. Its most important feature is the Sun squaring all these. I think this is reflected in the difficulties the two Germanys have had in trying to achieve integration, and the disillusionment a lot of East Germans have experienced about employment. Progressed Sun has recently been making a square to Neptune in the House of Work and Service, which figures.

GERMAN UNIFICATION

0-hours CET, 3rd October 1990, Berlin.
Placidian Cusps.



As a postscript I mention a few news items from overseas. A new journal has been started in England called *The Traditional Astrologer*, and in the U.S.A. Robert Hand is heading a new organization called *The Association for the Retrieval of Historical Texts*. These moves point to a revival of Classical or

Traditional Astrology which I have mentioned previously. Traditional Astrology is of course very much concerned with *prediction*, which was becoming unfashionable, but the wheel is turning.

MURDER AND THE LUNAR ECLIPSE

by Elva Howson (Vic.)

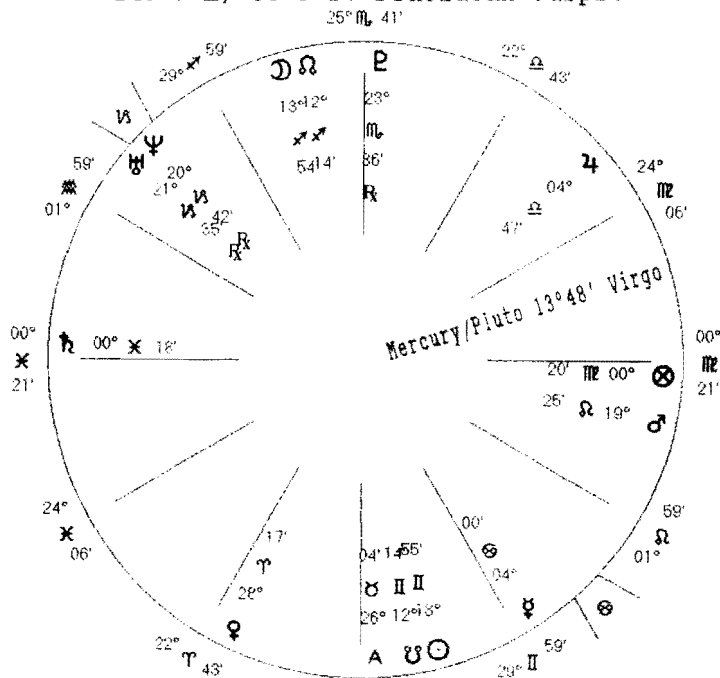
Fear enveloped our local community for a period of 7 weeks from 11th June to 31st July as a serial killer randomly took the lives of three young women (two students) by sadistically inflicting multiple stab wounds to their upper body and then cutting the throats of his victims.

The Lunar Eclipse prior to the murders is to my mind outstanding in showing the events that followed it so closely. Pluto conjunct MC with Algol and Mars/Saturn at the Nadir is a sure indication of gruesome death in the near environment, plus Mars square Pluto applying (partile at the first death).

LUNAR ECLIPSE PRIOR TO THREE SERIAL MURDERS

4th June 1993, 1:01pm GMT. Frankston, Vic.

145°7'E, 38°9'S. Placidian Cusps.



Mars/Saturn 24°52' Taurus 25° 41'
Mars/Ascendant 24°53' Taurus

Fixed Star	Posit
A Caput Algol	26° 04'

The second victim was the mother of a 12-day old baby, and public sympathy for her and the child, coupled with their own extreme nervousness brought forth massive media coverage (Mercury square Jupiter), and a public meeting of more than a thousand residents calling for the re-introduction of the death penalty (Sun-Moon square Merc/Plu), and a monetary trust has been set up for the

child from public donations.

Vertex opposite both Uranus and Neptune is indicative of the extraordinary nervousness, sorrow and compassion experienced by the community and the panic felt by many as the killer stealthily struck for a third time. Thankfully a young man is now in custody.

INDIAN EARTHQUAKE

The earthquake in Western India on 30th September, a calamity of huge proportions, arouses the sympathy of the world. The question in the minds of astrologers is how could such a disaster have been foreseen and prepared for. There are probably several ways of approaching this problem, the most obvious one being to start with the Radix of the Nation and examine the Progressions and Cyclic Charts for the date of the occurrence.

Nicolas Campion, in his invaluable work, *The Book of World Horoscopes* gives two Charts for India - the date of Independence from the British in 1947, and the date for the proclamation of the Republic on 26th January 1950. See Charts 1 and 2.

At first glance I thought that Chart 2, for the Proclamation of the Republic, was the more significant because of the powerful conjunction of Uranus and Neptune, stationary on the date of the earthquake at 18½° Capricorn. At this position it is conjunct Mercury, square Neptune, trine Saturn and quincunx Pluto. This is a powerful combination of the "malefics", plus Mercury which is a convertible planet and takes on the nature of the bodies it aspects. In Chart 1 (Independence) the Uranus/Neptune conjunction is powerful simply through being on the 9th Placidian Cusp and trine the Equatorial Ascendant.

The Cyclic Maps for the two Radices make an interesting comparison, and it is a moot point which is the dominant Figure.

The Independence Chart 46th Age-Harmonic, (Chart 3) which relates to the date of the earthquake, has some striking configurations: Capricorn is on the Ascendant, and its Ruler, Saturn, is in the 4th House (the land) closely opposed by Mars, which already predicates a dangerous situation. Worse still is the conjunction of the Sun, ruling the Death House, with Pluto (the Destroyer) practically right on the Cusp, where their combined influence is at a maximum. These configurations alone would be sufficient to give warning of a calamity affecting the

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INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA
 15th August 1947. 00:00am IST. Delhi.
 77°13'E, 28°40'N. Placidian Cusps.

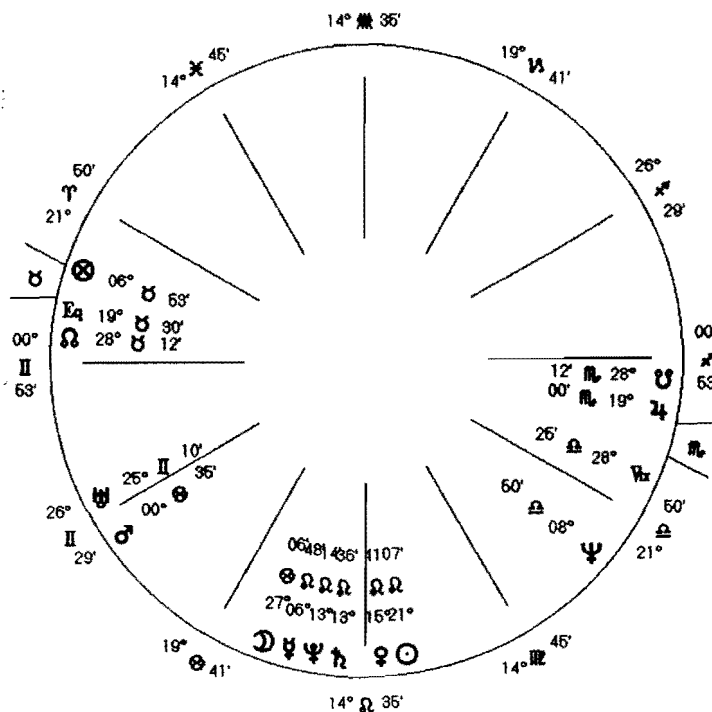


Chart 2
REPUBLIC OF INDIA
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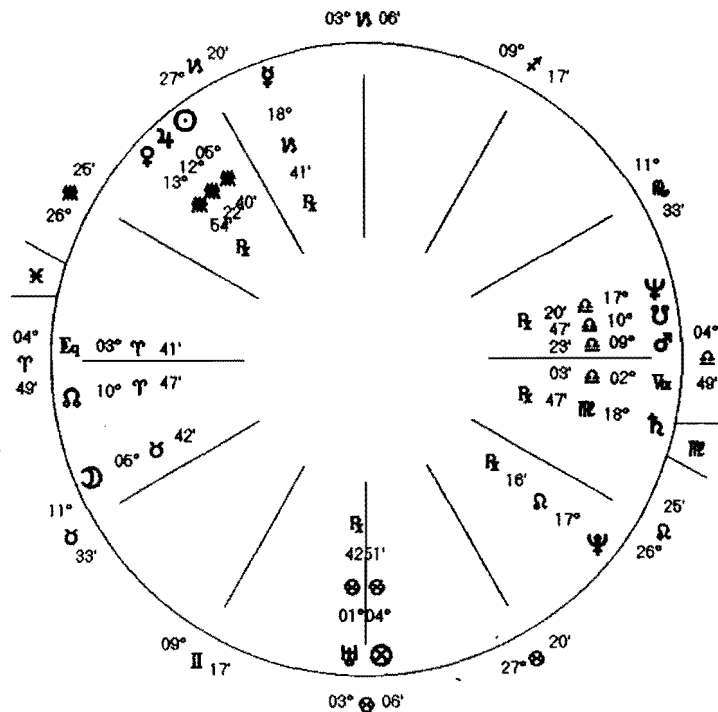
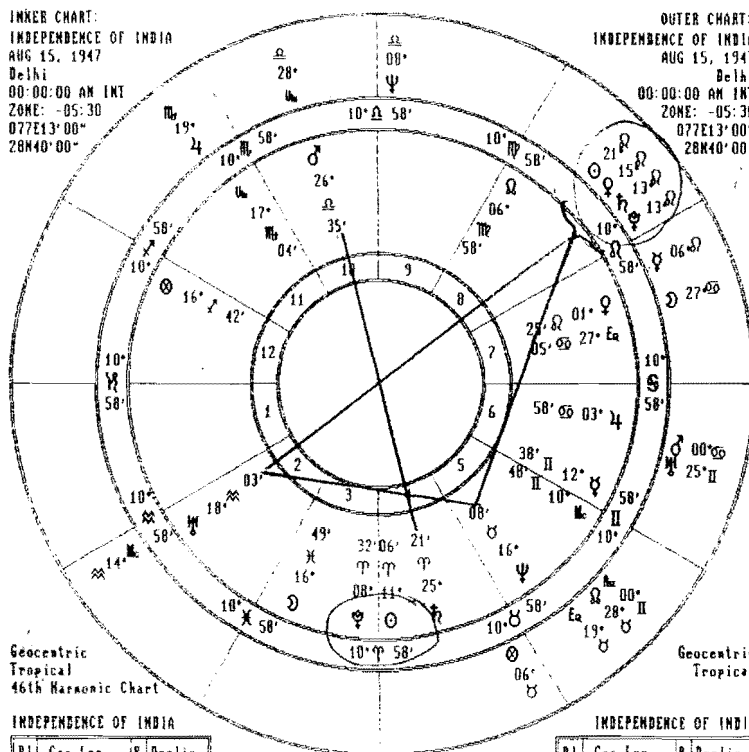


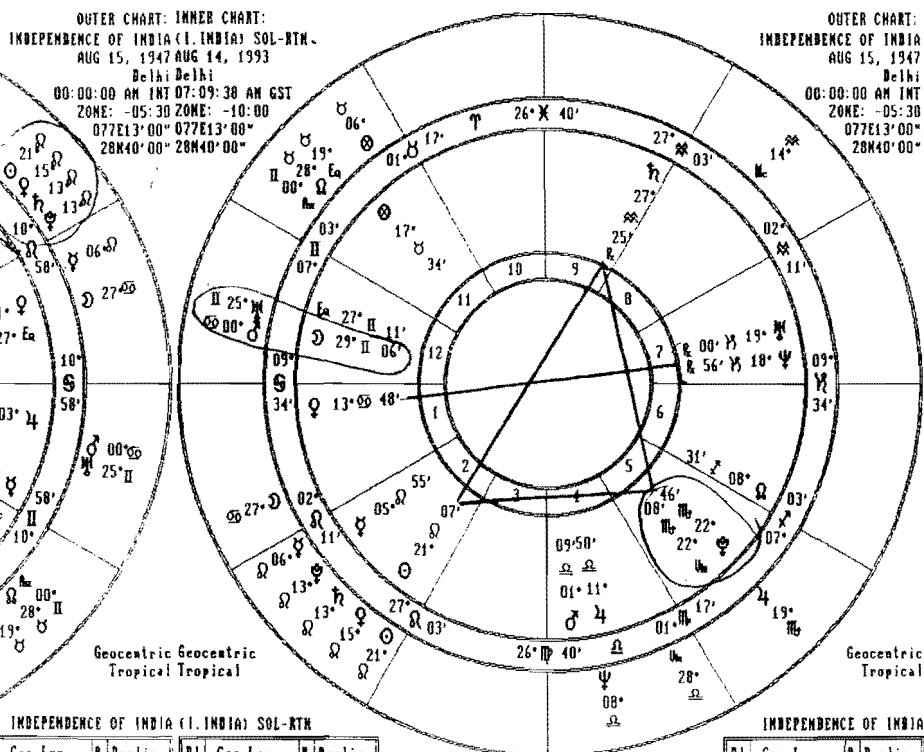
Chart 3

INNER CHART:
 INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA
 AUG 15, 1947
 Delhi
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 ZONE: -05:30
 077E13'00"
 28N40'00"



Geocentric
 Tropical
 46th Harmonic Chart

OUTER CHART: INNER CHART:
 INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA (I. INDIA) SOL-RTM.
 AUG 15, 1947 AUG 14, 1993
 Delhi Delhi
 00:00:00 AM INT 07:09:38 AM GST
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 28N40'00" 28N40'00"



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 Tropical Tropical

Geocentric
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INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA

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☉	27°06'17"	+24°56'
☽	21°06'39"	+14°28'
☿	06°06'39"	+19°20'
♀	15°06'59"	+17°12'
♂	00°06'34'40"	+23°42'
♂	18°06'59'58"	+16°39'
♂	13°06'35'41"	+17°28'
♂	25°06'18'30"	+23°29'
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INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA (I. INDIA) SOL-RTM

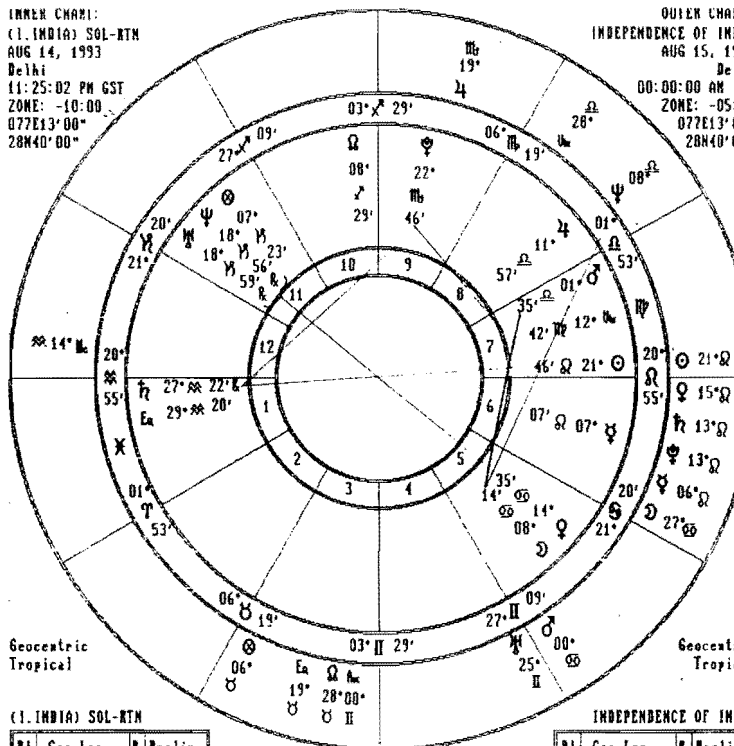
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Chart 5

INNER CHART:
(I. INDIA) SOL-RTN
AUG 14, 1993
Delhi
11:25:02 PM GST
ZONE: -10:00
077E13:00"
28N40:00"



(I. INDIA) SOL-RTN

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☌	21° 00' 45.42"	+14° 15'
☿	07° 00' 06.35"	+19° 11'
♀	14° 00' 34.55"	+21° 37'
♂	01° 00' 34.54"	-00° 08'
♂	11° 00' 56.47"	-03° 39'
♂	27° 00' 21.44"	-13° 49'
♂	18° 00' 58.34"	-22° 34'
♂	18° 00' 55.34"	-21° 26'
♂	22° 00' 46.20"	-04° 38'

OUTER CHART: INNER CHART:
INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA
AUG 15, 19 JAN 26, 1950
Delhi, India
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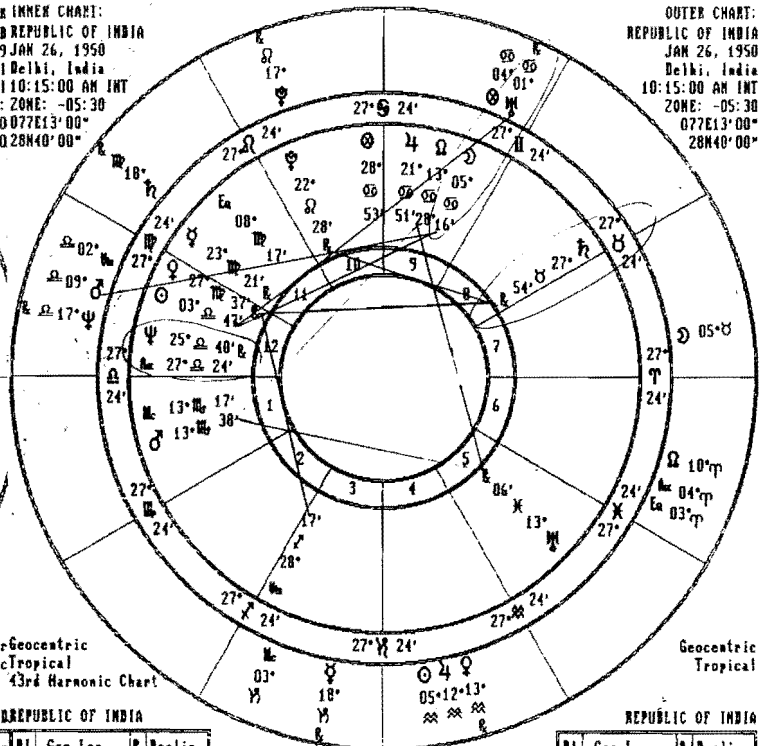
Geocentric
Tropic/Tropical
43rd Harmonic Chart

INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA

Pl	Geo Lon	R Declin.	Pl	Geo Lon	R Declin.
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♀	15° 00' 40.59"	+17° 12'	♀	13° 00' 53.53"	-10° 26'
♂	00° 00' 34.40"	+23° 42'	♂	09° 00' 23.13"	-00° 58'
♂	18° 00' 58.58"	-16° 39'	♂	12° 00' 22.07"	-17° 41'
♂	13° 00' 35.41"	+17° 28'	♂	18° 00' 47.19"	+06° 23'
♂	25° 00' 10.30"	+23° 29'	♂	01° 00' 42.01"	+23° 42'
♂	08° 00' 49.45"	-02° 08'	♂	17° 00' 20.28"	-05° 19'
♂	13° 00' 13.45"	+23° 27'	♂	17° 00' 16.01"	+23° 32'

Chart 6

OUTER CHART:
REPUBLIC OF INDIA
JAN 26, 1950
Delhi, India
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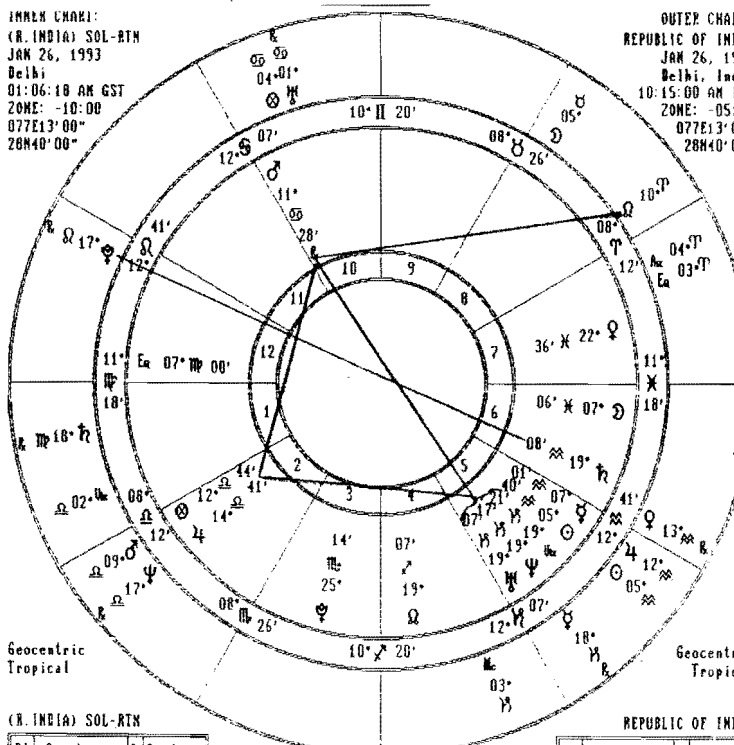


REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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☿	18° 00' 40.57"	-18° 57'	☿	13° 00' 53.53"	-10° 26'
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Chart 7

INNER CHART:
(R. INDIA) SOL-RTN
JAN 26, 1993
Delhi
01:06:18 AM GST
ZONE: -10:00
077E13:00"
28N40:00"



(R. INDIA) SOL-RTN

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☌	05° 00' 40.11"	-18° 51'
☿	07° 00' 01.13"	-20° 32'
♀	22° 00' 36.24"	-02° 26'
♂	11° 00' 28.04"	+27° 00'
♂	14° 00' 40.40"	-04° 29'
♂	19° 00' 07.41"	-16° 04'
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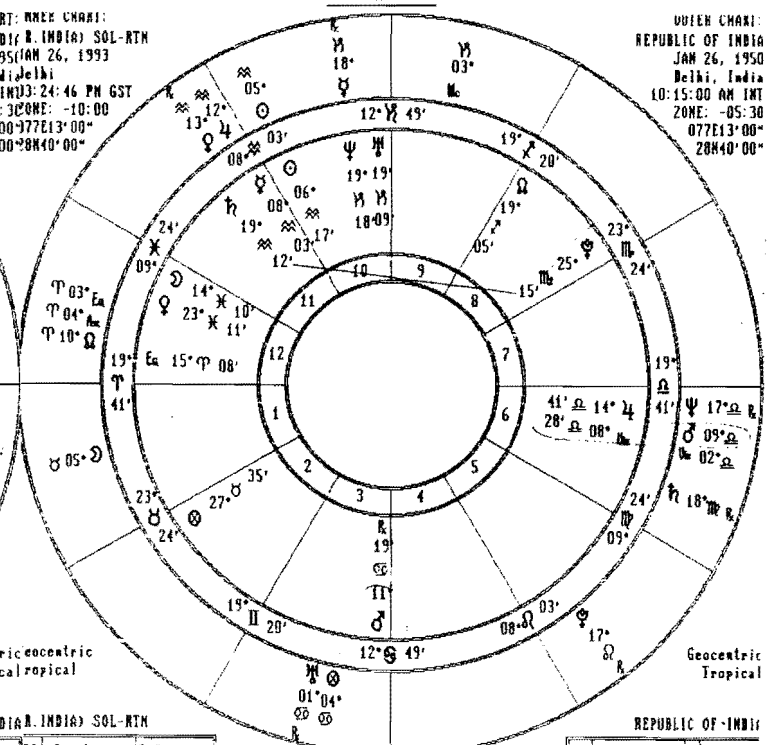
Geocentric
Tropic/Tropical

REPUBLIC OF INDIA (R. INDIA) SOL-RTN

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☿	18° 00' 40.57"	-18° 57'	☿	08° 00' 02.32"	-20° 16'
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Chart 8

OUTER CHART:
REPUBLIC OF INDIA
JAN 26, 1950
Delhi, India
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REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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☿	18° 00' 40.57"	-18° 57'	☿	13° 00' 53.53"	-10° 26'
♀	13° 00' 53.53"	-10° 26'	♀	09° 00' 23.13"	-00° 58'
♂	09° 00' 23.13"	-00° 58'	♂	12° 00' 22.07"	-17° 41'
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country and its people, but there is still more: Uranus and Neptune, the two planets whose succession of stations and conjunctions this year has precipitated a series of national and personal crises, are themselves in square in this Chart, and forming a potent T-Square with Natal Sun, Saturn, Pluto and Venus in the Harmonic 8th House (Death). Uranus opposite Saturn and Pluto is about as explicit astrologically as one can get for an earthquake - Saturn and Uranus creating the overwhelming tension, and Pluto being the planet chiefly responsible for massive destruction and loss of life.

The Standard Solar Return (Chart 4) is also significant without being as dramatic as the Age Harmonic above. Cancer rises, and its Ruler, the Moon, is in the 12th House (Sorrows and Suffering) conjunct Natal Mars and Uranus. The Sun forms a T-Square with Saturn and Pluto, while Pluto's conjunction with the Vertex adds significance to its role of massive destruction. Venus rises in this Chart, but any hope of alleviation from its gentle influence is spoiled by its opposition to Uranus and Neptune.

The Precessed Solar Return (Chart 5) though less explicit, depicts the drama in another way. Saturn rises in Aquarius opposed by the Sun and square to Pluto - again a prominent player in the piece. Saturn's influence is strengthened through its Retrograde motion which, being slower, gives it's damaging effect more time to operate. Pluto's elevation in the sky adds to its power. Mars is powerful on the Cusp of the Deaths House, square to the Moon (the populace), and Natal Neptune in the Solar-Return Deaths House is also square to the Moon. Uranus and Neptune play their part here by opposing Venus, Ruler of the House of Deaths.

The Horoscope for the Proclamation of Independence (Chart 2) gives many indications, apart from the aspects of Uranus and Neptune in conjunction at their Stations as before mentioned. In particular, the 43rd Age Harmonic, (Chart 6) covering the year from January 1993 to January 1994 is replete with apposite planetary configurations. Libra rises, and the Ruler, Venus, is almost exactly on the 12th Placidian Cusp (Sorrows and Suffering) and again almost exactly trine to Saturn on the 8th Cusp (deaths). The trine does not alter the reading from bad to good. The position of Venus is given added significance through the close square from the Vertex. Saturn itself is afflicted by the square from Pluto, the Destroyer. Mars rising

is in a tight Grand Trine with Uranus and the Moon's Node. Here again, the trine does not improve matters. Mars in close association with Uranus is well-known for producing accidents and injuries, while the connection with the Node causes many to be involved.

Few Significators in this Chart seem to be not connected with the disaster. Neptune is on the Ascendant. The Sun occupies the 12th, square Radical Uranus. The Moon, representing the people, is conjunct Radical Uranus square the Harmonic Sun and square Radical Mars.

By contrast, the Standard Solar Return for the Republic (Chart 7) does not offer much or any evidence of the forthcoming earthquake and loss of life. Virgo rises, and the Ruler, Mercury, is innocuously placed near the 6th Cusp conjunct Radical Jupiter ("The Preserver"!) Mars is opposite Uranus and Neptune, but the orb is nearly 8°, and it is involved in a T-Square, not with Saturn or Pluto but with Jupiter! The T-Square itself is not specially close-orbed. Probably the most significant disaster-pointers are Saturn opposing Radical Pluto in the Solar-Return 12th, and Mars square to the Radical Node in the Solar-Return 8th. These hardly suffice to give a warning of imminent catastrophe.

The Precessed Solar Return for the Republic (Chart 8) has not much more to offer in the way of convincing evidence of the forthcoming tragedy. Aries rises, and the Ruler, Mars, is conjunct the terminal 4th Cusp, and opposite the conjunction of Uranus and Pluto. As this happens close to the Meridian it is important, but the orb of the opposition is still about 8°. The only other factors of significance are Pluto on the 8th Cusp (Deaths) square to Saturn (falls or crushing), and the Moon, representing the people, in the House of Sorrows and Suffering trine to Mars. All in all, one could hardly base a forecast of national catastrophe on this rather flimsy evidence.

The astrological deduction from this analysis is that reliance should not be placed on just one cyclic chart. If the Radix is accurately timed, generally the most useful of these Charts is the Age Harmonic.

- Dymock.

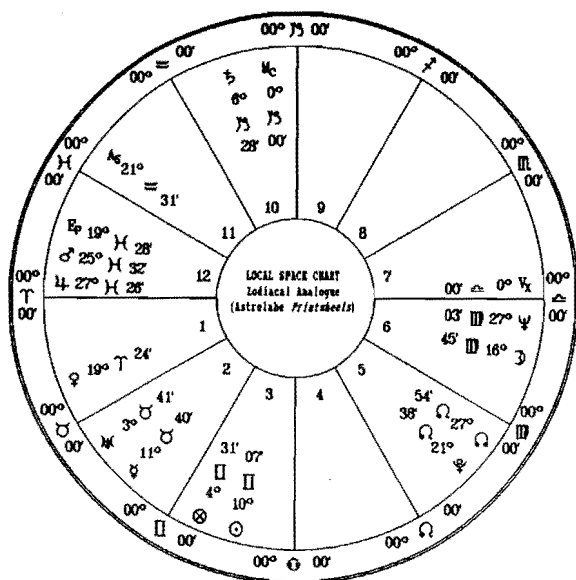
WHICH CHART FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II?

There has been continual controversy in astrological circles since Nelson Page introduced his Chart for Queen Elizabeth II, rectified to 1:12:48am from the official time of 1:40am. The following letter gives support to the Nelson Page version, drawing on evidence from the Local Space Charts.

From MARGARET MILLARD (U.K.): At one time I worked on Local Space Charts, and discovered that if an event is very important it can be used in local space to compare with the natal chart, and if there is no comparison you have the wrong chart. So I had the idea of testing the Queen's Chart rectified by Nelson Page to 1:12:48am and the official Chart at 1:40am, and comparing them in local space with the Local Space Chart of Prince Charles.

LOCAL SPACE CHART FOR QN.ELIZABETH AT BIRTH TIME OF 1:12:48 AM

ELIZABETH II/1:12:48am	01:12:48 AM GMT	21 Apr. 1926
London	51°N 32°W	0°W 0600'
In Signs	15:06:43 S.T.	J.D. = 2424526.5508
Local Space Chart	R.A.M.S. = 153:27	Obl. = 23°26'55"
Tropical	No Ayanamsha	Geocentric Ecliptic



Planet	Geo. Long.	G.Trav.	Geo. Lat.	Rt. Asc.	Decl.	Hel. Long.	H.Trav.	Hel. Lat.
Sun-Earth ☉	10°11'07"12"	+0°00'	-24°57'	28°05'	+11°33'	10°11'07"	+0°00'	+0°00'
Moon ☾	16°45'14"	+0°00'	+13°53'	134°56'	+19°02'	16°45'14"	+0°00'	+0°00'
Mercury ☿	11°07'40"	+0°00'	-27°45'	5°02'	+0°05'	11°07'40"	+0°00'	-24°57'
Venus ♀	19°17'24"	+0°00'	-22°30'	345°11'	-6°15'	19°17'24"	+0°00'	+3°08'
Mars ♂	25°17'32"	+0°00'	-18°54'	323°44'	-15°54'	25°17'32"	+0°00'	+0°00'
Jupiter ♃	27°17'28"	+0°00'	-16°47'	325°06'	-14°38'	27°17'28"	+0°00'	+21°01'
Saturn ♄	6°17'28"	+0°00'	+21°41'	232°41'	-18°34'	6°17'28"	+0°00'	+16°59'
Uranus ♅	3°07'41"	+0°00'	-25°46'	357°52'	-1°43'	3°07'41"	+0°00'	-12°58'
Neptune ♆	27°17'03"	+0°00'	+16°21'	144°32'	+14°33'	27°17'03"	+0°00'	-25°34'
Pluto ♇	21°07'38"	+0°00'	-1°44'	103°39'	+21°14'	21°07'38"	+0°00'	+13°04'
N. Node ♏	27°07'54"	+0°00'	+3°08'	112°09'	+21°53'	27°07'54"	+0°00'	+0°00'

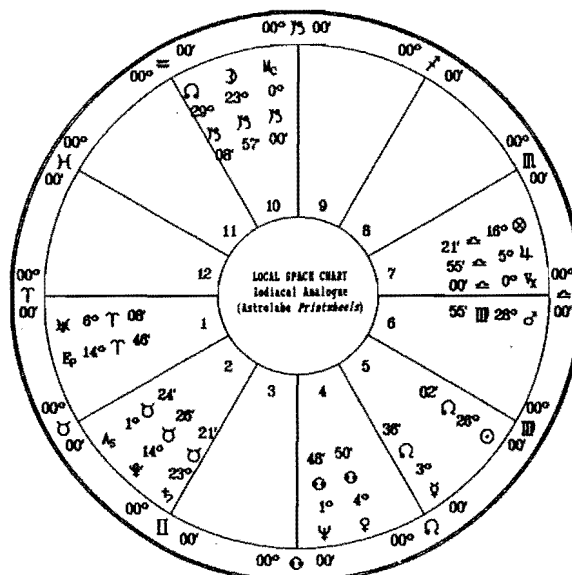
The value of Local Space Charts has not been recognized because they are difficult to calculate except for a skilled mathematician. Luckily, I have Nova, which calculates them for me. They are Zodiacal analogue positions and serve only to make it easy for astrologers to recognize aspects.

If Local Space Charts are set up for the time and place of important events and compared with those of the natal Local Space Chart significant contacts can be found, but as the planets move very quickly both charts have to be accurate. If no important contacts are found one or both of the charts must be incorrect. I therefore set up the two Charts for Queen Elizabeth II - the official Chart for 1:40am GMT, and the Chart for 1:12:48am rectified by Anthony Nelson Page, and validated by Alexander Marr.

LOCAL SPACE CHART FOR PRINCE CHARLES

Born 14th November 1948, 9:14pm GMT
London, 51°30' N, 0°8'W.

PRINCE CHARLES	09:14:00 PM GMT	14 Nov. 1948
London	51°N 31°00'W	0°W 0600'
In Signs	0:49:08 S.T.	J.D. = 2432870.3860
Local Space Chart	R.A.M.S. = 15:36:30	Obl. = 23°26'45"
Tropical	No Ayanamsha	Geocentric Ecliptic



Planet	Geo. Long.	G.Trav.	Geo. Lat.	Rt. Asc.	Decl.	Hel. Long.	H.Trav.	Hel. Lat.
Sun-Earth ☉	26°02'10"	+0°00'	-45°33'	230°01'	-18°23'	26°02'10"	+0°00'	+0°00'
Moon ☾	23°56'37"	+0°00'	+47°37'	28°28'	+11°14'	23°56'37"	+0°00'	+0°00'
Mercury ☿	3°07'38"	+0°00'	-46°28'	215°13'	-12°10'	3°07'38"	+0°00'	-45°33'
Venus ♀	4°07'50"	+0°00'	-43°09'	195°49'	-4°46'	4°07'50"	+0°00'	+48°15'
Mars ♂	28°17'55"	+0°00'	-32°16'	280°05'	-24°04'	28°17'55"	+0°00'	+0°00'
Jupiter ♃	5°07'55"	+0°00'	-25°40'	289°54'	-23°23'	5°07'55"	+0°00'	+43°45'
Saturn ♄	23°02'21"	+0°00'	-20°46'	157°38'	+10°55'	23°02'21"	+0°00'	-30°18'
Uranus ♅	6°07'08"	+0°00'	+25°51'	89°55'	+23°39'	6°07'08"	+0°00'	+17°47'
Neptune ♆	1°07'48"	+0°00'	-42°39'	193°36'	-4°10'	1°07'48"	+0°00'	-16°14'
Pluto ♇	14°07'28"	+0°00'	-3°10'	141°29'	+23°04'	14°07'28"	+0°00'	+13°04'
N. Node ♏	29°17'08"	+0°00'	+48°15'	31°41'	+12°50'	29°17'08"	+0°00'	+0°00'

There were complications at the birth of Prince Charles, and a report issued at the time stated that "consultants had agreed on a certain measure which had been found successful". The newspapers assumed it was a Caesarian, but this was denied. "Mother and child are now in a satisfactory condition" was the latest newspaper report.

The most powerful positions are those close to the Cardinal points.

Queen Elizabeth for birth at 1:12:48am

Saturn 6°28' Capricorn
Jupiter 27°26' Pisces
Mars 25°32' Pisces
Neptune 27°3' Virgo

Prince Charles born 14th November 1948,

9:14 pm GMT, 51°30' N, 0°8'W
Jupiter 5°57' Libra
Mars 28°57' Virgo
Venus 4°53' Cancer
Uranus 6°10' Aries
Neptune 1°51' Cancer

There are significant contacts between the first Chart and that of Charles. The Queen's Saturn near the Cardinal point 0° Capricorn opposes Charles' Venus and Neptune near 0°

Cancer, and squares Uranus in 6°10' Aries and Jupiter in 5°57' Libra. The Queen has produced an heir to the throne, and thereby has done her duty (Saturn near her MC analogue position) and it has been a happy event (birth of the heir) signified by Uranus near the analogue 0° Aries point.

One can also notice that her Local Space Node in 27°54' Leo in the analogue 5th House is conjunct the Sun at 26°5' Leo in Charles' Local Space Chart. The Ascendant in Local Space for the Nelson Page rectification of the Queen is in 21°31' Aquarius opposite Local-Space Pluto in 21°38' Leo.

Queen Elizabeth for birth at 1:40am
Saturn 29° 26' Sagittarius

There are no other planets near the Cardinal points! Local Space Ascendant 23°26' Aquarius contacts Saturn at birth of Charles, 23°22' Taurus, but this does not seem a suitable contact for the birth of an heir. There are no more contacts between the Charts.

The above are azimuth positions, but altitudes are also important. Altitudes for the birth at 1:12:48am: Uranus 25°46'. At Charles' birth, Uranus 25°49', Jupiter 25°38'. None of the altitudes for birth at 1:40am match any at the birth of Charles.

If one experiments with Local Space Charts one will find that they are a valuable asset in validating a chart, but the events must be important. In my mind there is no doubt that the balance of the evidence is in favour of Nelson Page's rectification.

Take heart if you don't always get it right!

"I remember reading an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* a few years ago reporting that someone had made a survey of the reliability of economists' forecasts. The forecasts of prominent economists who worked for the major banks, stockbrokers and insurance in Sydney were examined for several years. These economists are paid huge salaries for their "expertise", and business decisions and even government policies are based on their advice. It was found that 10% of these "experts" were right about 50% of the time, while the other 90% were almost always wrong. A blind man sticking a pin into a list of possibilities would do just as well. Yet it is just this sort of person who would call us charlatans!

- Ross Harvey (NSW).

For readers who are interested in the correlation of scripture and astrology, Barbara Thiering's book, *Jesus the Man* (Bantam Books, \$14.95) is a must as it gives a detailed chronology from 9 BC to AD 64, with Julian date, Solar date, hour, place of events and time phases. (Jesus was born 1st of March!). There are 100 pages of data in this 621-page book, which is fascinating reading.

(At 3pm, after six hours on the cross, Jesus is in intolerable pain. He cries out, both asking for the poison and reproaching Jonathan for his treachery. The crosses were erected at 9am.)

Refer Rudolf Smit's article, *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 79, 19th February 1988.

- Gisela Rosmann (Vic.)

From

The Technique of Solar Returns.
by Alexandre Volguine,

"I want to remind astrologers that the Annual Chart must be erected not for the place of birth, but for the place where the native is at the time of his birthday...Just as the Secondary [Progressions] use the configurations of a day for the image of the future events of a year, so the first day of a Return is the most important of all, and conditions the whole year.

"...It is very simple to test the rule we set down here. You need only cast two different Solar Returns, one for the place where the native was at the time, and the other for the place of birth - and then compare them with the events of the year.

"The inequality of the Horoscopic Houses is one of the principal factors that gives an astrological chart all of its individuality. Inequality of the Houses is the cornerstone of Solar Return interpretation, since an Annual House may embrace two, or in certain latitudes even three, natal Houses...Each of these superimpositions has a specific meaning.

"...When interpreting the Solar Return very great importance must be given to the planet occupying the Midheaven, since this planet often represents future development. For the most part it should be judged according to the natal House. A planet at the Ascendant may indicate a psychological tendency, and even an urge, but the same planet at the Midheaven denotes full activity, hence an event."

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
17th October 1993.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

CYCLIC CHARTS

The matter of the best Cyclic Charts to use as a predictive tool continues to excite interest. In the absence of offerings from our readers I submit for consideration the following Standard (Tropical) and Precessed Solar Return Charts relating to events in the life of the Heir Apparent, Prince Charles.

A fairly recent drama was the death on 10th March 1988 of his friend Major Hugh Lindsay, buried by an avalanche in the Swiss Alps. I quote from *The Sydney Morning Herald* of 12th March 1988: "The heir to the British throne, who escaped death by a few metres, had wept as he helped dig out the body of Major Hugh Lindsay, who was crushed. According to reporters at the Klosters resort, Prince Charles blamed himself for leading the royal skiing party away from the crowded piste and persuading officials to let them onto a steep advanced run, despite avalanche warnings."

"The Prince and three other members of the party scrambled to safety as the avalanche broke 100 metres above them. Major Lindsay, a former equerry to the Queen and a close family friend, was killed instantly, authorities said." Another young woman in the group had both legs broken.

This event undoubtedly had a great impact on the Prince, and we should expect to see it reflected by dramatic cyclic charts.

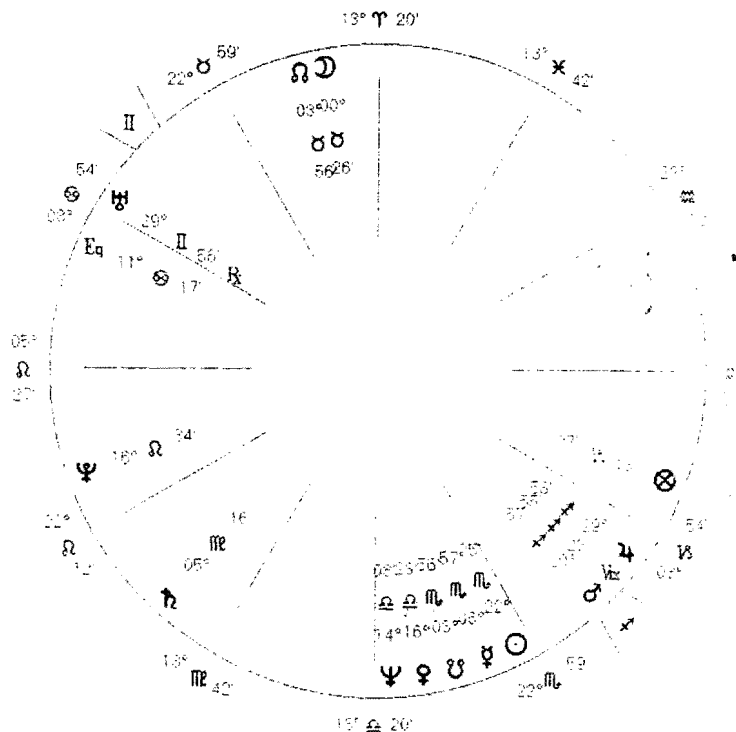
To begin with, let's have a quick resumé of Prince Charles's Birth Horoscope, as one should be familiar with the Radix before attempting predictive work. The royal Sign Leo rises, and its Ruler, the Sun, is in the Power Sign, Scorpio, squared by Scorpio's Ruler, Pluto. Hence, the Prince is no milk-and-water person but one with definite ideas and decided opinions. He has plenty of "grit" and drive, and probably more than a touch of arrogance. Introverted and moody, he could be difficult to live with as he lacks the ability to compromise and accommodate other opinions than his own. The Leo Ascendant lifts him above pettiness, and inclines him to benevolence, but, combined with the Moon in Taurus, suggests a streak of laziness

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PRINCE CHARLES

14th Nov. 1948, 9:14pm GMT (official time)
London, 51°31'N, 0°6'W.



and self-indulgence.

He is "tight" with money (Moon in Taurus trine Saturn) but orderly, methodical, serious and persevering in his undertakings. The conjunction of Venus and Neptune in Libra betrays a different facet of his character - a creative faculty, love of beauty, music, art, literature and poetry, with leanings to the occult and hidden side of life. The Prince has sensitive feelings that can be stirred by the right person. He is probably unrealistic in his search for love, and unwilling to settle for anything less than his ideal, which leaves him open to constant disappointments.

The Moon opposite Mercury signifies both manual dexterity and mental skills, fluency in speech and ability in anything to do with oral or written communication. He is apt to get "nervy" and irritable when pressured. He needs frequent periods of rest or retreat from the "busy hum of men" and the demands of other people.

Jupiter opposite Uranus signifies a love of freedom plus a personal philosophy and ideas that are at odds with those about him, but which he nevertheless maintains rigidly in the face of opposition.

Mars in Sagittarius conjunct Jupiter, square Pluto and opposed by Uranus indicates a trait of recklessness, and makes him accident-prone. He could be something of a dare-devil at times, and this will lead him into further dangerous situations unless he learns to restrain his impulses. In hindsight, it is interesting to see that the Sun on the 5th Cusp at 22°25' Scorpio is closely square to the 8th Placidian Cusp at 22°12" Aquarius. This suggests a fatality (8th Cusp) occurring while on holiday (5th Cusp).

Passing now to the *Cyclic Charts*, it is a curious fact that the only one that is convincing in this respect is the 39th Age Harmonic (Chart 2). This relates to the Prince's Solar Year from 14th November 1987 to 14th November 1988, and so covers the date of the accident. Here we see the Sun in the House of Deaths (and near-death experiences) only 2°9' from the Cusp, and closely squared by Natal Saturn from the House of Friends. The Moon's North Node completes a T-Square with the Sun and Saturn, emphasizing the calamitous nature of the Sun/Saturn square. Additional testimony of misfortune comes from (1) the Moon closely opposed by Pluto and square Neptune, and (2) Mercury, ruling the Deaths House, in the Sector of Self-Undoing, and square both Natal and Harmonic Uranus ruling the terminal 4th House.

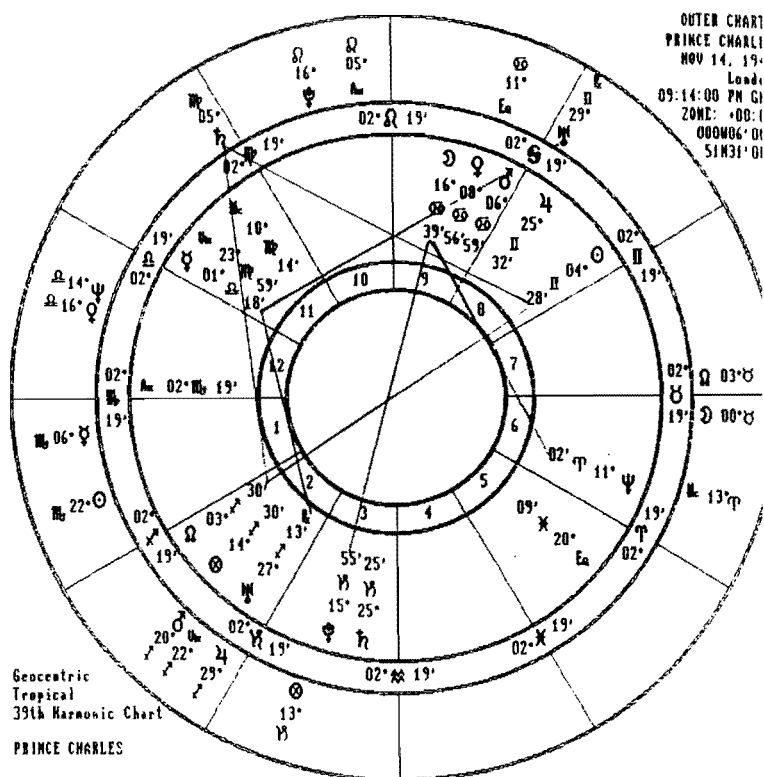
The *Standard Solar Return* (Chart 3) is not so striking. The features most appropriate to the fatality are the conjunctions of Saturn and Uranus with Natal Mars and the Vertex in the 5th House of the Birth Chart and the 1st House of the Solar Return. The conjunction with the Vertex certainly adds significance to the configuration, which does suggest a dire event during a vacation - not necessarily a death, as the 8th House is not involved. On the other hand, Venus almost exactly on the Ascendant and ruling the 5th House is descriptive of the holiday more than the fatality, notwithstanding its conjunction with Saturn and Mars which are 6° away.

Other factors lending weight to the

Chart 2:

Inner Circle and Cusps: 39th HARMONIC

Outer Circle: BIRTH POSITIONS



inference one might draw of impending misfortune are the Natal Ascendant in the 8th House of the Return Chart, the Sun co-ruling the S.R. 8th and squaring Natal Pluto there (orb 6°), the Vertex in the 8th squaring Mars, and Mars opposing Jupiter, which is the Ruler of the Return. This opposition gives a hint of trouble through the streak of recklessness or bravado that is inherent in the Prince's Geniture, and which in fact led to the accident.

The Chart is drawn for the place of the occurrence in Switzerland, which is about 10° East of the birth place, London. If set for London, though the planetary positions remain the same, the House positions appear to be less significant. The Sun is now in the 12th instead of the 11th House, where it signified a friend, and though still square to Natal Pluto it is not now connected through rulership to the Deaths House. On the other hand Mars on the Cusp of the 11th House, closely sextile Saturn (less than 1°) portends some trouble to a friend.

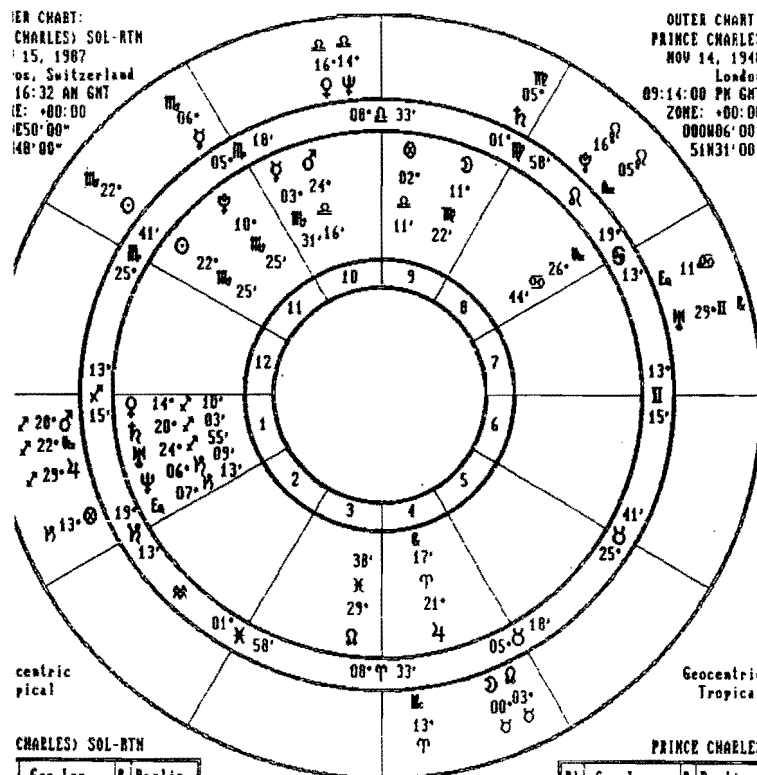
The *Precessed Solar Return* (Chart 4), set for the birth place, in the present instance seems to be hardly relevant. Leo rises, and its Ruler, the Sun, is powerfully placed on the 5th Cusp, indicative of holidays, pleasure and enjoyment. Jupiter at the Midheaven, though opposed by Mars, is more suggestive of good spirits and worldly

Chart 3:

STANDARD SOLAR RETURN + BIRTH CHART

CHART:

CHARLES: SOL-RTM
15, 1987
16:32 AM GMT
16:32 AM GMT
16:32 AM GMT
16:32 AM GMT



CHARLES: SOL-RTM

Geo Lon	Decl.
11° 21' 51"	08° 55'
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03° 30' 58"	10° 33'
14° 09' 56"	23° 15'
24° 15' 49"	08° 38'
21° 17' 25"	06° 54'
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24° 55' 13"	23° 30'
06° 09' 03"	22° 20'
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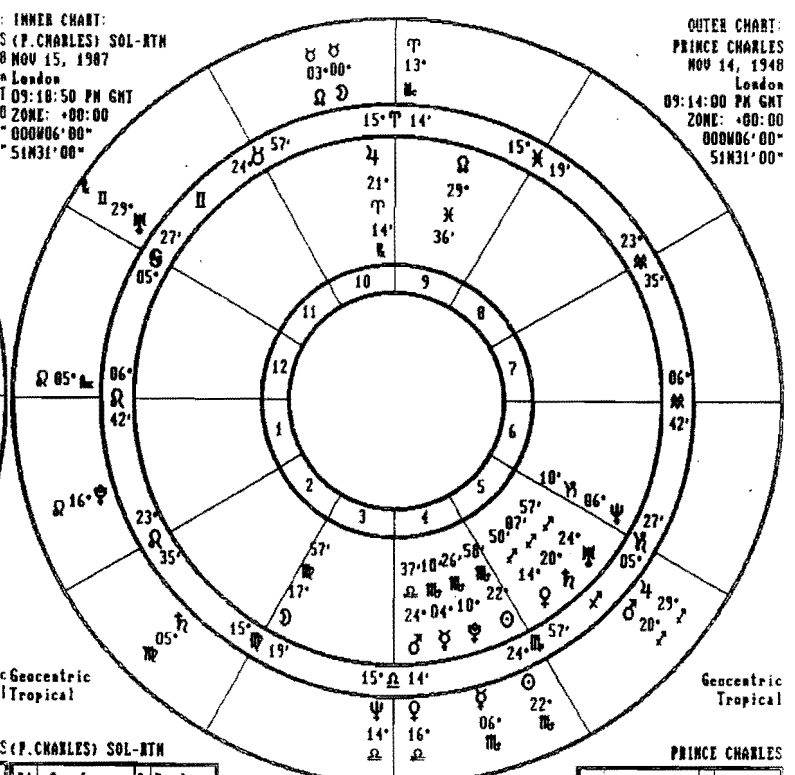
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Chart 4:

PRECESED SOLAR RETURN + BIRTH CHART

CHART:

PRINCE CHARLES (P. CHARLES): SOL-RTM
NOV 14, 1948 NOV 15, 1987
London London
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PRINCE CHARLES (P. CHARLES): SOL-RTM

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PRINCE CHARLES

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success than guilt and contrition over the death of a friend. Hints of the tragedy occurring four months after the inception of this Chart are given by the presence of Saturn and Uranus in the 5th House, ruling the Deaths House, and conjunct Natal Mars, and by the Moon which, through the later time for the Chart caused by precession of the Sun, has now moved to a square of Saturn. All this, however, does not give the clear pointer to the death of a friend, such as is apparent in the Age Harmonic Chart. Precessed Solar Returns for the place of birth are often highly pertinent to the events that follow. This one is atypical.

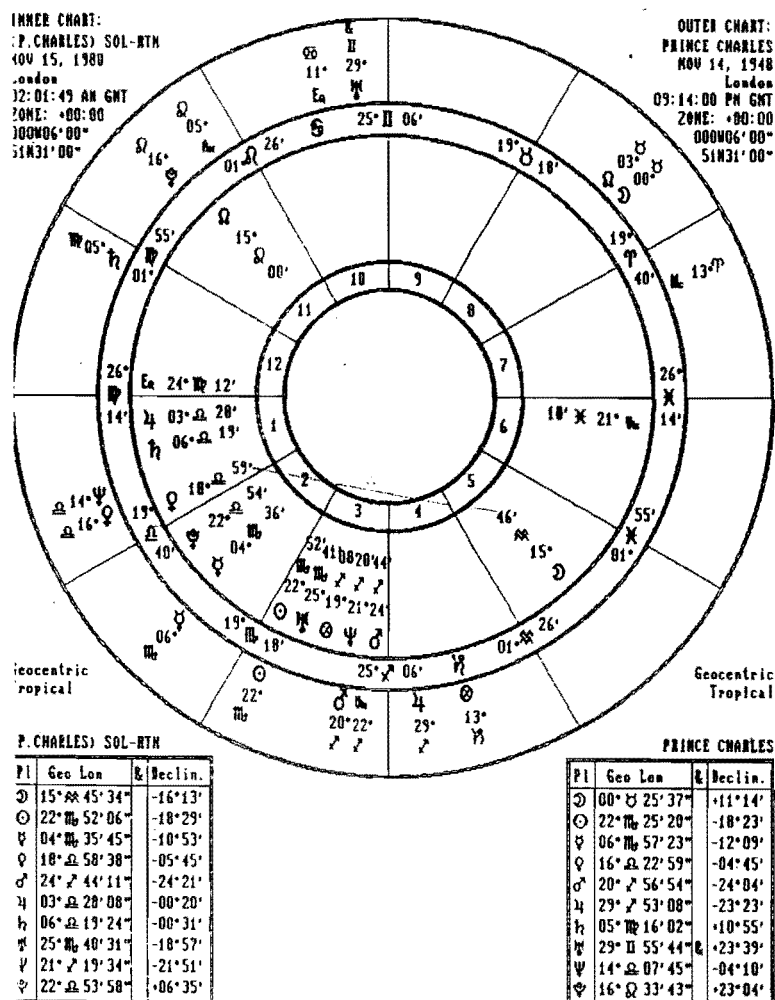
Aside from the above, the Secondary Directions (Converse) gave warning of a crisis in the life of Prince Charles in 1988 through the Regression of Mars to the exact conjunction of the Sun on 20th March. This was only ten days later than the actual event. When the astrologer finds a powerful conjunction like this the natural thing is to search the Cyclic Charts for more specific information than is given by the Secondary Regression alone. Hence the importance of finding which of these Charts is likely to be

most helpful. Examples from readers are requested so that all can profit from our joint experiences.

The cyclic charts for the year of Prince Charles's marriage to Lady Diana on 29th July 1981 are also worthy of investigation. They are all set for London, the place of birth and of the event. The Precessed Return (Chart 5) is again disappointing in its lack of clear indications. There is nothing in the House of Marriage, and though the Natal MC is there, it is so far away from the Cusp as to be of little importance. True, Pisces on the Cusp, is traditionally ruled by Jupiter, and Jupiter rises in the Chart, about 7° below the Horizon. Jupiter's only significant aspect is the conjunction with Saturn - perhaps an unfortunate portent, the way things have turned out. The best aspect is the Moon's trine to Venus, which is in its own Sign and has Dignity in the 7th House.

The Standard Solar Return (Chart 6) is more indicative, though not entirely convincing. Mercury appears on the Cusp of the Marriage House, but is squared by the Moon. The Natal Part of Fortune is conjunct the Upper Meridian, signifying an increase in prestige

Chart 5:

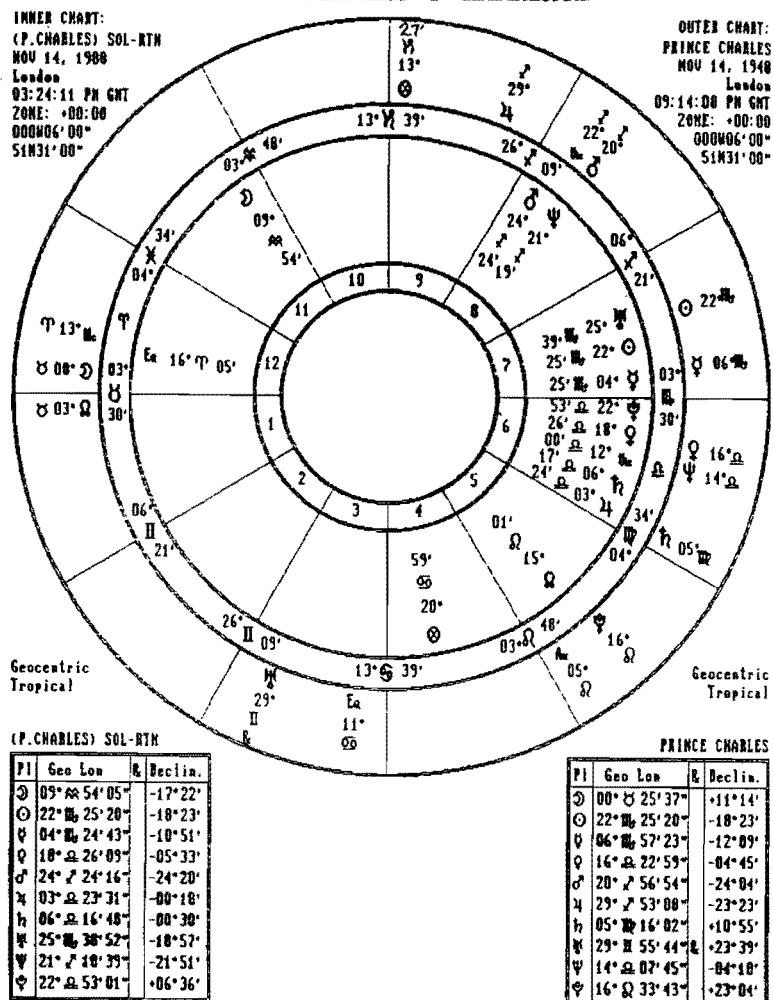
PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN FOR
PRINCE CHARLES'S MARRIAGE

and status. The Natal Ascendant is on the 5th Cusp showing the current activities are concerned with love, pleasure and celebration. Venus, ruling the Ascendant, is conjunct Pluto ruling the House of Marriage, and sextile Natal Mars, traditionally associated with the Sign Scorpio, which here is on the Marriage Cusp. The Sun and Uranus in the Marriage House do put an emphasis there, though they can hardly be considered a happy augury for the union.

The Age Harmonic (Chart 7) is again the most descriptive, and most readily yields the answer to the predictive astrologer: Pluto on the Ascendant points to a fundamental change in the pattern of living. Venus, ruling the Taurean Ascendant, trines Pluto signifying that the imminent change will be of an agreeable nature associated with love, pleasure and harmony (at least for a time!). The trine of Saturn to Pluto adds the element of increased responsibility in the the Prince's life. The Sun in the Marriage House, only 3° from the Cusp, highlights the possibility of a union, which is confirmed by the Sun's close trines to Jupiter, in the

Sign of its Exaltation, and Uranus, Ruler of the Status House. The Marriage House is further emphasized by the Natal Sun being also conjunct the Cusp, within 2°.

Chart 6:

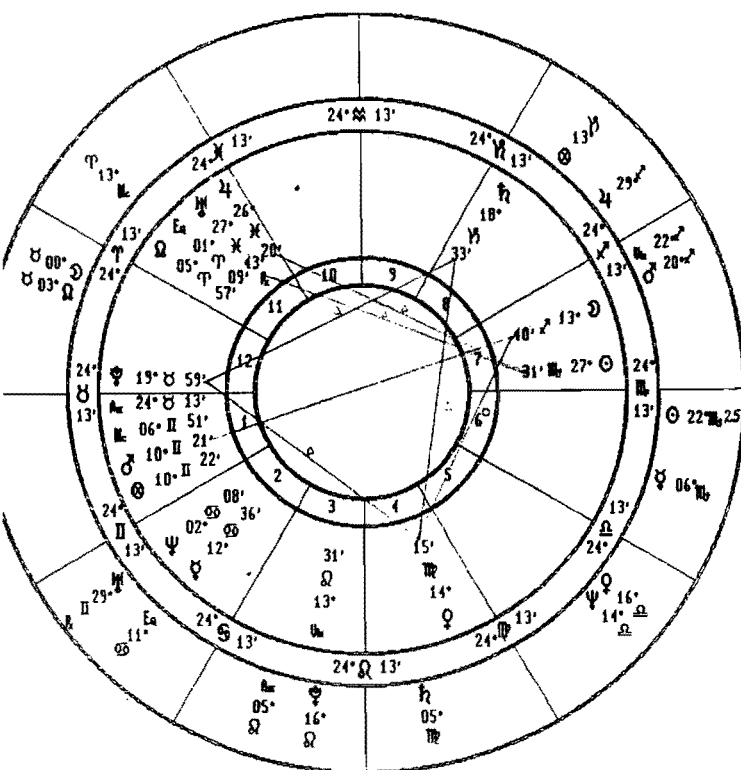
STANDARD SOLAR RETURN FOR
PRINCE CHARLES'S MARRIAGE

An interesting facet of this Chart is the position of the Moon in Sagittarius in the Marriage House, leaving the opposition of Mars and applying to the square of Venus. This suggests that friction was arising in the marriage even before the year was out, and all unbeknown to the bedazzled spectators. Nevertheless, the applying trine of Venus to Saturn, traditional Ruler of Aquarius on the 10th (Status, Prestige and Position) implies that the marriage would hold together for some time (four years?) for the sake of appearances.

Another Cyclic Chart of interest is the Synodic Return. This is a chart for the return each month of the exact natal angle between the Sun and the Moon. It is much neglected by astrologers generally, probably because its calculation is more difficult than the other Cyclic Charts. It is discussed, and its method of calculation

Chart 7:

Inner Circle and Cusps: 32ND HARMONIC
Outer Circle: BIRTH POSITIONS



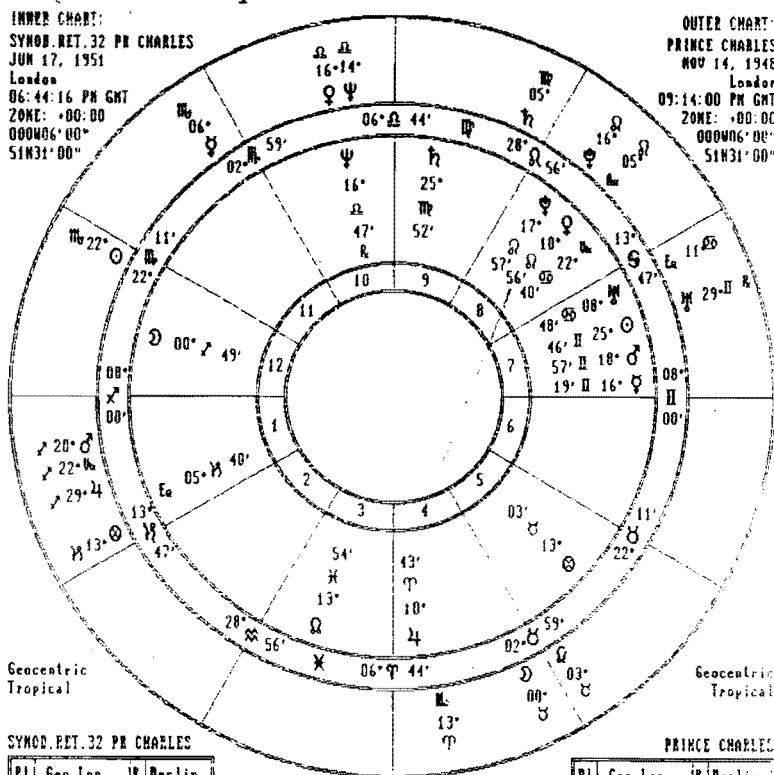
described, by Robert DeLuce in his book *Complete Method of Prediction* (ASI Publishers Inc., 127 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016, 1978). DeLuce terms it an "Embolismic Lunation", and he writes, "In prognostication the embolismic lunation is intermediate in effect between the Progressions and Transits. As the Moon is the ruler of time in the embolismic lunation it is to be considered that the indicators therein relate to matters chiefly governed by the Moon. The Moon governs the subconscious mind, that part of the mind manifesting as habits. The Moon governs the glandular system and hence is influential in the emotions, affections and instincts. In matters external to the individual consciousness the Moon represents the mother, or affairs coming through family relationships. The Earth is the mother of all, the Moon most closely representing the Earth in the heavens, therefore the Moon represents habitations, domicile or inherited property, or property rights. It also represents a person's popularity or acceptance by the inhabitants of his community or place of nativity."

The outstanding feature of the Synodic Return (Chart 8) is the very close trine between the planets of love and well-being, Venus and Jupiter. It is only 13' from perfect. Jupiter rules the Sagittarian Ascendant, and Venus the Libran Midheaven, so this

is a strong pointer to marriage in a Chart that is principally associated with the Moon (domesticity, home, wife, etc). It is notable that notwithstanding these good auspices the union subsequently failed. A portent of this is the conjunction of Mercury and Mars - renowned for verbal if not physical warfare - Mercury in and ruling the House of marriage, and Mars ruling the House of the Home.

Chart 8:

SYNODIC RETURN 32 FOR PRINCE CHARLES
(Relates to year 14 Nov.1980 - 14 Nov.1981)



SYNOD. RET. 32 PR CHARLES

Pl	Geo Lon	Decl.
☉	00° 48' 52"	-25° 07'
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♀	10° 10' 55' 52"	+19° 27'
♂	18° 11' 57' 19"	+23° 28'
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PRINCE CHARLES

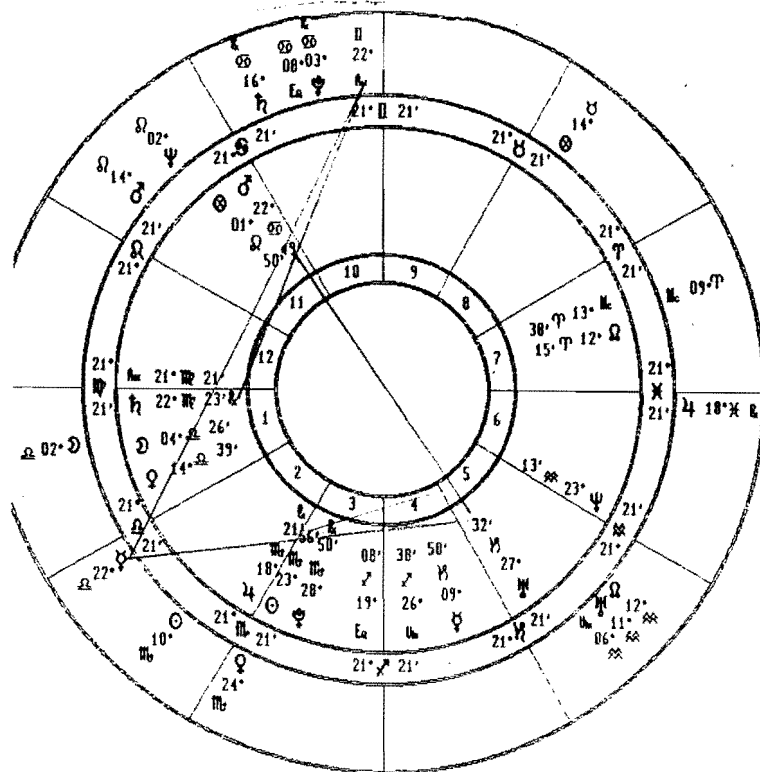
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My experience with Cyclic Charts has encouraged me more and more to place greatest reliance on the Age Harmonic. If the birth time is correct this Chart gives a very good indication of the main features in the year being examined. If the birth time is only approximate, the House positions can vary widely, though the planetary positions and aspects remain much the same. Here is a final example, one from my private practice, and once again the Age Harmonic outshines the others in its indications.

The Charts are drawn from the Horoscope of an elderly woman who, in the year covered by the Cyclic Charts, underwent spinal surgery, following which she suffered a long period of

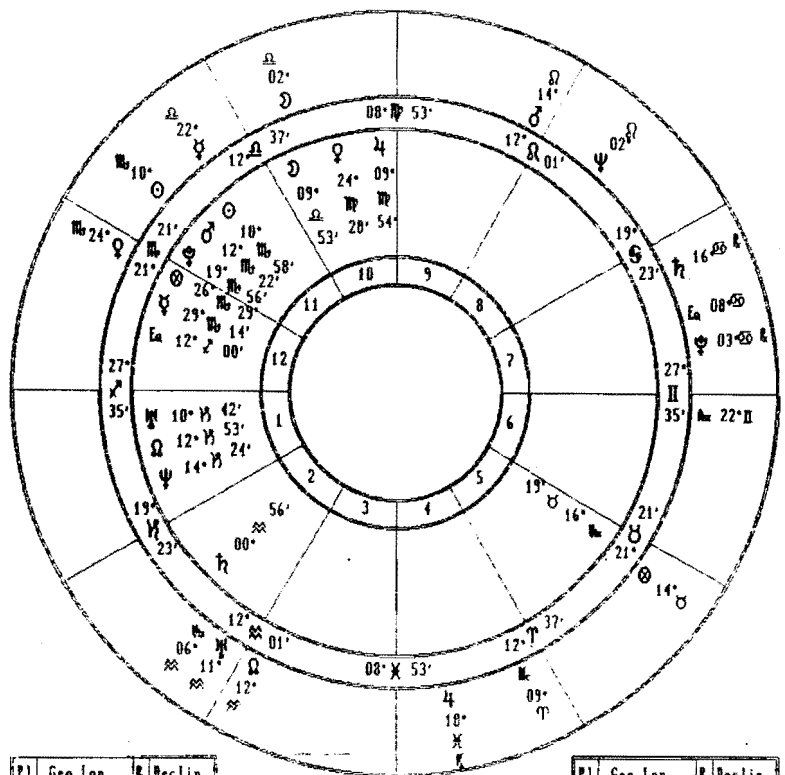
pain and general distress. Birth details are not given, to preserve the subject's anonymity. All Charts are set for Sydney, which was the place of birth and of the action.

**Chart 9: Inner Circle, AGE HARMONIC
Outer Circle, BIRTH CHART**



The Age Harmonic gives clear indications of the year's dominant events: Saturn in Virgo conjunct the Ascendant (and square the Natal Ascendant) warns of an unhappy, perhaps traumatic year. It did, in fact turn into a year of pain and suffering long drawn-out. Mars in a T-square with Uranus and Natal Mercury signifies surgery, particularly as the Houses ruled by the Significators are the 8th (surgery), the 6th (illness), and the Ascendant (physical body). Looking further, we see Neptune in the 6th House, almost exactly square the Sun, signifying an obscure illness, difficult to diagnose and treat. The surgery was succeeded by apparently unrelated and painful physical manifestations that the doctors could not cure, and which were finally relieved through homoeopathy. The Sun rules the 12th House (hospitals) and is in Scorpio, which governs the spinal column, conjunct Scorpio's Ruler, Pluto, emphasizing the point and indicating a fundamental, irrevocable change in the life. The subject was obliged to give up her vocation entirely for over a year, aptly shown by Venus in Libra opposite the true Harmonic MC in Aries. (The Chart MC in Gemini is drawn from the Harmonic Ascendant.)

**Chart 10: Inner Circle, SOLAR RETURN
Outer Circle, BIRTH CHART**



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☉	09° 53' 02"	-08° 34'
☌	10° 58' 22"	-15° 07'
♂	29° 14' 24"	-21° 53'
♀	24° 28' 07"	-02° 43'
♂	12° 22' 01"	-15° 26'
♂	09° 54' 14"	-00° 43'
♂	00° 55' 40"	-20° 29'
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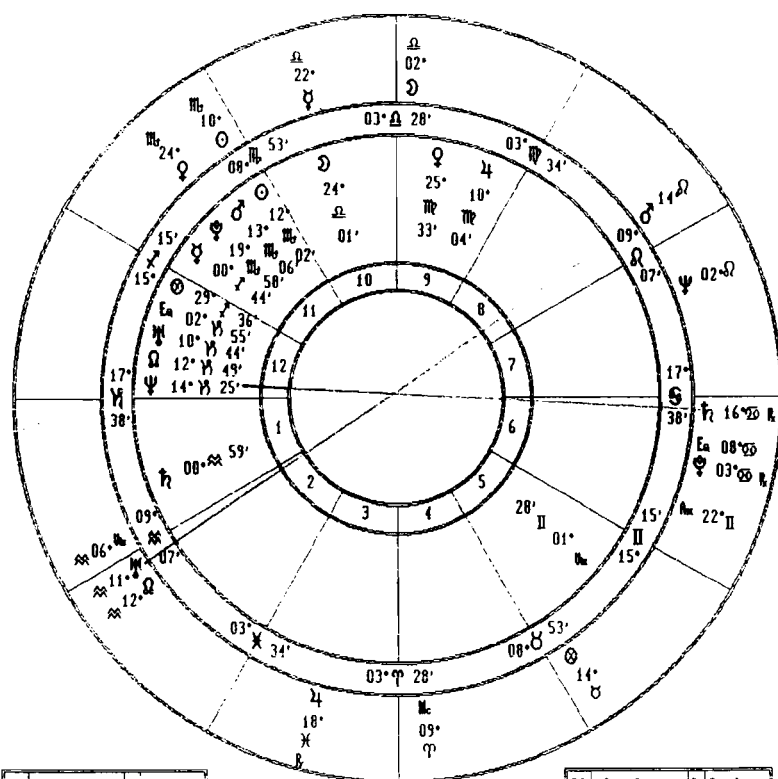
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♂	11° 48' 35"	-17° 54'
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Contrast the above with the Standard Solar Return: Sagittarius rises, with its Ruler, Jupiter right at the Midheaven, signifying success and acclaim in the vocation. This was certainly true of the subject before the medical condition supervened, but hardly the most significant event of the year. Pluto on the 12th Cusp conjunct Mars and opposite the Vertex does suggest hospitalization and surgery, while Uranus rising conjunct the Moon's Node and Neptune means change and uncertainty. These indications, however, are mild compared with those of the Age Harmonic.

The most significant feature of the Precessed Return (Chart 11) is Neptune opposite Saturn across the Horizon, a potent indicator of illhealth. Additionally, the Natal opposition of Mars and Uranus lies along the 2nd/8th axis, and the Natal Ascendant and Pluto appear in the 6th House. The Sun, ruling the 8th (surgery) is conjunct Mars and Pluto in Scorpio, and square the Natal Mars/Uranus opposition. These are all significant features but do not depict the trauma and misery of the year with as much clarity and force as the Age Harmonic.

- Dymock.

Chart 11: Inner Circle PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN
Outer Circle BIRTH CHART



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MORE ON THE FEDERAL ELECTION by Michael Edwards (U.K.)

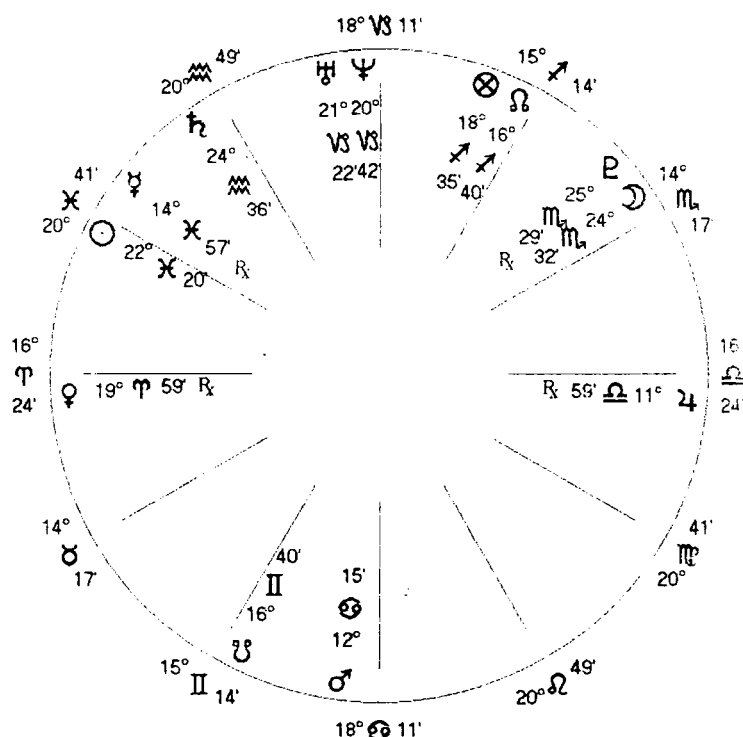
I am always fascinated by contest horoscopes. Your horse-racing method, I find, works relatively well. And the last Australian General Election quite rightly attracted much attention. In my own work I have never used close-of-polls figures, preferring the front end of the contest as the clearer index of the outcome. May I respectfully request that you print the time polls open in any future elections you cover in advance? [Certainly, Michael. -Ed.] Such information is often hard to obtain with any certainty abroad.

In the case of your Federal Elections I cannot agree that the Opening of the Polls Figure did not clearly show the result. Venus for the Opposition falls in the camp of their enemy, the First House, Peregrine and Debilitated by Detriment and retrograde motion. Her reception by Exaltation with the Peregrine Sun, natural Significator of the Government and Lord of the 5th, the

Government's performance, restores him to power of a First-House nature, and her to power of a less fortunate 12th-House kind. And if you must use outer planets, the conjunction of Uranus and Neptune in the 10th, the Government's victory, squares Venus.

Mars for the Government falls in the 3rd, the Government's leader, and mutually applies by trine to a Detrimented, Fallen and retrograde Mercury, Lord of the 3rd, and of the 6th, the Opposition's 12th, penalties, injuries and disadvantages against them, here most aptly Goods and Services. Mars also mutually receives the Moon, natural significator of the Electorate, in the 8th, fear and anguish (especially with regard to tax matters) and the Opposition's supporters. Though both are in Fall, Mars at least has

OPENING OF THE POLLS, 13TH MARCH 1993
Canberra 149°8'E, 35°17'S. 8am AEST. Placidus.



dignity by Triplicity while the Moon is Peregrine, with nowhere to go except by receiving Mars, thus strengthening both.

The Moon, opposing Algol, thus in peril of losing her head, translates light by trine from the Sun, the Government and its electoral performance. This might have augured well for the Opposition, especially as Saturn has Exaltation and Triplicity dignity in Libra on the 7th Cusp. But Saturn is in the Terms of Jupiter, himself retrograde and unfortunate in the 6th, penalising the Opposition. So the severely impeded Moon's exact afflicting square from [Saturn in] the Terms of a weak Mercury, Lord

of the 6th, Goods and Services, and from the 8th, taxes, availed him nothing in respect of performance, turning against the Opposition and allowing the Government the victory he signifies as Lord of the 10th.

Indeed, this square also shows by House rulership the conflict between the 10th and 4th, the two Houses of victory: The weak Moon surrenders to the dignified Saturn, Lord of the Midheaven, in the House of the Government's friends, hopes and wishes. Victory was lost. Mars offers additional confirming testimony by his status as Almuten of the degrees of both Lights, and by his dignity by Exaltation and Triplicity on MC and IC respectively.

My reason for boring you [not bored! -Ed.] with this relatively detailed *post facto* analysis of this by now thoroughly flogged dead horse of a horoscope is twofold. Firstly, In Issue 140 Allan Johnson raised a most contentious philosophical point by questioning astrology's power to forecast events accurately, and to depict circumstances past, present and future. This issue lies at the roots of our practice, cazimi with its very heart.

Contest horoscopes fall within the domain of horary interrogations, the lowest class in the Aristotelean order of matters worthy to be judged, the most clearly divinatory form of horoscopy, and the most unashamedly predictive. The horary Figure for the Election is no mere "alternative chart and technique". It represents a critical moment in time, to which all moments in the past have led and from which all moments in the future will devolve. The horoscope (a word originally referring only to the rising degree) binds the moment to a specific place, and to an event or question. As I have tried to show above. The Traditional craft of horoscopic astrology, as faithfully handed down to us by our illustrious forebears, enables the astrologer to interpret the figure in terms of its subject, to read the course of time, "all things being equal" or not. For the Traditional astrologer of the past predeterminism had no relevance, for his task was "to know the will of God" in His eternal timeless present. Humankind, bound in time and space, have only our rational faculty with which to divine a glimpse of God's vision for us, His Providence. Of course the astrologer may fail to read correctly, but even that should appear in the figure, and can be judged from the condition of the 7th House, its lord and planets therein.

This brings me to my second point. Although other relevant charts may provide the right

answer, the real question is that of judgement. Judicial Astrology has always suffered the harshest attacks from our critics. Yet its methods and procedures are fully delineated in clear detail by a vast body of literature dating from ancient times and culminating for English readers in William Lilly's *Christian Astrology*. Lilly's brilliant exposition of first Horary then Natal Astrology reveals that essentially the same approach applies to any horoscope, be it horary, electional, natal or mundane. The fact that his Horary rules work so well today goes to show that things haven't really changed as much as our current learned establishment would have us believe. So we ignore him and good old-fashioned judicial astrology at our peril, playing into the hands of our enemies.

Moreover concise interpretation resides in the precise terminology and dynamic structure of the ancient astrological model of experience. An Exalted significator shows an exalted person or matter. If accidentally Debilitated his ability to effect action is reduced. If he is in the Terms of Mars he will act in martial terms, according to the condition of Mars in the scheme. A Peregrine planet has no home, with all that implies for what or whom he signifies in our property-owning culture. An aspect, or "seeing", from another planet can pick him out, for better or for worse as the aspect indicates. Today's irresponsible creative literary imagination plays little part in good judicial astrology, indeed only serves to obscure sharp judgement with the inevitable ambiguity of words.

Our ancestors observed the Heavens above and the Earth below with their naked eyes, while we ruin ours poring over the ephemerides and computers within four walls. So with all due respect to Allan I would suggest that the problems he rightly bemoans spring from the fragmentation of our practice under the influence of humanistic science, progress, evolution and psychology, aptly denoted by Uranus, Neptune, Pluto, Chiron et al., discovered not by astrology but by science, and threatening to fragment yet further the most reliable and consistent astrological model we have ever had. We should never underestimate the vindictive skills of our foes without, nor the blind, uninformed folly of those within.

Well said, Michael. Close reasoning as above is a healthy corrective to what passes today as "Astrology", but is often little more than imaginative fantasizing.

My kind regards to all.

Dymock,

21st July, 1993.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE GRAND NATIONAL DEBACLE

(From information sent by ROZ PARK, England)

Said to be the world's greatest horse race, the Grand National, run on 3rd April last at Aintree, England, became a fiasco and was declared void after all but a handful of the 39 runners did not realize there had been a false start.

Bookmakers said bets totalling £75m - the largest amount wagered in a single day in British gambling history - would be returned. The Government lost nearly £6m in betting tax on the refunded wagers.

There were two false starts, and after the second one most riders failed to notice the red flag that should have recalled them. They continued racing, and seven horses completed the entire four-and-a-half-mile race over 30 fences.

The Chart in the next column is for the actual starting time, which was eight minutes behind schedule. Apart from the false starts, the race was delayed because of a protest by up to sixty animal-rights activists, some of whom staged a sit-down in front of the first fence. The two false starts were caused by the starting tape entangling some of the horses and jockeys through failing to spring up quickly enough.

The abortive race was over at 4:13pm. Of the seven horses that did finish the course, the winner was ESHA NESS, an outsider at 66:1. Sadly for the rider, John White, the trainer and the owners, it was a hollow victory as the stewards declared the race void.

ROZ PARK wrote to me before the race that she thought an outsider would win, basing her judgement on *Pars Fortuna* in the 5th House approaching Neptune and Uranus. She writes further that most members of the "very traditional Astrological Lodge" of London say that all event charts can be worked out without recourse to the modern planets. In this Race Chart, the Moon is void-of-course, Jupiter is Retrograde and opposite Venus and the Sun in the 8th, and the Ruler of the 5th

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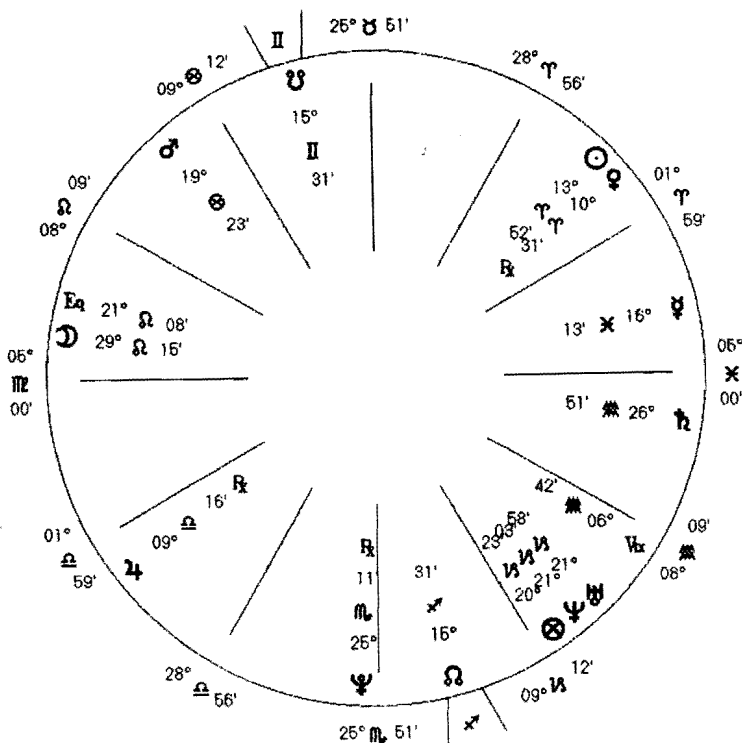
House (Saturn) is in the 6th, which appear to militate against a favoured horse winning. But the drama of the event, Roz reports, relates to Pluto conjunct the I.C., and Neptune and Uranus conjunct *Pars Fortuna*.

Comments of other readers will be welcome.

Using astrology, Roz Park has picked the winners of the English Derby three years in a row.

GRAND NATIONAL RACE

3rd April 1993, 3:58pm BST, Aintree, England.
2°56'W, 53°29'N. Koch Cusps.



NICK SUTHERLAND writes from the USA -

Richard Nixon's Marriage

Issue 134: Nixon married Thelma Catherine (Pat) Ryan on 21st June 1940 at Mission Inn, Riverside, California (33°59'N, 117°22'W). He met Pat at an amateur theater group after he joined a law firm in Whittier. He proposed to her the night they met, but she refused him for two years. I don't know if there was anyone else, but it seems doubtful.

Issue 132/133: Ross Harvey's comment about the most important planets in a Solar Return falling in Cadent Houses brought to mind a similar finding by James Braha. He remarks "...I have practised Hindu and Western Astrology, side by side, over the past ten years or so. I have continually noticed planets in Cadent Houses in Western charts falling in Angular Houses in the same person's Hindu chart. Thus I consider it more likely that the Cadent planets that Gauquelin proved to be so powerful were really Angular... My experience indicates that Western Houses and House rulerships produce accurate results only when they exactly match the Hindu positions for the same chart! Time and time again, when I have noted a planet in a certain House in the Western chart that resides in a different House of the Hindu chart, the symbolism of the planet in the Hindu chart yields the objectively verifiable results in the person's life."

These comments were taken from his new book *HOW TO BE A GREAT ASTROLOGER*, page 38.

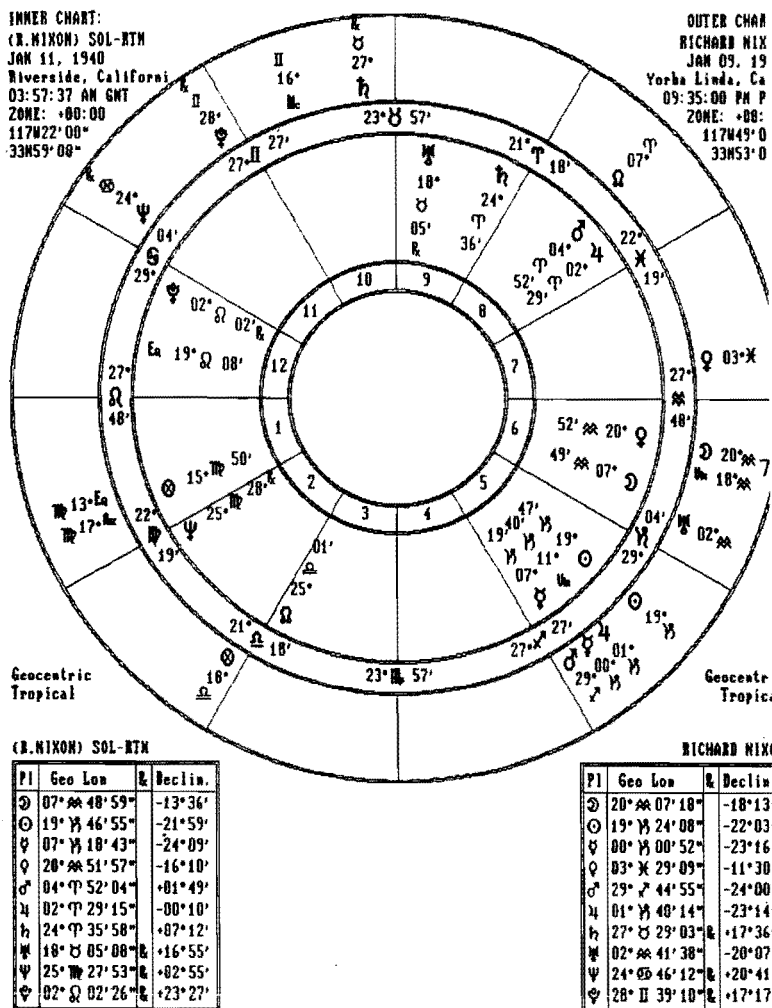
- Nick Sutherland.

Thanks to Nick for the above. The place where Richard Nixon married Thelma Ryan is so close to his birth place that there is no appreciable difference in the standard Solar-Return Chart (see Issue 134). There is a difference, however, if we use the Precessed Solar Return. (See Chart).

An immediate difference is LEO rising, instead of Aries. As Volguine says (*The Technique of Solar Returns*, page 58,) "Annual Ascendant in Leo shows that the affections occupy center stage."

Aside from that, Natal Venus is now in the 7th S.R.-House, and the 5th House (romance) is well-tenanted by both Solar Return and Natal planets. The position of Natal Saturn near the Midheaven is typical of assuming added responsibility - in this case, marriage. Another significant factor is Natal Venus in the Marriage House, and the midpoint of Natal Venus and Solar Return Venus (27°11' of Aquarius) conjunct the Marriage Cusp.

RICHARD NIXON'S MARRIAGE: PRECESSED S.R.



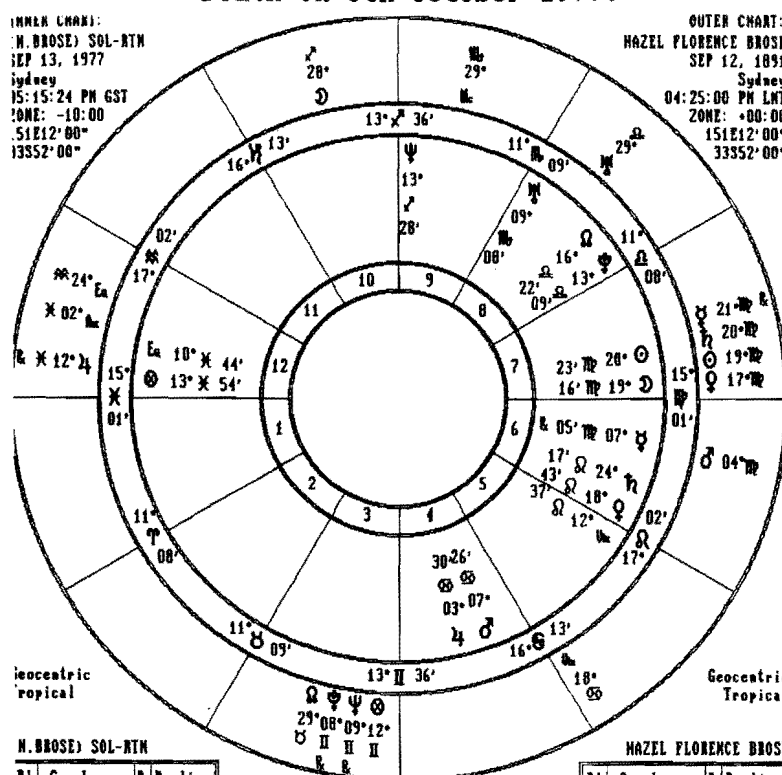
This Chart re-opens the perennial discussion about which Solar Return to use - the standard one using the natal position of the Sun, or the precessed chart where the Sun's position advances about 50" a year, to keep pace with the precession of the Equinoxes. Astrologers who use the Sidereal Zodiac don't have this problem. For the "Tropical" astrologer the choice is usually made on the basis of personal experience. I have frequently found the Precessed Solar Return to be superior, as in the above instance, but not always!

Here is another instance where the Precessed Chart is superior - the death of my mother on 5th October 1977, aged 86. Both Standard and Precessed Charts are shown, with the Birth Chart circumscribed around each.

The Precessed Chart is clearly more indicative of the event: The most prominent feature is Pluto on the 8th Cusp sextile the Ruler, Neptune, and conjunct the North Node, suggesting "transformation by death". The Signs on the Ascendant and Midheaven are the same as in the Birth Horoscope, indicating an unusually fateful year. Pisces rises, correlating with the 12th House - hospital, where the death occurred. The Ruler, Neptune,

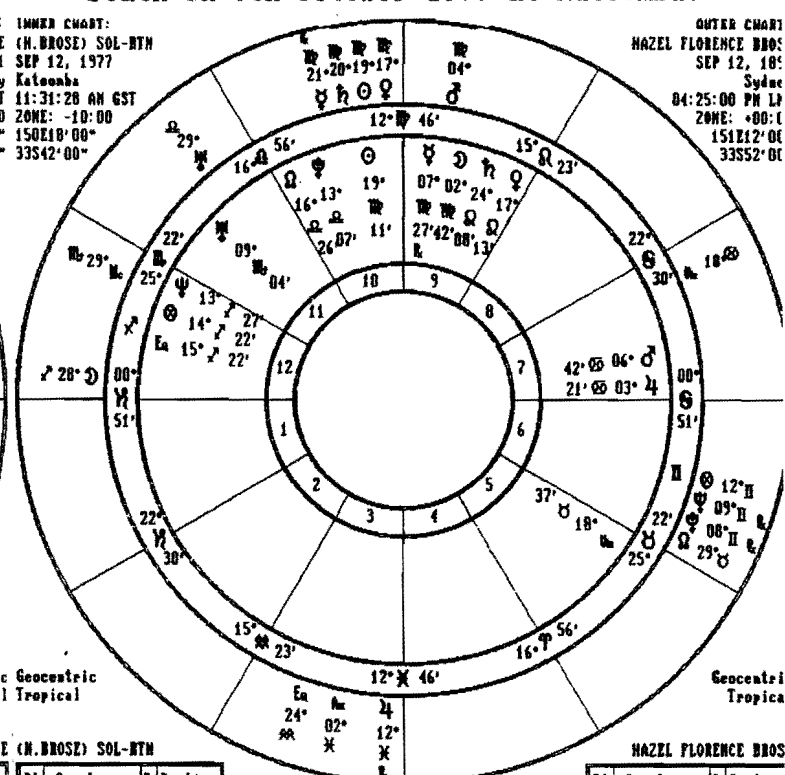
Precessed Solar Return

13th September 1977, Sydney. 5:15:24pm AEST.
Death on 5th October 1977.



Standard Solar Return

12th Sept. 1977, Katoomba. 11:31:28 am AEST.
Death on 5th October 1977 at Katoomba.



(H. BROSE) SOL-RTM

Pl	Geo Lon	Declin.
☉	13° 16' 16"	+02° 08'
☌	20° 23' 21"	+03° 48'
☿	07° 05' 06"	+07° 36'
☽	18° 42' 46"	+15° 40'
♂	07° 05' 06"	+23° 30'
♂	03° 30' 07"	+23° 00'
♂	24° 16' 50"	+14° 26'
♂	09° 07' 45"	+14° 10'
♂	13° 28' 05"	+20° 58'
♂	13° 28' 05"	+10° 03'

HAZEL FLORENCE BROSE (H. BROSE) SOL-RTM

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☉	28° 48' 42"	-25° 59'
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☿	21° 05' 08"	+00° 16'
☽	17° 27' 16"	+06° 16'
♂	04° 49' 27"	+10° 50'
♂	12° 11' 35"	+08° 21'
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is almost precisely on the Midheaven. Here it is actually conjunct the Progressed Sun at 14°58' Sagittarius, and square the SR-Sun and Moon, signifying a loss of vitality.

It is difficult to find any significant pointers in the Standard Solar Return. The Natal Moon is just above the Ascendant, and rules the terminal 8th House, but it is not severely afflicted by anything. The Natal Midheaven occupies the SR-12th, with Neptune therein, but this does not warrant a forecast of anything very drastic, even allowing for the subject's age (86).

On a different tack, it is noteworthy that the Age Harmonic Chart, No. 86 (not shown) supplies far more definite indications: Readers who print it out will see that Natal Mars rises conjunct the Ascendant, ruling the "Death" House, and almost exactly square Harmonic Saturn in the terminal 4th House. Natal Pluto, and Neptune in the Midheaven, not far from the MC, are opposed by Saturn in the 4th. Venus in the 8th is closely opposed by Neptune. Harmonic Mars and Uranus are conjoined in Pisces opposite Natal Saturn and Mercury. There is certainly sufficient there

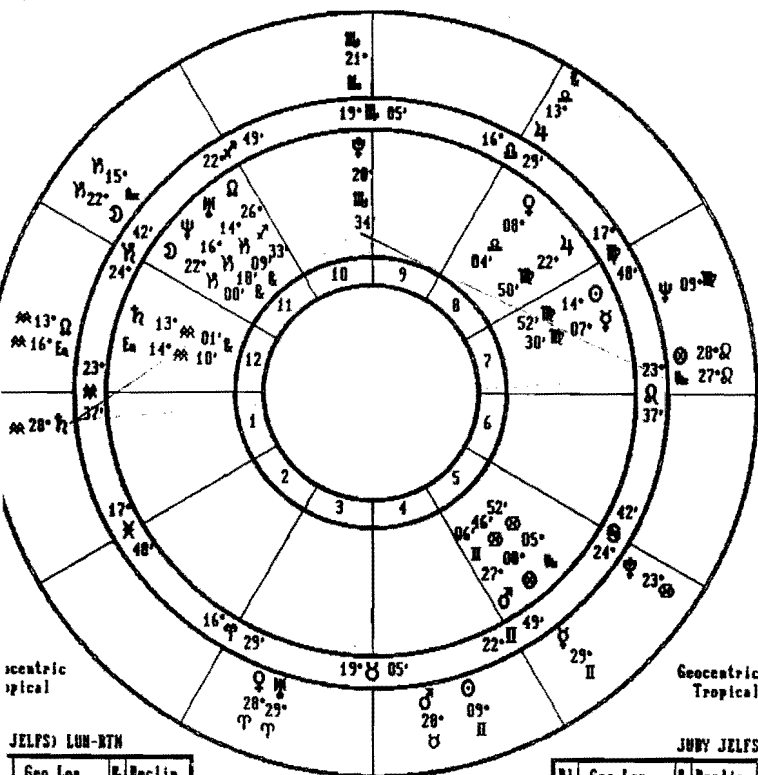
to warrant a grave prognosis.

Reverting to the question of the appropriate Solar Return - standard or precessed - though I still have an open mind on the matter, over the years I have had best results from two Charts - the Precessed Solar Return set for the birth place, and the Standard Solar Return set for the place of residence or significant action.

The same problem arises with regard to Lunar Returns. Sometimes the Standard Lunar Return, and sometimes the Precessed Return is preferable, in the sense that it is more truly indicative of the actual results. The Chart below is a Standard Lunar Return for the time when a woman left the man she had been living with for many years, and decided to make a new life of her own in a different State.

Natal Saturn rises just below the Ascendant, in opposition to the Vertex and *Pars Fortuna*. This sufficiently accounts for the separation from her long-time partner. Most significant, however, is Pluto right on the Midheaven and additionally conjunct the Natal Midheaven. This is particularly charac-

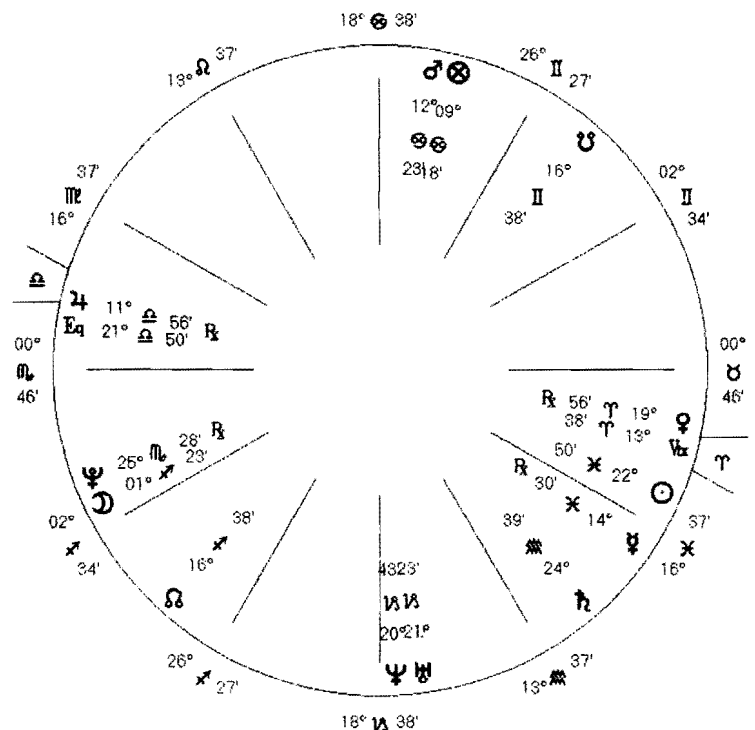
Inner Circle Standard Lunar Return.
Outer Circle Birth Chart.



you argued the case very well until I realized that the Poll Chart was incorrect, not necessarily your interpretation. The polls did not close in Canberra at 6 pm - they did for the Eastern States, but certainly not in West Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

So often the poor West is forgotten and, as you are aware, the Government did not lose all the seats in WA as anticipated, and this had a strong bearing on the results. If you look at the 8-pm closing time [West Australia] you will see that Pluto is conjunct the Moon in the First House trining the Sun, and the 4th House has Neptune/Uranus squaring Venus ruling the 7th. I know which one I would put my money on out of those choices.

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Closing of the Polls 8pm AEST.



teristic of a turning point in the personal history. A chapter of living is brought to a close, and a new phase begins in which the life is entirely transformed. This is exactly what happened to the woman concerned.

The Precessed Lunar Return is not shown for shortage of space, but its outstanding feature is the Sun and Jupiter in the 7th House, suggesting that all is going well on the marital front!

The experience of other astrologers would be welcome. Please cite specific examples.

The Federal Election Again

GILLIAN HELFGOTT (NSW) writes:

I am greatly enjoying *Astrologers' Forum* and look forward to it very much each month. You have done a remarkable job of keeping this going for so many years, and I trust it will continue for many, many more.

With regard to the Election Charts, I was particularly interested in all the comments. You say you were not correct with your assessment of the Coalition winning with the Chart for the closing of the Polls. I thought

Thank you Gillian. This does indeed cast a different light on the matter. As Gillian points out, the Poll was not finally closed until 6pm West Australian Time, which was 8pm in the Federal Capital. The Government (1st and 10th Houses) was now distinctly favoured - the Moon ruling the 1st conjoined with Pluto ruling the 10th, and both trine the Sun - while the opposing Coalition (7th and 4th Houses) faced defeat through the conjunction or Neptune and Uranus on their derived MC, square to Venus ruling their Ascendant.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
6th June 1993.

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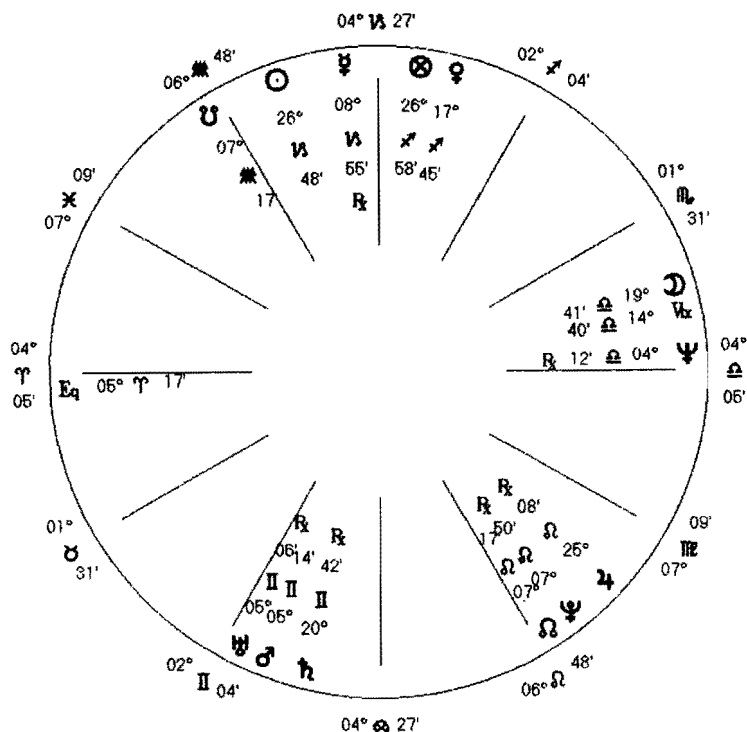
Dear Fellow Astrologer,

FEDERAL ELECTION POST-MORTEM

ROD and COLLEEN BRANDT (Qld.) have drawn my attention to the Daylight Saving Time that was in force at the date of Paul Keating's birth. Assuming that the clock time was indeed about 11:30am (an estimate from information supplied by the mother), this would change the Ascendant from 16°45' Aries to 4°5' Aries, as in the accompanying Chart.

PAUL KEATING

18th January, 1944, NSW 11:30am DST.
Bankstown, NSW. 33°55'S, 151°2'E. Placidus.



Rod and Colleen progressed this Chart to the date of the Federal Election, 13th March 1993, and found that Transitting Saturn, at 24°36' Aquarius, was less than half a degree from the conjunction of the Progressed Midheaven (Progressed by Solar-Arc in longitude) at 24°8' Aquarius. It would need only a small variation in the birth time (two minutes 8 seconds later) to put Transitting

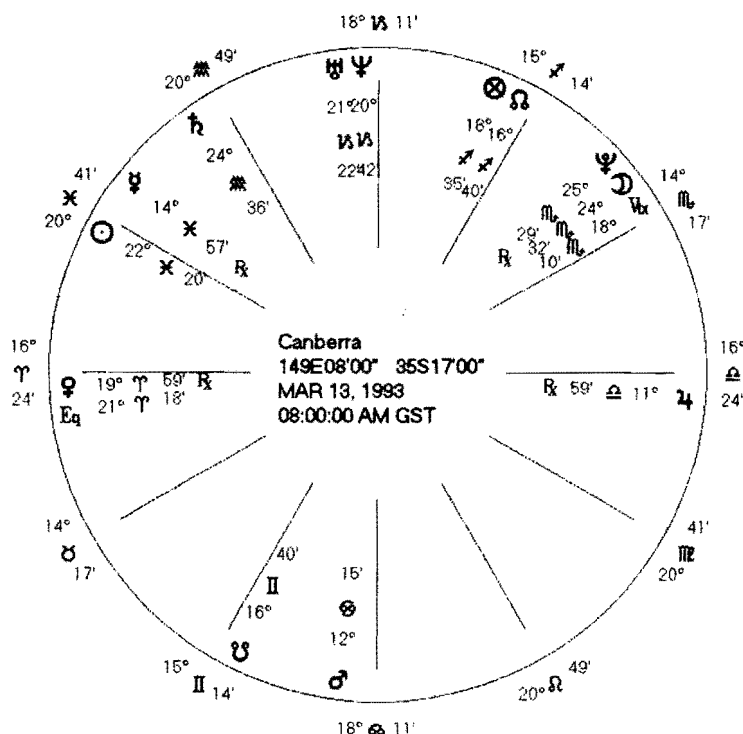
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Saturn exactly on the Midheaven. Rod and Colleen interpreted this as a win for the Prime Minister, with the implication that he would "have to make very sure that he does the right thing by himself, the Party and the Public".

Using the Opening of the Polls Chart, Rod and Colleen deduced a win for Keating's Government: (For the Government - East side, 10th and 1st Houses. For the Opposition - West side, 4th and 7th Houses).

OPENING OF THE POLLS, 13TH MARCH 1993



Factors in favour of the ALP are: (1) The majority of planets in the East. (2) Saturn ruling the 10th dignified by Sign and House, sextile Venus [though square Moon and Pluto]. (3) Mars, ruling the 1st House, also on the

East side in the 3rd House, squaring the Ascendant and Jupiter and opposite the MC, which "adds a dominating power".

Factors affecting the Opposition are: (1) The Moon ruling the 4th House is in the 8th, in Detriment by Sign and House, and conjunct Pluto in Scorpio ("being sat on, so to speak"). (2) Venus, ruling the 7th is in the Incumbent Side's 1st House in Aries, in Detriment by Sign and House. (3) The foregoing position of Venus shows the Incumbent Party has power and domination over the Opposition.

In addition, Rod and Colleen used the Jupiter/Saturn method detailed in the September 1992 Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* (page 2). Although it failed, or at least didn't give a clear answer on that occasion, Rod and Colleen have used it to successfully predict a number of other Elections, and claim a success rate of six out of seven. The method, which readers might like to test for themselves, is drawn from Sylvia DeLong's book, *Charting Presidential Elections*. Rodd writes that Sylvia said in her book that out of 40-odd Presidential Elections the method failed in only three.

From the above, Rod and Colleen predicted a win for Keating, and published it in their February Newsletter before the Election.

Comments from other readers

I took the 10th House ("administration of power" - Carter) of the 8am Chart with its powerful conjunction of Neptune and Uranus in a Cardinal Sign, sextiled by the Sun, the Moon and Pluto, as the main indicator of the Government's retention of power.

Moon-Pluto gives powerful subterranean feelings. The Moon rules the 4th - the common people and the Opposition, and squares Saturn, reluctance to change, in Aquarius, certainly the Sign of the "people".

Mine is hindsight, of course, not foresight. Your willingness to be forthright about your views on the Chart is the kind of honesty that Astrology needs. Incidentally, I think that political charts, like close family charts, are harder sometimes to read because of the subjective element involved.

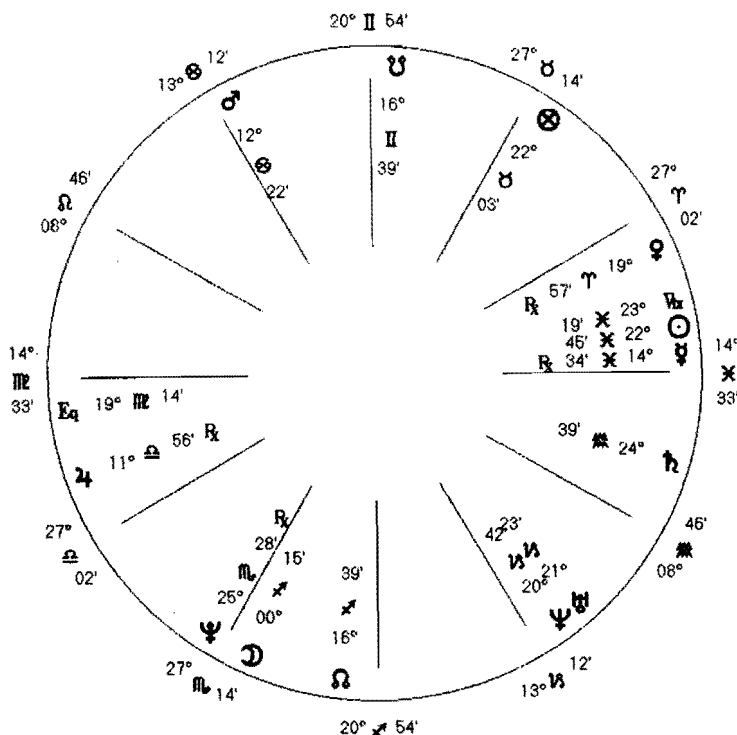
- Peggy Hetherington, NSW.

The transitting Moon was moving to the South Node in Dr. Hewson's Natal Chart [page 2, Issue 138], which signifies loss, trine to Natal Pluto in the 12th House (Self-Undoing), in the degree of the Nodes, = fatality. The transitting South Node is conjunct his MC!

CLOSING OF THE POLLS

13th March 1993, Canberra, 6pm AEST

149°8'E, 35°17'S. Placidian Cusps.



Mercury retrograde, in the Closing of the Polls Chart symbolizes returning to a previous condition. Ivy Jacobsen says retrogrades allow the person to "go back and try again". So, quite frankly, I suspected Mr. Keating to have advice of a very competent astrologer!

As for the Opening of the Polls, the final aspect of the Moon is the conjunction with Pluto in reverse motion, strong in the 8th (Taxes). We got our old tax system back - not the GST.

The fact that so many prominent astrologers were wrong highlights the fact that networking between Australian astrologers has a long way to go.

- Gisela Rosmann, Vic.

The real key [Closing of the Polls Chart] is the very close parallel between both Significators (Mercury and Jupiter), with the Dispositor of Jupiter (Venus) in the 8th House (loss), applying to the square of both Uranus and Neptune, Neptune being the Co-Ruler of Pisces on the 7th Cusp, showing the defeat of the Opposition Party.

- Leslie Black, Eng.

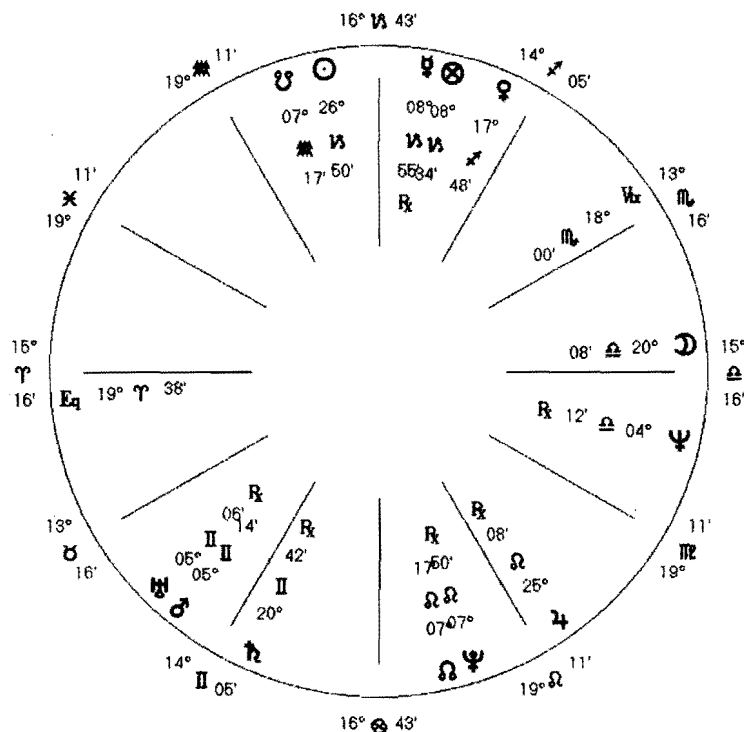
[Decl. Mercury 3°15'S, Jupiter 3°16'S.]

As regards Paul Keating. I think I may have the answer. I rectified his Chart using two major events in his life: 5th March 1983 when

he became Treasurer in the first Hawke Government, and now 13th March 1993 when he won the Election against all odds. Based on my rectification with Primary Directions, using the Placidus/Van Dam System, I think he was born around 11:23am. [With Daylight Saving, this would be clock time 12:23pm. - Ed.]

PAUL KEATING

18th Jan. 1944, 11:23am, Bankstown, NSW
Provisional Rectification by Rudolf Smit
33°55'S, 151°2'E. Placidian Cusps.



Primary Directions for Birth at 12:23pm DST

March 1993

Progressive	Regressive
MC 90 Ma/Ur	Ma/Ur 0 Asc
(Mars rules Asc)	(orb < 4'!)
Asc 120 Sun (orb 5')	MC 60 Sun
Sun 60 MC, 90 Plu	Sun 120 Pl
(Co-Ruler of Asc)	Ma/Ur 90 MC
Ve 120 Ma/Ur	
Pl 120 Sun	

March 1983

Progressive	Regressive
MC 180 Ju	MC 120 Pl
Sun 90 Ma/Ur	Sun 0 Ve
Ve 0 Sun	Ma/Ur 90 Sun, 120 Ju
Ju 120 Ma/Ur	Ju 180 MC, 90 Asc
Pl 120 MC, 90 Ve	

All these positions are well within orb (<1°). The "palace coup" of 19th December 1991 can also be explained by the same

Primaries that are valid for March 1993. For a more precise rectification I need some more data, for example when he met Anita van Iersel, his wife.

- Rudolf Smit, Netherlands.

This is how I saw it: The Right is governed by Leo (politically), the Left is governed by Aquarius, e.g., Leo = Cavaliers, Aquarius = Roundheads. As Parliament was dissolved, there was no Government or Opposition at the time of the Election (unlike U.S.A.), so I just considered the M.C. and these two Signs in your Canberra Election Chart [Closing of the Polls].

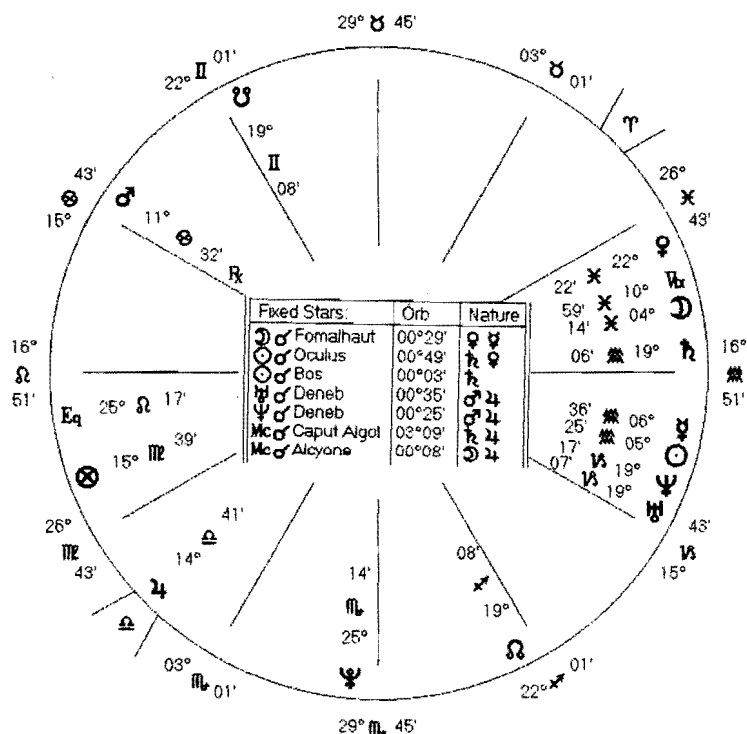
Aquarius is on the Cusp of the 6th House and contains Saturn which, though not itself a very hopeful planet, is one of the Rulers of Aquarius, so is quite at home there, and also is in trine to the MC (Government). So it occurred to me that Labour would win a close struggle.

- Margarita Lang, S.A.

N.D.Strachan (Qld) used a Horary Chart:

"Will the Labour Party win the next Federal Election in 1993?"

25th January 1993, 7:19pm, 26°57'S, 153°7'E. Regiomontanus Cusps.



As I was the Querent, the 10th House was allocated to the Government, which then became the 1st House of the Judgement Chart, and the other Houses were re-numbered from it. The Sign on its Cusp is Taurus, with its Ruler,

Venus, exalted in Pisces in the derived 10th House - honour, status, prime officers.

One of William Lilly's aphorisms regarding the gaining of work positions is that if the Ruler of the 1st House is in the 10th, or the Moon and the Ruler of the 10th are in the 10th, then the position sought after will be gained, "...but not gratis; he must bestir himself, and use all the friends he can about it..." (W.Lilly, *Christian Astrology*, page 444). In this case, Venus, the Ruler of the 1st House, the Moon and Saturn, Ruler of the 10th House, strong in its own Sign, are all present in the 10th House. From this it seemed that with effort the Labour Party would win the Election.

Venus makes an applying trine to Pluto, indicating that some Plutonic experience is in store for the Labour Party in two to three years. Perhaps it will have an impact on the subsequent Election.

The Moon also refers to the public, and being Peregrine (in no essential dignity, wandering aimlessly) it describes the feelings of many people who did not believe that any political party offered the best or correct solution to the Country's problems.

The fixed star Fomalhaut is conjunct the Moon, showing eventual gain after many difficulties. The public may ultimately feel some improvement in the Country's situation. The fixed star Alcyone is conjunct the Radical Midheaven, or the re-numbered Ascendant. This could imply eminence, and perhaps high passion and ruthlessness (Vivian E. Robson, *The Fixed Stars & Constellations in Astrology*, pp.165, 119, 183).

- N.D. Strachan, Qld.

I think the practice of making a forecast for an election based on a chart for the opening or closing of the polls does have certain flaws. Basically, the whole exercise is based on the assumption that what happens during an election campaign has no bearing on the ultimate result. Once the date is fixed the rest is predetermined. I don't agree with this. It certainly can apply in a lot of cases - but there are others where it does not. A notable case was that of Harold Holt in the late 1960's. He got the biggest landslide in history, and he got it because of the use of violence and intimidation against Holt himself. This was highly dramatized, and swung the whole Electorate around in a massive 'sympathy vote'. We might say that in the event of 'all things being equal' the chart for the election will give a good indication.

A lot depends on the strategies of parties

or leaders, and sometimes the blunders that can be made can turn the whole thing around and take everybody by surprise, which is what happened this year. I don't believe it was the determination of Paul Keating that won him the Election, but rather the blunders of John Hewson in allowing himself to be locked into a no-win situation through his support of the unpopular Goods' and Services' Tax. Hewson put up the target and Keating simply shot it down. Had the Liberal Party gone into the Election with the usual election platitudes they could have won fairly easily, and the Chart for the Poll would have been vindicated. The voters were ready for a change, but circumstances changed direction.

The same situation can occur when a person is setting up a business. He or she can go to an astrologer and get a successful chart for the launching - but that is not the whole story. A whole lot depends on whether the person is capable of running that business, or indeed any business. Some people would fail even in the face of the best possible chart.

What it means is that there is no guaranteed method of infallibly predicting an election result. Every election has its own particular agenda. What works at one time won't necessarily work at another. I think the practice of using the charts of the leaders can often give good results, but an X-factor can be unreliable at times. But apart from that you can get a situation where both candidates have a mixture of good and bad factors, which don't give the astrologer a clear-cut answer - and I would say this applied in the recent Election. So it was very much an unpredictable Election, and that was how it worked out. Just about everybody was taken by surprise, including the Party heads themselves.

Basically, even the Sun-Sign of the rival leaders can be important. Dr. Hewson is a Sun-Scorpio, and that is not a good Sign for being flexible and aware of which way the wind is blowing. Scorpio is dogged and inflexible - which in certain circumstances can be just what is needed - but not in this case. Scorpio's can easily paint themselves into a corner, which is exactly what happened. Of course, after the event it is always possible to look for alternative charts and techniques to explain everything. But is that always convincing?

- Allan Johnson, Tas.

I am gratified by the lively response of readers to the Election Charts.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,

16th March 1993.

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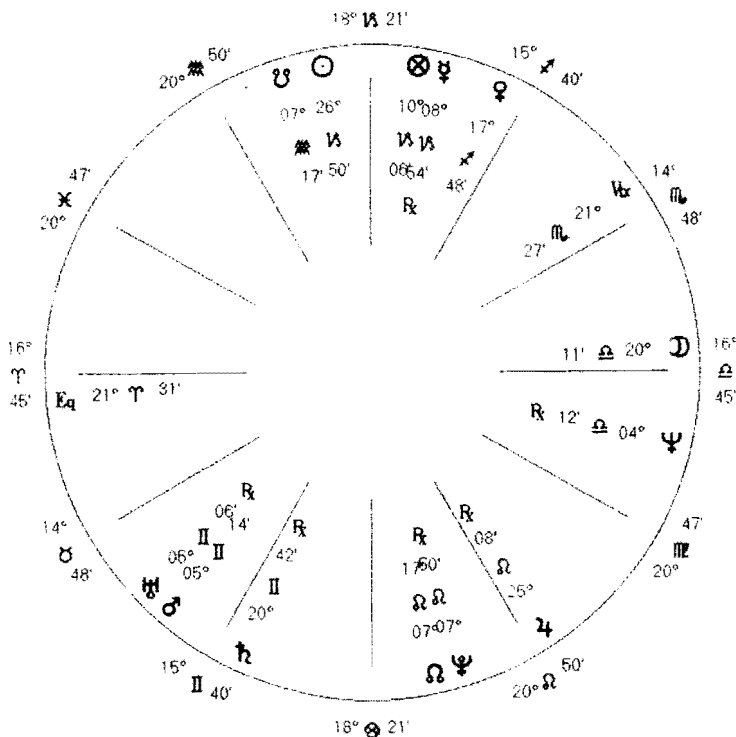
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LABOUR WINS THE ELECTION

So I was wrong! We all make mistakes. Paul Keating kept his Government in power by relentlessly working on the fears of the Electorate regarding the proposed Goods and Services Tax of the Coalition. It was a personal triumph for the Prime Minister, and exemplifies the energy and fighting spirit of his Aries Ascendant, further accented by his Ruler, Mars, very closely conjunct Uranus in the articulate and expressive Sign Gemini.

PRIME MINISTER PAUL KEATING

18th January 1944, Bankstown, NSW.
33°55'S, 151°2'E. 11:30am (believed close).
Placidian Cusps.



Why did I and other astrologers fail to pick the winner in this Election? Was it inadequate astrological data, wrong interpretation, or simply the human factor? By the human factor I mean the power of *character* - strong will, fierce determination, intelligence and initiative - to overcome even severely adverse astrological factors. The late celebrated Yogic Master, Paramahansa Yogananda, declared to astrologers of his day

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his ability to achieve a desired end even against the most potent planetary deterrents, and he did in fact demonstrate this. So it is possible in certain circumstances even for ordinary mortals like us to win out against the astrological odds. Still, let's look at the more obvious factors:

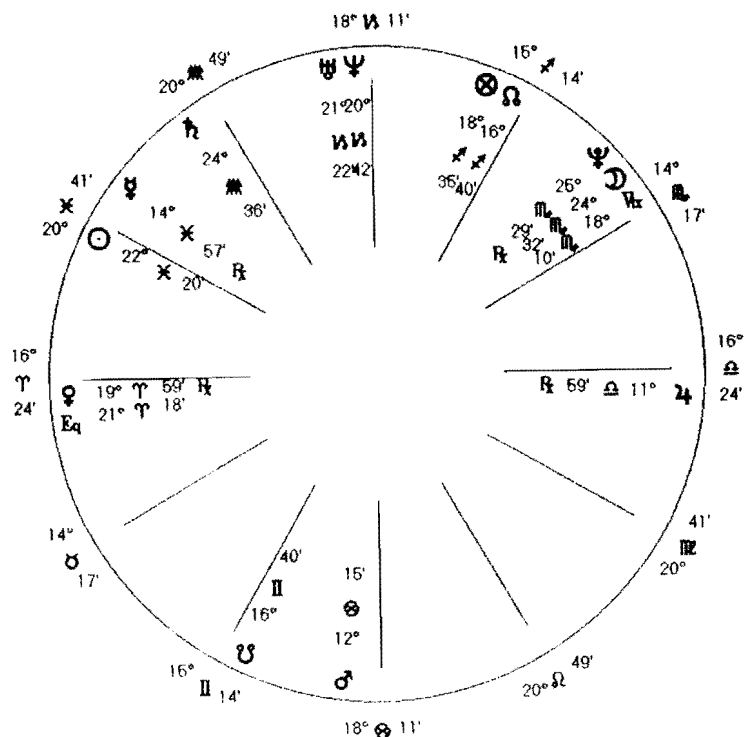
My hope and belief was that we should be able to determine the issue of a contest from a single chart not specifically connected with the birth charts of the protagonists. Certainly, this can often be done with a **Horary Chart** if the querent has a real interest in the outcome. So far as political elections are concerned, in the past I have found the chart for the closing of the polls to be sufficient to indicate the winner. In view of its apparent failure this time I looked also at the Chart for the **Opening of the Polls** on Election day. (See next page.)

This does *not* show a win for the Government, represented by the 1st and 10th Houses. Venus rising is closely squared by both Neptune and Uranus in the 10th, apart from the square to the Ruler of the Ascendant, Mars. These configurations are certainly negative. On the other hand, neither does the Chart indicate a win for the opposing Coalition, represented by the 7th and 4th Houses: Jupiter, just under the 7th Cusp (the Coalition's Ascendant) is retrograde and closely squared by Mars. Venus, ruling the 7th, is squared by Neptune and Uranus, as before noted. The Moon, ruling the 4th House (the Coalition's 10th), is trine the Sun but conjunct Pluto. If anything, this Chart is slightly more

favourable for the losing side than for the victor. It is obviously useless for our purpose.

ELECTION 13TH MARCH 1993: OPENING OF POLLS

8am Canberra, 149°8'E, 35°17'S. Placidian.



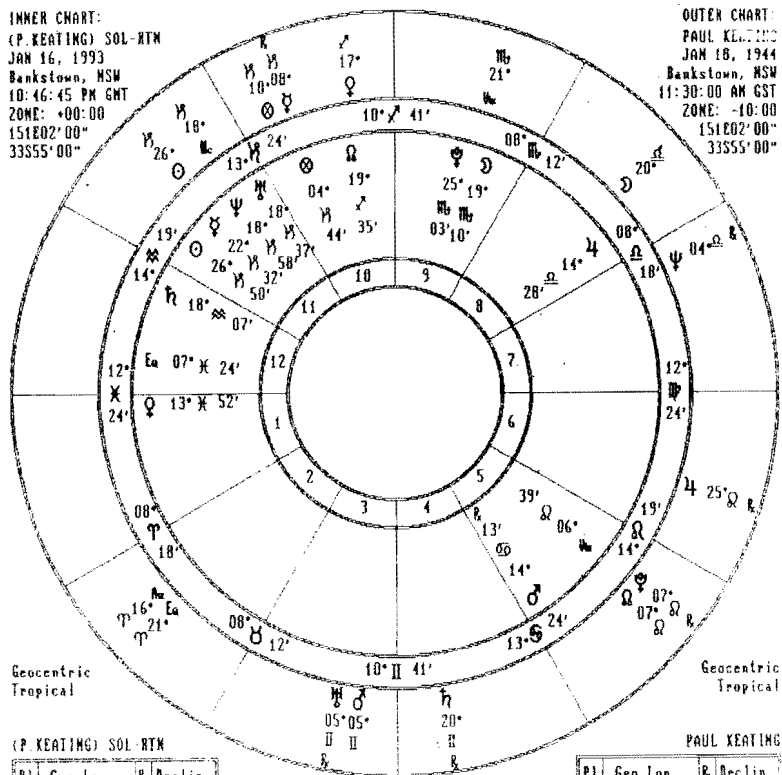
The Chart for the Closing of the Polls as analysed in the last Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* also gave the wrong answer. So we are driven back to analysis of the individual Horoscopes of the Leaders of the two main parties. From Paul Keating's Geniture we get the Solar-Return Figure in the adjacent column for the period of the Election.

This Chart does not immediately impress as one of victory, but the indications are there when we look into it. The principal, and most favourable factor is Venus, the Minor Fortune, right on the Ascendant and exalted in Pisces, its influence amplified by Natal Venus in the Midheaven, conjunct the Solar-Return Moon's Node. Mars trines Venus, adding strength and vigour. Venus "joys" in the 10th House (see later - *A Different View of House Rulerships*). Jupiter rules the Midheaven, and conjoins the Natal Moon. The square of Mars to Jupiter is indicative of the hard fight the Prime Minister had to win his second term in Office. At first glance, the conjunction of Uranus and Neptune with the Natal Midheaven looks to be a doubtful, even negative feature, but these two signifiers are in a close trine in the Birth Horoscope, and sextile the Solar-Return Moon, which radically changes the connotation.

By comparison, John Hewson's Solar Return (see page 3 of last issue), though it

signalled a major development in his life was not specially related to an Electional win. We are assuming that Hewson's birth time was at or near 2:30am, as given in his biography.

INNER CHART:
(P. KEATING) SOL-RTM
JAN 16, 1993
Bankstown, NSW
10:46:45 PM GMT
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151E02'00"
33S55'00"



OUTER CHART:
PAUL KEATING
JAN 16, 1944
Bankstown, NSW
11:30:00 AM GST
ZONE: -10:00
151E02'00"
33S55'00"

(P. KEATING) SOL-RTM

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☽	126° 58' 05"	-20° 47'
☿	122° 32' 19"	-23° 21'
♀	13° 52' 24"	-06° 40'
♂	14° 05' 13"	-26° 46'
♂	14° 27' 59"	-04° 26'
♂	18° 06' 49"	-16° 22'
♂	18° 36' 56"	-22° 33'
♂	18° 57' 45"	-21° 26'
♂	25° 02' 59"	-05° 09'

PAUL KEATING

Pt	Geo Lon	R Declin.
☉	20° 11' 18"	03° 11'
☽	26° 58' 05"	20° 48'
☿	08° 54' 29"	20° 00'
♀	17° 48' 09"	-21° 04'
♂	05° 14' 27"	-23° 50'
♂	25° 07' 55"	-14° 06'
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♂	05° 06' 14"	-21° 04'
♂	04° 12' 27"	00° 22'
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Keating's 49th Harmonic Chart (next page) supports the prognosis of victory given by his Solar Return. The chief indication is the close conjunction of Harmonic Sun and Pluto with Natal Jupiter (in the outer circle), signifying achievement of great success. The close trine of Venus in the 10th House to Jupiter and the sextile to the Moon, Ruler of the Ascendant, is another very favourable factor. No matter if the Birth time is slightly out - the planetary aspects will not significantly change, only the House Cusps.

Finally, there is a clear indication from the Secondary Regressions in Keating's Chart: Venus at 20°42' Libra trine Natal Saturn at 20°42' Gemini on 15th March 1993. Saturn, it will be noted, rules the Midheaven of the Birth Chart.

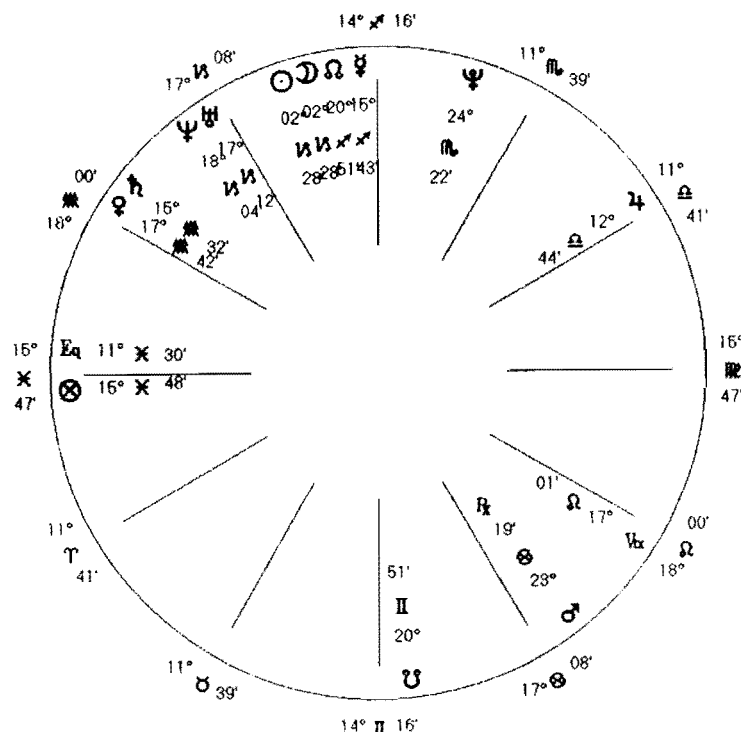
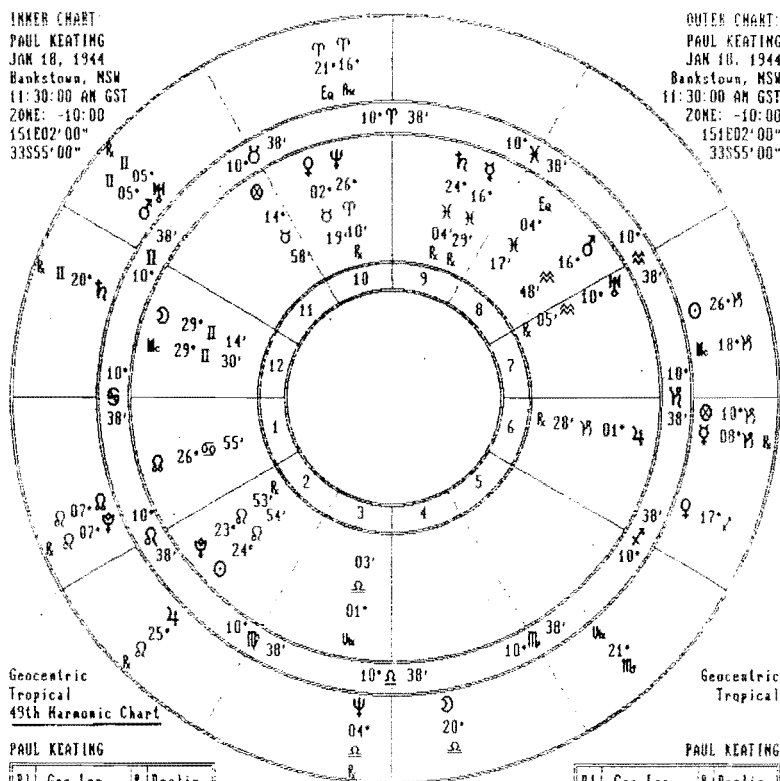
There are at least two other single charts that can and have been used to determine the outcome of a political election. These are

the Solar Eclipse Chart and the Solar Ingress Chart (see below).

eight days prior to the Solar Ingress into Aries.

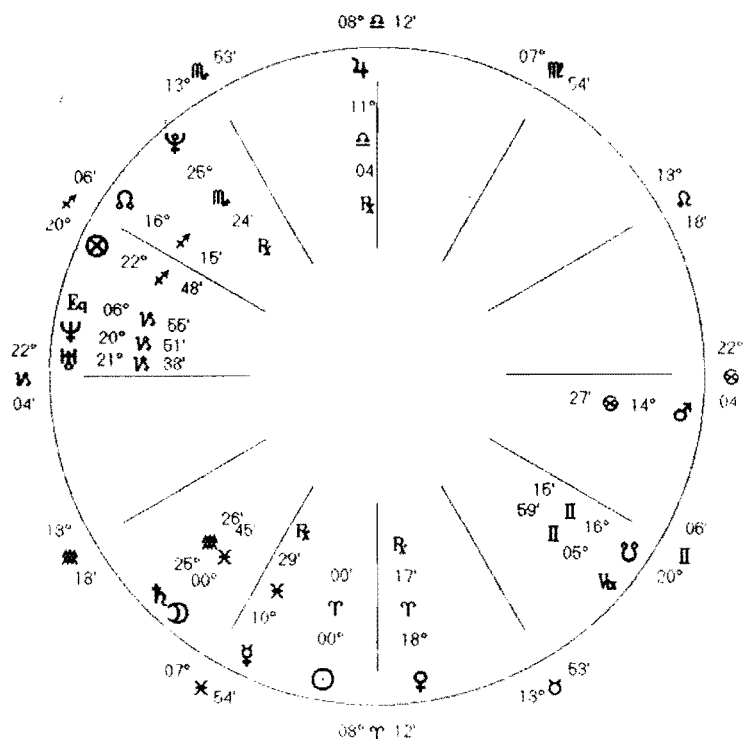
SOLAR ECLIPSE 24TH DECEMBER 1992

0:44am GMT Canberra, Placidian Cusps.



ARIES INGRESS, 20TH MARCH 1993

2:41pm GMT. Canberra. Placidian Cusps.



The Solar Eclipse previous to the March 13 1993 Election occurred on 24th December 1992, and is set for Canberra. Victory for Keating seems fairly obvious here. The group of powerful Significators in the 10th House (Sun, Moon, Mercury and the Moon's Node) can only be good for the Government. In addition, Jupiter rules both the 1st and 10th Houses - the Government's domain - and is sextile to the Midheaven and to Mercury in the 10th, as well as being trine to Saturn and Venus. Natal Venus is close to the Midheaven in its "Joy" House (see below) as in Keating's Solar Return Chart.

By contrast, the indications for the opposing Coalition were bleak - the Derived 10th holds Mars and Uranus, while its Ruler is in the Derived 4th opposed by Mars.

It should be mentioned that Cardinal Ingress Charts start exerting their influence some three weeks before the actual date of the Ingress (see *Mundane Astrology* by Baigent, Crompton and Harvey, page 251). In the present instance, the Election on 13th March was

The Ingress Chart is immediately seen to be favourable to the Government, with Jupiter less than 3° from the Midheaven. True, Venus appears in the Derived 10th House of the Opposition, but it is squared by Uranus and

Mars, so must be accounted of negligible value for advancing the cause of the Coalition.

It was also fortunate for Paul Keating that his *Natal Sun was rising*, in this Chart, 6° below the Ascendant. His Natal Moon in the 10th trine to the Ingress Saturn is more fortunate than otherwise, despite its square to Uranus.

So what is to be learned from this exercise? For my part, I shall not in future rely on Charts for either the closing or the opening of the polls. What we principally need is accurate information concerning the births of the contenders. Here, though John Hewson's Birth Horoscope is in doubt, Keating's was reasonably accurate, and would have supplied the answer had I but investigated it. Though it is not yet clear just how much reliance can be put on the Eclipse and Cardinal Ingress Charts, they also pointed the same way.

I feel rather like the Wedding-Guest in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*,
He went like one that hath been stunn'd,
And is of sense forlorn:
A sadder and a wiser man
He rose the morrow morn.

- Dymock.

A DIFFERENT VIEW OF HOUSE RULERSHIPS

The substance of this article came from OLIVIA BARCLAY (U.K.) in a letter she wrote to an English astrological journal. It was published in *Astrologers' Forum* in May 1986:

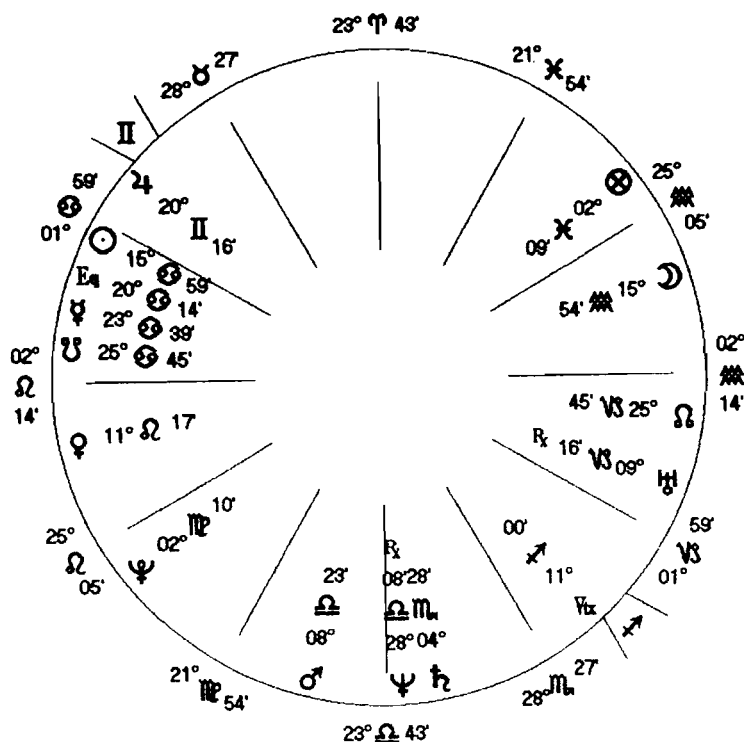
From classical times the Sun ruled the 9th House (see Manilius' *Astronomica* Book 2, 9.05, and most other books written prior to this Century). There are moderns who believe that because Jupiter rules the 9th Sign it therefore rules the 9th House. This is a modern fallacy. Jupiter rules the 11th. It is extremely fortunate therein. Saturn rules the 12th House. This also accounts for the reason many doctors and scientists have the House accentuated, for they are helped in their careers by that planet. Mercury rules the 1st, and if placed there makes good speakers. The Moon rules the 3rd, and if placed there its unsettled roaming qualities are accentuated. Mars rules the 6th, the House of hard work. Venus rules the 10th, the House of Glory. The name of the 9th, which is ruled by the Sun, is the House of God or, for those who believed in many gods, the House of the Sun-God.

These rulerships were called the *Joy of the Planets*.

HORARY CHART: Can a small lion be tamed?

Here is an unusual question (for modern times), taken from Anthony Louis' book *Horary Astrology*.

In the year 483 AD the querent, in Alexandria, wanted to know if he could tame a young lion before spending a lot of money on a new pet. The Chart was interpreted by an astrologer named Palchus.



Palchus decided that:

- (1) The Ascendant at 2°14' Leo fitted a question about a young lion.
- (2) It would be tamed because of the House positions of the two benefics - Venus in the 1st, Jupiter in the 11th, where he rejoices. Further, the Moon, co-ruler of the querent, would soon trine Jupiter, primary ruler of the querent's domestic animals (6th House). Jupiter is also the natural ruler of large or wild animals, represented by the 12th House.
- (3) The lion would go abroad because the Moon had just left an opposition with Venus in the 1st (the "sender" of the Moon) and was about to trine Jupiter (the "receiver" of the Moon), natural ruler of long voyagers, in Gemini (travel) [and ruling the 9th - long journeys].

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
 23rd March, 1993.

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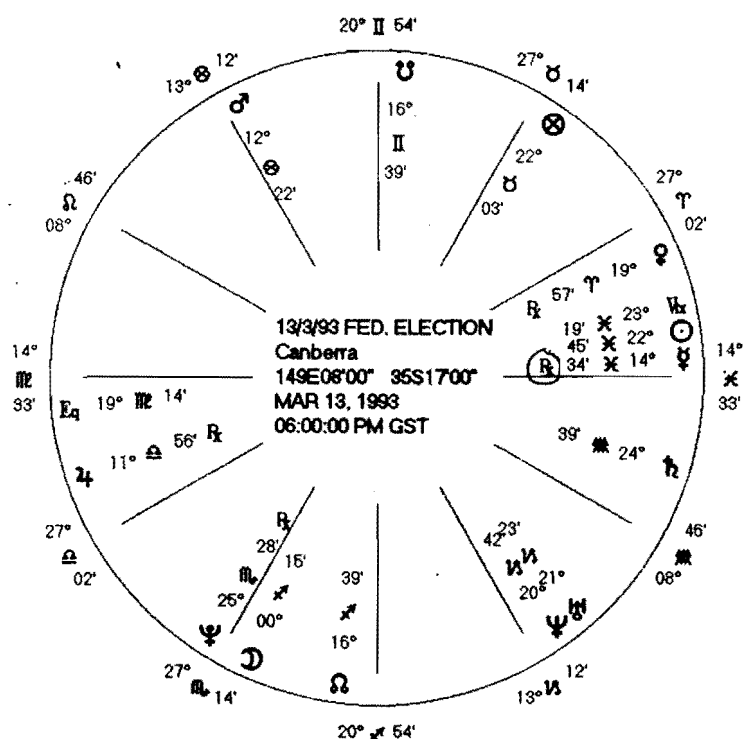
Dear Fellow Astrologer,

FEDERAL ELECTION

Prime Minister Keating has announced the date of the Federal Election as 13th March next. From the astrological point of view, the issue is already decided - in favour of the Coalition Party. This is shown by the Chart for the conclusion of polling on the Election date.

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

149°8'East, 35°17'South. Placidian Cusps.



The present Labour Government is represented by the 1st and 10th Houses, the opposing Coalition by the 7th and 4th Houses. Virgo rises, and its Ruler, Mercury, is retrograde and in the House of the Opposition - a bad sign for the Government. Labour's chances are further degraded by the rising of Jupiter (also retrograde) in close square to Mars and opposed by Venus. The trine of Mercury to Mars adds nothing to the Government's chances, as Mars is in its Detriment, and rules the 8th House. It is the death-knell for Labour in this Election.

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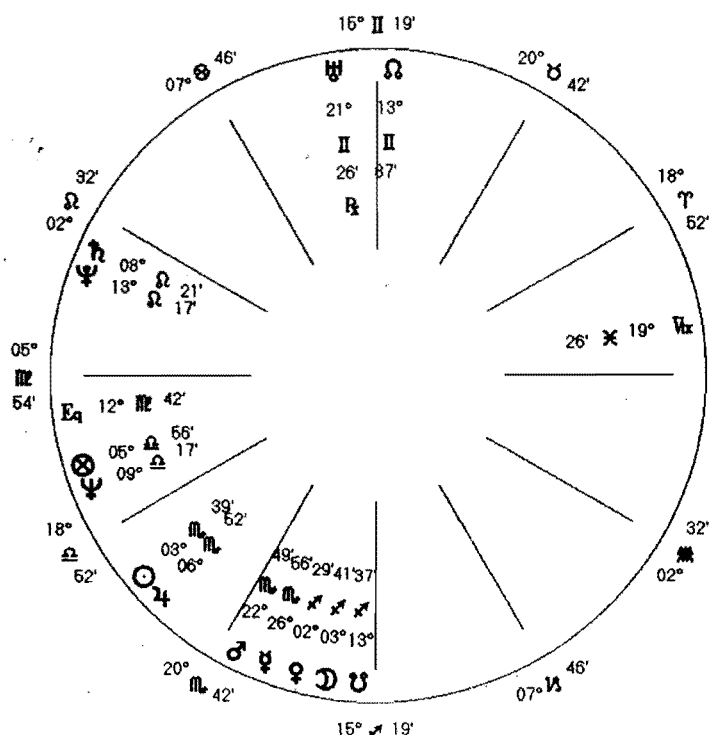
On the other hand, the Sun (success) rises in the Ascendant of the Opposition, in trine to Pluto, planet of power and authority, and closely sextiled by *Fortuna*, very strong in Taurus, its natural Sign. There is no doubt that the Coalition will win.

I have been given three Charts for Dr. John Hewson - same date and place, but different times (2:30am, which comes from a biography now on sale, 2:35am, and 4:40 am). I have examined these in the light of current events, and favour the 2:30am Chart, which is reproduced below. Readers could test the different times for themselves - a worthwhile project if Dr. Hewson is to be our next Prime Minister. He is fortunate to have the Sun in conjunction with Jupiter, and the Moon conjunct Venus. He was evidently destined for a rise in life.

Dr. Hewson's 46th Harmonic Chart, covering the period in which the Election will be held, is reproduced below, concentric with the Birth Chart in the outer circle. The fortunate Natal conjunction of the Moon and Venus is now closely conjunct the Midheaven in the Harmonic Chart - a very favourable augury for his success on March 13th. It is significant that no such favourable indications for success appear in the Age Harmonic Charts for either the 4:40am or 2:35am birth times, the latter of which is also depicted here for comparison purposes. Five minutes difference in birth time makes a huge difference in the planets' House positions. These Harmonic Charts are the best means of distinguishing between different birth times - much more so than the Solar Returns, where a few minutes difference in time has hardly any effect on the mundane placement of the Significators.

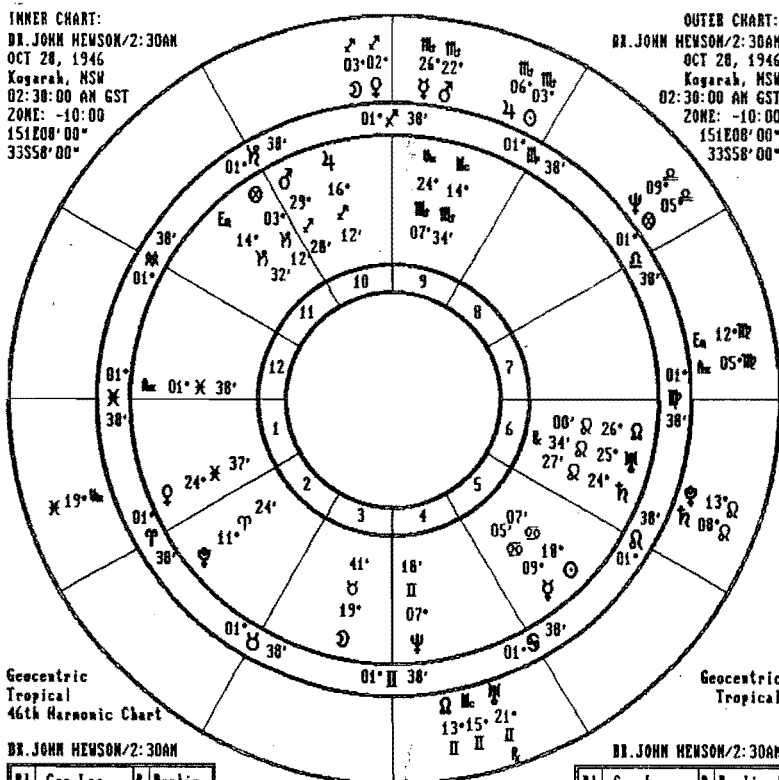
DR. JOHN HEWSON

28th October 1946, 2:30am, Kogarah, NSW.
151°8'East, 33°58'South. Placidian Cusps.



46TH HARMONIC CHART + BIRTH CHART

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DR. JOHN HEWSON/2:30AM
OCT 28, 1946
Kogarah, NSW
02:30:00 AM GST
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Geocentric
Tropical
46th Harmonic Chart

DR. JOHN HEWSON/2:30AM

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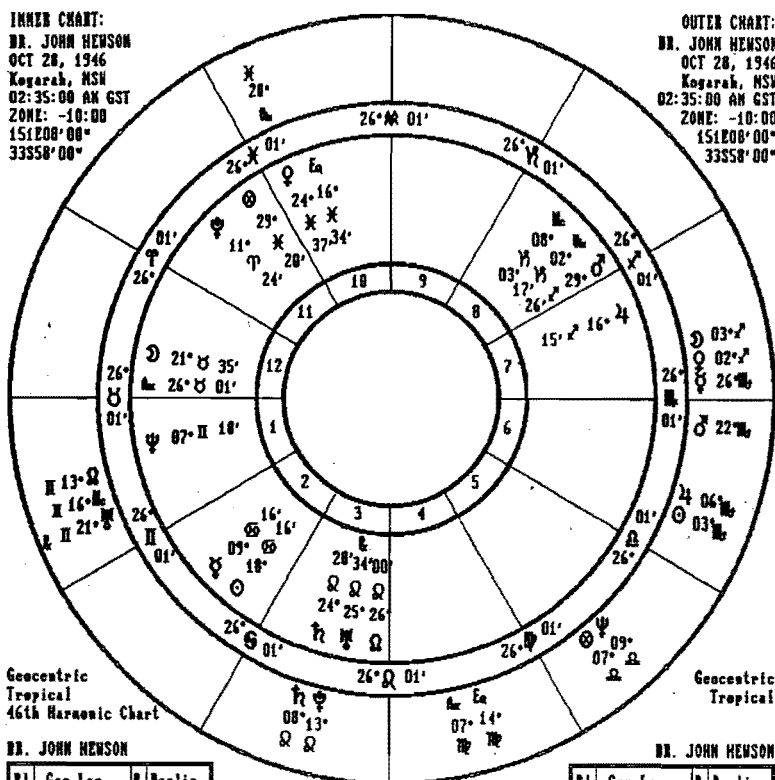
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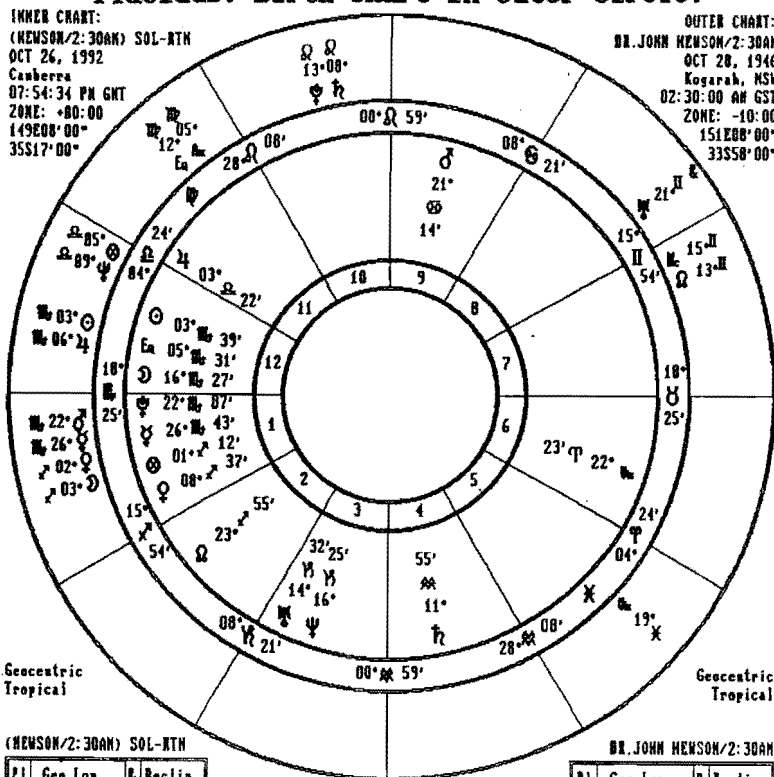
Dr. Hewson's current Solar Return (set for the National Capital) is also indicative of a major development in his life.

The most striking feature is the conjunction of the Moon and Pluto on the Ascendant, signifying a new chapter in his destiny. Intense application, the elimination of impedimenta and a stream-lining of his operation are indicated for him this year. It is a time of practical testing for Dr. Hewson through his having to deal with situations of stress or pressure. Much reorganization is required.

The Plutonian influence is repeated in the Secondary Progressions around the time of the Election. Using Naibod Angles, Progressed Pluto squares the Progressed Ascendant on 7th March, and the Progressed Moon is trine to the Progressed Sun on 16th March. Another fortunate indication for Dr. Hewson is the stationary position of Venus at 20° Aries on the 11th of March, where it is accented and in mundane sextile to the Natal Midheaven.

Using Solar-Arc Angles, Venus is trine to the Midheaven on 11th May, but this is too distant in time to be considered in relation to the 13th March Election. **Solar-Arc**

JOHN HEWSON: SOLAR RETURN, 26/10/1992
Canberra, 35°16'S, 149°8'E. 7:54:34PM GMT
Placidus. Birth Chart in outer circle.



(HEWSON/2:30AM) SOL-RTM

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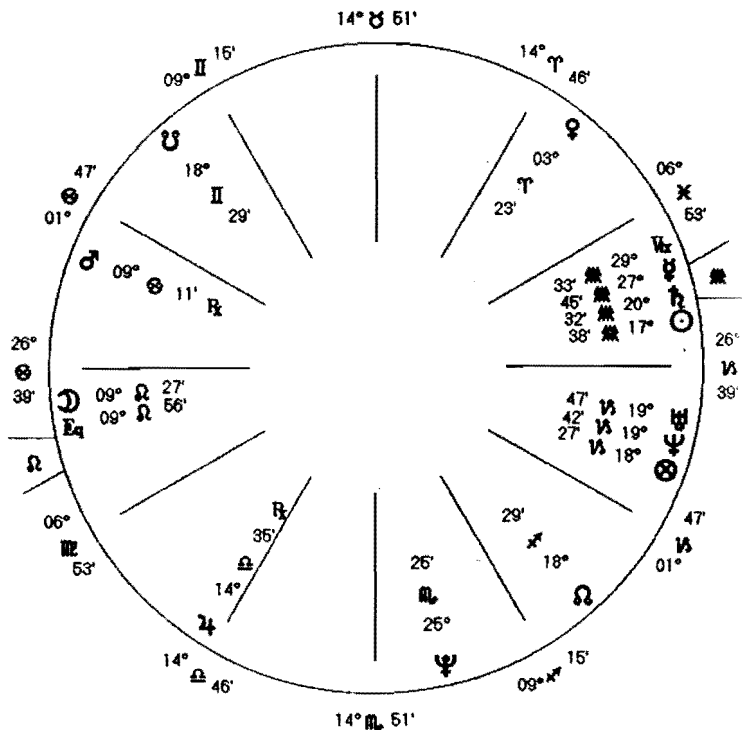
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Direction of all Significators for the 2:30am and the 2:35am Charts does not yield anything significant for the Election date.

While we are on the subject of Elections, here is the Closing-of-the-Polls Chart for the West Australian State Election on the 6th of February last.

The Labour Government was defeated by the Coalition, and this is again reflected in the Chart: The Moon and Venus (ruling the 1st and 10th Houses) were the Significators for the Government, and they were both afflicted - the Moon opposed and *disposited* by the Sun, Venus squared and *disposited* by Mars. The disposition of both Significators was sufficient to indicate that the Government would itself be *disposited*. If any confirmation were needed it was supplied by the Significators for the Coalition - Saturn ruling the 7th House, and Mars, Ruler (Horary) of the 4th - the Opposition's 10th. Saturn is exalted in Aquarius and conjunct the Sun (Success). Mars disposes (displaces) Venus ruling the 10th, which blighted the Government's chance of re-election. - Dymock.

WEST AUSTRALIAN ELECTION 6TH FEBRUARY 1993
Perth, W.A. 115°50'E. 31°56'S. 6pm. Placidus.



THE ENGLISH MONARCHY
by Leslie Black (U.K.).

The many troubles and adverse publicity that have beset the Royal Family during the year, culminating in the great fire damage at Windsor Castle on 20th November 1992, call for a look of probable causes from an astrological view point. The Chart of the English Monarchy has long since been established by eminent astrologers as founded on the Coronation of William I on the 25th December 1066, at Westminster Abbey.

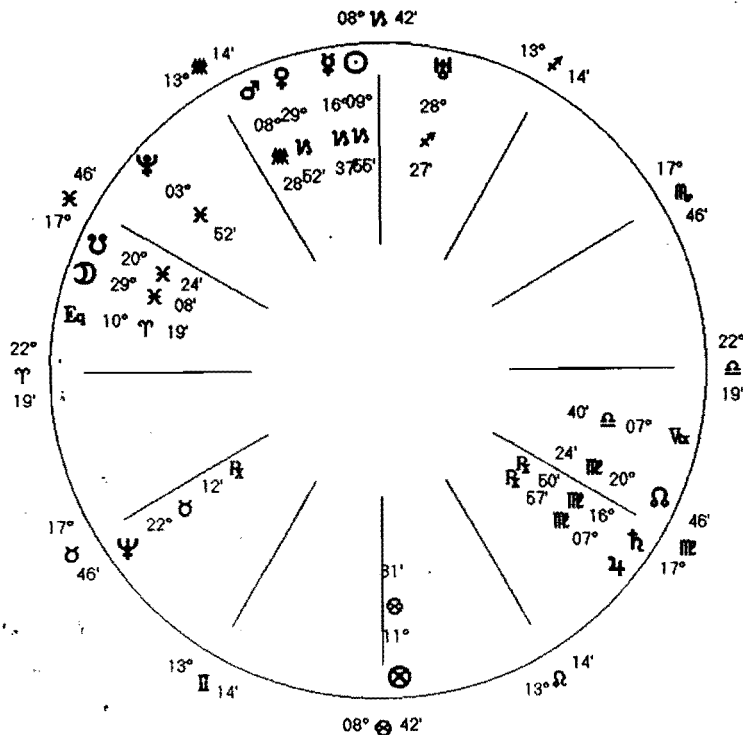
The Chart shows the third decanate of Aries rising, ruling England, with the Sun, representative of the Monarch, conjunct the Midheaven. The period elapsed up to the 25th December 1991 is 925 years, and when converted into Radix-Arc (59'8" a year) gives in degrees of the Zodiac, twice the circle, plus 191°43', this being the effective measure. When this arc is applied to the M.C. and Radical planets it gives a Progressed Midheaven of 20°25' Cancer, with an Ascendant of 15°33' Libra.

The Sun has progressed to the square of the Radical Ascendant, Mercury to the quincunx of Uranus, and Saturn to the conjunction of the Moon. The significance of these positions was considerably enhanced by the Transit effects on 20th November, when the fire broke out at Windsor Castle. Both Uranus and Neptune were directly over the place of Mercury in the

Tenth House, while Mars was transitting the opposition of Venus and squaring the Ascendant, the latter being stimulated by the evil Direction thrown to that point from the Sun.

1066: THE ENGLISH MONARCHY

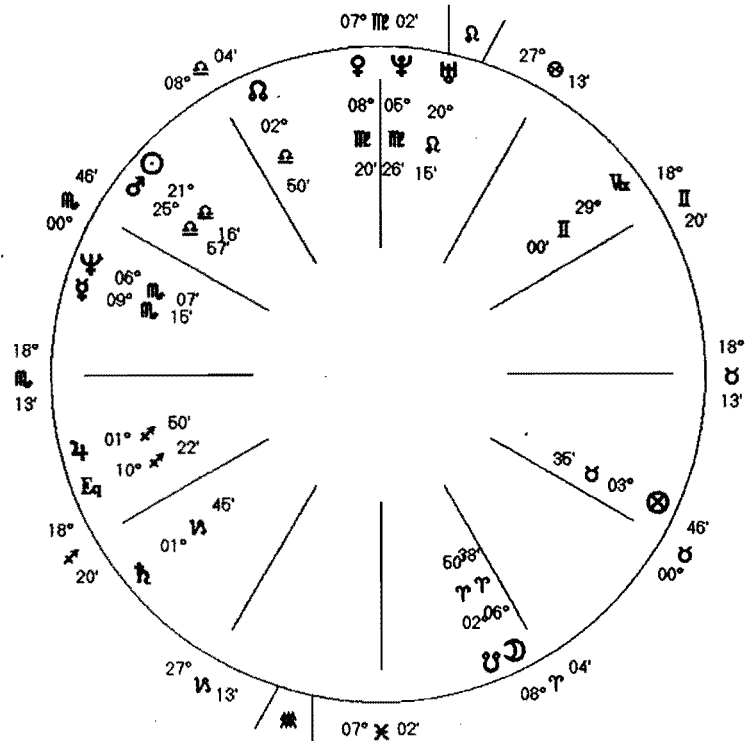
25th December 1066, 12 noon, L.M.T.
London, 51°32'N, 0°5'W. Porphyry Cusps.



A further adverse factor is to be found in the Solar Eclipse of 30th June 1992, which fell in opposition to the Sun and Midheaven of the Monarchy Horoscope. On 20th November Venus was in transit over the radical MC and Sun, in opposition to the Eclipse Point, while the Moon and Jupiter also formed squares to both. In the Radical Chart, the square of the Moon to Uranus, always a highly sensitive link, was triggered by Saturn's Direction to the conjunction of the Moon, which no doubt accounted for such an emotionally-charged period.

The position of 17° of the Cardinal Signs (Mercury's position) is a dangerous one at present for it coincides with a point of great strain in the world recession, due to the close proximity of both Uranus and Neptune in this degree area. The period between now and 1994 will continue to be one of great stress not only from a mundane point of view but for the English Monarchy as a whole, when Uranus in its final run overtakes Neptune thrice - in February, August, and October. The period will no doubt witness many changes affecting the English Monarchy.

SARAH FERGUSON, DUCHESS OF YORK
15th October 1959, London, 9:03am GMT.
51°31'N, 0°9'W. Placidian Cusps.



The above Chart is presented here for those who wish to follow the fortunes of the Duchess and their correlation with celestial phenomena. In 1992 Mars progressed to the conjunction of the Natal Ascendant on 12th May, the Progressed Moon was opposite the Progressed Ascendant on 9th June, and Neptune by Radix Arc (0°59'8" a year) was square to Venus on 19th June, followed by Progressed Mars parallel to the Natal Ascendant on 6th October. This was a critical period for the Duchess.

In 1993, among other aspects, are Prgd.Moon trine the Sun on 3rd April, Regressed Sun sextile the Ascendant on 13th June, Regressed Ascendant parallel Mars on 2nd August, Pluto Stationary square Uranus on 3rd August, and Jupiter by Radix Direction trine Pluto on 13th November. Any readers who wish to try their hand at delineating these might send their efforts to me for possible publication.

- Dymock.

PRICE INCREASE

With regret I announce that the annual subscription to *Astrologers' Forum* will now be \$20 for Australian and New Zealand readers instead of \$15, the figure that has stood for over five years. The overseas subscription (other than N.Z.) will now be \$25. I'm sure readers will not need any detailed explanation of the price increase.

- Dymock,

24th February 1993.

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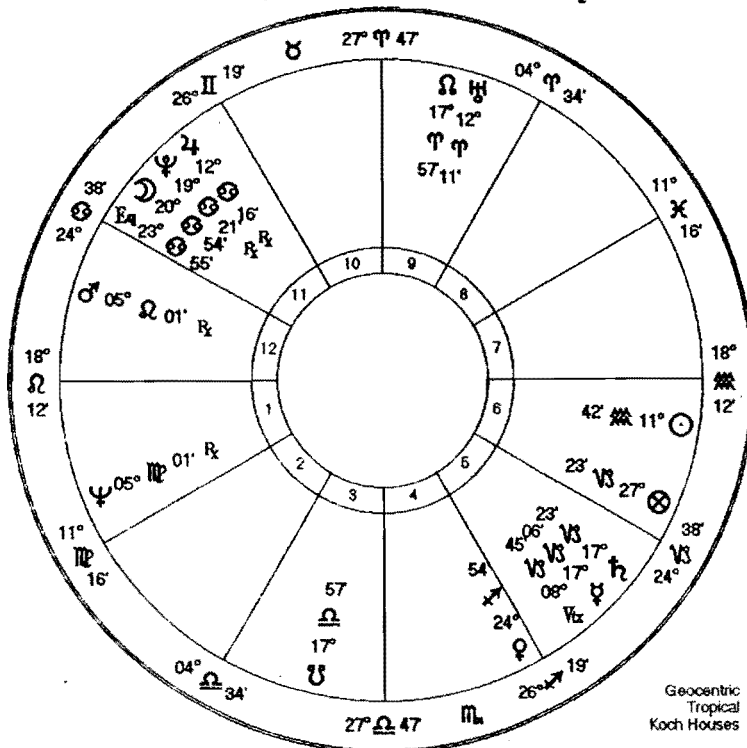
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THE FUTURE OF BORIS YELTSIN by Allan Johnson.

In the September 1991 of *Astrologers' Forum* I presented a purely speculative Chart of Boris Yeltsin with Aries rising, but the latest issue of the Astrological Association Newsletter from London now gives an actual birth time, information from his mother, through a Russian astrologer. Full details are: 1st February 1931, Butka, near Talitsa, Siberia, 56°47'N, 63°47'E, 4:30 - 5 pm. So I have put up the Chart for 4:45pm. No rectification has been attempted. This gives the main emphasis on the 5th and 11th Houses, rather than on the 4th and 10th. The 11th does relate to politics and organizations. Leo rising is not out of character with the type of person he is, and it fits his appearance as well.

BORIS YELTSIN

1 Feb. 1931 4:45pm, Butka, Siberia
56°47'N, 63°47'E. Koch Cusps.



In looking at Russia's future, the emphasis is now very much on Yeltsin's Chart. The Chart for the Soviet Union could have an

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overlapping influence, but the heavy transits of Pluto that corresponded with the events in 1989 and the early '90's have now largely passed, so it no longer has much validity, but it is interesting to note that the 1991 Progressed Sun moved into Aquarius - which is very significant for present events. The Chart for the Proclamation of Russian Sovereignty (12th June 1990) is too recent to be of much use, as the outer planets have not moved much from their Natal positions.

The situation in Russia at the end of 1992 is very fluid, with much talk of setting up a new Constitution. In my previous article I predicted that both 1992 and 1993 would be dangerous years for both Gorbachev and Yeltsin, and neither would really get his act together in that period. This is exactly what has been happening. Gorbachev has retired from the scene - but he may re-surface. Yeltsin is now exactly half-way through that highly critical phase, and continues to be on a very slippery slope - by no means in command of the situation.

The real threat to Yeltsin is the challenge of Civic Union, whose aims are strongly pragmatic. They are calling for a slowing down of the pace of reform. The Union, an alliance of former communists, captains of industry, and figures of the military complex, has increased its power dramatically in 1992. Its leader is Arkady Volsky, head of the Industrialists' Union. His Chart would be interesting, but I don't have it. He is a sort of economic pragmatist, much more a Gorbachev supporter, rather than a communist hardliner. These forces are determined to restore the role of the State in society, but not to go back to the previous communist society. So it could be called a "Third

Force", as distinct from hardliners and reformers.

This is the type of situation that Yeltsin has to contend with in 1993, and his Transits do reflect this. 1993 is the big year of the Great Conjunction of Uranus and Neptune, and it will make the exact conjunction three times during the year - on 2nd February [19½° Capricorn], 20th August [18°48' Capricorn] and 25th October [18½° Capricorn]. These dates will be worth watching. Yeltsin has a very close Moon/Pluto conjunction in Cancer and the Uranus/Neptune will be closely opposite throughout the year, as well as in conjunction with Saturn/Mercury in his Natal Chart. Pluto/Moon is a highly impulsive combination, as well as obsessive, so it does not suggest compromise on his part. It could bring up a "make or break" situation. He may decide to assume complete power and rule by decree. His Progressed Sun is also moving towards a conjunction with Progressed Uranus. This is another pointer to confrontation rather than compromise. But at the same time he is a Sun-Aquarius, and these people can make a very sudden and unpredictable change of front if they think it expedient. So it will be interesting to see how he makes out. But if he is still in a pretty strong position at the end of 1993 his life could become much more stable from then on.

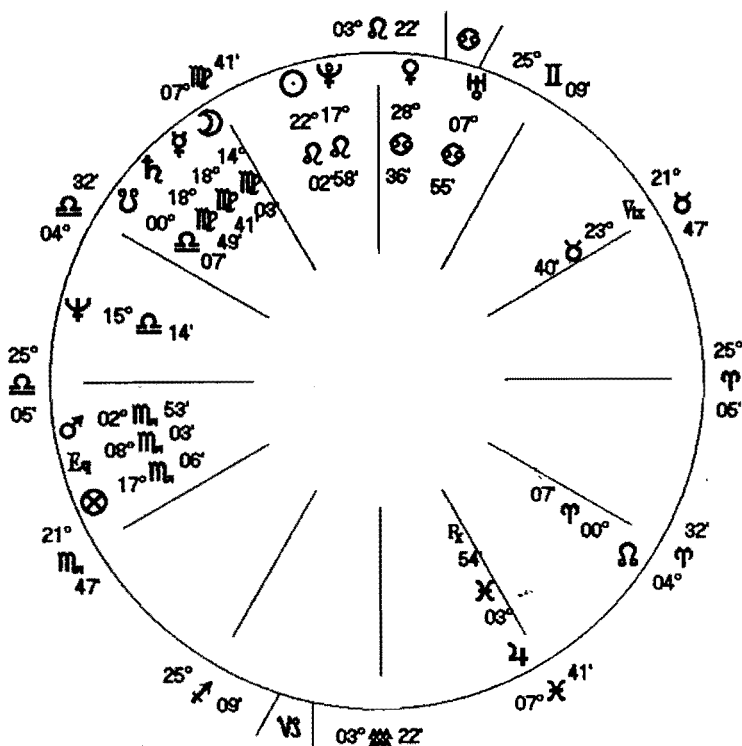
PRINCESS ANNE MARRIES AGAIN

Second or even multiple marriages are relatively common in modern society, and it is interesting to find the indications in the Birth Chart. It is not so obvious in Princess Anne's Horoscope. The usual pointers are absent - several planets in the Marriage House, a mutable Sign on the 7th Cusp, the Sun applying to a number of marriage Significators, Mars and Venus in the South-East or North-West Quadrants, etc. None of these factors is present in the Natal Chart of Princess Anne.

The conjugal Sign Libra on the Ascendant of her Chart does, however, signify the need for a partner, so this is one factor that would incline the Princess to re-marry. Another is Venus, Ruler of the Ascendant and of the Horoscope, elevated in the Sign Cancer and squared by Mars in the intense Sign Scorpio, signifying warmth and passion, so a celibate life is contra-indicated.

Other indications of a positive nature are hard to find, but we can borrow from Horary Astrology and take the 9th House as indicative of the second marriage. Gemini is on the Cusp, so Mercury rules, and the House

BIRTH CHART, 15TH AUGUST 1950, 11:50AM BST
London, 51°31'N, 0°6'W. Placidian Cusps.



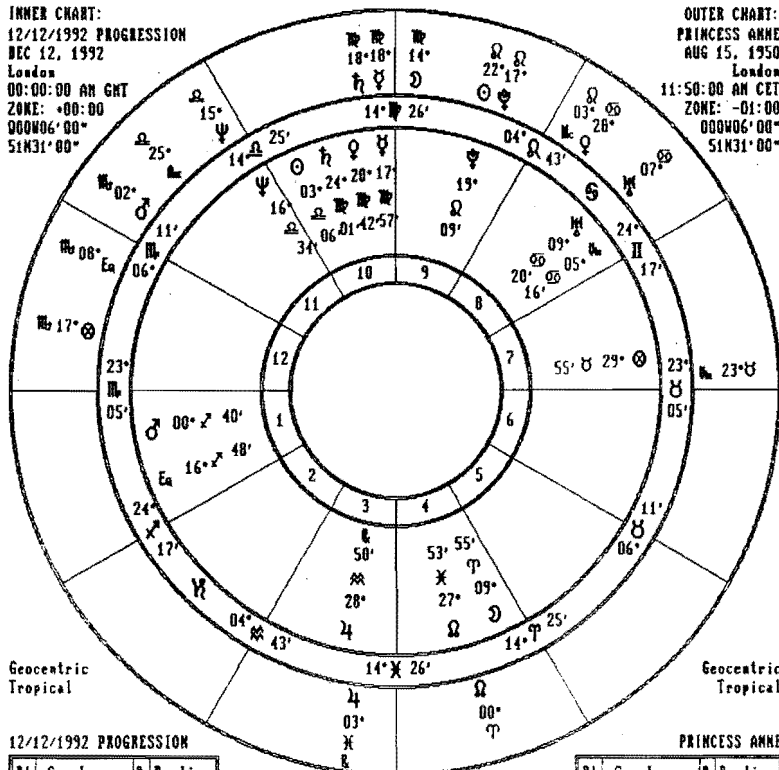
also contains the intercepted Sign Cancer, which is ruled by the Moon. I see it as highly significant that these two bodies, the Moon and Mercury, are applying to a conjunction in the 11th House, the sector of *gratified* hopes and wishes (not just, as frequently stated, "hopes and wishes", which are the province of the 10th House). Mercury and Saturn are closely conjoined, and together they do appear to portray the general character of Commander Timothy Laurence, the new husband, a former Equerry in the Royal Household. This reminds me that the late C.E.O. Carter wrote somewhere that the Moon's aspects and applications often relate to marriage, for both men and women.

Another interesting factor here is Princess Anne's Progressed Chart as at the date of marriage. Here it is, with the Natal Horoscope circumscribed around it. The Natal Moon, a principal actor in the piece, is only a few minutes from the Midheaven. This Lunar conjunction with the Progressed Midheaven is, of course, far more significant than would be the *Progressed* Moon conjoining the Natal Midheaven, the reason being that the Midheaven progresses at the rate of about 1° a year while the the Moon progresses at around 13° a year. The more slowly a Significator moves the more important and effective it is.

The Angles of this Progressed Chart have been arrived at by addition of the Solar-Arc in Longitude to the Natal MC. If the Angles

are determined by the Naibod-Arc, or Sidereal time increment, the Progressed Midheaven at the same date would be 16°18'Virgo, 2°15'past the conjunction with the Natal Moon, representing an elapsed time of about 2 years and three months. This is certainly evidence that the better method of obtaining the Angles and Cusps in Progressed Charts is by adding the Solar-Arc in longitude to the Natal MC. Controversy still exists around this point. I myself have tested both methods for years, without being able to come to a firm conclusion. At times either one has demonstrated its superiority over the other. I should be interested to hear of the experiences of others in this respect.

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12/12/1992 PROGRESSION
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♂	16° 34' 04"	-05° 04'
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It is probable also that the Princess's time of birth was not stated precisely. If she had been born 1m.40s. earlier than the given time of 11:50am BST, then the MC by Solar-Arc progression would have been conjunct the Natal Moon on 15th December, just three days subsequent to her marriage.

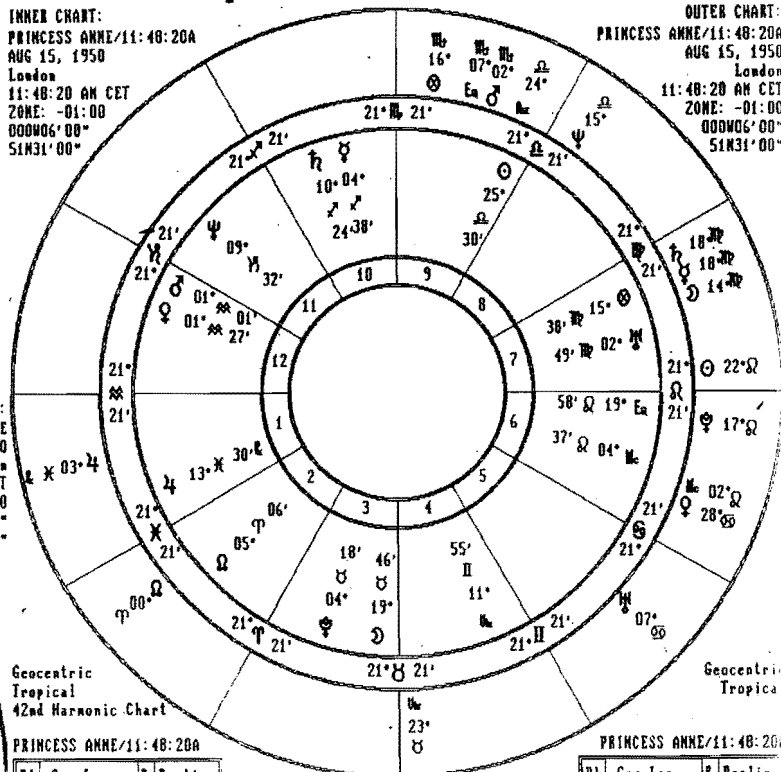
The closest Secondary Progression to the event for the 11:50am birth was Progressed Moon parallel Progressed Venus on 16th December.

Support for the suggested time of 11:48:20am is given by the Harmonic Chart for

age 42 when the Princess married. For purposes of comparison I present the 42nd Harmonic Charts for both birth times, with the Natal positions circumscribed around

INNER CHART:
PRINCESS ANNE/11:48:20A
AUG 15, 1950
London
11:48:20 AM CET
ZONE: -01:00
000006°00'
51N31°00'

OUTER CHART:
PRINCESS ANNE
AUG 15, 1950
London
11:50:00 AM CET
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PRINCESS ANNE/11:48:20A

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each. Inspection reveals that the new time gives a good indication of love and marriage, while the second is more indicative of a union being broken. In the Chart for 11:48:20am the Natal Sun conjoins the Marriage Cusp, whereas in the Chart for the given birth time, Uranus, the Disrupter, conjoins the Marriage Cusp.

In both Figures, the Harmonic Sun conjoins the Natal Ascendant, but in the first the conjunction is much more powerful, being close to the 9th Placidian Cusp.

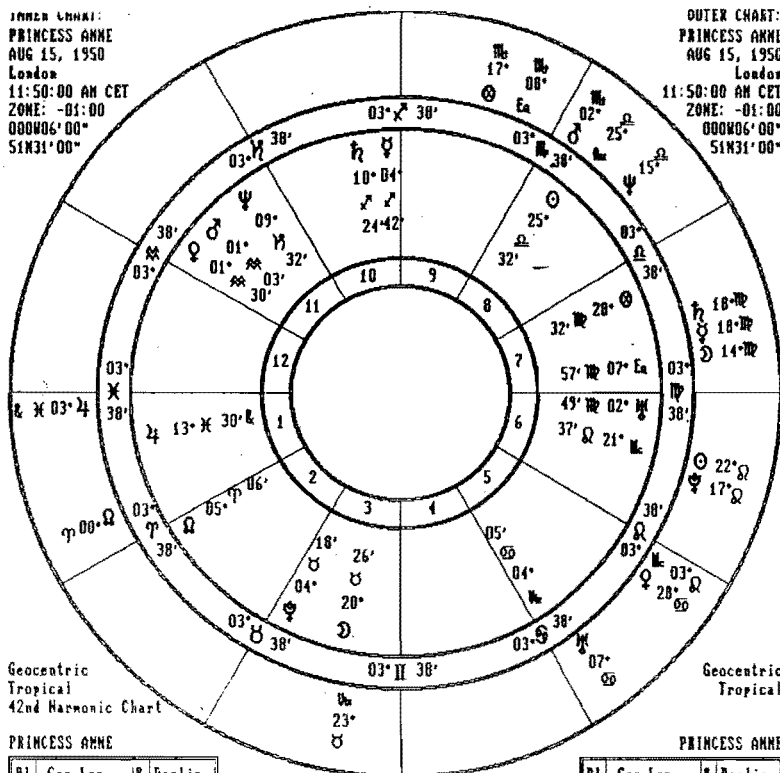
Small differences in time are magnified in the Harmonic Charts, which is what makes them such a valuable technique for fine adjustment of the birth time. Solar Return Charts, on the other hand, are barely affected, so it is not necessary here to present two of them.

Solar Return 42 has Sagittarius rising and Libra at the Midheaven. The respective Sign Rulers, Jupiter and Venus are in a wide conjunction (orb 8°50') in the 9th House, the Sector concerned with legalities. The House of Marriage is occupied by Mars and ruled by Mercury. Mars is square the midpoint of Venus

and Jupiter, a configuration interpreted by Ebertin as "decisions...made through the joy of love (engagement, wedding)", which is most apposite. Mercury ruling the 7th, is conjunct

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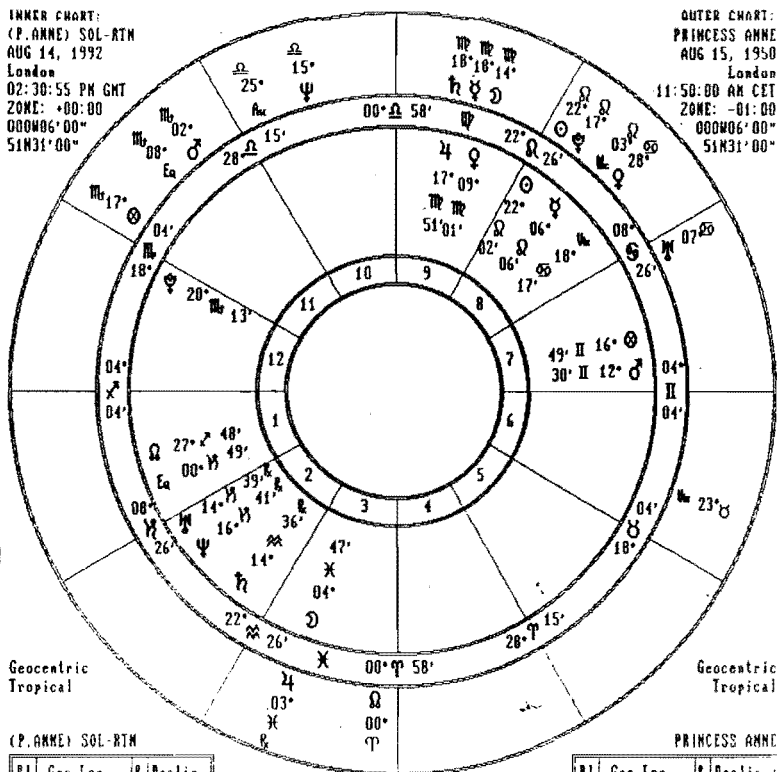
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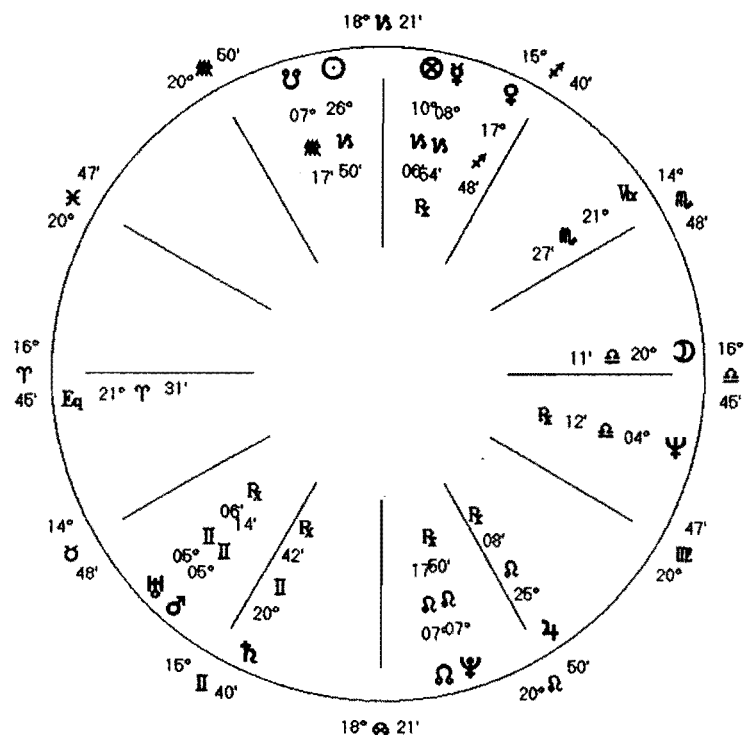
the Natal MC, a pointer to change of status through marriage, confirmed through the connection of Jupiter and Venus, ruling the 1st and 10th Houses.

An interesting point is the position of the Sun, on the Cusp of the 9th House, and ruling it, in square to S.R. Pluto in the 12th. Apart from the fundamental change in life that Sun square Pluto betokens, it is also indicative of the religious (9th House) obstacle that the couple faced. The Church of England does not countenance marriage of divorced persons, so Princess Anne was obliged to marry in Scotland. - Dymock.

FEDERAL ELECTION PROTAGONISTS

In view of the forthcoming Federal Election (date not yet set) astrological interest is centred on the Horoscopes of the Prime Minister, Paul Keating, and the Leader of the Opposition, Dr. John Hewson. John Hewson's Chart will be presented in the next Issue. Paul Keating's Chart is hereunder. The time is uncertain, but is based on information supplied by his mother.

PAUL KEATING
18th January 1944, Bankstown, NSW.
33°55'S, 151°2'E.
Speculative time 11:30am. Placidian Cusps.



- Dymock, 20th January, 1993.

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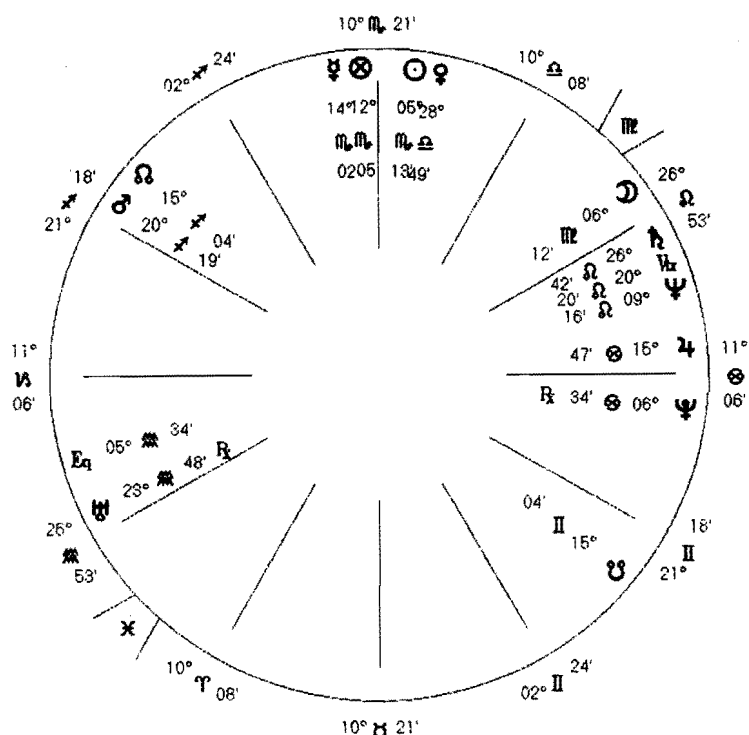
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TRAGEDY IN YUGOSLAVIA

by Allan Johnson.

Nicholas Campion's *Book of World Horoscopes* gives three charts that could have validity for Yugoslavia, the first one for 29th October 1918 is the one for the effective foundation of modern Yugoslavia, even though there was a Proclamation on 1st December. 29th October was the start of the actual Government itself, so I think this one was quite valid and could still be valid today, even though to a certain extent it has been superseded by the Chart for the Communist takeover. Both could have validity, with perhaps the Communist Chart being preferable as being more appropriate for current events. What is happening now is the outcome of the

YUGOSLAVIA, 29 OCTOBER 1918, 12pm CET
Zagreb, 45°48'N. 15°58'E. Placidian Cusps.



divisions that were operating during the German occupation and Tito's rise to power, and even though Tito is dead his influence is not. But on the other hand the Balkans have been a cockpit for war and conflict over the centuries.

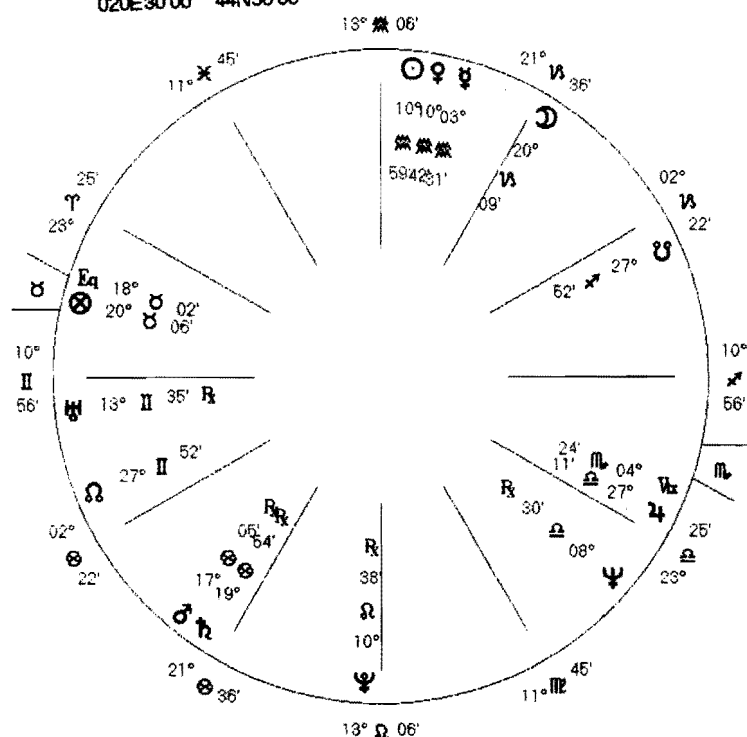
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The 1918 Chart is not such a drastic one with its trines and sextiles, but it does have a couple of interesting configurations. The first is the Sun/Mercury/MC conjunction, all making the square to Neptune. This can mean a lot of wishful thinking, deception and treachery, and ultimate instability. The other pattern is the Uranus/Saturn opposition axis. This also does not make for great stability but is more inclined for sudden upheavals. At the time of the Communist takeover transiting Pluto was right on Neptune in the 1918 Chart, thus stirring up (the configuration involving the MC and definitely marking the end of a chapter. But at the same time the Country retained its boundaries as a national entity, and entered a new phase of wishful thinking and only temporary stability. This means the 1918 Chart could still have correlation with current events, and this is confirmed by the fact that at the beginning of this year Pluto was stationary on 23° Scorpio, not only being in the 10th House but closely squaring Uranus and activating the Uranus/Saturn opposition, and will continue to activate this pattern through into 1993/94.

But possibly the Chart for the Communist takeover (31/1/1946) could take precedence. This Chart is a revolutionary one with Uranus right on the Ascendant, but it is not afflicted, instead being part of a Grand Trine (Uranus/Sun/Venus/Mercury/Neptune). This meant that Tito was much more successful than the other Eastern European countries, as he was able to challenge the might of the Soviet Union very early in his reign, and maintain his independence. The others were not so lucky. Tito broke with Stalin when Uranus was right on the North Node in the 1st House of the 1946 Chart. Apart from the Grand Trine,

YUGOSLAVIA, COMMUNIST, 31 January 1946
12pm CET, Belgrade. Placidian Cusps.
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there are two other strong configurations - Sun/Venus/Mercury opposing Pluto, and Mars/Saturn opposing the Moon. When Marshall Tito died on 8th May 1980 Pluto was on 19°38' Libra, closely squaring the Moon, Mars and Saturn - precision timing.

Now, bringing the Chart up to date in 1992, we can see that when the violent upheavals began in Yugoslavia in the early part of the year transitting Uranus and Neptune were in almost exact conjunction and right on Natal Moon and opposite Mars/Saturn - stirring up the same pattern. Saturn/Mars spells violence, and of course the Moon represents the people and their homes, and the carnage which has been going on, and the homelessness. These transits will continue on through this year and through 1993. So all this doesn't point to an early end to the conflict. A lot of things could come to a head in late 1993, and both Charts point to 1993 as a dangerous year. Looking at the Secondary Progressions in the 1946 Chart I think the most significant factor is that the Progressed Mars is now conjunct its own Natal position, and is moving very slowly in activating the Saturn/Mars conjunction. Progressed Venus being in opposition to Natal Neptune expressed the illusory nature of all the peace efforts - cease-fire's being continually agreed to, but never kept.

The danger of the situation is that Macedonians, Albanians, Turks, Bulgarians, could all be tempted to intervene on behalf of their own minorities within Yugoslavia, as

some people are predicting. So it is a real witch's brew. I think we can say that present peace negotiations are not likely to be very successful, or there could be a temporary success which might be followed by further outbreaks of violence in 1993. The Grand Trine in the Chart may ensure that things won't get out of hand to the extent that some people think they will.

SOLAR RETURN FOR LADY DIANA - HINDU SYSTEM by Keven Barrett.

In India the Solar Returns are called *Varshaphal*, and they used *Sahams*, which in Western Astrology are called Arabian Parts. These were in use in India well before the Greeks learned how to erect a chart. Some time ago Dymock presented my work on Horary using these Sahams Parts, giving a Table of the original 30-odd Parts and those added over the last 2000 years or so. These Parts work on the A+B-C system, and are calculated for day births, marked (D), or for both day and night, marked (B), and A+C-B for night births, marked (N).

The Parts needed for marriage are
(1) Husband or Wife (B) = Asc+Venus-Sat.
(2) Marriage (B) = Asc+Des-Venus.
(3) Marriage/Deception (D) = Asc+Venus-Sun, or (N) = Asc+Sun-Venus. If B and C are both on one side of the Asc/Des Axis, then you add one Sign to the position of the resultant formula.

Because there are really only 30 numbers in each Sign, using 2° orbs and aspects of 30°, 60°, 90°, 120°, 150°, 180° and 270°, you will no doubt get any result to work after the event. Therefore there are rules to sort out the event and, indeed, if the event will happen. First you must use a Sidereal Hindu Rasi Chart Zodiac with equal House Cusps, which in our system is the Whole Sign Chart. The House-Ruler Parts will be a different degree if you use the Tropical system. You use only the planets to Saturn.

Rule (1). From the Solar Return the Personal Points only, including the Node, must be in aspect to the Solar-Return Event Sahams Parts.

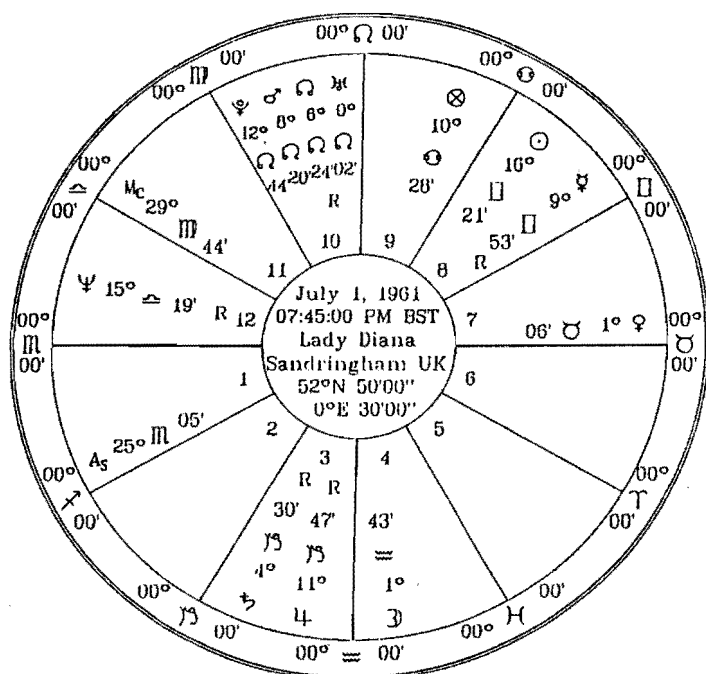
Rule (2). Any of the planets up to Saturn in the Solar Return must be in aspect to the Natal-Chart Sahams Parts.

Rule (3). Any of the Natal planets must be in aspect to the Solar/Lunar-Return Sahams Parts.

This then indicates that the event is possible within one year. The event can only happen during that year if you find, by

applying the same rules to the 13 Lunar Returns, that one of them indicates the event (and therefore also times it). This is the method I used to predict Lady Diana's marriage, and later on the birth of a son. I use these Parts in all my work, but only when there is a correct, observed birth time. Hospital times can be rectified on past marriage or travel, but it is very time-consuming to do so. Remember that for approximately every four minutes of birth time the Ascendant plus or minus the House Cusp moves 2°, and the Ascendant plus or minus a planet moves 1°.

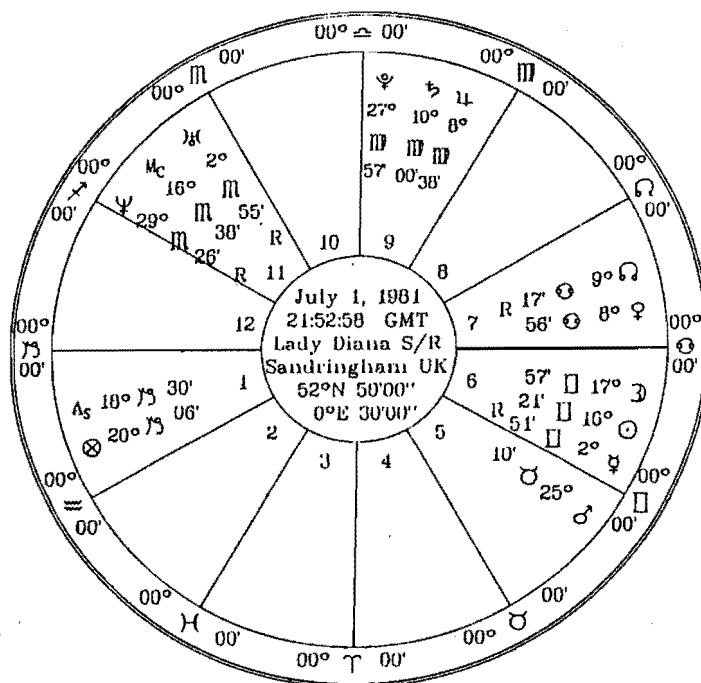
Birth Horoscope of LADY DIANA [Sidereal Zodiac]



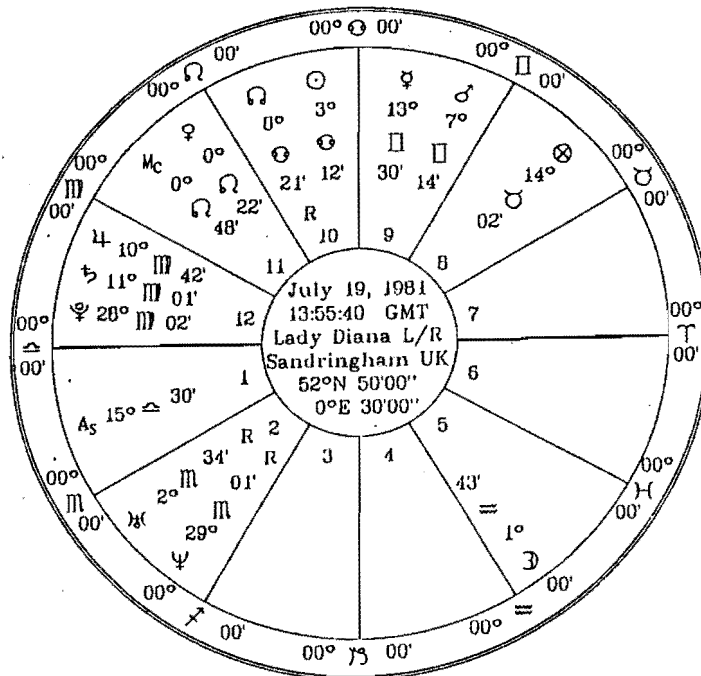
Anyone with Uranus in an Angular House in hard aspect to the Personal Points as in the above Natal Chart, is a person very difficult to be with if not getting his/her own way. In Lady Diana's Chart this combination is also joined with the Nodes/Mars/Moon axis. This Chart is not of one who takes to being in a subservient role; the emotional and anger imbalance will surface. Because Venus both rules and occupies the 7th House (which makes it a *malefic* in the Hindu system) and also rules the 12th, it is connected with Neptune occupying the 12th. This means that Lady Diana will look at marriage or any partnership with rose-coloured glasses.

In Lady Diana's Chart the Hindu DASA Progressed system from 1964 to 1982 is ruled by the North Node in the 10th House, bringing prestige and destiny matters to the forefront, also 4th-House matters (Nodes rule

SOLAR-RETURN CHART [Sidereal Zodiac]



LUNAR-RETURN CHART [Sidereal Zodiac]



Aquarius), 8th-House matters (Nodes House-Ruler, the Sun, in the 8th) and partner's resources (8th-House is second from the Marriage House).

In the Solar-Return Chart the 7th-House Ruler, the Moon, is in the 6th House, 12th from the 7th (confinement if negative, or self-realization if positive attitude).

In the Lunar-Return Chart the North Node is

in the 10th House and rules the 5th House - 11th from the 7th (gains).

The sub-period (last one before the next major DASA from January 1981 to February 1982 is ruled by Mars, also in the 10th activating the partner's Resources House, and Mars rules the Ascendant and the 6th House.

In the Solar-Return Chart Mars is in the 5th (11th from the 7th), and rules the 4th and the 11th; Mars' House Ruler is in the 7th. In the Lunar Return Chart Mars is in the 9th, ruling the 7th and 2nd.

At the time of the marriage the DASA sub-sub-period was ruled by Mercury in the Natal 8th House (2nd from the 7th); in the Solar-Return Chart in the 6th (with the Ruler of the 7th) and in the Lunar-Return Chart Mercury is in the 9th House with the Ruler of the 7th. Transits in the Hindu system are also used for the timing of an event.

Looking at all Solar-Return and Lunar-Return Charts since her 18th and before her 20th birthday, we see indications did sometimes hit the Marriage House, but not all three Charts were connected, so marriage did not occur until her 20th birthday. The Sahams Parts do indicate when destiny affects a particular event.

Looking now at the Solar and Lunar Returns for 1981, we see positive indications for marriage:

The Natal Parts are Marriage (B) 19°4' Sagittarius, Marriage-/Deception (D) 9°50' Libra, Husband (B) 21°41' Aries (one Sign added as Venus and Saturn are both below the Ascendant/Descendant).

The Solar-Return Parts are Marriage (B) 28°4' Capricorn, Marriage-/Deception (N) 25°55' Capricorn (one Sign added), Husband (B) 17°26' Scorpio.

The Lunar-Return Parts are Marriage (B) 0°38' Cancer, Marriage-/Deception (D) 12°40' Scorpio, Husband (B) 4°51' Virgo.

I only wish to show you the activated Parts. The planetary aspects between all three Charts are easily seen and delineated.

Firstly, we look to the Solar-Return Chart for Personal Points only:

Rule (1). S/R Asc sextile S/R Husband, S/R Sun and Moon quincunx S/R Husband.

Rule (2). S/R Asc sextile Natal Marriage, S/R Moon opposite Natal Marriage, S/R Venus and Node square Natal Marriage-/Deception, S/R Saturn semisextile Natal Marriage-/Deception.

Rule (3). Natal Ascendant sextile S/R Marriage /deception, Natal Sun quincunx S/R Husband, Natal MC trine S/R Marriage.

In the Lunar Return, Rule 1 L/R-Moon quincunx L/R-Marriage, L/R-Sun sextile L/R-Husband, L/R-Venus and MC semisextile L/R-Marriage (takes care of the Personal Points); then also L/R-Mercury quincunx L/R-Marriage-/Deception, L/R-Jupiter and Saturn sextile L/R-Marriage-/Deception.

Rule (2). L/R-Node square Natal Marriage, L/R-Jupiter and Saturn semisextile Natal Marriage-/Deception.

Rule (3). Natal Saturn trine L/R-Husband, Natal Jupiter sextile L/R-Marriage-/Deception, Natal Moon quincunx L/R-Marriage, Natal Venus sextile L/R-Marriage.

From these multiple contacts it was apparent that marriage would occur.

I hope this short article will help you if you use Arabian Parts to understand some of the rules the Hindu Astrologers used centuries ago.

Aftermath of the Melbourne Cup

Good out of Ill

It was easier to pick the next USA President than the winner of the Melbourne Cup. The winner, SUBZERO, could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be termed a *Venus* horse - quite the opposite in fact. The "Venus" horse that might have won, LET'S ELOPE, was scratched.

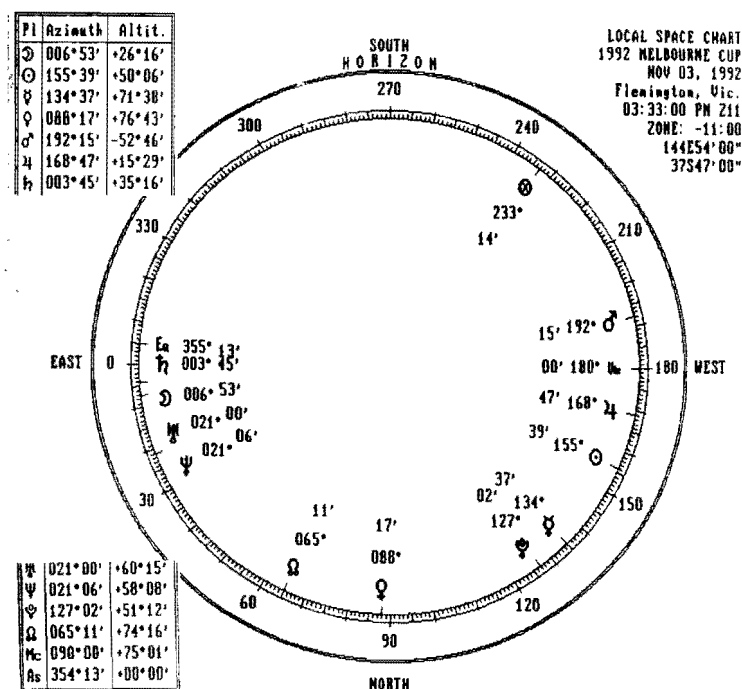
SUBZERO is a Saturnian name. The race Chart in the Tropical Zodiac, which has previously served me well, was a signal failure on this occasion, and a mystifying one as well.

While pondering this debacle I suddenly bethought me of the *Local Space Chart* - a chart with the planets referred to the plane of the local Horizon. Here it is:

1992 MELBOURNE CUP

3rd November 1992, Flemington, Vic.

3:33pm AEDT (approximate finishing time).



was elated to observe that in this Horoscope the planet Saturn was dominant! Here was a valid astrological reason for SUBZERO's win. Venus is 1°43' from the North Point, and Saturn 3°45' from the East Point. Both planets have power, but Saturn, the more ponderable of the two (which gives it more influence), is also conjunct the Moon (orb 3°8') - a telling factor. Furthermore, Saturn is closer to the Horizon (35°16') than Venus (76°43'), which again tips the scales further in Saturn's favour. Another significant point is that Venus is square Saturn (orb 4°28'), to which we may perhaps ascribe the scratching of LET'S ELOPE, and the defeat of horses representative of Venus.

So where does this leave us for future race horoscopes? For my part, I shall make a point of consulting the Horizon Chart as well as the usual Chart in the Tropical Zodiac. As I have said before, we may not make a pile of money (except occasionally) in the application of Astrology to races, but we do learn a lot more about Astrology!

Good luck to all you triers!

- Dymock, 24th November 1992.

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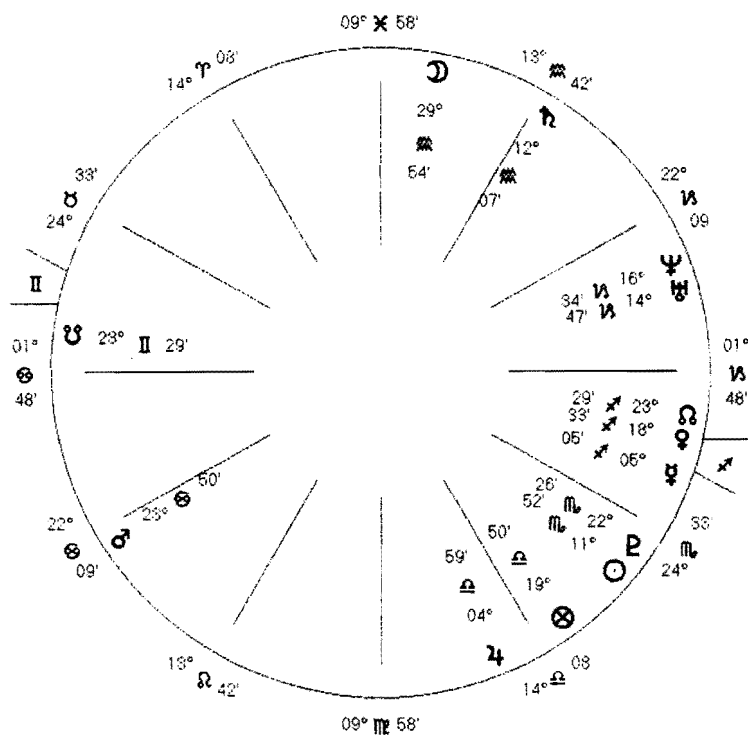
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The USA Presidential Election is the important issue next week. It is to be held on Tuesday, November 3. No one was able to tell me exactly when the polls close. The USA Consulate in Sydney said "between 7 and 8 pm". As it will probably be 8pm, here is the Chart for that time at Washington, DC. The Chart shows that George Bush will lose:

USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NOV.3 1992
Washington DC, 77°2'W, 38°54'N. 8pm EST



This Election is a little more complicated than usual as there are three contenders for the Presidency. George Bush, the incumbent, is represented by the 1st House, and his chances of victory by the 10th. His opponents are represented by the 7th House and 9th Houses, and their chances of victory by the 4th (which is the 10th to the 7th), and the 6th (which is the 10th to the 9th).

As Cancer rises, George Bush's Significator is the Moon, in the last degree of Aquarius, leaving the square of Pluto and applying to the square of Mercury, two adverse indications. The fact that the Moon is "void-of-course" also portends that Bush has no future as regards the Presidency. His 10th

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House is ruled by Neptune, which is here afflicted by the conjunction of Uranus and the opposition of Mars. That puts a quietus to Bush's hopes.

Which of his adversaries will win? Bill Clinton being the first contender is represented by the 7th House and its Ruler, Saturn. Ross Perot is represented by the 9th House (being the 3rd to the 7th - See *Horary Astrology* by Marc Edmund Jones). Clinton's Significator, Saturn, is exalted in Aquarius and strong through being conjunct a Placidian Cusp. It is square to the Sun, but not seriously incommoded thereby because of its elevation above the Sun and its mundane strength. On the other hand the trine to Jupiter is a very positive indication.

Clinton's derived 10th House, the Radical 4th, has Virgo on the Cusp and is therefore ruled by Mercury. Mercury is placed in Sagittarius in close sextile to the Ruler of that Sign, Jupiter, which much enhances the power of the sextile. From the point of view of winning, it has greater effect than the square to the Moon, Bush's Significator, which depicts the uncomplimentary personal remarks of the contenders in the recent televised debates.

Ross Perot's Significator is Uranus (quite appropriate in the light of Perot's performance to date), being the Ruler of the 9th. Uranus is conjunct Neptune, showing confusion and self-deception. Perot's derived 10th House (the 6th) is ruled by Pluto, which is square to the Moon. The trine from Mars shows his energy but does not improve his chances. His cause is a lost one.

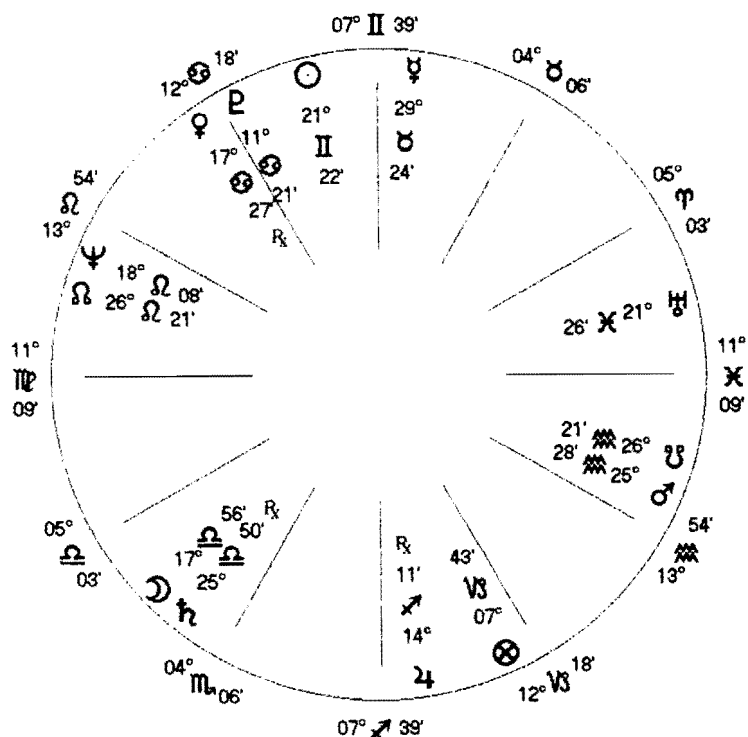
It is obvious that Bill Clinton will be the next President.
- Dymock.

Keven Barrett (NSW), the Australian agent for Astrolabe Computer Software, has furnished me with the birth data of the three contenders for the USA Presidency, including a new birth time for President Bush (11:45am) researched by Lois Rodden, indefatigable author of *The American Book of Charts*.

Here are the three Birth Charts, and the planetary influences affecting them at the time of the Election:

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

12 June 1924, Milton, Mass. 42°15'N, 71°5'W.
11:45 am EDT. Placidian Cusps.



This birth time for George Bush is supported by the 64th Age Harmonic Chart, Bush's age when he was elected President in 1988. Here it is, concentric with the Birth Chart in the outer circle. The most striking feature is the extremely close conjunction of Harmonic Jupiter and the Moon with the Natal Midheaven, all within 1° of each other. Additionally, Natal Jupiter is on the Ascendant of the Harmonic Chart (orb 4°) and the Natal Ascendant is at the Harmonic Midheaven (orb only 1°). Harmonic Sun and Uranus are conjoined in the Midheaven. This is a rare combination of overwhelmingly favourable factors, and ensured Bush's election to the Presidency in 1988.

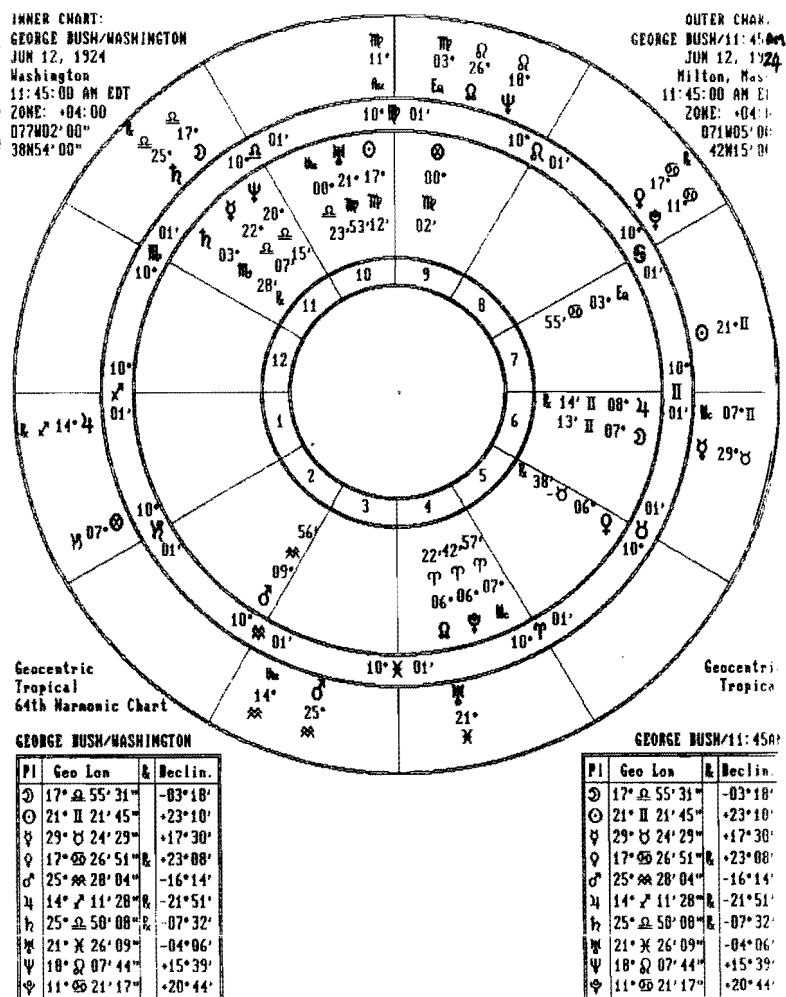
At the time of the coming Election on 4th November, Bush is disadvantaged by the Secondary-Regressed Moon opposite Saturn, exact on November the 7th, and Mercury (his Ruling Planet) stationary on 11th November opposite his Natal Midheaven. His chances of election this time are nil.

Inner Circle and Cusps:

GEORGE BUSH, 64TH HARMONIC

Outer Circle:

GEORGE BUSH, BIRTH CHART (11:45am Birth Time)



Clinton has the favourable Secondary Regression of the Moon to 20°18' Virgo on 11th November, where it is trine his Natal Moon, the Ruler of his House of Status and Achievement. His chances of election this year are certainly confirmed.

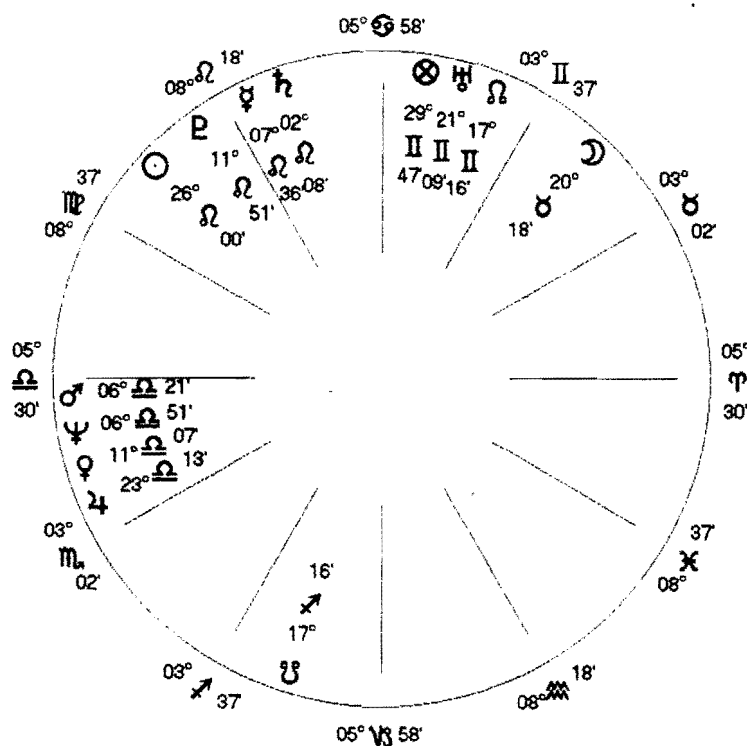
Perot has the Secondary-Progressed Moon sextile Saturn on 11th November, which does not do much to help him in the Election. On November 19 his Progressed Mercury is square Mars, which is definitely bad, Mercury occupying and ruling the Natal 12th House (Sorrows, Self-Undoing) and Mars occupying the 11th House of his Natal Chart, showing defeat of his ambitions (the 10th House).

The final series of Charts below are combinations of the Solar Returns (relocated to Washington) and concentric Birth Charts for each candidate. These tell the same story.

George Bush's Solar Return of 12th June is particularly adverse - Uranus and Neptune

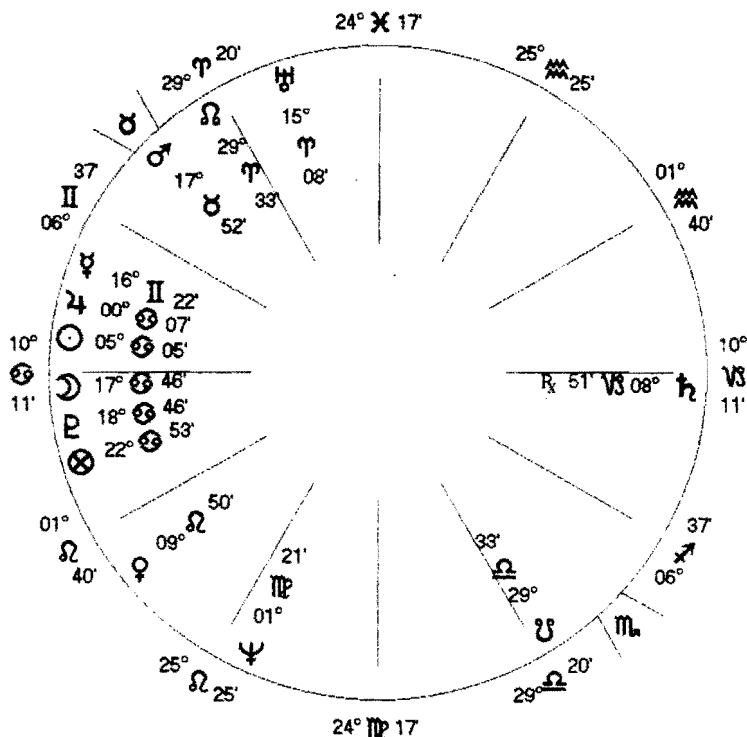
BILL CLINTON

19 August 1946, Hope, Arkansas, 8:51am CST.
33°40'N, 93°36'W. Placidian Cusps.



ROSS PEROT

27 June 1930, Texarkana, Texas, 5:34am CST.
33°26'N, 93°36'W. Placidian Cusps.



almost exactly on the Ascendant, and both Retrograde, and both opposing Natal Venus. Neptune occupies the Natal 12th, Venus the Natal 11th, again presaging defeat of his ambitions and hopes. Extra negative impact is

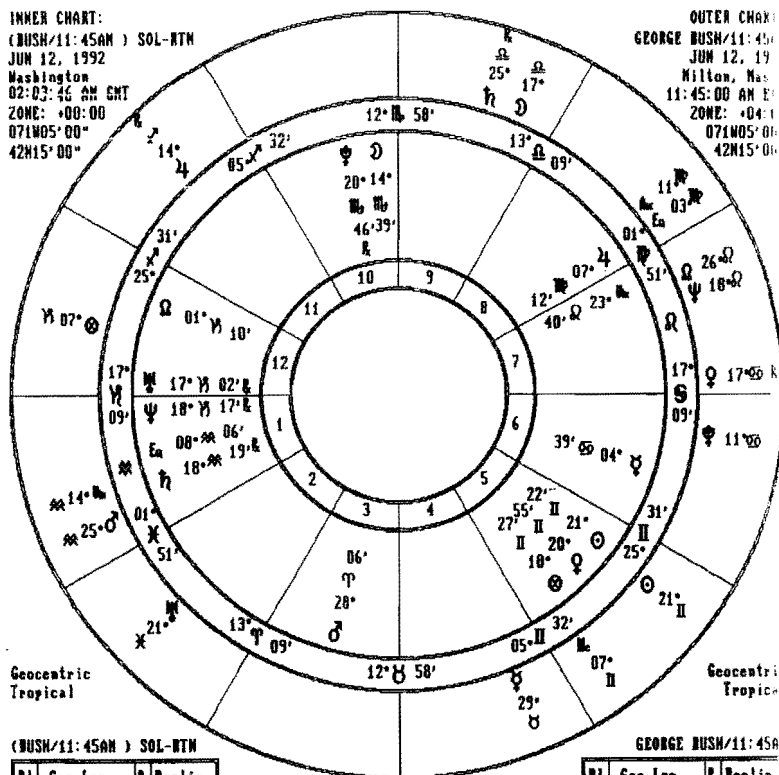
Inner Circle and Cusps:

GEORGE BUSH, SOLAR RETURN

Outer Circle: BIRTH CHART

INNER CHART:

(BUSH/11:45AM) SOL-RTM
JUN 12, 1992
Washington
02:03:46 AM GMT
ZONE: +00:00
071W05°00'
42N15°00'



(BUSH/11:45AM) SOL-RTM

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☾	21° 21' 46"	+23° 10'
♂	04° 39' 28"	+25° 17'
♀	20° 55' 30"	+23° 13'
♂	28° 05' 42"	+09° 38'
♂	07° 11' 44"	+09° 57'
♂	18° 19' 03"	-16° 11'
♂	17° 01' 35"	-22° 47'
♂	18° 16' 59"	-21° 27'
♂	20° 46' 08"	-03° 18'

GEORGE BUSH/11:45A

Pl	Geo Lon	Declin.
☉	17° 55' 31"	-03° 18'
☾	21° 21' 45"	+23° 10'
♂	29° 24' 29"	+17° 30'
♀	17° 05' 26"	+23° 08'
♂	25° 28' 04"	-16° 14'
♂	14° 11' 28"	-21° 51'
♂	25° 50' 08"	-07° 32'
♂	21° 26' 09"	-04° 06'
♂	18° 07' 44"	+15° 32'
♂	11° 21' 17"	+20° 44'

given by Pluto in and Ruling the House of Career, conjunct the Moon, with both planets square Saturn.

Clinton's Solar Return has the beautiful conjunction of Venus and Jupiter at the Midheaven, plus Natal Venus fulfilling his ambitions on the 11th Cusp trine to SR-Mars and Saturn, plus the Moon in applying trine to the Sun (orb only 1½°). Pluto on the Ascendant of the Return shows a new chapter of his life beginning.

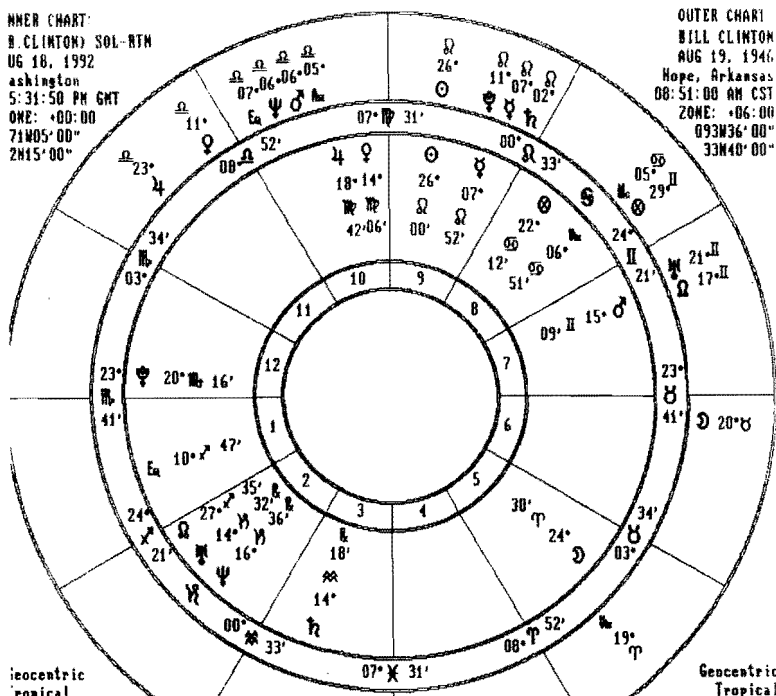
Perot's Solar Return has the negative indications of Natal Uranus in the Midheaven square to SR-Uranus and Neptune; SR-Venus in the House of Sorrows, ruling the 11th House and closely opposed by Natal Saturn (denying his ambitions); SR-Mars, ruling the Career House, conjunct the Moon and both square to Natal Venus; the Sun opposed by Natal Saturn and submerged in the 12th House together with a group of Natal planets.

- Dymock.

Inner Circle and Cusps:

BILL CLINTON, SOLAR RETURN

Outer Circle: BIRTH CHART



B. CLINTON SOL-RTM

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♂	20° 15' 37"	-03° 42'

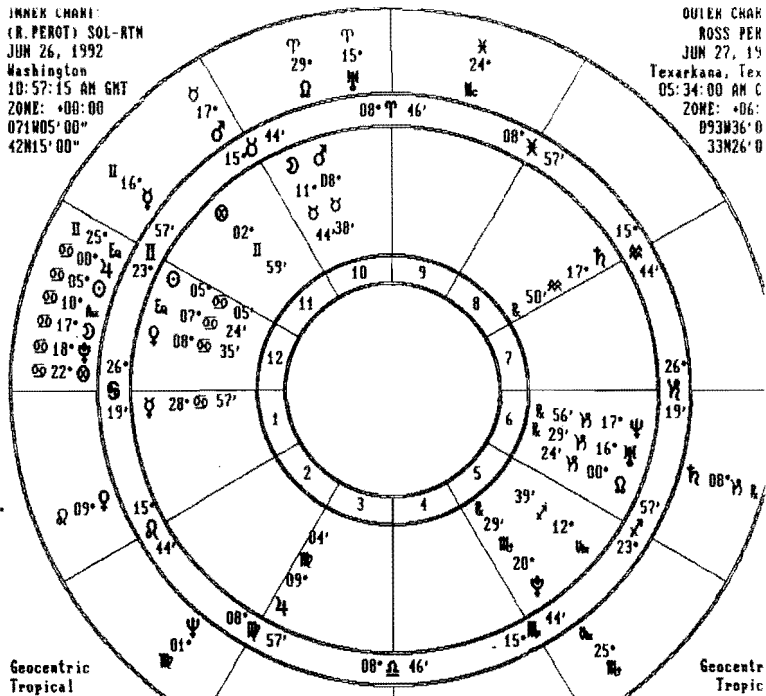
BILL CLINTON

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♀	11° 07' 04"	-05° 07'
♂	06° 21' 13"	-02° 08'
♂	23° 13' 15"	-08° 00'
♂	02° 08' 07"	+19° 56'
♂	21° 08' 41"	+23° 13'
♂	06° 51' 04"	-01° 23'
♂	11° 05' 20"	+23° 22'

Inner Circle and Cusps:

ROSS PEROT, SOLAR RETURN

Outer Circle: BIRTH CHART



R. PEROT SOL-RTM

Pl	Geo Lon	R Declin.
☉	11° 44' 08"	+19° 09'
☌	05° 04' 35"	+23° 21'
☿	28° 56' 59"	+21° 44'
♀	08° 34' 46"	+23° 48'
♂	08° 37' 44"	+13° 17'
♂	09° 03' 36"	+09° 14'
♂	17° 49' 48"	-16° 23'
♂	16° 29' 23"	-22° 51'
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ROSS PEROT

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The 1992 MELBOURNE CUP

Just about everything will stop in Australia on 3rd November, not for the USA Elections, but for the running of one of the world's most famous horse-race - The Melbourne Cup. It is an interesting exercise to try to pick the winner by Astrology. The Chart below is drawn for two minutes past the scheduled starting time to approximate the finishing time at the end of the two-mile course.

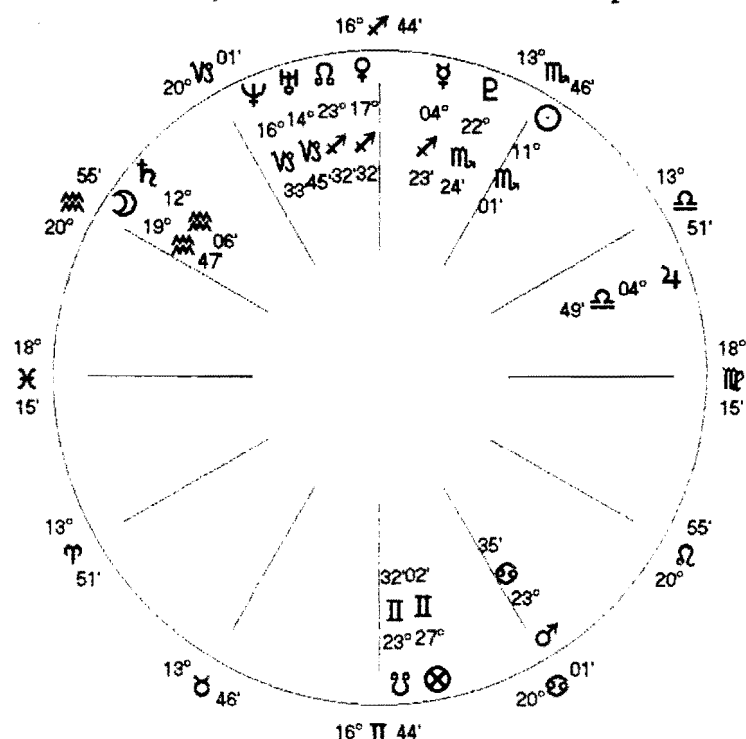
An obvious choice here is any runner described by the planet Venus, which is right on the Meridian of the Chart, and applying to it by the axial rotation of the Earth. If the race is delayed up to three minutes, Venus will be even closer to the Meridian and therefore stronger.

Unfortunately there is no room to give a list of the runners, so make your own choices, principally on the name.

- Dymock,
29th October 1992.

THE MELBOURNE CUP 1992

3 November 1992, Flemington, Vic., 3:32pm
37°47'S, 144°54'E. Placidian Cusps.



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PREDICTIONS for the USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, and VICTORIAN and QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTIONS

by Rod and Colleen Brandt.

To determine which Party will win these Elections, we have used the system that has long been in use in the USA for predicting Presidential Elections. In using this type of chart five simple rules apply. The chart is cast by using a Noon Ephemeris, and a simple Solar Chart is cast for the day of the election, excluding the Moon's Nodes. In this chart we consider only two important points - Jupiter for the Republicans or Liberals/-Nationals, Saturn for the Democrats or Labour, to determine which is stronger and therefore more likely to win. We do not use aspects, or the other planets.

We consider the elevation of the planets - whichever is more highly elevated will usually show the victor, especially if it is in the 9th, 10th or 11th House. There are exceptions, such as (a) if one Ruler is elevated over another but also in the confining 12th House so it loses the advantage, or elevation over the other Ruler if the latter is more dignified or on the Eastern side of the chart.

We consider Dignity by Sign: A Ruler in its Home Sign or Exaltation gains power. However, Home Sign is the strongest Dignity. We consider the Retrograde Ruler: The party whose Ruler is retrograde usually loses the election. There are two exceptions to this: (a) If the retrograde Ruler is spared by a Mutual Reception, in which case it may become stronger from its new home than its opponent, and the debility of a retrograde is voided. (b) If the incumbent Ruler is retrograde this can be interpreted as favourable for him/her unless the opponent's Ruler is extremely strong, since retrogrades favour a return, or a "going back". If the incumbent is retrograde but in mutual reception it may lose the advantage of retrograde. However it is NOT imperative for the incumbent party to be retrograde to win.

We consider Mutual Reception, which occurs when two planets are in each other's Home Sign, such as Jupiter in Virgo and Mercury in

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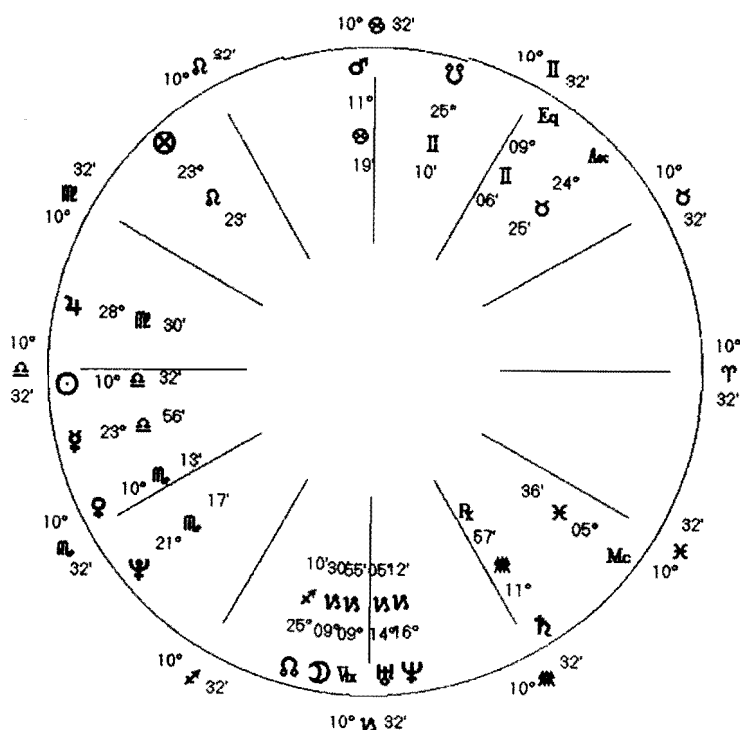
Sagittarius. In such an event, Jupiter should also be studied from his new home in Sagittarius, and may gain strength to win over his opponent.

We consider Disposition. A planet is disposed of by another when it occupies that other planet's Home Sign. Thus Jupiter in Capricorn is disposed of by Saturn. Saturn in Sagittarius is disposed of by Jupiter. One can lose power to the opponent if the opponent disposes of it. A final point - WE DO NOT CONSIDER ASPECTS as this only confuses the picture. We are concerned only with the basic rulers in question - Jupiter and Saturn. A strong or elevated planet can handle, overcome or make use of afflictions, while a weak planet is not made strong by good aspects. Rather, it is helping along and functions within the framework of its Sign and House.

Now, keeping the above points in mind, let us look at our Charts. First, the Victorian Elections, to be held on 3rd October 1992. Jupiter is the more highly elevated planet, but it is in the confined 12th House, and in detriment in Virgo. Saturn is in the 5th House but it is in its own Sign Aquarius, and it is retrograde. The incumbent party is represented by Saturn. There is no dispositor, and one could say that Uranus and Saturn are in mutual reception with each other, which could give Saturn a little more advantage than by transferring to its own Sign Capricorn, even though it is at the bottom or I.C. of the Chart. So it seems that Joan Kirner and Labour will be returned to power. However, it will not be with the advantage that they would like to have.

VICTORIAN STATE ELECTIONS, 3RD OCTOBER 1992

Solar Chart. Noon positions, GMT.
Jupiter = Liberals, Saturn = Labour



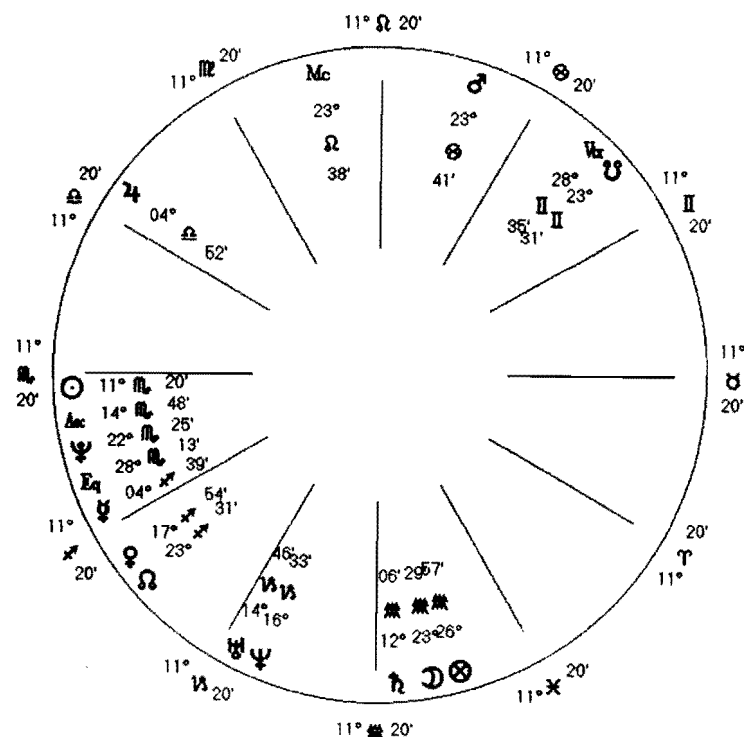
The Presidential Elections will be held on Tuesday, 3rd November. In this Chart we can see how Jupiter and Saturn have changed in this time. They reverse the rules used in the previous Chart. Here, Jupiter has moved out of Virgo and the confinement of the 12th House into Libra in the 11th House. Jupiter represents the Republicans and George Bush. Saturn represents the Democrats and Bill Clinton. Saturn is still in Aquarius in the 4th House. Its mutual reception with Uranus in Capricorn in the 3rd does give it an advantage, and we think Clinton will give Bush a run for his money. However, with Jupiter elevated in the 11th Bush and his Party seem to have an advantage.

Let us then go back to the subject of Disposition. The rule does state that a planet's Home Sign [is the strongest dignity], but remember that Saturn's Exaltation Sign is Libra, and Jupiter is in Libra. Could this also apply in this case? If it does, then Saturn certainly would have the advantage, and the USA could possibly have a change of government. In any case, it will be very close and hard won.

We have just heard the news that Queensland is going to the polls on Saturday, 19th September. Upon checking, we have found that the same type of charting that we used for the Victorian Elections applies here. In fact, the Charts are almost the same. With the planetary placements, particularly Jupiter

USA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION,**TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 1992**

Solar Chart, Noon positions, GMT.
Jupiter = Republicans, Saturn = Democrats

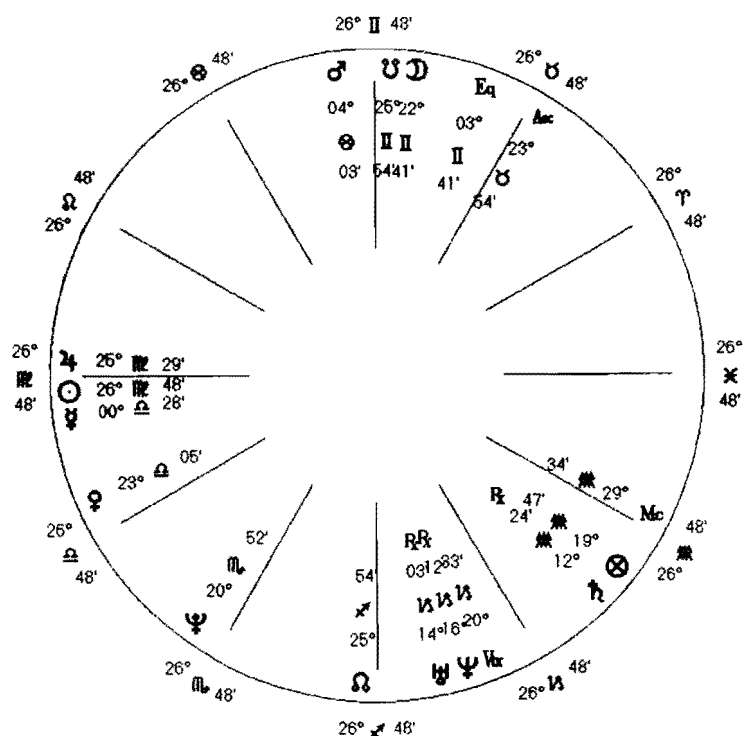


and Saturn unaltered. This looks very favourable for Wayne Goss and Labour. So it looks like they will be returned to power.

QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTIONS, 19TH SEP. 1992

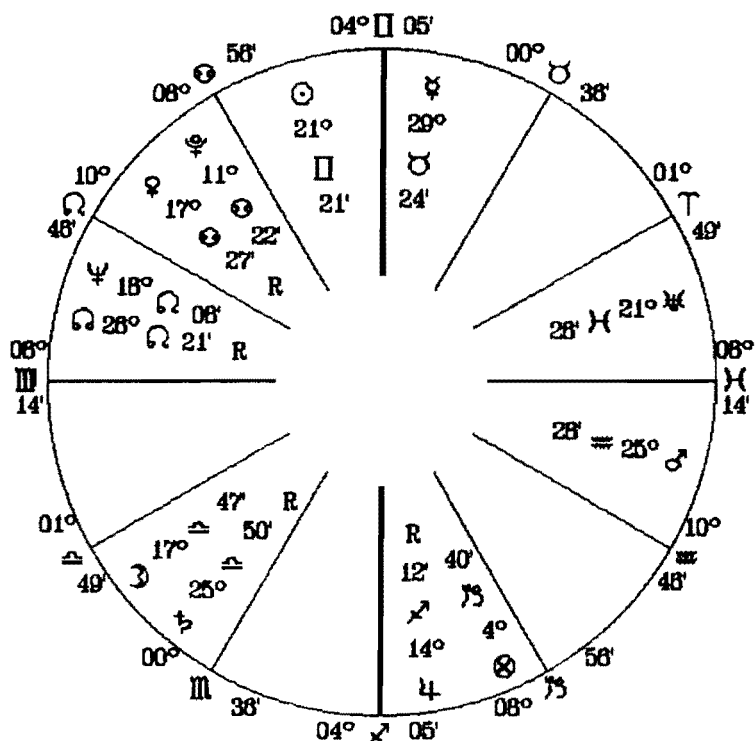
Solar Chart. Noon positions, GMT.

Saturn = Labour, Jupiter = Liberals/Nationals



PRESIDENT BUSH

12th June 1924, Milton, Mass. 42°15'N, 71°5'W
Speculative time of 11:30am. Placidian Cusps.
(Between 11am and 12 noon given by mother)

**USA ELECTION**

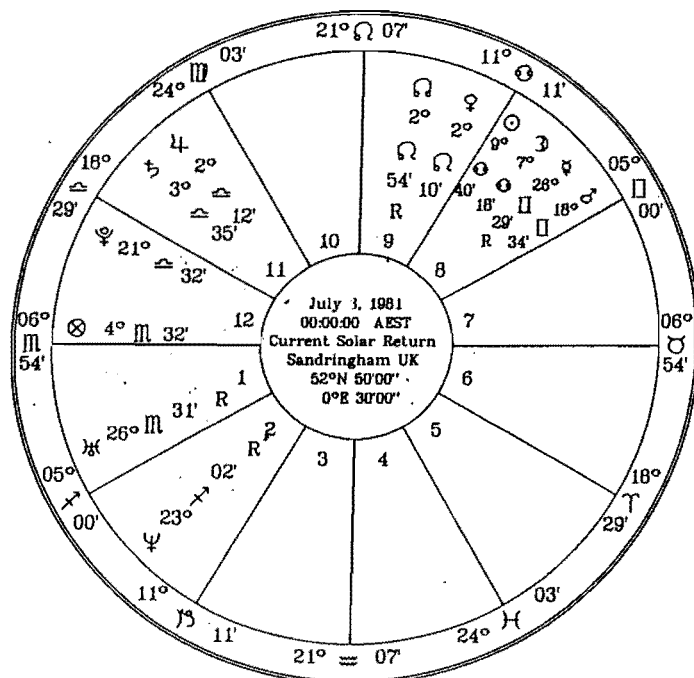
ROSS HARVEY (NSW) writes, "I was looking again at the Life-Span Revolution for George Bush's Chart the other day. I have to assume that he was born at about 11:30am, and that the rate is 4.49°/Yr. This gives MCd conjunct UR, and Asc.d conjunct Venus for his becoming President in November 1988. The same rate gives Saturn d. conjunct Asc. for late this year, and, if MCC. is conjunct Neptune for November 1988, Asc.c is conjunct Saturn for November 1992. This doesn't look much like re-election! I can't find anything in his Solar Returns that unequivocally indicates electoral success either, so I'm tentatively betting on President Clinton.

Ross Harvey asks an appropriate question: Could anyone have *predicted* marriage for Lady Diana from her Solar Return?

It is indeed the acid test of a Cyclic Chart that it does convincingly portray the principal event in the time period covered.

As with any horoscope, natal, progressed or cyclic, it is desirable to know something of the circumstances and prospects of the subject before attempting a reading. In the present instance, given that the subject was a nubile female of marriageable age, it is feasible to deduce marriage from several

LADY DIANA'S MARRIAGE TO PRINCE CHARLES
Solar Return 1st July 1981, at Birth Place



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prominent factors in the Chart.

The most significant of these is the close conjunction of the Sun and Moon, a union of the principal significators that invariably (in my experience) commences a new phase in the life. That this new phase would be married life is supported by other factors: The Sun rules the 10th House - status - which is very frequently if not always activated in the event of marriage. Marriage is a change of social status. Venus conjunct the Moon's North Node means a love union, further attested by Venus' rulership here of the House of Marriage. Additionally, Jupiter almost exactly sextiles Venus (orb 0°2'). Though I have not found that Venus and Jupiter alone signify marriage (unless, for instance, they are conjunct in the 7th House) there is no doubt that they help to draw people together through enhancing the love nature. The stage is set for a union if other factors concur, as here.

When we refer the Solar Return to her Birth Chart, (see concentric Charts below) the new chapter in Lady Diana's life is signalled by SR-Pluto conjunct the Natal Midheaven, and Natal Uranus conjunct the SR-Midheaven.

(Incidentally, in my experience it is much preferable to put the Cyclic Chart *inside* the Birth Chart, rather than the other way round, which is the usual practice.)

The marriage occurred on 29th July 1981, and it is appropriate that the particular activating factor was the Progressed Moon trine to the Sun on 6th August 1981, a week

later.

Outer Circle: BIRTH CHART of

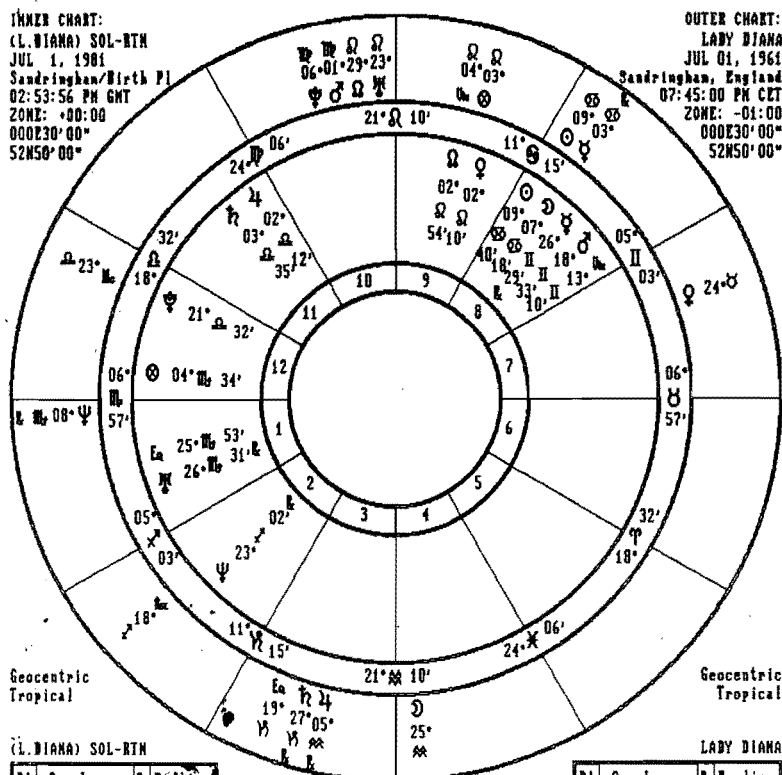
LADY DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

1st July 1961, 7:45pm BST Sandringham.

0°30'E, 52°50'N. Placidian Cusps.

Inner Circle and Cusps:

SOLAR RETURN FOR MARRIAGE



Geocentric Tropical

(L. DIANA) SOL-RTN

Pl	Geo Lon	Decl.
☉	07° 17' 44"	+21° 04'
☽	09° 39' 48"	+23° 05'
♂	26° 11' 45"	+18° 46'
♀	02° 09' 32"	+21° 11'
♂	18° 11' 32"	+23° 15'
♂	02° 11' 37"	+00° 19'
♂	03° 34' 55"	+00° 47'
♂	26° 31' 07"	+19° 10'
♂	23° 02' 08"	+21° 54'
♂	21° 32' 08"	+07° 36'

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Geocentric Tropical

LADY DIANA

Pl	Geo Lon	Decl.
☉	25° 11' 45"	+12° 55'
☽	09° 39' 47"	+23° 05'
♂	03° 08' 12' 07"	+18° 41'
♀	24° 05' 24' 05"	+15° 59'
♂	01° 38' 45"	+11° 55'
♂	05° 05' 49"	+19° 32'
♂	27° 48' 49"	+20° 44'
♂	23° 02' 09"	+14° 25'
♂	08° 38' 14"	+12° 40'
♂	06° 02' 30"	+21° 01'

The Solar Return for ex-President Richard Nixon's marriage (see last Issue, p.8) does not unequivocally show the event, though there are strong pointers that way: Venus ruling the House of Unions is closely conjunct the Natal Moon (orb 0°17'), which is fairly typical of a man's marriage, and Venus is sextile Saturn ruling the House of Status (though this is a weak aspect, being only a sextile with an orb over 4°). SR-Moon ruling the 5th House (romance and love) conjoins Natal Uranus, which occupies the 5th House of the Birth Chart. Where a man is concerned, Moon conjunct Uranus is much associated with love unions.

Saturn opposite the North Node in the Solar Return is more typical of a separation than a union, and the same must be said of Venus square Uranus. Perhaps this did occur - Nixon would not be the first man to separate from a lover and marry someone else within

the space of a few months. Nixon married on the 21st of June 1940, which was more than five months after the date of the Solar Return, so in that time he might well have left one prospective bride and become attached to another whom he subsequently married. Perhaps it was a "rebound" marriage after he was jilted - we don't know. If anybody has further information along these lines, and particularly if the place where the marriage occurred is known, I should be glad to hear it. It is possible that if Nixon married in a town or city remote from his birth place (which I have used for his Solar Return) there might be more definite indications of marriage.

Outer Circle:

BIRTH HOROSCOPE OF RICHARD NIXON

9th January 1913, 9:35pm, Yorba Linda, Cal.

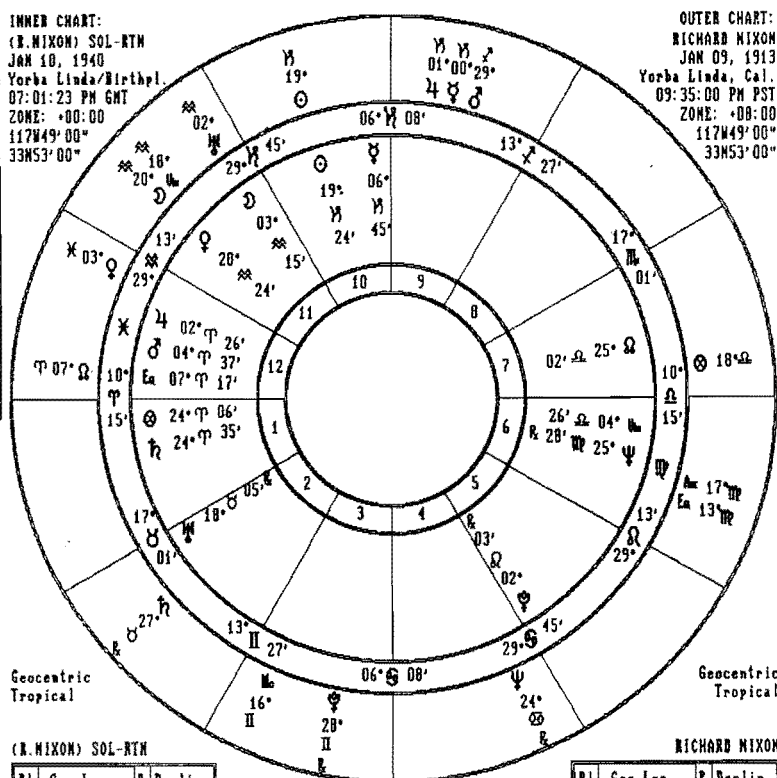
33°53'N, 117°49'W. Placidian Cusps.

Inner Circle and Cusps:

SOLAR RETURN 10TH JAN. 1940

Set for the Birth Place. Placidian Cusps.

(Marriage on 21st June 1940)



Geocentric Tropical

(R. NIXON) SOL-RTN

Pl	Geo Lon	Decl.
☉	03° 14' 51"	+14° 37'
☽	19° 24' 08"	+22° 02'
♂	06° 44' 32"	+24° 09'
♀	20° 24' 23"	+16° 19'
♂	04° 36' 51"	+01° 42'
♂	02° 26' 02"	+00° 11'
♂	24° 35' 24"	+07° 12'
♂	18° 05' 26"	+16° 55'
♂	25° 28' 03"	+02° 55'
♂	02° 02' 55"	+23° 27'

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Geocentric Tropical

RICHARD NIXON

Pl	Geo Lon	Decl.
☉	20° 07' 18"	+18° 13'
☽	19° 24' 08"	+22° 03'
♂	00° 00' 52"	+23° 16'
♀	03° 29' 09"	+11° 30'
♂	29° 44' 55"	+24° 00'
♂	01° 40' 14"	+23° 14'
♂	27° 29' 03"	+17° 36'
♂	02° 41' 38"	+20° 07'
♂	24° 46' 12"	+02° 41'
♂	28° 39' 10"	+17° 17'

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,

24th September 1992.

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THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION REVISITED

by Jack Nicholls

Since the publication of the original article (*The Life-Span Revolution* by Ross Harvey, Issues 125 - 127, December 1991 - February 1992) a number of readers have reported difficulty in understanding the subject. The following explanation may help some readers. In addition, the introduction of a graphical procedure to reduce the amount of work, should tempt more astrologers to try the method.

It is convenient to regard the heavens as positioned on the inside of a sphere of infinite radius - the Celestial Sphere - with the Earth at its centre, and the Celestial Equator as the projection of the Earth's Equator onto the Celestial Sphere. The plane of the Equator is at right angles to the Earth's axis, and the centre of the circle of the Equator is the centre of the Earth. Due to the Earth's rotation the heavens appear to rotate each twenty four hours causing the planets and stars to successively rise, culminate, and set.

Positions on the Earth's surface may be located by reference to a grid system, one co-ordinate of which - geographic longitude - involves measurement along the Equator beginning at the Greenwich meridian. The celestial equivalent of longitude measured along the Celestial Equator is termed Right Ascension (RA). The Sun's apparent annual path is a circle in the heavens - the Ecliptic - inclined at $23^{\circ}27'$ to the Celestial Equator, and the starting point for Right Ascension is taken as one of the two points where the Ecliptic and the Equator cross, namely, 0° Aries. Ecliptic or Zodiacal longitude which is listed in the Ephemeris also commences at 0° Aries. Sidereal Time is equivalent to Right Ascension being measured along the Celestial Equator in hours and minutes rather than degrees and minutes (that is, $RA = Sid.T \times 15$).

Measurements involving the rotation of the Earth will perforce be in Right Ascension, whereas chart data such as the Angles and planetary positions are in Zodiacal longitude. The Meridian is the great circle (that is, a circle having the centre of the Earth as its centre) which passes through the

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North and South points of the horizon, and through the Zenith (the point directly overhead). The RAMC is the point where it cuts the Equator, and the MC where it cuts the Ecliptic. The Sidereal Time or Right Ascension of the Meridian at birth is the RAMC. Thus when the rate \times age (degrees) is added to, or subtracted from the RAMC, the movement is correctly along the Celestial Equator in RA. These direct and converse positions are converted to give the direct and converse MC's and the derived Ascendants. As the Ecliptic and the Equator form two sides of a triangle with an angular separation of $23^{\circ}27'$, trigonometric means must be used for the conversion of RAMC to MC. Conversion tables are available in many texts, or a calculator can be used in the application of a simple formula:

$$MC = \arctan(\tan RAMC \div \cos E)$$

where E is the obliquity - approximately $23^{\circ}27'$ (the exact value for a given date being shown in the Ephemeris). Once the MC is determined the associated Ascendant is found by consulting a Table of Houses, or by use of a calculator and another formula:

$$Asc = \arctan[\cos RAMC \div (\sin E \tan L + \cos E \sin RAMC)]$$

where L is the geographic latitude, with North + and South -.

One advantage of using a scientific calculator is that it can be programmed to perform both of these computations in one operation, so that after the values of E and L are entered only one entry for RAMC produces the associated MC and Ascendant.

The Graphical Procedure

The graph shown in Figure 1 is on metric paper measuring 28 by 40 cm., and is very convenient for the procedure. Mark the vertical axis in degrees from 0° Aries to 30° Pisces (or 0° to 360° if preferred) over-

lapping at each end as shown. The horizontal axis is marked with the rates from 4°/Yr. (corresponding to 90 years of age) to say 6°/Yr. (60 years), or 9°/Yr. (40 years), etc., depending on the age of the subject being investigated. Next draw horizontal lines for the ten "planetary" bodies at the conjunction and opposition positions, marking them accordingly.

For each Angle (MC and Asc, direct and converse), and for each event, lines will be drawn, and where they intercept the planetary positions the corresponding rates can be read. Intercepts appropriate to the events can be averaged to give the estimate of the life span.

Ten events from the life of George V have been used to illustrate the procedure, and the direct and converse MC's and Asc's for these events, using rates of 4°/Yr, 4.5°/Yr. and 6°/Yr. are listed in Table 1. The intercepts from Figure 1 appropriate to these events are shown in Table 2. Figure 1 also shows four examples, these being the direct MC and Asc lines for George becoming the Heir Apparent at his brother's death, and the converse MC and Asc lines for accession to the throne on his father's death. The 82 contacts from Table 2 were averaged to yield:

Median	5.11°/Yr.
Mode	5.16°/Yr.
Mean	5.06°/Yr.
Trim Mean	5.11°/Yr.

The Median is the central value when the items are arranged according to size. The Mode is the most frequent or common value. The first Mean is the arithmetic mean of all values, and the Trim Mean is the mean of the items that remain after discarding those more than 0.5°/Yr. from the first Mean. A value of 5.11°/Yr. corresponds to an age of 70.45 years, which is about two months from the actual age at death. There was no significant difference between the direct and converse values. Two-thirds of the contacts were obtained from the direct and converse MC lines, but this may be only a peculiarity of the particular example.

Three rates were used in calculating the data listed in Table 1. However, the MC and Asc lines used to obtain the results shown in Table 2 were drawn using only the coordinates at the 4°/Yr. and 6°/Yr. positions. It can be shown mathematically, or demonstrated graphically, that these lines are essentially linear over this interval. For example, the deviations of the intermediate points at the position of the 4.5°/Yr. rate can be examined in relation to the lines and seen to be very small. In fact they result in errors in the rates of about 0.06°/Yr., equivalent to a

change in age of five months.

Other intervals not relevant to the present example may be examined using the George V data to determine what saving in calculation may be achieved without unduly prejudicing accuracy. For a single event, namely, becoming Heir Apparent, intervals of 4°/Yr. - 9°/Yr., 4°/Yr. - 12°/Yr. and 6°/Yr. - 12°/Yr. were tested. An intermediate rate of 6°/Yr. for the interval 4°/Yr. - 9°/Yr. had an error of 0.06°/Yr. (7 months), that of 9°/Yr. for the interval 4°/Yr. - 12°/Yr. had an error of 0.29°/Yr. (1.3 years) and the position of 9°/Yr. for the range 6°/Yr. - 12°/Yr. had an error of 0.15°/Yr. (8 months). Ranges involving rates greater than 12°/Yr., equivalent to ages of less than 30 years have not been investigated. It would seem feasible for an investigation from age 30 - 90 years (rates 4°/Yr. - 12°/Yr) to calculate Angles at rates 4°/Yr., 9°/Yr. and 12°/Yr. for a reasonable compromise between amount of work and accuracy of results.

PROGRESSIONS

This procedure is so simple that there is little to add to the original article. A table of decimal values of the year (as, for example, in Rectification of the Birthtime by G. Schwicker) is a useful aid in expressing the age for particular events, and Day Number tables (for example, as in Prediction - Using Common and Prenatal Cycles by Alexander Marr) are of assistance in obtaining the progressed and regressed dates. The aspects formed between the Progressed/Regressed Sun and planets are conveniently read from an aspectarian in an Ephemeris. Two days on either side of the calculated are allowed.

Table 3 lists the results for nine events in the life of J.F. Kennedy, working with a rate of 7.681 days/Yr., previously determined by the basic Life Span procedure as in Ross Harvey's article. A simple average gives the final rate of 7.672 days/Yr., equivalent to 46.92 years of age, which is 5.2 months from the actual age at death.

It is hoped that this small contribution may help in the application of a very significant procedure. Serious errors in the use of the Life-Span method may have unfortunate consequences, and great care should be exercised to ensure that correct results are obtained.

GEORGE V

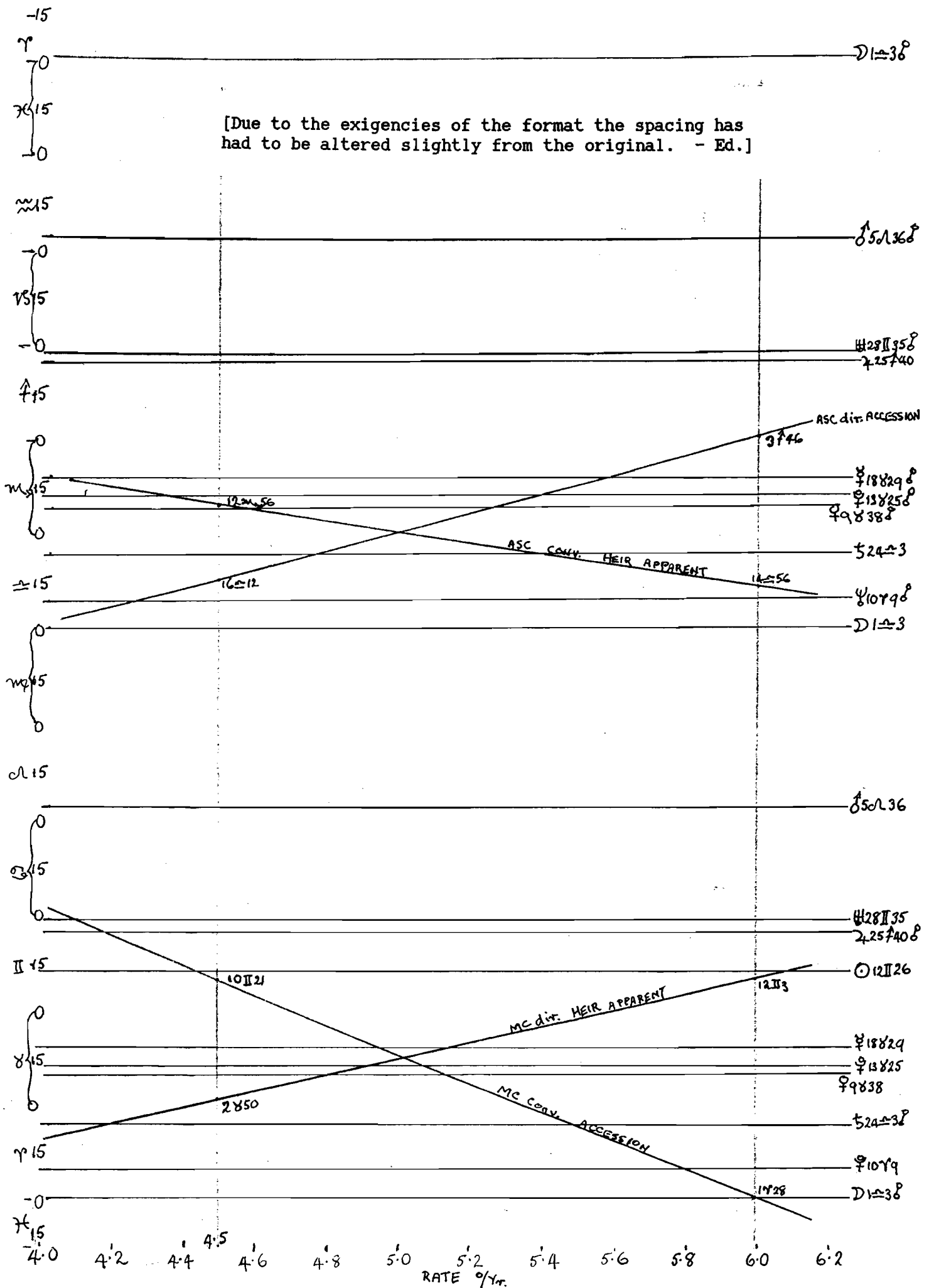


TABLE 1

Life-Span Revolution for George V

Born 3rd June 1865, 51°30'N. RAMC 270°53'.

(See Chart in Issue 125)

AGE	MC dir	ASC dir	MC conv	ASC conv
	Joined Navy, February 1877			
11.6987	15Aq12	20Ge59	16Sc33	10Cp51
	Heir Apparent, brother died, 14 January 1892			
26.6137	18Ar46	09Le01	13Vi05	22Sc13
	Married, 6 July 1893			
28.0904	25Ar05	13Le11	06Vi47	18Sc03
	Son born, 14 December 1895			
30.5315	05Ta19	20Le02	26Le31	11Sc12
	Son born, 30 March 1900			
34.8192	22Ta33	02Vi00	09Le10	29Li14
	Accession, father died, 6 May 1910			
44.9206	27Ge45	28Vi16	03Cn51	02Li58
	Accident 28 October 1915			
50.4027	20Cn47	15Li50	10Ge51	15Vi24
	Illness, 21 November 1928			
63.4685	13Vi27	22Sc27	18Ar27	08Le48
	Surgery, 15 July 1929			
64.1150	16Vi14	24Sc17	15Ar39	06Le58
	Sister died, 4 January 1931			
65.5863	22Vi37	28Sc29	09Ar16	02Le45

For a rate of 4.5°/Year

MC dir	ASC dir	MC conv	ASC conv
	Joined Navy		
21Aq07	26Ge48	10Sc39	04Cp53
	Heir Apparent		
02TA50	18LE21	28LE59	12SC51
	Married		
09TA41	23LE00	22LE06	08SC13
	Son born		
20TA42	00VI40	11LE01	00SC33
	Son born		
07GE22	12VI47	22CN23	17LI02
	Accession		
21CN17	16LI12	10GE21	15VI01
	Accident		
15LE13	03SC28	16TA32	27LE45

MC dir ASC dir MC conv ASC conv

	Illness		
17LI52	15SG56	14PI00	15CN26
	Surgery		
21LI00	18SG16	10PI52	13CN08
	Sister died		
28LI01	23SG46	03PI50	07CN43

For a rate of 6.0°/Year

	Joined Navy		
09PI30	12CN06	22LI22	19SG19
	Heir Apparent		
12GE03	15VI18	19CN35	14LI56
	Married		
20GE16	22VI32	11CN20	08LI42
	Son born		
03CN44	02LI52	27GE52	28VI22
	Son born		
27CN43	20LI58	03GE57	10VI15
	Accession		
00LI26	03SG46	01AR28	27CN44
	Accident		
05SC36	00CP13	26AQ12	01CN23
	Illness		
20CP02	16TA23	11SG36	16AQ43
	Surgery		
24CP38	24TA25	07SG57	10AQ00
	Sister died		
02AQ08	05GE35	29SC33	26CP45

Table 2

Rates from graphical intercepts for 10 events

MC dir	ASC dir	MC conv	ASC conv
	Joined Navy		
-----	-----	-----	UR op 5.15
-----	-----	-----	JU cj 5.36
	Heir Apparent		
VE cj 4.78	-----	-----	ME op 4.22
	Brother died		
ME cj 5.12	-----	-----	VE op 4.70
PL cj 4.93	-----	-----	PL op 4.49
SU cj 6.03	-----	-----	SA cj 5.51

MC dir ASC dir MC conv ASC conv
SA op 4.20 ----- ----- -----

Married

VE cj 4.52 MA cj 5.11 -- VE op 4.45
ME cj 4.84 ----- ----- PL op 4.25
JU op 6.20 ----- ----- -----
PL cj 4.67 ----- ----- -----
SU cj 5.61 ----- ----- -----

Son born

VE cj 4.14 MA cj 4.72 --- VE op 4.07
ME cj 4.45 UR cj 5.97 --- MO cj 5.87
JU op 5.72 JU op 6.06 --- -----
PL cj 4.29 ----- ----- -----
SU cj 5.26 ----- ----- -----
UR cj 5.81 ----- ----- -----

Son born

SU cj 4.62 MA cj 4.11 MO cj 4.11 MO cj 5.15
JU op 5.04 UR cj 5.25 ----- -----
UR cj 5.11 JU op 5.33 ----- -----
----- SU cj 5.74 ----- -----

Accession, father died
MA cj 4.82 UR cj 4.12 NE op 4.37 MA cj 5.75
----- JU op 4.17 SA cj 4.79 MO cj 4.07
----- SU cj 4.47 PL op 5.37 -----
----- ME cj 4.98 ME op 5.53 -----
----- PL cj 5.09 VE op 5.25 -----
----- SA op 5.51 ----- -----
----- NE cj 5.81 ----- -----
----- VE cj 5.18 ----- -----

Accident

MA cj 4.18 SA op 4.91 UR op 5.96 MA cj 5.18
NE op 5.52 NE cj 5.18 ----- -----

Illness

NE op 4.43 MA op 5.20 MA op 5.55 -----
SA cj 4.65 ----- ----- -----
PL op 4.95 ----- ----- -----

Surgery

NE op 4.37 MA op 5.16 MA op 5.47 PL cj 5.73
SA cj 4.59 ----- ----- -----
MA op 6.16 ----- ----- -----

Sister died

NE op 4.27 MA op 4.88 MA op 5.28 PL cj 5.57
SA cj 4.48 UR op 5.55 ----- SA op 5.95
PL op 4.78 ----- ----- -----
UR op 5.48 ----- ----- -----
MA cj 6.05 ----- ----- -----

Median 5.11°/Year
Mode 5.18°/Year
Mean 5.06°/Year
Trim Mean 5.11/Year

TABLE 3

Progressions/Regressions to the Prg/Reg Sun for line events in the life of J.F.Kennedy, born 29 May 1917 & based on a rate of 7.681 days/year.

Age Yr. Rate x Age Prg.Date Regr.Date

Trust Fund

21.000 161.3 6 Nov 17 19 Dec 16

Graduated

23.063 177.1 22 Nov 17 3 Dec 16

Wounded

26.178 201.1 16 Dec 17 9 Nov 16

Congress

29.600 227.4 11 Jan 18 14 Oct 16

Senate

35.430 272.1 25 Feb 18 30 Aug 16

Married

36.290 278.7 4 Mar 18 23 Aug 16

Daughter born

40.497 311.1 5 Mar 18 22 Jul 16

President

43.337 332.9 27 Apr 18 1 Jul 16

Birth and death of son

46.197 354.8 19 May 18 8 Jun 16

Prgd Asp. Calc.Rate Regd.Asp. Calc.Rate

Trust Fund

par ME 4/11 7.57 tri JU 17/12 7.78
par UR 5/11 7.62

Graduated

----- ----- sesq JU 3/12 7.68

Wounded

sesq NE 14/12 7.61 par UR 9/11 7.68
----- ----- squ UR 8/11 7.72
----- ----- sesq PL 11/11 7.61

Congress

ssxt UR 12/01 7.72 cpar VE 15/10 7.64

Senate

par VE 25/02 7.68 smsq VE 28/08 7.62
----- ----- tri JU 29/08 7.65

Married

ssxt VE 4/03 7.68 par JU 21/08 7.74

Daughter born

smsq VE 4/04 ----- ----- -----

Prqgd Asp.	Calc. Rate	Regd. Asp.	Calc. Rate
President			
cpar UR 25/4	7.64	conj. VE 3/7	7.64
conj ME 27/4	7.68	-----	----
par ME 28/4	7.71	-----	----

Birth and death of son

par PL 17/5	7.64	conj ME 6/6	7.73
squ UR 19/5	7.68	ssxt SA 6/6	7.72
-----	-----	smsq NE 6/6	7.72
-----	-----	tri UR 10/6	7.64

Mean rate 7.672 days/year

ANGLES AND CADENTS IN THE SOLAR RETURN

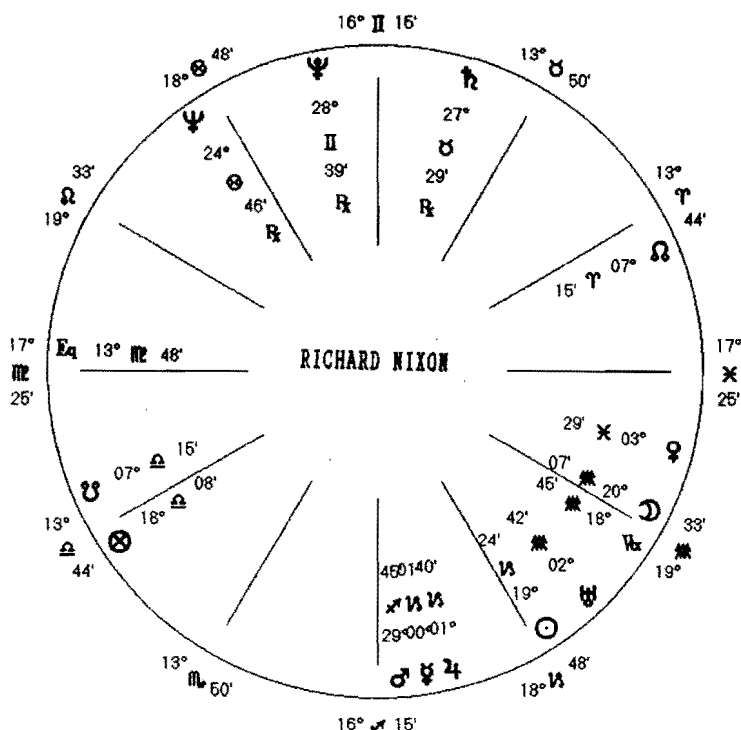
ROSS HARVEY (NSW) writes, "I have noticed something very interesting about Solar Returns just recently ... Specifically, the most important planets - those which indicate the chief influences for the year in question - are almost without fail to be found, not always conjunct the Angles as everyone has supposed, but in the Cadent Houses - just where Gauquelin said planets were at their strongest!"

Ross sends as examples the Horoscope of Ex-President Richard Nixon (Chart 1), and the Solar Return Charts for his election as President, for his resignation as a result of the Watergate Scandal, and for his marriage.

Chart 1

RICHARD NIXON

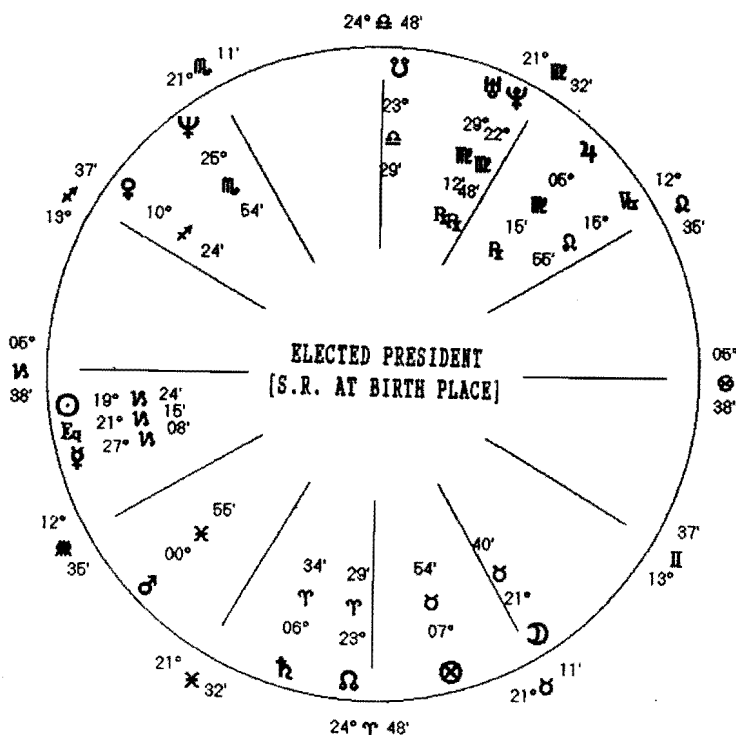
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33°53'N, 117°49'W. Placidian Cusps.



Nixon was elected President of the United States on 5th November 1968, and Chart 2 is his 55th Solar Return covering the period.

Chart 2

SOLAR RETURN AT BIRTH PLACE, 10 JAN. 1968



Ross draws attention to the position of Natal Jupiter, at 1°41' Capricorn, just above the Solar Return Ascendant. Ross takes this position as being in the Cadent 12th House. From my experience, this is a 1st House position. I have for years maintained that the Cusps are not the boundaries of the Houses but their most potent points. Planets near to a Cusp, on either side, have their energies highly emphasized.

The indications are more prominent if we relocate the Return Chart to the place of Government (Chart 3) instead of the place of birth. Now, Venus is in the 10th, less than 5° from the Meridian, and Jupiter, Lord of the 10th, is Angular in the 7th. Saturn (responsibility and authority) closely trines the MC. Highly significant also is the Natal Vertex at 18°45' Aquarius right on the Solar-Return Ascendant, bespeaking a turn of destiny, and emphasized by the Moon less than 1½° away.

The Solar Return for Nixon's enforced resignation on 9th August 1974, when set for the place of birth (Chart 4) certainly shows Saturn in the Cadent 12th House - no question about that.

Of prime significance, however, is Pluto, The Destroyer, almost exactly opposite the Midheaven (orb 0°17'), and the Nodal Axis in

the Birth Chart practically identified with the Solar-Return Meridian (only $0^{\circ}17'$ away). This is about as clear a portent as one could have of a fall from the top.

Chart 3

SOLAR RETURN AT WASHINGTON, 10 JAN. 1968

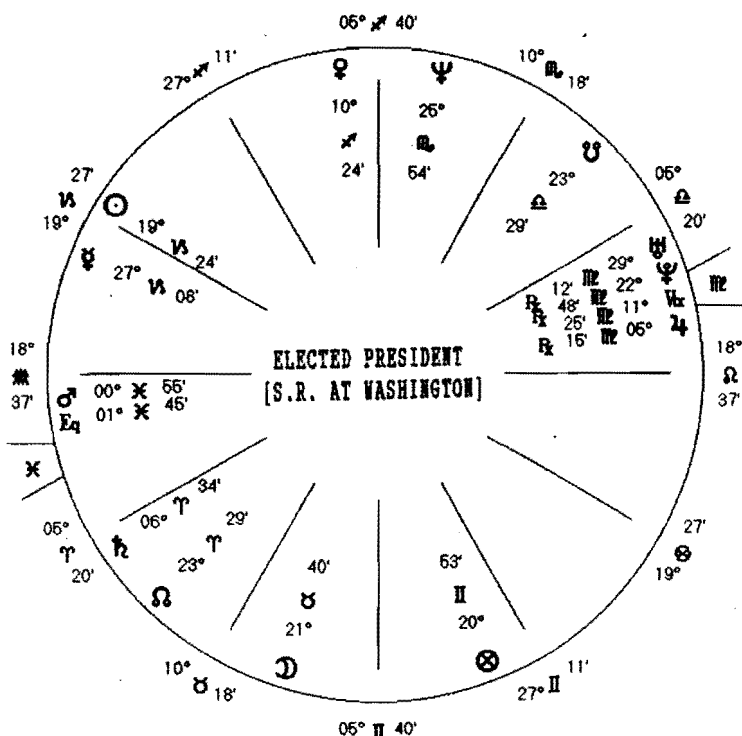
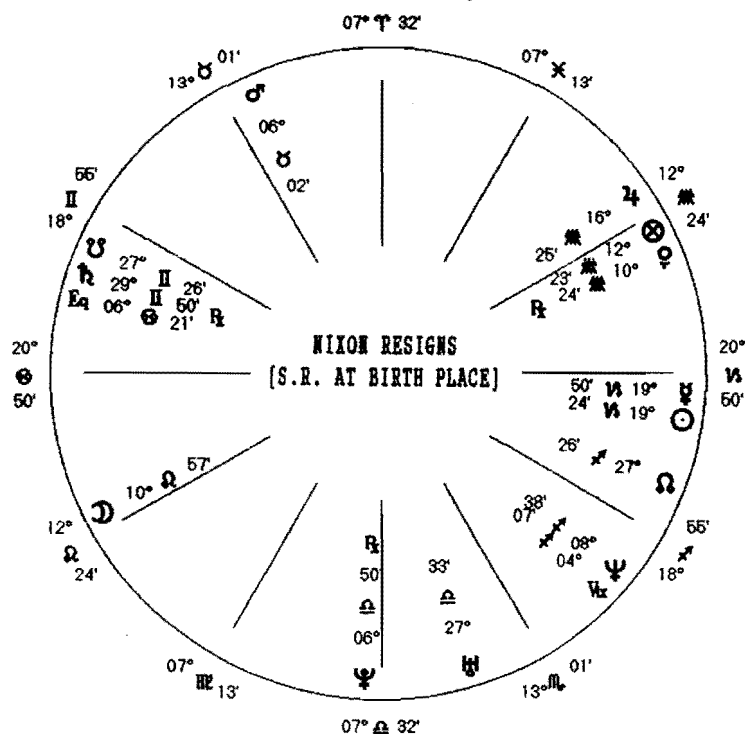


Chart 4

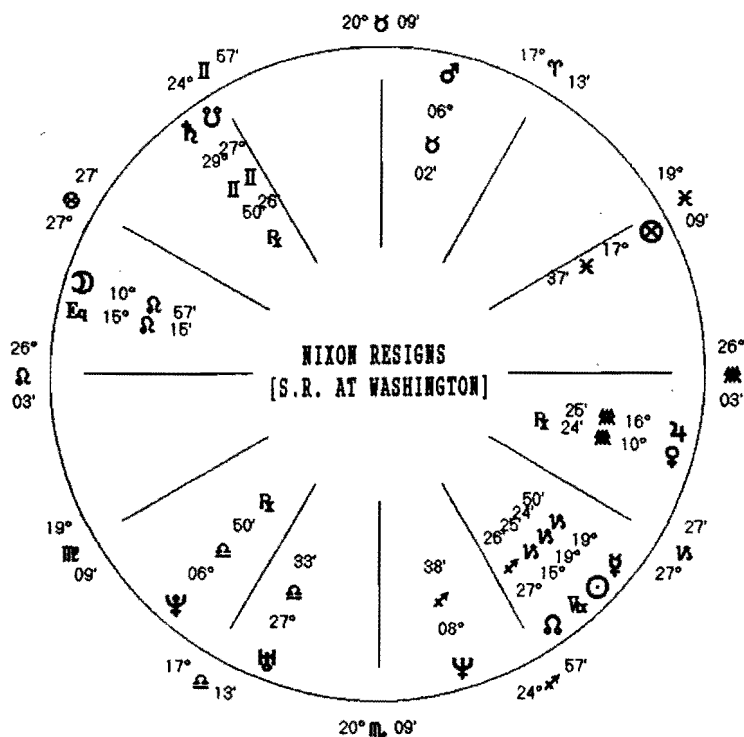
SOLAR RETURN 10 JAN. 1974, AT BIRTH PLACE



The picture is hardly less clear in Chart 5, SR relocated to the place of Government.

Chart 5

SOLAR RETURN AT WASHINGTON 10 JAN. 1974.



Here, Natal Saturn retrograde at $27^{\circ}29'$ Taurus is in the 10th House, closely square the Solar Return Ascendant, $26^{\circ}3'$ Leo (orb $1^{\circ}26'$), and almost exactly quincunx S.R.-Uranus (orb $0^{\circ}6'$). An additional testimony is the close opposition of the Moon, ruling the 12th House (self-undoing) to Venus, Ruler of the 10th (position and status).

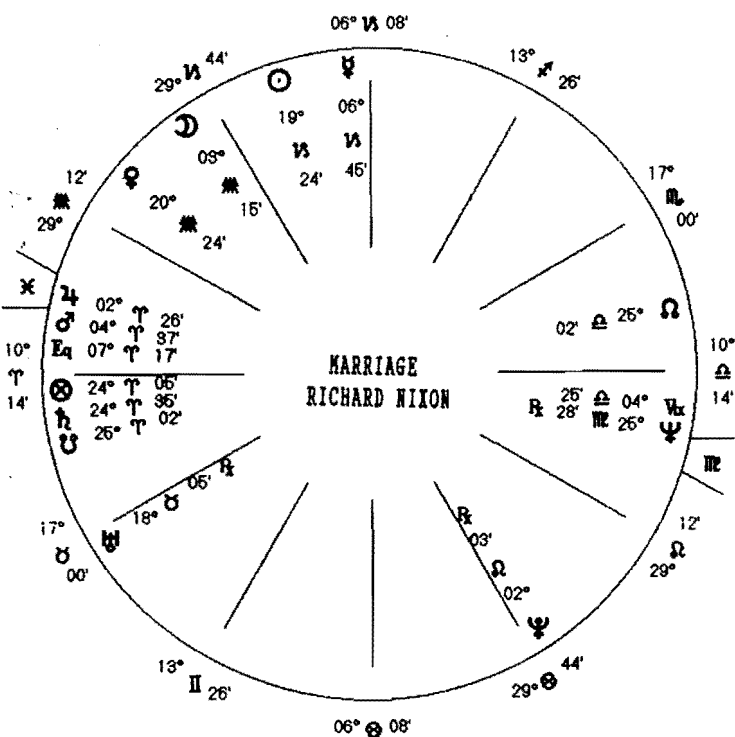
Nixon married on 21st June 1913, and Chart 6 is the appropriate Solar Return. As I do not know where the marriage took place I am not able to give the relocated Chart. Ross considers that the conjunction of Mars (Ruler) with Jupiter describes the event, and is in the Cadent 12th House. But is it? From the 12th Cusp to the Ascendant comprises 41° , the whole of the Sign Pisces being intercepted. In my view the commencement of the First House is therefore approximately 13° above the Ascendant, starting at about 27° Pisces, and accordingly I would place Mars and Jupiter in the 1st House. I accept that opinions will differ on this.

Ross further comments that the rising Saturn is inappropriate, but it does rule the 10th, and sextiles Venus ruling the Marriage House. Mercury at the Midheaven is consonant with change of status.

Matters are not conclusive. It would certainly be interesting to view the relocated chart if any reader can supply the place of the marriage.

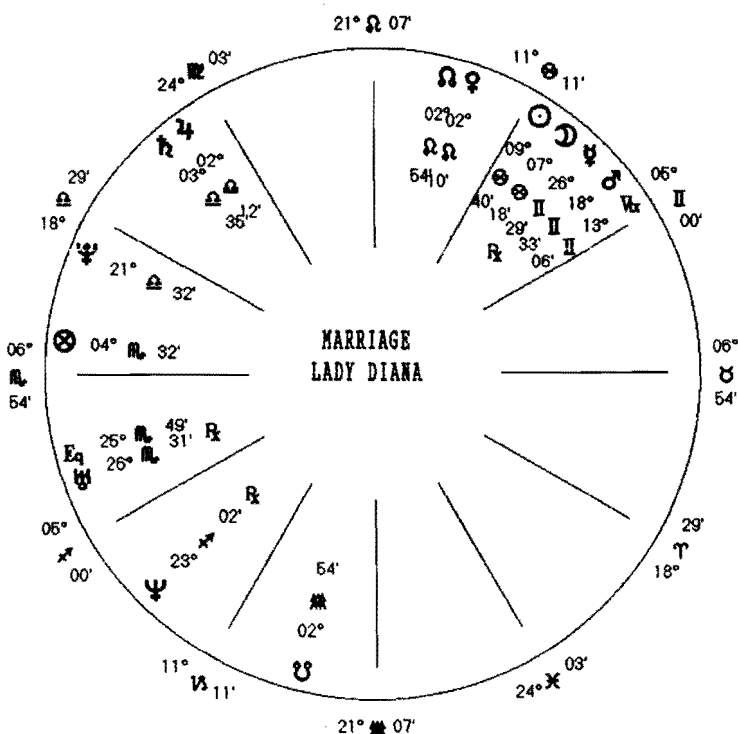
Chart 6

SOLAR RETURN 10 JAN.1940, AT BIRTH PLACE



Ross's proposition gains some support from the Solar Return for the marriage of Princess Diana, whose Birth Horoscope appeared in last month's Issue. The Princess married Prince Charles on 29th July 1981.

SOLAR RETURN 1ST JULY 1981 AT BIRTH PLACE
Sandringham, 52°50'N, 0°30'E. Placidus

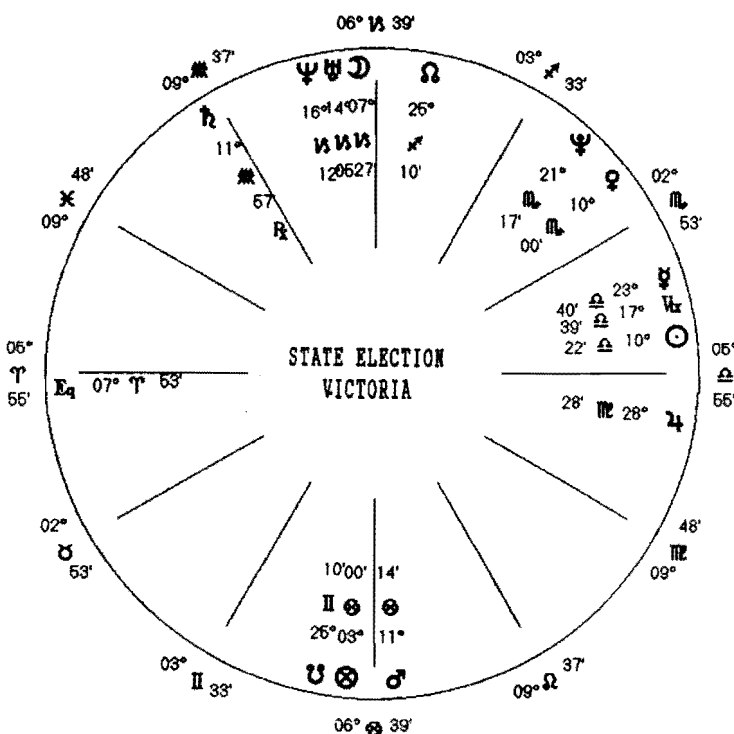


Ross comments, "Venus and Jupiter in Cadent Houses describe the event perfectly,

whereas the contacts between the Solar Return Angles and the Radical planets are not even favourable." Natal Neptune and Uranus conjoin the SR-Ascendant and Midheaven respectively. It might be argued, however, that Neptune is trine the SR-conjunction of the Sun and Moon, the combination describing the "fairy-tale marriage", and Uranus at the Midheaven simply portrays the radical change of status of Lady Diana. It is true the Sun is Cadent in the 9th, but rules the 10th.

ELECTION 3rd October 1992, Melbourne, Vic.
144E58, 37S45.

Premier Joan Kirner has announced that the State Election will be held on Saturday, 3rd October. Here is the Chart (Placidus) for the closing of the polls at 6 pm:



The Opposition will win this Election. Though there are some conflicting indications, the principal ones are Venus, Ruler of the 7th (the Opposition's Ascendant) applying closely to a trine of Mars in the 4th House (Opposition's 10th) giving victory in a contest.

The Government's 10th holds the Moon, afflicted by application to the conjunction of Uranus and Neptune, while Saturn, Ruler of the 10th is "impeded" by being retrograde. On the other hand, the Sun in the Opposition's Ascendant is forming a close trine to Saturn by mutual application.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
25th August 1992.

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PLUTO AND THE ROYAL FAMILY by Allan Johnson.

Since I wrote the article on the Queen's Chart [May Issue] there have been further dramatic revelations on Charles and Diana. These two Charts, together with that of the Queen, do highlight tremendously the power of Pluto Transits. It is a remarkable coincidence that the Princess's Chart has a T-Square pattern in the very same degrees of the Fixed Signs as the Queen's, but a different set of planets is involved. Charles, in his turn, has Sun square Pluto, and again the same degrees are involved with his Sun being in 22° Scorpio. So this is a most fantastic tie-up with all three Charts, and this year Pluto is right on 22° Scorpio. So it is no surprise that this is the very year that their names should hit the headlines. The planetary timing is precisely spot on. Of course, this whole thing has been brewing beneath the surface for quite some time, but it is only in 1992 that we are getting the full revelations, and this whole set-up is a very convincing testimony to the validity of Astrology. A lot of statistical research on single items, such as redheads correlating with charts, has not produced such convincing results - but in practical working astrology like this results can be most impressive. This is where the research should be done. All three people are being hit by crisis at this time.

I think we can say that Pluto is really the planet for heavy drama - dramatic exposures, endings, new beginnings, transformations, "restructuring", the hand of Fate, and so on. These are all highly appropriate to what all astrologers understand by Pluto, even though it seems to be so insignificant in size and so far out in our Solar System. We might have expected we would get a lot of this while Pluto was in Scorpio - and we are getting it with a vengeance. Pluto does rule volcanic eruptions of all sorts, and usually has a note of *finality*. Particularly is this the case when *Fixed Signs* are involved. Actions do take a long time to build up in Fixed Signs, but when they do it is pretty final.

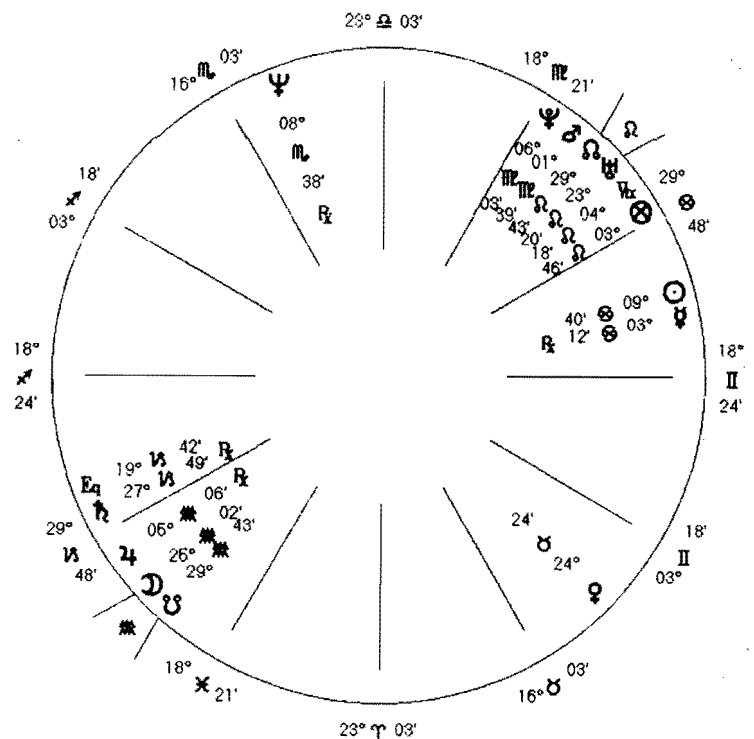
So at the outset the indications are not

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hopeful for a working reconciliation. In Diana's Chart the T-Square involves Venus, the Moon and the Node, which are key planets for relationships and home and family, plus Uranus, which stands for disruptions and break-ups.

LADY DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES
1st July 1961, 7:45pm BST Sandringham,
England. 0°30' E, 52°50' N. Placidian Cusps.

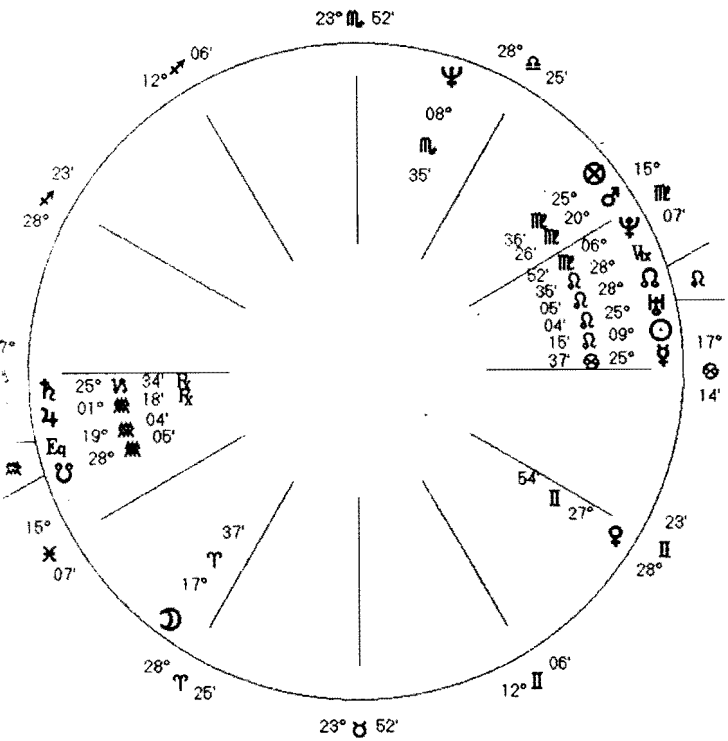


Basically, the Princess's Chart is not a good one for a single enduring relationship, which is what people like to see in a royal marriage. In addition to the T-Square there is also a Yod pattern involving Pluto, Mars, Sun, Mercury, and Jupiter. A Yod is often a

Significator for a life divided into episodes, with endings and new beginnings and radical changes of direction, and in this case one point of the Yod is in the 7th House, although it is not being activated right now. But it does give the potential for a broken marriage.

Looking at the Secondary Progressions, p.Sun is separating from the square to Neptune, p.Venus is quincunx to Saturn, although trine at birth, but p.MC is squaring Uranus and applying to quincunx Venus. Progressed quincunx aspects frequently mark the end of a chapter. So all this does seem to correlate with what appears to be happening. It is hard to see a compromise solution being worked out, although it is being tried. It might delay the finality for a year or so. And that would fit with the Queen's Transits.

Lady Diana: Secondary Progressions 1 July 1992

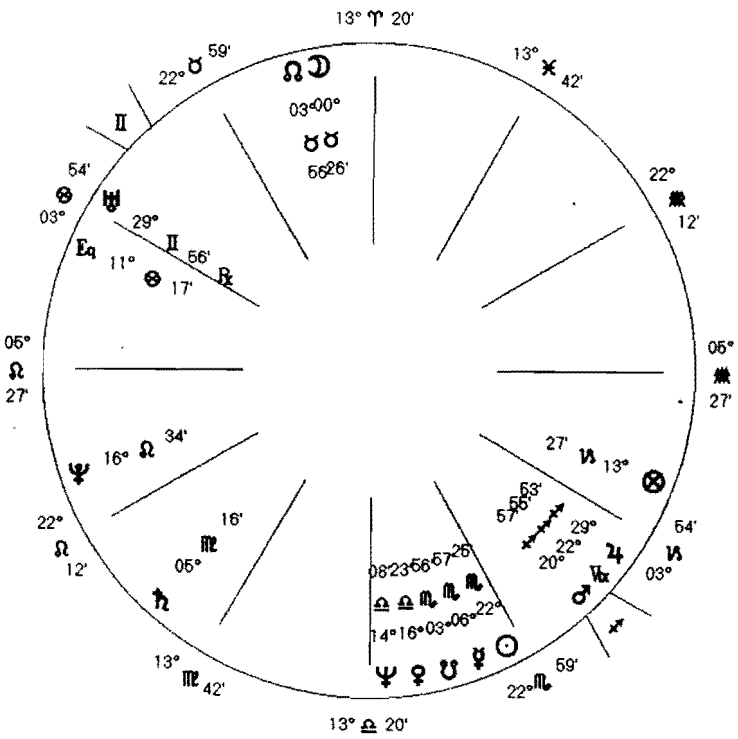


To move to the Prince's Chart, there are fewer factors to deal with. The most noticeable is Pluto in Leo in the Ascendant square to his Natal Sun. This is the key to this situation because Pluto sits right on his Sun right now. So it is activating the square from the 1st to the 4th House. This even more strongly confirms what is happening in his wife's Chart, and also explains a lot of things that have been going on for such a long time behind the scene. Typical of a Pluto/Scorpio set-up. Secrecy had to be the keynote, at least as far as the public was concerned.

Pluto in Leo in the Ascendant can be noted

PRINCE CHARLES

14th November 1948, 9:14pm GMT London
0°6'W, 51°31'N. Placidian Cusps.



for a degree of arrogance. He would like things to be always his way - and this seems to have been the case - and it does not give rise to hopes that he could make many compromises. Uranus rules his 7th House, and this can mean radical changes there. He has a heavily tenanted 4th House so he does attach a great deal of importance to the home and family in his life. This lines up with the Moon in his 10th, which is part of a Grand Trine to Saturn and Jupiter. So what is his destiny? How will he make out? At the moment he is in an extremely precarious position with his marriage threatened with divorce, and having a strong personal involvement with a married woman, and - what is even worse, it is a long-drawn out affair - and at the same time he is heir to the Throne. Of course there is a strong parallel here to his uncle, the Duke of Windsor - and he didn't make out so well. He abdicated and lived a pretty empty sort of life thereafter. His Chart was a fairly disconnected one, so lacked a strong sense of direction.

I think the Prince does have more sense of direction, and the Grand Trine to the 10th is his saving grace, and his MC does trine Pluto. I think the one big advantage in his case is that attitudes to sex, marriage and divorce have changed enormously in the intervening 60 years. We have had the sexual revolution. And the Palace has not been immune from it. So for that reason he could get more sympathy from the Church, Parliament

and the public. Add to that the fact that the rest of his family are already involved in divorces. So there is no automatic alternative heir to the throne, as there was in the case of the Duke of Windsor.

To sum up the situation, there seems to be small prospect of avoiding divorce. From then on a lot depends on the character of the Prince. Sun-Scorpios are inclined to be tough characters, and with Pluto/Leo rising I think he will tough it out rather than rush into some sort of withdrawal. He can't abdicate as he is not on the throne. So in that case we might not get an early solution to the problem. It looks as if both the Queen and the Church are going to have to make a compromise. His p.Sun is in the first decan of Capricorn, and is not lining up with any powerful adverse aspects in the immediate future. In three years it comes to the conjunction of p.Jupiter. I think the most interesting factor in his Natal Chart is the Moon/Saturn/Jupiter Grand Trine. This could grant him that luck in the future when he will need eventually to become King. So I think he will make it. But the Monarchy itself is likely to undergo some restructuring that could also throw some new light on things.

A NEAR-DROWNING, AND RELOCATION by Margaret Millard.

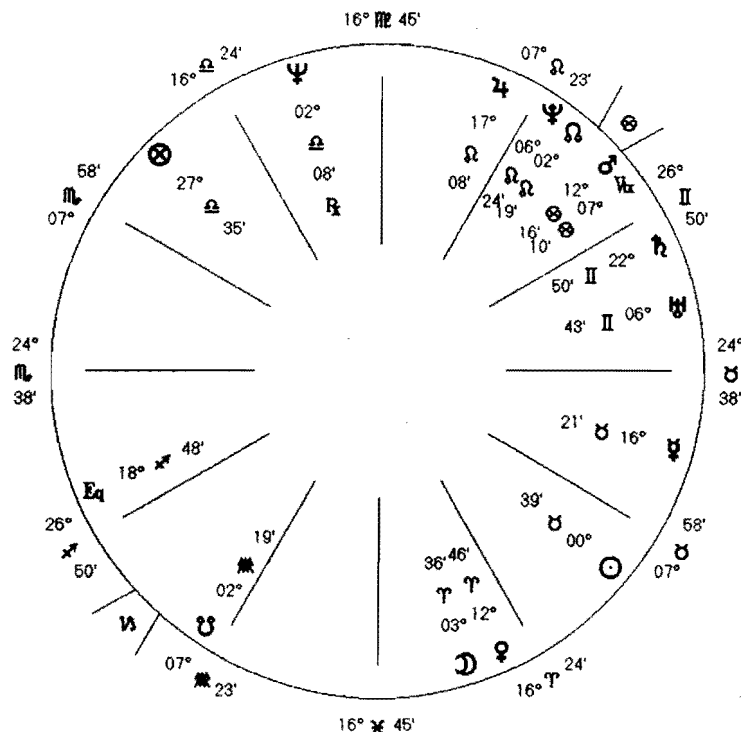
My daughter, Frances, on her 23rd birthday would no longer be on our family medical insurance, and I saw an alarming Mars/Neptune contact in her Solar Return. I therefore told her she should get medical insurance so that she'd be covered for an accident or operation, signified by Mars/Neptune.

On July 7, 1967, she was in El Salvador. I had met her in Guatemala, and had gone on to Costa Rica. She stayed, having become friendly with some Peace Corps people. She and another young woman, Ida, went swimming off a beautiful white sandy deserted beach. Ida was not a good swimmer, having learned to swim because the Peace Corps demanded it. They were swept out to sea on a strong current. Frances had her Lifesaving Certificate.

Ida became unconscious, and Frances took her in to shore, knowing that the current would eventually curve round and bring them back. Ida was half-drowned (I wonder what her aspects were) but Frances applied artificial respiration and brought her round. Lots of people have drowned there.

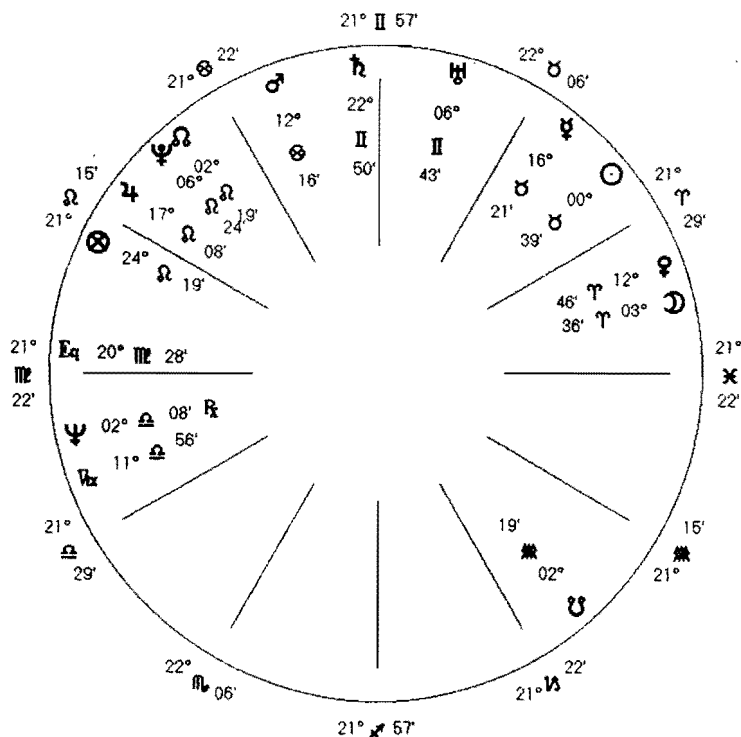
Here are the Natal and Relocated Charts:

FRANCES, 20th April 1944, 9:26:16pm GMT.
51°30'N, 2°35'W. Topocentric Dusps.



Here is the above Natal Chart Relocated to the place of the incident:

FRANCES, 20th April 1944, 9:26:16pm GMT.
San Salvador, 13°44'N., 89°10'W. Topocentric.



A nice case! I think both Charts show danger.

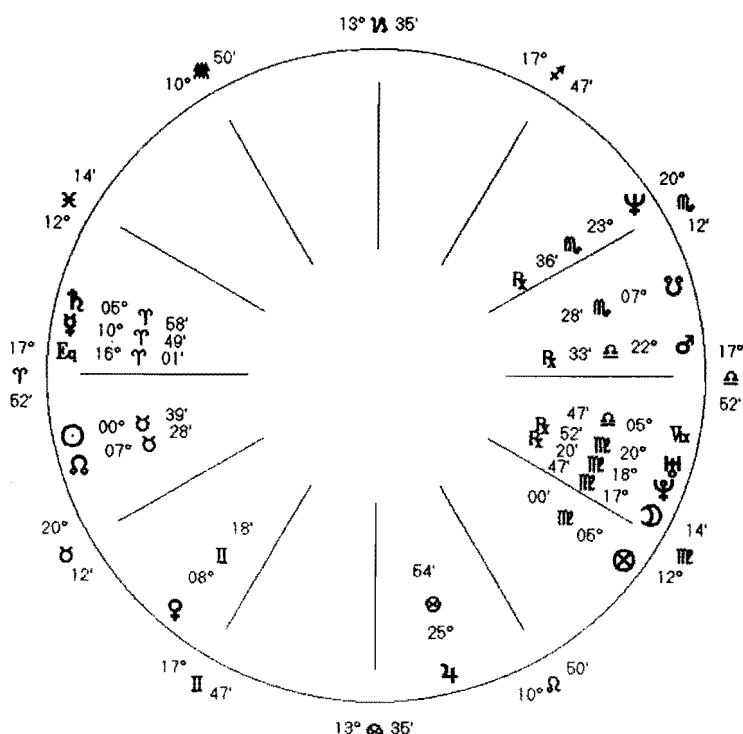
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Margaret concluded her article here, but it is very worth while appending the relevant

Solar Return Charts for the two different locations as they strikingly illustrate the effect of relocation so far as the Annual Charts are concerned.

Here is the Solar Return calculated for the place of the near-drowning:

FRANCES: SOLAR RETURN 21 APRIL 1967,
Re-located to San Salvador
89°10'W, 13°44'N. Placidian Cusps.



The Zodiacal positions of the planets are, of course, the same in both Charts, only the House and Cuspal positions and those of the Vertex and *Fortuna* being different. So in both Charts we have the Moon conjunct Pluto and Uranus, and Mars square Jupiter.

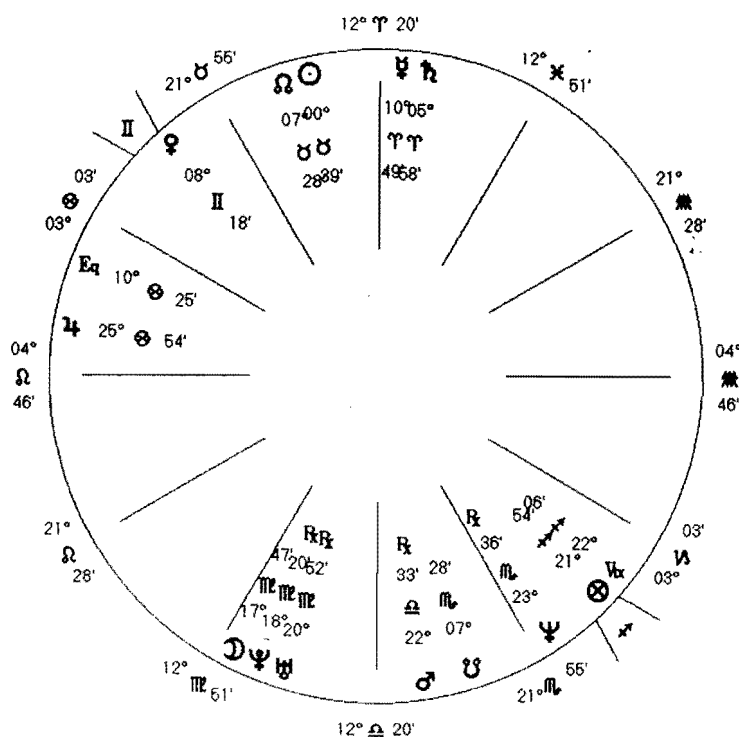
In the Relocated Chart Mars is the Ruler (more appropriate than the Sun ruling the Birth-Place Solar Return) and Mars just above the 7th Cusp emphasizes the dangerous nature of the events. The Natal Ascendant falls right on Neptune conjunct the 8th SR-Cusp, typical of drowning, which was providentially averted through the saving trine from Jupiter. Pluto, significator of death, rules the 8th House, and is conjunct both the Moon and Uranus. Natal Mars conjoins the SR-4th Cusp (endings) and the Natal Moon is opposite the SR Vertex, indicating a fateful event.

In contradistinction to the above, Natal Venus (peace and comfort) conjoins the Midheaven of the Birth-Place Solar Return. There is no special emphasis on the 8th House and its near-death experiences. Uranus rules the 8th and conjoins the Moon and Pluto

which is some indication, certainly, but not as direct and specific as in the Relocated SR.

- Dymock.

FRANCES: SOLAR RETURN 21 APRIL 1967
SET FOR THE BIRTH PLACE IN ENGLAND.
2°35'W, 51°30'N. Placidian Cusps.



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The FAA is holding an International Conference in January 1994. At this stage the following well-known astrologers have indicated that they would be pleased to lecture: Charles and Suzanne Harvey, Denis Elwell and Roger Elliott from the UK; Robert Hand and Susan Rushman from the USA.

The Conference will be aimed at "Good Old-Time Astrology", known in this country as "Fair Dinkum Astrology".

Interested readers who want to be on the mailing list are requested to register with the Conference Convenor, KEVEN BARRETT, 94 Blaxland Road, Wentworth Falls, NSW 2782. Phone and Fax [047] 573912.

Readers who have an incident to relate, with its astrological connotations, are asked to send the material to me for possible publication.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE ROYAL FAMILY

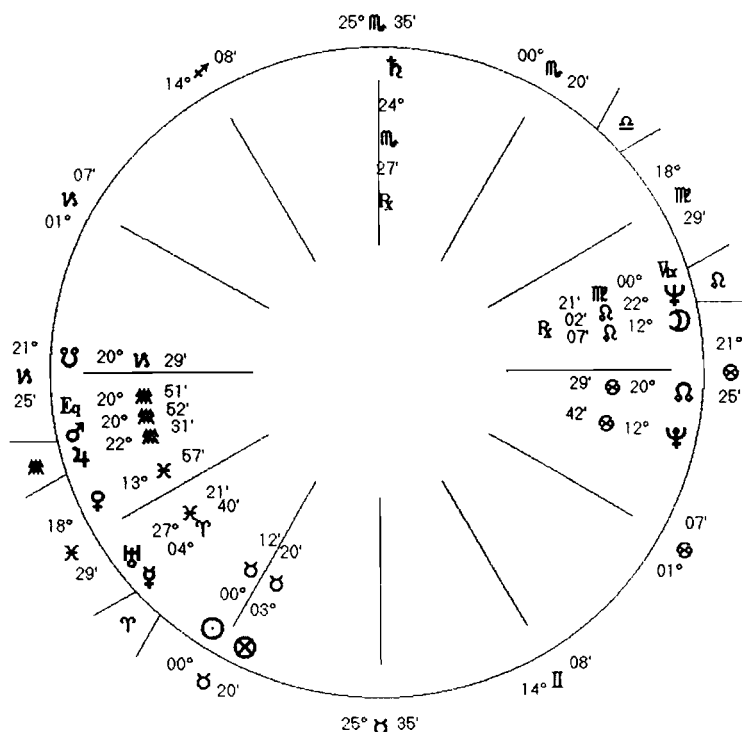
By Allan Johnson.

The recent news of the break-up of the marriage of Prince Andrew and Fergie has put the spotlight more than usual on the Royal Family. The result of a poll in the U.K. calls for the British Parliament to step in and reform the Monarchy, and of course this goes right to the status of the Queen herself. Another "re-structuring" seems to be needed in a world that has seen a lot of that already. So a look at the Queen's Chart seems to be in order. Of course it is not so much the Queen herself who is getting the criticism but her sons and daughters who are becoming poor role models.

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

21st April 1926, 1:40am GMT, London

51°30'N, 0°8'W. Placidian Cusps.



The Queen's Chart is pretty well-known among astrologers, and its major factor is the powerful T-Configuration in Fixed Signs. In this it has a strong similarity to the Soviet Union's Chart. In addition, Saturn in the T-Square is closely conjunct the M.C.,

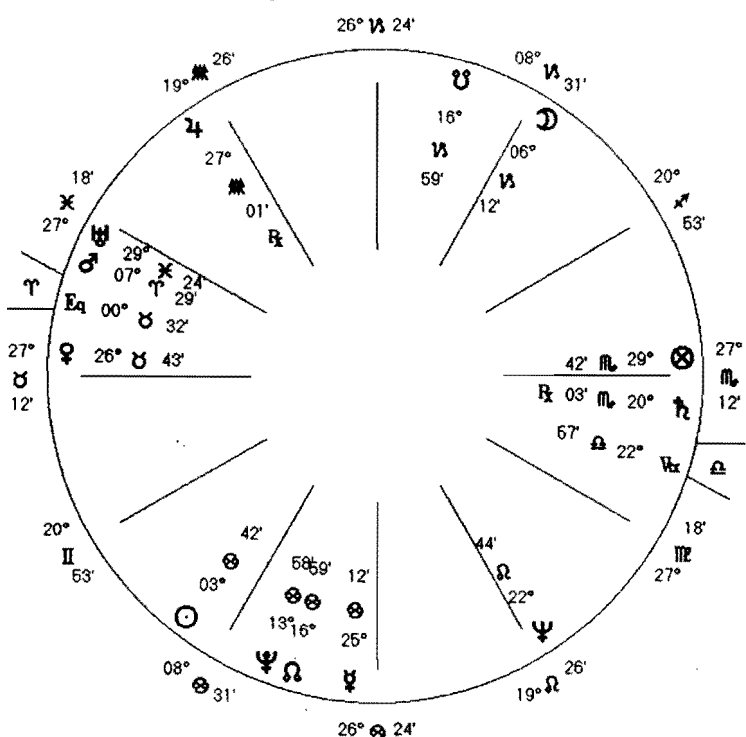
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making it very much a "destiny" pattern. It is no surprise, therefore, to see that Pluto right now is closely correlating with this pattern, and during May makes the square to Neptune, Mars and Jupiter. So it is a powerful Transit, and during May Saturn in Aquarius is conjunct Mars and Stationary. So the Queen is going through something of a crisis. Her saving grace is that her Natal Sun is not afflicted, although it is exactly on a Cusp, and such people usually do lead fluctuating lives. The T-square involves the 1st and 10th Houses, so status and prestige are very much involved, as well as the 7th (relationships), but it seems to be more the partnerships of her family rather than her own marriage that is at the centre of the storm.

In the Secondaries the important factor is the Progressed Full-Moon Eclipse, which can be quite dramatic, and was exact in February. The Progressed Full Moon can mark a culminating point in a life. I don't think the existence of the Monarchy itself is threatened, but there could be a re-structuring of the financial side of things, especially relating to family members. They will have to justify themselves more than they have been doing. The Transit of Pluto over her T-Square will continue into 1993/94, and in those years it will be right on the M.C. so I think we can expect some definite developments. One important factor in her Natal Chart is the trine between Saturn and Uranus, and this can bring some unexpected lucky breaks. But the Monarchy will see some changes.

**QUEEN ELIZABETH II
PROGRESSION TO 1ST JUNE 1992**



**SCOPE OF THE ANNUAL BIRTHDAY FIGURE
By Marie Casey**

The most interesting method of prediction, and the most clear-cut, I have found to be the Annual Birthday Figure. Looking back, before my research on these charts, it was as though something important was missing. Transits and Progressions were not adequate to establish a clear vision of future happenings, as there were various ways those energies could be released.

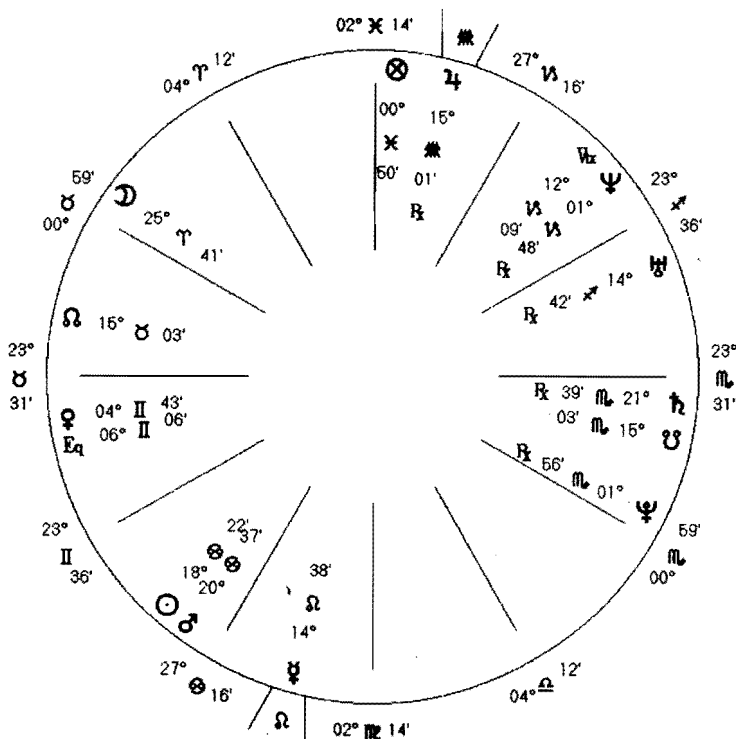
The Solar Return gives a blown-up picture of the year from birthday to birthday, stressing the new House positions of the planets and their aspects. It's been stated on various occasions that the aspects that form within the 24-hour period from the moment of the Return are chiefly important, but after studying many I found that very few aspects actually became exact within that 24 hours. The Moon, of course, makes most of those aspects. The slower-moving planets rarely form aspects, also Mercury, Venus and Mars are often retrograde, and the applying aspect may not become exact until months after the Return.

I was guided by my intuition to chase up those aspects in the Return that were fairly close - up to a 6° orb - thus looking up the Ephemeris to see when they would become partile. It was quite exciting to discover the events that manifested in various people's

lives on the actual date of exactness.

In the Chart of one of my clients for the 1985-86 birthday year (see Chart 1) Mercury went retrograde after the birthday, and finally on August 20th, 1985, returned to conjunct itself in its own natural House (Third - travel, mobility). It was exactly on this day that my client began driving her new car, even though it had been purchased earlier. In fact, it was loaned to somebody else in the interim. This is a good example of a planet's own conjunction. Of course, Mercury is well-aspected in the 3rd House, which did warrant the new car (travel). Also, being in exact trine to Uranus in the Return on August 20th, Mercury formed the aspect again, which triggered off all those energies.

**FEMALE CHART NO. 1
ANNUAL BIRTHDAY FIGURE
10th July 1985, 4.58pm GMT.**



In the Chart of another client for 1985 (see Chart 2) notice how the Node and the Moon are placed in the 6th House (Health). The Moon especially relates to the health factor in a female chart, as the the Sun does for a male. My client had a series of medical check-ups which began on September 20th with a Hospital visit. On this day transitting Mars was in opposition to itself in the Chart. Note how Mars (6th-House Ruler) as well as relating to surgeons does square the Ascendant. The surgeon said she may require an operation (Mars).

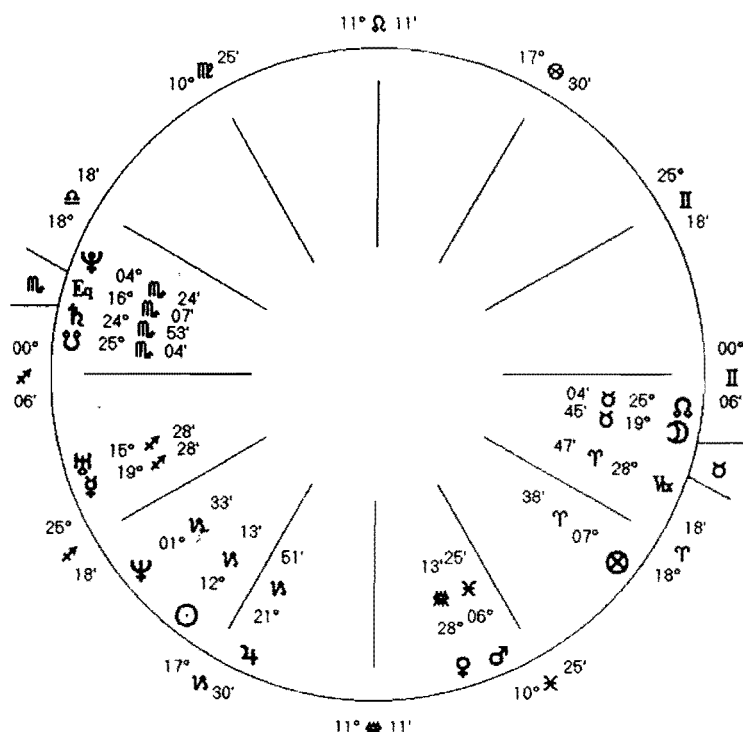
Saturn in the Chart is opposite the Moon and the Node. It went Retrograde in March, then came back to 24°53' on 1st October, to

conjunct its own place. Saturn being a slow-moving planet was really in aspect within 1°

FEMALE CHART NO. 2

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY FIGURE

2nd January 1985, 4:1pm GMT, Sydney.



orb from 20th September through to 1° past on 21st October. There were more medical check visits during the last week in September and the first week in October, as well as dental appointments on 1st, 2nd and 8th October, just when Saturn was back to its original position in the Return. The whole series of visits was during Saturn's own conjunction and opposition to the Node, exact on 3rd October.

Having studied numerous Birthday Charts, I have found that all aspects, whether applying or separating at the time of the Return, produce events when activated by Transits, just as in a Natal Chart. Although they may not be major events, a significant facet of a person's life did become energised. People wish to know what the year has in store for them, and predicting from Transits to Natal, or Progressions, can be sometimes complex, whereas the "close-up" picture you get from a Birthday Figure makes certain events stand out, especially with the additional help of the new House positions for each year.

There are various methods of interpreting these Annual Figures, including the superimposing of Houses from the Natal Chart, Progressed Angles and Progressed Moon, etc. In this article I mainly wish to demonstrate the aspects that become activated during that birthday year.

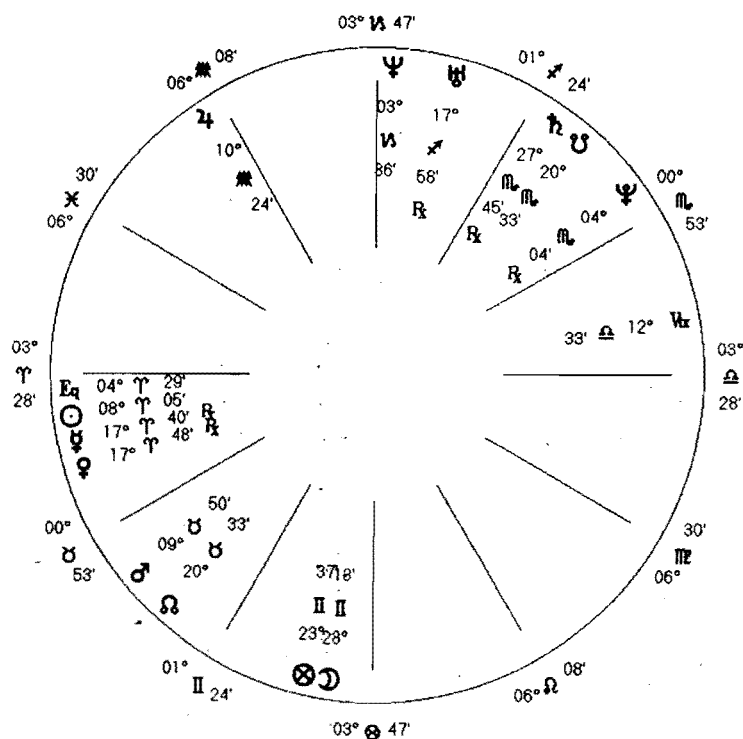
In my own Figure for 1985-1986 there are

three planets on 17° (see Chart 3) almost in exact aspect. On first sight it appears they would become exact on the birthday, 28th March, then you note Mercury and Venus are Retrograde. This tells that the events will manifest after the birthday, possibly months later. In fact, it was on May 4th that Mercury (news) made the exact trine to Uranus in the 9th House (publishing). On that day my two-page article appeared in the Telegraph. It was also in a sudden (Uranus) way that the article was arranged, and the article was on Astrology - again Uranus.

FEMALE CHART NO. 3

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY FIGURE

28th March 1985, 7:47pm GMT.



When Venus after its retrograde motion made the exact trine to Uranus on 22nd May I finally decided to buy the printer for my computer. It arrived the next day. Venus always relates to expensive items, gifts, etc. At the time I did not realize that the aspect was exact, it was after the printer arrived that I checked my Solar Return and was rather thrilled to confirm it. Uranus was involved again, as the main purpose for buying the printer was for Astrology charting.

Following the Golden Rule when timing events that the Sun should make an aspect with the transiting planets involved, in order to time the event by the day, this should also be applied in the Solar Return. The Sun gives the power to activate the event, whereas the Moon is the hour-timer. When a client came for her first Chart

reading the transitting Sun was in opposition to her Solar-Return Sun/Moon conjunction. The positions were:

S.R. Sun 20°15' Capricorn } Midpoint

S.R. Moon 23°15' Capricorn } 21°45'

On the 14th July at 2pm (the time of her appointment) transitting Sun was 21°43' Cancer, exactly opposite the Midpoint of that conjunction.

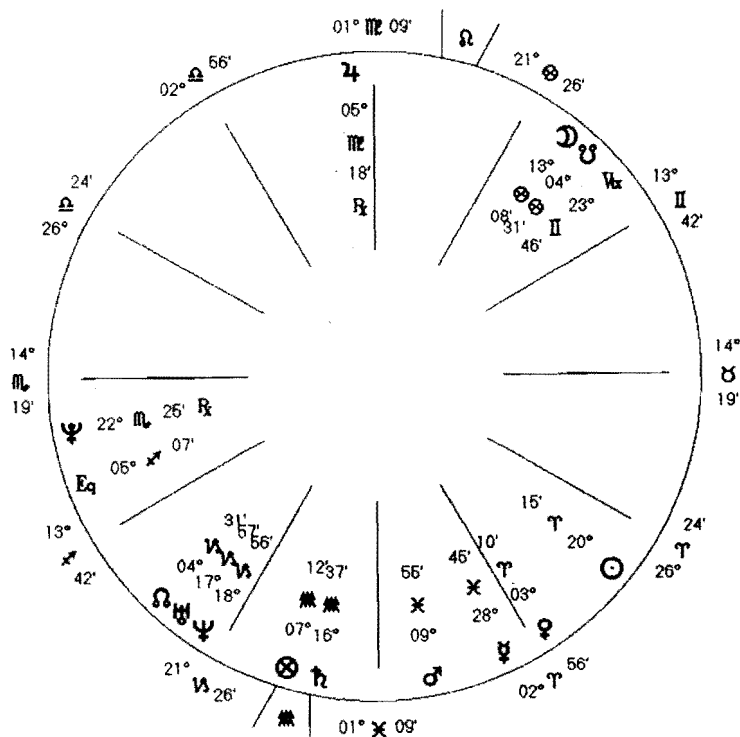
The First House reflects the self-focus and the Sun in the First encourages independent action. The Moon there psychologically adds to one's sensitivity. This was the time for self-confrontation and self-awareness by having her Birth Chart revealed.

U.K. GENERAL ELECTION 9TH APRIL 1992

LESLIE BLACK (England) points out that the Polls closed at 10pm (Summer Time), not 6pm, as in Australia. Here is the revised Chart:

London, 9th April 1992, 10pm B.S.T.

51°30' North, 0°10' West. Placidian Cusps.



This Chart is even more favourable for the Conservatives than the previous one. As before, the Government (Conservatives) is represented by the 1st House, and its chances of victory by the 10th, whereas the 7th and 4th apply respectively to the Labour Opposition. For the Government, Jupiter in the 10th, only 4°9' from the Midheaven degree, assures it of victory, whereas the Opposition was detrimented by Mars in its Derived 10th House, with the Ruler, Neptune, conjunct Uranus.

- Dymock.

RECTIFICATION - A QUICK METHOD by Ross Harvey.

If enough dated events are furnished, the following procedure will, in most cases, give an unknown birth time to the nearest hour (or better) with no more than a quarter of an hour's work. The object is to find the position of the Natal Moon, from which the time can be ascertained:

♦ Determine the possible range of the Moon on the day of birth.

♦ For each year in which a significant event occurred, observe the days when the Sun traverses those Moon degrees. Note down the position of planets (appropriate to the event) that, on those days, make a conjunction, opposition, square or trine to any of the degrees in the determined range of the Moon. Don't use either Mercury or Venus unless they are stationary or retrograde.

♦ Average the figures obtained to get the approximate position of the Moon.

EXAMPLE: Male born 14th June 1948.

(1) Moon's range 13° - 28° Virgo. The Sun would be here in September each year.

(2) Father died 1965: The Sun ranged from 13° - 28° Virgo from 6th - 21st September 1965. At the median date (13/9/65): Saturn 13°Pi20, Uranus 15°Vi32, Pluto 16°Vi15. Jupiter, 29°Ge11 is not appropriate for the father's death.

(3) Met future wife, 1983: Neptune on the median date (14/9/83) at 26°Sg28 is not appropriate.

(4) Long yacht voyage with girl friend, 1984: On 14/9/84, Neptune at 28°Sg40 inappropriate.

(5) Bought flat, 1985: Saturn 23°Sc26, Uranus 14°Sg10.

(6) First year in new home; working on a book, 1986: Mars 18°Cp11, Jupiter 17°Pi27, Uranus 18°Sg29.

(7) Married 1987; wife later miscarried: Saturn 15°Sg4, Uranus 22°Sg47.

(8) Son born, 1990: Saturn 18°Cp46, Pluto 15°Sc40.

(9) Bought house, 1991: Venus (Stationary) 21°Le1, Neptune 14°Cp2, Pluto 18°Sc11.

In the above there are three inappropriate positions towards the end of the possible Natal Lunar range (Jupiter and Neptune) so the birth was not late at night. Omit these three and average the rest. The result is 17°29' of Virgo. The actual position of the Radical Moon (from the known birth time of 6:16am AEST) is 17°32' Virgo. The time when the Moon was at 17°29' Virgo can be ascertained from the Ephemeris, using the same technique as for a Lunar Return.

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THE HORIZON CHART

As astrologers we should be conscious of the enormous debt we owe to those wizards of astrological computing who have furnished us with the sophisticated programs that have revolutionized the practice of Astrology. This is particularly true for the professional astrologer who, instead of spending time on the tedious calculation of planets, points, Progressions, Directions, etc., can use the extra hours available for *astrology* instead of mathematical *astronomy*.

These thoughts are prompted by another astrological Program just received from *Matrix Software* in the United States. It is called *Astromap* - the Astrology of Relocation, using the *Horizon Chart*, with its coordinates of azimuth and altitude, instead of the Ecliptic and celestial latitude. The *Horizon Chart* is not a modern invention. It was used by the ancients, but has been developed enormously in the West since about 1970 when Michael Erlewine in the USA started examining its possibilities.

For a number of years I have been paying desultory attention to the *Horizon Horoscope*, originally with the help of that segment of *Astrolabe's Nova Program* that will calculate the *Local Space Chart*, as it was named by Michael Erlewine. I noted here and there its striking applicability to circumstances and events, both at the birth place and at subsequent relocations to distant cities. My attention became more keenly focussed after investigating the possibilities offered by the *Matrix Programs - Maps and Quick Charts* which extended the information and facilities available to an amazing degree - and without recourse to any of the complex mathematics that would otherwise be entailed.

Truly, the computer and these brilliantly devised Programs have advanced Astrology beyond the wildest dreams of the practitioner of a couple of generations ago. As one who started studying Astrology in the 1930's, using logarithms and trigonometry, I offer my heartfelt thanks to the mathematical magicians who have so vastly increased the scope of Astrology and our enjoyment of it. No doubt, if old-time astrologers could see

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the state of the art now, they would have difficulty in comprehending it.

In a *Horizon Horoscope*, the planets are referred to the plane of the *Horizon* instead of the *Ecliptic*. Their positions are plotted in degrees of *azimuth* around the circumference of the horizon, while their distance above or below this plane is recorded in degrees of *altitude*, positive or negative. The *Horizon Chart* can be regarded as the dial of a compass, with the planets pointing in different compass directions. I have found that the principal compass points, are analogous to the *Cusps* of a standard horoscope, and like them are places of peculiar potency. Any planet on or close to them, especially the four *Cardinal Points* (East, South, West, and North), has a major influence on the native which is enduring if it is the *Chart of the Birth Place*, and for any other location remains as long as the native stays in that particular locality. The intermediate compass points (*East-South-East, South-East, South-South-East, etc.*) also exert an influence hardly less powerful than those of the *Cardinal Points*. *Closeness* to the compass point is what matters. A planet right on a compass point, as on a *Cusp*, has a dominating influence while the native remains in the same place. Movement to a different locality brings in a different set of planetary influences, in accordance with their re-positioning around the horizon.

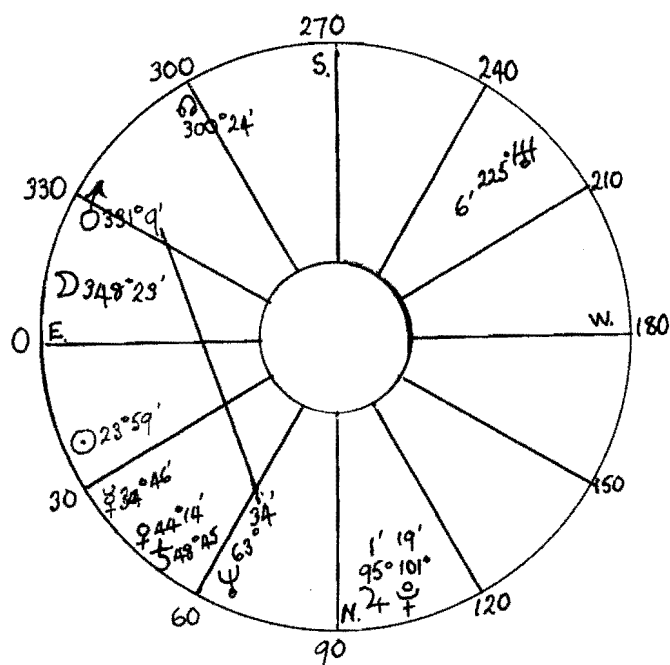
There are other factors of importance: A planet close to the plane of the *Horizon*, (within about 5°) either above or below it is powerful according to its nature, and so are any planetary conjunctions or aspects in the

Horizon Chart, especially if within an orb of 30° for conjunctions or oppositions, 20° for squares or trines, and 10° for sextiles.

Though the Horizon Chart is at present used chiefly to assess the planetary effects of relocation (which planets are emphasized, which de-emphasized) it is also valuable for supplementing the information derived from the normal Ecliptic Horoscope, often bringing into play an influence of which one may have had an intuitive feeling but could not ascribe any factor to it in the standard Ecliptic-based Chart.

An example of the effect of relocation, as shown by the Horizon Chart, is my relocated Horizon Chart for Auckland, NZ, where, as related in the last Issue, I was nearly cut off at an early age.

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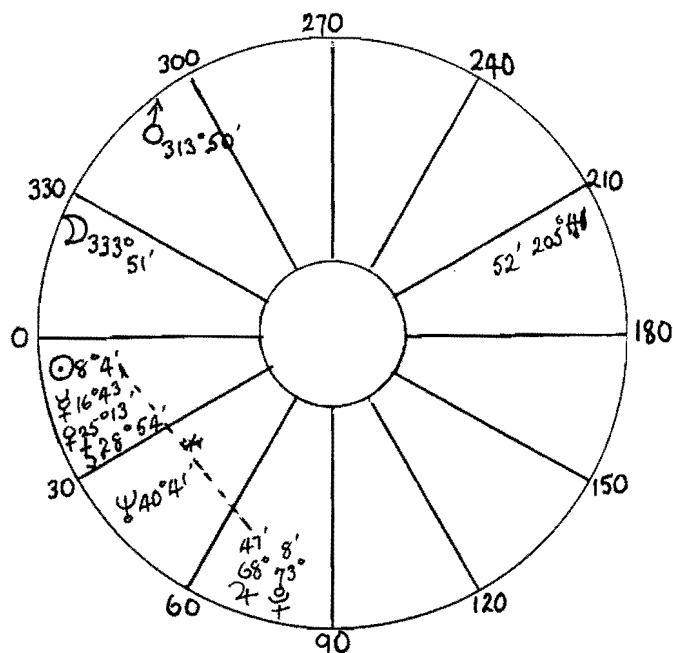


Mars, the planet of death and injury, is almost exactly on the East-South-East compass point (orb $109'$), and is square to Neptune (orb $2025'$) at the North-North-East Point (orb $3034'$). These compass points equate with the 12th and 3rd Cusps of the standard Horoscope, and with the involvement of Mars and Neptune add up to injury on the roads and hospitalization.

Mars and Neptune were brought into focus by the removal to Auckland. In the Horizon Chart for the Birth Place (see below), Mars and Neptune, though still in square, do not activate the dangerous 12th and 3rd Cusps. On the contrary, Jupiter here trine to Mars gives protection.

Horizon Charts are often drawn with the East on the right, as presented in an atlas,

ADELAIDE, 9th Sept. 1918, 5 50 02am



but I prefer to have them similar to standard astrological charts, which simplifies their interpretation.

There aren't too many books as yet on the Horizon Chart, but Steve Cozzi's *Planets in Locality* published in 1988 is a comprehensive introduction, and deals also with the Prime Vertical Chart, as well as a number of other matters on the esoteric side of Astrology. [The Prime Vertical is the Great Circle passing through the Zenith, Nadir, East and West points. The Campanus system of Houses is based on it.]

Readers who have a computer with the appropriate Programs will find it rewarding to investigate the Horizon Chart, especially as regards relocating to maximise the effect of particular planets, but the Chart is also revealing in relation to the birth place. It seems to me that insufficient regard has been paid to the Horizon Map for the birth location, the main emphasis having been to find the best locations for success in different fields. Here is a rewarding area for research. Astrologers who have already investigated the Birth-Place Horizon Chart are invited to submit their findings for publication.

- Dymock.

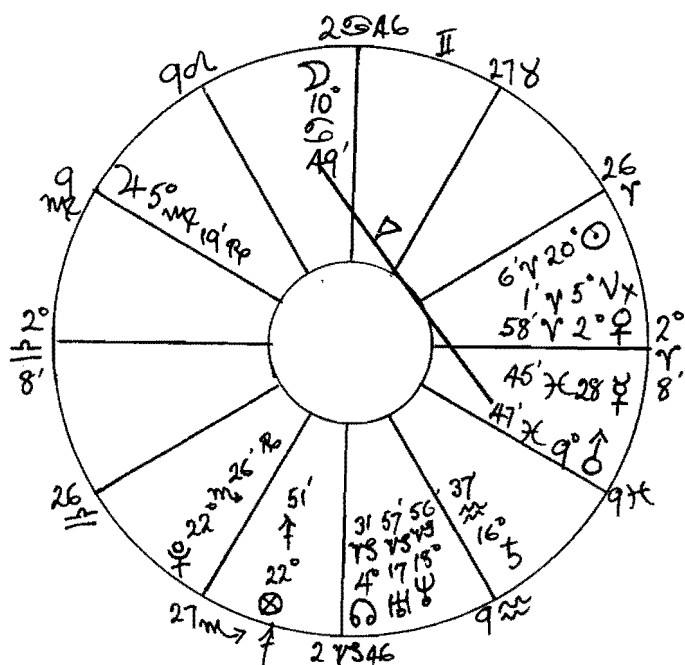
THE TORIES WIN!

Contrary to the expectations of most people John Major's Conservative Party was returned to office on April the 9th, though with a reduced majority. Three readers of this Journal essayed the task of predicting the

result, but none made the correct choice. Were they basing their views on the right astrological data, or were they misinterpreting that data? I commend them for their efforts, anyway.

It is always much easier in hindsight, but here is the Chart for the closing of the polls in London, which seems clear enough.

U.K. GENERAL ELECTION, 9TH APRIL 1992
Closing of the Polls, 6pm BDT
London 51°30' North, 0°10' West. Placidus.



The Government is represented by the 1st House and the 10th (its chances of victory), the Opposition by the 7th House and the 4th (being the 10th House of the 7th). The obvious factor here is the Moon in the 10th, in close trine to Mars, and strong in its own Sign, Cancer. The derived 10th House of the Opposition, on the other hand, is afflicted by Uranus and Neptune, both square to the Sun. Plainly, this indicated victory for the Government.

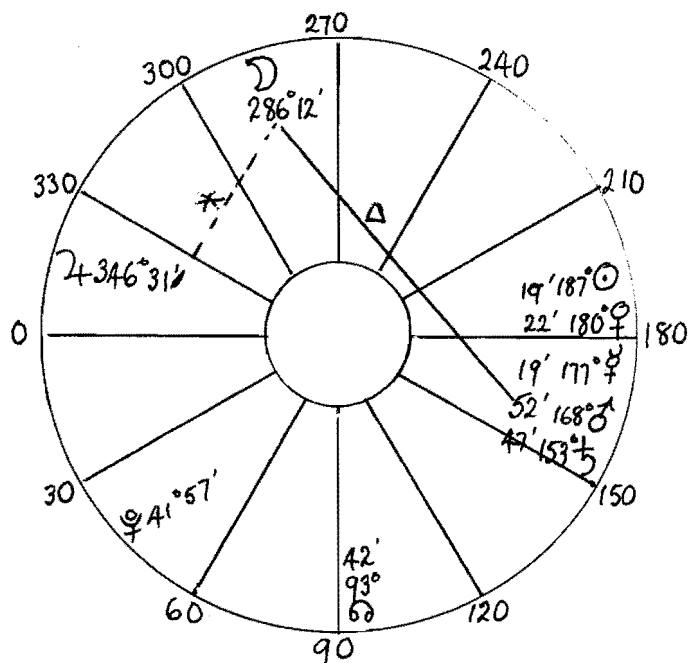
As a matter of interest, I give also the Horizon-Map version of the above Chart, in which the Government win is even more apparent. Here the Moon is still in the 10th Sector trine to Mars, but additionally supported by a close sextile to Jupiter (orb only 19').

The difficulty about using personal Progressions, Directions and Transits for the individual contestants, apart from the doubtful validity of the birth data, is that good or bad planetary influences may not specifically refer to the Election but to some other crisis in the life of the person concerned, whereas the above Chart is

HORIZON MAP

for the U.K. Election

The planets' positions are in degrees of azimuth, around the horizon of London.



specific to the Poll itself. A Horary Chart, too, would be specific provided it were "Radical" on other grounds. It would have to be initiated by a person with a real interest in the result, and for a time when the matter was of some concern to him or her, and not be invalidated by any of the other "strictures against judgement".

- Dymock.

BY-ELECTION ASTROLOGY

ALLAN GRANT (Vic) has sent in this Chart for the closing of the polls in the recent By-Election in the Electorate of Wills, where neither candidate of the two major political parties gained the ascendancy. Victory, in fact, went to an Independent. This points up a further complication in the judgement of local elections. Where there are not just two main contenders but a number with approximately equal chances, how do we allot their planetary Significators?

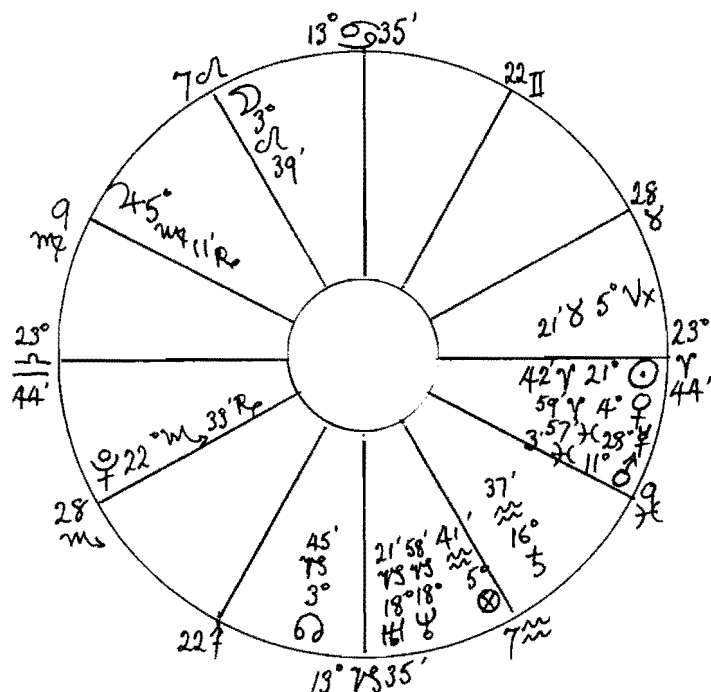
Looking at the Chart, one might venture the prediction in this particular case that an Independent would win because of the strong position of the nonconformist planets Uranus and Neptune. By a process of elimination, the field is left to an Independent. Neither the Government nor the Opposition is favoured in this Chart.

ALLAN GRANT wrote (before the Election) "[The] Chart ... does appear to be relevant to matters that have been of major concern in

Australia; matters such as employment, health and education. These are all Sixth House matters that depend to a large extent on those who make Tenth House decisions, i.e., the government. The tie between the Tenth and Sixth Houses by Moon trine Venus conjunct Mercury makes the Chart relevant to the Government but because Venus is in detriment and Mercury in fall the advantage of the trine is weak.

COBURG, VIC., 11TH APRIL 1992

6pm. 144°59' East, 37°44' South. Placidus.



"To consider features relevant to the Opposition, the convention that the Chart's Descendant is the Opposition's Ascendant and the Fourth House is the Opposition's Tenth is used. There is a large group of planets in the Ascendant-to-MC quadrant, but most aspects show strain and difficulty. The Sun/Ascendant is indicative of action, and [the] square to Uranus/Neptune indicates career development but with difficulty. This possibly signifies the Opposition's slogan 'Fight Back'.

"The Uranus/Neptune conjunction was discussed in Allan Johnson's article in January 1992 (No. 126). Karl Marx's Chart has Uranus/Neptune in Sagittarius square Saturn/Pluto in Pisces, which Johnson suggests is relevant for a prophet - slow development over many years from the subconscious state. In the Wills By-Election Chart, Uranus/Neptune in Capricorn are square to Sun/Ascendant in Aries, which should show an immediate effect involving creative and imaginative activity in the area of careers.

"The Chart does not predict the winner but

reflects the difficult and complex situation existing at present. The electors at the ballot box will decide the balance between a weak trine for the Government and strong squares for the Opposition."

The chances of individual candidates could probably be determined by the Horary Art if the Chart is "Radical" and properly interpreted. (*Av, there's the rub.*) It would be a matter of ascribing a House and/or planetary Significator to each candidate, perhaps according to their listing on a ballot paper. If anyone is brave enough to attempt this in the future, please send me the results.

- Dymock.

Book Review:

Anthony Louis' *HORARY ASTROLOGY*
(Llewellyn Publications, \$37.95)

This is the third book mentioned in the October '91 Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*. It is the most voluminous, running to 557 pages, including the comprehensive index. It is distinguished by its mass of information, including many tables and lists that will be useful in other branches of Astrology besides Horary, and by its superb Horoscope Wheels that were specially devised for the book by Matrix Software.

The work is almost encyclopaedic in its content, and is obviously the result of assiduous application over many years. There are clear and detailed directions for practising the Horary art. Louis tells us how he approached Horary Astrology as a sceptic but became convinced of its efficacy after many investigations and being confronted by irrefutable proofs.

The main interest of the book lies in the large number (43) of Horary questions posed and answered, many dealing with the finding of lost items, a common enough question.

Louis also recounts the history of Horary Astrology. He delved into all the ancient works that he could lay his hands on, reading them in the original Latin. He mentions the contradictions that often appeared, and the change in the meaning of words. "House" to the mediaeval astrologers meant "Sign", whereas today it signifies the mundane House of the Horoscope.

The book has a very extensive "Rulership List", alphabetically arranged, that gives the House and planet/s associated with all manner of things and activities, and also a comprehensive Glossary running into 23 pages. Both these will be invaluable to students.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

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FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE RUSSIAN SCENE

by Allan Johnson

In my last article I did not have space to deal with another highly significant event which rates almost as much as the other two. This is the great Coup of 19th August 1991, followed a week later by the closing down of the Communist Party - a highly dramatic event. The Russian Communist Party was Lenin's baby. He nurtured it and devoted his life to its cause. So, if anything, these two dates should most certainly correlate with Lenin's Chart. And here again we have remarkable precision correlation: Transitting Pluto (final ends) was *exactly* opposite his Natal Pluto, while Saturn (the Grim Reaper) was at the beginning of Aquarius, only minutes away from an exact square to Lenin's Natal Sun, and conjunct his Moon by a small orb. This type of correlation is entirely beyond the realm of chance.

There are a lot of very important implications for classical astrology in this type of research, for it is concerned with actual events, as distinct from a lot of today's preoccupation with the psychological and the power of the Unconscious. These are important - but astrology is much broader and much more complex than the psychological astrologers would like to believe. I think the world emphasis on psychological astrology today is due to the fact that a lot of astrologers with university backgrounds are trying to limit astrology to a narrow field, and thereby make it more acceptable to the universities. But this can only be done to the detriment of mainstream astrology generally. The public will never cease to be interested in prediction, nor will astrologers. One welcome sign is the big revival of interest in Horary Astrology in the U.K. Of course the main bastion of classical astrology will always be the Mundane.

The type of research I am doing here does highlight the power of the Uranus Return. This is something that can't be in Natal Astrology except in the most exceptional circumstances, due to the limitations of the length of human life. Few people reach the

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age of 84, and those who do are not in the condition to respond to such a Return. But in Mundane Astrology things are different. The rise of Gorbachev occurred on the *second* Uranus Return in Marx's Chart, so I thought it might be interesting to see if there was anything comparable in the *first* Return. This would have occurred in 1902/3. History does record that there was considerable revolutionary ferment in Russia in those years, and some even saw the Revolution as imminent, but it never came. The exact Return occurred for the first time on 21st January 1902. Two weeks after that date 30,000 students went on strike throughout the country. A month later the head of the Czarist Secret Police was murdered by revolutionaries. So things were really heating up. There was widespread revolutionary activity in various parts of Europe as well as Russia, but it was too confused a pattern to allow one to pick out a single date like the Berlin Wall drama. The circumstances were different.

Now that the Soviet Union has been disbanded the Chart for the Russian Republic itself has importance. The English *Astrological Journal* gives the data for the Proclamation of Russian Sovereignty and I am presenting this Chart. [See next page] It is interesting to get the emphasis on Cardinal Signs that we get in both Gorbachev's and Yeltsin's Charts.

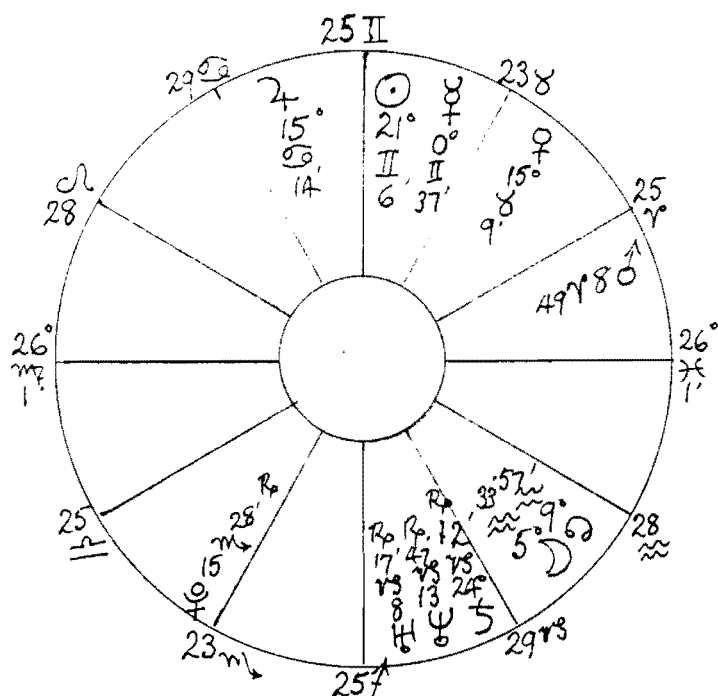
ADDENDUM TO THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION

by Ross Harvey.

It is beginning to seem that the Life-Span Revolution is capable of development beyond

RUSSIAN SOVEREIGNTY PROCLAIMED

12th June 1990. Approx. 9:45 am GMT
Moscow, 55°45'N, 37°35'E. Koch Cusps.



the basic method described in the previous three issues of this Journal. The rate in degrees per year or days per year, once determined as described in the article, may be multiplied by two, three, four, etc., and the whole LSR procedure - movement of Angles, Primary Directions of planets, and the Progressions - may then be repeated at the accelerated rates. In other words, two, three, etc., revolutions of the birth chart, and two, three, etc., years before and after the birth, are also equivalent to the life span. The lower multiples of the rate (two, three, and four) may provide indications of events which the basic LSR omitted, though all crucial events will be found in the basic LSR, and the higher multiples of the rate, especially in the Progressions, will provide more exact timing, and will enable the life span to be estimated to within a few months. It has yet to be fully determined how many multiples of the rate should be considered, though, as would appear logical, the higher the multiple of the rate the less important on their own are the indications found with it. For particularly important events, indications in most of the accelerated rates may be found, and these will assist in determining the date of the influence's becoming effective more accurately than the LSR alone can do. It is intended that this will be the subject of a future article, where the procedure will be described at length and will be accompanied by an example.

COMPUTER BARGAIN!

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RELOCATED CHARTS

Here are two Solar-Return Charts for a near fatal incident in my early youth: Aged seven, I was returning home from school along the Manukau Road in Auckland, New Zealand, when I hitched a ride up a hill perched on the connecting bar between a truck and the trailer it was pulling. The truck driver was unaware of my presence. The situation was fine until we arrived at the crest of the hill, when the truck started to speed up. Hastily alighting from the bar, I slipped, and the trailer wheels passed over my legs, breaking them and the pelvic bone and stripping much of the flesh just above my right knee. After five and a half months in Auckland Hospital I was again mobile, though with the right leg considerably shorter than the left.

The accident happened on the 9th of October 1925 at about 3:35 pm (Old N.Z. Time - 11½ hours ahead of G.M.T.). The two Solar-Return Charts are both calculated for 9th September, 1925, but Chart A is set for my birth place (Adelaide, Australia), and Chart B for the place of residence (Auckland, N.Z.).

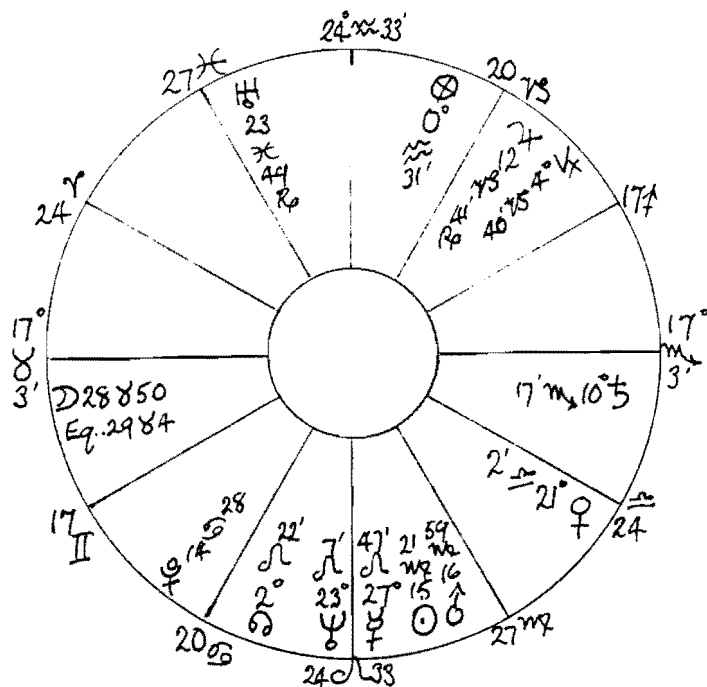
The Charts have the same planetary aspects, as they are both calculated for the same Greenwich Mean Time, but there is a significant difference in House positions, owing to the difference in the geographic coordinates.

By far the more apposite of the two is Chart B, the Solar Return relocated to the place of residence (and accident).

In both A and B we have the Sun conjunct Mars, and the Moon square Neptune, but whereas in Chart A the mundane positions are relatively innocuous, in the Chart B they are most pertinent to the event: The conjunction of the Sun and Mars, instead of being in the 4th House (the home), where it is irrelevant, is now in the 3rd, (roads and traffic) and, what is even more telling, is almost exactly square the Rising Degree.

Furthermore, the Moon in the Birth-Place Chart is in the 1st House, square Neptune, but its placement is much more to the point in the Residence Solar Return where it

CHART A: SOLAR RETURN 9TH SEPTEMBER 1925
(GMT 13:24:43 on 8th September)
at BIRTH PLACE, Adelaide, S.Aust.
138°35' East, 34°55' South. Placidian Cusps.



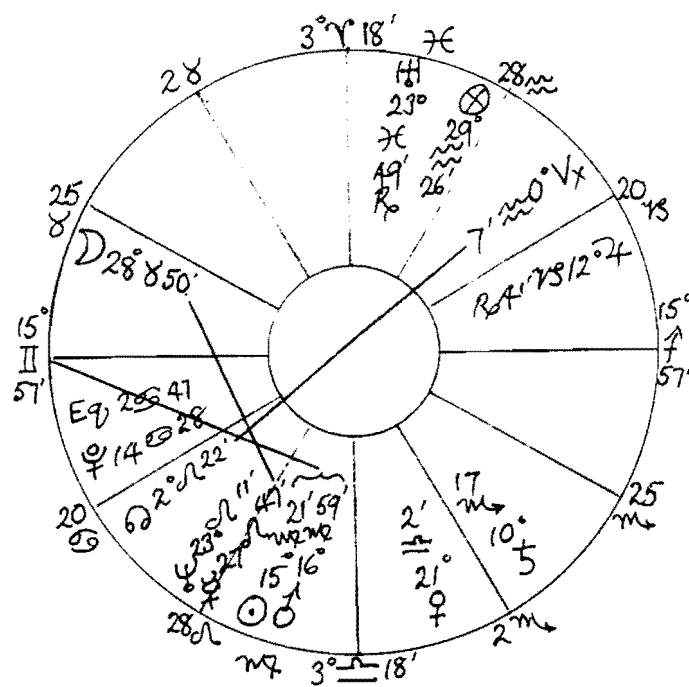
occupies the 12th House (hospitals), and has added significance through being close to the Cusp. Its meaning is further emphasized by the square to Neptune, natural Ruler of the 12th. In the Residence Chart, also, Mercury (vehicles) is right on the Cusp (Placidian) of the 3rd House (roads, etc.).

Chart B is also superior in a few other respects: The Ascendant is in Gemini (roads, transport, short trips), and its Ruler, Mercury, is appropriately placed in the 3rd House, indicating the principal focus of the year. In Chart A, Taurus rising relates to money, income and assets, which had no significance for me at all that year.

Again, though in both Charts the Vertex, signifying events of more than usual significance, occupies the 8th House (death and near-death experiences), in the Residence Solar Return it is on the Moon's Nodal axis, which endows it with an importance well beyond normal.

There is no doubt here about which is the preferable Solar Return. Without question it is the Chart relocated to the place of residence. This is a matter that I have been researching for years, occasionally finding points in favour of both locations (birth place, and residence/centre of activities). On balance, I have come to the conclusion that the relocated Return is the more significant. One needs an outstanding event, such as that described above, in any particular year to make a definite judgement.

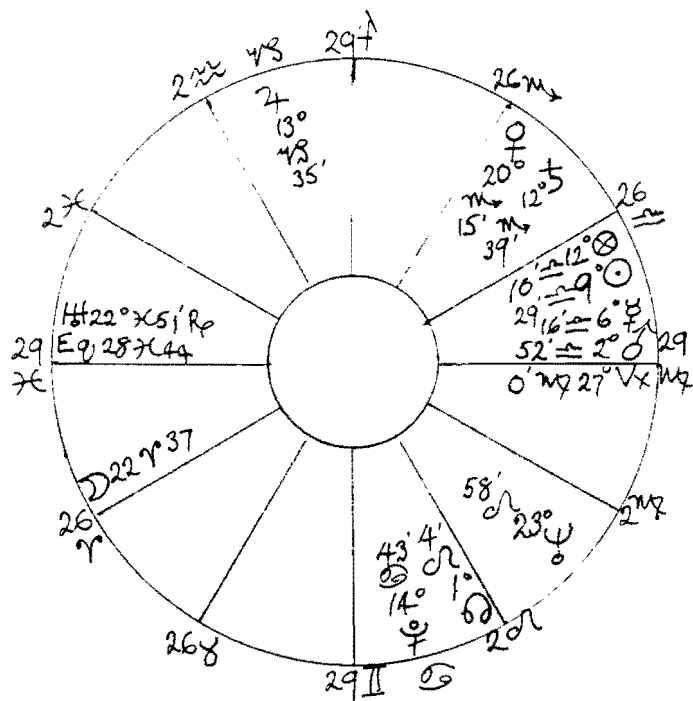
CHART B: SOLAR RETURN 9TH SEPTEMBER 1925
(GMT 13:24:43 on 8th September)
Relocated to place of residence, Auckland, N.Z., 174°46' East, 36°52' South. Placidus.



I have not yet firmly established the preferable location for Lunar and Synodic Returns, but the evidence so far points to the relocated chart as being the more indicative. Here, for instance, (see next page) is the Quarti-Lunar Return for the seven-day period from 3rd October to 10th October 1925 (accident on 9th October). Quarti-Lunar Charts are calculated for the return of the Moon to the exact square, opposition and square of its natal position (the Lunar Phases - first quarter, full moon and last quarter) as well as for the Moon's return to its natal position. Chart C is relocated to the place of residence at the time (Auckland). Mars and the Vertex being closely opposed to the Rising Degree spell momentous physical injury. This aspect is entirely dependent on the relocation, and does not appear in the corresponding Quarti-Lunar Return at the Birth Place.

As regards Secondary Progressions it is still an open question as to whether the place of birth or the place of (long-term) residence has the greater significance, or, indeed, whether the place of relocation has any significant impact on the incidence of Progressions and Directions. It is possible the age of the native may be a factor, as the older the person the further away he/she is from the geniture, and the closer to a different horoscope based on experience and personal development. The only Significators that would be affected by aspect are the

CHART C: QUARTI-LUNAR RETURN, OCTOBER 3 - 10, 1925, set for PLACE OF RESIDENCE



Zodiacal Points: Ascendant, Midheaven, Vertex, Equatorial Ascendant (E.P.), the Part of Fortune and the other Arabian Parts (for those who use them). Naturally, the House positions of all Significators could be radically different. Readers who have investigated this area of Astrology should submit the evidence and their conclusions. Considering the widespread emigration of people from their birth place to far distant countries, testimony of this nature should not be hard to come by. - Dymock.

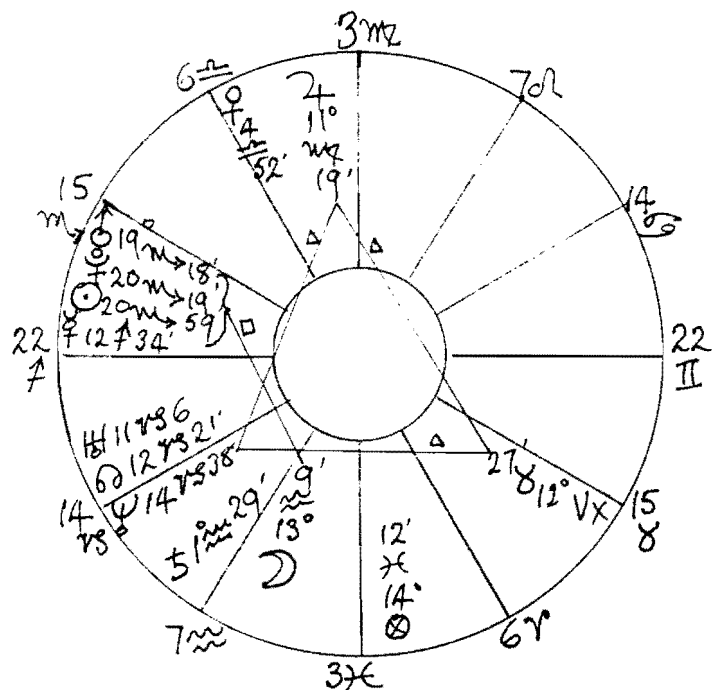
HORARY QUESTION: Shall I be able to buy this desirable property being auctioned today?

Some Horary Charts are complex and difficult to interpret. This one was dead easy. The querent, a woman, is represented by the Ascendant and its Ruler, Jupiter, in Virgo in the 10th House (she is a business woman). The property she wanted is represented by the 4th House and its Ruler, again Jupiter, by Horary tradition. This shows the connection between the Querent and the Quesited (the property sought).

Neptune on the 2nd Cusp forms a beautiful trine to Jupiter, which practically decided the question right away - Jupiter and Neptune in harmonious aspect bring large gains without effort. Additionally, the Part of Fortune occupies the 4th House, showing where her treasure is, and the Vertex completes a Grand Trine with Jupiter and Neptune, giving added strength to the Jupiter/Neptune link.

HORARY CHART

14th Nov. 1991, 7:48am Daylight Saving Time, 33°38' South, 150°18' East. Placidian Cusps.



I told the Querent she would get the property, and probably at a bargain price - which she did - and she is now happily living in it.

This Chart also illustrates the capacity of of a Horary enquiry to show future events not necessarily linked to the question. I refer to the applying squares of the Moon to Mars, Pluto and the Sun in the 12th House. The Moon rules the 8th House (other people's monies), Mars rules the 5th House (her children), Pluto the 12th (misfortunes and worries), and the Sun the 9th (legal proceedings). The Querent is currently pursuing two Court cases - one for the return of some thousands of dollars being withheld from her, and the other against her ex-husband who retains two of her children in his care, contravening an order of the Court. - Dymock.

BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION

The British Prime Minister, John Major, has called a General Election for April the 9th. It appears this Election will be closely contested, the rival Parties apparently being evenly balanced. Readers who care to try their forecasting skill are invited to submit their prediction of the result, together with the astrological data on which the conclusions are based, before April 9th.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

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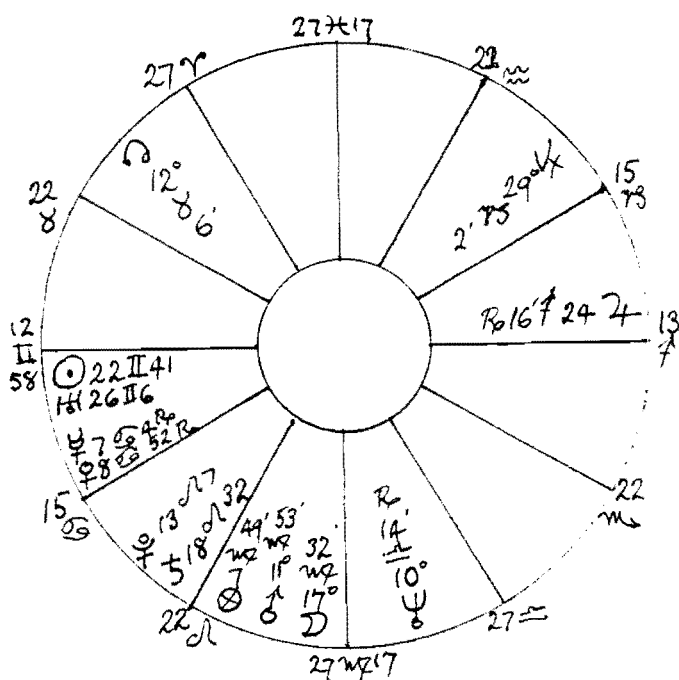
Here is the concluding instalment of Ross Harvey's innovative and valuable article, continued from the last Issue:

THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION by Ross Harvey.

The final example is a living client, whom I shall call John. He was born at 6:17am AEST on the 14th of June 1948, at 151°13' East, 33°48' South. The RAMC is 357.51250°.

JOHN

14th June 1948, 6:17am AEST, Castlecrag, NSW, 33S48, 151E13. Placidian Cusps.



The first significant event of John's life was his father's sudden death while on a walking trip when John was 18.101 years old. Mars is so typical for this event that I looked straight for this: The direct Ascendant is conjunct Mars for this event at a rate of 4.451° a year. At age 21.60 years John left his job and went to art school; the converse MC is conjunct Jupiter at a rate of 4.341° a year. At age 22.583 John moved to the central city art school, and the direct

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MC is conjunct Mercury for this event at a rate of 4.436° a year, and conjunct Venus at 4.523° a year, and the direct Ascendant is conjunct Neptune at 4.392° a year. When several aspects fall within the same period of time they almost always relate to the same event. I am calculating the different rates only so that I can find the mean rate, and thus the life-span. At age 36.05 years John met his future wife.: The direct Ascendant is conjunct Jupiter for this event at 4.423° a year. In April 1986 at age 37.833 he and his fiancée bought a flat - the first property he had owned - and the direct MC was conjunct the Moon at 4.520° a year. On 9th January 1991 his son was born, and the converse MC was conjunct the Moon at 4.439° a year.

This was as far as I had got with my analysis of this Chart when I last worked on it, but I noticed that the direct MC would be conjunct Neptune at age 43.33 (October 1991) at a rate of 4.423° a year. I have just learned that John and his wife bought a house in the country in October and are to move just before Christmas. Note that the MC was conjunct Neptune by converse motion when the flat was bought. This aspect could have related to the birth of his son at a rate of 4.507° a year, but I prefer to link Neptune with property, as not only was the earlier Neptune aspect to do with buying property, but Neptune is in the Fourth House, if that is of any significance. There were no indications by the more usual means of prediction such as Progressions, Primary Directions of whatever system, or Transits, to indicate this important event.

The mean rate is 4.439° a year, and this gives an estimated life-span of 81.098 years. In practice this means 80 - 83 years. I have

noticed on several occasions that the LSR rate tends to slow very slightly throughout the course of life, so estimates derived from events before middle age may be a year or two short. In the unlikely event that John asks me for my estimate, I would say "early to mid-eighties".

A further refinement of the LSR is that one should also calculate progressed and regressed Angles. To do this multiply the required age by the LSR rate and also by the Naibod Arc, add this to the RAMC, and then use the progressed RAMC so obtained to find the Progressed Angles. In other words one progresses the Angles by using the progressed sidereal time. Then find any conjunctions of the progressed Angles with progressed planets. Thus an Angle may make three contacts with a planet in either direct or converse motion during the course of the life. In a Chart I have been recently working on Jupiter is firstly conjunct the Ascendant by direct Primary Direction, then the progressed Ascendant is conjunct progressed Jupiter, and lastly the direct Ascendant is conjunct Radical Jupiter, all at the LSR rate. Someone has a good two years coming up!

I now use the LSR as my principal means of prediction, as it gives by far the best chance of telling major events or major periods of development in a person's life. It is mostly true that great accuracy of timing cannot be expected from it - within two or three months from the date of exactitude is the best one can hope for on average for a LSR conjunction to be effective. For greater accuracy one should look to Secondary Progressions of the Angles by the Solar-Arc in longitude - though even these are not wholly reliable - Transits, the usual Cyclical Charts, and perhaps Primary Directions - that is if Primary Directions really work.

To be able to use the LSR in prediction one will need to know the dates of all major events the client is able to supply, regardless of the person's age, and one will need to then work out the LSR rate, and consequently the estimated life-span. What use astrologers choose to make of this must be left to the discretion of the individual practitioner. It is usually regarded as unethical to attempt to predict the date of death, at least to some extent because there has not been any reliable way of finding it. For instance, Secondary Progressed Sun conjunct Saturn at age 75 may mean death, but it could relate to almost anything. I personally see no harm at all in telling young or middle-aged people that they will, in my opinion, live to a ripe old age.

Naturally in those cases where the indications are that the person will not live to a good age, I keep my own counsel - after all, I might be wrong. I was recently consulted by an elderly lady who was having health problems. I was able to reassure her that the problem was unlikely to be serious, as I knew she would live many years longer. What notice she takes of me is, of course, up to her, but I am quite confident of my opinion in her case.

To sum up, the length and course of development of a person's life is set at birth, and the Life-Span Revolution is the way of finding both. Some people may find the philosophical implications of this disturbing, especially those who believe in "free will", as the concept that events in one's earlier life may be predicted from the age at death, and vice versa, is contrary to their whole conception of how the Universe works. I venture to suggest that it is that conception of the Universe that is wrong.

Finally, I should like to thank Ken Gillman and, above all, Jack Nicholls, for their support and encouragement during the development of the Life-Span Revolution.

The following article on the mathematics needed for working the Life-Span Revolution was written by Ross, and should be read in conjunction with the segment on Theodore Roosevelt in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*.

LSR MATHEMATICS

The working in full is as follows:

The RAMC is 332.325° . First find the Right Ascension (RA) of Saturn's degree of longitude ($11^\circ 40'$ Leo— $131^\circ 40'$) by the formula

$$RA = \tan^{-1}(\tan \text{longitude} \times \cos E)$$

where E is the obliquity of the Ecliptic, $23^\circ 26.5'$. Thus

$$RA = \tan^{-1}(\tan 131^\circ 40' \times \cos E) = 134.128^\circ$$

The Meridian Distance is the distance between the planet and the Meridian, and is measured in Right Ascension (that is, along the Equator). Here, as Saturn is below the Horizon, it is the distance between the RA just calculated and the RA of the IC (RAMC $332.325^\circ - 180^\circ$). So,

$$332.325 - 180 - 134.128 = 18.197^\circ$$

One must next find the semi-arc (SA) of Saturn - here the nocturnal semi-arc, as

Saturn is below the horizon. As the Earth rotates around its own axis the planets appear to an observer on the Earth to revolve around it in circles parallel to the Equator. That part of the circle below the horizon is the planets's nocturnal arc, and half this is the nocturnal semi-arc, that is, the distance from the planet's (in this case, Saturn's) anti-culmination to its rising. That part of the planet's circle from its rising to its culmination is its diurnal semi-arc.

Saturn's nocturnal semi-arc is found from the formula $SA(n) = 90 - AD$, where AD is the Ascensional Difference, which in turn is given by the formula,

$$AD = \sin^{-1}(\tan D \times \tan L)$$

where $D = \sin^{-1}(\sin \text{longitude} \times \sin E)$

South declinations and geographic latitudes must be negative.

The declination is thus 17.293° , and the Ascensional Difference is 15.561° . Subtract this AD from 90° to find Saturn's nocturnal semi-arc, which is 74.439° .

All this is necessary because one needs to find Saturn's proportional mundane distance in the First Quadrant. This is given by MD/SA (Meridian Distance \div Semi-Arc):

$$18.197 \div 74.439 = 0.2444.$$

In other words, Saturn (or more strictly Saturn's degree of longitude, as in this method the celestial latitude of the planets is ignored) is 0.2444 of the mundane distance between the IC and the Ascendant. The Third Dusp is 0.333 of the same mundane distance, and the Second Dusp is 0.666 of the same distance.

The rationale of Primary Directions is that as one moves the RAMC in either direct or converse motion by however many degrees a year one wishes, the planets move too, but retain the same proportional distance from the Meridian as they had at birth (because the degree of Right Ascension that was on the Meridian at birth is moving too). This is how the planets and Angles appear to move to an observer on the Earth as the Earth rotates around its axis every 24 hours.

To find the degree of longitude of Saturn's Directed position in this instance, one needs to use the Placidus equation to convert the proportion of mundane distance for any RAMC to longitude. Use the Converse RAMC for the age for this event:

$$RAMC_r - (\text{age} \times \text{rate})$$

$$332.325 - (25.301 \text{ years} \times 6.148^\circ) = 176.774^\circ$$

The equation for the First Quadrant (Houses 1 - 3) is also used for Houses 7 - 9 (simply use the opposite points). In Roosevelt's Chart, to direct Mars, direct $18^\circ 3'$ Cancer instead of $18^\circ 3'$ Capricorn, and add 180° to the result:

$$y' = 180 - ([90 - \sin^{-1}(\sin y \times LF)] \times PAF) + RAMC_p$$

where LF is the Local Factor.

$$LF = \tan E \times \tan \text{geographic latitude} \\ \tan 23^\circ 26.5' \times \tan 40^\circ 45' = 0.3737$$

PAF is the Proportional Ascension Factor, that is, the MD/SA fraction we have just found, 0.2444.

RAMC_p is in this case the Converse RAMC we have already found, 176.774° , and y, to begin with, is any number at all.

The formula for Houses 10-12 (and 4-6) is

$$y' = ([90 + \sin^{-1}(\sin y \times LF)] \times PAF) + RAMC_p$$

A programmable scientific calculator with multiple memories is essential for performing the calculations for Primary Directions. Enter y, any number at first, into memory A, the LF into memory B, the PAF into memory C, and the RAMC_p into memory D. Program the calculator so that the result of the calculation, y', is entered into memory A in place of y, the arbitrary number we started with.

In my calculator (a Casio fx-4000P) the Program reads

$$([90 + \sin^{-1}(B \sin A)] \times C) + D \rightarrow A$$

Note that the result of the calculation is recycled into memory A.

Repeat the calculation - simply keep pressing the Execute Key - and each time this is done the new y' will be entered into memory A and so can be used in the following calculation. Keep repeating until the figure given by the calculator becomes constant. The result from the calculation for the Directed position (for Saturn in this case) is the RA of Saturn's converse position (332.336°), which must be converted to longitude by the formula $\text{Longitude} = \tan^{-1}(\tan RA \div \cos E)$

The result of all this is $0^\circ 15'$ Pisces, the MC. In other words, converse Saturn at the rate of 6.148° a year for the age at which Roosevelt's wife and mother died is conjunct the MC.

From MARGARET MILLARD (England):

The Life Cycle theory is fascinating. I

have worked out Prince Charles' life-span, and I find it to be 64 years approximately.

Prince Charles does not really have a royal Chart, as Jupiter, so prominent by its Angularity in the Charts of the last five monarchs of the United Kingdom, is in the 5th House opposed by Uranus. The Queen may never abdicate, and as Ross Harvey has pointed out, by his calculations she will probably live to be about 86.

Referring to Alexander Marr's remarks in his book *Political Astrology*, in which he shows that the Precessed Lunar Return Charts of the U.K. Chart of 1st January 1801 for the deaths of the last four monarchs had malefics exactly on the Angles, usually the 4th Cusp, I calculated the Precessed Lunar Charts for the year April 2012 to April 2013, and struck gold: Mars conjunct the Sun conjuncted the 4th Cusp in the April 2013 Precessed Lunar.

This covers the month of the 87th birthday of the Queen, and Prince Charles will then be 64 year 5 months of age. According to Alexander, deaths of male monarchs are shown by Mars and Saturn, or Mars alone (for George V Mars was conjunct the IC, and for George VI Mars was conjunct the MC) and the death of Queen Victoria was shown by Saturn conjunct

Scorpio on 13th November 2012, a few hours before the Solar Return.

The theory that the chart lives on after death [see Alan Johnson's article in last month's *A.F.*] has interested me for some years. Recently I progressed Tito's Birth Chart to June 25 1991, the date of the declaration of independence of Croatia and the beginning of the civil war. The progressed Sun was square progressed Pluto. The progressed Moon was square progressed Saturn. Coincidence? I doubt it.

RE-LOCATE OR NOT RE-LOCATE?

From LESLIE BLACK (England): The above question, asked in December *Astrologers' Forum* 125, has been a moot point among astrologers, with some making a strong case in favour of relocation. I came to the conclusion very early in my studies that the whole idea was ridiculous. It does not make any difference whatsoever how many miles separates a person from his birthplace as the Natal Angles always remain the same, and work most adequately.

If a person moves from his birth place, where he was born, say, under Libra rising, to a location where Scorpio would be rising, would the Libra influence completely disappear? Or would he take on a blend of these two Signs? The obvious answer must be an unqualified NO!

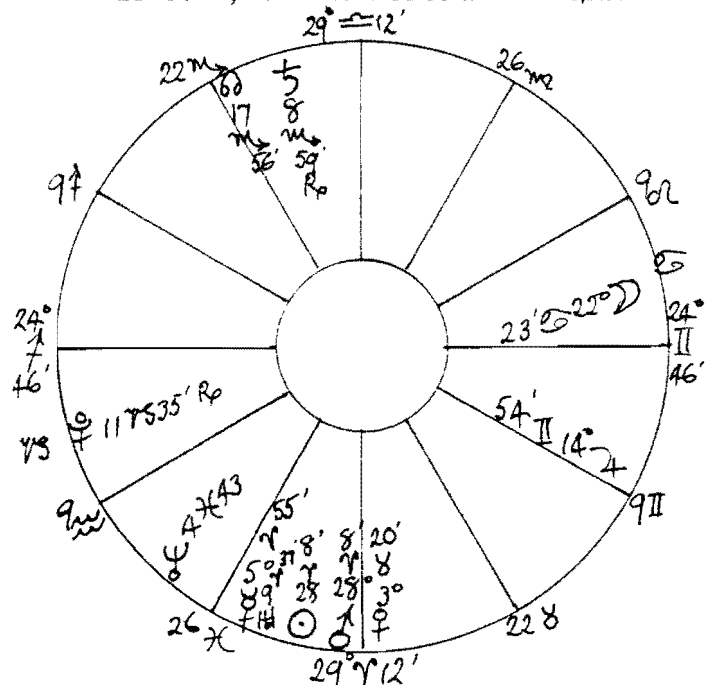
The answer remains the same for Progressed/Directed Ascendant, Midheaven, etc., as also for the Cyclic Charts - Solar, Lunar, Synodic Returns, etc. To re-locate these is no different from trying to change the location of the birth chart.

Although my sample of such cases is not a large one it is sufficient to support my opinion against such a measure as re-location. I have always recognized that a person is very much tied all through life to the Chart for the place of birth, and is in no way removed from it.

Views and experience of other astrologers will be welcome, preferably accompanied by illustrative examples, particularly in Cyclic Charts, showing how either the Chart for the Birth Place or the relocated Chart was the more indicative of events. The English astrologer/author Martin Freeman recommends using both places for Lunar Returns.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
18th February 1992.

PRECESSIONED LUNAR RETURN 18TH APRIL 2013
from HOROSCOPE OF UNITED KINGDOM,
1ST JANUARY 1801, 00AM, WESTMINSTER
51°30'N, 0°7'W. Placidian Cusps.



Venus close to the 4th Cusp.

In spite of the position of Venus I suspect that this shows the death of Charles, who may not even have lived to his coronation. His Solar Return for age 64 does not look good, and there is an eclipse on his Sun in 22°

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

CONTEMPORARY EVENTS AND HISTORICAL CHARTS

By Allan Johnson.

Not a lot of research has been done on the continuing activation of a chart after the death of the subject. Everybody is aware that a person's influence does not end at death. This is a problem psychiatrists have had to deal with all the time. A dominating parent's influence can manifest long after they have ceased to be around. This applies even more so in the case of powerful historical characters. So there is a case for a parallel situation in astrology.

One of the titles we could give to the 20th Century is that it is the Century of Karl Marx. This is because his influence has been so widespread throughout the world, activating the lives of millions of people, and much blood has been shed in his name - despite the fact that he died in 1883 and never set foot in our Century. So right now, when we are in the final stages of the communist world and his statues are everywhere being dislodged from their pedestals, it is interesting to see what parallels are operating in Marx's Chart. Marx was born in 1818, so from 1818 to 1992 we have a time period of 174 years. But if Transits can still activate a chart after death they should still operate as long as that influence is prevailing. Marx has been universally accepted as the prophet for the world-wide communist movement. So it is worth looking at his Natal Chart to see if it really is the Chart of a Prophet. His actual birth date does seem to be beyond dispute, but there have been a few differing time versions, which is no surprise. Lois Rodden in *The American Book of Charts* puts forward the 2-am version with a lot of confidence, so it is worth working with.

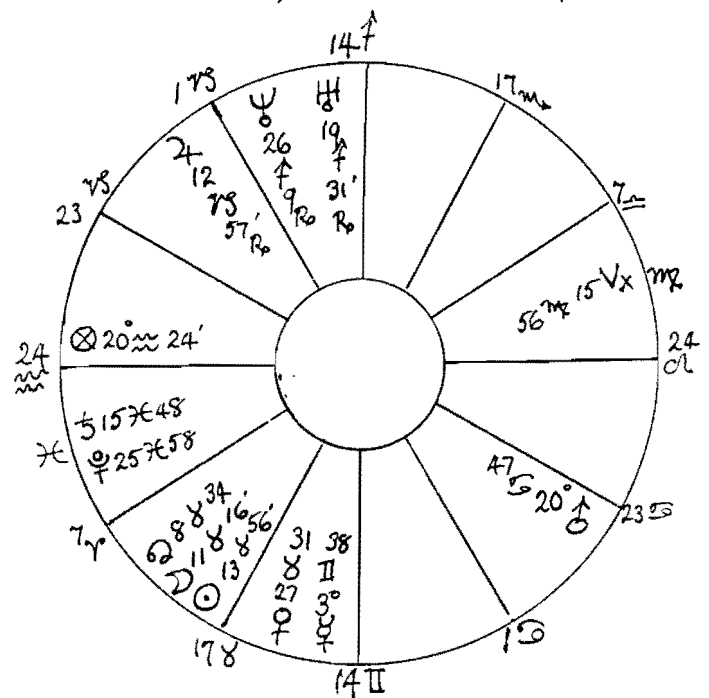
The main feature of this Chart is the configuration of Uranus/Neptune conjunction in square to Saturn/Pluto. This is a rare and powerful destiny pattern, as even the Uranus/Neptune conjunction can occur only every 171 years, and we are witnessing that event right now. The Neptune/Uranus conjunction in Sagittarius in the 10th House does seem pretty relevant for a prophet.

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KARL MARX

5th May 1818, Trier, Germany, 2am, LMT
49°45'N, 6°38'E. Koch Cusps.



Uranus/Neptune can be highly creative, and of course Sagittarius suits a doctrine of world revolution, and the link with Saturn/Pluto is highly appropriate for Marx's sense of destiny, what he phrased as "historical inevitability". And of course Pisces also being involved in the configuration is a further indication of the great element of the visionary in his make-up. The Sun/-Moon/Node in Taurus trine Jupiter ensured that quite a bit of financial good fortune would come his way, and he certainly needed it for he was very inept at handling money. But this can also be considered the mark of a prophet. On the other hand the multiple

square pattern applying to the 10th House is symptomatic of a hard life in many ways, with a lot of disappointments, and that was his lot, and with much ill-health in his later years. So both patterns worked out. He was very obsessive in his attitudes, and one might have expected planets in Scorpio, but in his case they seem to have operated through the opposite polarity of Taurus. So this Chart does seem to fit the person.

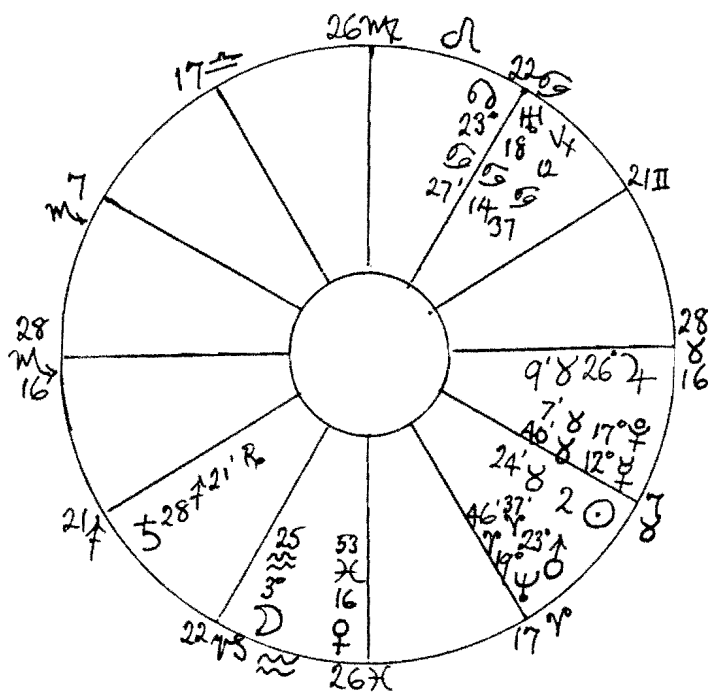
In looking for correlations of contemporary events with Marx's Chart we need a few key dates that stand out very definitely out of the welter of changing circumstances. One is the date Gorbachev became Supreme Ruler of the Soviets (11th March 1985). He really started the whole process. The other date is the breaching of the Berlin Wall (10th November 1989) which heralded the collapse of Eastern Europe. The Transits of Pluto, Uranus and Saturn are the ones involved in political dramas. For a situation like this we need really impressive correlations - and we do get them: When Gorbachev took office Transiting Uranus was right on Marx's Natal Uranus, and of course Uranus is the dominant planetary influence in Marx's Chart, and such a Transit stirs up the whole major configuration. This is "spot-on". Pluto is not significant. But it is on the second key date when it makes the opposition to Marx's Sun/Moon, while Neptune and Saturn are in conjunction and right on Marx's Jupiter, trining his Sun/Moon. If Marx would not have been happy with such an event, the people doing it would have! So both these important key dates do line up with Marx's Chart quite impressively.

The most significant thing about Marx's Chart is the Uranus/Neptune conjunction, and now these two planets complete their cycles and come together again precisely at the time of the demise of Marxism.

While Marx did set the agenda for the great revolutions of the 20th Century, there was another figure of even greater importance, and that was Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. Marx was the prophet and the visionary, whereas Lenin was the man of action who did actually achieve political power. He devoted his whole life to that one thing - the revolution. He was born on 22nd April 1870. His time is given precisely, and there has not been a lot of debate about it. Scorpio rising is very appropriate for his role of extraordinary devotion to a cause, but like Marx he has a cluster of planets in the opposite polarity of Taurus, with Pluto itself there in conjunction to Mercury. This says a lot for his obsessions. Emphasis on Fixed Signs gives him the endurance to see things through. But he needed much emphasis on Fire or Cardinal to do what he did. The

VLADIMIR ILYICH LENIN

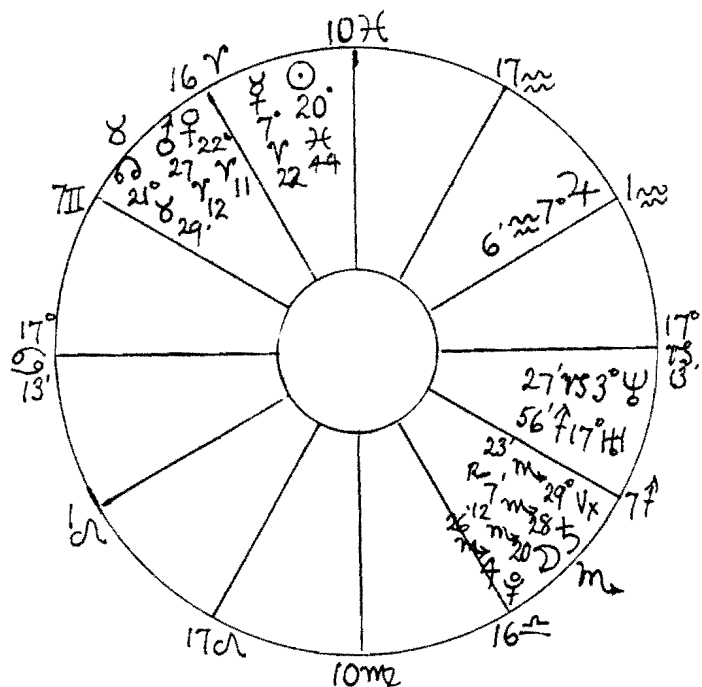
22nd April 1870, Ulyanovsk, USSR, 9:42pm LMT
54°20' N, 48°24' E. Koch Cusps.



Mars/Neptune conjunction in Aries and squaring Uranus is a revolutionary pattern. Mars conjunct Neptune can mean a great drive to realize a dream or vision. Although he did achieve power, his physical body went through a decline a few years later, so he did not

GORBACHEV'S RISE TO SUPREME RULER

11th March 1985. Speculative time Noon.
Moscow, 55°45' N, 37°35' E. Placidian Cusps.



have any long term of authority. Thus most of his life's activities were spent behind the scenes. Hence emphasis on the 6th House rather than the 10th. So this Chart figures.

He died on 21st January 1924.

Using the same key date for correlations with contemporary events, with Gorbachev's rise to power we find Pluto in early Scorpio opposing the Sun and squaring the Moon, while Saturn is exactly on the Ascendant (which could mean the Chart is pretty accurate). Uranus at 18° Sagittarius makes the quincunx to its own Natal position. Pluto linking with the Sun and Moon so closely spells the end of a chapter, or the end of a dream. Uranus quincunx to Natal Uranus in the 8th House spells the same thing. The great drama of the Berlin Wall brought Pluto into close opposition to the Natal Mercury/Pluto conjunction, and this conjunction was a major key to Lenin's psyche. Uranus trine to his Natal Sun paralleled the fortunate set-up in Marx's Chart.

So there does seem to be a case for the activation of charts long after their owners have disappeared into the Great Beyond. Looking ahead for further light on the confused Russian scene at the moment, it is interesting to note that the great conjunction of Neptune/Uranus will be in 18° Capricorn next April, and so will be opposite to Lenin's Natal Uranus and squaring his Neptune/Mars conjunction, and this will be subsequently repeated in 1993. This lines up with other Charts, suggesting further dramatic developments in the 1992/1993 period.

THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION

by Ross Harvey.

(Continued from Issue 125)

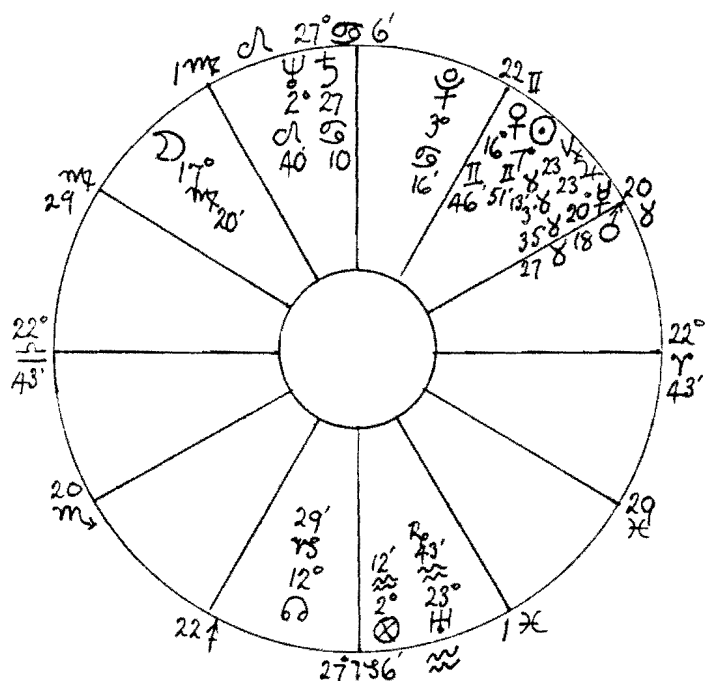
The second example is J.F. Kennedy, who was born at Brookline, Mass., USA, 71°7'W, 42°20'N, on the 29th of May 1917 at 3:14pm EST. The usual given time is 3:15pm, which I have rectified with Jack Nicholls' Solar Return Rectification technique. The time is sometimes given as 3:00pm, but the Nicholls method makes it clear that the time is within a minute or two of 3:15. One minute's difference in the time is not of great consequence for the LSR. The RAMC is 119.39693°.

Unlike King George who lived to a fairly average age and who died at seventy from the effects of smoking, Kennedy was murdered at age 46.484 years. There are two features which would have made me suspect that he would not live to a great age: one is that Saturn, the Ruler of the 4th House conjunct the Midheaven often tends to indicate a shortened life, though on its own this is not conclusive; and the other is that all the benefics are in the Third Quadrant. Kennedy's twenties were fairly eventful because of his inheritance,

his war activities and his early entry into politics. I would have expected that one or the other Angle by direct or converse motion would have had to be conjunct a benefic for at least one of the events of these years. It can't be the MC as even at the standard rate of 4.5° a year the converse MC would have passed over all these planets by age twenty, so it must be either the direct or converse Ascendant. This at once limits the life-span to before the mid-fifties.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

29th May 1917, 3:14 pm EST, Brookline, Mass.
42°20'N, 71°7'W. Placidian Cusps.



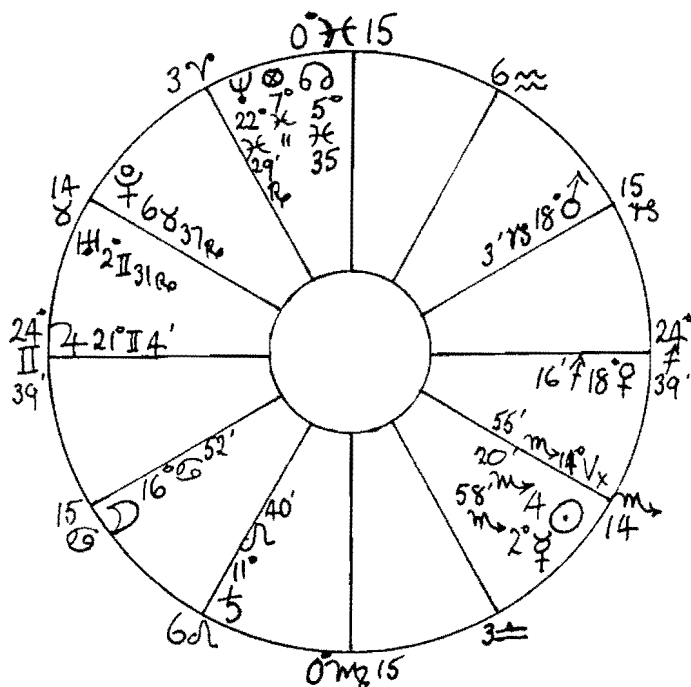
The first major event of Kennedy's life known to me is his receipt of a \$1,000,000 trust fund on his twenty-first birthday. The first undoubted benefic that the Converse Ascendant reaches is Venus, and if this is exact on his 21st birthday the rate is 7.441° a year. He graduated at age 23.063 years, and the Converse Ascendant is conjunct Jupiter at a rate of 7.654° a year. He was sworn in as a member of Congress for the first time at age 29.600 years; Ascendant Direct is conjunct Pluto at a rate of 7.463° a year, and the Converse Ascendant is conjunct Uranus at a rate of 7.791° a year. He was elected to the Senate at age 35.430 years, and the Converse Ascendant was opposite Pluto for this event at a rate of 7.695° a year. He was married at age 36.290 years, and the Direct Ascendant was conjunct Uranus at a rate of 7.823° a year. His daughter was born at age 40.497 years, and the Direct MC was conjunct Venus at a rate of 7.809° a year, the Direct Ascendant was conjunct the Moon at a rate of 7.681° a year. He was elected President at the age of 43.447

years, and the Direct MC was conjunct Pluto for this event at a rate of 7.691° a year. Note that Pluto appears for each major advancement in his political career. The average of these ten rates is 7.681° a year, and when this is divided into 360° the life-span is 46.869 years. He was assassinated at 46.484 years. Note that the cause of death does not affect the life-span. Kennedy was destined to die at age 46 - 47, and I would have been able to predict this by the time he was 35 years old at the latest.

The next example is Theodore Roosevelt, born at 7:45pm LMT on the 27th of October 1858 in New York, $40^\circ 45'N$, $73^\circ 57'W$. The RAMC is $33s.325^\circ$. He died at 60.195 years.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

27th October 1858, 7:45pm LMT, New York City
 $40^\circ 45'N$, $73^\circ 57'W$. Placidian Cusps.



Roosevelt's father died when the native was quite young, at age 19.288 years, and I have found on a number of occasions that Mars is associated with the (usually sudden) death of parents in fairly early life, as my next example will also show. The first possible contact to Mars is a conjunction of the Converse Ascendant, and if this is exact for this event, the rate is 5.820° a year. This alone would give a life span of 61.85 years, and this aspect is so typical of this event that it is the first thing I would have looked for had Roosevelt been a living client rather than a dead historical figure. He first married at age 22.000 years, and the Direct MC is conjunct the Moon for a rate of 6.180° a year. The most important event of his life was probably becoming President at age 42.822 years, and the Converse MC is conjunct Jupiter at a rate of 5.878° a year.

On the 14th February 1884 his wife and mother both died when he was 25.301 years old. The Direct MC could have been Saturn at a rate of 6.395° a year, but there is another possibility as this rate differs rather too much from what appears to be the average direct rate of 6.2° a year: This possibility is that Saturn itself by converse motion becomes conjunct the MC. In most cases when one is trying to establish the LSR rate it is enough to look for conjunctions to the Directed Angles, but to use the LSR for prediction one should also calculate the direct and converse positions of the planets at the LSR rate for the age in question. I use the PEA approach developed by Wim van Dam of the Netherlands. Find the MD/SA fraction of, in this case, $11^\circ 40'$ Leo, (that is, ignore Saturn's celestial latitude) and use the figure (0.244) in the Placidus equation with the converse RAMC at the LSR rate to find the converse direct position of Saturn. For this one will need a programmable calculator.

Saturn is conjunct the MC at age 25.301 years at a rate of 6.148° a year. [A full working and explanation of the mathematics involved is given by Ross, and will be presented in a following *Astrologers' Forum*] Unless the planet in question has significant latitude, using its latitude or ignoring it will make little difference in Primary Directions at the LSR rate simply because the rate is so much greater than is the case with conventional systems of Primary Directions. Note that, as with Directions of the Angles, only conjunctions of Directed planets to one of the four Angles are considered. They should be enough to account for all major influences during one's life.

Another quirk of the LSR, illustrated by Roosevelt's Chart, is that the direct and converse rates often differ slightly. In this case the direct rate is 6.14° a year, and the converse, 5.85° a year. The mean of these two is 5.995 which, divided into 360, gives the life-span of 60.050 years, very close to the actual age at death - 60.195 years.

[To be continued]

From the writings of C.E.O. Carter:

"... any body in an Angular House is powerful, and particularly so if it be exactly on an Angle. In such cases benefics, unless badly afflicted, are always beneficial in terms of the House occupied, i.e., Venus exactly setting helps the 7th House and is not to be regarded simply as "Venus opposition Ascendant"; on the other hand, malefics on the 4th or 7th Cusps will be bad for these Houses and will probably affect adversely the opposite Cusps."

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 18/1/92.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.) we have more on the 1991 Melbourne Cup:

The Testing of Placidus and Koch Cusps by Horse Racing Results

For over a year now, I have been using the House System of Placidus for the 5th/11th and 6th/12th House Cusps, and the House System of Koch for the 2nd/8th and 3rd/9th House Cusps. Whether this is a viable proposition technically, I do not know. However it has been my experience (first discovered from work on the *Forum* Rectification exercises) that this combined House System works very well.

My method in horse races follows closely that of Dymock's (see *Astrologers' Forum* No. 120) except that the trines and quincunxes of planets to the Ascendant and Midheaven are included; and all names are considered regardless of form or weight. I also use etymology, and mythology (Gods, their attributes and stories, as Significators of planets and Signs).

In the recently run Melbourne Cup, two out of three placegetters were correctly forecast. The Chart showed Pluto conjunct the 9th House Cusp (Koch) and in trine to the Ascendant. SHIVA'S REVENGE was obviously a Pluto name to anyone acquainted with Indian mythology (*Shiva*, "the terrible destroyer"). LET'S ELOPE was also clearly indicated: In one of the legends, Pluto, the Lord of the Underworld, abducts Persephone, carrying her away to be with him forever as his loved one. (The drama and pathos of this theme is still with us in *The Phantom of the Opera*.) Although LET'S ELOPE would very likely respond well to Venus (and other planets, e.g., Sun, Mars) Venus in this race was over 3° distant from a Cusp and so not really a strong indicator.

MAGNOLIA HALL was not "seen". But one learns astrological meanings through such results. The magnolia appears to be a flower highly symbolic of the planet Pluto. A hall can relate to many planets.

In regard to the Metropolitan race at Randwick (see October Issue, No.122). A Koch 8th Cusp would bring in Mercury as the name

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significator instead of the Sun. I don't know whether SOLAR CIRCLE also failed to get a place as well as GARTER KING, but SOLAR CIRCLE is certainly indicative of the Sun, and should have been in there if that had been the planet closest to the Cusp. LORD REVENIR accords well with Mercury. One of the meanings of the French verb *revenir* (to come again/return) is to cost or account, and of course Mercury is one of the planets that "comes again" via retrograde action. MAHARAJAH admittedly fits well with the Sun. However a maharajah can be a prince or teacher, names indicative of Mercury, too.

It would be great if readers could check the above proposition for themselves and forward the results to the Editor; no need to bet - just erect charts for races already run. These results, for or against or inconclusive, would go some way to finding the most accurate House system - something that Astrology still seeks.

Recommended reading for any who would like to consider the planets in the God (or archetype) aspect is *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton, a publication of The New American Library. Myths are a good source of material of archetypal nature (character, events, objects) that can be given to the appropriate planet or Sign.

ADDENDUM to above: ALLAN GRANT (VIC.), writes regarding the astrology of horse-racing, "It would be interesting through research to discover how to interpret names like, e.g., Galilei, Galanal, Bungarby, etc." Readers are invited to submit their ideas and experiences on this and other points of interest. Even if you are not a punter, you will improve your grasp of astrology by studying the symbolism of the planets in relation to the names of horses. - Ed.

THE LIFE SPAN REVOLUTION

by Ross Harvey

We have all experienced occasions where we have been unable to detect events of the greatest importance with any of the conventional predictive techniques, such as Progressions, Transits, Primary Directions, etc. There are also few techniques that attempt to explain the course of development of one's life. I have long been trying to find a method that would remedy these deficiencies, and think that at last I may have done so. The method I have developed during the last six months is the LIFE SPAN REVOLUTION (LSR, for short).

The premise is that the whole horoscope makes one complete revolution - corresponding to the rotation of the Earth in the twenty-four hours after birth - in both direct and converse motion during the course of one's life, and that death ensues when the Angles and planets return to their original positions. The rate at which this happens has to be determined by correlating conjunctions of the direct and converse Angles with the age at which major life-changing events occurred. In effect, the LSR is a form of accelerated Primary Directions, but unlike the conventional systems of Primary Directions where approximately one degree of Right Ascension passes over the Meridian for each year of age, in the LSR the rate is between 4 and 6 degrees per year for most people in western societies, where the average age of death from old age is greater than seventy years.

The implications of this are that the life span and the sequence in which the influences of the planets are felt throughout life are set at birth. The cause of death is irrelevant - we live out our allotted span irrespective of whether we are murdered at 18 or die of old age at 100.

I have now tried the method on dozens of charts of well-known historical people culled from the generally available collections of data and, provided I have a reliable birth time and a biography that contains most of the really important events in the person's life, I have been able to get an estimate of the age of death within a year or two of the actual figure in every case. The LSR works impeccably, and in most cases the mathematics required consist in being able to multiply the age for a particular event by the rate (in degrees/year) and adding this to or subtracting it from the RAMC of the Birth Chart. A programmable calculator for calculating the Angles is extremely useful, but one can manage with a Table of Houses alone.

The only difficulty so far occurs with people who die before the age of about 30 years. For such people one needs a really comprehensive biography to have any hope of getting the rate, and hence the age at death. One is enormously helped if there were significant events in early childhood, but unfortunately this is not always the case. I have been searching for a reliable indication of a shortened life span in the Birth Chart, but without real success. I would suspect a comparatively early death if the Ruler of the 4th House were conjunct either the Ascendant or Midheaven, but I cannot be absolutely sure even of this. The usually accepted indications, such as afflictions of the Sun or Angles by the Ruler of the 8th House, do not work, as an inspection of any readily available collection of charts will show.

An extension of the LSR is to consider that the 360° motion of the Sun may occur in longitude as well as in Oblique Ascension, in other words that one whole year before and after birth is also equivalent to the span of one's life. When the Sun is Progressed or Regressed at the rate of the LSR, conjunctions and oppositions of the Progressed or Regressed Sun to Progressed or Regressed planets will correspond with major events in one's life. In many cases one will be able to estimate the rate, and consequently the life span, from Progressions and Regressions of the Sun without needing a birth time. In other words one can still to some extent apply the LSR even when one does not know the accurate time of birth.

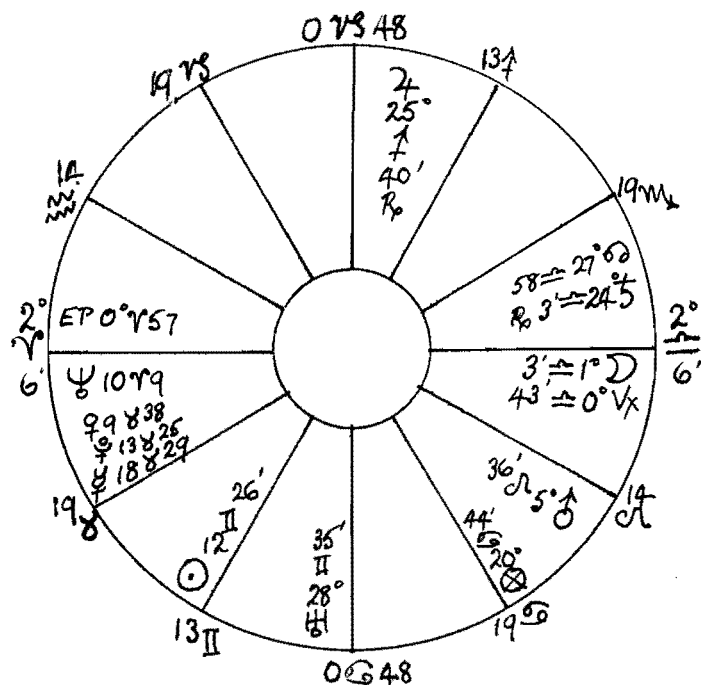
As my first example I have chosen the Chart of a person whose life span is known - King George V, born at Marlborough House in London, 51°30'N, 0°8'W, at 1:18am GMT, on the 3rd of June, 1865. The RAMC is 271.01733°, and the age at death is 70.634 years (died on the 20th of January, 1936). The source of the time is an official Palace announcement, and is unlikely to be wrong.

It is very helpful when one first applies the LSR to a new chart to have a major event in childhood, because one is less likely to be unable to decide to which event a particular aspect relates. When one does begin work on a chart with the LSR one has to use an average rate until one has found enough likely correlations to have worked out the true rate with some degree of reliability. So I assume that the person in question will live (or have lived) to about 80 years, for which the rate is $360 \div 80^\circ$ a year, or 4.5° a year.

The first major event in the future King's life was his joining the Navy at age 12. I do not know the precise date, so the resultant rate from this event will be a little more

KING GEORGE V

June 3 1865 1:18am GMT, Marlborough House,
51°30'N, 0°8'W. Placidean Cusps.



imprecise than usual. If we assume that the rate is 4.5° a year we then multiply this by 12 to get 54, and add this to, and subtract it from, the RAMC, and find the Directed Angles for this age. Then see if there are any appropriate planets near any of the Angles. The direct Ascendant is $28^\circ 12'$ Gemini, conjunct Uranus; the converse MC is $9^\circ 25'$ Scorpio, opposite Venus, and the converse Ascendant is $3^\circ 44'$ Capricorn, near Jupiter at $25^\circ 40'$ Sagittarius.

This means that the King could have lived to about 80 years, or that the life span would have been significantly shorter if the Converse Ascendant were conjunct Jupiter. If the latter possibility is true, the rate at which the Ascendant would come to a conjunction with Jupiter at age 12 is 5.235° a year, for a life-span of 68.77 years - close to the actual figure. As the King is long dead, we know which figure is correct, but obviously this would not be so with a living subject, so we must look further. A quirk of the LSR is that rates, and consequently life spans, derived from childhood events, are slightly less accurate than those derived from events that occur roughly after the age of 20. A margin of error of a couple of years in the life span should be expected if one has to rely on events from the first two decades of life.

By far the most significant event in the King's life was his accession on his father's death on the 6th of May, 1910, at an age of 44.923 years. Multiply this age by 4.5° a year and find the Direct and Converse Angles. The direct MC is 21°26' Cancer, and the Ascendant is 16°19' Libra - neither conjunct

anything. The converse MC is $10^{\circ}28'$ Gemini, and the Ascendant is $15^{\circ}6'$ Virgo. The converse MC is near a conjunction with the Sun, so the average rate is still possible. There are other possibilities, however: The direct MC could be conjunct Mars, though this is usually negative, and is often found to relate to the deaths of close family members; the direct Ascendant could be opposite Venus, and if this is so the rate is 5.242° a year. The direct Ascendant could be conjunct Saturn, though this too is unlikely. The converse MC could be conjunct Mercury, Pluto or Venus; if it is conjunct Venus the rate is 5.204° a year.

Another most significant event was the death of the native's elder brother in January 1892, and as a consequence of this he became the heir apparent to the throne. He had before this pursued a career in the Navy, and had expected to remain a sailor all his life. At the average rate of 4.5° a year, the direct MC for this event is $2^\circ 51'$ Taurus, and the Ascendant is $18^\circ 22'$ Leo. The converse MC is $29^\circ 16'$ Leo and the Ascendant is $13^\circ 4'$ Scorpio. The converse Ascendant is opposite Pluto, but the other Angles are not in aspect to anything. By far the most appropriate planet for this event (the death of a close member of the family) is Mars, however, and if the converse MC is conjunct Mars for this event, the rate is 5.382° a year.

In 1915 at age 50 (I do not know the exact date) he suffered a riding accident while inspecting front-line troops during the First World War. At the standard rate the direct Angles are MC 13°33' Leo, and Ascendant 2°19' Scorpio, and the converse ones, MC 18°29' Taurus and Ascendant 29°6' Leo. Once again Mars is by far the most appropriate planet for this event, and if the converse Ascendant is conjunct Mars, the rate is 5.170° a year. If there is any doubt about which of the rates obtained is the true one, one should list the rates from all possible planet/Angle conjunctions, and pick the most common. After one has rejected the more unlikely rates, one can average the remaining ones provided they are within ½° a year of each other.

Another way of checking the rate is to examine the Progressions. At age 12 (joined the Navy) at the standard rate the Sun would have progressed 54 days after the birthday to the 27th of July. On this day the Sun would have been conjunct Radical Mars, but this is not altogether appropriate; a little later, on the 6th of August, Progressed Sun would have been square Progressed Pluto, more appropriate for a change of circumstances, and this would give a rate of 5.346 days a year. Note that in the Progressions the rate is in days a year because the 360° that correspond to the life span are the Sun's motion in longitude, which takes a year to

complete. Do not confuse this with the degrees a year rate of the LSR, because there the 360° are due to the rotation of the Earth in the 24 hours after birth, and are degrees of Right Ascension passing over the Meridian.

The future King married his late brother's fiancée on the 6th of July 1893. This seems more like duty than love. If the Sun is progressed at the standard rate it is at 14° Libra on the 7th of October 1865, not in aspect to anything. However, on the 26th of October the Progressed Sun is conjunct Progressed Saturn, at a rate of 5.162 days a year. This rate gives a life span when it is divided into 365 days, of 70.71 years, within a month of the actual age at death. The King acceded to the throne on his father's death at age 44.923 years on the 6th of May 1910. The Regressed Sun at the standard rate is at 21° Scorpio on the 13th of November 1864, not in aspect to anything. It is likely that it is either opposite Regressed Pluto at 12°12' Taurus on the 3rd of November, or conjunct Regressed Saturn at 21°1' Libra on the 13th of October. The conjunction is more powerful, and is as appropriate for the assumption of duty as it is for his father's death. The rate for this is 5.174 days a year, for a life span of 70.54 years, again only a month away from the actual age at death.

Even if we did not know how long the King had lived, it would by now be fairly clear that the average rate is about 5.2° a year, for a life span of approximately 70 years. If the rates (5.162 and 5.174 days a year) of the two Progressions just mentioned had been averaged (mean is 5.168 days a year) they would have given a date of death of 17th January 1936, three days before the actual date of death!

Other major events are his father's accession on the death of Queen Victoria on the 22nd January 1901 - converse MC opposite Jupiter at 5.217° a year; marriage at age 28.090 years - converse Ascendant conjunct Saturn (duty again) at 5.227° a year; the end of the War at age 53.42 years - direct Ascendant opposite Sun; Coronation at age 46.05 years - direct Ascendant opposite Pluto at 5.230° a year; promotion to vice-admiral at age 38 - converse MC conjunct Sun at 5.263° a year; and the Silver Jubilee in May 1935 at age 69.92 years - direct MC conjunct Jupiter 5.067° a year, and converse Ascendant conjunct Neptune at 5.103° a year. The last event is significant, as from the positions of Jupiter and Neptune in the Birth Chart one can tell that a significant event would have occurred about a year before death.

In all I found sixteen conjunctions of direct and converse Angles with appropriate planets that corresponded to major events, and the mean of the rates found from them was 5.204° a year. To find the estimate of the

life span, divide this into 360 to get 69.18 years. This is within two years of the actual age at death, and is typical of the results that can be obtained from the LSR. Progressions of the Sun at the LSR rate can give a more accurate estimate, as has already been seen in this case, though it is usually harder at first to correlate Progressions with events. One should always start with the LSR.

[To be continued]

HORARY ANSWER: Am I Pregnant?

See last Issue for the relevant Chart taken from John Appleby's book, *Horary Astrology*. The author answered this question (correctly) as follows: "The indication of pregnancy here is the Moon in the Tenth House applying to Jupiter (Lord of the Fifth) by conjunction in Taurus. However, the perfection of that conjunction is interrupted by the Moon squaring Mercury before closing with Jupiter. It is unnecessary to speculate about the meaning of the Moon-Mercury square, because with Saturn at the Ascendant retrograde the question is destroyed. This is a primary consideration, and the answer to the question is a firm No. The querent was not pregnant."

RE-LOCATE OR NOT RE-LOCATE?

The question arises from time to time as to the efficacy and value of re-locating Birth Charts for the place of living, or the main centre of operations, as distinct from the place of birth. I am referring to both the geniture and the derived Progressed/Directed Ascendant, Midheaven, Part of Fortune and Vertex. The planetary Progressions would remain mathematically the same, though possibly relating to different Houses.

Now that there has been such a vast pattern of migration all over the world, many opportunities arise for studying the astrological effects, and it is particularly significant where the change of residence has been from one hemisphere or continent to another. It is also of prime importance for the people concerned.

Hardly less important, is the question of re-locating Cyclic Charts - Solar, Lunar and Synodic Returns, Age Harmonics, etc. Strong opinions have been expressed both ways. I believe relocating is a valuable technique, but I would like case reports, for or against, from readers who have made their own investigations.

Have a happy - and safe - festive season.
My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

16th December, 1992.

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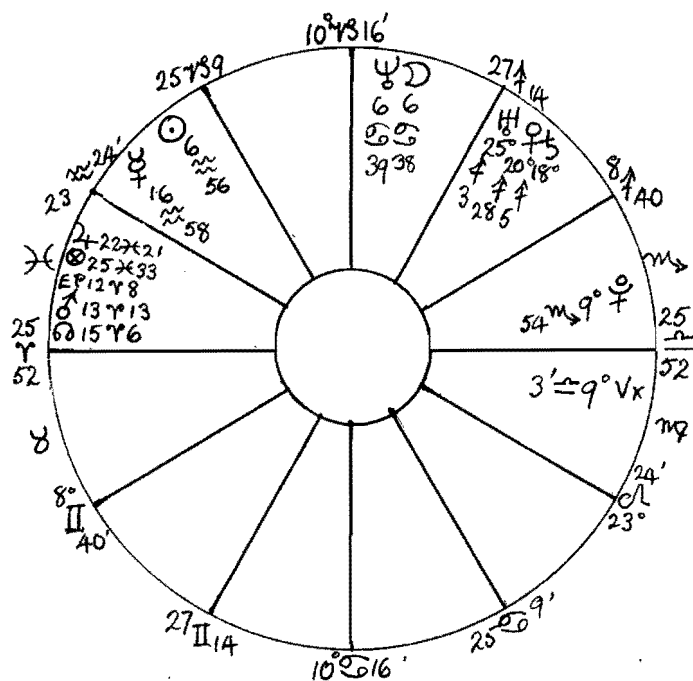
Dear Fellow Astrologer,

TERRY WAITE RELEASED

The welcome news today (19th November) is that after nearly five years in captivity as a hostage of the Islamic Jihad in Lebanon, Terry Waite, the personal envoy of Sir Robert Runcie, then Archbishop of Canterbury, was released yesterday and is now on his way home. This brings to mind the Horary Chart presented by Sue Ward (England) and published in the February 1987 Issue of this Journal. Sue asked the questions before it was known what had happened to Terry Waite, who had been sent by the Church of England to negotiate the release of Western hostages held by the terrorists. Here is the original Chart:

HORARY CHART

Is Terry Waite being held captive? Is he well? When will news of him be received?
27th January 1987, 10:17am UT, 00E45, 51N32.
Regiomontanus Cusps.



These were the comments on the above Chart made at the time:

SUE WARD: "Terry Waite, as a Church Envoy is signified by the 5th House from the 9th, i.e.,

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Aries, the Radical Ascendant. His Significators are Aries and its Ruler, Mars, and the Moon. The Church is shown by Sagittarius on the 9th Cusp, and its Ruler Jupiter, the senders of the Envoy. The message itself is the Moon. It is intended for Mercury, Ruler of the 7th House from the 9th which has Gemini on its Cusp, with Waite as carrier of that message.

"Mars, the principal Significator of Waite is in the 12th House (captivity). This position can also indicate his having undertaken a very long journey.

"Mars is Cadent, and does not aspect the Ascendant, showing he cannot come home, although the applying trine of Mars to Saturn, Ruler of the 12th, shows he could negotiate with his captors, or, as Saturn rules the 4th House from the 9th, that he will return.

"The Moon, Ruler of the original 4th House, is square Mars, showing him detained.

"Mercury, natural significator of news, applies to the dexter sextile of Saturn, Ruler of the original 10th House, the world. In the Ephemeris this sextile is perfected on the morning of the 28th January 1987, when news will be made public. [This was correct. -Ed.]

"Mars is strong in Aries, and the Ascendant not afflicted, so he is well.

"In the Ephemeris, Mars conjuncts the Radical Ascendant on February 14th, which could bring him back home; but it seems rather a long time.

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows confusion with regard to the message he carried. Mercury signifies the person the message is sent to and is in Waite's House of Friends and Objectives. But Mercury is disposed by Saturn, Ruler of the 12th, and is in mutual reception with Saturn [by "Term". See Lilly's *Christian Astrology* page 104. - Ed.] Could it be that the people the message was for are

holding him? The good aspects involving Mars suggest that he may have gone to his captivity willingly."

OLIVIA BARCLAY (Eng.) wrote on the 5th February 1987: "Mars in Aries in the 12th House signifies a long journey to the East - East of Beirut - strong Mars and strong Jupiter by Signs, in health and great faith. In my opinion, Venus shows the obvious enemy, 7th House from the 1st, whereas Waite is in the hands of his unknown or unsuspected enemy, Saturn (being Ruler of the 12th) - his captors are the less obvious ones.

The Moon with Neptune so evident shows duplicity, and one of which Terry Waite may be aware since the Moon is his Co-Significator.

"I do not like the violent final Mars-Uranus aspect (the trine makes it easier). Venus, the obvious opponent, has been with the captors; Venus departs from Saturn, and it is Venus that activates the Mars-Uranus contact. Maybe, Venus seeks the ransom, its antiscion [9°32' Capricorn] falling on the 2nd House of the Church."

DYMOCK: "Perhaps the chief difficulty in Horary Astrology is determining the correct House to signify the person or matter concerned. C.C.Zain (*Horary Astrology*, p.140) says 'In a question which is of interest to the general public, rather than of special importance to the individual who asks it... the querent is not represented in the Chart. Instead, each House takes on its common significance ... and the question belongs to, and should be answered from, the Houses and their rulers thus commonly significant of the affairs chiefly involved.'

"I venture to think, therefore, that this Chart should be read as is. The Querent (Sue Ward) is not represented, but the prime mover, the Church of England, is indicated by the Ascendant in Aries (initiative and enterprise). The terrorists are shown by the Seventh; the Envoy, Terry Waite, by the Fifth (the House of Ambassadors); and the imprisoned hostages by the Twelfth.

"The Moon, Ruler of the 5th, now becomes Terry Waite's Significator, and is appropriately placed in Capricorn, the Sign of the Ambassador. The terrorists are also very appropriately signified by Pluto in the 7th, and the hostages (four university lecturers) by Jupiter in the 12th.

"According to Lilly, the cause of the mission is shown by the planet to which the ambassador's significator applies. In this instance it is Neptune, Co-Ruler of the 12th House, the hostages, in exact conjunction

with the Moon. Waite's mission was to negotiate their release. The Moon's application to the sextile of Pluto shows he made contact with the terrorists. In my view, the exact Neptune conjunction, together with the square of Mars, also means that the mission will be unsuccessful, and that Terry Waite himself will be taken prisoner, as has occurred. The square from Mars looks dangerous for Waite - gunshot wounds? But the Moon's final application to the sextile of Jupiter is reassuring, and I take it to indicate Waite's eventual release - perhaps at the end of June, when Jupiter transits the Radical Ascendant. - Dymock."

Well, Waite was released, though not at the end of June (1987). Now that the drama has unfolded we have the opportunity to examine our interpretation of the Horary Chart in the light of what actually happened. My first thought was to see what Progressions, Directions or Transits in the Horary related to the date of Waite's release from his long ordeal, chained to a wall in a cell. The absence of clear indications here led me to question the traditional use of the 5th House as the "House of Ambassadors". There has never appeared to be any rationale for this. The nearest to a logical reason that I have come across appears in the recent book *Horary Astrology* by Anthony Louis, where he declares the 5th House rules "expressions of the self such as ambassadors, proxies and powers of attorney". I do not find this wholly convincing, either.

The upshot was that I decided to take a fresh look at the Chart in the light of the Progressions, Directions and Transits applicable to the date of Waite's release, because it appeared from my investigations that there had to be a different Significator for Terry Waite other than either the Moon or Mars.

Following C.C.Zain's teaching re questions of public interest (quoted above) I adhered to the idea of the Ascendant representing the Church of England, the motivating force in the matter, but decided that the 9th House, rather than the 5th, was more truly representative of Terry Waite, who was an envoy to foreign parts. The 9th has Sagittarius on the Cusp, so its Ruler, Jupiter, is the Significator of Waite - very apt, as Waite is described as "a big [Jupiter] man [6'2"] with a soft voice [Pisces]". Furthermore, Waite was no ordinary messenger, he was a man specially chosen for his negotiating skills, having had noteworthy success in engineering the release of several

hostages on previous occasions. This is fully consonant with the generic Function Sagittarius - The Sage or Counsellor (see Isabelle Pagan, *The Signs of the Zodiac Analysed*).

With this hypothesis, the prevailing Transits and Directions become highly relevant: On 18th November, the day of Waite's release, at 8:17am EET, Mars transitting at 22°21' Scorpio was exactly trine Radical Jupiter (Waite) at 22°21' Pisces, in the House of Imprisonment. Mars trine Jupiter "frees from servitude, limitation and bondage" (Alan Leo). This Transit, then, timed the release to the day, but it must be remembered that Mars completes a full circuit of the Zodiac every two years, and there are two positions in which Mars trines Jupiter, namely when in Cancer or in Scorpio. Why, therefore, was Waite not released in June 1987, December 1987, June 1989 or December 1989, at which dates Mars again trined Jupiter?

The answer probably lies with Progressions and Directions in Terry Waite's own Geniture, to which, unfortunately I do not have access. However, the Horary Chart does give a series of indications: On 21st September, just two months before the date of release, Venus conjoined Uranus by Radix Direction (0°59'8" a year). This certainly carries the connotation of joy (Venus) from freedom (Uranus). On October the 6th Progressed Mercury sextiled Radical Uranus; on October the 30th the Progressed Ascendant trined the Radical Moon; and on November 25, just 7 days subsequent to Waite's release, Progressed Mercury is sextile to Progressed Uranus.

It should be noticed that if we accept the 9th House as being the true House for Terry Waite, then Uranus is his principal secondary Significator, being only about 2° from the Cusp. Certainly, this implies a break from tradition, which does not recognize Uranus as being a personal Significator in Horary work. If the Chart is re-drawn with Placidian instead of Regiomontanus Cusps, the 9th Cusp is 22°43' of Sagittarius, instead of 27°14', and then both Uranus and Venus become secondary Significators.

A further clue lies in the current Solar Return from the Horary Chart. Here it is, with the Radix inscribed around it. This concentric arrangement, with the Radix outside instead of inside as more commonly presented, gives a better picture of the situation. I regularly use it for all manner of Charts, both Progressed and Cyclic.

The accent is again on Uranus, the indications of release and freedom being Radical Uranus, now conjunct the Midheaven, and the reciprocal action of Radical

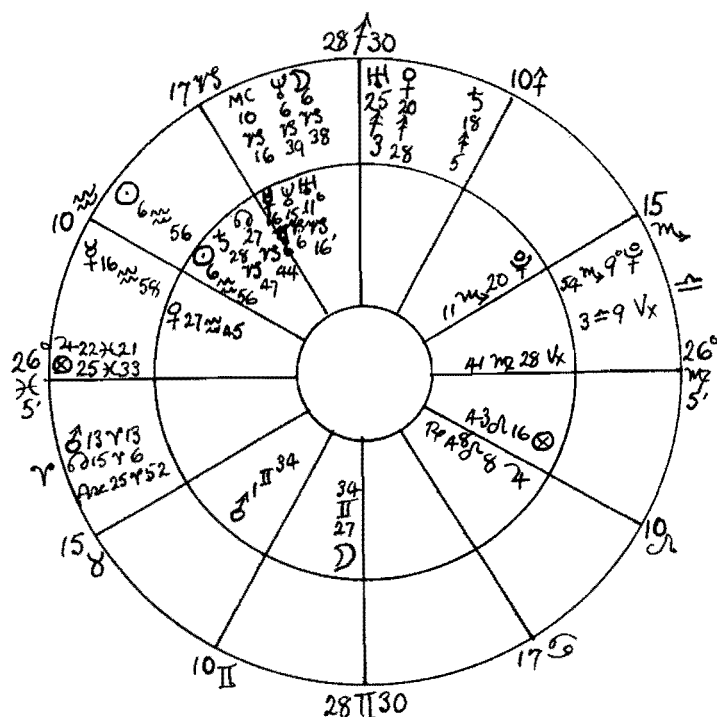
Midheaven conjunct SR-Uranus; also Radical Jupiter and Fortuna conjunct SR-Ascendant, and Radical Sun opposite SR-Jupiter (expansion!); plus Radical Uranus in a T-Square with SR-Moon and SR-Vertex (a breaking of bonds). The Angularity of the planets gives them power, and the Vertex adds impact.

4TH SOLAR RETURN (27 JAN.1991 - 27 JAN.1992)

(Inner Circle: Solar Return; Outer: Radix)

27 Jan.1991, 9:25:50 GMT; 51°32'N, 0°45'E.

Solar-Return Placidian Cusps.



This kidnapping of Terry Waite, and Sue Wards's Horary Chart relating to it, have given us a rare opportunity to investigate and substantiate Horary doctrine in a less-than-common situation.

- Dymock.

Book Review

Derek Appleby: *HORARY ASTROLOGY.*

An Introduction to the Astrology of Time

Derek Appleby's is the second of the three books mentioned in the October Issue. It has two subtitles, the one appearing above, which is on the cover of the book and, more appropriately, *The Art of Astrological Divination*, inside on the fly leaf. The book is a paper back from the Aquarian Press selling at around \$15, and containing the author's interpretation of about 50 Horary Charts, on which the aspiring Horary astrologer can exercise his own knowledge and judgement.

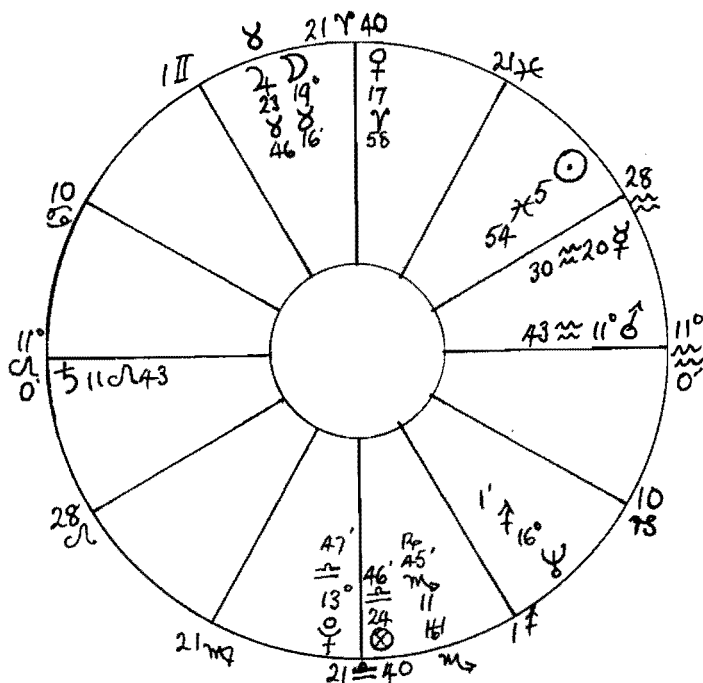
The Charts, comprising Part Two of the book and entitled "Collected Judgements", are grouped by theme - "Marriage and Relation-

ships", "Births and Babies", "Property", "Education". "Career and Status", "Loss and Theft", "Sickness and Death" and "Miscellaneous". This is representative of the general run of questions that a Horary Astrologer is asked, and a study of them will certainly acquaint him/her with the basics of interpretation. It is unfortunate that the Charts are rather small, with the planets cramped together, which makes them difficult to read. However the earnest student will not balk at re-drawing them in a more legible manner.

Here is a typical Chart for readers to exercise their skills:

Question: Am I pregnant?

24th February 1977, 3:30pm GMT, London.



Appleby's reading will be given in the next Issue.

There is much information relating to the Horary Art in general, and the author gives his view on a number of controversial points as well as supplementing current practice with some new material. For example (page 200) "... a good, uninterrupted applying aspect between Sun and Moon is a very powerful indication of success, and the only time I have known it fail is when one of the Lights has been upon the degree of a malefic fixed star."

The author further declares, "My main purpose in this book has been to demonstrate by example how to approach a chart and how to apply oneself to the resolution of a question." It is wise to understand the difficulties the heavens have in producing answers to all manner of questions. We have to accept what we are given and make the best of it. If all the planets are contained within the space of two Houses, and neither

of those Houses relates to the matter under consideration, but the chart is a valid one, do not reject the chart as unreasonable; the answer is there somewhere, and you must use all your ingenuity, intuition and any other powers you possess. Your approach should always be flexible."

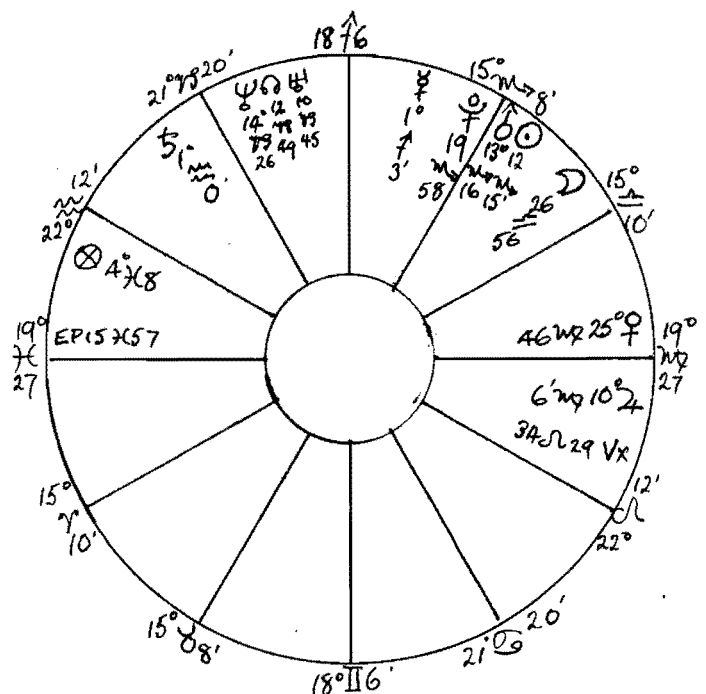
The astrologer does not always get it right, and it is to Appleby's credit that he has included a number of his own errors, rather than present a false front of omniscience.

The book is marred here and there by editorial or other mistakes, such as the one on page 195, dealing with the invasion of the Falkland Islands in 1982. Something has been inadvertently omitted, which makes nonsense of the interpretation. Despite such errors, the book is well worth the money and, along with Olivia Barclay's book reviewed last month, should be acquired by all who aspire to the Horary Art.

My apologies to readers for inadvertently omitting the planets from this Chart in the last Issue. As all the Cusps were identified, no doubt those interested would have filled in the planets straight from the Ephemeris, but here is the complete Chart again.

MELBOURNE CUP 1991

5th November, 3:33pm, Flemington, Victoria.
37°47'S, 144°54'E. Placidian Cusps.



As was noted in the October Issue, the winner, LET'S ELOPE, correlates with Venus near the 7th Cusp, and the 2nd placegetter, SHIVA'S REVENGE, with Pluto, Mars and the Sun in Scorpio near the 9th Cusp.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

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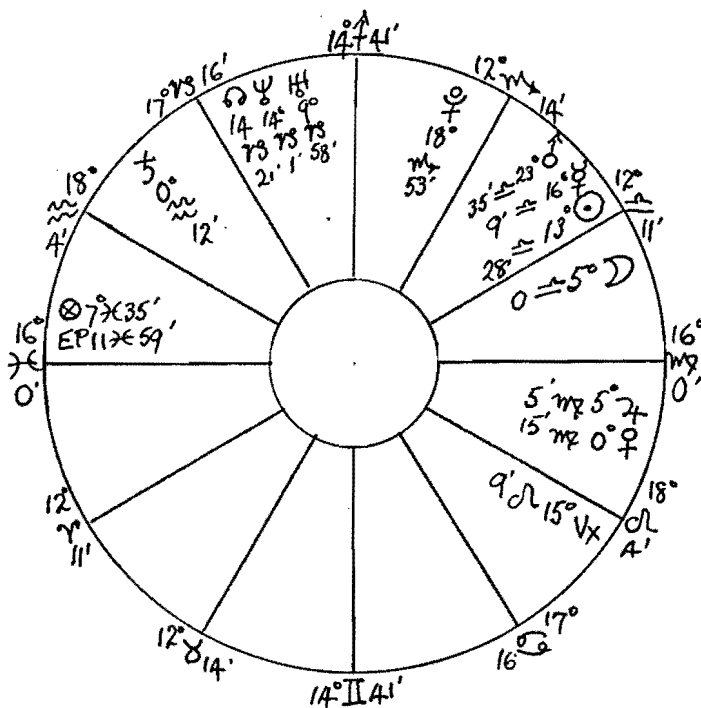
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Those who follow horse-racing can sometimes pick up some fairly obvious winners. One such was the Metropolitan Race of 2600 Metres at Randwick, NSW, on 7th October last. The race was due to start at 3:45pm, so I timed the Chart for two minutes later, 3:47pm, to approximate the finishing time after allowing for the running of the race and a possible small delay at the barrier. Here is the Chart, and the starters:

METROPOLITAN 2600M

7th October 1991, Randwick, 3:47 pm.
33s55, 151e15. Placidian Cusps.



Starters:

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| 1. Just A Dancer | 2. Solar Circle |
| 3. Lord Revenir | 4. Off The Record |
| 5. Princeville | 6. Magnolia Hall |
| 7. Maharajah | 8. Galilei |
| 9. Rural Prince | 10. Moods |
| 11. Pontiac Lass | 12. Coy County |
| 13. Destiny Boy | 14. Garter King |
| 15. Guile | 16. Tredegar Lad |
| 17. Din's Joy | 18. Initial Approach |
| 19. Pompeius | |

Following the method outlined in *Astrologers' Forum* No.120, I scanned the Chart for con-

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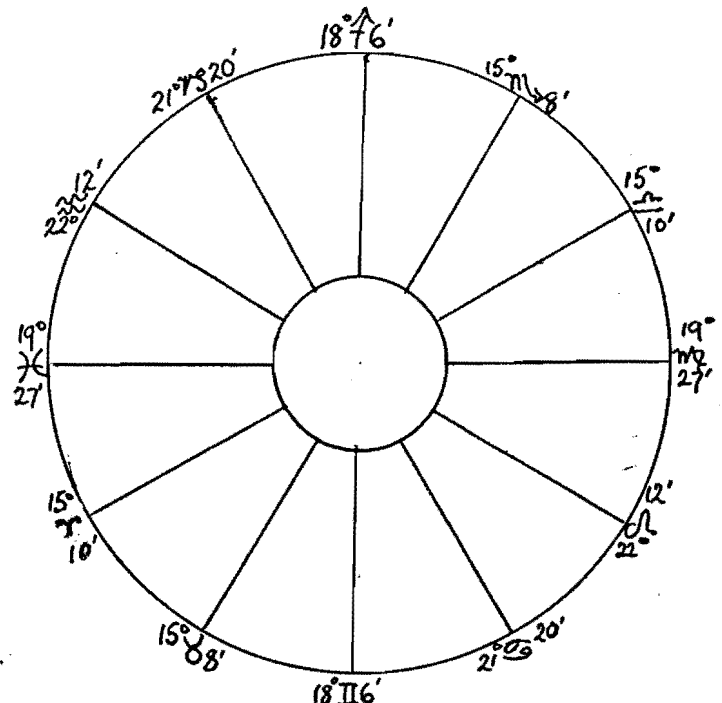
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junctions to a Cusp, and immediately fastened on the SUN, which appears a little more than 1° above the 8th Placidian Cusp. No other planet appears so close to a Cusp, so the Sun is the dominant Significator.

Inspection of the list of starters reveals three horses that are signified by the Sun: Lord Revenir, Garter King and Maharajah. Garter King could be eliminated from consideration on the grounds of its being out-classed. Of the other two, Lord Revenir won, and Maharajah came second.

MELBOURNE CUP 1991

5th November, 3:33 pm, Flemington, Victoria.
37°47' S., 144°54' E. Placidian Cusps.



The above Chart is calculated for three minutes past the official starting time

(3:30pm) to approximate the finish. The race has just been run this day, so only a post-mortem is possible. The winner was LET'S ELOPE, with SHIVA'S REVENGE 2nd, and MAGNOLIA HALL 3rd. LET'S ELOPE can be referred to Venus, The Unifier, just above the 7th Cusp (Unions). SHIVA'S REVENGE clearly relates to the only other group of planets close to a Cusp - Pluto, Mars and the Sun, near the 9th, and all in Scorpio, the Sign of Revenge. Shiva is the Indian God known as the Destroyer (Pluto). How much easier it is in hindsight! I do not see any obvious connection with the 3rd place-getter, MAGNOLIA HALL.

- Dymock.

HORARY ASTROLOGY - NEW BOOKS

It appears that the astrological fraternity has at last woken up to the value of Horary Astrology, which this publication has been advocating for years. Up to date there have hardly been any books of note on this branch of the art other than those that were written fifty or more years ago. Now, in the space of a year, we are treated to three worthy publications by modern practitioners. It is a refreshing change, and one that will direct the attention of many of those as yet uninitiated to what the author Robert De Luce called "the most useful and practical branch" of astrology - the Horary art.

The three books referred to are *Horary Astrology REDISCOVERED* by Olivia Barclay, *Horary Astrology: An Introduction to the Astrology of Time* by Derek Appleby, and *Horary Astrology: The History and Practice of Astro-Divination* by Anthony Louis. The first publication is reviewed here; the other two will be looked at in future issues of this journal.

Horary Astrology REDISCOVERED is the work of Olivia Barclay, Q.H.P. (Qualified Horary Astrologer). The subtitle is *A Study in Classical Astrology* and in Part Four: History, the author draws on her extensive knowledge of the writings of the early astrologers - Manilius, who lived about the time of Christ, Vettius Valens (2nd Century AD), Ptolemy (about AD 100), Palchus, Al Biruni, and others of more recent times such as Duplepper and William Lilly. This section is a unique contribution, and the reader cannot but be infected with the author's respect for the ancients and her enthusiasm for their teachings. As she points out, their astrology was very down-to-earth and practical, in contrast with the modern trend to treat almost everything in psychological terms, a procedure that allows the practitioners a great deal of latitude - or licence - as who

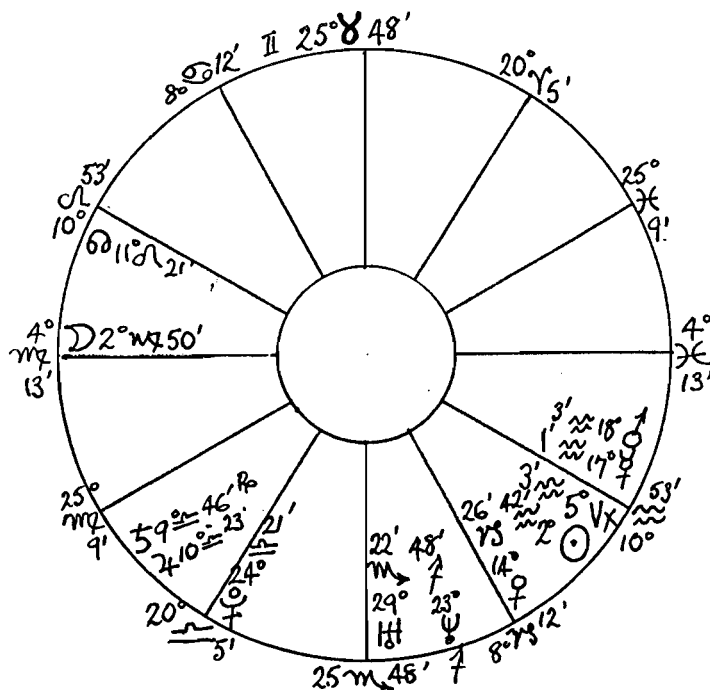
can say whether their effusions are true or otherwise. Undoubtedly they degenerate into meaningless waffle at times, whereas the interpretations of the early astrologers were both definite and practical.

The above is something of a digression in this review of Olivia Barclay's book, for its principal theme is Horary Astrology itself, understanding and practising it. This is certainly rewarding. As the author says, the problems that arise in daily life are the realm of Horary. "It is much simpler to ask a direct question and work out a direct answer, than to wrest it from a natal chart with progressions, transits and ambiguities."

Olivia gives a lucid exposition of the nature and meaning of the planets, Signs and Houses, more especially in relation to Horary Astrology but relevant also to the delineation of birth horoscopes.

Part Two deals with specific questions, and how to answer them by horary means. Typical questions are "Shall we stay together?", "Will my wife come back to me?", "Where is my front door key?", "Will we get the House?". The study of practical examples is the best way to become familiar with the technique. Here is one of the Charts from Olivia's book, answering the questions, "Will my husband ever go? Will there be a divorce?"

Horary Chart 22nd January 1981, 7:20pm GMT
51°13'N., 1°24'E. Regiomontanus Cusps.



From this Chart Olivia deduced (correctly) that (1) the husband had another partner, and was living at the Querent's expense, (2) the husband's new partner was moving away from him, (3) the querent was also interested in someone else, (4) a separation would occur at

a stated time, and divorce would follow, (5) the Querent was concerned for her daughter. How all this was read from the Chart is an exercise that readers might care to set themselves, and buy the book to find out how correct they were.

Part Three is an introduction to Mundane Astrology, using event charts, and deals with the disaster at Bhopal, the Libyan Reprisals (after the United States bombing in April 1986), the *Challenger* Space-Shuttle disaster in January 1986 and the Bradford fire of May 1985. These are instructive, and a useful adjunct to the more usual horary questions.

The book contains an extensive glossary, a bibliography and an index. It is published by the Whitford Press, and sells in Australia at \$38. I recommend it. - Dymock.

Mikhail Gorbachev

Dr. MARGARET MILLARD (England) writes as follows: I do not know the birth time of Mikhail Gorbachev--no one does--and there are at least six Charts floating around. But I do know the birth coordinates. Privolnye is his birth place, a village so small that it is not on the maps, but I wrote to the cartography section of the National Geographic Society in Washington D.C. and asked them for the latitude and longitude of the Privolnye near Stavropol, his nearest big town. They sent me a list of 22 Privolnyes, but only one was possible, for the coordinates of the place where he went to school eight miles away were known, and 45°55' North and 41°19' East fitted perfectly.

I rectified the Chart by using Converse and Direct Secondaries by the method RA of Event-Sun minus RA of Natal-Sun divided by 360 and multiplied by 24 equals time in hours to be added to the birth time, to give the time of the day, which is, of course, the day for the day-equals-one-year measurement. I found one startling Converse Secondary dated January 4 1931, at 16:23:54 in Privolnye, which equated to the signing of the IMF Treaty on 8th December 1987. Seven planets were Angular. I considered that this Treaty was the end of the Cold War, and the most important event of our era.

My first choice for Gorbachev's Chart was with 10° Cancer rising, as Jupiter in Exaltation would be on the Ascendant, and the Sun trine Jupiter near the Midheaven. But for this Chart, in the IMF Treaty Converse Secondary the Sun-Moon opposition fell in the Twelfth House, so I moved the birth time two hours back to place them in the First-Seventh Houses, and found a Gemini Ascendant. I

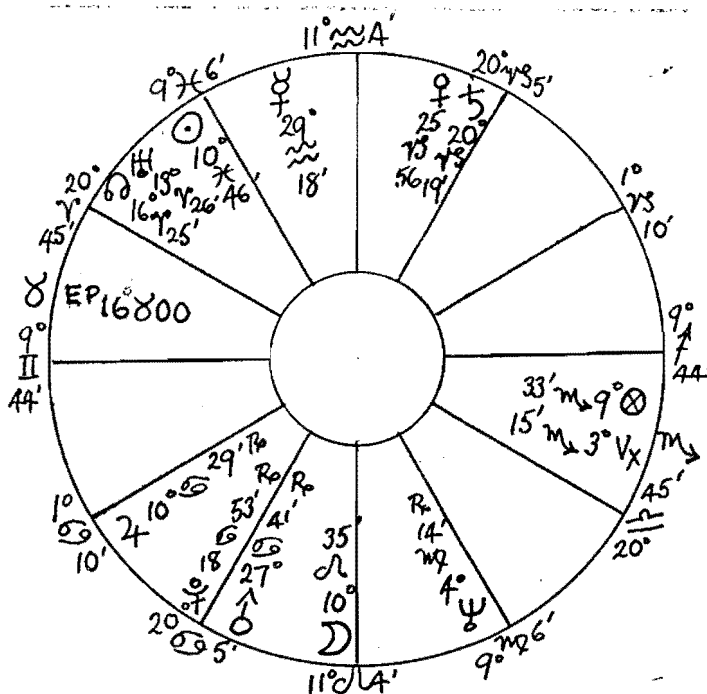
tested the Leo-rising Chart, but none fitted as well. Later I read the book of Joan Quigley - Reagan's astrologer - and she had rectified his Chart to have Gemini rising, but she didn't give the degree. In my Chart for Gorbachev, 9°44' Gemini rising puts Aldebaran and Antares across the Ascendant-Descendant. Aldebaran is supposed to be fortunate, but in the end the native will fall. Antares, the Rival of Mars, promises strife with open enemies.

I did lots of Direct and Converse Secondaries, and then decided to try Ronald Davison's and Alexander Marr's method of precession-corrected Ascendant-Lunar Charts. I used quite a collection of events, and I think that my Chart is pretty close. As 9°-10° Gemini is in the Term and Face of Jupiter, I have found the Jupiterian influence. Gorbachev does seem very Jupiterian to me. (Can his birth mark be the thunderbolt of Jove?

I finished fine-tuning my rectification with Topocentric Primary Directions. So here it is: 2nd March 1931, 10:32:20am, 45°55'N, 41°19'E.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

2nd March 1931, Privolyne, near Stavropol
45N55, 41E19; 10:32:20am. Placidian Cusps.
(Margaret Millard's Rectification).



Do Progressions Always Act?

by Leslie Black

The subject of Progressions/Directions has always been an enigma to a large section of professional astrologers and students alike.

especially when they look for benefits from a good aspect by Progression when it does not exist in the horoscope. It must be remembered that it is no use looking to a benefic Progression between the Moon and Jupiter when these two planets are in adverse aspect at birth. So the question must be, "Does a good Progression/Direction overcome a Radical evil position?" In my estimation it cannot do so. So why look to an aspect that does not exist in a horoscope?

For instance, say the Sun or Moon are in square aspect to Jupiter at birth. What we should look for are the various periods in life when that Radical aspect will operate. Similarly, if the Sun is in benefic aspect with Saturn, we should look for the various periods in the life when that Radical aspect will take effect. After all, the horoscope governs the whole life, and nothing can happen to a person but what is shown in that Radical chart. The supposition is that if the Sun is in square to Saturn at birth a benefic Direction between the Sun and Saturn will produce important [benefic] results. My opinion is that it does not, there being plenty of evidence on record to confirm this view.

Suppose a horoscope contains a close benefic aspect between the Moon and Uranus. The main question is, when will this aspect operate in life? The answer is quite simple that is, when one of the Significators - MC, Ascendant, Sun or Moon - forms benefic Directions to the two - sextile to one and trine to the other. It may be that one of these Significators is in adverse aspect at birth to either the Moon or Uranus. That may be so, but the birth aspect between these two planets is brought into action by the Progression of the Significators.

I have a case in mind for an example A person born on 12th March 1949, 23:15 GMT, at latitude 53°24'N, longitude 2°50'W. The Moon is in 26° of Leo, Uranus in 26° of Gemini, and the Sun in 22° of Pisces. The Sun is applying to the square of Uranus, but is not in aspect to the Moon. When, however, the Sun Progressed to Aries 26° it was sextile to Uranus and trine to the Moon, and the benefic effects of the Moon sextile Uranus were brought into action by the Progressed Sun.

I cannot understand why so little attention is paid in text books to the influence of Radical aspects and when they will act in the life, and so much attention is paid to aspects by Progression that are contrary to those in the horoscope.

(Further observations and comments on this subject are invited. Please cite experience, not theory or speculation - Ed.)

HOSPITAL LATITUDES/LONGITUDES

The following list of Major Hospitals is published by courtesy of Gwen Stoney (NSW) who researched the information.

<u>SYDNEY</u>	LAT.	LONG.
Auburn	33S 51'43"	151E 01'55"
Ashfield	33S 53 30"	151E 07'30"
Balmain	33S 51'40"	151E 10'50"
Bankstown	33S 56'06"	151E 01'10"
Bethesda, Mrckvl.	33S 54'24"	151E 10'04"
Blacktown	33S 46'20"	150E 55'
Crown St. Sydney	33S 53'10"	151E 12'45"
Canterbury	33S 55'20"	151E 05'52"
Camperdown	33S 53	151E 10'27"
Castlecrag	33S 48'11"	151E 13'
Concord	33S 50'30"	151E 05'30"
Fairfield	33S 52'47"	150E 57'55"
Hornsby	33S 42'11"	151E 06'40"
King George V	33S 53'30"	151E 10'50"
Liverpool	33S 55'22"	150E 55'45"
Manly	33S 48'30"	151E 17'30"
Mater, N.Sydney	33S 49'57"	151E 12'04"
Mona Vale	33S 41'15"	151E 18'26"
North Shore Clinic	33S 50'10"	151E 12'45"
Paddington	33S 53'05"	151E 13'30"
Parramatta	33S 48'48"	150E 00'03"
Penrith	33S 45'	150E 42'
Randwick	33S 55'13"	151E 14'30"
Royal North Shore	33S 49'22"	151E 11'26"
Ryde	33S 47'58"	151E 05'34"
Sanitarium, Whrnga.	33S 44'07"	151E 05'54"
St.George, Kogarah	33S 58'10"	151E 08'04"
St.Lukes, Potts Pt.	33S 52'35"	151E 13'30"
St.Margarets, D'hst.	33S 53'02"	151E 12'51"
War Memorial	33S 53'57"	151E 15'10"
Westmead	33S 48'15"	150E 59'08"
<u>NEWCASTLE</u>	32S 55'53"	151E 46'46"
Adamstown	32S 55'52"	151E 44'
<u>MELBOURNE</u>		
Mercy	37S 48'50"	144E 59'
Pr.Alfred, Prahan	37S 50'51"	144E 57'10"
Queen Victoria	37S 48'45"	144E 57'55"
Royal Womens	37S 48'07"	144E 57'11"
<u>CANBERRA</u>		
Old Canberra	35S 17'19"	149E 06'52"
Parliament House	35S 18'12"	149E 07'43"
Royal Canberra	35S 17'38"	149E 07'10"
Calvary	35S 15'16"	149E 05'20"
Woden Valley	35S 20'49"	149E 06'
Queanbeyan	35S 21'34"	149E 13'50"
<u>BRISBANE</u>		
Royal Brisbane	27S 26'56"	153E 01'39"
Mater	27S 29'17"	153E 01'35"

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
4th November 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The astonishing changes in what was until now the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics are without parallel in modern history, and it is a struggle to keep up with them. Here, Allan Johnson gives an astrological view:

The Russian Scene
by Allan Johnson.

At the beginning of 1990 I wrote a couple of articles on the future of Mikhail Gorbachev and the Soviet Union. Now the excitement of the recent Coup has subsided it is time for some more comments. Actually, next to an assassination, a coup is the most drastic life and death situation any leader can be involved in. It is usually a competition with no consolation prizes - either you win and you keep your head, or you don't! Those who were the losers have found this out. So it is interesting to see how this correlates with Gorbachev's Chart. Actually, his Progressed Sun squaring Progressed Mars was spot on. Of course, that type of aspect can spread over several years, as Mars moves at a slightly slower rate than the Sun, but there has to be a "flash point", and that is what has just taken place. This was backed up by transits of Neptune/Uranus to his T-Square pattern involving Uranus, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto. The Neptune transit was highly important here, being within 1° orb of the square to Natal Uranus. Neptune is not usually associated with violence, but is associated with treachery and intrigue, which must necessarily always be involved in a coup. A lot of the people in whom he placed considerable trust were part of the plot. Neptune squared the Node, too, which added to the fuel, while Uranus was within a 3°-orb of the square to its own Natal position. I have always found that 3° are quite valid for Transits. But, of course, the whole configuration would have been highly activated.

I previously predicted that Gorbachev would survive these dangerous years, and I think now that the really high point of his danger has passed. But he still has quite a few dangerous years ahead, particularly through 1992/3, when Neptune and Uranus will be in tandem and linking with his Natal Pluto/

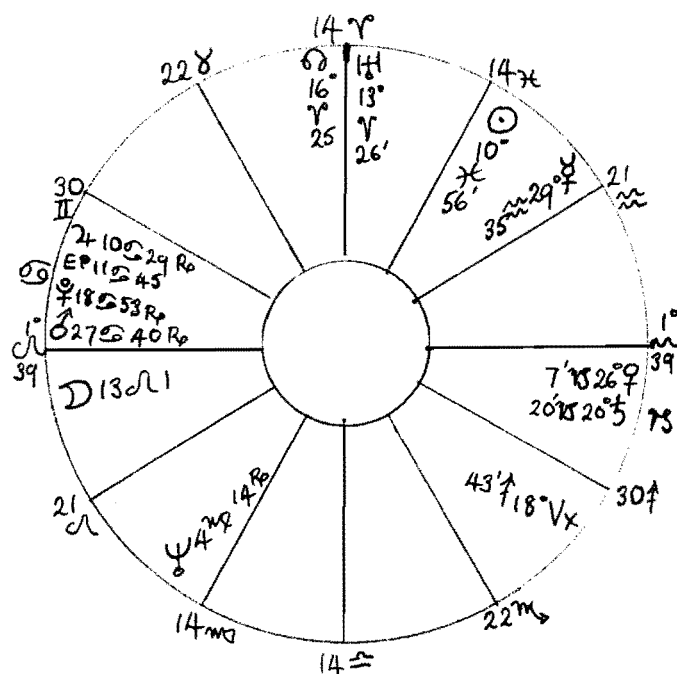
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[Editor's note: Here is Gorbachev's Horoscope for the speculative time of 2:26pm, which I based on the abortive Coup of 20th August.]

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

2nd March 1931. Stavropol, USSR.
45°2'N, 41°59'E. Speculative time 2:26pm.
Placidean Cusps.



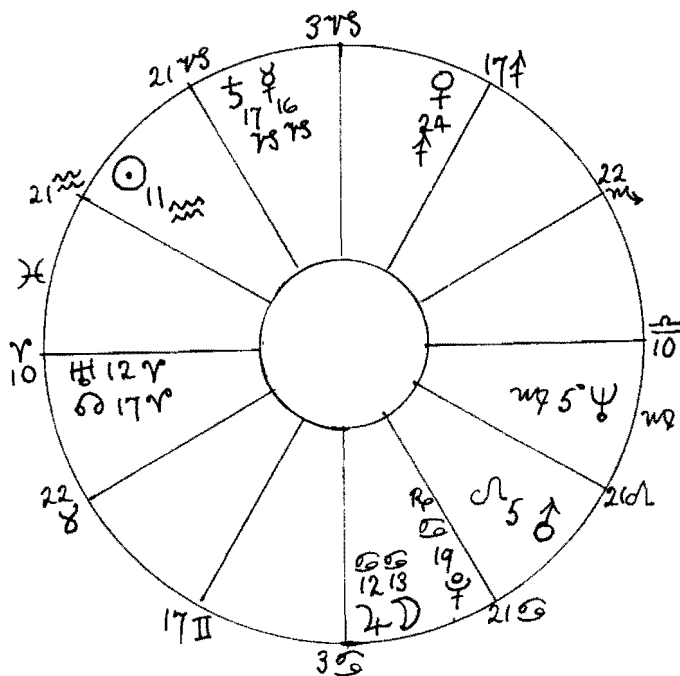
Saturn opposition. I did mention these as "The Years of Living Dangerously", which is the title of a book by Christopher Koch, written around another coup in Indonesia in the 1960's. His successful survival of the Coup could diminish the dangers of 1992/3.

When I wrote the articles at the beginning of 1990 there were no rivals in sight, but this is no longer the case now that Boris Yeltsin has entered the picture. Yeltsin was born about a month before Gorbachev (1st Feb. 1931, in Siberia) so the same configuration involving the four outer planets in the

Cardinal Signs is also present in his Chart, which is why destiny has brought him to the fore at the same time as Gorbachev. Of course we have to work without a time of birth, but to me his appearance suggests an Aquarian Ascendant. But a Chart erected for that Ascendant won't give the planetary layout in the Houses appropriate to what we know of his life story. So an alternative possibility is to put Uranus on the Ascendant, giving Aries as the Rising Sign. This does seem to figure. It puts all the Cardinal planets in the Angular Houses, making for a highly dramatic destiny pattern. He is regarded as a *maverick*, which fits a person with Uranus in Aries rising. He has a taste for raw political combat, very outspoken in a country where few people risk it. This Chart also puts Saturn in the 10th House, appropriate for a power-seeking person. He has been called a "mercurial politician" and Mercury is also in his 10th. He enjoys the limelight, yet is said to live a reclusive home life and values his privacy - which could be signified by a strong 4th House and 4th/10th-opposition planets. So I think this Chart has its logic.

BORIS YELTSIN

1st February 1931, Sverd Lovsk, Siberia
56°50' N, 60°30' E. Speculative Time. Koch.



Where Yeltsin gets an edge on Gorbachev is that he is an Aquarian with the Sun opposite Mars, whereas Gorbachev is a Piscean with the Sun opposite Neptune. So Yeltsin is bound to be the more forceful and decisive, yet at the beginning of the reform movement Gorbachev

could have been the right person. His ambivalence enabled him to get support from both sides of the spectrum, which was essential at that time, but this became his drawback in the long run, which he himself has admitted. With the developing disintegration of the Soviet Union, Russia, with its 150-million population, must emerge as the most powerful force, and with it Yeltsin as its elected leader.

Yeltsin's Transits in 1992/3 give a similar picture to Gorbachev, with Neptune/Uranus linking with the Natal Pluto/Saturn opposition. So it is not going to be easy for either of them, and there will be the danger of intrigues and treachery. So there is the potential for conflict between them. I don't see Gorbachev dropping out of the race and leaving the stage to Yeltsin. At the time of writing (16th September) he seems to be bouncing back to popularity.

Yeltsin's Progressions show his Progressed Sun coming to the conjunction of Natal Uranus and square to Jupiter, which figures very much for what has been happening. His T-Square configuration is being activated by the Progressed Sun as well as the Uranus/Neptune Transits. All this suggests that neither man has really got his act together, and there could be further surprise developments, but the whole thing should be looked at with the widespread economic upheavals across the country as a backdrop. Both Charts show unmistakable stress, but this may be due to the *convulsions of the country itself*, rather than a conflict between each other. They may see their individual salvations in working in cooperation. But 1992/3 are still to be key years.

A NEW TECHNIQUE IN SYNASTRY

by Ross Harvey.

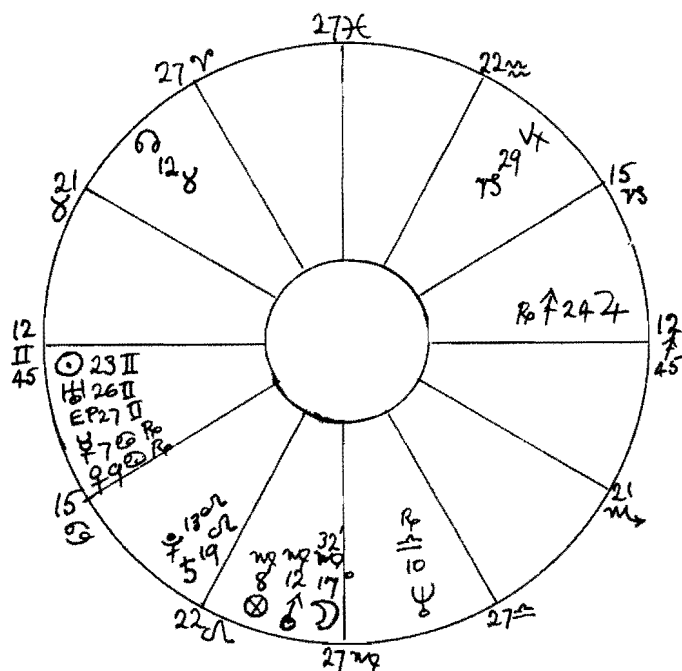
I have noticed that conventional synastry does not always explain why two people are attracted - or why they cannot stand each other! Others have had the same experience; hence the various relationship charts that have been proposed, none of which I find totally satisfactory. In conventional synastry the two charts are effectively superimposed with the degrees of longitude aligned, but it occurred to me that 0° Aries is not the centre of the chart, but rather the Sun and Moon are. So I propose that 360° dials be made of the two charts and one cut out so that it can be superimposed on the other and rotated, and that first the Sun of

one chart should be put on top of the Sun in the other, then the Moons aligned, and the Sun of one be put on the Moon of the others, and then vice-versa. Two people (or any entities for which charts can be erected) will be attracted to each other if the distances between important points of one chart equal the distances between important points of the other. Either the Sun or the Moon must be one of the points, hence one aligns them. The more such correspondences can be found the greater the attraction, while the total absence of correspondence suggests that the two people have nothing in common.

Here are the charts of a married couple whom I have called John and Kate. Apart from his Moon opposite her Sun, his MC conjunct her Mercury and his Ascendant trine her Saturn, the normal inter-chart aspects are not striking. Would anyone have picked these two as husband and wife?

"JOHN"

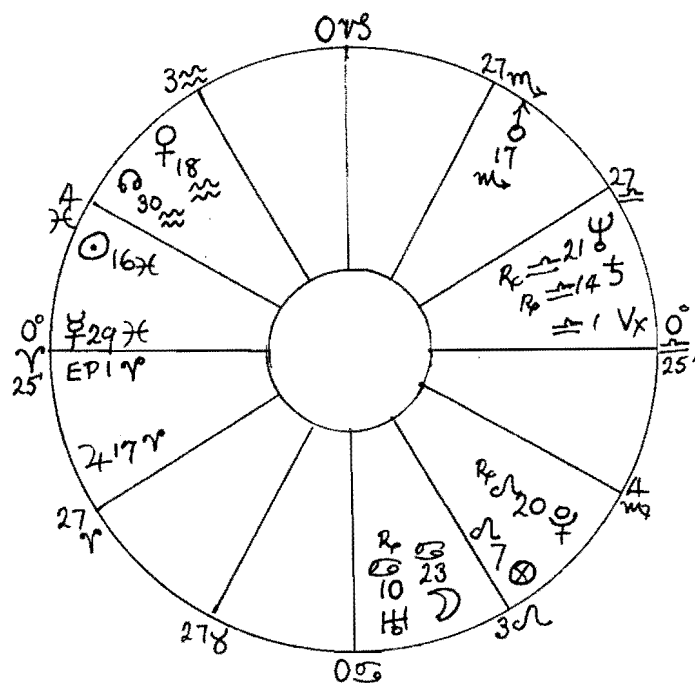
14th June 1948, 6:16am, Castlecrag, NSW.
33°48' S, 151°13' E. Placidian Cusps.



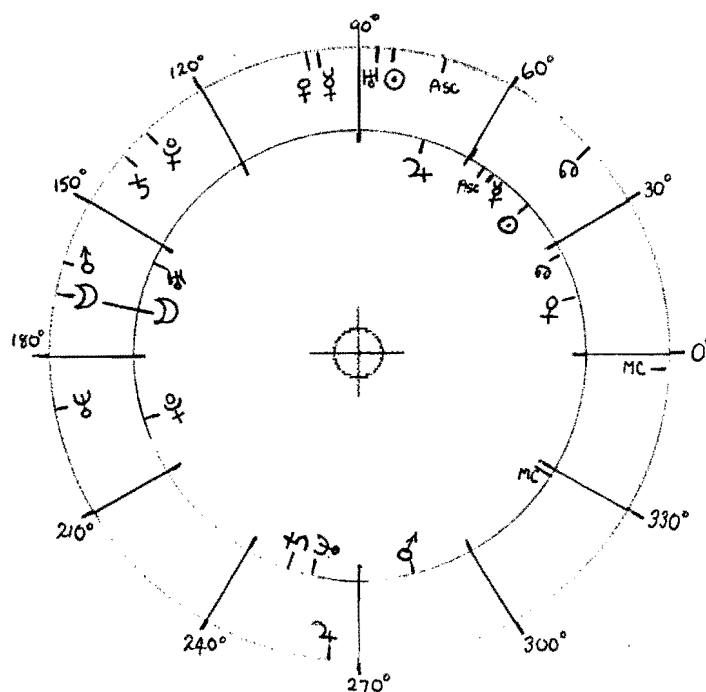
Now turn to the 360° dials and superimpose Kate's Chart on John's. Firstly, align the Suns: Then her Ascendant/Mercury conjunction becomes conjunct his Mercury/Venus conjunction, and her Jupiter is trine his MC. Then align the Moons: In the present case this is the most important comparison, for now her Jupiter is conjunct his Ascendant, her Sun conjunct his Node, her Mars opposes his Venus (Venus/Mars contacts are usual for sexual

"KATE"

7th March 1952, 7:24am, Melbourne
37°49' S, 144°58' E. Placidian Cusps.



"Kate's" Chart superimposed on "John's"
("John" outer circle, "Kate" inner circle)



attraction), her Saturn and Neptune opposite his Ascendant, her Pluto trine his Ascendant and her MC trine his Sun. The crucial contact between the two Charts is revealed here: Her Moon-Jupiter distance (95°6') is the same as his Moon-Ascendant distance (94°47'), and her Sun-Moon angle (126°18') the same as his Moon-Node angle (125°26'). I suspect that the

Sun-Moon angle may be of special importance, and is usually involved when two people are close to each other. Note, too, that the Node is especially important in relationships. When several inter-planet distances in one chart are the same as distances in the other, the two charts "lock together", and so do the people. Note, too, that Saturn in a favourable comparison indicates permanence, while in an unfavourable one it suggests alienation.

Other alignments are possible: Her Sun on his Moon, her Moon on his Sun, and then the Ascendants can be aligned and so can the MC'S. I suggest that readers make such 360° dials for themselves, either using these two Charts, or their own and their partner's, or of any obviously compatible couples known to them, and see for themselves how the two charts can be aligned to find similar inter-planet distances in the two charts.

This technique need not be restricted to inter-personal relationships. I recently had occasion to look at the chart of a person who is considering moving to the UK to further his career. In the alignment of his Sun with the Sun in the 1922 UK Chart (see *Mundane Astrology* by Baigent, Campion and Harvey, p.434) there were no less than six other conjunctions produced, including the UK-Moon on his Jupiter, the UK-Jupiter on his MC and the UK MC on his Pluto. Obviously emigration is a good idea for him! In another case of a person who recently spent a year in London and did not like it at all, when the Sun's were aligned there was not one other conjunction to be found.

EXTENSION OF THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION by Ross Harvey.

I have further developed the Life-Span Revolution. What appears to be the final form is that the birth chart as a whole does one complete revolution both forwards and backwards, and that these revolutions correspond to the life span. Converse motion works as well as direct, and is usually needed to account for all major events. Curiously, in most cases the rate for converse motion will differ very slightly from that for direct motion. As an example take my own Chart again: The Ascendant by converse motion has to come to a conjunction with Mars (and consequently a square to Saturn) some time in my 'teens. The only dramatic events were my father's death and my going to university (which I hated), both within a few weeks of each other, and if the

Ascendant comes to Mars for my father's death at age 16.6 years the rate is 3.38° degrees a year. The converse MC comes to Jupiter in my twenties, and must correspond to my first trip to the UK at age 28.5 years, for a rate of 3.33° a year. The average converse rate is 3.33° a year.

A further extension of the method is to direct the planets both forwards and backwards at the rates for the Angles. I use the PEA approach, that is, ignore celestial latitude and use the Placidus equations. When this is done Mars direct comes to the MC at age 21.9 (going to art school), and Jupiter comes to the Ascendant in May '92 (the probable date of my London exhibition (which has been delayed by the recession)). Mars is by far the most common planet to be associated with the death of parent in fairly early life. Note that I admit only conjunctions of the planets to the Angles, and conjunctions and oppositions of the Sun. In Queen Victoria's case (see last Issue), for the death of Prince Albert, both the Sun and Moon by direct motion were opposite Radical Mars.

Yet another extension of this method is that Progressions at the life-span rates also work well, that is, one whole year both after and before birth correspond to the total life span. In my own case, Progressed Sun becomes conjunct Progressed Pluto in my teens, and once again this has to be my father's death. This gives a rate of 3.6° a year for direct Progressions. Progressed Sun was trine Prog.Uranus at age 38.8 years (gave up teaching); Regressed Sun, Regr.Venus and Regr.Mercury were square the Ascendant at age 18.6 (gave up science); Prog.Mars was conjunct the Ascendant at age 21 (art school), and Progr.Sun was sextile Radical Venus and Progr.Uranus for the same event; and Regr.Venus was sextile the MC, Regr.Sun was square Radical Moon, and Regr.Mars was trine the Ascendant at age 28.5 (trip to the U.K.). The near future looks good, with the Progressed Ascendant conjunct Prog.Jupiter at age 44, and Regr.Sun conjunct Rad.Jupiter at age 43, among other positive indications. Provided one has a sufficiently extensive biography these Progressions (of the Sun) can be useful in enabling one to estimate the life span in cases where the birth time is uncertain, and it is possible that the rates obtained from Progressions may be more accurate than those from the Revolution.

My kind regards to all, Dymock,
30th September, 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Ross Harvey's article is continued from last month. For Ross Harvey's Horoscope see *Astrologers' Forum* No.83/84.

THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION

This, incidentally gives a likely life span of 99 years! ($360 \div 3.625$). Jupiter anti-culminates at age 23 (first serious romance); Mars sets at age 26.2 (left art school); Pluto culminates at age 27.2 (job at the Tech.); Mercury sets at age 28.5 (first trip to UK); Sun sets at age 31.3 (first exhibition); Saturn culminates at age 31.6 - the promise of my first show was not followed up, and this baleful influence has lasted until the present, when Neptune culminates at the time of writing. Venus sets at age 35.7 (third European trip). Jupiter rises at age 44 - it obviously has still to rise, as nothing out of the ordinary has happened in the last couple of years, though there are many indications that the next two years will change all that. Note that the timing is not as precise as one would expect from Progressions - to the nearest year is often all one can expect.

J.F.Kennedy's Chart (see *A.F.* No.81) is interesting, as apart from one planet in the Fourth, the first planets to rise are in the Eighth, and these should correlate with the significant events during and after the War. Mars rising is likely for joining the Navy at age 24, and if so, Pluto rises for his first Election to Congress at age 29.5, and culminates for his becoming President at age 43.5. The rate is 7.6 Degrees/Year, and this gives a likely life span of 47 years. He was assassinated at 46.

I haven't looked at the Charts of anyone who died in childhood (I don't have any with a biography), and don't know if intermediate Cusps are significant, but at this stage I suggest that they be ignored. The four Angles are quite enough.

The Queen's Chart is another good example, and works well for the recorded time (see *Astrologers' Forum* No.82). If the average rate is used the Sun rises for age 11, so one may expect that it did rise between ages 9 and 12. The events of overwhelming significance in her childhood were her

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father's accession (age 10.7y) and his Coronation (age 11.1). These changed her own life irrevocably. So it appears that the average rate is at least close to the correct one. The next significant event in her life is her marriage (age 21.6). For this, Mars and Jupiter culminate (for an annual rate of 4.2 Degrees/Year): They can relate only to this, or to her accession and coronation, but to relate them to the later events seems to make the rate too slow. In any event their culmination at age 21 inaugurates a most auspicious and significant period in her life, especially if one bears in mind the circumstances of this particular person. Venus culminates and Pluto rises for the death of George VI and her consequent accession (age 25.8). As Pluto is comparatively isolated in this Chart its rise can hardly relate to anything else, especially as Pluto's rise follows Jupiter's culmination by four years, and nothing of particular significance happened four years after her accession. Pluto culminated at age 54.3 - Prince Charles's marriage. Saturn rises at age 69.6, and this corresponds with a station of Neptune conjunct her Ascendant in October 1975. Her suggested life span is approximately 86 years.

The method is really a sort of accelerated Primary Directions. What sets it apart from other methods of prediction is that it can predict whole periods rather than single events, and that there is a different time measure for every person. This is quite logical, as people age at different rates. I have had a number of new ideas of late, but this seems to be the best. It has worked impeccably for every chart I have so far looked at. Some people might take exception to my attempting to predict people's life spans, but that is their problem.

What I'm doing in fact is directing the Angles in direct motion with a time measure

that varies from person to person, but which on average is 4° to 6° a year. It occurred to me that converse motion of the Angles might work too, and in several charts I have looked at the results are promising, though I'm not yet certain that converse motion should be used as well (naturally one would use the same time measure as for the direct Angles). In George Bush's Chart Jupiter culminated when he was elected to Congress, Venus rose when he became President, and Neptune will rise when he must stand down as President (age 72.4 years), but there are no indications for marriage. However, the converse MC is conjunct Mars, and the converse Ascendant conjunct Sun for marriage. I've also noticed that it is the Zodiacal position of the planets that gives the correct results, and not the positions with latitude - exactly the opposite of what I had expected.

From LESLIE BLACK (U.K.):

When a Conjunction is not a Conjunction

It is a fact that many astrologers still hold to the belief that two planets are in exact conjunction when each has the same longitude. The Oxford Dictionary defines conjunction, as used in astrology and astronomy, as the "apparent proximity of two heavenly bodies", and that means that the two bodies must be seen close to each other in the sky, and not many degrees apart!

In astrology, "orbs" are allowed to a conjunction, but the distance must be relatively small, 3° being the maximum. Only in the case of a New Moon is an orb of 7° allowable. For the more distant planets the orbs must be very much less for the planetary influence to be in the slightest degree effective.

When the two planets have identical longitudes and latitudes, the nearer of the two planets will "occult" the other, and thereby execute an exact conjunction, because it will mean that any radiation from the more distant planet of the pair (the one that is being occulted) will be suppressed and unable to reach the Earth.

Raphael's Ephemeris shows a conjunction of the Sun and Pluto on the 13th November 1991. The Sun will be at 21° of Scorpio, and Pluto at 20° Scorpio. This will be envisaged by quite a number of astrologers as a conjunction, even though Pluto is in 14°28' North latitude, that is, 14½° away from the Ecliptic. Such a separation of Pluto from the Sun in space does not warrant regarding their

relationship as a conjunction.

Celestial Latitude and Aspect Orbs

Leslie has drawn attention again to the matter of celestial latitude, which has been mentioned on several occasions in the pages of this Journal. It is true that planets in the same degree of Ecliptical longitude can still be separated in space through differing latitudes North or South of the Sun's path (Pluto producing the most extreme case) and can we then treat them as being in conjunction? My answer is yes. I have been considerably exercised by this question, but experience and observation have convinced me that what matters most from the astrological point of view is closeness on the Ecliptic line, irrespective of distance North or South of it.

It is probable that if the two planets are close to the same latitude then the effect of the conjunction would be enhanced. On the other hand, what is the effect of one body physically "occluding" the other, through having an identical longitude and latitude? It may be that the planet furthest from the Earth would have its influence totally, or almost totally, nullified. It's an interesting question, that practice (not theory) will have to decide.

Leslie touches also on the matter of how far orbs should extend. This is still to some extent controversial but there is general agreement on a few matters: (1) The closer the orb the more powerful the aspect. (2) The Sun and Moon have a wider orb of influence than the planets. (3) Conjunctions have a wider orb than oppositions, squares, trines, etc. (4) Orbs (and planetary influence) do not suddenly cut off at a definite distance, they fade gradually until at some point there is no apparent effect.

To the above I would add that wider orbs are appropriate when a body has great mundane strength, as being on the Horizon or the Meridian. This still leaves open the question of just how many degrees of orb should be allowed for a conjunction, opposition, square, trine, etc. Such information is usually sought by students. Some rule of thumb is useful until the astrologer is able to vary the orb according to the nature of the Significator and its relative strength in the particular horoscope. The 3° declared by Leslie is to my mind much too rigorous, and not justified in practice.

For conjunctions in birth charts I suggest 8° each side for the Sun and Moon, 6° for

Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, 5° for Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The orbs of the two bodies concerned are added together and the result halved. Thus the Sun and Venus would be reckoned as still in conjunction (a relatively weak one) if they were 7° degrees apart in the Zodiac ($8 + 6 \div 2 = 7$). A wide conjunction like this I would consider as having about one-fifth the power of 3° conjunction, as it seems the effects drop off sharply with increasing distance.

Where the connection is with a **Zodiacal point** (Ascendant, Meridian, Intermediate Cusp, East Point, Vertex, Fortuna) I allow 4° for a conjunction, and less for the aspects - 3½° for an opposition, 2½° for a square or trine, 1° for a sextile, irrespective of the planet involved.

Orbs for the less powerful aspects have to be scaled down considerably. For a sextile I consider 4° as the maximum, even for the Sun and Moon, and less for the planets. Astrologers who use the minor aspects (quintile, novile, decile, etc) need to reduce the orbs much more or there will be overlapping and a state of confusion. It is impossible to give strict, unvarying rules. Each practitioner has to be guided by his own knowledge and experience.

The above applies to **Birth Charts**. The orbs allowed for Cyclic Charts (Solar and Lunar Returns, etc.) and for inter-chart aspects in Synastry or elsewhere should be reduced. Powerful effects are noticed only when the orb is really small - not more than 2°. There is a big field for research here, and with the wide-spread use now of sophisticated computers we should be getting some results soon.

- Dymock.

Vale Michel Gauquelin

Astrologers world-wide have been saddened by the news of the sudden death of that dedicated astrological researcher Michel Gauquelin. Afflicted by personal troubles and the unrelenting attacks of the scientific Philistines, he took his own life on the 20th of May last. I shall not here attempt an appreciation of his work, which will be done by better pens than mine, other than to mention he made a name for himself by his extraordinarily painstaking and rigorous investigation into the effects of certain planets (particularly Mars, Jupiter and Saturn) on people's vocations and natures. This work, undertaken in company with his first wife, Francoise, was a milestone in the history and progress of astrology, something that had never been achieved before. Without

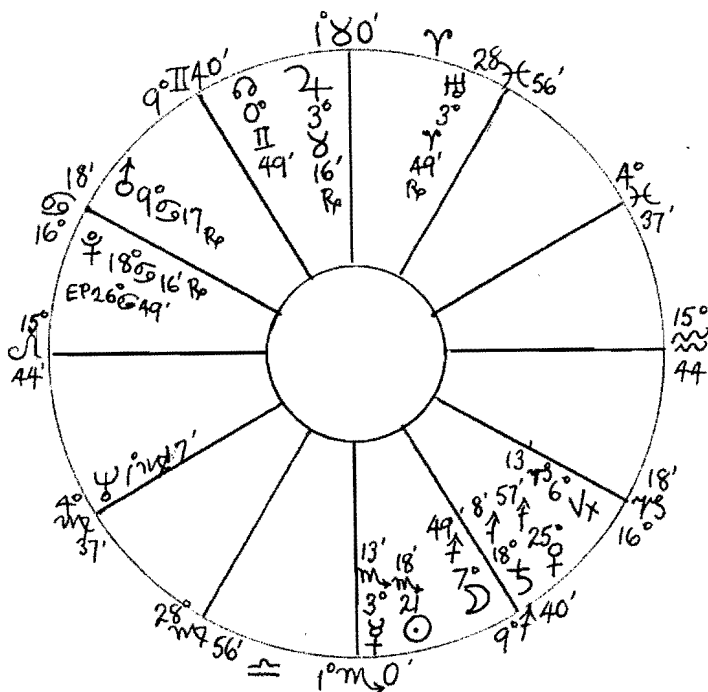
doubt it established the scientific validity of at least certain branches of astrology. The failure of some conventional scientists to acknowledge this in spite of the overwhelming evidence was a source of bitterness for Gauquelin.

Among Gauquelin's published works translated into English are *Written in the Stars*, *The Truth about Astrology*, and *Cosmic Influences on Human Behaviour*.

Here is Gauquelin's Birth Chart, taken from the Dutch publication, *Cirkels - 800 Horoscopen van Bekende Mensen*, by Jan Kampherbeek.

MICHEL GAUQUELIN

13 November 1928, 22:15 UT, Paris, France
48N52, 2E20. Placidian Cusps.

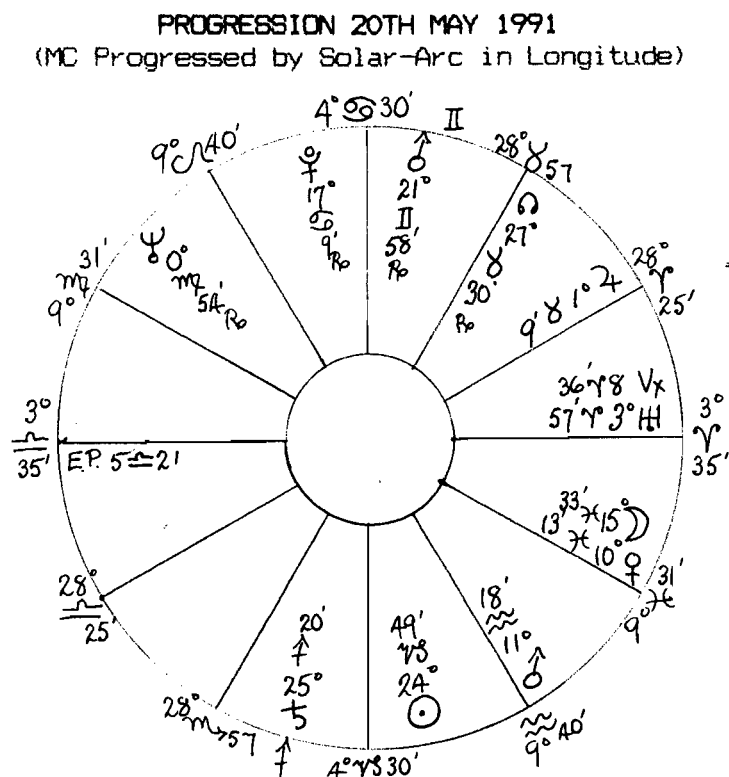


The Chart is not such that one would immediately conclude the subject might die by his own hand. In hindsight one can see an element of instability from rising Neptune square the Node. (As reported in an earlier Issue, I have found that the Node accentuates the nature of any planet that it contacts.)

Additionally, Pluto, the dispositor of the Sun, is in the House of Self-Undoing and is in close contra-parallel to Saturn (Pluto's Declination 21°31' North, Saturn's 21°42' South). Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) says of an adverse Saturn-Pluto combination, "a person who is prevented by others from reaping the success due to him as the result of hard work". I think this was undoubtedly a factor in Gauquelin's suicide. It was not that he was unclaimed in the astrological world, but that he did not receive the recognition he craved from many

in scientific circles.

The Progressed Chart for the date of his death sheds further light:



Uranus, planet of sudden and unexpected happenings, is directly opposite the Rising Degree and square the Midheaven. Pluto and Mars are dominant, and what is more striking, their Midpoint 4Can33 conjuncts the Midheaven at 4Can30. As the Midheaven is intimately connected with a native's emotional and psychic state, there is little doubt that this configuration had a marked effect on Gauquelin, predisposing him to violence and injury, especially in view of his basic nature - strongly Scorpionic/Plutonian, which tends to extremes.

The **Vertex**, Directed by Naibod Arc (59' 8.33" a year) to 7°49' Pisces was square the Natal Moon at 7°49' Sagittarius on 18th May 1991 (the death occurred on 20th May). The Moon rules the Natal 12th House, so this was fateful as regards Gauquelin's destiny, tempting him to self-destruction.

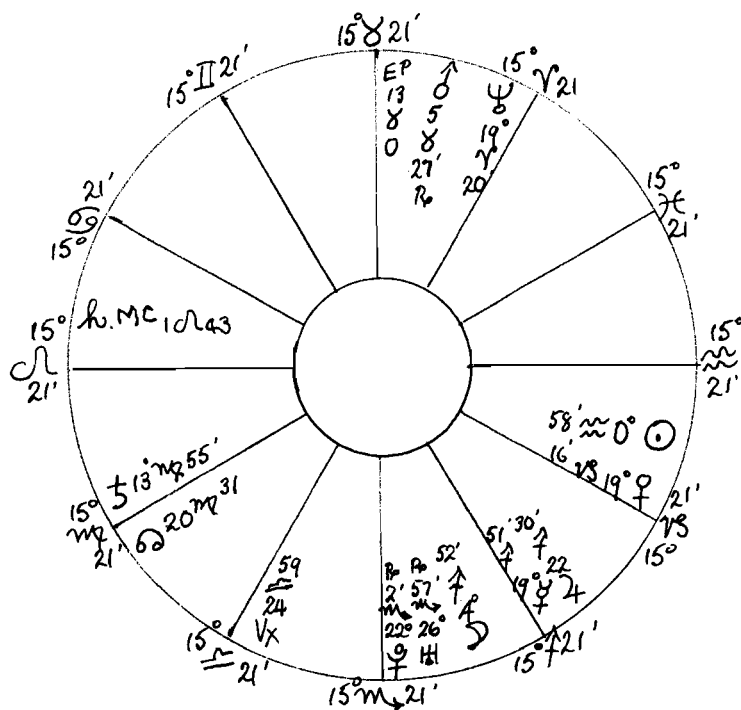
By Converse motion, **Mercury**, directed by Solar-Arc in longitude, was conjunct Natal Neptune on 28th May, introducing a degree of mental instability.

On 18th May, the **Vertex/E.P. Midpoint** was conjunct Natal **Saturn** by Naibod-Arc Direction, suggesting a state of severe depression.

Of the Cyclic Charts (Solar Return, Phase Return and Age Harmonic) the most indicative of the tragedy is the **Age Harmonic**:

AGE HARMONIC 62

(Equal Dusps, from the Harmonic Ascendant)



The important factors are the planets **Uranus** and **Pluto** in the terminal 4th House at 22Sco2 and 26Sco57 respectively, conjunct the Natal Sun at 21Sco18, signifying strong emotional tensions, and a possible breakdown or catastrophe. The **Harmonic Ascendant** is 15°21' of Leo, almost exactly conjunct the Natal Ascendant at 15Leo44. When the Angles of a Cyclic Chart and the Radix correspond it signals an unusually significant year. The **Sun**, ruling the Ascendant, is square violent Mars, dominant in the Chart; **Saturn** is on the death axis (2nd-8th); **Neptune** is elevated and closely square Venus (orb 4'), which tends to emotional instability.

The annual **Phase Return** or Synodic Chart for age 62 (Ephemeris date: 18 November 1933, 20:37:26 GMT) also has Leo rising (1°20'), and there are two powerful indications: (1) **Pluto** just above the Ascendant, retrograde at 24°39' Cancer, is square to Uranus retrograde at 24°15' Aries in the Midheaven, and conjunct the Natal East Point (which acts like a second Ascendant). (2) The **Vertex** at 18°26' of Sagittarius is conjunct Radical Saturn at 18°8' of Sagittarius.

The **62nd Solar Return** has 23°21' of Leo Rising, and its Ruler, the Sun, in the terminal 4th House conjunct Pluto. I do not see any other strong indications of the event.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
2nd September 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.) writes a postscript to last Issue's discussion on the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi:

THE ASSASSINATION IN RETROSPECT

I think in looking at Gandhi's Chart that we have to separate the type of person he was from how his fate worked out. A heavy concentration of planets in Virgo nearly always points to a retiring personality, one who eschews the limelight. But on the other hand the lay-out of the Houses gives an account of what destiny has to say. A heavy emphasis of planets right on the Ascendant and the First House can mean a public "personality". Basically he was a retiring person. These days air pilots are not the public figures they once were. But he did become a public figure on the world stage. Had he been born at a different time he could have had a quite different destiny. The ascending planets would not have forced the issue.

Taking on the leadership of a political party is not a hereditary thing—quite the reverse, it so seldom happens. So he was not *compelled* to take on the mantle of his mother, as the son of a reigning queen might. However, another facet of Virgo gives a strong sense of duty, so Virgoans will take on jobs they secretly hate—it is the self-sacrificing thing. But with all those planets on the Ascendant, plus the Sun in Leo, there was that other side to his nature—a desire to be a *somebody*. So I feel there were strong drives to do what he did. All the same, there is little in this Chart to indicate a death by assassination; nothing at all in the 8th House.

This Chart is in striking contrast with the classic example of an assassination Figure—that of President John F. Kennedy, who had five planets in the 8th, with Mars and Mercury there square to Uranus, as well as the Sun in the 8th. So Kennedy is chiefly remembered because of that assassination, which was not the case with Abraham Lincoln. In Kennedy's case, too, there were powerful transits to the 8th at the time of the assassination: Pluto conjunct the Moon square

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Venus in the 8th; Uranus square the Sun in the 8th; and in addition to that Saturn square to Mars/Mercury in the 8th; Neptune also in opposition to Mars. So there were a whole battery of Transits to the 8th-House planets. Also, quite a few astrologers were able to predict the possibility of assassination. The White House was warned by people who had personal contacts with the Kennedy family. But the tragedy was not prevented.

However, the situation seems to have been quite a bit different in the case of Rajiv Gandhi. I doubt if anybody could have predicted assassination in this case. The basic Chart does not suggest it, neither do the Transits for the period in question. Why the distinction? I think the answer to this could be that in Kennedy's case it was very much a *personal* thing. It was an attack on Kennedy himself, not an attack on the Party in Government. But in Rajiv's case it would have been more in the nature of hatred for the Congress Party, or the racial or religious setup. As I mentioned in my last article, the Transits to the Chart of India itself were very impressive for the event, with Pluto right on Natal Jupiter, stirring up the powerful configuration which is the core of the whole Chart, as well as Transits of Neptune/Uranus and Mars. I think there is logic in this point. The hatred might not have been directed to Gandhi personally. But there is one point that should not be overlooked: At the time of the assassination Uranus was closely quincunx to its own Natal Position in the 10th House—less than a degree orb. I think the quincunx often gets overlooked with Transits, but it could be a fatalistic aspect, a death aspect, and Uranus is in a dominating position in the Chart, ruling destiny. It was not only the ending of a chapter for his career, but his life as well.

It is interesting to compare the assassi-

nation Transits with the two other deaths that were to figure very powerfully in his own life. The first was the death of his elder brother, Sanjay, in a plane accident on 23rd June 1980. Sanjay was the natural political heir to Indira Gandhi, and really wanted a political career. At the time of his death, Mars and Saturn in exact conjunction were right on Rajiv's Mercury in the First House, and Neptune was square Mercury/Mars. So the Transits for the event activated the First-House planets, which I have mentioned as being the key to his getting into politics in his turn.

Finally, if we look at the date for Indira Gandhi's assassination (31st October 1984) we also get some impressive Transits to Rajiv's Chart. Uranus is right on the I.C. opposite Uranus in the 10th, and square to Moon/Venus/Ascendant, again activating the 1st-House planets, the key to his destiny, and confirming the emphasis on bringing Rajiv before the public as a politician. So it is interesting to note that the Transits for the death of his brother and mother were more impressive than that for his own death, but those two events were crucial to what finally happened.

Horse Racing—Koch Cusps?

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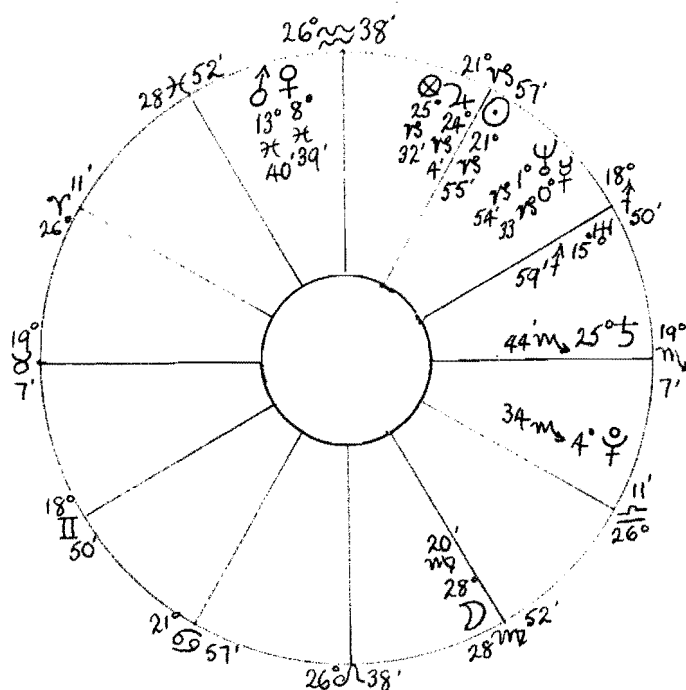
For some years I have been convinced of the inadequacy of the Koch method of House Division, and have abandoned it for the Placidian system. Horoscopes for horse races appear to be an infallible means of determining the power centres in each House of the chart, and these power centres are emphatically *not* the Koch Cusps. They are the Placidian Cusps.

This was demonstrated forcibly to me through a series of essays into the gambling arena, utilizing the race charts to pick winners by symbology of the planets conjunct House Cusps—any House Cusp, not just the Angles. Relying on Koch brought me failures without exception, but the Placidian Cusps brought me winners.

I had considered the matter settled, and had bidden a permanent goodbye to Koch, until a few months ago when an astrologer friend sent me a recording of one Jane Wehrmann, who apparently uses her astrology for little else than horse-racing. She lectures widely on the subject, and enthusiastically advocates

the use of Koch Cusps. This gave me pause. Had I, after all, been mistaken? I decided to try the Koch Cusps again—and they failed again. Here is the race, and the Chart.

Festival of Sydney Handicap, 1985
12th January 1985, Rosehill, NSW, 3:25pm.
151°0" East, 33°50' South. Placidian Cusps.



The Festival of Sydney Handicap, over 2000 metres, was run at Rosehill, N.S.W., on Saturday, January the 12th 1985, at 3:25 pm Summer Time (2:25 E.S.T.). The starters, in Race Book order, were:

1. Bungarby
2. Tulsa Knight
3. Temerity
4. Claim the Quest
5. Essential
6. Reuter's News
7. The Cob
8. Galanal
9. Harvey's Joy
10. Exparte
11. Star Kerry

The only planets that I consider sufficiently strong in a race chart to denote winners are those within three degrees of a Cusp applying, or one degree separating. By applying, I mean approaching the Cusp by virtue of the Earth's rotation on its axis, not applying in the Zodiacal sense in the order of the Signs. Thus in the Race Map (Placidus) the Sun is separating by two minutes of arc from the 9th Cusp; Jupiter is applying to the same Cusp by 2°7'; the Moon is separating from the 5th Cusp by 32'.

The Chief Significator in this Chart is obviously the Sun, in the House of Travel and Law. The Sign holding the Sun, Capricorn, is

more indicative of law than of travel, and the diagnosis, LAW, is confirmed by the close conjunction of the planet Jupiter (law and authority). As if to emphasize the point, the Part of Fortune is conjunct Jupiter.

Now, looking down the list of runners, one stands out as symbolized by the Sun conjunct Jupiter in the 9th House - EXPARTE - a well-known legal term. On the strength of this I backed Exparte, which duly won, and I received a dividend of \$96 for my investment of \$8.

The 9th Cusp for this race by the Koch System was 17°12' Capricorn, which put the Sun 4°43' away, and outside the permissible range.

Over the past 40 years I have made intermittent forays into the field of gambling on horse races, guided by astrology, my first success being with the Melbourne Cup winner, *Rainbird*, in 1945. It was a thrill to have this horse come from behind and romp in at odds of 12 to 1. The Significator, I remember, was Mercury on the 9th Cusp. Since then astrology has led me to other Melbourne Cup winners, as well as winners in many minor races. Just prior to last year's Melbourne Cup (for the benefit of overseas readers, this is a National event, the horse race with the biggest prize money in Australia) I demonstrated to a class of astrology students how the selection is made, put the Chart for the race on the blackboard, and proceeded to pick the horse *Chagemar*. *Chagemar* ran second, which was a near miss.

I used also Topocentric Cusps--the system devised by Polich and Page in Argentina in the 1960's--which are almost identical with Placidian Cusps in moderate latitudes--but later adhered exclusively to Placidian, which gave better results in other fields than horse-racing. The Koch Cusps were given a trial, but I found that whenever they differed significantly from the Placidian they were a failure.

The propaganda effort behind the promotion of the Koch system is no doubt responsible for the following it still has. Apparently it remains in favour with some astrologers for no better reason than that others use it, and the relevant Tables of Houses are readily available. In my experience it continually fails in practice.

Gambling by astrology on horse-racing is not recommended as a money-making proposition--unless you have an extra-lucky nativity you will probably lose as much as you win--but it is splendid as a means of widening one's knowledge of planetary symbolism.

Here are a few hints, based on practical experience, for those who would like to try this method of self-education:

1. Try to get the exact geographic coordinates of the race course where the meeting is being held, and in casting the chart for a particular race time be precise with the Cuspal positions (Placidian). If you are not sure of your mathematics get a computer-calculated chart. My practice is to estimate the *finishing* time of the race (for example, allowing about three minutes for the running of the two-mile Melbourne Cup), but some others work on the starting time.
2. Look for the planet (the Chief Significator) that is closest to a Cusp, within 3° applying or 1° separating, by diurnal rotation of the Earth - not by the planet's orbital movement.
3. Remember that if the start of a race is delayed the position of the Cusps may alter appreciably, so it is better to have the Significator *applying* to a Cusp rather than separating. A short delay will then bring the Significator closer to the Cusp and more powerful.
4. Don't try for every race on the programme. Pick out the two or three main races of the day, and preferably those with not more than ten or twelve starters. This makes the task of selection easier. I suggest the main races with big prize money as they are probably less susceptible to fraudulent practice, which can falsify results.
5. Consider every horse in the race, and judge which name is the closest match to the symbolism of the Chief Significator. This is where you LEARN about planetary symbolism.
6. Having made your selection, check by reference to the tipping polls or form guides that the horse is *capable of winning*. However strong and clear the astrological indications, a horse that is outclassed is no sort of betting proposition.
7. Back your selection by a dollar or two, however hesitant you feel. Not only will this sharpen your judgement wonderfully, as your money is at stake, but if the horse wins you get an incomparable thrill and don't suffer from the regret of what might have been. If the horse loses it's not going to lower your living standards, and it's no more than paying a small fee for a good astrology lesson. If you *don't* back your selection you will suffer the remorse of a missed opportunity when the horse wins and your careful work has gone for nothing. I know.
8. Conduct a post-mortem analysis on all races where you lost, learning more about

symbolism by hind-sight. This way your monetary losses will be astrologically productive.

I'll be pleased to hear about the experiences of readers who try this or any other astrological system. If of sufficient general interest they will be considered for publication. Submissions should particularize place, date and time of the race, and list all the runners and the place-getters - these last with the TAB or starting prices.

- Dymock.

THE LIFE-SPAN REVOLUTION by Ross Harvey.

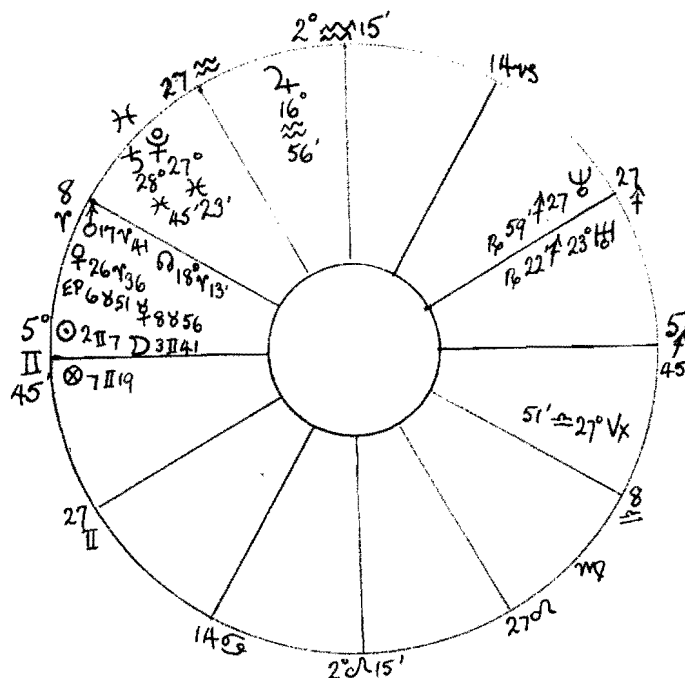
I have for ages been trying to find a way of explaining how a person's life unfolds. Progressions don't do it satisfactorily—they don't explain why whole periods may be either favourable or unfavourable, and the same applies to Primary Directions, even assuming they are of significance. Then it occurred to me that it is most likely something that happens on the day of birth. It isn't the motion of the Moon—it doesn't move enough. My idea is that the whole horoscope does one complete revolution as the planets rise after birth, and that, when the planets return to their radical positions, life ends. The rate at which this happens differs from one person to another, and one has to "set the clock", as it were, by correlating major events with the rising or culminating of appropriate planets.

I have assumed for ease of calculation that the average life span is eighty years, so, for example, a planet on the Descendant will rise at age forty - in practice roughly between the ages of thirty and forty-five for people who do not die noticeably young, and a planet in the Third or Fourth House will rise roughly in the teens or twenties. To find which planets will culminate or rise at a specific age, multiply that age by 4.5 (i.e., $360/80$) and add this to the RAMC, and then find the MC and Ascendant from this. [The Birth-Chart planets will be re-located by the new Angles.] The average degree/year rate will need to be adjusted so that the best fit will be obtained.

Queen Victoria's Chart is a good example to start with. She died at age 81.7 years: $360/81.7$ gives 4.4° a year; multiply this by 18.1 (her age when she acceded to the throne), add this to the RAMC and find the new MC and Ascendant. The MC is conjunct Venus, that is, Venus culminated when she became

QUEEN VICTORIA

24th May 1819, 4:15am GMT, Kensington Place,
51N30, 0W10. Placidian Cusps.



Queen, and two years later Jupiter was opposite the Ascendant, that is it set when she married. These two aspects would be most important in setting her Degree/Year rate if we did not know how old she was at death, because they cannot have happened at any other age except between ages 18 - 20, as nothing else as favourable as accession and marriage happened at any other time in her early maturity.

I think that a planet's passing every Angle will be significant, but rising and culminating are most important, and the influence of such planets will probably last until another planet rises, etc.

Take my own chart as an example: Mars culminates and Pluto rises at age 5.5 (going to school); Saturn rises at age 8.6 (changed school) - the first few years were acceptable, but most of secondary school was wasted as I was prevented from studying the subjects I was interested in. The Sun culminates at age 11 (dux of Prep. school). Neptune has to rise in my teens; nothing of significance happened before I left school at age 16.5. My father died at 16.6, and I finally escaped from the dreaded Science at age 18.5. Neptune must relate to one of these, and my father's death seems most likely. This can be used to set the Degree/Year rate, which seems to be 3.625° a year. (To be continued next Issue)

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 20/8/1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

ASSASSINATION OF RAJIV GANDHI

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them". Rajiv Gandhi comes into the last category. An airline pilot by profession and choice, he was reluctant to accept the high office that fell to him following the assassination of his mother, Indira Gandhi, not because he anticipated a similar fate for himself but because he was by nature a private and retiring person. His Horoscope of Birth shows this. I am fortunate to have precise birth data of Rajiv, obtained from an unimpeachable source - Rajiv's grandfather, the late President Nehru - through the good offices of NSW astrologer Keven Barrett.

In one of his several trips to India, Keven had access to the printed Journals of Nehru, and in one of them, Volume 13, Nehru recorded that he was present at Rajiv's birth, waiting outside the room, and was informed immediately after the delivery that the birth occurred at 8:11 am, Indian War Time. Note that "Indian War Time", equivalent to one hour Daylight Saving Time, and not mentioned in any of the usual books of reference, puts the time 6½-hours ahead of GMT instead of only 5½-hours.

That the pomp, ceremony and display of public life was foreign to Rajiv Gandhi's nature is evident from the cluster of five planets (Moon, Venus, Mercury, Mars and Jupiter) and the Ascendant in the Sign Virgo. True, the Sun occupies the flamboyant Sign Leo, and Leo native's are not generally averse to being on show, but here the Sun is placed in the 12th House (privacy and concealment) and it is apparent that the powerful Virgo contingent was the dominant factor. Virgo natives prefer to work quietly and unobserved, and are primarily concerned with doing a first-class job.

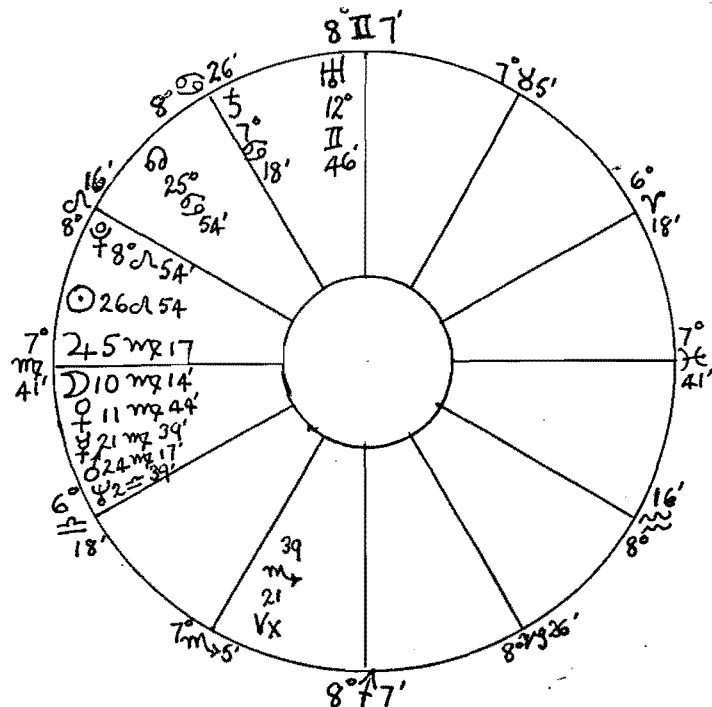
So, the ill-starred Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi, and now Rajiv Gandhi, all met a premature end at the hands of an assassin. Is there something in the name that attracts violence? Did any of the Indian astrologers warn their Prime Minister of imminent danger? One would think that in a land where astrology is countenanced and freely practised there would be many devotees concentrating on

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RAJIV GANDHI

20th August 1944, 8:11am IWT (GMT 7:41am)
Bombay, 18°58', 72°50'. Placidian Cusps.



the life and safety of their leader.

As a Western observer I note that Rajiv Gandhi's Nativity holds two very dangerous aspects for a political leader subject to the enmity of fanatics. They are Mars conjunct Mercury (orb 2°39'), in the first House - the person - and Mars semisquare Pluto in the

12th House, the orb being only 23'! The combined effect of Mercury, Mars, Pluto and the 12th House is physical injury from hidden assailants. Saturn square to Neptune (orb 4°40') was a further indication of undercover plotting against him. As Mars rules the 8th House of Gandhi's Chart, death at the hands of his enemies was a real probability. Perhaps Gandhi knew this but the nature of his office precluded his taking the precautions open to an ordinary member of the public.

The danger period was signalled by two prominent Progressed Aspects: Mars parallel the Progressed Ascendant at the end of February, and Pluto directed by Solar-Arc to the conjunction of Mars at the end of March. Gandhi died on the 21st of May through a bomb attack from a hidden assailant treacherously disguised as a worshipping follower.

The three Annual Charts (Solar Return, Phase Return and Age Harmonic) covering the period of Gandhi's death are instructive. Each one has relevance to the event but they show it in different ways. They all activate the malefics in the Radix, but it is a question whether an astrologer from these Charts alone could confidently predict death by assassination.

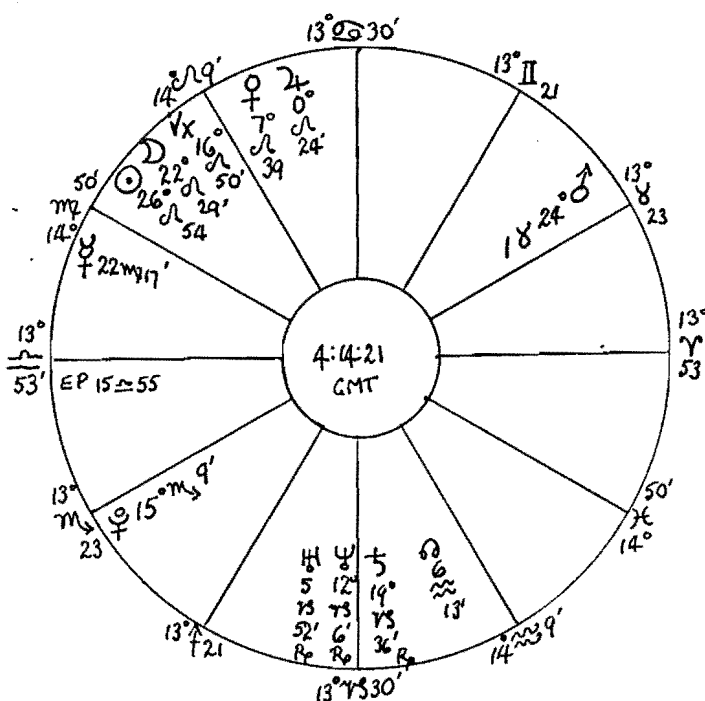
The STANDARD SOLAR RETURN has Libra (allies and adversaries) rising, and the Ruler, Venus, at 7°39', of Leo conjoins Pluto at 8°55' of Leo in the 12th House of the Natus. In view of the foregoing analysis relating to danger from hidden enemies, this should certainly have been enough to put the Prime Minister on his guard. Aside from that, however, there are other potent indications of impending doom:

1. The Sun and Moon are conjoined in Leo, and both square to Mars in the House of Death.
2. Pluto, at 15°9' of Scorpio is placed on the 2nd-8th (death) axis and is square to the Vertex at 16°50' of Leo, and, sextile both Saturn and Neptune, and their Midpoint at 15Cap51.
3. Mercury is located in the 12th House conjunct Radical Mercury and Mars in the 1st.

The PHASE RETURN or SYNODIC CHART is cast for the time the Sun and Moon return to the same angle (Moon phase) that they held at the subject's birth, using the time measure of each monthly return (occurring about every 29 days) as equivalent to one year of the subject's life. So the 46th Phase Return after the birth would relate to the 46th-47th year of life. This is not to be confused with the current monthly Phase return, which

relates to the current month's activities, like a Lunar Return.

SOLAR RETURN 20TH AUGUST 1990 (Set for the Place of Birth)



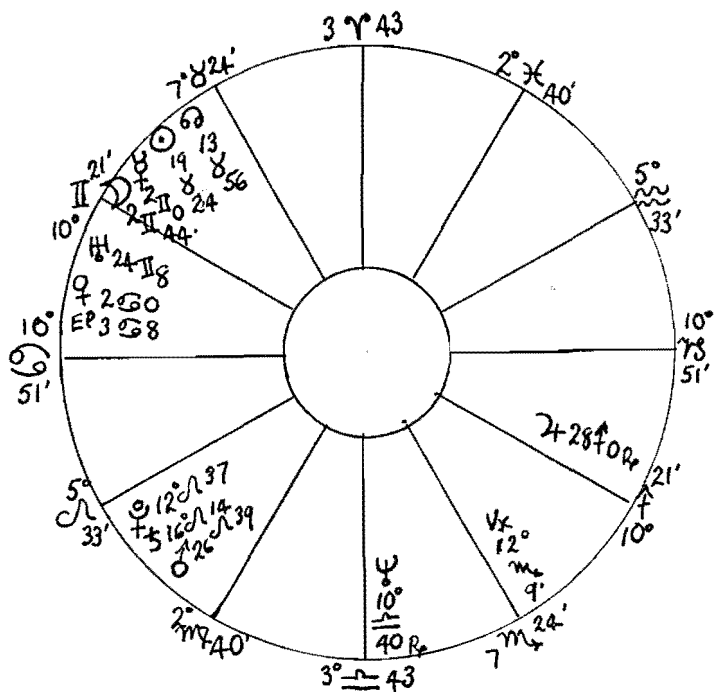
Rajiv Gandhi's Phase Return for age 46 has has 10°51' of Cancer rising, which is conjunct Natal Saturn, one of the villain's in the piece, as it is out of Dignities and square to Neptune, ruling the House of Adversaries. The Ascendant, relating to the native himself, his physical body and health, is afflicted by Neptune in square (orb only 11') and Mars in semisquare (orb 48'). Mars, the planet of violence and injuries, plays a vital role. To start with it is almost exactly conjunct the Natal Sun (orb only 15') in the 12th House - a dire portent, indeed. Apart from that, it squares the Sun, Moon and Mercury, semisquares Neptune and sextiles Uranus in the 12th House - another aspect of potential violence. The sextile does not change the nature of Mars/Uranus.

The AGE HARMONIC for the 47th Year, 20th August 1990 - 20th August 1991, is arrived at by multiplying all Natal positions by 46. This is a vibrational Chart that shows how the harmonics of the Natal planets and Zodiacal points interact with each other and with the Natal Significators in any particular year. The harmonic positions could be likened to the overtones of a musical note which are multiples of the fundamental tone, supplying richness and distinguishing timbre. In much the same way, astrological harmonics add distinguishing features and interpretive factors to the Radix. The Age Harmonic, in

other two Annual Charts, and perhaps even more forcefully. The Sun, at 7°36' of Capricorn is exactly opposite Mars at 7°36' of Cancer, and Mars conjoins Natal Saturn at 7°18' of Cancer, thus combining the malefic energies of Mars and Saturn against the Sun - the life and vitality. The second most important Significator, the Moon, at 20°46' of Virgo, is closely conjunct Pluto, planet of death and destruction, at 19°49' of Virgo - a remarkably close conjunction for a Harmonic Chart where orbs of 5½° are found to be effective. The strength of the Moon/Pluto conjunction is increased by it's Angular position and by its conjunction with Mars and Mercury in the Radix. So here we have a similar situation to that of the Sun - the Moon subjected to the combined forces of Pluto, Mars and Mercury. Even now the evils are not fully catalogued, as Saturn at 6°13' of Virgo closely opposes Mercury across the Horizon at 6°16' of Pisces, and also conjuncts the Natal Ascendant, at 7°41' of Virgo, and Natal Jupiter at 5°18' of Virgo. Saturn conjunct the Ascendant reacts adversely on the physical body of the native, while the conjunction of Saturn with Jupiter signifies the native's "luck" had run out.

In view of the differing opinions regarding the relative efficacy of Placidian as against Koch Cusps, it is noteworthy that the 8th Koch Cusp for Rajiv Gandhi's Phase Return is 7°43' Aquarius, further removed from the stationary position of Saturn. With increasing geographic latitude the difference between Placidian and Koch becomes more and more marked, and in my experience the Koch Cusps become less and less pertinent. Many years ago the late eminent English astrologer, Vivian Robson, referring to the different systems of domification, wrote that only Placidian Cusps responded to Transits, which settled the matter as to what was the best system. I agree with him.

(Ephemeris Date 10th May 1948, 4:10:49 UT)



The Age Harmonic of Rajiv Gandhi, now under consideration carries the same message as the

In the matter of the timing of events the standard Solar Return Chart also gives indications through Transits. Uranus was retrograde conjunct the Lower Meridian on 16th May, just five days before the fatal bombing, and Saturn's Station at 6°51' Aquarius on 17th May was conjunct the (Mean) North Node of the Moon at 6°13' Aquarius. This is an appropriate Transit, as I have discovered that the Moon's Node, aside from having implications regarding the native's personal associations, as stated by Reinhold Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) also puts an accent, or emphasis, on the points it contacts and the Mundane House it occupies. So Saturn stationary on the Node brings out the nature of Saturn, which in the present instance is malefic as it forms part of the configuration Saturn/Neptune - Pluto, previously mentioned.

This Transit is interesting from another point of view - the controversy whether to use the Mean Node or the so-called "True" Node. The Mean Node in this Solar Return was at 6°13' of Aquarius, as in the Chart, while the "True" Node was located at 7°16' of Aquarius. Saturn's Station was at 6°50' of Aquarius, so clearly it was closer to the True Node. I have in the past favoured the Mean Node, as have a good many other astrologers whose opinions I respect, but is this cause to re-consider? The difference is not so important with Transits over the Node, but it becomes a major factor with Transits of the Node over other Significators, and with Progressions involving the Node, where it can alter the date of operation by years. Astrologers who have researched the matter and acquired any evidence are invited to submit their findings to *Astrologers' Forum*. For the present I am keeping to the Mean Node, which has served me well in the past, its Progressions both to simple factors and to Midpoints operating true to date.

I have been to some pains with the above analysis, not because I specially value a retrospective look at things (too late to alter the course of events) but because the present instance gives a notable opportunity to assess the relative value of predictive methods. It is sad indeed that the occasion should have been the brutal murder of a kind and good man imbued with the spirit of service. It is my hope that by studying the astrological factors involved in life's dramas we may in the future be able to avert such tragedies.

Here, perhaps, I should state my creed that these blows of fate are not necessarily, or

ever, predestined. People of intelligence, spirit and initiative can take control of their lives, within the limits of their karma, and direct them into fruitful channels. To think otherwise, to take the view that "whatever will be, will be" is to adopt a supine attitude that renders futile all efforts of men and women to improve their lot.

From practical experience, I am convinced that the incidence of "bad" aspects can be reduced and their effects greatly modified or even deflected altogether by an intelligent appraisal of the relevant astrological factors. The secret is to deny the planetary energies involved scope to work. Thus, if you have a Progressed Aspect of, say, Mars square Uranus, a linking much associated with violence and accidents, you will make a point during the currency of the Aspect of keeping away from, or at least treating with great caution, the things and conditions that are associated with it. These include machinery, motor-cars, electrical appliances, power-tools, firearms and hazardous sports and occupations generally. True, the conditions or obligations of your life may demand your presence in some such activity or environment, but at least you are forearmed against impulsive, careless and hasty actions in a dangerous setting. We often have to put duty higher than personal safety, but observation of life reveals that a great many accidents could be avoided by the exercise of normal, simple precautions.

A prime factor is also human temperament. A person with an impetuous nature or an explosive temper obviously runs far greater risk of involvement in injury than someone of mild disposition. His over-quick reactions lead him into it. In this case it comes down to self-control and the refusal to be dominated by one's less admirable characteristics. Cultivating calmness and forethought has personal as well as social benefits.

With Rajiv Gandhi, it was not a defect of temperament that led him to destruction but the combination of malefic influences, both stellar and human, for which he was not adequately prepared and protected. Perhaps Indian astrologers did warn him and advise him - we do not know - but that other less sagacious counsels prevailed. My belief is that this calamity, both personal and national in its implications, could well have been avoided.

- Dymock.

EVENTS IN INDIA

by Allan Johnson

The big event right now, of course, is the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, so this is a good time to look at the basic Indian Charts. Actually, *The Book of World Horoscopes* gives two Charts for India. The first is for 1947 when India achieved its independence from British Rule and became a completely independent Nation constitutionally, and such charts are usually set for zero hours. The second Chart is for India's proclamation as a Republic on 26th January 1950, and the time for this of 10:15am is quite likely to have been chosen astrologically - very much an Indian custom for such events. The first Chart may therefore be considered more of a "spontaneous" Chart produced by the force of circumstances, whereas the second is more of an "elective" Chart, although it would also be dictated by the current of the events of that time.

In circumstances like that I am inclined to give precedence to a spontaneous chart, as it is more a direct result of what is actually happening and therefore more of a part of destiny. I would say so in this case, as Jawaharlal Nehru became Prime Minister on the 15th of August 1947, and he was still in power for the Proclamation of the Republic, and remained in power right up until the time of his death in 1964. So the Proclamation did not change anything in any fundamental way. The real beginning of India as an independent Nation began in 1947. But it is worth looking at both Charts when lining up events in modern India. Nehru was really the architect of modern India, so the beginning of his reign was very basic.

The main feature of the 1947 Chart is the stellium of five planets on the I.C. This is the midnight point, the beginning of the new day. Highly appropriate for a chart of this nature; and what is even more important is an exact conjunction of Saturn/Pluto right on the I.C. itself. It seems to suggest that the fate of India is destined to be much influenced by circumstances outside its control, that past traditions would weigh very heavily on any plans for the future. Of course this is exactly what has been happening.

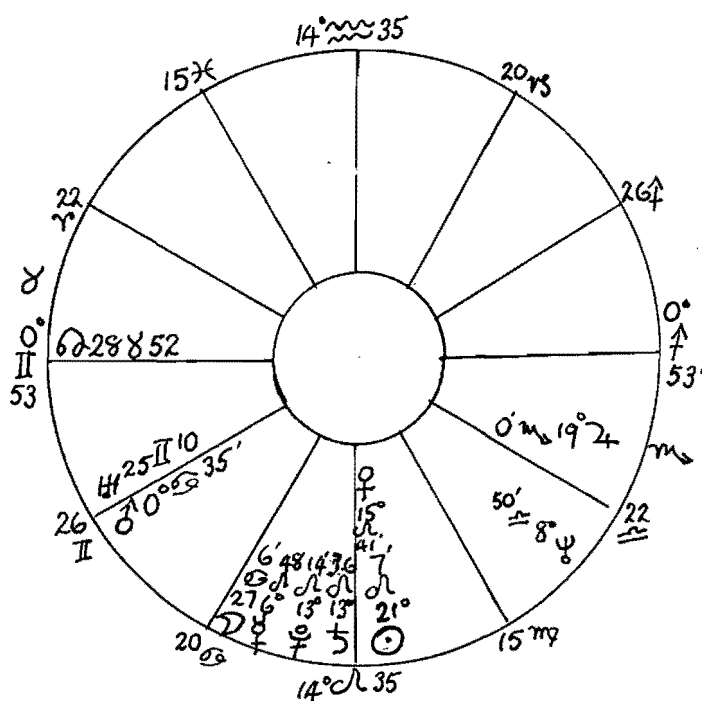
The powerful stellium makes a square to Jupiter in Scorpio. Jupiter in Scorpio can emphasize the obsessional side of religion. Cast and race and religion do play an overwhelming part in Indian life, and passions lead to assassination for revenge, which has just happened. So this multiple square, involving Pluto, Saturn and Jupiter

right on the I.C., and linking with the M.C. is very revealing for this type of obsessive setup. It makes an incredibly difficult setup for any Indian Government. We should not be surprised, therefore, that this multiple square would be activated when any big drama hits India. So, for this current assassination, Pluto was in $18^{\circ}40'$ of Scorpio - exactly on Natal Jupiter of the 1947 Chart, and stirring up the whole configuration.

INDIA, INDEPENDENCE, 1947

August 15, 1947, 0-hours IST.

Delhi, $28^{\circ}40'$, $77^{\circ}13'$. Placidian Cusps.



The Chart for the Proclamation is not so intensified, but at the same time it does have Venus/Jupiter again in strong aspect to Pluto, this time an opposition. So religious obsessionalism is common to both Charts. But the 1950 Chart has Uranus on the I.C. and the Sun in Aquarius, signifying the desire to break with a lot of hidebound traditionalism. India is in the grip of this conflict, and its history since Independence has been a pretty chequered one. It is interesting to see how both Charts have responded to a few major events in recent history. The assassination of the original Mahatma Gandhi occurred in January 1948, which was too soon after Independence to show in the Chart.

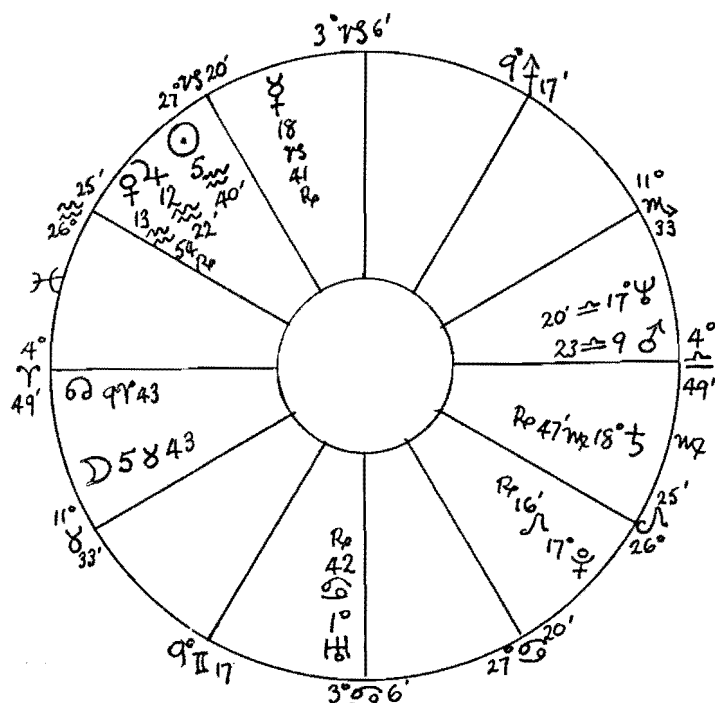
The short war between China and India began on the 26th of October 1962. This time Neptune was in Scorpio and making the square to Pluto/Saturn/Neptune. Neptune does not have much link with war, but it can be involved in the intrigues and behind-the-scenes activities that often lead to war.

Linking the War with the 1950 Chart, we get Uranus quincunx Sun, Saturn conjunct Sun, and Mars opposite Sun, which all seem pretty appropriate.

INDIA, REPUBLIC, PROCLAMATION, 1950

January 26, 1950, 10:15am IST.

Delhi, 28N40, 77E13. Placidian Cusps.



The death of Jawaharlal Nehru on 28th May 1964 was a pretty important event as he had guided the Nation since Independence. Pluto transits were not of any importance at this time, but Neptune was closely squaring Pluto, Saturn and Venus as was Mars (being in Taurus). In the 1950 Chart Uranus was quincunx the Sun. So both Charts have been working in response to events. Going from there we get to the assassination of Indira Gandhi, mother of Rajiv. This time we get Neptune opposite Mars in the 1947 Chart, which was highly appropriate because of the very sinister intrigue and treachery involved - she was shot by her own bodyguard, the very person being paid to protect her. But in addition to that, transitting Saturn was right on Natal Jupiter, again stirring up the powerful square involving all the planets on the Natal I.C. In the 1950 Chart Pluto was squaring the Sun, allowing for a small orb, and Saturn squaring Natal Pluto. Both Charts were responsive to events, but I think the 1947 Chart was more so.

In the current assassination, as well as Pluto conjunct Natal Jupiter, there is Neptune/Uranus quincunx Pluto/Saturn and Venus, and Mars right on the Natal Moon. In the 1950 Chart we get Pluto squaring its own Natal place, and thus bringing in the

opposition to Venus/Jupiter. Neptune was right on Natal Mercury and square Natal Neptune. Note how Neptune figures in these assassination events. They bring out the dark side of Neptune. Finally, a stationary Saturn was right on Natal Sun. So both Charts figure.

But so much for past events; now for the future. Pluto and Uranus are always major signifiers for dramatic events. Over the next 18 months Pluto will be moving out of its linkup with the major configuration in the 1947 Chart, being pretty well squaring Natal Sun all through 1992. This could mean some further deaths of important people. It doesn't make for immediate stability with a new leader. Pluto reaches the 7th Cusp in the mid-1990's, and after that has a benign influence on this Chart, making the trine to all the stellium planets in turn. The Neptune/Uranus conjunction in 1992/3/4 will quincunx Natal Pluto/Saturn/Venus/Sun, which is not conducive to calm and peacefulness. From the middle '90's on to the end of the Century, Uranus will be in Aquarius and in opposition to the stellium planets. This seems to suggest some very radical changes in India's political setup. Uranus will be squarely on the M.C. in 1999. It all suggests some big reforms could be under way and some of the 'hidebound' traditions destroyed or modified, all of which will contribute to making India a much more stable country in the new Century. But this might only happen if there are separations of some smaller States from the Indian Central State. I think it has been best to concentrate on the basic Independence Chart in looking at long-range prospects. Using both Charts makes for too much confusion.

THE USA CHART

From Ken Gillman (USA):

Jennifer Pommerin may be correct that Ebenezer Sibly at one time used a 2nd August Chart for the USA, but if he did so he failed to keep to it.

I enclose a Xerox of the relevant pages from his book, *An Illustration of the Celestial Science of Astrology, Part the Third*, printed in 1804, in which he discusses and reproduces a chart for "The Commencement of the American Revolution" which he gives as 4th July 1776 at 10pm, with 19°46' of Aquarius rising and 13°12' of Sagittarius on the MC. This Chart is set for London, however, not Philadelphia, as an examination of Sibley's tables of Houses for London that Sibley used makes clear. In fact, at

Westminster (51N32, 0W07) these Angles occurred at 21:53:46 LMT. At the stated time of 10pm 23°2' of Aquarius rises and 14°46' of Sagittarius is at the MC, again at Westminster. Sibley's method for calculating the Angles is somewhat different from the method we use nowadays, and is less accurate, so this slight difference can be expected.

Besides being the leading astrologer in the English-speaking world at the time, Sibley was also a Freemason, as were many of the leading figures at Philadelphia. It is to be expected that if anyone could obtain a correct time for the Congressional Declaration then he would.

Correcting Sibley's London time of 10pm to Philadelphia (Independence Hall is 39°N56.9', 75°W9') we come to 5pm, a much more civilized time than the early morning Chart that has some advocates. At 5pm, 10°10' of Sagittarius was rising, and 28°10' of Virgo was at the MC. Uranus at 8°55' of Gemini had just set.

This time may well be close to the correct one. The Chart reacts appropriately to Transits and Directions, just as one would expect, given Sibley as its source.

Sibley's piece on the American Revolution is not long, and it has added interest by the way he relates it to the Sun's Ingress into Aries and Cancer. I hope Dymock can find the space to print it (there are no copyright restrictions).

There have been many advocates of different times for the USA's Declaration of Independence. There's no general agreement. The recent, very successful series of Rectification Exercises held by the *Astrologers' Forum* may have been just the right training arena for tackling this big one. There are certainly plenty of dates available.

Note, however, that Julian Armistead has put forward very strong arguments for 12:04:13pm on July 2nd, 1776, 75N9°2', 39W56°55", which is when the Resolution for Independence was voted on and passed. Congress approved the language of the Declaration by vote on the 4th. The text was published in *The Pennsylvania Evening Post* on the 6th. It was publicly proclaimed from the balcony of the State House in Philadelphia on the 8th. However, as Jenifer says, it was not signed until August 2nd.

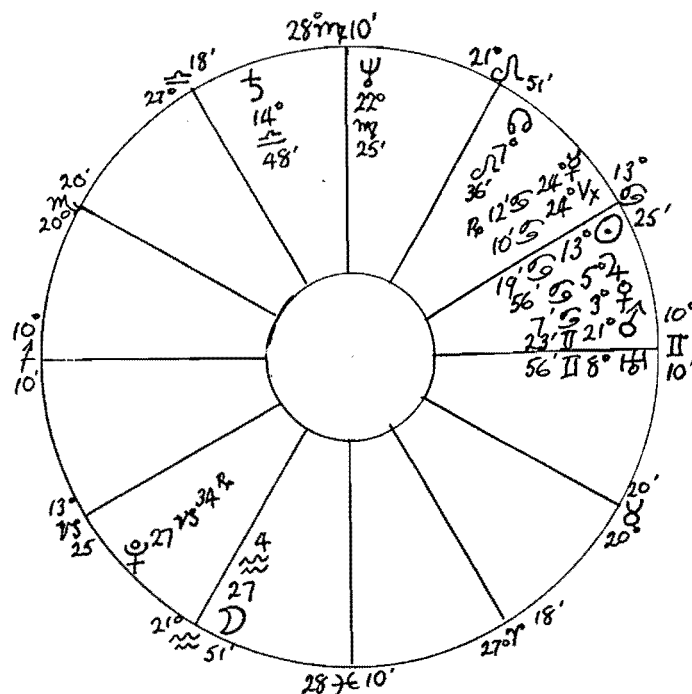
Ebenezer Sibley's comments on the American Revolution:

I...call the attention of my reader to that remarkable era in the British History, which gave independence to America, and ~~it~~ ^{it} set up a new empire, that shall soon or late give laws

to the whole world. The revolution carries with it something so remarkable, and the event is so important in this country, that I shall make no apology for introducing the scheme of the heavens for the Spring...of the year 1776, when this revolution happened, and for examining and explaining the same, according to the rules I have so amply laid down for that purpose. ...

THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
according to Ebenezer Sibley 4th July 1776.

Re-set for Philadelphia, 39N56.9, 75W9,
5pm LT. Placidian Dusps.

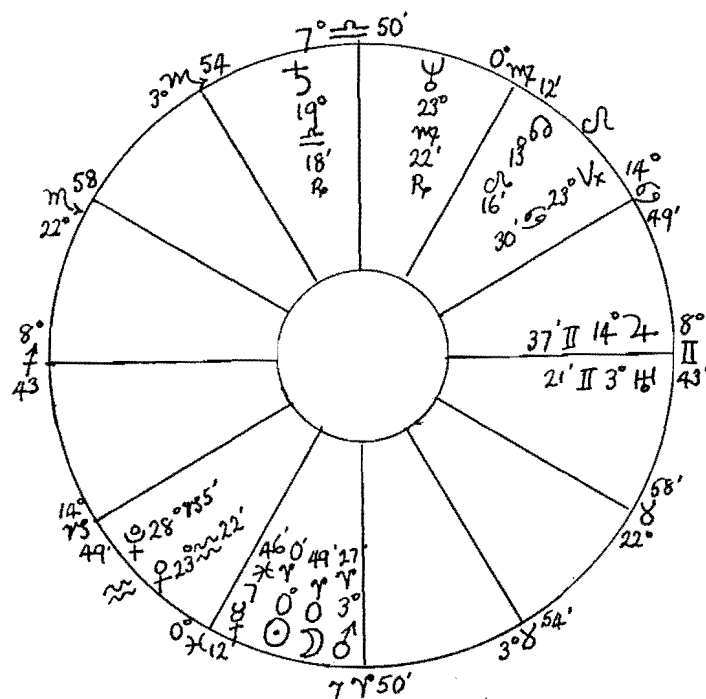


In the Vernal Equinox, we find Jupiter is Lord of the Ascendant, and in his detriment. Mars we find in Aries, which is the Ascendant of England, strong and powerful in his own House, but under the Earth. The Moon, who represents the common people, we find under affliction, being combust of the Sun; and Mars, being combust also, foreshows that poor England, though her internal strength is great and permanent, yet she will this year be accidentally afflicted and depressed; more especially as we find Mars going to an opposition of Saturn, and Saturn uncommonly strong in the Midheaven, in his Exaltation, and beheld by the two fortunes, Jupiter and Venus; and consequently superior to Mars in power and dignity, who is under the Earth, and combust of the Sun, though located in his own House; which in this case serves however to show the permanency and stability of Great Britain during the whole of this trying conflict. In this Figure the planet Saturn is the Significator of America, and Mars represents the people of Britain ...

That Saturn hath the superiority of power, and that Mars and Saturn are inimical in their nature to each other, are facts too evident to be denied; and, as the aspect which is about to be formed between them is a malevolent one, namely, a partile opposition, it declares the event shall be such as to cause a total and eternal separation of the

ARIES INGRESS MARCH 1776

March 20, 1776 0:36:49 GMT Set for Westminster, 51n32, 0W7. Placidian Cusps.



two countries from each other; and the Congress, which is represented by Saturn, will establish an independent and complete revolution, which shall be built upon a firm and durable foundation; and the increasing strength and durability of the new State is represented by Saturn in his Exaltation, supported by the benefic rays of the two Fortunes. And since there is a remarkable Reception between the two planets Saturn and Venus, i.e., Venus in the House [Sign] of Saturn, and Saturn in the House [Sign] of Venus, supported by a propitious trine aspect of Venus and Jupiter, ... it is hence declared that whatever is effected under this Revolution of the Sun's Ingress into Aries by the Americans shall not only be permanent and durable, but shall be supported by those three grand pillars of State, wisdom strength, and unanimity; which are pointed out by those three planets, agreeable to their tendency and nature, viz., Saturn, strength and durability; Jupiter, wisdom and justice; and Venus, unanimity and perseverance[?]; and their mutual trine aspect to each other, is expressive of

future perfection and harmony; so [the planets] show their natural tendency towards the good fortune and success of the Americans; and consequently the disappointment and prejudice of the British arms and administration.

We shall now take notice of the time in which this extraordinary Revolution should come to its crisis, or completely take place, as pointed out by the several Significators in the Figure. To do this, we must equate the distance of Mars from Saturn, they being the two principal actors in the Revolution. Their distance is taken by Right Ascension, according to their latitude; because Mars, which is the Significator of Great Britain, is within three degrees of the Cusp of the Fourth House.

The Right Ascension of Saturn is 18°52'

The Right Ascension of Mars is 2°30'

Subtract, and the remainder is

distance of Mars from Saturn 16°22',

which Arc of Direction must be converted into time, by adding to it the Right Ascension of the Sun... We are to examine how many days the Sun takes in going that space in the Ecliptic; and this being an Annual Revolution, with the two Significators in Common [Cardinal] Signs, which denote weeks, we must therefore allow for each day's motion of the Sun one week, by which it will appear that the crisis or effect of the opposition of Mars and Saturn came up in fifteen weeks and two days from the time the Sun came into...the equinoctial Sign Aries; at which time to a day the Americans declared themselves independent of the British Government, and became a free State.

Sundry Birth Data

I am indebted to various correspondents for the following data relating to prominent people in the news at present:

General Norman Schwartzkopf born at Trenton, New Jersey, USA, (40N14, 74W46) on 22nd August 1934.

Neil Kinnock, Leader of the British Labour Opposition, born at Tredegar, Wales (3W16, 51N46), on 28th March 1942 at 2pm BST.

Bob Carr, Leader of the NSW Labour Opposition, born at Maroubra, NSW (33S57, 151E16), on 28th September 1934, at 12:50am.

Nick Greiner, NSW Premier, born at Budapest, Hungary, (47N30, 19E5), on 27th April 1947, at 4pm; believed to be Daylight Saving Time

- can anyone confirm?

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
22nd June 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Premier Greiner has just announced that the date of the next NSW State Election will be Saturday, May 25th. I hope many of you will be attempting an astrological prediction of the result. Elections are an opportunity to test and develop predictive skills.

While on this subject, I congratulate ROD and COLLEEN BRANDT (Qld.) on their successful prediction of a win for the Labour candidate in the Brisbane City Council Elections on 23rd March. They used the method they detailed in Issue 113/114, and their success was particularly noteworthy as it was widely expected (on non-astrological grounds) that the Liberal candidate would win. Another successful prediction, was that of LESLIE BLACK (England) who wrote to me on the 10th of January regarding the end of the Gulf War, "According to my deductions the month of March 1991 looks like a decisive month in this respect, either between the 1st and 5th, or around the 20th. If it carries on longer, then my choice would be around the 20th May, 1991." President Bush announced the Provisional Cease-Fire on February 28, to take effect at midnight of that day, (presumably, 24-hours on 28th February, which would be 0-hours of 1st March).

Leslie based his prediction on transitting Mars in the Solar Eclipse of 15th January 1991 (see Chart). On 1st to 5th March Mars, Ruling the Ascendant, moved in Gemini from the trine of Venus to the trine of the Rising Degree, linking the 1st and 7th Houses. It was a logical and successful use of the Eclipse Chart.

Margaret Millard (Eng.) informs me that in January ALEXANDER MARR (Germany) wrote to her that the War would be over in March, but as no data were given we cannot assess the astrological value of the prediction.

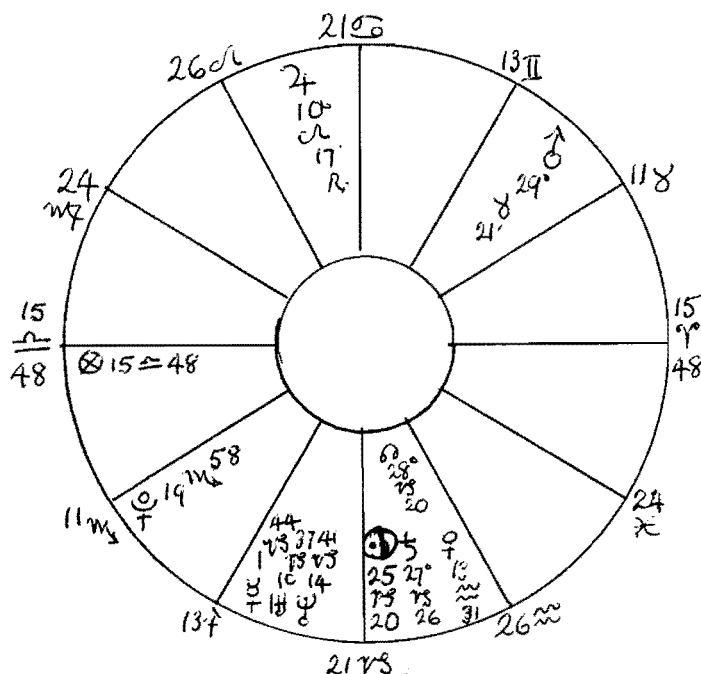
Margaret writes, also, "It looks as though the cease-fire does not equate with peace in the area!" Readers are invited to attempt further prediction along these lines.

From Nareme Collins (Vic.), birth data of JOHN HEWSON, Leader of the Federal Opposition: 28th October 1946, at Sydney. (Time unknown).

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ECLIPSE OF THE SUN 15TH JANUARY 1991
GMT 23:50. Set for 51N28, OEO.



NEW CHART FOR THE USA

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.):

Last week I came across the enclosed Natal Chart for the USA, set for 10:00pm on 2nd August 1776 (Philadelphia) taken from a book published in 1790 by Ebenezer Sibly. It comes, in turn, from a library book, *Zodiac Signs*, by Frederick Goodman (published 1990). As you can see, this Independence Chart was in use less than 15 years after the event. One would presume that there would be firm grounds for the time chosen since, whoever erected the Chart was, if not on the spot at least living among those that were. Every keen astrologer pounces on the time of a contemporary event,

especially one that is historically important. So this Chart time stands a good chance of being "hot off the press".

The National Wax Museum's portrayal of the signing of the Declaration shows a candle and drawn curtains, and another artist's impression also has drawn curtains and internal lighting. So a horoscope with a night time, or possibly the very early hours of morning would seem to be accurate (if one accepts the signing of the document as signifying the birth of the American Nation).

July the 4th is apparently not the correct date for the USA National Horoscope I quote from Collier's Encyclopedia (American production). (Italics are mine.):

"On July 1 the matter [Independence and Articles of Confederation] was again debated, and on July 2 Lee's motion was passed by Congress. The notion that July 4 was the date arose from a mistake in the first printed version of the Journals of the Congress. All the Congress did on July 4 was to order the Declaration printed, so that members could have copies. Congress did not order the document written up in the form we see it today until July 19, and it was not until August 2 that it was ready for signing by the members of the Congress."

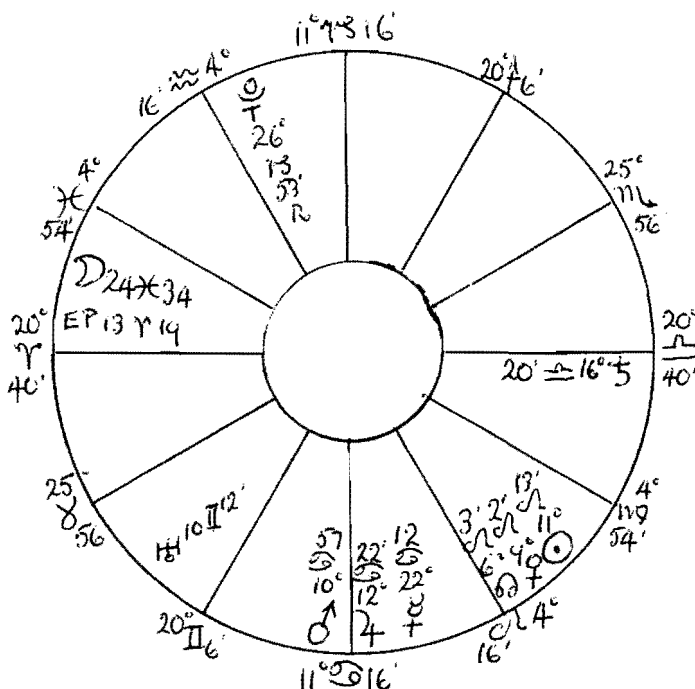
So it seems that July 4 headed a document that was actually signed on August 2. My hypothesis is July 4 was when the transcribing of the Declaration ready for signing was first begun, only to be interrupted soon after for further discussion of the finer points. Written work might have resumed on the document on July 19 - but the date was not altered. Nor was it on August 2 when all gathered together for the signing.

I did a horoscope for August 2, 10pm. This must have been the time bandied about, regardless of the wrong date being used. Then I checked to see if it responded to both the American character and events in recent history. What came out was both startling and fascinating.

Dymock, I know that you have done extensive and painstaking work on this subject, and to consider another date would be very hard. [Not at all, Jenifer. - DB.] But with every respect for your impartiality in judging the American Nation, I can't accept that it is primarily motivated by humanitarian principles. There are sporadic attempts, yes. But America, to me, comes across as ruthless and expedient, both to its

USA INDEPENDENCE: 2ND AUGUST 1776

10:00pm LMT, Philadelphia. 39N57, 75W10.
Placidian Cusps.



its own people and on a worldwide scale.

Anyway, with the August 2 Map, Aries for leadership is on the Ascendant, Pluto for transformation is in the 10th House, pragmatic, ambitious Capricorn on the MC - a very entrepreneurial Chart, especially with a Leo Sun in the 5th House. There are six Cardinal planets and the axis is Cardinal. Mars, the Ruler of the Ascendant, is in Cancer and conjunct Jupiter. To me this would indicate an almost irresistible urge to meddle in the affairs of others. The dominant Pluto demonstrates well the profound influence of the American Stock Market. The value of the American dollar rules the economies of many countries, of which Australia is one. The United Nations is controlled through checks and balances by loans or arms deals, the granting of Foreign Aid, and so on. The 10th-House Pluto is conducive to crime as a profession (the Mafia and Truckers' Union), and blackmail or power manipulation of those in bureaucratic or governmental positions.

The Piscean Moon in the 12th House would account for much going on behind the scenes (e.g., the CIA) that we wouldn't know about, plus America's undoubted artistic talents, especially in film and music. The Sign's charity, empathy and caring is overshadowed, perhaps because it conflicts with the national ethos of independence, so prominent in the Chart. (One just has to look at the enormous

discrepancy between the haves and have-nots, and the appalling lack of hospital care for the under-privileged to realize how unbalanced is the expression of this Moon.)

But the Pisces influence on the drug scene is awesome.

With this Chart America now has the vital Leonic Sun instead of the quieter Cancer. Both the Sun and Uranus are in quincunx with the MC, and Mars/Jupiter at their Midpoint - a Nation destined to deal with changing situations, mostly of their own making. Perhaps rigid social structures are torn apart--certainly the birth of new ideas. This pattern (the 5th-House Sun, Uranus, Mars/Jupiter, and the Capricorn aims of the 10th House) appears to fit that keystone of American government as set out in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it. ... Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long-established should not be changed for light and transient causes ... But when [Government becomes] absolute Despotism it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government ..."

Mars in Cancer is sensitized. Self-protection is instinctive. The waging of war is more likely with this Sign position I think, rather than if it was resident in Gemini. Mars' new position conjunct Jupiter and the 4th House Cusp, and with both planets in square to Saturn is a very powerful combination. It is very indicative of the internal domestic strife that periodically erupts throughout the land. This is well borne out by the "gun in every home" mentality, gang warfare, race riots, violence and beatings on the streets, etc. On the international front, a nation very protective of its own interests, e.g., unimpeded supply of cheap oil from the Middle East, plus Kuwait billions invested in America = Gulf War. (President Bush must share responsibility for the incalculable environmental damage, oil resources going up in smoke, loss of life and limb suffered by innocent people--all being the end result of his decision to fight the Iraqis, despite several other options available. In so doing, he did as American Presidents have done in the past--fought wars in other lands for business and financial reasons.)

In one way, fiery and impulsive Mars powered up by fiery and impulsive Jupiter in the emotional Sign of Cancer, and opposing the respectable, thoughtful, God-fearing aspirations of Capricorn, sort of sums up America's dilemma, particularly as this is a 4th/10th-House situation - the private face versus the public. Unfortunately, what America brews up in its 4th House is exported to the rest of the world via the connection of Jupiter and the 9th (overseas) House - anything from muggings to lifestyles.

A quick check, using only the USA Natal Ascendant, Midheaven, Sun, Mars and Saturn, shows these contacts for the following events:

Chart for the atomic bomb on Hiroshima (Issue No.50)

USA Aries-Asc square to Hiroshima's Moon and Saturn.

USA Capricorn-MC quincunx to Hiroshima's Mars.

USA Leo Sun conjunct Hiroshima's Pluto.

USA Mars semisextile Hiroshima's Mars.

USA Saturn square to Hiroshima's Moon and Saturn.

Chart for Pres. Hussein (Issue No.108/9).

USA Aries Asc conjunct Hussein's Venus.

USA Capricorn MC trine Hussein's Uranus.

USA Mars sextile Hussein's Uranus, and possibly Sun.

USA Saturn in opposition to Hussein's Venus.

Chart for Iraq Republic (Issue No. 108/9)

USA Aries Asc square to Iraq's Asc and Sun, trine to Saturn, sextile to Moon and Venus, trine Mercury.

USA Capricorn MC quincunx Iraq's Uranus.

USA Leo Sun conjunct Iraq's Uranus, Transpluto and Mercury,

USA Mars semisextile Iraq's Uranus and Transpluto.

USA Saturn square Iraq's Sun, trine Moon and Venus.

Chart for President Bush (Issue No.91/2)

USA Aries Asc opposite Bush's Moon, square Venus.

USA Capricorn MC opposite Bush's Pluto.

USA Leo Sun semisextile Bush's Pluto, trine Jupiter.

USA Mars and Jupiter conjunct Bush's Pluto.

USA Saturn conjunct Bush's Moon, square Venus.

Chart for Declaration of War against Iraq

USA Aries-Asc trine War Chart's Asc and Trans-

pluto, quincunx Pluto.

USA Capricorn-MC conjunct War Chart's Uranus.

USA Leo-Sun square War Chart's Midheaven, conjunct Jupiter, opposite Moon, opposite Venus, quincunx Uranus.

USA Mars square War Chart's Uranus and Neptune, trine Jupiter, sextile Midheaven.

A curious "coincidence" is that August the 2nd, the date Jennifer quotes for the above Chart of the USA Independence, is the same as the date of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR'S CHART

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.): In reply to Ross Harvey in the March issue of *A.F.*, I was not surprised to learn of his unbelief in the Hyleg, this ancient Ptolemaic canon that all the greatest astrologers held in high esteem and demonstrated at great length, and that "it does not work" for him!; also his unbecoming snide remarks about the method of rectification I use being unworkable. But it is the final paragraph of his article that causes umbrage and to which I take exception.

It may interest others to know that Ross had previously rectified the birth time of John Major before my version was published, and came to within one minute (9:00:59 GMT) of my time, which he claimed was accurate, and that John Major would do well. This came about through my correspondence with Dr. J. Nicholls, who passed the data on to Ross to do a rectification of the time. Subsequently, Dr. Nicholls passed his result on to me, as follows: "The given time appears to be accurate--an average of 18 MC-positions resulting from Progressed and Regressed Secondaries gives an MC of 18Aqu29 for a time of 9:00:59-hours GMT. Most telling is Progressed MC trine Pluto for becoming P.M., Regressed Ascendant trine Pluto for becoming Chancellor, and Regressed Ascendant trine Pluto for becoming Foreign Secretary. Age Harmonics show h.22 for the road accident with h.Saturn at 23Tau50 and h.Pluto at 20Scor11; the rectified h.Asc is 21Tau18 - all most satisfactory. Even the Prenatal Epoch is good (17:17:06-hours GMT on 27/6/42) with Ep.Moon 23Vir43 conjunct Neptune 27Vir11 and Asc 29Scor18 opposite Venus 29Tau45 and Uranus 26Gem27. Major should do well."

I concede to Ross that I listed only one Major Direction for between March and November of last year, but there were more. Here are the remainder: p.Mars trine p.Jupiter (exact); p.Asc trine r.Mercury (within 2'); p.Asc sextile r.Uranus (exact); MC conjunct r.Sun (within 2'); MC Sextile r.Saturn (within 3').

The Moon technically Hyleg in Major's figure may have cost him his life in the motor accident; if not, certainly his leg. Ross says that he finds it odd that a Chart which has Jupiter conjunct the Descendant and an Angular Pluto trine the Sun should be described as that of a supine and under-ambitious person. How, then, does he assess Jupiter's opposition to the Ascendant, with its dispositor, the Moon, posited there forming a lethal T-Square to the Sun, Mercury and Neptune? Also, the so-called trine, Pluto to the Sun, is ineffectual as Pluto has no "applying rights" to any body in the scheme of the Ecliptic.

It is a pity that Ross has gone to such lengths in desperation just to score points, and to gain some credence for himself, by inventing an earlier time than the one he already agreed upon as being correct, after it was made public that the British Astrological Association had invented one. Or was it

the case he did not want any credit going to anyone else but himself?

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): Leslie's latest emotional reaction is based, like his previous one, on a misconception. He is mistaken when he says that I had previously rectified John Major's Chart to 0900-hours UT. It is, however, quite true that Jack Nicholls had sent me an excerpt of a letter to him from Leslie, containing data from John Major's life, so that I might look at Major's Chart myself. The first paragraph reads as follows: "Here are the birth particulars: Born Monday, 9:00am UT, 29th March, 1943, at Merton, Surrey; Lat. 51N25, Long. 0W13; S.T. 21:22:42; MC Aquarius 18°44', Ascendant Gemini 23°54'."

Readers will notice that no mention is made of the time's being a rectification. I assumed from this that 0900-hours UT was within a few minutes of it. Anyone who has tried a rectification exercise will know that it is only too easy to "validate" almost any time if one confines oneself to a handful of Progressions, so my remarks in the paragraph of my letter to Jack that Leslie quotes are only significant if 0900-hours is indeed the given time, but it is not - it is Leslie's rectification (or "invention" in his own words).

The paragraph that Leslie quotes bears me out: I wrote "The GIVEN time ...", but I subsequently discovered from our Editor's introduction to Leslie's article in *Forum* 112/113 that it was merely a rectification. Consequently I looked more closely, and the result of my investigation was published in *Forum* 114/115.

I am as sure as I can be from the data about Major's life at my disposal that he was born between 0100 and 0700-hours UT. The time of 0245-hours UT seems to me to be the best possibility within this range. However, no one should ever make the mistake of confusing a rectification with fact, and it is still possible that my suggestion is incorrect; and I would of course be only too willing to consider any other suggestion accompanied by a reasoned argument. Hysteria is no substitute for reasoned argument.

Leslie still has not responded to my point that his rectification method has not been successful in any Rectification Exercise so far. If there is evidence that his technique works in blind tests that I am unaware of, I should be grateful to have it brought to my attention. It is curious that Leslie quotes from my letter to Jack in his defence, because the principal points that inclined me to accept the 0900-hours time at first glance (on the assumption that it was the recorded time) were Progressions of the Angles to aspects of Pluto, yet in his third paragraph Leslie denies the possibility of just such aspects. He can't have it both ways.

It is a pity that Leslie takes my criticism of his methods as a personal attack. Such was never my intention. My having "gone to such lengths in desperation just to score points", etc., exists only in Leslie's super-heated imagination. We should all be prepared to examine any suggestion as critically as possible, and to have our own suggestions so examined by others, and only suggestions that stand up to a rigorous examination should be accepted. This is how progress is made. If we cannot do this, we will never get anywhere.

My kind regards to all,

- Dymock, 6th May 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

VICTORY IN THE GULF

Now that the Gulf War has finished, more quickly than almost anyone anticipated, we have an opportunity to adjust the Chart of President George Bush in the light of his resounding victory. His triumph abroad and unparalleled popularity at home must surely be reflected in his Geniture or its derivatives - the Cyclic Charts and Directions.

George Bush's mother gave the time of birth as between 11am and 12 noon, and a Figure for the speculative time of 11:25am EDT was published in the February/March 1989 Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*.

Ross Harvey (NSW) writes that he thinks the birth may have been at 11:32 am, which gives Regressed Ascendant trine Radical Uranus on the 28th December 1988 - Bush became President on 8th November 1988 - and Progressed Ascendant trine Progressed Mars on the 1st of February 1991. This could account for the speedy and favourable end to the War.

My own investigations suggest a time close to 11:27 am. This gives a very favourable current Solar Return with Venus conjunct the Midheaven, and the current Age Harmonic with Jupiter in the same exalted position. These Charts and others may be presented in the April Issue.

Though the military action has officially ended, the matter is not yet finalized. We now have a report of an Iraqi war plane being shot down by the US air force for violating the terms of the Provisional Cease-Fire, and there is widespread rebellion in Iraq against Saddam Hussein. Aside from that, a hundred burning oil wells have to be extinguished. It is a question just when peace and productivity will be restored. Next August the Progressed Moon conjoins Venus in the Inceptional Chart for the Gulf War, which is hopeful, but it is still a long way off.

- Dymock.

CIVIL STRIFE IN YUGOSLAVIA

Attention is now focussed on the unrest in Yugoslavia, involving the peoples of Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro and Slovenia. Latest reports suggest that Civil War is about to

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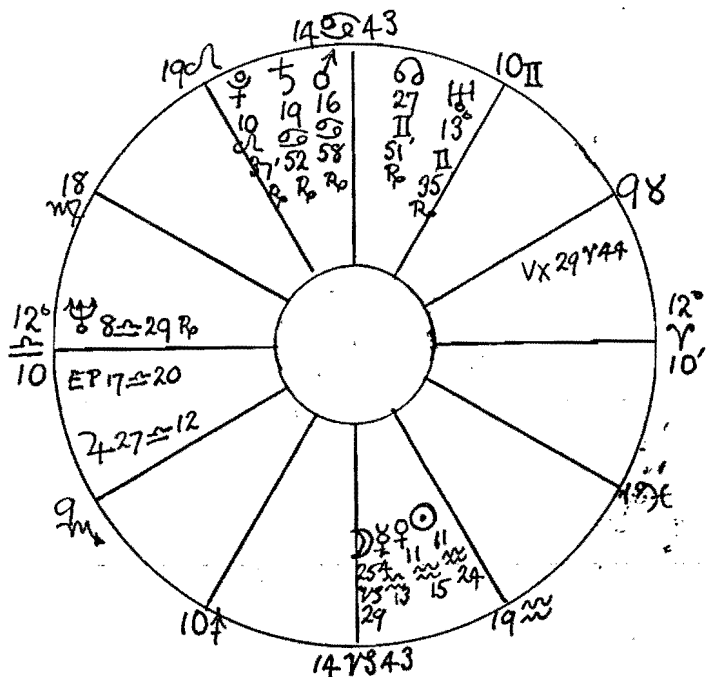
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erupt.

Here is a Chart for the commencement of the Communist Regime in Yugoslavia. It is based on information given in that most useful volume, Nicolas Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes*. The date is fairly certain, but the time is speculative. At least it gives astrological researchers something to work on.

YUGOSLAVIA: COMMUNIST REGIME

31 January 1946, Belgrade, 44N50, 20E30
Speculative time 10pm L.T. (UT 9pm)



Yugoslavia will be affected soon by the powerful stationary Transits of URANUS and NEPTUNE. On 17th April Uranus will be stationary at 13Cap49, within orbs of an opposition to Mars at 16Can58, and at the same time Neptune, stationary at 16Cap46, will be even closer to the opposition - dangerously so

oppositions would not be affected if the speculative time for the Chart were wrong, but if the time is correct the situation becomes much worse as Uranus will then be closely opposed to the Midheaven as well.

The release of the combined planetary energies of Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune is a dire portent for Yugoslavia. One may expect widespread unrest, challenge to the Government's authority, military action and violence.

- Dymock.

P.M. JOHN MAJOR'S HOROSCOPE

From GWYN STONEY (N.S.W): I was interested in Ross Harvey's rectification of Prime Minister John Major's Birth Chart. Using Cosmobiology, I came up with a birth time of 3:46am B.S.T. - just one minute later than Ross - Ascendant 14Cap8, MC 19Sco29.

I have from two different sources that he was born at BRIXTON, LONDON, 51NB, OW6. The two sources are Editor Bill Henry of Planetary Pictures, and Lois Rodden, Data News, USA.

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.): My main objection to Ross Harvey's Rectification and his very complicated calculations is the Directive system of Age Harmonics. It must be apparent to most astrologers that the arithmetical and astronomical aspects of this system lack credibility. About 80% of these charts that have appeared in the *Astrologers' Forum* and elsewhere are abortive when referred to places within the North Polar regions by virtue of the M.C. falling at or below the horizon. After substituting the Harmonic Ascendant for the corresponding one for the Pole of the Earth at location, the astrologer then is confronted with having to cope with two Ascendants in one Chart. This is a most fallacious approach, and shows astrology at its very worst.

Further, the orbs given to the aspects are over-generous, when it is a long-established fact, agreed to by astrologers of high standing, that they must not exceed one degree of arc, more or less, for any major event. In the three examples Ross gives to discredit the 9am U.T. birth time the orbs exceed 1°: becoming M.P., Sun conjunct Saturn, orb 4°; marriage, Sun opposite Saturn, orb 3°; becoming Secretary and Chancellor, the triple conjunction in Pisces of the Sun, Venus and Pluto, the orbs range from 4° to 9°.

In the twelve events chosen for my rectification by Secondary Arcs, of which there were more than one in each case, the

Directions were accurate to within a few minutes of arc, and every Direction was from the Progressed to the Radical positions. Progressed-to-Progressed Aspects, of which there were many, were not included.

The reading of John Major's Map in Ross's terms shows him to be a very inhibited, weak-kneed, under-ambitious person with no hope ever of success in early life. The debilitated Moon rising in Capricorn, now having taken over the position of "hyleg" from the ever robust, exalted Sun in Aries, is also afflicted by Jupiter, the Moon's Node, Neptune and the parallels of both Saturn and Uranus. Such an orientation does not fit this pencil-sharp politician with the majority of the planets under the horizon denoting the later years to be more successful than the earlier ones, and letting others take responsibility. Five planets occidental, including nebulous Neptune, the most elevated and afflicted planet in the scheme, indicates less opportunity to govern circumstances, and brings him more under the influence of Fate, when he must accept choices and issues of life as they are placed before him.

This is unlike the Map for 9am UT which has the majority of the planets rising from the Ascendant East to the Meridian, and calls upon him to make his own choice in every issue, and to create that issue at will. He rose in life through his own power and enterprise, attaining a good position in eight years of Government service. At the tender age of 47 years he has become the youngest and most talented Prime Minister this Century. All this could not be possible other than with the 9am Chart.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): Leslie seems not to have appreciated that the principal ground for my saying that John Major's birth has to be in the early morning is the result from the Progressed Solar Method (my "very complicated calculations"). Harmonics do not really come into this at all. In recent tests that I and Jack Nicholls have conducted (he providing data, and I trying to get the right times) the Solar Method has enabled me every time to specify correctly a range of six hours or less (depending on the amount of information available) that contained the given birth time. These results are not theoretical pronouncements, but results from blind tests. At the very least they corroborate the claim I made when I presented the method that it can be relied upon to give one the correct part of the day in any rectification. One can still make mistakes within that range, as I have done, but one will not be many hours from the correct time. My first average time was 0549-hours UT. This suggests that the time is early morning, so I then corrected all the

planetary positions for a birth of 0600-hrs. I then recalculated all the aspect times, and rejected those that could not possibly be relevant for an early morning birth, and got a corrected mean of 0353-hours. At the very outside this suggests to me that the time is within the range 0100 to 0700-hours (i.e., ± 3 hours) in round figures - already noticeably before 0900-hours.

When the times were again recalculated for this earlier mean the resulting mean was 0228-hours. This suggests that the time has to lie between 0100 and 0400-hours at the outside ($\pm 1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, because this new mean should be more accurate than the preceding one) - nowhere near 0900-hours.

From these results I would say that it is highly unlikely that the time is outside this last range, and that it is practically impossible that it is later than 0700-hours UT.

Harmonics provided a quick way to refute the 0900-hours UT time that Leslie suggests. Harmonic Sun conjunct Harmonic Saturn for becoming an MP is, in my experience of using Harmonics, impossible, although it may relate to some negative influence felt by Major in his 36th year. As I do not know of any such influence, it seems likely to me that the 0900-hours time is wrong. Leslie does not seem to appreciate that Harmonic Charts are not maps of the heavens as are Birth and Return Charts of all sorts. There is no horizon in a Harmonic Chart as he mistakenly assumes. The wheel format is merely a useful way of enabling one to see planetary relationships. Moreover such a format is regularly used in all literature on Harmonics, and is an option in the comprehensive computer programs that most people use these days, so I am not the only renegade to use them. Indeed, I am quite surprised that anyone should challenge their use. Leslie's claim that "it must be apparent to most astrologers that the arithmetical and astronomical aspects of this system lack credibility" is based on a complete misunderstanding of the method.

Leslie further does not appreciate that Harmonic Charts are a static method (like Return Charts) and not a dynamic method (such as Progressions and Primary Directions). It is standard practice to use orbs of five degrees for conjunctions of the Sun in Birth and Return Charts, and orbs of three to five degrees for conjunctions with the Angles in such Charts. So I make no apologies for using five-degree orbs in Harmonic Charts. Anyway, extensive use of Harmonic Charts has convinced me that such orbs work. On the other hand an orb of one degree in dynamic techniques such as Progressions or Primary Directions is

hopelessly too wide: A range of \pm one degree is on average equivalent to a time range of two years (!!) during which the aspect under consideration may work. With orbs like that any method will seem to work. I would not countenance time orbs greater than \pm three months (on average, $0^{\circ}15''$), and would prefer to see them smaller still. In his own rectification of John Major's Chart, Leslie has related all events between March and November of last year to one Progression (in his Chart p.MC conjunct Sun). I think this is unacceptable - one Progression could not cover eight months. In my experience most aspects of the Progressed Angles work within a range of \pm six weeks. If many do not, I would begin to suspect that the chart was inaccurate, or simply wrong.

Leslie and I have crossed swords over Harmonics before (see A.F.'s 28 - 32), so I would not expect him to accept any of this, but others should not allow his misconceived objections to put them off experimenting with a valuable technique.

I have noticed since I wrote before that in John Major's Solar Return for 1965 (accident) Neptune was at $19^{\circ}\text{Sc}39$, and it transitted again over 19°Sc in October of that year. So far as I know the accident was late in 1965, but unfortunately I do not know exactly when. When Major was elected to Parliament on the 3rd of May 1979, Uranus was at $19^{\circ}\text{Sc}17$, while Pluto was at $18^{\circ}\text{Sc}26$ on the 28th of November last when he became Prime Minister; quite a coincidence, unless 19°Sc (or, less likely, 19°Tau) is an Angle. If, as I think, the time has to be early morning, then a time of approximately 0245-hours is by far the most likely possibility.

I do not take much notice of the old rules about the Hyleg, mainly because they do not work. I find it odd that a chart which has Jupiter conjunct the Descendant and an Angular Pluto trine the Sun should be described as that of a supine and under-ambitious person! A quick look through *The American Book of Charts* turned up the following charts, all of which have no more than two planets above the horizon: Jean Anouilh (Saturn rising), Sir Richard Burton, Prince Charles, Maurice Chevalier (Saturn rising), Jean Cocteau, Josef Goebbels, Rex Harrison, J. Edgar Hoover, Martin Luther, Dean Martin, Jack Paar (Saturn conjunct the Descendant, Neptune in the 7th), Billy Rose (Neptune conjunct the Ascendant), William Saroyan, Shelley (Saturn conjunct the Ascendant), Ringo Starr and Leopold Stokowski. In quite a few cases the two planets above the horizon were malefics. I would not have thought that many of these were "weak-kneed, under-ambitious" people. The old rules are very neat, but they

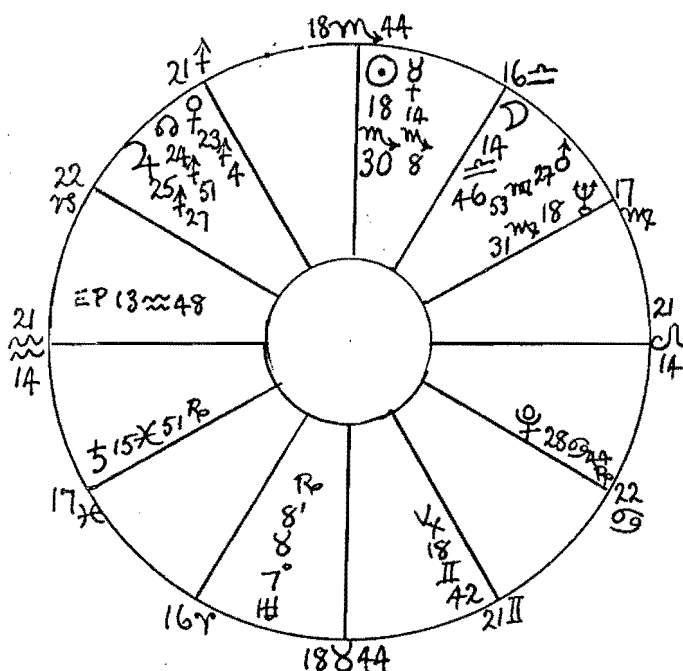
don't work very well.

Finally I was quite surprised that Leslie published a rectification that used a method which has never worked in any of the rectification tests published in the *A.F.* There may always be a first time, but one shouldn't have too much confidence that this is it.

Result of Rectification Exercise No. 7

The given time of birth for the woman the subject of our latest Rectification Exercise was 12-noon. Here is the Chart.

Female born 11th November 1936, 12 Noon
(GMT 2am) Charleville, Queensland, Australia.
146E14, 26S25



In a very creditable effort, JACK NICHOLLS (Vic.) succeeded in arriving at a time of 1204 pm. This may, indeed, be even more accurate than the given time. Jack describes his method as follows. (Readers should refer to the detailed personal history of the subject in the last issue):

1. Decided that the birth was diurnal, that is, between 0505 and 1820-hours local time, using Event 2 - birth of son.
2. Listed the Sun and Moon Signs of the parents and the children.
3. Because of the appalling medical history, considered that Saturn was posited in the 1st House. This could involve an Aquarius Ascendant, which would be in keeping with the list of family Sun and Moon Signs, and be in the time range 1025 - 1240-hours L.T.

4. Using the Nicholls Solar Return Method described in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 103, I first generated a pair of Solar Returns for the year beginning November 1989, which involved items 29 - 33. The group of planets Uranus, Venus Saturn and Neptune would "cross" the Ascendant for the above time range and would be very apt for these events. Eight times were obtained with a mean of 1209-hours, L.T. The Solar Returns used the coordinates of the birth place, and both Solar Return and Natal planets were involved.

5. Three other pairs of Solar Returns were examined for the years beginning November 1955, 1984 and 1987 (items 2, 18-22, 24 and 25), and a total of 17 times obtained which gave an average of 1205-hours L.T., taking into account times within 30 minutes of the average.

6. Checking with several events and Secondaries Progressed and Regressed by Solar-Arc in longitude suggested that the time might be *circa* one minute earlier, that is 1204-hours AEST.

The *modus operandi* has much in common with my Rectification submitted for Rectification Exercise No. 5.

Congratulations, Jack. Congratulations also to the others for at least attempting the Exercise, some, indeed, coming close. These other estimates were:

1. 1304-hours, based on relationships between the mother's Venus, Saturn and Mars, and the Subject's Mars and Saturn.
2. 1238-hours, using the method described in *Astrologers' Forum* No.110.
3. 1818-hours, calculated by the Prenatal Ovulation Cycle and the Diurnal Horoscope, and checked by Secondary Directions.

"The astrological characteristics of the planets only come through strongly for rather special groups such as those investigated by Gauquelin. If collections of ordinary people were used for the base data then the apparent effects are so weak that any searcher without foreknowledge would come up with all sorts of spurious correlations and fail to assemble anything like the corpus of traditional astrology." (*The Message of Astrology*, by Peter Roberts.)

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
22nd March 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

China has to a large extent dropped out of the news lately because of the Gulf War, but now Allan Johnson takes up the story again:

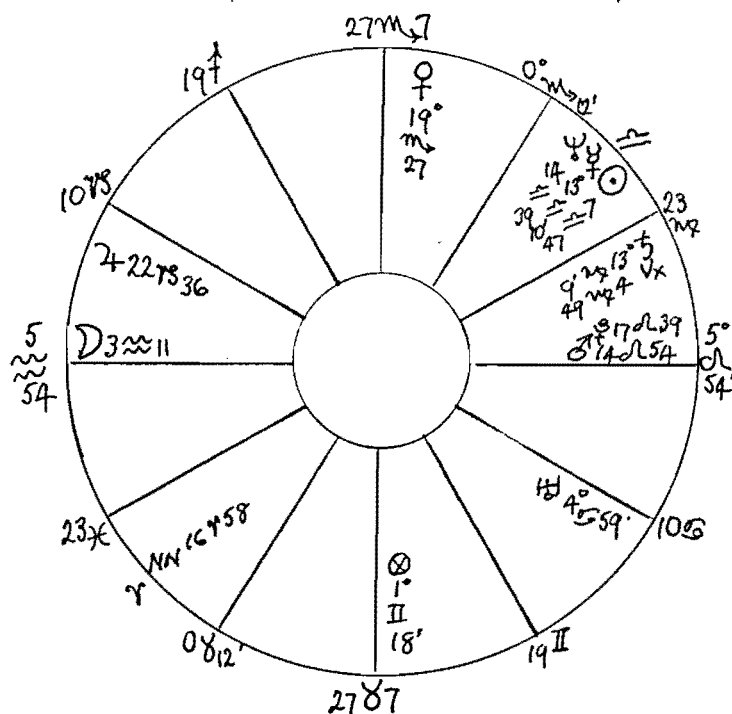
CHINA STORY

by Allan Johnson

Just 18 months ago I made some comments on the Chinese Chart relative to the Tiananmen Square horror, so now it is worthwhile having a further look at that Chart, since there has been an apparent calm after the storm. We don't get a lot of news from China these days, and the Government has clamped the lid on things and held it there. But there could be a lot of things happening beneath the surface. Transits and Progressions show that this whole situation is extremely deceptive, and where we get deception we usually get the influence of Neptune, which we do get here.

REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1st October 1949, 3:15pm, Peking (Beijing)
39N55, 116E23. Placidian Cusps.



Progressing the MC by the Solar Arc in Longitude we now get the Progressed Ascendant 14Ari47, bringing it into close opposition to Neptune in the 8th House, and this will continue on to oppose the Progressed Neptune

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over the next couple of years as well. This does not point to sound judgement by the Chinese Government, and as those at the top are all in a pretty advanced age, there could be a lot of self deception there. The Progressed Sun is still at a very close square to Progressed Pluto, so their whole position could be very fragile. So both Progressions and Transits are still highly critical in this Chart, which indicates that the drama has by no means been played out.

As I mentioned previously, The Chinese Chart is running into the "mid-life crisis" situation where both Pluto and Neptune are squaring their own Natal positions, and in addition Uranus has been opposing its own Natal position. So anyone who was born at the end of the 1940's is striking the same sort of situation. In the case of China, of course, all three of these are stirring up the two basic Natal configurations - Venus square Mars/Pluto and Uranus square Sun/Mercury/-Neptune. And most significantly, the 8th House is involved, endings and new beginnings, death and rebirth. Throughout 1991 we could say the Chart is right in the middle of the action. But there are so many interlocking complexities involved it is not easy to pinpoint exact dates for further dramatic developments, especially as Neptune is so much at the centre of things.

But one date that is worth watching is around the 17th May next when Saturn is stationary on the Ascendant. I think key planets on an Angle can often bring something decisive. Pluto won't hit the M.C. until 1994, but we are more likely to see some action before that time. Uranus is a good planet for dramatic events, and will be stationary and squaring the 8th House conjunction round April/May next, and also around September 1992. So these could be key

periods in the drama. We may not see another uprising similar to the one of mid-1989, but perhaps a big change at the top due to a death or several deaths. The next two years could be quite decisive.

PREDICTING ELECTIONS

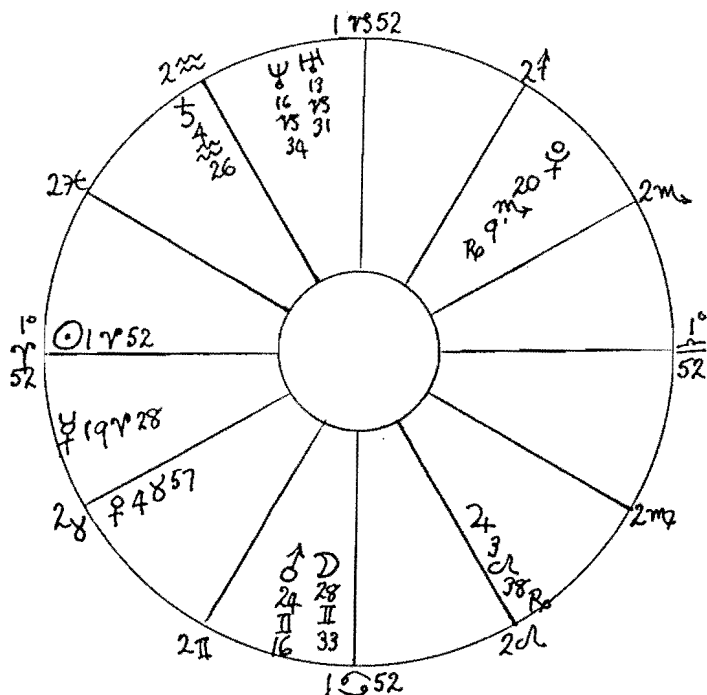
by Rod and Colleen Brandt

After our success in predicting the outcome of the Queensland State Elections and the Federal Elections, we decided to have a look at the forthcoming Local Government Elections - the Brisbane City Council Elections - set for 23rd March, using the same principles and guidelines that we used for the previous Elections.

CHART 1: This is a rather simple and quite accurate way of predicting electoral outcomes. It is a Solar Chart for the day in question, placing the Sun on the Ascendant and using equal Houses. The planets are placed in the Chart straight from the Ephemeris. However, the only planets considered are Saturn and Jupiter and their relative strengths and weaknesses, along with their position in the Chart. Aspects and other planets are not used. In our system of parties Saturn rules Labour and Jupiter rules the Liberals.

Chart No.1: SOLAR CHART

23rd March 1991. Brisbane. 27S28, 153E2



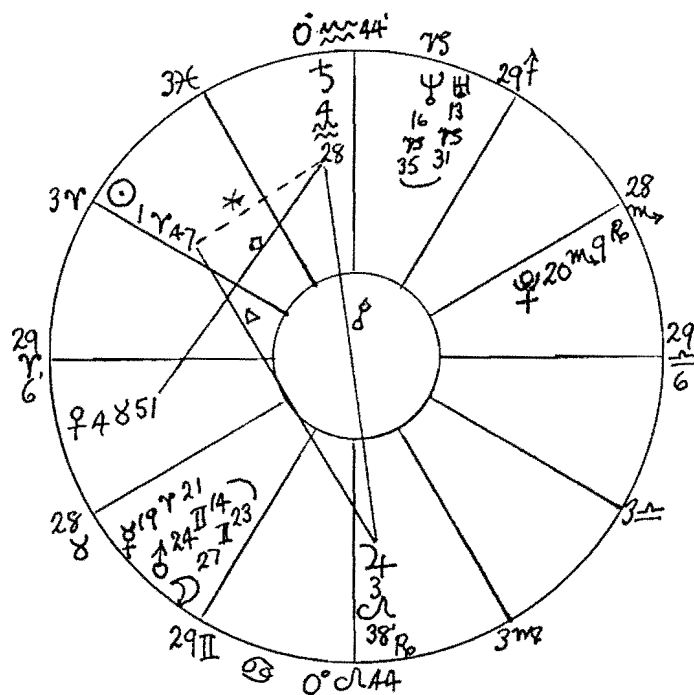
The main point to consider is the planet that is more highly elevated will usually be the victor, especially if it is in the 9th, 10th or 11th House. This is so also if the planet is in its own Sign or in Exaltation, as it gains power. Its own Sign is the strongest

dignity. Mutual reception can also help. (Mutual Reception means the two planets are in each other's Signs.)

As we consider this Chart we note that first of all there are no mutual receptions for Jupiter, but Saturn is in its co-rulership Sign of Aquarius, and Uranus is in Saturn's Sign of Capricorn - a definite mutual reception. This pulls Saturn's power even higher in the Chart. Saturn is the most elevated of the two and in its own Sign. Jupiter is in the 5th, retrograde. Saturn is the most strongly placed of the planets, and suggests a win for Labour.

CHART 2: This is set for the 8am start for the Election on 23rd March this year at Brisbane. In this Chart the Eastern or left-hand side of the Chart represents the Party in power (Liberals), while the Western side represents the Opposition. Refining it still further, the 10th House represents the Liberals and the 4th House, Labour. So if the ruler of the 10th is stronger than that of the 4th, the incumbent Party will retain office. Conversely, the opposing Party will win if the ruler of the 4th is the stronger. Therefore, the 1st and 7th Houses represent the Party itself, the 10th and 4th represent its position and power.

Chart No. 2: 8am Election Start, 23 March 1991. Brisbane



The 10th House Cusp is 0Aqu44. The Cusp has just entered Aquarius, which is a new Sign on the 10th, indicating change. Uranus, co-ruler of Aquarius is in Capricorn in the 9th or the Western or Labour side of the Chart - points to Labour. Saturn, Co-ruler of Aquarius is in Aquarius in the 10th (the Liberal's House of

at 29Can04, conjuncting her Sun and opposing her Ascendant, and the third Solar Eclipse prior to the event was at 6Aqu35, opposing her Pluto but also making wide dissociate conjunctions and oppositions to her Sun and Ascendant, setting the stage, so to speak. We have found that by checking the degrees and Signs of the three Solar Eclipses prior to an event in a person's life, to the significant planets and points in their Chart, changes most often occur, sometimes good sometimes drastic. If the eclipses do not coincide there is no change or, if there is, it is insignifickant. It will be interesting to see just how these Eclipses bring about the changes in Sallyanne's life.

PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) has independently rectified the Chart for the present British Prime Minister, and considers that the British Astrological Association is on the right track with their estimate of a birth between 3am and 4:30am British Summer Time. Ross arrives at a time of 2:45am GMT (3:45am BST), and writes as follows:

I first calculated the Harmonics for the 9:00am UT for several important years. In Harmonic 36 (John Major became a Member of Parliament) h.Sun, 10Cap48, conjoins h.Saturn, 14Cap24. The Sun conjunct Saturn for the beginning of his highly successful parliamentary career seems most unlikely, and for the Sun not to be conjunct Saturn in this Harmonic, the time has to be before 0800-hours UT. (Henceforth all times are UT.)

In Harmonic 27 (married) for the 0900 time the Sun is 00Sco36, and Saturn is 3Tau21. H.Sun opposite h.Saturn is not appropriate for marriage - especially as I read somewhere that he said that deciding to marry was the best decision he ever made. To avoid this inappropriate aspect the time has to be before 0700-hours.

I then turned to the Solar Method I presented in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 110. In John Major's case there is the disadvantage of no firmly dated events before age 34, and only sixteen dates in all. Nevertheless, results from tests I have attempted recently lead me to consider this method the best chance of finding an unknown time. There are seven times from major aspects, whose mean is 0535-hours, and there are twelve conventional aspects altogether, the mean of whose times is 0506-hours. At least from this it is clear that the time is early morning, probably between 0200 and 0700-hours (the latter limit derived from harmonics).

The MC for an 0200 time is 7Sco45, and for an 0700 time, 19Cap1. Neptune was at 15Sag33

on 6th May 1977, and was at 12Cap55 on 28th November 1990, while between February 1988 and February 1991, Saturn transitted through Capricorn. Transitting Neptune conjunct the MC does not seem appropriate for any stage of Major's remarkably successful career, nor does Saturn conjunct the MC for the last two eventful years, so the MC seems likely to be before 15^o Sagittarius. This limits the birth time to before 0430-hours.

I then returned to the Solar Method and added all minor aspects previously omitted. I have been experimenting with semi-octile aspects (all multiples of 22.5^o - semi-semi-squares), and non-conventional multiples of 10^o, first suggested by C.E.O. Carter in the introduction to his *Astrological Aspects*. I have good evidence to suppose that all multiples of 10^o between 30^o and 150^o are aspects. Both these series of minor aspects are useful for the Solar Method, as they enable one to find vastly more aspect times than one could by using conventional aspects alone. I also at this stage corrected the planetary positions for an early morning birth. There were 43 aspects altogether, whose mean was 0549-hours. However, as the time is early morning, I then rejected all times after 1700-hours to get a mean of 0353-hours. If I then reject times after 1500-hours, I get a mean of 0228-hours. Both these results lie within the range suggested before (0200 to 0430-hours UT), and it seems likely that the last figure obtained from the Solar Method is within an hour of the true time.

I then turned to the Solar Returns, calculating the Angles for an 0200-hours birth time, and for an 0430 birth time, and looked for the most likely fit with appropriate Solar Return and Radical planets. 0245-hours seems to be the best time within this range. In the Solar Return for 1979 (MP) the MC is conjunct Jupiter, while the Ascendant is conjunct Pluto. In the Solar Return for 1990 (Prime Minister) the MC is conjunct the Sun, while the Ascendant is conjunct Radical Pluto.

A Chart for 0245-hours UT (3:45am BST) - within the range proposed by the British Astrological Association) has an MC of 19Sco8, and an Ascendant of 13Cap48. Pluto transitted over the MC, and Neptune over the Ascendant, just after he became Prime Minister. The contacts with Margaret Thatcher's Chart are significant: She has a Scorpio Ascendant, he a Scorpio Midheaven; his Ascendant is conjunct her Jupiter and opposite her Pluto. It is said that he was her preferred successor. In this Chart Jupiter is conjunct the Descendant, most appropriate for someone who values his marriage as much as he does. Furthermore, an early morning time makes the Moon/Venus trine closer, which also seems appropriate for his character. In Harmonic 22 (accident) Pluto is at 20Scol1 and Saturn at 23Tau50, conjunct and

Government - gives some points to the Liberals). The 4th House (Labour's 10th, counting from the 7th as the 1st) shows 0Leo44 on the Cusp. Again change, as a new Sign, Leo, has just entered the 4th - Labour's 10th. It's ruler, the Sun, has just entered Aries at 1°47' in the 11th - Labour's 5th, and is Exalted, giving it a very powerful position. Aspect-wise, the Sun is better off. It trines Jupiter, sextiles Saturn, and semi-sextiles Venus. Uranus is conjunct Neptune within a 3° orb - confusion - and sesqui-square Mars and the Moon. Saturn, although conjunct the Midheaven and sextile the Sun, is in a dissociate square to the Ascendant, square Venus, opposite Jupiter. All this means that there will be confusion caused possibly to the public, and there will be agitation to do with the public, and possibly agitation around the initiatives taken by Party members of either side. Both the 10th House Rulers are somewhat restricted. Labour's 1st-House Ruler, Venus, is well placed in Taurus, and rising on the Ascendant of the Chart. Also the Ascendant/-Descendant axis of the Chart is 29Ari6/29Lib6 - the ends of the Signs, with new Signs about to rise. Change of local government, maybe? Don't forget, also, the principles of Saturn and Jupiter, only as they appear in this Chart: Saturn, Labour, is again at the very top of the Chart in its own Sign, Jupiter is down in the 4th.

The main contenders for the Lord Mayoral position are the incumbent Lord Mayor, Sallyanne Atkinson, for the Liberals, and Jim Soorley for Labour. Unfortunately, we do not have any details for Mr. Soorley, but we do have Sallyanne's data (see Chart 3). The data are taken from a biography, which gave the birth time as 4:45pm, 23rd July 1942, at Sydney.

With all the planets but the Moon in Scorpio on the Western side of the Chart, it seems that it is not the Chart of the leader and initiator. However, the ambitious Sign Capricorn is rising, 25°47', and the Sun is at 29Can47 in the 7th House, opposite. The Sun is within a 6° orb of conjunction with Pluto, which would suggest the lady's power. The Ascendant ruler, Saturn, in the 5th conjunct Uranus, can add an erratic tendency to her nature at times. The ruler of the Midheaven, Venus has just entered Cancer in the 6th and is semi-sextile her Natal Sun. This, with the Moon in Scorpio in the 11th - groups and organizations - trine her Sun, plus Jupiter and Mercury in the 6th linked to Neptune in Virgo sextile both Sun and Moon, gives her the charismatic power of leadership that Brisbaneites either love or hate.

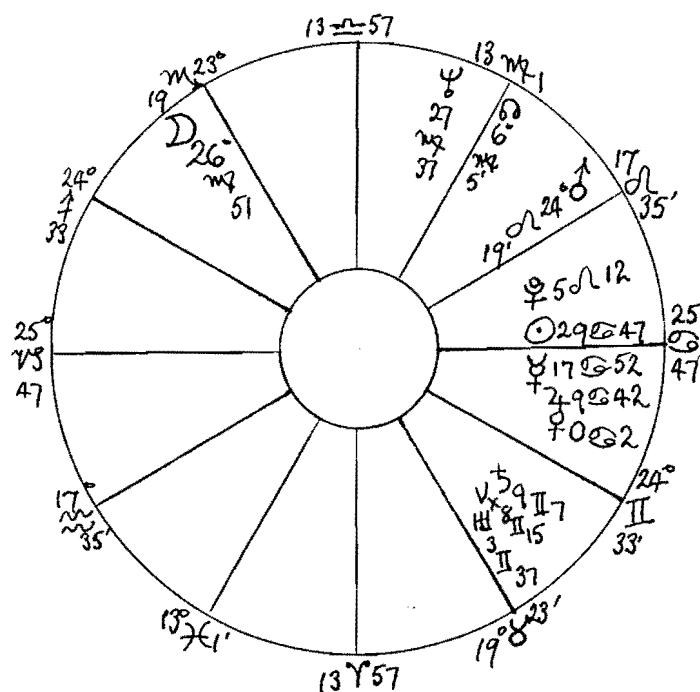
Sallyanne's Progressions for 23rd March show her Progressed Ascendant square Uranus. This aspect, coupled with the change of Sign to Sagittarius on the Progressed Midheaven,

suggests that she may sever her ties with the Brisbane City Council and move into either State or Federal politics. The Progressed Midheaven quincunx Venus shows a change of direction in her work. The Progressed Moon the month after the Election will square Uranus and sextile Jupiter, and this could be a good time for commencing any new undertaking, provided it has been well planned or well thought out. Any rash or sudden impulsive moves may later be regretted.

Progressed Mercury is approaching a conjunction with the Midheaven, and although it won't occur for about a year, the Lord Mayor will be starting to feel this influence from March onwards. She may look to increase communications in speaking as a politician or as a writer.

The Transits on the day of the Election also show changes in her career. The Sun at 1° Aries has just squared Venus and is approaching a conjunction with Pluto, and sextile to Uranus. Saturn has just trined Uranus and is within 1° of opposing Pluto. Saturn has also

Chart No.3: SALLYANNE ATKINSON
23 July 1942, Sydney.



and completed a twenty-nine year cycle. Neptune is squaring Mercury. This shows some tension around her career as Lord Mayor, also new directions and changes for her. It appears she could lose the Election, which is shown by the squares and oppositions. However, there is expansion there, and we feel that Sallyanne will go on to bigger and better things on a State or Federal level.

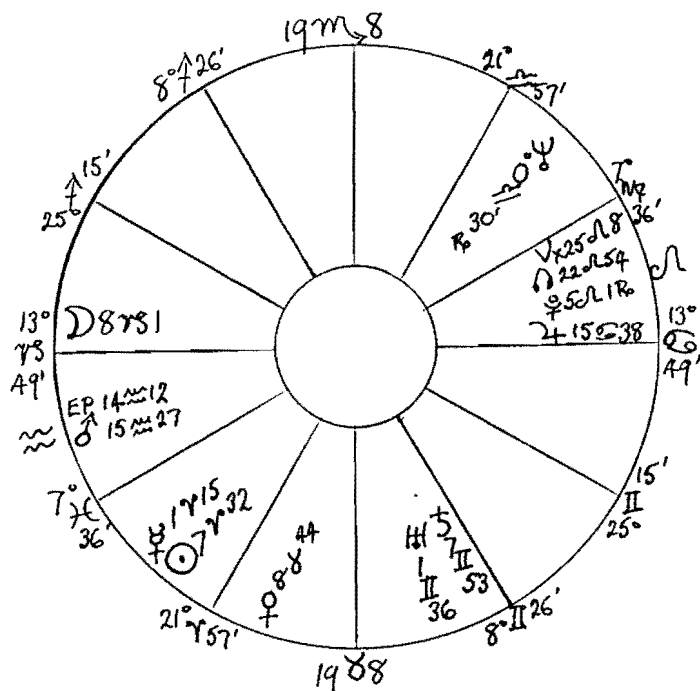
As if to confirm the changes coming up for her around the time of the Elections, the Solar Eclipse of the 16th January 1991 is exactly on her Ascendant and opposing her Sun. The prior Solar Eclipse on 22nd July 1990 was

opposite the Radical MC, while Mars is at 9Can29 opposite the Radical Ascendant. In Harmonic 46 (became Foreign Secretary and then Chancellor of the Exchequer) h.Sun is at 16Pis52, h.Venus at 11Pis44, and h.Pluto at 20Pis23. This triple conjunction would not appear if the time were later. In Harmonic 47 (PM) h.Jupiter is at 15Cap28 conjunct the Radical Ascendant.

For those people interested in the Prenatal Epoch, the date is the 29th June 1942, and the Chart has the Moon conjunct the Midheaven. I think that Angular planets in the Prenatal Epoch Chart offer the best chance of distinguishing outstandingly successful people from more ordinary mortals.

PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR

29th March 1943, 2:45am GMT, Merton, Surrey.
51N25, 0W13. Placidian Cusps.
(Ross Harvey's Rectification)



Rectification Exercise No.7

Here is another Rectification Exercise for readers to try their skill and improve their Astrology. Please send your entries to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 107 Highfield Road, CAMBERWELL, VIC. 3124, not later than 13th March. Names will be omitted from any published results except for those who get within 15 minutes of the given birth time.

Female born 11th November 1936 at Charleville Queensland, Australia, 26S24, 146E15.

Father born 9 May 1916. Died 1 August 1963.
Mother born 31 July 1917. Died 18 March 1989.

Life Events

1. Married at Kingaroy, Qld., 29 Oct 1955.

Husband born 31 March 1937, Kingaroy.
Husband was a panel beater.

2. Son born 2 May 1956.
3. Separated, February 1958.
4. Re-united about May 1958.
5. Daughter born 7 September 1958.
6. Major surgery - toxic thyroid gland removed.
7. Son born 19 May 1963.
8. Father ("Totally and Permanently Incapacitated" for 12 years) died 1 August 1963, aged 47 years.
9. Almost electrocuted, October 1964.
10. Separated - left the home and took the children 27 May 1972.
11. Filed for divorce, June 1972.
12. Obtained custody of children 13 February 1973.
13. Diagnosed diabetic and put on Insulin 22 June 1972 (possibly a wrong diagnosis).
14. Semogyi Effect established in hospital (reaction by the body to low blood sugar - beneficial - may have saved her life many times), early August 1980.
15. Diagnosed as having polysthemia (too many red blood cells, making the blood too thick) 18 Jun 1982. (Possibly wrong diagnosis and wrong treatment.)
16. Son dragged from car and bashed in broad daylight in the street, 3pm EST, May 1984.
17. Divorced 11 October 1984.
18. Went to Canberra to live 1 January 1985.
19. Fell down steps and broke ribs, Canberra, about 9:15pm 10 April 1985.
20. Serious accident to son - washed off bridge in car - 9 March 1985.
21. Sons went bankrupt in their jewellery business 25 September 1985.
22. Heart attack 22 October 1985. Through this it was discovered that the native had had a coronary occlusion a number of years before (perhaps 10 years) and that the

native had one too many ribs.

23. Daughter married 31 January 1987.
24. In hospital for two weeks from 14 November 1988. Stomach ulcer and infection.
25. Bladder operation, 14 July 1988.
26. Went to Tasmania to live, mid-May 1989.
27. Operation on right eye 27 July 1989.
28. Operation on left eye 13 September 1989.
29. Critical condition, in a coma, and taken to Hobart Hospital 28 February 1990.
30. Happy re-union with old boy-friend for two weeks, 31 March 1990.
31. Fell and broke coccyx bone, 30 April 1990.
32. Intraocular lens surgery (successful) 1 August 1990.
33. Collapsed, due to low blood pressure, 13 August 1990.

The native has had a great deal of sickness, as outlined above, plus a lot of trouble with swollen ankles and circulation problems. At this date (February 1991) she is awaiting further specialized blood and gland tests. Height 5 feet 2 1/2 inches, weight 38-kgs., colouring fair, with blue-grey eyes. Complexion has darkened over the years due to ill-health.

THE GULF WAR

Few readers seem willing to risk a prediction for the end of the War. Unless you work on these problems you will not improve your forecasting skill. As astrologers we should not be content merely to look at events retrospectively. Post-event analysis is useful in the learning process, but then we should try to apply the knowledge gained for assessing the shape of things to come. Attempting predictive work will teach you more than you can learn from texts.

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) writes that he can't attempt a forecast for the end of the Gulf War without an undoubtedly accurate Chart for Hussein. Without a stated source, the latest suggestion [see Issue 112/113] may only be another guess. Nevertheless, [using this Chart] Saturn is stationary square Hussein's Sun in May, and if PEA Directions are timed with the Naibod-Arc (another experiment) Saturn is opposite the Ascendant in Iraq's Chart also in May. If the latest Chart is indeed right, the current Solar Return has

Neptune conjunct the MC, and Saturn in the 10th House square the Ascendant. In Harmonic 53 the h.Ascendant is conjunct Radical Saturn.

I urge other readers to "have a go", for the sake of better Astrology. - Dymock.

A further extract from *The Message of Astrology* by Peter Roberts:

There is a current revolt starting against "high-tech" births. Mothers-to-be are taking more and more interest in "natural" childbirth. Instead of allowing control of the timing to be in the hands of (usually male) medical experts, pregnant women are asserting their right to choose the manner and timing of their parturition. In the Netherlands, the number of home births is rising vigorously. Pregnant women are objecting to being labelled as patients, i.e. as people who are ill and therefore have forfeited their rights to decide treatment in favour of the experts. This is in many ways a welcome sign. Experts in the fields of technology and medicine have committed follies on the grand scale, and there is plenty of evidence to suggest that instinct is a good guide to the breeding and rearing of the young - as it clearly is in the case of the animal kingdom. The New Vitalism suggests a further reason for the reintroduction of natural childbirth. Souls attempt to achieve particular timings for the births of their earthly shells. There is no way in which we can yet measure the value derived from a well-timed birth. However, it would seem wise to be cautious in this matter, and proceed on the assumption that the time of birth occurring without any outside interference (through drugs or surgery) is one that is beneficial, in the sense of being appropriate to the new born.

The New Vitalism suggests that souls seek available vehicles for their incarnation, and furthermore that the total union of body and soul is not achieved until birth occurs. It follows that the abortion of a foetus represents a thwarting of the plans made by a soul seeking incarnation. This is hardly a sin on the grand scale and certainly does not justify the intense campaigns mounted by anti-abortion lobbyists. None the less the abortion of a healthy foetus is "unnatural" and can cause trauma and guilt feelings in the mother (or even injury if it is botched). In addition, there may be excellent reasons for the selection and timing of the soul attempting incarnation. For these reasons abortion is not to be undertaken lightly.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
13th February 1991.

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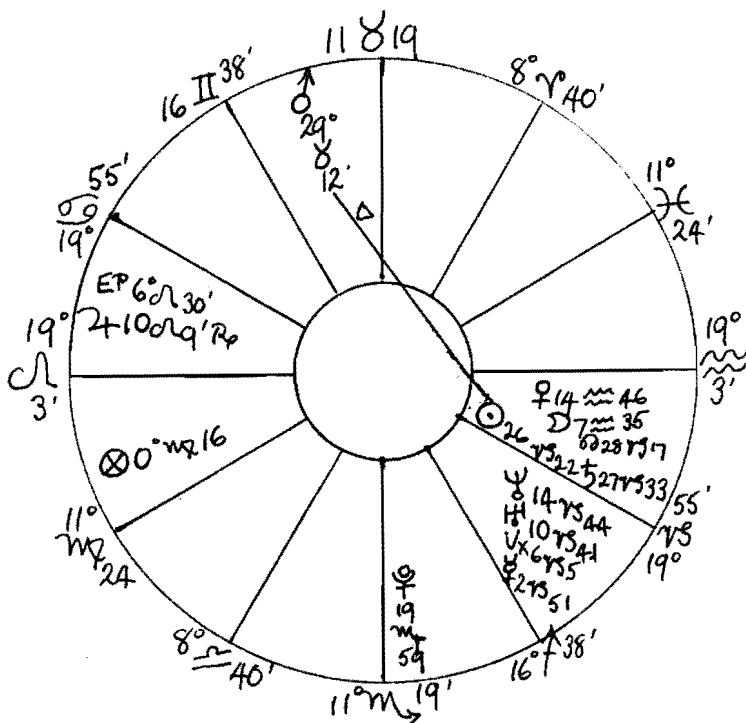
Dear Fellow Astrologer,

This Issue having been unavoidably delayed, to the end of January, the war to oust Iraq from Kuwait has now started (16th January in the USA, 17th January in Australia). So all the conjecturings and weighing of possibilities/probabilities are now put at rest so far as whether or not military action would commence. It has commenced, and we are left to determine what in fact were the deciding astrological factors, and what lies ahead.

The information from Washington is that at 7pm on Wednesday, 16th January, President Bush gave the order for the opening of hostilities against Iraq. This was 11 am Thursday, 17th January, Australian Eastern Daylight Time, and 3am in Iraq. A Chart for this time is given below. It is possible that other times could be taken, for example 1:26am in the Middle East, the reported time of the warplanes leaving on their first mission (ahead of the President's public announcement), or the time (2:40am?) when the bombs were dropped on Bagh-

PRESIDENT BUSH ORDERS WAR AGAINST IRAQ

16 January 1991, 7 pm US EST, 24 hrs UT
(3 am at Iraq, 17 Jan., 11 am Australia)



dad. These latter times would not significantly alter the position of the planets but would change the Angles and intermediate Cusps.

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It is noteworthy that the position of the War Planet, Mars (29Tau12), in this Chart is at the midpoint of Sun/MC (28Tau45) and MC/Asc (28Tau1) in the National Chart for Iraq. When the inceptional Chart is set for Baghdad instead of Washington, Mars is almost exactly opposite the Ascendant (28Sco47). Interestingly, also, Mars conjuncts the Ascendant (28Tau32) of the Speculative Chart for Saddam Hussein given in *Astrologers' Forum* 108/109.

As regards the Chart for Saddam Hussein, however, I have now received from Ken Gillman (USA) a birth time of 08:55 am, originating from the American Astrologer, Zip Dobyns. Though the source of Zip Dobyns' information is unknown, the Chart may be authentic, and is reproduced below.

The Chart for the opening of hostilities can be read as a contest between the opposing forces. The 1st House and the 10th represent the Coalition, while the 7th and 4th stand for Iraq.

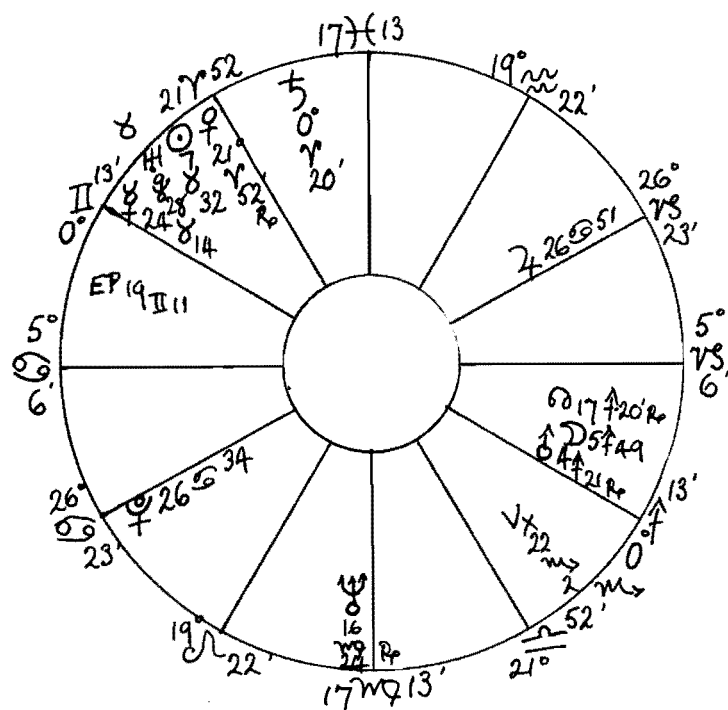
The Sun ruling the Ascendant, and therefore Significator of the United States, is trine Mars in the Midheaven, signifying martial victory for the Coalition. The Sun is conjunct Saturn and the Node, so it will be a rigorous time, with the need for careful planning of logistics, strategy and tactics. Venus ruling the 10th is opposite Jupiter, so victory will be expensive.

The Moon at 7Aqu35 is applying to Venus, Ruler of the Midheaven, and this is a further indication of victory for the coalition. Venus is the Peace Maker, and the Moon applying to it by 7° 11' suggests that it will be about seven months (August, 1991) before victory is achieved.

Readers are invited to send their own (astrological) estimates of the outcome of the war and the date for the end of the conflict. It is worth while making the attempt as a means to gaining experience and precision in Astrology. I shall be happy to publish any such reasoned submissions.

Reverting to the inceptional Chart, Aquarius on the 7th gives Uranus as the Ruler for Iraq. It is badly placed conjunct Neptune, signifying loss. Pluto ruling the 4th House (the 10th for Iraq) is square to the 7th Cusp (the Ascendant for Iraq), and its square from Venus is another bad omen, signifying mass destruction.

SADDAM HUSSEIN: 28 April 1937, 8:55am
Tikrit, Iraq. 34N36, 43E42. (UT 5:55am)
(Chart from Zip Dobzyns). Placidian Cusps.



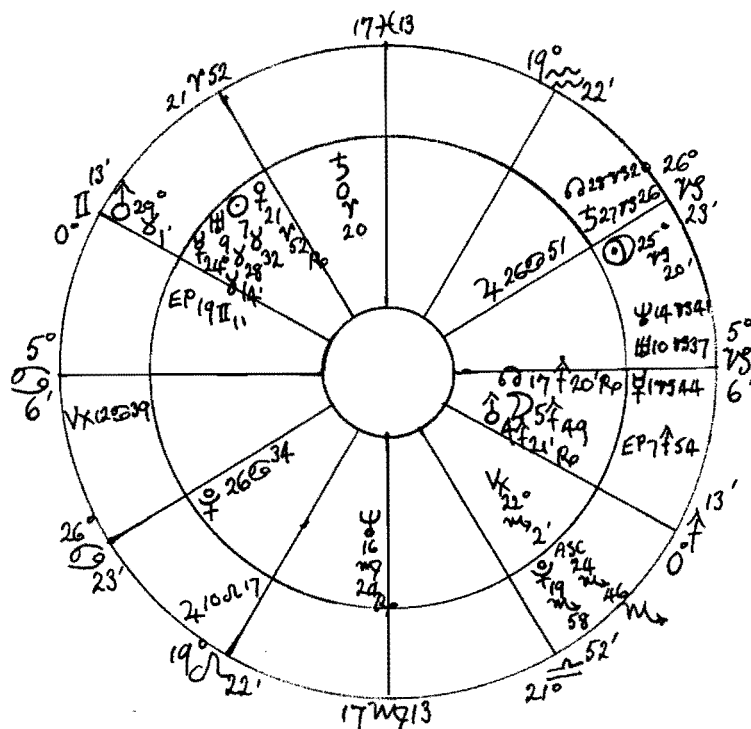
This Chart differs little from the Speculative Chart previously given, except as regards the Cusps. Cancer is rising instead of Taurus, and Pisces appears at the Midheaven instead of Aquarius. The degree at the Midheaven is now directly opposed to Neptune, planet of loss and misfortune in a worldly sense - a bad omen for Saddam. Even worse, the Jupiter/Pluto opposition is now brought into prominence through lying on the 8th/2nd axis. This opposition is characterized by Ebertin (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) as the desire for power, the pursuit of fanatical aims, the desire to exploit the masses, wastefulness, and total loss.

The midpoint conjunctions for Saddam listed in the July/August Issue - Saturn conjunct Mars/Pluto and Moon/Pluto, and the Node conjunct Sun/Pluto are still present with their dire implications. In addition we now have Pluto conjunct Moon/Midheaven and Mars/

Midheaven. As the Midheaven is associated with a person's emotional and psychic make-up, I interpret this as a mixture of violence and cruelty in Saddam's nature. Also present is Uranus conjunct Saturn/East Point, which I associate with toughness and obstinacy and the determination to pursue one's own course irrespective of consequences. A fortunate thing for Saddam (and unfortunate for the rest of the world) is the Midheaven conjunct Sun/Jupiter, which has maintained him in his despotic leadership of Iraq despite his tyranny and his enemies.

The precipitating factor for the opening bombardment of Iraq in the early hours of the morning on 17th January was probably the Solar Eclipse of 15th January. It is further evidence of the power of a Solar Eclipse. When the Chart was set for Baghdad it brought Mars (29Tauri) to the 7th Cusp (open enemies) and Pluto just above the Ascendant. At the time I did not think this sufficient to start a war of the projected dimensions. Now that we have Hussein's Horoscope it is evident that additional factors were at work:

SOLAR ECLIPSE OF 15TH JANUARY 1991
ON SADDAM HUSSEIN'S CHART
(Inner circle, Hussein; outer circle, Eclipse)

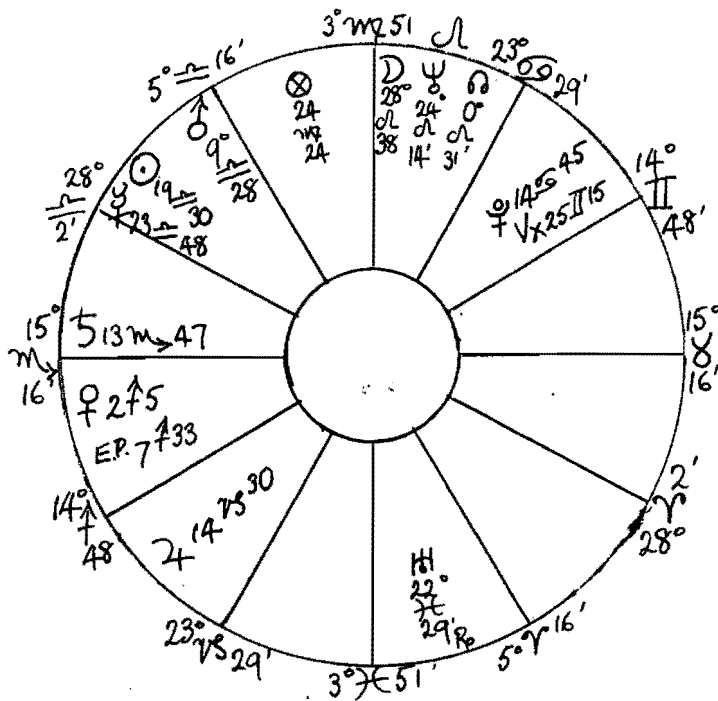


When the Eclipse Chart is applied to the new Chart for Saddam Hussein, the result is particularly disastrous for him and his country. The Eclipse Sun, conjunct Saturn, falls right on his 8th Cusp, opposite to Natal Pluto on the 2nd. This alignment on the 2nd/8th axis promises widespread destruction and death. Mars in the Eclipse Chart falls on the 12th Cusp of Saddam's Chart, another indication of suffering - self-caused by this ruthless megalomaniac who is prepared to risk devastation of his country with pain and death

to untold numbers of his people in order to satisfy his ambitions. — Dymock.

EX-PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER

13 October 1925, 9am UT, Grantham, England.
52N55, 0W39. Placidian Cusps.



Ex-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Birth Horoscope was inadvertently omitted from the last Issue but is included here. The qualities of character that took her to the highest position in the land are evident from her geniture. In brief, the Sun in T-Square with Jupiter and Pluto indicates the qualities of leadership, the quest for power and authority, and the urge to lead the masses. The elevated Moon in Leo conjunct Neptune shows imaginative perception, organizing ability and the feeling of command. Scorpio rising shows an iron will, strength, fortitude, concentration and thoroughness. Saturn rising trine Pluto indicates toughness and endurance. Venus rising in Sagittarius with the Sun in Libra conjunct Mercury gives personal attractiveness as well as intellectual ability. Margaret Thatcher fitted in well with the Geniture of the The British Conservative Party (see p.4 of Issue 111). Her Rising Sign is Scorpio, and her Ruling Planet, Saturn. Both Sign and planet connect up with the Midheaven Sign and the Sun in the Conservative Party's Chart. The former Prime Minister was very much at home in the corridors of power.

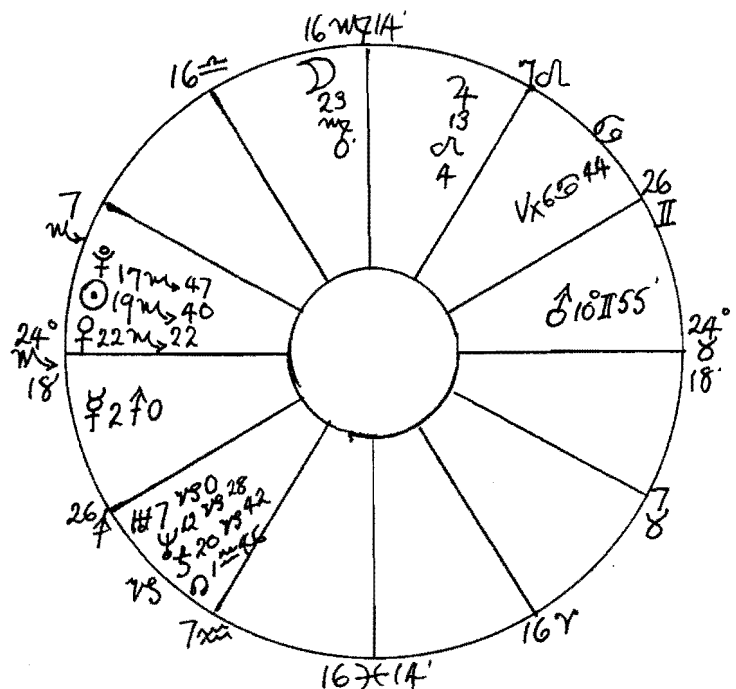
The Progressed Aspects are also appropriate: In the period leading up to the change of leadership, the Progressed Moon was conjunct Progressed Saturn at 5Sag42, portraying the lack of popular support for the Party, and the difficult period it was going through in

general. Progressed Mercury parallel Progressed Jupiter in mid-November no doubt induced a good deal of more liberal thinking and discussion than had previously prevailed, leading to a change of ideas on some matters. On November 18 Progressed Mercury trined Natal Uranus, suggesting Party unrest, and that new ideas were being promulgated in the Party conferences. On the 21st of November the Moon had progressed to 5Sag56, where it was sesquare the Progressed Ascendant at 20 Cancer 56. The following day Mrs. Thatcher announced her intention to step down from Office. On that same day, November 22, the Regressed Moon conjuncted Natal Venus in the 10th House — the policy of the Party — indicating a favourable change that will do much to restore the popularity (Moon/Venus) of the Conservatives.

Looking ahead, we see more difficulties in May 1991, when the Regressed Moon conjuncts Natal Saturn, but a happier turn in September, when Jupiter trines the Ascendant in the Progressed Chart, and the Regressed Moon conjuncts Venus.

The major planetary influence at the end of 1991 is Neptune squaring Pluto by Naibod Direction. This is indicative of turmoil in the Party rooms. As Pluto rules the Radical Midheaven it signifies that policy will be in a state of flux. Internal forces will surface hostile to the prevailing direction of the Party, and changes will result.

British Conservative Party: SOLAR RETURN 12 November 1990, 7:45:17 UT. Placidus.



The Solar Return Chart for the current year has the Sun conjunct Pluto, and the Moon in the 10th House, showing the change of leadership. The events of the year so far are spelled out when we apply this Chart to the Radix. Saturn is then only two degrees below

the Ascendant, highlighting the Party's difficulties, and a group of powerful Significators - Ascendant, Sun, Pluto and Venus - right at the Radical Midheaven emphasize this area as the scene of action, resulting in the important changes in leadership and policy. - Dymock.

is still just below the Ascendant, with its fortunate implications. The squares from Uranus and Neptune in the 6th House to the Sun have not changed, and my previous remarks still apply. - Dymock.

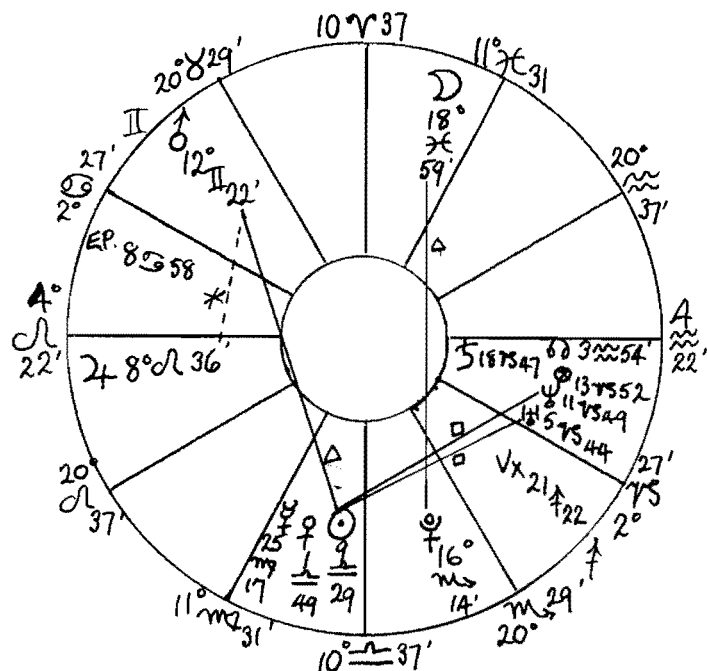
JOHN MAJOR, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

GERMAN REUNIFICATION

LESLIE BLACK (U.K.) has pointed out that the Chart for the above event should have been drawn for 24-hours on 2nd October 1990, or 0-hours on 3rd October instead of 24-hours on 3rd October (Issue 110). This error arises from the ambiguity of the news item that the reunification would occur at "midnight" on 3rd October. "Midnight" can be either 0-hours or 24-hours, so the term should be avoided unless it is made abundantly clear which end of the day is intended. Leslie was monitoring the situation from England and got the facts straight.

It has been suggested also that the Chart should be drawn for Bonn, the seat of the West German Government, but I disagree. I prefer the Chart for the actual place of the occurrence.

GERMAN REUNIFICATION, 3RD OCTOBER 1990
0-Hours CET, UT 23-Hrs on 2nd Oct. 1990
Berlin 52n30, 13e22. Placidian Cusps.



The principal difference between this Chart and the one discussed in Issue 110 is the position of the Moon. The Rising Sign is still Leo, the 5th degree instead of the 6th. The Moon, now at 19 Pisces instead of 3 Aries improves the Chart for Germany because it is now sextile, instead of square, to Saturn, and trine, instead of sesquare, to Pluto. Jupiter

LESLIE BLACK (U.K.) writes that John Roy Major was born on Monday, 29th March 1943, at Merton, Surrey, Latitude 51N25, Longitude 0W13. Leslie believes The British Astrological Association has registered a birth time between 3am and 4:30am, British Summer Time, which must be hypothetical as, according to information received directly from him, the Prime Minister has no idea of his birth time. But an a.m. time is perhaps something that can be worked upon.

The following information has been drawn by Leslie from the latest book on John Major, published through the Press Association of Great Britain. Readers might care to attempt a rectification. Leslie's own rectification is for 9am UT (10am BST), with an MC 18Aqu14 and Ascendant 23Gem54, based on Secondary Progressions to Radical positions. In the list of events that follows, the Progressions and remarks are direct from Leslie:

1965. Age 22. Nearly lost a leg in a car accident in Nigeria (lost left knee-cap): Mercury square Mars; Mars square Uranus.

1970. Age 27. Married. MC trine Jupiter (Lord of 7th); Moon trine Venus (ideal aspect for marriage).

May 6, 1977. Age 34. Elected to Greater London Council. Wins seat. Sun trine Moon, Moon sextile Mars. Mercury trine Neptune.

May 3, 1979. Age 36. Thatcher sweeps to power. Wins seat and becomes M.P. Moon trine Moon, Venus conjunct N.Node, Mars sextile Venus.

Jan. 26, 1981. Age 38. Made Parliamentary Private Secretary to Home Office. Sun sextile Jupiter, Moon sextile Sun, Moon conjunct Saturn, Venus conjunct Ascendant, Venus sextile True Node.

Jan. 14, 1983. Age 40. Became Junior Chief Whip. June 9, wins seat in Thatcher's second term. Mars trine Jupiter.

Oct. 3, 1984. Age 41. Made Senior in Whip's Office. Moon conjunct Jupiter, Mars trine Jupiter, MC conjunct Mercury, MC Sextile Uranus.

Sept. 2, 1985. Age 42. Made Junior Minister

at Department of Health and Social Security.
MC conjunct Mercury sextile Uranus.

September 10, 1986. Promoted to Minister of Social Security. Moon trine Sun trine Saturn, Mercury parallel Jupiter.

January 11, 1987. Age 44. Wins seat in Thatcher's third term. June 1, enters Cabinet, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. Ascendant sextile Uranus sextile Neptune.

July 24, 1989. Age 46. Replaces G.Howe as Foreign Secretary. Ascendant trine Mercury sextile Uranus sextile Neptune.

March 20, 1990. Age 47. First Budget.

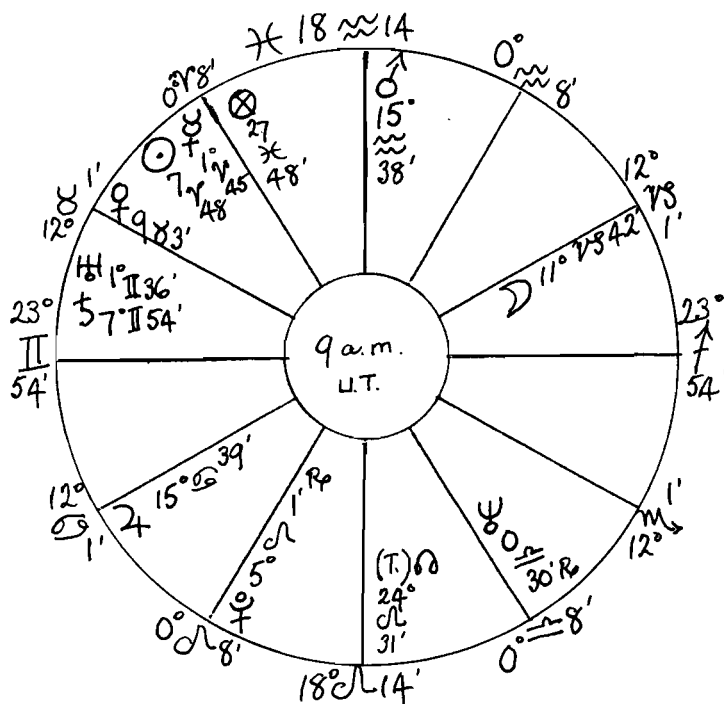
June 20, launches innovative plan for the EEC. Oct. 5, springs coup on Parliament and City by Britain's Exchange Rate mechanism, and cuts interest rate by one point.

Nov. 28, becomes Prime Minister.

All the above under MC conjunct Sun sextile Saturn, Ascendant trine Mercury trine Uranus.

Proposed Chart for JOHN MAJOR (Rectification by Leslie Black)

29 March 1943, Merton, Surrey, England.
51N25, 0W13. Porphyry Cusps.



John Major is the youngest of four children. It is believed he did not like school, and left Grammar School at 16. He was unemployed for nine months and worked as a labourer, and then found a career in banking, joining Standard Chartered in 1965, and was posted to Nigeria at the time of the Biafran War. It was here that he met with a motoring accident that nearly cost him his left leg, suffering the loss of a knee cap, and was hospitalized for about a year. So after very humble beginnings he then suddenly took on managing

to get into the political scene, first joining the Young Conservatives in 1960, and ultimately becoming the youngest Prime Minister in this Century.

The accident to his leg can be attributed to the Moon's detriment in Capricorn, afflicted by the Sun, Ruler of the 3rd (travel), with its dispositor Saturn conjoined with and parallel to Uranus, midway between the 1st and 12th Houses (Porphyry), a health area. The Sun is exalted, or he might have lost his leg. Another pointer is that both Saturn and Uranus are in the third Sign, Gemini, (travel).

I have some correlation in my own map. During the thirties when competing in a cycle time trial race of 50 miles I, too, met with an accident to my right knee, damaging my right patella, which still bears a nasty scar below the knee. It happened on a lonely stretch of country road when suddenly a horse-drawn milk float pulled out of a farm gate on my right. The horse reared away, but my right knee came into contact with the elongated step attached to the float for mounting and dismounting. In my Map the Moon is also in Capricorn conjunct Uranus, with Saturn and Mars in the 3rd House. Mars is in Gemini opposite the Sun, centreing on accident during travel of a short distance nature, as with John Major.

The Prime Minister is a person with much refinement, charm and good manners, honest and honourable, courteous and polite. He is capable and diligent, with oratorical ability, and comes to the point quickly. The Polarity Sun/Aries, Moon/Capricorn, a mixture of Fire and Earth, enhances his ambitions through the merger of ambitious Capricorn with the leadership qualities of Aries. His very remarkable memory and comprehension of figures, and a talent for bringing others round to his point of view, are all contributing factors in his rise to become England's youngest Prime Minister this Century.

- Leslie Black.

Astrology and Scientists

The following is the Foreword by Brian Inglis from *The Message of Astrology* by Peter Roberts:

The other day, throwing out some letters my parents had kept, I came across one written to them when I was in my early twenties, dismissing astrology as rubbish. This view remained unchanged even when in the 1960's I became interested in psychical research; parapsychologists looked on astrology with disfavour. From time to time my disbelief would be a little shaken: once by a BBC television programme which had tested an

astrologer "blind", and found that three out of four horoscope personalities had proved to be remarkably close to the actuality; occasionally by finding that otherwise eminently sensible people took the subject seriously - in one case, to the point of checking every applicant for a job astrologically. But I did not begin to sit up and take notice until, in 1975, I read that nearly two hundred eminent scientists, including no less than eighteen Nobel prize-winners, had put their names to a manifesto denouncing astrology.

It is fairly safe rule of thumb that when orthodox scientists join a campaign of this kind, it is because they feel threatened; and if they feel threatened, it is usually because some evidence has been emerging that upsets orthodox assumptions. So it turned out to be in this case: Research conducted by Michel Gauquelin and his wife in Europe, along impeccably scientific lines, appeared to have established that there is some basis for the link between the time of birth and the state of the heavens - where the planets are - in relation to the newly born.

There followed one of the more discreditable episodes in the history of science. Charitably, Peter Roberts does not relate it; but I shall, as it helps to explain why it has been so difficult to get the facts across to the public. The American Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, "CSICOP", set up what purported to be a scientific enquiry, but was in reality a hatchet job - CSICOP being a gathering of sceptics. So scrupulously objective had the Gauquelins' work been - as Peter Roberts shows - that it was possible to repeat it in the United States in exactly the same form; and in 1977 the *Humanist* reported that the results revealed that there was no further need to take the Gauquelins seriously. Only gradually did it begin to emerge that, in fact, the American results confirmed the Gauquelins', as six years later Kurtz and his fellow workers in CSICOP had to confess. Among those who had participated in the deception were distinguished American scientists such as George Abell, Professor of Astronomy at the University of California; the well-known science writer Martin Gardner; the magician Randi; and others. Yet in their embarrassment at finding their preconceptions upset they had permitted what in effect was a smear on the Gauquelins, by pretending their work had been discredited.

They were not the only scientists to react in this way. Investigators in Belgium were caught out in a similar project, and when it, too, confirmed the Gauquelins' findings, behaved in the same disgraceful fashion. The first lesson from the affair has been that orthodox scientists can become so faithful to

the creed which they have embraced that they look upon it as a faith, to be protected at all costs, even to the point of behaving unscientifically; the second, that the Gauquelins' methods and their findings have survived close and hostile scientific scrutiny. As Peter Roberts is careful to stress, their work does not lend support to a great deal which passes for astrology; but it does confirm that there are influences which are sufficiently pervasive and consistent to justify the development of the beliefs, all those millennia ago, even if some of the accretions to them lack confirmation. But *The Message of Astrology* does much more than set out the findings of the Gauquelins and others. It manages to present them in a form that allows them to be fitted into science, as science is now itself developing, moving away from materialism towards a new form of vitalism.

The Message of Astrology, in other words, performs a dual function. It provides an introduction to astrology, with particular emphasis on recent findings and how they qualify old beliefs; and it sets the evidence in its scientific context, relating it to the theories of, for example, the biologist Rupert Sheldrake and the physicist David Bohm. Some of it will not be easy reading for anybody who, like myself, becomes glassy-eyed when required to absorb technicalities; but I have no doubt that Peter Roberts was justified in confronting us with them, and in general his commentary is admirably readable. Diffidently, I would like to make one small point on behalf of those who, like me, read newspaper and magazine horoscopes if they happen to catch our eye. Agreed, this is not astrology; in so far as it pretends to be, it could be brought up on a charge of misrepresentation. But, just occasionally, I find it works on the same principle that some Christians accept: When uncertain what course to follow, they open their Bibles at random and stick a forefinger on a paragraph, to see if the words bring guidance. It's not whether the guidance is correct that matters, but whether it rings a bell! - Brian Inglis.

The Message of Astrology, published by the Aquarian Press in January 1990, is subtitled *The New Vitalism and What It Means for Our Future*. The Press release states that Peter Roberts is an accomplished research scientist, currently visiting professor in the Department of Systems Science at City University, London. He has had a lifelong interest in astrological research, and worked closely with John Addey for many years.

The book will appeal to many readers, especially those of a scientific bent of mind.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

29th January 1991.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

Attention is still focussed on the Middle East where President Saddam Hussein has responded to his favourable November Aspects (See *Astrologers' Forum* 108/109, page 6) by simply offering freedom to a large number of hostages, instead of attempting a compromise solution to the whole situation. So the threat of a shooting war still remains.

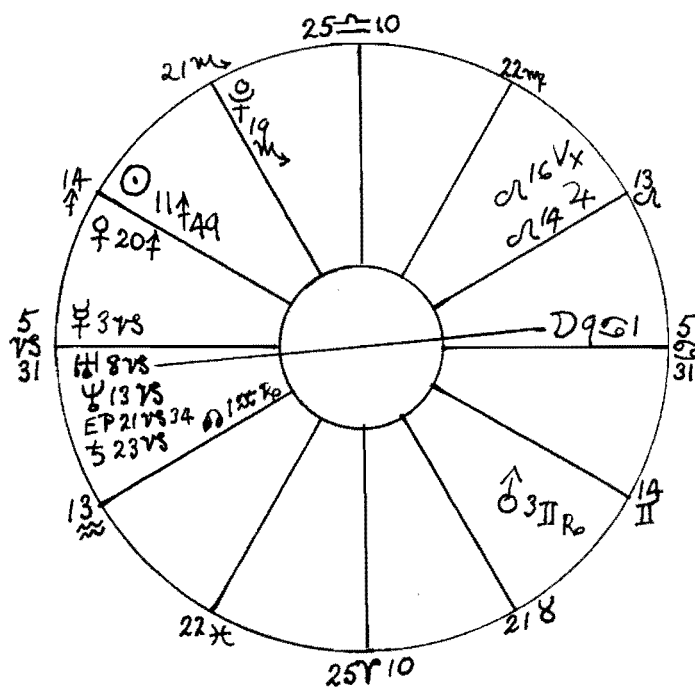
What are the probabilities in the near future? In spite of the fulminations by President Bush and Prime Minister Thatcher the Iraqi Chart does not give positive indications of open hostilities within the next few months. True, there are some relatively dangerous Progressions, but none that appears to warrant a prediction of war. Surely we should have to see a powerful configuration involving MARS. When Saddam invaded Kuwait on the 2nd of August this year the Moon and Mars were conjoined in his Progressed Chart, the conjunction being accurately timed to 1st August. This was open warfare, with shooting and killing, but on a miniscule scale compared with what we could expect in the event of a conflict between Iraq and the Allied Powers. So my reasoning is that for such a holocaust we should see in the Progressions or Cyclic Charts MARS (war) configured with, probably, PLUTO (mass effects), and SATURN (misery and hardship).

A sensitive period in the near future is mid-December, when the Progressed Moon/Mars Midpoint conjuncts Mars in Saddam's Chart, stimulating the martial element in his consciousness. This aspect stands even without an accurate birth time for Saddam, and it will surely be an edgy period. But is it enough to provoke a large-scale conflict? I think not. Saddam's Monthly Synodic Chart operating from 4th December to 2nd January 1991, has Uranus, Neptune and Saturn rising, the first two bodies being opposed to the Moon just above the 7th Cusp. This strongly suggests that Hussein is in a phase of mental and emotional instability, uncertain what to do. Left to himself, he could quite easily go off at a tangent, but the Sun in the 12th House trine to Jupiter gives him the benefit

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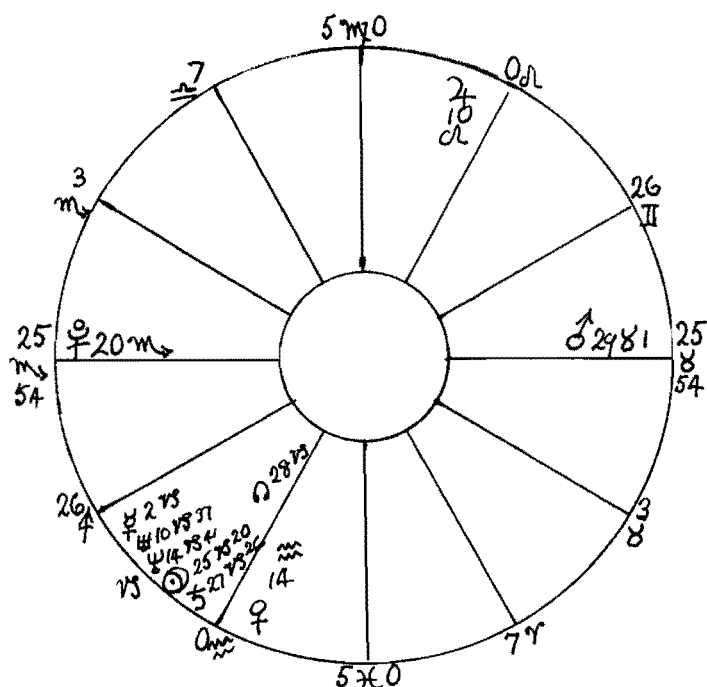
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SADDAM HUSSEIN: MONTH SYNODIC RETURN
Operating 4 Dec.1990 to 2 Jan.1991
UT 5:47:19, 4 Dec.1990, 34N36, 43E42.
Placidian Cusps.



of good advisers, who no doubt see that war could result in the virtual destruction of Iraq. Mars in this Chart falls just below the Ascendant of his Birth Horoscope, in opposition to Natal Moon and Mars. This will no doubt coincide with military manoeuvres and a threatening stance, but it does not look sufficiently violent to mark the opening of hostilities.

SOLAR ECLIPSE 15 JAN. 1991, 23:50 UT.
Set for Baghdad, 33N21, 44E25. Placidus.



arise from the blockade of the allied Powers.

The Eclipse falls in the 7th House of Iraq's National Horoscope (see *Astrologers' Forum*, July/August Issue) in almost exact square to Natal Mars (orb only 3'). This points up the continuing influence of the War-God, Mars. The Natal Moon's Node and Jupiter form the third apex of a T-Square, the whole configuration depicting the powerful hostile forces arrayed against Iraq. Again, however, the configurations do not seem sufficient to start a major war.

PRIME MINISTER THATCHER RESIGNS

The big news of the week is the resignation of Margaret Thatcher from the leadership of the Conservative Party, after directing the affairs of the Nation for more than eleven years. Mrs Thatcher remains in office until a successor is elected during the present week (last week of November). Margaret Thatcher was generally recognized as a truly remarkable woman, whether or not one agreed with her politics. Her Natal Horoscope is reproduced below.

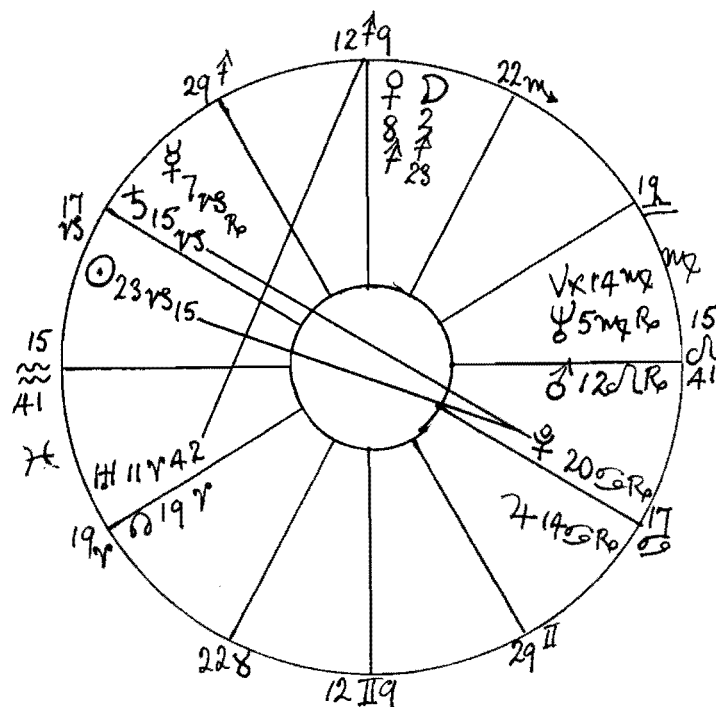
Study of this Chart should reassure anybody who still labours under the delusion that Oppositions and Squares are a bar to progress and achievement. Scorpio rises (strength and fortitude) with Saturn just above the Horizon (ambition, industry and perseverance). Saturn is further strengthened by the close trine from the Planet of Power and Drama, Pluto. The Sun in Libra is the apex of a T-Square with Pluto and Jupiter, and herein lies one of those apparent paradoxes

that frequently occur in astrology. Libra is the Sign above all that signifies the native's ability to compromise, while Scorpio and Pluto are the direct antithesis in this respect. This particular "paradox" is relatively easy to resolve, as the abundant Scorpio-Plutonian influence here far outweighs the mild and yielding quality of Libra. Of course, the Libran characteristics were present in other respects - impartiality, strict sense of honour, good taste, love of beauty, order and harmony, etc.

Margaret Thatcher's lack of compromise was her undoing. It is reported that even her close colleagues finally turned against her on this issue. Mrs. Thatcher must have felt it as a betrayal, for earlier they had warmly applauded her in Parliament. Astrologically, the event was signalled on the exact day - 22nd November - by the Progressed MC at 12° 52' 23" ^{Scorpio} ~~Scorpio~~ ^{conjunction} the Midpoint Neptune/Node, 12° 52' 23". In *Rules for Planetary-Pictures, The Astrology of Tomorrow*, Witte and Lefeldt say of this, *To see oneself disappointed and deceived in one's connections. To feel deserted by all* - a remarkably accurate reading.

Here is Margaret Thatcher's Synodic Return Chart for the year covering her resignation.

Margaret Thatcher: SYNODIC RETURN 65
Operative 13 Oct. 1990 to 13 Oct. 1991
Ephemeris 14 Jan. 1931, UT 9:13:45 am
Grantham, England. 52N55, 0W39. Placidus



The Sun, ruling the House of Partners and Adversaries is located in the House of Self-Undoing and Suffering, and is opposed by Pluto. Mars, retrograde in the 7th and opposite the Ascendant tells of the opposition the Prime Minister encountered from her own Party. Mars

and Pluto both ruling the 9th House show that the opposition arose from disagreement with her foreign policy. Astrologers who still cling to the belief that the Cusps of the Houses indicate their boundaries would here mistakenly put Mars in the 6th House. The Cusps are not the boundaries but the *strongest* position in the House. The boundaries are located away from the Cusps, one House merging into another in a sort of wave motion, as the late John Addey maintained.

When we refer the Synodic Chart to the Natus we find Synodic Neptune, 5Vir25, retrograde (therefore more powerful), conjunct the Midheaven. This is typical of resigning one's position or job, particularly as Neptune is here square to the Moon and Venus at 2Sag23 and 7Sag58 respectively. *Sic transit gloria mundi.* - Dymock.

From ELVA HOWSON (Vic.):

In regard to the Rectification Method using the Secondary Progressed Moon, the question has been raised on the utilization of the minor aspects, 72°, 108°, 40° and 51°26'.

These were included in the method solely because observation showed they were essential in finding applicable planetary contacts, not because we wanted to complicate the method by their inclusion.

Our basis of investigation into a valid rectification method was to find what worked or contributed to produce a close-to-correct birth time regardless of how simple or complex it may be and, as any astrologer who has been prepared to seriously devote a great deal of time and effort into any project will know, we often find what we don't expect or, conversely, do not find what we do expect, and it is from such in-depth investigations that we learn to sift the theoretical from facts.

Astrology as is practised to date still has many flaws and misconceptions in both standard techniques and their application.

The following topical example illustrates our findings: PRINCE CHARLES broke his arm in a fall on 29th June this year. A surgical bone graft followed, hip to arm, on 1ST SEPTEMBER, both requiring hospitalization and anaesthetics. The Secondary Progressions operative during the second half of 1990 were: Mercury tredecile r.Moon 18 June 1990, Ascendant novile r.Neptune, 28 June 1990, Venus semisquare p.Mars 20 August 1990, Mars semisextile r.Vertex 29 Aug 1990, Vertex quincunx r.Saturn 1 October 1990, Vertex opposite r.Ascendant 11 November 1990.

The Progressed Moon for the months June to October formed the following aspects: Moon quintile p.Ascendant, square r. and p.Pluto,

semisextile r.Venus, quintile r. and p. Saturn, septile p.Jupiter, novile r.Jupiter, semisquare p.Sun. The partile times of these Moon contacts would be used in the rectification method, and it can readily be seen that without the inclusion of the minor aspects the correct and suitable symbolism would not have been sufficiently in evidence.

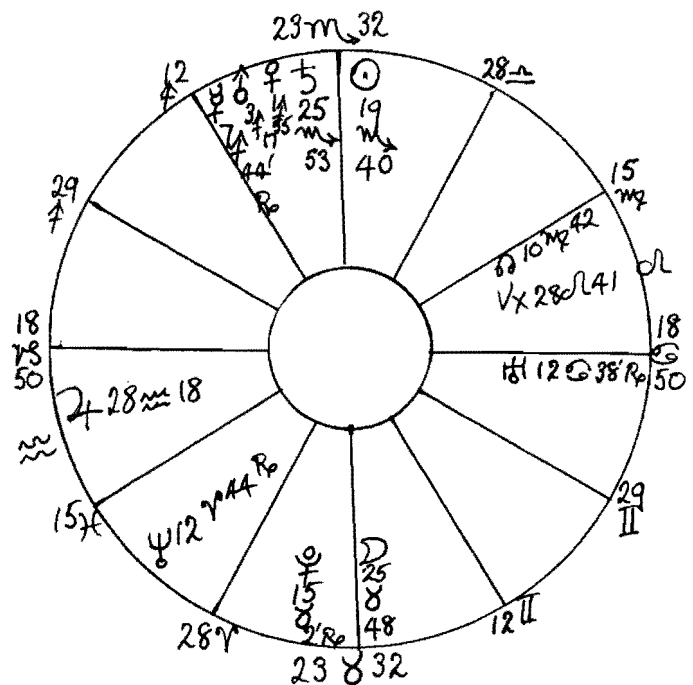
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The British Conservative Party

Thanks to the research and industry of historian Nick Campion (*The Book of World Horoscopes*) we are able to reproduce here a Chart for the inception in 1867 of the British Conservative Party. Judging by the nature of the Conservative Party and of recent events the Chart does seem to be valid.

THE BRITISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY

12 November 1867, 12 noon, Local Mean Time.
London, 51N30, 0W10. Placidian Cusps.



One could not imagine a more appropriate Rising Sign than CAPRICORN for a Party dedicated to upholding traditional values. The Ruler, Saturn, conjunct the Midheaven and the Sun, accords with its powerful and lasting influence in the United Kingdom.

The Progressions are interesting in the light of recent events. I propose to analyse them in the next Issue, which should follow this one very soon.

My kind regards to all. Dymock,
5 December 1990.

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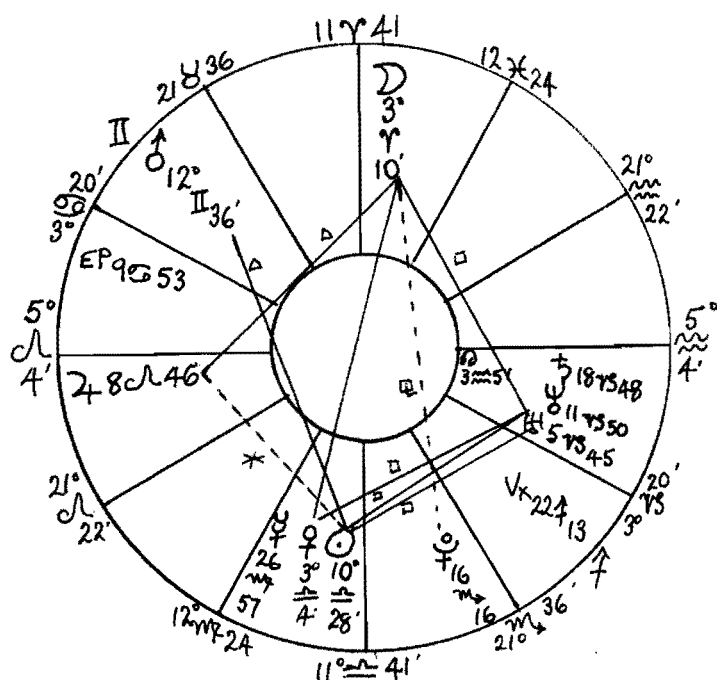
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The main event on the world scene this month is the re-unification of East and West Germany at midnight on the 3rd of October. This may be considered the re-birth of the German Nation, and a Chart for its inception should give us true indications of things to come.

GERMAN RE-UNIFICATION

3rd October 1990 at midnight. UT 2300-hrs.
Berlin 52N30, 13E22. Placidian Cusps.



Jupiter just below the Ascendant, trine to the Moon and sextile to the Sun, is a happy augury for the health, development and expansion of the new Germany. It should also hearten those who fear that a united and resurgent Germany will once again embark on a career of conquest, as did the Third Reich under Adolf Hitler. This is a Chart of peaceful growth and prosperity, not only because of beneficent Jupiter rising in aspect to both the Moon and the Sun, but also because of the gentle influence of the Sun conjunct Venus in its home Sign, Libra.

However, the reborn Nation is not without domestic difficulties: Neptune, Saturn and Uranus in the 6th Sector show dissatisfaction, indigence and strikes among the

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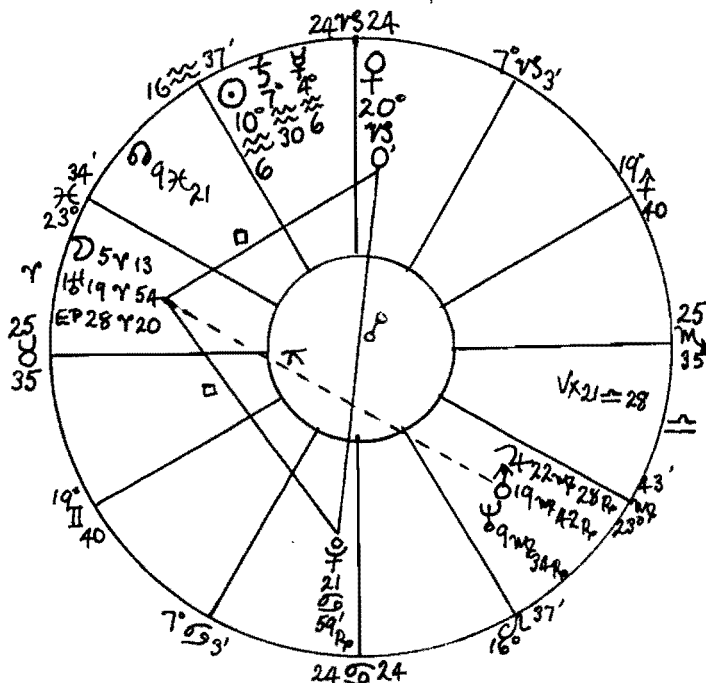
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workforce, made the more prominent through the squares of Neptune and Uranus to the Sun. Dissension among the populace is shown by the Moon square to Uranus and opposite Venus. Nevertheless, growth and prosperity will be achieved through energy and enterprise, Mars ruling the 10th House being in close trine to the Sun ruling the 2nd (the Nation's income).

The contrast of this Chart with that of the Third Reich founded by Adolf Hitler in 1933 is quite striking. Nicholas Campion gives the data for the Third Reich in his *The Book of World Horoscopes*, though the Chart has been erroneously printed for the

GERMANY: THIRD REICH

30th January 1933. Berlin, 52N30, 13E22.
Placidian Cusps.



31st January 1933 instead of the 30th January.

Without analysing the Chart in detail we see, instead of the peaceful influences of the Reunification Figure, the interconnection of the planets Mars, Pluto and Uranus, spelling ruthless violence and cruelty. Pluto at the direct Midpoint of Mars and the Ascendant also signifies violence and the will to dominate, while the Sun conjunct Saturn Ruling the 10th House typifies worldly ambition.

The Third Reich lasted for only 12 years instead of the 1000 years that Hitler had predicted. The seeds of its disintegration can be seen in the opposition of Pluto to Venus, Ruler of the Ascendant, the opposition lying alongside the Meridian. Germany was defeated on the 23rd of May 1945, and in the Age Harmonic Chart for that year (No. 12) we see this Natal opposition again featured, being alongside the Meridian of the Age Harmonic Chart, and even closer than before.

What of the future for the new Germany? There are a number of important Progressions and Directions coming up within the next six years: In February 1992 the Progressed Sun squares Neptune, which will heighten the dissatisfaction of the labour force. In November of the same year the Sun progresses to the exact trine of Mars, so we can expect a major effort and a great step forward at this time. Germany will increase its trade, income and prestige in the world. The Ascendant progresses to a parallel of Jupiter in March 1994, and conjoins that planet in July 1996. This will coincide with an era of unprecedented growth and prosperity.

A Method for Finding an Unknown Birth Time by Ross Harvey

This method is based on Secondary Progressions and Regressions of the Sun, whereas the method by Jack Nicholls and others published in *Astrologers' Forum* 108/9 used the Moon. In many respects, however, this method resembles its predecessor, except that I do not advocate using running totals as in that method. I should acknowledge that the idea for this method was given to me by a remark of Ken Gillman's in a letter to Jack Nicholls concerning a chart on which we had all worked. This method seems to be the simplest, quickest and most reliable yet. In particular, it practically guarantees that the first average time will enable one on every occasion to find the correct part of the day

for the birth to within a couple of hours, something that neither my Solar Return Method nor the Progressed Lunar Method can be relied on to do, while the corrected mean will usually be within half an hour or less of the birth time. The great advantage over my Solar Return technique is that one does not need to know everything of importance that happened in every year under consideration. If in my technique one is not told of an event that may be different in nature from the event mentioned, one could reject indications that may be appropriate after all, for example, if only a death is mentioned, and a concurrent love affair is not, one would wrongly reject a Moon/Venus conjunction.

The advantage over the Progressed Lunar Technique is that one is not overwhelmed by the great number of minor progressed aspects, nor does one have any difficulty in deciding in which part of the day the time lies.

METHOD

1. Calculate the positions of the Radical planets, but not the Moon, as if the birth were at noon, local time.
2. See if the Sun makes any aspects to Progressed/Regressed or Radical planets on the Progressed and Regressed dates corresponding to the native's age when given events happened. Use all traditional major and minor aspects, though I do not advocate using Quintiles or Septiles. Ignore only those aspects that are obviously symbolically inappropriate, for example, p.Sun conjunct Jupiter is inappropriate for a death under normal circumstances, p.Sun conjunct Saturn for a career advancement, though they could be appropriate for some event that may not have been mentioned for some reason, but one cannot know this, so simply leave them out.
3. For an age when the Progressed/Regressed Sun makes such an aspect, calculate the Progressed/Regressed position of the Sun for a birth time of 00-hours local time, and add the Sun's daily travel on the Progressed date to this position to find the Sun's Progressed/Regressed position for a 24-hour birth time. As one will be using a calculator it is easier to keep all positions in decimals to five decimal places, rather than to convert to degrees, minutes and seconds. Find the positions of all Progressed/Regressed planets as if the birth time were noon local time.
4. Calculate the fraction of the Sun's daily travel that corresponds to the time

after the birthday when the event took place, for example, if the birthday is the 10th of April, and the event took place on the 23rd of September, that is, 166 days after the birthday, the fraction is $166/365$, or 0.45479 of the Sun's daily travel. Suppose the Progressed Sun's daily travel is 0.96944° (on the 2nd of May), multiply this by 0.45479 to get 0.44089° , and add this to both the 00-hours and the 24-hours positions of the Progressed Sun on the date of the event. Remember to subtract this increment from both the 00-hours and 24-hours positions of the Sun when dealing with Regressions.

5. Suppose that the Progressed Sun's positions are 11.70089° Taurus and 12.67033° Taurus, and a Radical planet were at 12.2° Virgo. The Progressed Sun would have been exactly trine this for a birth time of

$[(12.2 - 11.70089)/0.96944] \times 24$
that is, 12.21-hours local time.

6. Do this for every event for which aspects of the Progressed or Regressed Sun can be found. Count all times in a range from -6-hours to +30-hours.

7. Average all the times obtained to find the first mean. This will be the birth time to within a couple of hours.

8. Use this approximate birth time to re-calculate the positions of all Radical and Progressed/Regressed planets that have been used in finding aspect times, as obviously the birth time will most likely not have been noon, as one had been forced to assume at first.

9. Re-calculate all the times using the more accurate positions of the planets and average them again.

10. See if any times vary extremely from the mean, say fourteen or fifteen hours; delete them and average those that remain. This corrected mean will be the approximate birth time, usually to within half an hour.

11. One can then use the Nicholls Solar Return technique on a range of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to find the time to a couple of minutes.

A worked example of the method is given below. One should pay particular attention to the time of appropriate major Progressed and Regressed aspects. If more than one of these have times that fall within a range of two to three hours, it is very likely that the birth time can be found within that range. This will give a clue to the time,

and will save a lot of work. One should also be very careful about similar events that are timed to within a couple of months, especially if there are several within a year, and none is obviously more important than the others. In such a case a Progressed aspect falling at about that time could relate to any of them, and if one were to include all the resulting times, several spurious times would be introduced into the total to be averaged, and consequently make the first mean much less accurate. If one such event cannot be singled out as being the most important by far it is better to ignore the lot.

Finally, I hardly need to point out that, but for the prior example of Jack Nicholls' technique, this method would not have seen the light of day.

**EXAMPLE: Male born 14th June 1948
at 33848, 151E13**

AEST is GMT + 10 hours, so 0000 to 2400-hours AEST on the 14th is equivalent to 1400-hours GMT on the 13th to 1400-hours GMT on the 14th.

The first event available is the death of the native's father on the 21st July 1966. I shall work through this fully so that there may be no doubt about the procedure. The native was eighteen years old, so count forward 18 days from the 13th June 1948 to arrive at 1st July 1948. Find the Sun's position at 14-hours GMT on this day, which is 9.60683° Cancer, and then the daily travel, which is 0.95361° . The event took place 37 days after the birthday, so multiply the Sun's daily travel by $37/365$, that is $(.95361 \times 37)/365$, to get 0.09666° , and add this to the Sun's position at 0000-hours on the birthday (9.60683° Cancer) to get 9.70350° Cancer. This is the Progressed Sun's position on the day of the native's father's death for a birth time of 0000-hours. Add the Sun's daily travel to this to get the 2400-hours position, which 10.65711° Cancer. Regressed Neptune is at $10Lib13.6$ (10.22667°), and p.Neptune is at $10Lib14.6$. (Remember to calculate the Radical and Progressed positions of the planets as if the birth had been 1200-hours AEST.) p.Sun is square r.Neptune for a birth time of

$[(10.22667 - 9.70350)/.95361] \times 24$

which is 13.10-hours. When dealing with Regressions remember to SUBTRACT the increment that corresponds to the number of days the date of the event is after the birthday. This is how to obtain the following times.

(NOTE: In what follows, r.= Radical, p.= Progressed, re.= Regressed)

p.Sun 21/7/66 (father's death)	
9.70350Cn to 10.65711Cn	Time
Square r.Neptune 10Lib13.6	1310
Square p.Neptune 10Lib14.6	1335

p.Sun Feb.'70 (began professional training)
13.10347Cn to 14.05736Cn
Semisextile r.Pluto 13Le6.3 0002
Semisextile p.Pluto 13Le37.1 1257

re.Sun Feb.'70
1.683296e to 2.643846e
Square re.Mars 01Vi53.6 0514
(01Vi47.2)* (0234)

*See below.

re.Sun Nov.'74 (end training; won prize)
27.11569Ta to 28.07819Ta
Quincunx re.Jupiter 27Sg16.8 0406
(27Sg18.2) (0441)

p.Sun July '75 (first career success)
18.26963Cn to 19.22324Cn
Semisextile r.Saturn 18Le32.9 0700
(18Le31.6) (0620)

re.Sun July '75
26.47389Ta to 27.43667Ta
Semisextile r.Uranus 26Se06.0 -0919
Quincunx re.Jupiter 27Sg20.6 2140
(27Sg22.0) (2215)

p.Sun Jan.'76 (first professional employment)
18.74644Cn to 19.70005Cn
Semisextile r.Saturn 18Le32.9 -0502
(18Le31.6) (-0540)

re.Sun Jan.'76
25.99250Ta to 26.95528Ta
Semisextile r.Uranus 26Se06.0 0241

*At this stage I averaged all these times to get an idea of where the birth time might be, and got 0600-hours. I then re-calculated the positions of the Radical and Progressed planets for a 0600-hours birth time. The times resulting from these corrected positions are the figures in brackets. The corrected positions will be used henceforth.

p.Sun Jan.'79 (left on European trip)
21.60755Cn to 22.56116Cn
Semisextile p.Saturn 21Le42.6 0235
Semisextile r.Sun 22Se7'9" 1252

p.Sun July '84 (met future wife)
26.85389Cn to 27.80806Cn
Semisquare r.Mars 11Vi52.5 0024

re.Sun July '84
17.78750Ta to 18.75472Ta
Square r.Saturn 18Le31.3 1813

p.Sun April '86 bought flat with fiancée
28.52368Cn to 29.47785Cn
Semisextile p.Uranus 28Se16.2 -0622

re.Sun April '86
16.09451Ta to 17.06201Ta
Square re.Saturn 16Le6.4 0018

re.Sun 16/4/88 (married)
14.14963Ta to 15.11824Ta
Conjunct re.Node 14Ta12.0 0115

re.Sun Feb.'91 (baby due)
11.41134Ta to 12.38086Ta
Trine r.Mars 11Vi52.5 1129

The above aspects were ALL that could be found for the dates given. Now review the times obtained: -0919-hours is too early to be relevant, so reject it. (It is better to be too inclusive at first when compiling the list of times. One can always reject inappropriate times afterwards). re.Sun square r.Saturn for the native's meeting his wife is inappropriate, so reject that time too. re.Sun square re.Saturn for buying the flat might be doubtful, but as the native had to take out a considerable mortgage (a burden), it may be allowed. Average the times remaining to get 0612-hours. This should be within half an hour or better of the birth time, which was given as "approximately 0615-hours AEST".

While it is encouraging to see that the final mean was so close to the true time, this cannot unfortunately always be relied on. One is always at the mercy of the quality of information provided. Twelve events may give one a fighting chance, if Progressed/Regressed Solar Aspects can be found for all of them, but one may not be so lucky. More than twenty events are really always needed, dated to at least the correct month, to give a reasonable chance. A further possible source of error that I did not mention before is when times are derived from aspects to both the Radical and Progressed positions of an outer planet for the same event. These times can be up to 24 hours or so apart, and obviously they cannot both be right. If there are several such pairs of times, one should try to decide which - the earlier or the later in every case - is appropriate, and reject the other time in each pair; otherwise spurious times that differ by very many hours from the true time will be introduced into the total to be averaged, with consequent inaccuracy of the final mean.

The time limits I gave in the description of the method should be regarded as a suggestion rather than a rigid prescription. One should always try to assess the applicability of a particular aspect to the event to which it is likely to be timed, remembering, too, that major events in a person's life rarely happen out of the blue, but may take months to plan or develop. Even if an event were sudden and unexpected, its effects may last for months afterwards, hence my suggestion that only times that differ markedly from the mean should be regarded as suspect. Time orbs for Progressed Solar aspects are naturally much wider than those for Progressed Lunar aspects because the Moon moves so much faster than the Sun, hence the different approach from the Lunar Rectification technique.

The next Astrology Workshop will deal with Midpoint Progressions, A Fatality Chart and Monthly Synodic Charts.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The Middle East Crisis

The momentous events in the Middle East claim our attention above all else at the moment. President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has set the world on edge by his invasion and annexation of the tiny State of Kuwait, and the threatened invasion of Saudi Arabia, notwithstanding that he disclaims any such intention. We are closer now to World War 3 than we have ever been since the end of World War 2 in 1945.

For an appropriate astrological commentary we should ideally have the Horoscope of Saddam Hussein himself. Such information is not available to me at the time of writing, so I must rely on the Chart for the Iraq Republic, 1958, as given in Campion's, *The Book of World Horoscopes*. This Chart appears on the next page.

A nation attracts as head of State the type of person represented by the planetary configurations in the national chart. From the Chart for the Iraq Republic we can deduce some of the characteristics of Saddam Hussein. The Sun on the Ascendant square to both Mars and Jupiter gives pride, dignity, authority, a sense of power, arrogance, self-confidence, boldness and enterprise. Mars elevated and opposite Jupiter typifies reckless daring and a disregard of consequences.

The parallels of Declination also are quite striking: The Sun parallel Pluto and contra-parallel Saturn bespeaks power, ruthlessness and cruelty. The Sun parallel Venus ensures the leader's popularity with his own people, and Venus parallel Pluto his ability to arouse their emotional fervour.

The midpoints in the Chart are still further enlightening. Those with very small orbs are violent ones:

Saturn/Pluto conjunct Mars (orb 9'!): Ruthless brutality and violence. (This was horrifyingly demonstrated by Hussein's use of poison gas against a section of his own people - the Kurdish minority - two years ago.)

Mars/Uranus conjunct the Moon (orb 4'):

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Habituated to sudden acts of violence.

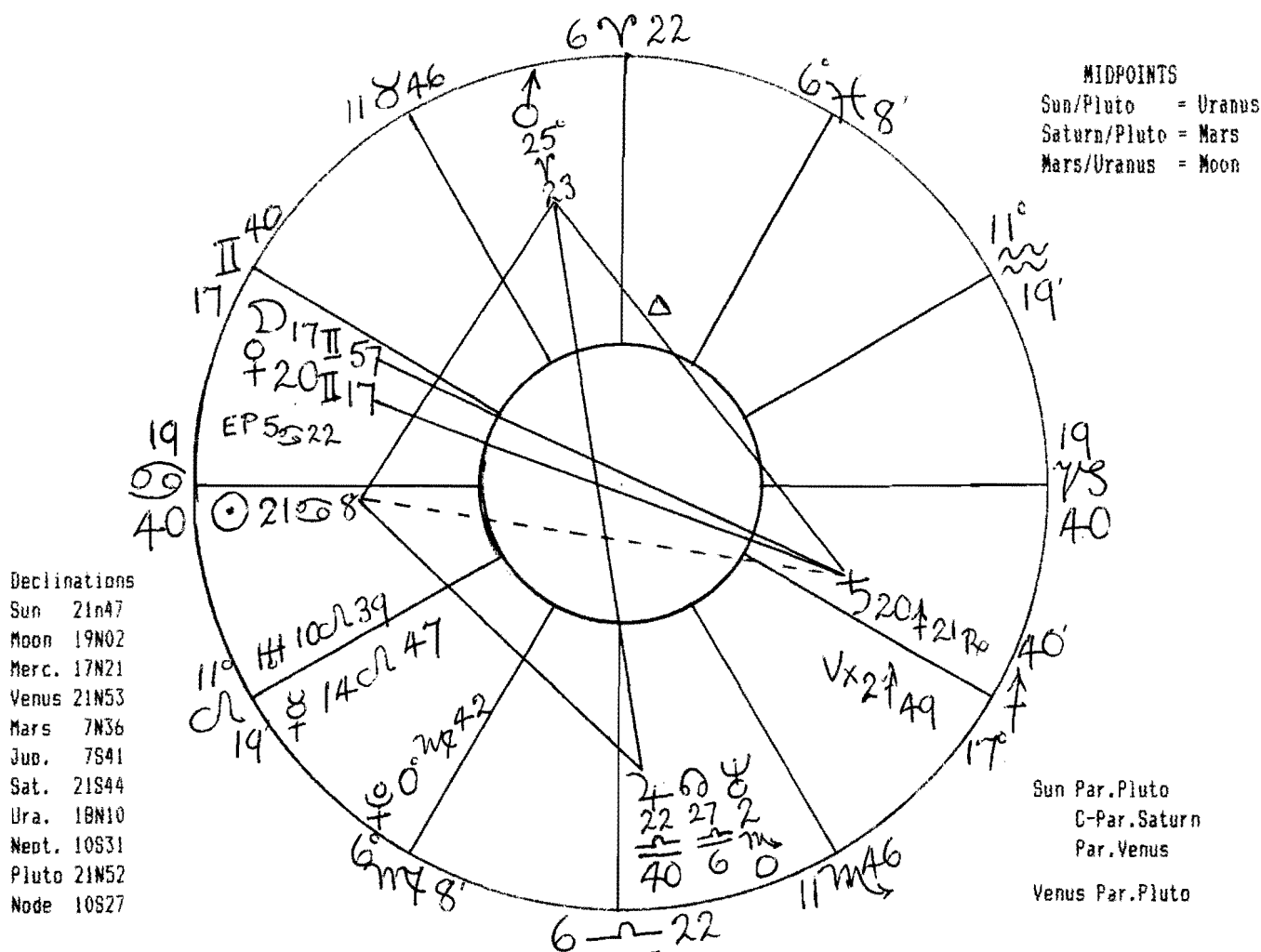
Sun/Pluto conjunct Uranus (orb 16') despotism, coercion and power-seeking.

Saddam Hussein is indeed a dangerous enemy. The elevated Mars in the T-Square that appears in the Iraqi Chart indicates a propensity to impulsive and reckless acts. Exactly on 2nd August, the date when Hussein invaded Kuwait, the Progressed Moon at 21Le40 was square the Moon/Mars midpoint at 21Ta40. This is equivalent to the Moon squaring Mars, the dominant planet in the Iraqi Chart. On 6th August the Moon and Sun were in conjunction in the Progressed Chart, indicating the commencement of a new cycle of events.

The Cyclic Charts - Synodic Return, Age Harmonic and Solar Return - are also instructive. In Synodic Return No. 32, applying to the year from 14th July 1990 to 14th July 1991, Uranus directly opposes the Sun (orb only 17') along the 9th/3rd Axis which refers to neighbouring foreign countries. The Moon, Jupiter and Saturn are clustered together in the 2nd House, showing Iraq's gain of Kuwait's wealth.

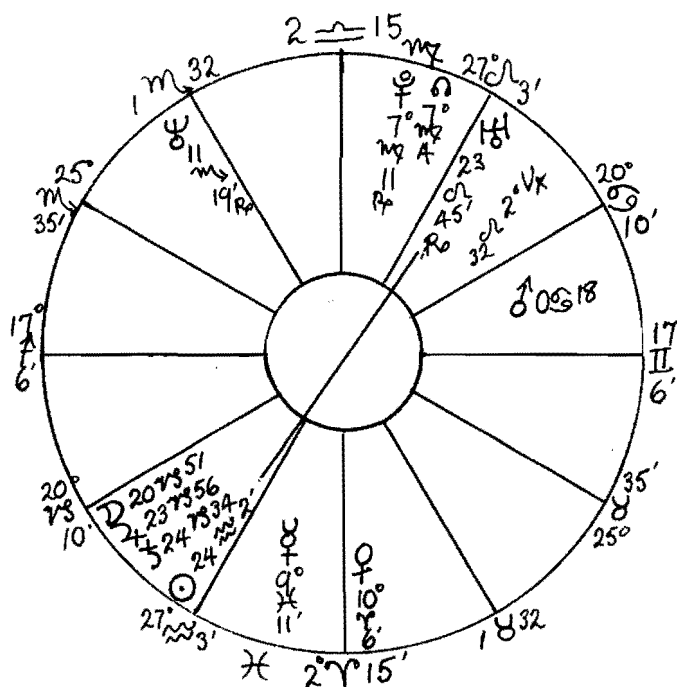
The Age Harmonic Chart for the same year has Mars opposite the Harmonic Ascendant and square Jupiter, releasing the Mars/Jupiter/-Sun energy of the Natal Chart. When the Harmonic Chart is superimposed on the Radix we see a striking reciprocal action between

14th July 1958, Baghdad, Iraq. 5 am (UT 2 am). 33N21,44E25. Placidus.

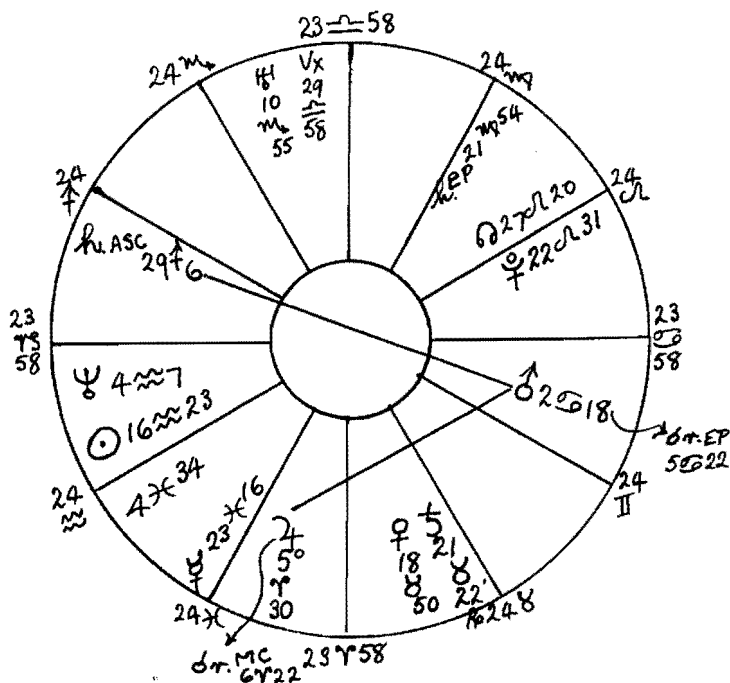


The Progressed Chart clearly shows Kuwait's loss of sovereignty (Saturn at the Midheaven opposite the Sun). The murderous

IRAQ: SYNODIC RETURN NO. 32
Operative 14/7/1990 - 14/7/1991
Ephemeris Date 12th Feb., 1961.
23:39:28 GMT. Placidian Cusps.

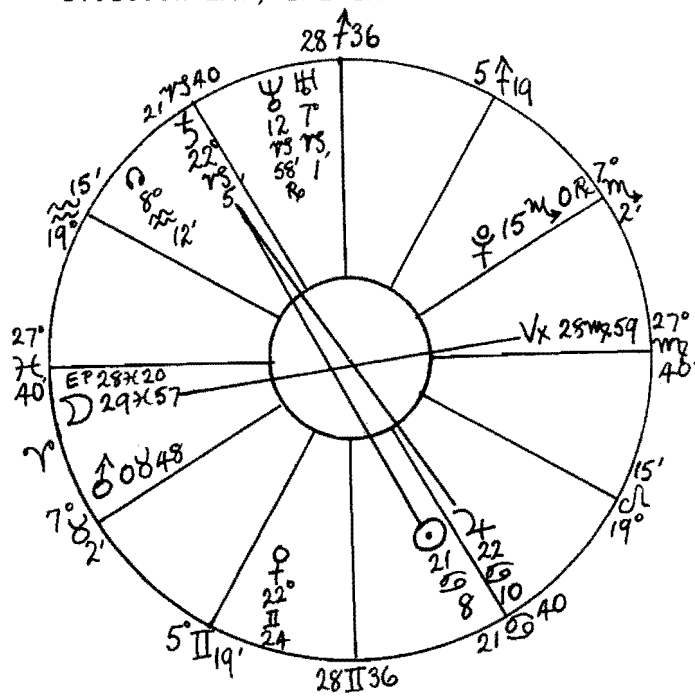


IRAQ: AGE HARMONIC 32
Operative 14/7/1990 - 14/7/1991



violation that Kuwait suffered on 2nd August at the hands of its neighbour might have been foreseen from the conjunction of Progressed Uranus with Radical Mars, an aspect notorious for its association with injuries and physical violence of all kinds. The

IRAQ: SOLAR RETURN 32, 13TH July 1990,
19:30:32 GMT, BAGHDAD. Placidus.



The conjunction was within orbs in the Radix, and became exact at the end of October 1988. It seems Kuwait was always sitting on a powder keg, just waiting for it to explode. The slow-moving Uranus will keep the influence operative over a long period of years.

The Annual Charts for the current year (Synodic, Age Harmonic and Solar Return) all reflect the armed invasion and the parlous situation of the Emirate. These are not printed here for reasons of space, but the Monthly Synodic Chart covering the date of the invasion is particularly apposite, and is shown combined with the Radix. Note the Radical conjunction of Mars and Uranus straddling the Midheaven, signifying violent overthrow of the Kingdom. Supporting factors are Pluto just above the Horizon, opposed by Mars and Venus: Pluto, The Destroyer, destroys peace (Venus) and wages war (Mars). Mars is also in a close T-Square with Radical Jupiter and Neptune.

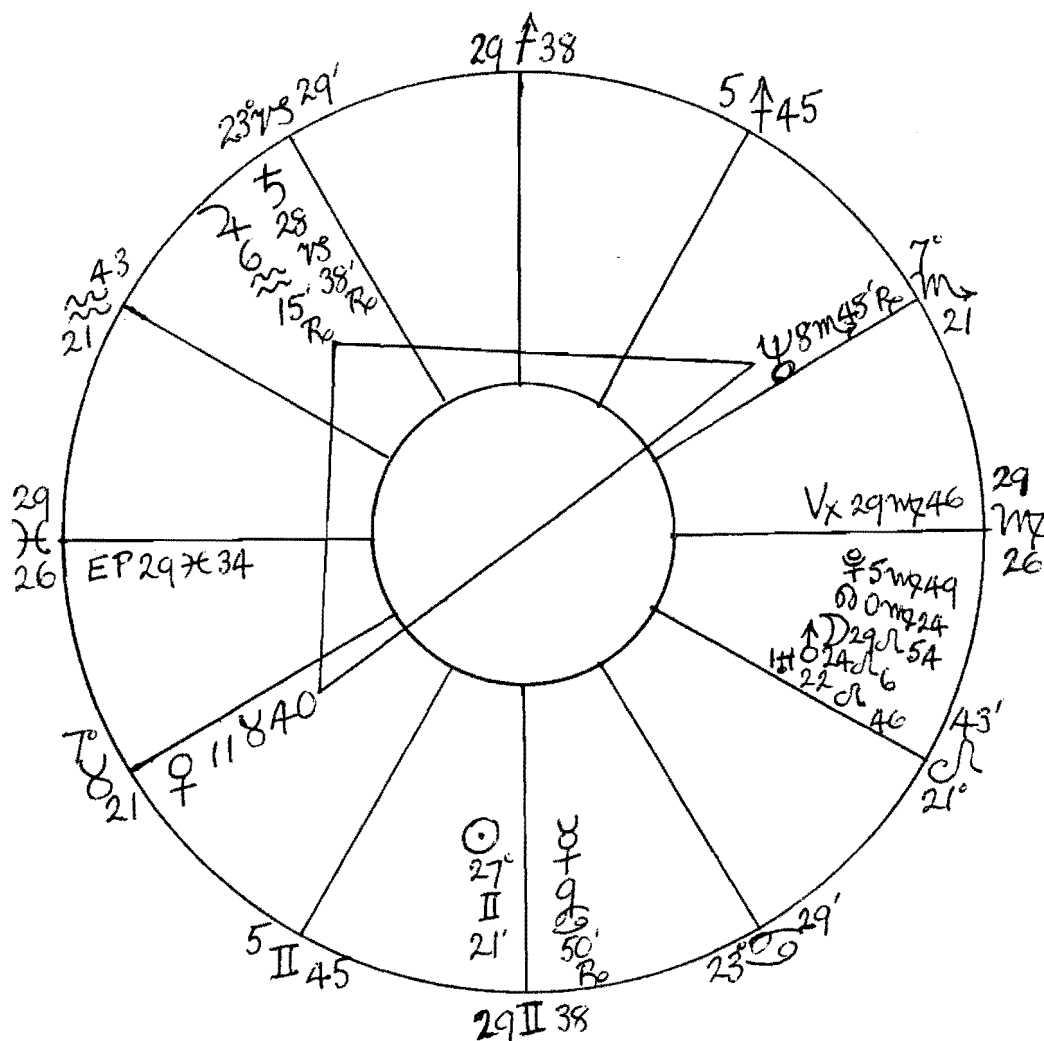
From the astrological angle, the outlook for Kuwait is not good. Major Secondary Progressions and Naibod-Arc Directions for the next two years are the following:

1990 November: MC conjunct Saturn
December: Saturn conjunct MC

1991 January: Ascendant square Saturn

KUWAIT INDEPENDENCE 1961

19th June 1961, Kuwait. 29N30, 47E45
12 am Local Time (GMT 9pm on 18th June). Placidian Cusps.



February: Pluto contra-parallel p.MC
April: Sun contra-parallel p.Saturn
June: Jupiter opposite Pluto
November: MC (by Solar-Arc) conjunct Saturn

1992 January: Sun opposite p.Saturn
June: Sun parallel p.Pluto
MC parallel Saturn

None of the above promises any joy to the deposed Emir, rather the reverse.

it is wrong it will not invalidate the inter-planetary aspects, only those involving the Angles. As it happens, even these are highly pertinent to the timing of recent events.

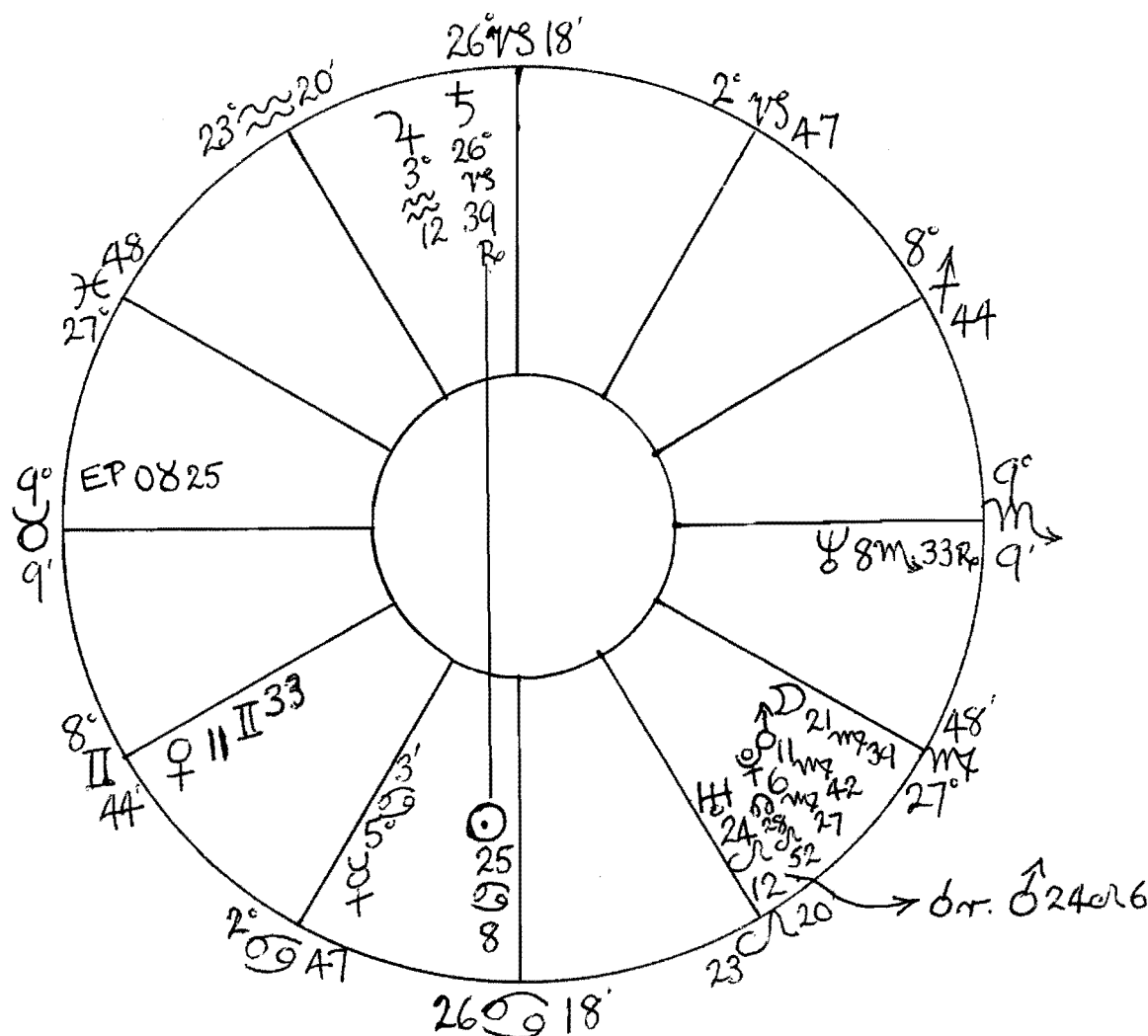
In Hussein's Chart, one's attention is drawn immediately to the two powerful conjunctions - Uranus with the Sun and the Moon with Mars. The Sun/Uranus conjunction is reinforced by the two bodies being in parallel of Declination (orb 15'). The Moon/Mars conjunction has an orb of only 16', though it would not be so close if the birth time was widely different from 6:30 am. These two conjunctions bespeak a man of revolutionary spirit, self-will and unpredictable actions, a creature of impulse and belligerence. Jupiter elevated in Capricorn trine Mercury on the Ascendant reveals diplomatic skill, while Jupiter's close opposition to Pluto shows big ideas,

SADDAM HUSSEIN

NAREME COLLINS (VIC.) has now supplied me with the birth date and place for President Saddam Hussein, data that Nareme obtained through her own efforts. The hour, unfortunately, is not known, but I have set the Horoscope for 6:30 am, having regard to Hussein's current Progressions and Cyclic Charts. Though the time is speculative, if

KUWAIT: PROGRESSED CHART 2ND AUG. 1990

Ephemeris Date 17th July 1961, at 23:52:10 GMT



the fanatical pursuit of aims, and exploitation of the masses.

The Midpoint aspects in Hussein's Chart are consistent with those discussed in relation to the National Chart of Iraq. Disregarding those involving the Midheaven and Ascendant, which cannot be relied on due to the uncertain birth time, we have:

Saturn conjunct Mars/Pluto (orb 9'), and Moon/Pluto (orb 17'): Toughness, coercion, brutality. A forceful and determined character capable of cruelty.

North Node conjunct Sun/Pluto: The craving for rulership, fanatical aspirations, the power of attainment and the attainment of power.

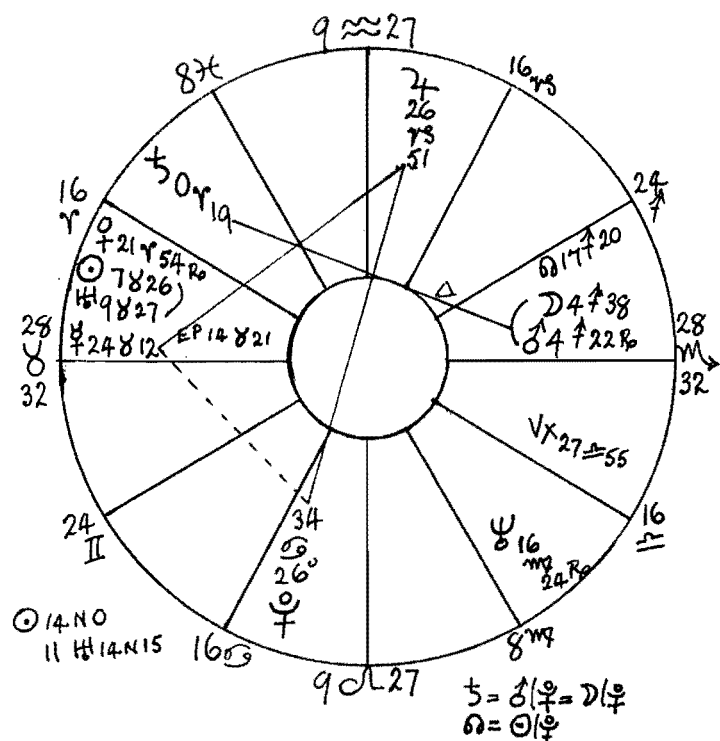
If 6:30am is somewhere near to the correct birth time we have also the Ascendant conjunct Saturn/Pluto and the Midheaven conjunct Saturn/Node and square Sun/Uranus, all of which reinforce the foregoing.

The Moon and Mars that are so prominent in

Hussein's Horoscope demonstrated their power on August 1st, when they came to an exact conjunction in his Progressed Chart. The very next day he invaded Kuwait. In Hussein's Synodic Chart for the current year, the Natal Moon/Mars conjunction in the 5th degree of Sagittarius is exactly on the Synodic Ascendant, also in the 5th Degree of Sagittarius, and is opposed by Uranus in the 1st degree of Gemini. In the last few days of July and early August, Mars conjoined Natal Jupiter by Naibod Direction. This conjunction is associated with successful enterprise so, if Hussein is getting astrological advice, it is no coincidence that he chose this time for his conquest of Kuwait.

In Hussein's Harmonic Chart for his current age of 53, Harmonic Pluto is at 28Tau2, conjunct his Natal Ascendant in the Speculative Radix. Pluto also conjoins Natal Mercury and trines Natal Jupiter in the 9th House.

PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN OF IRAQ
28th April 1937, Tikrit, Iraq 34N36, 43E42.
Speculative time 6:30am. Placidian Cusps.

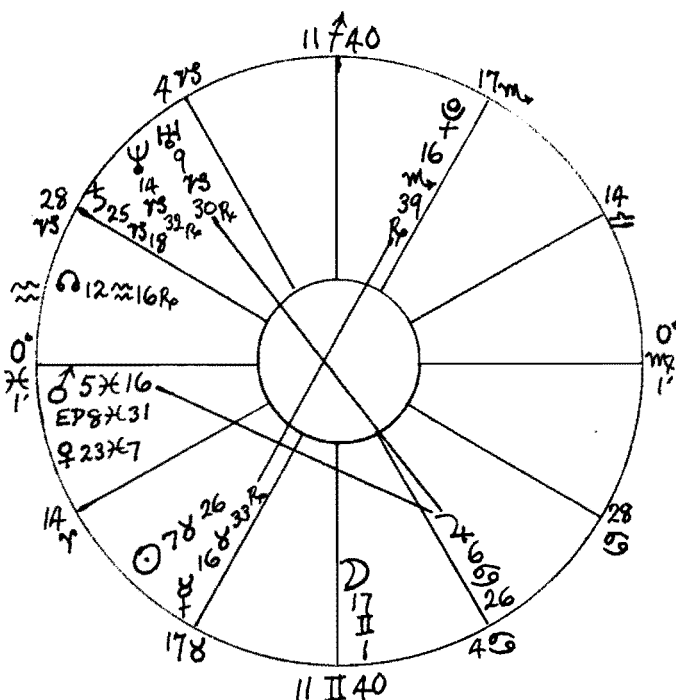


This trio of Pluto, Mercury and Jupiter is indicative of the propaganda and war of nerves Hussein levelled against Kuwait in the months prior to the invasion.

Hussein's current Solar Return (see Chart) is also indicative of the series of events: Mars on the Ascendant, trine to Jupiter in the 5th, signifies a bold stroke that succeeds. Pluto opposite Mercury almost exactly on the 9th/3rd Axis is again indicative of the psychological pressure exerted against the neighbouring country of Kuwait. It is notable that the Midheaven of this Solar Return, 11 Sag 40, conjoins Natal Jupiter at 12 Sag 57, in the House of Adversaries, again indicative of Hussein's successful coup - Kuwait was overrun and occupied within a day, and "annexed" a very short time later.

So what of the future? Will there be peace or an unthinkable third world war? Hussein has made a monumental miscalculation in assessing the probable reaction of the rest of the world to his Kuwait adventure. He is probably appalled at the forces now arrayed against him, yet he has got himself into a position where he cannot easily back down without serious loss of face. Hussein is no fool, and realizes that any shooting war would be disastrous for him and for Iraq, whatever retaliatory damage he could inflict on the enemy. The mass of his people, not yet recovered from 8 years of exhausting and traumatic struggle against Iran, must shrink with horror and revulsion from the prospect of further military

SADDAM HUSSEIN: SOLAR RETURN 53
at Birth Place, Tikrit. Placidian Cusps.



involvement in a war they cannot possibly win.

Hussein's problem, therefore, is to hold on to the territory he has gained while retaining his popularity with his people and not provoking a shooting war. The nearest point in the immediate future that holds some chance of this is in November when Hussein's monthly Synodic Chart has Jupiter rising at 12 Le 34 in close square to the Sun at 12 Sc 8 and Venus at 12 Sc 57, the square being less important than the bodies involved. I interpret this as an opportunity for Hussein to reach a compromise settlement not unfavourable to himself, and without loss of prestige among his own people. Assisting factors are Regressed Jupiter trine Regressed Vertex, and Progressed Venus trine the Node/MC Midpoint around November 12. - Dymock.

Rectification Exercise No. 6

JACK NICHOLLS reports that there were four entries to the above Exercise:

1. An overseas entrant interested in Medical Astrology, who was attracted by the health synopsis for the subject, estimated the birth time as 0010 hrs UT. There were no details of the method used.
2. An estimate of 2316 hrs UT. The health profile was the basis of a choice of Saturn on the 6th Cusp, or Saturn in Scorpio in the 6th House. Physical appearance suggested a Leo Ascendant. Transits were also used.
3. The rising Sign was calculated using the

Diurnal Horoscope for selected events in conjunction with aspects formed on a day related to conception. Final corrections by Naibod-Arc Directions, yielding a time of 2310 hrs UT.

4. Ross Harvey estimated 0604 hrs, "probably recorded as 0600 hrs UT" using his published Solar Return method. Times that were considered to be inappropriate for the events were rejected. The Angular Solar Return method was used to confirm and to establish the estimate, which was also confirmed using Age Harmonics.

The correct birth time was given as 0600 hrs UT, so Ross is to be congratulated. Patient and proper application of his method does result in success.

These Rectification Exercises are suspended for the time being, but will be resumed when more suitable data is available. Meantime, here is something you can test and try out on horoscopes where the birth time is known. Jack Nicholls would greatly appreciate receiving constructive criticism and news of researchers' experience with the method. He writes that it is the easiest and most consistent technique that he has used to date:

A Method to Find an Unknown Birth Time
by Jack Nicholls, Elva Howson and
Ross Harvey

Kinetic Solar Returns have been used in a Rectification Technique (*astrologers' Forum* No. 105). To sharpen the distribution of times resulting from this method it was decided to work directly with the Secondary Progressions from which the KSR's derive. After several tests had already been carried out it was found that a technique using the Secondary progressed Moon had been published by Dr. Zip Dobyns in *Progressions, Directions and Rectification*, T.I.A. Publications 1975. However, our procedure differs significantly from that in the publication, and whereas Dr. Dobyns claimed to get within a few hours of the birth time, we expect this to be reduced considerably, often to a few minutes.

1. Obtain the Noon (Local Time) position of the Sun and planets on the birthday.

2. List at least 10, but preferably more major events, together with the subject's reaction to them. These reactions will vary. For example, the death of a family member may be a time of great sorrow, a happy release from a debilitating disease, or even a time for rejoicing at the passing of a hated tyrant.

List also a choice of planets in each case that will satisfy the correct symbolism for these reactions.

3. For each event determine the Secondary Progressed date.

4. For each event obtain the position of the Progressed bodies as though the birth occurred at 0000-hours Local Time. (A computer is a help with steps 1 and 4.)

5. From an Ephemeris obtain the daily travel of the Moon on each Progressed date. This, added to the Moon's position at 0000 hours gives the Moon's position for a 2400-hours birth time.

6. For each event determine the Secondary Moon's position as it forms aspects to Secondary or Natal planets within its range. The meaning of the aspect is not important, only the contact. The aspects used are both Traditional and "Minor" ones: Conjunction, Opposition, Square, Trine, Sextile, Quincunx (150°), Semisquare, Sesquare (135°), Quintile (72°), Septile (51°25'43") and Tredecile (108°). Since Addey's introduction of Harmonic Theory, are there any differences in dividing a circle by three to obtain a Trine, or dividing by seven to obtain a Septile? Rudolf Smit emphasised the importance of the Tredecile in his report on Prime Event Analysis. [The Novile, 40°, might also be included.—Ed.]. Allow a 1° overlap (Traditional orb for Secondaries) at each end of the Moon's Range, which translates to the day extending from -2 to 26 hours.

7. Calculate the time that each aspect between the Secondary Moon and the planets selected in Step 2 is exact. This is a simple proportion calculation best illustrated in the example below. A hand-held calculator with a sexagesimal facility is of great help with these calculations. These times are entered on a ruled sheet which has each line assigned to an hour from -2 to 26, and provides a visual display of the distribution of the times. Note the number of steps on each line.

8. Determine which 3-hour interval (three adjacent lines) has the greatest aggregate of times. The average of these times is the required estimate of the birth time.

An example will serve to clarify these steps. The subject is a male born on 14th June 1948 in Melbourne.

1. Noon positions: Sun 22Ge55, Mercury 7Cn1, Venus 8Cn46, Mars 12Vi0, Jupiter 24Sg13, Saturn 18Le33, Uranus 26Ge6, Neptune

10Li14, Pluto 13Le6, North Node 12Ta5.

2. 23/12/72. Married; attracted, but not real love: N.Node, Mars, Mercury, Venus.

14/11/75. overseas for $5\frac{1}{2}$ months; pleasure: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus.

20/10/77. Mental breakdown; moral conflict: Saturn.

08/09/78. Separated from wife; strain and relief. Mars, Saturn, Pluto.

24/06/79. Second mental breakdown: Mars, Pluto Mercury, Uranus.

12/12/79. Divorce nisi; relieved, but religious conflict: Mars, Jupiter, Uranus.

27/07/82. Appendicectomy; sudden onset: Mars, Saturn, Neptune, Uranus.

27/07/85. Moved interstate; job promotion: Sun, Mercury, Saturn.

28/03/88. Resumed career after a 5-month drop-out; new job: Sun, Venus, Jupiter.

08/02/89. Second marriage; coerced, not happy: Mercury, Neptune, Pluto.

It is not practicable to give procedural details for all 10 events, so steps 3 - 7 will be illustrated by the first event only.

3. 8th July 1948 is the Progressed date for marriage.

4. Position of the Progressed bodies for 0-hours birth: Moon 2Le58, Sun 15Cn50, Mercury 28Ge34, Venus 25Ge56, Mars 24Vi48, Jupiter 21Sg19, Saturn 20Le59, Uranus 27Ge31, Neptune 10Li17, Pluto 13Le41, N.Node 10Ta48.

5. The Moon's travel on 8th July 1948 is $14^{\circ}59'$. Moon from 0000 - 2400 birth time is from 2Le58 to 17Le57.

6. Conjunct p.Pluto 13Le41, square p.N.Node 10Le48, semisextile p.Sun 15Le50, sesquare p.Mars 9Le48, sesquare p.Mercury 13Le34, sesquare p.Jupiter 6Le19, septile p.Mars 3Le22, septile p.Neptune 18Le51, septile p.Venus 17Le22, conjunct r.Saturn 18Le33, conjunct r.Pluto 13Le06, square r.N.Node 12Le5, semisextile r.Mercury 7Le1, semisextile r.Venus 8Le46, semisextile r.Mars 12Le0, sesquare r.Jupiter 9Le13, septile r.Uranus 17Le32, septile r.Sun 14Le21, sextile p.Neptune 10Le17, sextile r.Neptune 10Le14, square r.N.Node 12Le5.

7. The difference between the position of the exact aspect for the selected planets and the Moon's 0-hours position is shown for each of the planets chosen to symbolize marriage. For example, sesquare p.Mars = $9Le48 - 2Le58 = 6^{\circ}50'$. This difference is divided by the Moon's travel on the

Progressed date and multiplied by 24 to obtain the time that the aspect is exact. Thus for the example, $6^{\circ}50'$ divided by $14^{\circ}59'$ (step 5) and multiplied by 24 = 1057 hours. The times are in brackets and in 24-hour notation. The list for marriage follows:

Ssq. p.Mars $6^{\circ}50'$ (1057), Sept.p.Mars $0^{\circ}24'$ (0038), Ssxt. r.Mars $9^{\circ}2'$ (1428), Sept. p.Venus $14^{\circ}24'$ (2304), Ssxt. r.Venus $5^{\circ}48'$ (0917), Sesq. p.Mercury $10^{\circ}36'$ (1700), Ssxt. r.Mercury $4^{\circ}3'$ (0629), Sq. r.N.Node $9^{\circ}7'$ (1436).

The times for all events follow, listed in order, but should be copied onto a ruled sheet to appreciate the aggregation. The first time is a minus time, that is, before midnight. The rest are all plus:

0051, 0022, 0038, 0050, 0124, 0240, 0424, 0424, 0434, 0629, 0759, 0806, 0831, 0853, 0856, 0901, 0912, 0917, 0944, 1004, 1057, 1114, 1129, 1148, 1314, 1316, 1351, 1355, 1358, 1403, 1410, 1411, 1424, 1428, 1436, 1458, 1503, 1528, 1700, 1700, 1708, 1856, 1913, 1938, 2132, 2151, 2227, 2241, 2258, 2304, 2414, 2436, 2500, 2506.

The most intense aggregate is that extending from 1314 - 1528 hours, there being 14 times in the space of 3 hours. The average of these 14 times 1415 hours. The given time is 1416 hours.

Interested researchers should work through this example carefully to become familiar with the procedure and then complete a further example with a known time such as their own or a friend's.

The aspects that contributed to the final aggregate in the present case consisted of semisextiles, squares, sextiles, quintiles, septiles and trines.

The estimate provided by this method may be confirmed and a more precise time be obtained by use of the SR method described in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 103.

Production of this Issue has been a lengthy, and at times difficult process because of the nature of the material and the special type-setting requirements, which is part of the reason that *"Astrologers' Forum"* is now a month behind. To catch up, I have made this Issue a double one, covering the months of July and August. Occasionally it is not possible for me to meet the monthly deadline, though that is still my aim, to keep the publication as topical and informative as possible. I trust to the forbearance of subscribers.

I have started giving monthly Astrological Workshops in my home at Blackheath. The next one is on Sunday, 16th September. Anyone interested is invited to 'phone (0471) 87 8874 for further particulars.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 3rd September 1990.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE IRANIAN EARTHQUAKE

The calamitous earthquake that shook Iran on the 20th of June last has left an estimated 140,000 dead, many of them still buried in the ruins of their homes and villages. It is a continuing challenge to Astrology to predict the date and place of such horrific disasters, and to give warning that may save many lives and much suffering. A post-mortem analysis of a chart for the time of the earthquake has no value from the predictive point of view. What we need is a reliable technique to identify the date and location of potential disasters *before* they happen.

A possibility in this regard is afforded by the major planetary conjunctions, particularly those of Uranus and Saturn. I drew attention to the role of this conjunction in the Armenian earthquake of 8th December 1988 (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 90). The conjunction occurred on 18th October 1988, and it appears to be still exerting its power nearly two years later. Here it is re-cast for the Iranian Capital City, Tehran, instead of the Armenian town of Spitak.

The change of location from Spitak to Tehran has brought Neptune to the Meridian. Here it can transmit its treacherous power along the axis, affecting land, homes and buildings. The Declination of Neptune is $22^{\circ}17'$ South, and that of Saturn is $22^{\circ}35'$ South, so the two planets are in parallel, adding to the destructive potential of each.

At the time of the earthquake on 20th June, Uranus was at $7^{\circ}\text{Cap}59'$, retrograding over Neptune. The transit became exact only 8 days later. Thus both the planets of the conjunction, Saturn and Uranus, were coupled with Neptune in its dominating position on the Meridian, and chaos (Neptune) resulted.

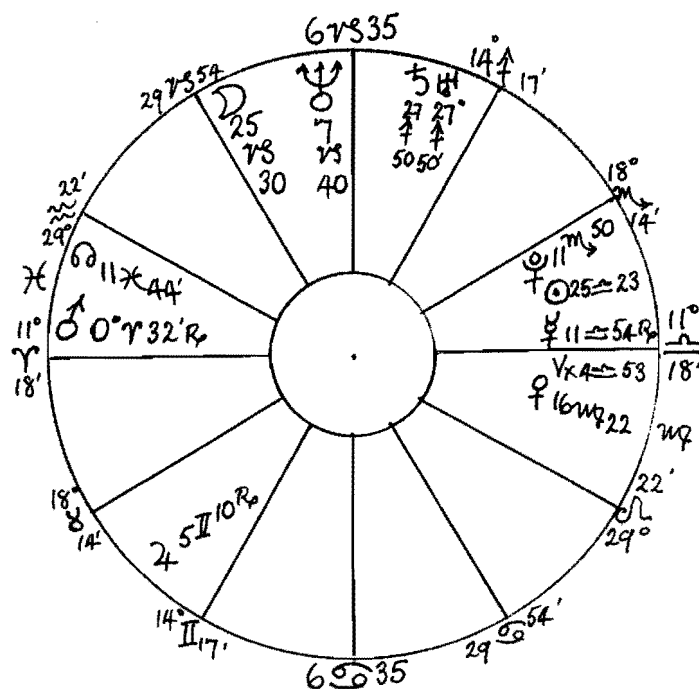
The lesson we can draw from this is that countries in known areas of seismic activity should closely monitor the Great Conjunctions - not only Uranus/Saturn, but also probably Pluto/Uranus and Neptune/Uranus.

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URANUS/SATURN CONJUNCTION

18th October 1988, 13:13 UT. Tehran, Iran.
 $35^{\circ}\text{N}40'$, $51^{\circ}\text{E}26'$. Placidian Cusps.



When these Conjunctions are powerful in the local charts, either through mundane position or malefic aspects (including parallels of Declination) all possible precautions should be taken to limit the destruction of life and property. A careful study of the Transits and Progressions in the charts may very well reveal when the blow will fall. - Dymock.

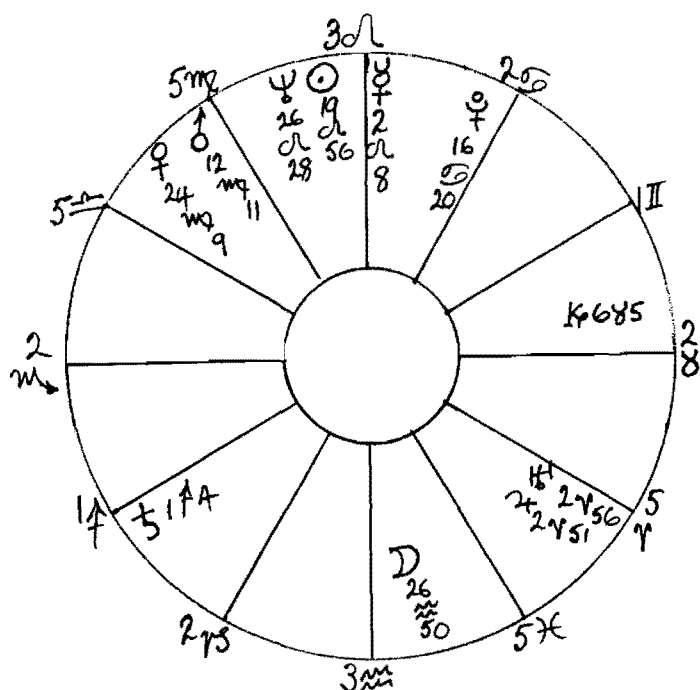
CASTRO AND THE FUTURE OF CUBA

by Allan Johnson

Cuba has not been very much in the news lately, but the events of the past twelve months in Russia and Eastern Europe are of necessity starting to have repercussions on Cuba, which is one of the more recent Communist States. It is only 31 years old. Cuba's economic future is at the cross roads because it has been heavily dependent on trade and economic assistance from the Eastern Bloc and the Soviet Union. Now this whole situation is falling apart as all these countries are now much more preoccupied with their own futures rather than that of Cuba.

FIDEL CASTRO

13th August 1927, 10:30 am EST. GMT 3:30pm.
Havana, Cuba. 23NB, 82W22. Placidus.



So Fidel Castro, after 31 years in power, is peering into a bleak future and making some bombastic speeches to bolster up his own confidence. Bombastic speeches are quite appropriate for anyone with Sun in Leo in the 10th House. The Chart I am presenting here cannot be totally guaranteed as to timing, and is taken from *An Astrological Who's Who* by Marc Penfield, and he does not give any sources.

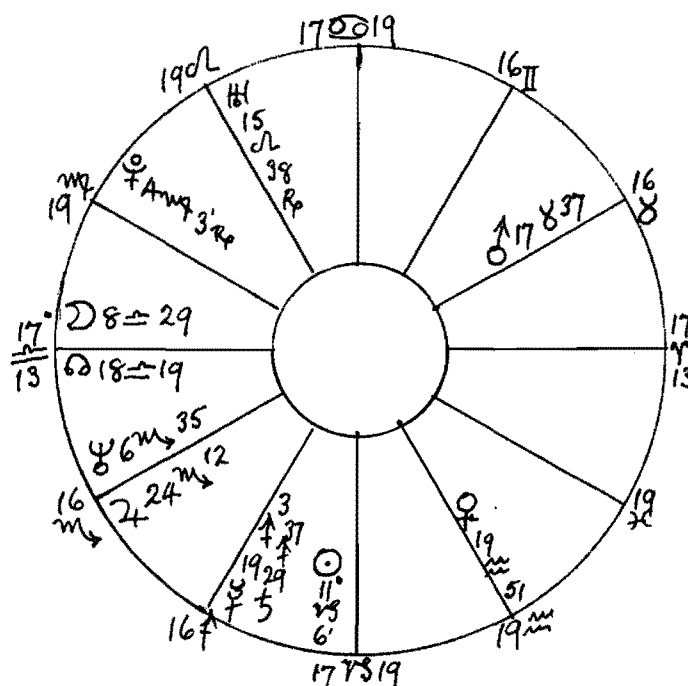
The Chart for the Cuban Communist State seems more reliable as it is taken from *The Book of World Horoscopes* by Nick Campion. This is now the most up to date book for Mundane astrologers. Taken together, both Charts should throw some light on Castro's future. The Cuban Revolution is Fidel

Castro, so if one flounders, so does the other. His Chart is a fairly simplistic one but the Chart for the Revolution is much more complex. The interesting point about Castro is that despite the economic woes his country has been going through, he still seems to retain great popularity personally. I think the Sun conjunct Neptune in the 10th could explain this charisma. Scorpio rising also helps, and is typical for the charts of revolutionaries who need to be ruthless to survive. The Grand Trine linking up with his M.C. is one reason why his luck has held for so long - but will it in the future?

Secondary Progressions don't throw much light on this Chart, but the transits are more useful, even though there are no personal planets in Cardinal Signs. Here the emphasis is on Fixed Signs, and this brings in Pluto, planet for high drama, new beginnings and endings - and also happenings that can operate totally outside the person's control, but have a powerful influence.

COMMUNIST CUBA

2nd January 1959, 1am EST. GMT 6am.
Havana, Cuba. 23NB, 82W22. Placidus.



This is exactly what is happening right now in the Communist world, and there is no way Cuba can escape it. Castro already feels the effects of these events, and Pluto comes to the square of his Sun by transit next January, and will be within a close orb for the whole of 1991. So it is bound to be a year of destiny. Saturn moves to the I.C. in early 1991, when it moves into Aquarius, and will affect all the Angles. In 1992 the

powerful Neptune/Uranus conjunction opposes his Natal Pluto. Even though Pluto is not part of any major configuration, I have found that powerful squares or oppositions to its natal position can bring shocks and dramatic revelations. Here there will be some surprise elements. Things will come to light!

Of course, the Chart for the Cuban Revolution in 1959 is of major importance to Castro's destiny. In this case the Secondary Progressions are more illuminating, with the Progressed Sun moving towards the opposition of Progressed Uranus. It will make the exact contact in October 1991, and then to Natal Uranus 15 months later. This speaks for itself in this situation. There is strong emphasis on the Fixed Signs in this Chart, as in Castro's, and if we include Chiron we get a Fixed Grand Cross. Castro's Sun does make the conjunction with Uranus in the Cross, and is square to Mars. So this is a violent link-up, and transiting Pluto is exactly squaring Uranus and opposing Mars this year and into 1991.

Apart from Pluto transits, the Cuban Chart has Natal Sun in 11° Capricorn and Moon in 8° Libra - very sensitive degrees right now. They are being activated by Uranus this year, and it will be in close conjunction with Natal Sun throughout 1991. I have always found Pluto and Uranus to be the two planets most linked with dramatic and traumatic events. There are certainly a lot of correlations! So it looks as if time will be running out for Fidel Castro in 1991 and the spirit of *reform* will have caught up with the Island in 1991 and the succeeding years.

From Elva Howson (Vic.): Congratulations to Jack and Ross for their achievements in rectifying charts from unstated birth times.

The Nicholls S.R. Method would appear to hold far-reaching implications, for if it proves to be valid over a large number of cases then does it imply that the Tropical Solar Return is the superior technique? And would it finally solve the locality versus the birth place problem? The method's value appears to lie in the confirmation or tightening-up of a given time rather than finding an unknown birth time.

I would urge all readers to at least apply the Nicholls' Method to their own Charts or those of family members to enable us to

gauge the accuracy or otherwise of what at this stage appears to be an exciting new tool for validating not only "flexible" given times but other astrological techniques. Feedback from many astrologers will be needed as the successful application to a handful of cases is not sufficient for scientific proof.

I agree with Jack that natal planets crossing the S.R. Angles should be used as well as S.R. planets, and I personally feel that the Vertex (being the third Angle) should also be used.

Testing this method against known birth times on cases we are familiar with may give us extra information. For example, does it work better with self-initiated experiences as opposed to "accidental" experiences?

Come on, subscribers, let's pull together on this and devote even a couple of hours to testing a few cases each and letting Dymock know our results and any comments. On the face of it so far this method has a great potential.

Horary Chart Warns of Loss

In June last I had a request from a long-term client for a Horary Chart to decide whether it was a good thing for her to embark on a particular business enterprise. The facts were that she and a friend had been offered a picture-framing business (at a very high price) which they would operate in partnership. According to his own story, the proprietor had been operating it for a number of years, and was now tired of it. My client had no knowledge of picture-framing, though her friend had had limited experience. The proprietor said it was easy, and they would not have any trouble - they could learn it out of a book. All necessary tools and machines would change hands with the business.

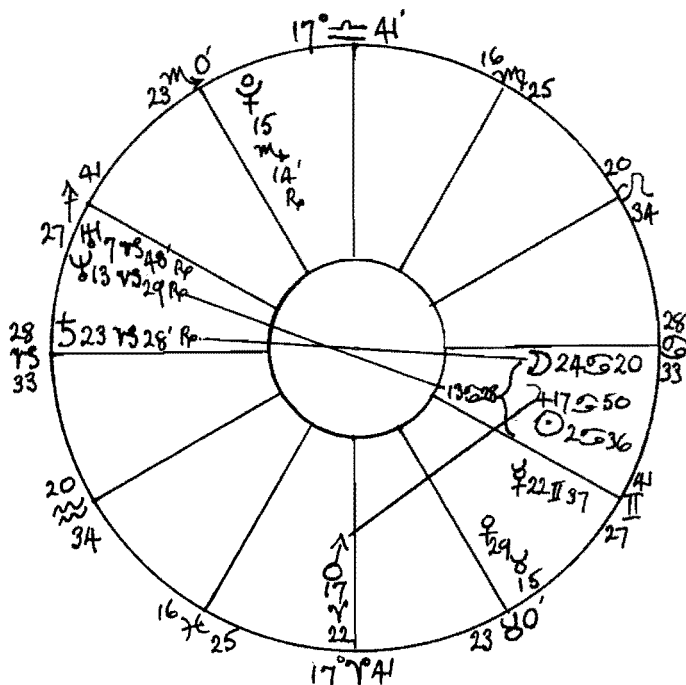
This in itself awoke my suspicions, as any one who has had anything to do with the framing of paintings knows that it is a highly-skilled process involving not only carpentry up to cabinet-making standard, but also the precise cutting of mounts and often delicate handling of water-colours on rice paper to affix a backing. It entails a very wide and expensive stock of different-coloured mounting boards, aside from the colour-sense to choose the right one for any particular painting. The picture-framer has to handle the prized works of artists who examine the final result with loving attention. Professionals may have worked

for ten years or more in various factories and shops before getting to the standard to embark on their own businesses. The prices they charge is a reflection of the high degree of knowledge and skill necessary. It is not a business for amateurs.

I pointed this out to my client at the time, but as she still wanted a Horary Chart on the question I drew one up for the date and time she contacted me, and for my location. Here it is:

Buy into Picture-Framing Business?

24th June 1990, 6:55 pm AEST, Blackheath.
33S38, 150E18. Placidian Cusps.



The Chart shows many adverse features: To begin with, the second-last degree of Capricorn on the Ascendant indicates that no action should be taken to implement the idea. This in itself is sufficient, but looking further we see the Moon directly opposite Saturn - an extremely negative indication - and the midpoint of the Moon and the Sun, 13Cap28, almost precisely opposite Neptune at 13Cap29. This points to both deception or misrepresentation and business failure. The Sun in the 6th House is indicative of a picture-framing business where special skills, tools and materials are needed. Jupiter in the 6th closely square to Mars indicates that a large expenditure of money would be called for. As the Moon rules the Partnership House (7th) it was apparent that the business partnership of my client and her friend would fail.

In view of all this I told my client that she should not have anything to do with the business. If she did, it would lose all her savings and probably her home, as that would be needed for security for the bank that advanced her the balance of the purchase price. The business would undoubtedly fail, she would lose her money, her friend, her peace of mind and reduce herself to a miserable financial position indeed.

I think this came as some little surprise to my client, but she said she would take my advice as I had done many Horaries for her and had been right in the past.

On the 10th of July I received a letter from her in which she said, "Thank you for your advice concerning my proposed venture into the picture-framing business. *Have since found out that they are going broke, so had a lucky escape.*" (The italics are mine).

Horary astrology performs a valuable service if it simply confirms in the mind of the client what to an objective observer should be obvious anyway.

Readers are invited to submit examples of their own work with Horary Astrology, which is one of the most useful and practical branches of our art, and should be practised much more widely. Every astrologer can easily acquire experience in this field, for specific questions calling for a specific answer are continually arising. Normally, Horary Astrology dispenses with the need to look into Progressions, Regressions, Directions, Transits and Cyclic Charts. If the question is a significant one, of real concern to the querent, and clear in his/her mind, a Horary Chart will give a clear answer.

Keep in mind the "strictures against judgement". Don't proceed if:

1. Less than 3° or more than 27° appear on the Ascendant. (Either it is too early to judge, or nothing can or should be done.)
2. The Moon is "void-of-course" (not forming an aspect to any planet before leaving the Sign it occupies).
3. The Moon is in *Via Combusta* (15 Libra - 15 Scorpio).

The astrologer should also be cautious if Saturn is in the 7th House, especially if close to the Cusp. This can indicate that an error has been made in the calculation of the Chart, or that the astrologer is misinterpreting it.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 14/7/1990.

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May 1990.

Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The very close result in Rectification Exercise No.5 was achieved by Dr. Jack Nicholls not, as mistakenly reported in the last Issue, by Ross Harvey. Ross, however, detailed the method in the last Issue and has used it to obtain a precise result in the Rectification Exercise No.6 being printed in this Issue (see later).

Here is Jack Nicholls' expanded explanation of how he arrived at his correct estimate of the birth time in the 5th Rectification Exercise:

"I decided that the birth was diurnal (using a method given in confidence) based on the subject's marriage as a most important turning point in her life. My attention was taken by the series of house moves between 1968 and 1976 which clearly were business ventures and not simply changes of home. I applied the Septenary, a method rediscovered by Ken Gillman and reported in the magazine *Considerations* in a series of articles beginning in 1983. The original method utilized the sequence of successive risings of the seven personal planets that will occur following the birth. Ken has since modified the technique to include the crossing of the four Angles following the birth. Viewing the above changes of residence as a 10th rather than a 4th House matter I positioned the Moon as the Septenary Ruler for the period in question.

"The first of the classical seven planets to culminate in the appropriate sequence is the Sun, yielding a range of times where this could be so, from 1017 - 1159 hours AEST, allowing an orb of 5 degrees. This is where inspiration took over and I discovered the SR method reported in *Astrologers' Forum* 103.

The events and times are as follows:

EVENT	SIGNIFICATOR	ANGLE	TIME
		CROSSED	
Son born	Mercury	MC	1111
Husband died	Pluto	Desc	1119
Married	N.Node	Asc	1118

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Lost money	Mercury	MC	1100
Sister died	Saturn	MC	1117
Business	Chiron	IC	1107
Surgery	Mars	IC	1135
Surgery	Uranus	Desc	1059
		Average	1113

"This was the first example using this method and I used Transits to check it. These suggested a time slightly earlier but I did not alter the entry. The given time was 1111 hrs. AEST.

"Since the Solar Return Method appeared in *Astrologers' Forum* Ross Harvey has proposed another method based on Solar Returns. To distinguish the two methods Ross and I suggest that they be referred to as the Nicholls SR Method and the Harvey SR Method. This will avoid confusion, especially as the Harvey SR Method terminates in the use of the Nicholls Method (see *A.F.* 105 p.2).

"Further work with the Nicholls SR Method by myself and others suggests a few extensions to the technique. Originally only SR planets gave times as they "crossed" the Angles. However, Natal planets also may be considered and provide extra data. In addition I have found the Natal Solstice points (Antiscia of the natal planets) to be useful in providing times. For a year in my life when I came close to death and also commenced very long-term relationship the application of the method using all three types of contacts resulted in 15 times! I consider it important to use appropriate symbolism in considering contact between the Angles and the planets but it is necessary to know all the events in a year if times

are to be rejected because of inappropriate symbolism. Ross Harvey has suggested the use of Precession SR's for the Nicholls Method (A.F. 105. p.2). I do not endorse this as I have not found the times so obtained to be accurate and I consider it unnecessary to generate more sets of Solar Returns.

"For readers who received *Astrologers' Forum* in 1983 it will be remembered that Geoffrey Dean posed the question to Ralph Holden "How do you know that Astrology works?" If the question were asked of me today I would quote not only my successful rectification of Exercise No. 5 but also Ross Harvey's similar success with two lists of data which I set him privately. The implications of these results (and there is no reason why they should not be extended in the future) are important to astrology and to one's view of fundamental philosophical questions. My own, for what it is worth, is that our free will is not in respect of what events will occur in our life (see above) but the way in which we will respond to these events." [Yes, indeed! - Ed.]

It is evident from the communications I receive from readers that these Rectification Exercises have stirred up a lot of interest, and I am being urged to continue them. The Exercises are also making a significant advance towards the scientific proof of Astrology. The sceptics will be confounded!

Here is a further Exercise on which to develop your skills, using the Solar Return Method outlined in the last Issue, or any other astrological method of your choice.

Rectification Exercise No. 6

Events in the life of a female born on 17th October 1926 at London (OW10, 51N30)

Physical appearance: 5'2" tall and average build, blue eyes and fair skin. Thick golden curly hair up to middle age.

Health information:

1968 Misaligned neck vertebrae which was the start of some years of severe physical trauma as migraines and leg pains. 115E38, 32S15.

1974 Slipped disks in lower back. 115E38, 32S15.

August 1981 Broke wrist in a fall. 115E38, 32S15.

Spring 1984 Broke ankle crossing street. Wollongong, NSW. Developed allergy to vitamin A tablets.

29 July 1988 Injured hip in fall, which is still painful from time to time. 115E38, 32S15.

1. 23rd Feb. 1928. Brother born.
2. October 1929. Started school, S.W. London (date is correct).
3. Oct. 1929. Traumatic experience with a dentist, S.W. London: Went to dentist to have one tooth extracted and woke from anaesthetic to find that 13 teeth had been removed.
4. Nov. 1935. Had tonsils and adenoids out, S.E. London. Very nasty and unsettling experience.
5. 14 Nov. 1935. Birth of sister. S.W. London. Jealous of sister; not pleased about her birth.
6. Aug/Sep 1940. Evacuated to Devon as War evacuee.
7. Jan 1941. Returned to London.
8. Aged 14 Started night school, typing and shorthand. Feb. 1941 started work at London County Council, sorting and classifying books. Loved it.
9. Oct 1942. Mail Order file clerk for about 6 months, then various jobs - shop assistant, canteen assistant, typist to Navy, Army Air Force Institute. All at London.
10. 1 Jul. 1942. Buzz-bomb (V1) demolished home burying parents under rubble. S.W. London.
11. 2 Jul 1944. Father died of injuries, mother sent to County Hospital, S.W. London.
12. 1944 - 1945. Changed residence three times, London and Kent.
13. 1945. Called up to work at Air Ministry as duplicating machine operator. Not allowed to leave, and worked 60-hour week. S.W. London.
14. Oct. 1947. Met future husband, a Scorpio. Surrey - London.
15. 7 Oct. 1950. Married. S.W. London. Same church as parents.
16. Aug. 1951. Left Air Ministry. Employed at NATO for 6 months. S.W. London.
17. Feb. 1952. To Portugal as duplicating machine operator for NATO Conference. First flight and first trip abroad.
18. 1952 - 1953. Moved to Sussex. Stock clerk at Home County Dairies for 6 months.
19. 19 Feb. 1954. Gave birth to twin daughters. Surrey.
20. 12 Sep. 1957. Arrived in Fremantle as migrants.
21. Feb. 1964. Moved into own home. 115E38, 32S15.
22. 2 Dec. 1972. Unmarried elder twin daughter gave birth to a daughter. 115E49, 31S57. Happiest day of subject's life.
23. 15 Oct. 1974. Second grand-daughter born to younger twin daughter. 115E48, 32S14.
24. 10 Nov. 1976. Third grand-daughter born

to younger twin daughter. 115E48, 32S14.
25. 2 Aug. 1989. Much loved pet dog put to
sleep. 115E38, 32S15.

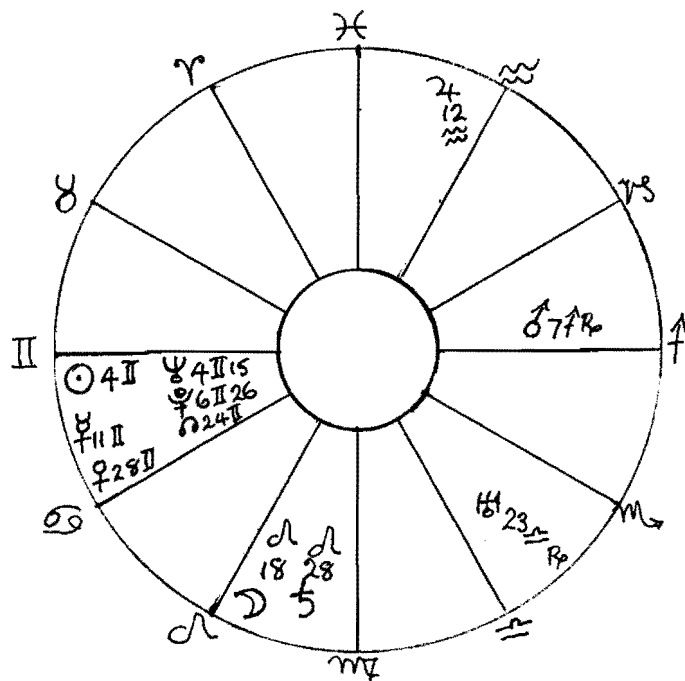
As before, send your entries to Dr. Jack
Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, Camberwell,
Vic., Australia 3124, by 20th July.

The Question of Longevity

by Allan Johnson

I did give a bit of attention to this subject years ago, but in more recent times have neglected it. My interest is revived by a newspaper report of a lady reaching 100 today (25th May) so I thought it a good idea to look up her Solar Chart. The recurring factor I found previously in very aged people was the Sun in strong aspect to Saturn. Even the squares seem to be quite valid, and in this present case the Sun is squared by Saturn. But this lady has a unique Chart which nobody born in this century could have, and that is a very close conjunction of Sun/Neptune/Pluto. The Neptune/Pluto conjunction is the rarest there is, only occurring every 492 years. But it did occur round 100 years ago, so a few unique people were born at that time with it in their charts.

Jeanie Jaap
Born 25th May 1890
Solar Chart



The noted astrologer, Vivian Robson, was born on 26th May 1890. So he had the Sun within a 1° orb of both Neptune and Pluto, but I know little about his personal life.

Norman Vincent Peale, famous for his writings on "Positive Thinking", was born with the Sun/Pluto/Neptune conjunction. It does suggest that such people would make their mark in some quite creative way. The lady who has got her photo on the front page for reaching 100 is not particularly noted for creative work of any sort - but reaching her century is extraordinary enough in itself.

The big thing that stands out in the Chart is the powerfully aspected Sun, being not only conjunct Pluto/Neptune, but closely opposed to Mars as well as square Saturn. This shows a very distinctive and determined personality, despite the absence of planets in Cardinal Signs. There are no planets at all in either Earth or Water Signs. So she is a very positive type. Sun conjunct Pluto opposite Mars is outspoken, a lot more decisive than Gemini usually is. But the five planets in Gemini give her plenty of interests. She doesn't find life boring. Emphasis on Mutable Signs is also adaptable to circumstances. She came to Tasmania from Scotland 55 years ago, so in the main her life would have been a quiet one.

I think these all add up when it comes to longevity. I don't think there is just one aspect to signify a long life, but the Sun in aspect to Saturn is appropriate.

MORE TURMOIL IN ROMANIA

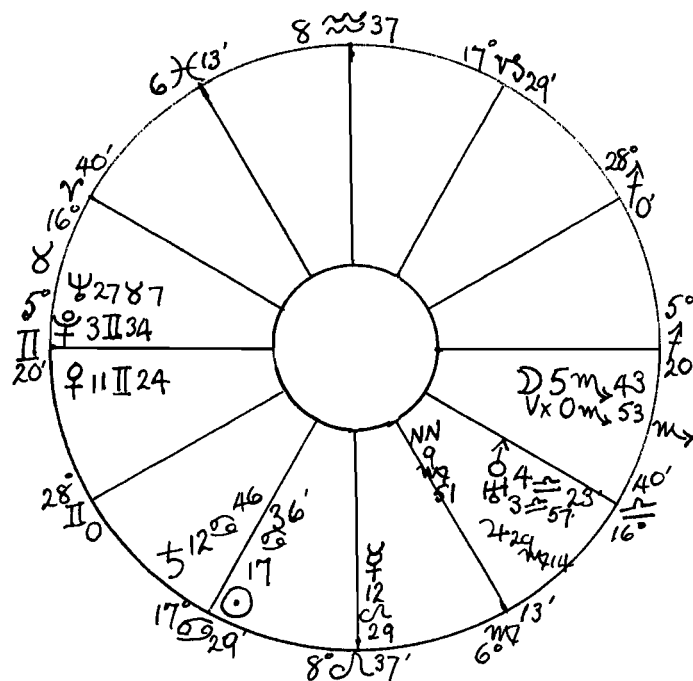
Unhappy Romania is again gripped by violence as students and others protest against the Election on May 20. They believe that too many of the old-guard Communists are back in power in the new governing National Salvation Front led by Mr. Iliescu. At this date (15 June 1990) the reports are of five killed and hundreds injured as riot police and miners called in by the Government to suppress the riots do so with brutal force. Romania is indeed living up to its Chart given in Issue 101 (December 1989) and reproduced below.

In Issue 101 attention was drawn to the strong element of violence in this Chart (Mars, Uranus, Pluto in T-Square) and we see this linking of planets repeated, with slight modification, in the current Synodic Return. The Synodic Return is an Annual Chart that I find has greater significance than the more commonly used Solar Return. It is based on the angular separation of the Sun and Moon in the Radix, each month that this recurs after the Radical date being equated to a year of life.

The current Synodic Return (the 113th) came into operation on May 21, and is

There will be some relief and benefits for the people in February 1991 when the Progressed Moon parallels Jupiter, and Jupiter progresses to a conjunction with Fortuna in Sagittarius, but further unrest in May and June when the Moon opposes Pluto and squares Uranus in the Progressed Chart. An additional factor responsible for many injuries will be the opposition of Regressed Mars to Mercury in early May.

Sun - Moon Angle $108^{\circ}6'15''$



My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
15th June 1990.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Result of Rectification Exercise No.5 (Birth 11th November 1911)

The correct (given) time of birth for this Exercise is 11:10 am, AEST, Ascendant 16Aq20, Midheaven 10Sc8. Dr. Jack Nicholls sends the following summary of the attempts to find the birth time:

1. Sign and degree rising estimated from an examination of aspects formed on a day related to conception; corrected by Solar-Arc Directions and Transits. Estimated time 0248 hrs, Asc 1Li50; 2nd attempt, estimated time 0415 hrs, Asc 3Sc42.

2. Rising Sign chosen that was thought to most closely represent the Subject's inclinations and reactions to events. Solar-Arc Progression of Natal MC and Asc; converse Solar-Arc to Natal planets. Checked for major aspect from mother's Natal Sun, Mars or Jupiter. Estimated time 1942 hrs, Asc 3Ge17; 2nd attempt, estimated time 1505 hrs, Asc 6Cp5. A new approach was made based on relationship between mother's Venus, Saturn and Mars, and Subject's Mars and Saturn. A choice of possible Angles was given by this method. The one chosen was essentially opposite the correct one, yielding a time of 11:04 pm!

3. Rising Sign decided on using Naibod-Arc Directions in longitude. Refined with Age Harmonics. Estimated time 0647 hrs AEST, Asc 19Sg22.

4. Decided that birth was diurnal and then which bodies next crossed each of the four Angles following the birth. (This gave a possible range of 12° on the MC for the birth.) Final timing based on Secondary Progressions, direct and converse, using Naibod-Arc. Estimated time 1300 hrs, Ascendant 9 Pisces. 2nd attempt - same procedure up to point of decision about which bodies crossed MC; revised choice gave time of 1137 hrs. Used Nicholls' SR method to refine time to 1122 hrs!

5. Decided that the birth was diurnal. Noted the series of house moves between 1968 and 1976. Decided these were business matters and not home changes and used the

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information to determine the sequence of classical planets crossing the MC (10th House). This yielded a time range of 1017 - 1159 hrs. The SR Method [see below] was applied to reduce this to a time of 1112 hrs, Asc 16Aq45!

The above remarkably close result was achieved by Ross Harvey, using the method he details below.

A Method for Finding the Birth Time When only the Date of Birth is Known by Ross Harvey

1. Calculate the position of the Sun at 0:00 hours local time on the day of birth.
2. Calculate the Transit [Standard] Solar Return (SR), the Precessed Solar Return (PSR), and the Progressed Birthday or Kinetic Solar Return (KSR) for each year for which significant events are known, using the Sun's position from step 1. One actually needs only the times of the various Returns so that the position of the Moon in each map can be found.
3. Add the Moon's daily travel to its position in each Return, thus getting its position for a 24:00 hours birth time. This is near enough for the purpose of this technique, and saves having to calculate two sets of Solar Returns. One now has the range of possible Lunar positions in each Solar Return.
4. Next see if the Moon becomes conjunct any SR-planet or any Radical planet as it

passes from its 0 hours position to its 24 hours position. Allow five degrees overlap at each end of the Moon's range. For example, if in a particular Return the Moon goes from 8° Gemini for the 0 hours birth time to 21° Gemini for the 24 hours birth time, one should look for conjunctions of the Moon between 3° Gemini and 26° Gemini. This is to allow for aspects which, although exact outside the possible time range, will nevertheless be within orbs in the hours at either end of it.

5. Calculate the times of exactitude of each conjunction. In our example, if Jupiter is at 11° Gemini, the time at which this conjunction is exact is $[(11-8)/(21-8)] \times 24$, equivalent to a birth time of 5:32 hours.

6. Find, at the very least, twelve such Lunar conjunctions. Fifteen or more are to be preferred - the more the better. Pay particular attention to conjunctions that are contrary in nature to the known event: For example, if our Moon/Jupiter conjunction had occurred in a year in which the only significant event had been a tragic one, such as the death of a close family member, it would obviously have been conspicuously inappropriate. Hence it is unlikely that the Moon would have been within five degrees of Jupiter - it would have been at 16° Gemini or later, and so the birth time can be limited. The Moon is at 16° Gemini at a birth time of 14:46 hours, so the birth time is most probably after this.

7. When you have enough Lunar conjunctions, reject those that fall outside the permissible range, for example, we now know that the time is after 14:46 hours so, allowing a seven hour time orb, do not consider any aspect time before 7:46 hours. This allows for conjunctions that may be exact outside the allowable time range but which are within orbs during part of it.

8. Average the remaining times. This will give the approximate time of birth. While the average may be within minutes of the correct time, depending on how much information is available, it would be unwise to assume that it is closer than an hour or so. So then use Solar Returns in the manner described by Jack Nicholls, taking a range, say, of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours on either side of the average time just obtained. However, note that I then recommend a different approach: Use PSR's as well as SR's, and take particular note of planet/Angle conjunctions that are obviously inappropriate to the known event. So, for instance, Jupiter can hardly be conjunct the Ascendant or Midheaven if the event was markedly unfortunate. So

Jupiter in such a case is not within five degrees of the Angle, and one can thus reject the forty minutes or so during which it would be conjunct the Angle. Reject all inappropriate time ranges, note which planet/Angle conjunctions in the time left are appropriate to the known event, and average their times.

Rectification Exercise No. 5 is a good example:

The 0 hours position of the Sun is 17Sc3'37" (14 hours GMT on the 10th November 1911).

KSR 1918 (family moved house)

Moon, 0 hours, 9Ta31; 24 hours, 24Ta32
Moon is conjunct r.Saturn, 16Ta40, at a birth time of 11:26 hrs.

SR 1920 (brother born)

Moon, 6Sc35 to 19Sc9
Moon conjunct Node, 5Sc45 at -1:35 hrs.
Moon conjunct r.Sun, 17Sc31 20:53 hrs.

KSR 1920

Moon 25Aq14 to 7Pi27
Moon conjunct Uranus, 1Pi46, at 12:50 hrs.

KSR 1932 (married)

Moon 15Cp21 to 29Cp39
Moon conjunct r.Uranus, 25Cp57, at 17:47 hrs.
Moon conjunct Saturn, 0Aq52, at 26:03 hrs.
Moon conjunct Saturn for marriage is highly unlikely. The Moon is five degrees from Saturn at 17:39 hours, so the time must be before this. When averaging ignore all times after 24:39 hrs.

KSR 1939 (returned to Australia)

Moon 13Sc54 to 27Sc31
Moon conjunct r.Sun, 17Sc31, at 6:22 hrs.
Moon conjunct r.Jupiter, 23Sc30, at 16:55 hrs.
Moon conjunct r.Mercury, 28Sc15, at 25:18 hrs.

KSR 1952 (sister died)

Moon 15Aq00 to 29Aq26
Moon conjunct Mars, 22Aq26, at 12:22 hrs.

KSR 1956 (father died)

Moon 3Li44 to 17Li18
Moon conjunct r.Venus, 1Li43, at -3:34 hrs.
Moon conjunct Venus for a father's death is inappropriate, so the Moon cannot be within five degrees of Venus. The Moon is five degrees from Venus at 5:17 hours, so the time has to be after this. Reject all times earlier than -1.43 hours when averaging.

KSR 1957 (mother died)

Moon, 20Ge27 to 30Ca42

Moon conjunct r.Pluto, 28Ge42, at 14:57 hrs.

KSR 1956 (husband died)

Moon, 12Ta27 to 25Ta50

Moon conjunct r.Saturn, 16Ta40, at 7:34 hrs.

KSR 1975 (long-distance move)

Moon, 1Ge50 to 14Ge34

Moon conjunct r.Mars, 6Ge56, at 9:37 hrs.

SR 1981 (brother died)

Moon, 13Ar41 to 28Ar33

Moon conjunct Saturn, 16Ar59, at 5:20 hrs.

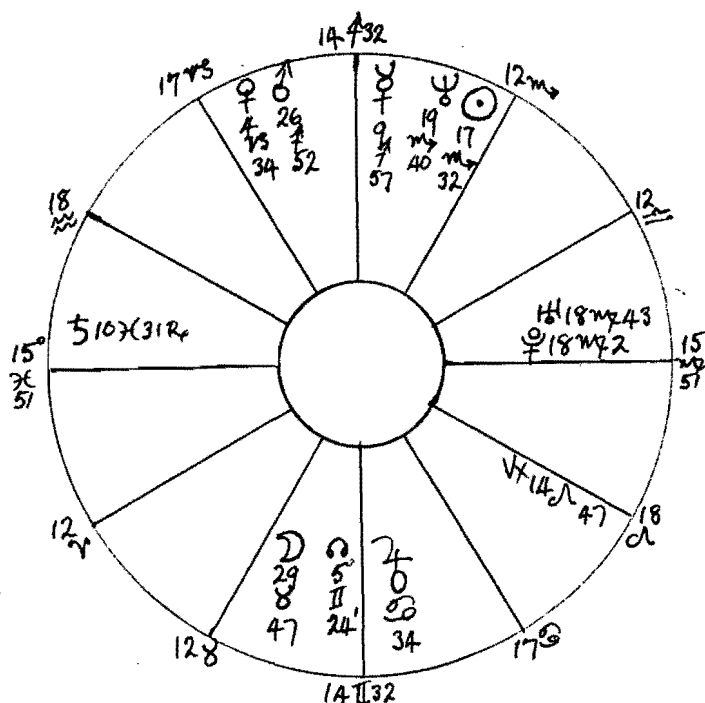
Reject the -3:34, 25:18, and 26:03 times, and average the remaining ones. The average is 11:12 hours. The given birth time is 11:10 hours.

Comments on R.E. 5

The number 11 is strikingly obvious in the birth date - 11, 11, [19]11 - and the 11th Sign, Aquarius, is rising in the Natus. We might perhaps have taken a hint from this, and investigated an Aquarian Ascendant first.

Now that the correct birth time is known, readers may wish to test their predictive techniques in hindsight, with a view to deciding what are the most rewarding procedures. Here is the Solar Return Chart for the husband's death on 22nd January 1966.

Solar Return 54: 11/11/1965 - 11/11/1966



The chief indicators are the conjunction of

Uranus and Pluto on the 7th Cusp (husband) and Neptune conjunct the Sun in Scorpio.

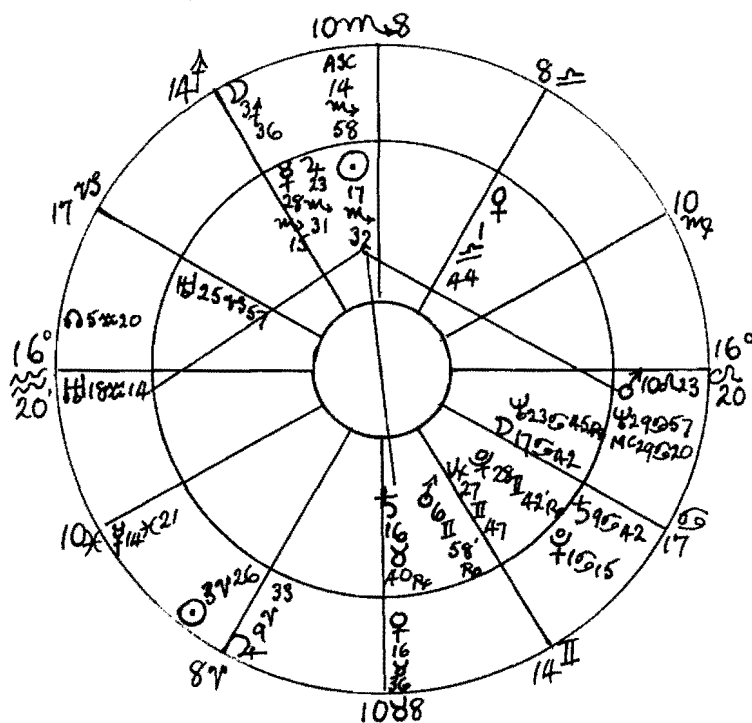
Annual Charts are informative, and usually more so when combined with the Birth Horoscope, using the Cusps of the Birth Chart for both Figures. Here, for instance, is the Subject's 54th Synodic Chart (covering the period when her husband died) combined with the Birth Horoscope. A Synodic Chart is a Chart for each succeeding month after birth that the Sun and Moon return to the exact phase angle they had in the Natus. The number of months correspond to the same number of years of life. Thus, for age 54 we take the Synodic Return in the 54th month after birth.

Female born 11th November 1911

Inner Circle: Natal Chart

Outer Circle: Synodic Return 54

Cusps as in the Natal Chart.



There are several powerful indicators relevant to the husband's sudden death: The Sun ruling the House of the marriage partner is square to Mars near the 7th Cusp, directly opposite Saturn (death) and square to Uranus (suddenness). The combination of the two Charts highlights the significant aspects.

Rectification Exercise No. 6 will be presented in the next *Astrologers' Forum*. At the moment this is the last set of data that we have. Any reader able to help with suitable material for more of these valuable exercises is earnestly requested to send it to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, Camberwell, Vic. 3124.

Predicting Election Results

Following my invitation in the last Issue for practitioners to submit their methods of forecasting political events, **ROD** and **COLLEEN BRANDT** who run the *Crystal Lighthouse Bookshop* in Brisbane have sent the Charts by which they successfully predicted the results of the last Federal Election and the previous Queensland State Election.

They employed:

(1) A Solar Chart set for the Election day. [A Chart with the Sun on the Ascendant.] The only points considered in this Chart are the positions of Jupiter and Saturn, their elevation and relative strengths and weaknesses, Jupiter being taken to represent the Liberals/Nationals, and Saturn the Labour Party.

(2) An Event Chart set for the 8 am start of the polling on the Election day. Here, the challenger (the Party in Opposition) is represented by the Eastern half of the Map, and the defender (the Party holding office) by the Western half of the Map.

(3) A Horary Chart, set for the time the question was keenly being debated in the minds of Rod and Colleen. The Eastern half of the Map is allocated to the Party that came first in the minds of the Querent, or was first in the order of mention. Here, the question was, "Will the National Party win the December 2 [Queensland State] Election?", so the Eastern half of the Map represented the Nationals, and the challenger (Labour) was represented by the Western half.

(4) Further checking was done by relating the individual Charts of the chief protagonists (noon positions only) to the Inceptional Chart of Brisbane itself, which the Brandts give as 7th September 1859, 12:01 am LMT, Brisbane, Ascendant 6Gem9, Midheaven 14Pis48.

(5) The three Solar Eclipses prior to the Queensland Election were compared with the Natal Charts (noon positions) of the Party Leaders. A heavy bias was found for Wayne Goss (Labour Leader), the first Eclipse point being conjunct his Natal Venus, the second conjunct his Jupiter (in the 10th House of the Brisbane Chart).

(6) The Queensland Chart progressed to the date of the Election (2nd December, 1989), and compared with the Leaders' Nativities showed best connections with Wayne Goss's Chart.

From all the above data the Brandts published their forecast of a Labour victory in Queensland which, of course, was correct.

For the Federal Election on 24th March 1990 the Brandts adopted the same methods, and again came up with the correct result. It was published in their Newsletter of 10th March 1990. They found important connections between the Progressed Charts of the Australian Federation and of Bob Hawke. The Chart for Australia that the Brandts use is 12:01 am, 1st January 1901, Sydney, instead of the one for 1:35:42 pm, researched by Gwen Stoney. They regard the latter (for the Proclamation time) as subsidiary only to the real start of the Commonwealth at the beginning of the day. They have found the morning Chart more responsive. This is an interesting thought, and will bear researching.

Regarding the Progressed Charts above-mentioned, the Brandts wrote in their Newsletter: "The connections between Bob's and Australia's Progressed Charts are many. Both have Libra on the Progressed Midheaven and Capricorn on the Progressed Ascendants. Australia's Progressed Ascendant is 20° Capricorn and Bob's 22° Capricorn. Bob's Progressed Mercury is 23° Capricorn, and on the day of the Election transiting Saturn will be 23° Capricorn, activating Bob's Progressed Mercury and Ascendant, and Australia's Progressed Ascendant. Bob's Progressed Uranus in Aries is influencing Australia's Progressed Sun which is also in Aries. Sudden or unexpected changes by the leader on Australia's economic and other problems, or New-Age ideas and thinking to sort out those problems. The astrological indications are there, however, for victory and return to office for the ALP."

Well done, Rod and Colleen!

A further note from the writings of the late **C.E.O. Carter**: "It is considered that one body (Sun, Moon or planet) stands in a special sense in the nativity for the native....while the rest of the figure represent aspects of his life which are, relatively speaking, external to him, as for example, his friends, occupation, wife, children, and so on.

This body is called the Ruler or Lord of the Horoscope, and it is to it that astrologers refer when they call a person a "Martian" or "Uranian", or otherwise as the case may be. When we speak of a person by the name of a Sign, as an Arien person, a Leo, and so on, we refer (or ought to refer) to the Rising Sign."

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.
7th May 1990.

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March 1990.

Dear Fellow Astrologer,

HAWKE WINS

The forecast in our last Issue was correct, and Robert Hawke is back for a fourth term as Labour Prime Minister, a remarkable achievement considering the natural tendency of the Electorate to vote for a change of government after one or two terms.

From the astrological point of view, it is a matter for enquiry that not all those astrologers who ventured to predict the result came to the same conclusion. Some forecast a Liberal victory. This is a matter that concerns us because, if Astrology is a science as well as an art, the same astrological data should lead to identical results. Why is this not so? There could be a number of reasons for the discrepancies:

1. Incorrect or unknown birth times of the protagonists.
2. The wrong Significators being taken, or the right ones incorrectly interpreted.
3. A prediction based on minor influences, for example weak Transits rather than the more significant Progressions. Transits are as strong as Progressions if the transiting body is stationary on a Significator, but weak if it is travelling at its normal speed, and a little stronger if it is travelling slowly just before or after its Stations.
4. Cyclic Charts (Synodic Charts, Age Harmonics, Solar Returns, Lunar Returns) not consulted or not given proper weight.
5. A partial view - undue importance being attached to single factors instead of considering them as one item in the whole picture.
6. Using the best Chart or Charts but misjudging the relative power of Significators or aspects.

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7. Astrologers allowing their judgement to be influenced by their own political bias - in other words, wishful thinking.

There may be other factors that could come to light in the future. For the present we have enough to consider in the above.

How should an astrologer proceed in attempting to make a reasoned forecast? (As against a whimsical guess, which has no value).

In submitting my own ideas on this subject I do not want it to be thought that I am attempting to expound the definitive method. The experience and ideas of other readers are invited. From a careful enquiry into all available or recommended procedures we may finally arrive at a consensus that will ensure practically uniform results in future political forecasts.

The first indicators to look at, in my opinion, are Cyclic Horoscopes of the chief actors in the drama, so it is a great help if their individual birth details are available. I regard the **Annual Synodic Chart**, as of first importance, then the **Age Harmonic**, and lastly the **Solar Return**. For the Age Harmonic it is essential to have an accurate birth time, otherwise the Cusps and House placements will be wrong, though planetary positions will not be much affected. Bob Hawke's **Synodic Return No. 60**, covering the period of the Election, was given in last month's Issue. In addition to the favourable aspects mentioned, relating both to Hawke's Geniture and the Synodic

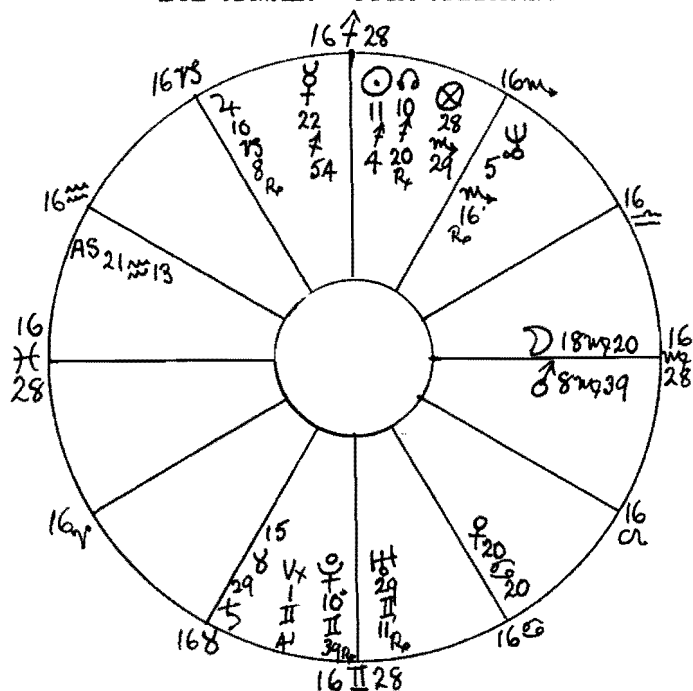
Chart itself. two Midpoint configurations were of major importance. They were:

(1) Jupiter/Pluto at 13Vir28 exactly square the Midheaven at 13Sag28 - a prime indication of fortunate development and victory.

(2) Venus/Jupiter at 21Lib38 conjunct the Sun at 21Li12. In the absence of any powerful contrary influences, the two "Fortunes" attending the Sun would guarantee success.

The Age Harmonic Chart was referred to as equally favourable for Hawke. the chief indicators being the conjunction of the Sun/Mercury Midpoint with the Midheaven, and the Moon's North Node conjunct the Sun. The Chart was not printed for lack of space, but here it is:

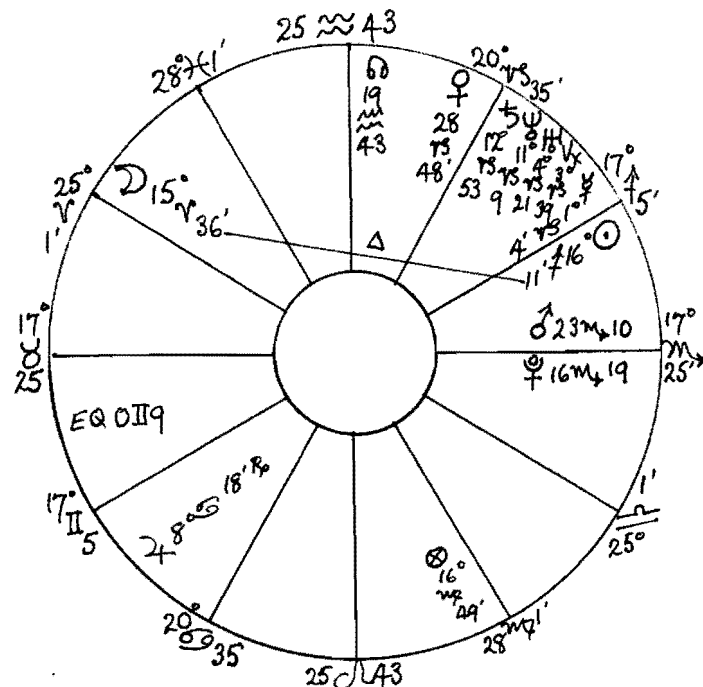
BOB HAWKE: 60TH HARMONIC



Note that the Harmonic Midheaven at 16Sag28 conjoins Hawke's Natal Sun at 16Sag11, and the Harmonic Sun at 11Sag4 is closely opposed by Natal Jupiter at 10Gem40. Both these contacts are pointers to victory. The "opposition" of Jupiter to the Sun is not detrimental, as it would be in a Birth Horoscope. In a Harmonic Chart it simply imports the nature of Jupiter (luck, fulfilment, etc.) into the signification of the Sun (success/failure).

The Solar Return Map, reproduced below, was of minor importance, and would not on its own justify a prediction of victory for Hawke.

BOB HAWKE: SOLAR RETURN 60, 8 Dec. 1989
7:20:52 GMT. Birth Place. Placidean Cusps.



The most positive indications are SR Mars at 23Sc010 conjunct Hawke's Natal Ascendant at 23Sc029, giving the vigour and will-to-win necessary in contesting the Election, and the Moon trine the Sun - a general help, but not pointing specifically to the Election, except that the Moon ruling the 3rd House shows much gain from postal votes. On the other hand, Pluto on the 7th Cusp shows powerful opponents. One would not feel confident in basing a forecast of Electoral success on this Chart, as distinct from the preceding two.

With the other chief contestant, Andrew Peacock, we strike the difficulty of a doubtful birth time. The date was 13th February 1939, Melbourne, and a Chart generally used was for 7 am, giving an Ascendant of 7°14' Pisces. Synodic Return Chart 51, embracing the period of the Election on 24th March, shows Neptune in the 10th House opposing both the Sun and the Ruler of the 10th House, Mercury, while the MC itself conjuncts Natal Neptune. These, of course, are distinctly adverse.

In the Age Harmonic Chart (51) Saturn at 9Ar31 squares the Ascendant at 8Cap36 and the Moon at 12Cap33; Pluto at 24 Pisces squares Venus, Uranus and Mars (23Gem19 - 26Gem41), and opposes Natal Neptune (Peacock's Ruler) at 22Vir43, all of which add to the adverse indications of the Synodic Chart.

The Solar Return Chart is also adverse, with

the Sun square Pluto, and the Moon at 22Vir11 conjunct Natal Neptune at 22Vir43. Jupiter rises in this Chart but is sesquare Pluto and opposite Uranus.

The most disastrous factor for Peacock, however, was the Progression of the Sun to Natal Saturn on the very day of the Election! This would apply whatever Peacock's correct time of birth, and it surely spelled the defeat of his hopes, even without the Cyclic Charts.

Further support for the conclusion that Labour would win can be found in the Monthly Phase Return Charts, the Lunar Returns and the Quarta-Lunar Returns, as also from Primary Directions, though these last are not so easily accessed by astrologers without computers.

In view of the above analysis it is difficult to see how an impartial enquirer could arrive at a contrary opinion. This is the aspect of the whole matter that we should be at pains to rectify for the sake of future political forecasts when we would hope to present a united front to the non-astrological sceptics. I invite contributions along these lines from any reader whose experiences or investigations can shed more light on the subject.

- Dymock.

ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.) writes further on Gorbachev and the USSR:

THE FUTURE FOR GORBACHEV

by Allan Johnson

This is a follow up to my article in the January Issue. Mikhail Gorbachev has a Pisces Sun, and it is also opposite Neptune, so despite the strong Cardinal T-Square I think he would still be subject to inner uncertainty and insecurity. Therefore he would need the support of a very strong marriage partner. So, in looking ahead at his future we do also have to look at the Chart of his wife, Raisa, as she could be a strong influence. What he will need to survive in the future is a certain *toughness* to stick things out despite all the opposition and cross currents that will inevitably arise. But is Pisces such a *tough* Sign? So, just how helpful would his wife be in this regard?

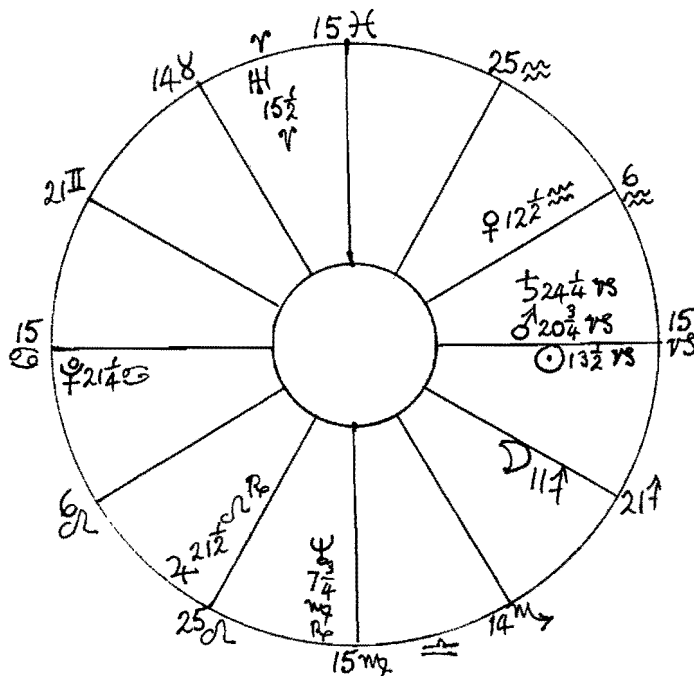
The date and birthplace of his wife are supplied in the *Time Magazine* Biography, but of course not the time. Her published photographs are strongly suggestive of Cancer, and giving her a 15° Cancer Ascendant, we find the Sun almost on the Descendant. This could be quite revealing,

for with the Sun in Capricorn conjunct Mars/Saturn, square Uranus, opposite Pluto, we get a very strong character indeed, and one who could make her own way in politics in her own right. Yet she has not done so, and her claim to fame is through her marriage to Gorbachev. This does suggest the powerful Sun conjunction on the 7th Cusp is well placed. So, given this Angular T-Square, there would be no question about her strong support for Gorbachev in his demanding job.

This couple were born less than a year apart, so the main ingredients of the T-Square are the same in both cases and will be subject to the same Transits close to the same time. Raisa Gorbachev was said to be a much more dogmatic Marxist than her husband in her earlier years (Sun/Mars opposite Pluto), but Capricorns are nothing if not

RAISA GORBACHEV

5th Jan., 1932, Rubtsovsk, Siberia. 51N30, 80E50. Speculative Ascendant 15 Cancer. Koch Cusps.



realists, so she could be equally committed to reform at the present time. In normal circumstances we might expect that such transits to the 7th House might work through marriage problems, but seeing that they are both highly committed to political survival at the present time, the 10th House is the most likely to be involved.

In looking ahead over the next few years the dominating factors are the transiting planets in Capricorn, which are correlating with the Cardinal configurations in both Charts. These overshadow any other

planetary factors. The main item for 1990 is that both Charts are having the "Saturn Return", which is repeated three times during the year. I think the essence of a Saturn Return is that you are thrust into a situation where you have to come to terms with the realities around you. It means a hard look at what has been happening and where you are. And I think this is what Gorbachev is doing right now. He is going to make some very hard decisions concerning the Russian economy. In one sense it is a "make or break" situation, with the whole T-Square containing all the more dramatic planets involved. But Saturn will not be so strongly in the picture after the beginning of 1991 when it moves into Aquarius.

From then on we have to watch the transiting Uranus, which will square its own Natal position in Gorbachev's Chart in 1991, moving up to oppose Pluto in 1992. Of course, in 1992/1993 we have the great Uranus/Neptune conjunction linking with Gorbachev's Pluto-opposition-Saturn axis, and with Raisa's Mars/Pluto opposition. These early years of the 1990's could very aptly be designated as the "Years of Living Dangerously", and one could not predict with absolute certainty that they would survive and hold on to their prominent positions in the Russian hierarchy. Gorbachev also has Progressed Sun squaring Progressed Mars in 1991. I think one thing we could say is that Gorbachev won't be evading the decision-making and the challenges. People with Cardinal T-Squares usually love a real challenge.

My prediction is that they will survive these dangerous years, and there are several factors working in Gorbachev's favour. One is that he has already survived five years in office. Another is the strong correlation between the turbulences in his own Chart and that of the Soviet Union itself (though in the latter case it is Pluto transits) right through till the mid 1990's, and he appears to be adapting his own ideas to the need for popular reform. This means he is moving with the tide rather than seeking to obstruct it. Also there are no strong rivals on the horizon.

GENERAL NORIEGA - WHICH CHART?

Following the article in the January Issue using the birth date 11th February 1938 (*The Hobart Mercury*), two alternative birth years have come to light for the abovenamed - 1935 quoted in *Gemini Rising*, published by Dennis Sutton of the Sydney Astrological Research Society, and 1934 given in *The*

World Book Encyclopaedia. Can anyone elucidate? This is still of topical interest as Noriega has yet to stand trial in the United States on charges of drug trafficking.

EXTENSION OF RECTIFICATION EXERCISE NO.5

Further information is available for the woman born 11th November 1911.

Jack Nicholls writes. "The subject is 5'1" tall, was thin but isn't any longer, had brown wavy hair, grey eyes and a fair complexion. She is stubborn, inflexible, unimaginative, high-principled and very fond of getting her own way. She is also pessimistic and rather materialistic. Although in the list of events there are episodes of surgery I do not know the reason for the operations. Clearly from the list she is a business woman."

You now have a further period of weeks to estimate the birth time. Send your answers to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, Camberwell, Vic. 3124, by 20th April.

With regard to these Rectification Exercises, which have now been proceeding for some months, it is worth noting how much fruitful effort they have inspired. Aside from what those who have attempted the Exercises have learned from their own individual efforts, both Jack Nicholls and Ross Harvey have invented new methods of Rectification. Jack's was published in the last Issue, and Ross's will probably be presented soon.

A note from the writings of the late Charles E.O. Carter:

"Beginners should beware of an automatic classification of aspects into "good" and "bad" without due reference to the more general features of each figure and, in particular, to the Signs and Houses occupied by the contacting bodies. This error is common even among comparatively experienced students. The so-called bad aspects are stronger than the good ones, and therefore are potentially more difficult, especially if the more vigorous planets are involved. But, on the other hand, it is quite arguable that in the case of the less energetic bodies a square is better than a trine, even if it may not be so "lucky".

"A careful tabulation of many cases of good aspects on the one hand and bad aspects on the other, between the same bodies, has convinced the present writer that there is not always much to choose between them, heretical though this statement unquestionably is. Undoubtedly the trine and sextile are harmonious contacts. But the maintenance of harmony is not the supreme end of human life, even though without some measure of harmonious adaptation life would be impossible."

My kind regards to all. - Dymock. 3rd April 1990.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

24th March - Who Wins?

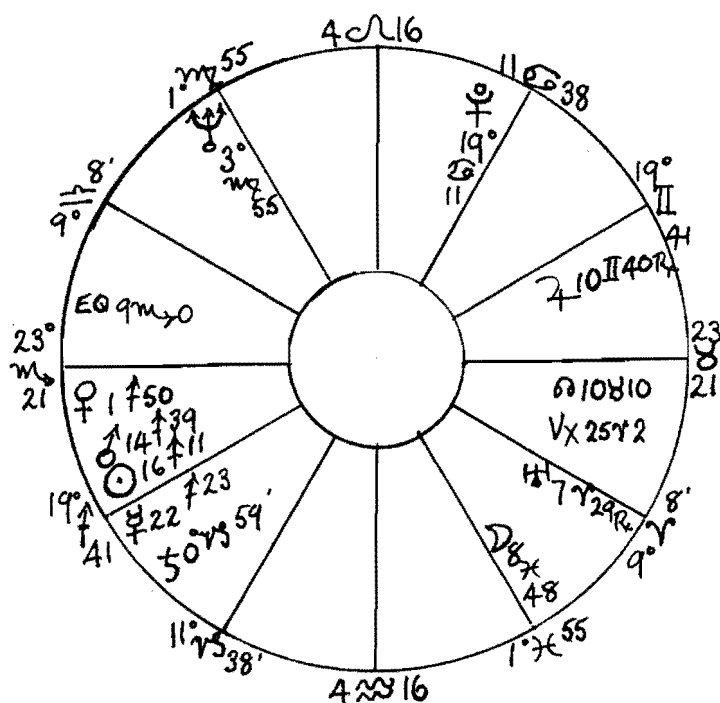
The topic of most interest to Australians at the moment is the forthcoming Federal Election on 24th March. As astrologers, we should not shirk the responsibility of forecasting the result, based on astrological reasoning. We must put our science on the line occasionally, notwithstanding the risks, or lose credibility and self-respect.

Here, then, is my forecast - Hawke will win! I base this principally on two Charts - his Synodic Return and his Age Harmonic.

Bob Hawke was born at Bordertown, South Australia, on 9th December 1929, the time being given as between 3:15 and 3:30 am. I am using Ross Harvey's Rectification to 3:25:29 am, which I think is as near correct as we can get it. Here is the Radix:

BOB HAWKE

9th December 1929, Bordertown, S.Aust.
36S21, 140E44. Rectified Time 3:25:29 am.
Placidian Cusps.



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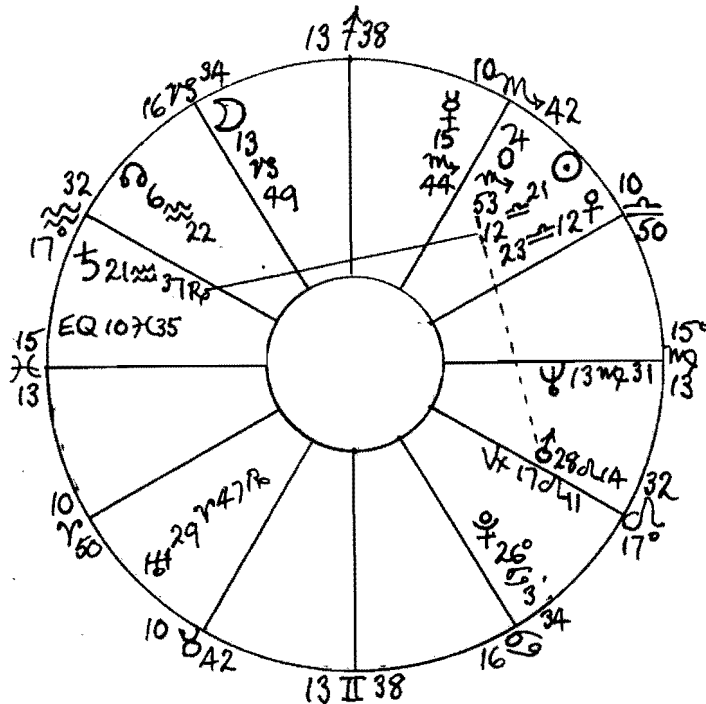
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BOB HAWKE: SYNODIC RETURN 60

Operative 9/12/1989 - 9/12/1990

Ephemeris Date 15th Oct. 1934,

Border Town. 5:53:4 am GMT. Placidus.



The most notable feature of the Synodic Return is the Midheaven at 13Sag28 conjunct the powerful combination in the First House of the Radix - Mars at 14Sag39 and the Sun at 16Sag11. This strongly favours success for Hawke.

In the Synodic Chart itself Jupiter, traditional Ruler of the Ascendant also rules the 10th House and is in close trine

to Mars - a good indicator of victory. The Sun at 21Lib12 applies to a close trine to Saturn, tending to make Hawke's present position as Prime Minister solid and enduring.

Another Chart, equally favourable for Hawke, is the 60th Age Harmonic. There is not sufficient space to reproduce it here, but the favourable indications are the Sun and Mercury close to the Midheaven and their Midpoint, at 16Sag59, conjuncting the Midheaven at 16Sag28. The Moon's Node is less than one degree from the Sun, emphasizing its potential for success.

The other chief protagonist, Andrew Peacock, Leader of the Opposition, has poor Cyclic Charts for Electoral victory, and a disastrous Progression, the Sun conjunct Saturn, on the very day of the Election.

Rectification Exercises

From JACK NICHOLLS (Vic): The given birth time for Rectification Exercise No. 4 was 4:15 am - Ascendant 6Sco47, MC 21Leo 36.

Three entrants obtained the correct Rising Sign for this Exercise. Methods adopted were:

1. Calculate the Moon range, and narrow the Moon position by seeking major aspects by the Progressed Sun. For likely Moon positions erect charts and test by delineation to arrive at a narrowed range for the birth time. Erect Eclipse Charts prior to important events to confirm House placements. Check with Secondary Progressions, P.E.A. Primaries and Age Harmonics. (This entry closest to the Ascendant degree.)

2. Choose 10th House Cusp to agree with vocation and life-experiences. Position the Sun, Saturn, Ruler of the 10th and the Sun-Sign, etc. by House according to influence. Progress the MC and derived Ascendant by time measure of $1^\circ = 1$ year for major events. Use also Age Harmonics and Transits for major events.

3. Estimate the Sign and rising degree from an examination of aspects formed on a day related to conception, and adjust by Solar Arc Directions.

There were four entries for Exercise, No. 4A (Scorpio known to be rising). Methods essayed were:

1. The Sun, Moon and Saturn positioned

according to assumed major influence in House terms. Progressed Natal MC and derived Ascendant related to major events. Check by Transits. Estimated time 0340 hours.

2. Cosmobiology, Solar-Arc and 90-degree Wheel. Estimated time 0508 hours.

3. Direction of Mars to the Ascendant by Naibod-Arc in longitude to correlate with entry into the Army. Check with Age Harmonics. Estimated time 0516 hours.

4. Decide Degree rising from an examination of aspects formed on a day related to conception. Correct by Solar-Arc Directions. Estimated time 0602 hours.

Note that only one of the four obtained the correct decanate.

Congratulations and thanks to these researchers who have taken the trouble and given their time to a most important department of Astrology.

Item 22 was incorrectly printed as 27th August - 26th September 1970, instead of 1979. [Apologies. - Ed.]

Special mention for Ken Gillman in connection with Rectification Exercise No. 3. Ken submitted an entry within 15 minutes of the correct time. His technique was: Decide that the birth was nocturnal, that Saturn was the first of the seven classical bodies to rise, that Uranus rose before Saturn, and that Jupiter was the first body to set after birth. This sequence of decisions gave a possible 15° arc for the Ascendant, the specific degree being found using the movement of the Progressed Moon and Angles (using the Naibod Arc).

It has been left to but four people to provide data for this series of Exercises. Please, if anyone can help, their contribution will be most gratefully received. Anonymity of contributions will be respected. Once more, many thanks to those who have provided data so far.

From a study of the Exercises so far, JACK NICHOLLS has devised his own method for rectification, using Solar Return Charts, where the birth time is known to lie within a period of about 100 minutes. On first results his method appears very promising. Jack used it successfully to obtain the birth time for Rectification Exercise No. 5 (see below) to within three minutes - an

outstanding result.

A Proposed Rectification Technique

by Dr. Jack Nicholls

The method to be described is suitable for cases where the birth time is known to lie within a range of about 100 minutes or less.

1. Generate a pair of Standard Solar Returns for each of a number of major events in the life, using the time at each end of the range as the birth times for each pair.
2. Observe for each pair whether there is a Significator (or more than one) that transits any of the four Angles in the time interval, that is, in proceeding from the earlier to the later Chart.
3. The difference in longitude between the Significator and the earlier Angle is divided by the difference in longitude between the earlier and the later Angle, and multiplied by the time interval.
4. The result is added to the beginning of the time range.
5. The mean of such results for the series of events gives the required birth time.

It has been found that Demi-Solar Returns may be used as alternatives or supplements, where applicable. The position of the correct birth time within the interval is not important.

In calculating the Solar Returns, the geographic coordinates of the place of residence are used rather than those for the place of birth.

Once the mean has been calculated, those values lying more than 20 minutes away from it should be discarded and a new mean calculated. The value of 20 minutes is 1.5 standard deviation based on observations to date.

Rectification Exercise No. 4 serves as a good example, the given time being 4:15 am. Assuming the birth time was known to lie with the range 3:36am and 4:48am, an interval of 1h 12 minutes, Solar Returns for dated items yield the following :

[Refer to tabulated results on next page]

The method may also be used as a validation technique. If an interval is investigated around a proposed birth time and few, if any, contacts are obtained from a number of major events (deaths; operations; births - especially for female

subjects; important employment beginnings or changes, life-threatening accidents, etc.) then this would throw serious doubts on the authenticity of that time.

An alternative to the proposed procedure would be to average the times in the case where several bodies cross the Angles for a given Solar Return pair, and then not exclude outrider values. For Item 16 of the above example this would record a mean time of 0427, which then results in an overall mean time for the subject of 0417 hours. Not a lot in it for the example, but more data may indicate which is the preferred procedure.

The method fills a large gap in our bag of tools. Age Harmonics can be used to place a time precisely, and if the above is only exact to a minute or so Age Harmonics can take over. I do not see anything to be gained by questioning the symbolism too closely. It works! Of course those astrologers with computers will be at a distinct advantage compared to the manual workers, as it would be tiresome to have to do several pairs of Solar Returns by hand.

It is hoped that serious astrologers will trial this method and provide constructive criticism to establish its worth or bring about improvements.

Addendum: Since the above article was written, Jack has added the following:

I have continued investigating further examples. In one, several events provided six contacts to confirm the given time to within seconds. However, for another three very important happenings no contacts could be found. The woman in question was born far from the place of residence appropriate to these latter events. Proper contacts were obtained when the Solar Return Charts were set for the **place of birth** for these recalcitrant incidents. This procedure is supplementary to what has been described in the method description and does not alter the statement about validation.

Rectification Exercise No. 5

Events in the life of a woman born at Marrickville, NSW, 3355, 151E09, on the 11th November 1911. All events took place in Sydney unless otherwise stated.

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|----|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | 14 Mar 1883 | Father born. |
| 2. | 17 Apr 1886 | Mother born. |
| 3. | 9 Feb 1907 | Husband born. |
| 4. | 17 Mar 1916 | Sister born. |

Item No	Event and date	Significator and Angle	Resultant Time
3	To Nigeria, 18/12/1947	Uranus crosses Desc.	0417
7	Joined Army, 18/2/1954	Moon crosses MC.	0401
9	First child, 8/6/1959	Venus crosses IC.	0420
12	Promoted Sergeant, 2/2/1962	Moon crosses MC	0408
13	Aircraft emergency, 5/6/1962	Saturn crosses Desc.	0435
16	Dental problems, 4/2/1966	Saturn crosses MC	0405
		Pluto crosses IC	0431
		Moon crosses IC	0414
		Uranus crosses IC	0435
		Mars crosses Desc	0448
24	Father died, 2/2/1982	Uranus crosses Desc	0405

Mean 0422. Discard 0448 Hours reading: Mean 0417. Given time 0415 hours
(Asc 6Sco47, MC 21Leo 36).

It is instructive to look also at the interval from 0448 (30 Leo MC) to 0631
(30 Scorpio Asc) equal to 103 minutes.

3	To Nigeria, 18/12/1947	N.Node crosses IC	0529
		Venus crosses Asc	0538
		Moon crosses Asc	0558
7	Joined Army, 18/2/1947	Pluto crosses	0601
		Neptune crosses IC	0502
		Mars crosses IC	0506
		Saturn crosses IC	0543
9	First child, 8/6/1959	N.Node crosses Asc	0607
12	Promoted Sergeant, 2/2/1962	Jupiter crosses Desc	0527
16	Dental problems, 24/2/1966	Venus crosses Desc	0555
24	Father died, 2/2/1982	Mercury crosses Desc	0539
		Neptune crosses Desc	0521

Mean 0537. Discard 5 values less or greater than the mean by 20 minutes:

Mean 0536

A time of 0536 hours has an Ascendant 20Sc36 square MC for the previous interval.

5. Mid-1919	Family moved house to 33S52, 151E06.	20. July 1957 Father died.	21. Jul/Aug 1958 Mother died.
6. 24 May 1921	Brother born.	22. May 1960 Surgery.	23. May 1964 Surgery.
7. April 1926	Scarlet fever.	24. 22 Jan 1966 Husband died suddenly.	33S27, 151E27.
8. 22 Jul 1926	Brother born	25. July 1968 Sold business after months of negotiations.	
9. 4 Oct 1929	Met future husband.	26. 29 Dec 1968 Moved house, within same suburb.	
10. 15 Jul 1933	Married.	27. Aug 1969 Moved house to 33S49, 151E10.	
11. 7 May 1937	Moved with husband to Wellington, NZ, 41S18 174E47.	28. Apr 1970 Moved house to 33S46, 151E09.	
12. 1 Jul 1940	Returned to Australia	29. Dec1970/Jan 1971 Moved house to 33S43, 151E07.	
13. During 1941	First house built, 33S49, 151E10.	30. Mar 1973 Moved house to 33S37, 151E19.	
14. 1942	Started business with husband.	31. Aug 1973 Moved house to 33S43, 151E08.	
15. 1945	Husband and subject bought factory.	32. Oct. 1974 Big loss in collapse of public company.	
16. 1947	Husband and subject bought larger factory.	33. 28 Jun 1976 Moved house to 33S27, 151E27.	
17. 11 Jun 1949	Son born, 33S50, 151E12	34. 24 Apr 1979 Moved house to 33S43, 151E08.	
18. 5 Jun 1953	Sister died.	35. 1 Sep 1979 Four-months' world trip. Ill during trip.	
19. 19 Dec 1953	Moved house to 33S43, 151E07.	36. 28 Oct 1982. Elder brother died.	
		37. 12 Oct 1988. Surgery.	

Please send your estimates of the birth time to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, Camberwell, Vic. 3124 by the 20th of March so that a report on the Exercise can be included in the next *Astrologers' Forum*. Have a go! It is educative.
My kind regards to all. - Dynock, 27th February 1990.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

This is indeed a remarkable era! The turmoil and changes in Eastern Europe and Russia since early November last are not merely astonishing for the present generation but will be a source of wonder to future historians. The big question now is - can Mikhail Gorbachev, the most liberal-minded and statesmanlike leader that Russia has seen since the 1917 Revolution, survive the tumult and ferment in his own country? It is a question that concerns us all, not only the Russians. Here is an article from ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.) touching on the matter.

THE GORBACHEV PHENOMENON by Allan Johnson

When George Orwell wrote his famous book 1984 as a horrific look at the future, he selected the year 1984 at random as being sufficiently far into the future from his standpoint at that time. All he did was simply to reverse the two last digits of the year in which he was writing the book, so 1948 became 1984. This was publicly seized on as highly significant, and in the years leading up to it people were constantly asking, "What will happen in 1984?". It was a random choice, yet according to Jung's theory of "Synchronicity", or "meaningful coincidences" - an apparently random choice is not necessarily so. This is the case with Horary Astrology. So we might ask what *did* happen in 1984? Was it *really* a significant year? Was it more significant than most people realized at the time? For that was the very year in which Mikhail Gorbachev rose to power in Russia. Actually, there was a slight overlap into 1985, as the dying Chernenko lingered on till the beginning of March '85, when Gorbachev took over, but *his real rise to power was in the key year 1984.*

Now, in hindsight, we can say that that rise to power was the trigger that set in motion a whole chain of events from the Russian withdrawal in Afghanistan to the Berlin Wall and the collapse of Communism in almost the whole of Eastern Europe.

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Gorbachev was the pivotal figure. So this makes Gorbachev's Chart highly significant if we are looking at the future for events over the next decade. His date and place of birth are pretty much beyond doubt, but his time is not known. I think his published photographs and his known sociability and genial personality are strongly suggestive of Leo rising, and if we take the beginning of Leo we get Mars conjunct the Ascendant and Uranus right on the M.C., a fact that correlates with his sudden and unexpected rise to power. But Gorbachev's Chart is not an easy one to rectify by events. The Editors of *Time Magazine* have put together a paperback biography, but it lacks a lot of the personal details which are always so necessary. Basically, he has not had such an eventful life in itself. He married at 23 and is still with the same wife. His life has not had a lot of upheavals and highs and lows, often common in the lives of political figures, but rather it has been one steady rise through the ranks as a Party official and administrator in the Soviet bureaucracy. He was always a convinced Marxist but also the type of person to adapt to his surroundings, to have firm opinions when these were necessary, but never to stick his neck out too far.

His life story is divided into a number of distinctive phases. His early life was spent growing up in the Stavropol area, which is about 1,000 miles from Moscow, and which included a period under German occupation in

the early '40's. At 19 he moved to Moscow to commence his five-year University course. This was his first really big event. Progressing this speculative Chart by 1° to the M.C., we get Progressed M.C. at 2° Taurus and Progressed Asc. at 14° Leo, conjunct the Moon and trine the M.C., Moon's Node and Uranus. It was the first big step up the ladder. At age 24 when he completed his university term and graduated in law (which he was never to practise) he returned to his former provincial locations, and for the next 23 years he led a life of steady promotion in the provincial administration and through his Party activities.

So the really big milestone in his life didn't come till his move to Moscow in 1978 at the Age of 47, progressing the M.C. to this event we take it right to the Cusp of Taurus and Gemini, and also square to Mercury in the 8th House (the end of that whole phase of his life). The Cusp of Taurus/Gemini is highly appropriate as representing the major change from the rural scene to the big city, the very centre of any action. The Progressed Ascendant was conjunct Neptune, apt for the expectations and uncertainties. At the same time transiting Pluto was right on the I.C., highly appropriate for such a major change of residence and career at the same time. In addition to all this the Progressed New Moon Eclipse occurred in 1978 at 27° Aries, exactly square to Natal Mars, and very symbolic of what was to lie ahead.

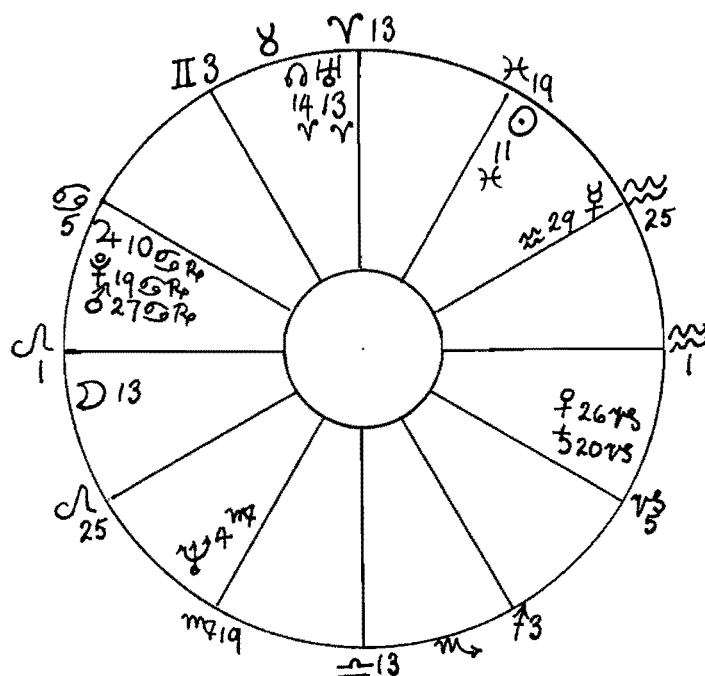
The next really big event was the fateful year 1984, when he rode to the top position, the Progressed M.C. goes to 6° Gemini, which does not link up, but the Ascendant came to the opposition of the Sun and sextile to Jupiter. These link with the new prestige, and also his trip to Britain brought him world television exposure for the first time, right in December, 1984. Transiting Pluto was just entering Scorpio, and squaring his Ascendant at the same time, indicating the pressures which must accompany a person in the hot seat. But of course all this is very far from being a really adequate rectification. The great difficulty with Progressing the Angles in this Chart is that all the really dramatic planets (Uranus, Pluto, Saturn, Mars) are in the Cardinal Signs, and neither the M.C. nor the Ascendant pass through Cardinal Signs in any of his adult years. But at the same time it is a confirmation that the greater part of his life did not have so much heavy drama.

The big question a lot of people are asking about Gorbachev is, Can he last? Or will the hardliners get back into control in

Russia? The reformation that is taking place in Eastern Europe has gone so far that there seems small prospect of its being stopped, but the situation is much more complex in Russia itself, for the area occupied by the Soviet Union is really a hangover from the old Nineteenth Century Russian Empire, and is composed of about 400 diverse nationalities, stretching from Europe to the Pacific Ocean. So this could present an enormous number of problems if they become much more nationalistic. We are seeing this already. So what does the future portend for Gorbachev? This is really the subject for another article.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV

2nd March 1931, Stavropol, USSR.
45N2, 41E59. Specul. time 2:30 pm. Koch.



GENERAL MANUEL NORIEGA

JILLIAN NORRIS-HUME (Tas.) has sent the following comments on the Horoscope of General Noriega, whose corrupt reign in Panama was ended following the invasion of US troops on 20th December last. Unfortunately Noriega's time of birth is unknown, but I think it likely he has the Moon in Cancer on the Ascendant, in view of his continual posturing and bravado. Accordingly I have reproduced this Chart rather than the Solar Chart that Jillian submitted. The annotations, however, are Jillian's:

The stellium in Aquarius is partially squared by Uranus in Taurus and, as Mercury

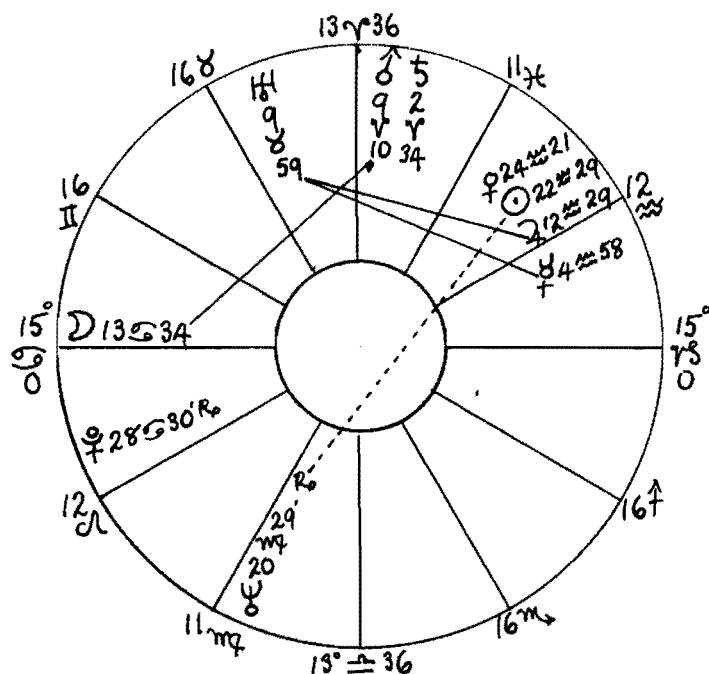
and Jupiter are involved, extremist opinions or radical philosophies (Fixed Signs) may be rigidly adhered to.

GENERAL MANUEL NORIEGA

11th February 1938, Panama City,

8N58, 79W32.

Speculative Time 3:43 pm. Placidian Cusps.



Saturn conjunct Mars in Aries would suggest the courage, ambition, ruthlessness and daring expected of a military leader. He is an enterprising and motivated dynamo, but as the Saturn/Mars conjunction squares the Moon (assuming the selected birth time is approximately correct) his actions would bring him into the public eye but certainly not popularity with the people.

His Sun/Venus conjunction in Aquarius, however, would help to moderate this as he could exude charm and grace when he wanted to. As this Sun/Venus conjunction is quincunx to Neptune, he may be a past master at deceiving others with the "pretty pictures he paints".

His Aquarius stellium can indicate an aloofness that puts others at arms length - being friendly to all but close to few, and this may account for the quote that he was "the coldest man I ever met". Indifference is a keyword of Aquarius.

On December 22nd, when Noriega fled from the invading U.S. troops, the following Transits were operative:

Sun, 28° Sagittarius, exact quincunx Pluto: Confrontation or power struggles with those who would enforce their dominance.

Mars, 2° Sagittarius, conjunct the Moon's

Node: Encounters with aggressive or military people.

Transiting Uranus and retrograding Jupiter, at 5° Capricorn and 6° Cancer respectively are both close (and applying) to the square of the Mars/Saturn midpoint (5Cap52), indicating strife and stress. [Noriega sought refuge in the Vatican Embassy, and surrendered to US troops on 4th January 1990. - Ed.]

CELESTIAL LATITUDE MAY BE VITAL!

In last month's Issue attention was drawn to the fact that a planet's true position can differ widely from the Zodiacal position given in the Ephemeris when its Celestial Latitude is taken into account. Celestial Latitude is distance North or South of the Ecliptic, which is the Sun's apparent path in the sky. The effect is most noticeable with the planet Pluto, which ranges well away from the Ecliptic, and it is enhanced by high geographic latitude.

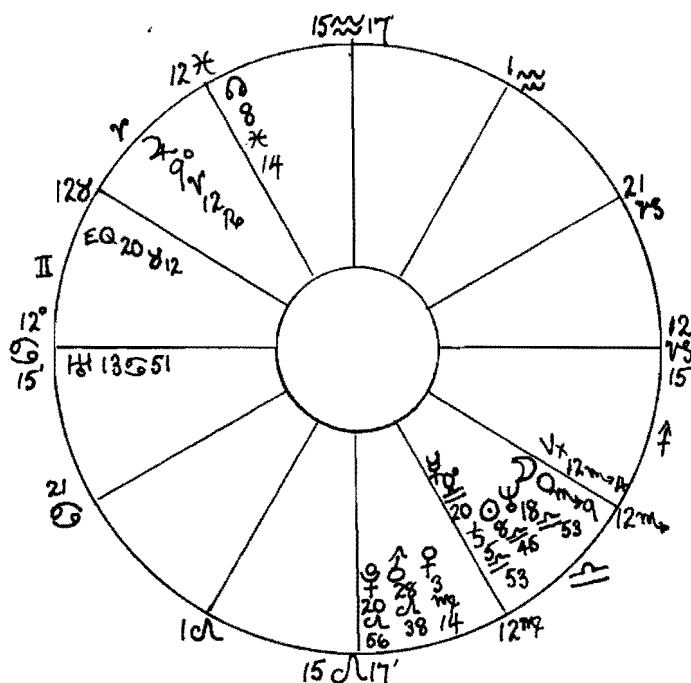
A case in point - a remarkable one - has been submitted by ROSS HARVEY (NSW), and concerns the Solar Return Chart of a woman born in Finland. This Chart, and its Radix, are given below.

The SR Chart covers the period from 2nd October 1959 to 2nd October 1960 when, at the age of 8, the native emigrated from Finland to Australia. This emigration from her homeland would have been of singular importance to the young girl yet, on the surface of things, there is little or nothing to correlate with it in the Annual Chart. True, if you superimpose the Annual Chart on the Birth Chart (which should always be done) there is the striking conjunction of SR-Uranus (19Leo44) with Natal Pluto (20Leo56) in the House of the Home and Fatherland, and the SR-9th Cusp (Long Journeys) at 13Cap22 conjunct the Natal Descendant at 12Cap15 and opposite Natal Uranus at 13Can51 - all powerfully indicative of the emigration.

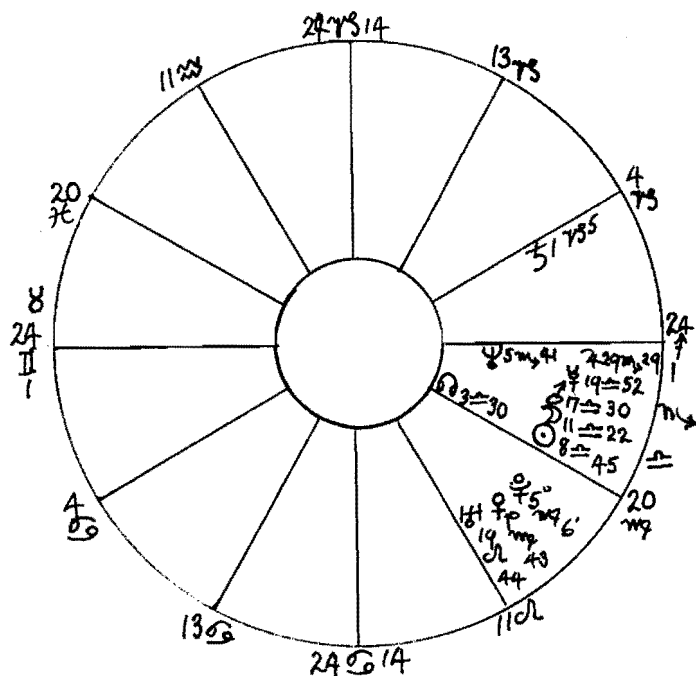
But there is nothing strikingly apposite in the Annual Chart, until we take into account Pluto's Celestial Latitude, which was 11°53' North of the Ecliptic, thus giving a clue that its true position may differ widely from its Ecliptic Longitude (5Vir6). To find where it should actually be placed in the Chart we have to calculate its Semi-arc and its Meridian Distance.

A planet's Diurnal Semi-arc is half the length of time (measured in degrees) that it remains above the horizon or, put another way, the distance the planet travels in passing from the Horizon to the Upper

RADIX: 2ND OCTOBER 1951, 18:38 UT
Kuopio, Finland, 62N54, 27E35. Placidus.



SOLAR RETURN, 2ND OCTOBER 1959, 5:11:32 pm,
UT. Kuopio, Finland. Placidus.



Meridian. Its Upper Meridian Distance is its distance in Right Ascension from the M.C. I had intended including the equations for calculating the above, but they may not be of general interest. If I receive sufficient enquiries I shall publish them in a forthcoming Issue.

In the Chart we are discussing, Pluto's distance from the Upper Meridian is 134°35' and its Diurnal Semi-arc (the total distance it travels from the Horizon to the

MC) is 137°28', so it is clear that Pluto is actually just above the Descendant! From this position it dominates the Solar Return Chart, changing its import altogether in that it is powerfully indicative of a radical and irreversible change of environment.

In terms of its Semi-arc, Pluto is 2°53' above the 7th Cusp.

There is some debate as to what constitutes the best method for equating this Semi-arc distance to an equivalent point of Zodiacal Longitude, so that we can specify Pluto's true position in relation to the other factors of the Chart. Different methods have been proposed, giving slightly different results.

The method I now suggest, after some experiment, is to take the proportion of the Zodiacal distance from the Descendant to the Midheaven, 30°13', (24Cap14-24Sag11) that corresponds to the proportion Semi-arc distance above the Descendant to Diurnal Semi-arc, and add this to the Descendant:

$$(2^{\circ}53' / 137^{\circ}28' = .021).$$

The increment, then, .021 of 30°13', 38' in Zodiacal Longitude, places Pluto at 24Sag1 + 0°38', that is, 24Sag39'.

There is no doubt about the efficacy of this location of Pluto, as compared with its Ecliptic projection without Latitude (5Vir6) and its unspectacular mundane position in the 5th House.

The moral of all this is to be watchful of any Ephemeris position where the body concerned has some degrees of Celestial Latitude, and particularly so when the Geographic Latitude is relatively high, whether North or South of the Equator. The true position of the body, when translated into its Zodiacal Longitude Equivalent, may cast an entirely different light on the chart you are investigating. Pluto is the planet principally to watch, (its Celestial Latitude at 1st February 1990 is 15°30' North) but the Moon, Venus and Mercury can also have enough Latitude to alter their positions considerably from the Zodiacal Longitude given in the Ephemeris.

Unfortunately, the Ephemeris that many astrologers and students use, *The American Ephemeris for the 20th Century*, does not give Celestial Latitude, and it is necessary to use the decade books of *The American Ephemeris*, or equivalent publication, if you do not want to be occasionally misled by the Zodiacal Longitude positions of the planets. - Dymock.

RECTIFICATION EXERCISE NO. 4

This Exercise is still in progress, but JACK NICHOLLS reports that three readers so far have discovered the correct Rising Sign, and it is now proposed to reveal this Sign - **Scorpio** - and invite everyone to attempt from there to find the Rising Degree (and consequently the birth time).

Accordingly, all those who have already sent a reply, as well as those who have not, are asked to attempt this easier Exercise, knowing that the Ascendant Sign is Scorpio.

Please send your entries to Jack Nicholls, by February 20, so that the results can be incorporated in the next Issue. See last month's *Astrologers' Forum* for full details.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
5th February 1990.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

AND NOW ROMANIA!

The astonishing speed of the changes in Eastern Europe are almost too fast for the astrologer to cope with. Country after country has been liberated from the yoke of totalitarianism, and oppressed peoples are once again breathing the air of freedom. Only Romania is obdurate, and we have just heard of the appalling massacre of demonstrators in the city of Timisoara, a massacre by Government troops and police that rivals the iniquity of the carnage in Beijing on the 4th of June last. As I write, news has arrived of another equally horrifying massacre in Romania's capital city, Bucharest. Deepest sympathy is being felt for the victims the world over. When will this brutal regime, headed by Prime Minister Ceausescu, be overthrown?

What are the astrological connotations? The Chart for Romania's becoming independent of Russia in 1877 is given below (data from Campion's *The Book of World Horoscopes*). May 21st was the day Romania declared its independence, but the time is speculative, noon Local Mean Time being selected as probably closer to the mark than a Sunrise Horoscope.

The Chart is indeed a violent one. What immediately draws attention is the close opposition of Mars and Uranus (orb only 4'!) and the T-Square with Pluto. These three planets acting in concert spell extreme violence, and the conjunction of Pluto with the Sun at the Midheaven indicates tyrannical and oppressive leadership. A further very unhappy feature is the opposition of Saturn to the Moon, signifying oppression of the common people.

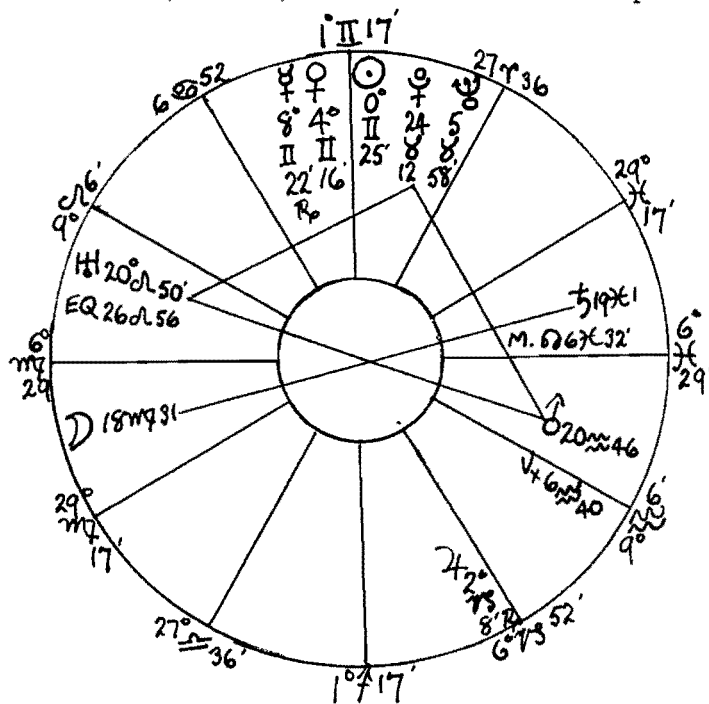
The Chart may, indeed, be very nearly correct as to time, because in the Converse Progressed Map Saturn came square to the Ascendant exactly on 19th December, and the Timisoara massacre took place on the 17th December! The accuracy of aspects involving the Angles and intermediate Cusps is very dependent on accurate timing of the Radix. The timing is much less critical for aspects involving the planets.

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ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE

May 21, 1877, 12 Noon Local Mean Time, Bucharest, 44N26, 26E6. Placidian Cusps.



In the (Direct) Progressed Chart the Moon reached the Declination of Natal Mars (16°47' South), signifying bloodshed, precisely on 19th December.

This very apposite Parallel is another indication that the Chart is somewhere near correct. Though Parallels tend to spread their effect over a period, any connection of Mars with the Moon will precipitate its effects sharply on time.

The Horoscope of Romania is desperately unfortunate. Nothing short of a different Chart altogether, established by a new, liberal regime, will solve Romania's troubles and end its centuries of tormented history.

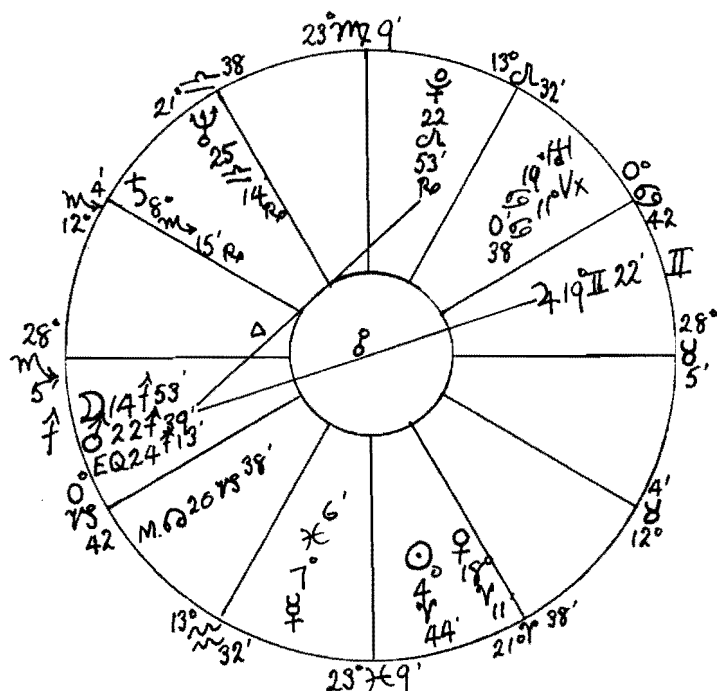
- Dymock.

THE PEOPLE TRIUMPH! News has just been received (23rd December) that the iron-fisted Dictator, Nicolai Ceausescu has been overthrown and is a fugitive. Fighting is going on between the Romanian Army and elements of the former Dictator's Security Police, but it does appear that the old regime is ended!

In the last issue of *Astrologers' Forum* the Chart for the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) was referred to but inadvertently omitted. Here it is.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

March 25, 1954, 10:30 pm GMT, Berlin.
Placidian Cusps.



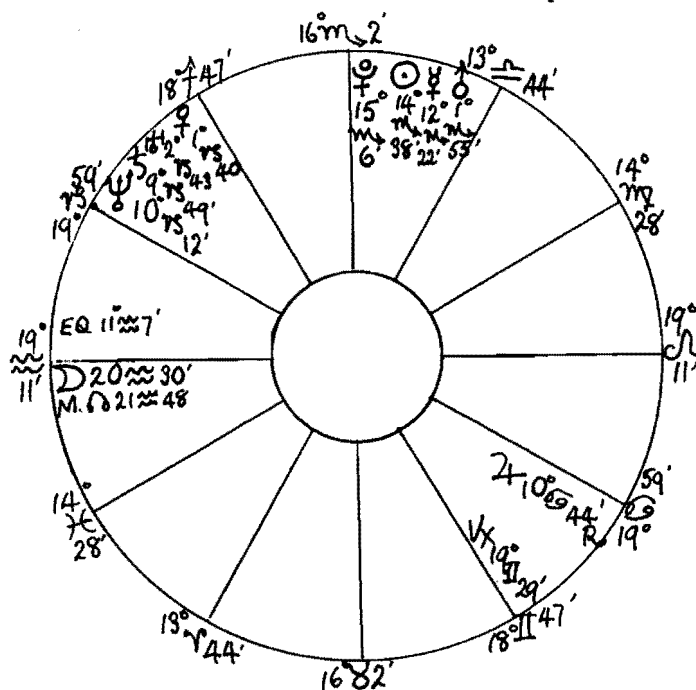
The predictions made about this Chart in the last Issue have been borne out: "Looking ahead, we see further fundamental change coming as Pluto sextiles the Ascendant, Uranus trines the Equatorial Ascendant [EP] and Mercury trines Pluto, all in December 1989."

- Dymock.

ASTROLOGY AND HORSE-RACING

The Race Chart below was sent to me by RICKY and VIRGIN CORCILIOUS (NSW). It refers to a race in Brisbane on 7th November last, and provided a very easy clue to the winner.

RACE 2, BRISBANE, QLD., 7th November 1989
12:37 pm AEDT (Speculative finishing time).
27S25, 153E5. Placidian Cusps.



No need for a list of the starters here. Pluto in Scorpio just past the Midheaven and conjunct the Sun, with Mercury and Mars also in Scorpio, pointed unerringly to SCORPIO SHORE, which duly won, returning a gratifying dividend to the above astrologers and your Editor.

THE LONG SHOT

by Jenifer Pommerin (WA)

The exploitation of the horse as a thing to make money is bad enough, but to physically, and often very painfully, interfere with its well-being is a shameful indictment of our humaneness. The cruel and horrible use of the ultrasonic gun is the latest criminal method. Like all animals, the horse is defenceless against our greed. Concerned punters can join an Animal Protection Group. An honest race obviously goes a long way to reduce ill-treatment.

There would be no racing industry without the punter. Profit or pleasure, or the gaining of astrological knowledge are possibilities for us, but the horse pays (one way or another) for it. For those interested in seeing the hidden influences at work in the racing industry, the following is offered.

In order of strength:

1. Neptune. The aspect needs to be a square, quincunx or conjunction with the Ascendant or Midheaven, exact or within 30", or an exact conjunction with a minor Cusp. Indicative of drugs - hormonal, anti-inflammatory, stimulating, or sedating.
2. Mercury. An opposition, conjunction or quincunx to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Indicative of dishonesty - accepting bribes, misleading reports about the true chances of the horse, or fickle performance of the the jockey or horse on the day. A trine or the aspecting presence of any other planets (except Neptune or Jupiter) nullifies the influence.
3. Moon. Usually an opposition, quincunx or trine to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Indicative of mistaken hunches of the tipsters and punters, or a sort of mass "wish", perhaps a sentimental fondness for a horse influencing the betting. The aspect that the Moon forms with Arkahdia (Transpluto) is an area worth investigating. Arkahdia is the Ruler of Taurus. At the time of the last Melbourne Cup the Moon was in an applying and close opposition to Arkahdia.
4. Mars, plus any of the above planets or alone, forming an exact square to the Midheaven, or conjunct a minor Cusp. Indicative of interference from a jockey in the running of his own or another's mount; or fever, inflamed joints, no energy, etc.
5. Jupiter or the Sun in close trine to the Ascendant, or Jupiter in a close conjunction with the Ascendant, or either body conjunct the Midheaven, but only if Uranus or Venus is not in any aspect with any of the House Cusps. Indicative that the bookmakers, and not the public, have the favour of these gambling planets.
6. Saturn with Mercury or alone in quincunx to the Midheaven or Ascendant. Indicative of dishonesty.

RECTIFICATION EXERCISES

Result of Exercise No. 3

Only five entries were received for the restricted range Rectification Exercise No. 3, but Jack Nicholls thinks that something is being achieved in demonstrating which techniques are not suitable and which show real promise. The actual time of the birth of the female born at Sydney on 26th September 1946 was 8 pm AEST (10 am UT), with an Ascendant 0°4' Taurus. Jack remarks that the precise time might differ slightly from 8 pm but he is sure that Taurus was rising.

The entries in order of closeness to 8 pm, and the methods used, were

1. 7:28 pm, by Age Harmonics.
2. 6:50 pm, using the 90° dial, planets directed by Solar Arc (in Zodiacal longitude), "hard" aspects only considered, and great importance placed on midpoints.
3. 9:22 pm. Sign and degree rising estimated from an examination of aspects formed on a day related to conception, and corrected using the Radix System Directions and Secondary Progressions.
4. 9:35 pm. Possible Sign and degree for one of the Angles arrived at from consideration of post and prenatal stationary transits. Age Harmonics, Solar Returns and Secondary Progressions used to arrive at final estimate.
5. 9:50 pm. Attempt to identify Sign of Ascendant and Midheaven according to the surmised character, primary motivation, etc., of subject. Angles progressed (1° = 1 year) according to major changes in life, and aspects with Natal planets checked.

NEW RECTIFICATION EXERCISE - NO. 4

Male born on 15th December 1938 at Lytham, England. 53°44' North, 2°56' West.

1. Father born 7th June 1913.
2. Mother born 2nd January 1907.
3. Complete change of environment on 18th December 1947: By 'plane (for first time) to Nigeria with Mother to join Father.
4. Christmas 1948, very unusual, exciting and strange adventure in wild and remote part of Nigeria. Danger from animals and natives. Treated as an oddity.
5. 25th February 1952, observed total eclipse of the Sun. Very impressed.
6. 2nd February 1953, arrived U.K. by ship from Nigeria. Very uncomfortable, strange and cold conditions in U.K.
7. 18th February 1954, joined Army as a boy soldier. Very harsh conditions. Applied to be trained as a draughtsman but was refused, and became a Radar Technician.
8. 8th June 1957, married girl next door - a Capricorn.
9. 8th June 1959, first child born, a girl, while he was absent on military duties.
10. 13th September 1960, 2nd child born, a boy, at home. Father present.
11. 30th December 1961, 3rd child born, a girl, at home. Father present.
12. 2nd February, 1962, promoted to Sergeant.
13. 5th June 1962, Emergency landing in aircraft with engine on fire. Outer Hebrides, Scotland.

14. 7th June, 1963, started work on digital computers which have been of central interest to date.
15. 6th December 1965, moved into first house after leaving Army. Began first civilian employment for Police.
16. 24th February 1966, severe dental problems.
17. 21st June 1966, 4th child born, a boy, at home. Father present.
18. 10th September 1967, 5th child born, a girl.
19. 17th July 1967, realized lifetime ambition to become a draughtsman.
20. 6th December 1968, moved into large new home in rural surroundings. Expansion of interests - horticulture, animal breeding, self-sufficiency, etc.
21. 10th January 1975, sudden "enlightenment" into Astrology, which changed future life.
22. 27th August - 26th September 1970, disruption of home and family. Son had motor accident. Wife in severe depression for next two years. Home sold.
23. 2nd February 1982, father died.
24. 27th July 1985, dispute with Mother over property.
25. 6th July 1986, grand-daughter born to unmarried 2nd daughter. Much interest and support for child.

All readers are urged to attempt the rectification. You don't know how much you'll learn about astrology until you apply yourself to problems like this. Those who have tried before and been unsuccessful should not be put off. Disregard any previous failures, and try again!

Send your entries to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, CAMBERWELL, VIC. 3124, by the 7th of February 1990.

Individual astrologers may obtain correct results by guess-work, intuition or psychic faculty. This does not advance Astrology. Demonstrated methods must be accessible to all, and the astrological data such that any competent astrologer could reasonably be expected to reach similar conclusions.

IGNORANCE IS SLAVERY! Knowledge liberates us from slavery, and is the first step to wisdom.

WATCH CELESTIAL LATITUDE!

As most astrologers know, the mundane position of a planet is an important factor in determining the power of that planet in a horoscope. By mundane position I mean the proximity of a planet to an Angle, or to an intermediate Cusp, or its "elevation" (closeness to the Midheaven) in the Chart.

In our normal work, we take the positions of the planets in *Zodiacal Longitude* that is, the projection of their positions onto the Ecliptic, the apparent path of the Sun.

These are the positions we read in the Ephemeris on pages or in the column headed "Longitude", and for the most part they serve pretty well. Usually we can judge from them whether a planet is close to an Angle or an intermediate Cusp, above or below it. The closer it is the more power that planet has both generally and in the affairs of the House of which the Cusp is the strongest point.

(N.B. Don't make the common error of accepting the Cusps as being the **boundaries** of the Houses, which they are *not*. A House extends both above and below its Cusp.)

The Ecliptic projections, as in the Ephemeris, are close enough to the true positions of the planets most of the time, but occasionally they are way out! Those occasions are when the planet has *Celestial latitude* of more than about two degrees.

The actual position of the planet may differ markedly from its Zodiacal longitude as shown in the Ephemeris. Celestial latitude is distance North or South of the Ecliptic (longitude being distance *along* it), and is analogous to a planet's Declination, which is distance above or below the Celestial Equator (the Earth's Equator, projected into space).

Some planets never have much Celestial Latitude, and so do not pose a problem in this respect, but the difficulty does sometimes arise with the Moon, Mercury, Venus, and particularly Pluto.

The extraordinary difference that Celestial Latitude can make will be illustrated graphically in next month's *Astrologers' Forum*. In a particular Solar Return Pluto, apparently unspectacularly placed in the 5th House, was actually the dominant factor, effecting a complete change of environment, because its real position *was right on the Descendant!*

How to determine the true position of a planet will be one of the topics in the January Issue.

My kind regards and Seasonal Greetings to all.
- Dymock, 24th December 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

CHANGE IN EASTERN EUROPE

The revolutionary changes that are sweeping bloodlessly across Eastern Europe and the Soviet Socialist Republics are a long-awaited and joyful occasion for millions of the citizens of those oppressed countries. Dare we hope that this is the beginning of the end of the Cold War between East and West? Think of the general raising of living standards if the stupendous amounts of money that are now spent on armaments could be diverted into social channels!

The opening of the Berlin Wall is the most outstanding of the recent changes, and ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.) has submitted the following article on this amazing development.

THE BERLIN WALL

The ending of the Berlin Wall is one of the most dramatic events in recent times. This is something that has taken everybody by surprise, not least the East Germans themselves. There have been a number of alternative charts for the East German Republic, one for 7th October 1949, and another for 25th March 1954, Berlin, but the real centre of power for East Germany has never been anywhere else but Moscow, due to Germany's role in the War. Up till now nothing could happen in East Germany that did not have the tacit sanction of Moscow, and the Berlin Wall has always been a tremendous symbol for the Great Schism, or the division of the world into two distinctive camps. Consequently what has happened now could never take place without Soviet approval. This is a major milestone in the whole history of Communism. So in this case the chart we have to look at is the Chart for the Soviet Union itself. We have to take the Chart for the Soviet Union as a "seed" chart for world-wide Communism.

As always, there are controversies about which is the true Chart for Russia. The one I take is the one given by Liz Greene in her book *The Outer Planets and Their Cycles*, and this has a lot going for it due to the fact

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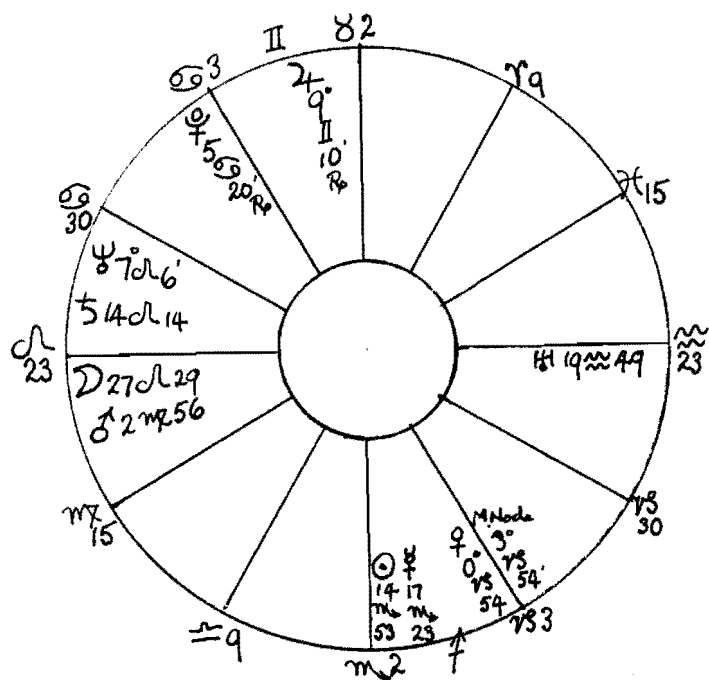
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that at Stalin's death Pluto was right on its Ascendant. The Chart is for 7th November 1917, 10:52 pm, Leningrad. It does indeed show remarkable correlation with what has been happening.

The key to the Chart is the powerful T-Square configuration, creating a "chain linkage" type of pattern from the M.C. to the Moon. The centre of this configuration is the exact Sun/Saturn square. So it is interesting to note that on 9th November, the start of the Great Wall drama, Pluto was in 15° Scorpio - exactly on the Sun's position and exactly squaring Saturn, a spot-on indication for what was happening. Pluto does mean endings and new beginnings, transformation, regenerations, etc. and, of course, heady drama. Certain astronomers have been recently down-grading Pluto, claiming it is much smaller and less significant than was earlier thought, but from an astrological point of view it seems to be maintaining its vital power and importance.

Looking to the future we should get some highly significant developments when Pluto squares Natal Uranus in 1991 and 1992. It seems plain that the Communist world is going through a massive restructuring. The

U.S.S.R. 7th November 1917, 10:52 pm.
Leningrad, 59N55, 30E15. Koch Cusps.
(Chart from Liz Greene)



Berlin Wall is a powerful symbol of all this. There are a few other things worth noting in the Russian Chart. Progressed Mercury is now opposite Natal Pluto, which is a supporting factor, and the Progressed Sun is in the last two degrees of Capricorn, so it is due to enter Aquarius at the end of 1991. Traditionally, Russia has always been said to be ruled by Aquarius, and it will complete the circle and return to Aquarius in 1996. It is in the very year 2000 that Uranus reaches its own Natal position in the Soviet Chart. This completes the cycle. Russia took a large part of the world into Communism - and it may yet be destined to take it out again. This shows a lot about the nature both of Aquarius and its Ruler, Uranus.

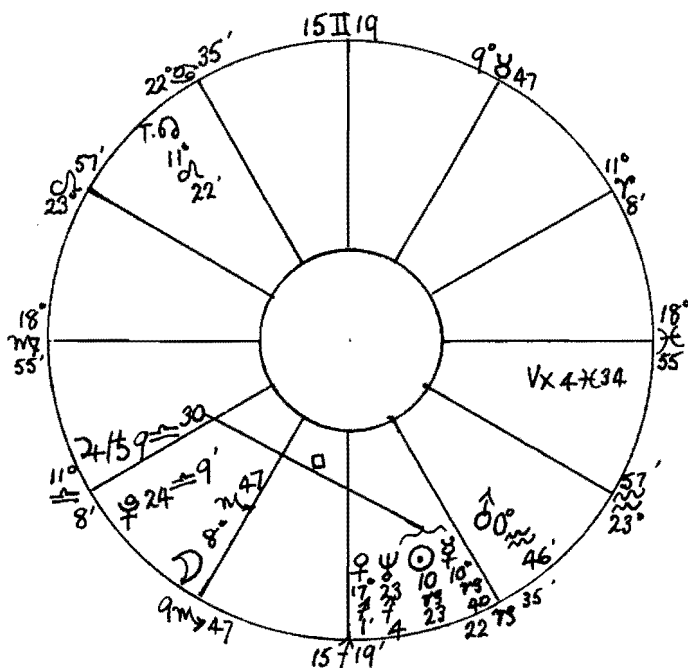
An alternative Chart for the USSR that readers might like to examine was that published in a 1933 Issue of *The British Journal of Astrology* by the late eminent astrologer Vivian E. Robson. It was reproduced in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 58, May 1986, in connection with the Chernobyl disaster. The Chart is for 15th September 1917, noon, Leningrad: Ascendant 21Sc043, Midheaven 23Vir21.

Apart from the Map for the USSR, examined above by Allan Johnson, there are at least two other Charts that have a bearing on the current events in East Germany. One is the

National Chart of the Communist German Democratic Republic, founded in 1954, and the other is the great conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn in 1980. The relationship of these two major bodies of our Solar System indicates the balance of forces between stability (Saturn) and expansion (Jupiter), so this is one of the dominant factors in the political, social and economic state of the world.

Jupiter and Saturn formed three conjunctions within the period 31st December 1980 to 24th July 1981. The first of these is the most important of the series, and it is reproduced below, set for Berlin.

JUPITER/SATURN CONJUNCTION 31ST DEC. 1980
21:21 GMT, Berlin, 52N30, 13E22. Placidus.



It is noteworthy that the Conjunction is especially strong, being placed on a Cusp, and is closely square to the Sun and Mercury in conjunction in the 4th House - the House in a National Chart that signifies the mass of the people. Neptune, the planet of popular unrest, is also there, conjoining Venus almost on the 4th Cusp and signifying a favourable outcome.

On 10th November, Mars by Naibod Progression in Right Ascension came to the exact trine of Jupiter/Saturn. This powerful and very appropriately-timed Direction is indicative of release (Jupiter) from bondage (Saturn). Two further powerful Directions in the immediate future are:

(1) Neptune Opposite the Midheaven on December 1st, signifying continued popular discontent and revolt against the

Government, and

(2) The Midheaven trine to Pluto on 17th December, showing fundamental change in the Government.

The Chart of the German Democratic Republic, given below, is taken from *The Book of World Horoscopes*, an extensive and remarkable source book by Nicolas Campion, President of the Astrological Lodge of London. It has Scorpio rising with Pluto, the Ruler, trine Mars, which is typical of the iron rule in East Germany - a coercive and repressive regime maintained by force. Two significant Directions here in Right Ascension are the Midheaven sextile Pluto and the Progressed Moon conjunct the Sun, both occurring in the first days of November. Pluto has changed the Government, and the Moon/Sun conjunction commences a new phase in the country's history.

Looking ahead, we see further fundamental change coming as Pluto sextiles the Ascendant, Uranus trines the Equatorial Ascendant [EP] and Mercury trines Pluto, all in December 1989. - Dymock.

THE BERLIN WALL AND THE SATURN CYCLE

From JENIFER POMMERIN (WA): A note about Saturn, its 30-year Cycle, and the Berlin Wall.

To quote from the *Encyclopaedia of Astrology* by Nicholas De Vore, page 303. "The ancients presumed the planets to have definite periods of rulership, at the end of which changes of constitution or environment might be expected to occur to persons or places ruled by them."

Saturn was retrograde at 25° of Capricorn in August 1961, when the physical separation of East Germany from West Germany was effected by the Berlin Wall. I don't know how long it took to build this wall - perhaps the first plans came into existence in January of 1960 when Saturn was at 10° Capricorn. If so, it took Saturn 29 years and 10 months (November 1989) to pass over the same degree, this time in direct motion, at which date the Berlin Wall barrier was lawfully breached. It does seem that Saturn was the force that literally separated a nation. The month when Saturn completes the Cycle begun in 1961 is December 1990. I wonder will this bring a re-unification of the two German nations or will it signify an end to the present fragile climate of togetherness?

From JENIFER POMMERIN (WA):

An Astrological Win on the Melbourne Cup

As Dymock says, the forecast or observation of a horse race by astrological means increases one's knowledge of the planets. Some years ago I did some intensive research along those lines. This year I was lucky enough to pick the winner and one placegetter in the Melbourne Cup. (Luck does play a part, as will be explained later.) My method differs slightly from Dymock's, but it has the same basis in identifying the names of the winning horses from planets that aspect House Cusps.

METHOD

1. Using the Placidian or Topocentric House System, erect a chart for the probable finishing time of the race plus one minute, in case the starting time is delayed.

2. Look for a planet that is conjunct, in trine, opposition, or in quincunx to the Ascendant or Midheaven. The first three horses will have names symbolic of that planet. Do not use a planet that is square to the Asc. or MC. (The square aspect seems to indicate a possible "fixed" race, rarely a name.) If there are no such major aspects, look for a planet conjunct a minor House Cusp and use it to pick the horse. The orb should be within 3° for the aspects to the Asc or MC, and within 2° for the minor cusps. In Dymock's words, "Look for the planet that ... is APPLYING ... to the Cusp by rotation of the Earth - not by movement in the Zodiac". I think this such an important point that I disregard any separating planets. What is past is past.

3. Use the planet with the closest aspect as the significator for the first three placegetters. Obviously an exact aspect will be more powerful than a planet 2° away. However, the next closest aspecting planet has a secondary influence on the names.

4. Match the names of three horses (or one or two) to the planet chosen as the Chief Significator. Remember to "add" some influence from the second planet in aspect strength. As well as the planetary symbolism I use myths - the stories of ancient gods and their lives - for these, too, are symbolic of planetary forces. Have a dictionary handy to look up the definition and etymology of the names you fancy. The definition can help confirm or dismiss your

choice. The root of a word, its first beginning or "sound", is extremely powerful.

5. If available, study the names of the dams and sires of the runners. A horse whose parent has a name associated with either of the signifying planets is worth a second look. For instance a horse with "Father Christmas" for the sire, or whose dam is "Miss Venus", stands a good chance if the chart should have Saturn or Venus as the Chief Significator. A useful tip for a Mercury horse is when the runner's name is a composite of both parent's names, e.g., Pardella = Par Avion + Delarra. It can be seen that the sire also bears a Mercury name. A trainer, jockey, or owner with an obvious planetary name is likewise a consideration. But these are all side influences, and they should never take precedence over the names of the horses listed to run in the race. The planetary symbolism of the horses' names pre-empt all else.

6. I differ radically from Dymock in the use of form guides to ascertain the horse "capable of winning". While the form guides and tipping polls are perused, it is more to see if the tipsters agree with me (or rather with the astrological indicators for that race). If they do, I feel somewhat reassured. If they don't, I feel somewhat out on a limb. But form guides, odds, probable prices, etc., are given no influence over my choice. Admittedly, this policy could be why I've come a cropper more than once!

7. Luck. Here are some ways that luck plays a part:

(a) The starting time is delayed by several minutes,

(b) The winner or placegetters have a name that is well-nigh impossible to define using the above method.

(c) The horse you pick is scratched just before the start.

(d) The horse you pick runs last. I see this as demonstrating the fact that a complete circle will start and end at the same place. While there is a semantic difference, perhaps there is no real difference. In any case, I receive many unsolicited proofs of this hypothesis by picking on the last runner.

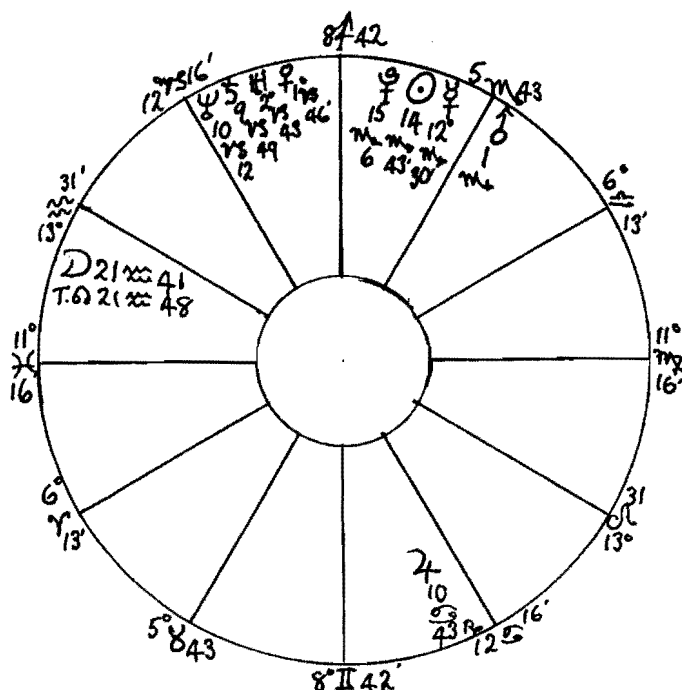
8. Keep a record of the matching names and planets, and other relevant names. This is truly a very good way to learn

the basic symbolism of planets. A bonus is the seeing of the mysterious order of our world at work in such a little thing as a horse race.

A real-life example follows in which the winner and a placegetter were successfully deduced for the Melbourne Cup. One placegetter was wrongly chosen.

THE MELBOURNE CUP, 1989

Estimated finishing time, + 1m = 1:44 pm
37S47, 144E54. Placidian Cusps.



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| 1. EMPIRE ROSE | 2. SUPER IMPOSE |
| 3. LORD HYBROW | 4. NABOTTO |
| 5. CUSHKING | 6. TAWRRIFIC |
| 7. IDEAL CENTREMAN | 8. COLE DIESEL |
| 9. KUDZ | 10. RESEARCH |
| 11. SARATOV | 12. FLEETWARD LAD |
| 13. HIDDEN RHYTHM | 14. PALACE REVOLT |
| 15. THE PHANTOM | 16. PACIFIC MIRAGE |
| 17. POWER OF DESTINY | 18. CATE'S MILL |
| 19. PLUME D'OR VILLE | 20. SEA LEGEND |
| 21. GOPAK | 22. SYDESTON |
| 23. SALISOPRA | 24. STYLISH CENTURY |

And the result:

First, TAWRRIFIC. Second, SUPERIMPOSE.
Third, KUDZ.

In this Chart Jupiter is the dominant planet by virtue of its nearly exact trine to the Ascendant. Mercury is next in strength with another trine, orb about 2°, APPLYING to the Ascendant. Mercury will be the secondary influence.

A sample of some Jupiter and Mercury keywords confirmed or discovered through race-forecasting follows. For reasons of space, only the ones associated with the eventual placegetters are given:

Jupiter: Over the top, being "high", superior, larger than life. Admired or glorified, sometimes self-glorification. Freedom, expansion, and the idea of it - to add, again, gain, etc. The oak, juniper, gin, leather, paper, the horse, foreign people/countries, religion, publicity. healing power, life-preserving/sustaining. A Don Juan, a hypocrite, a "con" man. Confident, lucky, wealthy, vindictive, hot-tempered; over-indulgence.

In mythology, Jupiter was the most powerful god, the Ruler of Olympus. He held supremacy over all. Nevertheless, he had many not so godlike qualities. Zeus (Jupiter) could be easily angered, he was revengeful, cruel at times and proud. He was sometimes cuckolded ... but he himself was a past master of that sport. But at all times his word was law.

The oak tree was sacred to him. This tree, or at least its bark is used in the tanning of leather, and "tan" is a very strong Jupiter word - as is leather which used to be a measure of wealth in early Egyptian and Roman times.

Mercury: Statements, spelling, play on words, paper. Measurements and measuring devices (one of the most ancient being string), marks, signs. Joy. Games, particularly ball games that require accuracy and quickness (neg. football). The trickster, the thief.

TAWRRIFIC is a Mercury-like play on the word "Terrific". Mercury enjoys ball games. The dictionary definition of "taw" gave: A game of marbles ... the line from which to shoot ... string. So this is the secondary influence of Mercury.

For the primary Significator, Jupiter, the expression "Terrific" aptly demonstrates the Jupiterian positivity. Otherwise "terrific" can describe Jupiter's more terrifying self. The dictionary definitions of "taw" are: To convert into leather by some other means other than tanning ... to torture ... to prepare/harass. Tawney - tan-coloured. Tawpie - a foolish young woman [?sexually gullible]. Tawie - docile, as of a horse.

Other Jupiterian, but more minor influences, were the trainer's name "Freedman", the jockey name "Dye" (sort of

like the tanning process), and Tawrrific's sire, "Tawfiq". It could be argued that a jump from "Tawrrific" to "Terrific!" is not on. It would not have been done except that the whole concept so strongly expressed the Jupiter/Mercury influences.

KUDZ is a puzzle word where the luck and inspiration of Jupiter itself was needed for a successful judgement. What made it an attractive proposition were the sire and dam's names, Master Willee and Lucky Ole Me. For the life of me, I couldn't get the recent T.V. appearance of Michael Willesee out of my mind - an episode of truly Jupiterian dimensions in its publicity and style - and probably due to an unwise ingestion of a Jupiterian substance. So that was "Master Willee". "Lucky Ole Me" is self-explanatory with the traditional association of luck with Jupiter.

The closest dictionary word was "Kudos". The pronunciation is very similar. The definition gave me a picture of the god Jupiter surrounded by admiring shining faces. "Glory, credit, praise".

The owner is from overseas with a very foreign name, a slight but extra Jupiter tie-in.

The secondary influence of Mercury could be that this is a name composed of initials.

SUPER IMPOSE was a "wise-after-the-event" omission. "Super" was recognized as a Jupiter trait, and this horse was given a passing look. But the complete title misled me into categorizing it as a primary Mercury (as in the super-imposing of pictures or written words), whereas the meaning for this particular race would have been a "super (adjective) imposition", with the Mercury definition being the secondary influence. More weight should have been given to the other minor influences - the sire of this horse, Imposing - and the trainer's name, Freedman, and a thorough, as opposed to a brief dictionary examination of the word "impose" would have borne fruit.

The horse chosen instead was GOPAK. Pak means "father, guru, pact" in Indonesian, and is normally a powerful Jupiter work. "Go" is suitable for both Jupiter and Mercury - and the two words joined is a typical Mercury name.

Horses quickly rejected although favoured by the tipping polls were STYLISH CENTURY (no Jupiter, although some Mercury); COLE DIESEL (a Pluto horse. Diesel oil for heavy

machinery. Heavy machinery - Pluto. Oil comes from the home of Pluto - the god of the underworld. "Old King Cole, a merry old soul" could be a Jovian concept. But not with diesel. Nothing there for Mercury, apart from Diesel being the surname of the inventor of the diesel engine).

Other horses considered but not chosen after investigation were EMPIRE ROSE ("rose" and "the rose" are under the rulership of Jupiter, but there were no Mercury ties, and "empire" is a lesser Jupiter word than those above), COSHKING (a couple of the dictionary meanings related to Jupiter but the overall meaning was perhaps more Pluto, Neptune or Mars), and SYDESTON (perhaps more Neptune/Moon).

[More comments by Jenifer Pommerin on astrology and horse racing in next month's *Astrologers' Forum*. - Ed.]

PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.): With reference to Dymock's article, "Can Earthquakes be Predicted?", the answer must certainly be in the affirmative, as it has been done scores of times around and before the turn of this century. Zadkiel's Almanac and Planetary Ephemeris which was published for nearly a hundred years, is credited with many predictions of earthquakes and seismic disturbances over a long period. In a 1907 Issue, the following article appeared.

The Earthquakes and Destruction of San Francisco and Valparaiso, 1906

"In our article on the Great Earthquake in India of the 4th April 1905 (vide p.75 of Zadkiel's Almanac for 1906), we claimed for Natural Astrology that it was incontestably proved and demonstrated to be a Science by our prediction of that terrible earthquake, as to time and place, nine months beforehand. But that prediction did not stand alone, for we showed that we also predicted, quite as accurately, the earthquake that destroyed Charleston on the 31st of August 1886; also the fearful earthquakes beginning on the 17th November 1893 at Kuchan, Persia, which destroyed 12,000 lives out of a population of 20,000. In addition, we cited the great Cumana Earthquake of the 15th July 1853, predicted by our talented predecessor, Zadkiel I, as to time and place. To the above proofs may now be added the great earthquake that destroyed San Francisco, predicted for 1906, although not exactly to time ..."

Dymock is quite right in his comment in a

previous article on the Armenian Earthquake that "contact with the Angles is the effective factor". In the Armenian Earthquake on 7th December 1988, Mars at 9° Aries and Neptune at 9° Capricorn were in square to each other, acting on the Earth's centre from a right angle. In the latest San Francisco Earthquake on 18th October 1989 there was a similar pattern with Mercury at the apex of a T-Square with Jupiter and Neptune, also acting at right-angles on the Earth's centre from 10° of their respective Signs. It is generally observed that few earthquakes of any severity take place without the involvement of Neptune. In the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake Neptune was in close opposition to Uranus, square to Mercury, and semisquare to Mars.

All earthquakes and seismic disturbances that have been predicted have been through the study of the four Solar Ingresses, Eclipses, Major Conjunctions, and Lunations. The recent San Francisco Earthquake was preceded by a Lunar Eclipse four days earlier, on 14th October, when the Moon was sesquare Venus, opposite Mars, and square to both Jupiter and Neptune.

[Leslie suggests that readers investigate earthquakes using the methods (or any others) mentioned in the last paragraph of his article - Solar Ingresses, Eclipses, Major Conjunctions and Lunations. I certainly support this. Forecasting is the most difficult skill in astrology, and we should keep alive all methods whose efficacy can be demonstrated. - Ed.]

This being the 100TH ISSUE of *Astrologers' Forum*, I have enlarged it somewhat to mark the occasion. My thanks to those contributors who have sent articles for incorporation. Some are still waiting to be printed, and will probably appear in the December Issue. Events are moving fast in the world, giving rise to much astrological activity and comment.

Remember that you still have until 7th December to send in your attempts at **Rectification Exercise No. 3** (details in the two previous issues). Post them to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, Camberwell, Vic. Australia 3124. We hope to make these exercises an on-going thing if enough data is received from readers.

Have a happy and safe Christmas! My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 28th November 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Can Earthquakes be Predicted?

The San Francisco Earthquake of 17th October and the Chinese Earthquake a little later again draw attention to whether this type of earthly disaster can be foreseen - not as regards its probability, which is already well-established, but as to the time of its occurrence. Seismologists cannot do this. They know a geophysical fault exists, and that there is a likelihood of repeated earthquakes over an indefinite period, but they cannot foretell *when* a 'quake will occur.

It seems that only Astrology offers hope in this direction, but we have not succeeded yet. We know the area where the 'quake is likely to happen, but in order to foretell the date (as against a chart *after* the occurrence, which is too late) we need to have some basis on which to work, so that Progressions, Directions, Annual Horoscopes, etc., can be calculated. With San Francisco, for instance, if we had a date for the foundation of the modern city it is likely that we could discover the danger periods by normal astrological techniques. But who can supply this desirable information? Encyclopaedias, etc., mostly give only the year of foundation, let alone month, day and time.

In searching for a solution to the problem I settled on another starting point - the latest conjunction of the planets Saturn and Uranus. These two bodies must surely play a dominant part in events of this nature, as they represent two opposite principles - Saturn holding and binding, Uranus disrupting and freeing. Consequently when they come together a state of enormous tension exists, ready to be triggered by various lesser astrological factors. Conjunctions are well known to provide the starting point of a cycle, whether in personal or mundane affairs (remember the Jupiter/Neptune conjunction prior to the October 1987 share-market crash?).

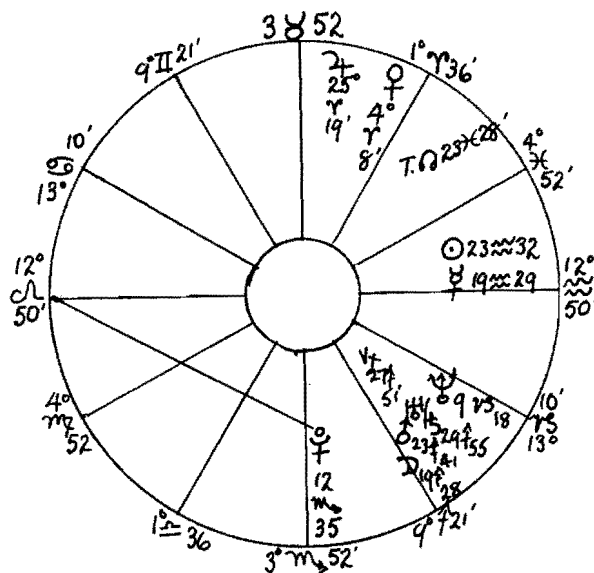
An examination of the Ephemeris shows that

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until recently Saturn and Uranus had not been together since 1942, but in 1988 no less than three conjunctions of these major bodies occurred - in February, June and October. This in itself adds to the importance of the occasion - the more rare the phenomenon the greater its significance. I take the February 1988 conjunction, the initiator of the series, as the most important. Here is the Chart, set for San Francisco.

SATURN/URANUS CONJUNCTION, 13TH FEB. 1988
0:47 am UT, San Francisco, 37N47, 122W25.
Placidian Cusps.



The striking features of the Chart are

- (1) Pluto Angular in the 4th House and almost exactly square the Rising Degree.
- (2) Mars conjunct the Moon and Square to the N.Node in the 8th House.
- (3) The Saturn/Uranus Conjunction only two degrees from the Vertex, giving it added significance.

Given the circumstance of San Francisco being in a known earthquake zone, this Chart warns of imminent danger. Though the same planetary positions would apply all over the world, the Plutonian square to the Ascendant, and the position of the Vertex, both points that change rapidly with change of location, are the ones that localize the peril to San Francisco.

It is still a problem to *time* the event. One method is by checking the Solar Returns of the basic Chart. In the Solar Return of 12th February 1989, the Moon is conjunct Mars near the 8th Cusp, and almost exactly opposite Pluto rising. Quotidian Progression of this Solar Return offers a means of refining the date still further: On 17th October 1989, the Earthquake day, Uranus (the prime villain!) by daily Progression was at the Midheaven (orb $1^{\circ} 6'$), while Pluto was within 2° of the 8th Cusp, and closely opposite Mars. These positions are strong enough to trigger the earthquake.

This, then, is a method that offers some hope of being a warning system, in the absence of precise data relating to the foundation dates of cities at risk. A comprehensive warning system would require astrological work relating to known earthquake zones for a period of some years subsequent to all conjunctions of Saturn and Uranus.

Readers who pursue this, or other lines of enquiry, are invited to submit their findings for possible publication.

- Dymock.

Following the article on Horse Racing by Astrology in last month's Issue, ROZ PARK (UK) has sent the Chart for the French "Arc de Triomphe" race.

The field comprised 19 horses, as follows:

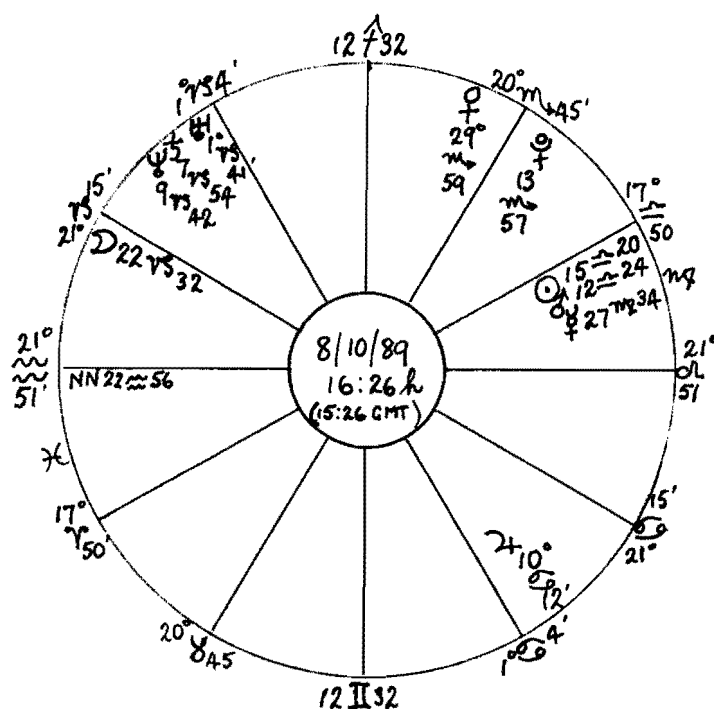
- 1 Carroll House
- 2 Mansonnien
- 3 Robore
- 4 Top Class
- 5 Saint Andrews
- 6 Petrullo
- 7 Star Lift
- 8 Britannia
- 9 French Glory
- 10 In The Wings
- 11 Cacoethes

- 12 Golden Pheasant
- 13 Harvest Time
- 14 Norberto
- 15 Legal Case
- 16 Aliysa
- 17 Behera
- 18 Young Mother
- 19 Sierra Roberta

The place-getters were:

- 1st: Carroll House
- 2nd: Saint Andrews
- 3rd: Behera
- 4th: Young Mother

PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE
IN PARIS. Placidean Cusps



Reviewing the result in the light of the system suggested in last month's Issue, the Significators in order of power are

1. The Moon, applying by a little over 1° to the 12th Cusp.
2. Uranus, within 1° of the 11th Cusp.
3. The Sun $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ from the 8th Cusp, separating.

Though Uranus is closer to the Placidean Cusp than the Moon, I give the Moon first place as it is the more powerful Significator.

The winner, Carroll House, certainly answers to the Moon (the home, etc.), and the same may be said of the 4th place-getter, Young Mother, the Moon being the planetary representative of the mother. Before the race, the difficulty would be in

deciding which of these two runners should be given priority. In such circumstances a modest investment on each would be appropriate.

As regards the 2nd place-getter, Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, which is dominated by the Sign Cancer, and the Ruler of Cancer is the Moon, so this placing also conforms.

Uranus is associated with names that are unusual or extraordinary, and the 3rd place-getter, Behera, comes into this category. There are a number of other runners that might also be considered as Uranian (Aliysa, Cacoethes, Mansonnien, Norberto), so it would hardly be worthwhile to risk an investment on the Significator Uranus in this race.

The whole project becomes as interesting as a crossword puzzle, and the more you know about the origin or derivation of the horses' names the better chance you have of assigning them to the correct Significator.

Roz Park writes, "Has anyone comments on identifying the Houses? For example, 12th House emphasis - a photo finish, or a stewards' enquiry; the possibility of the 3rd House belonging to the bookies, and favourably aspected = an outsider winning; which House for the horse, owner, trainer, jockey, punter, and the track itself?"

I'll be pleased to hear from any other "astrological" punters. - Dymock.

The Pilots' Strike

As I write this (27th October) news has just come over the air that the pilots have offered to return to work immediately on the old terms! After many weeks of their intransigence over a 30% increase in salary this is indeed a radical turn-around for the pilots. It is no doubt prompted by the progressive weakening of their position through the success of the Airlines in re-building operations. The Airlines have initially rejected the offer, which is in line with the effect of Jupiter's Station opposite the Sun on 28th October, adverted to in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*.

The question is whether the Jupiter aspect is sufficient to resolve the matter. Upon hearing the news I erected a Horary Chart to see what light it could throw on the course of events.

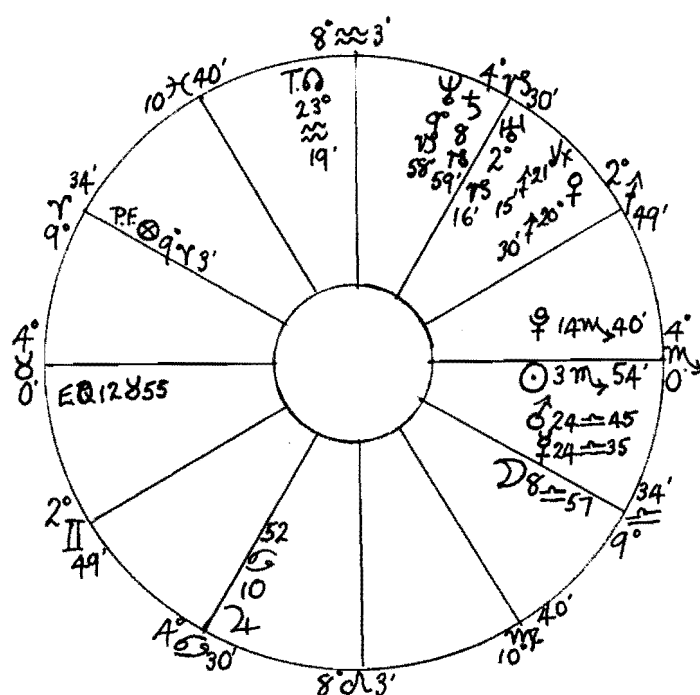
A Horary Chart on a matter of public interest is slightly different from the normal Horary. The Querent stands aside and is not represented in the Chart. The protagonists are signified by the 1st and

the 7th Houses. In the present instance, the Pilots who took the initiative and made the offer are represented by the 1st House and its Ruler. The Airlines, the respondent, are signified by the 7th House, planets therein, and the Ruler of the Sign on the Cusp.

HORARY CHART: Offer by the Pilots'

Federation to Resume Work

27th October 1989, 6:57 pm AEST, Blackheath, NSW, 33S38, 150E18. Placidian Cusps.



Taurus rises, and the traditional Ruler, Venus, is the chief Significator of the Pilots. It is appropriately placed in Sagittarius, the Sign associated with long-distance travel, and its conjunction with the Vertex shows that this is a critical juncture for the Pilots.

The Airlines are in a much more favoured position: The powerful Sun is on the Cusp of the 7th House, applying to a trine of Jupiter. Pluto, occupying the House, is also trine to Jupiter. The traditional Ruler of Scorpio, Mars, is receiving the applying sextile of Venus, Significator of the pilots, so it appears that the Pilots will make a further offer to the Airlines, probably about the 6th of November when the sextile is on the point of becoming exact.

As regards the ultimate success of either party, victory or defeat is signified by the 10th House for the Pilots, and the 4th House for the Airlines. It is clear the Airlines are going to win: The Sun rules the 4th House (their Derived 10th), is strong on the Cusp of the 7th (the Ascendant for the Airlines) and is trine to Jupiter.

On the other hand, the Ruler of the 10th House for the Pilots is afflicted by the conjunction of Neptune (loss and sacrifice), and the opposition to Jupiter (law and authority). It makes no difference whether you take the traditional Ruler, Saturn, or the modern Ruler, Uranus. The Moon, moreover, is applying to the square of Saturn. The affair certainly looks gloomy for the Pilots, but they have only themselves to blame. - Dymock.

Rectification Exercise No. 3

(Female born 26th September 1946)

Jack Nicholls, who is collating the entries for the present series of Rectification Exercises, reports that there were five entries for the present Exercise. A variety of techniques was used by those essaying the task, but no one found the correct birth time. In line with our policy, announced in the last Issue, names of entrants are not being published, the aim being to find the best technique, irrespective of who finds it.

So now, the range is being restricted to the five hours from 6 pm to 11 pm on the 26th of September, the times between which the birth occurred. This makes the job considerably easier, and all readers are urged to try again. I assure you your astrological skill and understanding will be much increased if you make a genuine effort. Send your entries to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 109 Highfield Road, CAMBERWELL, VIC. AUSTRALIA 3124, by the 7th of December.

Jack reports that several readers have provided more data on which to base further rectification exercises. This is a gratifying response to our call. Many more are still wanted, so please do what you can, in the interests of Astrology. - Dymock.

From GISELA ROSMANN (Vic.): Picking up a good astrological book is no easy task. It would be nice if you could now and then let us know in *Astrologers' Forum* of any new or outstanding astrological books. Nicolas De Vore's *Encyclopaedia* is still not available. What would be the best substitute?

Dr. Geoffrey Dean's *Recent Advances in Natal Astrology* is not merely a good substitute but a superior reference book as regards many topics. Just don't let yourself get discouraged by the apparently negative results to many of the enquiries initiated by Dr. Dean. A second edition of the work

is in preparation, but the first is well worth having.

Here is a sample - an excerpt only - from the section on **Unaspected Planets**:

1. An unaspected planet is usually (but not always) anything but weak. The effect is one of distinctive flavour and is quite different from the strength conferred, e.g., by proximity to the Angles.
2. Expression is by no means denied but the principle tends to be hard to control and thus lacks integration with the rest of the chart. In other words, "acts by itself" is a fair, general description. This is not necessarily bad, and in fact can often be the source of much ability.
3. The principle of an unaspected planet tends to be either switched on or off with no halfway measures allowed, and the native oscillates between on and off. Hence "all or nothing" is another fair general description.
4. Strength is almost impossible to predict owing to the on/off oscillation.

The whole section occupies 13½ pages, plus references. A few pages further on, interpretations of individual unaspected planets are given, of which the following is a representative sample:

Mars Unaspected. Anrias says "lack of initiative". Heindel says "Listless, vapid, will never amount to anything". Hone says "Temper like a flash of lightning and uncontrollable as if apart from him".

Effects were the most outwardly marked and distinctive of all unaspected planets. Energy (not necessarily strong physical effort but in the sense of being occupied doing something, i.e., being busy) was usually conspicuously present. There was invariably a tendency to be always starting new things before others were finished. If Saturn was strong this tendency was undiminished but there was an additional and equally strong urge to finish anything started. Hone's "flashes of temper" were absent in only 4 cases in 27; all were female. Mars was the most common unaspected planet in the test group (frequency 1½/2x average). Suggested interpretation: Generates endless work for self, always busy, probably moments of explosive impatience that seem apart from self. A useful confirmation of these traits is provided indirectly by the work of Dobyns and Roof: 6 of their 13 charts and psychological assessments are described as "busy", and all 6 have Mars unaspected either by itself or in a duet. Moor suggests: Always busy, scatters energies, quick temper, mechanical ingenuity, sporadic sex life, females tend to have unusual love relationships and relate poorly to the opposite sex. [The agreement on "always busy" is remarkable, for this is neither a traditional Martian quality nor is it mentioned by others, e.g., Hone.]

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
31st October 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

From ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.) we have

SPOTLIGHT ON POLAND

Right now the spotlight is on Poland, what with the commemoration of the beginning of the Second World War and the coincidental election of the first non-communist Prime Minister since that War. Poland is once again making history. Poland as a national entity has had a very chequered history, due to being surrounded by such powerful and aggressive neighbours. In 1918 Polish independence was declared from Austria, Prussia and Russia, among whom Poland had been partitioned several times. This was the date for the inception of Poland as a modern sovereign State. It is given by Fowler's *Compendium of Nativities* as 9:30 am, 14th November 1918, Warsaw, and is considered a relevant Chart for the present time. Poland has continued to have a chequered history due to German and Russian dominance. It is interesting to check this Chart for correlation of events hapening at the present time, and also for the events being commemorated coincidentally - the German invasion of Poland and the beginning of World War II.

The Chart has two powerful configurations: Mars right on the Ascendant opposite Pluto, and the T-Square, Sun/Venus square Uranus and Saturn. So these are likely to be triggered off for fateful and dramatic events. On 1st September 1939 the transiting Uranus was at 21Tau57, in exact opposition to the Natal Sun of the Inception Chart, closely squaring Natal Uranus, and triggering off the whole T-Square Pattern. In addition, transiting Pluto was at 2Leo5, making the exact quincunx to the fateful opposition. This confirms the validity of the Chart in a quite remarkable way. What then for present-day events?

Poland is again making history. The new Government was put together at the beginning of September, and in the same period Uranus was stationary on the 2nd degree of Capricorn, exactly conjunct Mars and the

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Ascendant. And Pluto is transiting the 10th House, only a few degrees from the Midheaven. Also Progressed Mars is within orb of the conjunction with Progressed Uranus, opposite Saturn. There cannot be a better significator than Uranus conjunct Ascendant for the radical and surprising turn of events. The world has been a bit stunned by what has been happening. And it all goes a long way to confirm this Chart as a valid one for modern Poland.

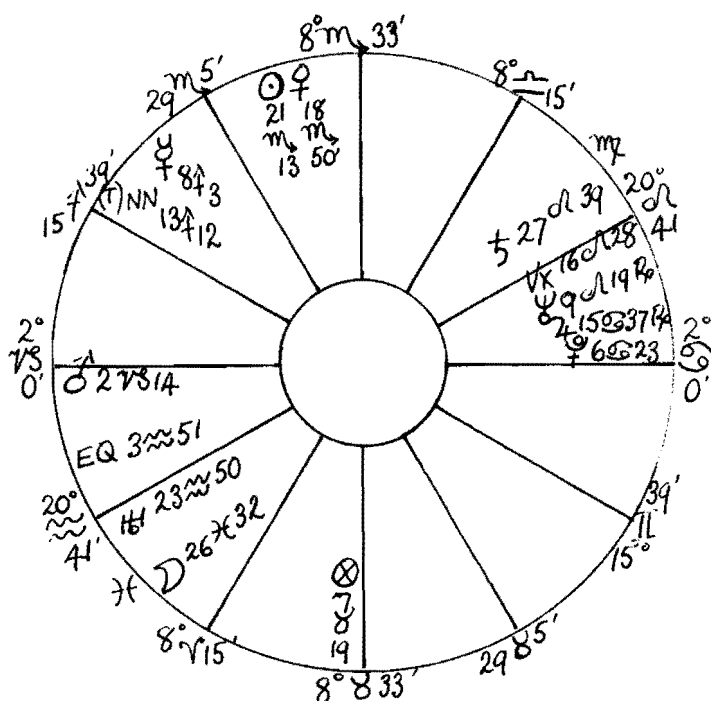
So it is worthwhile looking ahead to what the future presages. This will be mainly concerned with the Transits of Pluto as it continues to move through the 10th House and links up with the powerful T-Square configuration. Pluto moves to a close orb with Venus in 1990, and then will progressively make the conjunction with the Sun, square Uranus, and then Saturn, right through till the mid '90's. So we get a five years' period of continuing turbulences before the whole situation can resolved. What the new Government is trying to do is to achieve a balancing situation between warring forces, only working together because of the compulsive economic circumstances. So there is no way it could be an easy situation. Of course, the outcome of it all cannot be viewed in isolation, as most of the Eastern Block, including the Soviet Union, are going through similar turbulences. Russia will

also be going through powerful Pluto Transits over the same identical period to the mid '90's. The Moon in the Russian Chart is in 27° Leo, the identical position of Saturn in the Polish Chart.

So it looks as if Poland will be going through a powerful regenerative process, a re-structuring of the economy, and it is hard to see that happening without a lot of upheavals. One important point to note in the Polish Chart is that the Sun and Venus are also making a rather wide Grand Trine with the Moon and Jupiter, which could be a good augury for a final happy outcome.

POLISH INDEPENDENCE

14th November 1918, Warsaw, 9:30 am GMT
52 N 13, 21 E 00. Placidian Cusps.



The Royal Marriage Break-Up

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.): On the 31st August 1989 Buckingham Palace announced the separation of the Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips, after 15 years of marriage. The timing of the announcement was not without astrological influences that indicated the event, as an eclipse of the Sun took place a few hours earlier in the 8th degree of Virgo, falling in the 11th House of the Princess's Chart.

A Solar Eclipse falling in the 11th House, especially if its aspects are favourable, usually achieves a desired goal or realizes an aspiration, and can spur one to further achievement. The Eclipse occurring at the Princess's Progressed Midheaven indicates that a crisis had been reached in her life

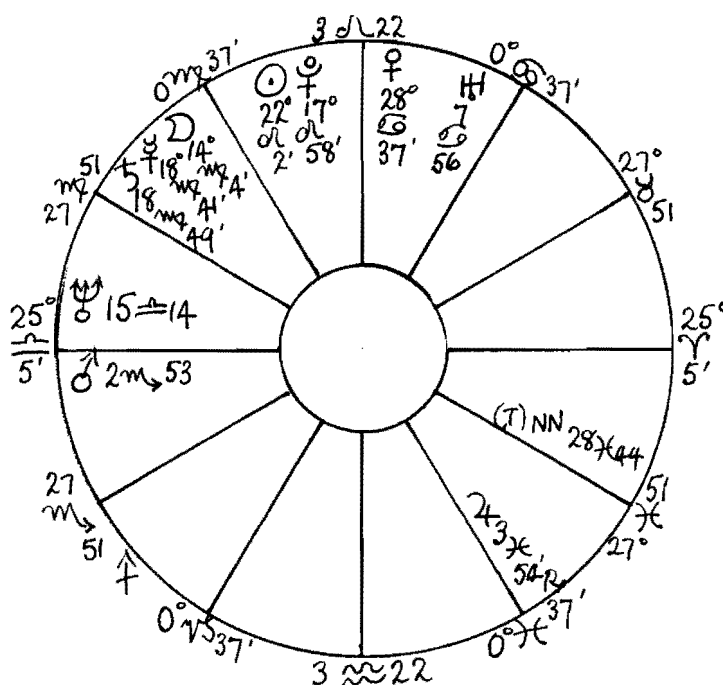
affect her prestige and worldly status. The exact sextile it makes to Uranus in the House of Foreign Travel reflects the timing of the Palace announcement - while Princess Anne was travelling abroad - and also implies sudden and dramatic changes over the next few months.

The opposition of the Eclipse to royal Jupiter indicates difficulties and anxieties in royal circles, though with subsequent benefit to Anne.

The difficulties arising in the marriage could have stemmed from the square of Mars to Venus (Ruling the Ascendant) and the semisquare to Saturn, plus the semisquare of Uranus to the Sun (estrangement and separation). As this last aspect is not an especially strong affliction, and the marriage Significator, Mars, is strongly placed, there is the possibility of a re-union.

PRINCESS ANNE of England

15th August 1950, 11:50 am BST
London, 51N31, 0W06. Porphyrian Cusps.



Treatment of AIDS

"A United States Government study has shown an Anti-Aids drug [AZT], produced in Britain, can delay the onset of the disease in its early stages. Officials estimate that in America alone, more than 400,000 people could benefit from the new findings on 'AZT.'" (Liverpool Echo, Liverpool, England, 18th August, 1989). Jupiter was at 4° Cancer at the time. LESLIE BLACK predicted in Issue 71 of *Astrologers' Forum* (June 1987), that when Jupiter transited the

Signs of the Water Triplicity a cure for AIDS might be found.

Any news of relief is heartening, but in my opinion the best hope of cure of AIDS, along with all other serious, deep-seated human diseases is through Homoeopathy - the only scientific law of cure: *Similia similibus curantur* (likes by likes are cured), as propounded and developed by Samuel Hahnemann in Leipzig over a century ago.
- Dymock.

The Pilots' Strike

On 24th August last all the Australian domestic pilots' resigned *en masse*, in support of their claim for a 30% salary increase, a claim that most people consider exorbitant, and which would take them out of the National Wage Fixing Guide Lines that apply to all other workers. A tense situation thereupon developed between the Pilots' Federation and the Air Line companies whose planes were thus grounded until replacement pilots could be found. Some have been found, the Air Lines apparently operating to about one-third of their capacity at this date. Meanwhile the pilots remain intransigent, deadlocked with the Air Lines and the Government, which will not give in to their demands.

What are the astrological connotations? In the Chart for the Federation of Australia (as researched by Gwen Stoney - see *Astrologers' Forum* No. 70, May 1987) the Sun at 10Cap4 is conjoined with Saturn at 7Cap43, in the 9th House (air travel). At the time of the mass resignation Saturn was retrograde at 7Cap34, almost exactly conjunct its Radical position. Since then, on 21st September, Neptune came to its 2nd Station at 9Cap37, conjunct both Radical Sun and Saturn, thus maintaining the strike situation. Neptune and Saturn do not move clear of the Sun until mid-November. Prior to that, however, Jupiter comes to its first Station opposite the Sun on 28th October. Despite the opposition aspect it is probable that this position of Jupiter will resolve the situation.

Astrology and Horse-Racing

As the Spring Racing Season in Australia is now with us, many new readers will be interested in the substance of an article on the subject that I wrote for *Astrologers' Forum* in April 1985. Though this outlines a method of selecting winners in horse races,

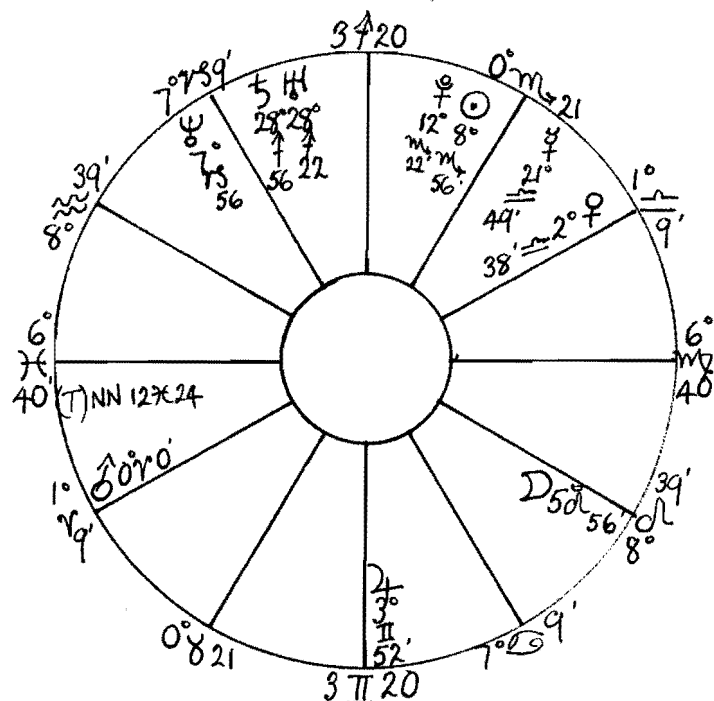
I do not advocate gambling by astrology on horse-racing as a money-making proposition, but as a means of increasing astrological expertise through improving one's understanding of planetary symbolism.

The essence of the System is to pick winners through the symbology of the planets that conjoin House Cusps at the finishing time of the race. The only House Cusp systems that I have found to be effective in this regard are the Placidian and Topo-centric ones. These two are practically identical at average latitudes, but choose the Placidian system for preference. The Koch system has been an abject failure in my experience, despite its advocacy by Joyce Wehrmann in a monograph on horse-racing.

The winner of last year's Melbourne Cup (Empire Rose) was easily selected by this method (*before the race!*). Here is the Chart:

MELBOURNE CUP 1988

1st November 1988, 2:43 pm Daylight S. Time
Flemington, Melbourne, 37S47, 144E54.
Placidian Cusps.



Looking round the Chart one sees that Jupiter is the closest planet to a Cusp, and is in a near-perfect trine to Venus, also very close to a Cusp. These two planets together made the choice of EMPIRE ROSE easy - Jupiter, the planet of largeness (empire), and Venus for all beautiful things, including roses.

The only other bodies to consider were Mars, conjunct the 2nd Cusp, and Neptune conjunct the 11th. Mars is separating from

the Cusp (see below), and is therefore not such a good choice. Neptune, though applying to the Cusp, is a weaker planet for mundane matters than either Jupiter or Venus. Neither of these bodies had the powerful linking of Jupiter and Venus.

A few things to note are:

1. The Chart is drawn for three minutes past the advertised starting time, to portray the position at the finish as far as can be gauged. (This two-mile event takes approximately three minutes to run.)
2. Planets *applying* to a Cusp are to be preferred to those separating. This means applying by the Earth's diurnal rotation - not by the movement of the planets in their orbits. So in the present instance, both Jupiter and Venus (and Neptune) are applying to the Cusps, or to be more accurate, the Cusps are applying to the conjunction of these planets, while Mars is separating from the 2nd Cusp.

Here are a few hints, based on practical experience, for those who would like to try this method of self-education:

1. Try to get the exact geographic coordinates of the race course where the meeting is being held, and in casting the chart for a particular race time be precise with the cuspal positions (Placidian or Topocentric - nothing else!). If you are not sure of your mathematics get a computer-calculated chart.
2. Look for the planet (the chief significator) that is closest to a cusp, within three degrees applying or one degree separating by rotation of the Earth - not by movement through the Zodiac.
3. Remember that if the start of a race is delayed the position of the cusps may alter appreciably, so it is better to have the significator *applying* to a cusp rather than separating. Each few seconds of time bring an applying planet closer to the cusp, and hence makes it more powerful.
4. Don't try for every race on the programme. Pick out the two or three main races of the day, and preferably those with not more than ten or twelve starters, which makes the task of selection easier.
5. Consider every horse in the race and judge which name is the closest match to the symbolism of the chief significator.
6. Having made your selection, check by reference to the tipping polls or form guides that the horse is *capable of winning*. However strong and clear the astrological indications, a horse that is outclasseed is no sort of betting proposition.

7. Back your selection by a dollar or two, however hesitant you feel. Not only will this sharpen your judgement wonderfully, as your money is at stake, but if the horse wins you get an incomparable thrill. If it loses, it's not going to lower your living standard, and it's no more than paying a small fee for a good astrology lesson. If you *don't* back your selection you will occasionally suffer the chagrin of a missed opportunity when the horse wins and your intense mental effort has gone for nothing. I know.

8. Conduct a post-mortem on all races where you lost, learning more about symbolism by hindsight. This way your monetary losses will be astrologically productive.

As mentioned earlier, you should look on this exercise as a considerable help to your astrology, not as a way of amassing money. You need special configurations in your Natal Horoscope to acquire large sums without proportionate effort. But almost any astrologer can make minor gains by careful selections along astrological lines.

Some of the big Spring races will be coming up soon in Melbourne and Sydney. These are the one's on which to try your skill. I'll be pleased to hear of readers' experiences, and perhaps publish them if of general interest. Submissions should particularize place, date and time of the race, and list all the runners and the place-getters with the TAB or starting prices. If your communications are not for publication, please mark them accordingly.

Rectification Exercise No. 3

(Female born at Sydney on 26th Sep. 1946)

There is still time to send in an entry. They close on 7th October. See the last issue of *Astrologers' Forum* for details. We want data for more Exercises. Please make an effort to supply some, and send it to Jack Nicholls, 107 Highfield Road, Camberwell, Vic. 3124.

JENIFER POMNERIN (WA) writes, "...a series of these Exercises in which all readers can participate...would be a really PRACTICAL way to find out the most consistently successful method of rectifying a chart. Perhaps some astrologers could be a bit reluctant to enter (for various reasons), but would more readily do so if names were withheld from the published results. After all, it isn't important WHO is right or wrong, but how the methods work."

A good suggestion, Jenifer. Names will be omitted in future.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 28th September 1989.

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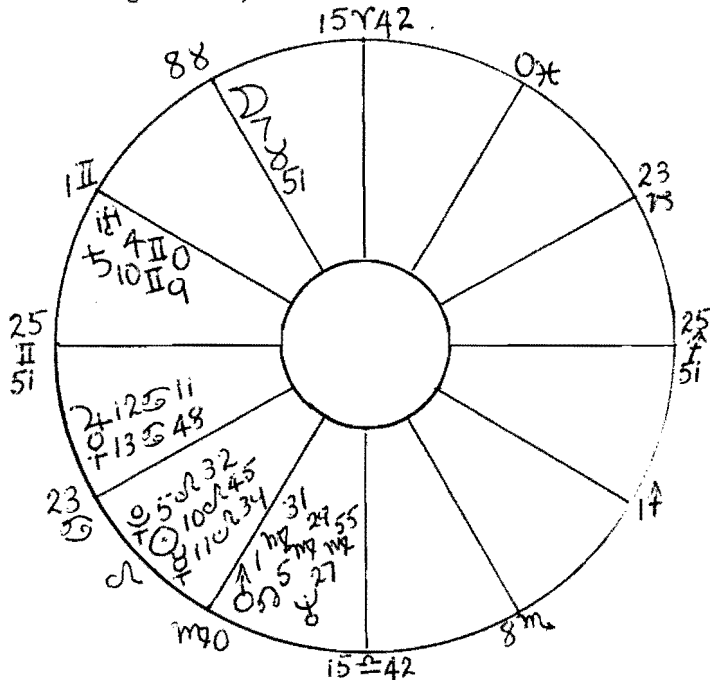
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.) writes on the sudden Resignation of New Zealand's Prime Minister

David Lange resigned on 7th August. So his Transits and Secondary Progressions are worth looking at. His birthday is the 4th August 1942, and the time I was given by a N.Z. astrologer is 4:30 am, Auckland, but of course, like all such public figures there are said to be a few doubts about its exactitude.

DAVID LANGE, EX-PRIME MINISTER OF N.Z.
4th Aug. 1942, 4:30 am Auckland. Koch.



A noteworthy factor in the Chart is the powerful conjunction of Pluto, the Sun and Mercury square to the Moon, and it is precisely this pattern that is being squared by transiting Pluto at the present time. I have always found the Stationary points of any transit to be most effective in pinpointing significant events. In this case, Pluto had its Station in late July, so it was only a matter of days after that point when his resignation came. Pluto is unquestionably a potent factor in dramatic endings of chapters, and such endings are

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usually pretty final. So it seems he is unlikely to seek to return to the Prime Ministership despite his relatively early age.

There is no great emphasis on the Cardinals in Lange's Chart, so he would not be much affected by the current transits of Capricorn. Another interesting point is that Mars had reached its own Natal position at the beginning of Virgo, touching off the Natal Mars square Uranus pattern. Of course, transiting Mars is not normally so important in predictive work due to its frequency through the Zodiac, but here is a case where it acts as a trigger for the more potent Pluto action.

Now to look at the Secondaries, we find the Progressed Sun within orb of a conjunction with Natal Neptune. What emphasizes the importance of this is that the Sun is semi-square Neptune at birth. This could certainly link up with the health angle given as a major reason for the retirement. Afflictions to the Sun in Leo - heart troubles. The other reason was internal conflict with colleagues, and this can certainly often involve Neptune. From another point of view, Neptune can mean a relaxation of pressures that retirement can bring.

Using the Solar Arc to the M.C. (15 Ar 42) we get the Progressed MC square to Mars, again highly appropriate, and could be a good rectification factor. One particularly interesting point about this Natal Chart is that all the planets are in the Eastern half. This can frequently be a strong

is correct. As Lange will now drop out of the public eye it is probably not worth while to pursue a rectification further.
- Dymock.

Jack Nicholls (Vic.) reports on an article that appeared in the week-end Magazine of *The Australian*: Female Siamese twins were born in Moscow in 1950, appearing as two people from the waist up, and as one from the waist down. A third leg was amputated at age sixteen. The ladies are called Masha and Dasha. Dasha has an oval face, is short-sighted, prone to colds, right-handed, is a chatterbox and keen to study. Masha has a small face, smokes occasionally, has a healthier constitution but higher blood pressure, good eyesight, is left-handed, is quieter and more emotional, short-tempered, and plays truant from study. They have two livers, two intestines and one bowel. There have been operations for appendicitis and twisted intestines.

The correct time for the woman born 5th August 1950 [see June/July Issue] is **6:30 am** AEST, Ascendant 25Can59. [The correct Chart is printed below. Readers may wish to compare its features with the list of data supplied on page 8 of the May/June Issue. - Ed.] In all, six entries were received, the closest being 5:50 am and 5:18 am. Entries (in alphabetical order) were as follows:

4. Ken Gillman (USA). Estimated time 1:23 am. Ascendant 17 Taurus. Ken used his

standard procedure of Septenary and Decennium to decide the first body to rise, then listed Primary Directions within the range indicated by the above. The time suggested was confirmed by Naibod Angles progressed in Right Ascension, and the conjunctions and oppositions of the Secondary Moon. In recent correspondence Ken agrees that the Septenary and Decennium is not suited by the data. It may be noted that he picked up the Moon in Taurus. For his Primary Progressions, see *Considerations* Volume V, No. 3, 1988.

5. Ian Goldsmith (NSW). Estimated time 11:50 am, Ascendant 23Sc041. Ian did not specify his method, thinking it not required, but rectified principally on the marriage data.

6. Ross Harvey (NSW). Ross's first attempt on a 24-hour basis (before having the additional information - subject's occupation and appearance) was way out but he agreed to another try with a range of four hours, and arrived at an estimate of 6:37 am. His method was to use post and prenatal Stationary Transits to establish the Angles, and Solar Returns to correct the approximate positions. These were checked with Progressed and Regressed Angles and Age Harmonics.

The purpose of these Exercises is not to see who "wins", but to ascertain what methods are reliable for this important phase of astrology. Progress will be quicker if many people participate.

Thanks to Dr. Jack Nicholls for his Report, and for providing the data in the first place. He furnishes another set of data for Rectification Exercise No. 3 in the current Issue (see back page), but has no more. Jack makes a plea for help in this direction, and has kindly offered to undertake the work involved in running further Exercises.

Can some readers please send to Jack a list of dates and events for a person with a known birth time, so that this very useful research can be continued? Jack writes that the information can be kept to a reasonable degree of anonymity without detracting from its intended use. The more "hard" events - those over which we have no control - the better.

Ross Harvey suggests that the reaction of the subject to the event would be a help. For example, a death in a family might be a shattering event or might come as a relief that a patient's suffering was over.

Further information that should be

provided where possible (because it would normally be available in a real-life situation) is

- (1) the type of work the subject performs,
- (2) his/her appearance and build,
- (3) proclivity for any particular types of illness (lung, heart, kidney, liver disorders, etc.),
- (4) birth dates of parents and other members of the family, and
- (5) birth dates of any persons with whom the subject has had an intimate relationship.

Trying to find a birth time within a range of 24 hours is a very difficult task, especially with only a list of dated events to work on. In future Exercises the range will be progressively reduced if no one succeeds in estimating the birth time accurately when having to work on the whole 24-hour period. The birth time will not be disclosed until a participant has correctly estimated it (within reasonable limits, say, about 10 minutes). If this is not done in the first round, on a 24-hour basis, the time range will be reduced to, say, six, four and two hours, until the correct birth time is discovered.

Well what about some help in this matter? There must surely be a number of readers who could provide data for a rectification exercise - some relative, friend, partner, spouse, etc., whose birth time is known, together with eight or ten significant events with their dates, and such ancillary information as mentioned above. No names, of course, (unless the subject does not object to having the Christian or most-used name published, as desired by Leslie Black) but state whether male or female.

This is a practical and immediate way in which you can further the progress of your favourite study - Astrology - (and also probably provide scientific evidence to convince the sceptics!)

Do please take the trouble to gather the necessary data and send it to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 107 Highfield Road, CAMBERWELL, VIC. 3124.

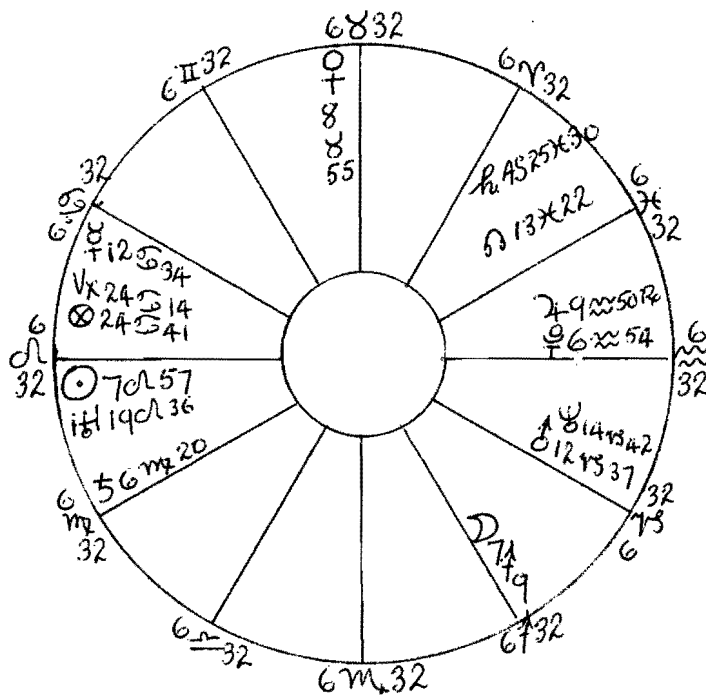
Participants should detail the methods by which they reached their conclusions, as this is a vital part of deciding finally the best procedures or techniques in this area of astrology. The effort to participate is very well worthwhile, and those taking part (I hope there will be more and more!) should realize they are helping themselves even more than astrology, however wide of the mark their results may be. In the short or the long run some positive results and progress will be achieved, which is one of the principal reasons for the existence of *Astrologers' Forum*.

As a matter of interest I include one of the significant Age Harmonics relating to Rectification Exercise No. 2. It illustrates the value of these Charts.

Female born 5th August, 1950

6 30 am EST. Equal House.

AGE HARMONIC 31, relating to Second Marriage; Change of Residence; Birth of Son



For the marriage: Venus conjunct the Midheaven, the Sun conjunct the Ascendant opposite Jupiter and Pluto on the 7th Cusp.

For the change of residence: Uranus rising conjunct Radical Pluto in the Natal 1st House.

For the birth of a son: Moon conjunct the 5th Cusp trine to the Sun.

If the Ascendant at the latitude of Melbourne is derived from the Harmonic Midheaven there is the further marriage indicator of Ascendant conjunct Radical Venus, and for the removal, Mercury conjunct the Ascendant opposite Mars and Neptune.

RECTIFICATION EXERCISE NO. 3

Female born at Sydney on 26th Sep. 1946.

(To obtain uniformity, let us take the coordinates as being 33°52' and 151°12'.)

Life Events:

1. 3 Nov 1950 Sister born, Sydney.
2. 13 Mar 1954 Moved to Melbourne.
3. May 1954 Changed residence in Melbourne.

4. June 1955 Changed residence in Melbourne.
5. August 1956 Changed residence in Melbourne.
6. 28 May 1968 Married, in Melbourne. Husband born 7th Nov 1944.
7. 31 Dec 1968 Daughter born, Melbourne.
8. 27 Feb 1970 Separation from husband.
9. 16 Apr 1975 Moved to California.
10. 22 Aug 1975 Divorce absolute.
11. 23 Aug 1975 Second marriage. California. Husband born 21 Oct 1946.
12. Jan 1977 Moved to Michigan, beginning of month.
13. 14 Apr 1977 Son born, Michigan.
14. 1 Nov 1978 Son born, Michigan.
15. 26 Nov 1978 Returned to California.
16. May 1979 Thyroid radiotherapy, California.
17. 15 Sep 1979 Changed residence to Colorado.
18. Dec 1980 Returned to Melbourne
19. Mar 1981 Changed residence to Perth, West Australia.
20. 13 Apr 1984 Separation from husband.
21. 28 May 1985 Changed residence in Perth.
22. 25 Aug 1985 Divorce absolute.
23. 18 Jan 1986 Changed residence in Perth.
24. 16 Dec 1987 Parents and sister moved to Perth.

The subject is of medium height and build, has light brown hair and blue eyes. She has been employed as a draughting assistant and in related applied arts. Thyroid problems necessitated radiotherapy in 1979. Eye difficulties probably related to that treatment.

Entries (including method) should be sent to Dr. Jack Nicholls, 107 Highfield Road, CAMBERWELL, VIC. 3124, not later than 7th October 1989. This should give all participants, both Australian and overseas, about a month in which to work on the rectification.

The result will then be announced in the October Issue. If no one rectifies correctly, the birth time will not be disclosed but the range restricted to a matter of hours, making the Exercise easier. If there is still no correct entry, the range will be further restricted until finally the birth time is correctly estimated.

I hope to run a series of these Exercises, which is necessary before any conclusions can be drawn as to the best methods to adopt.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 26th August 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

In view of the current exercise in rectifying a chart (with more to follow) the following contribution from Ross Harvey will be of interest to many.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW):

Observations on Rectification Technique

The most important point to remember in rectification is that indications that are in accordance with events do not prove anything, regardless of the predictive technique being used, as they may be no more than coincidences, no matter how numerous or appropriate or accurately-timed they may be. Only indications that are clearly contrary in nature to known events are significant, and then only for enabling one to rule out the time of the chart that gave the wrong indications. This point cannot be emphasized enough. For example, if in a year of unrelieved tragedy, Harmonic Saturn is conjunct the Radical Ascendant or Harmonic Ascendant, or the Ascendant is progressed to a hard aspect of Saturn, or in a Cyclical Chart, such as a Solar Return, Saturn is conjunct the Ascendant, nothing has been PROVED, as these indications could be no more than coincidence. If, however, the planet conjunct the Ascendant were a benefic, then the chart would be unequivocally wrong.

Step one in rectifying a chart where the birth time is unknown, or is known only to lie within a range of several hours: Calculate the charts for the earlier and later of the times given, (if the time is unknown, for 0-hours and 24-hours local time) and print out the Harmonics for all the years for which events have been given.

Step two: Ignore the Angles and the lunar positions in the Harmonics, and pay particular attention to the range of positions of the Sun in the same Harmonic in the earlier and later charts. See if the Harmonic Sun makes conjunctions or oppositions to Radical or Harmonic planets that are inappropriate for known events,

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always allowing an orb of five degrees. For example, if for a year of unalloyed happiness and success, the Sun in the appropriate Harmonic of the 0-hours chart is 0-Gemini, and in the same Harmonic in the 24-hour chart is 0-Cancer, and Radical Saturn is 5 Gemini, the Harmonic Sun cannot be conjunct Radical Saturn, so the Harmonic Sun cannot be any earlier than 10 Gemini. Consequently the first third of the harmonic range of the Sun can be excluded, and likewise the first third of the 24-hour period can also be excluded - that is, the birth time must be after 8.00 a.m. If Radical Jupiter were at 17 Gemini it would be quite appropriate for the Harmonic Sun to be conjunct Radical Jupiter, but it doesn't have to be there; the favourable indications could be something else as yet unknown. Such favourable indications should be ignored when making a rectification. A chart I recently rectified had, in the Harmonic for the year in which the native's father died, Harmonic Sun conjunct Harmonic Venus for all times after 8.00 a.m. At one stroke I could exclude two-thirds of the day. If sufficient information is available (at least twenty events if the time is unknown - in this respect the Dean test was quite inadequate), and with a bit of luck, one should be able to exclude a large part of the 24-hour period. If I could not reduce the range of uncertainty to say, four hours or less, I would have no confidence in being able to rectify the chart. Note that I do not say that it is impossible, just that at the present state of my knowledge I cannot do it.

It also helps, too, to have some indication of how the native experienced the events given at the time they happened. So, for instance, "moving house" is not much help unless one knows whether the move was seen as favourable, unfavourable, or neutral; for without such information one does not know what indications to look for. The Dean test was inadequate in this regard also.

Step three: When (with luck) the range of time has been reduced to a couple of hours or so, calculate the Angles for the earlier and later times, and then go through the Harmonics of the known events and look for Harmonic planets conjunct or opposite positions within the ranges of the Ascendant and Midheaven that are contrary in nature to the events, just as one did earlier with the Sun. So if the range of the Radical MC were 10 Leo to 25 Virgo, and in a year of good fortune Harmonic Saturn were at 20 Virgo, the Radical MC would have to be before 15 Virgo. Again, with bit of luck, one should be able to exclude quite a bit of the ranges of the Ascendant and MC. One then looks at what has not been excluded.

Step four: At this stage it helps to list all pre- and post-natal Stationary Transits within six weeks of events known. Bear in mind the nature of the events in question, as some things may have been planned for several months before they actually took place, and Transits during the first few months of a pregnancy are often as useful as those at the time of birth. Bear in mind, too, the speed at which the planets move: A Station of Venus would need to be within a couple of weeks of the event, while a Station of Pluto could be up to six weeks from it. If the range of the Angles is known to within a Sign or two, often recurring Transit positions may give a clue to the position of the unknown Angles. Remember, however, that such recurring positions may nevertheless be only coincidences. In a recent rectification test I found a couple of dozen appropriate and adequately-timed Transits and Stations that turned out not to be in aspect to anything in the true chart - a frustrating red herring.

Step five: When the birth time has been reduced to within a quarter of an hour or so, one can begin to calculate the Progressed and Regressed Angles. Solar Returns and Annual Synodic Returns are also important, and probably even if the time range is known only to within an hour.

Precessed and Prenatal Precessed Solar Returns are a good indication, as in a correct chart a large proportion of these will have appropriate planets on the Angles. Indeed if any postulated Chart does not have such indications, it is probably wrong. Progressed Angles are not of much help if the time range is more than 15 minutes or so, as the chances of getting plausible, though wrong, indications increases dramatically with an increasing time range. If this is so when only the Angles are being moved, how much more is it true of Primary Directions, regardless of the system being used, when so many more points are involved. For this reason Primary Directions should not be used to effect a rectification, though they may be used to check one (PEA Directions, at any rate; Topocentric ones are too inaccurate to be used at all to confirm the accuracy of a chart). In short, traditional predictive techniques are not of much use in rectification if the time is not known to within ten minutes or so, as the possibility of getting plausible, but incorrect, results is too great when the time range increases beyond a limit of ten to fifteen minutes.

Step 6: When approximate Angles have been found, re-calculate the chart for the postulated time and print out the Harmonics for all years for which there are events. This time examine the positions of the Harmonic Angles in relation to Harmonic and Radical planets, looking for both inappropriate and appropriate conjunctions and oppositions (only) with an orb of five degrees. Other major aspects may be significant in prediction, but in rectification too many aspects only increases the possibility of one's getting wrong results. Precessed Ascendant-Lunar Charts are also useful for getting the Angles more exactly, but only if the Angles are already known to within half a degree. Otherwise the possibility of plausible but wrong results is too great. With sufficient care it should be possible to find an exact time.

Finally, remember that the greater the range of uncertainty in the time, the greater the possibility of error. I would say that if the time were known to within an hour, and sufficient information were provided, a correct rectification should be a matter of course. If the range is up to four hours, or the 24-hour range can be reduced to four hours or less as in Step two, there is a good chance. But if the range is much greater the chances decrease

alarmingly. If the 24-hour range cannot be reduced, there is not much hope.

Cyclic Charts - Birth Place or Re-located?

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) has sent me the Birth Chart and Synodic Returns for a woman seriously injured when hit by a car on 21st December 1988 while on a visit to Melbourne. The woman was born in Finland but has lived in Sydney from the age of eight. Ross points out that in this case the Synodic Returns (both Postnatal and Prenatal) for the place of birth gave much the more positive indication of the accident and injury, though this is not necessarily always the case. Ross comments also that he finds the Prenatal Synodic Returns as useful as the Postnatal ones.

The question of whether to erect a Cyclic Chart for the place of birth, the place of residence, the place of the centre of operations or anywhere else is one that has exercised my mind for years, still without my coming to any definite conclusion. The only *tentative* inference I have drawn is that the more serious or important events of a person's life are shown more clearly in the Birth-Place Charts, so I look at these first. If nothing of much impact is shown, I then examine the same Chart set for the chief centre of operations of the person concerned. This may be the place of residence or the place of business, etc. The planetary positions of course remain the same, only the Cusps and House locations of the planets being different. (We are fortunate when the birth place and residence, etc., are identical.)

There is not space here to reproduce the Charts submitted by Ross, but the operative aspects were the following:

In the Postnatal Synodic Return

Asc conjunct r.Pluto, semisq. r.Saturn.
The Sun in the 3rd House conjunct r.Saturn.
The Moon (Ruling 12th) conjunct Neptune at the Lower Meridian.

In the Prenatal Synodic Return

Mars at 20Sc055 conjunct the Asc at 19Sc014, and both Significators square to Pluto.
The Sun closely conjunct Neptune.
Mercury, Ruling the 8th House, conjunct the Moon at the 12th House Cusp.

Of the two, the Prenatal Synodic Chart

might be considered the more impressive.

Ross makes the further comment that the **Harmonic Chart** for the year of the accident had Harmonic Mars conjunct the Radical Ascendant; Harmonic Pluto conjunct the Harmonic Ascendant; the Harmonic Sun conjunct the Harmonic Midheaven, and both these Significators conjunct Radical Pluto!

The **Solar Return Charts** (postnatal and prenatal) for the birth place were relevant but not as clear as the Synodic Returns. On the other hand, the Solar Return Charts for Sydney, the subject's place of residence, did not give any indication of anything unfavourable. Indeed, the Transit (postnatal) Solar Return has Venus conjunct the Ascendant, and Jupiter conjunct the Midheaven! While these favourable positions may indicate something still to come (the Charts are operative until October), the year so far has been wholly negative.

Correspondents

From GISELA ROSMANN (SA): I am puzzled why you don't use Chiron. I really do think it has a lot to say in China's Chart. Nicolas Campion lists Chiron in his book of World Horoscopes. In the two Charts he gives for China it is at 4Sag50 and 5Sag38 respectively.

It would be nice to get *Astrologers' Forum* every month, but the 30 days of a month seem to fly if someone is under work pressure. To have a bi-monthly Circular would save postage, too, But I think the easiest way out would be to scrap the rigid publication date and just send out the twelve Issues whenever you find the time or have sufficient material. Even if that means three issues in one week, and none for three or four months, then so be it. You provide a unique service, and look at issues from every angle, without restricting yourself. You always try to be fair and down to earth. The world could do with a few more people like you! The trouble with a lot of astrologers these days seems to be - what they are screams so loudly that one can hardly hear what they are saying.

Editor: The use of Chiron is a debatable point. Perhaps in another ten years sufficient research will have been done on this planetoid to justify either its inclusion or exclusion in astrological

delineation. At present I am not impressed with its significance, though I do not decry the efforts of those who are trying to attach meaning to it. I prefer to work on the principle of Occam's Razor, making the fewest assumptions necessary to read a chart. Up to the present the standard ten planets, with their multitude of combinations, has served me quite adequately in this respect.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): It really doesn't matter much whether the *Forum* is monthly or bi-monthly, so long as it continues! Monthly issues make it quicker to get answers to correspondence, but an issue every two months would make life easier for you.

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.): Thank you for another edition of *Astrologers' Forum*, which makes very good reading. I am sure that no one would object to your suggestion of a bi-monthly owing to your pressure of work, and meeting such a tight deadline. After all, a bi-monthly is better than nothing if at any time you felt that you could not carry on at the same pace.

As there was no mention in the *Forum* of Dr. Dean's decision re divulging the birth time of the last Rectification Exercise, are we to assume that the matter is now closed? If so, it is discreditable, and will not enhance his reputation.

I think the new Rectification Exercise is very good, and applicable to the objectives of the *Forum*. I hope these exercises will become a regular feature.

Editor: As Dr. Dean has not responded to my request to disclose the birth time in question, it must be assumed that he does not intend to do so. With the current and future Rectification Exercises no such difficulty should arise.

From CLAIR BUNNETT (VIC): I found the analysis of the Chinese situation very interesting. Also, at this time, it is interesting to note the shifts in the USSR-Sun in Scorpio this year and also in 1990 (USSR born 7th November 1917).

I think a double issue of *Astrologers' Forum* every month would be all right. It might sometimes allow you to develop a theme that cannot be explored adequately in the short space of four weeks. The Chinese situation is a case in point, as the crisis there appears to be an on-going one.

From ROZ PARK (Eng.): Re ideas and suggestions for *Astrologers' Forum* - I can't think of anything. I'm happy to read what's printed. A double issue every second month is O.K. by me.

From RUDOLF SMIT (Netherlands): It would not be wise to change the *Astrologers' Forum* into a double issue each second month. One of the good qualities of the *Forum* is its regularity. One is looking forward to it! At the end of each month it should be there - when it is not there it causes a strange feeling, the feeling that things are not complete without the *Forum*. So whatever your workload, try to keep things the way they are - the *Forum* must remain a monthly.

Regarding rectification exercises, there is one very big problem: When no indication whatsoever is given for the birth time, that is, within a few hours at the least, one can produce a beautiful score for all given events, but the result can be way out nonetheless. I remember how, about five years ago, I attempted a rectification which seemed to turn out all right on all points - everything seemed to fit exceedingly well. Later on I saw the real birth time - I was several hours out!

Let me illustrate with one simple example: Everyone agrees when I state that a very heavy accident correlates pretty well with Progressed Ascendant in aspect with Mars? (Now I ignore other options, such as contacts of Progressed Ascendant with Uranus and Pluto). Well then, that aspect can be a conjunction, an opposition, a square (either way) or even, under some circumstances, a trine. There we are - we have already five possibilities for Natal MC's which could match these five different Progressed Ascendants. Consequently, these five different Natal MC's can be placed anywhere in the Zodiac, hence there are five birth times placed widely apart over a time span of 24 hours.

It is also well possible that a test of other events might seem to yield good correlations with almost any of these five birth times. So which one is right?

Therefore, if there is not any indication as to the birth time (born in the evening, born in the early morning, somewhere between 1 and 4 pm, to name a few), as is the case with Mr. Jack Nicholls' subject, then the chances for a successful rectification of this Chart will be very low. A reason why I always refused to attempt rectifications if no time indications were given. I considered them a waste of time.

Editor: I am glad to have readers' comments. My intention is to maintain monthly publication of *Astrologers' Forum*, though I may occasionally have to deviate from this policy. The present Issue has been produced under difficulty, your Editor during the last three weeks having been afflicted by recurrent malaria and a series of other inconvenient maladies. The astrological connotations in my Chart are p.Mars opposite Pluto, p.Moon square the Ascendant, and (the trigger) Sun/Moon conjunct Saturn. While being semi-*hors de combat* I had time to make plans for the future, with a view to the best use of my remaining years. Changes to reduce pressure are being made, but they do not, and will not, involve relinquishing this publication. I am persuaded, by the feedback I receive, that it is serving a useful purpose in the field of current astrological literature.

I thank those kind friends who learned of my physical trials and have expressed their sympathy and good wishes.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 25th July 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE CHINESE HORROR

Dominant in the world news over the last weeks has been the horror and tragedy that has overtaken China. The ruthless massacre of students and workers in Beijing on Saturday the 3rd of June has appalled the world. This enormous country, with its centuries of civilization and culture, has descended, temporarily we hope, into barbarism. The latest dire news is that mass arrests are being made of the leaders and activists, and that many are already reported to have "disappeared". Friends of China watch in sorrow as the tragedy unfolds.

Astrology reveals that the full story is not yet told. I am glad to have the following communication from that experienced and respected astrologer, Allan Johnson, formerly of Sydney and now resident in Tasmania.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (Tas.): Events in China are very much in the news. The Chart I use for China is from Fowler's Compendium of Nativities and is for 3:15 pm, 1st October 1949, Beijing. This puts the Sun in the 8th House square Uranus, and Mars/Pluto conjunct square Venus. Both of these patterns are being activated right now by heavy Transits and Progressions. It is a good case for Secondaries. The Progressed Sun squares Pluto, and of course this activates the whole Mars/Pluto conjunction - much related to ruthless violence. At the same time transiting Pluto is within orb of the square to Mars, and will make the exact square in October, and to its own Natal position at the end of the year. In so doing it will be exactly conjunct the Progressed Sun. So we are getting a remarkable dovetailing. There is a lot of potential here for massive violence continuing throughout the rest of the year and into 1990.

But this is only part of the picture. The Progressed Venus is exactly on 4° Capricorn, opposite Natal Uranus and activating

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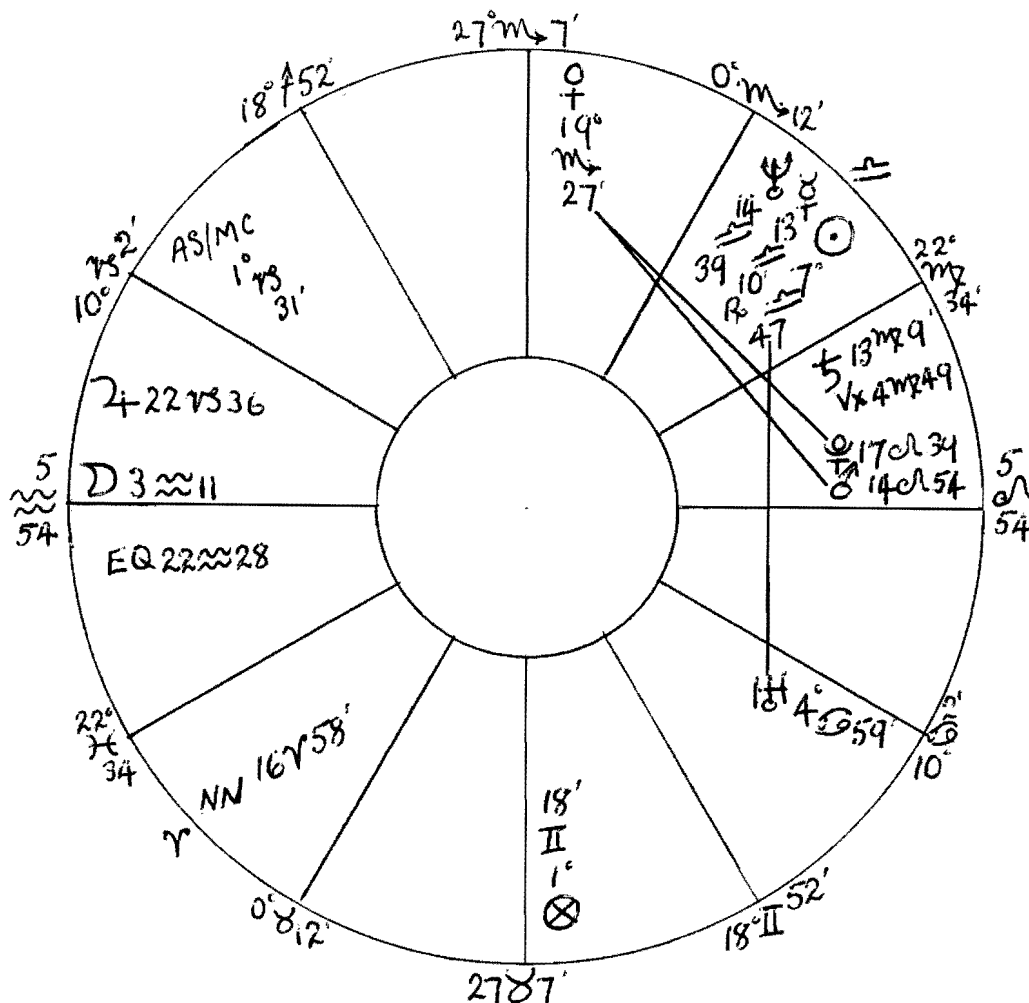
the drastic Sun square Uranus from the 8th House (death). At the end of the year Uranus will be exactly opposite its own Natal position, and in 1990 go on to square Natal Sun. The Progressed Moon is also conjunct Uranus in July, sparking the whole thing off. To add to the confusion and instability the transiting Saturn/Neptune conjunction will be within orb of the square to the 8th-House Mercury/Neptune. This is an incredible synchronization of factors. Secondary Progressions and Transits are dovetailing together in a most dramatic way. So all this suggests that the current revolts (writing this on 7th June) won't easily be curbed, but could be confronted with a major revolutionary situation that could change the whole future of China. It all lines up.

There is an interesting parallel with the life of a human being. The present regime in China comes to its 40th birthday later this year. So the crisis that has hit it parallels the "mid-life crisis" of a person. This suggests that the whole upheaval could extend over several years. And another parallel: The Progressed Sun is going through the second decanate of Scorpio - the Pisces decanate. In human terms, I have found this a most vulnerable and unstable period, probably the worst one can have.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1st October 1949, 3:15 pm (UT 7:15)

Peking (now Beijing), 39N55, 116E23. Placidian Cusps.



This Chart of the People's Republic of China is drawn from *Mundane Astrology* by Baigent, Campion and Harvey, and agrees with the source quoted above by Allan Johnson. For the interest of readers, and to assist them in following future events with their astrological correlations I have appended a list of Progressed Aspects, both direct and converse, together with brief suggested interpretations.

**PROGRESSED AND REGRESSED ASPECTS
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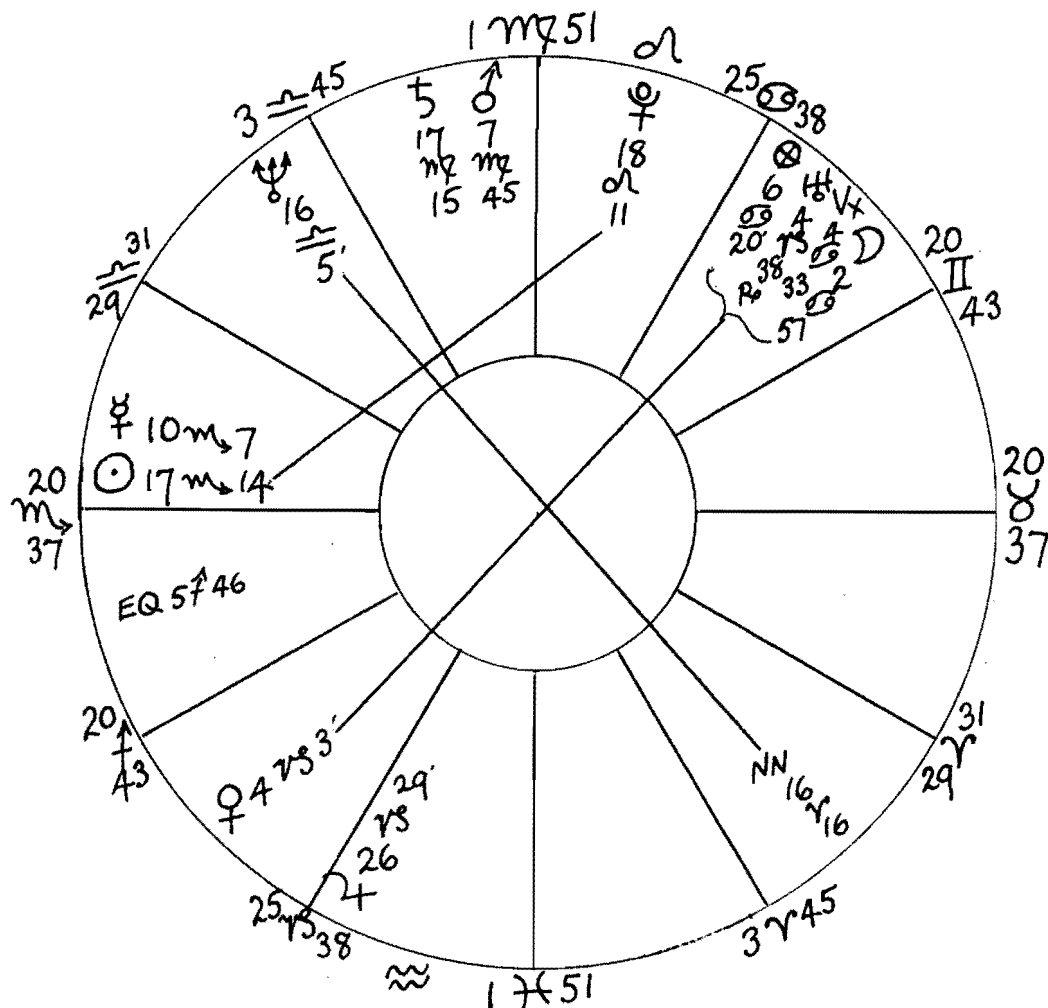
"p." = Progressed, "re." = Regressed (Converse). "PAR." = Parallel, "C/PAR" = Contra-parallel. A Midpoint between two Significators is shown in the usual way with a stroke (/).

re.Moon conj. Sa/Ur May 15, 1989: Moon 9Le04 Sa/Ur 9Le04.
Strain and tension among the populace.

MOON SEMISQUARE PLUTO May 22, 1989 Moon 2Cn39 Pl 17Le39.
Mass demonstrations of students (Pluto ruling the Natal 9th House).

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In Tiananmen Square, Peking (now Beijing), 39N55, 116E23.
Placidean Cusps.

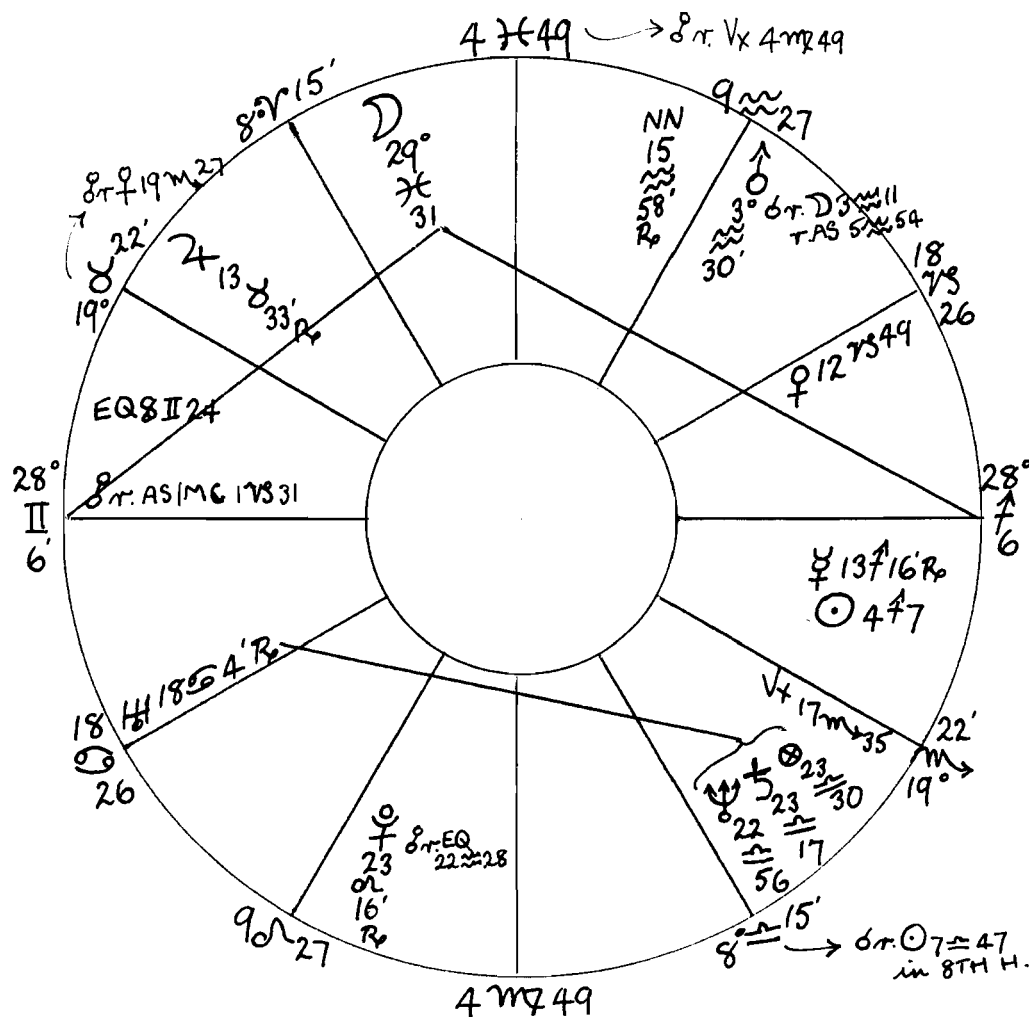


It will take China many years to rehabilitate her image in the eyes of the rest of the world.

CHINESE REPUBLIC - SYNODIC RETURN NO.39

PERIOD 1ST OCTOBER 1988 - 1ST OCTOBER 1989

Synodic Date 26 Nov 1952, 10:19:59 GMT, Beijing. Placidian Cusps.



There are several striking features about this Chart:

1. The MC at 4Pi49 is *exactly* opposite the Radical Vertex at 4Vi49, showing that China has reached a critical and fateful point in its history.
2. The Ascendant at 28Ge6 is opposite another fateful point - the MC/ASC Midpoint at 1Cp31.
3. Other significant Inter-Chart Cuspal indicators are the 12th Cusp (imprisonment, etc.) at 19Ta22 opposite Radical Venus (19Sc27), which is square Pluto and Mars, and rules the "House of Death"; the 5th Cusp (students, etc.) at 8Li15 conjoins the Radical Sun at 7Li47 in the "Death House" squared by Uranus and conjunct Neptune.
4. In the Synodic Chart itself, the Moon, representing the people, at 29Pi31 squares the Asc-Des axis, 28Ge6-28Sg6. (The people's struggle).
5. Mars in the "Death House" at 3Aq30 conjoins the Radical Moon at 3Aq11 (lethal military action against the people). This effect of this conjunction is enhanced because it falls on the Radical Ascendant.
6. Uranus (tanks and military machines in general) retrograde at 18Cn4 is on the 2nd Cusp, opposite the "Death Cusp" at 18Cp26, and squared by Saturn and Neptune conjoined in the 5th House (students).

Two other Cyclic Charts, though not reproduced here are also of interest: The SOLAR RETURN Ascendant at 14Le59 conjoins Radical Mars and Pluto, and there is a T-Square involving the Sun, Mars and Neptune.

In the AGE HARMONIC CHART the h.Sun closely opposes the Radical Moon and Ascendant and the h.Moon; the h.8th Cusp is almost exactly conjunct the Radical Sun; h.Mars squares r.Mars and Pluto and h.Venus, ruling the 8th House; and the h.Vertex falls on the Radical 12th Cusp.

All the Cyclic Charts, as well as the Progressed Quotidian Chart, have relevant positions and aspects. I think perhaps the Synodic Return is the most apposite. I have found this Chart to be singularly useful in personal applications also.

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Su/Pl square p.Moon May 24, 1989: Su/Pl 2Li42 Mo 2Cn42.
Threats of suppression of the people by the authorities.

re.Mo/No square Saturn May 28, 1989: Mo/No 13Ge09 Sa 13Vi09.
Restrictive measures (martial law) against gatherings of the populace.

Ve/Ma square Ascendant June 1, 1989: Ve/Ma 58c54 Asc 5Aq54.
The people express the intensity of their feelings.

SUN SEXTILE p.SATURN June 2, 1989: Sun.. 17Sc15 Sa 17Vi15.
The Government of elderly men decides on firm action.

re.MOON PAR. re.MARS June 2, 1989: Mo... +22 43 Ma + 22 43.
The Army is ordered to put down the demonstrations by force.

MERCURY STAT. 28Ta10 CONJUNCT 4TH CUSP 27Ta7 June 5, 1989.
Tiananmen Square becomes a scene of carnage in the massacre of students on June 3. (Natal Mercury in 8th House: Mercury, students and young people generally; 8th House, death; 4th House, graveyard).

MOON SEMISQ. p.PLUTO June 7, 1989: Mo... 3Cn11 Pl 18Le11.
Ruthless measures against the people.

re.Mo/MC conjunct Sat. June 16, 1989: Mo/MC 13Vi09 Sa 13Vi09.
Mourning of the people. The grief of bereavement.

Moon square Ve/Pl June 18, 1989: Mo... 3Cn33 Ve/Pl 3Li33.
Intense emotions of the people.

Mo/Ur Opp. p.Venus June 18, 1989: Mo/Ur 4Cn06 Ve... 4Cp06.
Anxiety among academics, and fears for their safety (Natal Venus in 9th House).

re.MOON PARALLEL PLUTO June 23, 1989: Mo.. +22 56 Pl.. +22 56.
Purges and ruthless measures against the people (Natal Pluto conjunct Mars square Venus, co-ruler of 8th).

TRANSITING [SA CONJUNCT NE] 11Cp14 CONJUNCT 12TH CUSP June 24, 1989.
Suffering of the people.

MOON OPPOSITE p.VENUS July 5, 1989: Mo... 4Cn09 Ve... 4Cp09.
Loss of academics by death and flight (Venus in 9th, ruling 3rd House
and co-ruling 8th. 9th House, academics; Opposition aspect,
separation, loss; 3rd House, flight; 8th = death).

Ascendant square Su/No July 6, 1989: Asc.. 12Ar22 Su/No 12Cn22.
Action against leaders of dissident groups.

NEPTUNE C/PAR. p.ASC July 10, 1989: Ne... -4 54 Asc +4 54.
Death and disappearance of intellectuals (Natal Neptune conjunct
Mercury in 8th House; Contra-parallel = loss, separation).
re.MOON PAR. re.PLUTO July 15, 1989: Moon +23 9 Pl +23 9.
Purges, executions, ruthless vengeance (see June 23).

MOON CONJUNCT p.URANUS July 19, 1989: Moon 4Cn38 Uranus 4Cn38.
Strain and tension among the populace, in state of suppressed
rebellion.

re.Su/Mo conjunct Pluto July 20, 1989: Su/Mo 17Le39 Pluto 17Le39.
Repressive and ruthless measures by the authorities.

re.MOON SEMISQ.re.MERC. July 22, 1989: Moon 6Le26 Merc. 21Vi26.
The media used for propaganda.

PLUTO STAT. 12Sc22 SQUARE MARS 14Le54 , July 23, 1989.
Violence and cruelty by the authorities on a large scale.

MOON CONJUNCT URANUS, July 29, 1989: Moon 4Cn59, Uranus 4Cn59.
Sudden new developments; shock; movement of tanks.

re.Sun conjunct Ma/Sa, Aug. 1, 1989: Sun 29Le01, Ma/Sa 29Le01.
Death of a prominent leader. General unrest.

re.Mo/Ur conj. re.Mars, Aug. 3, 1989: Mo/Ur 19Cn58, Ma 19Cn58.
More violence and many injuries.

re.MOON OPPOSITE ASC, Aug. 4, 1989: Moon 5L54, Asc 5Aq54.
Criticism by China of foreign powers. A divided people.

TRANS. [JU.OPP.UR.] 1Cn47/1Cp47, OPP/CONJ AS/MC 1Cp31, Aug. 8 1989.
The Midpoint of the MC and ASC has been found to be significant in
precipitating events. This Jupiter/Uranus Opposition contacting it
will heighten tension between the authorities and dissident elements.

re.MOON C/PAR. re.ASC, Aug. 28, 1989: Moon +23 23, Asc -23 23.
re.MOON PAR.re.URANUS, Aug. 29, 1989: Moon +23 37, Uranus +23 37.
Both the above suggest a restless and unsettled populace.

re.Ve/Ne conjunct Sun, Aug. 30, 1989: Ve/Ne 7Li47, Sun 7Li47.
Occurring in the 8th House, this points to the death of a prominent
figure.

URANUS STAT. 1Cp20 CONJUNCT AS/MC 1Cp31 Sep. 10, 1989.
A startling development involving revolutionary change.

re.Su/Mo conj. re.Pluto, Sep. 15, 1989: Su/Mo 16Le36, Pluto 16Le36.
A critical phase, the Nation being torn by inner conflict.

re.Venus conjunct Ve/Ma, Sep. 20, 1989: Venus 2Li11, Ve/Ma 2Li11.
Passionate outbursts among "anti-social elements".

MOON OPPOSITE p.MC, Sep. 22, 1989: Moon 6Cn54, MC 6Cp54.
Resurgence of popular feeling antagonistic to the Government.

TRANSITING [JU.Conj.NE] 9Cp38 CONJUNCT 12TH CUSP 10Cp2, Oct. 1 1989.
re.Mo/As conjunct Nep, Oct. 8, 1989: Mo/As 14Li39, Nep 14Li39
re.Mo/Ne conjunct re.Sat, Oct. 10, 1989: Mo/Ne 8Vi10, Sat 8Vi10
Subversive schemes being plotted in secret.

re.MOON OPPOSITE MOON Oct. 13. 1989: p.Moon 3Le11, r.Moon 3Aq11.
A people divided against itself.

MOON SQUARE SUN, Oct. 18, 1989: Moon 7Cn47, Sun. 7Li47.
Internal resistance to authority, and external disharmony with foreign countries.
re.Su/Ne conjunct re.Mer, Oct. 22, 1989: Su/Ne 21Vi03, Mer 21Vi03.
Death sentences and executions (8th House).

MOON SEXTILE p.MARS, Oct. 23, 1989: Moon 7Cn58, Mars 7Vi58.
Anger of the people.

SUN SQUARE PLUTO, Oct. 27, 1989: Sun 17Sc39, Pluto 17Le39.
Exercise of tyrannical power by the authorities.

JUPITER STATIONARY 10Cn52 CONJUNCT CUSP 12, 29 Oct. 29, 1989.
Growth of secret anti-government groups.
re.MOON C/PAR. Moon, Nov. 12, 1989: re.Moon +24 23, r.Moon -24 23.
TRAN. [SAT CONJ.NEP] 10Cp21 CONJUNCT CUSP 12, Nov. 13, 1989.
TRAN. [JUP OPP.NEP] 10Cn23/10Cp23 ON 6TH-12TH AXIS, 10Cn2/10Cp2, Nov. 14, 1989.
Great increase in the number of those imprisoned, and in secret "trials" and persecutions.

re.Ma/Pl opposite Moon, Nov. 23, 1989: Ma/Pl 3Le11 Mo 3Aq11.
Violence against many members of the public.

re.MERCURY SESQ. ASC, Nov. 28, 1989: Mercury 20Vi54, Asc 5Aq54.
re.Su/Ur conjunct re.Mo, Nov. 29, 1989: Su/Ur 1Le20, Moon 1Le20.
Much agitation and disturbance.

re.Ma/As conjunct Sun, Dec. 5, 1989: Ma/As 7Li47, Sun 7Li47.
re.Su/Mo conjunct Mars, Dec. 5, 1989: Su/Mo 14Le54, Mars 14Le54.
Many public executions.

ASC QUINCUNX SATURN, Dec. 8, 1989: Asc 13Ar09, Saturn 13Vi09.
ASC OPPOSITE MERCURY, Dec. 10, 1989: Asc 13Ar10, Mercury 13Li10.
Harsh repressive measures, accompanied by Government propaganda.

VENUS OPPOSITE p.URANUS Dec. 13, 1989: Venus 4Cp37, Uranus 4Cn37.
Sudden action against cultural groups and societies.

SATURN PARALLEL NODE, Dec. 18, 1989: Saturn + 6 40, Node + 6 40.
Harsh restrictions on gatherings.

MOON CONJUNCT 6TH CUSP, Dec. 22, 1989.
Emphasis on work and productivity.

- Dymock.

NEW RECTIFICATION EXERCISE

JACK NICHOLLS (Vic.) has submitted the following data for readers to essay a Chart Rectification. Jack has guaranteed disclosure of the correct time after the entries are in. The closing date is 10th August 1989, which will give readers about six weeks to make their attempts. Send your entries to Jack Nicholls at 109 Highfield Road, Camberwell, Victoria, Australia, 3124.

Female born at Melbourne (144E58,37S49) on 5th August 1950

Life Events:

1. 16 Feb 1922 Father born.
2. 22 Dec 1923 Mother born.
3. 1 Feb 1956 Moved to Tasmania (147E9, 41S27).
4. 1 Jan 1961 Returned to Melbourne.
5. 1 Jul 1966 Godmother moved in with family. Close relationship with subject, and exercised big influence on her.
6. 9 Aug 1970 Met future husband (born 20th March 1956).
7. 14 May 1971 Married.
8. 9 Sep 1974 Daughter born.
9. 10 Sep 1974 Fall in hospital; broke front tooth, obtained financial compensation from hospital.
10. 14 Oct 1975 Mother required emergency operation to have gall bladder removed.
11. 12 Jan 1976 Elective surgery to have nose remodelled.
12. 1 Feb 1976 Husband involved in major car accident; passenger killed husband injured.
13. 1 Aug 1977 Broke leg in skiing accident; compound fracture; flown to hospital by helicopter. Well-loved brother had mental breakdown.
14. 17 Oct 1977 Marriage separation.
15. 27 Oct 1978 Brother had second mental breakdown.
16. 24 Jun 1979 Went to Divorce Court for first time; handled her own case.
17. 27 Mar 1980 Elective surgery for breast reduction.
18. 7 Apr 1981 Second marriage - husband born 5th October 1947.
19. 6 Sep 1981 Change of residence, which was very important to subject.
20. 30 Mar 1982 Son born.
21. 4 Jun 1982 Daughter born.
22. 17 Oct 1984 Handled her own case re maintenance for daughter from first marriage, and won.
23. 12 Dec 1986 Well-loved godmother referred to in item 5 died.
24. 26 Feb 1988

All events occurred in Melbourne, other than items 3 and 13. The Skiing accident was at Mt. Hotham (147E15, 36S58) at about 10 am. The subject is presently a housewife but was previously engaged as a receptionist in a variety of fields. Her height is 5'7", heavily built, pale complexion with medium blonde hair. She is very healthy.

Pressure of work has forced me again to combine two Issues of *Astrologers' Forum* in one. I should like to hear from readers whether they prefer an Issue each month, or a double Issue each second month, and also how they think this publication could be improved. Ideas and suggestions will be welcomed.

- Dymock, 25th June 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE SALMON RUSHDIE AFFAIR

One of the most extraordinary events of our time occurred on 15th February when the Iranian Leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini, passed sentence of death on the novelist Salmon Rushdie, for blasphemy against the Islamic religion. I doubt whether there is any parallel in modern history for an act of this nature - a Head of State commanding the execution of a foreign national. Not only that, but the Ayatollah has offered a reward of \$2,600,000 to any Iranian who carries out the sentence. The amount of the reward was immediately doubled by patriotic Iranians. A lesser sum, but still huge (\$1,000,000) is to be the reward to any Non-Iranian who performs the execution.

Rushdie is resident in Britain and, his apology not having been accepted, has been forced to go into hiding. The international repercussions have been momentous: Apart from the USA condemning the action of the Ayatollah, Britain and a dozen other European countries have cut diplomatic ties with Iran.

The main interest from the astrological point of view is the Horoscope of Salmon Rushdie, and the planetary factors related to his incurring the wrath of Islam.

According to Rushdie's own account, given in a television programme, he was born at Bombay on the 15th of August 1947 at 12 midnight, coincident with India's gain of Independence. His Birth Chart appears on Page 2. A striking feature is the stellium of six planets in the Sign Leo at the lower Angle of the Chart. But what would cause him to bring down on his head the murderous rage of a nation?

We see the answer in the 4th House of the Chart: The Moon applies to the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn in close order, all three being conjunct the 4th Cusp/opposite the MC. Pluto conjunct Saturn is a prime Significator of international terrorism - which is what the Ayatollah's edict amounts to - and the occupancy of the Sign Leo gives weight and authority to the conjunction. Pluto rules the 7th House (open enemies),

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and Saturn's rulership of the 9th House shows that the threat comes from a foreign country. Pluto and Saturn also afflict Venus, which is Rushdie's planetary Ruler, as it governs the Sign Taurus on the Ascendant. This gives the affliction a still more personal and dangerous note.

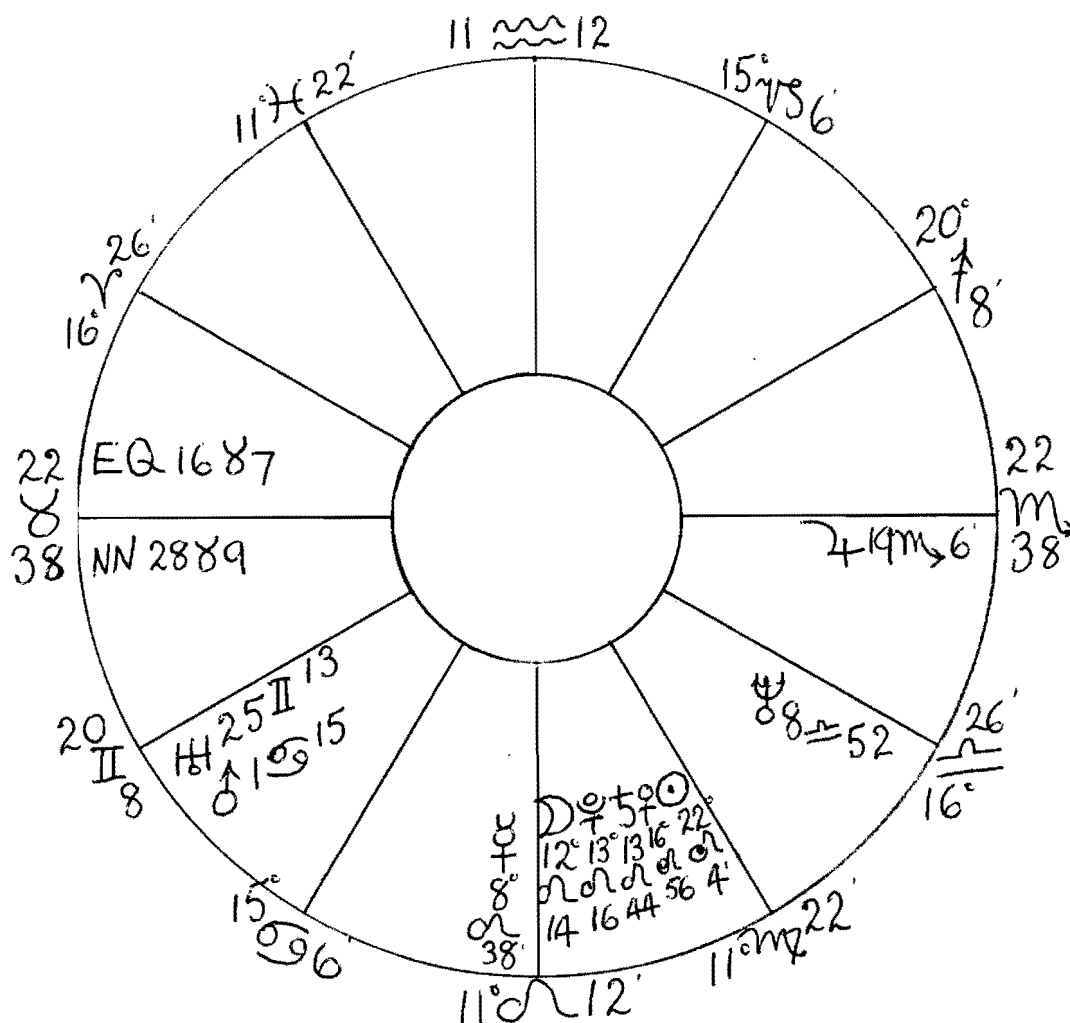
The close sextile (orb 14') between Mercury and Neptune typifies Rushdie's profession of novelist. Using the Horary-Astrology technique of "translation of light", we see that the Moon applies from the conjunction of Mercury to the conjunction of Pluto and Saturn, that is Rushdie's writings bring him terror (if not destruction) and restriction. (He is currently in hiding, under police protection, somewhere in the U.K., and consequently limited in his movements.)

Rushdie is 41, and it is revealing to examine the Cyclic Charts and Progressions for the current perilous period of his life. The Harmonic Chart for his 41st year is on page 3. The Ascendant and Intermediate Cusps are derived from the Harmonic Midheaven and set for the latitude of Bombay.

The Chart demonstrates the effectiveness of Age Harmonics. What stands out immediately is the conjunction of the Sun and Pluto at 4Gem56 and 4Gem8 respectively, both closely opposed to the Ascendant degree at 4Sag52. This is remarkably pertinent to the situation - the threat to Rushdie's life. It could hardly be more apt: The Sun and Pluto are, above all, descriptive of the Ayatollah and dictatorial power, and Pluto, as we have seen, is a planet of peril in

SALMON RUSHDIE

15TH AUGUST 1947, BOMBAY. 12 PM IST (UT 18:30). Placidian Cusps.



Jupiter square the Sun = trouble with the authorities.

The Moon separating from Mercury and applying to the close conjunction of Pluto and Saturn subjects Rushdie to coercion and limitation, even terrorism.

Mercury conjunct the Moon and close sextile Neptune = imaginative writing.

Mars semisquare Venus = danger of physical injury, since Venus rules the Ascendant.

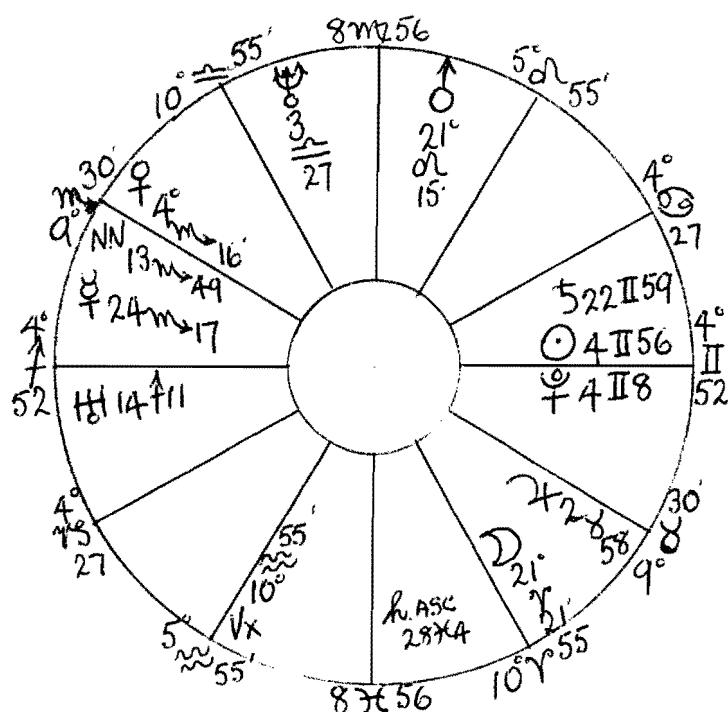
SIGNIFICANT MIDPOINTS:

Mars conjunct Mercury/Ascendant (orb 37') = Disputes, quarrelling. Risk of injury.

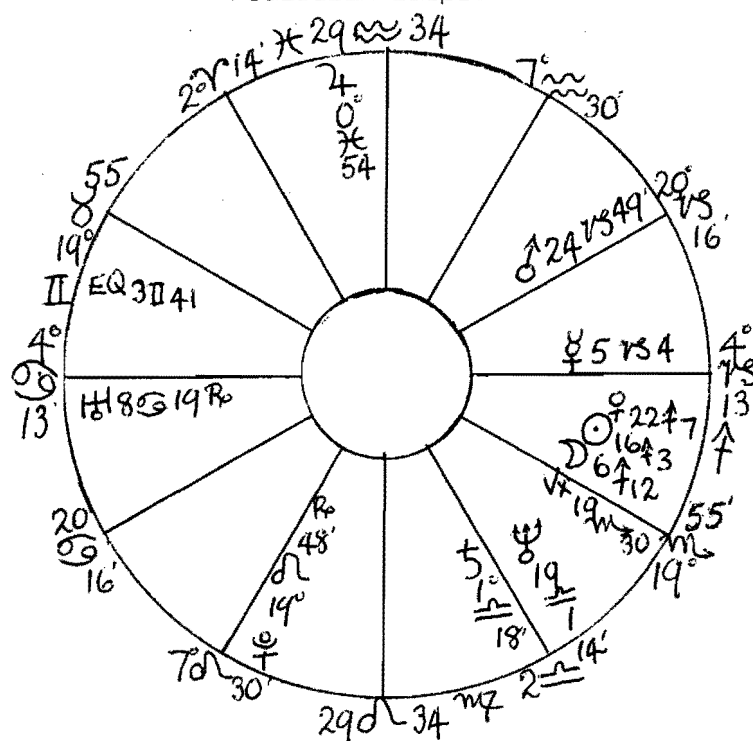
Mars conjunct Moon/Ascendant (orb 1° 11') = Conflicts; possible injury.

Rushdie's predicament is the more unfortunate as the stellium in Leo with Taurus on the Ascendant betokens a general kindness of nature and no deliberate intention to offend.

SALMON RUSHDIE: AGE HARMONIC 41
Operative 15th Aug 1988 - 15th Aug 1989
Ascendant and Placidian Cusps derived from
Harmonic Midheaven. Set for Bombay.



SALMON RUSHDIE: Synodic Return Chart 8th
Dec 1950, 16:59:51 UT. London.
Operating 15th Aug 1988 to 15 Aug 1989.
Placidian Cusps.



Rushdie's Nativity. Reinhold Ebertin describes the combination of Sun/Pluto/-Ascendant as, "Experiencing the ruthlessness of others, the crisis of self-preservation". Ebertin certainly hits the nail on the head here.

The Synodic Return corresponding to Rushdie's year from August 1988 to August 1989 (Ephemeris date 8th December 1950) is also given on page 3. For lack of better information regarding Rushdie's exact whereabouts when the furore was on, the Chart is set for the latitude of London. Significant features here, reflecting the events of February, are Uranus rising opposite Mercury (mental shock), and Saturn at 1Lib18 square Natal Mars at 1Can15 (violence). The precision of this aspect makes it very powerful. The Ascendant at 4Can13 is conjunct Natal Mars, and might have been closer if the Chart had been cast for the precise location of Rushdie. Jupiter conjunct the Midheaven is indicative of the fame achieved through his book, *Satanic Verses*, that caused all the threats and controversy. Jupiter's close quincunx to Saturn shows that much of this publicity was of an unwelcome nature.

The Solar Return Chart for the same period, August 1988 - August 1989, (not illustrated) is also indicative, though less striking: Saturn, Uranus and Neptune rising

in a group just below the Ascendant, Pluto closely square Natal Mercury (death threats), and SR-Jupiter square SR-Mercury (orb 6').

Other than in the Cyclic Charts, what were the portents of this dramatic turn of events in Rushdie's life? The events were, in fact, foreshadowed by a series of powerful Primary Directions (Topocentric System), as listed below. The mathematically-exact dates are given, but it must be remembered that Primary Directions have an orb of influence running into months:

MARS SQUARE THE SUN, 25th Oct. 1988

NEPTUNE CONJUNCT THE SUN, 19th Jan. 1989

VENUS (RULER) SQUARE MARS, 1st Mar. 1989

In the **Secondary System** there was only the Moon progressed to the sesquare (135°) of Mars on 9th February, 1989.

Transits, which are useful for timing, were the Moon sesquare Mars on 9th February, and Uranus semisquare Jupiter on 14th February.

What of the future? Will the Ayatollah's hit-men find and destroy their quarry? Primary and Secondary Directions show a dangerous period at the end of this year.

By Primary Direction (Topocentric) Uranus squares Saturn, and by Secondary Progression the Ascendant conjoins Mars, both aspects occurring at the end of December this year. In view of the different ways of Progressing the Ascendant, I should explain that here the Natal Midheaven is Progressed by the Zodiacal Solar-Arc and the Progressed Ascendant is derived from the Progressed Midheaven so found and calculated for the Birth latitude.

The Quarterly Synodic Chart for the quarter 14th November 1989 - 14th February 1990 has Uranus opposing Mars across the Chart, and Pluto square to the Sun and opposed to the Moon in the House of Death and Danger.

The Solar Return of 15th August 1989 (at London) has Uranus on the 9th Cusp, opposite Natal Mars and opposite SR-Jupiter. Pluto is close to the Descendant in Scorpio and squares Natal Saturn and Pluto.

The Quarter 14th November to 14 February is certainly a time when Rushdie needs to be particularly on his guard.

SATURN/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION: PART 2

Continuing the analysis of the Saturn/-Neptune Conjunction from last month's *Astrologers' Forum*, here is a resume of what might be expected in the national field.

Saturn conjunct Neptune results in air travel disasters, of which there have been several tragic examples recently. In its technological aspect, the aircraft industry is associated with Uranus, but Neptune is linked to aviation through its association with infinite space. Saturn is operative in falls, crushing and mechanical defects.

Other occurrences that coincide with a Saturn/Neptune conjunction are the collapse of buildings and the undermining of foundations, cave-ins in coal mines and subterranean passages, falls from buildings, deaths through the non-opening of parachutes and injuries from elevators falling out of control.

Oil spills (for example, the huge Alaskan catastrophe) and illegal dumping of poisonous waste is another outcome of the Saturn/-Neptune conjunction. Sydney, has suffered much in this respect of recent weeks. Dumping of poisons in waterways has killed off thousands of fish (Neptune - Pisces).

In political life, Saturn/Neptune is associated with shady and corrupt practices, intrigue and behind the scenes manoeuvring, as well as secrecy and the cover-up of

unpleasant facts deemed to be damaging to the government.

A reflection of the Saturn/Neptune penchant for covert operations is the current spy scare in Australia, the Australian Security Intelligence Organization warning of a big spy build-up in this country and increased under-cover activity.

Affecting the 5th House of a National Horoscope it is likely to be associated with monstrous births (Siamese twins).

Finally, the freak weather much of the world has been experiencing for months may be attributed to the three conjunctions of Saturn and Neptune this year.

The above list is not exhaustive, and readers are invited to contribute their own experiences in relation to the Saturn/-Neptune conjunction. If publication is not desired, please say so. The extension of astrological knowledge and the advancement of individual skill is greatly helped by the recording of life experiences in relation to astrological factors. - Dymock.

THE RECTIFICATION EXERCISE

GEOFFREY DEAN reports that ten astrologers participated but none came within an hour of the correct time. Geoffrey has not disclosed the actual time of birth, as he wants to use the same data again. I have asked him to let us know the birth time in this particular case in order to keep faith with the astrologers who essayed the Exercise, and also to help them improve their rectification techniques.

I think the failure of any of the contestants to find the time of birth is due to the lack of information that would normally be available in practice, e.g.:

- (1) The type of work the native performs.
- (2) His/her physical appearance - tall or short, heavily or lightly built, complexion, colour of hair, and maybe a specimen of handwriting.
- (3) Predisposition to ailments of any organ or part of the body - lungs, heart, stomach, kidneys, liver, bones, head, feet, etc.
- (4) The dates of birth of any person with whom the native has had a sexual relationship lasting a year or more.

The above ancillary information helps to find the Sign on the Ascendant, which makes the rest of the job, using the list of dates and events, very much easier.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock.

30th April 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN ELECTION, 4TH FEBRUARY 1989

The astrological forecasting of elections is always of interest, and in the past I have mentioned several ways in which this might be attempted. One can use the preceding Eclipse Chart, a chart for the closing of the polls, a Horary Chart and, of course, the Cyclic Charts, Progressions and Directions drawn from the Natal Horoscopes of the protagonists. Unfortunately these last are not always available. The preceding Solar Ingress Chart can also be referred to but I personally have not found it to be of much use. The preceding Solar Eclipse Chart is a powerful indicator provided it is close to the election date. The Lunar Eclipse is less valuable. The horoscope for the closing of the polls appears to be a good indicator all the time. Transits are useful, but unless they are very strong and definite it is unwise to rely on them alone. The Horary Chart is also reliable if it is cast by or on behalf of a person who has a real interest in the result, and is not just making an idle enquiry.

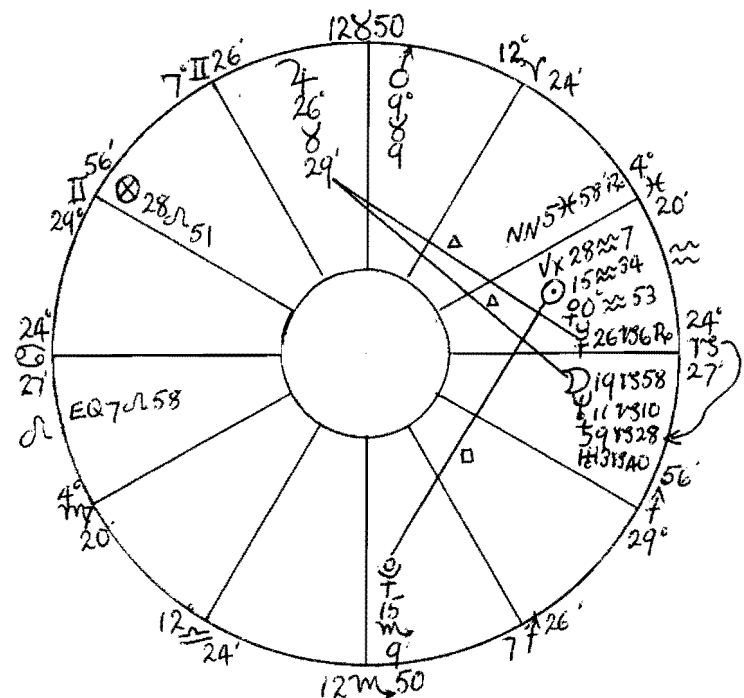
It is now too late for forecasting the West Australian Election, which was held on the 4th of February, other matters having occupied our attention at the time, but it is still instructive to look at the relevant astrological factors. The preceding Solar Eclipse fell on the 11th of September 1988 - about five months before the Election, too far away to be applicable. An inspection of the Chart does not yield any valuable pointers.

The Closing of the Polls Chart, however, does show the course of the events (see Map 1). We take the 1st and 10th Houses for the Government (Labour) in power prior to the Election, and the 7th and 10th Houses for the Liberal Opposition. Victory for the Government is shown by Jupiter in the 10th House trine to the Moon ruling the Ascendant, and trine to Mercury. Pluto conjunct the 4th Cusp (the Opposition's 10th) closely squared by the Sun, is on the contrary indicative of defeat for the

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Map 1. THE WEST AUSTRALIAN ELECTION
4TH FEBRUARY 1989
CLOSING OF THE POLLS, 6 PM AWST. PERTH, WA,
31 S 56, 115 E 50. Placidian Cusps.



Opposition. The chief Significator of the Opposition is Saturn. Lord of the Sign Capricorn on the 7th Cusp, and Saturn is very adversely placed, being "besieged" by Uranus and Neptune.

The close proximity of Mars to the Midheaven, opposed by Pluto, denoted a dangerous situation for the Government, and

the Election was, in fact, a very close-fought contest. Victory finally went to the Government through the preferences and postal votes (Mercury trine Jupiter).

HOW TO CALCULATE THE SYNODIC RETURN

I have been asked to describe the process of calculating the Synodic Return, which is one of the most valuable of the Annual Charts. Usually, in my predictive work for clients, apart from Secondary Progressions and Regressions, I use three Annual Charts - the Age Harmonic, the Synodic Return and the Solar Return. I rate their relative value in that order (Age Harmonic first), provided the birth time is accurate, otherwise the Harmonic Chart will give wrong House positions, though the Zodiacal positions of the planets will normally be sufficiently accurate. The point about using three Annual Charts instead of one is that though the Charts are in general agreement one of them will often highlight an area, circumstances or events that are obscure or not clearly defined in the other two. So one's understanding of the current situation and things to come is rounded out.

The Synodic Return Chart is relatively tedious to calculate, as compared with the Solar Return, for instance, but it is well worth the trouble. The ideal tool for the purpose is, of course, a suitably programmed computer, but a low-cost hand-held calculator will serve.

The Synodic Chart is based on the phase-angle of the Sun and Moon at the birth of the native, that is the Zodiacal distance of the Moon from the Sun in the order of the Signs. This phase angle is repeated every month after birth, and for the purpose of Annual Charts, each month after birth is taken to correspond to the same number of years after birth. Counting the Radical Phase Angle as 1, the Birth Chart in this respect referring specifically to the first year of life, the 10th recurrence of the Phase Angle will refer to the 11th year of life, that is, from age 10 to age 11, and the 35th recurrence will refer to the 36th year of life, from age 35 to age 36, and so on.

The procedure is to

- (1) calculate the Phase Angle of the Sun and Moon at birth,
- (2) find the Ephemeris date corresponding to the Synodic Return required, and
- (3) calculate the time on that date when the Phase Angle is the same as at birth. This will give the Universal Time of the Synodic Return, and a Chart can be erected for this time in the usual way, set for either the

place of birth, the place of residence, or elsewhere. It is still to be determined which of these places is the most indicative, and though I have calculated scores of Synodic Charts I confess I swing from one location to the other. The positions of the planets are, of course, the same in all the Charts, only the Cusps, the Vertex, the Equatorial Ascendant and the Part of Fortune being different. In a great many cases the place of birth and the place of residence, or the scene of the main action, are not very far removed from one another, so there is little difference to the House Cusps. The Synodic Charts of immigrants from overseas offer the best field for research in this respect.

METHOD

1. Calculate the exact Zodiacal longitude (down to seconds of arc) of the Sun and the Moon in the Radix, and the distance from the Sun to the Moon in the order of the Signs. As an example we will calculate the current Synodic Return for President George Bush, from the provisionally rectified Chart on page 8 of *Astrologers' Forum*, Issue 89, and reproduced here.

Longitude of the Sun, 21Ge20'58", = 81°20'58" (in absolute degrees from 0° Aries):

Longitude of the Moon, 17Li43'59", = 197°43'59".

The angular distance from the Sun to the Moon in the order of the Signs is therefore 116°23'1" (197°43'59" - 81°20'58").

2. George Bush turned 64 on the 12th of June 1989. So for the current year, the year in which he was elected President of the USA, we want the Synodic Return No 64.

There are 12.3682676 Synodic Returns in a year. If we use the calculator to divide the age, 64 years, by 12.3682676 we get the answer 5.174532284 years.

This figure has to be added to Bush's birth date to get the approximate date of his 64th Harmonic Return.

3. Here it is convenient to decimalize the birth date, as follows:

(a) Take the number of days first and subtract 1. (12 - 1 = 11). Divide this by 30.4 (the average number of days in a calendar month) to get a fraction of a month: $11/30.4 = .361842105$ months.

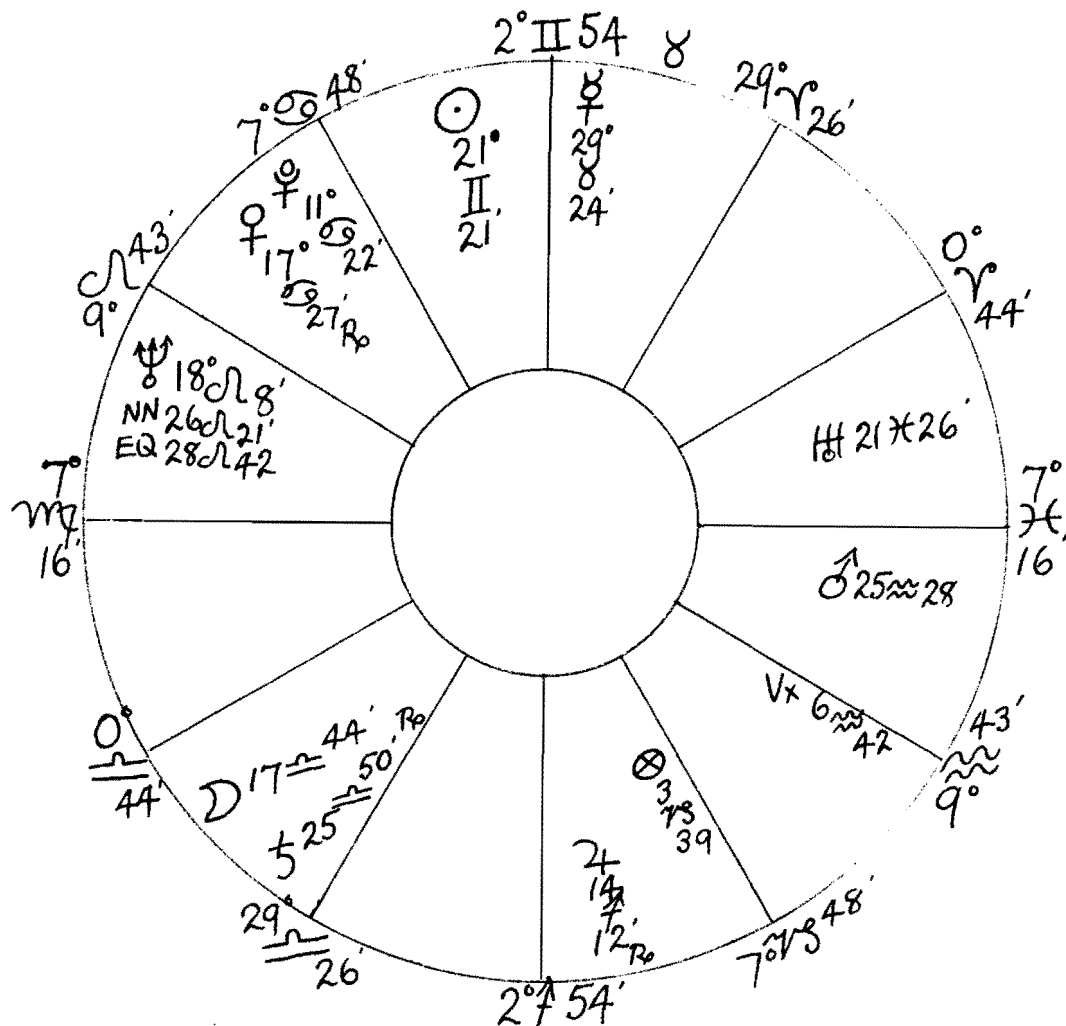
(b) Take the number of months (6 for June), subtract 1 and add the fraction just calculated: $6 - 1 + .361842105 = 5.361842105$ months.

(c) Divide the months by 12 to get a fraction of a year, and add the result to the birth year: $5.361842105/12 + 1924 =$

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

Provisional Rectification

12th June 1924, at Milton, Massachusetts. 42N15, 71W05
This Chart for 11:25 am EDT (UT 15:25). Placidian Cusps.



1924.44682.

(3) To the decimalized date of birth add the number of years for 64 Synodic Returns (5.1745322284) above: $1924.44682 + 5.1745322284 = 1929.621352$. This is the **approximate** date of Bush's 64th Synodic Return. As it is only an approximate date it is not necessary to include the birth time in the calculation.

4. To convert the decimalized part of the date back to months and days, Multiply the fraction by 12 and add 1. The integer then gives the calendar month: $.621352 \times 12 + 1 = 8.456224$ (August). Take the fractional part of the months, multiply by 30.4 and add 1 to get the calendar day: $.456224 \times 30.4 + 1 = 14.8692096$, or 15th August.

So we look for Bush's 64th Synodic Return about the 15th August 1929. We may find it within two days either side of the calculated date.

5. **TEST** the calculated date by adding the Radical Phase Angle to the position of the Sun at 0-hours UT on 15th August 1929: $21\text{Le}40'23''$ ($141^{\circ}40'23''$) + $116^{\circ}23'1'' = 2583'24''$, or $186^{\circ}3'24''$. We see from the Ephemeris that the Moon reaches this position in the afternoon of the previous day, 14th August 1929, which, therefore, is the **correct Synodic Return Date**.

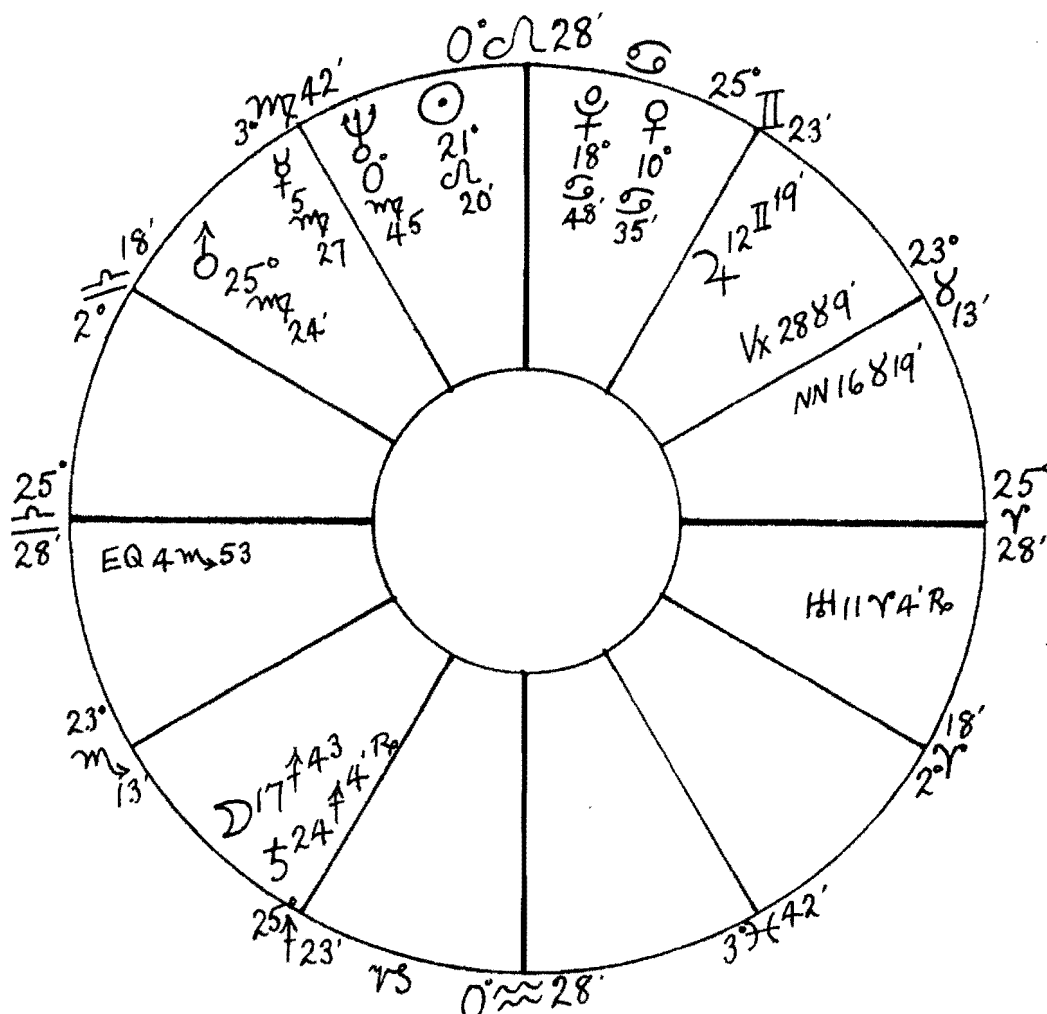
6. To find the exact **time** of the Synodic Return calculate the speed of the Sun and the speed of the Moon in the afternoon of 14th August 1929:

Sun at 24-hrs - Sun at 0-hrs. $21\text{Le}40'23'' - 20\text{Le}42'45'' = 0^{\circ}57'38''$.

Moon at 24-hrs - Moon at 12-noon gives the 12-hour rate of travel in the afternoon. Multiply this by 2 to obtain the comparable speed over 24-hours, so that it can be compared directly with the Sun's speed:

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH: SYNODIC CHART 64

For the year 12th June 1988 - 12 June 1989
14th August 1929, 15h24m46s UT, Milton, Massachusetts.



$(218^{\circ}56'57'' - 168^{\circ}1'46'') \times 2 = 11^{\circ}50'22''$.

7. From the above figures calculate the **acceleration** of the Moon over the Sun: $11^{\circ}50'22'' - 0^{\circ}57'38'' = 10^{\circ}52'44''$ (Moon's acceleration).

8. Take an arbitrary time on 14th August 1929 in the afternoon (the segment of the day when the Synodic Return occurs). say 6 pm UT, calculate the longitude of the Sun and the Moon for that time, and the phase angle between them:
Sun at 6 pm, $21^{\circ}25'58''$; Moon at 6 pm, $188^{\circ}59'21''$; phase angle (distance, Sun - Moon) = $117^{\circ}33'22''$. The difference between this adventitious phase angle and the Radical Phase Angle is $117^{\circ}33'22'' - 116^{\circ}23'1'' = 1^{\circ}10'22''$ too much. So our arbitrary time has to be reduced by the time it takes the Moon, at its acceleration speed, to travel $1^{\circ}10'22''$:

$1^{\circ}10'22'' / 10^{\circ}52'44'' \times 24 \text{ hours} = 2\text{h}35\text{m}14\text{s}$ (by calculator, of course).

9. Reducing the arbitrary time of 6 pm UT by 2h35m14s, we get **15h24m46s**, which is the exact time of George Bush's 64th Synodic Return on the 14th of August 1929.

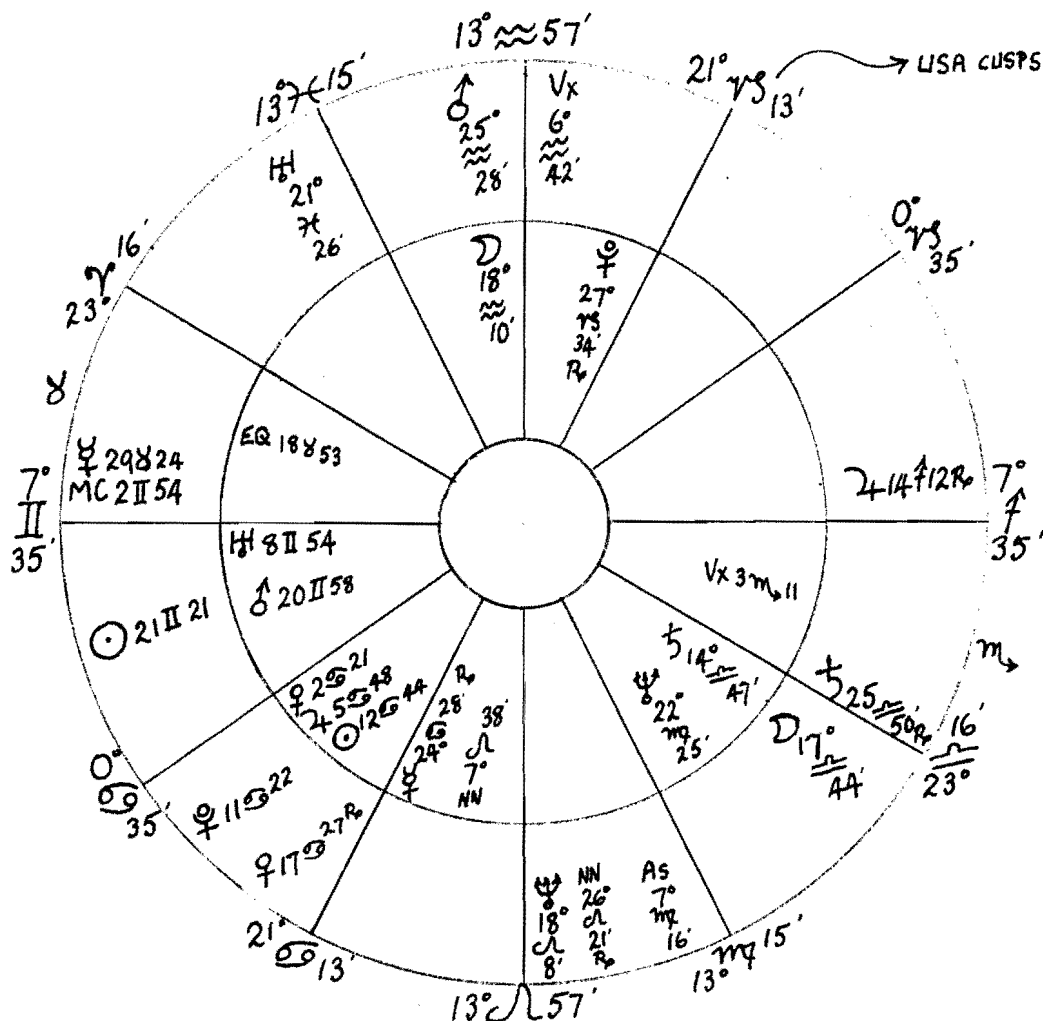
The Chart, calculated for the birth place, is reproduced here. A few comments are in order relative to its significance in this year of George Bush's acquisition of the Presidency: The Rising Degree, $25^{\circ}\text{Li}28$, is closely conjunct the President's Natal Saturn at $25^{\circ}\text{Li}50$, which itself forms a Grand Trine with the Sun and Mars in the Birth Chart, the Sun occupying the House of Status and Prestige. This elegantly portrays George Bush's acquisition of high office with its attendant responsibilities and duties (Saturn). The first degree of Leo

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH AND THE USA INDEPENDENCE CHART

Inner Circle: The USA Chart for 4th July, 1776

at 2:14:14 am LMT, Philadelphia .

Outer Circle: President George Bush, Natal Chart.



being at the Midheaven is symbolic of a man just entering upon a term of office. Further points of interest are:

- (1) The Synodic Moon conjunct Synodic Saturn and Radical Jupiter - again typical of elevation and responsibility.
- (2) Synodic Mercury (Ruler of the Natal 1st and 10th Houses) conjunct the Radical Ascendant.
- (3) the Synodic Vertex conjunct Radical Mercury. The Vertex here connotes a significant development in the native's career.

PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE USA CHART

The USA Chart is the one given (with reasons) in *Astrologers' Forum* Issues 57 (April 1986) and 65 (December 1986). There are several noteworthy inter-Chart aspects:

1. The President's Sun, and Moon form a Grand Trine with the Moon in the USA Map.
2. Pluto in the President's Map conjoins the USA Sun.
3. The President's Sun conjoins the USA Mars.
4. The President's Moon conjoins the USA Saturn.
5. The President's Jupiter closely sextiles the USA Saturn.

Readers are invited to submit their own ideas regarding the significance of these contacts, and of any other features they deem worthy of comment. The analysis can be bi-directional - the President's effect on the USA, and the effect of USA Chart on the President.

Please indicate if your remarks are not for publication.

THE SATURN/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION

Saturn and Neptune joined forces in the 12th degree of Capricorn on the 3rd of March this year. In November 1952 they were conjoined in the 23rd degree of Libra, and in July of the following year they both occupied the 22nd degree of the same Sign. They will be together again in the 11th degree of the Sign Capricorn on the 13th of November next. People born around the two former dates will certainly be experiencing their effects, more especially if the two bodies were Angular on an intermediate (Placidian) Cusp of the Birth Horoscope.

Hereunder, for easy reference, I summarize some of the effects of the conjunction under the heads Psychological, Physical, Occupational, Social, Circumstances and Events. The external effects in the mundane world are also particularly noticeable at present, as was to be expected, and these will be referred to also.

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL: If the conjunction is prominent in the Chart through being on an Angle, particularly if close to the Ascendant (whether above or below), it leads to an introspective frame of mind with much self-questioning and uncertainty. The native is often depressed, inhibited, anxious, worried in vague ways, lacking in self-confidence and subject to other negative moods - uncertainty, insecurity and dissatisfaction. He/she is interested in the occult side of life, and may experience a conflict between the spiritual/idealistic and materialistic nature.

The conjunction in the 12th House, favourably aspected by the Sun, Jupiter, Venus or Mercury, can indicate beneficial retirement or seclusion for thought and meditation, religious "retreats" and the like. It helps towards steadiness and powers of concentration in meditative practices, and tends to self-discipline through ascetic practices.

Those with the Saturn/Neptune conjunction in the Ascendant should avoid drugs, keep their thinking down to earth, and concentrate on the positive and practical aspects of life.

2. PHYSICAL: The most pronounced physical effect, particularly if the conjunction occurs in the 6th House, is chronic ill-health. It is likely to be obscure in origin, difficult to diagnose and treat. The native suffers from a general feeling of weakness and lack of stamina, with susceptibility to infection. Danger from toxic substances. Affections of the teeth and gums, or of the bone structure. Skeletal deficiencies. Indulgence in alcohol, smoking or drug is harmful. Mercury in adverse aspect indicates neurosis.

3. OCCUPATIONAL: Difficult problems. Undercover activities, covert operations. Secrecy and subterfuge. In the 10th, ambitious projects that may finally come to nothing.

4. SOCIAL: The conjunction in the 1st or 7th House will bring a type of person into the life who is in general detrimental to the well-being of the native. In the 7th House it produces entangling alliances, or a mate or partner who is unsatisfying and unfulfilling - unreliable or deceitful, afflicted in some way, drink or drug-addicted, or simply absent most of the time (especially if the conjunction is opposed to Venus). In general, the type of person indicated is a strange character, not conforming to the usual standards, disorganized, ineffectual, lazy and probably neurotic, sick,

or in poor circumstances. The conjunction in Pisces would produce the least desirable types unless, indeed, it is harmoniously aspected by Jupiter and Venus, which would greatly ameliorate any adverse effects and even indicate an elevated spirituality of nature. In the 1st House, this applies to the native himself and/or people met in the course of daily life; in the 3rd House, brothers and sister, neighbours and others in the immediate environment; in the 5th, lovers; in the 11th friends, acquaintances, well-wishers, and (for a professional man) clients. In the 12th House, secret enemies.

5. CIRCUMSTANCES: In the 1st House, depressed circumstances in early life. Insecurity. In the 12th, sacrifice called for, or voluntary renunciation.

6. EVENTS: Happenings such as separations and broken unions that cause emotional suffering. Undermining of relationships. If the conjunction is afflicted, danger from insecure buildings, subsidence of foundations, falls from heights, etc., air travel. At any time the conjunction is prominent in a Cyclic Chart, or is activated by Transit or Progression, the native would be well-advised to take precautions.

7. THINGS: In the domestic sphere, refrigerators and washing machines. Poisonous chemicals for cleaning or pest control. Noxious fumes. Hallucinogenic drugs.

EFFECT BY TRANSIT: In general, the transiting Saturn/Neptune conjunction in the personal chart means denial and frustration when it afflicts a Radical Significator by conjunction, opposition or square. For example, afflicting the Sun it brings loss of business and professional troubles; afflicting the Moon, marital disharmony and separateness; afflicting Jupiter obstruction by authorities and/or financial disappointments; afflicting Venus, unrequited love.

The effect of the House position of the Radical Significator must be taken into account. The Saturn/Neptune conjunction afflicting a planet in the 11th House will signify loss of a friendship and/or denial of a hope or wish.

The influence of the Saturn/Neptune conjunction in the national sphere will be presented next month. - Dymock.

The RECTIFICATION TEST

There is still time to attempt the Rectification test announced in the preceding Issues. Admittedly this is a difficult one, but the value lies in attempting it.

ROSS HARVEY has this to say about it: "I thought that twelve events were insufficient considering that the time was completely unknown, and...a time range of a couple of hours would be more appropriate if more information could not be provided. As it is, the rectification exercise is not really a fair test of any method, though still very much worth while anyone's participating in. If any one of us gets it right that will certainly suggest that the methods used may be valid. But if we all fail to get it right that will not necessarily mean our methods are worthless."

This Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* has been delayed through pressure of work. As it is late in appearing I have enlarged it to cover both January and February. I hope to produce the next Issue on time in March.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 16th March 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE

The latest horror to be visited on this Earth and its hapless peoples, was the disaster that overtook the cities of Spitak and Leninaken and adjacent districts of the Soviet Socialist Republics at 11 51 am on 8th December last. No doubt this calamity has engaged the attention of astrologers the world over, but the probability is that many of them would be tackling the subject from the wrong end - calculating a horoscope for the epicentre (Spitak) on the date and precise time of the quake, instead of looking for the antecedent warnings. As I have previously observed in these pages, there is little profit in analysing the Chart of the event. What the world needs are the Charts prior to the event that give warning of its imminence.

One such Chart - possibly the most important one - is that for the URANUS/SATURN CONJUNCTION of 18th October 1988 (see page 2). Uranus and Saturn are particularly associated with earthquakes, as they represent opposite forces, one pulling against the other and causing disruption and break-ups. The Chart is calculated for Spitak, though it would not vary much if set for any of the other major centres involved. It shows that, in this area of the Earth, at the time of the Conjunction Mars was half a degree below the Ascendant, square to the Conjunction itself only 2°11' from the Midheaven, and the Sun was square the Moon (orb 7'). Though the Zodiacal locations of the planets would be the same in any part of the globe, their mundane positions would not. The contact with the Angles is the effective factor, but hardly less so is a planet on an Intermediate Cusp (preferably Placidian, but Topocentric are only minutes further

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away). It does not escape notice that Pluto, the body associated with death and destruction on a grand scale, is conjunct the death Cusp and quincunx the Moon's North Node. Reinhold Ebertin's annotation for this link is "A tragic and common destiny shared with other persons" (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*). A further highly adverse feature of the Chart is the T-Square formed by the Saturn/Uranus Conjunction with Mars and the Vertex. The Vertex is a point particularly associated with fateful events. Here, its position right on the Descendant and linked with the Angular malefics is of special significance.

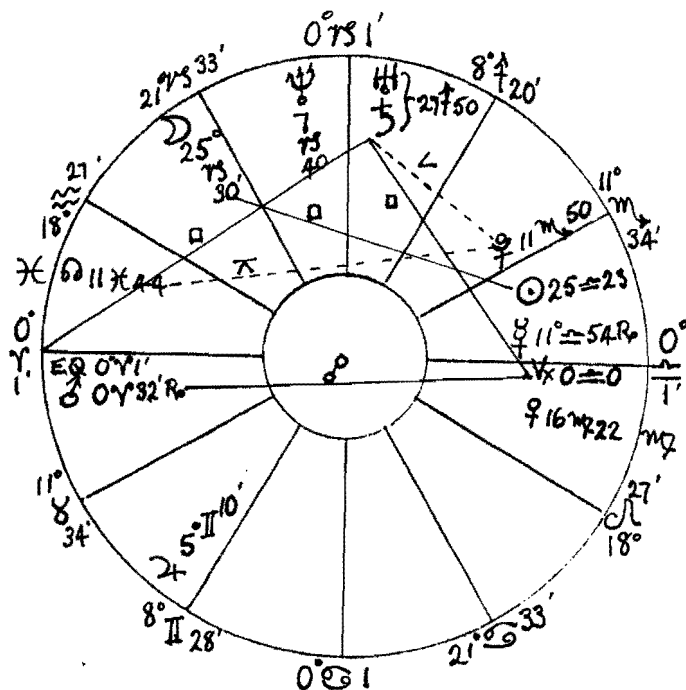
What remains when we find a Chart such as this for a particular area is to decide when the blow will fall. Probably, the Horoscopes for the foundations of the cities concerned would be the most useful indicators, progressed to the current date, but these Foundation Charts are not easily come by.

A natural method is to monitor the passage of the chief villains in the piece, Saturn and Uranus. As these bodies were so powerfully placed conjunct the Upper Meridian one might assume that their effects would be precipitated quickly. The earthquake actually occurred 51 days later, when transiting Uranus had reached 0°20' of Capricorn, just 19' past the exact square to the

Ascendant, Saturn having passed the square 26 days earlier - one blow after the other, producing a cumulative effect. Much work remains to be done in the prediction of earthquakes, nothing very definite or reliable having emerged so far. This should be a fruitful field for the dedicated researcher.

URANUS/SATURN CONJUNCTION

18th October 1988, 13:14:0 UT
Spitak, Armenia. 40N51, 44E16.
Placidus.



[As I write news comes to hand of a further devastating earthquake in Tajikistan, a part of the Soviet Union adjoining Afghanistan. This is the second big earthquake within two months. First reports are that two villages have been buried in mudslides and about 1400 people are dead.]

- Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (W. Germany):

Re Ross Harvey's Transit Analysis (*Astrologers' Forum* Issues 88/89) of his own Radix rectification, evaluated here according to confirmed traditional and advanced astrological rules.

1. 1966 Jan 18, Leaving Certificate. Mars tr. 20Aqu17 quincunx (not trine) Asc: Neither Neptune in trine to the Ascendant nor Mars is

psychologically suitable for this event. Pluto 23Can27 conjunct the Ascendant is also not necessarily characteristic for a Leaving Certificate if not supported by suitable planets (here erroneously supported by Mars and Neptune).

2. 1977, Jan. Without a precise day Transit analyses are not usual.

3. 1977, Dec. 12. Trip (1): Harvey suggests here the Transit Mars square MC, trying to justify this with Mars' rulership of the 9th House. This is psychologically as well as in view of the event absolutely impossible. Neither in Transits, Cycles or Directions can Mars - moreover in a square to MC - produce a normal or even happy voyage. The rulership, especially in Transits, has been found to be irrelevant.

4. 1978, Nov. 27. Trip (2): Here Neptune appears in a square and Saturn in a trine to Angles. No comment necessary (the trip was supposed to be a happy one!)

5. 1979, Aug. 18. Visit by woman friend: Venus s'sext. Asc is weak but appropriate. Mars sq. Asc and Saturn S'sext. Asc are not suitable for the event.

6. 1980, Sept. 13. Successful Exhibition: Venus 12Aqu44 is stationary for some days for the prenatal date (Mar. 7, 1918). However, there is an error - Venus has no aspect to the Asc 21Can44, but a contestable square to the MC. I myself have in my Natal Chart a splendidly situated Venus in Taurus in the 10th House. However squares of Venus to Angles have never produced events of full satisfaction. On the contrary, in connection with other aspects, they could produce failures.

7. 1982, Oct. 2. Successful Exhibition: Jupiter Opp. MC with a small orb is very characteristic and good.

8. 1983, Jan. 25. Portrait acclaimed. Mars Sq. 5th Cusp, Mars Sq. MC (prenatal), Uranus Sq. MC. Examples which because of their absolutely contradictory aspects and

symbolism are irrelevant.

9. 1984, August. Unsuccessful Exhibition: Irrelevant because no precise date is available.

10. 1984, Dec. 22. Trip to Europe: A conjunction of the Sun with the 5th Cusp. It should be at least the 3rd or 9th Cusp. My Prenatal Jupiter Conj. Desc. (orb 11') in my rectification is here very appropriate.

11. 1985. Loss of teaching hours: Saturn trine Asc is to a certain extent acceptable (psychologically). The criticized Jupiter aspect of mine may have resulted in another event on some other day (I did not demonstrate this event).

12. 1988, Mar. 28. Last day of teaching: Here a few of the published prenatal aspects are suitable for the event, such as Mars trine MC and Uranus Conj. Desc.

Harvey's Transits for the happy events: Mars (in the Radix with an almost exact square to r.Saturn) five times.

Saturn twice. Neptune twice. Pluto twice.

(1) A great number of contradictory aspects and planets have been used for the events.

(2) An impossible aspect (square) to the East Point had been suggested. The latter is a stereometric point that has no connection with the Ecliptic either in conjunctions or in other aspects. Besides this the EP is a very doubtful astrological tool.

(3) Events given to the months have been suggested.

However, all this the experienced astrologer would find out through analysis by himself, without my comment.

Comparison with my Transit test of my refined Radix rectification (A.F. 88/89, page 2)

For all 9 events, favourable, supposed to be happy and successful in general.

The appearance of suitable planets:

Sun, 3 times (3 harmonious major aspects)

Mercury, 3 times (3 harmonious major aspects)

Venus, 6 times (4 major aspects)

Jupiter, 8 times (7 major aspects)

Uranus, 3 times (3 harmonious major aspects)

A total of 23 probably effective aspects for 9 events, with 20 major aspects.

Saturn (1, harmonious). Neptune (1, harmonious)

No Mars. The four malefics are perhaps not all relevant for the events analyzed.

All aspects considered to the MC/IC and the ASC/DESC only. All this with suitable aspects and, in most cases, small orbs. Orbs of six close Jupiter aspects (50', 10', 9', 11', 36', 2').

In the mean time, most neutral, serious astrologers will have realized why I broke up the useless discussions with R. Harvey about his wrong rectification. This without taking into account his later published Transit test which, most readers will agree, speaks lack of experience and skill.

[Alexander agrees that his previously published Prenatal Transits for the date April 4, 1917, were wrong. (A.F. 88/89, P.2). Regarding the EP, this is better termed the Equatorial Ascendant, or EQ. It is the point that would appear on the Ascendant if the native were born on the Equator. Technically, it is the intersection of the horizon and the Prime Vertical in the East. Alexander's use of the term "stereometric" in this connection is obscure. If readers care to test the EQ in Progressions of their own charts and those of their friends or clients they will find, as I have, that it is certainly effective, operating like a second Ascendant. The EQ can be found quite simply and quickly from a Table of Houses, using 0-latitude instead of the birth latitude. - Ed.]

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.): Just as someone caught in quicksand is said to sink in further the more he struggles, the more Marr protests the more he emphasizes his lack of understanding of Astrology and, further, of basic investigative procedures. He is quite incapable of appreciating that, until he can convincingly demonstrate, using a variety of accepted astrological techniques, that the Chart for the given birth time is inadequate, he has no case at all for proposing any other time. In no field of investigation, be it History, Law, Science - or Astrology, is one entitled to simply ignore recorded evidence. One MUST first be able to demonstrate that that evidence is unsound. Marr still, despite my repeated protests, does not even acknowledge that this problem exists for him, let alone make any attempt to deal with it, and until he does, he is wasting everyone's time and further emphasizing his ignorance. Imagine a case where the principal suspect for a serious crime can produce written evidence that he was out of the country when that crime was committed. The police cannot

ignore that documentation and say "We know he's guilty, therefore he is." They must be able to show that that evidence is fraudulent before they can hope to convince a jury that the suspect did commit the crime - and when in some countries police do behave in that way, what they do is universally condemned in the free world as a monstrous perversion of justice.

Before Alexander can ever hope to be taken seriously again, he must be able to satisfactorily answer all the criticisms I have made of his methods - which he STILL fails to acknowledge - and also be able to demonstrate that my Chart for the given time does not work. If he wishes to introduce new techniques, such as his use of "MDO congruences", he must first be able to demonstrate that they occur in the way he expects in accurately-timed, UNRECTIFIED charts, not, as is his usual practice, in charts he has previously "rectified" with Topocentric P.D.'s, a method he has convincingly (to me, at least) shown to be outstandingly unreliable.

Marr's revised Transit list still proves nothing. He ignores the list of Stations I provided in the Last Forum that were without effect, even though they were in close aspect to his proposed Angles, and shrugs off the prenatal Station of Jupiter in July 1985, which was completely contrary to the events of the period, by saying that it "may have resulted in another event on some other day". REALLY!!! That way one can justify anything. As most readers would be aware, Transits, Stations excepted, are usually mainly of importance in *timing*, the principal nature of the period in question being given by Progressions, Cyclical Charts, Primary Directions and Harmonics.

The transits of Mars, for instance, which Alexander criticises, are perfectly appropriate if one remembers that, ON THEIR OWN, they indicate nothing more than excitement, stress and agitation. Mars quincunx Asc. on the 18th January 1966 (I'm not sure whether the slip - "trine" - was my mistake, or an editorial typing error) [my mistake - apologies. Ed.] is quite appropriate for the excitement of my receiving the unexpected good news.

Prenatal Pluto Stationary conjunct the Asc. is perfectly appropriate for my father's death, which occurred only four days later. (I think that the omission of the date - 22nd Jan. 1966 - may have been a typing error). [Yes. Again, apologies. - Ed.]

For the Transits for January 1977, Marr

complains about the lack of a precise date - I can't remember when I was notified of the job - but such precision is not needed for STATIONARY Transits, which can be effective up to a month from their date of exactitude if the planet is particularly slow-moving. In this case they are within ten days of the respective events. The Station of Mars in Dec. 1977 indicates the stress and excitement of my first long-distance flight, and of the first time I had left the country.

The Prenatal Station of Neptune in Jan. 1979 was perfectly appropriate for my meeting the lady in question - I can assure readers of that! Once again the Prenatal Transits of Mars and Saturn in Aug. 1979 were quite appropriate for the events in question - I experienced them, Alexander did not.

It should have been obvious that the Prenatal Station of Venus "to the Asc." was a misprint, as its position of 12Aqu44 was given (square MC). For the reception of the portrait on the 25th Jan. 1983 Mars square the Fifth Cusp once again indicated my apprehension of how the work would be received. Jupiter was conjunct the Fifth Cusp three days later (its omission seems to have been a typing error) [Yes, again. - Ed.], quite close enough for a comparatively slow-moving planet to have been effective.

The Transit of Saturn Opp. the MC during the last week of my Exhibition in August 1984 cannot be dismissed because of the lack of a precise date. Such a slow-moving Transit could have been effective for up to a couple of weeks from its date of exactitude, as indeed it was. The lack of major Transits for my last trip to Europe in Dec. 1984 should not surprise anyone - Transits simply aren't all that reliable. The PEA Primary Directions said it all - Neptune trine Asc. on the 6th Dec. 1984, Venus trine the Ninth Placidus Cusp on the 28th Jan. 1985, while I was away (one could scarcely do better than that!), and Converse Moon trine Asc on the 6th Jan. 1985. There were no Topocentric PD's for this event. Incidentally, I PREDICT that my next overseas trip will be in October/November of this year - PEA Uranus trine Ninth Cusp on the 28th Oct. 1989, and transitting Jupiter Stationary square Third/Ninth Axis on the 29th October 1989.

I think it worth pointing out that the best way to validate a chart is to try to DISprove it. If, using reliable methods, one cannot find any indications that are obviously wrong, the chart has a chance of

being right. As soon as one has found wrong indications, such as the Stationary Transits I listed for Marr's proposed Chart for myself, then that's that - it's wrong.

In his latest reply Marr proceeds as he is wont to do: He interprets data to suit himself, and ignores points that tell against his case, and which he presumably can't answer. This only serves to emphasize his lack of understanding of Astrology and of basic research procedures. He can have no hope of persuading anyone to take him seriously again unless and until he can satisfactorily answer the criticisms I first made six months ago, and have repeated, to no avail, on several subsequent occasions. His continuing protestations do him no service at all. They merely reveal his inability to follow a logical argument, and further, to see that his own methods are fallacious.

From KEN GILLMAN (New York): Ross Harvey is correct. In my rush to defend Alexander Marr against Harvey's shocking personal attack I did commit some errors of detail. This was inexcusable. I had interrupted other work to quickly write the letter, and made my calculations mentally without later checking them. My deepest apologies to the readers for this oversight.

By rights I should now shut myself away in a closet, my head hung in shame, never again to darken the pages of the *Astrologers' Forum*, but I'm shameless when the good name of a dedicated research astrologer, Alexander Marr, is mocked.

Ross Harvey is also correct when he suggests that I have an innate bias against Age Harmonics on theoretical grounds. Yes, I do. On empirical grounds also. Age Harmonics often appear to generate close conjunctions, oppositions, trines and squares for years when these seem to be appropriate. But similar exact aspects also seem to show up - at least in the charts I've examined - in years when they are obviously quite inappropriate. Observing this, I am biased.

Ross asks that Age Harmonics be disproved. Looking at the 64th Harmonic for George Bush's election to President of the United States, illustrated at the back of Issues 88/89 of *astrologers' Forum*, I wonder if it is so easy to disprove the concept.

We have for Harmonic 64 a close trine between Mars and Jupiter which, as every beginning student of astrology knows, signals victory, or at least the optimism and enthusiasm that invariably precedes a

victory. Had Bush lost we could observe that Jupiter is weak by Sign; but he didn't, so we don't. (Do we know what happened to Bush in 1956, the year my suspect mental-calculation says Age Harmonics generated an even tighter Mars-Jupiter trine, when the two bodies were also in mutual reception?)

We should similarly ignore Mercury, the Ruler of both the Midheaven and the Ascendant, being conjunct Neptune and as distant as possible from any Angle. That might suggest the enthusiastic pursuit of a delusion, which doesn't too frequently coincide with a victory; but it could also relate to the excitement Bush felt in attaining a life's ambition, to the low level of the campaign in general, to some undisclosed financial dealings, perhaps even to the laying of the new trans-Atlantic telecommunications cable.

The Sun/Uranus conjunction, close to the Ascendant that is generated from the Harmonic-Midheaven, opposite the Harmonic Ascendant, is probably a key aspect, but I suspect that I would have similarly misinterpreted it before the event. Even now I'm unsure if it is a Seventh or First House placement - obviously it has to refer to the dash and dazzle of George Bush if in the First House, or to an innovative refurbishing of the White House by the new First Lady, if in the Seventh; not, as I might have supposed, to a progressive, reforming opponent who would vitalize the Election (Seventh).

The interpretation of any astrological chart can be such a problem. One astrologer can argue this 64th Harmonic depicts a success, another that it illustrates failure. That here was a success does not necessarily mean this Harmonic showed it or that the Chart has any relationship whatsoever to events in this 64th year of the President-Elect.

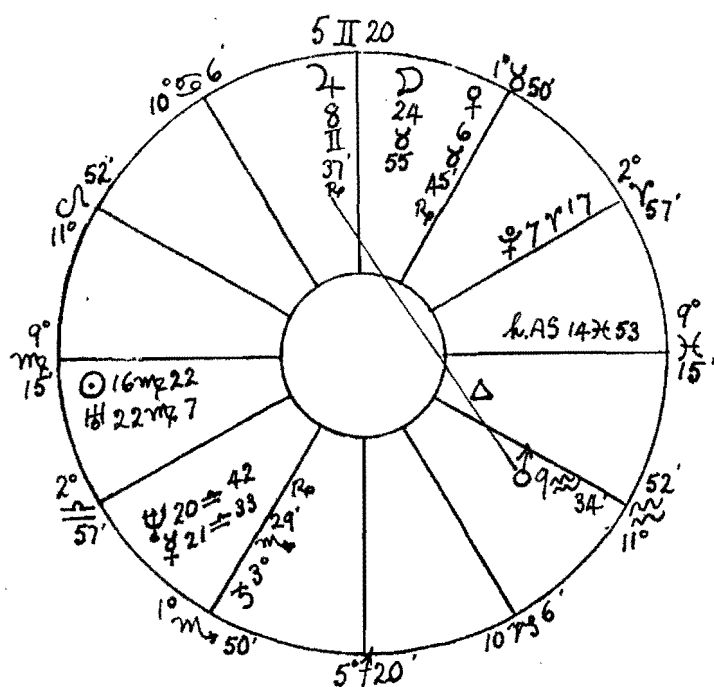
Ross says "Demonstrations from practice are always of more use than vague theoretical objections ..." That's reasonable. And the same surely applies to claims for the validity of any technique.

Dr. Geoffrey Dean's series of Rectification Exercises can be put to good use here. They should be an excellent arena in which Ross can demonstrate the efficacy of what I believe to be his weird mixing of astrology and numerology.

I presume that your system does enable you to work with charts other than your own, Ross? I will be interested to see how well Age Harmonics can cope with these practical examples.

I've sent in my own suggested birth time for the first Exercise, the male born on 15th June 1931. Naturally I made no use of Age Harmonics, but I did try to apply some of the Marr-techniques that you ridicule. Did you tackle the Exercise? [Yes, Ross did. - Ed.]

GEORGE BUSH: 64TH HARMONIC



For a man who admits his bias against Age Harmonics, Ken has done a pretty good job of vindicating them. His uncertainties are easily resolved:

(1) Jupiter in the Midheaven trine Mars is the dominant feature of George Bush's 64th Harmonic Chart, and far outweighs any consideration of the Sign Jupiter occupies.

(2) In 1956 when Mars and Jupiter did indeed form a close trine in the Age Harmonic Chart George Bush was 32 years old. Jupiter being again conjunct the Midheaven would have accorded him a similar victory in a lesser sphere, political or otherwise, in accordance with his then aspirations. It could have been an Office within the Republican Party - or, on the other hand, President of the local bowls club. With Age Harmonics, as with the other systems of prognostication, the planetary indications have to be related to the native's circumstances at the time.

(3) The conjunction (5°45') of the Sun and Uranus opposite the Harmonic Ascendant is on the outer fringe of the allowable orb for Harmonic Charts. 5.5° is about the limit, and the really important aspects have close orbs - within 2.5°. The Sun and Uranus in the 1st House of the Chart typify the changed life style implicit in the victory announced by the Midheaven-Jupiter.

(4) No need to ignore the Neptune/Mercury conjunction. Occurring in the 2nd House of the Chart it has subsidiary importance, as also do the Houses involved by Rulership. Neptune being the planet of confusion and uncertainty, and Mercury relating to the intellect and expression, a simple and

logical interpretation is that George Bush would be liable to confused thinking and verbal gaffes during the political campaign on which he was then engaged.

Adverting now to the attack on Alexander Marr, rather inappropriately termed "shocking" by Ken, if one makes pronouncements of a dogmatic kind that run counter to the experience or research of other "serious" astrologers, then one must accept criticism or at least counter-proposals. Declining to answer these on the grounds of their being the product of lack of knowledge, skill, experience, or whatever, invites the conclusion that the criticisms are valid and cannot be rebutted. Surely, if they are so weak as to be deemed unworthy of a reply, then it should take very little effort to disprove them. Astrology would then be advanced to that extent, to the benefit of all.

There was a time when access to computers and electronic aids was available only to a privileged few, who thereby had an enormous advantage in the scope of their research work - the number and variety of charts, Progressions, Directions, etc., that could be calculated and compared. That era has been over for some time, and many astrologers with first-class intellectual capacity have been using computers, etc., for years and applying themselves to astrological investigation in an earnest search for what is true and what is false in our age-old art, as well as bringing it into line with the needs of modern life.

One of the main ideas of *Astrologers' Forum* is to share knowledge, experience and techniques. Contributors can expect that ideas put forward will sometimes be subject to criticism or counter-proposals, but the truth may happily emerge from such conflict, and Astrology be proportionately advanced.

The Ross/Marr debate would have been less acerbic if Marr had not persisted in his perverse defence of an untenable position. Certainly, Alexander has done excellent work in various astrological fields, and I have paid due tribute to him on several occasions. It is no disgrace to admit one is mistaken in particular methods. Clearly, Topocentric Primary Directions, though a valuable part of the astrologer's armamentarium, are incapable of *precise chart rectification*. We can utilize them to advantage while recognizing their limitations. - Ed.

RECTIFICATION EXERCISE

Geoffrey Dean is at present in the U.K., and writes that he will not be returning to Australia until the end of March. As his mail is not being forwarded on to him in the interim he cannot reply at present to those readers who have attempted the Rectification Exercise announced in Issue 87. Geoffrey wants me to emphasize that the lack of replies to those who have written to him is not due to his indifference but simply to the fact that he is in the U.K. and not W.A. He will send answers to all as soon as possible.

This means that the time for sending in answers to the Rectification Exercise can be extended further to the end of March. If you have never attempted a rectification this is an opportunity to "have a go". You will learn a lot in the process. The value of the exercise lies in making the attempt, not necessarily in getting the correct answer.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 25th January 1989.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

RECTIFICATION EXERCISE - Extension of Time

Dr. Geoffrey Dean (WA) has let me know that the exercise in Chart Rectification offered to readers in the last issue of *Astrologers' Forum* has so far attracted only one entry. It appears that "rectifiers" need a longer time to give proper consideration to their efforts. In view of this, and the approach of the Festive Season, when everybody seems to be busy, I am extending the time for receipt of entries for this first Exercise to the 10th of February 1989. Thereafter more of the same will be offered, probably in batches of four or five. The prize of \$20 still holds for the closest entry coming within ten minutes of the actual time of birth (which is known only to Dr. Dean).

This is a rare opportunity to test and/or develop astrological skills, and I urge readers to make the attempt. It is not easy to find sufficient data for exercises such as these. Accurately-timed births of unknown people with a number of events and dates suitable for attempting a rectification are quite difficult to obtain. The whole exercise is made possible through the courtesy of Geoffrey Dean, and all entries should be sent to him at

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Please send your entries to Geoffrey by the 10th of February, so that the actual time of birth can be disclosed in the next Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, and new Exercises introduced. The data available to attempt the rectification is repeated here for your convenience:

Reference No. 03:

Male born in Australia at 31S35, 116E42.

Birth date: 15th June 1931.

Noon at birth place = 04:00 GMT.

4th Jan 1884	Father born
8th May 1889	Mother born
25th Jun 1935	Wife born
6th Feb 1954	Married
17th Aug 1957	Son born
5th May 1958	Father died

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1st Aug 1959	Daughter born
19th May 1964	Daughter born
1st Oct 1962	Began own business
31st Dec 1971	Sold business
27th Mar 1976	Mother died
18th Nov 1976	Opened own art gallery
21st May 1978	Sister died
21st Dec 1982	Moved into new house
3rd Mar 1984	Boating accident. Three weeks in hospital.

From ALEXANDER MARR (West Germany): I decided to terminate the discussion with Ross Harvey over his astrological analysis and his considerations about my rectification.

It is a fact that my rectification is correct and his is wrong, as most serious astrologers have confirmed, and will confirm. I am adding Post and Prenatal Transits as some more proofs for my results. In contrast to the claim of Dymock, I do not find it necessary to explain in detail the meanings and the symbolism of the unusual amount of Angular transiting planets in all events demonstrated here because:

A transiting planet in a close aspect to an Angle may reflect dozens of different events, merely because it expresses in the first place the psychological experience of the native. For instance, when R. Harvey made his second trip to Europe we had a transiting Venus (stationary, orb 5' of arc) sextile to the Radical MC, together with close aspects of Venus and Jupiter to the

Radical Ascendant in Prenatal Transits. This expressed the happy feeling, and even perhaps predicted a happy start of the journey. The trip itself is symbolized by transiting Uranus in trine to the Radical Ascendant with a small orb (6' of arc) no matter at what time of the day the trip started. The reader will agree that the other transit examples as a proof of my rectification speak for themselves and, as the example above shows, actually don't need any explanations either.

As regards birth times and the astrologically confirmed moment of birth, stop-watched birth times that later appeared to be simultaneous with a solid rectification are indicated by the first cry or breath of the baby. In Harvey's case the birth time seems to be rounded off to a quarter of an hour. Experience shows that birth times are in most cases recorded in the journal some time later, with the time that the nurse just saw on her watch.

This is the only reply that seems to me to be necessary. The scientific value of my rectification, which has mathematical proofs against coincidence greater than required, for me makes discussions of Harvey's results and considerations irrelevant. On the other hand, there is a considerable number of serious astrologers, also among *Astrologers' Forum* readers, who have had the same experience as I have with non-astronomical systems like the use of Harmonics.

TRANSIT TEST: Ross Harvey, 10th June 1948, 22h 59m 48s UT

The same events have been used (only) as in the Radix Rectification. Analysis applies to the Radical Angles: MC 7 Tau 28, ASC 17 Can 42. The Transits are for 2 am UT. "St." = Stationary Transit:

POSTNATAL TRANSITS	PRENATAL TRANSITS
1966, Jan 18. Leaving Certificate: Mercury 15 Cap 30 Plu 18 Vir 15	Prenatal Date 1932, Nov 1. Jupiter 16 Vir 52. SUN 9 Sco
1977, Dec 12. Trip (1) Mercury St.7 Cap 27	Prenatal Date 1920, Dec 8. Jupiter 17 Vir 52
1977, Feb. 18. Job.	Prenatal Date 1921, Oct.1. Venus 7 Virgo Uranus 6 Pis 29
1978, Nov 27. Trip Europe (2) Venus St.7 Sco 23 Uranus 17 Sco 48	Prenatal Date 1919, Dec 24 Venus 17 Sco 42 Jupiter 17 Leo 33
1979, Aug 18. Met lady. Uranus 17 Sco 8	Prenatal Date 1917, Apr 4 Moon's Node 8 Cap 57 Venus 9 Virgo
1983, Jan 25. Portrait Commission. Mercury St.16 Cap 56	Prenatal Date 1915, Oct 26 16 Cap 45: Midpt. Venus 14Sco15 and Jupiter 19 Pis 15

1984, Dec 22. Trip Europe (3)
Jupiter 19 Can 12

Prenatal Date 1913, Nov 28
Jupiter 17 Cap 53
Venus 18 Sco 2

1987, May 14. Visit dealer.
Jupiter 17 Ar 6
Neptune 7 Cap 42

Prenatal Date 1911, July 9
Saturn 17 Tau 42
Sun 16 Can 27

1988, Mar 7. Resignation (favourable).
Sun 16 Pis 45

Prenatal Date 1910, Sep 14
Jupiter 17 Lib 40

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): Alexander's present communication is both offensively arrogant and patently absurd. No sensible person would be so rash as to claim, as Alexander does, that it was a fact that one of his rectifications was correct. All rectifications are expressions of more or less educated opinion, and should always be subject to emendation if either new information or new insights come to light. The only fact in the present case is that my birth time was recorded as 9:15 am local time. Everything else is supposition, plausible or otherwise. Then, despite my repeated complaints, we have the usual nonsense about "serious" astrologers, meaning anyone who can be found to agree with Alexander. Most of us have spent years of our lives studying this subject in great depth. According to my understanding of the word that makes us all serious astrologers, and to suggest otherwise for the purpose of personal polemics is as offensive as it is inaccurate and intentionally misleading.

Alexander still does not appreciate that, before his rectification of my Chart can be considered, let alone be considered to be correct, he must first be able to show to the satisfaction of a critical and disinterested reader that the Chart for the given time is inadequate, and he must be able to do so using a variety of methods in case any one method is inadequate, as I contend Topocentric PD's are for the purpose of rectification. He still has made absolutely no attempt to do this. A sceptical reader would be justified in rejecting his case out of hand on this ground alone. Until he is able to disprove the Chart for the given time, he is wasting his own time and everyone else's, and making himself look more and more ridiculous into the bargain.

His "statistical" and "scientific" proofs do not impress me in the least, as his charts have been expressly designed to contain the PD's, and probably the MDO congruences too, to which he refers. Chance has not come into it at all, hence his statistics are meaningless. I am staggered that he seems to be quite incapable of

seeing this very elementary point. In the less likely case that the MDO congruences have not been deliberately created, I still say "So what?", as nowhere to my knowledge has Alexander demonstrated that accurately-timed UNRECTIFIED charts do not contain these indications, and hence he has not demonstrated that they are of any significance when they do occur. All his published charts have previously been "rectified" by Topocentric PD's - in other words, in every case he has adjusted the evidence to fit the conclusions he wished to draw from it, and to my mind he has conclusively demonstrated the utter worthlessness of this rectification technique in the present case.

As he still makes no attempt to answer any of my criticisms (it would be tedious to repeat them again: I refer interested readers - if there are any left! - to my previous contributions), Alexander's case may be summed up as "I am right because I say I am, and I refuse to consider any argument to the contrary". His continuing protestations only emphasize the appalling predicament he has got himself into. That he ignores criticisms he cannot answer reflects upon his integrity; that he may be incapable of appreciating their point and the necessity of his satisfactorily answering them reflects upon his intelligence.

I condemn Alexander not because I am sure he is wrong, but because he obviously cannot admit, even to himself, the possibility of his being mistaken. Had I been half so malevolent as he probably supposes I am, I could not have wished for better proof than his last communication that he is hopelessly illogical and beyond the reach of reasoned argument.

All that the Transits listed by Alexander prove is that with a little careful editing one can "prove" practically anything, and furthermore Alexander's "Transit Test" shows that he has no notion of what constitutes scientific method. A true Transit Test would list all Transits to Angles for every dated event for (a) the Chart for the given time, (b) Alexander's Chart, and (c), as a control, a chart chosen at random, and hence known to be wrong. It would moreover list all Station Transits to major aspects of Angles, especially conjunctions within one degree, irrespective of whether they corresponded with known events or not. Stationary conjunctions almost always have a marked effect, and hence if, for any of the Charts, Stations were found that did not correspond with an event, that would be a good indication that that Chart was wrong.

Such a true test would, I am sure, establish the superiority of the Chart for the given time (my rectified time does not sufficiently differ from the given time to allow of Transits distinguishing between the two).

A few examples: Pluto was stationary at 7Sco22 on the 8th February 1986, and at 7Sco09 on the 18th July 1987, opposite the MC (7Tau28) proposed by Alexander. Nothing happened on either occasion. On the 16th July 1977 Uranus was stationary at 7Sco41 - again nothing happened. On the 5th Mar 1971 Neptune was stationary at 3Sag4, sesquare the Ascendant proposed by Alexander (17Can42) - nothing happened. On the 23rd January 1972 Uranus was stationary at 18Lib19, square the Ascendant - again nothing happened. And so on. Some of the orbs Alexander quotes are ridiculous. For example, he claims Pluto at 18Vir15 on the 18th January 1966 is in aspect to his postulated Ascendant. In fact it was at 17Vir42 on the 28th October 1965, and again on the 15th February 1966 - nowhere near the date in question. This is presumably an example of his "scientific" accuracy.

Here are the Transits relating to my rectification (MC 11Tau32, ASC 21Can54) for the dates Alexander uses to "prove" his "rectification". I have included Transits for several other recent important events, for which there are no Transits for Alexander's "rectification". I have also given Prenatal Transits for all the events where they occur, even though I am not altogether convinced of their efficacy, though Stations are important.

POSTNATAL TRANSITS

1966, Jan 18. Leaving Certificate:
Mars 20Aqu17 trine ASC, 20 Jan '66

Neptune 21Sco54 trine Asc, 22 Jan '66

1977, Jan. Notified of Job
Uranus St. 11Sco47 Squ. MC, 14 Feb '77
Jupiter St. 21Tau10, 15 Jan 1977.

1977, Dec 12. Trip (1)
Mars St. 11Leo33 Squ. MC (Mars Rules r.9th House)

(1978, Nov 27. Trip (2)

1979, Aug 18. Visit by woman-friend.
Venus 22Leo24 S'sext. Asc
wrong by two years - probably a slip, hence his Transits are wrong too)

PRENATAL TRANSITS

Prenatal Date 1932, Nov 1.
Jupiter 16Vir56 Conj. Asc/IC
16Vir43
Mars 21Leo53 S'sext. Asc
Pluto St. 23Can27 Conj. Asc.

Prenatal Date 1921, Oct 11.
Pluto St. 2nd Oct 1921 10Can4
Square 3/9 Cusps, 11 Oct 1921.

Prenatal Date Dec 25 1919
Saturn St. 11Vir41 Trine MC
Neptune St. 11Leo33 Squ. MC
(14 Nov 1919 - appropriate for
January 1979

Prenatal Date, 5 Apr 1917.
(Alexander has got this date
wrong by two years - probably a slip, hence his Transits are wrong too)

POSTNATAL TRANSITSPRENATAL TRANSITS

Mars 22Ari21 Squ. Asc Apr.6
Saturn St. 21Leo21 S'sext. Asc, Apr.23 1919

Successful Exhibition Sep 13 1980 Prenatal date Mar 7 1918
Venus St. 12AQU44, Squ. Asc, 2nd Mar 1918

1982, Oct 2. Successful Exhibition.
Jupiter 11 Sco 46 Opp. MC 1st Oct 1982

1983, Jan 25. Portrait acclaimed. Prenatal Date 1915, Oct 27.
Mars 5 Pis 51 Square Cusp 5 Mars 10Leo3 Squ.MC, 22 Oct 1915
(and trine Venus) Jan 28 1983
Uranus St. 11AQU45 Squ. MC, 22 Oct 1915
1984, August. Unsuccessful Exhibition
Saturn 11 Sco 33 Opp. MC, 31 Aug 1984

1984, Dec 22. Trip Europe. Prenatal date 1913, Nov 28.
Sun 6 Sag 11 Conj. 5th Cusp.

1985, Jul 9. Loss of teaching hours.

Saturn St. 21 Sco 28 trine Asc Jul 25.

(Jupiter St. 17 Cap 50, Opp. Marr's proposed Asc 17 Can 42 shows it is
QUITE WRONG!)

1988, Mars 28. Last day of teaching: Prenatal date 1910 Aug 24
Mars 12Vir1 trine MC 25 Aug 1910
Uranus 21Cap50 Opp. Asc 26 Aug 1910
Saturn 6 Tau 33 Squ. EP
Venus 7 Leo 0 sesquare MC
Mercury 27 Vir 23 sesquare MC

Though there are a few instances where there are no transits, and that shouldn't surprise anyone, these Transits to my rectified Chart (45 seconds later than the given time) are far more convincing than those Alexander claims "prove" his chart. Furthermore, there are many events, some of which I have listed, for which there are appropriate Transits for my Chart and none for Alexander's, while for his chart there are several Stationary Transits that were either contrary to the nature of the period when they occurred, or were without effect. In particular, the two Stations of Pluto opposite his suggested MC would have been enough to make me seriously doubt his Angles, even if there were no other evidence against him. I am more convinced than ever that Alexander's rectification is wrong, and hence that his absurd claims and his rectification techniques can be dismissed completely. I leave readers to decide for themselves who is right.

From KEN GILLMAN (New York): From reading recent issues of *Astrologers' Forum* it would seem that a chart related to the appropriate birthday anniversary is the preferred method for predicting events in the coming year. Attempts at more exact timing are rejected.

First, part 3 of Rudolf Smit's description of Prime Event Analysis.

He compares alternative Midheavens and Ascendants generated by seven different time keys to identify a car accident occurring to a man born 01:47 UT, 15th August 1938, Amsterdam. All of the Angles are calculated for the 43rd birthday, not for the date of the car accident.

Smit rationalizes his preference for his PEA-Ascendant by noting that the Secondary Solar Arc in longitude (to the birthday) gives an Ascendant of 14°55' Leo, just 4' of arc away from Natal Mars at 14°38' Leo. He rejects the Secondary Solar Arc in Right Ascension which gives an Ascendant (again to the birthday) of 14°38' Leo. Did the accident actually occur on the man's 1971 birthday?

Smit does not mention that the Converse Secondary Moon was conjunct Converse Secondary Mars close to the Natal Ascendant around the time of the accident. Given this appropriate Converse aspect, there's no rhyme or reason for the Progressed Ascendant to be smack on Natal Mars; within a 1° orb is more than sufficient for such an outcome.

The PEA-approach is interesting, and we will test it, however this treatment of Progressed Angles as if they were simply Solar-Return characteristics, and the refusal to examine Converse Secondaries is disappointing.

My second comment concerns Issues No's 83/84, pages 7 and 8, in which Ross Harvey rejects Alexander Marr's rectification of his (Harvey's) Chart, and at the same time vilifies Marr's complete methodology. On page 8 the Editor adds his support to this attack. Again birthday anniversary charts are advocated.

Harvey, of course, has the right to disagree with the rectification. I do, however, question his manner of doing so, especially the needless attack on Alexander Marr himself. It is my understanding that Age Harmonics, the method Harvey uses to evaluate Marr's rectification may seem to indicate the nature of the coming year but they are totally ineffective when related to specific dates within the year. The subject is not entirely new to me: In the 1960's I spent much time with John Addey, assisting him both as an astrologer and as a statistician.

Harvey's evaluation of Marr's rectification is hard to accept. Yes, I can see that were Harmonic Age Charts valid they would be an excellent test of a rectification - a 3° difference between alter-

native Midheavens will have expanded to one of 66° at the time of the 22nd birthday. But how can one justify a natal body in 2° Aries being moved just 2° yearly, one in 12° Libra advanced 192° annually, and a third in Aquarius going more than 300° each year? There's no rationale for this. If such a purely numerological approach were truly effective John Addey would have settled the Tropical-Sidereal controversy in a minute.

Harvey really only provides a single valid comparison (his statements concerning the inappropriateness of certain Primary Direction may be a rejection of Marr's proposed time but they do not advance the time he advocates himself): the alternative Solar Returns for 1978, the year he met a girl friend. Here the two times (the one Harvey accepts and that proposed by Marr) are compared on an apples-to-apples basis using a generally accepted astrological approach. Harvey's time corresponds to a Solar Return with an Ascendant just 42' beyond Venus; Marr's time has the Ascendant 3°2' behind the same body. Harvey states that this difference "confirms the superiority of the given time." Does it? The respective Midheavens (not given by Harvey) oppose Natal Neptune (Marr) and square Natal Pluto (Harvey). Does this confirm Harvey's statement? Was it a Venus-Neptune relationship or a Venus-Pluto one? More important, assuming the girl was not met immediately on the birthday, the Solar Returns both have Venus-conjunct-Ascendant well within orbs and both, by interpolation to the following year's Return, will have the Ascendant crossing (Progressing, if you will) over the Natal Venus/Uranus conjunction. Possibly Harvey is correct, the time he is using may be the correct one, but I fail to see from the evidence presented that there's any justification here for utterly damning Alexander Marr's work. There's a muddling of numerology and astrology but little else.

The brief glimpse I've had of *Astrologer's Forum* indicates that it's a lively journal. By contrast to the dull magazines put out by some groups, that's refreshing. But please, as an outsider, can I suggest that statements such as those by the Editor in the final two paragraphs of Page 8 of the same Issue (No's 83/84) be tempered with specific evidence. Astrological literature is rife with statements like "experience led me to discard this." Beginning students should not be faced with such opinions that lack accompanying evidence. If the evidence is

like that given by Smit, to which I referred earlier, one can at least evaluate it. A previous issue of your *Forum* had the Editor lauding Marr in excess, now the same hand is damning all he's ever done. It certainly does not sound like it's anything "worth mentioning for the sake of other earnest searchers after astrological truth".

[I thank Ken for his compliment to *Astrologers' Forum*. I, too, like to see statements supported, but it is obviously not practicable within the limits of these pages to produce evidence for every generality when such is not the particular matter being canvassed; yet "beginning students", and others, may find the information both interesting and useful in making their own assessments. I do not consider that I "lauded Marr in excess", and as for "damning all he's ever done", if Ken looks at page 8 of *Astrologers' Forum* No. 83/84 he will find evidence to the contrary. - Editor.]

Reply by ROSS HARVEY: By going into bat for Alexander, and by not reading my previous comments carefully enough or by failing to comprehend them, Ken Gillman has got himself into very serious trouble. As he himself admits, he fails to see that there is any justification for utterly damning Alexander's work. That speaks for itself. He obviously has not comprehended my principal reason for damning Alexander's work, as indeed I do, for a reason I had thought I had made abundantly clear. The present case is not one where the birth time is uncertain and two hypothetical charts are being compared to see which fits with known events better: That the birth time is recorded as 9:15 am is an incontrovertible fact - Alexander's chart is merely a hypothesis. Anyone proposing an alternative to the recorded time must first show that the chart for the recorded time is inadequate. This is an ABSOLUTE NECESSITY, yet Alexander persistently ignores it despite my repeated protests, and Ken cannot comprehend this point either, or ignores it in his wish to defend Alexander. The implications of this I leave to other *Forum* readers to determine for themselves. I condemn Alexander not because I disagree about one particular rectification, but because the current exercise has revealed his methodology to be fallacious and because his persistent refusal to answer pertinent criticisms leads to the inescapable conclusion that he cannot answer them. An

illogical, indefensible and hopelessly inaccurate method is not worth anyone's wasting time on.

Ken wrongly assumes that I have relied principally on Age Harmonics to distinguish between the two Charts. He clearly has not attentively read my contribution in No's 83/84. If he had done so he would have seen that I list four different, unrelated methods of comparison, namely Progressions and Regressions of the Angles (which he does not mention at all), Age Harmonics, Solar Returns (two, not one as he says), and Saturn's presence on the Second Cusp in the Radix for the given time. This last point seems to me to be vital, as it clearly accounts for some of my most dominant character traits, yet neither Alexander nor Ken deems it worthy of mention. Perhaps they find it inconvenient, that is, unanswerable. That there were not many more Solar Returns is simply due to lack of space. I chose two clear charts as examples. It is true that in this instance I do not directly compare one chart with the other, but to complain about that misses the point: It is enough for me to show that the given time works well enough; it is up to anyone who proposes a noticeably different time to show that it is superior, and that has not been done at all. I could have provided dozens of Solar Returns, all of which would have shown the superiority of the given birth time, but that would have required a small book. If Ken requires more direct comparisons between the two Charts, I invite his attention to the Transit List in this Issue.

Ken criticizes the method of Age Harmonics, notwithstanding that their use (in the way I use them) was suggested by John Addey himself (*Harmonics In Astrology*, pages 161 - 164). Ken claims that there is no rationale for moving planets at different rates per year. Here he himself does exactly what he complains of in his last paragraph - he makes a sweeping statement without providing any evidence to back it up. I could just as well say that there is no rationale for *not* doing so. Where would that get us? Ken's objection is based on theory - something is impossible because a particular pre-existing conception of how things ought to work does not allow of it. Yet it is essential in any discipline not to confuse theory with reality. A theory is an intellectual model of how something is thought to work, and is valid only as long as it continues to bear a usefully approximate relation to actuality. In every disci-

pline theories are constantly being found wanting and are replaced with new ones that more closely resemble what actually does happen, until they in their turn are rejected for still newer and more accurate theories. If Age harmonics really are invalid, it should be easy for Ken to show me that they don't work, using known events and accurately timed charts. I once before made this challenge to someone else who declared, without any evidence, that Age Harmonics couldn't work. That challenge went unanswered. Demonstrations from practice are always of more use than vague theoretical objections which usually are never substantiated by examples. So I say to Ken, if I am mistaken, **SHOW ME**. Don't say "It doesn't work because I say it can't" - there's far too much of that sort of thing.

In *Forum* 83/84 I mentioned two Solar Returns, not one as Ken mistakenly says: In the Transit Solar Return for the given birth time the MC is 13Tau56, square Radical Pluto at 14Leo37, and opposite Solar-Return Uranus at 12Sco59 - all very appropriate. Ken claims that the MC for Alexander's time, 10Tau2 is opposite Radical Neptune at 12Lib26. Any comment would be superfluous! Alexander's MC is in fact not in major aspect to anything in the Radix, which seems to me to further support the given birth time.

I have not before seen challenged the use of Solar Returns to indicate a whole year's events, but that does not mean that Ken may not have a point, much as I think it is unlikely. Do the often striking indications in Solar Returns always happen on the birthday? That certainly is not my experience. Once again Ken provides no evidence to support his suggestion. Then we come to the problem of how to Progress the Solar Return. I can think off-hand of five or six methods of doing so, with at least five different ways of timing each method of Progression. Most if not all of these methods have been defended in print. Ken does not suggest a solution to this problem, and as he is the one who proposes Progressing the Solar Return, he should. I hardly need point out that getting on for thirty different ways of Progressing the Solar Return is utter chaos, so, in the absence of any evidence to support any other procedure, I unrepentantly stick to the Solar Return for the birthday. If Ken had bothered to look at page 2 of *Forum* 83/84, he would have found the date of the meeting to which he refers, and then might have been

able to provide what his letter conspicuously lacks - AN EXAMPLE. He then would not have been able to take cover behind such statements as "assuming the girl was not met on the birthday", and would have had to demonstrate what, if any, Progressions of the Solar Return did correspond to the dated event. I might point out that if he adopts a method of Progressing the Return that moves the Angles completely around the chart during the year - as I assume he must, as the Ascendant of the Chart to which he refers is 24Can27 and Radical Venus is 4Can20, and to come to a conjunction of Venus the Ascendant must go nearly completely around the Chart - the Solar Return Ascendant would come to a conjunction of Radical Venus sometime during every year. Does such an event happen every year? Furthermore in the Return for 1978, the Progressed Return Ascendant would have come to a conjunction of Radical Venus in May 1979, months away from the meeting in January. Examples can be very awkward, can't they? I suspect Ken is happier in not providing any examples. That makes his conspicuous and lamentable lack of accuracy a little less obvious.

That Ken has obviously not carefully read my previous *Forum* contributions on this subject, or cannot understand them, that he makes assumptions he does not justify, that he, like Alexander, ignores points he presumably cannot answer, that he fails completely to appreciate my fundamental criticisms of Alexander's methods - which have been repeated *ad nauseam* - and that he makes egregious blunders, does not inspire any confidence at all in his criticisms. By his careless and slipshod work, Ken has advanced Alexander's case not one inch, and has only succeeded in calling his own competence and credibility into question. This is the first opportunity I have had to critically examine anything of his; if it is a fair sample of his astrological work, I haven't missed much.

GEORGE BUSH WINS

George Bush's win of the Presidency, forecast from his 64th Harmonic Chart in the last Issue of *A.F.*, was reflected also in his Cyclic Horoscopes. Among these, perhaps the clearest indication came from his Quarterly Solar Return on 13th September 1988, calculated for the place of birth, and covering the following three months. This Q. Solar Return is reproduced here. It is probable that Primary Directions would also be significant, but in the absence of a

precise birth time they are unreliable. This is one of the great advantages of Cyclic Charts - they are far less dependant on accurate timing and can be usefully employed when the given time is only approximate, as here. Secondary Progressions are also less sensitive in this respect, and it is interesting that for the speculative birth time selected for George Bush - 11:30 am EDT (15:30 UT) - the Secondary Progressed MOON conjoined the JUPITER/MIDHEAVEN midpoint on 24th November - a good indication of victory, and a suggestion also that the time of the Radix should be taken back about 4 or 5 minutes, which would bring the aspect to within a day or two of November 8. The Progressed Moon at 9Pis9, was conjunct the Descendant of the speculative Chart, its Angular position thus making its influence more powerful.

The outstanding features of the S.R. are Saturn and Uranus conjunct the Midheaven, implying achievement of administrative power and responsibility (Saturn) and depicting the unique nature of the Office (Uranus). Supporting indications are the Angular Sun (Success) and the close sextiles from Venus and Mars to Jupiter, Ruler of the Midheaven (Career).

The Speculative Chart was apparently quite close to the mark, and on the next page is a Provisional Rectification of the President's Radix which readers might like to check in the light of future events. It differs by only six minutes from the Speculative Horoscope in the last Issue, but now the Progressed Moon conjoins the Jupiter/Midheaven midpoint on the 9th of November (just a day outside Bush's sweeping victory), the 64th Harmonic Chart has Jupiter conjunct the Midheaven and trine Mars, the Harmonic of the Radical Ascendant falls in the 7th House (adversaries), and the Lunar Return of 7th November has Jupiter at 3Gem9, conjunct the Radical Midheaven.

The previous remarks regarding the Quarterly Solar Return apply equally well to the Provisional Radix. Conclusions are still only tentative but this is an interesting Radix to work with and test.

This has been a double Issue in order to accommodate all the topical correspondence. *Astrologers' Forum* will appear again in January. I hope all those travelling in the holiday season will be especially careful if they have any configurations of Mars, Saturn and Uranus by Progression or Transit.

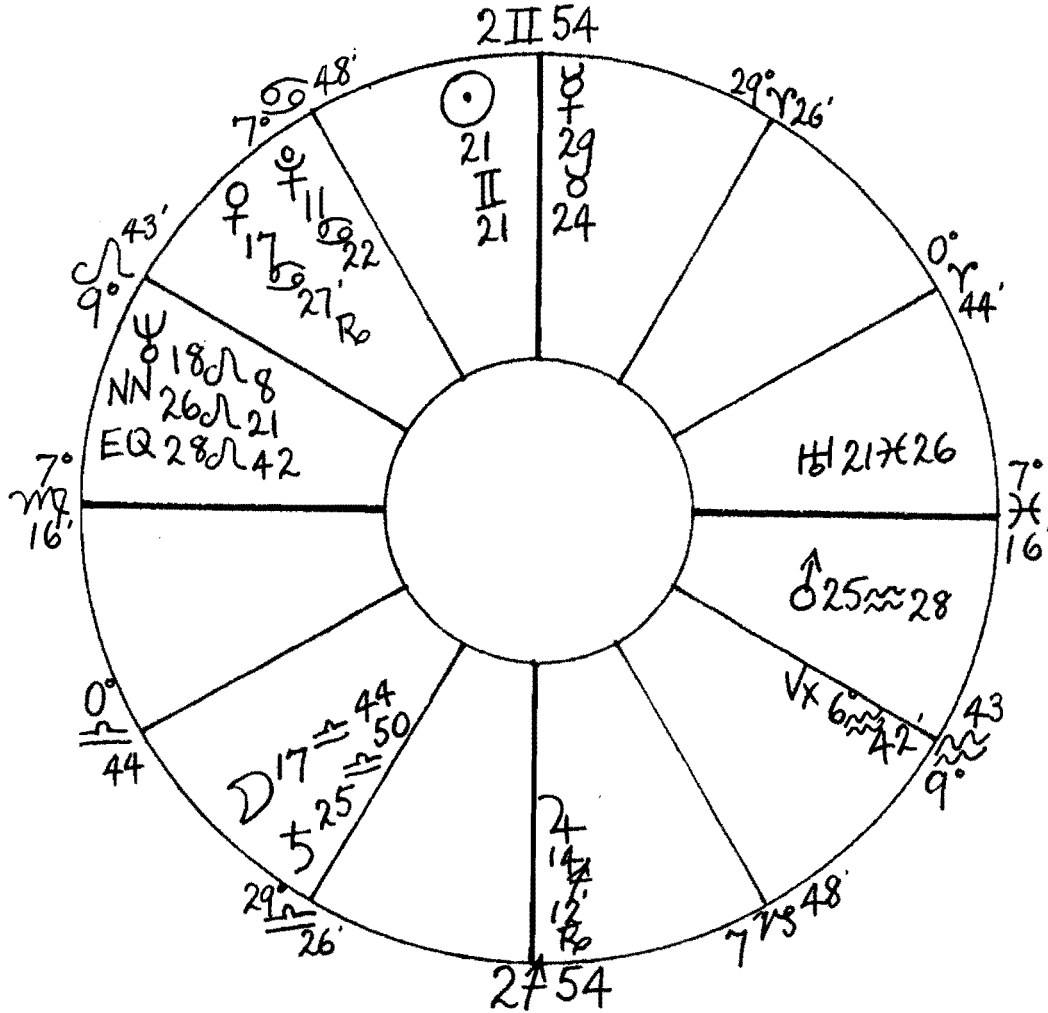
Greetings and best wishes to all.

- Dymock, 6th December 1988.

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

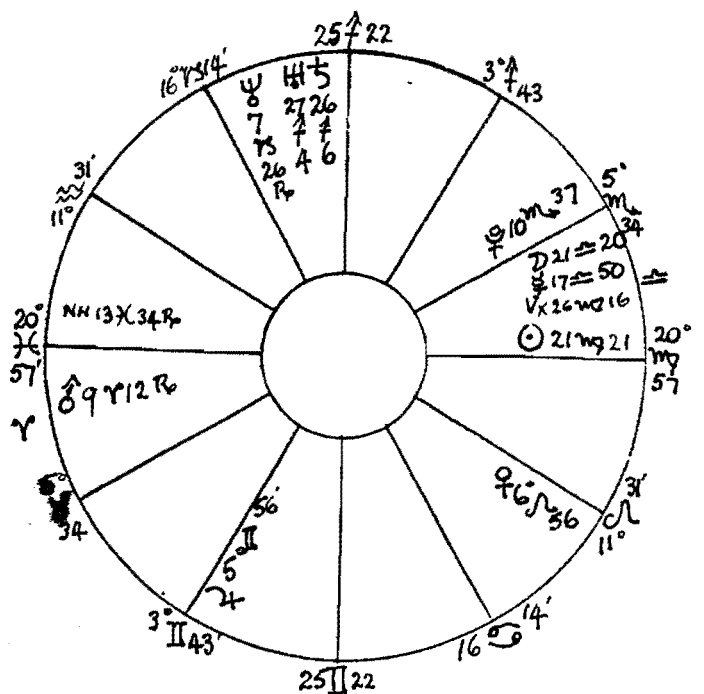
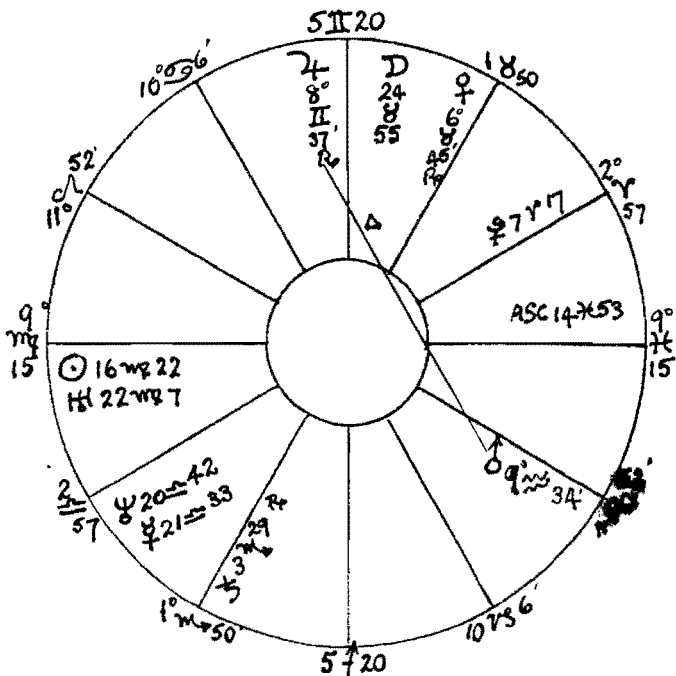
Provisional Rectification

12th June 1924, at Milton, Massachusetts, 42N15, 71W05
This Chart provisionally timed for 11:25 am EDT (UT 15:25).
Placidian Cusps.



HARMONIC 64. (GEORGE BUSH). The Derived Ascendant is for the place of birth.

QUARTERLY SOLAR RETURN, 13 Sep. 1988
Set for the Birth Place. Placidian Cusps.



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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

I have received a number of enquiries regarding the calculation of Harmonic Charts. These are undoubtedly a major advance in the astrological field, and readers are becoming aware of their utility and value. Accordingly, I give hereunder the procedure, step by step. To lighten the tedium of the process it is highly desirable to use an electronic calculator.

We will take as an example the Natal Horoscope of George Bush current USA Presidential Candidate. calculating the Harmonic Chart for his present age, 64. The Birth data are taken from *The American Book of Charts* by Lois M. Rodden. The time is uncertain, (from his mother's recollection it was between 11 am and 12 noon) but this is immaterial for our present purpose.

HOW TO CALCULATE A HARMONIC CHART

The general procedure is to convert each Significator to its position in ABSOLUTE DEGREES, that is, degrees from 0° Aries. The resulting figures are then multiplied by 64, and the answer reduced again to Sign and degree notation.

So far as the Cusps are concerned, the method I recommend is first to find the Harmonic MC, then take out the corresponding Ascendant (the DERIVED Ascendant) and intermediate Cusps from a Placidian Table of Houses. The Harmonic Ascendant (an important reference point) is separately calculated, and inserted wherever it falls in the final chart. If you have an accurate birth time it is interesting also to calculate the Harmonic of each Radical Cusp.

The final chart will bear no relation at all to a normal horoscope. Don't be put off by that. Experience with Harmonics will soon establish their validity for you.

1. The CUSPS: The Radical Midheaven is 4Gem5 which, in ABSOLUTE DEGREES from 0° Aries, is 64° 5'. This multiplied by 64 = 4101.333333. Now we have to cast out the whole circles of 360° and re-convert the remainder to Sign Notation, giving us the Harmonic MC. First divide 4101.333333 by 360. Answer, 11.39259259. Subtract the integer 11, which represents whole circles, and multiply the remaining fraction of a

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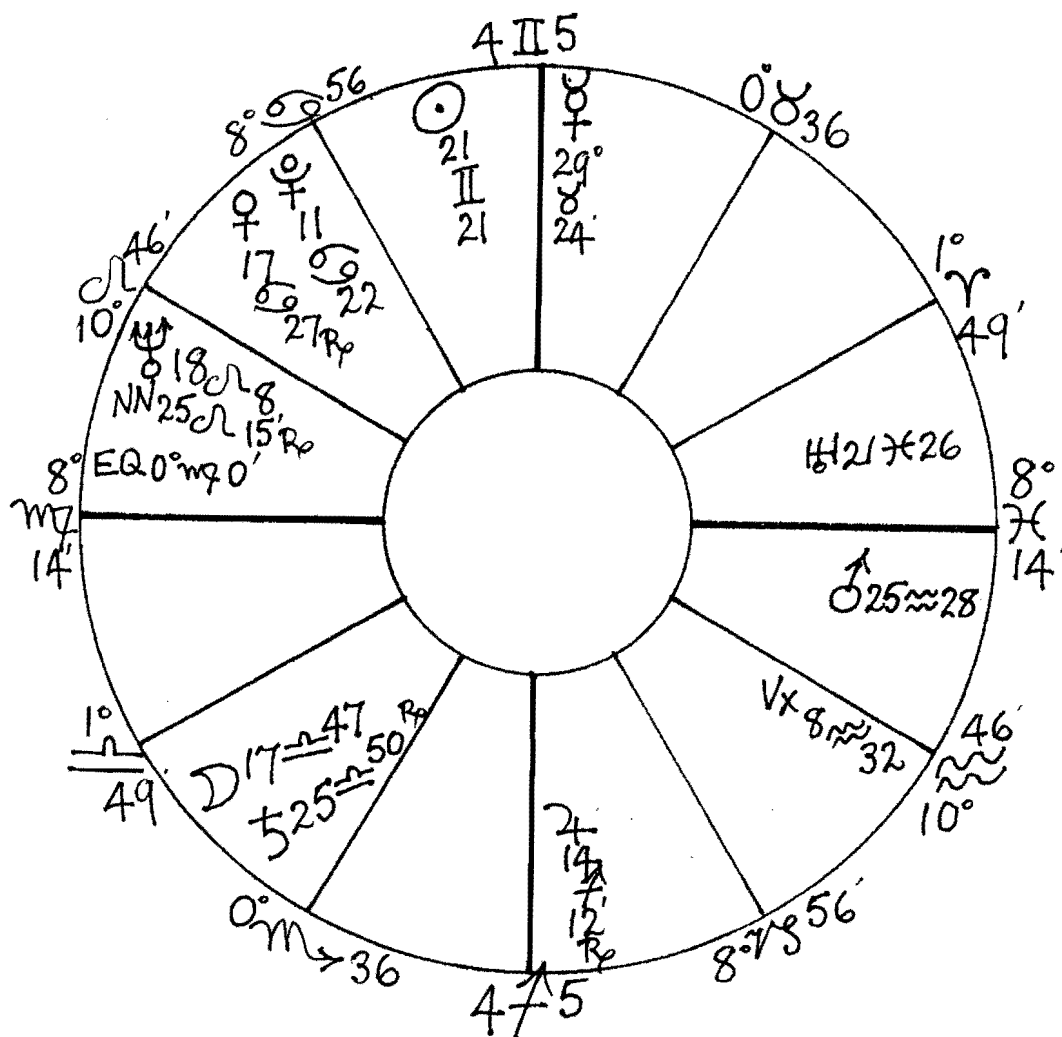
circle by 360, which will re-convert it to Absolute Degrees. 0.39259259 multiplied by 360 = 141.333333, or 141° 20'. In Sign Notation this is 21 Leo 20'. An easy way to figure the Sign position is to divide the first two figures (14) by 3. This goes four times, plus a remainder, which means that we are into the Fifth Sign, Leo. Subtract 4 x 30 (120°) from 141° 20' and we are left with 21Leo20. If you use a calculator this is all child's play and can be done in less than half a minute.

2. To find the DERIVED ASCENDANT refer to a Table of Houses for whatever latitude you select. (I prefer the place of residence or of principal action). If it is a SOUTHERN latitude, and you are using a Table of Houses for NORTHERN latitudes, you must look up an MC of 21Aqu20 instead of 21Leo20. Then take the same degrees but opposite Signs for the Ascendant and intermediate Cusps. With George Bush's Harmonic Chart I am using the latitude of Washington, D.C., so no such adjustment is necessary.

3. The normal HARMONIC ASCENDANT is found in the same way as the Harmonic MC: Radical Ascendant 8Vir14 = 158° 14'. Multiplied by 64 = 10126.93333; divided by 360 = 28.1303704. Subtracting the 28 and multiplying the remainder by 360 we get 46.933333, or 16Tau56'.

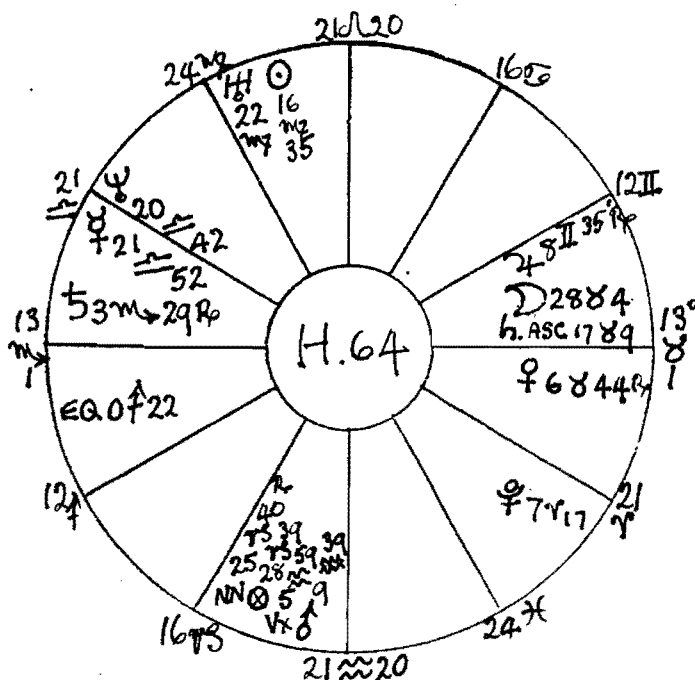
4. The Harmonic positions of the other Significators, Luminaries, planets, Moon's Node, Vertex, etc. are calculated in exactly the same way. You can check your results with the Harmonic Chart on page 2.

This Chart is for 11:30 am Eastern Daylight Time (UT 15:30), which is speculative, having been given by his mother as between 11 and 12 am.



2. For forecasting, the aspects between the Harmonic planets, and between the Harmonics and the natal planets, plus the placing of the Harmonics in the Natal Chart, seemed to give the most accurate picture.

AGE HARMONIC 64 for GEORGE BUSH
The Placidian Cusps are derived from the
Harmonic MC (21Leo20) and the latitude of
WASHINGTON, D.C. (38 N 54)



3. The Harmonic Chart using the h.Midhaven at the present location to get the other Cusps, and with the Harmonic planets placed therein, signifies the circumstances, the environment, the situation, the Destiny if you like, for that year.

4. The empty Birth Chart (that is, only the Cusp signs and degrees giving the Houses) with the Harmonic planets for the particular year placed therein, signifies the way the situations are dealt with and, above all, the inner feelings about the major events of that year. Sometimes when the Harmonic Chart is is not so easy to decipher the Birth Chart spells it out.

5. Matching the Harmonic planets and points with the natal planet and points (or *vice versa*) can show the actual happenings for that year, plus the emotional or mental reactions. But the charts could be clearer.

Harking back to George Bush's 64th Harmonic Chart, though the Harmonic Cusps are not accurate, I think the Natal Horoscope and the Harmonic planets are sufficiently so for me to venture the forecast that George Bush will win the

Presidential Election. I base this on:

(1) h.Jupiter 8 Gem 35 conjunct the r.Midheaven (believed to be close to 4 Gemini).

(2) h.Moon 28 Tau 4 conjunct r.Mercury 29 Tau 24, ruling the r.Midheaven.

(3) h.Neptune 20 Lib 42 trine r.Sun in the 10th House (realization of his cherished dream).

(4) h.Venus 6 Tau 44 trine r.Ascendant (about 8 Virgo).

(5) The h.Ascendant 17 Tau 9 trine h.Sun in and ruling the h.10th House.

The Election will be held on November 8. As I have previously mentioned in this publication, we should not baulk at using our science for prediction, especially of political matters. We are in a better position here than the other pundits, and our proportion of successes is at least as good as theirs. We should not be deterred by our mistakes. Events and circumstances to come are not something that can be read from a horoscope like reading a book. They have to be DEDUCED, which requires not just astrological know-how, but much experience as well as familiarity with the elements of the situation. With practice and experience we will get better, but not if we don't even attempt the exercise through fear of failure.

- Dymock.

RECTIFICATION EXERCISE

Cash Prize

For some time your Editor has been seeking suitable data on which to base an exercise that will test and develop skills in the rectification of horoscopes where the birth time is unknown. Appropriate information has now been kindly furnished by GEOFFREY DEAN of West Australia, well-known astrologer/scientist, and author of *Recent Advances in Natal Astrology*.

The information on which to base your attempt at rectification is given here in full, as supplied by Geoffrey:

Reference No. 03:

Male born in Australia at 31835,

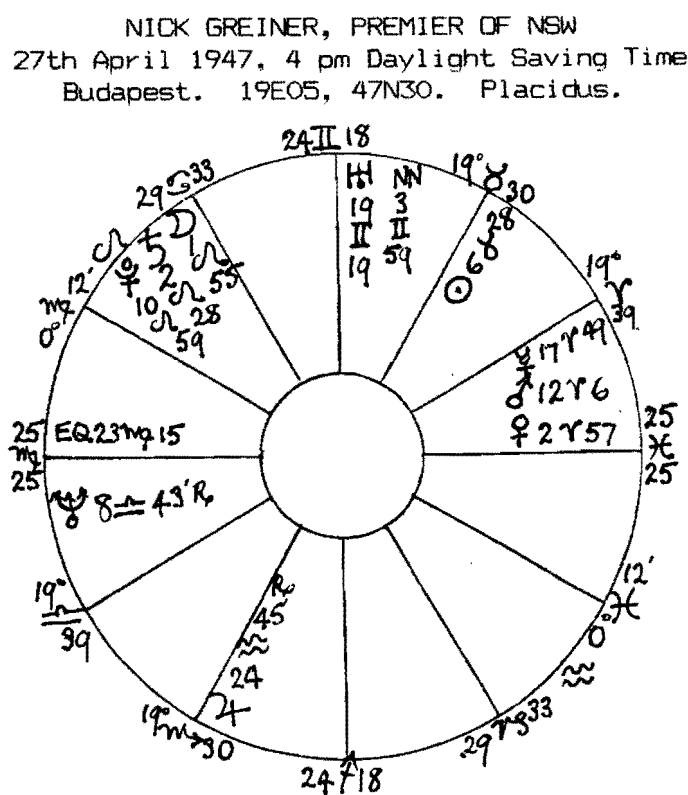
116E42. Birth date: 15th June 1931. Noon at birth place = 04:00 GMT.

4th Jan 1884	Father born
8th May 1889	Mother born
25th Jun 1935	Wife born
6th Feb 1954	Married
17th Aug 1957	Son born
5th May 1958	Father died
1st Aug 1959	Daughter born

I should have liked a clearer linking between text and the charts being discussed, but that is a minor quibble. It is a "meaty" book, and will repay detailed study. An Index is provided. The book is a paperback from The Aquarian Press, and should sell in Australia for around \$20.

Please send your entries to Geoffrey by the 10th of November, so that the actual time of birth can be disclosed in the next Issue of Astrologers' Forum, and a new Rectification Exercise started.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
28th October 1988



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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The series of major disasters that has overtaken the world during the last few weeks coincides with the stationary positions of Mars, Saturn and Uranus. The latter two planets hardly move from mid-August to mid-October, and so the full story is not yet told. Mars stationary in the second half of August, and Neptune in the second half of September add their quota to the sum of human misery. The stationary planets would affect particularly those in whose Birth Charts they contact some vulnerable point - Angles, Luminaries, Ruling Planet, etc., - but would also have some effect on anyone who has them "afflicted" in the Birth Chart. The same applies to National Charts, of course, and it is regrettable that time does not permit a thorough investigation of these. What we are looking for is not an exhaustive analysis of the chart for the actual time of any disaster - which can always be relied on to give ample indications of what has happened - but analysis of charts looking forward into the future of any particular enterprise, organization, city, nation, etc., that will give warning of impending catastrophes.

That is what I should like readers of *Astrologers' Forum* to undertake: Look ahead, not backwards, and thus exploit the potential of astrology to give prior knowledge of future probabilities. Of course, post-event analysis has its value - it teaches us what to look for - and is a necessary step in the education of the astrologer. But it is only a step. What we learn in this way has to be translated into forecasts, based on sound astrological reasoning, of things to come. It is sad, indeed, if, as astrologers, we are reduced to saying, "This is the horoscope of the disaster, and see how it is entirely in accordance with the cosmic indications!" Once the event has occurred, astrological analysis is purely academic and futile, even slightly exasperating so far as the rest of the world is concerned, and of limited interest only to astrologers. Is this our function - to stand by and comment wisely on the world's calamities? My view of astro-

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logy is radically different: I regard it as an eminently practical science, capable of guiding men and women to better lives.

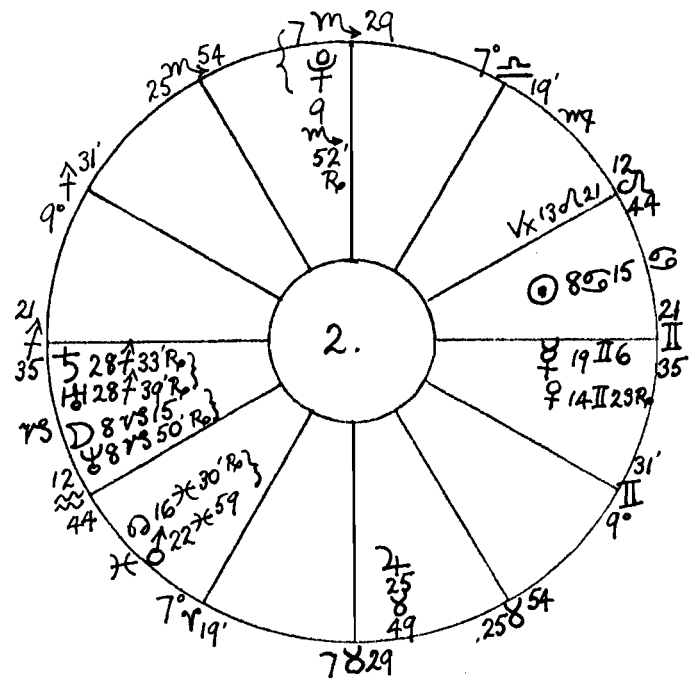
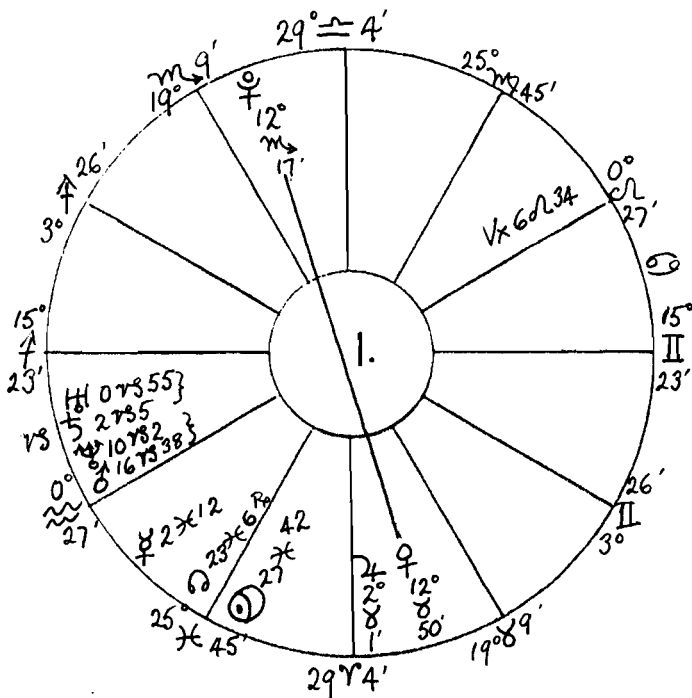
These remarks are prompted in part by some charts sent to me by SUE WARD (England), relating to the Oil Rig Explosion in the North Sea on 6th July last. In this catastrophe 166 men died, and the event made headline news all over the world. Sue very competently analyses the Chart for the time of the event, but in line with what I have said above, the chief interest really lies in her charts of the preceding Lunations.

One of the chief difficulties in forecasting dangerous conditions that may lead to calamities in the absence of any preventive action, is that we rarely know the inceptional data of the enterprise or organization that claims our particular interest. Instead, therefore, of being able to observe the effect on the Radix of Transits, Cyclic Charts, Harmonics, Secondary Progressions and Primary Directions, we are left with little more than Eclipses and Lunations. Of course, it should be possible to establish the time of commencement of operations, or other valid inceptional date, of an enterprise such as the Piper Alpha Oil Rig in the North Sea. In a more enlightened age it will no doubt be the duty and care of a special officer to establish the Radix of the enterprise, and carefully monitor astrological influences affecting it. The cost would be a bagatelle compared with the overall cost of the project, and the possible savings would be incalculably great.

The only data available to Sue Ward was the location of the Oil Rig, which she quotes as 58° 30' North and 0° 35' East.

SOLAR ECLIPSE, 18th March 1988, 2:2:20 GMT
North Sea. 58 N 30, 0 E 35. Placidus.

FULL MOON. 29th June 1988, 19:45:48 GMT.
North Sea. 58 N 30, 0 E 35. Placidus.



Well, what warnings were there in the Lunations prior to 6th July 1988? Sue Ward gives two relevant Charts: The Solar Eclipse on 18th March 1988, and the Syzygy (Full Moon) on 29th June.

The significant things about the ECLIPSE (Chart 1) are (1) Pluto, elevated above all the other planets and closely opposing Venus, (2) the conjunction of Saturn with Uranus in the 1st House, and (3) the conjunction of Mars and Neptune, also in the first House.

The 1st Sector of a Chart is associated with the life and health of enterprises, and the four "malefics" situated here in a chart cast for the location of the oil rig are a distinct warning of danger. Striking confirmation of this is provided by the closeness of the *Declinations* of the planets. Here they are: Neptune 22 S 6, Saturn 22 S 18, Mars 22 S 59 and Uranus 23 S 37! As astrologers know, parallels of Declination operate like Zodiacal conjunctions. What is also portentous is the close contra-parallel (roughly equivalent to a Zodiacal opposition) between Pluto, the Sun and the Moon: Pluto 0 N 13, the Moon 0 S 32, the Sun 0 S 55.

Here then, was sufficient warning of disaster, but when would it strike? Answer (observed by Sue Ward): When Mars transitted the position of the Sun/Moon! At the precise time of the tragedy Mars had

orbited from 16° 38' of Capricorn to 26° 38' of Pisces - applying within one degree of an exact conjunction with the Eclipse position. Transits of Mars nearly always operate one or two days before the transit is exact. Mars is associated with fire, and the fiery explosion on the oil rig is a typical manifestation.

Here then, the warning and the timing were both available for those who had eyes to see but, sadly, no one was attending to this vital monitoring.

A further clue was provided by the second Chart sent by Sue Ward - the Full Moon just seven days prior to the event. Here we again see appropriate afflictions: In the 1st House, Saturn conjunct Uranus, Neptune conjunct the Moon and opposite the Sun, Pluto conjunct the Meridian, Mars conjunct the Node. If we don't pay attention to all these warnings, where is the point of our Astrology?

Here we continue JENIFFER POMMERIN'S observations on the

Aspects of CHIRON

the orbs used are 5° to the inner planets, 2° to Jupiter and Saturn, 1° to Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, 3° to the MC and ASC. The SIGN position of Chiron specifies the quality most likely to have the greatest

SUN, MOON or VENUS often signifies a marriage late in life (after 40), or not at all. There is a definite "coolness" with Chiron, and also one's "work" can be of greater importance. In other circumstances, the suitor is very shy or unsure, or leaves doubts in the other person's mind as to his/her suitability as a marriage partner. When marriage does take place at the normal time of life there can be physical separations or a serious differing of interests or a divorce.

Chiron in the CARDINAL HOUSES also seems to have a separating influence, except that here the marriage is more likely to take place at the usual time.

Chiron in adverse aspect to the MOON or MERCURY brings in varying degrees of unreliability and/or problems relating to medication or drug dependency, emotional needs, the domestic situation. The spouse may not be very supportive, and there can be much mental stress. Health matters are often a factor in the life, either as hypochondria, symptomatic illnesses or digestive/intestinal problems; or the person may be deeply interested in health care (physical or mental), or nutrition.

Sun conjunct Chiron: A hard worker - a wide range of occupations are experienced. The life is very busy. There is a natural skill in nearly all useful handicrafts - cooking, gardening, needlework, home renovations, for example. Can be a fervent animal-lover. Farming is a possible occupation, as is a 5th House employment such as entertainment. Romances and pleasure-seeking can have a big effect upon the life-course. Often helps out, especially in situations where there is illness or depression. Can be a natural healer. May be licentious and be heavily involved in the drug scene, at some period. Is likely to experience serious illnesses. May not have children.

Sun Trine Chiron: General good health. Commonsense (either acquired or natural). Conscientious. Desire to be of service. Strong sense of duty. Interest in mental health, hygiene, etc. Good relationship with fellow-workers. Business ability. Attunement to nature.

Sun Square Chiron: May be very attracted to medical sciences. Mine engineer, teacher, etc. Can be lazy.

Moon trine Chiron: This is an interesting aspect as I've noticed these people *rarely* worry! Good rapport with employers and workmates. No difficulty in finding employment. Interested in food and cooking. There are more or less regular visits to the doctor or doctors for chronic but mild health problems. There is a liking for taking medication, vitamins, and so on.

Moon Square Chiron: In contrast to the above, these people *do* worry! With both the trine and the square the emotional life can be full of upsets and worries, but the trine does not take them to heart, whereas the person with the square is deeply affected by an unfavourable home atmosphere or arguments. There can be strife or antagonism experienced in the workplace, despite the person's best efforts. This is especially so if the employer or supervisor is a woman. The health can be directly affected by constant worry. In general there can be a lack of emotional support from the spouse.

Moon Opposite Chiron: May lead a life of celibacy. Can be a de facto relationship, with marriage much later. May not have children or have them late in life. Will work hard to help those in need, especially where conditions are unsanitary or there is poor nutrition.

Mercury Trine Chiron: Excellent head for figures, and successful in business or office-type employment. Can be highly critical but often with justification.

Mercury Square Chiron: Extremely critical and rarely satisfied. Likely to overlook the forest for the trees. Can have or set high standards.

Mercury Opposite Chiron: Lack of self-confidence, or may find it very difficult to come to a decision. Can be devious or non-communicative on important issues.

Venus Conjunct, Trine, Opposite, Chiron: Personal charm helps considerably in business affairs, employment, or receiving further training or extra unpaid personal service. A kindly person. Self-confident about own work aptitudes. Likes to work closely and harmoniously with marriage partner, but there is often a difficulty in

getting down to work. This person can go through slack periods.

Venus Square Chiron: The spouse is of vital importance in helping with business matters. There is good cooperation. However, unwanted separations can occur through travelling on business or for other work reasons. Where there is a reliance upon personal (expert) advice about work machinery, buying into farms, etc., or there is a personal reliance upon an employee or employer, the outcome can be a trail of disappointments. In general, there is a conflict between work and pleasure (taking it easy). If the work is uncongenial, insufficient care may be taken of important details. There is a reluctance to work for long hours or to seek further training, unless there is a strong need for cash. With this aspect, the occupation needs to be interesting for the person to be fully productive in the workforce.

Mars Conjoint Chiron: A person who is prepared to work hard - but the presence of Venus in this aspect will weaken the drive to work.

Mars Square Chiron: An active and practical fighter on behalf of animals, persons who are temporarily incapacitated, and so on. Prefers personal action to group efforts.

Chiron Conjoint Jupiter: Very generous and idealistic. Strong desire to "spread the Good Word", and teach others in this respect. A tendency to go to extremes in religious life. The path in life can go through the extremes of wild behaviour and "Born-Again" Christian-type behaviour.

Chiron Conjoint Saturn: Capable of sustained physical effort. My be self-taught in practical skills and has a gift for constructive crafts. Excellent standards of workmanship in this respect - builds to last.

Chiron Square Saturn: Career or job responsibilities are taken seriously. Does not enjoy being in charge of worrying situations (at work). Can experience hassles from employers or supervisors. Is a worrier.

Chiron Square Neptune: Sensitive to world

suffering. A social conscience. Can over-do it when giving a service or aid, or ignore the question of whether it is wanted.

Chiron Square Ascendant: Very critical of others, especially in matters to do with standards of workmanship, or in the handling of practical affairs. Reluctant to help others, but nevertheless may be often in the position of having to comply with a request for a practical service. may have digestive upsets if under a lot of stress.

The Quincunx of Chiron to the Inner Planets, Ascendant or Midheaven: Generally manifests in lengthy crisis-type situations. Conditions in the life are a worry, and stressful. There is usually no aid or personal support present (unless Chiron's House position, and the rest of the chart signify some form of help). Sometimes there is little return for the amount of effort put forth - it is usually work for work's sake. The occupation or work environment may be uncongenial, or there is an overload of work, responsibility, etc. The health can be a cause for concern, with periods of pain and suffering. On the bright side, the very personal knowledge gained through the experience does give a better understanding of others in similar circumstances.

Jenifer writes, "Not every aspect has been covered, as I have not come across the whole range, as yet".

From GISELA ROSMANN (VIC): I wonder if Alexander Marr is aware that Chiron is at the moment conjoint his Natal Pluto?

(Chiron right now is at 6 Cn 52, and Pluto in Marr's Natal Chart is at 4 Cn 39. - Ed.)

In Issue 74 you mentioned that Lady Diana's (exalted) position is not easily seen from her Chart. Don't you think that the fixed stars Spica and Arcturus on the MC are fortunate?

A good point, Gisela, that might indeed account for Lady Diana's rise to eminence. The Midheaven of her Horoscope is 23 Lib 3, and at the time of her birth the fixed stars Spica and Arcturus were respectively at 23 Lib 18 and 23 Lib 42. Spica has only 2° 3' of South Latitude, so it is well within the Zodiac, and its influence is undoubted. That of Arcturus is less certain as it is 30° 46' North of the Ecliptic. This does not necessarily rule it out as a formative factor on destiny. I used to think Celestial Latitude to be more significant than I do now. Experience seems to indicate that the most important factor in a body's position is its projection on the Ecliptic (that is, measured in Zodiacal Longitude) and that its North or South distance from the Zodiac is unimportant. This view is strengthened by the planet Pluto, whose current influence on people and affairs is as strong as ever, despite its present high latitude (close to 16° North of the Ecliptic).

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 25th September 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

CHIRON

The planetoid CHIRON, orbiting between Saturn and Uranus, was discovered in November 1978. Since then astrologers have been trying to determine its place and meaning in the Astrological scheme of things. Several books on the subject have appeared, with what must necessarily be regarded at this stage as rather speculative conclusions. They are, nevertheless, of considerable interest.

JENIFER POMMERIN of West Australia has been making a study of Chiron for several years, and has kindly furnished a full account of her researches and conclusions so far. Jenifer's contribution was sparked by the mention in *Astrologers' Forum* last month of the planetary rulers of the Signs Taurus and Virgo still to be discovered or determined. Jenifer writes, "For over three years I've been including CHIRON as the Ruler of VIRGO, and TRANSPLUTO as the Ruler of TAURUS in natal horoscopes and with Solar Returns and Transits. My experience has been that Chiron and Transpluto definitely have their place in the planetary family, and especially as Rulers of the above-mentioned Signs. Many times their presence has explained a marked Taurus or Virgo bias, whereas their exclusion would have left me ignorant of that person's potential or attitude in that respect."

Here follows Jenifer's submission:

Chiron is the Ruler of Virgo

The nature of Chiron is Earthy, cool, and moist. Symbols are the Centaur and Demeter, the seasons, plant life, the link.

Chiron symbolises these functions:

1. Readiness and ability to be of service.
2. Teaching.
3. Moral ethics, or proper conduct; moderation - the Golden Mean.
4. The collaboration of mind and hand.
5. Work ethics and aptitudes (work perfection) and natural skills.
6. Health and healing: Knowing pain, illness and sorrow.
7. Nutrition and assimilation in literal and abstract terms.
8. Barren and fertile cycles.
9. Observation of details.

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10. Practical reasoning.
11. Survival training (self-interest as a spin-off from this).

"Survival" training can be self-taught, or be an apprentice situation or on-the-job training, etc. It can range from learning basic hygiene and nutrition facts, to bushcraft, to combat situations. It can mean learning prudence, and fitting in with the life of the community in which you currently live. In basic terms it means maintaining mental and physical health, learning or using a skill to earn money ("bread"), learning the art of discrimination, and judging priorities. The latter sometimes confronts us with a choice between practical self-interest and following one's conscience.

Basic Qualities:

Service ideals. Synergism. A bridge or link. Teacher. Healer. Awareness of nature. Psychological wholeness. Survival awareness. Discretion and moderation. Man with nature.

Positive Qualities:

Wise restraint. Unselfish aid. Trustworthiness. Integration of emotions with intellect. Paractical and careful use of Earth's resources. Thriftiness. Attention to details. High standards. Coping with pain and suffering. Discretion. Sense of duty. Power of observation.

Negative Qualities:

Too detached. Untrustworthy. Devious or secretive. Ignores own needs, or self-interest is paramount. Hypochondria. Drug reliance. Debauchery. Over-critical. Chemical pollution.

Rules:

Synergy. Educators. Survival skills. Holistic health. Symptomatic illness. "Nervous" diseases. Treatment of illness.

Medical personnel. Hygiene. Pharmacology. Plant life. Plant-eating animals. Handicrafts - "do-it-yourself". Business skills. Chemistry. Computer programming. Mining Industry. Agriculture. Training situations. Owner-managers. Servants.

The HOUSE POSITION of Chiron shows the area of life where one will be most aware of a demand for one's services (paid or unpaid), or where one will call on others for a service. If it is a training situation, the demand will be for the trainee to perform according to set standards. Other areas such as health, teaching or employment may also be of significance. Quite often, one's place of employment is indicated by Chiron. Pain or mental stress are other factors.

The SIGN PLACEMENT has a marked influence, and frequently will indicate the native's likes or dislikes about "work"; and the natural Chiron outlet.

CHIRON'S RELATIONSHIPS TO OTHER PLANETS OR POINTS can specify just how much and what type of influence Chiron will have in the life.

1st House: Workaholic. Very conscious of duty towards others but will quietly avoid binding situations, mostly by procrastinating. Can be very secretive or reserved about business affairs. Excellent ability to cope with complicated technical data - rapid learner. Prone to worry, and finds it difficult to delegate work to others. Often has to cope with a serious illness or disability within the family.

2nd House: Often in the financial position to pay for the services of others; or will do this, anyhow. Earns well by working in service areas, hospitals, etc. Because quality is important, expenditure can be high in all areas.

3rd House: Often involves vehicle driving. A desk job can be disliked. Is a persuasive talker with an impressive grasp of facts and figures. Has a fluid tongue and a sharp mind. This can produce a constant flow of criticism, hidden or otherwise. Communications, verbal or written, can be important in life. There can be worrying or distressing news, or perhaps the necessity to learn a foreign language. This is one of the most factual of House positions of Chiron.

4th House: The education of one's children can be a major influence in decision-making. Education is regarded as being vital for a

good future. There is often the urge to educate the general public about a specific subject. This is one of the most self-sacrificing, or genuinely helpful, of positions for Chiron. Responsibility for a family member, or for a family tradition or business, is often present. Work is periodically a cause of physical separation from offspring. Can have close contact with members of the public, for example, in the retail trade, as representative or communicator, or the work can bring the person into the homes of others. Homemaking, do-it-yourself skills.

5th House: Excels in creative work that requires a critical, observant eye and skillful fingers. This can range from factory work, for example, carpet weaving, to the recording arts such as drawing, painting, sculpture. Works with children or as a child-carer. Teaching, entertainment or hospitality are other areas of work. Work-mates or romances can influence work prospects - is often lucky in this respect. Can find it difficult to take orders. Creativity can go through barren periods. There may be childlessness, or the child comes late in life. There can be a serious conflict between duty and pleasure.

6th House: Employment or apprenticeships often involve hard physical effort, worry, or "compulsory" service. Good powers of observation. Appears to have to "learn from scratch", or be self-taught, or go through an apprenticeship. Can receive unselfish aid, but not in school or employer situations. Illness or personal morals can have a strong influence over work matters. Interested in ecology, gardening, holistic health. Likes to teach and/or help others.

7th House: Employment in the legal or health fields. Business partnerships or working closely with another is very likely - but co-operation can be regarded as a duty and require some effort. There is sometimes a difficulty in eliciting any sort of co-operation or reasonableness from a partner, or in a joint working arrangement. There may be periods of absence from close friends or loved ones because of working or health matters. Requests by others for advice or information (paid or unpaid), can be a feature of this House position. In other circumstances, this can denote one who has much contact with hospital or education people - and there will be a giving or receiving of service (paid or unpaid). Can

8th House: This is a payback (Destiny) position. Much aid is either given freely, or received without effort; or there are many demands made for the person's skills or aid. This can vary from financial loans/gifts to health-care and teaching help. There is sometimes a difficulty in obtaining a loan or in obtaining recompense for work, especially craftwork. This can be one of the most testing positions for Chiron, as there can be a pull between "proper conduct" and easy money. Business affairs can be complicated with several arrangements going on at the same time, and perhaps with some clever dealing. There is an aptitude to learn thoroughly all there is to know about a pet subject, and to retain that knowledge. There can be an obsessive attention to detail, which can result in an exceptionally high standard of production. This characteristic can result in the person being very successful in a chosen field, or undertaking. There is often the ability to restore the health of others, and this can be a deeply caring person.

9th House: May have an early acquaintance with a church religion through family involvement. This may or may not "take". In adult life, has close contacts with spiritually-minded people keen to give their philosophical ideas. There is the ability to successfully educate the population at large through books or public speeches. Spiritual teachings are well received, too. Business (can be "big" business), imports/exports, mining, overseas interests, can be a key factor in the life. Apprenticeships, further training, employment or schooling, can take place in a foreign country; possibly with hard work or much effort being needed. May often live or settle overseas.

10th House: Aptitude for handling complex details. Good teacher. Very versatile and hard-working. Is favoured by employers. Quick promotions, sometimes without any personal effort. Help from authorities. Adult Education courses likely. Can be well-known.

11th House: Master tactician. Well able to negotiate on behalf of self or for large organizations. Can be a long-term recipient of Social Welfare, and this is accepted and even expected. Very quick grasp of possibilities, but can often overlook the human factor. Success in all forms of mass communication - films, T.V. A natural flair for talking or working easily with people from all social levels.

12th House: Self-sacrificing - often not given due credit. The least personally ambitious of House positions for Chiron. May work in very uncongenial jobs but remain there for long periods, particularly if the position was specially given to them as a kindness. Sensitive to unclean air. Interested in alternative medicine, nutrition. Skills in bushcraft, fishing, etc. Can come into contact with people from all walks of life who need a sympathetic ear, or their confidence boosted.

[Jenifer writes, "There is still far more to be learned about Chiron, and what I've deduced so far is open to further investigation anyway, but this represents my present understanding". Her article will be continued in the next issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, dealing with ASPECTS to Chiron.

- Ed.]

Correspondence

From ALEXANDER MARR (West Germany): I don't think that the experienced astrologer, having a clear look without prejudice, will accept such a non-astronomical system as Age Harmonics in the rigorous form in which Harvey claims it to be valuable. The same applies to the non-astronomical Ecliptic Solar-Arc. The orbs of this Arc, in all the examples that have been published in textbooks and journals are beyond any reasonable consideration. As Ross Harvey has not given any orbs here, his presentation is not relevant so far as I am concerned. Experience shows that orbs over 5' of arc in many cases are fictions (factor of coincidence).

On the other hand, as some thousands of events have proved, true symbolism of the planets takes precedence over the unreliable rulership method. Therefore, in my system the death of a father mostly appears with MC and Cusp 8 Directions with Saturn or the Sun. I have clearly demonstrated this in one of the preceding *Astrologers' Forum's* with the death of the father in Juan Peron's Radix.

The two systems preferably used by Harvey with no provable orbs - and therefore mathematically and scientifically insignificant - cannot match a rectificational and predictional method that has made an acid test ("Dual Test") with over 60 birth charts and Prenatal Epochs.

I invite the reader to go carefully through my rectification, which may be regarded as going beyond the mathematical and astrological proofs (orbs, symbolism) needed for a rectification.

Ross Harvey's objections as regards the events I did not deal with are not relevant because all the demonstrated events, and I used them nearly all, show Directions with major aspects. The experienced astrologer will know that the accumulations of major, in many cases Angular and Cusp Directions, with small orbs and a satisfactory symbolism could never be a mere matter of chance.

The ring for my scientifically provable method is closed by two more conditions that multiply the factor against coincidence in a second and third dimensional form: (1) With a few exceptions (two out of sixty) the ASC or DESC of the Radix will always be almost identical with the MOON of the Prenatal Epoch (in the present case, r.ASC 17 Can 41.6, Ep.MOON 17 Cap 45.2). (2) There are an overwhelming number of cases of MDO congruences between the Radix and the Epoch. I invite the reader to analyse carefully these MDO congruences for Harvey's Charts - page 5 (top, right) of the last issue:

Chart	Planet	MDO	Quadrant
Radix	Sun	53° 32'	1st, Conjunction
Epoch	Uranus	53° 33'	1st
Radix	Node	14° 54.8	4th, Opposition
Epoch	Mars	14° 54.6	2nd

How often do such "coincidences" occur if you compare a natal chart with transits for events? - 1:100, 1:500?? An experienced statistician would give an answer that certainly would be a positive surprise.

I have to emphasize here that I do not intend to take part in any more discussions in this regard. However, I invite advanced

astrologers to analyse and examine the validity and truthfulness of my method.

From Ross Harvey (NSW): Alexander Marr's emotional reply still makes no attempt to answer my criticisms. This means either that he cannot answer them, or cannot see that he must answer them if he is to retain any credibility. They are that he has ignored what is for him inconvenient evidence (the given birth time), that he has made no attempt to justify his rejection of that evidence, and that he has in effect merely invented a chart to support his methods. He then makes no attempt to justify his "rectification" by any methods other than his own. In any scientific discipline such a procedure would amount to fraud (a point already cogently made by Rudolf Smit in reply to a previous intemperate response by Alexander to criticism of his methods). An investigation of transits of the outer planets in major aspects to the Angles of my Chart over the last fifteen years should convince anyone that the Angles for the given time are right to within approximately one degree. This is to say nothing of the many Solar Returns, and fractional Solar Returns with appropriate planets on angles for the Chart for the given time, and not for Marr's "rectification".

As our Editor has pointed out, it is much less helpful to quote orbs of Directions in minutes of arc of longitude rather than in time, as Primary-Directed planets can move at very different rates, and quoting the orb in longitude obscures this important point. A date of exactitude of a Primary Direction or Progression is much more useful in prediction, and then it can be seen that Primary Directions do not always fall within a desirable time range for the event to which they probably relate.

I should emphasize that I was not talking about Solar-Arc Directions of planets, which I, too, reject, but about the Secondary Progression of the Midheaven by the Solar-Arc in longitude, with the other Angles calculated from this Progressed MC. In my opinion, this is the only reliable method of Progressing the Angles. As for "astronomical" and "non-astronomical" systems, ALL astrology is symbolic. There is no inherent reason why the apparent movement of the planets on the day of birth should be any more pertinent to results in prediction than such an obviously symbolic method as Harmonics. All that should concern us is what works and what does not.

Alexander seems to think that the comparatively close conjunction between the Radical Descendant and the Moon in the Prenatal Epoch Chart for his "rectification" supports his case. Unfortunately for him, with my rectification the orb for this conjunction is even less. (My rectification: r.Desc. 21 Cap 53' 31'', Epoch Moon 21 Cap 53' 58''. His Chart: Desc 21 Cap 41' 36'', Epoch Moon, 21 Cap 45' 12''). In any case, for those who reject any idea of a Prenatal Epoch Chart, both Marr's Epoch Chart and mine may only show how easy it is to arrive at a fictional chart that appears to work, and for that reason I would not be inclined to rely on the Epoch Chart to defend a rectification.

Alexander still fails to see the point of objection to his use of the words "experienced" and "advanced" when applied to astrologers (translation - those who agree with Marr). This is a cheap trick which does him no credit at all. He may intend

that such language should bolster his case and give it a specious respectability that it does not deserve. However for those who see through it, it has precisely the opposite effect.

One should not be surprised at the "MDO congruences" and frequencies of Topocentric Primary Directions that Marr quotes in support of his case, because he has specifically designed his charts to give precisely these indications. It is hardly to be wondered at that they do just that. But at the risk of explaining the blindingly obvious, that is all they do do. All he has done is to show that he can produce charts that contain the indications he designed them to have. This in no way means that they are correct. He has used Topocentric P.D.'s to produce a chart which he then uses to demonstrate the effectiveness of Topocentric P.D.'s. I am astounded that he cannot see the fallacy of this argument. He then persists in ignoring that his "rectified" charts do not give results by methods other than his own, and then cannot see, or will not admit, that his charts have no chance of being considered to be correct unless they do give reliable indications by other methods, such as Transits to Angles, Progressions of and to Angles, Angular planets in Cyclic Charts of all sorts, and, yes, Age Harmonics.

In every "rectification" of his I have seen, Marr has invented a fictional chart to conform to the results he expects from his methods. He ignores the given birth time, and has no compunction in moving the birth time about by up to an hour, or even more, if it suits his purposes, and then never once makes any attempt to show that the given birth time is wrong. He then declares that his "rectification" is *the* chart beyond all doubt. Most damning of all is that he does not seem to see any difficulty with this procedure. His Chart for Peron is a perfect example of all that I find most objectionable about his procedures. He does not quote the recorded birth time (in fact his "rectification" is 48 minutes later than the later of the two times given by *The American Book of Charts*, which should immediately arouse suspicions. I think his Chart is roughly an hour too late.), nor does he make any attempt to justify his rejection of whatever recorded time he started from. He further makes no attempt to show that his Chart should be preferred to any other suggested Chart. Finally, his Chart does not give pertinent results for any of the major events he quotes in Age Harmonics, Progressions of the Angles or Solar Returns of all sorts. (The times quoted in *The American Book of Charts* are 6:30 am or 7:00 am, local time. My rectification is for 6:53:36am local time, RAMC 125.80993, MC 3 Leo 30, conjunct Jupiter 5 Leo 39; Asc 21 Sco 37, for those readers who might like to compare the two charts.)

Marr's heated reply shows only that he is emotionally committed to his work on TPD's and his "rectification" techniques, and that no amount of reasoning will induce him to consider for one moment that they may not be as reliable as he assumes. Sadly, there is nothing remotely scientific about this attitude; rather it only tends to confirm my opinion that all Marr's work on "rectification" may be dismissed without regret as the product of an illogical mind.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 25th August 1988

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

In a move to upgrade the printing quality of *Astrologers' Forum* your editor has just impoverished himself with the purchase of a Star NX-1000 printer, and a new computer system - the Turbo XT with Hard Disk, and Thomson "White Page" monitor. These items came from Sancom Computers, Pyrmont, NSW, where Ms Susan Alexander, herself an astrologer, gives special attention to the needs of those who follow our age-old science.

I hope the improved quality of the printing, as a result of these acquisitions, is apparent to all. My struggle to master the new equipment, together with the elaborate "Astrolabe" Program Nova marketed by astrologer Keven Barrett (NSW), is one reason why this issue of *Astrologers' Forum* is later than usual. Another reason is that the material being published this month - mainly two different rectifications of the same chart - is considerable, and needs to be presented in the one issue. So the next number will see the light of day in August, not July.

Chart Rectification

Readers will recall that in the May Issue Alexander Marr of West Germany invited Ross Harvey (our NSW contributor) to submit a list of dates and events in his life, from which Alexander undertook to rectify Ross's Birth Chart precisely, using Topocentric Primary Directions. Ross immediately sent the required list which, with his permission, is reproduced here together with Marr's rectification. Ross's own rectification of his Birth Horoscope, and the reasons he claims it is accurate and Alexander's is not, are also given so that readers can benefit from the demonstration of the two techniques, and make their own assessment.

To begin with, here is the full list of events and dates supplied by Ross, who was born on the 11th of June 1949, at Crows Nest, NSW, Australia (33S50, 151E12). The time recorded at the hospital was 9:15 am (UT 23:15 on 10th June 1949):

Dec 1953: Parents moved to the house I was to live in until Dec 1968.

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Jan 1958: Started at a new school.

Dec 1960 Dux of Primary School (I was first in the class for every year of primary school, so it might be possible to find indications for every December from 1955 onwards).

Jan 1961: Started at high school.

Dec 1961: Dux of First Year.

Dec 1965: End of Leaving Certificate Examinations, and end of high school.

Jan 1966: Leaving Certificate results - third in State of NSW in French Honours (notified about the 18th of January). Won scholarship.

22nd Jan 1966: My father died suddenly in the early morning at my parents' seaside cottage.

Feb-Mar 1966: Started studying Science at my parents' behest (I was expected to take over my parents' chemical factory, even though my own interest have always been very different).

Jan 1967: Failed First Year university. I hated it and didn't do any work.

Dec 1967-Jan 1968: Abandoned Science for Classics.

Mar 1968: Start of academic year in which I studied Ancient History, Archaeology and

Greek. To this point, the most enjoyable year of my life.

Jan 1969: Results for previous year: I was in the first three of every subject.

June 1969: My Honours-Course supervisor left for six months vacation, leaving me in the lurch.

End of 1970: Decided to begin studying at Art School part-time the next year.

Feb 1971: Began study at Art School. At last I was doing what I wanted to.

Aug 1971: Left University to study Art full-time.

27th May 1972: University Graduation Ceremony.

May 1973: Began work as Assistant teacher at Art School.

End 1974: End of formal study. Diploma of Art with high distinction.

Dec 1975: Left part-time teaching job at the art school where I trained.

Jan 1976: Taught at Summer Art School. Met a friend who has subsequently been important to me at several periods of my life. It was she who was indirectly responsible for my meeting my London agent.

Apr/May 1976: Applied for teaching job without success (fortunately, as it turned out).

Jul/Aug 1976: Applied for teaching job. Selected from a hundred applicants.

Jan 1977: Informed of success in above-mentioned job application.

18th Feb 1977: Began work at the job I was to hold until the end of March, 1988.

Sep 1977: Decided to spend summer holidays in the U.K.

12th Dec 1977: Left for London. Arrived on the 14th. The next six weeks were the most exciting of my life to date.

27th Nov 1978: Left for trip to the U.K., Holland and Spain; arrived Amsterdam 1st Dec, Madrid 28th Dec.

5th Jan 1979: Met young lady in Madrid who was to play an important part in my life for the next ten months. Decided on the course my painting would henceforth take.

Aug 1979: Visit of abovementioned person to me in Sydney. Arrived 18th August, left 1st September.

Sep/Oct 1979: Arranged my first Exhibition.

13th Sep 1980: First Exhibition opened. Official opening on the 16th. Great success - sell-out.

2nd Oct 1982: Second Exhibition opened. Good result in difficult times - all but two paintings sold by Christmas.

November 1982: First important portrait commission.

25th Jan 1983: Portrait delivered to great acclaim.

Aug 1983: Second important portrait commission; delivered by October.

Jul 1984: Important commission, consisting of five portraits for the same organization.

Aug 1984: Third Exhibition. Commercial failure, due to inadequate promotion.

Nov 1984: Portraits delivered.

22nd Dec 1984: Left for trip to London, Paris, Munich and Vienna.

9th Feb 1985: Returned to Australia.

June 1985: Fourth Exhibition in Adelaide, South Australia. Failure.

Jul 1985: Lost part of my teaching job because of Government economising.

May/Jun 1986: Fifth Exhibition. Adequate commercial success, though not as great as I had hoped. I was disappointed with the result.

Jun 1986: Managed to save enough to buy my first motorcar. Took delivery on the 25th.

July 1986: Commission for portrait of Archbishop of Sydney.

11th Nov 1986: Trouble at the Art School where I taught. I was caught between two scheming factions.

7th Feb 1987: Met the London-based art dealer who has become my agent.

14th May 1987: Visit from London dealer. He examined my work, suggested exhibitions in London and New York, and predicted a great future for me in Europe and the USA.

16th Sep 1987: Call from dealer to confirm London Exhibition.

15th Feb 1988: Resumed teaching for the year. Decided in the next two weeks that I was wasting my time and that I should be devoting all my energies to my London Exhibition.

7th Mar 1988: Announced my resignation; left on the 28th.

Here are over fifty events in my life, everything of any consequence that has ever happened to me and which I can time to within a month or two. [See Ross's further comments later. - Ed.]

**A Rectification of Ross Harvey's Birth Chart, with Advanced Scientifically-Approved Methods
by Alexander Marr**

Radix according to hospital records:

11th June 1949, 9:15 am local time,
23h 15m UT on 10th June 1949; at Crow's Nest, NSW, Australia.

Chart rectified to 22h 59m 48s UT, 10th June 1949, with a maximum error of ± 6 seconds (1.5' of arc) in Right Ascension of the MC, using the Topocentric Domification system.

From 17 events given to the day 12 main ones have been used for the analysis.

Primaries: d = direct; c = converse.

Naibod time key - 59' 8.33" per year.

Secondaries: r = Radical, p = Progressed; re = Regressed, d = Direct, c = Converse. Angles and intermediate Cusps Directed with the Solar Arc in Right Ascension.

1. Leaving Certificate prize, scholarship, 1966, January 18: MC c trine MOON r, orb 4'; MC re sextile SUN, 5'

2. Death of father, 1966, January 22: URANUS d semisq. SATURN, 4'; CUSP VIII p square SUN, exact. Jupiter p quincunx Uranus, 1'; Cusp 12 re Conj. Mercury, 6'.

3. Permanent job as a teacher, 1977, February 18: ASC d sextile SUN, 1'; MC d 30° VENUS, 4'; MOON d Conj. DESC, 3'

4. Trip to London (1), 1977, December 12: JUPITER d sextile MC; MERCURY d conjunct VENUS, 8'; Moon d conjunct P/Fortune, 4'; Jupiter d. sextile MC, 1'; Mercury d conjunct Venus, 8'; Mars c Sext. Venus, 1'.

5. Trip to Europe (2). 1978, November 27: DESC c conjunct MOON, 3'; SUN p. conjunct ASC, 6'; ASC re conjunct SUN, 5'.

6. Met young lady, 1979 January 5: DESC c conjunct MOON, 9'; H1 p conjunct URANUS 3'; H1 c 30° JUPITER 7' (orb would presumably fit for the travel home).

7. Met the lady again, 1979, August 18: ASC c conjunct SUN, exact (or, DESC opposite SUN); P/Fortune conjunct MOON, 6'.

As can be seen, the first meeting was reflected by an ASC-MOON, the second one by an ASC-SUN conjunction. This underlines the great receptiveness of the birth chart for partnership with the typical partner combination of a full moon in the Houses 5 to 11.

8. Portrait commission, 1983, January 25: VENUS d sextile MERCURY, 2'; MC re sextile SUN, 6'.

9. Trip to Europe (3), 1984, December 22: MC c square URANUS, 3' (there could have been at least one negative event on the journey if this Direction had been activated by Lunar Return Charts and Transits). H1 d conjunct VENUS, 5'; ASC re sextile PLUTO, 2'; VENUS p 30° ASC, 2'.

10. Visit from a dealer (art, success), 1987, March 14: VENUS d conjunct PLUTO 5'; VENUS re trine DESC 1'; MOON re 30° SUN, 3'.

11. Resignation (positive), 1988, March 7: MC d sextile PLUTO, exact (end of the teacher career, new start in arts); ASC c trine NEPTUNE, exact; DESC.NODE c square MERCURY, 1'.

12. Left the job, 1988, March 28: (As for No. 10; orbs + 4' of arc).

The analysis was performed in the following order:

1. Authentication of the birth time with precessed postnatal and prenatal Lunar Returns, with the result that the birth time could be somewhat earlier than the given one.
2. Rectification with Primary Directions in the Topocentric System.
3. Verification with Secondary Directions and Precessed Ascendant/Lunar Charts.

Directions in UPPER CASE should be characteristic of the 12 events reflected by 8 conjunctions and oppositions, 9 Directions with main aspects (square, trine, sextile).

Alexander Marr follows the above rectification with the following analysis, employing the Prenatal Epoch, in what he has termed the "Dual Test". Though the Prenatal Epoch (moment of conception) is of doubtful authenticity, Alexander considers it an essential element of his rectification, and it is included here in accordance with his wishes. R = Radix, E = Epoch. - Ed.]

An Analysis of Ross Harvey's Rectified Birth Chart with the DUAL-TEST by Alexander Marr

Radix as in the Rectification: 22h 59m 48s UT, June 10, 1949.

Prenatal Epoch, rectified: Sep 12, 1948, 17h 36m 42s UT.

So far in this test only Primary Directions have been used. I leave it to Ross Harvey to analyze the corresponding Secondary Directions, Directing the Angles and Intermediate Cusps with the Solar-Arc in Right Ascension.

- 1a. Leaving Certificate, prize, scholarship, 1966, January 18.
- 1b. Death of father, 1966, January 21.

(a) MC c trine MOON, 5', R-R; MC c trine JUPITER, 1', R - E.

(b) URANUS d Semisq. SATURN, 4', R-R; SUN d conj. NEPTUNE, exact, E-R; S.Node c Semisq. MC, 3', R-E; XII square SUN, 3', E-E; SATURN c semisq. XII, exact, E-R; XII c. conj. SUN, 5', E-R; Desc c Sq. NEPTUNE, 5', E-R.

2. Job as a teacher, 1977, February 18: MOON d Conj. DESC, 3', R-R; ASC d Sext. SUN, 1', R-R; ASC d trine NODE, 2', E-E; NODE c Opp. III, 4', E-R.

3. Trip to Europe (1), 1977, December 1

MOON d Conj. P/Fort, 4' R-R; JUPITER d Sext. MC, 1' R-R; MERCURY d conj. VENUS 8', R-R; MC c Sext. SUN, 3', E-R.

4. Trip to Europe (2), 1978, November 27: DESC c. Conj. MOON, 3', R-R; DESC c. Conj. JUPITER, 3', R-E; MOON d trine MC, 2', R-E; IC d Semisext. MOON, 3', E-E; NODE c trine VENUS, 1', E-E; ASC c Conj. URANUS, 4' E-E; MOON c Conj. VI, 1', E-R.

5. Met a lady in Madrid, 1979, January 5: DESC c conj. MOON, 8', R-R; MOON d trine MC, 3', R-E; DESC c Conj. JUPITER, 3', E-E.

6. Portrait delivered to great acclaim, 1983, January 25: VENUS d Sext. MERCURY, 2', R-R; VENUS d trine MOON, exact, E-R; Venus d Sext. ASC, 3', E-R; JUPITER Sext. SUN, 57, E-E.

7. Trip to Europe (3), 1984, December 22: H1 d Conj. VENUS, 5', R-R; MC c Sq. URANUS, 3', R-R; ASC c Sext URANUS, 17, R-E; NODE c. Conj. H1, 3', E-E; MERCURY c Conj. NODE, 9', R-E; URANUS c Opp. P/Fort., 5', E-E.

8. Visited by a dealer (beneficial), 1987, May 14; VENUS d Conj. PLUTO, 5', R-R; ASC c Conj. H1, 1', R-E; ASC c trine MERCURY, 5', R-E; MC c Sext. MERCURY, 4', E-R.

9. Resigned as a teacher to work in art, 1988, March 7; MC d Sext. PLUTO, exact, R-R; VENUS d conj. PLUTO, 3', R-E; PLUTO d Conj. MERCURY, 3', R-E; III d Sext. SUN (H1 d trine SUN), exact, R-E; P/Fort. Opp. VENUS, 10', E-R; ASC d trine NEPTUNE, exact, R-R; MARS d Semisq. MERCURY, 2', R-R; P/Fort. Opp. H1, 7', R-E; MOON c trine PLUTO, 2', E-E; XI c conj. NODE, 4', E-E; VI c Opp. MARS 2', E-R; Vi c Sq. SATURN, 2'. ("left job" March 28, where a many of the Directions above are appropriate for the character of the event.)

There follow events that have been recorded only to the month. Here the allowance in the orbs should be extended by 2' of arc.

10. Successful exam, 1969, January (15); SUN d Sext. MC, 6', R-R; ASC d Sext. MERCURY, 4', R-R; H1 d Conj. SUN, 10', R-R; JUPITER Opp. V, 7', E-R.

11. Graduated, 1972, May (15): P/Fort. conj. JUPITER, 6', E-E; MOON d trine SUN, 6', E-R; P/Fort d Conj. MOON, 11', E-R; SUN c Trine MOON, 5', E-R; URANUS c conj

MERCURY, 2', E-R.

12. Great success (Exhibition of paintings, sell-out), 1980, Sep 13: SUN d Opp. P/Fort, 6', R-R; H1 d conj. URANUS, exact, R-E; ASC d. Conj II, exact E-E (sales); URANUS Opp. JUPITER, 1', E-R.

13. Commercial failure, 1984, August (15); P/FORT d Opp. SATURN, 2', R-R; II d Conj. MERCURY, 2', R-E; PLUTO d Conj. MERCURY, 4', E-E, II c Opp. P/FORT, 2', R-R; MERCURY c Conj. MC, R-R, 1'; PLUTO c Semisq. SATURN, exact.

14. Exhibition in Adelaide (failure), 1985, June (15): URANUS d Sq. MARS, exact, R-E; SATURN d Conj. III, 5', E-E; II c Conj. ASC, 6', R-R; II c Opp. MOON, 10', R-E; URANUS c Sesquisq. MERCURY, exact, E-E; PLUTO c Sq. MERCURY, 4', E-E; ASC c Conj. HII, 4', E-R.

14 events are reflected by 81 Directions, while Secondaries have been analyzed and demonstrated only in the first 10 events. Conjunctions and Oppositions dominate. They have an allowable orb of 10' of arc.. We get 32 conjunctions, 11 oppositions, 33 main aspects (square, trine, sextile) and 7 minor aspect (semisextile, quincunx, semisquare, sesquiquadrate). These proportions, in view of the small orbs and the appropriate symbolism, should be taken as a guide for astrologers who are trying the difficult art of rectification. Only the secure rectification of a birth chart allows consideration of the Prenatal Epoch (described in *Prediction III*).

The Part of Fortune works only in conjunctions and oppositions. Angles Directed to House cusps and vice-versa are valid only in conjunctions. They are very helpful for forecasting, as Angles and Houses are true Significators. Rectifications like the demonstrated one give true birth times. This can be statistically proved, and they are astrologically obvious and true. However, there are two other revolutionary proofs of a scientific-mathematical nature. In most cases, with few exceptions (only 2 in 60 so far) the ASC or DESC of the Radix has to be almost Zodiacally identical with the Moon of the Prenatal Epoch. This makes the rectification of the Prenatal Epoch easy provided the Radix has been carefully rectified. In the present case the Radical ASC is 17 Can 41.6'. The Moon of the Prenatal Epoch is 17 Cap 45.2'. However, the most evident proofs of the scientific value of

the demonstrated DUAL TEST are MDO congruences (Meridian distances in oblique ascension) between the Radix and the Epoch. Here the following two congruences within 1' of arc supply this evidence: MDO Radical SUN: 53° 32.1'; MDO Epoch URANUS 53° 33'. (A conjunction in the First Quadrant). MDO Radix MEAN NODE: 14° 54.8', MDO Epoch MARS: 14° 54.6. (An opposition in the Second Quadrant).

I invite the reader to remember how often for one analyzed event the coincidence occurs that there is one Transit in exact conjunction and another simultaneously in an opposition to Radical factors. However this last proof, although very frequent at least with one MDO congruence, is not a presupposition as there are still two planets to discover - one for Virgo and another for Libra.

That concludes the full exposition of Marr's rectification, and here follows Ross's contribution.

Rectification and Comments by Ross Harvey

I have used all the listed events in my rectification of my own Chart, and have appropriate and accurately-timed indications for everything, the timing usually being within six weeks, and for several of the most important events, to within a few days. While I do not by any means deny the general usefulness of Topocentric Primary Directions, several major Directions in my Chart (planets to conjunction and aspects of Angles, and to major aspects to the Sun and Moon) have either been without effect at all or have been mistimed by many months. Consequently I do not regard Topocentric Primary Directions on their own as being sufficiently reliable to be used as the principal means of rectifying a chart.

Angles for the given birth time (9:15 am EST): MC 11 Tau 21, ASC 21 Can 42.

Angles for my own rectification (9h 15m 45s): MC 11 Tau 32, ASC 21 Can 54.

Angles for Marr's proposed rectification (8h 59m 48s): MC 7 Tau 28, ASC 17 Can 42.

There are three serious flaws in Alexander's proposed rectification of my Chart:

Firstly, it is incumbent upon anyone who attempts to rectify a chart to demonstrate clearly that the chart for the given time does not work. In none of his published rectifications does Alexander make any attempt to do this, and the present case is

no exception. This is the cardinal sin of rectification. After all, if the chart works well enough for the given time there is no need to change anything.

Secondly he ignores the probable margin of error in the recording of the birth time. Assuming that the nurse present at my birth, who recorded the time, was neither stupid nor incompetent, it is reasonable to suppose that the time was rounded off to the nearest quarter of an hour (in fact, my experience with hospital recorded times in Sydney of the period suggests it is more likely to be rounded off to the nearest five minutes), and while this alone does not make a time of 9:00 am impossible, it does make it inherently more improbable than a time nearer 9:15 am, and thus it is even more incumbent upon anyone proposing such a time to demonstrate clearly that a chart for the given time will not work, and that the proposed emendation is the only possible alternative. No attempt has been made to do this. Marr simply assumes his rectification must be right, as he always does. This is a most unsafe assumption.

Thirdly, the resulting chart should give consistently reliable results using several different methods of prediction, and this should be demonstrated by the person making the rectification. In fact, Marr's chart only works using his own highly idiosyncratic method of Primary Direction. The methods that work for me, namely Secondary Progressions and Regressions of the Angles by the appropriate Zodiacal Solar-Arcs, Age Harmonics, and Angular planets in the various Solar Returns, when applied to Marr's "rectified" time all give negative results, and show that the given time is essentially correct.

A few examples:

1. p.MC sesquare p.Neptune: **March 1966**, for the given time; **30th January** for my rectification (my father died on **22nd January 1986**; Neptune rules the 8th House).
2. re.Asc Conj. r.Venus: **April 1968**, for the given time: In **March 1968** I began studying Classics at University - the happiest and most productive year of my life until then.
3. re.MC trine r.Moon (in 5th House - art): **March 1971**, for the given time, **January 1971** for the rectified time: First year at Art School.

4. re.Asc Conj. r.Uranus, **May 1973**: First teaching job, **May 1973**. Also p.Asc sextile r.Sun, **August 1973** for the given time, **June** for my rectified time.

5. re.MC (regressed into the 9th House) trine re.Pluto, **September 1977**: Decided to go to the U.K. in September; left in **December** (my rectification brings this aspect to **early December**).

6. p.MC Conj. r.Mercury, **January 1979** (for given time): In **January 1979** I decided the course my painting would take from there on.

7. re.Asc Conj. r.Sun **May 1986**: Reasonably successful Exhibition **May/June 1986**; bought a motorcar with the proceeds (aspect moved to **June 1986** with my rectification).

A further striking feature of my Chart for the given time, and for my rectification, is Saturn conjunct the 2nd Placidian Cusp. One of my most obvious characteristics, remarked on by everyone who knows me, is my love of order and precision, and my painting is noted for its great care of execution and precision of detail - all of which can be accounted for by Saturn in Virgo, strong on a Cusp (in Mundane Trine to the MC). For the given time, Saturn is $0^{\circ} 16'$ below the 2nd Placidian Cusp in oblique ascension; for my rectification, only $0^{\circ} 6'$ below, but for Marr's proposed rectification, $3^{\circ} 44'$ below - too far to have any noticeable effect. I would allow an orb of 3° in oblique ascension at the most, and to have such a strong effect as Saturn does in my Chart, I would expect it to be much closer to the Cusp than 3° . This strongly suggests yet again that Marr is wrong.

Age Harmonics further confirm the essential accuracy of the given time: In a number of important years there are Harmonic planets in the range 7-15 Taurus/Scorpio, and 18-25 Cancer/Capricorn, that is, conjunct or opposite Radical Angles. Furthermore, in several years there are appropriate planets at 21-22 Aries, Libra and Scorpio, square and trine the r.Ascendant for the given time. In Age Harmonics the orb is 5° approximately. If Marr's Angles are used many important indications are missed, as the appropriate Harmonic planets are past 12° Taurus/Scorpio and 22° Cancer/Capricorn. All this suggests that the given time is at least approxi-

mately right and that Marr's suggestions are wrong.

Conclusive proof comes from considering the **Harmonic Angles**: For several important years the Harmonic Angles for the given time, or preferably those for my rectification, which are very slightly later, are obviously right, while those for Marr's suggested time are as obviously wrong:

Harmonic 7 (measles): h.Asc Conj. h.Mars (given time. No negative indications for the Angles derived from Marr's proposed rectification.

Harmonic 11 (Dux of school): h.MC Conj. r.Venus; h.Asc Conj. h.Sun (given time). No positive indications for Marr's Angles.

Harmonic 16 (third place in State in French in the Leaving Certificate; won scholarship): h.MC Conj. r.Jupiter. Nothing for Marr's Angles. (Father died): h.Asc (my rectification) Conj. h.Pluto. Again nothing significant for Marr's Angles.

Harmonic 17 (first year studying Science at University, the most miserable of my life): h.MC derived from Marr's proposed Chart Conj. h.Sun (!). This could not be more contrary to the nature of the period, and is absurd.

Harmonic 22 (first year full-time at Art School): h.Asc Conj. r.Jupiter (from given time). Nothing for Marr's Angles.

Harmonic 34 (second important portrait commission - a year of reasonable success): Marr's h.Asc conj. h.Neptune, Marr's h.MC Conj. r.Neptune - both negative, both wrong. For the given time, h.MC Conj. h.Venus.

Harmonic 37 (trouble at work): h.Asc Conj. h.Saturn (given time). No negative indications for Marr's angles.

Solar Returns for a single year should suffice to confirm the superiority of the given time. For 1978, the year I met my then girl friend, the Solar Return for the given time has Asc 24 Can 27 conjunct Venus at 23 Can 45, while the Progressive Solar Return has Asc 27 Leo 40 conjunct Venus at 27 Leo 34. The Ascendant of the Solar Return is also conjunct the Radical Venus/-Pluto midpoint, with an orb of only 7' of arc. The Solar Return for Marr's Solar position has an Ascendant at 20Can25. Strictly speaking, this put Venus 4° 8'0 in

oblique ascension below the Ascendant, a little too far to have a great effect.

A quick look at some of Marr's **Primary Directions**: Uranus d semisquare Saturn for my father's death is so unimportant I would ignore it. p.MC sesquare Neptune r and p is much more significant, all the more so as Neptune rules the Eighth House for the given time. There were no negative events on my third trip to Europe in December 1984, as Marr suggested; on the contrary, it was a most positive period.

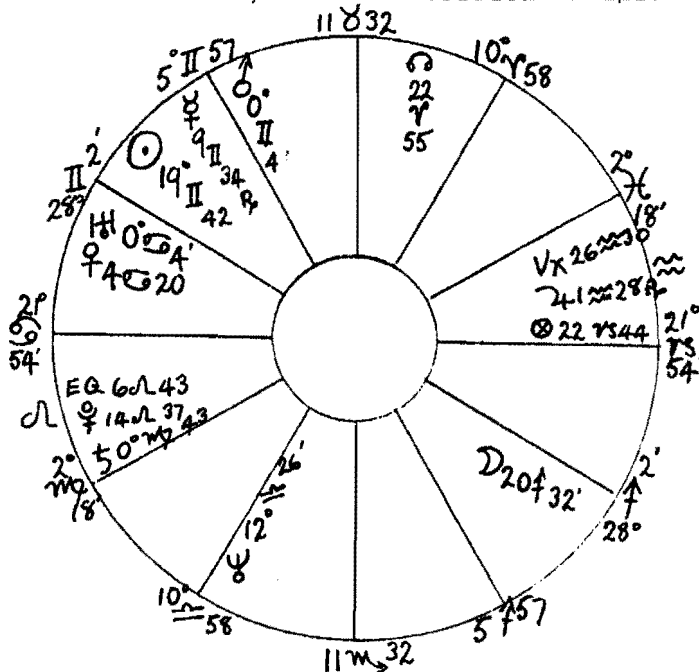
I am most reassured by the "great receptiveness of the Birth Chart for partnership" (Marr), but as I am practically 39 and still unmarried, he's not doing too well here either.

I totally reject Marr's idea of Directing a planet in either the Radix or Epoch Chart to an aspect of one in the other chart. This gives so many points to be Directed (especially as Marr also uses House Cusps in both charts) that it should be possible to find Directions for any period one wishes, and very surprising indeed if one could not. I am interested to see that Marr has not followed his own "rule" in drawing up an Epoch Chart for my Radix, that is, that the Moon should be waxing in both Charts, or waning in both (*Prediction III, page 65*). I do not agree with this rule in any case. My own Epoch Chart has the Moon at 21Cap54 conjunct the r.Descendant (almost exactly, with an orb of less than a second of arc), and seems to give convincing and reliable indications for Progressions of the Angles, Age Harmonics, Primary Directions (both Topocentric and PEA), and Solar Returns. But I still regard the use of the Epoch Chart as experimental, and would not be inclined to place much reliance on it in rectifications, unless supported by evidence in the Radix.

I am continually amused by Alexander's reiteration of his "advanced, scientifically-approved" methods. Art critics (especially American ones) are very fond of talking about "Advanced Art", by which they mean what they approve of, so they can sneer at what they don't like as "backward"; but one doesn't need to be a genius to see who decides what is "advanced". I suspect that Alexander is using the same ploy. And why should Topocentric Primary Directions be any more advanced than say PEA PD's, or Harmonics? That is conveniently never explained. As for "scientific" - any method that can only be made to give pertinent results by falsifying the given data is none too scientific. And then, who does the

Well, it is not absolutely new, though very recent, and Ross must be congratulated on recognizing its value and bringing it to the notice of us all. I consider it a very important advance in the astrological field. Alexander Marr has done valuable work in extending the frontiers of Astrology and introducing to the great body of astrologers new concepts such as the Ascendant-Lunar Return Chart, the Prenatal Relationship Chart (designated by him "The New Partner-Horoscope"), and the Seven-Year Lunar Cycle

11th June 1949, 9:15:45 am, his own
rectification from 9:15 am. Crows Nest,
NSW. 151E12, 33S50. Placidean Cusps.



- Dymock, 10th July 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Rectification by Harmonics

Uncertain birth times are a constant stumbling block in the delineation of horoscopes. All practising astrologers have to face this problem, and many and various are the ways of coping with it. Over the years I have tested all methods of chart rectification that came to my notice, including Primary and Secondary Directions, the "Prenatal Epoch", Transits over Angles, Cyclic Charts, Naibod Arc ("The Radix System") and a few others, some of which proved to be worthless. As a result of my trials and investigations, there is now no doubt in my mind that rectification by Age Harmonics is far and away the best system, and capable of absolute accuracy when applied with painstaking care. I still use most of the above-listed techniques, but only to confirm results obtained through Age Harmonics.

I am glad to acknowledge the part played by ROSS HARVEY of NSW in my enlightenment; without it, I might still be struggling with inferior methods. Ross directed my attention to Age Harmonics at a time when I was giving Astrological Harmonics in general very little thought, and none at all to Age Harmonics. Ross's advocacy of the method, following his own private researches, induced me to investigate them, and I am most thankful that I did. Initial scepticism soon gave way to joyful surprise and finally enthusiasm, as I realized the value and potency of this new tool.

It may be that Ross can claim a world-first with this rectification technique. Certainly, I have not met up with it elsewhere as a method of rectification, though of course Harmonics applied to the delineation of Radices has been widely canvassed since the pioneer work of the late John Addey. Addey was principally responsible for the reintroduction of Harmonics into modern Astrology. I say modern astrology, because Harmonics were known and used by the ancient Greek astrologers.

Well, Ross has now given us the following example of this method, applied to the Birth Horoscope of Queen Elizabeth II, for whom there is more than one Radix extant. The article will, I hope, be

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instructive and helpful to other serious astrologers as yet uninformed or sceptical of the procedure. The following abbreviations are used: h. = Harmonic; r. = Radical; p. = Progressed; Re. = Regressed (equivalent to "Converse Progressions", that is, Significators moving backwards against the order of the Signs in the "day for a year" system). I have provided foot notes for some points that may need a little explanation. - Dymock.

Birth Chart of Queen Elizabeth II

Rectified by Age Harmonics by Ross Harvey

When one begins to consider rectifying a chart it is first necessary to assess the quality of the birth data provided, to judge the likelihood of their being wrong and, if so, the likely margin of error. Absurd rectifications are continually being made because some practitioners fail to take this elementary precaution. In the case of Queen Elizabeth II, the source of the birth time was a palace announcement on the day of her birth (by Caesarian section). While the time could well have been rounded off to the nearest five minutes, it is simply inconceivable that some of the leading gynaecologists of the day could have made a serious error in timing the birth of the eldest child of the heir presumptive to the throne.

The most important events in the life of the Queen are her marriage (20th November 1948), the death of her father, George VI, and her consequent accession to the throne

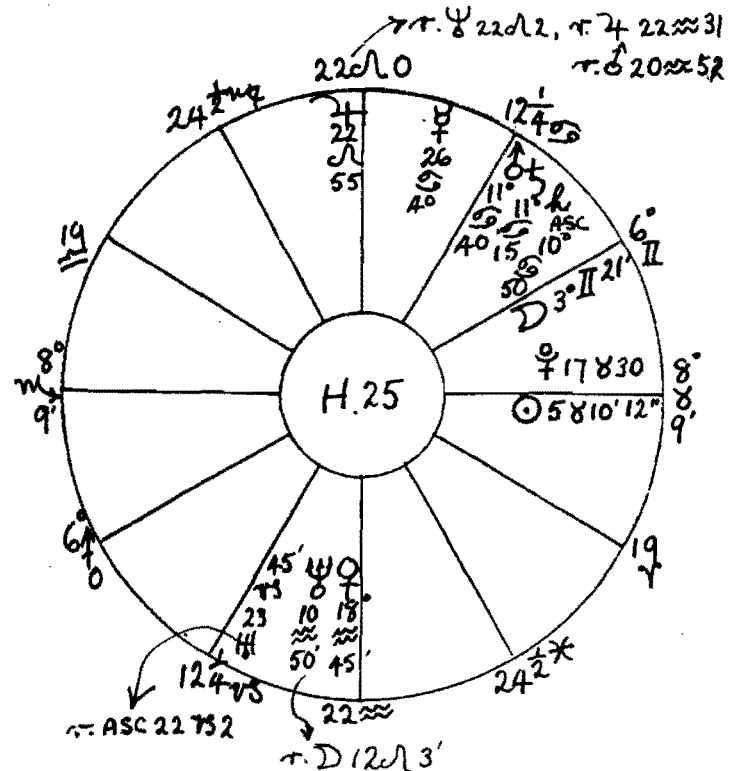
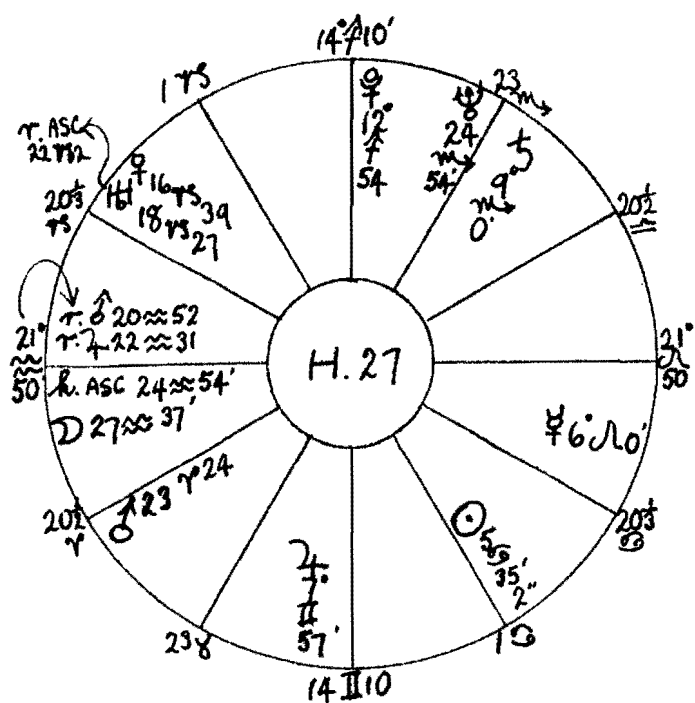
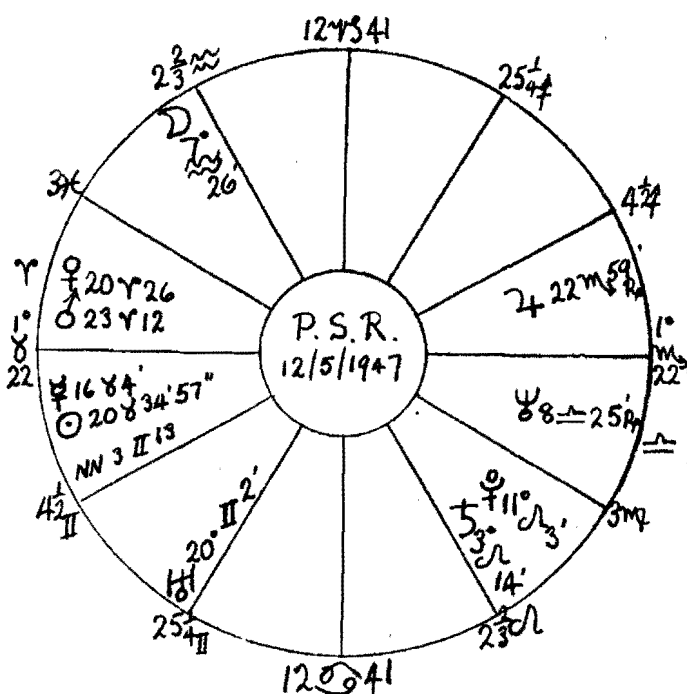


Chart 4. HARMONIC 27. London. Placidus.

For the given time the Harmonic Angles would be MC 1 Sg 39, ASC 29 Cp 47, Derived ASC 8 Aq 42.

**Chart 5. PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN**

(Rectified). 12th May 1947, 3:39:13 am GMT. London. Placidus.



(6th February 1952), and her Coronation (2nd June 1953).

I have found Age Harmonics to be the clearest and most reliable means of effecting rectifications, provided that the resulting chart is confirmed by other methods, such as Secondary Progression and Regression of the Angles (by the Zodiacal Solar-Arc method) and Solar Return Charts.

I therefore drew up the 21st, 25th and 27th Harmonics, and noticed at once that the positions of the Angles in these Harmonic Charts were by and large not significant, but that all three had appropriate planets conjunct the Radical Ascendant. This suggested that the given birth time was approximately correct, but not exactly so. I noticed also that if the Harmonic MC's were moved forward by about ten degrees¹ important and appropriate indications appeared in all three Harmonics (and in all the other Harmonics I subsequently calculated).

In Harmonic 21, Chart 2, (marriage) h.Jupiter is conjunct the Radical Ascendant (Jupiter is often strong in Harmonics for marriage, or for establishing close personal relationships) but with the Angles for the given birth time the only indication is h.Asc conjunct h.Pluto. However, when the Angles are moved forward slightly² h.MC becomes conjunct h.Sun, and the Asc calculated from the MC becomes conjunct

Venus, all very appropriate for marriage.

It should be noted that for the purpose of rectification only conjunctions and oppositions to the Angles either within the Harmonic Chart or between the Harmonic and the Radix should be considered³.

In the 25th Harmonic, Chart 3, (death of George VI, and Elizabeth's accession to the throne), h.Uranus is conjunct the Radical Ascendant, but for the given birth time there are no other indications. When the Angles are moved forward, however, h.Jupiter becomes conjunct the h.MC, and both are conjunct r.Neptune. (Saturn and Neptune are usually seen in Harmonics for the death of either the native or of close family members.) Harmonic Mars and Saturn are conjunct the h.Ascendant and all are conjunct the 9th Cusp. (The then Princess Elizabeth was in Africa when her father died.) The h.Sun conjoins the h.Descendant. Additionally, the h.Moon is opposite r.Neptune. Interestingly, if the Ascendant of the Harmonic Chart is calculated for the latitude of Sagana, Kenya (37 E 10, 0 S 36), where Princess Elizabeth was staying when she received news of her father's death, the Ascendant of the Harmonic Chart is conjunct r.Saturn (h.Asc 26 Sco 52).

With the 27th Harmonic, Chart 4, (the Coronation) h.Venus (widely) and Uranus are conjunct the r.Ascendant, but there are no indications so far as the Angles for the given birth time are concerned. When the

Natal Angles are moved forward slightly we get the following Harmonic aspects:

Pluto conjoins the h.MC,

The Ascendant conjoins r.Jupiter and Mars, opposes r.Neptune, and conjoins the h.Moon.

When I had adjusted the Birth Chart in accordance with the indications in these Harmonics, I calculated the 22nd Harmonic (birth of Prince Charles) and found the h.Sun (4 Aq 31) conjunct h.Uranus (1 Aq 42), and both conjunct the h.Ascendant (4 Aq 28). For the given birth-time Angles the h.MC (23 Le 24) was conjunct r.Neptune - most inappropriate. The 55th Harmonic (marriage of Prince Charles) has the h.Sun conjunct the h. Ascendant (11 Sc 22 and 11 Sc 50) respectively for the rectified time, while the Angles for the given birth time are of no significance.

Secondary Progressions and Regressions of the Angles are a useful way of confirming a rectification. In the present case, two of the most telling are re.Ascendant square re.Uranus on the 9th March 1952 for the rectified time (George VI died on the 6th February 1952). For the given birth time this aspect would be timed to 18th October 1951. Again, for the rectified time, the p.Ascendant conjoined p.Mars on the 31st of May 1953 (Coronation, 2nd June 1953)⁴, whereas for the given birth time this aspect would not have fallen due until the middle of the following year.

Chart No. 5, the Progressive Solar Return for 1947 (the period that included the Queen's marriage) is yet another indication of the essential accuracy of the birth time. Note Jupiter conjunct the r.MC (Jupiter in the 7th House), the Ascendant conjunct r.Sun, and, most importantly, Venus, Ruler of the Ascendant, conjunct Mars (Co-Ruler of the 7th) symbolizing the union of the native and her partner. Connections between the Rulers of the 1st and 7th Houses, and less often between the Rulers of the 10th and the 7th Houses, are quite frequently seen in Solar Return Charts for marriage. Here, Saturn, Ruler of the 10th House, is widely conjunct Pluto, principal Ruler of the 7th.

I am quite confident of my suggested emendation to Queen Elizabeth's official Chart, especially as Age Harmonics for all important years - not only those three that I used to make the rectification - give convincing indications involving the Har-

monic Angles. Indeed, so confident am I of the value of Age Harmonics that I would not accept any proposed rectification that did not give consistent and appropriate indications in the Harmonics.

Editor's Notes:

¹This, of course, implies a very much smaller movement of the Natal Angles.

²Implying an adjustment to the given birth time of less than two minutes.

³Because a small adjustment to the birth time has no effect, or a minute effect, on planetary positions but makes a significant difference to the Angles.

⁴One might query the aspect Ascendant conjunct Mars for the Coronation, except that in the Queen's Natus Mars is conjunct Jupiter and Co-Ruler of the Midheaven.

An excellent piece of work by Ross Harvey.

The Houses in Ancient Astrology

(from a talk by Olivia Barclay)

On a visit to New York in October 1986 Olivia gave a talk in which she expressed her convictions and astrological credo, taking issue with some modern trends. Olivia strongly advocates the separation of astrology from psychology [which has introduced a lot of imaginative nonsense into our art - Ed.]. Her search for accurate techniques has taken her back in time to old books and scholars, among them Manilius, who lived in the time of Christ, and William Lilly, famous astrologer of the 17th Century. Referring to those old scholars as a source of very important knowledge, especially in Horary and Electional Astrology, Olivia spoke of the necessity to preserve the uniqueness of the astrological art.

Olivia said that the writing of Manilius is like poetry. He knew that the Earth was round. To him, the planets were gods and the Houses were their temples. The 1st House belonged to MERCURY, who ruled the tongue and the brain. The 2nd House was the Portal of PLUTO (Ptolemy called it The gate of Hades). The 3rd House belonged to Dea, the Goddess, the MOON and mothers. The 4th House belonged to SATURN - the House of fathers, ancestors, family and all spirits and demons. (It was so for 2000 years until moderns changed it to the House of mothers because Cancer is the 4th Sign.) The 5th House belonged to VENUS - good fortune. The 6th House was MARS, and meant hard work. The 7th House meant partnership, marriage and death. (Ptolemy moved death to the 8th.) The 8th House was warfare and trouble. The 9th House belonged to the SUN - Theos, God. It meant dreams, visions and religion. The 10th House belonged to VENUS - Fortuna - and meant glory and authority. The 11th House was JUPITER's, and was considered most fortunate because one could still go up to the 10th, whereas in the 10th you could not go any further. The 12th House belonged to SATURN, and was called the Gate of Labour.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 28th May 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

President John F. Kennedy

A recent article about the late U.S.A. President John F. Kennedy in *Good Weekend* (April 9th, 1988), published by *The Sydney Morning Herald*, contains some interesting revelations, and has drawn attention once again to the life of this ill-fated leader. The President's death nearly 25 years ago shocked and horrified the world. One of the most popular inhabitants ever of the White House, Kennedy, only 46, was shot in the head on the 22nd of November 1963 by a rifleman using a telescopic sight. He was sitting in an open car with his wife Jacqueline beside him, during a meet-the-people tour of Dallas, Texas. Some doubt still exists concerning the actual perpetrator of the crime, as his supposed assassin was himself shot by another man as he was being taken away by the police.

The article in *Good Weekend* describes hitherto undisclosed incidents in the President's life. It is fairly well-known that the Kennedy had a number of sweethearts and extra-marital love affairs, including one with the famous screen star, Marilyn Monroe. The author of the article, Judith Exner, writes of her own liaison with him. Not so well-known is that the President maintained covert connections with the Mafia, and at one stage used their services to ensure political victory. Judith Exner worked as a courier for him, carrying messages to top Mafia members.

John F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Massachusetts on 29th May 1917. The time was given as 3:15 pm (*The Circle Book of Charts*, compiled by Stephen Erlewine, and *Circles - 800 Horoscopes van Bekende Mensen* by Jan Kampherbeek). Harmonic analysis suggests that the correct time was close to one minute earlier. Accordingly, I have drawn the Horoscope for 3:14:1 pm EST, which time is supported by relevant Cyclic Charts.

Harmonious Libra rises, and its Ruler, Venus occupies the "charm" Sign, Gemini, together with the Sun. This attests to Kennedy's winning personality and his attraction for women. Uranus is trine to Venus, showing a romantic disposition and

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proneness to amorous adventures. The effect is increased by the square of the Moon to Venus, the Moon acting as a multiplier.

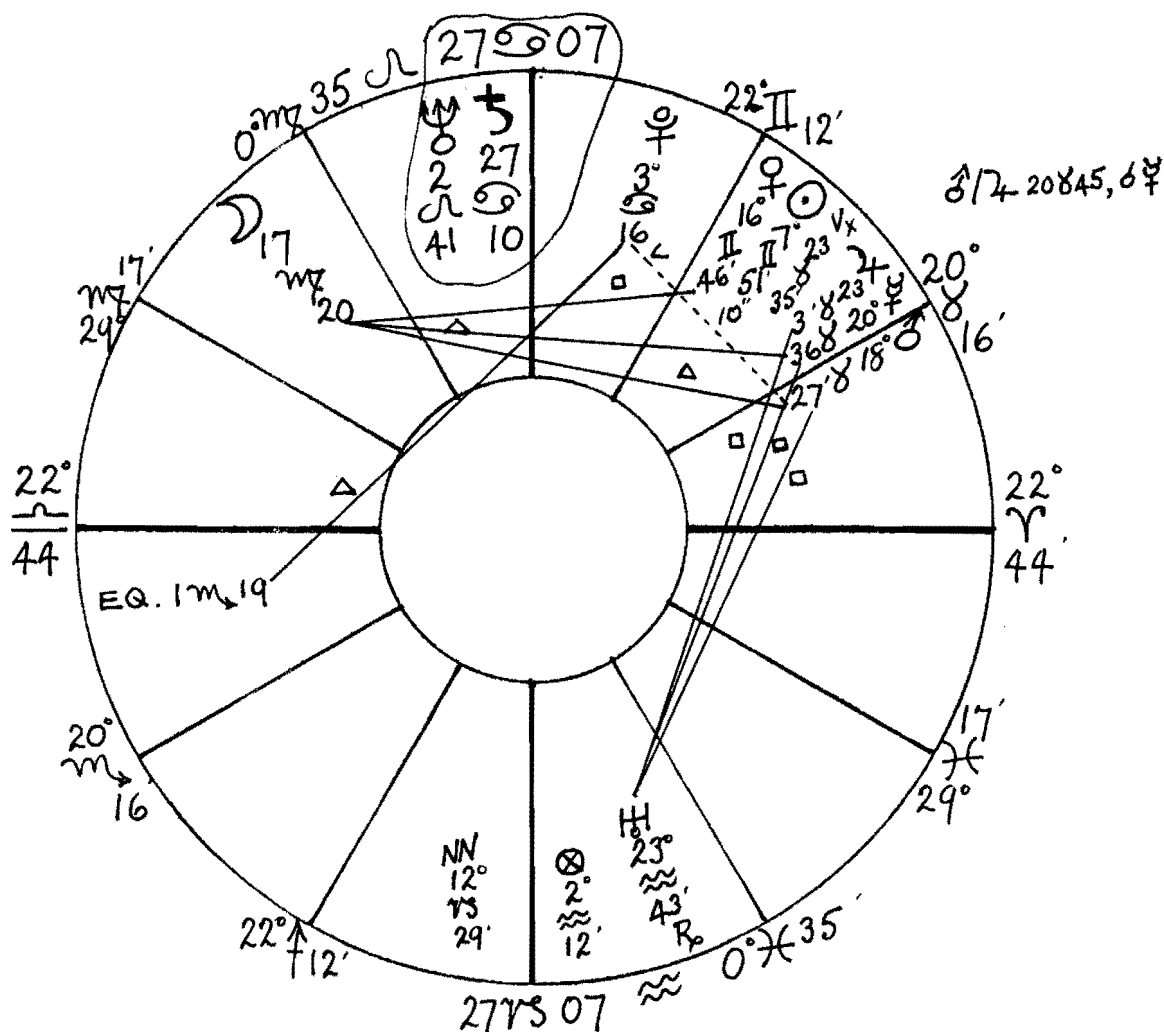
The fateful area of Kennedy's Chart is the presence of Saturn and Neptune in the Midheaven. This is traditionally associated with the realization of ambitions and the gain of high office (relative to the native's sphere of operations), followed by a subsequent fall. The presence of Mars on the Cusp of the House of Death, square to Uranus and closely semisquare to Pluto (orb only 10') suggests the possibility of a violent end. The conjunction of Mars with Mercury points to a human agent.

Mercury is at the midpoint of Mars and Jupiter, which latter planets thus imported their joint natures into Kennedy's mental equipment. According to Ebertin, (*The Combination of Stellar Influences*) this gives "a wealth of plans, organizing talent, prudence and circumspection, far-sightedness, the ability to make fortunate arrangements, the capability both to think and to act successfully, and the realization of plans. Witte (*Rules for Planetary Pictures*) adds "successful orator".

When we examine the astrological connotations of his death, the first indication of a hazardous period is the conjunction of Progressed Saturn with Neptune, the fateful combination already within orbs at Kennedy's birth, and powerfully placed at the Midheaven (Natal Saturn, in fact only 3' of arc distant from the Meridian!) The Progression was mathema-

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

29th May 1917, Brookline, Mass., 71 W 07, 42 N 20. 3:14:01 pm, Rectified from 3:15 pm. UT 20:14:01 on 29/5/1917. Placidian Cusps.



tically exact in February 1964, and the assassination occurred near the end of the previous November, which is close timing for a Progression of a major, slow-moving planet.

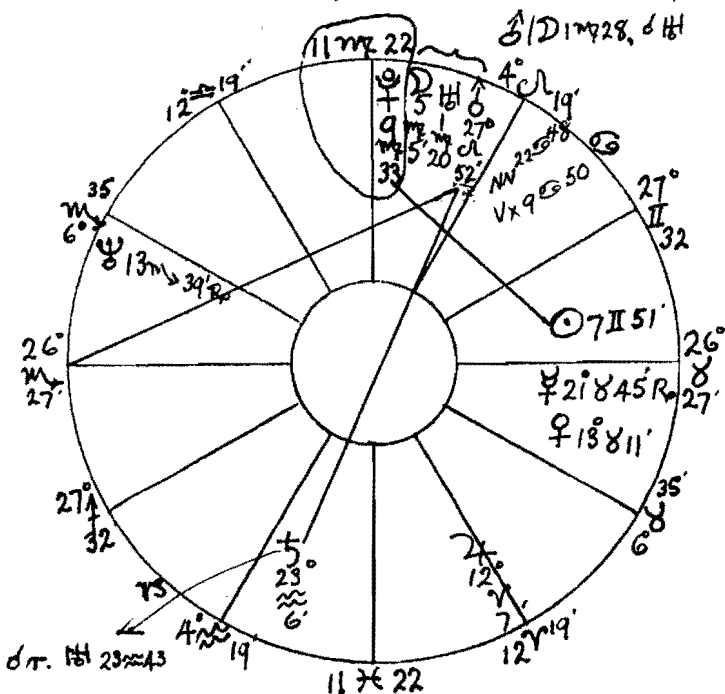
Though the Progression sets the scene, we have to look at the Cyclic Charts for further information. It might have meant only political overthrow. But both Standard and Precessed Solar Returns covering the period from Kennedy's 46th to his 47th birthday (29th May 1963 to 29th May 1964) have powerful adverse aspects involving Mars (gunshot wounds), the more dangerous because of the position of Natal Mars on the "death" Cusp, aspecting both Uranus and Pluto. It was indeed tempting Fate for Kennedy to go touring in an open car at this critical time of his life. Both the Annual Charts referred to are reproduced below with notes on their effects. Reader can judge the consequences for themselves.

Also of interest is the Prenatal Solar

Return corresponding to the final year of Kennedy's life. Astrologers generally could pay more attention to the indications given by Prenatal Charts and Transits. It is useful to have a number of techniques available when investigating any particular period. Circumstances, feelings and events can be determined more definitely by consulting a variety of Charts than by relying simply on one Progressed or Annual Horoscope. So far as the Progressed Horoscope goes, its indications are generally meagre, and they need to be rounded out by examination of several more specialized techniques.

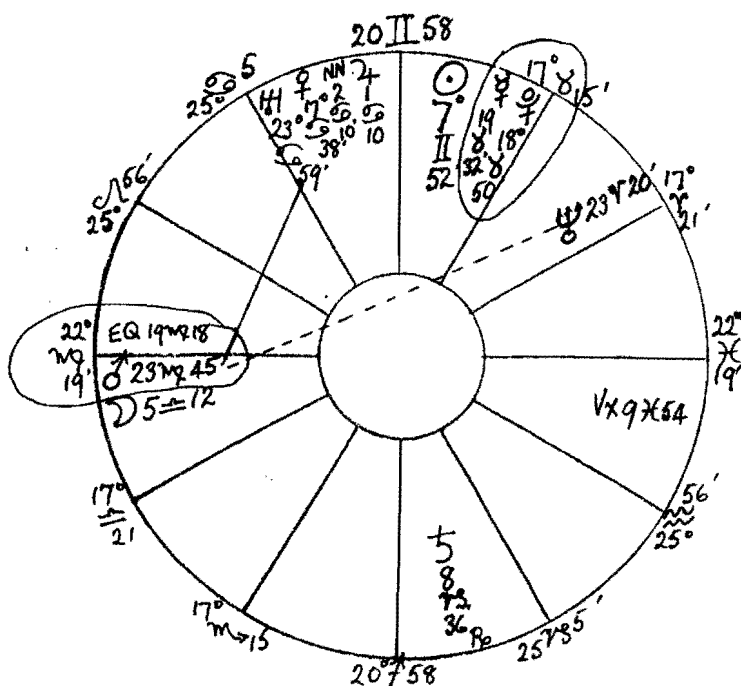
A striking feature of Kennedy's Prenatal Chart (also reproduced) is that MARS is again the dominant afflicting planet, right on the Ascendant. Mars is quincunx Neptune and sextile Uranus, all in the same degree. This closeness of the orb is a potent and highly energizing factor. The three Charts are an instructive study.

JOHN F. KENNEDY: STANDARD SOLAR RETURN 46
(29/5/1963 - 29/5/1964). Natal Sun 7 Ge 51'
10". Set for Birthplace. Placidian Cusps.



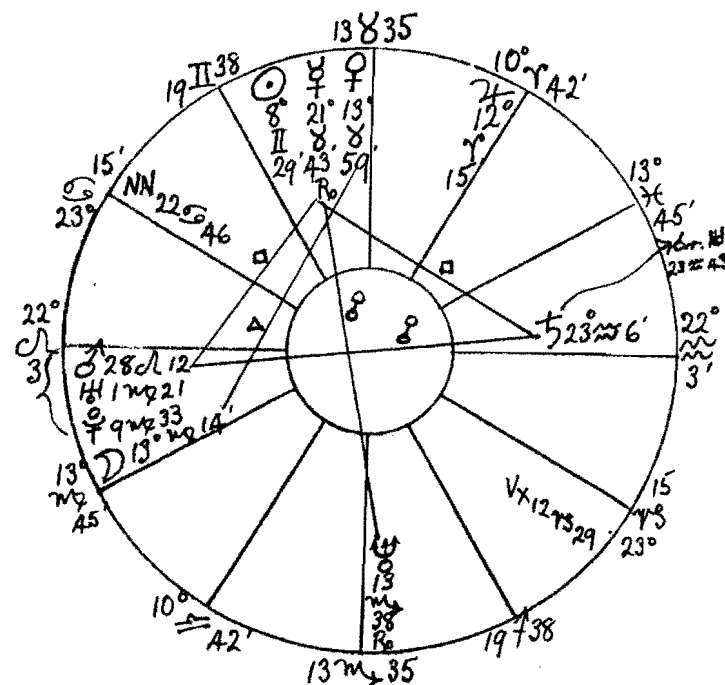
The possibility of assassination is plain to see: Mars square the Ascendant, opposite Saturn, conjunct Uranus and the Moon; Pluto (Ruler, and dominant in the Chart) conjunct the Midheaven and the Moon, and square the Sun. In view of the corresponding afflictions in Kennedy's Radix this is a disastrous scenario. One notes also that Natal Uranus is conjunct S.R. Saturn and opposite S.R. Mars.

JOHN F. KENNEDY: PRENATAL SOLAR RETURN 46
(29/5/1963 - 29/5/1964). Placidian Cusps.
Ephemeris Date 29th May 1871. Birthplace.



Again, the principal villain is Mars - conjunct the Ascendant, quincunx Neptune and sextile Uranus. S.R. Pluto is conjunct Natal Mars, S.R. Uranus conjunct Natal Saturn and the MC.

JOHN F. KENNEDY: PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN 46
(29/5/1963 - 29/5/1964). Prec. Sun 86° 29' 9".
At Birthplace. Placidian Cusps.



The principal indications are the rising of Mars, Uranus and Pluto in close formation, Saturn opposite Mars across the Chart and square to Mercury at the Midheaven. S.R. Saturn conjuncts Natal Uranus. Venus conjunct the Midheaven, trine the Moon is evidence of Kennedy's great popularity. Neptune opposing Venus, as also Saturn in the 7th House with its attendant aspects, points to the undermining of his marriage with Jacqueline and the emotional separation then existing between them. Judith Exner's article reveals that the two had been planning a divorce.

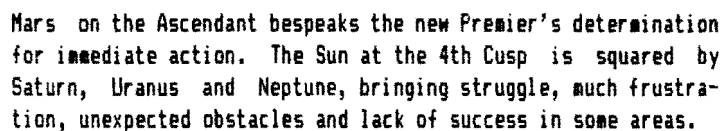
The NSW Liberal Government

For those interested in following the fortunes of the the newly-elected Liberal Government in NSW, led by Nick Greiner, I have drawn up two Charts, one for the moment (0-hours on Friday, 24th March) when Greiner took over from Unsworth, and the other for the time of the swearing-in of the new Government. This latter time is only approximate, exact data not being available to me. The ceremony was to start at 11 am EST, but may have been delayed a few minutes.

Working with these Charts by any astrological techniques - Transits (both current and "Prenatal"), Progressions and Regressions, Symbolic Directions, Cyclic Charts, Lunations, Age Harmonics, etc., will certainly develop your skill in handling them. Mundane Astrology is an important branch of our art and should not be neglected. Whereas personal horoscopes have significance for one or a few people at most, Mundane Horoscopes potentially have an impact on large bodies of people.

Rectification and Prediction

From ALEXANDER MARR (W.GERMANY): A reply to Ross Harvey's criticism of the Topocentric System and my methods in rectification and prediction (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 71);



A circular diagram with a central circle and 12 radial lines. Each segment contains handwritten text, including numbers, symbols, and names. The text is arranged in a circular pattern around the center.

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The Topocentric House System in connection with Primary and Secondary Directions is reliable, and since its final development it has reached a scientific standard. I invite readers of *Astrologers' Forum* to examine without any prejudice my examples given in *Prediction II* and especially in *Prediction III*, taking note especially of the numerous House Cusp Directions with a correct symbolism. In all the demonstrated horoscopes almost all the main events in the lives of the natives have been used.

EXAMPLE. In *Prediction III*, page 101, (Juan G. Peron) we get the following Directions for Death of Father, 10th Nov. 1928:

Primary Directions (Naibod Time Measure, 59' 08" per year),
MC c square SUN (2' orb), Radix to Radix; MC d square SUN (4'
orb), Epoch to Epoch; SUN d conjunct IC (2' orb), Epoch to
Radix; Cusp VIII c sesquisquare SATURN (7' orb), Epoch to
Epoch.

Secondary Directions, Cusps Directed with the Solar Arc in
Right Ascension,
SUN Regressed square PLUTO (5' orb) Radix to Radix; MARS Progr.
conjunct PART OF FORTUNE (8' orb) Epoch to Epoch; URANUS Progr.
opposite PART OF FORTUNE (8' orb) Epoch to Epoch; Cusp VIII
Regr. semisquare MARS (4' orb), Epoch to Epoch; SUN Progr.
quincunx Cusp VIII (4' orb), Epoch to Epoch; and others.

All the other events demonstrated in *Prediction III* have in many cases astrological proofs (symbolism) as well as scientific proofs (orbs, quantity of Directions), which could hardly be coincidences.

I invite Ross Harvey to send me his Horoscope with main events he has available, and I will give the final proofs that the methods I am using are true and effective. There may be other logical reasons why this System did not produce enough evidence in his analyses. I expect a fair treatment of this, my suggestion, (true dates and all main events available). On the other hand, we can regard Ross Harvey's objections as irrelevant if he does not take this challenge.

A recently made statistical test with 45 events in Hitler's Horoscope gave a factor against coincidence of 254 to 1. As regards factors against coincidence we should not expect too much, because even the accumulations of Directions in main events cannot exceed a certain factor as, for all so-called coincidences (factor against coincidence) there is a limit factor. However, when considering the symbolism of the planets and the significance of the Houses, we have an overwhelming number of proofs for this Topocentric System founded by Nelson Page and Vendel Polich via events and narrowly-timed births.

Editor's Note: Ross Harvey (N.S.W.), who has immediately accepted Alexander's invitation, claims that the best method for rectifying Charts is by Age Harmonics, with checks by subsidiary methods (see *Astrologers' Forum* Issue 71). I fully endorse his remarks, which accord with my own experience.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 29th April 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

PRINCE CHARLES AND THE AVALANCHE

On the 10th of this month (March 1988) the heir to the British throne had a narrow escape from death in an avalanche while on a skiing holiday in the Swiss Alps. As it was, a close friend of his was killed, a former equerry to Queen Elizabeth, and a woman member of the party, had both legs broken and had to be lifted out by helicopter. Princess Diana and the Duchess of York luckily had not joined the group that day.

News like this directs the astrologer immediately to the Prince's Birth Chart and current planetary aspects to find the astrological influences coincident with the event. The present occasion confirms what I have written before in these columns - that we must go beyond the standard Progressions and Transits to find a satisfactory correlation from the astrological point of view.

The Birth Chart of Prince Charles is reproduced on page 2. Appropriately, the Prince was born under the royal Sign, Leo, with the Sun in Scorpio and the Moon in Taurus. The Scorpio strength is there, but the hardness or callousness with which it is often associated is negated by the conjunction of the planets Venus and Neptune in Libra at the lower Meridian. This shows a gentle, sensitive and feeling nature, with an appreciation of beauty and the finer things of life. The Moon in Taurus trine to Saturn denotes a serious mind, attention to duties, self-discipline and thriftiness.

Where was the Taurean caution on this occasion? It is reported that the Prince actually led his party away from the safe ground to a dangerous area, apparently following his philosophy that "if you occasionally live dangerously it helps you appreciate life". This philosophy accords with the close opposition of Uranus to Jupiter in his Horoscope, an opposition made weightier by the elevation of Uranus above Jupiter. It indicates original and independent views, strongly held, perhaps occasionally maintained more for the sake of opposition and independence than from ingrained belief in them.

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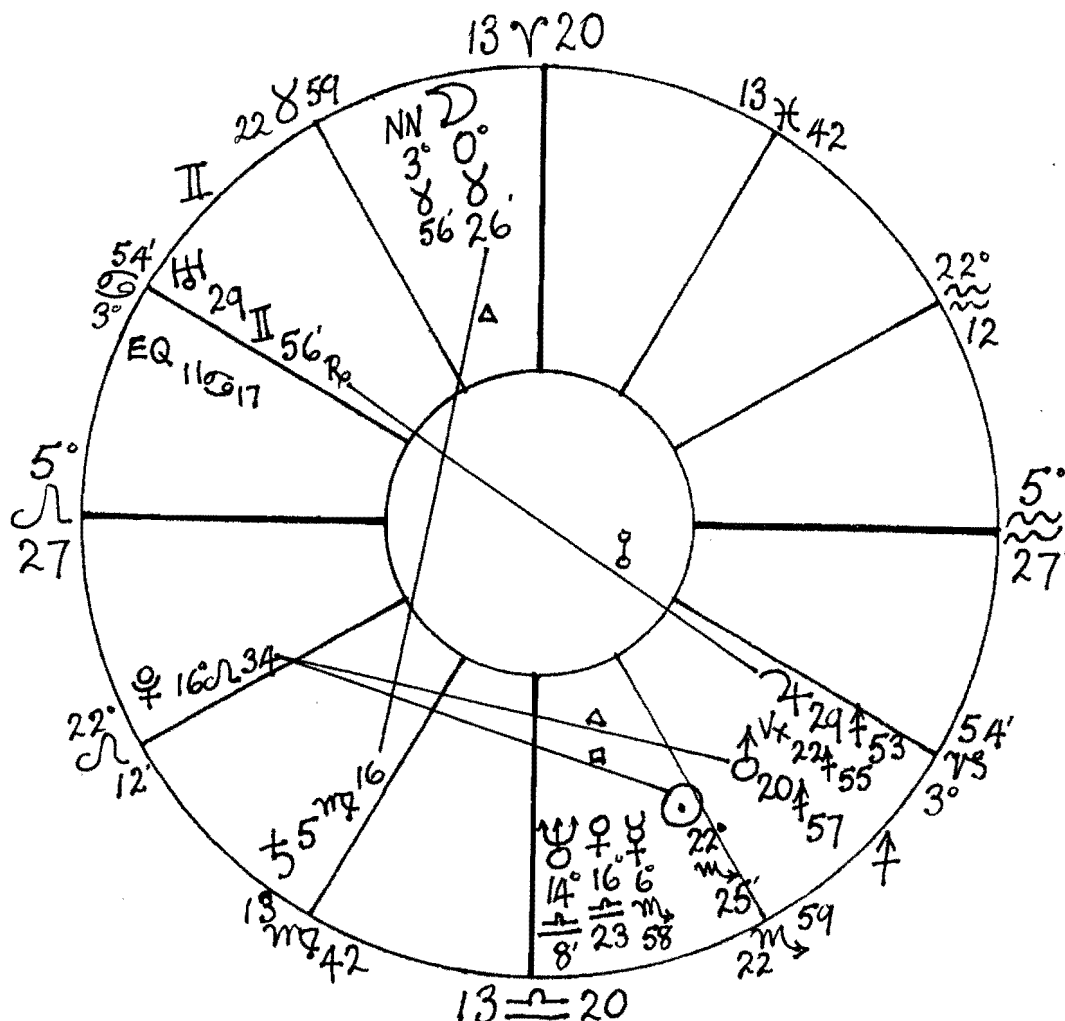
The Prince apparently acted on impulse and as a demonstration of his proclaimed ideas on living. In the astrological investigation, we look in vain for current transits and standard Progressions to account for this whim, that is, unless we investigate **Regressions** or "Converse Progressions", which are ignored by many astrologers. Standard, Direct, Progressions near the time of the accident were conspicuous by their absence. In the Progressed Chart itself the Moon came to a conjunction with Progressed Neptune on the 8th of March, which might be regarded as having some minimal relevance by causing confusion of mind, and Neptune being logically associated with snow (a soft, yielding and treacherous substance). But the aspect certainly does not reflect the nature or gravity of the event.

Converse Progressions, more properly called Secondary Regressions, on the other hand give **Regressed Mars conjunct the Sun**, mathematically exact on 17th March - within one week of the accident. There is no doubting the relevance of this aspect, and it should give pause to those practitioners who neglect to use Regressions. Mars, the planet of impulse and injury, conjunct the Sun on the 5th Cusp threatens danger to life and limb while on holiday. The Sun transiting the 9th House in Pisces timed the accident by its square to Natal Mars on the 11th of March.

The regressed aspect, then, gave a general warning of danger, but for more information and detail we must look to the Cyclic Charts.

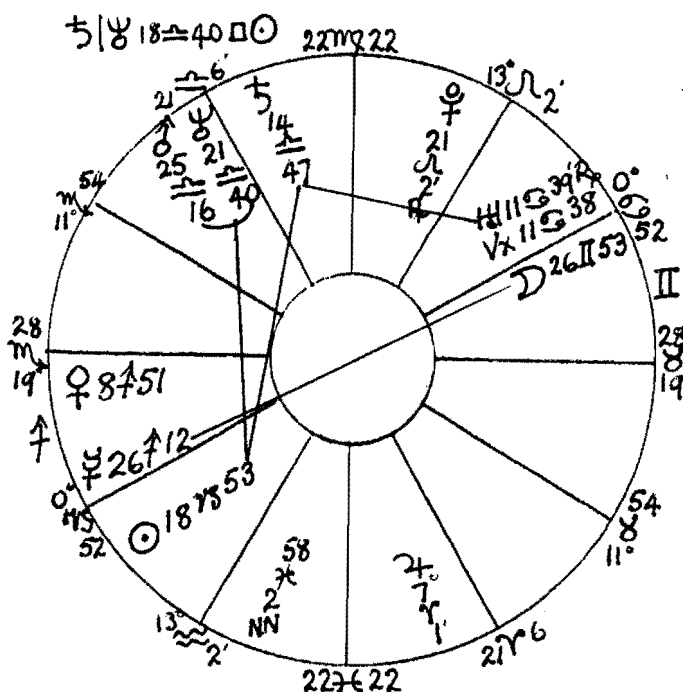
PRINCE CHARLES

14th November 1948, London, 9:14 pm GMT (Official Time).
 London O W 6, 51 N 31. Placidian Cusps.



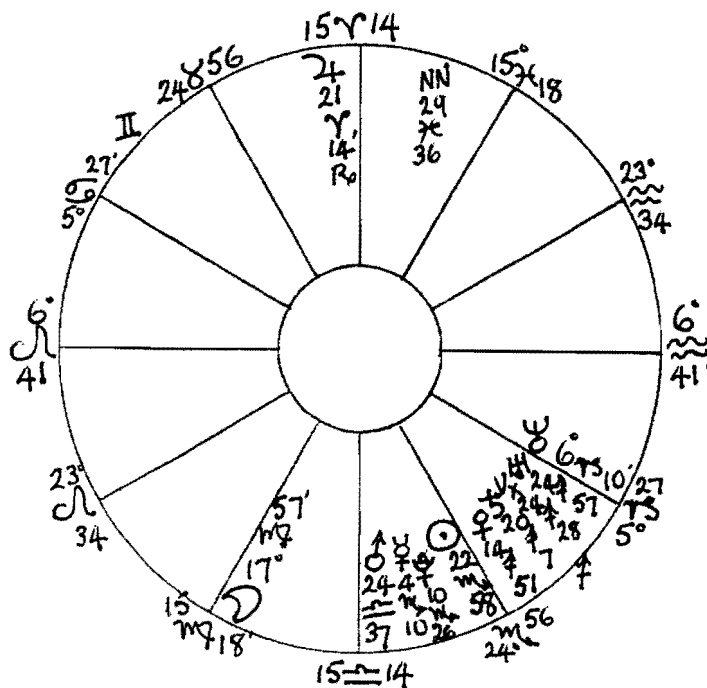
SYNODIC RETURN 39

(Operative 14/11/1987 - 14/11/1988)
 Date for Chart: 10th Jan 1952, London.
 Sun - Moon 158° 0' 52". Placidus.



PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN 39

(Operative 14/11/1987 - 14/11/1988)
 London O W 6, 51 N 31. Placidus.



The first of these is the 39th Synodic Chart, operative during the year 14th November 1987 to 14th November 1988. This Chart is timed for the 39th time after birth (including the birth position itself as the first time) that the Sun and Moon held the exact angular distance ($158^{\circ} 0' 52''$) that separated them in the Radix.

What is often overlooked is that Cyclic Charts have to be superimposed on the Radix, as well as being read independently. As Alexandre Volquine pointed out in his *The Technique of Solar Returns*, superimposition of the Houses - and more especially, the Ascendant and Midheaven - are important factors in determining the focus of the year. Here, the 29th degree of Scorpio rises, which falls in the Radical 5th House - pleasures and holidays, among other things. Synodic Venus also falling in this House looks to be a happy omen until we see that it is square to Radical Saturn, which changes the picture completely. Similarly, Synodic Mercury is conjunct Radical Jupiter, but stimulates the Natal opposition of Jupiter to Uranus - the impulsive move on the snow fields already mentioned.

The Synodic Midheaven is almost exactly square the Radical Vertex, which suggests some adverse stroke of destiny, particularly as the Vertex is conjunct Natal Mars.

Looking further, we see Synodic Moon conjunct Natal Uranus (sudden upset), the Moon ruling the 8th House (death) and opposite Mercury (nervous distress). Synodic Saturn at 14 Li 47 is conjunct Radical Neptune at 14 Li 8, both planets being closely opposed to the Radical Midheaven. This is a potent indication of loss and suffering. Finally, Synodic Pluto, planet of destruction, in the 9th House (distant places) is on the Radical 2nd/8th Axis, thereby being directly opposed to the degree on the Natal 8th Cusp (death).

Inspection of the Synodic Chart itself confirms suspected impending tragedy: Mars and Neptune are conjunct in the 11th House - Neptune being right on the Cusp - and their midpoint at 18 Li 40 is square to the Sun at 18 Cp 53. This is clearly the loss of a male friend. Saturn, the most elevated planet in the Chart, forms a T-Square with The Sun and Uranus.

Less specific but still indicative of the turn of events is the *Precessed Solar Return No. 39*. The first factor of importance is the coincidence of the Angles with those of the Natal Chart. This heralds a more than usually significant year. We see an accumulation of planets in the 5th House, the Sun being almost on the Cusp. These

planets, moreover, seriously afflict the Natal Significators: Saturn and Uranus conjoin Radical Mars, and the Solar-Return Moon is square Radical Mars as well as being square to Venus. Saturn and Uranus in the Return Chart. All this certainly points to a serious accident while on holiday. Mercury ruling the 11th House conjunct Pluto suggests danger to a friend. The indications are more general than those in the Synodic Chart, but still sufficiently alarming. A prominent aspect is the opposition of Jupiter and Mars along the Meridian - impulsive conduct.

This last aspect appears to relate to something more than the accident being analysed: Jupiter occupies the 10th House, and is opposed by Mars which rules the 10th. So the emphasis falls on matters of status and career. Is there going to be a significant development in the Prince's life this year? As a matter of interest I drew up also the *Progressive Solar Return No. 39* for Prince Charles, which would operate from 24th December 1987 to 24th December 1988. This Chart is not reproduced here, but for those who are energetic enough to investigate it, the Sidereal Time is 14h 34m 59s, MC 11 Sc 10, Asc 5 Cp 24. Mars in this Chart at 19 Sc 52 is conjunct the Radical Sun, and is square the Solar-Return Moon at 21 Aq 40. But the most interesting thing about the Chart is the presence of Pluto (11 Sc 48) right on the Midheaven and Neptune (7 Cp 24) right on the Ascendant! This effectively puts them in square, notwithstanding the Zodiacal trine.

The question arises - does this configuration apply solely to the accident in Switzerland, or is there some further connection with the Prince's life and fortunes? The most significant event that could occur in the Prince's life is accession to the throne.

When we calculate the *Harmonics for age 39*, we find the Midheaven reduces to 10 Vi 21. Natal Saturn is at 5 Vi 16. This indicates to me that the precise birth time of Prince Charles was a few seconds earlier than the official time of 9:14 pm. The Harmonic Midheaven would then have formed a closer conjunction with Radical Saturn, a very typical configuration for the type of experiences that awaited the Prince in the current year. Even without the adjustment, the Harmonic Midheaven is close enough ($5^{\circ} 5'$) to Natal Saturn to be a significant factor. Such a small time adjustment would not affect the planets or their Harmonics, only the position of the Cusps, to a small extent. Nevertheless I have left the Radix unchanged.

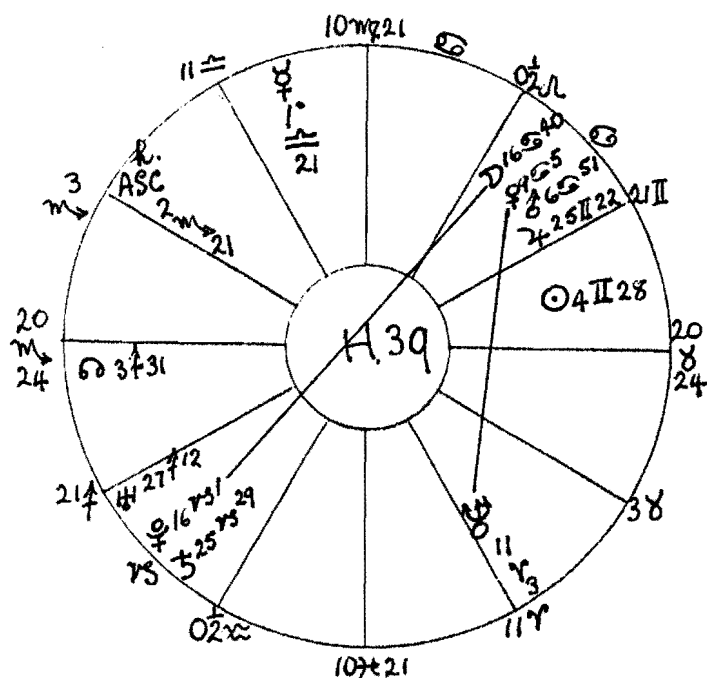
The 39th Harmonic of the Radical Ascendant brings it to 2 Sc 21. Here it is in opposition to the Natal position of the Moon, which in the Prince's Chart rules the House of "Sorrows, Suffering and Self-Undoing". Terribly unfortunate - but how appropriate for the distress and anguish the Prince suffered after the event of the 10th March!

When we put the Harmonic positions into Chart form, using the Harmonic Midheaven as the basis for the Cusps, as I have previously advocated, we find the Derived Ascendant is 20 Sc 24, which is conjunct the Radical Sun in the 5th House, and the original Harmonic Ascendant is conjunct the Cusp of the 12th, emphasizing the remarks above.

PRINCE CHARLES: HARMONIC 39

(Operative 14/11/1987 - 14/11/1988)

At London, 0 W 6, 51 N 31. Placidus.



It is arguable that this Harmonic Chart has greater relevance than either of the two Cyclic Charts already discussed. Harmonic Neptune now conjoins the Natal MC, to which it was in opposition at the birth. The Midheaven being much related to the psychic and emotional condition of the native, this surely denotes a deeply-felt loss, the impact of which will have a pronounced effect on the Prince's outlook and the conduct of his life. Neptune conjunct the 5th Cusp square to Venus refers the emotional pain to a holiday occasion.

The Harmonic Sun at 4 Ge 28 is square to Radical Saturn at 5 Vi 16 - again grief and

suffering. Harmonic Moon at 16 Cn 40 is directly opposite Radical Venus and Neptune - loss of a loved one. Harmonic Mercury at 1 Li 21 squares Radical Uranus at 29 Ge 56 - mental shock (also typical of impulsive, abrupt actions without proper consideration of the consequences).

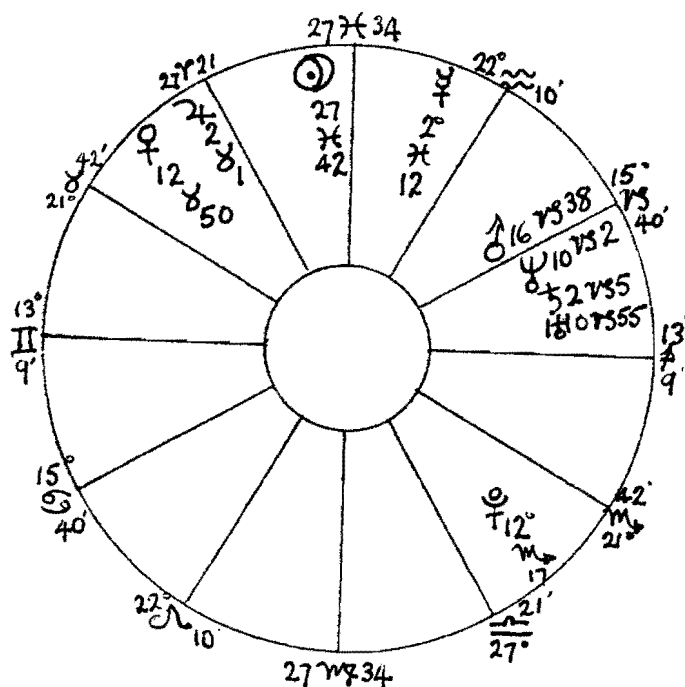
Harmonic Uranus at 27 Sg 12 activates the Radical Uranus/Jupiter opposition - a sudden major loss through bad luck or eccentricity. Harmonic Pluto at 16 Cp 1 squares Natal Venus at 16 Li 23 and Natal Neptune at 14 Li 8. Neptune spells loss, Pluto by death, and Venus of someone closely attached.

The Harmonic Chart itself merely confirms all the above: The 8th House (death and near death experiences) is heavily tenanted, with the Moon therein almost exactly opposite Pluto. Venus and Mars are in conjunction in this House and square to Neptune, again spelling the loss of a loved one.

LIBERALS WIN NSW ELECTION

News has just come of the win by the Liberal Party in the State Election. Obviously, my interpretation of the March 18 Eclipse Chart was wrong.

SOLAR ECLIPSE, 18TH MARCH 1988, 2:03 AM UT
SYDNEY, 151 E 10, 33 S 52. Placidus.



It is apparent that the dominant factor in this Chart, indicating the defeat of the Labour Government, was the Eclipse itself on the Upper Meridian, symbolically eclipsing the Government. A useful lesson.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

20th March 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

HOROSCOPE OF THE NATIVITY

This month we give space to a remarkable piece of research by the Dutch astrologer, RUDOLF SMIT, who until recently was resident in Australia but has now returned to his home country. Rudolf was well known here both for his astrological work and for the excellent Computer Programs that he marketed. An article of his on suicides was printed in Issue No. 68 (March 1987) of *Astrologers' Forum*.

The present article is a brilliant piece of work. It is Rudolf's attempt, over a long period and at considerable expense, to find the correct Horoscope for the birth of Jesus. Rudolf does not claim that he has, in fact, done so, but few who follow his painstaking method and comprehensive investigation will doubt that we are not likely ever to arrive at a Chart with greater claims to authenticity.

Rudolf's complete article is a fascinating one, as much for the human interest of his progress towards his self-appointed goal as for the painstaking methods he adopted. In the course of his research Rudolf spent over a hundred dollars on a large number of charts from Astro Computing Services in the USA, one of the relatively few outlets capable of supplying accurate figures and ephemerides for 2000 years ago. The whole article is too lengthy to reproduce here in full, but after much consideration I have selected the most important parts and captured, I hope, the essential spirit of the enquiry. The final Horoscope is given, the Solar Return Chart relating to The Crucifixion, and the process described by which Rudolf came to his conclusions.

A number of previous "Horoscopes of Jesus" have been published, including those by Ralph Holden of South Australia, the late British astrologer, John Addey, the 16th Century astrologer, Cardanus, and a contemporary American, Frank Jakubowsky. Rudolf sorted through all of them, as well as the scholarly material of the British astronomer and historian, David Hughes, who investigated relevant historical, astronomical, archeological and religious data. David Hughes' material was of particular

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assistance to Rudolf who, after much patient labour, arrived at his final Chart of the Nativity, which is reproduced here on Page 2. It is no surprise to find Pisces on the Ascendant, the Sign preeminently associated, in its highest manifestation, with a life of self-sacrifice, spiritual awareness and all-embracing love.

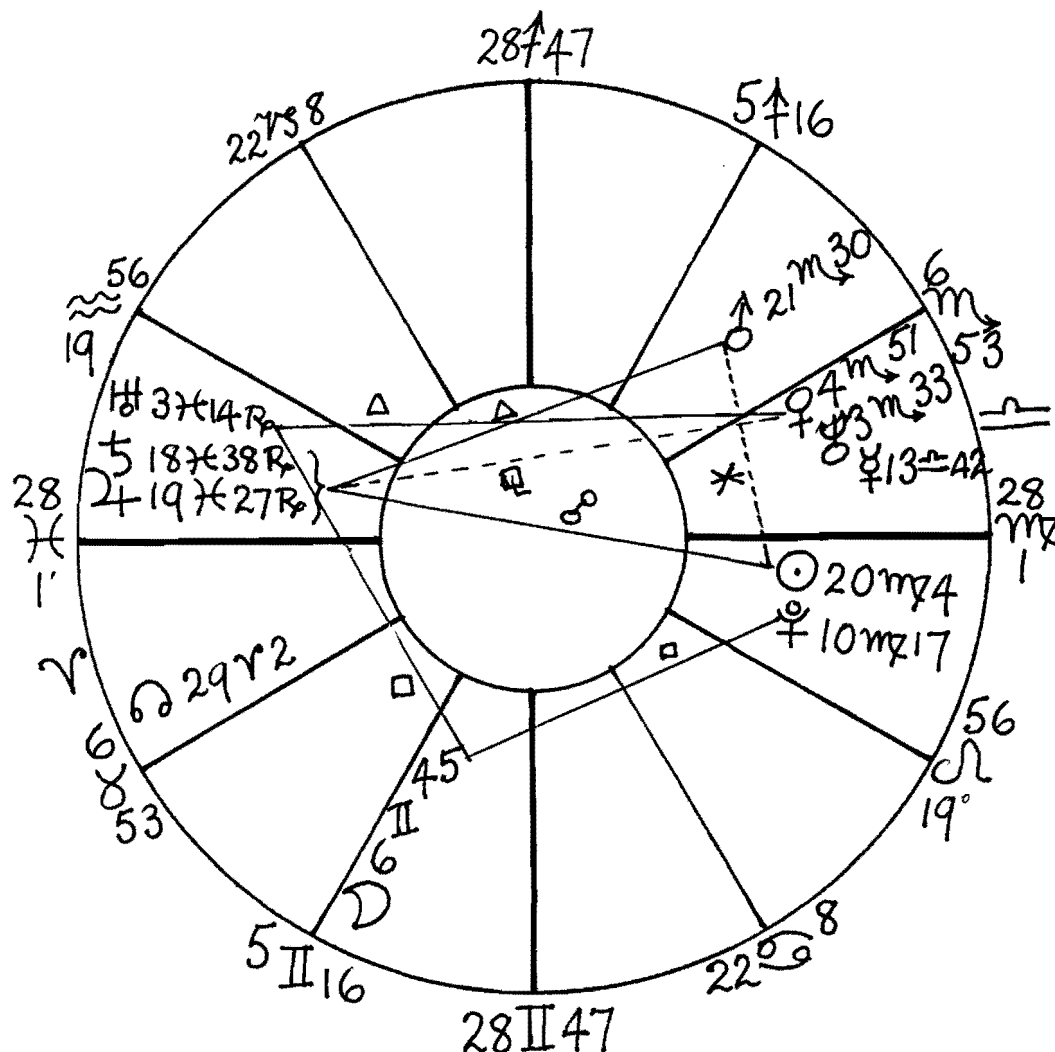
Rudolf starts with the well-founded assumption that the "Star of Bethlehem" was the conjunction of the great planets Jupiter and Saturn, which occurred three times in the year BC 7. For very good reasons, detailed in his article, he selected the conjunction on 15th September 7 BC, which coincides with the date selected by David Hughes on other than astrological grounds. Here is part of the story, in Rudolf's own words:

During the day of the 15th [September] the Sun had been in exact opposition to the "King Star", Jupiter, so at nightfall the perfect moment would be there: just after sunset both Saturn and Jupiter would rise almost simultaneously in the East, that is, on the Ascendant. This celestial phenomenon was therefore of greater astrological significance than the close conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn on 6th October, especially as both planets had taken up positions almost in the centre of the constellation Pisces, that is, in the second Decanate. This second Decanate was specifically associated with Palestine. Moreover, the two planets became stationary in this area, as if to impress the Magi that "here in Palestine your World Ruler has been born".

THE NATAL CHART OF JESUS CHRIST

15TH SEPTEMBER 7 BC, 6:26 PM L.M.T. UT 16:06
BETHLEHEM, 31N43, 35E12. Placidian Cusps.

The Horoscope proposed by Rudolf Smit as a result of his researches and calculations.



Rudolf now called upon specific astrological techniques - Primary Directions, Secondary Progressions, and the Solar Return Chart - to confirm his choice of the birth date, and to establish a time of day for the Event. Quoting Rudolf again:

Progressions, Directions and so on only make sense if there are events available. Well, plenty of events in the life of Jesus, but no dates - with one important exception, though, the day of His Crucifixion. David Hughes' book also provides a clear answer to this burning question, that is, he gives two possible dates for The Crucifixion ... Therefore, I reasoned, if the 15th September 7 BC Chart is indeed Jesus' Chart, and if there is at least some truth in astrological techniques of prediction, then Progressed

Charts related to one of the two death dates should unambiguously indicate the most important event in the life of this Man (and in the history of mankind) ...

First of all, I had to establish the Natal Chart, which seemed easy enough, were it not for the fact that the time indication was a bit too flexible - "in the evening" could mean anything between 6 pm and 12 midnight... Although very probably it was the acronychal rising [rising in opposition to the Sun] the Magi were after, which narrowed down the time slot to between 6 and 7 pm, from a research-procedural point of view I felt it necessary to consider a whole range of charts for that evening.

The next problem was the calculation of the charts (and all other charts to follow). Although I had my computer systems at the

time, I had not a program available that could calculate highly accurate planetary positions in ancient times. ... It was Neil Michelsen's Astro Computing Services in California that came to the rescue - at a price, of course. Neil Michelsen had added new features to his range of programs, which served my purpose very well. Now his powerful computer could calculate highly accurate charts for ancient times, and moreover, it could also produce Ephemeris sheets for almost any year before Christ.

So I was now able to plan a procedure:

1. Order ten charts for 15th September 7 BC, with a time interval of 30 minutes from 5 pm onwards, for a male born in Bethlehem, Palestine.
2. Determine the one that seems the best fit, and use the others as controls.
3. Order Ephemeris sheets for the months of September and October, to be used for the calculations of Secondary Progressions for the testing of the probable dates of crucifixion.
4. Calculate, with my own computer programs, Primary Directions for these dates.
5. If there is a close fit, then adjust the Natal Chart for a better fit.
6. Order calculations of Solar Returns, based on the natal charts for the birth dates prior to the probable date of crucifixion.
7. Order Ephemeris sheets for the months around the probable death dates, to establish transits and eclipses.
8. If they fit, then make final adjustments.
9. Test other charts that have been proposed, in particular one based on the *Urantia* book, a very big book of obscure origin, which claims that Jesus was born at noon, 21st August 7 BC.

I could hardly wait for the first charts to arrive. But as usual Astro Computer Services were very prompt, and within a fortnight after sending off data plus cheque to California I had my charts.

The 6:30 pm chart seemed to be the best one to start with. It gave a Pisces Ascendant, with the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction just above the horizon, that is about 10 degrees in Zodiacal longitude. The other charts up until the 10 pm one were less satisfactory. We know of the strong association between Pisces and Christianity, so what could be nicer than that the Founder of Christendom had a Pisces Ascendant?

In the knowledge that the Magi probably saw this constellation as astrologically the most powerful, the 6 pm chart was not suitable, as Saturn and Jupiter were still below the horizon. In the 7 pm chart they had moved up too high in the sky. So the 6:30 pm chart became the basis for further experiments.

Rudolf then lists the following strong features of this 6:30 pm chart, which was subsequently adopted, with only slight modification of the Cusps, as the probable authentic Horoscope of The Nativity:

1. The close conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, just above the Ascendant.
2. The narrow opposition of this pair to the Sun.
3. The close trine of Mars to Jupiter/Saturn, and the close sextile of Mars to the Sun, Mars "bridging" the opposition between the Sun and Jupiter/Saturn, thus adding positive energy

to it. It releases the tension of the opposition in House VIII.

4. Mars in its own Sign, Scorpio, and in its own House (VIII). (Scorpio is ruled by two planets, Pluto and Mars. The latter was the Ruler since ancient times, but has now been replaced by Pluto. Today Pluto is considered the first Ruler, and Mars the Co-Ruler, hence my observation.)

5. The Moon in Gemini, on Cusp III, and in T-Square with Uranus and Pluto.

6. Particularly interesting is the close conjunction of Venus (in detriment in Scorpio) and Neptune on Cusp VIII and in trine aspect to Uranus in XII.

7. The Pisces Ascendant.

"No doubt we can find more interesting positions - notably the totally unsuspected Mercury in Libra - but let us limit ourselves to the seven above."

At this point in his narrative, to give an objective view of the chief features of the Chart, Rudolf does not give his own interpretations but draws them from several standard astrological texts (Charles Carter, Sakoian and Acker, Ebertin and the Netherlands Astrologer, Chandu). It will be readily accepted, without quoting them, that these support the character and life of Jesus as it is known through historical and biblical evidence. But this is insufficient on its own, and Rudolf sought confirmation in other (astrological) ways. The first of these was the momentous discovery of a Solar Eclipse, which accorded with biblical evidence, on March 19th, AD 33, "an exact fortnight away from the supposed date of crucifixion!"

Further, a partial Lunar Eclipse occurred on 3rd April, the presumed date of crucifixion. Moreover, the Solar Eclipse had occurred at 26° 51' of Pisces, which was almost identical with the Ascendant of the 15th-September Chart.

Following this discovery, Rudolf adjusted the Ascendant to 28 Pisces, which meant a birth time of 6:26 pm local mean time, a Universal Time of 18:06.

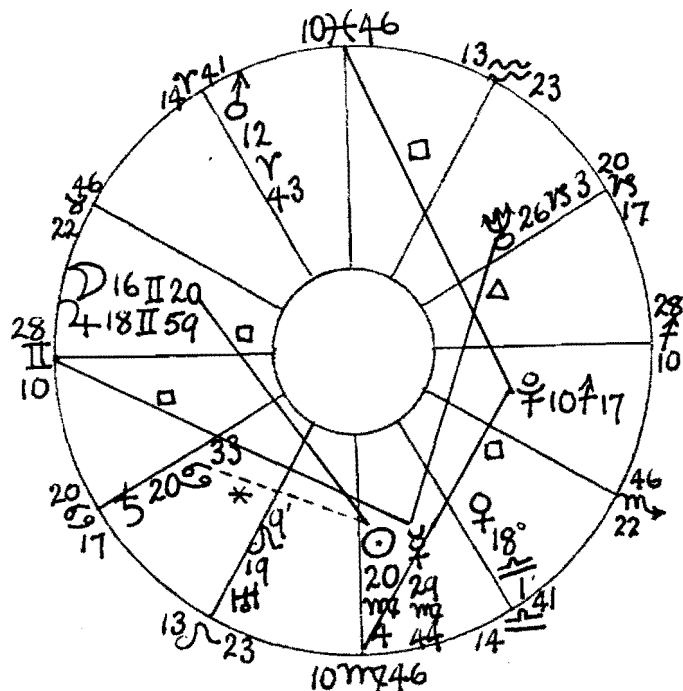
Then followed Diurnal Charts for 19th March AD 33 (the date of the Solar Eclipse) and 3rd April AD 33 (the presumed date of the crucifixion). In the first instance the Diurnal Ascendant fell on the Solar Eclipse position, 28 Pisces, and in the second the Diurnal Descendant occurred at 11 Libra, the approximate position of the partial Lunar Eclipse.

[A Diurnal Chart can be calculated for any significant day, using the birth time of the Radix. - Ed.]

Encouraged by these additional supports for the basic Chart, Rudolf now calculated Secondary Progressions, Solar-Arc Directions, and Primary Directions (on the P.E.A. system). Only the Solar-Arc Directions failed to produce further supporting evidence.

In the Primary system, Venus and Neptune formed a strong T-Square with the principal configuration in the Radix - the opposition of the Sun to the "Bethlehem's Star" - the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. Again, the "Death-Planet", Pluto, ruling the Death House (8th) of the Radix, fell on (Placidian) 8th Cusp. Rudolf makes the point that in the many years that he has been working with Primaries he has found that Placidian Cusps and House Rulerships are very valid indeed.

LABOUR OR LIBERAL?
NSW STATE ELECTION, 19TH MARCH 1988



Whether or not any subsequent investigators confirm his findings, there is no doubt Rudolf Smit has accomplished a remarkable and distinguished piece of astrological research.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 21st February 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

STOCK MARKET WARNING

In last month's Issue, the connection was shown between the Jupiter/Neptune Conjunction of 1984 and the October 1987 debacle in the stock and share markets of the Western World. The Third Harmonic and Third Synodic Charts drawn from this Map indicated 1987 as the year when the inflationary bubble would burst, as indeed it did.

The 4th Harmonic, applying to the current year, contains a warning of further difficulties to come. Another stock market collapse is threatened. This is significant for everyone, and particularly for prospective investors.

Map 2, the 4th Harmonic Chart of the Radix, applies to the period from 19th January 1988 to 19th January 1989. It is again set for New York, where the original slide began, but we can be sure that any decline there will be paralleled by stock markets and economic conditions in Australia and elsewhere throughout the world. The Radical Figure (Map 1) is reproduced again for the convenience of readers.

The dangerous connections between the Radix and the 4th Harmonic are:

- (1) h.Pluto at 8 Le 17 opposite r.MC at 7 Aq 57, and
- (2) h.Mars at 17 Le 24 conjunct r.Moon at 15 Le 0.

The Chart itself puts the Jupiter/Neptune conjunction on the Cusp of the 5th House, directly opposed by the Moon and Saturn. This again gives warning that, so far as stocks and shares are concerned, speculation, exaggerated expectations and inflated prices will again meet with disaster. As the Moon in this Chart rules the 9th House, it may well be that either adverse balance of trade figures or the action of overseas investors in selling their holdings en masse will precipitate the market collapse. Uranus square to Mercury in the 5th House indicates a sudden shock in stock exchange operations.

What is the probable date? Harmonic monthly analysis points to early September this year, with further untoward developments in October and November.

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AUSTRALIA 1988

With the above situation in mind, it is time to look also at the prospects for Australia in this our Bicentennial Year. For this purpose I am using the Chart for the Federation of the Australian States on 1st January 1901 at 1:35:42 pm Eastern Standard Time in Centennial Park, Sydney. This is the Chart established by Gwen Stoney from lengthy private research into the historical details (see *Astrologers' Forum* Issues 70 and 72). It is reproduced on the adjoining page. Another Federation Chart that is often used is the one set for Melbourne at 0-hours EST on 1st January 1901, Asc 7Lib23, MC 4Cn08. In my experience this Figure is less indicative of National events, and I prefer Gwen's Chart.

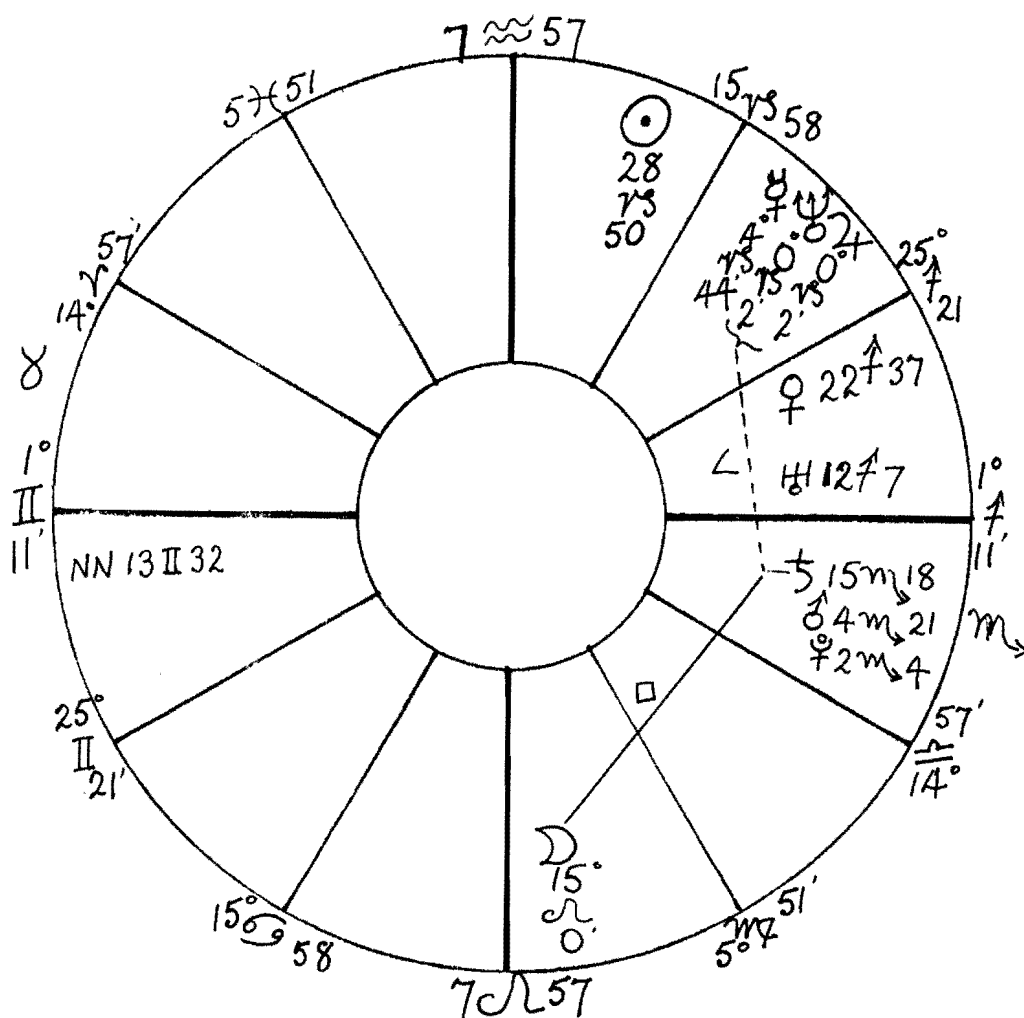
Also displayed is the 87th Harmonic Chart, which applies from 1st January 1988 to 1st January 1989. It is set for Canberra, the centre of operations of the Federal Government, and it gives indications of the main events and circumstances affecting the Nation during the present year. There are a number of important conjunctions, with small orbs, between Significators in this Chart and in the Radix. ("h" = "Harmonic", "r" = Radical):

- 1. h.MC 17Ge48 conjunct r. Pluto 16Ge15: A fundamental shift in Government policy, due to financial pressures (r.Pluto occupies the Money House).

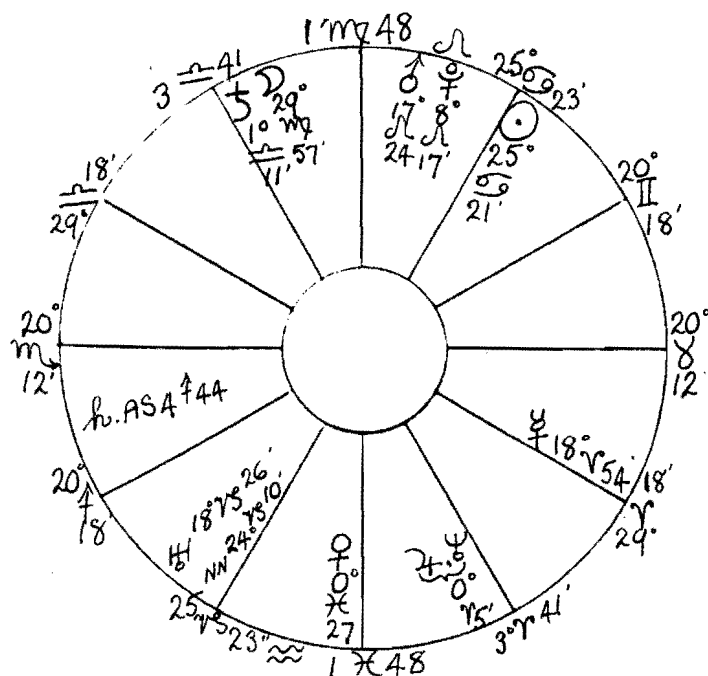
JUPITER/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION

19TH JAN 1984 AT NEW YORK

73 W 57, 40 N 45. Placidian Cusps.



HARMONIC 4 OF JUPITER/NEPTUNE CHART
Set for NEW YORK from Harmonic MC



2. h.Pluto, 4Vir17, conjunct r.5th Cusp, 5Vir36: Upheaval and uncertainty in the Stock Market, and in speculative ventures generally; no stability. Opposing groups applying pressure in relation to the Education system. Pluto in the Harmonic Figure forms a T-Square with the Sun and the Moon, so its effect is going to be far-reaching and deep-going. Prime Minister Hawke (whose Ruling Planet is Pluto) will find himself in a critical situation, at odds with his own Party as well as contending with powerful political antagonists.

3. h.Uranus, 15Vir38, conjunct r.Mars, 11Vir40, in r.5th House: Militant teachers, sudden strikes of teachers; many accidents at sporting fixtures; more fires in schools.

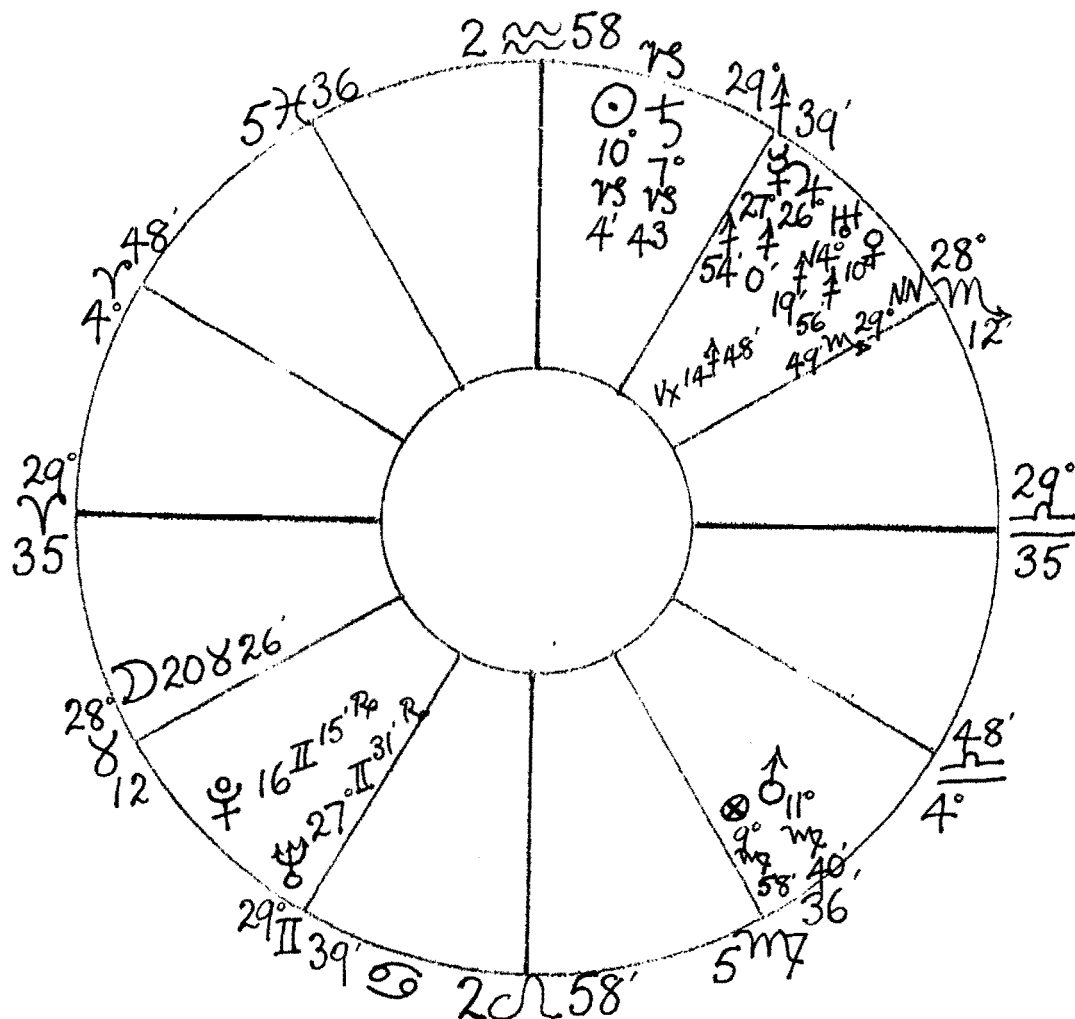
4. h.Mercury, 27Sag47, conjunct r.Mercury, 27Sag54, and Jupiter, 26Sag00, opposite r.Neptune, 27Gem31: This conjunction triggers the Radical opposition of Jupiter and Neptune (in which Mercury already has a part) giving rise to unrealistic and fanci-

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION

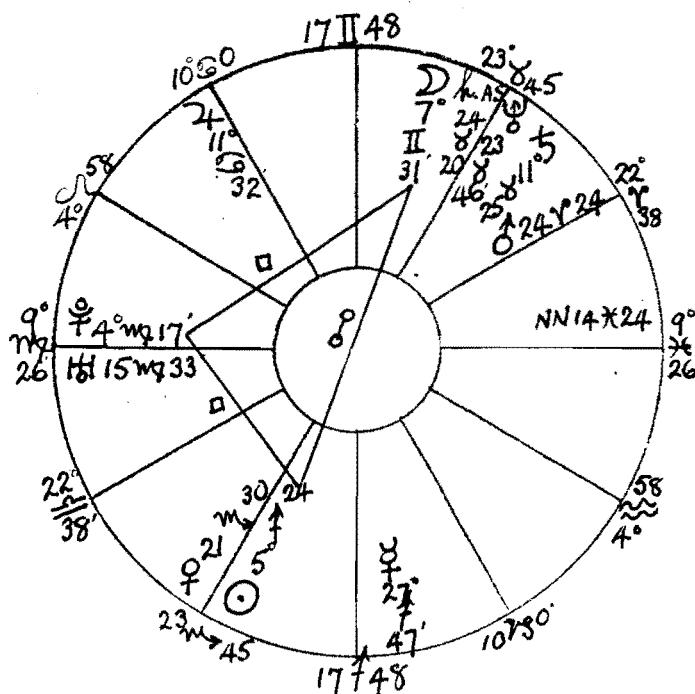
1ST JANUARY 1901

CENTENNIAL PARK, SYDNEY, 151 E 14' 18"

1:35:42 pm EST (UT 3:35:42 am). Placidian Cusps



HARMONIC 87 OF FEDERATION CHART
Set for CANBERRA from Harmonic MC
149 E 13, 33 S 18. Placidian Cusps.



ful expectations. It applies not only to over-sanguine investors in the Stock Market (Mercury rules the r.5th House) but also to the propaganda (Mercury/Jupiter/ Neptune) of politicians and other public figures who will be apt to paint a false picture of burgeoning prosperity for the Nation. We can expect that unrealistic hopes will arise regarding large-scale projects that will never be developed. The activation of Jupiter/Neptune will also inspire huge take-over bids by top financiers. For a time there will be much euphoric enthusiasm regarding "blue-water" sailing (Jupiter/ Neptune), sparked by the passage of the "tall ships" to Australia. An unprecedented number of people will be attracted to lotteries (Jupiter/Neptune) in the vain hope (for most of them) of lifting themselves out of their economic troubles.

5. h.Jupiter, 11Can32, opposite r.Sun, 10Cap04: This indicates a major Government crisis during the year, following over-spending and an adverse trade balance.

The Sun and Jupiter being principally concerned with the Radical 9th House, junketings abroad by politicians will be common - and expensive. Some costly litigation will be handled by the High Court - probably on Constitutional matters.

Pluto and Uranus rising in the Harmonic Chart are indicative of very disturbed conditions generally, with pressure groups and radical elements making a dramatic impact on our society. We can expect wide-spread, determined activity by anti-nuclear groups. Organized crime will be prominent, and under attack, with further graft and corruption being uncovered. For many people there will be changes and transformations in the pattern of living, and the old order of things will be in danger of collapse. Rebellious activities and acts of violence will be common. On the positive side, we can expect great technological development during the year, especially in the application of computers to industry.

The Radical Chart itself is subject to some powerful transits during the year. In mid-February, Saturn and Uranus conjoin at 29Sag55, which is almost exactly on the 9th Cusp and stirring up the Neptune/Jupiter/Mercury opposition. This indicates much dissatisfaction and agitation among the professional classes (doctors, lawyers, academics, etc.), and a breakdown of established forms and procedures. Our international commerce will also be subject to disturbance, and some overseas countries could renege on agreements. At home, we may expect revelations regarding large-scale frauds. The Radical Jupiter/Neptune opposition is indicative of financial swindles, and is consonant with Australia's reputation for having the world's most successful confidence tricksters.

Similar configurations appear again in the last week of June and the third week of October, which will see a resurgence of the same sorts of trouble and difficulty.

In September Uranus will be stationary at 27° 3' of Sagittarius, where it is directly opposed to Radical Neptune on the 3rd Cusp. This points to a chaotic condition in the postal and transport industries, including air transport. We may expect strikes and upheaval, with widespread but irrational discontent. There will also be an increase in the mentally ill, with an outcry regarding lack of adequate care for them.

In mid-September Neptune is stationary at 7Cap25, which is within 18' of an exact conjunction with Radical Saturn. This seems to indicate a phase of dissolution of old ideas and standards, together with a chaotic situation in our tertiary institutions and a drift to socialistic ideals. A public scandal concerning members of the professional classes is probable.

The above represents an attempt to interpret the planetary energies operating on Australia during 1988. Prophecy in any field is a risky business, and there is a low success rate in all areas where it is regularly undertaken - economic, medical, social, sporting, etc. - but I believe astrologers should make the attempt to foresee events, and improve their techniques through experience. Astrology is capable of great development in the field of mundane forecasting. Changes and upsets in the economic and social life of the nation affect us all to a greater or less extent. As astrologers, it behoves us to apply ourselves to the task of foreseeing coming conditions and preparing for them. As has been said, "People without vision perish!"

- Dymock.

DATA WANTED - CHILD ABUSE

In view of the increasing number of child abuse cases being reported, astrologers should become aware of the likely indications in the Charts of both perpetrator and victim. It is true that child abuse of a violent, sexual or emotional nature is far more common than many of us previously realized. With astrological knowledge one has a chance to forestall the bad consequences, or at least recognize the existence of the problem and alert the appropriate persons.

I have the data of a number of horrific sexual abuse cases and am looking to identify the relevant astrological factors. Much more information is needed before conclusions can be drawn.

If you are, or have been, personally involved, or have the birth details of any other persons involved in child abuse, whether in the active or passive role, please send the data to me with a short history of the case. Material will be treated as confidential. An analysis of the relevant astrological factors will be a valuable piece of research.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th January 1988.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE STOCK MARKET CRASH

On Friday, 16th October, there began a slide on the New York Stock Market that soon developed into a rout, unprecedented since the great crash of 1929. Share prices had been rising over a long period to an unreal level, and finally the bubble burst, with drastic results. Some investors incurred paper losses of over 60%. The prices collapse in New York was repeated immediately in share markets throughout the Western world.

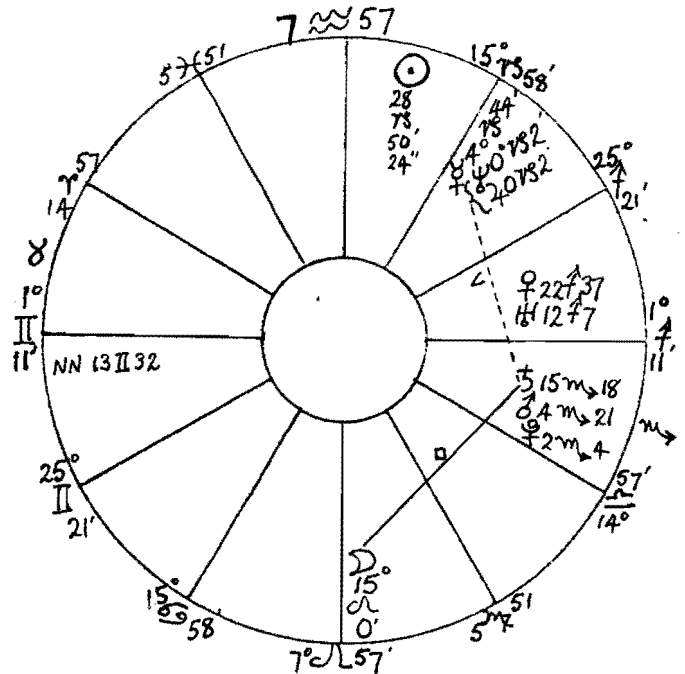
The astrological context of this debacle is a challenging study for the astrologer. It is apparent that a fall of such magnitude cannot be attributed solely, or even mainly, to the vagaries of the Quarterly Solar Ingresses, though these might well provide the trigger that set the slide in motion. A far more potent factor is the combination of the planets Jupiter and Neptune, which last joined forces on the 19th of January 1984, in the 1st degree of Capricorn. Jupiter and Neptune meet every thirteen years, their conjunctions having a far greater impact in relation to the matters they rule than the Solar Ingresses, not only because of the combined power of the two bodies, but also because of the relative infrequency of their meeting. Jupiter is associated with high finance, and with inflationary effects generally, while, in combination with the fantasy and limitlessness of Neptune, share prices reach heights beyond anything produced by the other celestial bodies. The volatile rise in the stock markets over the past few years is typical. The same thing happened with the absurdly inflated and subsequent collapse of the Poseidon Shares in Australia in the 1970's, just after the 1971 conjunction of Jupiter and Neptune in the first degree of Sagittarius. Such unrealistic price levels are bound to suffer a severe reverse in due course as they are not founded on anything solid and durable, but are a product merely of investors' fanciful and over-optimistic thinking - again the outcome of a Jupiter/Neptune combination.

Map 1 is the Chart for the 1984 Conjunction, set for New York, where the

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Map 1: THE JUPITER/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION
19TH JANUARY 1984, 17h 44m UT.
New York, 73W57, 40N45. Placidus.

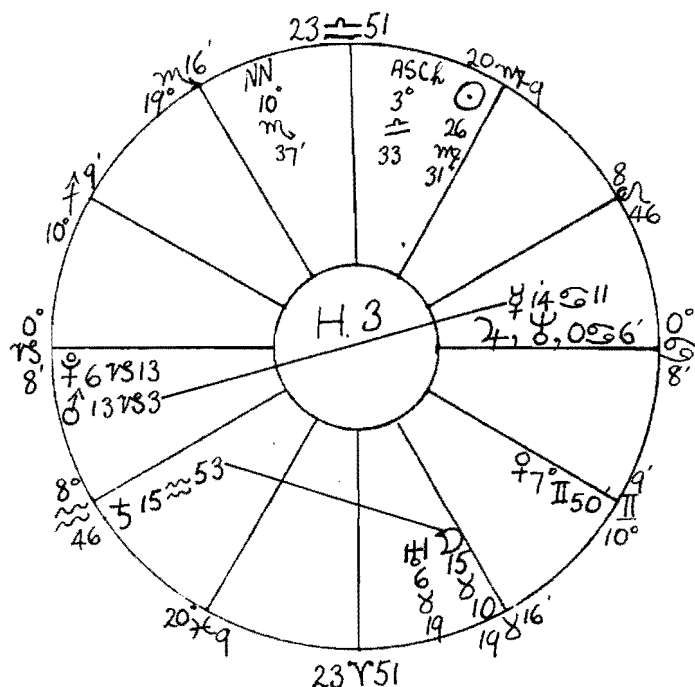


market collapse started. This Chart sets the scene: Neptune and Jupiter are here combined with Mercury (scrip and share certificates) ruling the 5th House (speculation) and the 2nd House (money). We can see that this particular epoch foreshadows a collapse of the things governed or influenced by Jupiter/Neptune, not merely because the place of their conjunction is closely semisquare Saturn, but principally because the Moon, whose applications portend things to come, is at 15° Leo applying closely to the square of Saturn at 15Sc18 - Saturn, the planet of downturns and disaster, in a worldly sense.

The year of the collapse, in the interval before the next Jupiter/Neptune Conjunction in January 1997, is shown by Map 2, which is the "Age" Harmonic No. 3 of the 1984 Jupiter/Neptune Conjunction Chart. It relates to the year from 19th January 1987 - 19th January 1988.

**Map 2: 1984 JUPITER/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION
HARMONIC 3**

Applicable to the year 19/1/1987-19/1/1988.
Placidian Cusps from Harmonic MC.



To arrive at this Figure, all the Radical factors are converted into absolute degrees from 0° Aries, multiplied by three, and reconverted back to a Zodiacal Sign position. As an example, Jupiter and Neptune in the Radix are at 0 Cp 2, which is 270° 2' in absolute degrees. This multiplied by three gives 810° 6'. We cast out all whole circles (360°) - two, 720° in this case - leaving 90° 6', which reconverts to 0 Cn 6. The whole process is quick and easy with a calculator.

To obtain the House Cusps, multiply the Radical Midheaven, 7 Aq 57 (307° 57') by three and reduce it to a Zodiacal position in the same way. We arrive at 23 Li 51 for the Harmonic MC. From a Table of Houses, or by trigonometry with a calculator, find the Ascendant and intermediate House Cusps relevant to this MC and the latitude of New York. Note that the Harmonic Ascendant (derived from the multiplication of the Radical Ascendant) can appear anywhere in the Chart. It has no essential relation to the Harmonic MC. Its position in the Harmonic Chart is often a useful guide to the circumstances and events foreshadowed.

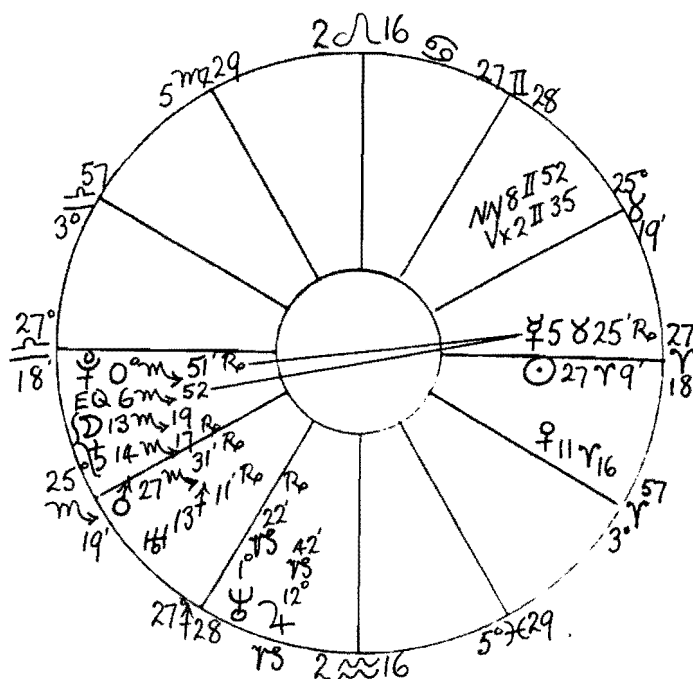
From Map 2 we see immediately that a critical situation has developed with Pluto and Mars rising, the latter opposed to Mercury, and the two principals, Jupiter and Neptune, directly opposed to the Ascendant (orb 2'). The Radical Moon square Saturn is here repeated, with the Moon in the House of Speculation and Saturn in the Money House, precipitating financial collapse. There are correlations also between the Harmonic and the Radical Charts, which will be apparent to readers.

The critical year is shown also by the third Synodic Return (Map 3) derived from the Radix, and applying similarly to the period from 19th Jan 1987 to 19th Jan 1988.

**Map 3: 1984 JUPITER/NEPTUNE CONJUNCTION
SYNODIC RETURN NO. 3**

(Operates from 19/1/1987 - 19/1/1988)

Ephemeris: 16th April 1984. 23h 32m 48s UT.
New York. Placidus.



The Synodic Return is based on the angle, or Zodiacal distance, between the Sun and the Moon in the Radix, which angle is naturally repeated each month. Each monthly repetition of the angle foreshadows the circumstances of a year, the chart for the third repetition corresponding to the period from the third to the fourth anniversary of the inceptional date. Finding the precise time for the recurrence of the Synodic Angle is a rather tedious process without a programmed calculator or computer.

In our Jupiter/Neptune Radix the angular distance between the Sun and Moon is 196° 9' 35", and in the third month after the inceptional date this angle occurred again

at precisely 23h 32m 48s UT. The Chart shows Pluto (upheaval, turmoil, dramatic change) just under the Ascendant in opposition to Mercury (share scrip). Pluto rules the Money House, and Mercury the 9th House (share prices). The Moon is rising in close conjunction with a retrograde Saturn, the two speeding towards one another by mutual application. It is significant that the Moon is separating from the sextile of Jupiter (buoyancy, inflation), representing things past, and applying to the much stronger link of a conjunction with the depressive Saturn. The Moon is Co-Ruler of the 9th House (share prices) through its intercepted Sign Cancer, and its conjunction with Saturn vividly depicts the downturn.

- Dymock.

EXIT SIR JOH

An era of Australian history came to an end when on the 1st of December the Premier of Queensland, Sir Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, resigned his Office, though in fact he was deposed. The most controversial and dynamic of all Australian Premiers, Sir Joh's career was marked by many confrontations and contentious issues. In his 19 years as Premier he became famous - or notorious, depending on one's political point of view - for his toughness and determination, as well as for his unrelenting stance and radical measures against opposition.

Sir Joh assumed Office on the 8th of August 1968. In the course of his Premiership, he aroused much criticism and made many enemies through his numerous controversial decisions, which he implemented nevertheless with uncompromising firmness. In July 1971, he declared a state of emergency to protect the touring South African Springbok rugby team. A mass of protesters were violently handled by the 700 police called out to enforce law and order. When a Labour Senator died in 1975 Sir Joh flagrantly breached convention by refusing to accept the ALP's nominee to fill the vacancy. This helped to bring down the Whitlam Labour Government the same year. In 1977, Sir Joh banned street marches, and hundreds of protesters were arrested. He disregarded the claims of aborigines and the requests of environmentalists, and refused to liberalize the Queensland laws on homosexuality, abortion, prostitution, and poker machines. To particular friends and supporters he dispensed numerous favours of an economic or status nature. He continued to keep in place the worst gerrymander in the Australian political system, by means of

which he prolonged his stay in Office.

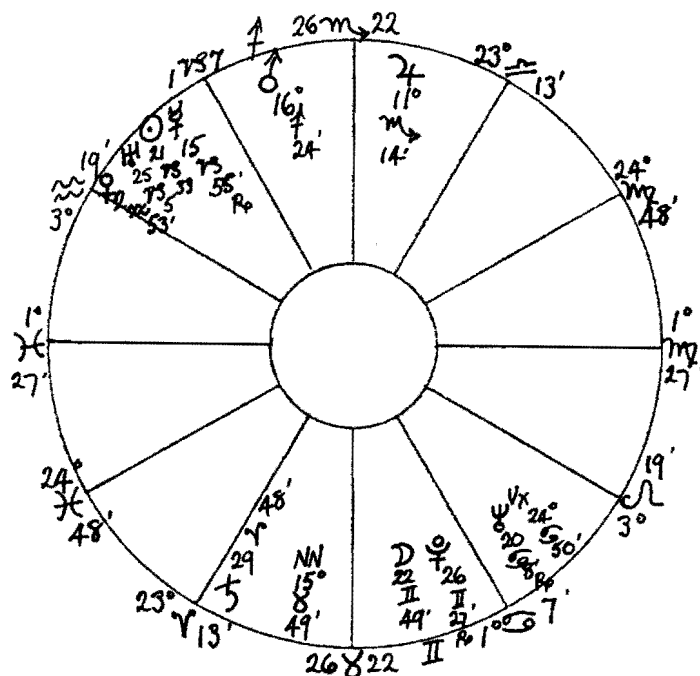
Possibly the action that aroused most bitterness was Sir Joh's sacking in 1985 of 900 striking electricians, though a large proportion of the electorate supported him in thus refusing to have a public utility sabotaged in the interests of a minority.

SIR JOH BJELKE-PETERSEN, 13th January 1911.

Dannevirke, NZ. 176E07, 40S12.

Given Time 8 am, Rectified time 7:56:55 am.

UT 20h 26m 55s on 12th Jan 1911. Placidus.

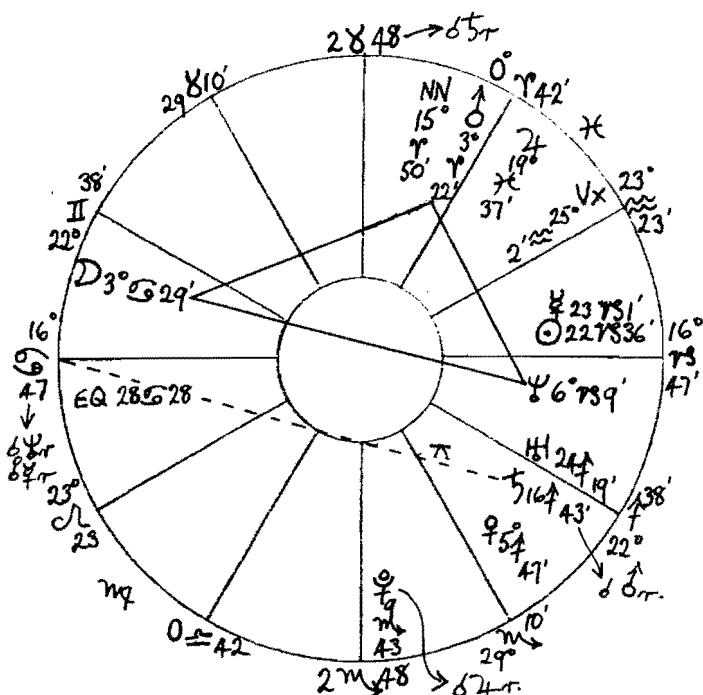


The Horoscope of such a radical is naturally of great interest to astrologers, and it was first published in Issue No. 64 (19th Nov 1986) of this Journal. Here it is again, for the convenience of readers, but what is of primary interest at the moment is the astrological context of Sir Joh's departure from the political scene. The Precessed Solar Return No. 76 has pertinent indications. Firstly, relating the Return Chart to the Radix, we have:

- (1) The Midheaven conj. Natal Saturn (difficulties in career, struggle against odds).
- (2) The Ascendant conj. Natal Neptune and opp. Natal Mercury (self-deception, faulty judgement, prevarication, disappointment).
- (3) Pluto conjunct Natal Jupiter (loss of position and standing).
- (4) Saturn conjunct Natal Mars in the 10th House (difficulties and antagonisms; reversal in career).

The Return Chart itself has Cancer rising, so is ruled by the Moon. The Moon is in the 12th House (misfortunes, self-undoing) in T-Square with Mars and Neptune (strife and disappointment). Saturn is close quincunx

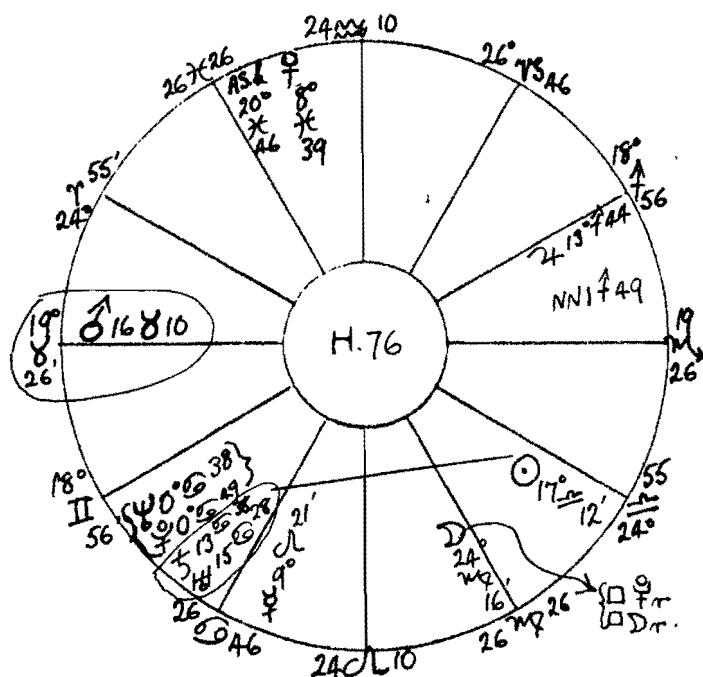
SIR JOH: PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN 76
(13th Jan 1987 - 13th Jan 1988). Brisbane
Precessed Sun 22 Cp 36' 19". Placidus.



the Ascendant (difficulties to surmount).

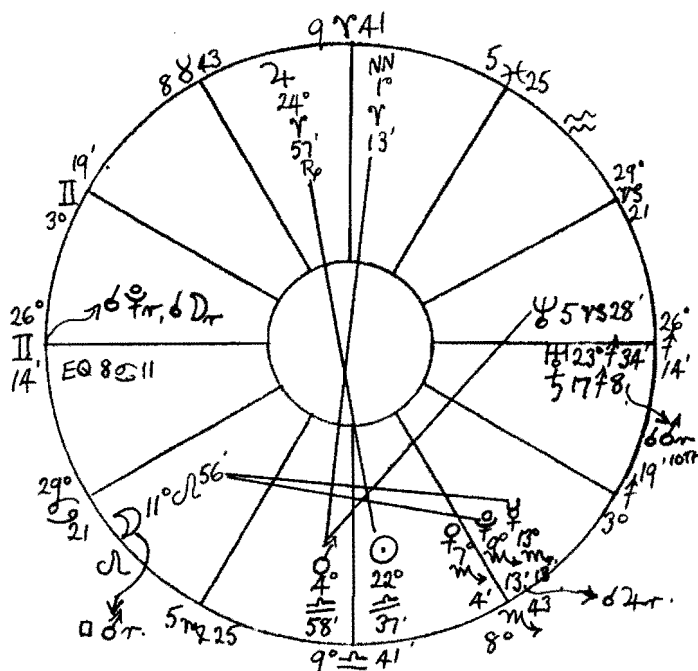
Age Harmonic 76 tells a similar story: Mars on the Ascendant, strife and trouble; the Sun square Saturn and Uranus (sudden, severe reversal); the Moon opposite Harmonic Ascendant (many antagonists).

SIR JOH: AGE HARMONIC 76.
(Applies 13/1/1987-13/1/1988). Brisbane.
Placidian Cusps derived from Harmonic MC.



The Quarterly Solar Return, applying to the period from 16th October 1987 to 13th

SIR JOH: PRECESSED QUARTERLY SOL. RET.
(16/10/1987 - 13/1/1988). Brisbane.
Precessed Sun 22 Cp 37' 00". Placidus.



January 1988, shows this to be a stressful three months. It did, in fact, signal Sir Joh's downfall. The aspects from this Chart to the Radix (as distinct from those of the Annual, 12-months', Chart to the Radix) are the Ascendant in close conjunction with Natal Pluto and quincunx the Midheaven (professional crisis, "fall from the top"), and the Moon square Jupiter in the 9th House (legal conflicts). In the Quarterly Chart itself, the Ruler of the Midheaven, Mars, is squared by an Angular Neptune (loss of position), the Sun opposes Jupiter in the 10th (conflicts and differences related to career), Mars opposes the Moon's North Node (disputation within a group), and the Moon squares Pluto and Venus (disharmony, emotional outbursts, shocks).

Price Change for Astrologers' Forum

After six years of operation at the old price level, some revision has been found necessary to keep this publication on an economic basis, albeit still non-profit. The increase to Australian subscribers is minimal, while those overseas will actually benefit through the adoption of a uniform rate - \$15 for everyone. The only disadvantage to overseas readers is that their copy will now be sent "Surface Air Lifted" instead of "Airmail", and may take three weeks to arrive instead of one. The cost saving, relative to the price of *Astrologers' Forum* is considerable - postage to Europe, for example will be 70c instead of \$1. Readers abroad will not suffer through the later arrival of their copy. Contributions from them on matters currently being discussed will still be considered for publication even if they miss the immediately following issue.

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all.

- Dymock, 19th December, 1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Hindu Astrology

KEVEN BARRETT (NSW), long time student and exponent of Hindu Astrology, has sent a Horary Chart, using the Arabian Parts on the Hindu system. His article, complete with Tables and Charts, is necessarily a long one and, at the same time, other additional material is on hand for publication. All of this could not be accommodated in a single issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, so I have decided on this occasion to combine two Issues in one, appearing a little later in the month than usual, and covering the two months October and November. The next Issue will be in December.

Keven's Horary Chart is interesting in itself, and also illustrates his methods and gives an insight into the little-explored area (by Western astrologers) of Hindu Astrology. Keven works with the Sidereal Zodiac, but for those who wish to compare it with the more usual Tropical Zodiac the Chart is reproduced here in this format also (without the Arabian Parts). The Zodiacal aspects are the same in both Maps - the planets maintain the same angular distances from one another - but the Signs occupied by the Significators and the House Cusps are different in most cases, and of course that alters the rulerships of the Houses.

HINDU SAHAMAS or ARABIAN PARTS By Keven Barrett

Arabian Parts were not designed to be used in the Natal Chart for delineation - even the "Part of Fortune" - only in Horary work. This statement is true from Hindu and Persian books that quote back to Chaldean times. Many ancient and modern astrologers who have examined Ptolemy's astrological writings against his sources have found errors in the work he copied. Therefore I have not taken any notice of his writings where he mentions Arabian Parts (not to be confused with the Arabians who really only started to gain astronomical and astrological knowledge from around 600 AD).

Remember, these Parts calculated from Natal Charts are useless unless you have an

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accurate birth time.

It is interesting to note that these old astrologers each compare the other's astrological work, and note where they agree or disagree, even mentioning visiting astrologers or at least their books or verbal communications. In studying the ancient works I found it was hard to tell where the author finished and the translator started. In English translations from the various languages over the past centuries the translator's biased opinions often seemed to be quotations from the author. Translations from the same source often differ, due no doubt to the misunderstanding of the variations of the particular ancient language. The poor reader then starts using wrong techniques, or supposes that the Tropical Zodiac was always used because the translator understood only the Tropical. This occurs even in some Hindu translations.

The old subject of which Zodiac to use will always be debated until astrologers have an extensive data bank of correct observed birth times, and not the usual hospital times, which have been proved to be as much as half an hour out.

Never mind, it seems that every few centuries astrology goes through a dark age but still survives with competent researchers. Unfortunately, some do not understand the old rules, and thus more systems are invented that do not work when tested against correct birth times. Again, some researchers fail to validate astrology because of the technique they use. They expect to find in a natal chart a particular

trait (such as "introvert" or "extrovert") as determined by a psychological profile, without taking into consideration the chart's behaviour pattern in different life cycles. Most of us have been both types some time in our lives.

The Charts in this article are Hindu Sidereal because I find that the Hindu system is better for major characteristics and destiny cycles, also the old Sign Rulers work much better in the Sidereal Zodiac system for Arabian Parts. I use the Hindu Zodiac with Lahiri's Ayanamsa for the precession of the Equinox.

Even if you use the Tropical system, these Parts are designed for the Sun-to-Saturn rulership of the Houses. In the ancient House system a House extends from 0° to 30° of a Sign - thus our Equal House system. The First House is the Ascendant Sign, and the sensitive point (or House Cusp) in each House is the same as the Ascendant degree. Then, when you calculate Arabian Parts that use House Cusps, you take that degree in the House concerned. The Placidus, Koch and medieval House systems will give you a different result.

No wonder the Tropical astrologers fall by the wayside in Arabian Parts Astrology. The Tropical Zodiac calculation of Arabian Parts will be the same as in the Sidereal Zodiac except where the House Rulership planets are involved - this will change some formulas - and different Tropical House systems will give different results also. What chance has the Western Astrologer of using the Arabian Parts correctly?

Basic Rules

It seems that way back some time BC the Hindus used these Parts, and they were called SAHAMAS. They were used for Horary Charts, Solar and Lunar Returns, World and Nation Ingress Charts and agriculture markets or harvest forecasting. They were never used in natal delineation. The Parts (sensitive points), once calculated, were then assessed whether they would be effective by the strength or weakness of the planets involved in the formula, by their placement and rulership in the chart. Most of the Parts had night and day formulas, and very few astrologers today are aware of this. If the Sun is positioned above the Ascendant/D descendant axis you use the day-birth formula, and if the Sun is below, the night-birth formula. With some Parts the formula is the same for both night and day (shown as D/N in my Table of Parts).

Some Parts are for day or night only (shown as D or N). The other Parts in the Table that do not mention anything have the formula reversed for a night birth and left as is for a day birth, that is, the Table formula $A + B - C$ is the day formula, and $A + C - B$ is the night birth formula for that particular Part.

I am sure the reason why most books today do not mention this fact is that the author has not really studied the subject. Also, only in the Hindu system do you find a further rule from the ancients, and that is, if the Ascendant of the chart is positioned in a Sign between the shortest distance of the degree and Sign of the planet that is added, and the degree and Sign of the one that is subtracted ($B - C$) or ($C - B$) then the sum of the formula remains in that degree and Sign. If the Ascendant is not within the shortest arc then you add 30° to the sum. This may not seem to be important but the Parts are used in aspect to the Natal Chart from Horary/Solar Charts, etc., and I have found that the 30° will result in an aspect more fitting for the event. The orb of aspects to Parts is one degree.

In Event Charts the planets in Houses 1, 4, 7 and 10 aspecting Natal or Horary Parts and planets are more important than the planets aspecting from the other Houses and, naturally, the Event Ascendant, Sun, Moon and Nodes are important no matter where they are positioned.

Generally, when the Parts are calculated for the Horary event or Solar Chart, and they are not aspected by this Chart's planets or especially the Ascendant, then the event will not come to pass. You have to judge the Part's House Sign Ruler and its House position together with the Parts placement in the Hindu Navamsa Chart (9th Harmonic) to forecast whether they will bring good or bad results. Remember all marriages are not made in Heaven, and all debts do not make you poor. The Natal Chart will tell you if such events can be handled by the client in a positive way.

The Rules laid down are many and varied. It is no wonder that today the Parts are not widely used, because very few astrologers have had this information passed on to them. Most of those that have do not share the knowledge because they have had too many failures through not understanding the Rules, so find it best to keep it to themselves and be thought of as an expert.

Table of Parts

The Parts are listed in four columns with the year given for you to see how some Parts changed meaning or lost day and night classification. Blank spaces do not mean that the Part was not used in that era. The translator or the author may have left them out, because all my sources do not give any one nation as the principle source of these Parts - only that they were once widely used.

Sources quoted are the Chaldean, Egyptian, Hindu and Persian, from Neelakantha, Venkatesa, Kesava, Yavana, Ptolemy, Albumassar, Hermes, Alberuni and Bonatti. Most of these authors quote each other, whilst translators misquote them.

The Table lists the Parts in planetary order so, if you have a night-birth formula you can look down the first column, reversing B and C, to see the meaning of that part for a day birth. All these parts are not used at the same time, only those with the meaning pertaining to a question asked.

One Rule not shown on the Table for the Part of Parents or Father, that is, Ascendant + Saturn - Sun, states if "Saturn is under the Sun's ray" Saturn is replaced by Jupiter. Similarly, for the Part of Children, Ascendant + Saturn - Jupiter, Saturn if under the Sun's ray is replaced by Venus.

After six years I still have not proved all the Parts mentioned in the Table to be correct. However the ones in the Hindu Column, and those that remain the same in the several columns, I always use with excellent results.

In my main work I use the sensitive Parts to check birth times (orb 1°) with Solar/Lunar Returns in relation to previous marriages and overseas travel (other than a pleasant holiday), having the Event Chart planets activate the Natal planets and Natal Arabian Parts, then the Event Chart Arabian Parts activated by their own planets. To do this you need the given birth time to be reasonably close, because for every four minutes of birth time the Parts move one degree, and sometimes two degrees, while the Solar Chart hardly moves at all. If any event is shown in a Solar Return then the Lunar Return will show which month the event takes place.

Already most astrologers will have given up, this being too much work, just as they never challenge the given time of birth of their clients but rather waffle on a one-to-one basis, proving the Chart as they

go along with the interview, maybe realizing the time is wrong. Much better for our profession if they charged more and spent more time in getting to a correct birth time.

HORARY CHART USING ARABIAN PARTS

Mr A rang me on the 17th March 1987. He asked me could I advise him if a business he was buying would be a safe investment (time, 8:32 pm). I pressed a "hot" key on the computer, and the Chart instantly came up on the screen. I asked Mr. A if he had a partner. He replied, "Yes, my new wife. We both have been married before, and we both were in the same type of business before we met". He went on to say that the type of business caused both of the marriages to break up, and he felt with this wife they would both be happy in partnership in the same type of business.

Remember, he has not asked if the marriage will work, only if the business will be safe. In the Horary Chart you must not look for answers to questions that have not been asked. Neither had he told me the type of business. As he wanted to sign a contract of intent the next day, and was in a hurry for an answer, I asked him to ring back in the morning.

My answer next morning was "Yes, you are not only buying a business but property also, and the business will involve liquids - either a petrol service station, a hotel or similar involvement" (he was buying a hotel) "and you will have to go into debt" (*great thinking, KB, anyone can see that without a chart*) "and will have to sell your home, or your partner's home, to make up the difference between the bank loan and the purchase price, but there will be no problems with repayments."

I also warned Mr. A that there was some problem with a woman in the business, maybe an existing staff member who would not like the way he runs the business. It turned out to be a woman who probably died in the hotel a long time ago. Mr A saw her many times wandering around when he locked up at night. A television crew went there to do a story, and they ended up getting an unexplained image of a woman on the film - ghost, or a light reflection?

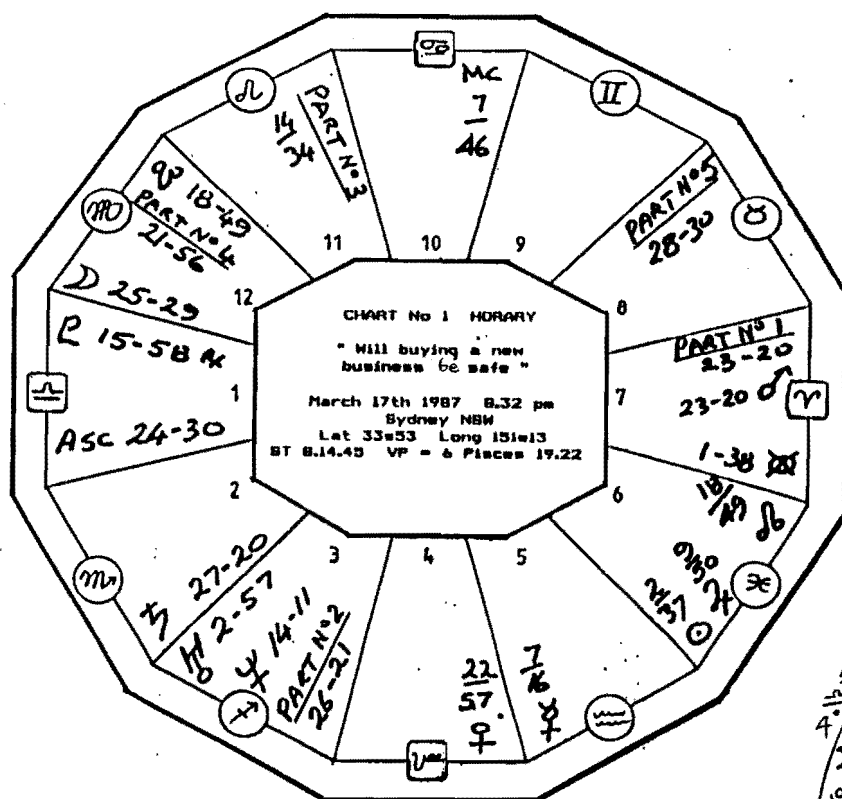
The Charts of Mr. and Mrs. A (No.'s 2 and 3) both have significant planets in Houses 1, 2, 7 and 10, together with House Ruler placement to show they both are going to do well in life, and both have Neptune, the ruler of liquids, in the 7th House

FORMULA	HINDU SAHAMAS	ALBERUNI	GUIDO BONATTI	MODERN BOOKS LISTING
A + B - C	BC to 400 AD	BC to 1000 AD	BC to 1300 AD	of PARTS 1987 AD
Asc + Sun - Moon	Learning	Daemon & Religion	Things to come	Spirit
Asc + Sun - Saturn		Wisdom		Father D/N
Asc + Sun - Neptune				Imprisonment D/N
Asc + Sun - 12th ruler	Prison			
Asc + Sun - Fortune				Honorable Acquaintance D
Asc + Sun - Sun ruler			Conquered Captive D	
Asc + Moon - Sun	Fortune	Fortune	Fortune	Fortune
Asc + Moon - Venus	Mother	Mother		Mother D/N
Asc + Moon - Mercury	Trade	Slaves	Servants	Servants D/N
Asc + Moon - Mars			King	
Asc + Moon - Saturn	Possessions Property	Real Estate	PossessionsKing D/N	InheritProfession D/N
Asc + Moon - Uranus				Friends D/N
Asc + Moon - Moon ruler			Conquered Captive N	
Asc + Moon - Moon ruler			Male Children	
Asc + Moon - Asc ruler			Killing	
Asc + Mercury - Sun				Commerce D/N
Asc + Mercury - Moon	Relatives	Timidity	Religion	Faith D/N
Asc + Mercury - Saturn	Debt Danger	Debt Danger	Money Lenders D/N	
Asc + Mercury - Saturn			Occupation Severity	
Asc + Venus - Sun	Adultery	Marriage Deception D/N	Marriage of Men D/N	Love D/N
Asc + Venus - Moon		Females D/N	Daughters D/N	Daughters D/N
Asc + Venus - Mercury		Treasure Trove D/N	Collection	
Asc + Venus - Mars	Devotion			Plays D/N
Asc + Venus - Saturn		Marriage of Men D/N	Marriage of Men D/N	
Asc + Mars - Asc ruler	Ability			
Asc + Jupiter - Asc ruler	Ability if Scorpio Asc			
Asc + Mars - Sun			Marriage of Women D/N	Passion D/N
Asc + Mars - Moon		Marriage of Women D/N		

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Asc + Mars - Mercury	Action D/N	Reasoning	Imagination Speech	Understanding D/N
Asc + Mars - Mercury		Disease	Infirmities D/N	
Asc + Mars - Saturn		Disease & Defects	Accidents Defects	Sickness D/N
Asc + Mars - Saturn	Business			
Asc + Jupiter - Fortune	Fame			
Asc + Jupiter - Saturn	Brothers D/N	Breth-Death Parents D/N	Breth-Death Parents D/N	Brethren
Asc + Jupiter - Sun				Increase
Asc + Jupiter - Moon	Children		Male Children D/N	Sons D/N
Asc + Jupiter - Mercury	Property	Real Estate	Inheritance	
Asc + Jupiter - Mars	Strife	Lawsuits	Contentious	Discord D/N
Asc + Jupiter - Mars		Males D/N	Children	
Asc + Jupiter - Fortune	Friends	Success	Happiness Success	
Asc + Saturn - Mars	Desire		Soldiers Ministers	
Asc + Saturn - Sun	Father/King	Parents	Fathers	Fatality D/N
Asc + Saturn - Venus	Desire	Marriage of Women D/N	CultivationMarriageD/N	Husbandry
Asc + Saturn - Jupiter	Life	Life Children	Life Children	
Asc + Uranus - Sun				Catastrophe D/N
Asc + Neptune - Sun				Treachery D/N
Asc + Pluto - Sun				Organization D/N
Asc + Asc - Moon	Disease			
Asc + Asc ruler - Moon			Death D/N	
Asc + 7th cusp - Venus		Marriage D/N	Marriage	Marriage D/N
Asc + 8th cusp - Moon	Death			Death D/N
Asc + 8th cusp - Mars	Accidental Death			
Asc + 8th ruler - Saturn				Peril D/N

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: A + B - C	: BC to 400 AD	: BC to 1000 AD	: BC to 1300 AD	: of PARTS 1987 AD
: Asc + 9th cusp - 9th ruler: Foreign Travel	: Journeys	: Long Travel	D/N	: Land Journey D/N
: Asc + 12th cusp - 12th ruler:				: Private Enemies D/N
: Asc + 19 Aries - Sun				: Nobility Honour D
: Asc + 3 Taurus - Moon				: Nobility Honour N
: Asc + 15 Cancer - Saturn: Voyage	: By Water	: By Water		: By Water D/N
: Asc + 10 of 3rd sign - Sun:	: Death of Brother/Sis			
: Asc + 2nd cusp - 2nd ruler: Finance	: Property	: Substance	D/N	: Goods D/N
: Asc + Fortune - Sun				: Honorable Acquaintance N
: Asc + Fortune - Saturn	: Imprisonment Restrict	: Prison & Escape		: Losses
: Asc + Fortune - Saturn	: Sudden Advancement			: Sudden Advancement D/N
: Asc + Fortune - Mars	: Greatness	: Daring		
: Asc + Fortune - Learning		: Fraud	: Poverty	: Merchandise D/N
: Asc + Fortune - Mars		: Valour & Bravery	: Assistance	
: Asc + Learning - Fortune	: Friendship	: Love Stability		
: Asc + Learning - Jupiter	: Victory & Aid	: Assistance		
: Asc + MC - Sun		: Cause Broth/Sis Death		
: Sun + Jupiter - Moon	: Respect Honour			
: Mercury + Jupiter - Saturn: Science				
: Sun ruler + Saturn - Sun: Success (Day only)				
: Moon ruler + Saturn - Moon: Success (Night only)				
: 6th cusp + Saturn - Moon: Sorrow				
: Mercury + Mars - Saturn: Chronic Disease				
: Venus + Jupiter - Fortune: Friend				
: Saturn + 8th cusp - Moon: Death	: Death	D/N	: Death	

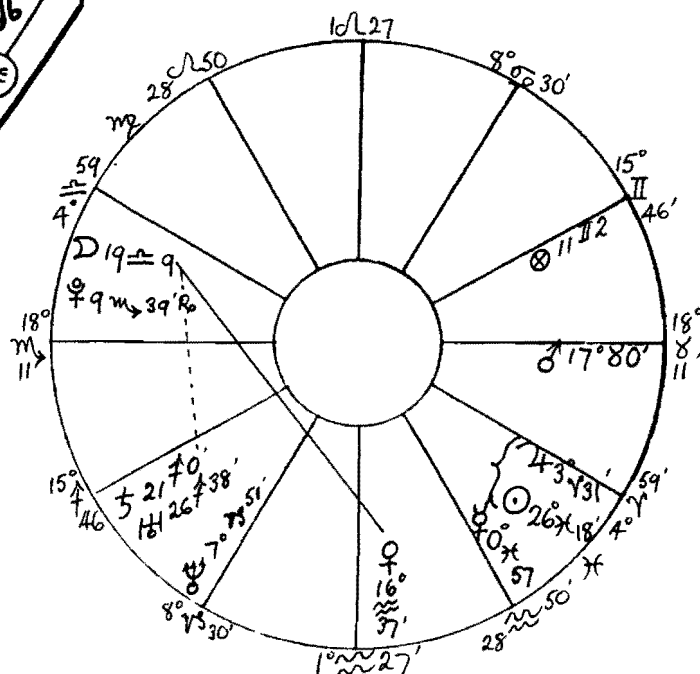
Day birth = Sun position over Asc/Dec. Night birth is Sun below the Asc/Dec. At end of PART description D = day. N = night.
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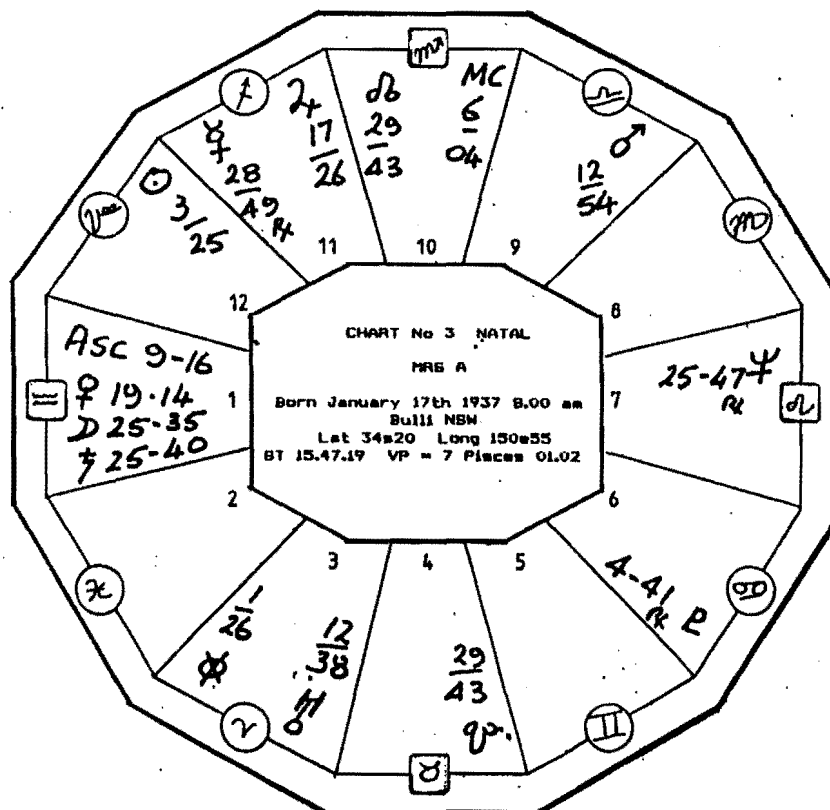
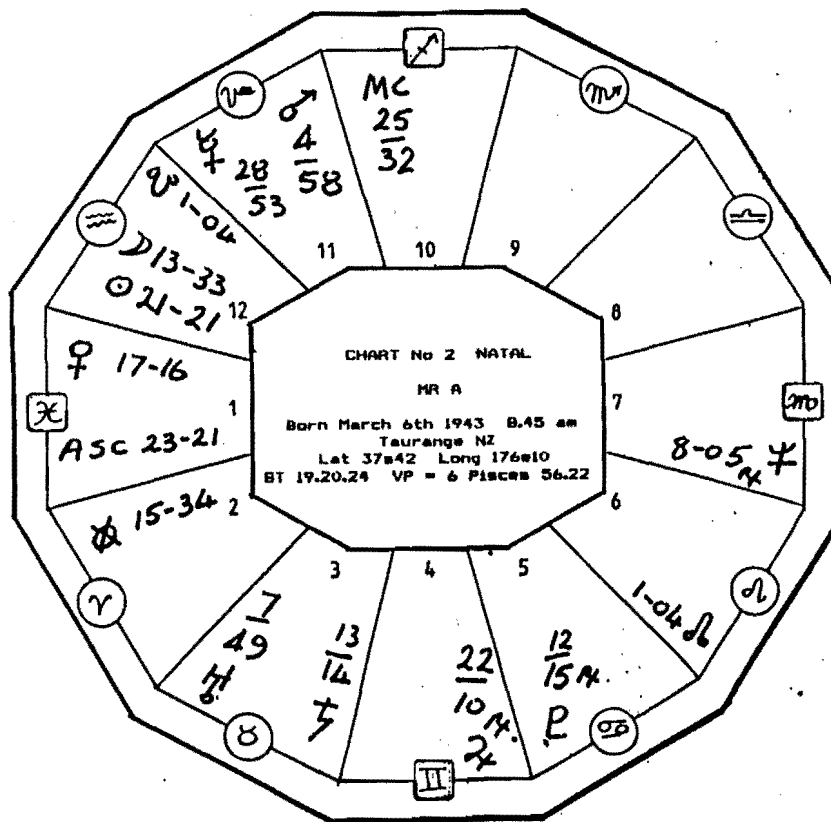


HORARY QN: Will buying a new business be safe? 17th March 1987, 8:32 pm, Sydney, 151 E 13, 33 S 53.

← Hindu Chart (Sidereal)

Tropical Zodiac
(Placidian Cusps)





(Partnership). Also their Hindu Progressed Cycle shows change in direction at this time. Natal Charts of the clients are useful in getting an insight into the people involved with the question.

You can also have fun with the Horary Chart planets aspecting these Natal Charts, and possibly come up with the right answer if you are proficient in Horary Rules. However, you are asking for trouble, as this is not the way to use Horary Charts. It is permissible only in Solar/Lunar Charts and, as said before, only if also these chart Parts are activated by their own planets, before you refer back to the Natal Chart.

In the Horary Chart (No. 1) the Parts that were activated to answer the question were: (1) Finance and Property, (2) Possessions and Property, (3) Debt and Danger, (4) Property, and (5) Business.

Part No. 1, Finance and Property, = Asc + 2nd Cusp - Ruler of 2nd Cusp. This is a night Chart, therefore you have to reverse the formula to Asc + 2nd Cusp Ruler - 2nd Cusp, and the sum is $353^{\circ} 20'$. Then because the 2nd Cusp and Ruler Mars do not have the Ascendant between them in the shortest distance round the Zodiac you add 30° , that is, $383^{\circ} 20'$, or 23 Aries 20.

With the other Parts I will not go through the same procedure. The formulas for these Parts from the Horary night Chart, and their resultant degrees are:

Part No. 2, Possessions and Property, = Asc + Saturn - Moon (26 Sag 21).

Part No. 3, Debt and Danger, = Asc + Saturn - Mercury (14 Leo 34).

Part No. 4, Property = Asc + Mercury - Jupiter (21 Vir 56).

Part No. 5, Business, = Asc + Saturn - Mars (28 Tau 30).

An orb of 1° is used for the Parts in Horary Chart aspects, and with the other Charts as well. Where planets from one chart aspect another chart's planets and Parts, a 1° orb is also used. For doubtful birth times allow maybe a 2° orb, but be careful.

The Horary Chart No. 1 has only the following close aspects: Sun square Uranus, Venus square Mars, and Mars opposite the Ascendant. Over all it is not so negative as to answer "No" to the question. This Chart is about a partnership, whereby the 7th House becomes the 1st House, and the 4th House is now the derived 10th House. The Chart is read as if the 7th Cusp (Aries) is the Ascendant.

First of all, one Part pertaining to the question must be activated by the Ascendant or, if not, then by one of the planets.

This means then that the question is a little more difficult to answer. Part No. 1 (Finance and Property) conjuncts the new Ascendant and its House Ruler, Mars, (it would not have done so if the 30° were not added) and the Part of Fortune is here also, giving the Chart more power.

Already it seems OK, even with Venus in the 10th, Ruler of the derived 2nd and 7th Houses, squaring Part No. 1 - nothing is ever easy in life - and here we have planets and Parts activating the essential Houses. I will not go into great detail with the delineation as I expect those reading this to be proficient in astrological basic interpretation.

Next is the 2nd-House Taurus for their own finances. Its Ruler is in the derived 10th (the business) and also rules the derived 7th House. Part No. 5 (Business) is placed here, and is in opposition to Saturn (the bank) in the derived 8th (money from others - debt), and Part No. 3 (Debt and Danger) is in the derived 5th House (a loan is needed and granted). Neptune trines this Part from the derived 9th House, and there is nothing wrong with that aspect. Saturn also has a 30° aspect to Part No. 2 which, in turn, is square the Moon in the derived 6th House (someone else's property is involved, probably the wife's). If you must use Pluto, then it sextiles from the derived 7th to the derived 9th to Part No. 2 also. Outer planets were known by the ancients, and even their approximate position, but are not necessary in Horary Charts, and I have found they can confuse the issue. Personal planets for personal questions.

As property is involved - will they need their own home for collateral? - look to the derived 4th House. Its Ruler, the Moon, is placed in the derived 6th with Part No. 4 (Property). The Moon squares Part No. 2 (Possessions and Property) in the derived 9th, and so this formula's planets, Mercury and Jupiter, are involved with the derived 9th, 6th/12th and 11th Houses in rulership or placement. This means that their property could be sold or have restrictions placed upon it, like a mortgage, and as Mercury is in the derived 11th House (gains) either way it will not be a disadvantage to the question, or indeed the new business. (The wife's property was sold, and Mr. A's used for collateral.)

The Moon in the derived 6th House with the South Node gave the statement that a woman from the past, or in the existing business could cause some problems (Moon sextile Saturn).

What I have tried to do with the above is

to show you a section, if only a small one, of the Arabian Parts technique, and what I have found in researching them - especially the day and night rules - that may help you in your own work. Start with the Part of Fortune in your own Chart as it may change in degree and House placement, then see if in your work you get more consistent results with the new position.

CHARLES AND DIANA

Readers who have purchased Alexander Marr's book, *PREDICTION III* will recall his "New Partner-Horoscope" - a technique Marr advocated for assessing the compatibility and potentials of any partnership including, of course, a marriage. Marr wrote the following in his book, "This method has been tested by the writer with more than 200 examples. It may be regarded as an adequate complement to the traditional comparison of two Radix horoscopes...As distinct from the usual Radix - Radix interpretation, where the mutual aspects have to be analyzed, the Partner-Horoscope not only allows an evaluation of mutual aspects but also has to be regarded as an independent self-contained Horoscope. Charts of this kind permit the astrologer to evaluate the output of the partnership. The Partner-Horoscope is the product of both participants and it always has a lot to show as regards good or poor chances for the future."

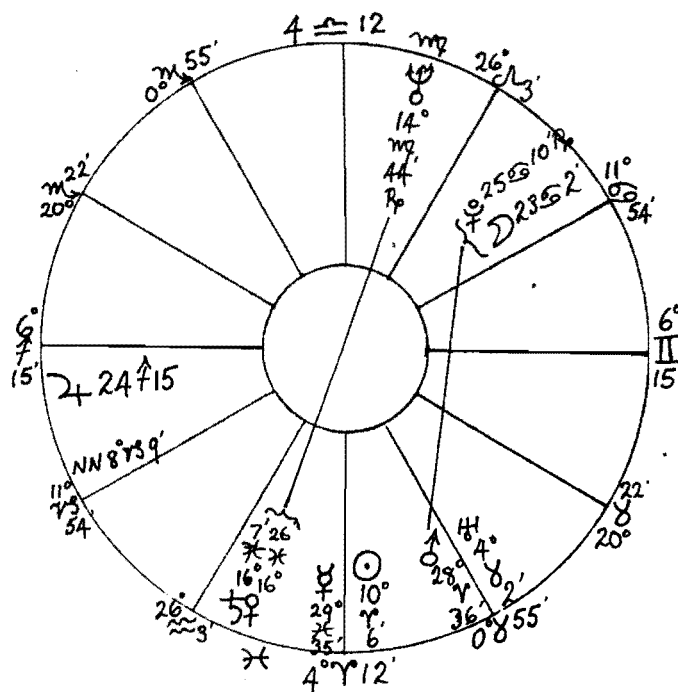
Briefly, the method is to erect a chart for the older partner's birth date and time reduced by the difference in age of the two people concerned. The difference must be worked out precisely to minutes and seconds. The time calculation (birth time of the older partner deducted from the birth time of the younger) can be handled simply, but the dates have to be converted into day-numbers and reconverted at the conclusion of the operation to year, month and day. For this purpose one can make use of the Julian Day Numbers given in Marr's *PREDICTION I*, or in *THE AMERICAN EPHEMERIS for the 20th CENTURY*. When you are subtracting the hours, minutes and seconds of the earlier birth day from the later birth day (to find the period to be deducted in turn from the earlier birthday) you will sometimes need to "borrow" 24 hours, and then you must reduce the later birth day by one day before continuing the operation.

The above leads up to a "New Partner-Horoscope" Chart of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, which I have received from ROSS HARVEY (NSW). I prefer to designate this type of figure a *PRENATAL RELATIONSHIP CHART*, as being more truly descriptive of its nature. It is given below, and here are Ross's comments:

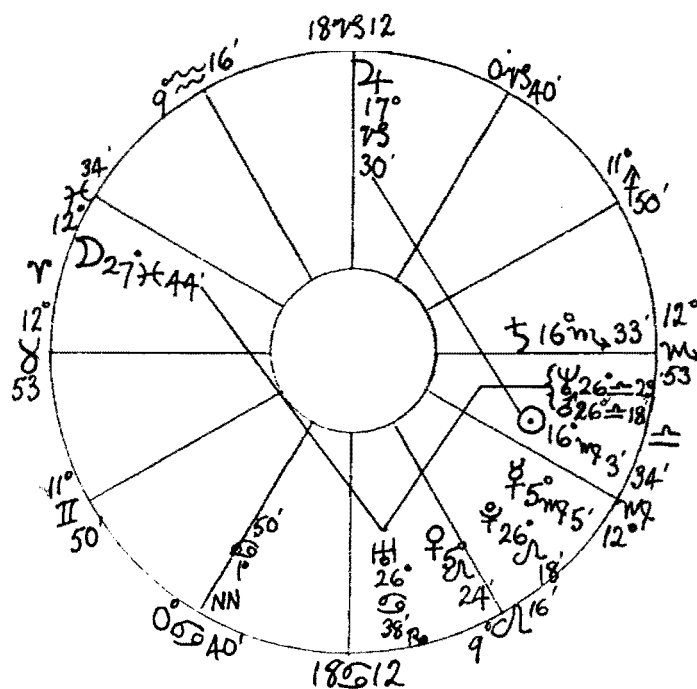
"This Chart seems to me to be considerably more relevant than either conventional synastry or the Composite Chart. Indeed it says it all, if one considers that there is a considerable difference in their ages (nearly twelve years) and in their interests - his are artistic and intellectual, her's seem to be limited to pop music and dancing - a recipe for disaster. The Partner Chart has Venus conjunct Saturn and opposite Neptune, and the Moon conjunct Pluto and square Mars. These two should never have married."

My experience with Prenatal Relationship Charts agrees with that of Ross. As a matter of interest I append also the more generally known Composite Chart of Charles and Diana. This Chart is indeed more favourable to the union, Jupiter being dominant, conjunct the Midheaven, trine the Sun and sextile

PRINCE CHARLES/PRINCESS DIANA PRENATAL RELATIONSHIP CHART 30th March 1936, UT 23h43m07s, London 00 W 6, 51 N 31. Placidian Cusps.



COMPOSITE CHART



Saturn in the Marriage House. This indicates a good public image and prestige for the royal couple but for the situation on the domestic front we look more to the Moon's aspects and the 4th House. Here, the Moon rules the 4th Sector, and its quincunx to Pluto is disquieting. Uranus is in the 4th, and major differences are indicated by its very close squares to Mars and Neptune. The Moon's trine to Uranus does not increase domestic harmony. It is probable that for the sake of their public image the union will be maintained but domestic differences, tension and private emotional outbursts will increase with the years.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 23rd October 1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THOSE ANNUAL CHARTS

One of the many perplexities that beset the keen astrological student is which of the many varieties of Annual Horoscopes should be given precedence. That is, which is the most indicative of the feelings, mentality, activities, circumstances, events and people affecting the native during the twelve months of the Chart's operation. Just think of all the possibilities: We have -

(1) The STANDARD SOLAR RETURN CHART, which is calculated for the moment the Sun returns to the Zodiacal degree, minute and second shown in the Radix. This Chart can be set for either

(a) the place of birth, as favoured by many,

(b) the place of residence, which I personally have found very effective,

(c) the place where the native happens to be at the time of the Return, as advocated by Alexandre Volguine in his book, *The Technique of Solar Returns*,

(d) the place of the native's main centre of operation (which could be far distant from the place of residence, as with politicians who live in different towns but work in the Capital City). This is a logical choice, akin to Relocation of the Birth Horoscope.

(e) the place to which the native removes during the year (if he/she does). A logical extension of (d).

That makes a total of five separate charts. In all of them the planets would hold identical positions in the Zodiac but could occupy radically different Houses and have different Mundane strengths. The difference is most noticeable between the chart for the residence and the chart for the birth place of people who come from abroad.

(2) THE PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN CHART, which is calculated the same way as the Standard Return except that the amount of the precession of the Vernal Point since the native's birth is added to the Zodiacal position of the Radical Sun, and this increased Zodiacal reading is treated then as the Radical position of the Sun. The

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theory behind the use of Precession in this way is that the Precessed Sun is actually the true position of the Luminary considered in relation to the backdrop of the fixed stars. On the other hand, the Standard Solar Returns place the Sun always at exactly the same distance from the (moving) Vernal Point. So there is a *raison d'être* for both systems and no convincing argument to positively establish one over the other. We have to rely on practical testing. Here, again, there can be five different Charts, as in (1). The possible total is now ten Charts.

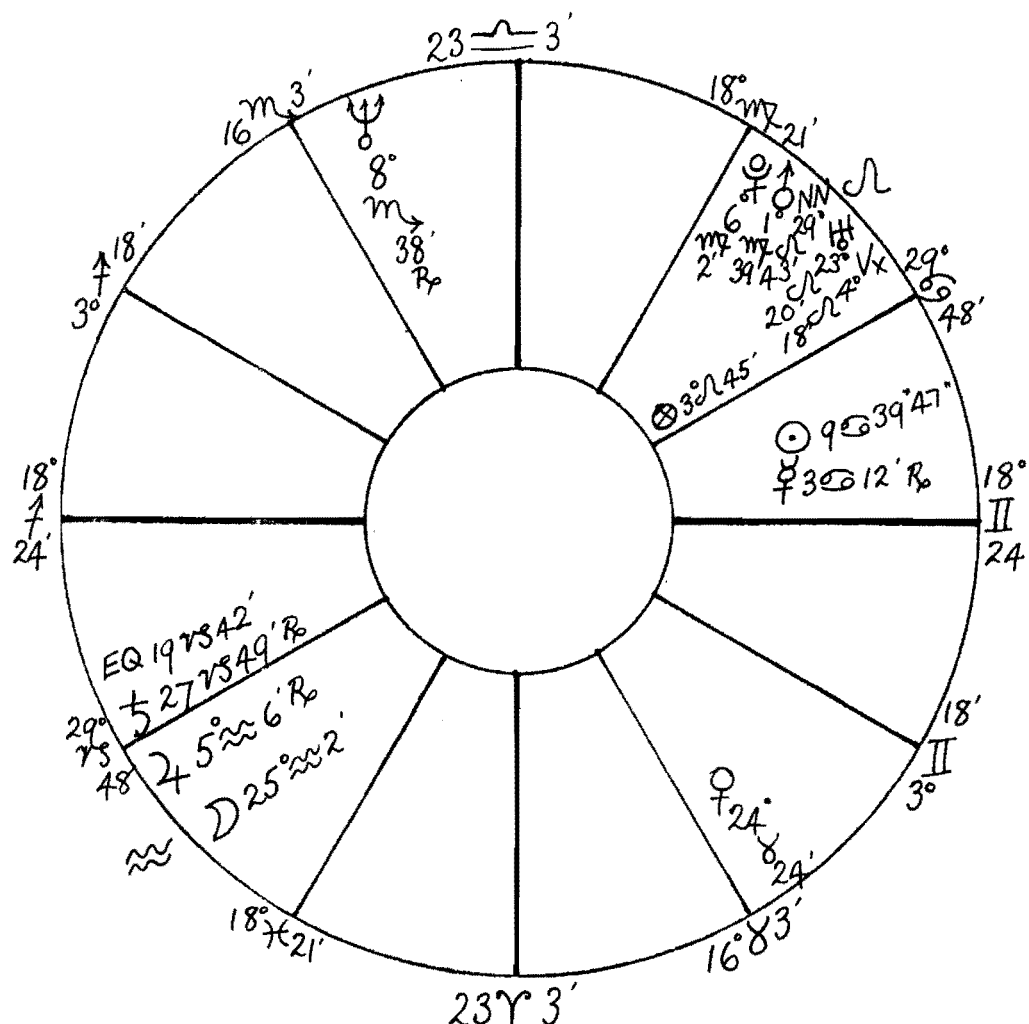
(3) THE PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN, set for the time in the current year when the Sun transits its PROGRESSED position. Again it might be set for five different locations. This Chart, with the geographic coordinates of the place of RESIDENCE, I found singularly clear and definite in one of the critical incidents of my own life. The possible total now is fifteen charts.

(4) THE PRECESSED PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN. Logic suggests that if precession is valid for the normal Solar Return, then it is also valid for the Progressive variety. The Precession in this case would be taken from some days after birth when, on the day-for-a-year system, the Sun reaches its Progressed position corresponding to the age of the native. Here are another five possible charts, raising the running total to twenty.

(5) THE PRENATAL SOLAR RETURN: Instead of
(continued on page 4)

LADY DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

1ST JULY 1961, 7:45 PM SUMMER TIME, SANDRINGHAM, ENGLAND
 UT 18:45 on 1/7/1961. Placidian Cusps

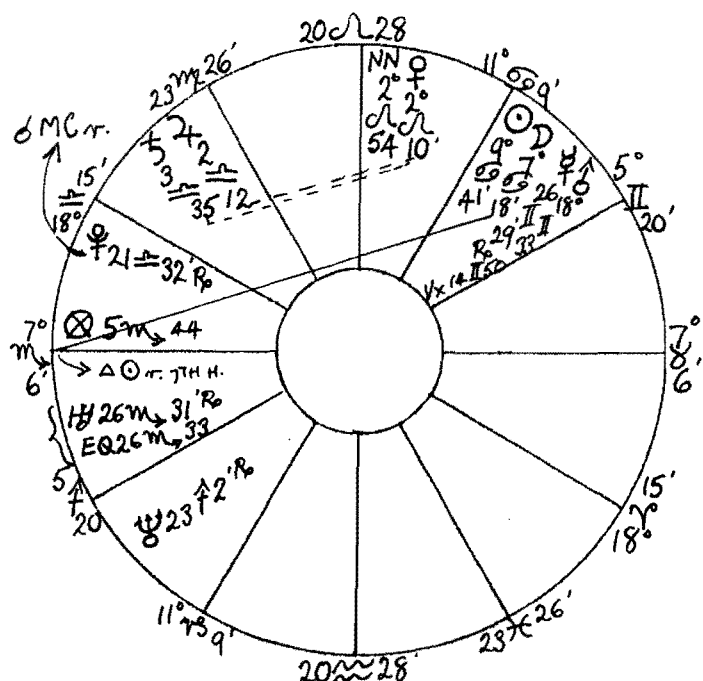


Lady Diana's elevation to her present position (with the likelihood of going still further) is not easily seen from the Chart. Certainly Sagittarius is a "lucky" Sign but not to this extent without something more precise and definite. That "something" comes to light when we examine the Midpoints: The midpoint of SUN/JUPITER at 22° 23' of Aries/Libra, closely conjunct the MIDHEAVEN, explains the mystery.

At the time of her marriage to Prince Charles on 29th July 1981 Pluto was practically stationary at 21 Li 45, and therefore conjunct both the Natal Midheaven and the Sun/Jupiter midpoint.

In the Secondary System, the Moon progressed to a trine of the Sun on the 5th of August, which tallies with the event, but would it be sufficient (on its own) to forecast marriage? By Converse Direction (disregarded by some astrologers) Regressed Venus squared Jupiter (Diana's Natal Ruler) on the 17th of July. This adds weight to the Moon/Sun trine. The square is not necessarily disadvantageous but indicates a much increased feeling of love and happiness.

PRINCESS DIANA: STANDARD SOLAR RETURN 20,
14h 53m 36s on 1/7/1981.
Natal Sun 9 Cn 39' 47".
London, 00 W 06, 51 N 31. Placidus.
Current from 1/7/1981-1/7/1982.



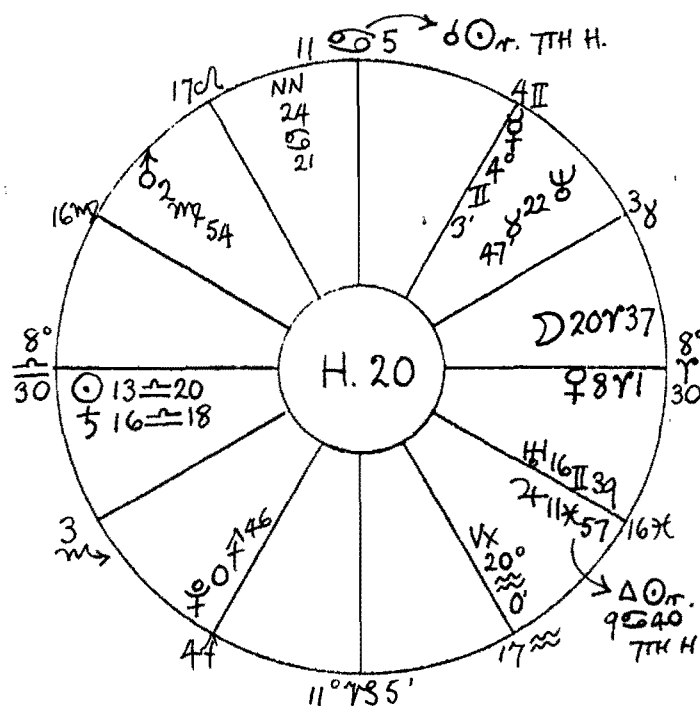
The Ascendant at 7 Sc 6 is conjunct Natal Neptune, and trines the Natal Sun at 9 Cn 40. Neptune sensitizes Diana's feelings, and the Sun directs them towards a husband. Uranus rising conjunct the EQ (Equatorial Ascendant) is indicative of a change in circumstances, particularly as in the Radix Uranus is powerfully configured with both the Moon and Venus. In addition, the S.R. Midheaven falls on Natal Uranus, indicating a turning point in Diana's life.

Pluto falls on the Natal Midheaven, indicating a radical change in worldly position and status. The conjunction of the Sun and Moon falls in the Natal House of Marriage and trines the S.R. Ascendant. Venus, elevated and ruling the S.R. Marriage House, is in a close sextile with Jupiter (Diana's Ruler) and Saturn, indicating both aroused and stabilized affections.

Prince William's birth could be deduced from the sextile of Venus to Jupiter, traditional Ruler of the 5th House (Pisces on the Cusp), Venus occupying the Natal House of Children.

The Standard Solar Return in this instance is a more potent indicator of the events than the Precessed Return (not reproduced).

PRINCESS DIANA: AGE HARMONIC 20
London, 00 W 06, 51 N 31. Placidus.
Current from 1/7/1981-1/7/1982.



This Chart, which bears no relation to either current or progressed Zodiacal positions, but is simply the result of multiplying the original significators by 20, is yet surprising in its aptness. Libra rises, and Venus, its Ruler, is closely conjunct the Cusp of Marriage. Venus is also square the Natal Sun. The square in these Age Harmonic Charts does not connote difficulty or obstacles, but merely connection, unless the Significators involved are by nature themselves obstructive, etc.

The Midheaven at 11Cn5 conjoins the Natal Sun (in the Marriage House) at 9Cn40. The Sun, from the Natal Marriage House is rising, conjunct Saturn, indicative of the increased responsibility of Diana's new status. Jupiter, at 11Pi51, trines the Natal Sun (9Cn40). Mercury in the 9th (Legalities) trines the Natal Ruler, Jupiter. Neptune, at 22Ta47 is conjunct Natal Venus (orb less than 2°). These orbs are remarkably close when you consider the multiplication factor (20) applied to each Natal position.

The Cusps in this Chart are derived by using the Harmonic MC and deriving the Ascendant and Intermediate Cusps from it. Other practitioners may use other methods, but this has been the best in my experience.

going forwards from birth we go backwards as many years as the native is old. This technique is not accepted by all astrologers but considered valid by others. Again, another five possible locations, giving a total of twenty-five charts. These Charts also can be precessed, though now the Precession must be deducted from, not added to, the Natal Sun. With Precession the total rises to *thirty* possible charts.

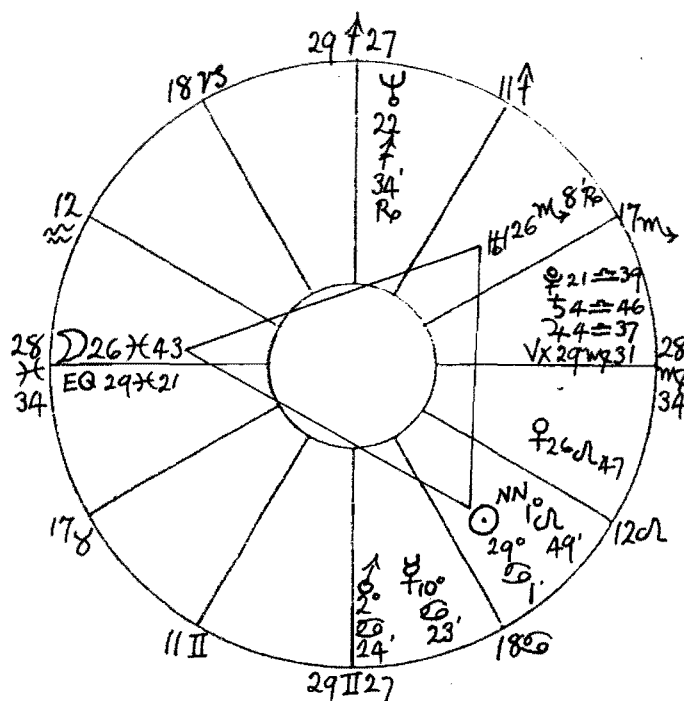
Fortunately, in practice the choice of possible locations is often reduced to two only - the place of birth, or the place of residence. Or it may even be reduced to one, the native having not moved from the birth place, and pursuing there all the essential features of his/her life. This lightens the astrologer's task, but does not resolve the problem. Even if we omit the controversial PRENATAL RETURN, it still leaves a choice of STANDARD, PRECESSED or PROGRESSIVE CHARTS. Classifying the several figures in order of their relative power represents a research project of considerable proportions, even with the use of computer or calculator. These indispensable electronic aids greatly reduce the mechanical work, but the reading and interpretation has to be done by the astrologer, and is the most time-consuming part of the process.

Is the Annual Chart worth all this trouble? Yes, indeed. The astrologer finds in due course that Transits and Secondary Progressions alone are insufficient for prognostic work with any degree of detail. While Progressions and Transits often (though not always) indicate major events, the particular flavour and circumstances of a year are better depicted by the Annual Charts.

The above list of Annual Charts has made no mention of yet another contender for the title of most powerful and indicative horoscope - the ANNUAL SYNODIC RETURN. Each month after birth the Sun and Moon return to the exact angular distance they held in the Natal Chart, and each succeeding month refers to the corresponding year of life, as the 30th month after birth is indicative of the 30th year of life, and so on. Without a calculator or computer it is a tedious process to establish the exact time of the Synodic Return, which is probably the reason for its almost universal neglect.

Still another Annual Chart, a valuable addition to the astrologer's armamentarium, is the AGE HARMONIC. Reference has been made to this technique in a number of previous Issues and, in particular, last

PRINCESS DIANA: PRECESSED PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN 20. 21h 59m 43s UT on 21/7/1981.
London, 00 W 06, 51 N 31. Placidus.
Precessed Progressed Sun, 29 Cn 1' 8".
Current from 21/7/1981-21/7/1982.



The chief feature in this Chart that is both Progressive and Precessed is the Grand Trine of the Moon, Sun and Uranus, indicating major changes. Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto put an emphasis on the Marriage House. Venus conjunct Natal Uranus equates with romance. Jupiter ruling the 10th, closely conjunct Saturn, refers to the enhanced status and responsibility following on marriage to the heir to the Throne. The Sun in the 5th trine to both the Moon and Uranus defines the birth of a son.

last month's Issue which dealt with the murder of Anita Cobby.

My investigations, still continuing, point to the Synodic Return as being one of the best of the Annual Charts, but that is another story for a future edition of *Astrologers' Forum*.

Over the years I have calculated and studied many scores of Annual Charts in an effort to resolve the problem of which one gives the best results.

My findings? - All of them have some validity and the question is by no means easily answered. At present I favour the PRECESSED RETURN FOR THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE or CENTRE OF OPERATIONS, but when the Chart does not give a clear message I resort to some of the other alternatives for additional information.

The thought has occurred to me that some at present unknown factor decides which of the different techniques is most applicable in a particular instance. Perhaps this will come to light one day.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19/9/1987

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Anita Cobby, 26-year-old nurse and former beauty queen, was gang-raped and murdered in a suburb of Sydney on the 2nd of February 1986. The callous brutality of the attack shocked and horrified all Australia. Anita was subjected to two hours of violence and sexual degradation before her throat was cut by one of her assailants. The five men involved have since been sentenced to life imprisonment.

By courtesy of her parents I have the birth data of Anita, given as 11:50 pm, Crown Street Hospital, Sydney, on 2nd November 1959. This Chart was published in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*. GWYN STONEY, NSW, has since written to me that she spent many weeks rectifying the Chart by Solar-Arc or the 90°-Wheel, working only from the birth date, which was given to her just after the murder. The time Gwyn arrived at was 11:38:30 pm Eastern Standard Time. Harmonic analysis however supports the time given by the parents. The Chart for Age Harmonic 26 (MAF 2), with the Harmonic MC in its correct position at the Midheaven, shows Pluto conjunct the Ascendant, opposed by Mars, and forming a T-Square with Venus and the Moon, a configuration that tells the story: Pluto/Mars/Venus is specifically associated with brutal assault, rape and murder. Additionally, the Harmonic Sun at 4 Aq 12 falls in the sexual 8th House, trine to the Moon and trine Uranus ruling the 8th.

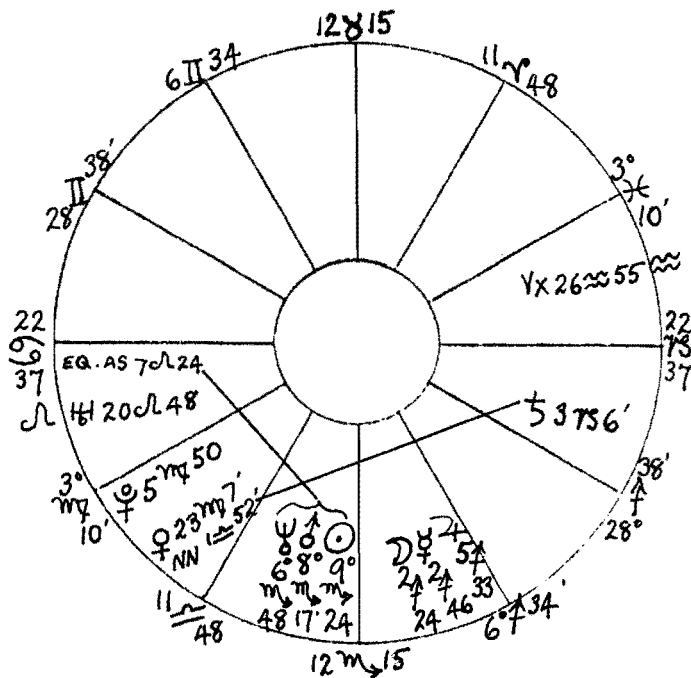
As against this, Harmonic 26 for the birth time proposed by Gwyn gives a Midheaven of 2 Aq 14 and an Ascendant of 28 Ar 59. The MC and Ascendant together with the intermediate Cusps are, of course, the only points that differ materially in the two Harmonic Charts but they alter the House positions altogether: Pluto is no longer conjunct the Ascendant but opposes Mars from the 3rd to the 9th House, which must be considered a much less telling position. However, it is a considerable feat for Gwyn to have come so close to the birth time with only the birth date and the event to work on. The matter is still open, and other readers may care to pursue their own investigations with the two times. In support of her rectified time, Gwyn points out that Venus, directed by Zodiacal Solar-Arc, comes exactly to the

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MAP 1: ANITA COBBY

Born 2nd November 1959, 11:50 pm EST,
Crown Street Hospital, Sydney.
151 E 12' 45", 33 S 53' 10". Placidus.



The Neptune/Mars/Sun conjunction, square to the Equatorial Ascendant threatens life.

square of the Ascendant at the date of the event. Even so, this is more indicative of an inauspicious love than rape and murder.

The Charts reproduced here are derived from the given birth time of 11:50 pm. The Radix is MAP 1. The close conjunction at the terminal 4th Cusp of Neptune, Mars and Sun in the sex Sign Scorpio highlights the danger of the life being terminated by sexual attack. The three bodies are all

square to the Equatorial Ascendant (East Point). Confirmation is found among the midpoints of the Significators, notably Pluto square Sun/Saturn 6 Sg 15 (orb 35'), square Venus/Uranus 6 Vi 57 (orb 1° 7'), square Mars/Saturn (orb 9') and square Saturn/Neptune 4 Sg 57 (orb 53').

The first and easily seen warning of danger was the transit of Pluto opposite Neptune and Mars and square to the Equatorial Ascendant - forming a T-Square, and stirring up the potential of the Natal malefics.

A more powerful indication of the danger was the **Progressed Sun square Pluto**, exact on 28th January 1986, just 5 days before the attack. This was a distinct threat to life - the Sun, the Life Force, afflicted by Pluto, the Destroyer! This Progression of the Sun is, by definition, the same in the Secondary Directional System and the system of Direction by Zodiacal Solar-Arc. In a more enlightened society we can expect that such a potent danger signal will be heeded, and all precautions taken to protect the person concerned from situations that give scope for the malefic action of planets. Astrology does not preach fatalism - it points out dangers in the road-map of life against which we must pit our intelligence, initiative and will. We would not, for instance, allow a woman with this Natal Chart and this Progression to walk unescorted home, whether by day or by night. Hazards are indicated by the planetary configurations, but the outcome is not fated. Dire results can be obviated or minimized by proper counter-measures.

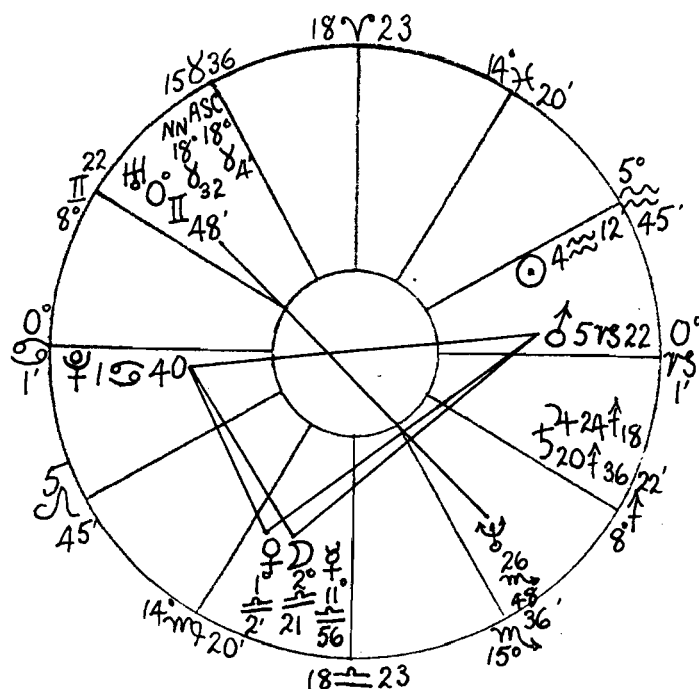
Similar warning was given by Primary Directions, though perhaps less striking in this instance: In the Topocentric System, Moon conjunct Mars (orb 5'), Mercury conjunct Mars (orb 8'), Pluto sextile Uranus (orb 2'). In the Wim van Dam (P.E.A.) system, Uranus came sesquare the Midheaven (semisquare the IC) on 28th January 1986, and Mars square Pluto in August of the same year. This last aspect occurred some six months after the event, but it showed the malefic forces developing.

Various subsidiary Charts also depicted the situation: **MAP 2** is the Harmonic Chart for age 26 previously referred to. Its indications are definite and striking, showing that this technique should by no means be neglected.

MAP 3 is the Synodic Return for Age 26 - the 26th time after Anita's birth that the Sun and Moon came to the exact angle that separated them at birth. I have found this type of Chart to be rather more powerful than the Solar Return Charts, which are

MAP 2: AGE HARMONIC 26

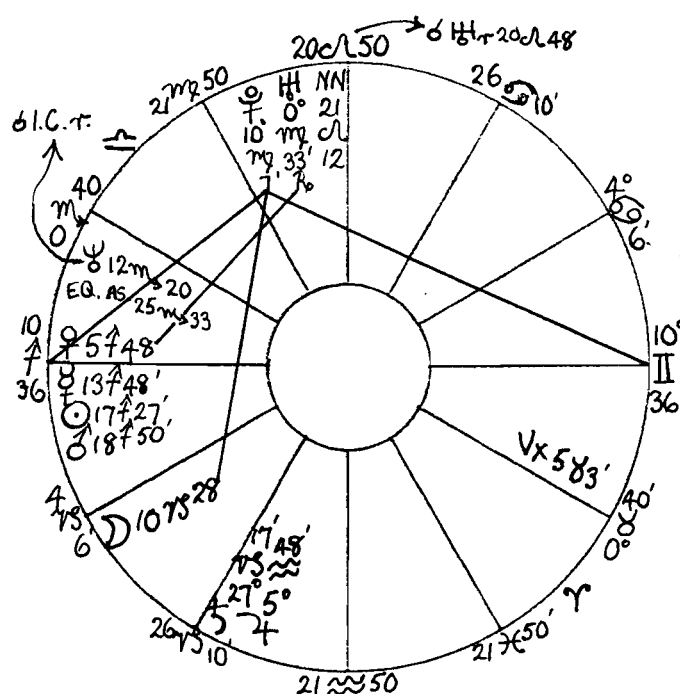
Placidian Cusps, Taken from the Harmonic Midheaven. Place of the death, 150E53'30", 33S48'30".



Pluto conjunct the Ascendant and forming a T-Square with Venus and the Moon = brutal force and sexual attack. Significantly, the Harmonic Sun falls in the House of Death.

MAP 3: SYNODIC RETURN 26

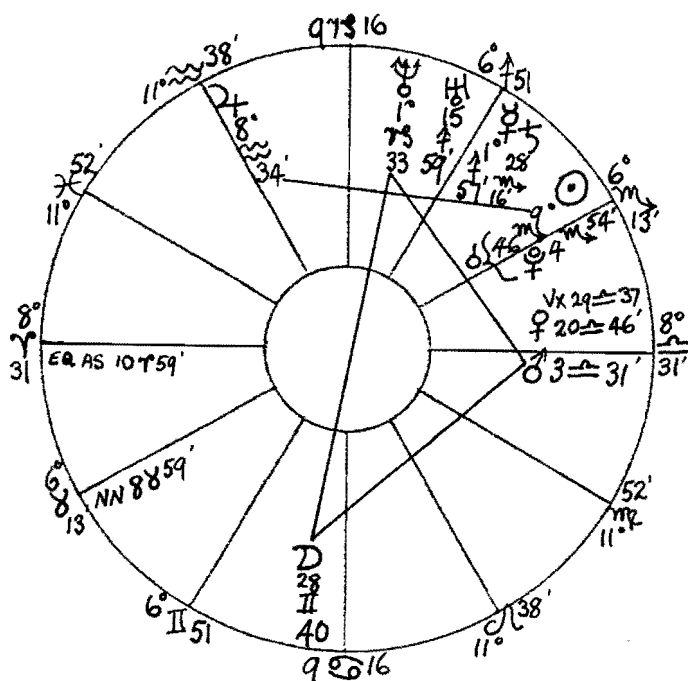
Ephemeris Date 9th December 1961, corresponding to Anita's 26th Year from 2/11/1985-2/11/1986. Natal Sun-Moon angle 23° 0' 20". At Birth Place. Placidus.



Pluto is almost exactly square the East and

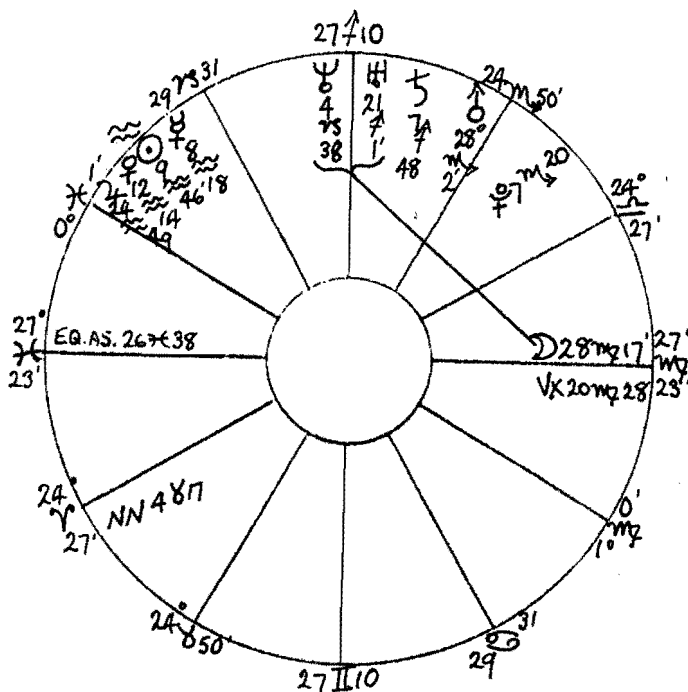
West points of the Horizon. Mars afflicts the Sun and Mercury, rising. The MC conjunct Natal Uranus (orb 2') and Neptune conjunct the Natal IC (orb 5').

MAP 4: PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN 26
(2/11/1985-2/11/1986). At residence,
150 E 55', 33 S 46'. Placidian Cusps.



MAP 5: MONTHLY PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN

29/1/1986, 23:08:23 UT
Precessed Natal Sun 9 Sc 45' 24"
150 E 55, 33 S 46. Placidian Cusps.



Neptune/Uranus (27Sg50) = MC = square Moon. This Chart pin-points the month.
- Dymock.

themselves very significant. Here Mars is rising, conjunct the Sun and Mercury, though an even more significant factor is the close T-Square of Pluto with both points of the Horizon. Synodic Charts respond to current transits, and to a greater extent than do Solar Return Charts.

MAP 4 is the Precessed Solar return Chart for the final year of Anita's life: Again a significant configuration - a Neptune/Mars/Moon T-Square.

MAP 5 relates to the actual month of Anita's murder - the time in the month when the Sun returned to the degree, minute and second of its precessed position, whatever the Sign. The malefics Uranus and Neptune are elevated and dominant, their midpoint (27 Sg 50) being conjunct the Midheaven and square to the Moon.

STOP PRESS: Mrs Lynch, Anita's mother, has just telephoned me and confirms the birth time at 11:50 pm. This was recorded at the time on Anita's Baby Card. - Dymock.

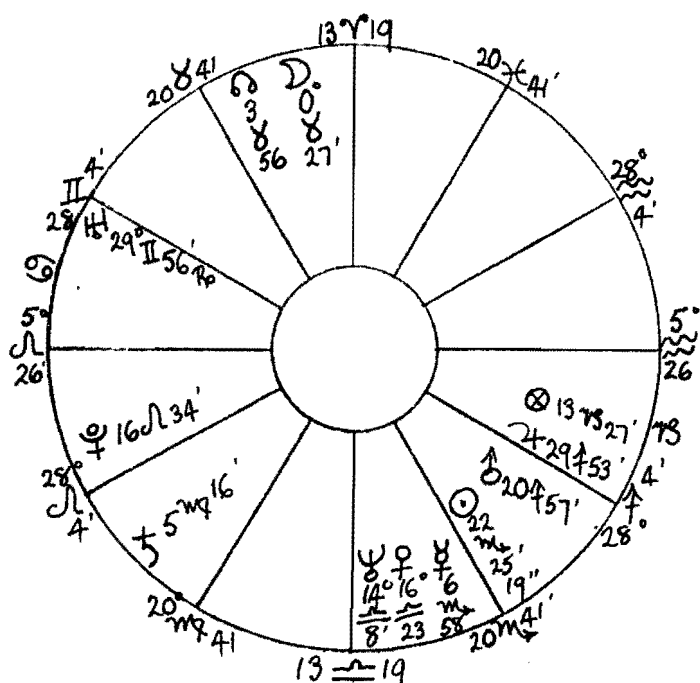
PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA

From **LESLIE BLACK (ENG.)**: There are reports and rumours that the marriage of Charles and Diana is not working out, and that they are slowly drifting apart. In comparing their Horoscopes, what stand out are the Grand Crosses completed in each Chart by a planet in the other: Charles's Sun at 22 Sc 25 forms a Grand Cross with Diana's Moon, Venus and Uranus, while Diana's Jupiter at 5 Aq 6 completes a Grand Cross with Charles's Moon, Ascendant and Mercury. Diana's Mercury opposes Charles's Jupiter as well. These are serious impediments, and may well cause a "rift in the lute".

Looking at Princess Diana's Chart, it is doubtful whether it indicates future elevation to so high a dignity as Queen of England. The Luminaries do not receive any favourable aspects from the Benefics, Jupiter and Venus. Only Saturn and Venus are essentially Dignified, being in their own Signs, but Venus is afflicted by the Moon and Uranus. Jupiter is retrograde, and remains so throughout Diana's life. The Sun is "weak" in Cancer, and its dispositor, the Moon, is opposed by Uranus as well as being square to Venus. Venus, ruling the Midheaven (worldly status and position) forms a T-Square with the Moon and Uranus, though its favourable applying trine to Saturn helps to keep things in check. The royal planet, Jupiter, is retrograde and square to a dominant Neptune. The royal Sign, Leo, stressed through the occupancy of the South Node and Uranus opposite the Moon, does not suggest any long-term popularity within royal circles. The whole Chart gives the impression of a very ordinary run-of-the-mill horoscope that one comes across often in every-day practice. It does not appear to be that of a person supposedly destined for higher things, the only notable feature being the power to achieve

PRINCE CHARLES

14/11/1948, 9:14 pm UT, London, 00W06,
51N31. Porphyryan Cusps.



wealth through charm, as indicated by the trine of Venus to Saturn on the 2nd Cusp.

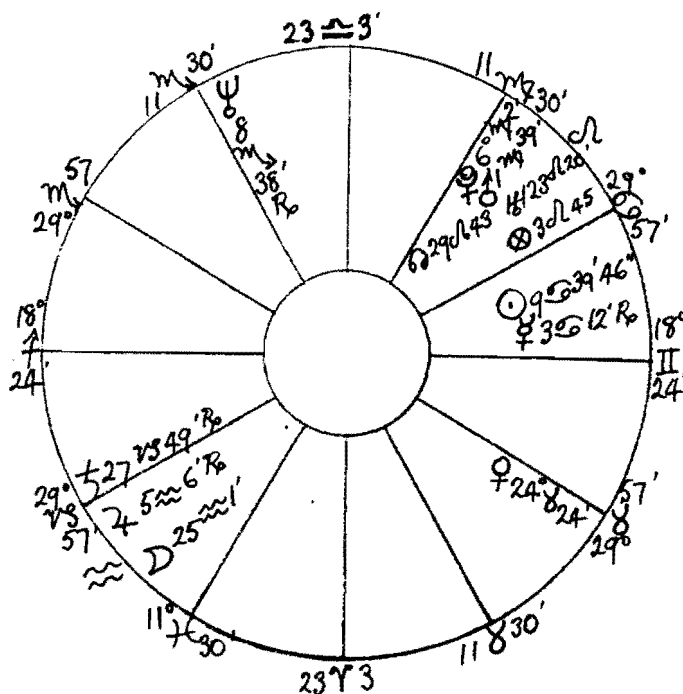
The majority of planets in Fixed and Earth Signs indicates a nature materialistic and reserved, unduly obstinate and persistent in having her own way. Pride, self-esteem and a somewhat uncompromising nature limit the fate and restrict achievement. Princess Diana's shyness and inferiority complex can be attributed to the Sun and Mercury in Cancer, the Sign most responsible for this, together with the majority of planets being in negative Signs, which gives too much consciousness of self. The Ascendant, which is technically "Hyleg" in the figure, is devoid of any benefic rays, indicating that health must be an important factor to watch during life.

On the birth of Prince Charles some astrologers (including myself) questioned his prospects of becoming King, on the grounds that the Chart did not have an appropriately placed Jupiter to qualify him for succession to the throne. Since the reign of Queen Victoria all succeeding Monarchs (and herself) have had Jupiter placed in either the 10th or the 1st House of their Maps. The only exception was King Edward VIII (the Duke of Windsor), who abdicated after being King for less than a year. In Edward's Chart Jupiter, one of the lowest setting planets, was in Gemini, the Sign of its debility, and conjoined with Neptune. On his abdication, his brother George VI who became King, had Jupiter conjunct the Midheaven, in trine to Mars and in mutual reception with the Sun. Prince William, who succeeds Charles, has a very similar position with Jupiter conjunct the Midheaven and in trine to the Sun and Moon.

In Prince Charles's Horoscope a similar pattern to that of King Edward VIII emerges: Jupiter is cadent in the 6th House in exact opposition to Uranus, and is further impeded by its parallel with Uranus and Pluto. Most astrologers have assessed the Moon in the 10th House as the pointer to Kingship through its benefic configuration with Jupiter, Uranus and Saturn, and

PRINCESS DIANA

1/7/1961, 7:45 pm BST (6:45 pm UT)
Sandringham, 00E30, 52N50. Porphyry.



its conjunction with the Queen's Sun and Part of Fortune. This does not take account of the key point - the T-Square that the Ascendant forms with the Moon and Mercury, both these bodies being connected (through Sign rulership) with the 12th House - limitation, private troubles and self-undoing.

Using the Radix System Time Measure (59°8.33" of Zodiacal Longitude = one year) the following Directions to Radical Significators are operative for Charles this year and next:

Neptune conjunct the Sun (September 1987)

MC opposite the Sun (July 1988),

Mars square the Moon (December 1988)

Additionally to these adverse Directions, the major malefic conjunction of Saturn and Uranus in the late degrees of Sagittarius falls three times during 1988 (February, June and October) on the position of Radical Jupiter. The Periodic conjunction of Mars and Saturn at 0 Cp 43 falls also on the same position in February.

ELVA HOWSON, 54 Belar Avenue, Frankston, Vic. 3199, appeals for data on cases of Cot Death. Elva writes, "To date I have 28 cases with hospital-recorded birth times, and am finding several interesting areas worthy of further investigation. More cases would be extremely useful in deciding whether or not such areas are outstandingly important or due solely to chance.

"It appears to me (at this stage) that the natal Sun/Moon angle may be at least one contributing factor in the short life of S.I.D.S. babies...I am looking into likely effects from pre- and post-natal eclipses and lunations as well as the natal charts themselves."

If any reader can assist Elva with data please write to her direct at the address given.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19/8/1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Astrology Again Predicts Election Result

The Federal Election on 11th July resulted in a win, with an increased majority, for the Australian Labour Party. This was the result forecast in the last Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, from a Chart set for the closing of the polls at the Federal Capital, and again demonstrates the efficacy of astrological forecasting on the political front. Previous successes (with no failures) in the recent past have been the forecasting of Corry Aquino's win in the Philippines, and Jo Bjelke-Petersen's win in the Queensland Elections.

Of course it is a risky business forecasting, and astrologers are just as liable to make mistakes as the experts in other fields, who make plenty. One could cite many instances of their errors in politics, economics, business, medicine, meteorology, sport, etc.

Nevertheless, it behoves serious astrologers to attempt reasoned astrological forecasts. This makes astrology a practical, useful discipline, instead of merely a lot of vague or fanciful talk, into which it often degenerates. Astrologers as a body are strong on quoting all manner of aspects, Zodiacal positions, etc., but weak on a plain statement of what they mean. This is evading the real issue, and does no good for astrology.

A branch of the art which is strictly practical, and which now, fortunately, is coming into wider practice, is *Horary Astrology*. I have been advocating this in publications for the last eight or ten years, and have been using it myself for more than forty five years. It has been absolutely invaluable for myself, family, friends and clients. My recommendation to all serious students is, study and use *Horary Astrology*. You will be well-rewarded, and will know what little weight to attach to the objections of ill-informed critics.

Books on *Horary Astrology* appear and disappear. All are useful. The classic work is *Christian Astrology* by William Lilly. It was recently reprinted from manuscripts held by Olivier Barclay (England) who conducts a comprehensive course in the subject. (Her address is

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THE PROGRESSED MIDHEAVEN

by Thomas Zimmer (Qld)

Explained below is what I believe could be the correct method for progressing the Midheaven when working with the Secondary Progressed Chart (and hence with rectification as well).

Up till now there have been three main choices for the rate of progression of the MC. One is the "Classic Method" (essentially a Primary Progression) whereby the RAMC is advanced 3' 56" (which is 1/365th of a Sidereal Day) per year of the person's life. This gives a Progressed RAMC which then corresponds to a Zodiacal degree that becomes the person's Progressed Midheaven. This method simply borrows a means of progressing the Angles from the Primary Progression System.

The second choice is the "One Degree" method - 1° of Zodiacal Longitude added to the MC for every year of life. This is an approximate, symbolic or intellectual system which is unsatisfying on that account.

The third widely recognized method is to find the (Zodiacal) Solar-Arc, which is the arc between the Natal Sun and the Secondary Progressed Sun, and simply add that Arc to the Natal Midheaven to get the Progressed (Secondary) Midheaven. This has been defended (in *Astrologers' Forum*) on the basis of its empirical accuracy. It was originally proposed, I think, by R.C. Davison (who is no dummy) but it lacks a literal correspondence to the actual motion of the Midheaven, being a sort of hybrid calculation.

The system I am now using is closely

related to this Solar-Arc method, yet it is mathematically more satisfying in that it is based on a real and relevant daily motion. Basically it is to say that since Secondary Progressions use a-day-for-a-year as its philosophical basis, let us assume that that day refers to the *True Solar Day*, which is determined by the Sun's passage over the Meridian. This derives from what we already know - that the Sun is the essential reference point for our whole Western Astrology. A True Solar Day is the time it takes for the Sun to return to the Meridian.

In the course of a day the Sun has moved through a complete circle but when it returns to the Meridian it is roughly one degree past its Zodiacal position of the day before. Sometimes this increment is more or less than one degree, due to the elliptical shape of the Earth's orbit. But whatever the exact increment, we can say there is a basis for progressing the Midheaven (along the scale of Right Ascension) at a rate corresponding to the Sun's movement along the Zodiac - *but it is the Sun's movement projected onto the scale of Right Ascension that gives the absolute angular rotation corresponding to a given Solar-Arc.*

Another way of saying this would be as follows: Every day at noon (mean noon or true noon, it doesn't matter) the Sun's Zodiacal position projects a point onto the Sidereal scale, and this becomes the "RAMC for the day". On the following day at noon the Sun's advanced position projects a *new* point onto the Sidereal scale. The movement of this daily Midheaven on the Sidereal clock then becomes the rate of progress of the Midheaven for that particular time of year. (This is not identical with the Zodiacal Solar-Arc because of the obliquity of the Ecliptic from the Celestial Equator). This rate of progress of the Sun's Right Ascension at noon is what we apply to the person's Midheaven degree. This rate of progress is applied *because the person was born at that time of year*, not because his Sun was on the Midheaven (which it probably was not).

So the method is: Start by finding the Secondary Progressed Sun (which determines the Zodiacal Solar-Arc) and, proceeding for purposes of calculation as if the Sun were on the Midheaven, find the Sidereal Time that corresponds to this Zodiacal degree, as well as the Sidereal Time that corresponds to the Natal Sun's degree. In practice, simply locate the Progressed Sun's position for the date in question (which you have found in the ordinary way by counting down in the Ephemeris), locate that in the Table of Houses (10th-House column), and then

determine (by interpolation) the exact Sidereal Time that corresponds to that Zodiacal degree. Then take the Natal Sun position and locate that degree in the 10th-House column of the Table of Houses, and determine the corresponding Sidereal Time. The difference between the two Sidereal times will be the arc of progression of the RAMC (the "Celestial Arc") in hours, minutes and seconds. Add that figure to the Local Sidereal Time of birth (the Natal RAMC) and you will get a Progressed RAMC, and hence a Progressed Midheaven, and a Progressed Ascendant from the Table of Houses for the latitude of birth.

By this method you will see that you get a Progressed Midheaven (degree of the Zodiac) that is slightly different from what you would get if you just took the Solar-Arc (in Zodiacal degrees) and crudely added this to the Natal Midheaven degree. Although the result of this refined method can differ a little from the Solar-Arc method, it seems to me that this is the conceptual basis that Davison (if indeed he was the originator) was trying to get at, only what he defined is more of a short cut and not a real geometric model of what is actually happening.

Knowing this, we can now continue to use that Solar-Arc method *knowing it is an approximation* (which admittedly seems more accurate in some cases than the other two methods - the Classic or the One Degree method). Or we can experiment with progressing the MC at the *actual* rate of the daily angular advance of the Sidereal Clock (using the True Solar Day-for-a-year as I've just outlined) *which should give greater accuracy in a greater number of cases.*

In practice, this would be as follows: Let's say, for extreme ease of illustration, a person was born at such and such a time that put 0° on the Midheaven. Let us also say that this person's Sun was at 0° Aries. In this case the progressed Sun will also be the time marker for the True Solar Day, and the Solar-Arc will be identical with the arc of the Progressed Midheaven. So Davison's approximation will be exact - the Progressed Sun will always be on the Progressed Midheaven.

But now let's say the person's Natal Sun was 0° Capricorn (the Natal MC being still 0° Aries). At age 50 the Secondary Progressed Sun is at 20Aqu52' (that is, the Solar-Arc is 50°52'). Look up 20Aqu52 in the 10th-House column of the Table of Houses and see that it corresponds to 21h 33m 4s. Then look up the original Natal Sun position, 0° Capricorn, and see that it corresponds to 18h 0m 0s. The difference is 3h 33m 4s. Thus 3h 33m 4s is the "Celestial

Arc" corresponding to the Progressed Solar-Arc. This Celestial Arc, added to the Natal RAMC, which was 0h 0m 0s, is 3h 33m 4s, which becomes the Progressed MC for age 50. This corresponds to 25 Tau 35' on the Midheaven (read simply from the Table of Houses). So the Progressed (Secondary) Midheaven is 25Tau35 according to the proposed Celestial-Arc method, whereas if we had added crudely the Secondary Solar-Arc (50°52' to the Zodiacal degree of the Natal Midheaven (0° Aries) we would get 20Tau52 as the Progressed MC. The Classic method would have given us 21Tau42, and the One Degree method would have given us 20Tau00.

This is a substantially different value for the Progressed MC. I took the extreme case where the Natal Sun was not on the Meridian but rather as far as possible away from it. Usually the variance between this method and the three established methods is not so great.

What remains is to check this in practice and see if it *works* to show the timing of significant changes or events in a person's life. This I am doing, and it looks pretty interesting. It would seem to resolve certain riddles in my own life, and in the lives of a few "guinea pigs" whom I know, and whose birth times are quite certain. As yet I haven't got a case history at my fingertips that would give conclusive evidence for this method. Meanwhile I am choosing to present the method to anyone who could test it and/or criticise it on the basis of any disqualifying errors that I've overlooked. Any feedback would be welcome.

I might add some impressions that I have derived from my observation of these Progressed Angles. The case studies I have done seem to point to the existence of *two* Progressed Angle effects. In other words, the Primary Progressed Angles (the Classic method) yields a sequence of predicted events when the Midheaven or Ascendant conjoin, or oppose, planets and cusps. But there is *also* a pattern of events or changes of developments in the person's life, the timing of which seems better to fit the Progression of the Angles at the rate of the Solar-Arc. I noticed this in the past when experimenting to try to decide whether the Classic method or the Solar-Arc method was the "right" one. The Solar-Arc method seemed occasionally very accurate, and the classic method seemed relevant too, but operating on a different level somehow. Now with this refined definition of the Solar-Arc method explained above, the operation of *two* Progressed Midheavens seems even clearer. The Classic (Primary) Progressed Angles seem to me to depict more

the working of unconscious (external) Fate, and the Secondary Progressed Angles seem to depict the adoption of different attitudes and intentions. Both can correspond to objective events, but the Primaries are more "automatic" so to speak. The Secondary Progressed Angles, as with Secondary Progressions generally, are harder for the person himself to see in operation because it is *he/she* who is *doing* it. An experienced astrological counsellor will know what I mean by this.

So, in looking for events corresponding to aspects of the Secondary Progressed Angles, look for important *internal* changes, *possibly* accompanied by outward events. The Progressed Midheaven would be changes in goals or self-image. The Progressed Ascendant would be changes in personality, style or attitude. Obviously, if you know the person well you will have a much better chance of seeing how the Secondary Progressed aspects are working.

Given this understanding, I consider that mathematically what we are looking for is the optimum rate of method of calculation for the Angles that *belongs* to the Secondary System of Progressions. If this is different from the one that belongs to the Primary System, as indeed my observations seem to indicate, then so be it. And so far, the definition of the Secondary Progressed Angles proposed above (the "Celestial Arc of the Sun" method, to replace the Solar-Arc method or the One Degree method) appears to be a very attractive candidate for the job.

It is not too difficult to compute. I don't use a computer or such. It just takes a bit of skill to quickly calculate what, say, 20Aqu52' in the 10th House column of the Table of Houses corresponds to (exactly) in Sidereal Time. Other than that it is a completely trivial calculation.

Anyway, these last observations are included to help clarify just what you are looking for if it so happens you wish to test out the proposed "Celestial-Arc" method when working with the Secondary Progressed Chart.

[Thomas is describing the method of progressing the Angles by the Solar-Arc in Right Ascension. For those readers who possess an electronic pocket calculator an easy and quicker way is to use the trigonometrical formulae. Alternatively, I can supply a quick reference brochure relating each minute of Sidereal Time to the corresponding Zodiacal degree, minute and second. - Dymock.]

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GWEN STONEY'S RESEARCH

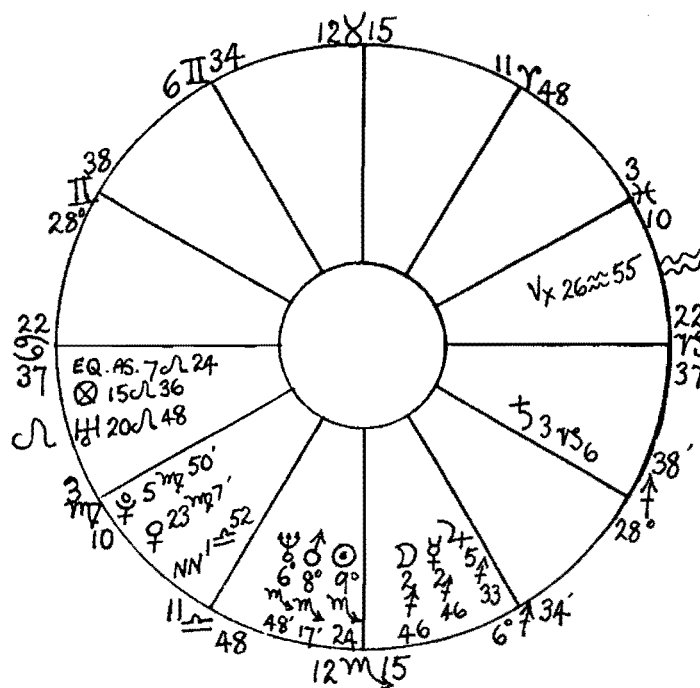
GWEN STONEY (NSW) writes interestingly of her researches into the Chart for the Federation of Australia in 1901 (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 70). It took her 18 months of hard work at the Public Library, reading Captain Cook's and Governor Phillip's Log books. She says that there were two different days for the landing at Botany Bay because Captain Cook used noon as the start of the day and Banks used 6 am. A lot of time was spent working out from Captain Cook's Logs which day the events occurred. With a friend she spent a whole weekend timing the whole Programme at Centennial Park between 1 pm and 2 pm - timing the singing, prayers, etc., and going

to Centennial Park to walk to the Pavilion and working out by photographs and what trees (smaller than) were in what position, and if the Pavilion was where the monument now stands. What started her was the sacking of the Whitlam Government at 1:03 pm on 11th November 1975. Saturn was at 2Le58, exactly opposing the 10th Cusp - the Prime Minister. Again, on 15th October 1975 Mr Fraser blocked the budget - Mars was at 29Ge22, sextile the Ascendant at 29Ar35.

Gwen spent \$100 having charts calculated by Neil Michelson, and couldn't reconcile them with Cook's Log. Then Gwen discovered that the Charts were Old System (Calendar) instead of New System, 10 days later, so had to have all the Charts re-done.

There is more, including photocopies of pages from the 1901 daily press. It is quite a fascinating story. Gwen's indefatigable zeal in pursuing the truth of the Federation data is a model for all would-be researchers.

ANITA COBBY, RAPE/MURDER VICTIM
2nd November 1959, 11:50 pm Crown Street Hospital, Sydney. 151E12'45'', 33S53'10''.
Placidian Cusps.



This is the Birth Chart of former beauty queen Anita Cobby whose rape/murder on 2nd November 1959 in a Sydney suburb horrified Australia. The birth data is direct from her mother. The Chart and Progressions, etc., will be analysed in the next issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, but meantime the Chart is presented for the independent research of readers.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
19th July 1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

We continue with further comment on the 62 suicide cases introduced in Issue No. 68, in March.

From RUDOLF SMIT (WA): After I had published my preliminary findings in regard to Topocentric Primary Directions on a sample of 62 people who had committed suicide, I had some high hopes that this would start an intellectually stimulating debate which would be beneficial for the advancement of our beloved art, astrology. But, one of the two comments in AF 70 I found very disappointing.

I begin with the other, the comment by Jenifer Pommerin (also from WA). Her comment had a pleasant flavour, as comments should in any type of debate. Her idea is that in principle suicides can't be delineated from a chart, be it natal or progressed, because a suicide doesn't comply with the plan of life as determined by the native prior to reincarnation. This idea certainly has merit from a purely philosophical point of view. However, at the same time it is only an expression of personal faith. I can't do anything with this proposition because it can't be proved! However, the sentence "And that is the explanation for its non-appearance in an astrological sense, statistically" (see page 3, second column) betrays that she misinterpreted the results of my statistical study.

First of all, I did not set out to "prove the truth of astrology". Trying to prove or disprove astrology is a far more complicated matter than investigating a relatively small sample of 62 suicides. Secondly, my prime aim was to test a series of major systems of prediction against the many "rules" which, over the decades, have been postulated by many, we may assume, highly experienced astrologers, in textbooks, during conferences, lectures, articles, etc.

As for PEA and Topocentric Primary Directions the results were far from encouraging, in the sense that there was no outstanding factor.

But that does not mean that there was total "non-appearance"! On the contrary, in about 50% of all Primarily Progressed charts

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there were "fitting" aspects - some even extremely fitting. One such chart I sent to Dymock and you have seen what he came up with. So for half of the charts we could say that suicide WAS (or rather, seemed) clearly indicated. This fact alone seems to contradict Jenifer's postulation that suicide can't be indicated astrologically. Thus, on an individual level a certain percentage of this sample seems to support to some extent the astrological hypothesis.

Well, 50% looks very impressive. But it isn't because there was no consistency whatsoever. I pointed out that it could be any aspect, and as there are so many negative and even violent indicators, it becomes rather easy to find an "appropriate" aspect. They were all there: For example, Sun negative to Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto; Asc negative to Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto; and so on, and so on - the end is not in sight! Plenty of candidates for death, violent or otherwise! So what is the problem?

There seems only reason for cheers and a self-complacent certainty that "the system works". It is here that chance calculation knocks us from the clouds and throws us back to hard reality. Most astrologers detest chance calculation and once I was one of them. However, after reading some good books on statistics I learned that this science is a real bread and butter issue, i.e., something society as a whole relies on whether we realise this or not, and not designed with the sole purpose of being nasty to astrologers. Statistics, and in particular chance calculation, is there to help us distinguish between facts and fog, or

between real and what looks real but isn't. As for astrology, it helps us find out whether the number of "appropriate" aspects either betrays a real effect, or is just a grandiose illusion. That is where the table of results came in plus a simple chance calculation, which demonstrated that as a whole the results were in accordance with chance. This means that, when I take a similarly-sized sample of fictitious people with fictitious dates of suicidal death, I would very probably get a table of results looking virtually the same!

On the other hand, if a supposed effect IS real, then something is bound to stand out, and therefore such results distinguish themselves from results which are based on fictitious data.

In the present situation the results as shown in the table ("A.F." 68) will hardly be different from a table which is based solely on chance. Therefore, although there are many charts with seemingly appropriate aspects, we cannot conclude that they represent a real effect, yes or no. In other words, the results are inconclusive for Topocentric Directions on these 62 cases of Suicide. Clearly, further tests are required.

As regards Alexander Marr's letter, I am very disappointed. It is all right for him to reject my findings, but then of course the onus is on Mr Marr to prove his point, but apparently he doesn't. His remark that a statistician came up with a significance level of somewhere between 10000 and 99999 - he talks about a five digit figure - for a chart (rectified, I assume) with 40 events, doesn't tell me a thing. Why? I already pointed out that it is not difficult at all to get a very high score when one starts rectifying, because then one is working towards the desired result!

I repeat that this is highly objectionable in any form of enquiry, a fact that is totally ignored by Mr Marr.

We know what happens in the world of science when it is found out that a scientist has "rigged" the results of his research only to "prove" his theory. He will be thrown out of the scientific community, lose his titles, his job, etc. On a different level, it would not be hard to imagine how a judge and/or jury will respond when during a court case it is discovered that the prosecution fabricated "proof" only to make sure that the defendant will be convicted! One should not trifle with the truth! It is as simple as that.

As for astrology, in principle it is just

as objectionable to rectify charts, with the purpose to "prove" a predictive system - it is working towards a desired result, i.e. justify the system. Apparently Mr Marr works along that line: He clearly states that "it is a waste of time to experiment with so-called exactly recorded birth times unless they are approximately or exactly rectified" ("A.F." 70, page 4, column 1). For this reason alone I will never accept any of his findings based on rectified charts, however supportive of his theories they may look.

As for his remark about "so-called" exact birth times, I pointed out that of course we can never be sure that times recorded on the minute are truly exact. But if there are enough charts with precisely recorded times, then we can be reasonably sure that a large percentage of them are accurate enough. Surely, if we have a large number of precisely recorded birth times then by chance alone we will have enough times which are spot on! Additionally, if astrological predictive techniques work, then they should "shine" through, thanks to those charts whose times, in accordance with the laws of chance, ARE accurate!

A final word on his remark about "experience". Apart from the fact that I have already given twenty years of my life to astrology, and for long periods even dedicated my heart and soul to it, whilst having a thorough knowledge and practical experience of astrological mathematics, cosmography, and counselling (including psychology and predictive work), it may be of interest to know the following hard fact: A recently concluded study which involved 45 astrologers, ranging from beginners to internationally recognised experts showed that highly experienced astrologers did not judge a number of charts (240 in total) any better than beginners. On the contrary, it appeared that the more experience, the more the tendency to be wrong! Interestingly, the same study also revealed that simple guessing gave slightly better results than thorough analysis of the charts. So much for "experience". Geoffrey Dean can tell you more about it - see his articles in "The Skeptical Enquirer", winter 1986-1987, and Spring 1987. These very well-written and well-balanced articles explode a few myths - very unpleasant for astrologers and astrology, but a mandatory read, whether you like it or not.

Next time, please, in place of derogatory remarks let me have suggestions to extend my research, which it is to be hoped will lead to positive results.

From ELVA HOWSON (Vic.): I think it possible that Rudolf's motive in his laborious work on 62 suicides has been misinterpreted. I'm sure he would dearly have loved to prove that there ARE indeed repeatable signifiers for such action being taken by individuals. My understanding of his motive and results is that he endeavours to show us that preconceived ideas or theories are not necessarily correct and do not stand up to statistical analysis, at least within the parameters of the techniques and aspects with which he worked.

I applaud his tenacity in searching for scientifically acceptable proof of astrology. When/if it is found our work will not only be easier but more accurate and thereby more helpful to those who seek our assistance. Surely as serious dedicated astrologers we are not out to beat our own drum or glorify our own "pet" technique. We must realize there is just as much fallacy as fact abounding in the available publications, and even in some teaching schools.

Astrology needs people like Rudolf Smit and Geoffrey Dean who set out to find what repeatable facts exist. We can all benefit from their work if we keep open minds. Possibly what they don't find will stimulate some of us to seek alternative techniques that may ultimately prove more valuable and reliable.

One thing we must realize with suicide is that there are a multitude of background reasons that motivate an individual toward that final act. These can range through emotional or financial problems, ill-health, mental instability, loss of self-worth, fear of imprisonment, etc. Some suicides may even be accidental, where the native was merely attention-seeking but went too far. Therefore, the only common denominator is the result - death. Maybe this is why Rudolf felt that Pluto would be expected to be prominent, which it was not.

Personally, I have found Uranus is generally, though of course not always, strongly active in suicide cases. I interpret this as the dramatic need for freedom felt by the native. They use the act of suicide to free themselves from conditions they can no longer face, or maybe are not prepared to face. Uranus is a planet that seems to offer or bring alternatives, for better or worse, to existing conditions.

Unless the 62 cases were grouped into "like motives" I would not expect a common signifier, and even then we would be dealing with different Natal House placements, aspects and House Rulerships. The complexities pile up, and therefore

statistical weight would be difficult to find.

I cannot agree with Alexander Marr that it is "wasted time to experiment with so-called exactly-recorded birth times". Often that is the only data available, and without a previous history of life events, which is frequently not forthcoming, there is no alternative.

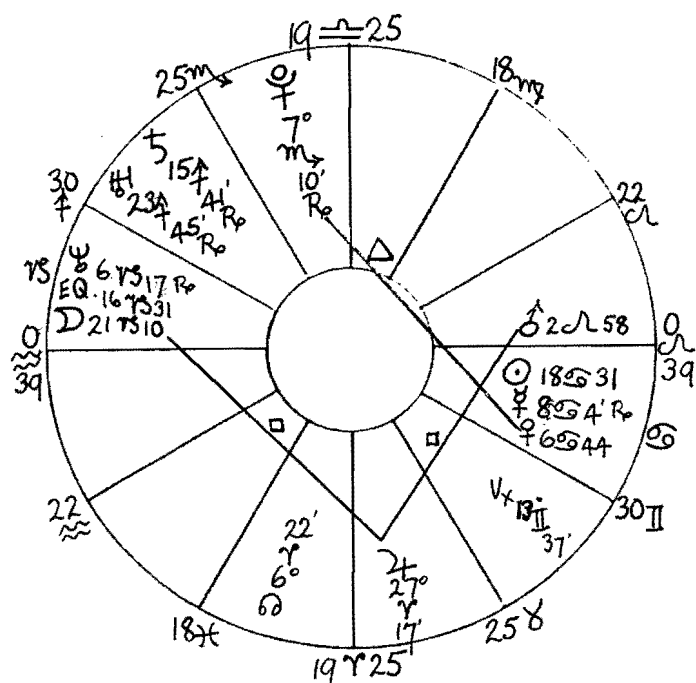
Rectification is one of the trickiest areas of astrology. To be fair to Mr. Marr, I admit I have not as yet read his *Prediction* series of publications, therefore I cannot judge for myself his rectification technique, but to date I have applied many rectification theories to a number of cases I know well, and none has given perfectly satisfactory birth times in all cases.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): I must disagree with Alexander Marr about the consistent reliability and accuracy in timing he claims for Topocentric Primary Directions (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 70, and in his books). My experience with my own Chart (whose time I have been able to establish with a considerable degree of accuracy) does not support his claims in relation to the last twenty years: Several major events have passed by with no Topocentric Primary Directions to correspond to them, and many Directions of lesser importance (that is, those not involving the Sun, Moon and Angles) have had little or no effect. So I must agree with Rudolf Smit's criticisms (*A.F.* 68) of Alexander's claims. Indeed, in his remarks in *A.F.* Alexander is beginning to sound like an art critic in his justification of his own case and dismissal of Rudolf's objections. Art critics are past masters at using pretentious and convoluted language to conceal from the reader that the case they are defending with arrogant confidence is untenable.

I am fairly confident that the rectification methods I use are as reliable as is so far possible to get, provided enough information is given about the subject's life, and the methods are pursued with sufficient diligence. The methods in rough order of importance are Age Harmonics, Secondary Progressions and Regressions of Angles by the (Zodiacal) Solar-Arc method, Solar Returns of various sorts (Standard, Progressed and Precessed), Ascendant Lunar Charts (once an approximate Ascendant has been established, Primary Directions, and, finally, Precessed Lunar Returns. I usually manage to arrive at a chart that gives reliable indications in prediction if I am given enough information, and the birth time

is known to within half an hour. If the uncertainty about the time is up to an hour I am still reasonably confident, but as the uncertainty increases so do my chances of arriving at a useful result decrease. Where only the birth date is known there is usually nothing I can do, as often several possible solutions present themselves, and there is no way I can tell which, if any, is likely to be correct.

Australian Federal Election 11th July 1987
Canberra, 149 E 13, 35 S 18. 6 pm EST.
Placidian Cusps.



Here is the Chart for the closing of the polls on 11th July. It clearly favours the return of the Hawke Labour Government.

The Eastern side of the Chart, and particularly the 10th and 1st Houses, represent the Party in power, the 7th and 4th Houses (the latter being the 10th to the 7th) represent the Opposition.

At first sight, Jupiter in the 4th seems to favour the Opposition, while Pluto appears negative for the Government. But then we notice that Jupiter is squared by malefic Mars on the Opposition's Ascendant, and Mars rules the 4th House (the Opposition's 10th), signifying defeat. Jupiter is also squared by the Moon, Co-Ruler of the 4th, which is the Opposition's 12th (sorrows and misfortunes). As the Moon represents the mass of the voters it indicates that the Opposition has not found favour with the general public.

On the other hand, Pluto in the Government's 10th is trine to Venus, Ruler of the 10th (Libra being on the Cusp).

Furthermore, Pluto is the Natal Ruler of Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and it is certainly a favourable omen for him that his Ruling Planet is here in the House of Victory.

I expect the Government to be returned with a good majority.

My apologies to readers for giving the wrong Progressive Solar Return in the Suicide case dealt with in last month's A.F.. The correct one for the 30th year has 28 Lib 4 on the Ascendant, which is conjunct natal Mars at 27 Li 30. S.R. Mars at 4 Sc 9 is just under the Ascendant, and square to Mercury (2 Aq 38) on the Cusp of the 4th House (terminations). The Sun at 15 Cp 46 squares Saturn at 18 Cp 56. Venus, ruling the Ascendant is squared by the Vertex in the House of Death (orb 2° 23'), and the Vertex is also semisquare Saturn. Altogether a disastrous Map.

From LESLIE BLACK (ENG): AIDS

The seven-year cycle of Uranus in the sex-Sign Scorpio (1974-1981) ushered in ultra-permissiveness and rampant homosexuality, bringing in its wake the so-far incurable diseases, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, and Genital Herpes. Uranus, The Awakener, truly demonstrated his nature as the breaker of the fixed order of things, the revolutionary who injects new forms, thoughts and actions, operating in this instance in the sexual sphere.

The harvest was reaped during the following transit of Saturn through Scorpio (1982-1985). This acted as the "trigger", for it was in 1982 that the first cases of AIDS came to light, Saturn living up to its reputation as The Grim Reaper. The prolonged suffering, slow emaciation, fear, pain and anguish are all characteristic of Saturn when his call for self-discipline and restraint is ignored.

When can we expect a cure? I envisage three possible periods - first when Jupiter, the Great Benefic, transits Cancer, the Sign of its Exaltation, in 1989-1990; again when Jupiter transits Scorpio itself (a fruitful period) in 1993-1994; and finally in 1998-1999, when Jupiter transits Pisces, the Sign it rules. This could be the last possible period this Century for an effective cure being found.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
19th June 1987.

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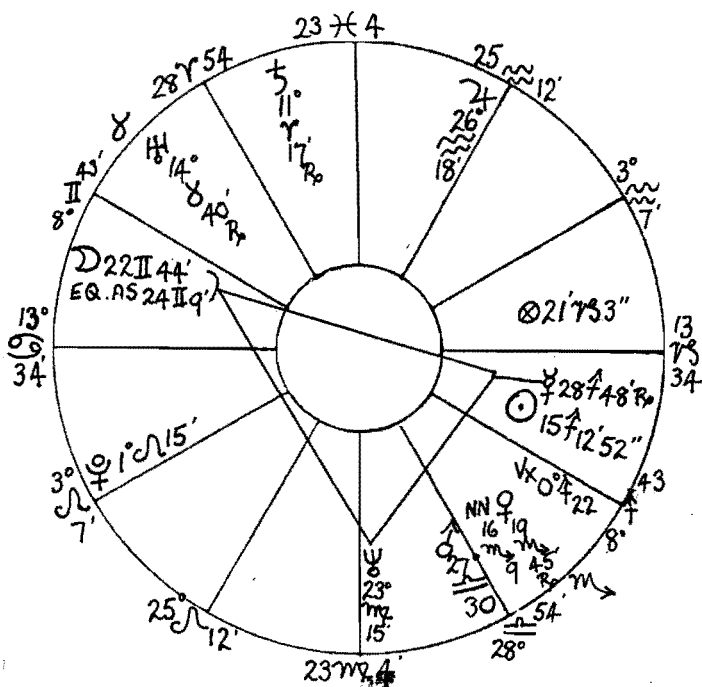
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

In last month's *Astrologers' Forum* we brought to light the indications in a man's horoscope of possible suicide. Once self-destruction is seen to be a possibility, the next practical step is to determine the danger period, or periods, so that practical measures may be taken to forestall the tragedy of a wasted life.

Major events are most likely to accompany a series of adverse planetary influences, each one building on the potential of its predecessor. So it is with the Chart under review - the male born 7th December 1938, who died by his own hand on the 11th of March 1969: Primary Directions, Progressions, Regressions, Current and Prenatal Transits all added their quota of planetary energy to the mental and emotional suffering of the unfortunate victim, who apparently decided finally that the burden was too much to bear. Some of the aspects precede the suicide, and some follow it, the energy accumulating and having its effect even before it reached a maximum. Cyclic Charts (Synodic Return, Solar Return and Progressive Solar Return) also reflect the danger period.

MALE SUICIDE, BORN 7TH DECEMBER 1938
Hanged himself 11th March 1969
New York, 6:26 pm EST (UT 11:26 pm).
73 W 56, 40 N 38. Placidian cusps.



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The suicide occurred on 11th March 1969. Primary Directions (Topocentric) to Natal positions, in order of date, were: URANUS SEMISQUARE PLUTO, 24/12/1968. SUN QUINCUNX SATURN, 13/3/1969 (closely timed to the event - two days!) MARS TRINE PLUTO, 15/4/1969.

In the P.E.A. system the Primary Directions were: THE SUN SQUARE SATURN, 30/9/1969. URANUS OPPOSITE THE SUN, 19/6/1969.

Secondary Progressions were: MERCURY SQUARE NEPTUNE, 18/11/1968. THE MOON OPPOSITE PLUTO, 8/12/1968.

Secondary Regressions ("Converse Progressions") were: THE SUN OPPOSITE URANUS, 1/3/1969. (This is close timing for the major factor of a Secondary Solar aspect.) In addition, the following aspects in the Regressed Chart itself were appropriate: THE MOON CONJUNCT URANUS, 27/11/1968. THE MOON OPPOSITE THE SUN, 23/12/1968. THE MOON PARALLEL URANUS, 3/2/1969. THE SUN CONTRA-PARALLEL URANUS, 24/3/1969.

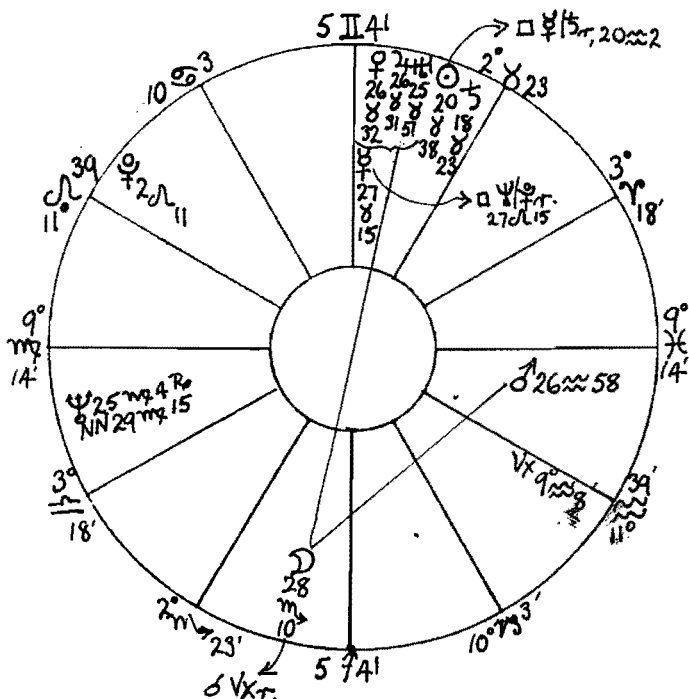
Significant Transits were: PLUTO, RETROGRADE, CONJ. NEPTUNE, 4/4/1969. SATURN OPPOSITE MARS, 10/4/1969. MARS CONJUNCT THE SUN, 11/4/1969

Prenatal Transits were: URANUS CONJUNCT THE ASCENDANT, 3/8/1908, corresponding to 1/4/1969. PLUTO, STATIONARY, at 25 GE 51, on 25/9/1908 (corresponding to 17/2/1969) CONJUNCT THE EQUATORIAL ASCENDANT (E.P.) 24 GE 9, and SQUARE NEPTUNE 23 VI 15.

The aspects tell their own story.

As a matter of interest, the three Cyclic Charts referred to above are also reproduced here. - Dymock.

Male born 7/12/1938
 SYNODIC RETURN FOR THE SUICIDE YEAR
 (7/12/1968-7/12/1969. Age 30)
 Natal Sun-Moon angle = 187° 31' 12".
 At Birth Place. Placidian Cusps.



The Sun, ruling the 12th House (suffering) conjoins Saturn ruling the 4th (terminations), and both are square to the midpoint Mercury/Saturn, 20° AQ 2, (worry, depression) in the Natal Chart. The Moon squares Mars (violence), ruling the death Sector, and is conjunct the Natal Vertex (fateful events). The Moon's opposition to the conjunction of Venus, Jupiter and Uranus, which are all trine to Neptune (disappointment) suggests that the suicide was the result of unrequited love. Neptune - the predisposing factor (see last Issue) - is rising.

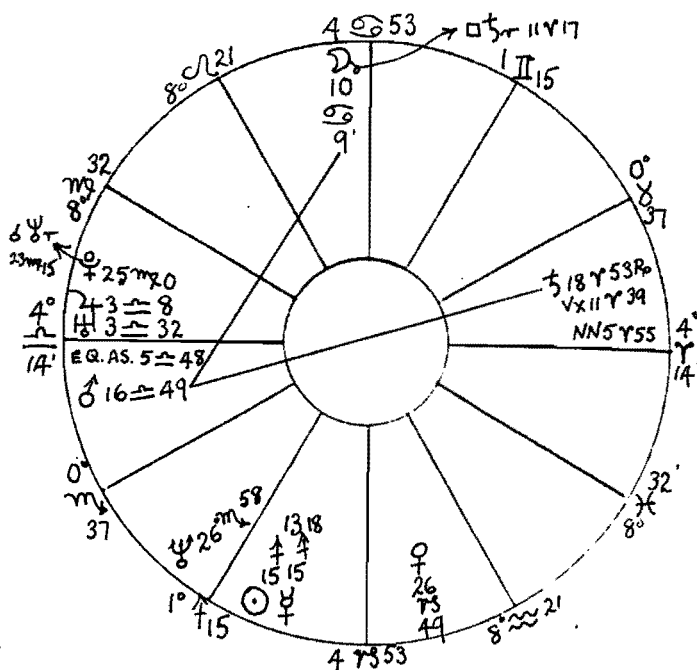
From JENNIFER POMMERIN (WA):

Further Comment on the Suicide Cases

What Rudolf found, or actually didn't find, really went to prove the truth of astrology. When his research didn't come up with an answer, then one conclusion must be that he was searching for something that didn't exist.

I think it is incorrect to assume that the

SOLAR RETURN 30 (7/12/1968-7/12/1969) At Birth Place. Placidian Cusps.



The most striking feature is the opposition of Mars to Saturn across the Chart. The Moon is in wide square to them both, but more significantly is closely square to Natal Saturn at 11° Ar 17. Pluto in the 12th House is conjunct Natal Neptune (only 1-3/4 dg. orb). Jupiter on the Ascendant was evidently not sufficient to turn his thoughts from self-destruction, perhaps because vitiated by the conjunction with Uranus and square to a series of Natal Midpoints: Moon/Asc (3° Cn 9), Saturn/Neptune (2° Cn 16), and Saturn/Midheaven 2° Ar 10). The violent Mars, rising at 16° Libra, is conjunct Natal Mercury/Pluto at 15° Li 2.

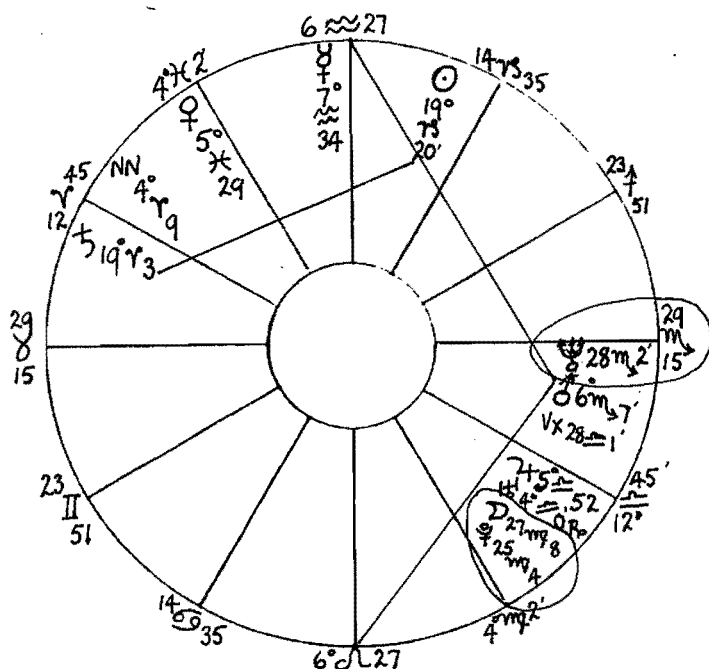
act of suicide, real or potential, should have a signifier, or signifiers. It is my belief that suicide, because of its complete negation of life, does not exist as an astrological proposition. There can be tremendously stressed charts which can show as a "giving up" on life, e.g., excessive risk-taking, a retreat into mental illness or aberrations, drug dependency, etc. If the native dies through an "accident", then a suicide has occurred. But the hairline trigger for this would not be found in the chart or Progressions, for it wasn't meant to happen. That it did happen is due to a mistake in freewill choice prior to reincarnation. The native over-estimated his strength to handle the trials and temptations of earthly life.

If one accepts that we are born for

THE PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN

(9/1/1969-9/1/1970)

(For the Return of the Sun to its Progressed Position, 19 Cp 19' 43", at Age 30.)
Birth Place. Placidian Cusps.



The prime villain, Neptune, is here directly opposed to the Ascendant, which itself is directly opposite the Natal Vertex at 0 Sg 22. The Moon in the 5th House is conjunct Pluto, and both are on the place of Natal Neptune - again the disappointed-love motif. The Midheaven, on the Natal 8th Cusp is almost exactly square Mars in Scorpio, and the Sun is square Saturn, again in the House of suffering. The Native died by hanging, and the Ascendant, ruling the throat, is closely opposed to Natal Mercury/Mars at 28 Sc 9 - violence by his own hands. Which of these Cyclic Charts is the most significant? All are indicative. My vote goes to the Synodic Return. - Dymock.

a purpose, and the natal chart can reveal the particular work to be done, then, logically, suicide can't be part of that plan (even in the form of voluntary euthanasia). The cutting short of a life immediately prevents the "work" from being completed, or at least attempted.

Killing oneself can't be part of one's life purpose. The exceptions to this would be acts of self-sacrifice, or a life given to uphold a personal principle. In these cases, the charts might show a particular trait of character, and there might be a common significator at the time of death. A suicide can have a profound or far-reaching

effect upon the lives of family or friends, or it can effect changes in community mores or the laws of the land. If this is the result, and if we could see all the past, present and future ramifications, the real purpose of that person's life could have been that of a self-sacrifice for a noble cause. This sort of suicide can be the conclusion of a life that was sordid and apparently wasted.

The experiences of life range from joyous to good; hard/nearly unbearable to indifferent or boring. There is pain, physical, mental, emotional. We act or don't act, react or don't react, etc. But suicide is one action or reaction that is absolutely sterile. It is not possible for the self to learn from that experience, at least on the earthly plane. It is ultimately a purposeless act for that reason. And that is the explanation for its non-appearance in an astrological sense, statistically.

I was very impressed by your analysis of the suicide Chart. But could this have been one of those cases where it was self-sacrifice, and not suicide? One doesn't know - even the victim may not have conscious knowledge of his role on Earth. It would take the strength of ten saints to live with the knowledge of a self-inflicted death.

I believe that *self-sacrifice* can be demonstrated by astrological analysis (statistically and otherwise), for it serves a purpose.

In practice, the judging of whether a death was suicidal, or whether it was "planned" for a reason, would be extremely difficult. But I await further research with much interest. However, would you agree that the science of astrology tends to be resistant to statistical slotting in event analysis, since a chart represents the whole person or event, and unless all astrological factors are "fed in" results will remain unsatisfactory? [Yes, I do agree, Jennifer. - Ed.] As you wrote, "...there is no standard factor - the indications vary from chart to chart..."

The various points raised re the Terry Waite Horary Chart were very interesting. It is delightful when the experts disagree! Of course the non-experts benefit by having so many extra ideas presented for consideration.

From ALEXANDER MARR (F.R.G.): A reply to R. Smit's criticism of my predictive techniques: My publications in this field for a secure authentication of a birth time have been successfully analysed and verified by talented and experienced astrologers. (Prediction I, approximately; Prediction II and III, rectification within seconds of time.)

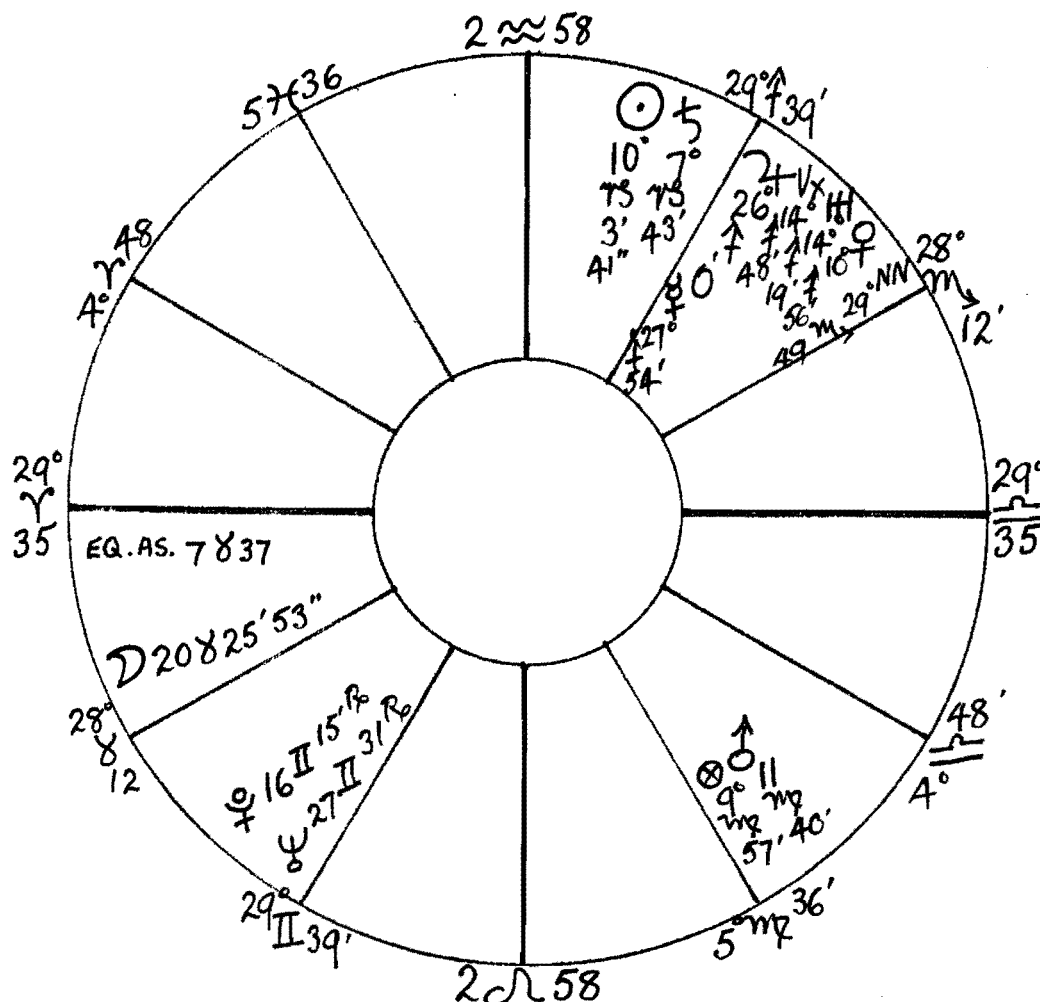
An analysis over four years of my DUAL-TEST (Prediction III) undoubtedly showed that main events are always reflected by accumulations of Directions with small orbs, and a significant symbolism. A preliminary study made by a statistician for one chart with 40 events showed a five-digit figure against one

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION

1ST JANUARY 1901

CENTENNIAL PARK SYDNEY, 151 E 14' 18", 33 S 53' 47".

1:35:42 pm EST (UT 3:35:42 am). Placidian Cusps.



that the results are not coincidences. Main events, besides others, in the average are reflected by three conjunctions (Directions). Unimportant periods of life in general show gaps or dispersed, meaningless Directions. Factors of the Transit and Prenatal Transit System activate these accumulations during their operational time.

For this reason we cannot approve of R. Smit's Directional technique. He is taking so-called exact birth times for granted.

As already stated, astrology has made an immense step forward, and it is really wasted time to experiment with so-called exactly-recorded birth times unless they are approximately or exactly rectified.

It would take too much space to analyse and eventually reject the criticisms Mr. Smit has published in the A.F.. I leave that to experienced astrologers.

newspaper reports of the time. She found that the event occurred in Centennial Park, Sydney, and deduced the precise time for the operative words that brought the Federation into being. The Chart has been published, but I believe has not been given the attention it deserves. It is published again here, and I hope that astrologers will use it in their researches.

One check as to its authenticity, which I regard as reliable, is that of the Age Harmonics as applied to the Angles of the Chart, and the Harmonic Angles themselves applied to the Radical Significators. For instance, Harmonic 74, for the year 1/1/1975 to 1/1/1976, covers the Constitutional crisis on 11th November 1975, when Governor-General Kerr dismissed the Whitlam Government. The "Age" Harmonics are strikingly apt: HARMONIC SATURN, 1 Ta 13, CONJUNCT THE RADICAL ASC, 29 Ar 36. HARMONIC MC, 9 Cn 32, CONJUNCT HARMONIC URANUS 9 Cn 48, OPPOSITE RADICAL SUN, 10 Cp 4, and RADICAL SATURN, 7 Cp 43, in the 9TH HOUSE.

What could be more appropriate to a Constitutional crisis? - MC, the Government; 9th House, the Constitution! The smallness of the orbs is remarkable when you consider that these Harmonic positions involve multiplying the Radical positions by 74!

I pay a tribute to Gwen Stoney for her painstaking work.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th May 1987.

AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION, 1ST JANUARY 1901

GWEN STONEY (NSW) has done some valuable astrological work in researching the Horoscope for the Federation of the Australian States on New Year's Day 1901. Gwen delved into Library archives to obtain and carefully peruse all the

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Firstly this month we conclude RUDOLF SMIT'S analysis of the Charts of people who committed suicide. Reference should be made to the Table published on page 3 of the last Issue.

62 CASES OF SUICIDE (Continued)

Take, for example, Primary Uranus in hard aspect to Neptune. It scores 12, which is more than twice the expected average, while the soft aspects numbered only 2. Given the nature of the two planets, this aspect is perhaps a good candidate, reflecting a tendency towards suicide. So do these twelve "hits" represent a genuine astrological effect? Let us not praise the day before nightfall! Because we must realise that both Uranus and Neptune are very slow planets. When they form a normal Zodiacal aspect it will last for years. This implies that everyone born in those years will experience sooner or later in his Chart the same Primary aspects.

Most subjects of the sample were born in the years between 1935 and 1945. Almost right in the middle of this period Uranus formed a long-lasting trine with Neptune. Given a first fact, namely that the average age of these 62 was around 30 years when they died, and also given a second fact, namely that on the latitude of New York (where all 62 were born) the average Primary Arc will be around 30 degrees, then it becomes obvious that a relatively great number of them will have experienced either a quincunx (120+30) or a square (120-30) in Primary Direction between Uranus and Neptune. And that is exactly what happened: I haven't counted 150dg. aspects as they were excluded from the Program, but of the twelve "hard" aspects between Primary Uranus and Neptune the great majority were squares.

Astronomical Artefact

As this demonstrates the "effect" of an astronomical artefact, these twelve hard aspects can be eliminated from the candidacy for a genuine astrological effect - unless someone proposes the hypothesis that a natal trine between Uranus and Neptune denotes a disposition to suicide. But then I have to point out that this hypothesis was already

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implicitly tested by Nona Press and others who demonstrated that not one single factor in the natal charts of the 311 related to a disposition to suicide.

Another Approach

So what looked promising was not relevant at all. This leaves us a few more, but smaller peaks. For example, nine "soft" Primary aspects between Neptune and Mars. Unfortunately, the number nine is not removed far enough from the average of 5.5 to have any meaning. It is time for a different approach: Most astrologers will agree that a progressed aspect from planet A to natal planet B should produce essentially the same effect as progressed planet B to natal planet A. I decided to combine the two pairs and count the results. For example, add both soft and hard hits of the pair Sun-Moon together, and add that to the addition of soft Moon-Sun to hard Moon-Sun. Sun-Moon equals 5 (4+1), and Moon-Sun equals 6 (4+2), giving 11. Note, by the way, that this is twice the earlier given expectancy of the average.

Thus, adding up of all data again reveals that, on the whole, nothing special is emerging. There are in total 130 combinations (leaving out the contacts between the Angles, such as Asc to Asc, or Asc to MC, and vice versa, and the contacts between a Primary planet and its own natal position - note the n/a designation in the Table). The number of each of them hovers mostly around 11. But there are interesting exceptions!

Noteworthy Exceptions

There is again the dual combination of Uranus and Neptune. UR/NE + NE/UR = 20. Looks good, but must be eliminated as it is

based on the astronomical artefact we have already discussed.

There is also a high number of the Saturn/Uranus combination. SA/UR + UR/SA = 19. Unfortunately, again very suspect as they are very slow-moving planets, too. Every astrologer knows that in the years we have examined, Saturn and Uranus stayed close together for quite a few years. So the above discussed astronomical artefact applies for them as well.

Very interesting though is the dual combination of Venus-Pluto. The total number is very small: VE/PL + PL/VE = 3. Statistical analysis of this combination reveals that this conspicuously low occurrence is significant. $P = .0138$, or the odds against chance are 1 in 72. Does this mean anything? At this stage we will not know, as only further tests on other samples must bear this out. There is one thing certain though - no astronomical artefact is involved, as Venus is a fast-moving planet. Therefore it is far less likely that an entire generation experiences a natal aspect between Venus and Pluto.

MA/SA + SA/MA = 24!

Finally, the most interesting dual combination, Mars-Saturn and Saturn-Mars. This is more than twice the expected average. This is all the more interesting because the Mars/Saturn combination is by many astrologers, notably the Ebertin School, associated with death! Note, too, that while Mars is a fast-moving planet, the aforementioned astronomical artefact is far less likely to apply than between the slow planets.

So do we have, at last, empirical proof? It looks like it when we see the probability of the result: $P > .00004$, i.e., odds against chance are 1 in 25000. A nice and very promising figure indeed. But again, it will only be of some value if it can be replicated in a few other tests. If it does not replicate, then we can forget about it. If it does, no conclusion may be drawn - it only warrants further investigation. Besides, even though it may seem to be a real effect, it is still far too weak to base any kind of forecast upon. In other words, Topocentric Primary Mars to Natal Saturn, or Topocentric Primary Saturn to Natal Mars, be it conjunction, square, opposition, sextile or trine, does not in any way necessarily dispose to suicidal behaviour!

A Rigorous Test

Besides there is another very rigorous statistical test that will determine whether the one outstanding result truly is significant, yes or no. After all, when such a high number of contacts is involved, a single high peak may well fall within the range of expectation. And, alas, the so-called chi-square (one of the most widely used and rigorous statistical tests) told us precisely that... Thus, although there is a seemingly very significant peak, it is probably without much relevance after all. Nevertheless, that one single factor (MA/SA + SA/MA), warrants further investigation. So I hope to get other samples together in the not too distant future.

Other Findings and Conclusions

I do not want to go into more detail now, so let me summarize the above and a few other findings in this sample of 62:

1. The Table clearly shows that, on the whole, there is no special preference for specific Primary Directions occurring around the date of suicide. Any Primary Direction can occur, which is in accordance with expectation. The small and seemingly relevant peak does not necessarily represent a genuine astrological effect.
2. There is no preference for hard aspects. Soft and hard aspects are evenly distributed.
3. Closer examination of the 26 Charts whose birth times had an accuracy better than one minute, revealed that the "very small orb" rule of the Topocentrists does not hold good. It is rather rare that orbs smaller than 5 minutes of arc occur, and if it occurs it is certainly not always with a "fitting" aspect.
4. The "rule" propagated by many astrologers that with major events in life, the Ascendant and/or the MC is "always" involved, does not hold good either. The score of Primary Ascendant to any planet or fitting planets, or any Primary planet to the Angles, was far from impressive not only in the entire sample but also in the 26 with the highly accurate birth times. The number of "hits" was well within the range of expectancy.
5. Another interesting finding was that the type of aspect and the nature of involved planets, on the whole, hardly reflected the nature of the suicide. Suicide by drugs (sleeping) could coincide with Primary Ascendant/Mars, while with violent suicides (jumping, shooting, throwing oneself from the train, etc.) there was virtually no

coincidence with hard Mars aspects, or only with soft ones.

What Now?

What I have tested so far are hypotheses relating to Primary aspects to and from the planets and Angles. As far as Topocentric Primaries in the charts of people who died a suicidal death are concerned, I could not confirm any of them. Yet again, this does not rule out the possibility that in one way or another the Topocentric Primaries do relate to important events. But perhaps we should not solely look at the astrological nature of the planets, but House rulerships should be taken into account as well?

That, then, will be the subject of a later study.

COMMENT ON THE ABOVE

Rudolf Smit's investigation of the suicides has been directed to establishing (a) whether there is a common "suicidal" factor among them, and (b) what indications, if any, are given by the astrological techniques most commonly used for prognosis - Primary Directions, Secondary Progressions, Zodiacal Solar-Arc Directions, and Transits.

His investigation has, at this stage, necessarily been limited because of the immense amount of work entailed, so it is understandable that he has not dealt with a number of other important factors, among them Synodic Returns, Solar Returns, Midpoints and Harmonics, nor taken account of certain Natal factors deemed to be important - the Vertex (the so-called "Third Angle", where the Ecliptic crosses the Prime Vertical in the West), the Equatorial Ascendant (usually referred to as the "East Point"), and the Moon's Nodes.

What Rudolf's investigations appear to show, with the factors and procedures he used, is not that there aren't any pointers to suicide, but, firstly, that there is no standard factor - the indications vary from chart to chart - and, secondly, that the suicide itself is not closely timed. In some cases this could be attributed to small errors in the birth time - with Primary Directions, for instance, an error of one minute in the birth time displaces the dating of the events by approximately three months. In cases not covered by this possibility we must look further for the apposite Natal factors and their date of operation.

For most astrologers the chief interest will lie in identifying the Natal factors

that suggest a propensity to suicide, with the connotation that, once warning is given, measures may be found to reduce the tendency.

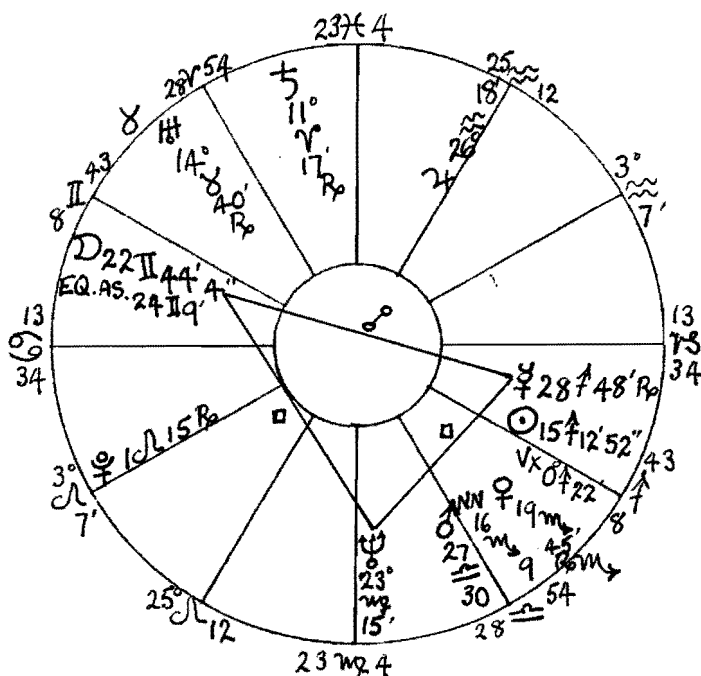
Here, for instance, is one of the Charts Rudolf has been working on and which he sent to me. It is the Horoscope of a male born on the 7th of December 1938, who hanged himself on the 11th of March 1969, at the age of 30 years 3 months. The birth time, given as 6:26 pm, purports to be accurate within less than a minute.

MALE SUICIDE, BORN 7TH DECEMBER 1938

Hanged himself 11th March 1969

New York, 6:26 pm EST (UT 11:26 pm).

73 W 56, 40 N 38. Placidian Cusps.



We would not normally approach a chart with the attitude, "Is this person a potential suicide?", but certain pointers might well give rise to that suspicion. In the Chart we are dealing with (illustrated) the Sign Cancer rises, and its Ruler, the Moon, is in close square to Neptune and opposite Mercury. Mercury and Neptune square one another. The Moon and Mercury are closely associated with the mental processes, while Neptune in adverse aspect suggests unreal conceptions - and sometimes a lack of the will to live. This is not alone sufficient to justify a verdict of "a potential suicide", but at least it prompts us to look further. The position of Neptune in the "End of Life" House, square to the Ruler of that House is another indication that our fears may be well founded.

It is significant that the birth occurred on the very day of a Lunar Eclipse (7th

December 1938) and was followed a fortnight later by a Solar Eclipse (22nd December 1938)! Throughout history eclipses have been associated with disaster and tragedy. The 17th Century John Milton, in his famous poem *Lycidas*, mourns the drowning of a dear friend - "It was that fatal and perfidious barque, Built in the eclipse and rigged with curses dark, That sunk so low that sacred head of thine".

One of the first procedures we might adopt could be examination of the Midpoints, or half-sums, of all Significators. Now that we suspect some propensity to self-destruction we would naturally look first to the Midpoints involving the so-called "malefics" - Pluto, Neptune, Saturn and Mars. Significant supporting factors then soon come to light:

MOON/PLUTO, 11Cn59, SQUARE SATURN at 11Ar17: Depressed moods, emotional suffering.

URANUS/PLUTO, 226e58, SQUARE NEPTUNE at 23Vi15: Neurotic disability, and "the step into the unknown"! (Witte-Lefeldt).

SATURN/URANUS, 27Ar58, OPPOSITE MARS at 27Li30: "Violent release from tensions or strains" (R. Ebertin).

It will be noted that all the above Midpoint aspects have small orbs, adding to their effectiveness. Things are now looking serious indeed, but if further confirmation is needed, we find it in the Harmonic Charts. Some four years ago Ross Harvey of NSW drew particular attention to the value of Harmonics, and my experience with them bears out what he said.

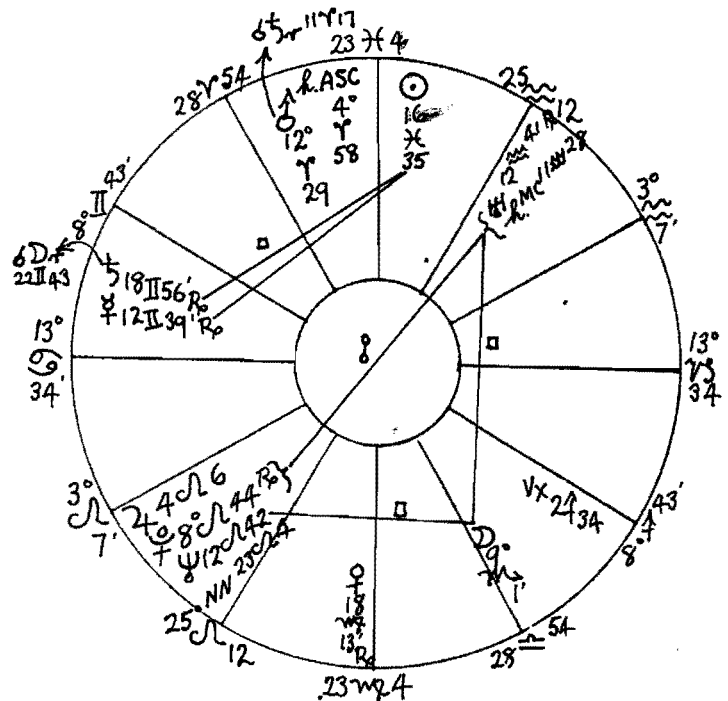
In the present instance, it would be natural to examine first the Harmonic Charts 7 and 16, both of which numbers are associated with the planet Neptune, Neptune being the chief danger in the life under discussion because of its Natal aspects detailed above. These Harmonics do, indeed, strongly reinforce our conclusions.

The Seventh Harmonic is reproduced here, superimposed on the Birth Chart Houses (Placidian). In general, I have found this a more satisfactory way of depicting Harmonics than by using either the Harmonic Midheaven or Ascendant as the basis for the Chart, though the latter is the method David Hamblin favours in his book, *Harmonic Charts* (The Aquarian Press, 1983). It is true, as Charles Harvey says in his Foreword to that book, that Harmonics "will transform your Astrology".

The Harmonic Ascendant and Midheaven are shown where they would fall within the Birth Chart. Those who have not as yet investigated Harmonics may be astonished or confused by the appearance of spatial relationships that cannot occur in a normal Radix. The Midheaven may appear below the Ascendant, Mercury or Venus opposite the Sun, etc. These phenomena are quite usual in a Harmonic Chart though impossible in a Birth Horoscope, and they may reveal characteristics not easily discerned otherwise.

In the delineation process, one looks for aspects between the Harmonic and the Radical Significators, as well as aspects within the Harmonic Chart itself.

MALE SUICIDE: SEVENTH HARMONIC ON BIRTH CHART HOUSES. Placidian Cusps



The 7th Harmonic here depicted shows Neptune conjunct Pluto and opposite both Uranus and the Harmonic MC in the terminal 8th House, with the Moon forming a T-Square! Furthermore, Saturn is square the Sun, Mars is conjunct Radical Saturn, Saturn is conjunct Mercury, Saturn and Mercury are both conjunct the Radical Moon on the Equatorial Ascendant.

The 16th Harmonic shows Mars square Uranus at the Midheaven, and conjunct the Radical Moon. Uranus is closely opposed to Radical Neptune on the Fourth Angle.

All these hard aspects of malefic planets add up to a situation of disaster. Those who care to investigate them will find further indications, almost as striking, in the 13th and 9th Harmonic Charts. (In the 13th, Mars opposite the Moon and conjunct Radical Neptune, Neptune opposite the Midheaven. In the 9th, Saturn conjunct the Ascendant, Neptune opposite the Midheaven.)

In next month's Issue I shall pursue the matter of pinpointing the date of the suicide. One point worth noting now is that the Topocentric Primary Direction SUN QUINCUNX SATURN occurred on 13th March 1969 - that is, within two days of the actual event! - Dymock.

In the March *Astrologers' Forum* I introduced readers to two excellent Computer Programs marketed by Rudolf Smit. The price was not given of "Virgo-0", the exceptionally easy Program for astrologers. It is only \$25 on cassette, \$30 on disk. At present the "Comprehensive Astrology" Program (\$90 on cassette, \$95 on disk) is available only for the Commodore 64 Computer, though it may shortly be available for the IBM PC. Both these low-cost Programs are highly recommended.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th April 1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

PREDICTIVE TECHNIQUE

From RUDOLF SMIT (WA): *Astrologers' Forum* No. 66 compelled me to write because in particular Alexander Marr's "Notes on Predictive Technique" contained a few conclusions and statements that are totally contrary to the most recent results from my large-scale experiments with Topocentric Primary Directions.

Realizing that space is limited, I will refrain from a long-winded comment on Mr. Marr's contentions; rather I wish to let my results speak for themselves. However, a short comment regarding Mr. Marr's Note "D" is in order. He says, "As a logical result of this, main events are produced always in connection with Primary Directions. These have small orbs and thus allow for the timing of events". Firstly, I do not see the logic of "as a logical result", but I am less surprised by this than (secondly) by the statement that there are ALWAYS (my capital letters - RS.) Primary Directions relevant to an important event. Perhaps Mr. Marr meant to say, "appropriate" P.D.'s? If that is what he meant, then my research showed that, though there are, indeed, virtually "always" Primary Directions in operation around almost any given date, the assumption that they are "always" appropriate, i.e., fitting the event, does not hold good - far from it, as I will demonstrate in due course.

I have the strong feeling that, given his statement under note "E", namely that his "best proof" is his research in 230 rectified charts, Alexander Marr will now protest and say, "Hold it! Did you research on rectified charts!? If not, then no wonder that the results are contrary to mine!"

My answer is that working with a sample of rectified charts, in the sense that they are used to test astrological theories other than rectification methods, is highly objectionable, because, apart from the fact that no rectification method is 100% reliable, working with rectified charts means working towards a result; in other words, making sure that the result will fit the expectations. In any type of enquiry such a procedure would be unequivocally rejected! There is absolutely no reason to

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assume that procedures in astrological research should be viewed differently.

Therefore, any research into astrological assumptions should be conducted on samples of charts whose birth times are, on the one hand, not rectified, but, on the other hand, have not only been recorded on a birth certificate, but also as accurately timed as possible. I consider as reasonably reliable, times given with a precision of five minutes, and as very reliable times given with a precision of two minutes. Examples of the first category are 5:05, 11:50, 21:55, 7:10, etc. Examples of the second category are 9:01, 17:59, 10:23, 3:42, etc. (Naturally, birth times presumably rounded to the full or half hour are suspect.) Of course, I am well aware that even the seemingly high accuracy of such birth times is not a guarantee that they truly are precise! But it is the best that we can get.

62 CASES OF SUICIDE

My most recent research topic is a test of some major systems of Progressions and Directions on a sample of 62 people who died a suicidal death. The sample was supplied by New York astrologer, Mrs. Nona Press, who, in the early seventies, conducted a comprehensive, fully computerised study on 311 charts of people who took their own lives. The results of this study were summarised in Geoffrey Dean's *RECENT ADVANCES IN NATAL ASTROLOGY* (ps. 558-560). They showed that although about 100,000 different factors were examined in these Charts, not one of them correlated significantly with suicide - hence no factor indicating proneness to suicide in these

Charts could be isolated. Manual analysis of factors that were not included in the computer program did not fare any better.

This is a good sample for research because (a) Press and others did not put the 311 through all sorts of Progressions and Directions, and (b), above all, the enquiry on the Natal Charts did not yield any results supporting astrological theory. This makes the sample of 311 an *unbiased* one for further research.

Mrs Press obtained the data of 2250 people who had committed suicide, but the birth time, as recorded on a birth certificate, could be ascertained for only 311. 62 of these included the date and approximate time of the suicide, 26 having birth times with an accuracy better than one minute, another 26 with an accuracy better than five minutes, and the remaining 10 having the usual suspect accuracy of the full or half-hour.

This was, then, a beautiful sample for research purposes because (1) 84% of the Charts had a birth time accuracy better than five minutes or less, (2) the Charts were about the most important event in someone's life - his/her departure from this world. Moreover it was self-inflicted. If there was any truth in the theory of the diverse predictive systems, then it would show up. (3) The sample was large enough to show a common factor, if any. (4) The sample was large enough for thorough analysis of the results, and thus representative for the group.

The Procedure

My intention was to put the sample to the test with (a) Primary Directions, system Placidus/van Dam, (b) Primary Directions, Topocentric system, (c) Secondary Progressions, (d) Solar-Arc Directions, (e) Transits.

Project (a), Primary Directions according to the system Placidus/van Dam (in this country better known as "Prime Event Analysis") has been completed. The results were discouraging - not one single factor, or combination of factors stood out. Projects (c), (d), and (e) are on their way, and project (b) testing Topocentric Primary Directions on the 62 was completed a few months ago. For this project I used the MATRIX M-113 Computer Program (for Commodore Computers PET and C-64, which, incidentally, had been largely designed by Alexander Marr!). I bought this Program from MATRIX some years ago and was able to modify it here and there. One of the drawbacks is its very slow operation. However, this has been overcome since I managed to "compile" it,

i.e., transform it into a much faster running program. I now have two versions of the Program, one which calculates and prints the major Primary aspects only, and one which calculates and prints all major and minor aspects.

In this project I used the major aspects version only, for two reasons:

(1) If there is any truth in astrological postulations, then the most important event in someone's life should coincide with major aspects only, preferably the "hard" ones (conjunction, opposition, square).

(2) Inclusion of all minor aspects would only make detection of any effect a lot harder. The more types of aspects, the greater the possibility that any significant effect "drowns" in the multitude of data. (It should be mentioned that the Topocentrists use both "direct" and "converse" Primaries, which doubles the number of contacts. This produces the effect of not seeing the wood for the trees!

The next step was the entry of the birth data and the date of death into the Program, and running the Charts off one by one. Although in the compiled version the Program was considerably faster than it was initially, processing of 62 Charts took several days, spread out over several weeks.

It is important to know that the Program allows the orbs of the Primary aspects to be preset. The Topocentrists contend that accurately timed charts always produce fitting Primary aspects within an orb of 5 minutes of arc, at the most. If the orb is too large, then the chart should be rectified. As I have already said, for research-procedural reasons rectified charts may not be used in research projects. However, possible small errors in the birth time can be catered for by adjusting the preset orb. If this is one degree, then any aspect within that orb, whether it is fitting or not, will be printed. For this reason all Charts were run with the preset orb of one degree.

Reading the Table

This should not present much difficulty. Primary Planets and Angles are set out in the lefthand column, the Natal Planets and Angles in the top row. Two types of aspects are indicated: "+" for the soft aspects, trine and sextile, "-" for the hard aspects, square, opposition and conjunction.

EXAMPLES: (1) Aspects of Primary Sun to Natal Mars. Look in the first row under Mars. It shows that the Primary Sun made four "soft" aspects with Natal Mars, and three "hard" aspects, within the preset orb

PRIMARY CONTACTS (TOPOCENTRIC SYSTEM) AT DATES OF DEATH OF 62 SUICIDE VICTIMS

RADIX POSITIONS ----->

Aspects		SUN		MOON		MERCURY		VENUS		MARS		JUPITER		SATURN		URANUS		NEPTUNE		PLUTO		ASCEND.		MIDHEVN		TOTALS
		+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
P	SU	n/a		4	1	3	3	2	3	4	3	5	3	2	3	1	4	3	4	3	1	4	3	2	2	63
R	MO	4	2	n/a		6	2	8	5	2	0	4	5	3	3	5	4	1	1	4	4	2	3	2	3	73
I	ME	1	1	1	1	n/a		1	3	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	6	3	1	4	2	1	3	2	0	49
M	VE	3	4	2	1	2	6	n/a		3	4	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	5	3	3	51
A	MA	3	1	2	3	3	1	2	0	n/a		1	2	8	4	7	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	4	54
R	JU	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	0	2	1	n/a		2	2	7	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	4	47
Y	SA	1	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	5	7	2	0	n/a		4	5	4	2	3	2	3	0	5	1	64
P	UR	1	4	4	2	4	2	1	3	4	0	3	2	4	6	n/a		2	12	4	1	2	2	1	2	66
S	NE	3	1	5	4	1	1	1	4	9	2	3	1	3	2	0	6	n/a		0	7	1	2	1	3	60
I	PL	4	1	1	3	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	8	3	3	3	1	0	0	n/a		4	3	5	5	56
O	AS	1	5	3	5	5	6	0	2	3	2	3	4	2	3	1	2	3	3	3	4	NOT APPLICABLE				60(72)
N	MC	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	2	4	2	4	3	4	1	NOT APPLICABLE				37(44)
S	TOTALS	25	25	30	25	34	30	23	25	36	23	28	32	33	33	35	33	25	32	29	25	24	24	25	27	680

CONTACTS BY PRIMARILY DIRECTED POINTS (TOPOCENTRIC SYSTEM), MEASURED IN CHARTS OF 62 NATIVES WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE.

PRIMARY POSITIONS CALCULATED FOR DATE OF DEATH. ALL CONTACTS WITHIN ORB OF 1 DEGREE.

SAMPLE SUPPLIED BY MRS NONA PRESS, OF NEW YORK.

OF 62 CHARTS 26 HAD EXTREMELY ACCURATE BIRTH TIMES (WITHIN 1 MINUTE);

26 HAD ACCURACY OF BETTER THAN 5 MINUTES; REMAINDER HAD NORMAL ACCURACY, I.E. TIMES RECORDED ON FULL OR HALF HOUR.

ASPECTS: + STANDS FOR SEXTILE AND TRINE; - FOR SQUARE AND OPPOSITION; C FOR CONJUNCTION.

NOTE THAT CONTACT BETWEEN THE ANGLES HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THEREFORE, THEIR TOTALS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED (IN BRACKETS).

of one degree. (2) Primary Pluto to the Natal Ascendant. Under Natal Ascendant (third column from the right) go down to Primary Pluto (third row from the bottom). The Table shows that Primary Pluto made four, "soft" and three "hard" aspects with the Natal Ascendant. (This, by the way, is hardly impressive, considering that for many astrologers Pluto is *the* suicide planet!)

The two figures in each square normally add up to around 5 or 6, with a few notable, but not particularly strong, exceptions. A not so complex calculation produced as the expected average the number 5.5! This implies that most of the results are exactly in accordance with what could be expected, meaning that not much relevance can be attached to these results.

The Table tells us that almost any aspect between any pair of planets or planets/-Angles will occur in virtually equal numbers

in this sample of 62 people who committed suicide. Does this explain, therefore, that any Primary aspect between any two planets can be (astrologically) responsible for a suicide? Isn't that a bit far-fetched? I is far safer to say that nothing has been explained at all, because the contacts are spread all over the place - none of them are truly standing out, in large peaks, that is. Thus a tentative conclusion could be that on the whole Topocentric Primary Directions fail to indicate suicide, not even in precisely timed charts. However, closer analysis of the Table reveals that there are a few "peaks", after all, (the "exceptions" I mentioned earlier).

[Rudolf Smit's analysis of the 62 suicide Charts will be concluded in the next *Astrologers' Forum*. - Ed.]

This is a suitable point to draw attention to two **Computer Programs** marketed by Rudolf. They are very suitable for astrologers, and very reasonably priced indeed. The first one is **COMPREHENSIVE ASTROLOGY**, and gives, in the one Program, all the Natal positions (Cusps, planets and the planetoid, Chiron), the Natal aspects, the Progressed positions and Progressed aspects for any number of years, the Primary Directions (Placidus/van Dam System), the Zodiacal Solar-Arc Directions, Transits for any date, all the Midpoints in the Natal Chart, and Harmonics of the Natal Chart. It is indeed a comprehensive Program. I have used it myself with great satisfaction for the past four years. And the price? - \$90 on cassette, or \$95 on disk! Astrologers who are familiar with the usual cost of astrological software will recognize this as being phenomenally low. The Program suits the Commodore C-64 and a number of other computers (details from Rudolf Smit, 100 Shillington Way, Thornlie WA 6108).

The second Program referred to is called **VIRGO-0**, developed by Rudolf especially for beginners in astrology using the C-64. It is a Radix Program only, enormous pains being taken with the entry procedure, so that it is hardly possible for anyone to go wrong, even the veriest tyro. Astrologers with no experience or knowledge of computers and computing will find this Program will ease them into the electronic age with a minimum of discomfort. - Dymock.

THE HORARY CHART RE TERRY WAITE

(see last Issue)

From **OLIVIA BARCLAY (Eng.)**: Because this is a Journal for discussion I am sure my good friend Dymock will not mind if I state my reasons for entirely disagreeing with his analysis of the Terry Waite Chart. If the Chart had been for an event, for the time of the initial action by the Church, then indeed the First House might represent the Church. But this is a Horary Chart, and one characteristic of a Horary is that the First House represents the questioner, the home team, the country, we ourselves. Here it represents us, those of us who ask where Terry Waite is, the British public, Aries... It may not strongly represent the querent except in a general way because of the nature of the question, but, as a matter of fact, the question was from Sue Ward's sister, who has an Aries Ascendant.

The Church is always the 9th House, as those with *Christian Astrology* can see from the Chart on page 419 where Lilly asked what manner of death the Archbishop would die. The 9th is the Church, as it is in this question about the Envoy of the Church. Waite is the 5th from the 9th for he is the Envoy of the Church, and not of the Nation. Aries is on the Cusp of the 5th from the 9th, and Mars is the symbol of him. Mars is in the 12th of captivity. Uranus on the 9th shows the shock to the Church.

When Zain states the querent is not represented in a question of such general interest he means that Mars may not particularly describe the querent, he does not mean that the 1st House is not the House of those who question. Nor do I see how Dymock can tell us on page 1 that Jupiter rules Pisces and on page 3 that Neptune does. Outer planets rule things but not Signs in Horary. If they ruled Signs they would make a nonsense of Ptolemy's "Table of Fortitudes", which we rely on in our judgements.

I do agree with him that the final application of the Moon to Jupiter is heartening, since the Moon is Co-Significator of Waite and Jupiter the natural Significator of the Church, and hope this shows eventual release, though it must be remembered that Sue Ward did not ask that question in the first place, but within the bounds of her question gave a correct forecast, using the correct Houses.

This is an interesting point regarding the Terry Waite Horary Chart, but Olivia does not persuade me: Lilly himself used the Houses in the same way as I did in this instance. On page 401 of *Christian Astrology* is a Chart Lilly drew on 17th April 1643 to answer the question "If his Excellency, Robert Earl of Essex, should take Reading [an English Town, besieged during the Civil War], having then surrounded it with his Army". On page 403 we read that "a person of honour demanded this Question", nevertheless Lilly ascribes the First House not to the Querent but to General Essex, who was besieging Reading. Lilly also notes (p. 403) that "had this Question been of a Law Suit" [that is, not a matter of general public interest, but of immediate personal interest to a querent] "Who should overcome?", the Ascendant, its Ruler and the Moon would have represented the querent.

A further demonstration of a public-interest question is on p. 383 - whether two armies shall fight. Here, again, the First and Seventh Houses signify the protagonists, the two armies, and the querent is not represented.

A more recent example of a public-interest question decided in the same way is given in Alan Leo's *Horary Astrology*, page 71. The astrologer, "Henry", received this question from one Thomas Pemberton of Texas: "Would like advice on the coming National Election. Who shall I bet on, Harrison or Cleveland?". Harrison, being the first named, was taken as signified by the Ascendant, and Cleveland as denoted by the Descendant. Neither Querent nor Astrologer were represented by the First House. The Astrologer judged correctly that Cleveland would win, which is a matter of USA history.

In the light of these examples, and my own confirmatory experience, I feel justified in adhering to my original interpretation of the Terry Waite Chart. Notwithstanding that the Querent's Sun-Sign corresponded with the Ascendant, the First House represented the initiator of the mission, the Querent having no direct, personal interest in the matter but sharing the general public concern. The Ninth House for the Church would be appropriate only if the Church played a secondary role, but here it played the primary role.

I referred to Neptune as being the Co-Ruler of Pisces, with Jupiter the Ruler in a Horary Chart, but I concede that the outer planets are more representative of things than Signs. Olivia is well-versed in the Horary Art. - Dymock.

A brief note regarding the **English Channel Ferry disaster**: The Solar Eclipse of 3rd October 1986, set for Zeebrugge, gave warning of the tragedy, Mars being conjunct the Midheaven (orb 7'!). It occurred on the very day, Friday, the 6th of March, that Mars was exactly opposite Pluto, across the Angular 1st and 7th Houses at Zeebrugge. Pluto's oblique ascension shows it was less than four degrees below the Ascendant.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The Real Business of Astrology

I have long advocated the use of Horary Charts as one means of making Astrology useful and practical in our lives. I do not decry the work of those astrologers who specialize in finding precise data on which to base a horoscope. This is often necessary and sometimes indispensable. At other times approximate birth or inceptual data will serve just as well, if Primary Directions are not required in the particular case.

Nor do I discount the attempts of astrologers to delve deeply into the psyche, through the medium of the horoscope, in order to give the native a fuller understanding and acceptance of him/herself. The fact that these attempts sometimes degenerate into fantasy is irrelevant.

But when all this psychological or precision mathematical work is done, the real business of Astrology starts - using the horoscope to make the life of the native more fulfilling. Desirable as it is to have precise data, that is only the beginning, and having attained it we should do something meaningful with it.

For this reason I encourage students to look forward (as well as back) into the lives and circumstances of their subjects. By uncovering future trends the astrologer can help the subject to develop, conquer fears, start to accept varying circumstances and enjoy life.

The means for doing this, for the great majority of astrologers, lies in observation of Transits, and the Secondary Progressions. For those who have taken the trouble to acquire the mathematics involved (or who use a computer program), Primary Directions add a further dimension. Still more can be gleaned from Cyclic Charts (Solar, Lunar and Synodic Returns) and Age Harmonics.

This is a considerable armamentarium, but still it does not suffice in all the eventualities of life. There are many problems and questions to which it seems no satisfactory or clear answer can be obtained from any of the above techniques. That is where the Horary Chart comes into its own. If the question is answerable, if it is clear and definite in the mind of the querent, the Horary Chart will answer it.

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Certainly mistakes are made, in this as in other branches of our art. Mistakes are not the monopoly of the rest of humanity - our political leaders, economists, investors, scientists, doctors, architects, engineers, lawyers, theologians, military generals, etc. Astrologers do make them, too; even horary astrologers. But their record, I venture to say, is at least as good as that of other specialists.

The above is a preamble to two Horary Charts from England that I am introducing into the present Issue: One concerning the disappearance in Lebanon of Terry Waite, the special Church Envoy sent to negotiate the release of hostages held by terrorists, and the other relating to the sale of a house. They are good illustrations of the horary method, as also of the room there is for different opinions on some matters.

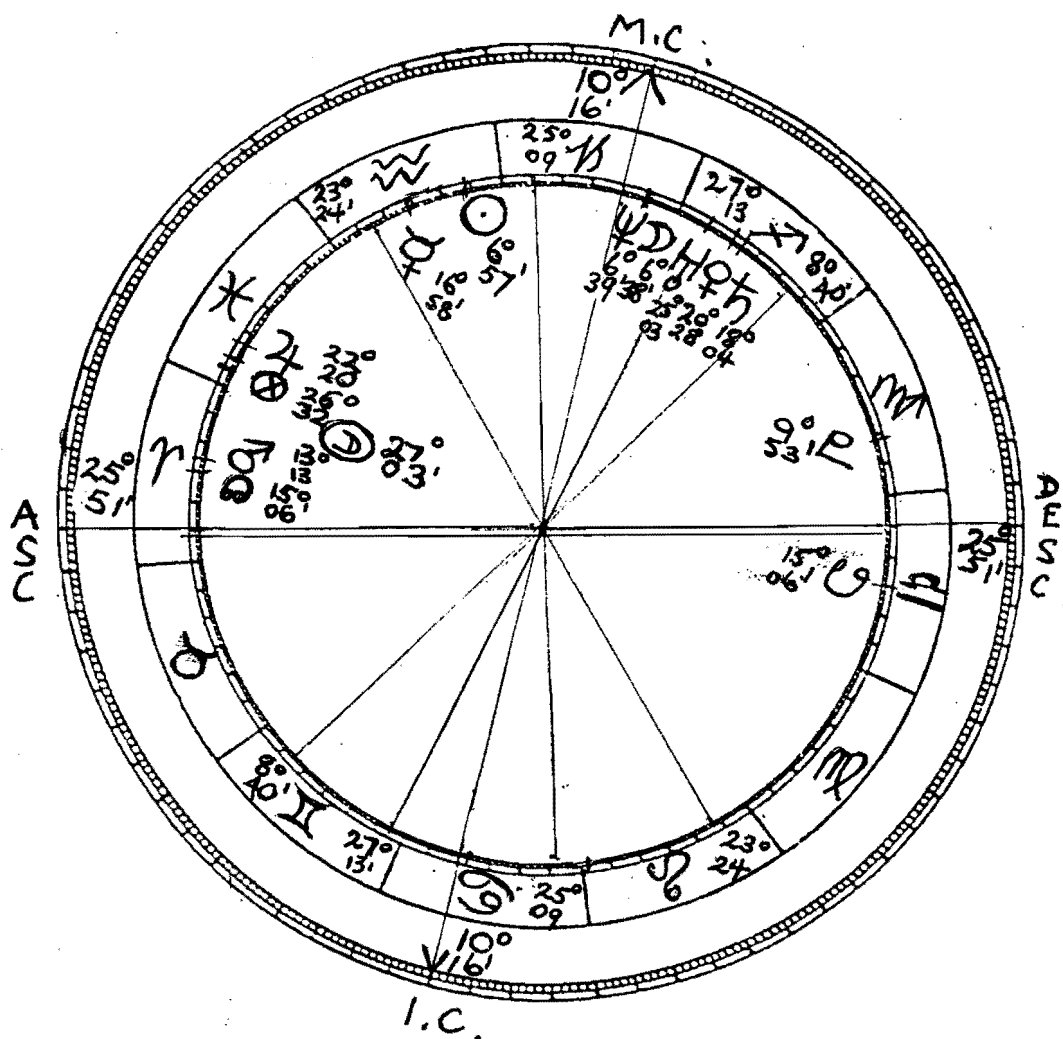
It may be necessary first to explain one or two points applying to these Charts: In Horary Astrology Saturn is taken as the Ruler of Aquarius, Jupiter as the Ruler of Pisces, and Mars as the Ruler of Scorpio. "Derived", or "Judgement" Houses in a Horary Chart are those found by re-numbering the Houses starting with the one that is the Ascendant for the particular person or matter being considered. The House Division system used here is that of Regiomontanus, which was the one favoured by the great 17th Century English Astrologer, William Lilly. It does seem to be remarkably apposite in Horary Astrology. - Dymock.

TERRY WAITE, ENVOY

SUE WARD (Eng.), who is responsible for the first Horary Chart, wrote the following on the 27th of January 1987:

IS TERRY WAITE BEING HELD CAPTIVE?. IS HE WELL? WHEN WILL NEWS OF HIM BE RECEIVED?

27th January 1987, 10:17 am UT. 00 E 45, 51 N 32. Regiomontanus Cusps.



"Terry Waite, as a Church Envoy is signified by the 5th House from the 9th, i.e., Aries, the Radical Ascendant. His Significators are Aries and its Ruler, Mars, and the Moon. The Church is shown by Sagittarius on the 9th Cusp, and its Ruler Jupiter, the senders of the Envoy. The message [mission] itself is the Moon. It is intended for Mercury, Ruler of the 7th House from the 9th [Derived Ascendant] which has Gemini on its Cusp, with Waite as carrier of that message.

"Mars, the principal Significator of Waite is in the 12th House (captivity). This position can also indicate his having undertaken a very long journey.

"Mars is Cadent, and does not aspect the Ascendant, showing he cannot come home, although the applying trine of Mars to Saturn, Ruler of the 12th, shows he could negotiate with his captors, or, as Saturn rules the 4th House from the 9th, that he will return.

"The Moon, Ruler of the original 4th House, is square Mars, showing him

detained.

"Mercury, natural significator of news, applies to the dexter sextile of Saturn, Ruler of the original 10th House, the world. In the Ephemeris this sextile is perfected on the morning of 28th January 1987, when news will be made public."

[OLIVIER BARCLAY (Eng.) here interpolates a note: "Sure enough, on the morning of the 28th news was made public that Terry Waite was held captive, although the details of this Horary Chart and interpretation had been telephoned to me on the 27th."]

Sue Ward, again: "Mars is strong in Aries, and the Ascendant not afflicted, so he is well.

"In the Ephemeris, Mars conjuncts the Radical Ascendant on February 14th, which could bring him back home; but it seems rather a long time." [This did not eventuate, but when the full story is known, this date may coincide with some other significant incident. - Ed.]

The Moon conjunct Neptune shows confusion with regard to the message he carried [or his mission]. Mercury signifies the person the message is sent to and is in Waite's House of Friends and Objectives. But Mercury is disposed by Saturn, Ruler of the 12th, and is in mutual reception with Saturn [by "Term". See Lilly's *Christian Astrology*, page 104. - Ed.] Could it be that the people the message was for are holding him? The good aspects involving Mars suggest that he may have gone to his captivity willingly."

A further note from OLIVIA BARCLAY, written on 5th February, 1987: "Mars in Aries in the 12th House signifies a long journey to the East - East of Bierut; strong Mars and strong Jupiter by Signs, in health and great faith. In my opinion, Venus shows the obvious enemy, 7th House from the 1st, whereas Waite is in the hands of his unknown or unsuspected enemy, Saturn (being Ruler of the 12th) - his captors are the less obvious ones."

"The Moon with Neptune so evident shows duplicity, and one of which Terry Waite may be aware since the Moon is his Co-Significator."

"I do not like the violent final Mars/Uranus aspect (the trine merely makes it easier). Venus, the obvious opponent, has been with the captors; Venus departs from Saturn, and it is Venus that activates the Mars/Uranus contact. Maybe, Venus seeks the ransom, its antiscion [9 Cap 32] falling on the 2nd House of the Church."

"Further comments from Dymock would, I am sure, be very welcome."

Perhaps the chief difficulty in Horary Astrology is determining the correct House to signify the person or matter concerned. C.C. Zain, (*Horary Astrology*, p. 140) says, "In a question which is of interest to the general public, rather than of special importance to the individual who asks it...the querent is not represented in the chart. Instead, each House takes on its common significance...and the question belongs to, and should be answered from, the Houses and their rulers thus commonly significant of the affairs chiefly involved."

I venture to think, therefore, that this Chart should be read as is. The Querent (Sue Ward) is not represented, but the prime mover, the Church of England, is indicated by the Ascendant in Aries (initiative and enterprise). The terrorists are shown by the Seventh; the Envoy, Terry Waite, by the Fifth (the House of Ambassadors); and the

imprisoned hostages by the Twelfth.

The Moon, Ruler of the 5th, now becomes Terry Waite's Significator, and is appropriately placed in Capricorn, the Sign of the Ambassador. The terrorists are also very appropriately signified by Pluto in the 7th, and the hostages (four university lecturers) by Jupiter in the 12th.

According to Lilly, the cause of the mission is shown by the planet to which the ambassador's significator applies. In this instance it is Neptune, Co-Ruler of the 12th House, the hostages, in exact conjunction with the Moon. Waite's mission was to negotiate their release. The Moon's application to the sextile of Pluto shows he made contact with the terrorists. In my view, the exact Neptune conjunction, together with the square of Mars, also means that the mission will be unsuccessful, and that Terry Waite himself will be taken prisoner, as has occurred. The square from Mars looks dangerous for Waite - gunshot wounds? But the Moon's final application to the sextile of Jupiter is reassuring, and I take it to indicate Waite's eventual release - perhaps at the end of June, when Jupiter transits the Radical Ascendant. - Dymock.

From ROGER PEARSON (ENG):

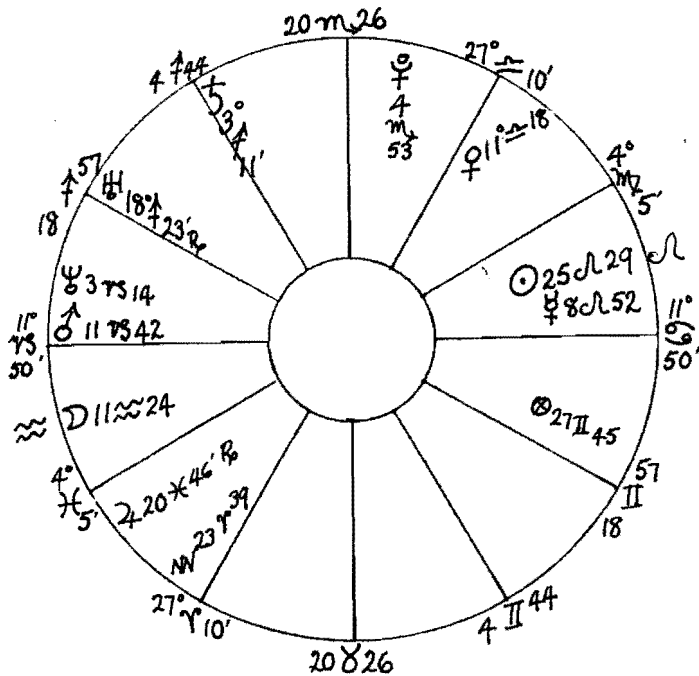
A Fourth House Question

A good friend of mine asked me the following question, understanding that I would cast a Horary Chart and judge it: "Will I sell my house to Mr. G.?" This was in August, at which time my friend was being pressed hard by his creditors. They held the deeds of his house by which he had secured a loan, but he had now fallen behind in the repayments. They could repossess his house if he defaulted on his repayments, and sell it to make good his debt. Therefore, his idea was to sell his house and clear his debts before the default date was due. This was his situation.

So I cast the Chart, and following the time-honoured method of judging horary charts, gave the Ascendant and the Ruler, Saturn, to signify my friend, the Moon being Co-Significator. Saturn in the 11th House clearly shows his keen hopes, along with Mars, conjunct the Ascendant and ruling the 10th, showing his ardent wish and need to succeed. In any question involving the selling of property the 4th House is given to the property under consideration. Here, Taurus is unoccupied, but Venus is in Libra, a fine testimony to the good condition of the house. Unfortunately, its position and placing in the village is obscure and in little demand, which is reflected by the

WILL I SELL MY HOUSE TO MR. G.?

18th August 1986. 2 W 33, 53 N 42. Regio. Cusps



8th-House position of Venus. This also shows the prevailing financial situation all too clearly.

The 7th House and its Ruler signifies the prospective buyer of the property. Mr. G. had inspected the house and was well pleased with it, and expressed a sincere and keen desire to purchase as soon as possible; so he contacted his solicitor immediately. Everything looked very promising for my friend. He then asked me the question we are studying.

The Moon rules the 7th, with the occupants Mercury and the Sun as Co-Significators. Do any of these apply by any aspect to 1st House Significators? Can they meet? The answer is No. The Moon applies most unfortunately by opposition to the Sun, her very next aspect. There are no receptions by triplicity, term, face or dignity which could alter the judgement significantly, as the Moon-Sun application is in Angular Houses. This indicates very definitely that the prospective purchaser will not be able to fulfill his promise.

Thus the answer to the question is No. Mr. G. will not purchase the house. However, my friend was optimistic (the Moon had only just passed a very fine trine to Venus!) and thought the deal would go through, and wasn't convinced by my interpretation at all. Things did indeed look rosy, despite the Horary Chart.

However I received a letter from him about three months later in which he informed me that Mr. G. had been unable, through lack of funds, to go through with the deal, and that his house has now been repossessed by his creditors.

This example shows the usefulness of horary methods in determining whether a particular event will come to pass. However, let no one think that Horary Astrology is easy or simple to practise. There are many pitfalls for the unsuspecting student. I hope though that astrologers throughout the world will lend their expertise in restoring Horary Astrology to its rightful place in the astrology of today.

ORIGIN AND STRUCTURE OF THE G.O.H. ("BIRTHPLACE HOUSES")

DOMIFICATION SYSTEM

by Alexander Marr

The construction of these House Cusps was created and compiled by SPECHT and ZANZINGER in the late 1950's. As Dr KOCH published the Tables in his own name there was long-lasting litigation with Dr. Koch's heirs. There is no doubt that Specht and Zanzinger can claim to be the true originators of this domification system, a fact of which I have first-hand knowledge.

I must admit that the formulae of the G.O.H. (Birthplace Houses) show much skill and a good knowledge of the celestial mechanics. This is evident mainly in the quite long-winded formulas for transpositions and reductions. The principle of this domification system is that the Poles of all twelve House Cusps are based on the Tangent of the Latitude, which in all traditional spherical systems is used only for the Ascendant.

However, as can be seen in the following analysis, there is a decisive error in logic and structure which shows that the attempt to force all Cusps into the Ascendant's Pole offends the laws of time (Right Ascension, Equator) and naturally also the principles of Poles (Horizon System).

The partition of an artificially constructed distance in oblique ascension between the RAMC and the RAIC suddenly changes over to a linear division of the OAMC-ODIC distance into six equal parts. In other words, the distance between the the pseudo-OAMC and ODIC is the division of a straight line, and ignores any spherical-trigonometrical principles (declination, obliquity, right ascension, poles). After this non-admissible division the originators of the system return to a very skilful transposition into longitude on, as it seems, admissible mathematical grounds.

EXAMPLE:

RAMC 31 00' Obliquity 23 27'; Pole (N.Lat.) Tan 47 23'

RAMC transposed into OAMC = 16 57'

RAIC transposed into ODIC = 225 03'

DIFFERENCE 208 06'

This pseudo OA-OD distance of 208 06' is finally divided into 6 equal parts on a linear one-dimension base (208 06'/6 = 34 41'). In our Example we get the following comparisons between the usual OA-distances of 30 degrees (Regiomontanus, Campanus, Topocentric) and those in the G.O.H. system.

CORRECT DIVISION

RAMC = 31 00'

OA XI = 61 00'

OA XII = 91 00'

OA ASC = 121 00'

OA II = 151 00'

OA III = 181 00'

RAIC = 211 00'

GOH DIVISION

OAMC = 16 57'

OA XI = 51 38'

OA XII = 86 19'

OA ASC = 121 00'

OA II = 155 41'

OA III = 190 22'

ODIC = 225 03'

It is quite natural that the OA's of the Ascendants are identical in both systems, because the G.O.H. domification is based on the uniform Pole of the Ascendant.

In our practical astrological work it becomes obvious that the Cusps in Longitude cannot be Directed or Progressed without being re-transposed to the standard time or arc measurements (RA, OA). In other words, they remain static.

Needless to say the G.O.H. system does not give any true results in Transit and Directional techniques either, although the Cusps in longitude on the Ecliptic (Zodiac) look much more even and harmonious than in other domification systems.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th February 1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

ALEXANDER MARR (West German Fed.Republic) is known internationally as one of the most advanced astrologers in the world. He has to his credit numerous publications which go well beyond the usual rather elementary astrological works we see in the shops. They include a series of three recent works - *PREDICTION, Using Common and Prenatal Cycles*, *PREDICTION II*, and *PREDICTION III*. In the article below he discusses some of the techniques whose value he has established over a long period of years.

Notes on Predictive Technique in the Transit and Prenatal Transit System by Alexander Marr

A. No matter what system is used, the Converses (Prenatal Charts) should never be omitted.

B. The very number of highly effective Cyclics means that any particular Cyclic Chart cannot be analysed in detail. This accords both with logic and experience.

C. The factors that are important and workable in Cyclic Charts are the following:

1. Planets on Angles for the place of residence at the operational date, except that for Eclipses and Prenatal Eclipses the birth place seems to operate better. Much more useful than the common Solar Eclipses are those computed in the prenatal mode (Prenatal Transit System). These are much more individual and effective than the Transit-Eclipses [post-natal], which always have the same planetary positions for all people in the world. It has been found that only those Eclipses are noticeably effective where the Sun/Moon are conjunct a Radical factor. The conjunctions with Angles play the main role. (The effectiveness of a Solar Eclipse is up to one year.)

2. Aspects of planets to Radical factors should be evaluated only in long-lasting Cycles, like Solar Returns, Solar Eclipses and Synodic Returns, but not in the different types of Precessed Lunar Returns, which operate with an Overlap Method (*Prediction I*, page 90) and where only the transits and prenatal transits for the day should be observed for possible events.

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D. As a logical result of this, main events are produced always in connection with Primary Directions. These have small orbs, and thus allow the timing of events.

E. The statement that Cycles and (especially) Transits may produce main events without the concurrence of Primary Directions (in the Radix or Epoch Chart, or from one to the other) is false. My research into 230 rectified Radices, including about 60 with the Prenatal Epoch, is the best proof of that.

F. All astronomically-correct astrological systems in application to the Natal Chart give results with small orbs *only* if the Tropical measurement is applied. This is very natural, as our Solar System plays the dominating role in our lives, while the Fixed Heaven is of the 2nd order. For this reason I cannot understand Sidereal astrologers, who deny this provable fact, which is known to all experienced astrologers. This, of course, does not solve the problem of the two Zodiacs (where mathematical proofs are very problematic). So far, I prefer an evaluation of Natal Charts with characteristic Ascendant positions in the Tropical measurement, although the Radix alone does not always give the characteristics of the native one would expect. Here a rectified Prenatal Epoch is filling much of the gap.

Another error, which mainly concerns Sidereal astrologers, is the opinion that only Sidereal (Precessed) Cycles are workable, but not the Tropical traditional ones. I have to emphasize here that Tropical Solar Returns (and the corresponding Prenatal Charts) are much more useful for main events during a Solar Year than Sidereal Solar Returns, which reflect more the psychological condition of the native.

Here, especially for the psychological condition, Demi- and Quarti- Solar Returns are very useful too. Tropical Lunar Returns are effective only if main events occur during their operational period. They can be neglected in preference to the Precressed Lunar Returns, which always give the psychological condition of the native during that short period. Their effectiveness depends on the nature and number of Angular planets and their distance in *mund*o (in Right Ascension from the Meridian, and in Oblique Ascension/Descension from the Ascendant/Descendant axis. Planets at a relatively large distance from the Angles are [still] very effective if they are in mundane opposition or square to each other. EXAMPLE: RAMC 15 dgs, Planet A, RA 25 dgs, DA 30 dgs; Planet B, DA 120 dgs (30+90) (a square in Oblique Ascension).

HARMONICS IN ASTROLOGY by Ross Harvey

I was going to summarise my ideas of the significance of the Harmonics that I usually use in chart analysis, but as much of what I would have said would have repeated what has already appeared in early *Astrologers' Forums*, I thought it would be more useful to give a specific example. So I have chosen the Chart of a friend of mine to show how Harmonics make important character traits immediately obvious, whereas they may have been hard to find in the Birth Chart, if they could have been found at all.

The Chart I have chosen is a rectified chart, but as the resulting Angles give consistently reliable results using all methods of prediction (progressions of the Angles, Primary Directions, Age Harmonics and Return Charts), I am confident I have got it right. I shall proceed straight to the consideration of the Chart, and make further observations about the significance of the Harmonics afterwards.

The Native is an artist (a painter) and teacher. She is outgoing, strongly emotional and volatile, forceful and rather bossy, passionate and demonstrative, erratic, independent, prone to sudden attractions, but has so far been unable to sustain a long-term relationship; she has a pleasant personality, has intellectual interests, a rather poor memory, and is not a good judge of character. She has always lived in modest, not to say straitened, circumstances.

Her strongly emotional nature suggests a Moon/Mars affliction, and the Radix does have a Moon/Mars opposition, but the orb is

nearly seven degrees, which does not suggest the intensity with which this combination is felt in the Native's character. Her history of sudden attractions and short-lived affairs suggests a Venus/Uranus affliction, but there is none; while her confusion in matters of the heart, and consistent poor choice of partners suggest a Neptune affliction, which is hardly obvious. Her artistic and intellectual interests could perhaps be inferred from the Birth Chart, but again are hardly obvious.

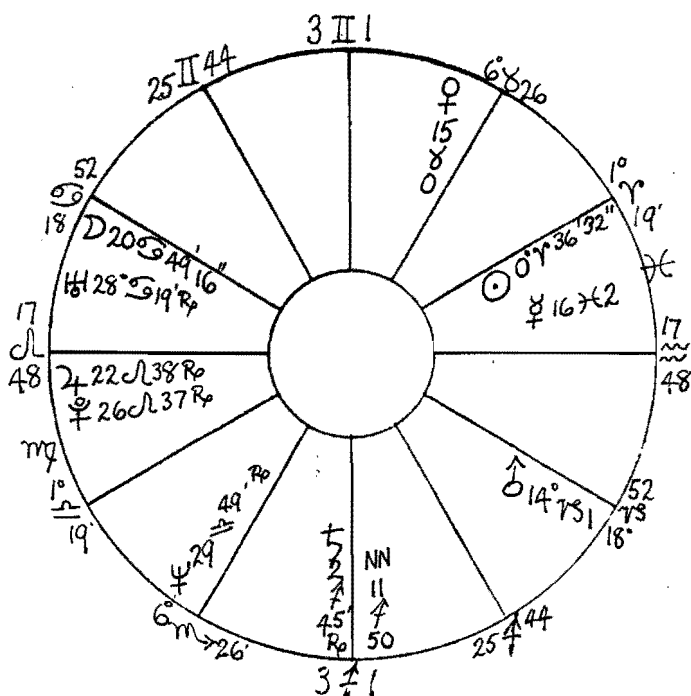
The Thirteenth and Sixteenth Harmonics have a general significance, and aspects that occur here, either within the Harmonic or between the Harmonic and the Radix, may be interpreted as if they occurred in the Radix. The Harmonics of the Angles are most important, but obviously can only be used if the Radix is accurate, so charts must be either accurately timed or carefully rectified. Indeed, the significance of the Angles in the Harmonics first led me to use Age Harmonics as a means of rectification.

In the Thirteenth Harmonic of the Chart under consideration, the Sun is closely square Uranus (erratic and self-willed), and square Saturn (straitened circumstances). The Moon is conjunct the Radical Sun and square Mars (emotionally forceful and volatile), and Mars is square the Radical Sun (impulsive). Pluto is conjunct the Radical Moon (strong emotions, and "bossy" - Pluto in the Harmonics usually indicates a love of authority, whether merely domestically or more generally). Venus is trine Pluto (passionate), the North Node is opposite Radical Neptune (confusion in relationships), and Uranus is conjunct the Midheaven (independent, erratic; emotional tensions).

In the Sixteenth Harmonic the Sun is opposite Pluto (forceful), Mercury is conjunct the Radical Ascendant (verbal skills - she is a teacher), Venus is conjunct the Radical Sun (pleasant disposition, artistic), square Uranus (sudden attractions, sudden break-ups, emotional tensions), and trine Jupiter (honest, generous and affectionate - one interpretation even speaks of a melodious voice - also true), the Ascendant is conjunct Radical Venus (artistic) and opposite Mars (intense emotions, problems with emotions and in relationships), and the Midheaven is opposite the Radical Moon (close to her mother. The Moon prominent in the Harmonics, and unafflicted, usually also indicates someone popular with others, because of a sympathetic nature).

The Fifth Harmonic above all indicates

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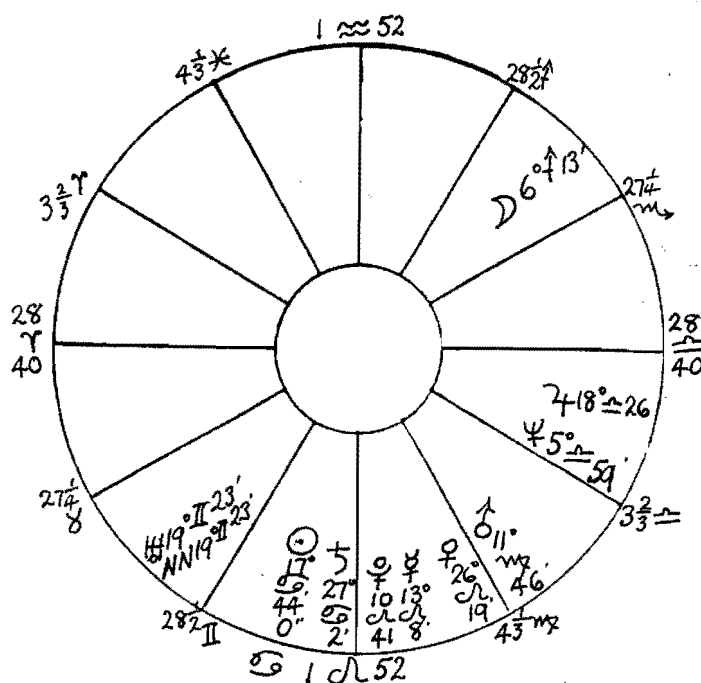


the way the native copes with close personal relationships such as marriage. In this case, the Moon is opposite Pluto (emotionally forceful); Venus is conjunct Uranus, though the orb is rather wide, (sudden attractions, etc.); Saturn is conjunct the Radical Ascendant (a generally negative indication, though it may also have something of the significance of Saturn in the Seventh House of a birth chart - late marriage); and Neptune is conjunct the Ascendant (confusion in emotional relationships - in this case an unfailing knack of picking unsuitable partners).

The Ninth Harmonic, as in Hindu Astrology, shows the partner. I have consistently found that planets accented in the Ninth Harmonic are strong in the chart of the person the native ultimately picks as a partner. The subject's Ninth Harmonic has a Sun/Moon square, a Jupiter/Saturn opposition, Pluto opposite the Radical Midheaven, and the Midheaven conjunct radical Neptune. I give here for comparison the Chart of her current boy-friend. This person is unknown to me, and I have little information about his life, so I cannot attempt a rectification, but what little I do know suggests that the Chart is roughly accurate, if not precisely so.

A quick inspection of both Charts suggests that once again she has picked the wrong person - his Ascendant opposite her Neptune and square her Uranus to begin with, and I have already predicted that they will split up in early 1988, from indications in both

Boyfriend, 1 am, 11/7/1946. UT 15 h.
Sydney. Placidian Cusps.



Charts. Nevertheless his Chart indicates that he is the sort of person she is instinctively attracted to - Sun sesquare Moon (they are conjunct in the Thirteenth Harmonic), Sun square Jupiter, Saturn opposite the Midheaven and square the Ascendant, Pluto opposite the Sun in the Sixteenth Harmonic, and the Sun conjunct the Neptune/Ascendant midpoint. In her Ninth Harmonic she also has the Moon trine Mars, while he has them in wide square in the Radix, Mars conjunct the Radical Midheaven in the Thirteenth Harmonic, and the Moon opposite Radical Mars and Mars opposite the Radical Moon in the Sixteenth Harmonic.

It will be noticed that the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Harmonics often focus more clearly aspects that in the birth chart would have been thought too weak to have been given much emphasis, as in this case the wide Radical Moon/Mars opposition becomes a close square in the Thirteenth, and the Radical Venus/Uranus quintile becomes a square in the Sixteenth, while other aspects are re-stated in a different way: The Radical Sun/Uranus trine becomes an opposition in the Sixteenth, and the Radical Sun/Venus semisquare becomes a conjunction in the Sixteenth. Other indications not at all obvious in the Birth Chart become clear in the Harmonics, such as the Moon/Pluto conjunction and the Venus/Pluto trine in the Thirteenth, and the Sun/Pluto opposition and Venus/Jupiter trine in the Sixteenth.

I first noticed the significance of the

Thirteenth and Sixteenth Harmonics when I drew up the first forty Harmonics for my own Chart, and noticed that certain Harmonics (13th and 16th) gave clear indications of important character traits of mine which were not at all clear in the Radix, while other Harmonics did not. I have since repeated this with other charts, and have always got the same results, i.e., that the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Harmonics are particularly significant. I subsequently found out that the Greeks had regularly used the 13th Harmonic in the same way, though without using the Harmonic positions of the Angles, presumably because their charts were not accurate enough (see Robert Hand, *Essays on Astrology*, p. 115, and *Recent Advances*, note 196, p. 354). I have not noticed that anyone has previously commented on the significance of the Sixteenth Harmonic.

The use I make of the Fifth and Ninth Harmonics is not original - see the relevant chapters of John Addey's *Harmonics in Astrology*. I think that the Seventh and Eleventh Harmonics may be of some significance, but of what significance I do not yet know. The other Harmonics do not seem to be of any particular relevance so far, though it is always possible that I have overlooked something. I should have mentioned earlier that I normally allow an orb of five degrees in the Harmonics, whether within the Harmonic, or between the Harmonic and the Birth Chart.

I have noticed, too, that some planets in the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Harmonics may have a more direct relationship to a person's circumstances in life than they would in the birth chart. Thus Jupiter prominent in these Harmonics usually relates to some degree of material prosperity, as well as giving Jovian character traits. (It is true that I do have some charts with Jupiter so prominent, where the natives are not well-off, but the charts are either not accurate or the natives are still quite young, so it is impossible to say if the indications will prove to be correct. Would anyone else care to examine the Harmonics of charts of people who are rich and successful?) Mars and Saturn particularly seem to indicate accidents, and even violent death (see *Astrologers' Forum* No. 44 for the case of a friend of mine who was killed in a car crash - Saturn in the Sixteenth Harmonic conjunct the Radical Sun). Pluto indicates the love of power (e.g., Margaret Thatcher has Pluto in the Sixteenth conjunct the Radical Ascendant), whether on a domestic or a wider stage. The Sun is a very favourable indication, which at its best indicates fame

and success; and the Moon, a sympathetic character that leads to popularity. Venus is usually strong in the charts of artists - indeed all my painter friends have Venus accented in these two Harmonics. Mercury indicates communicative skills, and is often found in the charts of writers and teachers. Another point worth noticing is that indications in the Thirteenth Harmonic are often repeated, albeit in a slightly different way, in the Sixteenth.

It should be noted that in using these Harmonics for chart analysis I consider all major aspects both within the Harmonics and between the Harmonics and the birth chart, whereas in using Age Harmonics for prediction and rectification I restrict consideration to conjunctions and oppositions involving the Sun, Moon and Angles, again within the Harmonic and between the Harmonic and the birth chart. Occasionally, and principally in the absence of more important indications, I consider close squares, too.

I hope that this example shows the usefulness of, particularly, the Thirteenth and Sixteenth Harmonics in making chart analysis both more comprehensive and more accurate. All the characteristics indicated in these two Harmonics are true of the person under consideration, and many could not have been adequately gleaned from other astrological factors.

CORRESPONDENTS

From GEOFFREY DEAN (WA): Good news re the comments on *Recent Advances* and *Recent Advances 2* (*Astrologers' Forum* November 1986, p.4):

(1) *RA* is not out of print. The 1987 posted price is £14 surface mail (about \$A30), or £21 air mail, from *Recent Advances*, 2 Waltham Close, West Bridgford, Notts NG2 6LE, England. An easy way to send Sterling is by International Money Order from your post office.

(2) *RA 2* is not a new edition of *RA* but an update (of roughly similar size) containing new material. None of *RA* will be duplicated in *RA2*, so *RA* will not become redundant when *RA2* appears, hopefully in two years' time.

From GISELA ROSMANN (Vic): Obviously, I did not explain myself clearly enough to Jeanette Simpson. With "older", I had in mind the Uranus transit opposite its Natal place. The 12th House is a psychic House, and I would look there more for the inner dimension than for outer manifestations, which are there, nonetheless. But you realize you feel more comfortable (at home) behind the scenes.

How other people see us and how they judge our worldly success has to include other chart factors, apart from the Sun.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th January 1987.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

EYES ON THE USA

In the past month a curious situation has developed in the United States. The sale of arms to Iran, against declared Government policy, and the illegal syphoning of the profits to the Contra Guerillas in Nicaragua, has left the world wondering about the integrity of the Government, and just who is wielding the real power.

The troubled state of the Nation is reflected in the Directions and Progressions of the National Horoscope. This Chart was published here last April (Issue No. 57), and is reproduced for the convenience of readers.

In the 210 years since the founding of the USA, Pluto in this Radix has arrived at 22 GE 25, by Direction along its diurnal circle at the rate of 59' 8.33" a year, and here it squares Radical Neptune. Similarly, Neptune has come to 29 AQ 47, where it is sesquare to Saturn, and the Sun has arrived at 20 CP 57 where it is quincunx Mars. The current Primary Directions (in the Topocentric System) are therefore:

PLUTO SQUARE NEPTUNE, and SUN QUINCUNX MARS, both in the fourth week of December 1986, NEPTUNE SESQUARE SATURN in late November 1986.

Pluto and Saturn, in particular, point a finger directly at the source of the present political turmoil in the USA, as both planets are connected with the House of Foreign Affairs - Pluto by occupancy and Saturn by House Rulership - while Saturn also governs the 8th House (spending of public monies).

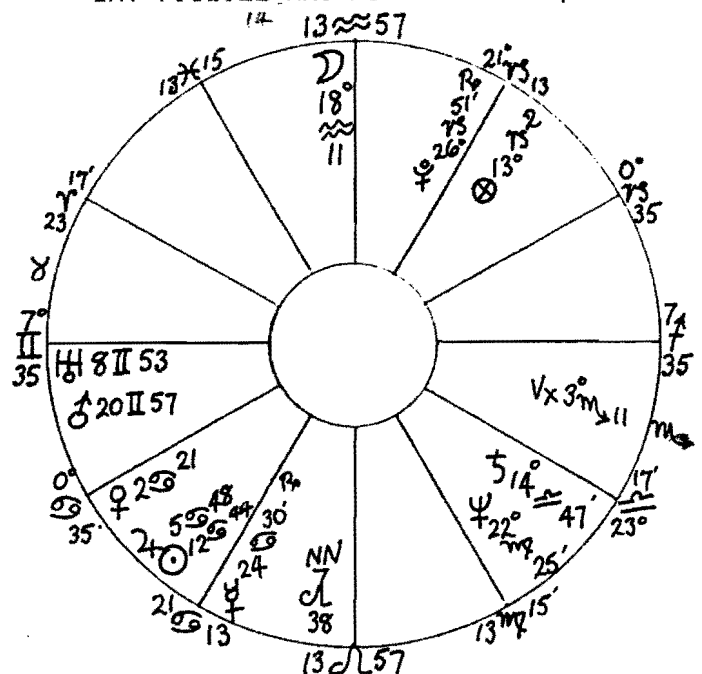
Nothing could be more indicative of secret dealings and covert operations than Pluto square Neptune. Neptune sesquare Saturn is also typical of secrecy and concealment. The Sun/Mars quincunx shows the trouble engendered on the home front by the Opposition Democrats (the Sun ruling the 4th House - the political opposition).

It is noteworthy that in the USA Progressed Chart for 210 years (4th July 1986, corresponding to Ephemeris date 30th January 1777) the Sun has progressed to 10 AQ 50, where it will be squared by a stationary

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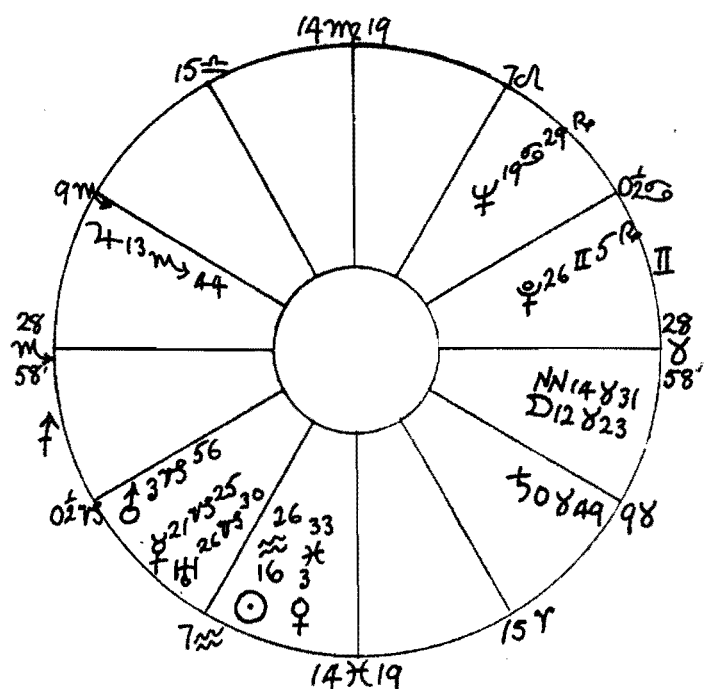


Pluto in February 1987. The Sun occupies the 3rd House of the Progressed Chart (not shown), so it appears that further unsavoury facts will be uncovered in the early part of the year.

WHICH CHART FOR RONALD REAGAN?

But what of the principal figure in these events - the President himself? Unfortunately, his birth time is uncertain. Lois M. Rodden (*The American Book of Charts*) quotes several CST times: 1:20 am (from "a close friend of the family"); "early morning", in a questionnaire returned from

2 AM, 6TH FEBRUARY 1911



Is this the Chart of a President?

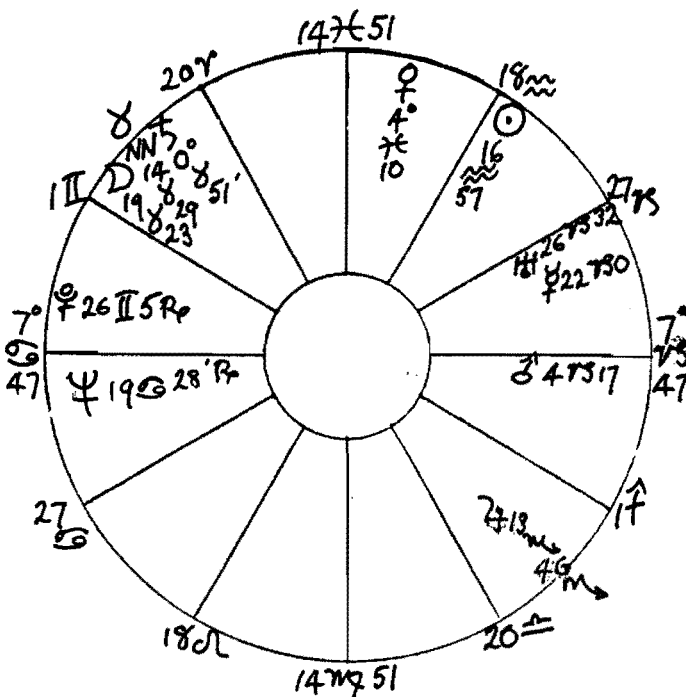
Reagan; 2:00 am (from D.C. Doane); 2:00 pm (Carrol Righter); 1:53 pm (Jeff Mayo); "pre-dawn" in a letter from Reagan's office.

I am told that there are about 27 "rectified Birth Charts" for the President. Those I have seen are anything but convincing. Two typical ones are reproduced here - one for 2 am and one for 2 pm. Is either one representative of a man occupying the highest temporal office in the free world? Where are the Angular planets? The indications of fame? The pointers to a radio and film career? The two marriages? The serious accidents and illnesses? The several bouts of major surgery? The answer is - they are conspicuously absent.

I decided that a radical new approach was required. The Chart must not only reflect the man but also give appropriate Directions and/or Stationary Transits to accord with the principal life events. The Age Harmonics should also agree.

I started with an Ascendant in Capricorn - the Sign of political ambition, choosing the second (Chaldean) decanate, ruled by Mars. After a good deal of experimentation I arrived at the 17th degree, (but changed it later to the 19th, to correlate with the progressive factors). This immediately puts Jupiter in a likely position for a popular President - conjunct the Midheaven - and is certainly indicative of his great rise in life. The Chart now starts to look like that of a President of the USA. Further-

2 PM, 6TH FEBRUARY 1911



Or This?

more, the local time (CST) corresponding to this Ascendant is 5:44 am, which is in line with "pre-dawn" and "early morning" for the given times.

Neptune now is Angular, most appropriate for a film actor. Furthermore, its position in the 7th House, signifies not only marriage to a film star (Jane Wyman), but the subsequent dissolution of the union, Neptune being retrograde. Reagan's marital troubles are shown by the the Moon's square to the Sun and opposition to Jupiter.

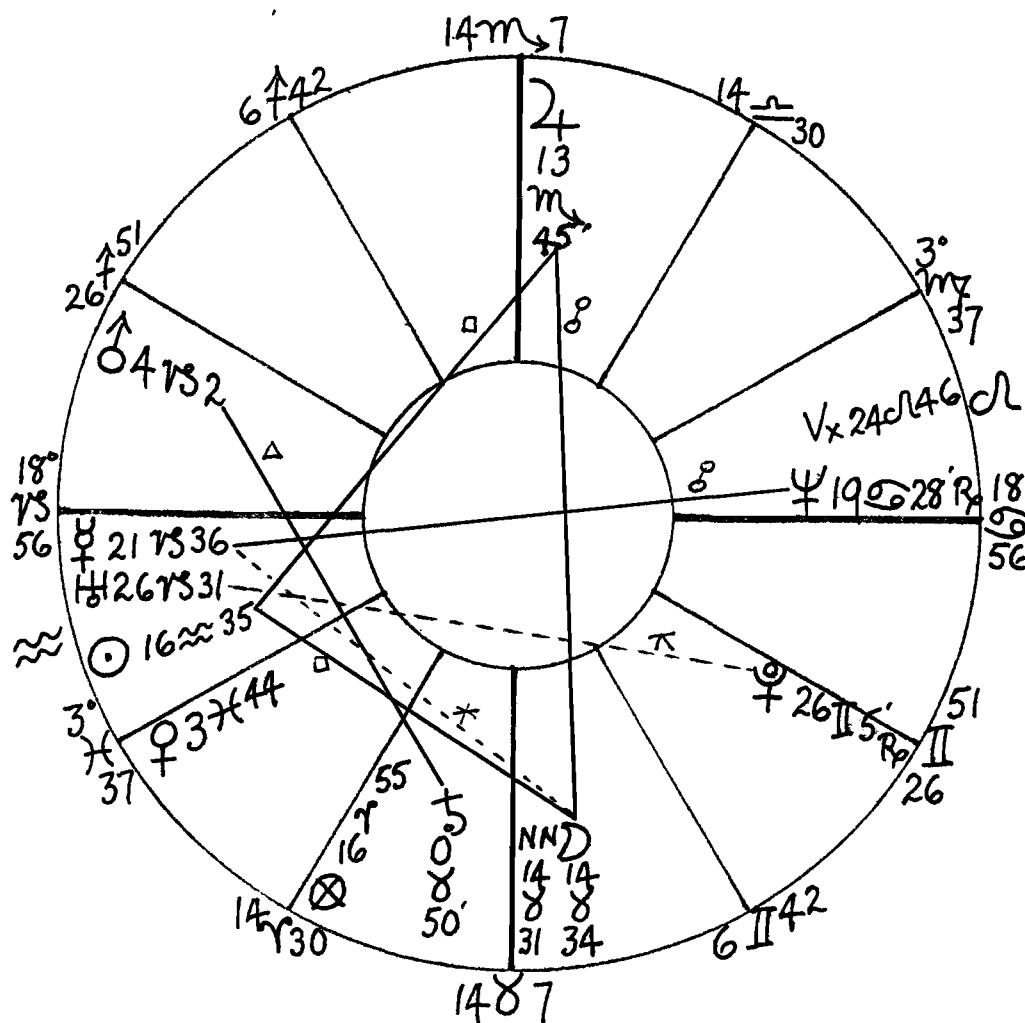
In line with traditional teaching, The President's two marriages are portrayed by the applications of the Moon, which now also rules the House of Marriage. The first application by sextile to retrograde Neptune is followed by a trine to Mercury - very appropriate as the President's wife, Nancy, is born with the Sun in Mercury's Sign, Gemini.

Another important placement in the reconstructed Chart is Pluto on the 6th Cusp (quincunx Uranus), identifying with Reagan's surgery and illnesses (prostate, and colonic cancer). The Moon opposing Jupiter on the Meridian correlates with Reagan's gall-bladder troubles (Jupiter).

Mercury conjunct both the Ascendant and Uranus relates, among other things, to Reagan's career as a radio sportscaster, commencing in January 1933. It will be noted that Mercury rules the Sector concerned with sporting activities (5th). When he was five years old young Ronald was

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN - RECTIFIED CHART

6th February 1911, Tampico, Illinois. 89 W 49, 41 N 36.
Rectified time 5:43:54 am. UT 11:43:54 am. Placidian Cusps.



able to read newspapers aloud - another indication of a prominent Mercury. His film career started in May 1937.

Reagan became the 40th President of the USA on the 4th of November 1980, and the very appropriate Primary Directions were Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant (18 CP 56) on the 5th of December, followed by the Midheaven conjunct the Ascendant a week later. Very fittingly, the Age Harmonic (No. 69) brings the MC to 13 PI 57, which is closely trine to Jupiter at 13 SC 45, and brings Jupiter to 18 AQ 31, where it conjoins the Sun.

Our subject was elected Governor of California on the 8th of November 1966. On the 14th of November the Regressed Sun in the 10th House at 19 SC 28 was exactly trine Angular Neptune at 19 CN 28. This was followed on the 27th May 1967 by the Regressed Sun sextile to the Ascendant. De Luce (*Complete Method of Prediction*) says

of Sun trine Neptune, "A period of wonderful satisfaction and prosperity is at hand...". The appropriate Age Harmonic (No. 55) was MC at 26 GE 20 conjunct Pluto (Ruler of the MC) at 26 GE 05. There were other supporting factors which need not be itemized.

On the 30th of March 1981 a deranged gunman hidden in the crowd tried to assassinate the President. Neptune was stationary conjunct the 12 Cusp (26 SG 51) on the 27th of March. This is typical of an attack from ambush, and the Cuspal position of Neptune is a further argument that the Chart is correct or nearly so. The Age Harmonic (No. 70) brought Pluto to 26 SG 16 on the 12th Cusp where it is almost exactly opposite its Natal position of 26 GE 5, and brought Saturn to 27 PI 56 where it squares Natal Pluto. The Harmonic Sun at 20 LI 59 was square to Natal Mercury at 21 CP 36.

Reagan was shot in the lung (Mercury, Gemini and Pisces) and spent two weeks in hospital (12th House).

Reagan underwent surgery for bowel cancer on the 13th July 1985. The Primary Direction was Pluto (surgery) at 13 VI 45 exactly sextile to Jupiter, showing the success of the procedure. These two bodies were the same ones involved in the Age Harmonic (No. 74), Jupiter coming to 27 PI 15, square to Natal Pluto at 26 GE 05.

Reagan was hospitalized with virus pneumonia on 20th June 1947, a serious condition from which he nearly died. The Primary Direction involved was Mars (from the 12th House) at 13 AQ 45 square to Jupiter. Mars causes inflammation, and Jupiter is associated with the lungs, through its rulership of Pisces. In the Age Harmonic (No. 36), Jupiter at 14 LE 53 was square to its Natal position.

On the 19th of June 1949 Reagan suffered a comminuted fracture of the femur and was in traction for months. The appropriate Primary Direction was Mars conjunct the Sun on 5th October, somewhat later to be sure, but reflecting the long drawn-out remedial process.

The present disturbed state of the President's life is shown by his Progressed Chart: The Midheaven (progressed by Zodiacal Solar-Arc) is 28 CP 45, and progressed Uranus is at 29 CP 17, very close to the Midheaven and getting closer. Uranus is quincunx Pluto (in both Radical and Progressed Figures) and is semisquare to Mars, which augments the difficulties for the President. By Primary Direction, Neptune was opposing the Moon in mid-1986, showing deception or concealment on the part of those about him. The Ascendant opposes Jupiter at the Midheaven in February 1986, which must still further erode his prestige. In February, too, Pluto will be stationary at 10 degrees of Scorpio, conjunct Progressed Jupiter at 10 SC 40, which could very well disintegrate whatever is left of the President's credibility. His immense popularity - greater than that of any other President in the history of the Republic - has buoyed him up so far, but though a majority of the citizens will still like him, they will no longer believe him.

From the prominent opposition of the Moon to Jupiter in his Natal Chart I infer that the President has been negligent or heedless of what was going on around him, and/or Aquarian weakness and lack of backbone has prevented him from taking a stand against what was manifestly wrong. It seems obvious that the real power has resided in the Pentagon, and the President has been art-

fully manipulated, a process made relatively easy because of his general friendliness and goodwill.

- Dymock.

[The dates for the events in the President's life cited above come by courtesy of Gwen Stoney (NSW) who relayed them from an astrologer in California.]

CORRESPONDENTS

From JEANETTE SIMPSON (NSW):

[Response to Gisela Rosmann (SA)]

Thank you for your advice so kindly proffered, and the reminder of the Sun representing the father. However, I do not question the validity of planets in Houses, but rather with my article I was trying to stimulate some free discussion as to the different levels of House meanings and their application to a generally more consciously aware humanity of today. My article was not published in its original form. I do not take the Houses out of context when analysing a chart, as you imply. My article of necessity isolated the 12th House in order to throw it into relief for one particular purpose.

I cannot agree that it is only with age (presumably you mean old age - all examples were mature) that the Sun has an influence, but that the Sun's influence depends more on the evolutionary stage or maturity of the individual. This can surely be seen in the fact that some people display strong individual characteristics quite early in life (relatively). Not every one has to wait for old age to establish themselves as an integrated individual (the Sun), be it male or female.

I think it's quite a logical assumption that the Birth Chart can be thought of as a Solar Return, if one should wish to analyse from that point of view.

Due to the incidence of the Holiday season, this Issue of *Astrologers' Forum* has been delayed beyond its usual publication date, but the January Issue should appear on time.

As readers know, *Astrologers' Forum* is a non-profit publication - the low subscription introduced some years ago has never been increased. My object is to refine and improve the practice of Astrology, and I believe the publication is making a worthwhile contribution.

My kind regards to all, and best wishes for astrological progress in 1987.

- Dymock, 31st December 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

A WIN FOR ASTROLOGY

It is gratifying that the Solar Eclipse Chart of 3rd October 1986 (see *Astrologers' Forum* No. 63) foretold the re-election of Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen in the Queensland State Election of 1st November. This must be accounted something of a triumph for Astrology, particularly as the political pundits and media representatives were freely predicting the opposite result. It echoes the astrological prediction of the overthrow of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines. This, too, was based on a Solar Eclipse (12th November 1985), and again it contradicted the general belief that Marcos would retain power by whatever means, legitimate or otherwise. (See *Astrologers' Forum* No. 54).

Since the last issue of this publication I have been given the birth data of Sir Joh, which will no doubt be of interest for all astrologers, particularly those in Australia. The information, which purports to come from the Premier himself, is that Sir Joh was born at 8 am on the 13th of January 1911, at Dannevirke in New Zealand. A birth time quoted as being right on the hour suggests that it has been "rounded off" somewhat, and checking with Age Harmonics and Primary Directions indicates that the birth was actually about three minutes earlier. The Chart is accordingly drawn for 7:56:55 am.

The Premier is a highly colourful, not to say controversial, personality, and this is reflected in his Radix, which appears on page 2. The Horoscope is replete with "hard" aspects, and should be a lesson to any astrologers in the habit of bemoaning their own squares and oppositions. It is a classic illustration of the *benefits* of hard aspects when appearing in the nativity of a bold, determined, and resourceful subject. The grouping of major Significators in the Quadrant from the Midheaven to the Ascendant, the "success" Quadrant, is one indication that we have here the Chart of an achiever. The Sign Capricorn - the Sign of

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the politician - is emphasized by the Sun, Mercury and Uranus in conjunction. The characteristics of Capricorn, which Sir Joh well exemplifies, are ambition and industry, ability in politics, determination to succeed, conservatism and the upholding of traditional values. It is also associated with rather narrow views, of which there has been evidence in the recent past (e.g., the action against abortion clinics in Brisbane).

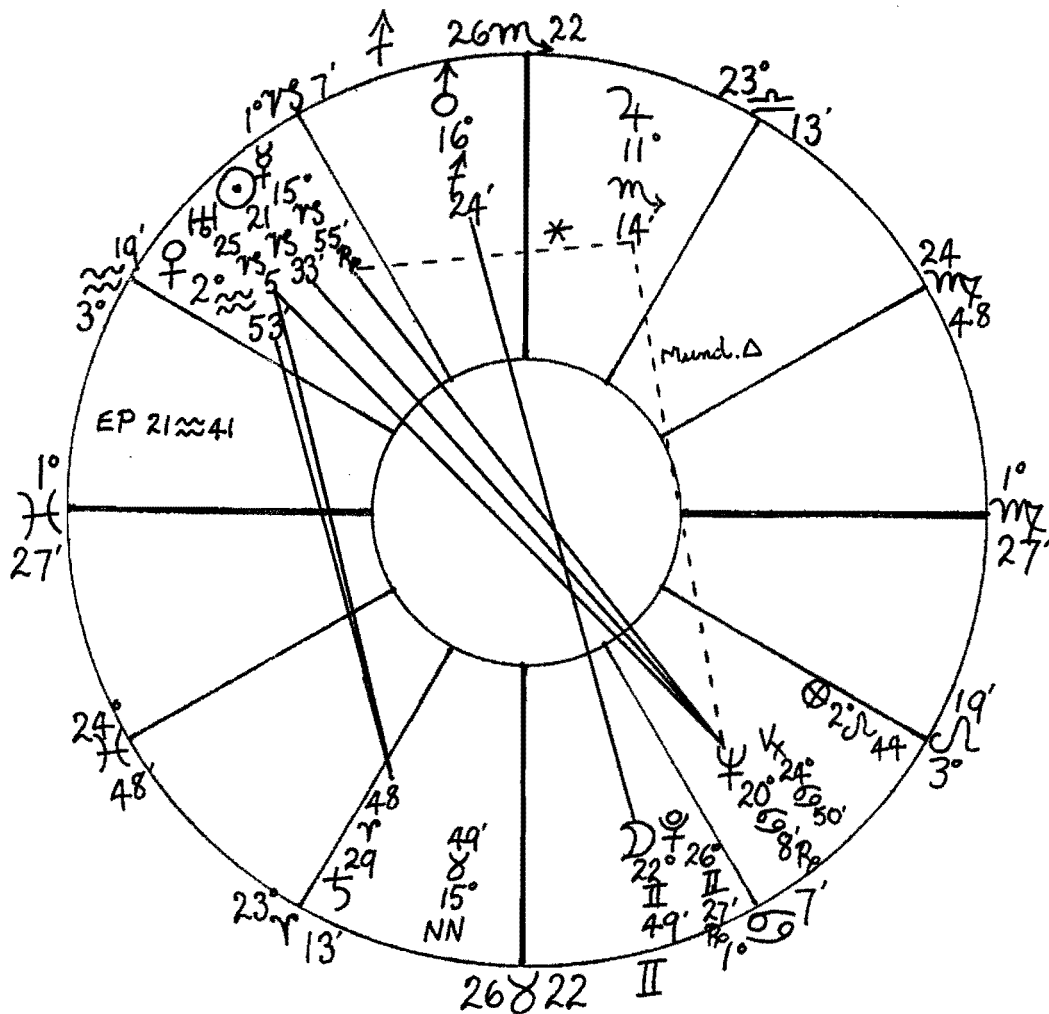
Scorpio at the Midheaven of the Chart goes with a desire for power, vigilance, forethought, and a nature always on guard.

The dominant position of Mars in the Fire Sign Sagittarius shows Sir Joh is strong-willed, energetic, a fighter and a doer. The opposition to the Moon adds impulsiveness, excitability, combativeness and readiness to accept a challenge. It is a provocative aspect, indicative of the many "run-ins" Sir Joh has had in the past with sections of the public, media representatives, and his own colleagues. The close link of Mars with the Moon's Nodes reinforces this facet of his life.

The Sun's conjunction with Uranus is a powerful factor indicative of his determination to go his own way, without too much regard for the wishes of those about him, and the many exciting incidents in his political and personal life. The opposition to Neptune at first sight seems out of character with the man, as does the Piscean Ascendant, but when it is read in relation to the dominant factors, it falls into its rightful place. In spite of his worldly activities and achievement, I judge Sir Joh

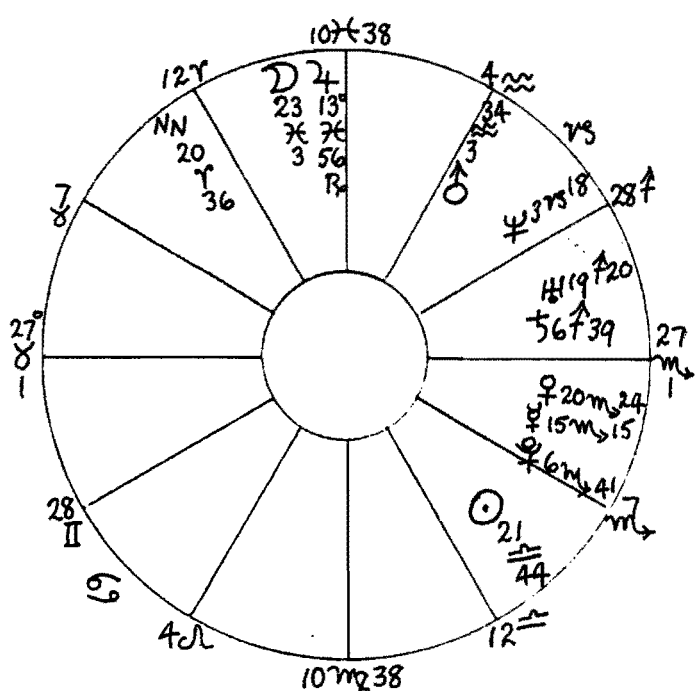
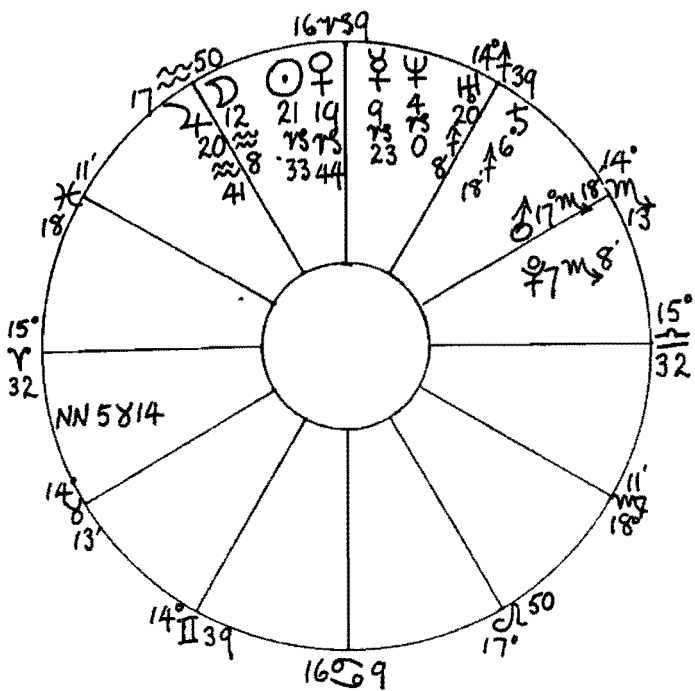
PREMIER SIR JOH BJELKE PETERSEN

13th January, 1911, Dannevirke, N.Z. 176 E 7, 40 S 12. Given time 8 am.
Rectified time 7:56:55 am. UT 20:26:55 on 12/1/1911. Placidian Cusps.



SIR JOH'S SOLAR RETURN AT AGE 75
(13/1/1986-13/1/1987). At Brisbane.
Placidian Cusps.

CURRENT SYNODIC RETURN 15/10/1986,
(15/10/1986-13/11/1986). At Birth Place.
Placidian Cusps.



to be deeply religious. Jupiter is powerful in the 9th Sector (Religion) and the inner, higher meaning of Capricorn is spiritual aspiration. This is certainly consonant with both Pisces and Neptune. Moreover, when we calculate the oblique descensions of Jupiter and Neptune under their own Poles, we find they are in *mundane trine*. The oblique descension of Jupiter is 220 57', and that of Neptune is 101 41', the difference being 119 16'. (Any astrologer interested in making these calculations can send \$2 to the Editor for an explanatory leaflet.)

Jupiter trine Neptune is an aspect of fruitfulness, productivity and singular good fortune in that a lot of money comes easily. The Jupiterian influence will also moderate the adverse effects of Neptune on the Sun, which tends to weaken the character. No one in his right mind could accuse Sir Joh of being a weak character, and his forcefulness is due to the linking of the powerful Martian and Uranian energies.

Neptune does, however, add sensitivity to the nature, and Sir Joh has apparently used this to good effect in sensing the weaknesses in his adversaries and their plans to unseat him. On the other hand he was always supremely confident of his own powers and his ability to win - fully justified, as it turns out.

Pisces rising, with Neptune opposite Mercury is apt to result in some mental confusion, but a fertile imagination and a wealth of ideas. This comes out occasionally in Sir Joh's contacts with the media, when his thoughts tumble over one another so fast that sentences often remain unfinished, and the listener has to keep pace with Sir Joh's breathless speed in order to make sense of the interview. Neptune adverse Mercury also renders Sir Joh inclined to, or suffering from, misrepresentation and deception, or self-deception, at times. No doubt he is sometimes deceived by people about him.

One of the untoward effects of Neptune opposite the Sun is treachery or betrayal by colleagues. This happened just prior to the Election, when one or two members of his Party made damaging statements against him, albeit they thought they were serving truth and justice. Nevertheless the redoubtable Sir Joh prevailed against his detractors, and this is symbolized in the Horoscope by the elevation of the Sun over Neptune, instead of vice versa.

Turning now to the factors relevant to Sir Joh's Electoral victory on 1st November, by Topocentric Primary Direction Venus came to

the sextile of the Sun on 20th October, and Uranus to the conjunction of Jupiter on 30th November. Both these aspects are close in time (for Primary Direction), and appropriate to the event: Venus to the Sun is obviously an aspect of career success, while Uranus/Jupiter is sudden victory (Jupiter being Co-Ruler of the Achievement House through the intercepted Sign, Sagittarius in the 10th).

The (Secondary) Progressed Chart shows two closely-timed aspects of significance relative to the Election: The Progressed Moon trine to the Natal Midheaven on the 30th October, and square Pluto on the 1st November. The first aspect obviously relates to Sir Joh's Electoral victory, and the second possibly to the complications arising from financial dealings with his son, as Natal Pluto is conjunct the Moon ruling the House of Children, and is itself on the Cusp of that House. It should be noted that one of the characteristics of Sir Joh's Sun-Sign, Capricorn, is a keen interest in the welfare of the family. This may cause him some bother at times.

The only Transit of much account was Jupiter stationary on 8th November at 13 degrees of Pisces, where it trined Natal Jupiter. This was another pointer to success, Jupiter ruling the Sign Sagittarius intercepted in the House of Career and Achievement.

With the Cyclic Charts Joh's success is spelled out: The 75th Solar Return, covering the twelve months from 13/1/1986 to 13/1/1987 shows Venus right at the Midheaven, closely conjunct the Sun (see Map). This Chart is set for Brisbane, the Queensland Capital, where Sir Joh operated. If set for his Birth Place in New Zealand, Jupiter and the Moon appear at the Midheaven, squared by Mars in the House of Opponents. Both Charts are significant, but in this instance the one for Sir Joh's actual location is the more truly representative of the situation, the Sun and Venus in the 10th being more directly related to professional triumph and success. In the past I have normally found the Birth-Place Chart to be the more useful, but it occurs to me that as the native grows older he detaches himself more and more from the Horoscope and circumstances of his birth. This would be a logical development. Sir Joh is a case in point, as he will turn 76 in January next.

A Cyclic Chart more immediate to the date of the Election is the Current Synodical Return of 15th October 1986 (see Map).

This Map is drawn for the time in the current month when the Sun and Moon return to the same phase they had at the native's birth. It has effect only for a month, and is thus distinguished from the Annual Synodic Return which rules for a year, each successive monthly Return after birth being related to successive years of life.

In Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen's Nativity the Sun and Moon were 151 dgs. 18' 31'' apart, measured in the Zodiac, and this precise angular distance re-occurred on the 15th of October 1986, just 17 days before the Queensland Election. The same assurance of victory appears in this Map as in the Birth-Place Solar Return Chart - Jupiter conjunct the Moon in the 10th Sector. It is striking that these two Charts agree in this particular, as they are calculated for dates 10 months apart. The monthly Figure is even more specific in that the two Significators at the Midheaven are trined by Venus and Mercury. My experience with Current Synodic Returns leads me to suggest that astrologers should use this in preference, or in addition, to the better-known Lunar Return. An electronic calculator is an invaluable tool here.

I have left till last the **Age Harmonics**, though this was one of the first techniques used to check the time of birth. Harmonic 75, appropriate to Sir Joh's 75th year, yields the following positions: The **Midheaven**, 27 Gem 48, and the Sun 25 Sag 39. These two Significators are, of course, the ones primarily concerned with the achievement of success, and here both are linked to Natal **Pluto** (by conjunction and opposition) which governs the Midheaven in the Birth Chart. This is a typical result from the use of Age Harmonics, a technique that I hope more astrologers will employ and test for themselves. One of its main advocates, of course, is Ross Harvey (NSW) who, after some years of using and testing Age Harmonics, is more than ever convinced of their validity. - Dymock.

CORRESPONDENTS

From GISELA ROSMANN (S.A.): I felt immense joy and deep satisfaction as I heard the Queensland Election results. Congratulations! What other astrologer in Australia had not only the knowledge but the courage too, publishing his judgement. The outstanding fact with your predictions is that you honestly want to help others reach your level of understanding, by recommending

valuable books and explaining how you arrived at your judgement - and even answering letters from beginners.

It is most frustrating if astrological authors start a subject and then go on "this is not the place to go deeper into it", without revealing any source for further study. It is sad that books like *Horary Astrology* by Marc Edmund Jones, *The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized* by Sepharial, and *Recent Advances in Natal Astrology* [Geoffrey Dean] are out of print. The older astrologers' understanding seems to be so much deeper and more to the point.

We have three shops in Adelaide selling astrological books, but none of the proprietors has a knowledge of astrology! So, in short, *Astrologers' Forum* is invaluable.

In the beginning of my studies I questioned the validity of the descriptions of planets in Houses a lot, too, simply because I took them on their own and out of context. I would advise Jeanette Simpson to study the influence of men (= Sun) on the lives of her Chart subjects - mainly the father - and to keep in mind that only as we get older do we become more "Solar". Before that we tend to feel more like our Moon. I am very much attracted to Cyril Fagan's view that our Birth Chart is a Solar Return Chart of the first year (*Forum* No. 51), or a description of the circumstances surrounding our birth, and I am sure Jeanette will find that the father's activities justify the 12th House placing of the Suns - and not all "behind the scenes" activities are negative, as you pointed out.

[Thank you, Gisela: Regarding *Recent Advances*, we are looking forward to the new edition of this monumental work, *Recent Advances II*, which will perhaps appear in 1988. - Ed.]

GWEN STONEY wrote to John Howard, Leader of the Federal Opposition, for his birth data. He wrote back personally and said none of his relatives knows the time (both his parents are deceased). Astrologer Milton Black rectified his time to 4 am, and now Mr Howard is giving this time to anyone who writes.

[John Howard, 26th July 1939, Earlwood, NSW 151 E 06, 33 S 56. Not, as previously printed, 27th July. Ross Harvey has also tentatively rectified this Chart to 2:52 pm local time: ASC 3 Cp 37, MC 16 Vir 8.]

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th November 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE QUEENSLAND ELECTION

On the 1st of November an Election will be held to decide the Government of the State of Queensland for the next three years. Three Parties are contesting the issue - The ruling National Party, the Australian Labour Party and the Liberals. Formerly the Liberals had coalesced with the Nationals, led by Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen, in a Conservative Government that apparently nothing could shake over a long period of time. Now however, the National Party wants to win an outright majority and govern in its own right. The present Queensland Parliament is composed of 43 National members, 31 Labour representatives, 6 Liberals, and 2 Independents. The number of parliamentary seats was increased last year from 82 to 89, and electoral boundaries have been changed.

This all adds interest to the Election, and the question for the astrologer is, how to decide the outcome? The most likely indicator, astrologically, appears to me to be the Solar Eclipse of 3rd October, occurring just a month before the Election. This type of Chart has worked well in the past, the Solar Eclipse of 12th November 1985, for example, decisively indicating the win by Mrs. Corazon Aquino against Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines Election of 7th February 1986 (See *Astrologers' Forum* No. 54).

Here, then, is the Eclipse Chart (adjoining column), set for the Queensland Capital, Brisbane. The present Government of Joh Bjelke-Petersen is represented by the 1st House, and the Opposition Parties by the 7th. Victory or defeat for the present Government would be shown by the 10th House, and for the Opposition by the 4th House, which is their Derived 10th.

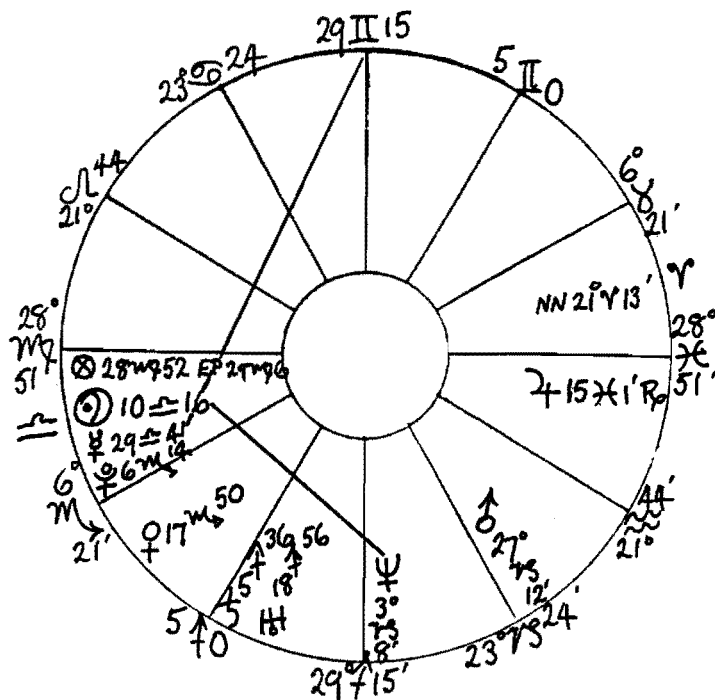
On these criteria, Joh is set to win: His unoccupied 10th House is ruled by Mercury which is in almost exact trine to the MC degree (orb 26' only). Moreover, at the date of the Election precisely, transiting Mercury is stationary at 29 Scorpio, sextile the Government's Ascendant. On the other hand, the Opposition's 10th is

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occupied by Neptune which is squared by the Moon and Sun in eclipse. My interpretation of this is that their hopes will be disappointed. Again, the Ruler of the Derived 10th is Saturn, which is not happily placed in Sagittarius, and does not receive any help from the two Fortunes.

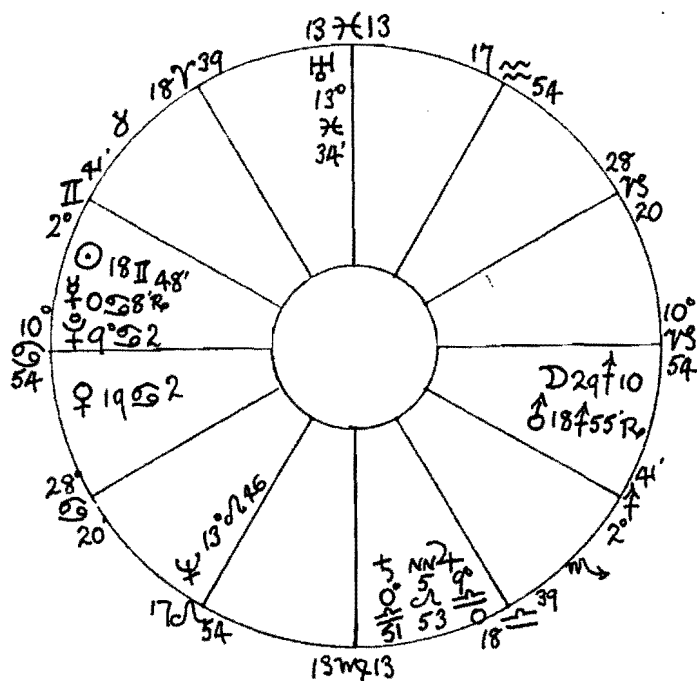
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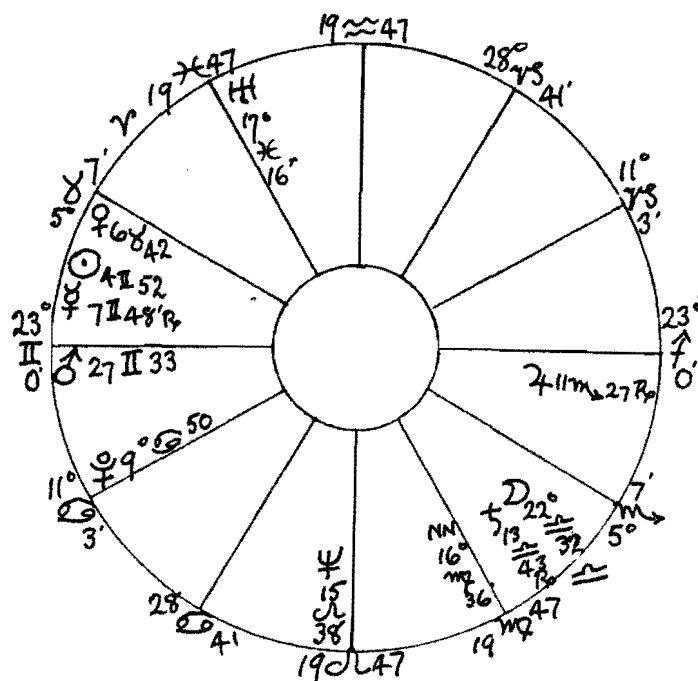
It would be useful to consult Joh Bjelke-Petersen's Birth Chart and Progressions, etc., for confirmation of the above, but unfortunately I do not have the data. If any reader can supply it I should be grateful. Similarly, I should be glad to receive information as to the time of

MAP A: JUDY GARLAND

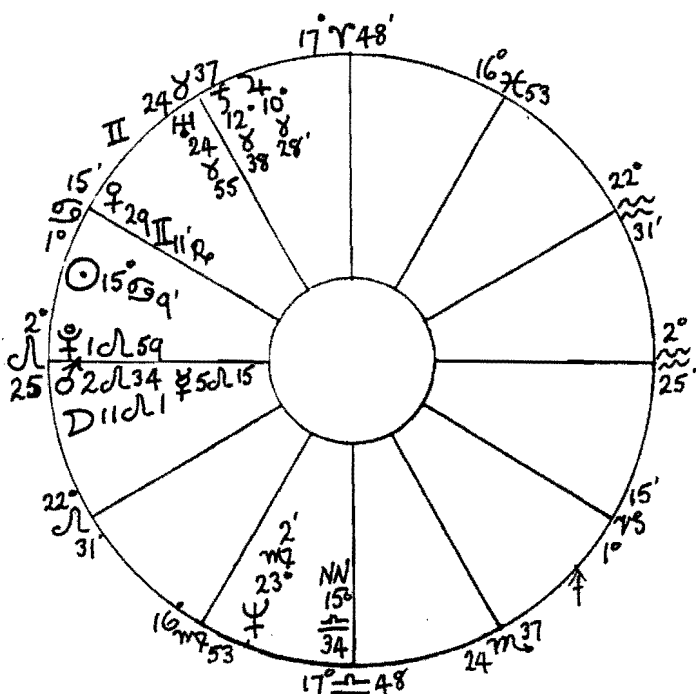
Singer, Actress, Film Star
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**MAP B: HENRY KISSINGER**

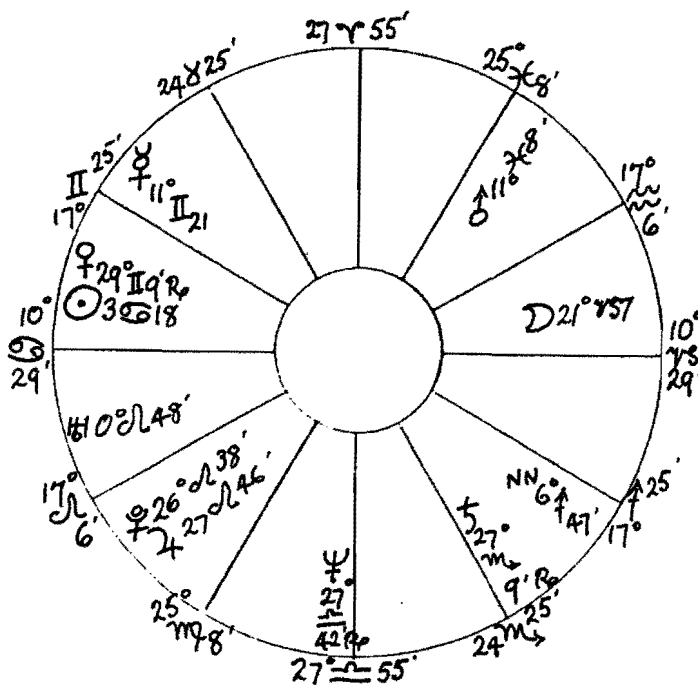
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Adviser
to President Nixon. 27/5/1923, 4:30 am UT,
Furth, Germany. 10 E 59, 49 N 28.

**MAP C: INSTITUTE WORKER**

7th July 1940, 6:53 am,
41 N 21, 72 W 6

**MAP D: PRIVATE "NANNY"**

25th June 1956, 7:25 am
152 E 40, 30 S 31



birth of the present Leader of the NSW Opposition, John Howard. According to my information, Howard was born on the 27th of July 1939 at Earlwood NSW (151 E 6, 33 S 56), but the time is unknown. As Government leaders control our lives in greater or less degree, it behoves us to take an interest in their Nativities and try to gauge their impact on the Nation. Astrology has to extend its boundaries beyond purely personal work, useful though that is, and move into the wider political and mundane arena.

As I have previously mentioned in these columns, I should like to receive forecasts or predictions, astrologically-based, rather than only post-event analysis. The latter is instructive, but the real test of our art is how far we can foresee future events or trends, whether in mundane affairs or human nature. For this reason I encourage the study of Horary Astrology which is the most truly predictive side of Astrology, and whose validity has been established over the centuries. Attempts to belittle or deride it are based on ignorance or incapacity to apply it effectively.

In this connection, I am glad to note the appearance of a new astrological quarterly dealing exclusively with Horary Astrology: It is called *The Horary Messenger*, and is produced by Mr. Roger Pearson, c/o Westfield Flat, Mytholmroyd, Halifax, West Yorkshire, U.K. I hope it will not fail for lack of support. The subscription for overseas readers is £6 Sterling. - Dymock.

JEANETTE SIMPSON (NSW) writes that she has been studying charts with the Sun in the 12th House, and is querying the interpretation offered by some texts - "House of sorrow, enemies and misfortune", though these effects were regarded as limited to the physical plane and were not nearly so detrimental once the 12th-House energies were transmuted into "selfless service".

Jeanette sent six example Charts, of which four are reproduced here (page 2) with Placidian Cusps instead of, as originally submitted, with Equal-House division which puts some planets in the wrong Houses. It appears the natives of these Charts "have not suffered any more than the rest of humanity despite heavy 12th-House occupation and, in some of the examples, affliction".

Two of the Charts have the Sun in Gemini, and although "behind the scenes" in different ways, are still conspicuous by their need for daily communication/contact with people. Map A is the Chart of

film-star Judy Garland. Map B is that of Henry Kissinger, "both a private and a public person with constant contact and communication with others as a diplomat".

"The other two Charts have the Sun in Cancer. They, too, work 'behind the scenes' but the Cancer influence brings more limited contact with others, and a more nurturing emphasis. The native of Map C works in an institute for handicapped children, while the subject of Map D has worked as a private 'Nanny', i.e., in a closed domestic environment."

Jeanette comments that these examples would demonstrate that interpreting the Sun in the 12th House as meaning "retiring, withdrawn; difficult expression" is modified by the Sign influence, particularly with the Sun in Gemini, an extrovert Sign. Jeanette writes that she doesn't think anyone could call any of these people failures, as one might be led to believe by some literature.

"With reference to career/occupation, 'institutes, retreats, service to others', this applied to all the examples in various ways. There is extra emphasis on the concept 'institutions' as five [of the original six] examples experienced this facet of the 12th House through educational institutes, four being university-educated, and one teachers'-college trained."

"Using the criterion that 12th-House energies need to be used in service to others, did the fact that Judy Garland used her 12th-House energies for ego promotion, i.e., public recognition through films, cause the undermining of her health? Any comments?."

It is perhaps unduly hard on Judy Garland to suggest that she wrongly used her energies mostly for "ego-promotion". Self-promotion was a necessary part of her business as an entertainer. One can make too much of House position. Aspects play a more important part, and in Judy's Chart the close opposition of Mars to the Sun, with Uranus forming a T-Square, was no doubt the most potent factor in her physical collapse, though there are other indications also. It seems that "self-undoing", a traditional meaning of the 12th House, is the one most appropriate in Judy's case.

Judy died at the age of 47 from an accidental overdose of sleeping pills, and an interesting sidelight on her Horoscope is that Age-Harmonic 47 shows Neptune (planet of sleeping pills) at 17 Vir 2, where it opposes the MC and Uranus. In line with Ross Harvey's researches this would be an

indication that the Chart as given is probably correct. (A Horoscope for a birth time half an hour earlier has also been published.)

As regards Henry Kissinger's Chart, the presence of Mars in Gemini conjunct the Ascendant and trine to the Moon, together with the emphasis put on Gemini through its occupancy by the Sun and Mercury, immediately dispels any thought that he might be "retiring, withdrawn" with "difficult expression"! The Sun in a horoscope suggests the field in which the native can be successful, or at least the chief sphere of operation, whether particularly successful or not. The 12th House refers also to activities behind the scenes, and a 12th-House Sun was appropriate for Kissinger in view of his innumerable confidential missions and secret diplomacy.

In the other two Charts (that of the Institute worker and the private "Nanny") the Sun, representing the field of success is appropriately placed in the 12th House (work out of the public eye), but certainly does not necessarily mean that the natives were withdrawn by nature or could not readily express themselves. These things have to be judged from other factors. A degree of introspection and isolation is shown by Map C, through Pluto being conjunct the Ascendant, but Mars and Mercury in conjunction points to forceful and effective expression. Map D has Mercury, the planet of communication, in its own Sign Gemini and squared by the energizing planet Mars, so I judge there is no lack of expression here, either.

- Dymock.

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) has supplied full details of his rectification by Age Harmonics of Prime Minister Bob Hawke's Horoscope (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 62, p.3). As this technique is so promising, and is being applied by other astrologers, I reproduce it in full. The events quoted occurred in Hawke's life at the age given. The Harmonic used in each case is of course the same as the age when the particular event occurred. A lower-case "h" means an harmonic position, and a lower-case "r" stands for a Radical (natal) position. Harmonic aspects can be from Harmonic to Radical or Harmonic to Harmonic. The Harmonic positions can be easily checked by anyone with a calculator. It is simply a matter of multiplying the Radical position (in absolute degrees from 0 Aries) by the particular Harmonic, reducing the result to

a figure within 360 (by casting out the integral number of whole circles), and translating the remainder from absolute degrees to Zodiacal Sign/degree:

Age 17, (17th Harmonic). Motorcycle accident:

Mars h 8 Ar 46 conjunct Uranus r, conjunct Asc h. 8 Ar 39.

Uranus h 7 Le 13 conjunct MC r.

Pluto h 25 Ta 50 opposite Asc r.

Age 21, rejected as Rhodes Scholar:

MC h 1 Cn 42 opposite Saturn r.

Mars h 7 Aq 18 opposite MC r.

(Jupiter h 14 Ta 0; Asc r cannot be 14 Sc or nearby.)

Age 22, chosen as Rhodes Scholar:

Sun h 26 Sc 3 conjunct Asc r.

Age 26, married.

Moon h 19 Vi 5 opposite MC h 23 Pi 32

conjunct Venus h 17 Vi 40.

Asc h 9 Aq 42 square Jupiter h 7 Ta 20.

Age 29, victory in Arbitration

Commission:

Sun h 19 Sc 21 conjunct Asc r.

Age 35, defeat in Arbitration Commn.:

Saturn h 3 Le 50 conjunct MC r.

Age 39, elected ACTU President:

Jupiter h 26 Sc 0 conjunct Asc r.

Asc h 14 Cn 33 conjunct Pluto r.

Age 50, elected to Parliament:

(Saturn h 18 Sc 20; Asc r can't be earlier than 23 Scorpio.)

Sun h 29 Li 13 conjunct Venus h 1 Sc 40.

Age 52, lost leadership challenge:

Saturn h 20 Ta 16 opposite Asc r.

Sun h 1 Ar 32 square Saturn r.

Age 53, elected Prime Minister:

Sun h 17 Sa 47 conjunct Sun r.

MC h 21 Cn 26 conjunct Pluto r.

Age 55, re-elected:

Asc h 29 Sc 56 conjunct Venus r, conjunct

Pluto h 4 Sa 10.

Ross considers Age Harmonics the simplest and most reliable method to rectify a chart, but mentions that, like other methods of rectification, it must be checked by other means such as Progressions of the Angles, Primary Directions (Topocentric and P.E.A.) and Return Charts of various sorts. The greater the uncertainty about the birth time the greater the scope for error.

A useful test Ross proposes is for someone who has an accurately-timed chart to withhold the birth time but supply the other data, indicating a period of one or two hours within which the birth occurred, and give also six to ten major life events, accurately dated. This would enable all readers to check the method for themselves. So, can anyone oblige? I would offer my own Chart, but it has already been published in these pages.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th October 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The Witherspoon/Bruno Chart

In the last issue of *Astrologers' Forum* I drew attention to a Chart for the Witherspoon/Bruno World Title Fight, and asked for comment from other practitioners. NICK CAMPION (Eng.), one of the Directors of the *Bulletin of Mundane Astrology*, writes as follows in support of Leslie's method of reading the Chart:

"Leslie Black is right to use the First House for the title holder and the Seventh for the challenger in the Contest Chart for the Witherspoon-Bruno World Boxing Championship Fight. I made a correct prediction for *Today* newspaper using this method.

"Witherspoon is signified by Venus, Ruler of the First, and Bruno by Mars, Ruler of the Seventh. The Moon applies immediately to a trine of Venus, signifying a win by Witherspoon.

"However, the Moon then applies to a conjunction with Mars. This shows Bruno in a strong position. Even though he was destined to lose I correctly forecast that he would give Witherspoon a very stiff fight.

"One could go on and examine dignities, exaltations and so on, but in a contest chart of this simplicity it is not necessary to do so. There can be no fairer test of a system than its ability to yield a correct prediction."

Nick is an able practitioner, but I believe that on this point both he and Leslie are mistaken. Their error is in confusing an INCEPTIONAL CHART (such as the one in question) with a HORARY Chart. In this matter, apart from my own experience, I can quote two notable authorities - Marc Edmund Jones and C.C. Zain. In his book *Horary Astrology* Jones writes (P. 207),

"In any contest, from common sports with a friendly background to the all-out effort necessary in war, and whether between individuals or groups, the Seventh House of the crisis chart always indicates the other party; or whoever is a threat to the rights,

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standing or record of the individual or group in some particular respect. This is the normal horary point of view, and it must be distinguished carefully from the "inaugural" chart erected for the exact time of a challenge, or an event which can be taken as such. Thus in a horoscope for the moment the contender for a title challenges the champion, or a nation declares war, the First House rules the challenger, or the aggressor.

"Where a querent in straight horary art, however - when legitimately entitled to ask a question because of responsible concern in the chain of events, or the possession of real power to make a decision of importance in the situation - enquires about the probable outcome of a conflict, the First House remains the point of personal contact or interest, that is, the home team, local contender, or native country, irrespective of which took the initiative: and the Seventh rules the opponent."

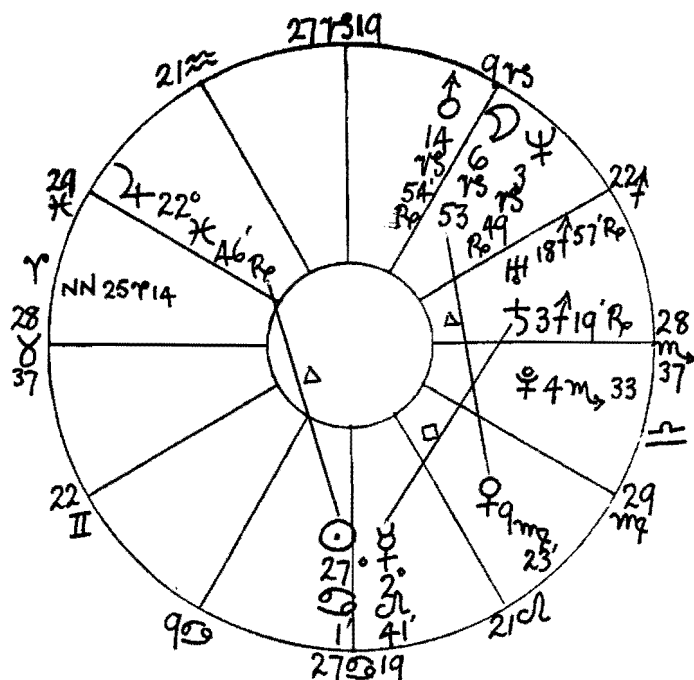
Again, from C.C. Zain (*Horary Astrology*, P. 171), "The first thing, then, in deciding which side will triumph, is to determine which side is represented by the East side of the chart and which side by the West. Such a chart may be erected for the moment the contest begins, or it may be erected for the moment a horary question is asked. If the chart is set up for the moment the contest begins, because he takes the initiative, the challenger is represented by

the East side of the chart and his opponent by the West side.

"When there is a champion, it is customary for him not to issue challenges, but to accept or reject them. But regardless of who is champion, the person who issues the challenge is represented by the East half of the chart and the one who receives the challenge is represented by the West half of the chart." [The italics are mine in both quotations.]

This is definite enough, and its correctness is borne out by experience. The Chart of the Witherspoon/Bruno Match is another example. It is shown again below, with Placidian Cusps. Leslie Black's original, with Porphyry Cusps, was given in Issue No. 61.

FRANK BRUNO V. TIM WITHERSPOON
World Boxing Championship Challenge
20/7/1986 1:8 am BST
Wembley Arena, London, 51 N 30, 0 W 6.
Placidian Cusps.



Reading the Chart with the First House for the Challenger (Bruno), and the Seventh for the reigning Champion (Witherspoon), still gives a win for Witherspoon, but on more substantial grounds than those on which Nick delivered his judgement.

Victory or defeat for either contestant is shown by their respective 10th Houses - for Bruno, the 10th as shown in the Chart, for Witherspoon the 4th, (which is the 10th derived from his Ascendant, the 7th). The issue is immediately clear: Bruno's 10th is ruled by Saturn, which is retrograde

(indicating that on this occasion, at least, he does not reach his goal), and square to Mercury. On the other hand, Witherspoon's 10th has the Sun (Co-Ruler of his 10th, through Leo being intercepted there) in almost exact conjunction with the Cusp and trine to Jupiter!--an outstanding configuration for success. But there is still more in Witherspoon's favour - the Ruler of the derived 10th, the Moon, applies with small orb to a trine of Venus. Thus the Major and Minor Fortunes both predict triumph for the defending Champion.

It must be conceded that these indications have far more weight than any that can be adduced if the signification of the Angles is reversed.
- Dymock.

Prime Minister Hawke

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): Since your recent mention in *Astrologers' Forum* I have been experimenting with Synodic Returns and, among other nativities, have applied them to my rectification (A.F. 27, 19th October 1983) of the Horoscope of Bob Hawke, who was born in South Australia on the 9th December 1929. Using Age Harmonics and Primary Directions I had rectified the time to 3:25:56 am, UT 17h 55m 56s on 8th December. [See Map]

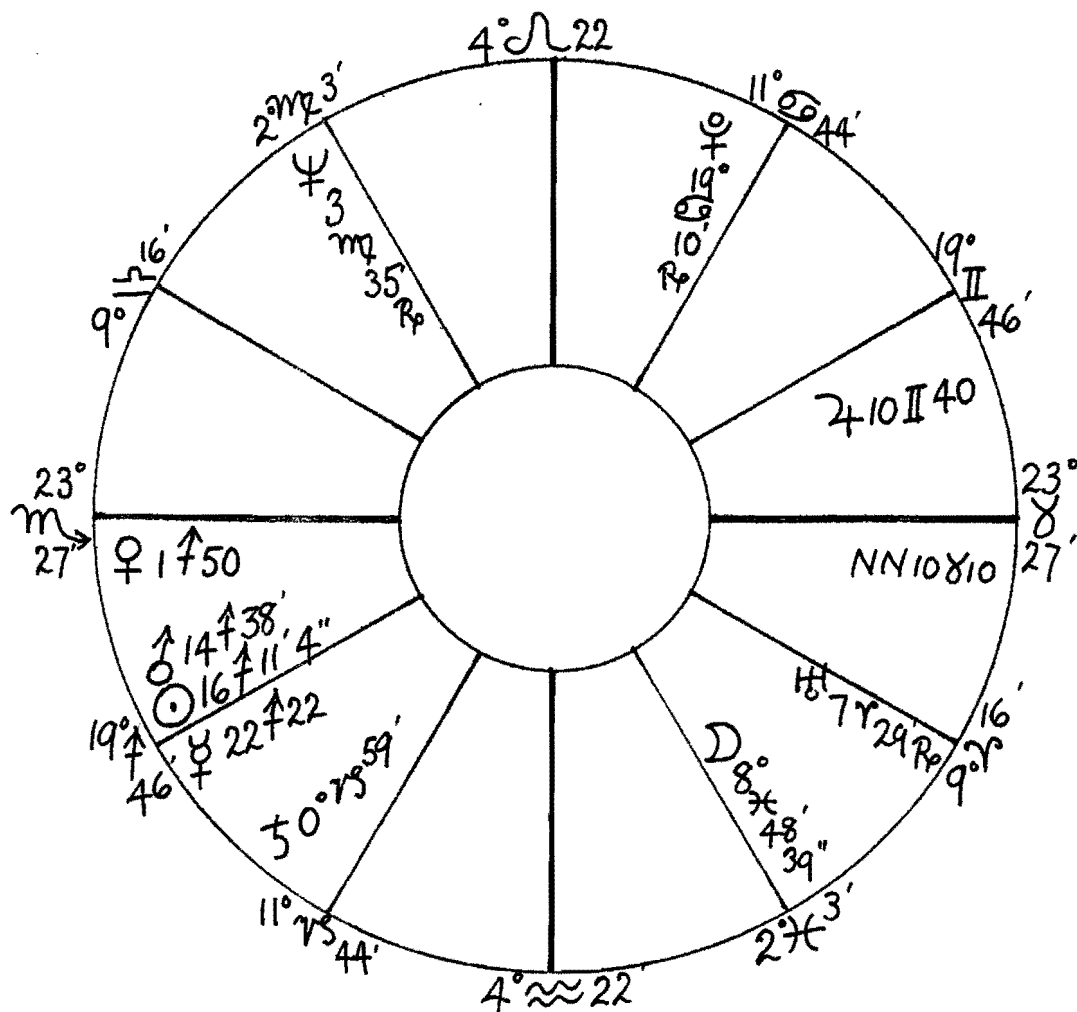
Hawke was elected Prime Minister at the age of 53 on the 5th of March 1983. The Synodic Return for this age [see Map] supports the general accuracy of the rectification (the Angles may be out by one or two minutes): Jupiter is conjunct the Ascendant, and is the focus of a Grand Trine of the Moon, the Moon's North Node, Venus and Saturn; Pluto is square the Ascendant, and Uranus is widely conjunct the Descendant. Admittedly, Saturn is square the Radical Ascendant, but I think its being part of the Grand Trine is more important.

The Synodic Return for age 58 covers the period when the next General Election is due in 1987. It conforms with the negative indications I mentioned last month and in A.F. 27. The most significant feature is Saturn, retrograde, elevated in the Tenth House and opposite the Sun in the Fourth. Saturn is also square the Radical Ascendant. Jupiter is conjunct the Sixth Cusp and trine the Midheaven, but I doubt whether this would outweigh the unfavourable opposition.

The Rectified Birth Chart is also supported by Secondary Progression of the Angles (MC progressed by Zodiacal Solar-Arc and the other Cusps derived from it): The

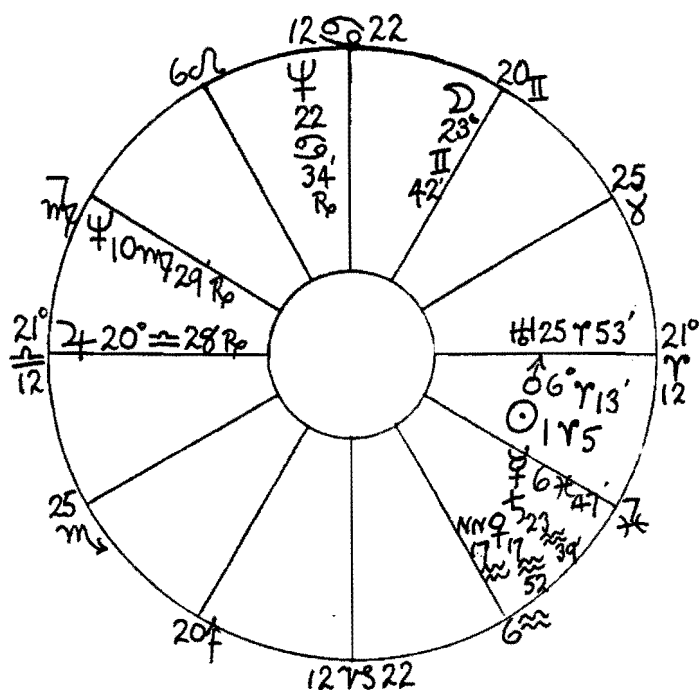
PRIME MINISTER BOB HAWKE

9th December 1929, Bordertown S.A. 140 E 47, 36 S 19. Rectified Chart
3:25:44 am. UT 17:55:44 on 8/12/1929. Placidian Cusps. Sun-Moon 82 37' 41".



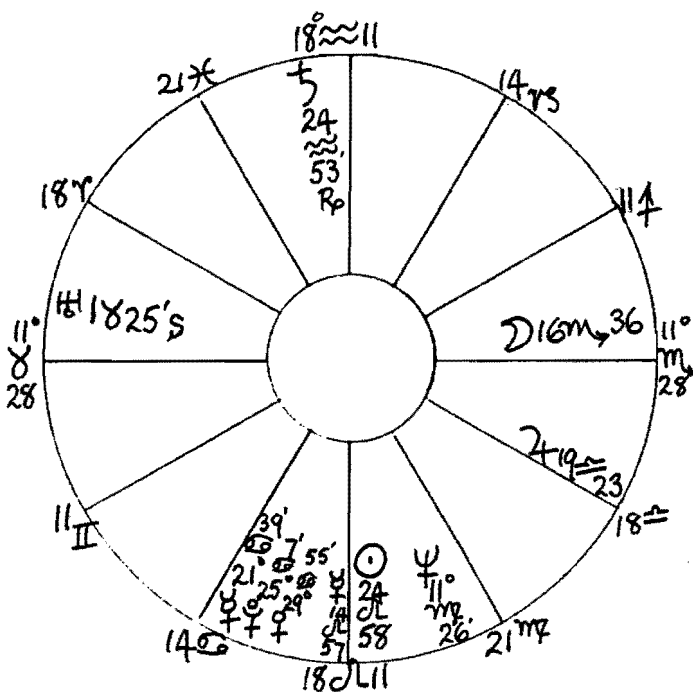
HAWKE'S SYNODIC RETURN AT AGE 53

29/12/1982-29/12/1983). Ephemeris Date
22/3/1934, UT 9h 34m 4s. Placidian Cusps.



HAWKE'S SYNODIC RETURN FOR AGE 58

(29/12/1987-29/12/1988). Ephemeris Date
17/8/1934, UT 14h 18m 30s. Placidian Cusps.



Regressed MC was conjunct Radical Jupiter on the 4th of May 1983 (elected Prime Minister 5/3/83), while the Progressed Ascendant will be opposite Radical Pluto on the 29th of February 1988.

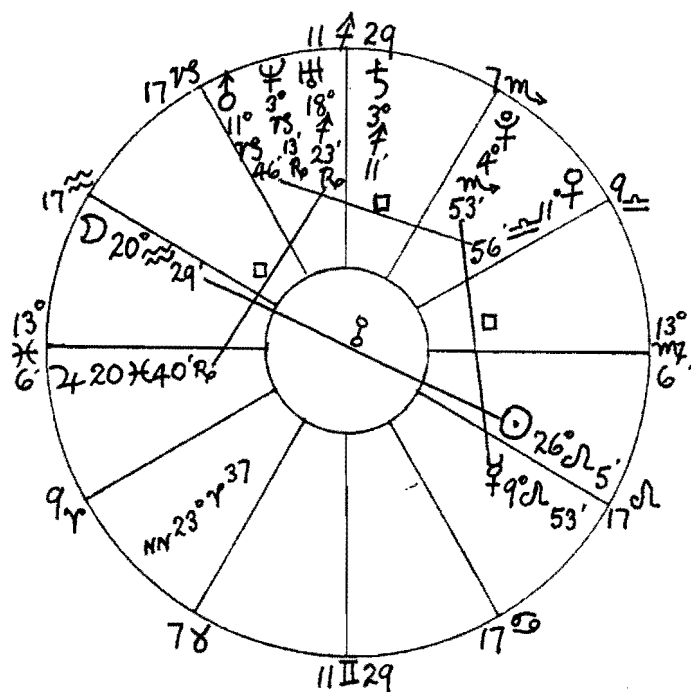
The Age Harmonic for age 58 holds no comfort for Hawke. The most significant aspect is Harmonic Saturn at 26 Sco 4 conjunct the Radical Ascendant, while Harmonic Uranus (14 Gem 2) is opposite the Radical Sun, and the Harmonic Moon at 1 Sco 22 is conjunct Harmonic Pluto at 1 Sco 40, both being square the Radical Midheaven.

DISAPPEARANCE OF SAMANTHA KNIGHT

Despite an intense combing of the Bondi district where little Samantha lived, no trace of her has been found in the weeks since she disappeared.

Samantha was last seen at 6:45 pm on the 19th of August, at Bondi. The Horary Chart, unfortunately, gives no cause for optimism.

19th August 1986, 6:45 pm EST, Bondi NSW
151 E 17, 33 S 53. Regiomontanus Cusps.



The two chief Significators are the Moon (for missing persons and things generally) and Venus (girls). Venus has added significance here through its connection with the Ascendant, Pisces being the Sign of its Exaltation. An immediate ominous note is sounded by the position of Venus in the

House of Death, close square to Mars, the planet of violence.

The Moon, ruling the 5th House (children) is in the 12th, signifying the disappearance, and confinement or bondage. Its opposition to the Sun is another grim signification ("separation from life").

The Horary Ruler of the Ascendant, Jupiter, is retrograde and square Uranus. The secondary Ruler, Neptune, is also retrograde and conjunct Mars.

The Chart is dominated by the five Malefics--Mars, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn and Pluto, all elevated well above the rest.

One looks in vain for any signs of salvation, and is forced to the sad conclusion that little Samantha is now beyond help.

- Dymock.

Rectification by Age Harmonics

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) who, three years ago, introduced into these pages the technique of rectification of birth charts by Age Harmonics, considers this the most reliable and simplest method. He writes, "In rectifying Hawke's Chart I started with the assumption that the birth time lay between 2:30 and 3:30 am, which gave me a range of positions in which the Radical Angles must lie (MC between 21 Cancer and 5-1/2 Leo, and ASC between 5 and 25 of Scorpio). I then calculated the harmonic positions of all the Radical planets for every year in which I knew something of importance had happened...and soon noticed that appropriate planets in these years fell close to the Angles for the 3:30 time, and nowhere near those for the 2:30 time. In fact there were several contra-indications for the earlier time. I then calculated the harmonic positions for the 3:30 am Angles for these years, and soon saw that they were too late. After some trial and error I found that 4 Leo 22 seemed to be the best position for the MC, and this gave an Ascendant of 23 Sco 27. Progressions and Returns of different sorts confirmed the general accuracy of these Angles...I think it just possible that the Angles could be a little earlier, to give an MC of, say, 4 Leo 18, but not as early as 4 Leo 12. A single example of a Return used to confirm the Angles: The Precessed Ascendant-Lunar Chart for Canberra on the 4th March 1983 (20.22154 hours UT, RAMC 254.4747) has an MC of 15 Sag 42, conjunct the Radical Sun. This Return occurred the day before Hawke became Prime Minister."

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Aspects and Events

It is a frequent cause of perplexity among astrologers that some of the most notable events in life do not appear to have any adequate correlation in planetary Transits or Secondary Progressions. I have adverted to this in several issues of *Astrologers' Forum* over the last five years. No less an astrologer than Robert Hand has himself remarked on the inadequacy of Transits in relation to a person's death (*Essays on Astrology*, p.67). Hand was discussing Parans (simultaneous transits of celestial bodies over the Angles at any particular location), and hoping that these might lead to "the first reasonably predictive tool (*sic*) that Astrology has...one that could actually be used to head off accidents, illness and other undesirable phenomena...[and] could also be used to take advantage of favourable times for maximum results".

I fully agree with Hand as to the deficiencies of both Transits and Secondary Progressions, but must dissent from the view he appears to hold that Astrology does not yet have any "reasonably predictive tool". Such a tool does exist in Primary Directions, but unfortunately their utility is much diminished by the need for an accurate birth time, without which the dating of the aspects can be out by many months, or even years. Unfortunately, too, Primary Directions are largely neglected by astrologers who are unwilling, or think themselves unable, to handle the minimal mathematics required. This last is an illusion for most, who would find the procedures well within their compass if they took advantage of the modern electronic aids now freely available.

Certainly there are difficulties in the hazardous business of forecasting - and this doesn't apply only to astrology: Professional men in the fields of economics, business trends, share prices, currency markets, politics, medicine, fashion-wear, meteorology, etc., all make plenty of mistakes. Very often, in astrology, the trends can be seen but not the particular manner in which the energies will work out. But, as I started off by saying, the most disconcerting thing for the astrologer is

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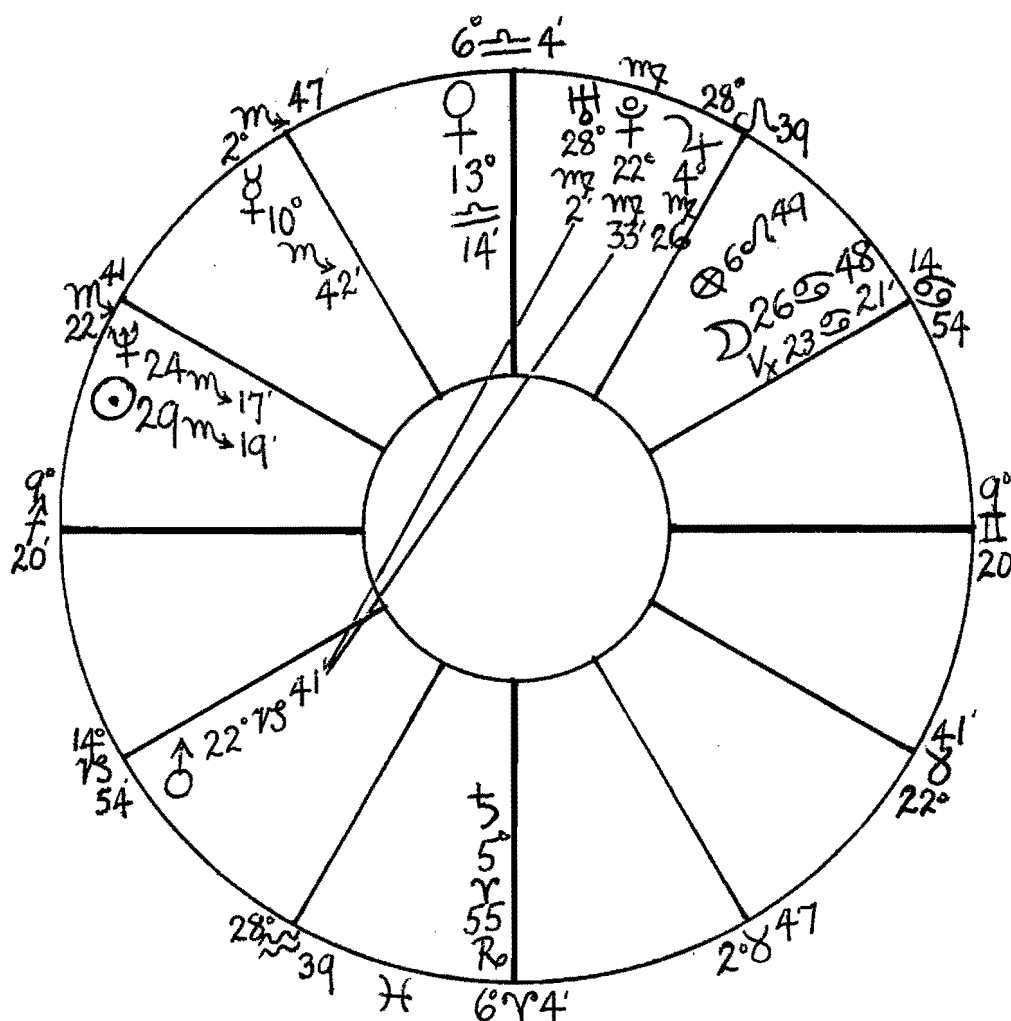
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not finding significant astrological factors correlating to major events in the person's life, as does happen when the astrologer confines him/herself to Transits and Secondary Progressions.

Fortunately, there is an astrological procedure that is almost totally reliable, and with which the accuracy of the birth time is not such a critical factor. I refer to Cyclic Horoscopes, in particular the Tropical Solar Return Chart and the Yearly Synodic Chart, the latter being even more significant than the former. In last month's *Astrologers' Forum* the Synodic Horoscope was dealt with in connection with the Republic of Argentina, and its method of calculation described. The Synodic Chart has been undeservedly neglected, and I suggest that serious astrologers should make it their business to investigate this Annual Horoscope, and judge for themselves of its efficacy. I shall be glad to hear, and possibly publish, any reports.

Meantime, here is a further example of the technique, applied to the Horoscope of Boris Becker, the youngest-ever tennis player to win Wimbledon, which he has done on two successive occasions - 1985 and 1986. The Horoscope data are from the AFA Journal, the time purporting to be from the Birth Registry. A birth time given exactly to the hour, the half-hour or the quarter-hour is suspect, but not necessarily wrong. In any event, it is sufficient for the Synodic Return. - Dymock.

22ND NOVEMBER 1967, 8:45 am MET, LEIMAN, GERMANY. Placidean Cusps.

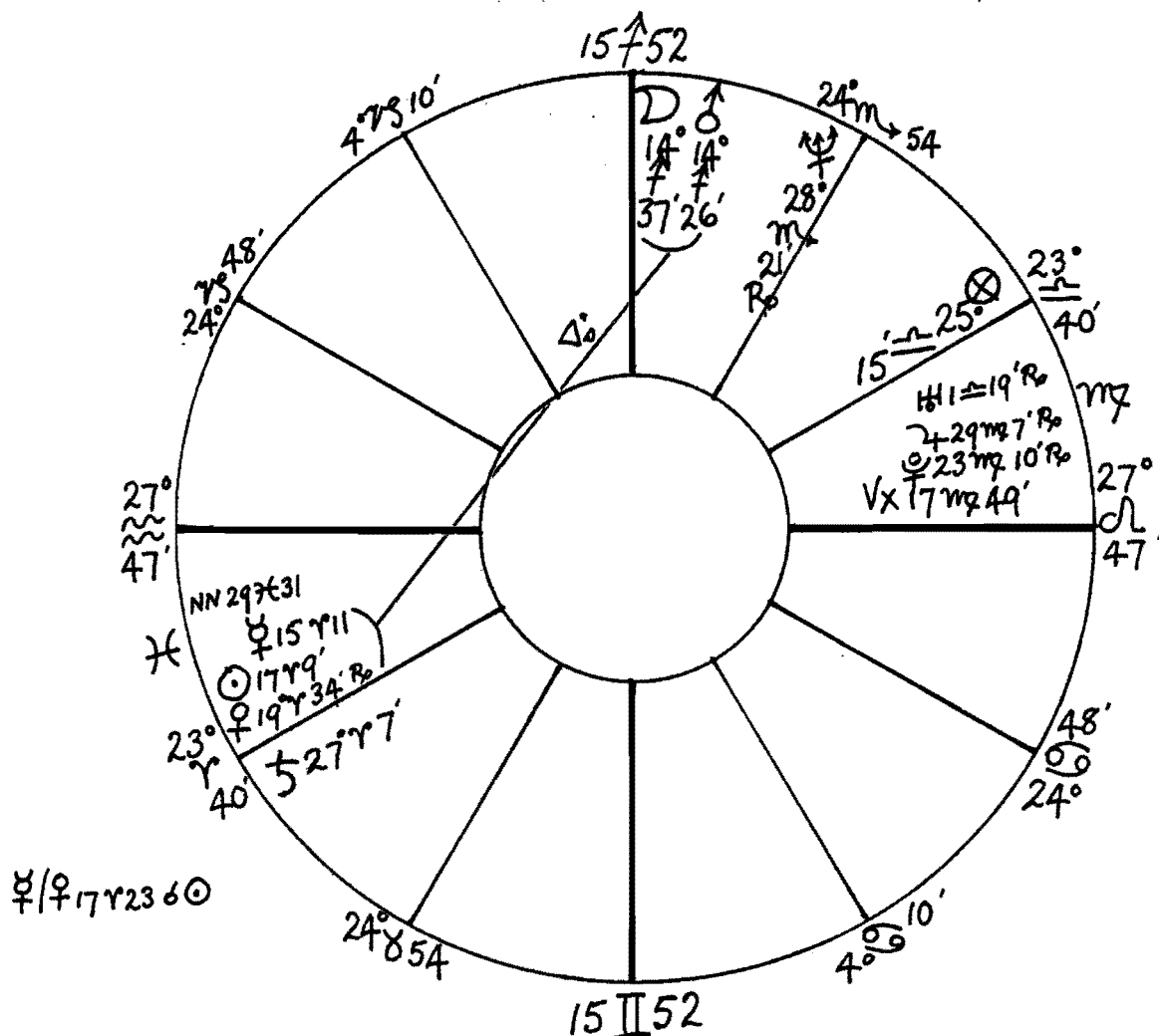


(An interesting point: The Sun and Neptune in the above Chart appear to be in conjunction, but their oblique ascensions show they are actually 10 dgs. 16' apart!)

BORIS BECKER (WIMBLEDON CHAMPION)

SYNODICAL RETURN FOR 17 YEARS (22/11/1984 - 22/11/1985)

Natal Sun-Moon 23° 29' 12". Placidian Cusps.



The above Chart covers the period of Becker's first Wimbledon win, at the age of 17, in June 1985. He has repeated the feat this year. 17 successive recurrences of the Natal Sun/Moon angle brings us to Ephemeris date 7th April 1969. The Chart is set for Becker's place of birth, Leiman in Germany, (where, naturally, he is a national hero).

The striking feature of this Chart is the very close conjunction of the Moon, Mars and the Midheaven, all trine to the Sun, Mercury and Venus rising. The Moon joined to Mars allowed full expression of Becker's native vigour.

Note that all planets except Neptune and Saturn are Angular.

The Sun at the midpoint of Mercury/Venus (17 Ar 23) accorded Becker due and happy recognition, comment, patrons, etc. (Natal Venus is in the House of Prestige, unafflicted, and Mercury in the Natal 11th - Friends and Patrons).

The Ascendant conjunct the Natal 3rd Cusp highlights the almost incessant travelling Becker has had to do during the year.

The Midheaven falling in the Natal House of Action and Enterprise signals achievement and furtherance of his career through his own activity.

The 7th Cusp (other people) conjunct the Natal 9th relates to the profitable contracts Becker (now a millionaire) has made on his travels, through his tennis successes. (Note Jupiter, his planetary Ruler, in the Natal 9th, at the midpoint, 5 Vir 1, of the Moon and Venus).

CORRESPONDENTS

"I love your Horary on Chambers and Barlow, [A.F. 60] and know you must have felt real concern for them from your Chart. Venus, Querent, in the 11th, hoping. But Dymock did you look at Regiomontanus Cusps? - 2 Gem 14 on the 8th, Mercury, Lord of death; Saturn, of hanging, on 2nd opposite 8th Cusp. (This 2nd- Cusp position seems as frequent as 8th-Cusp). Mercury moving to the trine of Saturn, retrograde, and, as you pointed out, square Pluto. Did you take Mercury in the 12th (prisoners) for Chambers and Barlow? [Yes] Also, as you say, Mercury Ruler of the 9th, the judgement (and by Regio. Cusps) the 8th, death.

"I see the Moon having come from aspecting the Sun, authority in judgement (Sun in 9th), which was against drugs - Sun opposite Neptune, T-squaring the Moon, as you say; Mercury, Ruler of 12th, 8th and 9th, peregrine.

"The Moon moving from the sinister trine of Venus (hopes) but on to the dexter trine of Uranus, and dexter square of Mars; Mars in mutual reception of Saturn on the 2nd opposite the 8th Cusp - as you say, violent and grim. Saturn, Lord of 4th, Moon's Nodes on the Horizon, the Part of Fortune disposed by misplaced Moon. And of course, as you say, Mercury square Pluto ascending.

"I took Venus for yourself, hopeful, trine Uranus, the good astrologer. Anyway, that's how I saw it with Regio.

"I was fascinated by ALEXANDER MARR'S Argentina Map, not for any of the hard reasons he gave but because Andrew Bevan (Norway) sent a Chart for "Who will win the World Cup", which kept me glued to my TV throughout the contest. The antiscion of Jupiter fell right on the Ascendant! Also, adding the dignities of the planets to see which was strongest, Jupiter came out on top. So we were looking for a Jupiter/Libra sort of Chart - and Alexander Marr has shown it to us." - Olivia Barclay (England).

"Australia's current economic problems coincide with a retrograde transit of Neptune opposite the MC in the National Chart (0 Hrs. local time, 1st January 1901, at Melbourne, the provisional Capital: MC 4 Can 8, ASC 7 Lib 24). Things will not improve much in the near future as Neptune is stationary square ASC in April next year, stationary opposite the MC again in September, stationary conjunct the Sun in

April 1988, stationary square the ASC again in September 1988, and stationary conjunct the Sun once again in September 1989. Stations of Saturn and Uranus further complicate the picture in 1989 and 1990 - a good time to emigrate if it weren't already too late!

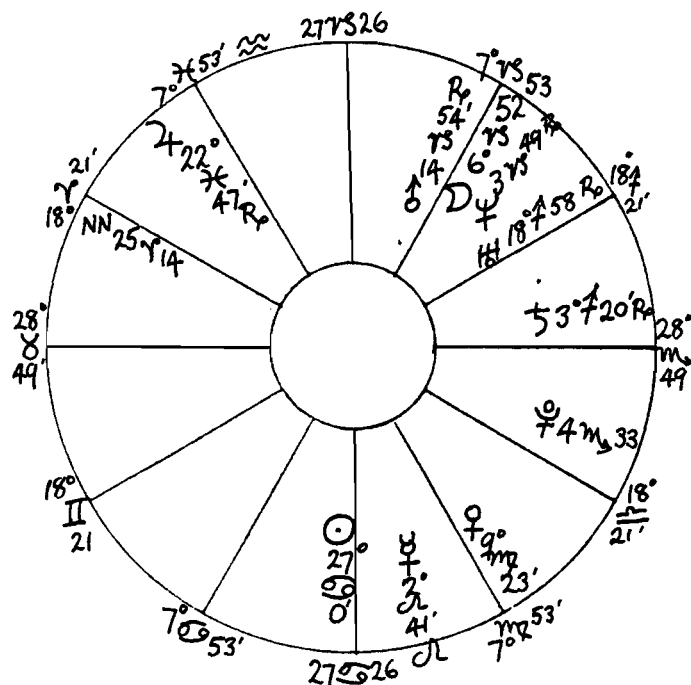
"Remember my prediction of Bob Hawke's political demise if the Election were held at the end of '87 or the beginning of '88? If he had consulted his astrologer he would have gone to the people before the middle of this year while the indications were still favourable. Now I think he is doomed, especially as at the end of 1987 in my rectification of his Chart his Progressed ASC opposes his Radical Pluto, in addition to the unencouraging mundane indications." - Ross Harvey (NSW).

WORLD BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP

LESLIE BLACK (Eng.) sends the following Chart of the Tim Witherspoon/Frank Bruno World Boxing Championship Fight on the 20th July 1986. The reigning Champion, Witherspoon won the bout. In his reading of the Chart, Leslie gives the 1st House (plus the Moon) to Witherspoon and the 7th to the Challenger. My opinion is that in this type of Chart, drawn up for the beginning of the contest the reverse should apply - the 1st House is the Challenger, the 10th his failure or success; the 7th is the person (the Champion) being challenged, and the 4th then becomes his derived 10th, signifying his fortunes in the matter.

TIM WITHERSPOON V. FRANK BRUNO

1:8 am BST 20th July 1986 at Wembley Arena, London. 31 N 30.
Porphyry Cusps.



Leslie writes that past famous astrologers used the 1st House and the Moon for the title-holder, home team, monarch, world leader, reigning government, republic, etc. This is what I use myself for Cyclic Charts, but not for Event and Horary Charts.

What do other practitioners use?

- Dymock, 19th August 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

It is a matter of some satisfaction to your Editor that *ASTROLOGERS' FORUM* has now reached its 60th Issue, after five years of operation. This, of course, is due to the continually renewed subscriptions of thinking astrologers (most in Australia but some overseas) who are more interested in doing Astrology than simply offering their speculative theories about it. Generalized, abstract (and often idle) talk is the disease that afflicts much of the current astrological output. *ASTROLOGERS' FORUM* has attempted, with some success, to redress the balance. To be more than just an interesting theory, or a diverting subject for conversation at parties, Astrology has to be made to function in a practical manner in everyday life. To this end the best techniques must be propagated to all those capable of using them. As increasing numbers of serious astrologers are now buying computers and programmable calculators, with advanced astrological programs, the barrier of inadequate mathematical or scientific skills is overcome, and what appears is a whole new world of exciting investigation and application of real Astrology to the situations of life.

To the subscribers, health and life, and increasing numbers!
- Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (F.R.G.): THE HOROSCOPE OF ARGENTINA A REFINED RECTIFICATION

For the following analysis the Chart of Argentina has been chosen, which represents the day of Independence, July 9, 1816. This Map has been impressively demonstrated by Eloy Dumon and Roberto Martori in connection with the Anglo-Argentinian War in 1982 (*ASTROLOGIA* 89, 1982, page 2, published in Buenos Aires).

There are difficulties in properly authenticating State horoscopes because (a) differences of opinion often exist as to which of the remarkable dates in the history of a country should be selected for the actual Birth Chart, and (b) in most cases only the day, but not the exact time of the

happenings is available. The different Horoscopes for the United States of America are the best example of these controversies. The USA Map will be the subject of one of my next articles. It has also been found in practice that State horoscopes that are very far back from the present time are obviously losing their effectiveness, especially if other events which have happened in between may be a new starting point for the country involved. In fact, each change of the country's constitution, the overthrow of a government, etc., represents a new birth and consequently an additional map of more or less efficacy.

These circumstances affect a rectification in so far as quantity and quality of the Directions in the traditional astronomically-correct systems used are not as expressive as the indications found in charts for individuals.

In the case of Argentina's 1816 Chart, the number of important available events, as well as the corresponding Directional proofs, seemed to me to be sufficient for publishing the following refined rectification: July 9, 1816, 16h 26m 08s Universal Time (Delta t = 4 sec.), South latitude 26 49', West longitude 65 13' (See Figure).

AMENDED ADDRESS!

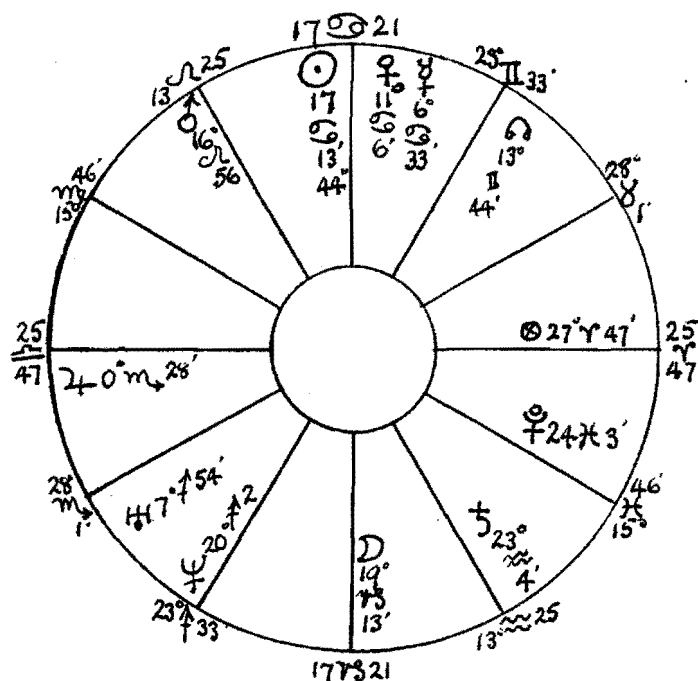
Marr's *PREDICTION III* may be purchased for \$US10, from the publisher, Ediciones SIRIO, Pedro 1, Rivera 3916 4º E, 1430 BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA

9th July 1816, San Miguel De Tucuman,
Rectified to UT 16h 26m 8s.
26 S 49, 65 West 13. Topocentric Cusps.



Events and Primary Directions in the
Topocentric System
Occasionally Supported by Secondary
Directions

(The Directions given in Events 1-10 below have not all necessarily been involved in the Events, the circumstances of which are not always known in detail.)

Secondary Directions, Angles and Cusps have been Progressed and Regressed by the Solar-Arc in Right Ascension.

1. 1852, February 3: Battle of Caseros
putting an end to the first dictatorship.
MOON c quincunx MC, February 2
CUSP III c trine MOON, February 15
MC d semisquare MERCURY, March 2
URANUS c 75 ASC, March 2
SATURN c opposite MC, March 13
2. 1919, January 3: Strike.
NEPTUNE d conjunct MARS, Nov. 25 1918.
MC d 75 MARS, December 10
SATURN d trine MARS, December 13
MERCURY d square MC, January 16
CUSP III c sesquare MOON, December 28
3. 1930, September 6: Military Coup.
NEPTUNE c conjunct MARS, August 6
CUSP VII c quincunx MARS, August 16
MOON d square MARS, August 19
MC d quincunx NODE, August 19
SUN c quincunx ASC, September 6
MERCURY c sesquare ASC, September 6

4. 1946, June 4: Peron President.
ASC d trine JUPITER, April 28
VENUS c trine JUPITER, June 5
MERCURY c semisextile PLUTO, June 6
CUSP III c sesquare NEPTUNE, June 22
JUPITER c semisextile MERCURY, July 15
5. 1952, July 26: Death of Evita Peron.
SATURN d conjunct SUN, July 8
MOON d opposite URANUS, July 13
MARS opposite VENUS (orb 8')
CUSP XI d opposite MERCURY, August 26
IC prog. quincunx JUPITER, (orb 1')
MOON regr. square VENUS (orb 5')
MOON prog. quincunx NODE (orb 4')
6. 1955, September 16: Peron's fall.
MC d conjunct URANUS (orb 7')
MOON d sesquare ASC, July 2
MARS d quincunx NODE, September 4
MERCURY d quinc. CUSP IX, Sep. 10
NEPTUNE 105 MARS, September 17
ASC c sextile PLUTO, September 23
7. 1962, September 29: Military Coup.
NEPTUNE d sesquare CUSP III, August 29
VENUS c square NODE, September 6
CUSP III c square MOON, September 9
MARS d semisextile NEPTUNE, Sep. 12
8. 1976, March 24: Military Coup (3).
SATURN sesquare CUSP III, March 1
NODE c square PLUTO, March 10
URANUS c sextile MARS, April 5
ASC c sextile MERCURY, April 20
CUSP III c conjunct MERCURY, April 23
MARS c conj. CUSP VI, opp. CUSP XII, (orb 7')
9. 1982: The Anglo-Argentinian War.
April 2, Argentina occupies the Malvine Islands (Falklands).
May 1, War with England.
June 13, Argentina's surrender.
MC d sesquare MARS, March 13
CUSP II c quincunx JUPITER, April 2
ASC c sesquare MARS, April 3
MOON d 165 NEPTUNE, April 9
SUN d sesquare MARS, May 13
CUSP XII c 105 NEPTUNE, June 1
VENUS d quinc. PLUTO, June 24
JUPITER d square MERCURY, July 3
MC regr. sextile NEPTUNE (orb 2')
MARS regr. semisquare PLUTO (orb 2')

10. 1983, October 18: General Election.
 December 10: Alfonsín elected President.
 MERCURY d opposite MC, October 20
 CUSP III d semisquare SUN, November 24
 JUPITER d trine URANUS, Jan. 9, 1984.

THE SYNODIC RETURN

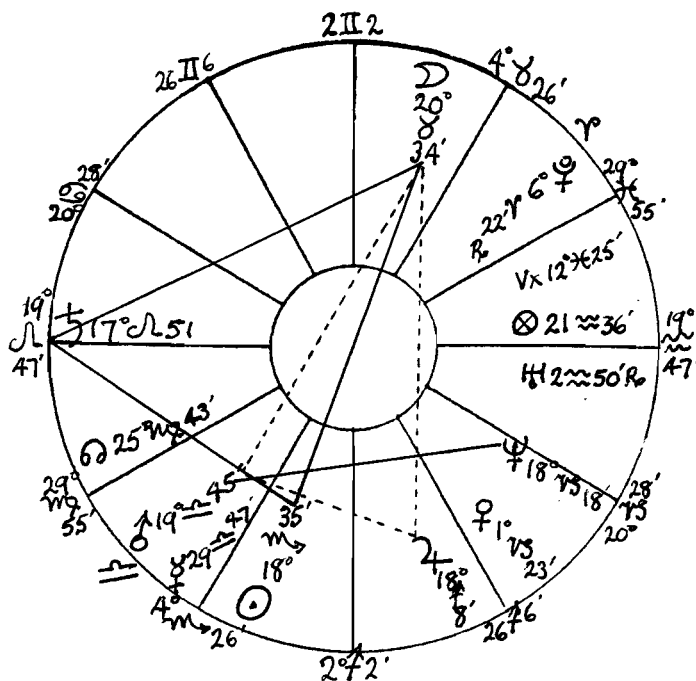
The Synodic Return Chart is a cyclic chart analogous to the Solar Return, but I have found it to be even more significant than the latter. Some explanation is necessary, as apparently very few practitioners or students use or even know about this Chart, which I touched on briefly in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 51 in connection with the assassination of President J.F. Kennedy.

The Synodic Return is the time when the Sun and Moon return to the exact angular distance from each other that they held at birth. This happens about every 29-1/2 days. Each successive return is equated to the corresponding successive year of life. Thus the 30th year of life would be represented by the 30th Synodic Return, which would occur about 2-1/2 years after birth. In this it differs from the other type of Annual Chart, the standard Solar Return, which would be drawn up for the time in the 30th year after birth that the Sun returned to its natal position.

Finding the date and exact time of any particular Synodic Return is a little bit tricky. In the absence of any Computer Program, I divide (on a calculator) the age for which the Return is required by 12.3682676, which is the number of Synodic Returns in a Tropical Year of 365.2422 days. The answer has to be added to the date of birth (decimalized). This gives the time of the Return within 24 hours as a rule - it is not precise because of the varying speed of the Moon as viewed from the Earth. Then the Moon's acceleration over the Sun has to be calculated and this rate of travel used to determine at what time of day the precise natal Sun - Moon angle is reached. Having found a Universal Time for the Chart, it is always desirable to check that the Sun and Moon at that time are in fact at the same angular distance as they were at birth. If they are not precisely so, the Cusps of the Chart will be wrong.

As an illustration of this type of horoscope, I take the rectified Chart of the Republic of Argentina which has been provided for us by Alexander Marr. The Synodic Return for the year of the Falklands War was number 165 after the inception of the Republic, and it occurred at UT 5h 0m 17s am on

REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA: SYNODIC RETURN FOR
 9/7/1981-9/7/1982. Sun-Moon 181° 59' 31".
 Topocentric Cusps.



the 11th of November 1829.

The first significant thing about this Synodic Chart is that the ASCENDANT falls on the place of MARS in the Radix - and Radical Mars opposes Saturn and trines Neptune. As Mars rules the 7th House of the Radix, hostile (and misguided) action against a foreign power could easily be inferred. The Synodic MIDHEAVEN falling in the 8TH HOUSE of the Radix points symbolically to the death of the current regime. The Junta, including General Galtieri, who took it on themselves to plunge their country into war are now doing penance in gaol.

NEPTUNE in the Synodic Chart is close square to Mars, and directly opposed to the SUN in the Radix. The Synodic SUN squares MARS (orb 1dg 35'). All the foregoing is highly unfavourable for any sort of martial enterprise, and the Synodic Chart considered alone fully bears this out: First there is the tight T-SQUARE of SUN, MOON and ASC - the principal Significators in any horoscope - and then the fateful and equally close YOD of MOON, MARS and JUPITER. The opposition of the Sun and Moon is a legacy from the inception of the Republic, and will of course appear in every Synodic Return, as this is the basis for the calculation of the Chart.

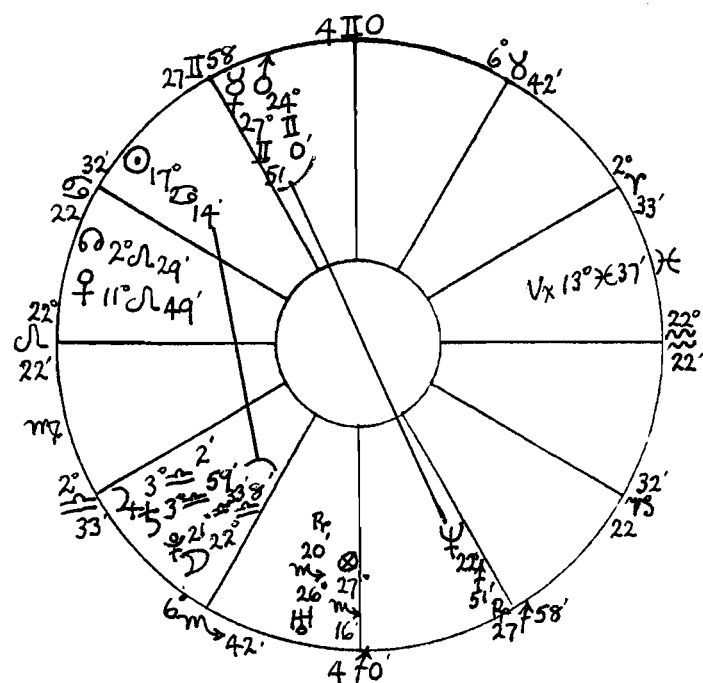
Jupiter (18 Sag 8) at the midpoint (18 Sag 23) of the Sun and Neptune is indicative of gains with little effort. Argentina's occupation of the Falkland Islands was easy and unopposed. Only later when Britain marshalled her military forces was the fool-

hardiness of the operation brought home to the Argentinians.

Transits over Synodic Return Charts often turn out to be more useful and indicative than those over a Progressed Chart. At the time when Argentina occupied the Falklands (2nd April 1982) NEPTUNE was stationary on the 5TH CUSP of the Chart, which is concerned with speculative and hazardous ventures, as indeed this particular operation exemplified. Stationary transits have the power of a Primary Direction. PLUTO was retrograding over the Radical ASCENDANT (25 Lib 47). When Argentina surrendered (13th June 1982) Saturn was stationary at 15 Lib 30, conjunct Synodic MARS and square the Radical Sun.

A Solar Return Map for the same period is also included here for purposes of comparison. As would be expected, it too is symptomatic of the situation: The Ascending Degree is opposite Natal Saturn and conjunct Natal Mars, activating this important (and unfortunate) feature of the Radix. Radical Pluto completes a disastrous T-Square with Neptune/Mars opposition. The Moon conjoins Pluto, and both are square to the Sun. Jupiter and Saturn, closely joined on the 2nd Cusp suggest the contraction of the Nation's finances through the enormous cost of the war. The Midheaven falls again in the Radical 8th House.

REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA: SOLAR RETURN FOR YEAR 9/7/1981-9/7/1982. Topocentric Cusps.



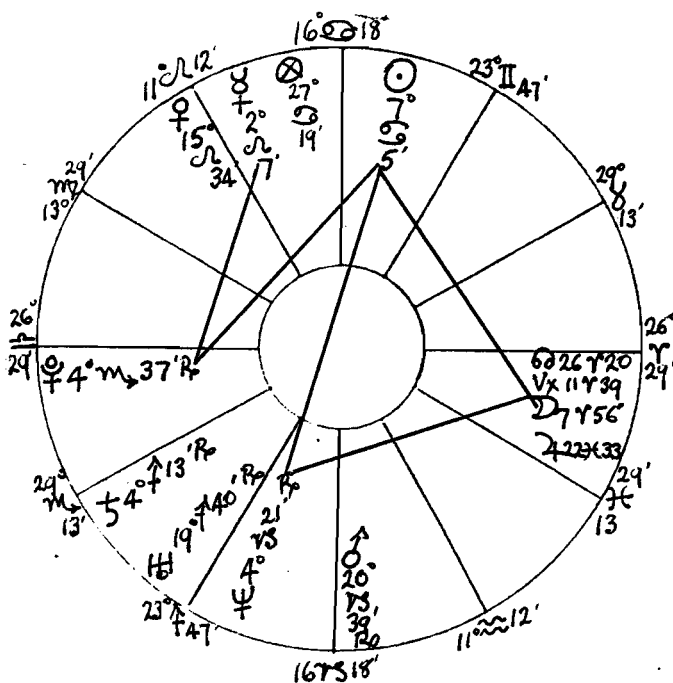
It is interesting that both the Synodic and Solar Return have very similar Cusps, though they are separated in time by 152 years. The same transits activate Synodic

Return, Solar Return, and the Radix. In the Solar Return Map Neptune is stationary on the 5th Cusp, Mars is stationary on Jupiter and Saturn, and Pluto became stationary on the Moon on the 4th of July 1982. - Dymock.

THE HANGING OF CHAMBERS AND BARLOW

The two Australians, Chambers and Barlow, convicted for drug-trafficking, are the latest victims of Malaysia's savage laws. Hanging is an outrage against social conscience and common humanity. It was apparent to me their fate was sealed when I erected the accompanying Chart for the time of the news item that they were making a final appeal for clemency to the King of Malaysia.

CHAMBERS AND BARLOW: HORARY CHART
29/6/1986, 12:42 pm EST, BLACKHEATH NSW.
Placidian Cusps.



As "Yea" or "Nay" would in effect be a judicial decree, one must look principally to the 9th House. Here the SUN is opposed by NEPTUNE, and closely squared by the MOON, ruling the 10th (the King/Judiciary) - an unequivocally negative indication. The Sun's trine to PLUTO, the Destroyer, is also negative. Any doubts were settled by the Ruler of the 9th House, MERCURY, being square to PLUTO, rising. MARS in the 4th House (Endings) reflects the violent and grim end.

We have a long way to go to reach the state of the Brotherhood of Man.

- Dymock, 19th July 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

A notable event on the astrological scene is the publication (in English) by ALEXANDER MARR (West Germany) of the third book of a trilogy, entitled *PREDICTION, I, II and III*. Alexander operates on the frontiers of astrological art, and his books are unique in that they cover aspects of the subject not to be found elsewhere in current or past astrological literature. The books have a particular appeal to seasoned astrologers, but even those just past the beginner's stage will profit by a close study of the text.

In *PREDICTION III* Marr distills the experience of several decades of assiduous application in his chosen field. These were years in which he employed the research capabilities of both main-frame and micro-computers. One of the entirely new concepts introduced by Marr is "The New Partner-Horoscope", which is not the Composite Chart, nor yet the "Relationship Chart" of Townley, but something quite different, based on prenatal dates. The author claims it is superior to either of the two latter synastry techniques, and he explores it in the relationships of some well-known public figures, as well as in his own association with three famous astrologers. Marr describes it as an "adequate complement to the traditional comparison of two Radix horoscopes", which traditional method is also covered in the book. Special mention is made of negative Partner-Horoscopes, as in the case of the notorious Charles Manson Gang, whose infamous members are now serving gaol terms for the murder of the actress Sharon Tate and others.

Other astrological discoveries of Marr (which he has tested over a long period) are the "Ascendant-Lunar Horoscope" (a chart for the time the Moon crosses the Radical Ascendant each month), and a "new, reliable way to trace the Conception-Horoscope".

The author deals extensively with fixed stars, and demonstrates their effectiveness in 20 Charts which he has precisely rectified.

Marr has done a great deal of research and analysis with Primary Directions, and he writes (P.90) that the Part of Fortune and

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the Mean Lunar Node are both extremely important factors in the Radix and in Directions. He has found the Mean Node to be of greater effect than the so-called "True" Node.

For many years Mars has been concerned to establish Astrology on a firm scientific basis, and he writes, (P.94), "Advanced research in astrology demonstrated in *Prediction II* and in this book, has undoubtedly revealed that astrology practised in a serious and reasonable way is based on scientific grounds. Astrological efficacy, as appearing in Topocentric Primary Directions and in the Meridian Distances measured in Oblique Ascension and Descension (also used as Ascensional Transits), is apparent enough to be statistically evaluated."

Marr's style is pithy, much information being conveyed in sententious fashion, which contrasts with the verbosity and minimal content that characterizes much of today's astrological outpourings.

Several useful Tables form an Appendix to the book: 50 principal fixed stars with their Zodiacal longitudes, Right Ascensions and Declinations for 1920, 1950 and 1980, the times of the rising and setting (1950) of the most prominent stars at North latitudes 30, 40 and 50 degrees, a table of Precession for periods up to 100 years, and an extensive Table of Day-Numbers, from which pre-natal dates can be calculated without the help of a computer with a Julian Day Routine.

The book concludes with a glossary and an

index, and a list of the writer's extensive publications relating to his findings and developments in astrology.

PREDICTION III is a compact book of handy size, 143 pages, with a soft cardboard cover. It can be purchased immediately by post from Buenos Aires. Write to the publisher, *Editiones Sirio*, Pedro 1 Rivera 40E, 1430 Buenos Aires, Argentina, enclosing the equivalent of \$US10, which covers one copy and airmail postage. - Dymock.

MAKING PRACTICAL USE OF ASTROLOGY

Astrological Forecasts are of most use to the recipient when they indicate what planetary energies will be operating during the period of the Forecast, and at what time. It is not a case of "predicting what will happen", which gives the recipient the idea that self-directed action is unavailing, and he/she might just as well sit down and do nothing. We should adjust to the conditions that will be operating, and which, through astrology, we can know will obtain at a certain time. This is simply a parallel to ordinary living: If we know the weather is going to be fine, warm and summery, we might take the opportunity for a pleasure outing, whereas if we know it will be cold, wet and windy, we dress accordingly, and don't go for a day at the beach. Similarly, if a Direction, Progression or Transit of, for instance, Mars opposite Mercury is coming up, we know we will be mentally sharp, alert and prone to argument, so we use it for any necessary confrontation, but restrain the impulse towards unwarranted sarcasm or disputes. In other words, our conduct can be guided by the conditions of which we have foreknowledge.

I have long maintained that Astrology should be of practical use in our lives, and not merely a theoretical interest, or a diverting subject of conversation at parties. Apart from Primary Directions, Secondary Progressions, and ordinary Transits, the Annual Charts are of real value in showing the astrological "climate" in the following twelve months. I have spent a great many hours on producing and assessing Solar Return Charts of various kinds - Standard, Progressive, Precessed and Prenatal, and these for either the place of birth, the place of residence, or even the location of the native at the time of the Return. Such research is hardly practicable without a computer or at least a programmable calculator. One can end up

with a dozen or more maps for the same native and largely the same period. It has been my self-imposed task to sort out these various Annual Charts, and try to establish their relative value.

The curious thing is that all of them appear to have a degree of validity, though some are more relevant than others. Different phases of life or feeling during the twelve months covered by the various charts are shown clearly in one map, and not so clearly, or at all, in others. However, the upshot so far of my investigations is, as I have noted in a previous issue of this publication, that the most generally useful and indicative of the Annual Charts is the Standard Solar Return using the precise position of the Natal Sun, and set for the place of birth. Next in order after that, I prefer the Progressive Solar Return, and then the Precessed Solar Return, both cast for the birth place.

I was hoping that other devotees of our art would also apply themselves to this research, and some have in fact done so, though not yet on the scale required for firm conclusions. As mentioned above, a programmed computer or calculator is practically indispensable in this connection.

As an illustration of the usefulness of Annual Charts I give here my wife's Solar Return for the period 17th June 1985 to 17th June 1986 (See Map 1). Jupiter rising in the 1st House portended a favourable year, with expansion of activities, and general well-being, and so it turned out. Marguerite, besides being an astrologer, is a teacher of Chinese-Brush Painting, and the Sun in the 5th House (creative output, schools and pupils) accurately foretold her success in this direction with enlarged classes and enthusiastic pupils.

In early 1986 consideration was being given to the holding of an exhibition of her work. This being a 5th House matter, the answer from the Annual Chart was clear and affirmative: Not only is the Sun in the 5th (success) but the Sun and the Moon are at equal distances from the 5th (Topocentric) Cusp. Their half-sum is 16 Gem 36, and the Cusp is 16 Gem 44. This very favourable influence of the two Luminaries is supplemented by an even more striking aspect from rising Jupiter - it is exactly trine to the Cusp, by degree and minute! The Exhibition was duly held and was most successful, over 80% of the paintings exhibited being sold. The period for holding the Exhibition (26th March to 7th April) was chosen by reference to the Birth

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MAP 2

MARGUERITE

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Chart (Map 2): Primary Direction Moon trine the North Node on 6th April, and Secondary Progression Moon conjunct the Midheaven and Pluto on 5th April (the Moon rules the House of Profession).

Though the Topocentric and Placidian Cusps vary but little in the latitudes we commonly use, here is an instance where the former is the more accurate. The Placidian Cusp is 16 Gem 15 - not markedly wrong, but less accurate than the Topocentric. I have long since discarded other other systems for intermediate Cusps, in particular the Koch, which is invariably wrong, but continues to be followed by many students, and some practitioners, who have been misled by propaganda or are simply governed by habit.

The period of Marguerite's Annual Chart is just finished, and the events of the year were adequately portrayed: Capricorn Rising - concentration on and developments in profession; Annual ASC conjunct the Natal 4th Cusp - prominence of home matters (structural alterations); Jupiter rising - expansion of activities; Jupiter ruling 9th - many beneficial contacts; MC in Natal 2nd, and Rulers of SR 2nd and 10th in close sextile - increase in earned income; Venus in 3rd - pleasure in acquaintances and short trips; Moon in 4th - changes in the home; Sun in 5th - success in creative output and teaching (class work, Exhibition 26th March and Workshop 7th June); Mars conjunct Mercury in 6th, opposite Neptune - much voluntary work for Vipassana Meditation Centre, minor health upsets; Pluto on 9th Cusp - consideration of travel to China for advanced art tuition in Chungking; Saturn elevated and ruling Ascendant - urge to progress; Uranus conjunct 11th, sextile Jupiter - new and beneficial contacts; Neptune conjunct 12th, sextile Pluto, opposite Mars and Mercury - voluntary work on idealistic basis.

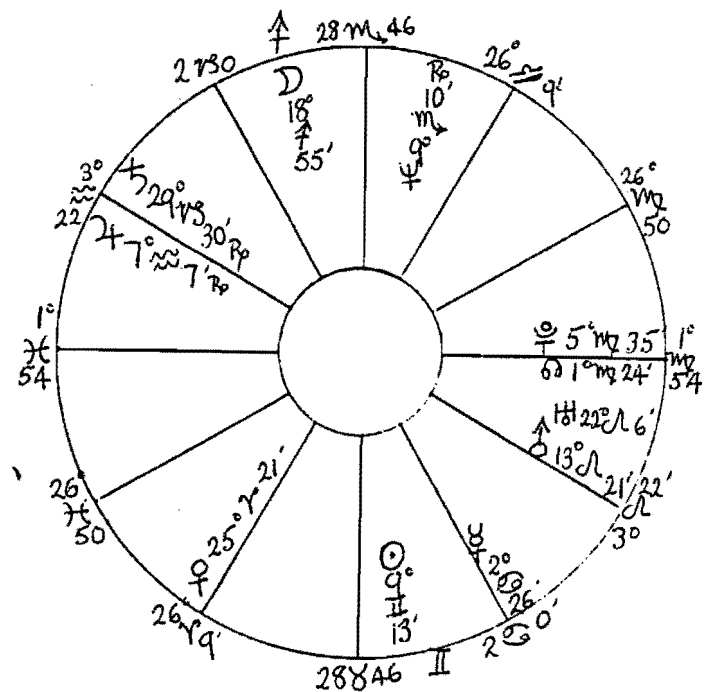
Regarding the final comment, it is interesting that in this instance the sextile is stronger than the oppositions (see WEIGHTING OF ASPECTS in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*). - Dymock.

CRISIS IN SOUTH AFRICA

On the 12th June the South Africa Government imposed a "State of Emergency", and is enacting legislation to still further oppress the black population. The astrological indications in the Map for the Republic are quite apposite, and point to a continuing struggle against the minority white regime.

Here is the Horoscope for the inception of

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC, 30TH MAY 1961
CAPETOWN, 24h00m LOCAL TIME, 22h00m GMT



the Republic in 1961. On 8th June this year Mars was stationary at 23 Cap 6, only one degree from the quincunx of Uranus in the 6th Sector and ruling the 12th. The Martian transit symbolizes the attack on the proletariat, which is symbolized by these two Houses together. As regards Secondary Direction, in this instance the Regressed positions are more indicative of the state of affairs than the Progressed ones. On the 2nd August 1986, Regressed Mars opposes Regressed Saturn in the Converse Chart, signifying violence and bloodshed. It is obvious there will not be any long-term let-up, as the influence is not only kept alive but increased by Regressed Mars opposing Radical Saturn in April 1987.

The Midheaven of the Radical Chart, regressed by normal Sidereal Time decrement is 5 Sco 10 as at 30th May 1986. Regressed by Zodiacal Solar-Arc, the MC c. is 3 Sco 43. Both these points are subject to a stationary transit of Pluto at 4 Sco 33 on the 16th July next, though the Sidereally-calculated point is the closer. Pluto is powerfully placed in the Radical Chart on the Descendant Angle, so it can be expected to have a major influence, intensifying the struggle, the Government (represented by the 10th House) taking even tougher repressive and punitive measures.

A further indication of rebellion and unrest is Uranus retrograding over the Moon on the 22nd July.

As regards Primary Directions, it is apparent that 1987 will be a year of major crisis: Saturn directly opposes Uranus on the 10th of June 1987, and the Sun will be square to Mars in the following December. These being Primary Directions, their influence is powerful and will spread over several months. The 6th House is the one most involved - Mars and Uranus occupy the 6th, the Sun rules and 6th, and Saturn opposes its Cusp - showing again the anger, rebellion and violence of the masses in their urge for freedom.

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One of the many omissions from astrological literature is a system of grading aspects, whether in Natal, Progressed, Cyclic, Composite or other Charts, according to their relative power. It cannot be that astrologers have never considered the problem, because it comes up with just about every horoscope one handles. What then is the reason for this strange neglect of a vitally important issue in the day-to-day practice of our art? It is true there have been various ways, recommended by a few writers, for determining the relative power of single planets - e.g. Elbert Benjamine's "Astrodynes" and Alexandre Volguine's "The Ruler of the Horoscope". But these, whether accurate or otherwise, still leave untouched the major issue of the aspects received by a planet, whether it is the "strongest" or not, and this, as every experienced astrologer knows, is really the determining factor in how the particular body will operate.

The only references to this problem that I have seen in astrological literature are those to the closeness of the aspect, and the relative importance of aspects *inter se*. It is true, these are major factors in assessing strength - the smaller the orb, the more powerful the aspect, and a square is intrinsically more potent than a sextile. But there are other considerations: What about the relative importance of the particular Significator involved, in the particular chart being examined? And is a conjunction of six degrees more powerful than a sextile with an orb of only 15'? Can we quantify the difference in power?

These are questions I have addressed over a period of years, as a consequence of which I have now arrived at a Weighting Table. It is reproduced on page 3.

Initially, the four factors that I saw as contributing to the final result were:

1. The nature of the aspect (square, trine, etc.)
2. The closeness of the orb.
3. The relative importance of the Significators involved.
4. Their mundane strength.

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In the Table each Significator is allocated a number of points in each classification, more or fewer according to its relative power in that particular group. At the end of the analysis the points for each are totalled to arrive at the importance of the aspect, both in an absolute sense and also in relation to the other aspects in the chart.

As regards classification No. 1, I am, of course, treating the conjunction as an "aspect", and it heads the list in potency. The others, following in order of diminishing power, are the square, trine, sextile, quincunx (150 dgs.), semisquare, sesquare (135 dgs.), and semisextile. I take no account of the quintile (72 dgs.) biquintile (144 dgs.), decile (36 dgs.), tredecile (108 dgs.), novile (40 dgs.), septile (51 dgs. 25' 42.86''), or any others that the restless and ingenious minds of astrologers have thought up. I regard them either as fictitious or of such little import that they only cloud the issue and distract attention from the real determining factors. I omit also, for the time being, the Parallel of Declination, whose reference point is the Celestial Equator not the Ecliptic. In my own work I have found the parallel to be unquestionably operative in the Progressed Chart, but it is hard to be definite about its effectiveness in a Radix, where it is usually an accompaniment of a Zodiacal aspect.

Item No. 2 (smallness of orb) does not need elaboration. All astrologers seem to be in agreement here.

No. 3 acknowledges that the Sun and Moon, for instance, are more important as Significators than the remaining planets. (I retain the convention of considering the two Luminaries to be planets.) The two Zodiacal points, the Ascendant and the Midheaven, are also given precedence over the planets. Another Ecliptic point, the Moon's North Node, is important, but it is not easy to decide just where to place it in the scale. For the time being I have ranked it with Mercury.

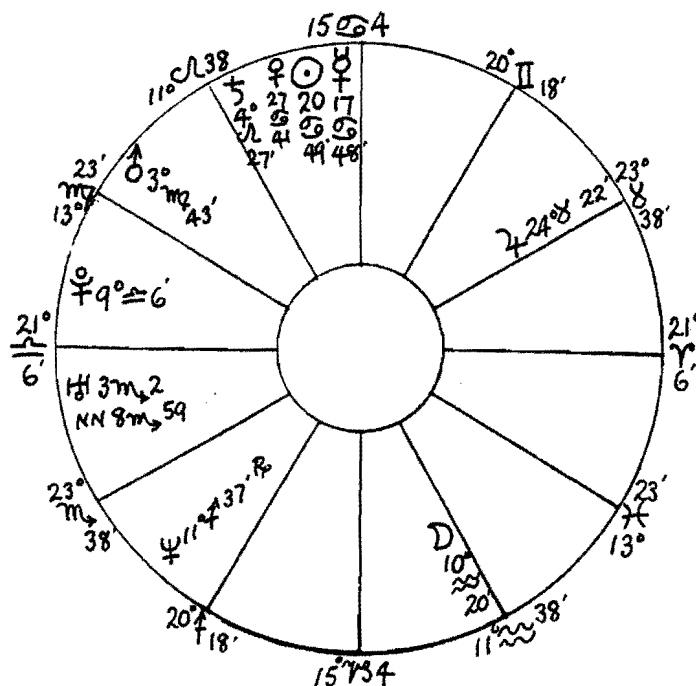
My original concept simply graded the planets irrespective of their Sign position or rulership, but on further consideration I gave extra points for a Significator disposing another, and double that for two Significators mutually disposing one another (mutual reception), for example the Moon in Aries square Mars in Cancer. Perhaps I have been a little generous in the allocation of points here, so a modification may follow.

No. 4 is probably the factor most susceptible of modification in the light of further investigation and experience. It attempts to assess the relative strength of each Significator according to the position it holds in the Mundane Sphere. What is really needed here is the assigning of a mathematical figure applicable to the Significator's oblique ascension (or descension) relative to that of the Angles and intermediate Cusps. This could certainly be done, and tentative conclusions arrived at, but astrologers who do not have the patience or know-how for the necessary calculations will ignore it anyway, and keep to the usual method of measuring aspects along the Ecliptic. I have therefore deemed it best, for the present, to consider only Zodiacal degrees.

So far as the intermediate Cusps are concerned, the ones to be used in this section are Placidian or Topocentric. They are practically the same up to about 50 degrees of North or South latitude. I do not exclude some others (Campanus, Regiomontanus, Porphyry, Koch), though in so far as these are to be considered power points in the Mundane Circle (and not simply House boundaries) I regard them either as inferior, or having no efficacy at all. Equal House Cusps are of course worthless in this connection as they are based on the Ecliptic and have nothing to do with the Mundane Sphere.

This is where the phenomenon of Celestial Latitude becomes important. An extreme case is that of Pluto, whose latitude takes it right outside the Zodiacal belt. In the

Male born 13th July 1976. 12:23 pm EST,
Mount Isa, Qld. 139 E 30, 20 S 44.
Placidian Cusps.



adjoining Chart, for instance, Pluto at 9 Lib 6 is Zodiacally quite removed from the Ascendant at 21 Lib 6, but reference to the Ephemeris shows that Pluto at this date had 16 dgs. 51' of North latitude. By calculation we find its oblique ascension was 199 dgs. 27'. The oblique ascension of the Rising Degree (RAMC + 90 dgs.) on the other hand was 196 dgs. 21', so that Pluto, instead of appearing in the 12th House as in the Chart, was actually only 3 degrees below the Ascendant! Pluto is being carried to the Ascendant by the diurnal revolution of the Earth and it made this conjunction just 12 1/2 minutes later. It is apparent that unless we take Celestial Latitude into account we will overlook some important factors in Chart delineation. Zodiacally, Pluto is trine to the Moon, but its bodily conjunction with the Ascendant is even more important. To see how planets stand in relation to the Cusps (and more particularly the Angles) it is worth while calculating the oblique ascension of all bodies that have more than two degrees of latitude. With the appropriate formulae and a hand-held calculator this is relatively easy.

See the Table on page 3. I do not consider this scale to be definitive, but it is a start, based on a good deal of thought and experience. Other astrologers who have gone into this matter are invited to comment.

- Dymock.

WEIGHTING OF ASPECTS (Their Relative Power)

1. TYPE OF ASPECT:	Points	2. SMALLNESS OF ORB:	Points
Conjunction	10	Within 15'	20
Opposition	9	" 30'	15
Square	8	" 1 deg.	10
Trine	7	" 2 deg.	8
Sextile	5	" 3 deg.	6
Quincunx	3	" 4 deg.	4
Semisquare	2	" 5 deg.	3
Sesquare	2	" 6 deg.	2
Semisextile	1	" 7 deg.	1

3. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THE SIGNIFICATORS:

	Points	
Sun or Moon	10)
ASC or MC or Ruler	8) Double the points if the
Mercury or Moon's Node	7) Significators are in mutual
Venus, Mars	5) reception.
Jupiter, Saturn	3)
Uranus)) Add half the number of
Neptune)	1) points if one Significator
Pluto)) disposes the other.

4. MUNDANE STRENGTH OF THE SIGNIFICATORS:

	Points
Within 1 degree of an Angle, applying	10
Within 3 degrees of an Angle, applying, or 1 degree separating	8
Within 5 degrees applying to an Angle, or 2 degrees separating	6
Within 8 degrees applying to an Angle, or 3 degrees separating	3
Within an Angular House, but not more than two thirds the distance from the Angle	2
Within 3 degrees of an Intermediate (Placidian) Cusp applying, or 1 degree separating	1

NOTE: "Applying" and "separating" to or from a Cusp refer to application and separation by reason of the rotation of the Earth, not the travel of the body in its orbit, which is in the opposite direction.

EXAMPLE: The Sun 8 degrees from an Angle, applying, opposite Jupiter, 5 degrees from an Angle, applying; orb of the opposition aspect, 3 degrees.

<u>ASPECT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ORB</u>	<u>SGR.A, SGR.B</u>	<u>PSN.A, PSN.B</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Sun opp. Jup.	9 + 5 +	10 + 3 +	2 + 3	32	

The Chernobyl Nuclear Accident

One disaster follows another in our accident-prone world, but few rouse the world's population to such a pitch of alarm and activity as the explosion on the 26th of April at the Russian Nuclear Power Plant at Chernobyl, near Kiev. I sympathize with the protests and denunciations of the anti-nuclear demonstrators, but it seems a forlorn hope to expect the nations of the world to give up this huge new source of power, however dangerous it may appear. Countries like Japan have little else to rely on, at least until solar power is developed to the point where it can be generated in the massive amounts wanted in today's cities.

From the purely astrological point of view, the chief interest lies in the preceding Solar Eclipse of the 9th April, and the relation of this Chart to the Map for the USSR. I say "the" Map, but there is no generally accepted Horoscope for the USSR at present. One of the contenders for the honour, the one I reproduce here, has certainly had its claims strengthened by the Chernobyl event.

This Map was originally published in a 1933 issue of *The British Journal of Astrology* by the late eminent astrologer Vivian E. Robson who obtained it from a Belgian, M. Brahy. It pre-dates the Bolshevik Revolution, which occurred on the 7th November 1917, by nearly two months. For this, or other reasons, this particular Map appears to have been discounted by Mundane astrologers. In my view the Map is not disqualified on this account. Its date, the 15th of September 1917, could very well have been the secret inception of the Bolshevik movement, and the plans then formulated were implemented on November the 7th.

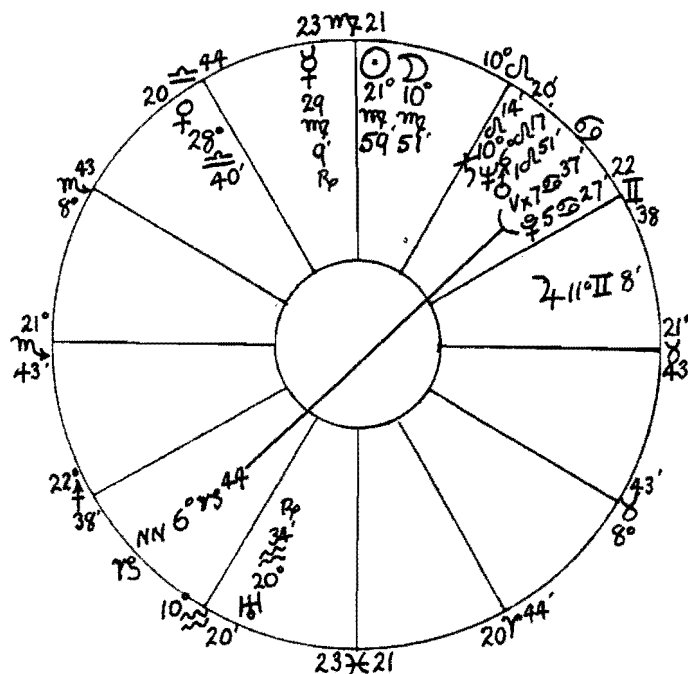
In any event, the Map has two major claims to acceptance, which distinguish it from all others in the field: The first is the affliction of its Meridian by the close conjunction of the MARS - NEPTUNE opposition that occurred at the time Russia was invaded by Nazi Germany on the 22nd of June 1941. The Meridian of the Map is 23 Virgo 21 - 23 Pisces 21, and the Mars - Neptune opposition, exact on the 23rd of June 1941 lay from 24 Pisces 59 to 24 Virgo 59. This is certainly striking, Mars/Neptune being very characteristic of an act of treachery, for Germany had just signed a peace pact with the USSR.

The second piece of evidence is furnished by the Chart for the Solar Eclipse on 9th April this year. - Here the same malefic combination, Mars and Neptune, in an identical degree of the Zodiac (6 Capricorn) falls almost exactly on the Moon's North Node in the USSR Map, and even more closely opposes Pluto at 5 Cancer 27 in the 8th House of the USSR Map! It should be noted that Pluto is also the Ruler of this Chart.

Could anything be more apposite and descriptive of the whole ghastly business than this? - Plutonian power released by Martian heat and resulting in nuclear fall-out (Neptune), with no one as yet knowing how many deaths (8th House) will result.

Much more could be said to establish or support the validity of this tentative Map. As space is short I have not presented the Eclipse Chart for Kiev which, apart from Mars conjunct Neptune (adjacent to the 8th Cusp), has a retrograde Uranus right on the Descendant. ALEXANDER MARR (W.Germany) has again pointed out the PARANS existing - Pluto culminating simultaneously with Mars rising, at 1:31 am. A Soviet official reported that the trouble started at 1:23 am. - Dymock.

USSR NATIONAL MAP (TENTATIVE) 15TH SEPTEMBER 1917, NOON,
LENINGRAD, 30 E 15, 59 N 55. Placidian Cusps.



A DIFFERENT VIEW OF HOUSE RULERSHIPS

In a letter to an English astrological journal, OLIVIA BARCLAY (Eng.) explains one of the puzzling findings of M. Gauquelin. Someone asked, "How do we account for the fact that athletes of prominence had Mars in the 9th House, which is not Angular but Cadent?". Olivia's reply:

From classical times, (and you can read this in Manilius' *Astronomica*, Book 2. 9.05, as well as in most other books written prior to this century), the Sun ruled the 9th House. Usually a planet is weak in a Cadent House, and here it may be that it is as if, as with combustion, it is weakened by the very strength of the Sun overcoming it. However, as you can read in de Vore's *Encyclopaedia*, the effect of combustion on Mars is the opposite, for Mars and the Sun are of similar natures. "Mars combust is always the man who fights for what he wants". I suggest therefore that Mars is strengthened in the 9th House.

There are moderns who believe that because Jupiter rules the 9th Sign it therefore rules the 9th House. This is a modern fallacy. Jupiter rules the 11th. It is extremely fortunate therein. Saturn rules the 12th House. This also accounts for the reason many doctors and scientists have the House accentuated, for they are helped in their careers by that planet.

These rulerships were called the Joys of the planets. Mercury rules the 1st, and if placed here makes good speakers. The Moon rules the 3rd, and if placed there its unsettled roaming qualities are accentuated. Mars rules the 6th, the House of hard work. Venus rules the 10th, the House of glory. The name of the 9th, which is ruled by the Sun, is the House of God or, for those who believed in many gods, the House of the Sun God.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th May 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

OLIVIA BARCLAY of England has recently returned from a visit to Norway, where she talked on Horary Astrology to English-speaking Norwegian astrologers. Olivia writes that the Norwegians could think only of the assassination of Olaf Palme, which we mentioned briefly in the last *Astrologers' Forum* in connection with the Solar Eclipse of 12th November 1985.

Olivia submits the Chart for the actual event, with her comments, and also her own interpretation of a Horary Chart from Andrew Bevan of Oslo:

Olaf Palme Assassination Event Chart

From Olivia: The first thing I notice in the Chart is the change of power and authority on the 10th Cusp. Authority is changing from Leo to Virgo, from the Sun to Mercury, from Olaf Palme to Death, since Mercury rules the 8th. You can no longer say Palme has authority because now Death has taken it from him, and rules Palme.

Therefore maybe the event was really a few minutes of a degree earlier. I identify Palme with the Sun, and Mercury with Death, and the Part of Death is on the 8th Cusp. The Moon, Ruler of the 12th from the 10th, shows the President's unknown enemy. In the original (unturned Chart) you can see him lurking in ambush near the Ascendant, together with Pluto retrograde.

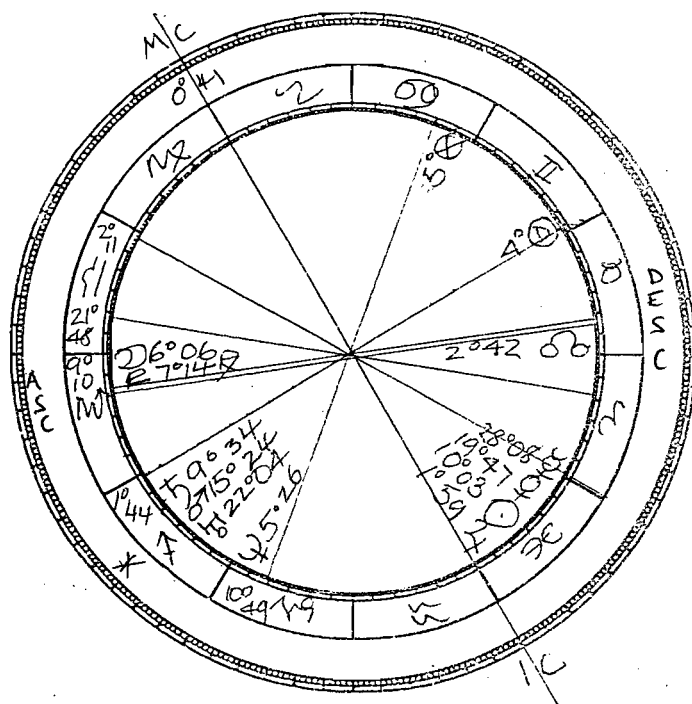
The Moon joins Pluto, planet of death, and carries its light to the Sun through the trine aspect, the Sun being peregrine. The Moon then passes to Venus, Mrs. Palme, who is saved, Venus being so well placed. Venus is in Pisces, exalted, and the Moon conveys its light to Mercury, Ruler of the Death House. Although she was not killed she saw death; death was with them. The Sun received the full impact from the Moon (Moon trine Sun).

In this Chart, Mars, natural ruler of violence and firearms is also met with the dexter square of the Sun, and Mars is conjunct Uranus. Venus meets only the dexter square of Uranus.

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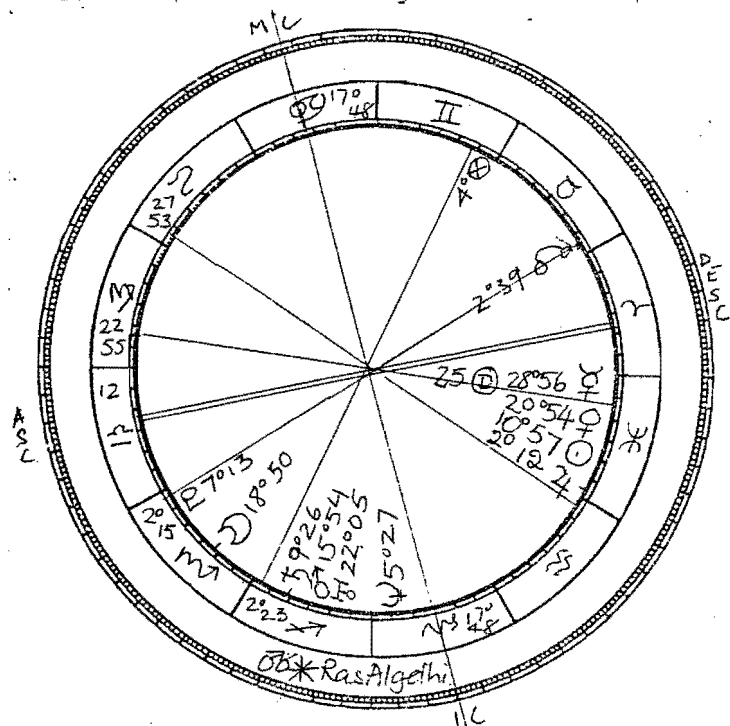
EVENT: THE ASSASSINATION. 28TH
FEBRUARY 1986, STOCKHOLM, 18 E 03,
59 N 20. 11:25 pm. 22h 25m GMT



the shock. Indeed. Uranus collects the lights of these planets in sudden shock.

Taking the 8th from the 10th. this shows Mars ruling death, as violent and sudden. Taking the 8th of the original Chart, Mercury, void of course, rules

HORARY: Who did it? Where did he go?
1st March 1986, 8:57 pm Oslo, 19h 57m UT.
10 E 43, 59 N 56. Regiomontanus Cusps.



death, pointless and void. (In *CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY* Lilly shows that one should consider both Houses, page 197.)

It therefore looks as if the Moon and Mars are jointly the villain, and there is a minor mutual reception between them.

The assassin might therefore be big-boned, with sandy hair, long full face, active, middle to tallish, with the lower part of his body strong, and dwelling East North East.

There is no peregrine planet in an Angle, so I take the 7th Ruler, Mars, as the villain, together with Co-Ruler the Moon.

The fact that both Luminaries are below the Horizon shows that he will not be brought to light.

The Sun, natural ruler of important people goes to square dexter of Mars and on to impact with Uranus. He goes on to Venus, Ruler of death. (Venus now identifies his body, the Ascendant, with the 8th, death. The Part of Death is also here. The Moon will translate the Sun to Venus. The Part of Death is also here. The Moon will translate the Sun to Venus.)

Being in the 9th from his own Sign, Mars is a stranger or foreigner.

Mars is with Ras Alhague, a fixed star of the nature of Mars, giving boldness.

Lilly suggests the square of the Sun to Mars is associated with highway robbery, cruel wounds to the body, and life in danger from fire and iron. Mars at the midpoint of Saturn and Uranus indicates an act of

violence, and wrong use of extraordinary energy, according to Ebertin.

Mars in Sagittarius shows large bones, sandy hair, strong body, active. The Moon and Mars in minor reception shows he is not peregrine and has somewhere to go. The Moon in Scorpio suggests accommodation low down, like a basement, a place with one outer door. Again, direction is East North East. The assassin was wearing brown. Mars in the terms of Mercury, tallish.

[The Part of Death is found by adding the Longitude of the Ascendant to the Longitude of the 8th Cusp and subtracting the Longitude of the Moon. Olivia uses the Regiomontanus House division, which was the system favoured by Lilly himself. - Ed.]

ROSS HARVEY (NSW) writes (regarding the assassination of Olaf Palme) that in the preceding New-Moon Chart, cast for Stockholm, the most striking indications were the positions of Pluto and Uranus on the 12th and 2nd Placidian Cusps, respectively, putting the Ascendant at their mundane midpoint. The Ascendant, 20 Sco 28, was also conjunct the Zodiacal midpoint of Mars and Pluto (20 Sco 41), which in turn was square to the Sun/Moon position (19 Aqu 59), which in its turn was semi-square to Neptune (4 Cap 56).

Because of Stockholm's high latitude, this Chart is also useful for showing the relative correctness of various cuspal systems: The Topocentric Cusps do not differ sufficiently from the Placidian ones to be considered wrong, though the 2nd Placidian Cusp is closer to Uranus (which has only 4' of South latitude). But both the Regiomontanus and Koch Cusps are conspicuously wrong [as also, Porphyry and Equal House. - Ed.].

AIR STRIKE ON LIBYA

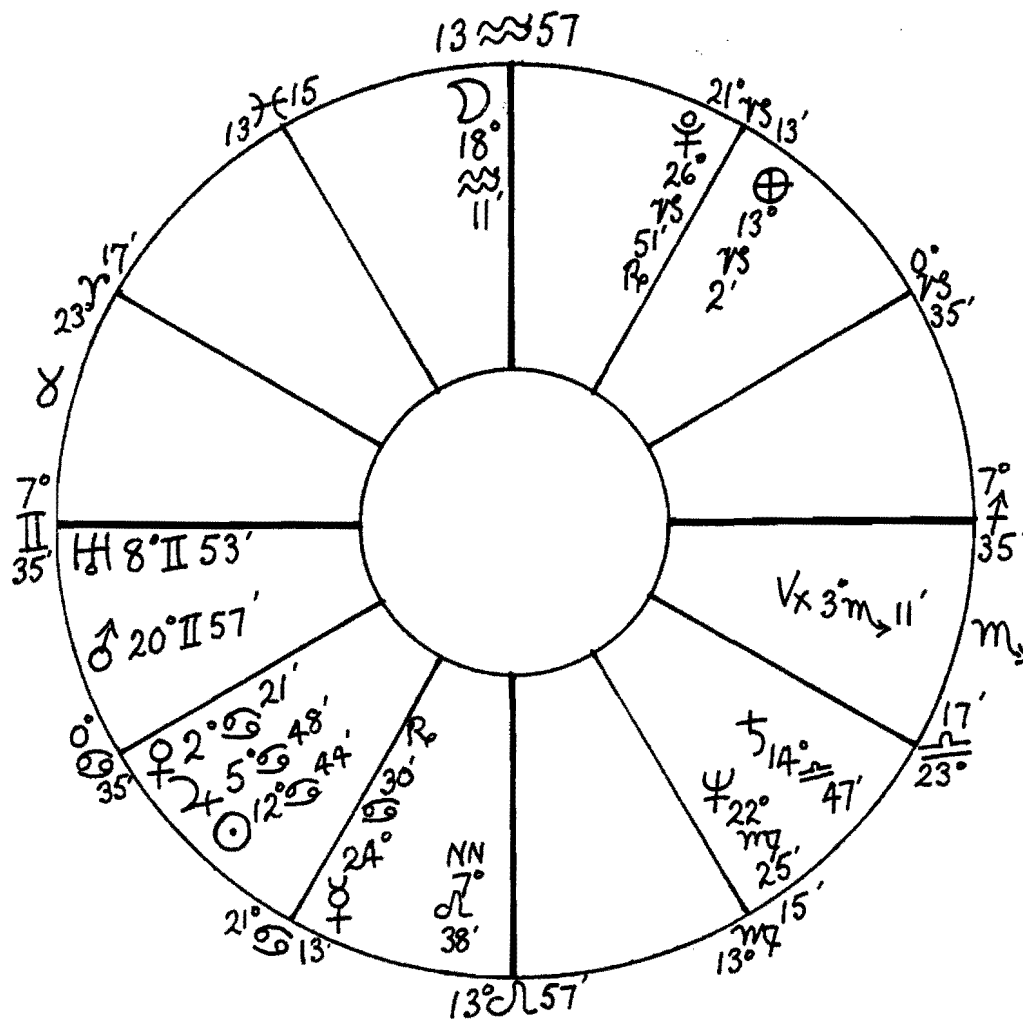
The dominant, and disquieting, news this month is the attack by the US Airforce on targets at Benghazi and Tripoli on the 14th of April. The operation apparently commenced at 7 pm Washington time, which was 0 hrs. UT on 15th April, and 10 am Eastern Standard Time in Australia, 15th April. This dangerous move prompted me to examine the US National Chart, of which there are several in existence, together with the associated current Cyclic Charts and Solar Eclipse.

The Radix for the USA that seems to me most entitled to credence is the one with

MAP 1

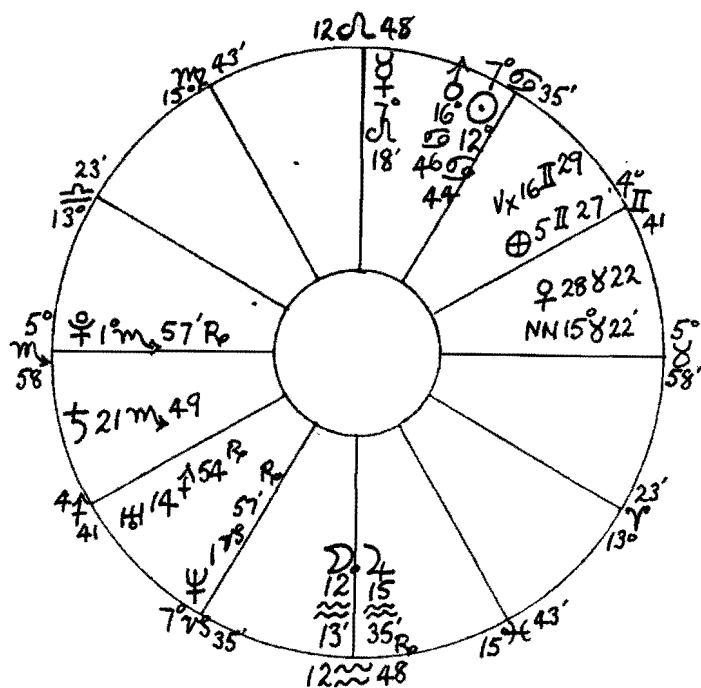
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75 W 10, 39 N 57. Placidian Cusps.



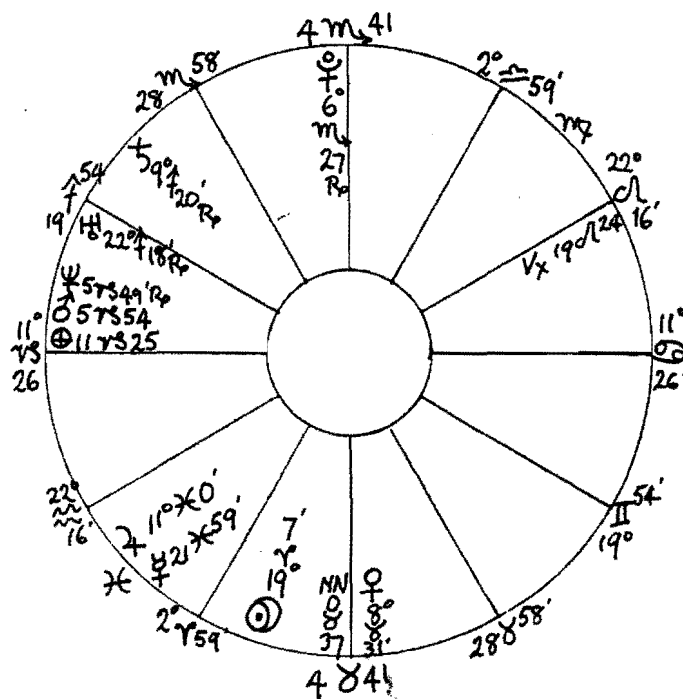
MAP 2

SOLAR RETURN, 4TH JULY 1985
Philadelphia. Rad. Sun 12CN43'50".
Placidian Cusps.



MAP 3

SOLAR ECLIPSE 9TH APRIL 1986, 6:09 AM UT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 77 W 2, 38 N 54.
Placidian Cusps.



7 Gem 35 on the Ascendant, and it is reproduced here (MAP 1). GEMINI rising is particularly appropriate for a nation with a strong intellectual bias, a demand for personal freedom, and many child-like qualities, reflected in their national character, life, and artistic output.

URANUS plays a dominant part in this Horoscope, testifying to the extraordinary inventiveness and technological expertise of the USA. The Moon in the Midheaven in Aquarius accounts for the world-wide humanitarian movements instigated and supported by the US.

PLUTO close to the 9th Cusp and opposite Mercury is indicative of the Nation's tendency to become embroiled in foreign conflicts and under-cover operations against politically hostile countries.

Finally, the conjunction of the two "Fortunes", JUPITER AND VENUS, with the SUN in the 2nd House, has made the USA the richest country in the world, and possibly, unfortunately, the most materialistic.

At the time of the raids on Libya, (about 2 am Libyan time on the 15th of April) the following were two significant Transits:

URANUS Retrograde at 22 Sag 14 OPPOSITE MARS r. Mars rules the Radical 12th House, so the combination is quite typical of a violent surprise attack.

SATURN retrograde OPPOSITE URANUS on 21st April.

The influence of both transiting bodies is strengthened by their slower, retrograde, motion.

The (Tropical) SOLAR RETURN for 4th July 1985 (MAP 2) shows the action clearly:

MARS CONJUNCT THE SUN in the 9th House in CANCER - Hostile action against a foreign power. (Libya is said to come under the Sign Cancer.)

PLUTO retrograde CONJUNCT THE ASCENDANT and exact sextile NEPTUNE - Violence and concealment.

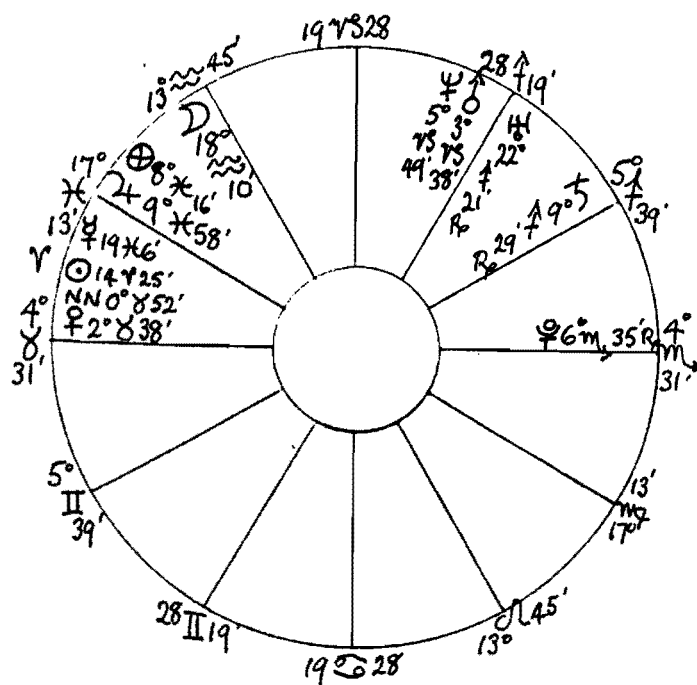
MOON CONJUNCT JUPITER in the 4th - popularity of the Government at Home, but not without criticism, as shown by MERCURY OPPOSITE THE MOON.

The Tropical LUNAR RETURN of 4th April, immediately prior to the air-strike, shows PLUTO OPPOSITE VENUS across the Horizon - violence against an enemy, shattering the relationship of peace - and MARS CONJUNCT NEPTUNE in the 9th House - long-range attack on a foreign country.

It is noteworthy, also, that the SOLAR ECLIPSE of 9th April, (MAP 3) just five days prior to the attack, when set for Washington, the American administrative Capital, has PLUTO OPPOSITE VENUS on the Meridian, showing the potential for violent action antagonistic to peace. MARS in this Eclipse Chart is closely opposed to JUPITER in the National Chart (orb 6' only), another indication of conflict - and enormous expense.

- Dymock.

LUNAR RETURN 4TH APRIL 1986 in USA CHART.
Philadelphia. Radical Moon 18AQ10°31'



SPACE-SHUTTLE PERSONNEL

The following birth-data of some of the personnel who died in the Space-Shuttle explosion on 28th January is by courtesy of Gwen Stoney, who obtained it from Edith Custer, Editor of *Mercury Hour*:

JUDY RESNIK, 5th April 1949, 6:52 am EST, Akron, Ohio, 81 W31, 41 N 5.

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE, 2nd September 1948, 10:13 pm Daylight Saving Time, Boston, 71 W 04, 42 N 22.

MICHAEL JOHN SMITH, 30th April 1945, 1:23 pm War Time, Moorehead City, North Carolina, 76 W 43, 34 N 34.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th April 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

I frequently bemoan the fact that it seems impossible to produce an issue of *Astrologers' Forum* entirely error-free. Despite much care and attention, misspellings, words joined together or omitted, and similar minor transgressions continue to disturb my editorial life. They make themselves obvious only after the Issue has been printed. Thus, in last month's Issue (No.55), the following lines were inadvertently omitted at the foot of the second column, page 2 (dealing with the Philippines Election): "definitely unfavourable to the Government, unless it indicates foul play. Ross concluded that the Opposition would do well in the Election but that Marcos would remain in power, irrespective of the voting."

[As it turns out, Ross's prediction was quite near the mark, as Marcos made every effort to hold on by fraudulent means, but was overthrown by "people power", thus vindicating the Solar Eclipse Chart of 12th November 1985.]

A printed slip containing the omitted lines is enclosed with each copy of this Issue, so that subscribers can paste it in where required.

Fortunately, very few errors occur in the published horoscopes, but in the same Issue (Page 3) the Capricorn Ingress for Perth inadvertently appeared in lieu of the Ingress for Manila. The positions of the planets are of course exactly the same but, Manila being about 5 degrees further East than Perth, the Cusps have to be altered slightly. The Midheaven should be 4 Lib 0, the Ascendant, 27 Sag 20. As Ross Harvey points out, this makes the Sun conjunct the Ascendant, (2 dgs. 33' below it in oblique ascension). The intermediate Cusps are: 11th, 4 Sco 47; 12th, 2 Sag 2; 2nd, 27 Cap 50; 3rd, 0 Pi 37.

MORE ON CHALLENGER

The drama of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* explosion has naturally excited the interest of a great many astrologers. In the last Issue I gave the Chart for the actual lift-off, and judged it from the point of view of any journey being commenced. In my

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opinion this is the best way to approach these matters if we are to have any prospect at all of forestalling evil consequences. The Chart (reproduced below) was clearly an appalling one, with Pluto, "The Destroyer", playing a dominant part. The explosion that destroyed *Challenger* came 1 minute 13 seconds after lift-off, so the two Charts are almost identical.

OLIVIA BARCLAY (England), who specializes in Horary work, has sent some further comments:

"Mankind ignores astrology at his peril. Had the astronauts understood the implications of the planetary positions they would never have taken off. The Moon was approaching a square of Uranus, Later a quincunx of Jupiter and then a sextile of Mars. Every sort of Moon/Mars contact would be dangerous. Need we be reminded that Mars rules fire, and is strong here in Scorpio? In fact the Moon translates the light from Saturn on the 8th Cusp to Uranus, and on to Mars.

"The Shuttle can be identified by the Ascendant and its Ruler, Venus. Venus is unfortunately combust. Had this been a horary question I would assume there was something hidden and untold (or the questioner in some great fear), warning the astrologer to leave the question unjudged. In the context of this event the Chart shows, too, that there was something hidden that should have been known (a hidden defect) which had not been brought to light.

"Mercury is Ruler of the Second House, all

the objects belonging to the Shuttle; and it is also combust.

"The Ascendant itself is near a fixed star, El Nath, or Hamal, which is of the nature of Mars and Saturn. Ebertin says it is as if these two malefics are fighting for domination, and that life is endangered if the native undertakes climbing, up or down, by leap or dive, into an abyss. Elspeth Ebertin adds an anecdote of a hospital patient who leapt from the window, and others who dived from heights. (See *Fixed Stars and their Interpretation* by Ebertin-Hoffman.)

"Pluto, the Natural Ruler of Ejection, opposes the Ascendant, which is the House of Life. Saturn, Natural Ruler of Falling and Drowning is on the 8th Cusp, in mutual reception with Jupiter, Ruler of the 8th. [This effectively brings them into conjunction. - Ed.] The position of Saturn alone, without any further investigation, would deter any astrologer from the choice of such a moment.

"*Pars Fortuna* is conjunct Saturn. William Lilly says of this, "the consumption of movable and immovable goods, waste of his fortune, and yet he knows not how". Lilly's comments are always apt.

"Neptune, which has been called the Natural Ruler of Boundless Space, is in the degree of the Moon's Nodes, described by Watters as a degree of fatality. [Barbara Watters' book, *Horary Astrology and the Judgement of Events* should be in the library of every astrologer. - Ed.]

"The evidence of the midpoints is also interesting. (See Ebertin's *Combination of Stellar Influences*.):

URANUS is midpoint Saturn/Neptune, showing weakness, manifesting suddenly.

PLUTO is midpoint Moon/Neptune, showing emotional shock and upheaval.

URANUS is approximately midpoint Jupiter/Pluto, showing wastefulness and loss of one's whole property. The antiscion of JUPITER-PLUTO also stresses this. [Jupiter and Pluto being equal Zodiacal distances from the 9th Cusp. - Ed.]

FORTUNA is midpoint Mars/Uranus, showing violent intervention; Higher Power.

The square of JUPITER to midpoint Sun/Moon shows the urge to build together. Birth.

The square of URANUS to midpoint Ascendant/Mercury shows an urge to become heated about other people, and frank talk suddenly.

The SUN is midpoint Mercury/Venus, showing sympathy, also a sense of physical form.

"Of Course the MOST important study when

such a catastrophe occurs is the comparison of the Event Chart with that of the previous Eclipses. Mars, the planet to which the Moon (indicator of events) eventually makes its aspect, is in the degree occupied by Saturn at the time of the Lunar Eclipse of October 28th 1985. The Moon was approximately on the Ascendant here with, of course, the Sun opposite. Consider this: The Lunar Eclipse falls across the horizon at the time and location of the Launch. The Ascendant then is almost conjunct the Launch M.C.

"Uranus is exactly opposite Mars on the USA Foundation Chart, and Saturn on the 8th Cusp of the Launch Chart is opposite the USA Ascendant (8 Gem 47).

"There must be many more comparisons those with computers can find, but the obvious ones are those of the Angles and the Luminaries.

"Here, then, we find the position of the Luminaries at the Lunar Eclipse reflected, whereas at the Bradford fire it was the opposition of Mars and Uranus at the time of the Eclipse reflected."

ROGER PEARSON (England) adds that Mars at 20 Gem 59 in the USA Chart is exactly opposite Uranus in the Launch Chart. He writes further, "...this disaster is almost 19 years to the day of the Apollo flash fire [27/1/1967] in which three astronauts died of asphyxiation". Roger notes that the two Charts have remarkable similarities in the degree positions. He has gone into the detail of considering the Launch Chart as a transit over the Apollo Flash Fire Chart, and even treated the latter as a Radix to give Progressed aspects at the time of the Launch Chart. It is doubtful, however, if this is a legitimate operation - that is, whether one disaster can be treated as a Radix for a subsequent one. The Progressed aspects he found were:

Sun p. conjunct Venus r. (orb 5')

MC p. square Moon r. (orb 2')

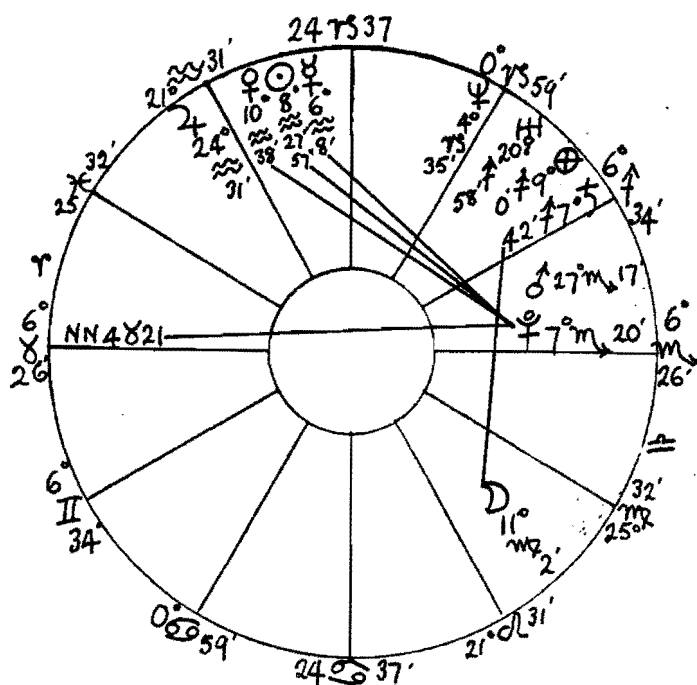
Mars p. square Moon r. (orb 16')

Venus p. opposite Pluto r. (orb 9')

ALEXANDER MARR (German Fed. Republic) draws attention to the PARANS existing near the time of the explosion (11:38 am local time) at the locality of Cape Canaveral.

[Parans are pairs of planets that simultaneously rise, culminate, set, or cross the Lower Meridian, through diurnal rotation of the Earth. The two bodies do not have to be at the same Cardinal Point, they can be traversing different Angles, so long as they are doing it at the same time,

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or nearly so. They obviously then are in mundane conjunction, square or opposition. The only practicable way to find Parans is by using a suitable program in a computer. - Ed.]

Alexander reports the following significant Parans on 28th January, with the local clock time of their occurrence:

The South Node and Pluto rising at 0:9:7 am and 0:9:34 am respectively.
Mercury rising at 6:54:28 am, and the Sun rising at 6:55:24 am.
Uranus culminating at 8:51:19 am, and the Moon setting at 8:51:22 am.
The Sun culminating at 0:13:42 pm, and Pluto setting at 0:15:13 pm.

Alexander writes that Parans are the dominating, the most significant and effective factors in any mundane event, and that this is so even if the planets are not [Zodiacally] near the Angles of the chart.

JENIFER POMMERIN (WA) suggests that TRANSPUTO and CHIRON in the Space Shuttle Chart can add to the overall picture. She writes, "Remember that the dreadful explosion was seen on T.V. by children in the American schools? Well, Transpluto is in Leo and in the 5th House (schools, children). It forms a close trine to Uranus (space flight, explosion, death; telecommunication, instant knowledge) in the 8th House. It was a publicly-viewed

explosion that had a poignant meaning for the schoolchildren. Furthermore, Transpluto, the Ruler of the 1st House, demonstrates the link (perhaps the gamble - 5th House) of the craft's life and its death.

"Chiron has a quincunx to Pluto (the quincunx is often present as a precipitator for eventful happenings); there is a square to the Moon Ruling the 4th (end of job); and an opposition to Saturn, Ruler of the Midheaven (the Government/responsible bodies). The 6th House (workmanship) is under Chiron's rule. The aspects of this planetoid could be pointing to a literally deathly structural fault. The contact with Saturn also emphasises the cold temperature - crystallisation of material, that has been suggested as the cause for the leak of rocket fuel. Chiron's trine to the Sun and Venus appears to indicate that the Captain and crew performed their tasks properly. The Chart could actually be used to show that there was no human error on the part of the flight crew, and that the fault seems to lie with the builders and those who gave the authority for the launch."

Thanks to the contributors who have sent their analyses of the Space Shuttle disaster. These dissections teach us what to look for in forecasting events, and also continually illustrate the relationship existing between things celestial and things terrestrial.

But what I should now like to see more of is astrological prediction of coming events, rather than post-event analysis. This will be much more valuable, and a real test of expertise. Also, though it may not be imperative for astrologers to convince the sceptics that astrology is valid, accurate forecasting is one of the ways in which this can be done.

I suggest readers should interest themselves in National and Cyclic Horoscopes, and Eclipse and Ingress Charts set for various capitals or other parts of the world, and try to fathom out what they mean for the country, city, political leaders or notable personages concerned. This way we may eventually achieve reliable forecasts.

All the post-event analysis we have done provides useful clues as to what will happen, but the acid test is - can we forecast it? - Dymock.

The Quarterly Precessed Solar Return

LESLIE BLACK (Eng.) writes approvingly of Cheng-yi Huang's article on the "Sidereal" Quarterly Solar Return and its application to President Kennedy at the time of his assassination (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 51). Cheng-yi adverted also to the death of Queen Elizabeth's father on 6th February 1952, and her accession to the throne of England. Her worldly elevation was shown in the "SSR" but not in the Tropical SR. However Cheng-yi also stated that the SSR works only for the first quarter of the Return Year, though in Queen Elizabeth's case her accession in the last quarter was apparent in the SSR for the beginning of her year. Cheng-yi averred that for the parts remaining it is necessary to cast Quarterly SSR Charts for when the Sun moves to 90, 180 and 270 degrees from its Radical position.

I should point out here that "Sidereal" in this application is a misnomer, as the Charts are not calculated in the Sidereal Zodiac, but in the Tropical one, and are simply precessed for the time elapsing from birth to the date of the Return Chart. Hence I prefer to call these Charts "Precessed" rather than "Sidereal".

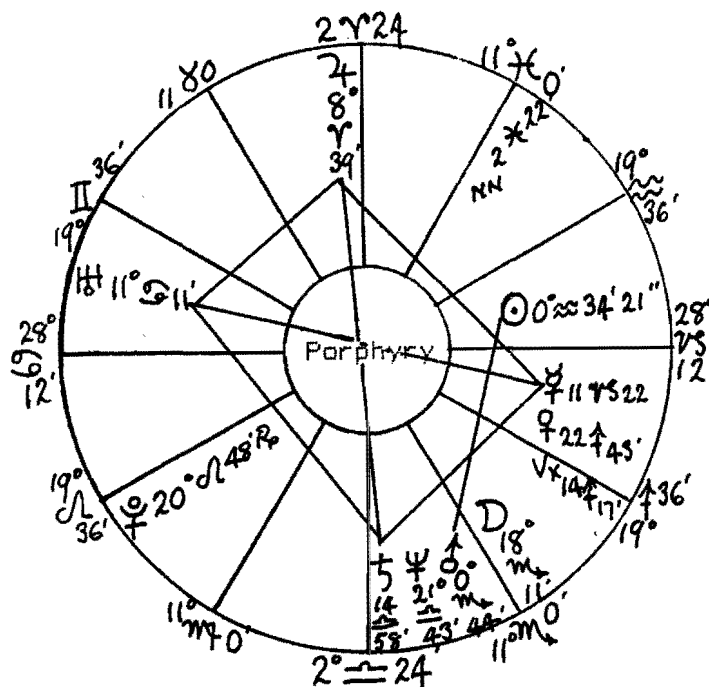
Leslie Black has implemented Cheng-yi's ideas by erecting the Quarterly Precessed Chart of Queen Elizabeth. He writes about it as follows:

"The Chart is undoubtedly an impressive one for such an important event as the death of a King, when the heir apparent is out of the country. The sudden unexpected unfavourable news of the death of her father, and a hasty return home, is typical of the Mercury opposition Uranus (11' orb). The death of her father is denoted by the near-exact square of the Sun to Mars in the death Sign, Scorpio, (orb 10') which is accentuated by Saturn's position in the fourth Angle. For accession and queenship, there is no finer position than that of Jupiter in the 10th House in the Ruling Sign of England, Aries, and conjunct Mercury in the Radix. Five major planets are Angular, and four complete a Grand Cross," [the Grand Cross being associated with crisis. - Ed.]

Solar Eclipse: Sweden and Singapore

The Solar Eclipse of 12th November 1985 appears to have precipitated tragedies around the world. At Stockholm, where Prime Minister Olaf Palme was assassinated, the

QUARTERLY PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN 21ST
JANUARY 1952 FOR QN. ELIZABETH II
Preces. Sun 0 Tau 34' 21" (Rad. Sun
0 Tau 12' 20"). London, 0 W 0, 51 N 31



Eclipse occurred exactly on the 7th Angle (20 Sco 9), and Saturn, ruling the 10th House (the Prime Minister) was conjunct the Sun and Moon and also in parallel declination with them. Venus ruled the Ascendant, and was in Scorpio conjunct Pluto (orb less than two degrees).

With the Eclipse Chart set for Singapore (where a tourist hotel collapsed just before noon on the 16th of March), the 4th Sign, Cancer, rises, drawing attention to the 4th House, where Mars is in close conjunction with the Cusp, and in even closer square to the Ascendant. At the latest count, eleven bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the building, seventeen people have been rescued alive, and about fifty are still missing. It seems incredible that anyone could have escaped death or serious injury in the pile of rubble that was once the hotel. The fact that a few did so escape may be attributed to the trine of Jupiter to Mars from the 8th House.

Through lack of time, I have not examined the Ingress Charts for Sweden and Singapore, but anyone who has done so might care to report the findings.

Can anyone supply the birth data of the present Australian Federal Treasurer, Paul Keating?

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
19th March 1986.

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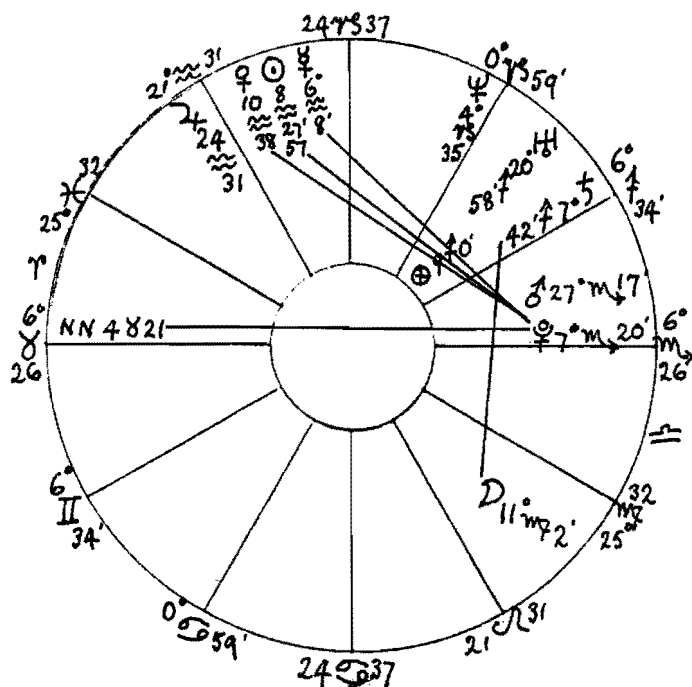
SPACE SHUTTLE EXPLODES

The fiery destruction of the Space Shuttle *Challenger* at Cape Canaveral on the 28th of January is another tragic testimony to the wilful blindness of man. The portents of catastrophe were there in the heavens for all to read, but because Astrology is still seen by many as "superstitious nonsense" the danger signals so generously provided by the celestial bodies remained outside the ken of those responsible for the launch. It is a safe bet that any astrologer who ventured to draw attention to the dangerous disposition of the planets at the proposed time of departure for "Challenger", would have been regarded as weak-minded, and totally ignored.

The accompanying Horoscope is set for the precise time of lift-off of the space craft, and can be assessed like any other Chart for the beginning of a journey. The explosion that destroyed "Challenger" occurred just one and a quarter minutes later.

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One does not have to be deeply versed in astrology to see the dreadful implications of this Figure:

1. The Ascendant represents the life and health of the venture, and here Pluto (The Destroyer), in Scorpio, directly opposes the Rising Degree, with an orb of only 54'.
2. Pluto closely squares the Sun (the Captain) and Mercury, Ruler of the 6th House (the crew) and Venus, Co-Ruler of the 6th through Libra being intercepted. The square of Pluto to the Significators shows that the crew were overwhelmed by superior force, unable to do anything.
3. The Moon, Ruler of the 4th House (Terminations) is squared by Saturn in the House of Death.

ELVA HOWSON (Vic.) sent the Chart for the previous Lunar Eclipse (28th of October 1985) reproduced below. Here again we see Pluto afflicting the Sun, Moon, North Node and Jupiter in a T-Square. Reinhold Ebertin, in *The Combination of Stellar Influences*, says Pluto afflicting the North Node of the Moon signifies "A common and tragic destiny shared with other persons".

Elva commented also on the picture of the actual explosion, captured by cameras, as being a dramatically Scorpionic formation (see reproduction).

(from a sequence of pictures)

A circular diagram with a central circle and 12 radial segments. Each segment contains handwritten text, including numbers, symbols, and some underlined or circled elements. The text is written in a cursive, handwritten style. The segments are separated by radial lines, and the entire diagram is enclosed in a circular border.

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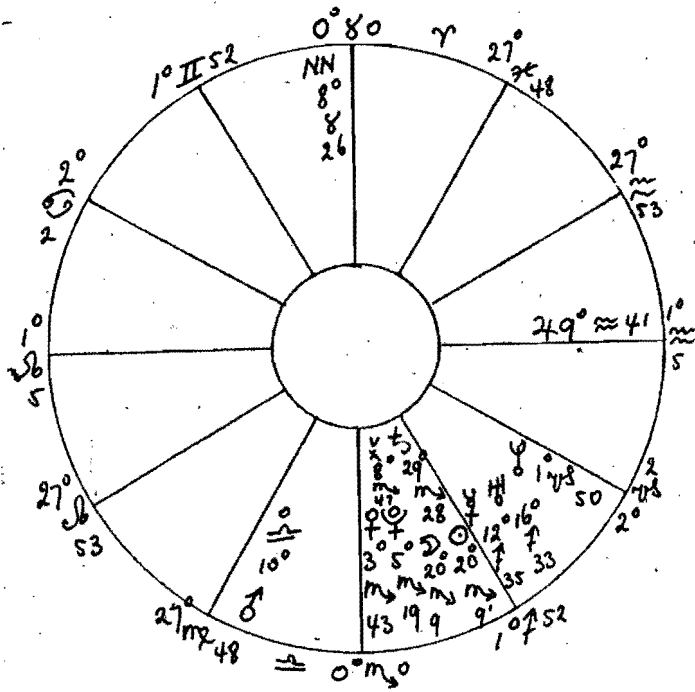
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- Segment 5: $4^{\circ} II \rightarrow 30$
- Segment 6: $13^{\circ} 8 \rightarrow 22$
- Segment 7: $12^{\circ} \gamma \rightarrow 51$
- Segment 8: $5^{\circ} \gamma \rightarrow 40$
- Segment 9: $27^{\circ} \gamma \rightarrow 2$
- Segment 10: $4^{\circ} \gamma \rightarrow 30$
- Segment 11: $13^{\circ} m \rightarrow 22$
- Segment 12: $12^{\circ} \underline{m} \rightarrow 51$

square to the MC/IC axis means trickery, etc. In his experience so far with Mundane Charts to predict election results, he has found Ingress Charts to be more useful than Eclipse Charts. He takes note only of conjunctions with the Angles and Cusps, and Zodiacal aspects to the Angles. That the Lights may be afflicted he considers is not always relevant, as here the Moon is opposite Mars and Pluto. In the Swedish Election last year, the Sun was opposite Neptune, but the critical indication was Sun Conjunct MC - and the Government won.

Ross also submits the New Moon Chart for the 9th of February (that is, two days after the Election). In this Map, Jupiter is 1d.55' above the 12th Cusp in oblique ascension, therefore in mundane trine to the IC, favouring the Opposition. Pluto is conjunct the 8th Cusp in zodiacal longitude, and therefore above the IC, but because of its latit^{ude} 8th C^{usp} 80°

Ross speculates also that Neptune being

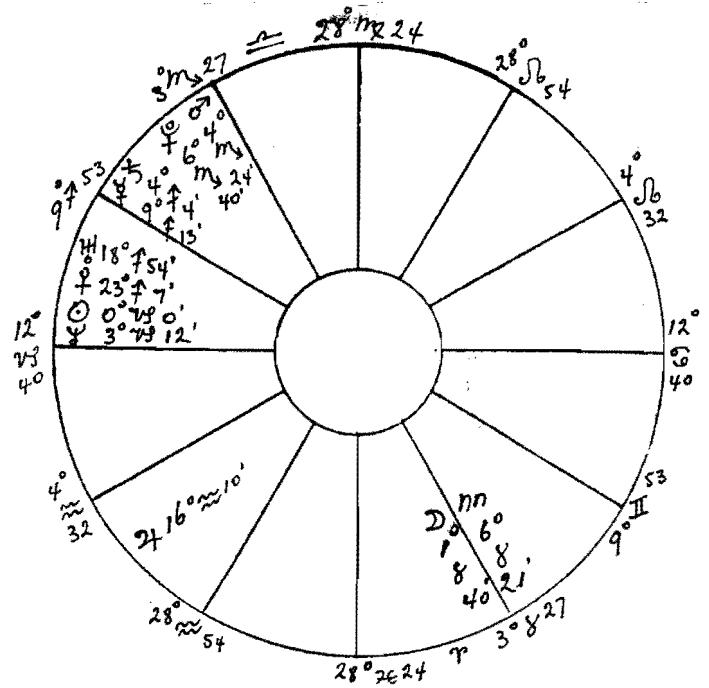
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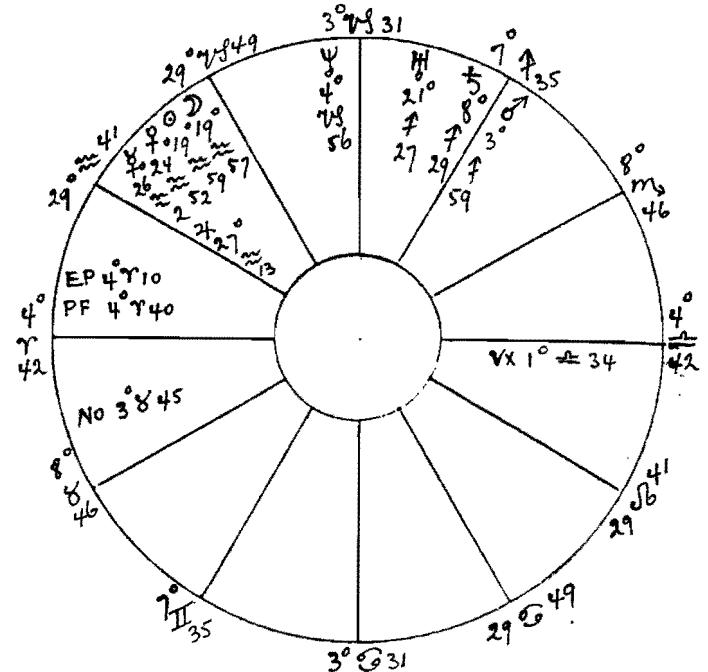
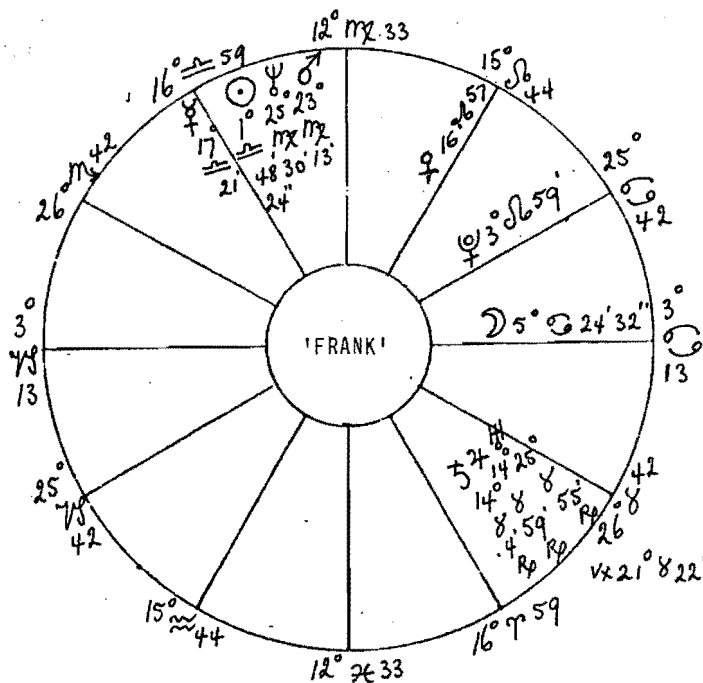
(1st and 10th Houses for the Marcos Government, 7th and 4th for the Opposition. See previous Issue.)

Cusps in the Charts are Placidian unless otherwise stated.

CAPRICORN INGRESS, MANILA, 21ST DEC. 1985



NEW MOON, 9TH FEB. 1986, MANILA



"Frank's" Release

Those of you who were receiving *Astrologers' Forum* two years ago will recall that in Issue No. 26 (19th September 1983) readers were invited to predict the date of release of a man, whom we called "Frank", who was arrested and sentenced in 1978 for

armed robbery. The release date is now known, as I have received the following communication from "Frank": "Today [3rd February 1986] at approximately 1:10 pm I was informed that I would be released on the 26th February 1986 to an Attendance Centre. That means I will be "free", but I have to report two nights a week for "lectures", and

have to work for the community all day Saturdays.

At the present time I don't know how long that will be for."

Only one person managed to predict correctly the date of release - my wife, Marguerite. Following her independent researches, here is what Marguerite wrote in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 27 of 19th October 1983:

"Apart from the indications mentioned by Elva, there is the favourable Angular Jupiter/Moon conjunction in the 4th House (end of matters), whereas the 1983 and 1984 Charts have the planets in the western Hemisphere (1983) and the lower Hemisphere (1984), which indicates less control of his destiny.

"In the 1985 Solar Return Chart, the majority of planets are rising, showing a greater measure of control over his life and less dependence on circumstances and other people.

"The transits revealed a stationary Jupiter conjunct S.R. Jupiter in October, 1985. This may be indicative of the favourable outcome of a judicial hearing, Jupiter indicating legal matters and the Moon ruling the 9th House, which is also judicial decrees. As the Moon/Jupiter conjunction occurs in the 4th House (the home), it is appropriate to a favourable ruling by the Parole Board in the gaol (Frank's 'home').

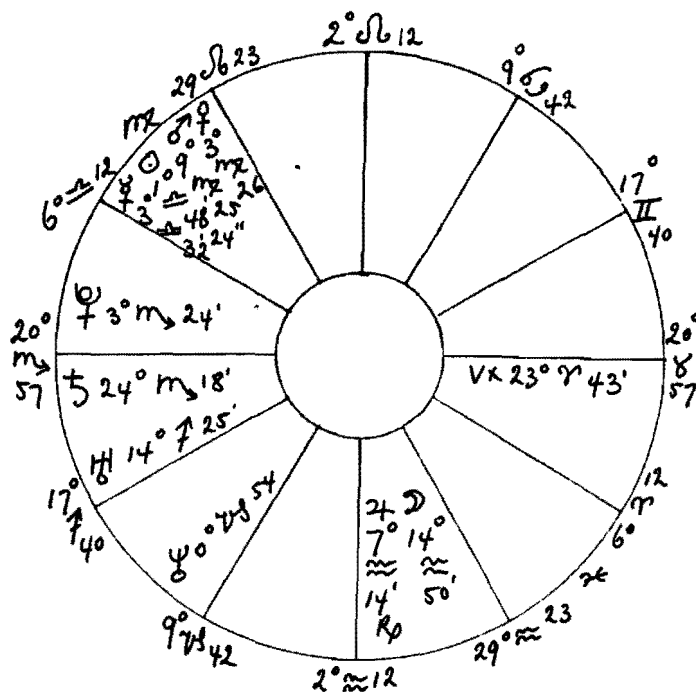
"Four months later, in February 1986, stationary Pluto squares S.R. Jupiter. As Frank was originally arrested under a Pluto aspect (Primary Direction Neptune square Pluto), it may well be the end of a cycle and that the same planet (Pluto) releases him.

"A Sun square Venus Secondary Progression occurs in early March 1986, the nature of the planets involved in this aspect probably being more important than the type of aspect.

"I have looked hard for earlier releasing indications, but I can't see positive signs to tell Frank to start packing earlier than February 1986."

Congratulations to Marguerite. Another reader (Elva Howson, Vic.) was hot on the scent. In the same Issue she wrote: "...The Solar Return Chart 25/9/1985 and Eclipse contacts do not necessarily indicate February 1986 as release month, but it certainly shows an important change in the lifestyle between the 45th and the 46th birthdays." Congratulations to you too, Elva.

FRANK'S SOLAR RETURN 24th SEP.1985
Bendigo 144 E 21, 36 S 48. UT 22h25m40s
Topocentric Cusps



Exercises like the above are practical tests of the validity of Astrology, and help its devotees to improve their skills. One should not shy away from them (for fear of being wrong) but make a serious attempt to apply one's astrological knowledge to the situations of life. This is of far greater value than the endless abstract dissertations to which we are treated in most astrological publications.

THE 1983 VERNON CLARK EXPERIMENT

The results of the above Experiment, conducted by Dr. Geoffrey Dean are now available. A number of *Astrologers' Forum* readers took part, and each will have received individual results.

The Experiment was, in effect, to determine, whether extraversion and emotional stability can be read successfully from the Birth Chart.

It has to be admitted, unfortunately, that despite the depth of thought that went into the judging process, the results achieved by the astrologers were no better than chance.

This suggests to me, not that extraversion and emotional stability cannot be read from the horoscope, but that we are working on the wrong criteria. I had hoped that participation in the Experiment would enlighten us in this respect.

My kind regards to all. -Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

One of the things that astrological periodicals should provide is shared experience. It doesn't take long to realize what the books don't tell us. It takes somewhat longer to realize that much of what they do tell us is *wrong*. We have a lot to learn in Astrology, mostly by slow, sometimes painful, experience. If we can learn vicariously, not only through our own experience, but by profiting from the experience of others, the process of acquiring expertise can be greatly shortened.

The deliberate aim of *Astrologers' Forum* is to foster this sharing process. If practising astrologers or serious students publish what they have learned, it is a contribution to the advancement of Astrology, and may also prevent the unnecessary duplication of research.

We are all dependent to some extent on one another. We all want to be good astrologers; so let us be generous and giving in the matter of sharing our individual knowledge and expertise for the common cause.

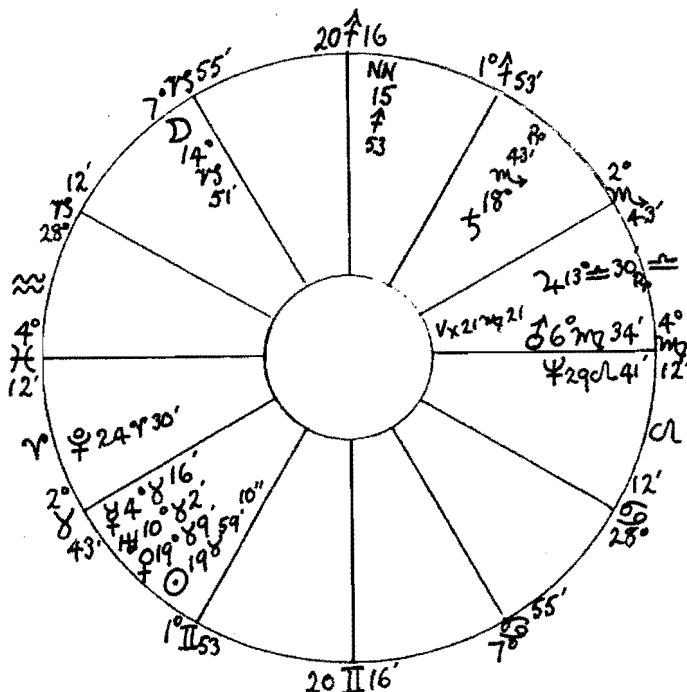
The lengthy treatment of William Lilly and his *CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY* in the November issue of this publication attracted favourable comment, as well as the wish that this outstanding work were lower-priced, to put it within the reach of more astrologers. A paperback edition would certainly help, but the book is so massive it would need to be published in two parts, at least. I hope it will eventually be available more cheaply. It's down-to-earth, very practical teaching is a healthy antidote to the fanciful dissertations that today are so freely purveyed as "Astrology".

In the analysis of the astrological indications of William Lilly's death on the 9th of June 1681 (Gregorian Calendar), I was unable to present the relevant P.E.A. Directions. This deficiency has now been made good by RUDOLF SMIT (W.A.), who sends the following information (refer to Lilly's Birth Chart, reproduced below):

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WILLIAM LILLY, 30/4/1602 (Julian),
11th May 1602 (Gregorian) 2:08 am GMT
1 w 10, 52 N 36. Topocentric.



P.E.A. (Prime Event Analysis) Primary Mundane Directions in William Lilly's Nativity at his Death
MC OPPOSITE MARS (orb 5')
SATURN SQUARE CUSP 8 (orb 2')
CUSP 8 SQUARE PLUTO (orb 7')

The above aspects are most appropriate, and provide fairly accurate timing for the death. As a rough gauge, 5' of orb in Primary Directions can be taken as one month in time.

In addition to the above, Rudolf also mentions a series of P.E.A. Directions with wider orbs but which he considers relevant. He writes "Events normally do not take place all at once, but develop slowly. They have a prelude and an epilogue! Death of old age usually is a slow process. In the case of Lilly, the Rulers of Houses 1, 4 and 8 were all heavily involved."

The supplementary P.E.A. Directions quoted by Rudolf are the following:

- Midheaven tredecile Saturn (orb 15')
- Sun square Cusp 8 (orb 45')
- Mercury square Pluto (orb 31')
- Saturn square Mercury (orb 28')
- Uranus opposite Cusp 12 (orb 37')
- Neptune tredecile Pluto (orb 22')
- Cusp 12 square Neptune (orb 15')
- Vertex sesquare Neptune (orb 28')
- Node opposite Neptune (orb 33')

The above aspects should be read in relation to their House rulership as well as to their natural symbology. Rudolf points out in relation to the last two Directions that though weak they are meaningful as the Vertex and the Node are both significant points.

- Dymock.

From OLIVIA BARCLAY (Eng.):

I liked your final advice in the December *Astrologers' Forum*: "Use the Celestial Road Maps that are available to you, and make practical use of your astrology".

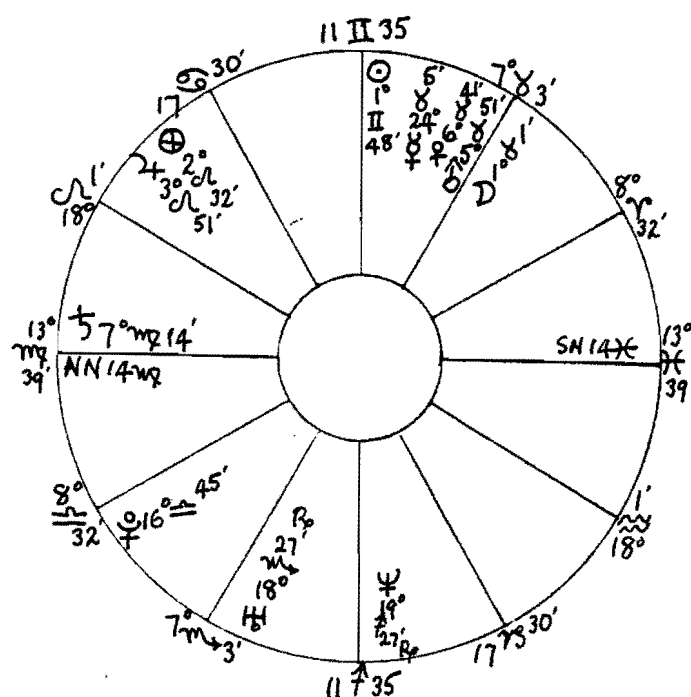
Apart from Mundane Investigations, which could well require large computers, one can make one's personal enquiry with Horary Astrology. The following little story is relevant to your advice:

I usually do a horary chart before I travel by air, and here is one I drew when I was away in Portugal and was offered a flight home. You can see the Querent (myself), the Ruler of the Sign on the Ascendant, in the 9th House, - away from home. I did not like Moon with Mars on the 9th Cusp, although the aspect from Jupiter - even the square - would have saved it from being dangerous, I expect. However I declined the offer, and stayed on to enjoy myself a bit longer. I once had a Chart with Moon and Mars in Gemini when I made such an enquiry, and again declined. On that occasion there was a big air crash in

HORARY CHART: Shall I Accept this Flight Home?

Regiomontanus Cusps.

23rd May 1979, 7 W 59, 37 N 2, 1:10 pm GMT.



America, a 747, which would not have endangered me, but which held up air travel world-wide on the very day I would have travelled.

THE 1985 MELBOURNE CUP

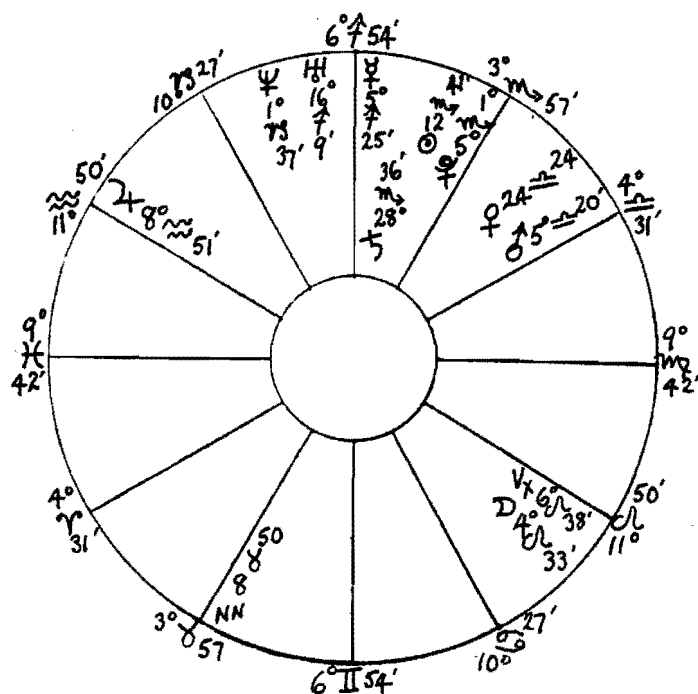
Readers who take an interest in horse racing, and the simple but effective system I described in *ASTROLOGERS' FORUM* Issue 45, may have tried to apply it to the last Melbourne Cup on the 5th of November. This race turned out to be a more than usually interesting astrological exercise.

The Chart is for the approximate finishing time of the race, and the first step is to pick the planetary Significator of the winner. There are only three bodies to be considered - Mercury, Pluto and Mars - as these three are the only ones in close contact with a Cusp (Placidian or Topocentric). Of these, Pluto must be given precedence over Mercury because it is applying to the Cusp (by the Earth's rotation, not by progress through the Zodiac) while Mercury is separating, and precedence over Mars, not merely because it is slightly closer to the Cusp, but also because the 9th Cusp has more power than the 8th in these matters. This is probably because the 9th forms a mundane trine to the Ascendant while the 8th is only a quincunx.

The question now is, which of the starters is symbolized by Pluto? In this case the winner was not disclosed by a simple list of the names of the runners. One had to delve

THE 1985 MELBOURNE CUP: 5/11/1985,
2:43 pm Summer Time, 145 E 0, 37 S 45.

THE INTERNATIONAL ATLAS



behind the scenes. In doing so one would learn that the horse *What A Nuisance* and its jockey, Pat Hyland, admirably exemplified the action of Pluto in that the horse had broken down badly while preparing for the previous year's Melbourne Cup, and the jockey had suffered a fall and a broken shoulder in the previous May. It was thought unlikely that either horse or jockey would ever race again. But they did race, and win, exemplifying the well-known action of Pluto - regeneration and renewal after destruction (the "phoenix rising from the ashes").

The Moon ruling the 5th House (field sports, gambles and hazards) is in close (applying) square to Pluto (orb 28'). This is like a finger pointing to the important Significator of the Chart. (Applying aspects = things to come; separating = things past.) Here is a typical example of how astrology applied to horse-racing can extend our knowledge and understanding of the planetary energies. I never recommend it simply as a means of trying to make money - the outcome of that sort of venture, money-for-nothing, depends mainly on the person's Natal Chart; but as a means of enlarging one's knowledge and understanding of astrology it is indeed valuable.

- Dymock.

There are two difficulties facing astrologers at the outset of any practical work: One is the need to obtain accurate geographic coordinates for all manner of large and small towns in various parts of the world. The other, often the major difficulty of the two, is to ascertain the correct Universal Time corresponding to a given time for a birth or other event. Many an hour I have spent referring to atlases and reference books, and even poring over locality maps, trying to get precise latitudes and longitudes, and accurate information on time, for little-known places abroad as well as in Australia.

It is therefore with positive joy that I hail the advent of *The International Atlas*, a monumental work, computer-printed, compiled and programmed by Thomas G. Shanks. It is a partner volume to *The American Atlas*, an equally staggering and meritorious work by Neil F. Michelsen. Both are published by Astro Computing Services of San Diego, California.

These books are of incalculable value. Far more comprehensive than anything hitherto published, together they give precise latitudes, longitudes and time zones - including daylight saving times - for every city and town on earth! The magnitude of this undertaking would be enough to daunt the stoutest of hearts and the most dedicated of astrologers. To their great credit, and the enormous benefit of the rest of us, the two authors carried their project through to a magnificent conclusion.

To quote from the dust-cover of *The International Atlas*, "This incredible volume contains latitudes, longitudes, time change and time zone information for the entire world, excepting the United States [which is provided in *The American Atlas*]. No longer will researchers have to comb maps, seeking the exact latitude and longitude of some foreign location...Time changes have been a major headache...Too often, the question, 'What kind of time was it then?' [had] no good answer. Extensive research for this work has contributed to accurate information about time changes. Thomas Shanks has spent numerous hours in the library, looking at maps and corresponding with people around the world to update and verify current information about times utilized in various countries. Among the many painstaking labours that went into this volume, Mr. Shanks traced the time changes imposed - sometimes town by town - during World War II.

"This kind of careful, detailed, conscientious work makes this volume the most complete, accurate statement on the subject to date...Time changes and time zones from 1850 to 2000". And finally, "This encyclopaedic work is an essential reference for every astrologer's bookshelf!", with which I emphatically agree. The book is worth every cent of its Australian price, \$49.95

ASTROLOGICAL SOFTWARE

An item of interest to all computer-minded astrologers, is the availability now in Australia of AGS Software, re-named "Robert Hand's Astrolab". The Australian distributor is Keven Barrett, National President of the Federation of Australian Astrologers, from whom a catalogue, price list, options, etc., are available.

There is a choice of six Programs, suiting various types of computer, including Commodore 64, MS-DOS, CP/M, Macintosh, Apple II and TRS-80. Beside the Natal Chart, the Programs give Progressions (by various major systems), Solar and Lunar Return Charts in the Tropical or Sidereal Zodiacs, geocentric or heliocentric positions, aspectarians with the orbs selected by the individual astrologer, and all the midpoints, sorted in a choice of ways or in "tree" shapes. The output is in the normal wheel form, with either glyphs or two-letter abbreviations for the planets and Zodiacal points. A disk-drive is necessary - the programs are not available on cassette tape.

I don't have firm figures on the Program prices, but I understand they will range from about \$200 to \$500 each. Full details are available from Keven, whose address is 41 Argyle Street, Bilgola Plateau, 2107. Phone [02] 918 9413.

ELECTION IN THE PHILIPINES

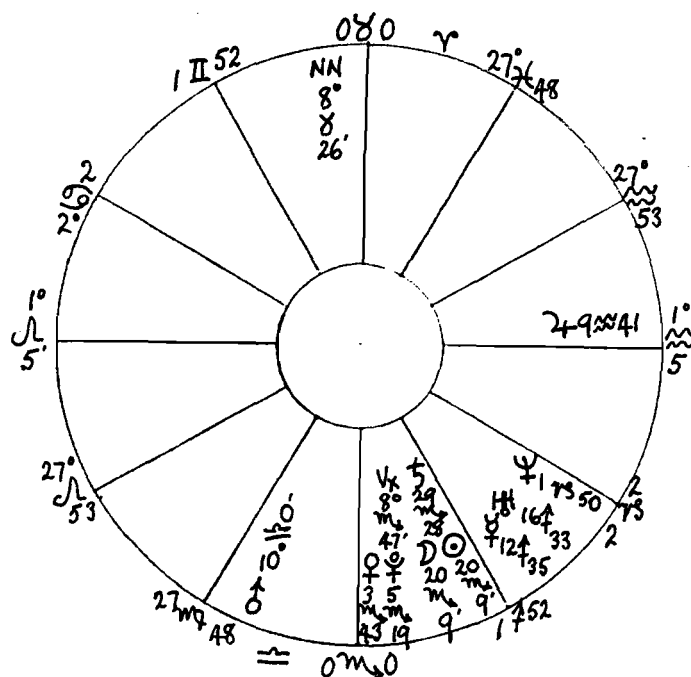
A General Election of uncommon interest and importance is the one to be held in the Philippines on 7th February next. Will the 20-year supreme ruler (and many would say, dictator) Ferdinand Marcos be deposed by the democratic candidate Mrs. Corazon Aquino? Mrs. Aquino will have a tough job unseating him. Marcos is obviously addicted to power, and uses every political ploy to remain in office. Two opposition candidates have been shot dead, and the general feeling is that the killings are politically motivated. If Marcos feels that things are going against him, he could declare martial law and abort the whole democratic process.

Let's hope that an assassin's bullet does not find Mrs. Aquino (as it did her husband in 1983) before the Election now only three weeks off.

Unfortunately, we have no information as to the birth data of the protagonists in this political arena, and no Chart relevant to the Philippines or its government. Even the latest and best book, *Mundane Astrology*, by Baigent, Campion and Harvey, has nothing to offer in this regard.

In the circumstances, I have nothing better on which to base a prediction than the last Solar Eclipse (12th November 1985). Here it is, set for the Philippines capital, Manila:

SOLAR ECLIPSE 12TH NOV 1985, MANILA
121 E 00, 14 N 35. 2:21 pm UT. Placidus



for the present Government, the 7th and the 4th for the Opposition. If this Chart is a valid basis, it predicts a clear win for the Opposition: The Sun rules the 1st House (the Marcos Government), and it is eclipsed! But the 7th House (the Ascendant for Mrs Aquino's Opposition) holds Jupiter, which is trine to Mars, Co-Ruler of the 4th (the Opposition's 10th)! Further, this derived 10th House has Venus conjunct the Cusp and conjunct Pluto, Ruler of the House, signalling victory. Marcos, on the other hand, has the Node in the 10th, opposed by Venus, Pluto and the Vertex - the masses are against him. I hope we shall soon be celebrating a change of government in the Philippines.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,
19th January 1986.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

THE GANDER AIR DISASTER

It is sad indeed that the Christmas holiday period has been ushered in with another major air crash: 256 people, the total complement of passengers and crew, died at Gander Airport, Newfoundland, on the 12th of December when a DC 8 crashed just after becoming air-borne. The passengers were military personnel returning for Christmas at home after peace-keeping operations in Lebanon. 1985 will probably go down in history as the worst period ever for air disasters; outside of the War years.

As astrologers we should be concerned to learn the astrological pointers to these calamities and be in a position to know when disaster is threatened. As I have previously mentioned (ASTROLOGERS' FORUM No.49), it would be a great help to have available the "birth horoscope" of each air-liner, but even without this it seems that sufficient warning is given by

- (a) the Chart for the take-off time,
- (b) the Chart for the previous Solar or Lunar Eclipse, and possibly
- (c) the Chart for the previous Cardinal Ingress.

All Charts would of course be set for the geographic coordinates of each major airport - hundreds of horoscopes, no doubt, but well within the capacity of modern technology and astrologers who could be appointed to the salaried staff of air-line companies.

The Gander crash occurred at 6:50 am local time, 10:20 am GMT, just after the plane left the ground, so the take-off time (when everything was closed up and the DC 8 started taxiing) might have been only a minute or two before. I do not have any information as to any lengthy delay after taxiing commenced, so assume that a starting time of 6:48 am would be close to exact. See MAP 1. A discrepancy of five or ten minutes would not alter the Cusps to any appreciable extent.

There are three very disturbing elements in this Chart:

1. PLUTO in close opposition to (and in the same degree as) the North Node of the Moon.

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2. SATURN conjunct the Rising Degree.
3. URANUS rising, conjunct both Sun and Moon.

To these might possibly be added a fourth element - Neptune conjunct the Equatorial Ascendant (East Point). It seems that little research has been done on the E.P. but here it is certainly consistent with asphyxiation, which would have occurred in the fire that destroyed both aircraft and passengers.

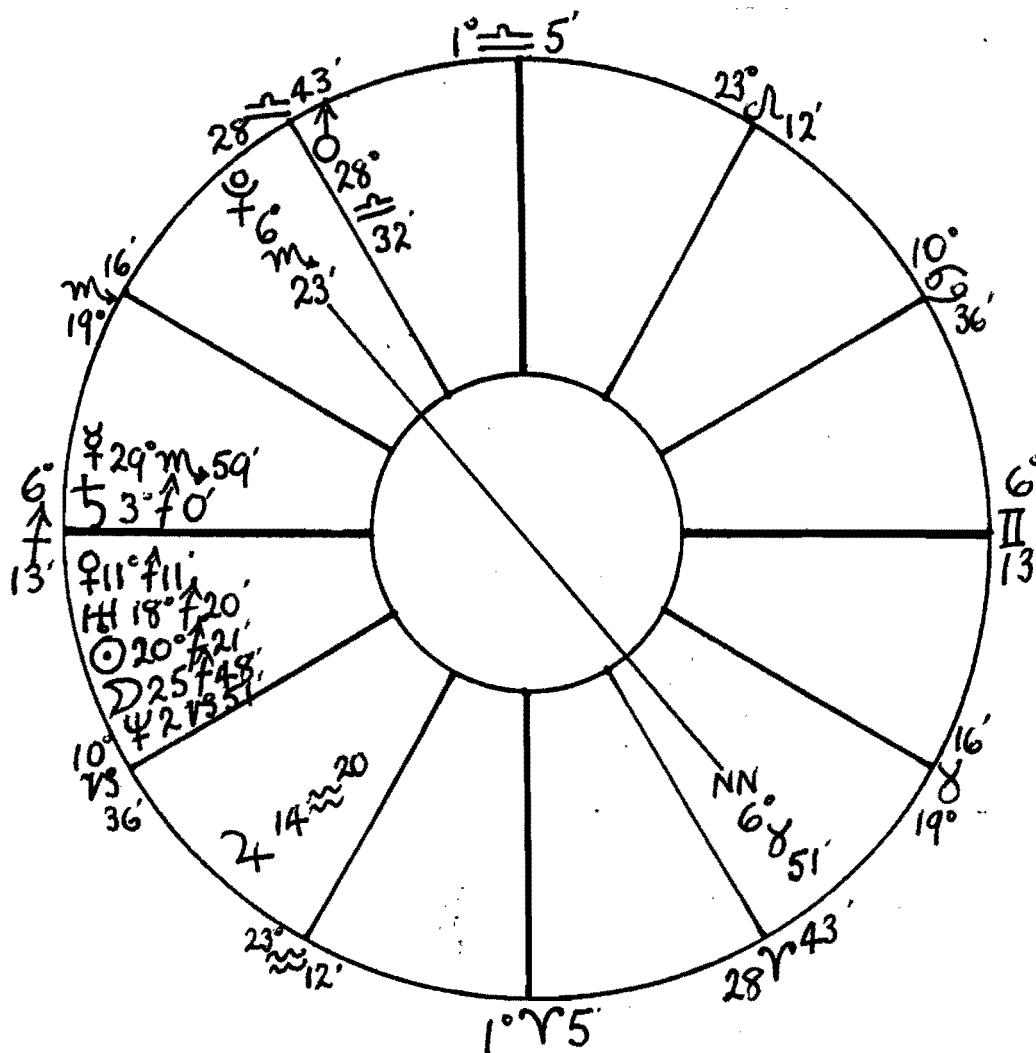
Pluto in the same degree as the Node is recognized by Horary astrologers as a portent of great danger. Pluto opposite the Node means a tragic destiny shared in common with others (Ebertin).

The Node (the Mean Node - traditionally used, and generally favoured over the so-called "True" Node) entered the same degree as Pluto on the 10th of December and left it on the 29th - a period of 19 days, but its effects were no doubt precipitated on the 12th December through the concurrence of the other factors. It is unnecessary to comment on the malefic effect of Saturn and Uranus which are widely recognized as accident producers.

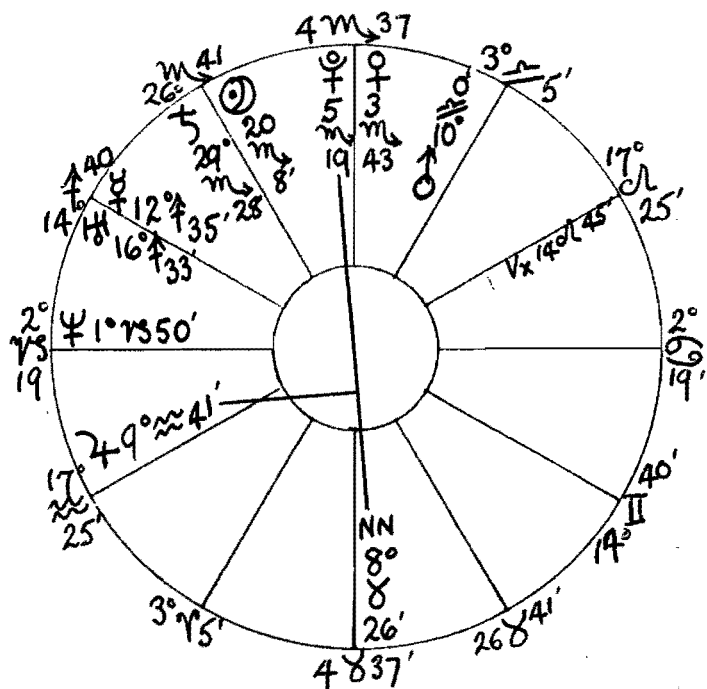
MAP 2 is the Solar Eclipse of 12th November - just a month before the crash - set for Gander Airport. Here the PLUTO - NODE OPPOSITION is much more prominent, and forms a T-Square with Jupiter. This configuration would, of course, be the same

MAP 1**GANDER AIR DISASTER**

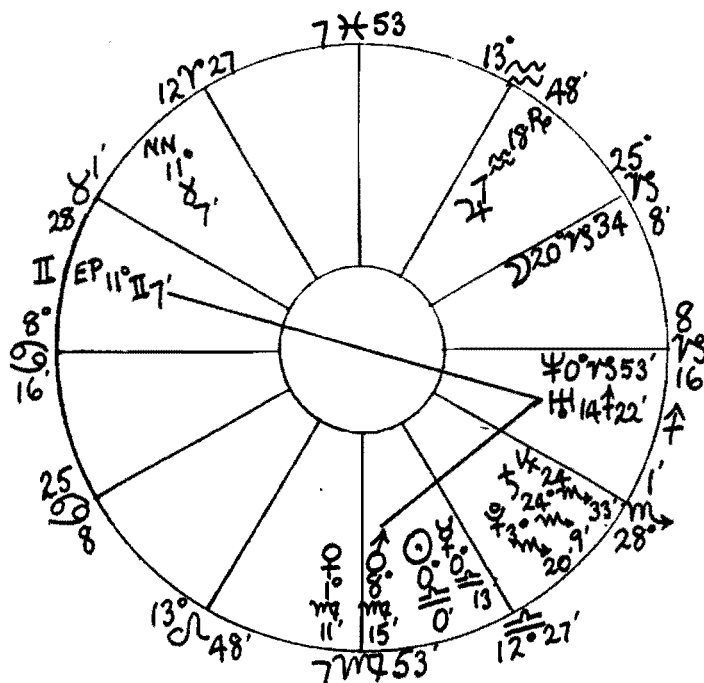
12th December 1985, Gander Airport, Newfoundland, 6:48 am (UT 10:18 am).
54 W 34 48 N 56. Placidian Cusps.

MAP 2

SOLAR ECLIPSE, 12TH NOVEMBER 1985
GANDER, Newfoundland. Placidian Cusps.

MAP 3

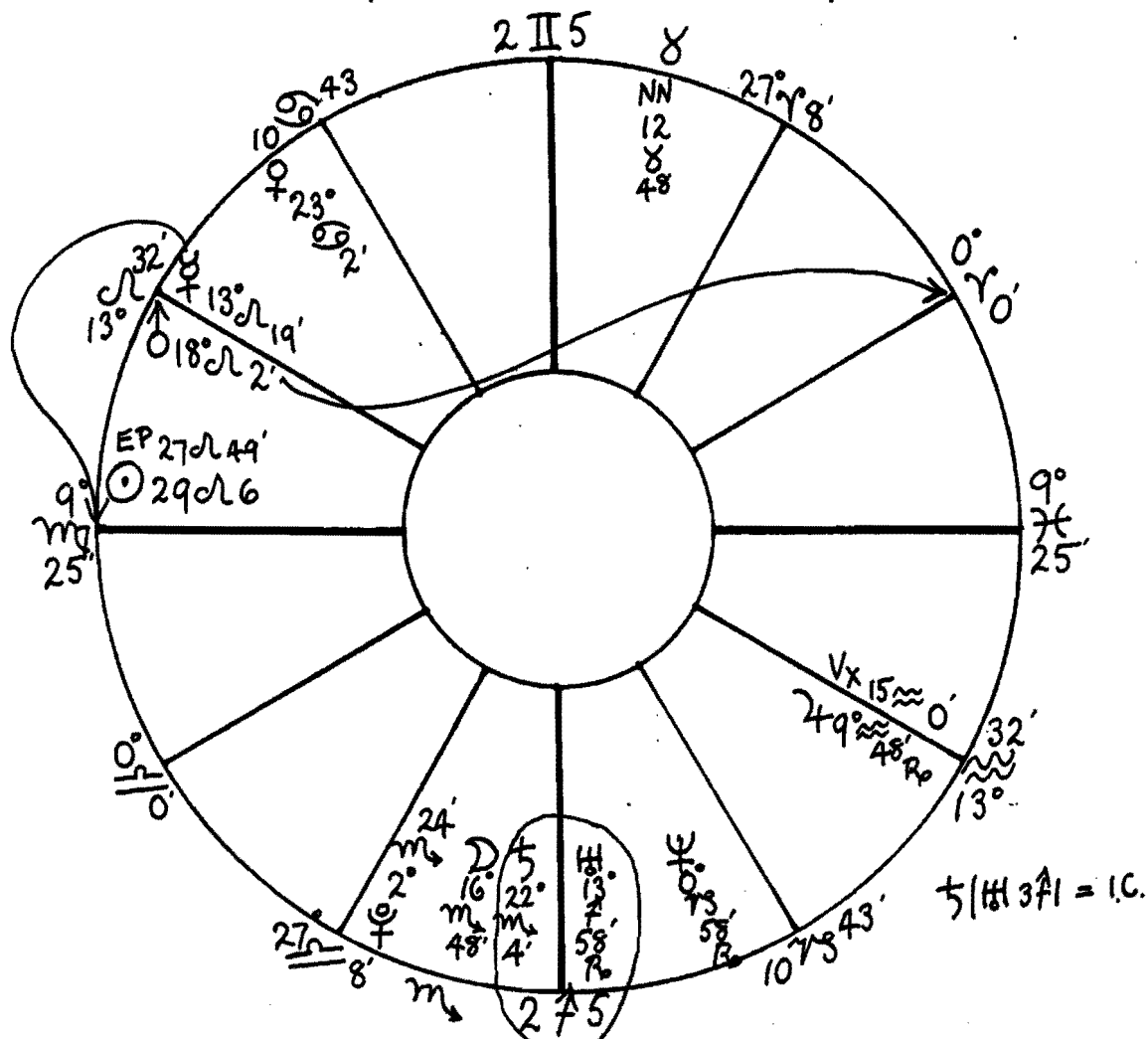
LIBRA INGRESS 23RD SEPTEMBER 1985
GANDER, Newfoundland. Placidian Cusps.



MAP 4

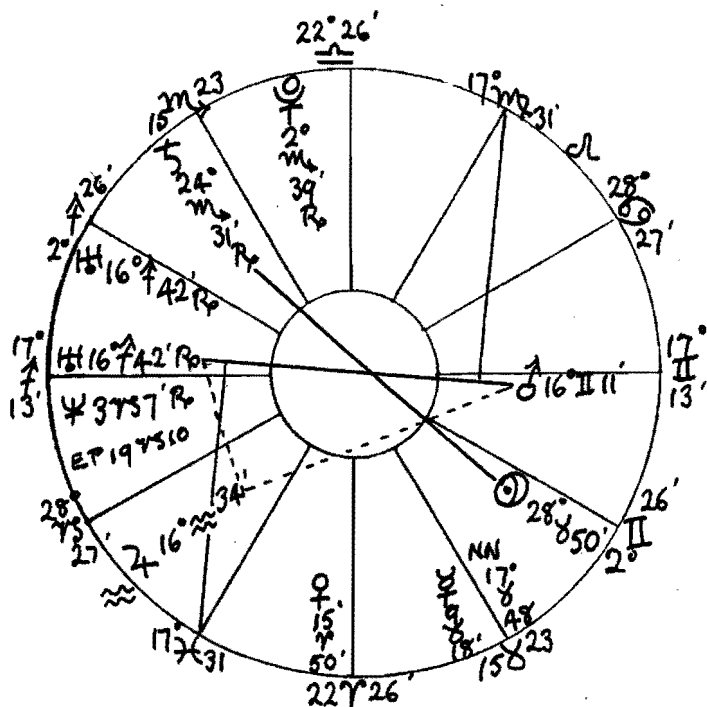
MANCHESTER AIR CRASH

22nd August 1985, Manchester, ENGLAND. 7:07 am (UT 6:07 am).
2 W 15, 53 N 29. Placidian Cusps.



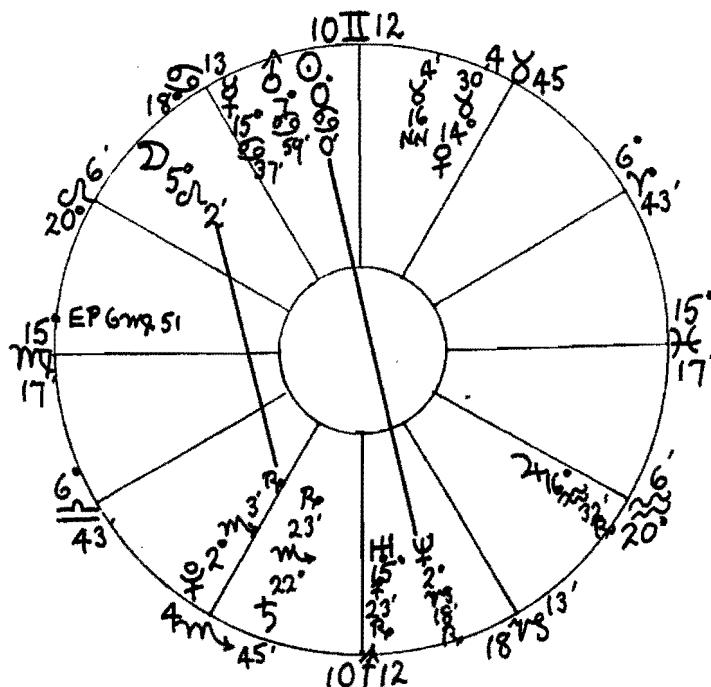
MAP 5

SOLAR ECLIPSE, 19TH MAY 1985
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND. Placidian Cusps.



MAP 6

CANCER INGRESS 21ST JUNE 1985
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND. Placidian Cusps.



for all parts of the world, but it was brought into prominence at Gander through being aligned with the Meridian.

Three malefics are accented: PLUTO Conjunct the Midheaven, NEPTUNE Conjunct the Ascendant, and SATURN conjunct the 11th Cusp. Conjunction with any Placidian/-Topocentric Cusp brings the conjuncting body into prominence, as we have learned by observing charts of horse races.

MAP 3 is the Ingress of the Sun into Libra on 23rd September, calculated for the same geographic location. The principal feature here is the prominence of the MARS - URANUS SQUARE (typical of aircraft accidents). Mars is on the 4th Cusp (endings) and Uranus opposes the Equatorial Ascendant. Ruler of the Chart, the Moon, is dangerously close to the 8th Cusp (deaths). Another significant feature of the Chart that might be overlooked is that Saturn and Pluto, though well separated in the Zodiac, were effectively in mundane conjunction through having nearly identical Oblique Descensions - Saturn 218dg. 58', and Pluto 218 dg. 32'. This arises through the current high latitude of Pluto (over 16 degrees).

THE MANCHESTER AIR DISASTER

A similar type of tragedy occurred at Manchester airport on the 22nd of August 1985, when a 737 jet crashed on take-off, and 54 passengers were killed, though many others survived. MAP 4 is erected for the actual time of the crash (7:07 BST, 6:07 GMT) which I assume was practically equivalent to the time of starting the flight.

The adverse indications here are the Ruler, Mercury, on the 12th CUSP CONJUNCT MARS, ruling the 8TH HOUSE, the MOON CONJUNCT SATURN, and the midpoint SATURN/URANUS (3 Sag 1) conjunct the NADIR.

The previous Solar Eclipse on the 19th of May, MAP 5, again shows the disastrous MARS - URANUS combination, this time a close opposition, *right across the Horizon*. In addition, this opposition forms a T-Square with the 9th and 3rd Cusps (travel). SATURN opposes, and is elevated above, the Sun/Moon conjunction, PLUTO is the highest planet in the sky, and NEPTUNE is rising. The prominence of the malefics is quite remarkable.

The fact that there were many survivors may be attributed to the preserving influence of JUPITER, which to some extent alleviated the Mars - Uranus opposition by being trine to the one planet and sextile to

the other.

It is noteworthy that the Manchester crash occurred when the transiting Sun came to 29 Leo, where it occupied the 8th House of the Solar Eclipse, and formed a T-Square with Saturn and the Sun in that Eclipse Chart.

The previous Cancer Ingress at Manchester, MAP 6, is also highly adverse -

(1) The SUN, Angular, conjunct MARS and opposite NEPTUNE.

(2) The MOON square PLUTO.

(3) URANUS at the 4TH ANGLE - sudden endings.

The above two instances follow much the same pattern as the other major aircraft crashes we have examined in recent issues of this publication. In all cases there have been distinct, even overwhelming, warnings of danger. The implication is that aircraft disasters can be avoided. It is time the authorities forgot their prejudices and took note of what astrology has to offer in the way of forestalling these large-scale human calamities.

PETER'S FATE: The sequel to the Horary Chart presented by ROGER PEARSON (Eng.) in last month's *ASTROLOGERS' FORUM* is that Peter, as Roger predicted, received a gaol sentence on the drugs charge. This was reported in the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* of November 22nd.

I hope those of you who are travelling during the present Holiday season will use your astrology to help make the occasion a safe as well as a happy one. If you have adverse transits, Progressions or Directions, postpone matters until the planetary energies are favourable, or at least neutral. The planets particularly associated with accidents are MARS, SATURN and URANUS in combination with each other or with the Luminaries, the Ascendant, or its Ruler.

Much better to postpone a holiday than run the risk of its ending in tragedy.

The sea-side can be hazardous for children whose horoscopes have a "hard" aspect involving Mars, Neptune and the Moon. Configurations of Mars, Pluto and a principal Significator (as above) can bring bites and stings from poisonous creatures and insects.

Use the Celestial Road Maps that are available to you, and so make practical use of your astrology.

Christmas Greetings to all. - Dymock,
19th December 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The postal service through Sydney has been in a parlous state lately. Due to industrial trouble some letters are reaching me about a month late. Consequently if you have sent any material for publication, and it has not yet appeared, it is probably because I have not as yet received it. I look forward to perusing any articles or comments sent to me, and I thank you all for your continued support. *Astrologers' Forum* was never intended to supplant existing astrological periodicals, but to supply material conspicuously lacking in them. It is evidently filling a need among thoughtful astrologers, for it now has over 70 paying subscribers, after starting with only a limited free circulation four years ago.

THE ASTROLOGY OF WILLIAM LILLY

An event of singular importance to astrologers is the recent re-publication of William Lilly's *CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY*. According to the fly-leaf, this monumental work was first published by the renowned Lilly in 1647, and had a second edition in 1659. The present 1985 Edition (complete and unexpurgated) is only the third, and was made possible because Olivia Barclay, the well-known English expert on Horary Astrology, made her own rare copy of the book available to the Regulus Publishing Company Limited of London.

We owe a great debt to both Olivia and the Publisher for giving us access again to Lilly's authoritative and illuminating treatise. Its totally practical and down-to-earth interpretations are a refreshing counter to the incredible waffle that today often passes for astrology and is foisted as such onto an unsuspecting public. Under the illusion that they are providing something "esoteric" or "spiritual", some of our most public practitioners are purveying a brand of vague "astrology" that has nothing whatever to do with the everyday problems and needs of humanity. In fact it has nothing to do with their spiritual needs either.

Lilly's *CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY* provides a

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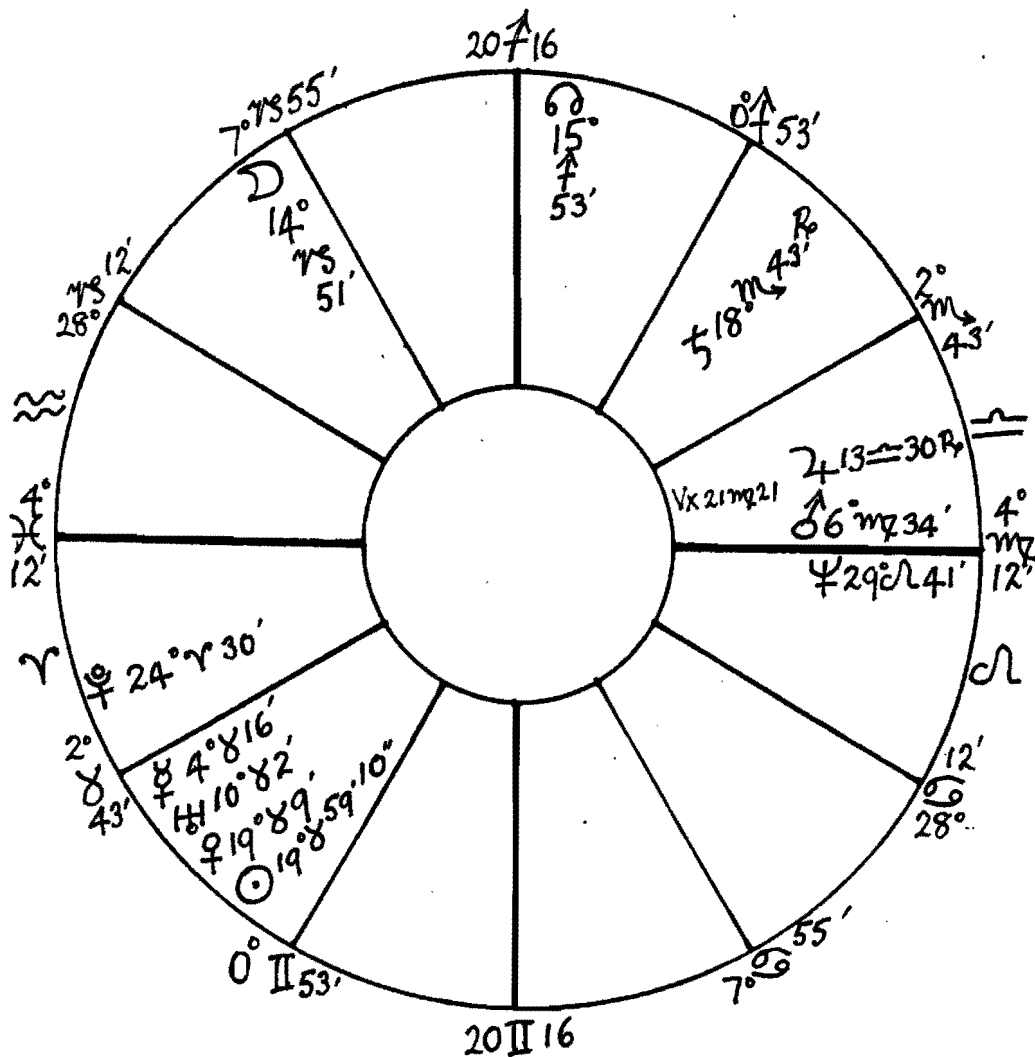
very healthy antidote to this unfortunate modern trend. Here is no vague speculation, mental fantasy or abstract theorizing. In page after page Lilly deals with the hard facts and practical details of living, with clear and precise reference to the planetary correlations from which he draws his conclusions.

The greater part of the book's 832 pages is devoted to *The Resolution of All manner of Questions*, and it does just that: Questions on length of life, health, accidents, material welfare, gains and losses, relatives, property, short and long trips, friends, enemies, love, marriage, pregnancy, children, thefts, messages, imprisonment, etc., are dealt with specifically and in detail. There is no waffling here, no vagueness, no abstractions, or dragging in of myths and theories to obscure the issue.

I have long maintained that Horary Astrology is one of the most useful branches of the Art, providing us, as it does, with a safe and sure guide through most of the complexities and problems that beset every human being. It is safe to say that the great Lilly was the foremost exponent of Horary Astrology in his day, and it is good fortune indeed to have his *Magnum Opus* reappear on the astrological scene. The old-English spelling of a few words at first sight looks difficult, but one finds it to be quite a minor impediment that soon ceases

WILLIAM LILLY

30th April 1602 (Julian), 11th May 1602 (Gregorian). GMT 2:8 am.
Diseworth, Leicestershire, 1 W 10, 52 N 36. Topocentric Cusps.

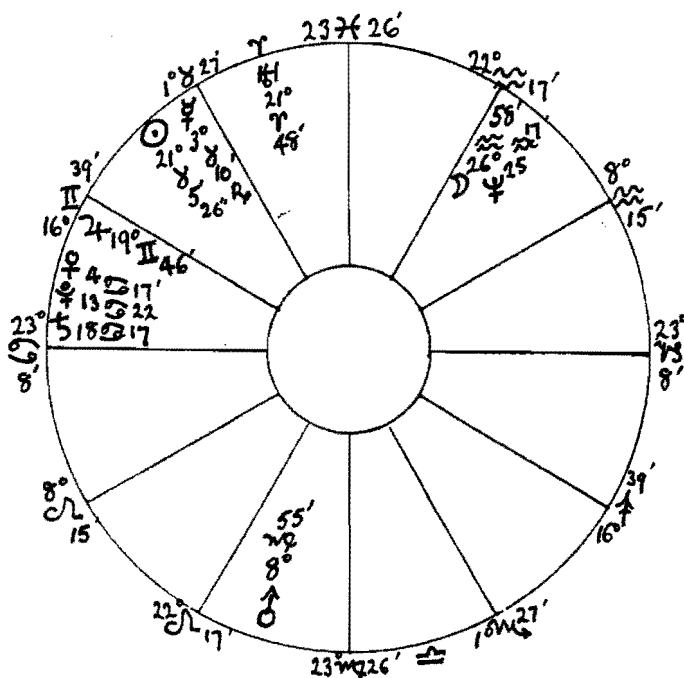
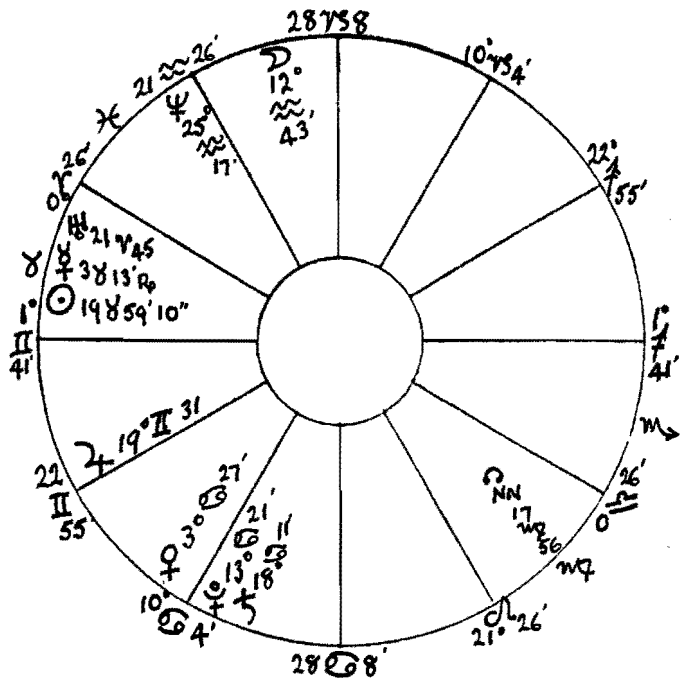


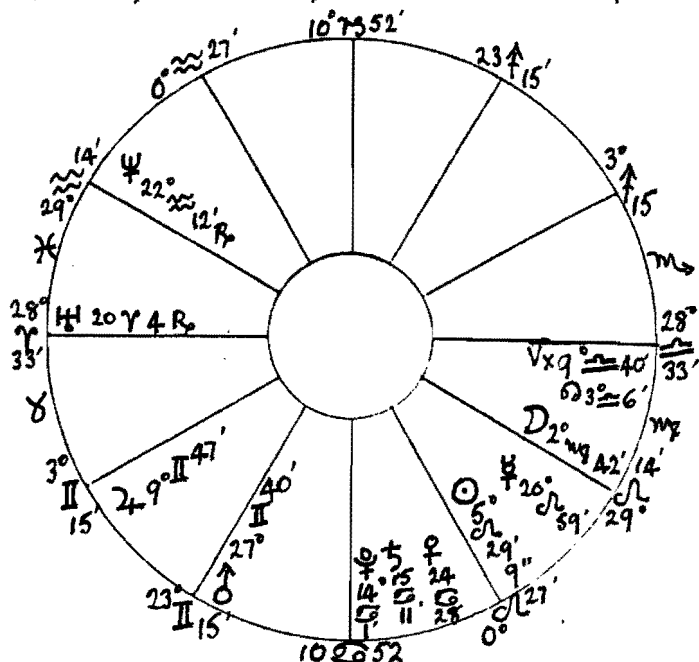
MAP 2

W. LILLY: SOLAR RETURN, 10/5/1681,
GMT 4:51:24. Diseworth. Topocentric Cusps.

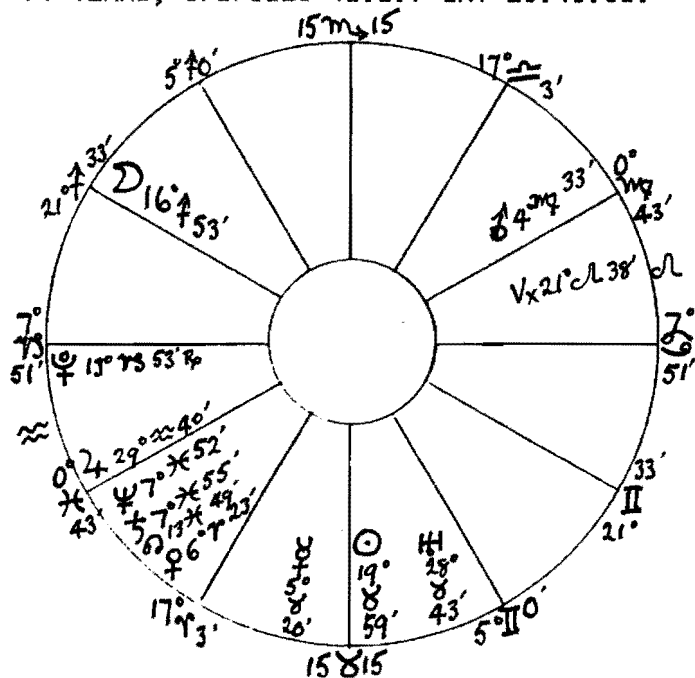
MAP3

W. LILLY: PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN, 10/5/1681
GMT 8:21:50 am. Diseworth. Topoc. Cusps.

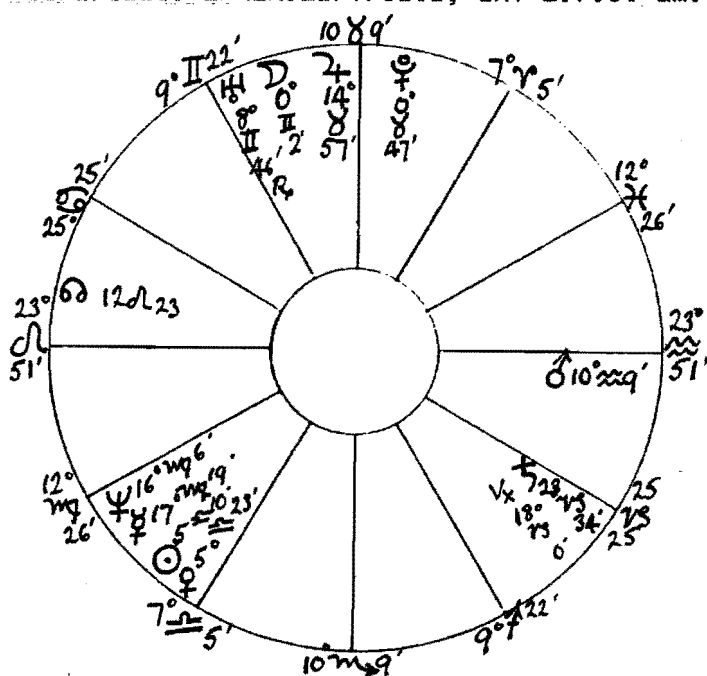




MAP 5: W. LILLY: PRENATAL SOLAR RETURN,
79 YEARS, 1/5/1523 (O.S.) GMT 23:41:18.



MAP 6: W. LILLY: SYNODIC RETURN
11/5/1681. EPHEM. 28/9/1608, GMT 2:7:10 am.



to trouble the reader. English astrologer, Geoffrey Cornelius, writes in the Afterword, "Lilly's use of English is so often perfect, his judgments eloquent yet pithy, that he achieves an unrivalled communication of astrology, capable of inspiring and delighting the modern student just as he inspired his contemporaries".

To give some idea of the extent of Lilly's work I cannot do better than quote again from the Afterword written in June this year by Geoffrey Cornelius: "There are many routes through Lilly's voluminous and rich text, depending on the particular requirements of the reader. It is a comprehensive reference work of the interpretation of Planets, Signs, Houses, Horary perfections and frustrations, medical aphorisms, timing and rectification, fixed stars, and so on. It is also a casebook, since it gives actual judgments on 36 horaries. It is these living cases that offer the immediate possibility of watching Lilly's art in motion."

It is indeed both fascinating and instructive to follow Lilly's thought through the unravelling of the horoscopes, whether horary or natal that he delineates. I might add to the above that there is an extensive section on Primary Directions and the Effects of Directions, including Profec-tions. The last-named technique has fallen into disuse in modern times, but would certainly bear re-investigation, especially now that such research is immeasurably speeded-up through the use of computers and electronic calculators.

I cannot forbear to quote in full the original Title on the fly-leaf of the book. It exudes an old-world charm that enchants me. Here it is (with spelling up-dated):

CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY

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nature of
the twelve Signs of the Zodiac, of the Planets; with a most easy Introduction to the whole ART OF ASTROLOGY.

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Several Questions inserted and Judged.

The Third, contains an exact Method, whereby to Judge upon Nativities; several ways how to rectify them; How to judge the general fate of the Native by the twelve Houses of Heaven, according to the natural influence of the STARS; His particular and Annual Accidents, by the Art of Direction, and its exact measure of Time by Profections, Revolutions, Transits. A Nativity Judged by the Method preceding. By WILLIAM LILLY, Student in Astrology.

All-in-all, Lilly's *CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY* is a book that should be acquired and read by any astrologer who takes his art seriously. It is not cheap - about \$A85 - but is such a fund of information (apart from its historical value) that it is well worth the price.

The book is very attractively bound in a hard cover, with gold lettering and gilded top edges of the pages - 872 in all. There is a comprehensive Table of Contents, an extensive Index, and an amazing list of astrological authors that Lilly consulted. In those days erudite works were written in Latin, which is the language in which Lilly studied them. This book of Lilly's was one of the first (perhaps the first) to be written in English, and the author felt obliged to defend his writing in his mother-tongue.

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William Lilly was born on the 30th of April 1602 (Old System Calendar) which equates to the 11th of May 1602 on the Gregorian Calendar. MAP 1 is his Birth Chart. I have inserted the positions of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, which of course were unknown to Lilly.

Lilly died on the 9th of June 1681 (Gregorian Calendar), and I was interested to see what were the astrological indications of his death. For this purpose I investigated -

- (1) Primary Directions (Topocentric).
- (2) The Secondary Progressions.
- (3) The Secondary Regressions ("Converse" Progressions).
- (4) The Solar-Arc Directions, measured both in the Zodiac, to the Zodiacal

positions of the planets and Angles, and in Right Ascension, to the Natal Right Ascensions of the same Significators.

(5) Transits at 9th June 1681, the date of death.

(6) Prenatal transits (1/4/1523, O.S., the prenatal date corresponding to 9/6/1681).

(7) The Normal Solar Return (Map 2)

(8) The Precessed Solar Return (Map 3).

(9) The Progressive Solar Return (Map 4).

(10) The Prenatal Solar Return (Map 5).

(11) The Synodic Return for the year of death (Map 6).

(12) The Harmonics for age 79 (Lilly being 79 when he died).

All the Return Charts were set for the place of birth, Diseworth. Alternative charts for the place of residence would only have affected the Cusps - and those to a minor extent. As I mentioned in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 51, I have so far found the place of birth to be the most useful and indicative for Return Charts, and this applies to Lunar Return Charts as well.

The only investigative method I was not on this occasion able to use (as the relevant Computer Program is not at present geared for the 17th Century) was P.E.A. (Prime Event Analysis), which is regrettable, as this Dutch system of Primary Mundane Directions is a valuable addition to our armamentarium.

The nett results of the analysis? In summary,

A. Unmistakeable indications from the Primary Directions.

B. Of the Annual Charts, judged as separate figures, only the Prenatal Solar Return gives a clear warning of approaching death. When the Maps are superimposed on the Natal Horoscope they are all variously effective with inter-chart aspects. For the most obvious (and apposite) indications they rank as follows:

1. The Prenatal Solar Return (6 positive indications).
2. The Progressive Solar Return (6).
3. The Synodic Return (5).
4. The Precessed Solar Return (4).
5. The Normal Solar Return (3).

This one example does not necessarily establish a regular hierarchy of relative effectiveness among Annual Horoscopes, but it is a pointer for further research.

C. The Age Harmonic (No.79) was specifi-

cally indicative of death. A series of "hard" aspects between Harmonic positions and the Radix for age 79 highlighted the approaching event:

PLUTO, at 16 Leo 7, SQUARE SUN AND SATURN (19 Tau 59 and 18 Sco 43).

MIDHEAVEN, 11 Tau 36, CONJUNCT URANUS (10 Tau 2).

SATURN, 8 Gem 8, SQUARE MARS (6 Vir 34).

MARS, 8 Leo 22, SQUARE URANUS (10 Tau 2).

We are indebted to ROSS HARVEY (NSW) for drawing attention to this little-used but valuable astrological technique.

D. The Progressed and Regressed planets were quite inadequate to account for the event (See below).

E. The Solar-Arc Directions in Right Ascension were more effective: The SUN SQUARED URANUS on 24/3/1681, and SATURN SQUARED URANUS on 26/10/1681 (Lilly died on 9/6/1681). In the Radix, Saturn is a prime indicator of death, being placed in the 8th House closely opposing the Sun. By the "normal" Zodiacal measurement, the only appropriate Direction was ASC OPPOSITE SATURN on 22/4/1680 (mistiming the death by well over a year).

F. The Transits gave broad indications but covered too wide a period to be much use. As is common, the transits of Mars (both current and prenatal) were useful timers.

Current Transiting positions on 9/6/1681 were:

Sun	19 Gem 16	Jupiter	26 Gem 18
Moon	23 Pis 49	Saturn	21 Can 21
Mercury	00 Gem 47	Uranus	23 Ari 08
Venus	15 Can 05R	Neptune	25 Aqu 19R
Mars	19 Vir 32	Pluto	13 Can 59

Pluto was applying to the opposition of the Moon, Saturn applying to the Square of Pluto, and Uranus to the conjunction of Pluto, but the orbs (in time) were much too wide. MARS, however, was almost exactly square the MC/IC axis.

Prenatal Transiting positions (1/4/1523, O.S., corresponding by Julian Day calculation to 9/6/1681, Gregorian) were:

Sun	19 Ari 57	Jupiter	24 Aqu 53
Moon	29 Lib 14	Saturn	05 Pis 23
Mercury	09 Tau 36	Uranus	27 Tau 01
Venus	25 Pis 10R	Neptune	07 Pis 08
Mars	29 Leo 35R	Pluto	14 Cap 02

Here, MARS was transiting the Natal Ruler Neptune (orb 5') giving a fairly close

timing. PLUTO was separating (by reverse motion) from the conjunction of the Moon, and NEPTUNE was applying to the opposition of Mars.

The TOPOCENTRIC PRIMARY DIRECTIONS in force were:

SATURN SESQUARE/SEMISQUARE THE IC/MC (orb 2'). Note that in the Radix Saturn is prominently placed in the House of Death, *closely opposing the Sun*.

PLUTO d. SQUARE 8TH CUSP (orb 7')

PLUTO c. CONJUNCT 12TH CUSP (orb 3 1/2')

MARS SQUARE NATAL MARS (orb 7').

Aspects to the Cusps might have been closer if the Chart had been rectified.

The SECONDARY PROGRESSIONS at the date of death, 9th June 1681, were:

DIRECT

Sun	05 Leo 29	Jupiter	15 Lib 43
Moon	11 Sag 38	Saturn	15 Sco 31
Mercury	01 Vir 03	Uranus	13 Tau 20
Venus	26 Leo 07	Neptune	01 Vir 12
Mars	13 Lib 51	Pluto	25 Ari 25 R.

Comparison with the Natal Chart reveals nothing exciting.

CONVERSE

Sun	02 Pis 19	Jupiter	21 Lib 48
Moon	20 Aqu 58	Saturn	22 Sco 01
Mercury	15 Aqu 13	Uranus	06 Tau 03
Venus	11 Aqu 27	Neptune	01 Vir 04
Mars	16 Vir 16	Pluto	22 Ari 49

Again, nothing.

The PRENATAL SOLAR RETURN, MAP 5 (79 years before birth!) shows -

PLUTO rising, CONJUNCT the NATAL MOON
SATURN AND NEPTUNE, both CONJUNCT the NATAL ASC, and OPPOSITE MARS in the terminal 8TH H.

MARS in close OPPOSITION to the NATAL ASC
JUPITER exactly OPPOSITE NATAL NEPTUNE, Ruler of the Birth Chart.

The striking indications in the SYNODIC RETURN, MAP 6, are -

The MC/IC AXIS CONJUNCT NATAL URANUS, and both points EXACTLY SQUARE MARS

The ASC in the Natal 6th House, SQUARE THE NATAL SUN/SATURN OPPOSITION

PLUTO on the 2ND/8TH AXIS, CONJUNCT NATAL MERCURY

SATURN in the 6TH, SQUARE NATAL PLUTO, rising

IC OPPOSITE NATAL URANUS

URANUS SQUARE NATAL MARS

The PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN, MAP 4, has -
URANUS rising, CONJUNCT NATAL PLUTO, and SQUARE SATURN AND PLUTO in the terminal 4th

House, SATURN AND PLUTO CLOSELY OPPOSING NATAL MOON.

The MOON, ruling the 4TH, SQUARE JUPITER, ruling the 8TH.

The PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN, MAP 3, has - SATURN, rising, CONJUNCT PLUTO, and both OPPOSITE the NATAL MOON.

MOON CONJUNCT NEPTUNE, both SQUARE THE SUN. (The Sun opposite Natal Saturn as in the Radix)

The NORMAL SOLAR RETURN, MAP 2, has - PLUTO AND SATURN OPPOSING the NATAL MOON. The MOON SQUARE NATAL URANUS.

The 12TH HOUSE occupied by the SUN, MERCURY (Ruler) and URANUS, URANUS being CONJUNCT NATAL PLUTO.

Life has many odd facets. In the course of this analysis it occurred to me that Lilly, modestly describing himself as "Student of Astrology", when writing his great work did not know he was producing a classic that would be wanted and read centuries later. Nor could he have imagined that someone would be looking into the astrological connotations of his death, three hundred years after the event. He would have thought it strange indeed.

- Dymock.

From R. PEARSON (ENG.):

Prison for Peter?

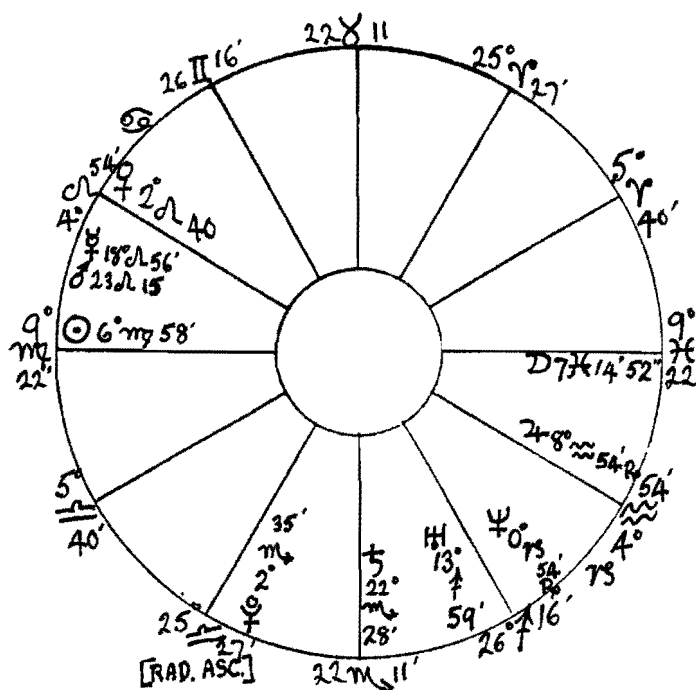
Peter, a friend, has recently been "busted" for possession of cannabis (on the 25th August 1985) and has been charged with "supplying". He was taken to the local police cells and interrogated as to whom he supplied. He didn't reveal anything. He was beaten-up and a lower-front tooth was knocked out - he showed me the gap. He was remanded in the cells for five days.

I do not condone the taking/supplying of any type of drug, and do not indulge myself, but due to a musical connection I know Peter well. The police action was taken as normal by Peter, and he shrugged-off the whole affair.

A deal with the police was made and he admitted to supplying a restricted drug to a few selected friends, and will eventually be tried at a Crown Court.

The Horary Chart gives Libra rising for the time of the question (which I asked). Please note that it is turned to give the 11th House as the 1st House Cusp. This puts Venus in Peter's 11th House of friends.

HORARY: WILL PETER GO TO PRISON?
30th August 1985, 10 05 am, 2 W 33,53 N 42.
Topocentric Cusps.



Immediately we are struck by the concentration of bodies in the 12th House (self-undoing, prisons, secret enemies, etc.). Peter's Ruler, Mercury, is in the 12th; the 12th-House Ruler, the Sun, is in the 12th; Mars, Ruler of the 4th (and 8th and 9th), the end of the matter, is in the 12th. Mercury is applying to the square of Saturn and to a conjunction with Mars, and Mars has just passed a square to Saturn (indicative of the violence?). The Moon in the House of Open Enemies has just passed the opposition to the Sun - very indicative of the event.

As a positive answer to the question posed, Mercury and the Sun are in mutual reception, and are thus inextricably linked. Mutual reception is considered a powerful aid to perfection of the matter. The Moon applies by square to Uranus, but by trine to Saturn. The trine to Saturn (conjunct the 4th House Cusp) could hardly be considered propitious. So I therefore judge that he will go to prison.

I have spoken to Peter recently, and he will be appearing in court after the 18th November 1985. I await the result with interest, and will advise our esteemed Editor of the outcome.

[Written 7th November 1985.]

My kind regards to all, - Dymock,
19th November 1985.

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19th October 1985

Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Further to our discussion of Solar Returns, Cheng-Yi Huang of the U.S.A. adverts to the Precessed Solar Return of former President John F. Kennedy, prior to his assassination. This type of Chart is often referred to as a Sidereal Solar Return, but it should be noted that the one Cheng-Yi uses is not calculated in the Sidereal Zodiac. It is calculated in the Tropical Zodiac, allowance being made for Precession at the rate of approximately 50.25" of arc for each year of the native's life up to the date of the Return. This amount is added to the Radical position of the Sun.

From CHENGI-YI HUANG (USA):

The Solar Return Horoscope, in addition to Primary and Secondary Directions, is an important predictive tool of astrology. In the same way that trees each year initiate the renewal of their lives with a new ring that is incorporated into the trunk, so a human being receives and incorporates a new annual impulse of life at his birthday.

Astrologers have different opinions about the practice of the Solar Return. Cyril Fagan, the great astrologer who discovered the Sidereal SR, went so far as to state that the birth chart is nothing but a SR Chart of the first year. A.P. Nelson Page and W. Polich held the idea that in the Tropical SR the mundane positions or Houses are of no value for the native. They pointed out in the case of Queen Elizabeth II the Tropical SR of 1951 contained no indication referring to the death of her King-father, and her accession to the Throne, while the Sidereal SR Chart showed the Sun exactly on the Midheaven - a clear sign of her Queenship.

Alexander Marr, in Issue No. 34 of *Astrologers' Forum*, also discussed SR Charts. He used the example of President John F. Kennedy (born 19h 51m 25s rectified UT, May 29, 1917, at 71 W 08, 42 N 20) and mentioned that his fatal 1963 Sidereal SR mainly showed his immense success during that year, but there were no obvious indications for his assassination.

There is no question but that the Sidereal

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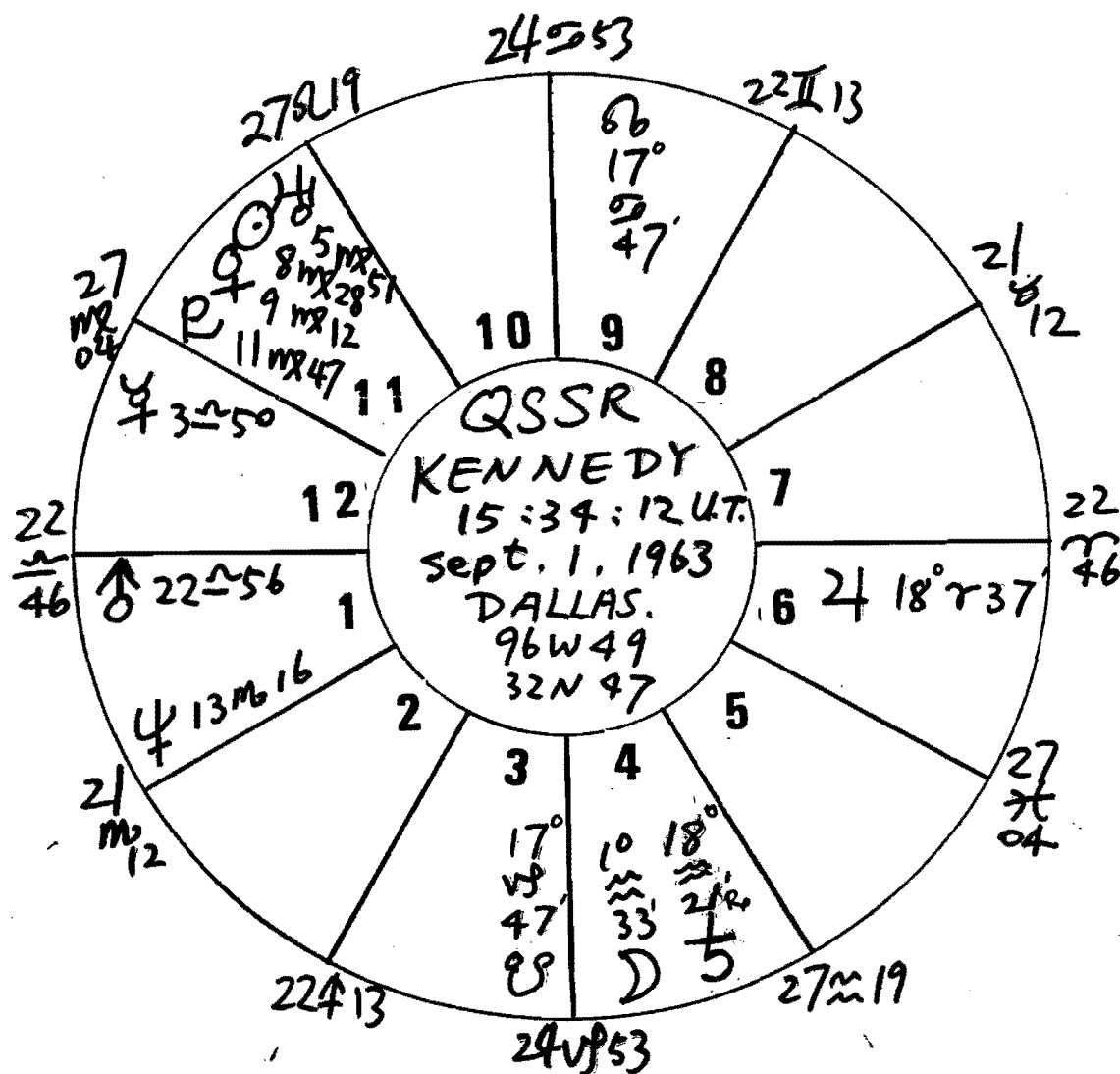
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SR is a more reliable and less ambiguous predictive tool than the Tropical SR. Its method of interpretation is simple and straightforward: Planets on Angles exercise their maximum power for weal or woe. No House rulerships are needed. As demonstrated in the case of Kennedy, the Sidereal SR sometimes fails completely. Why? Based on my study, I have come to the conclusion that the Sidereal SR works only for the first quarter of the Return year. For the part remaining we need to cast quarti-Sidereal SR Charts for when the Sun moves to 90, 180 and 270 degrees in relation to its Radical position.

There are numerous examples to demonstrate the efficacy of Quarti-SSR's. Let's take the case of Kennedy as an example. The Sidereal SR shows Venus, Mercury and Jupiter culminating (Map not reproduced), which did not point to danger. However, if we go a little further and cast the Quarti-SSR that covered the period from 1st September to 1st December 1963, the truth of the matter emerges.

MAP 1 is the QSSR of Kennedy, computed for Dallas, Texas, where he was assassinated: MARS CONJOINS THE ASCENDANT, with an orb of only 10', clearly indicating he was shot to death. His Natal Saturn conjoins the

MAP 1: QUARTERLY PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN
FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY, 1/9/1963, AT DALLAS



Midheaven, signalling his end.

For astrological prediction, I found that the combination of Topocentric Primary Directions with the Quarti-SSR provides the most effective tool for forecasting. While the Primary Direction provides the mature nature and location of the event within a period of three months, by casting the Quarti-SSR for any geographic location we may be able to avoid disaster such as Kennedy encountered.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Precessed Solar Return (as I prefer to call it) is often remarkably apposite, but in my rather extensive investigations of Annual Charts, I have found the precessed variety to be on the whole less indicative of events and circumstances than the Tropical Solar Return set for the place of Birth - not the place of residence, or the

place of temporary location on the Return date, as is advocated by Volguine in his excellent book, *The Technique of Solar Returns*.

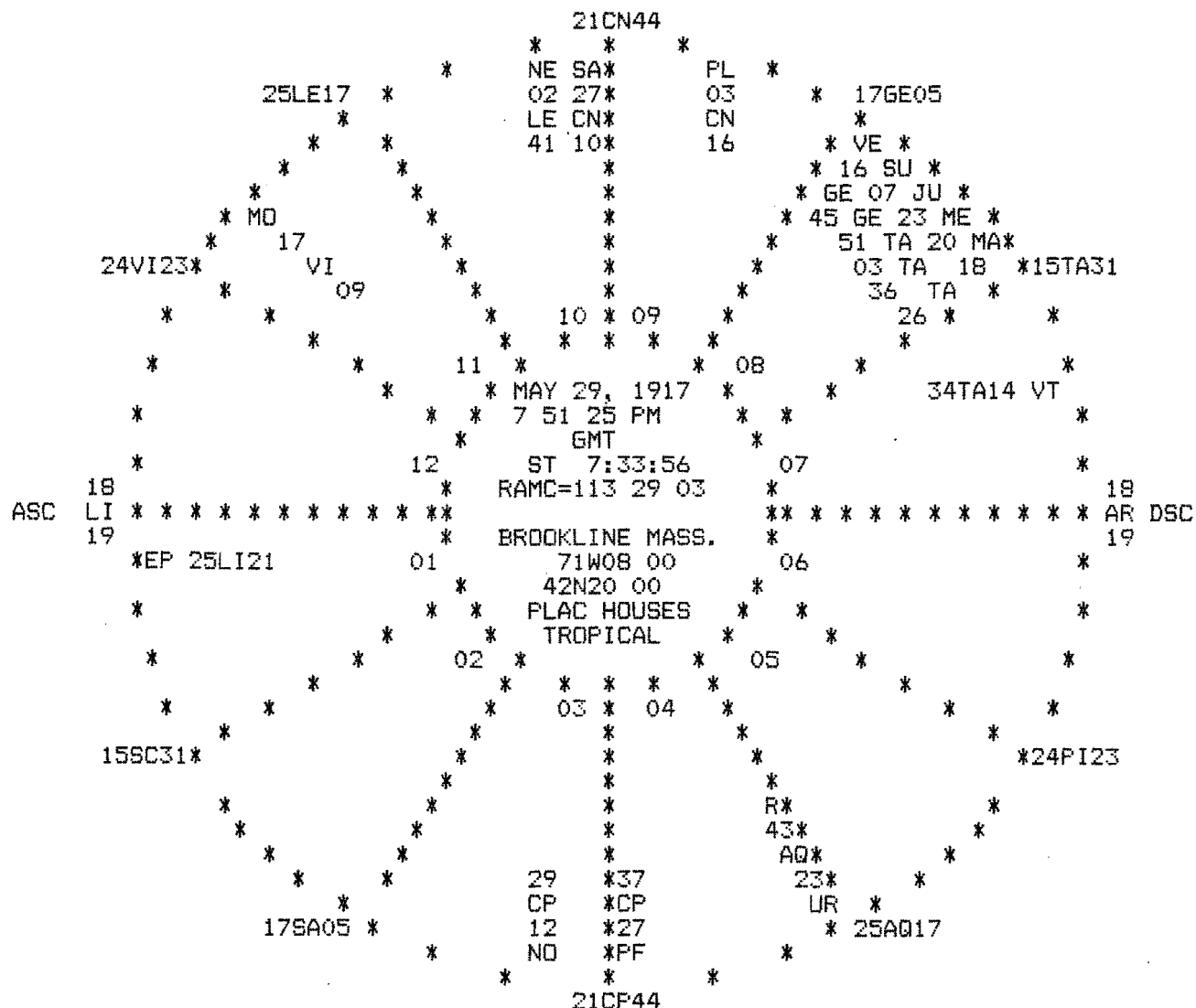
MAP 2 is the Natal Chart of President Kennedy, for the time quoted by Cheng-Yi, and MAP 3 is the normal Tropical Solar Return on 29th May 1963. The President was shot and killed on the 22nd of November 1963.

It can be seen that Map 3 is clearly indicative of the President's fate:

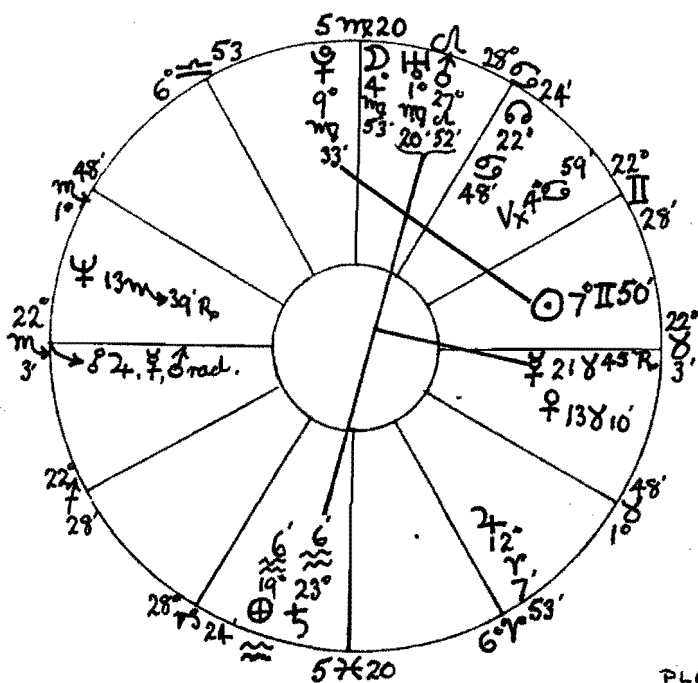
(1) 22 degrees of Scorpio rises, opposing the Natal positions of Mars, Mercury and Jupiter in the 8th House (death by firearms).

(2) There is a powerful conjunction of the Moon, Mars and Uranus, with Uranus almost precisely at the focal point of the Moon and Mars (violence from a disaffected member of the public).

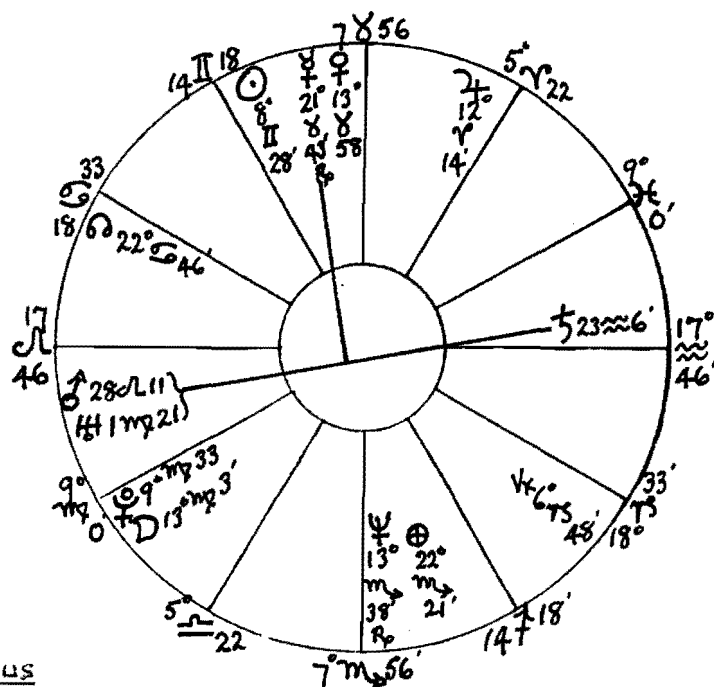
MAP 2: PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY 29/5/1917
UT 19h 51m 25s (Marr's Rect.), 71 W B, 42 N 20.



MAP 3: J.F. KENNEDY: TROPICAL SOLAR RETURN
29/5/1963. Birth Place. Sun 76°50'15".



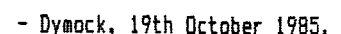
MAP 4: J.F. KENNEDY: PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN
30/5/1963. Birth Place. Preces. Sun 76^h50'15"



PLACIDUS

- Dymock.

MAP 5



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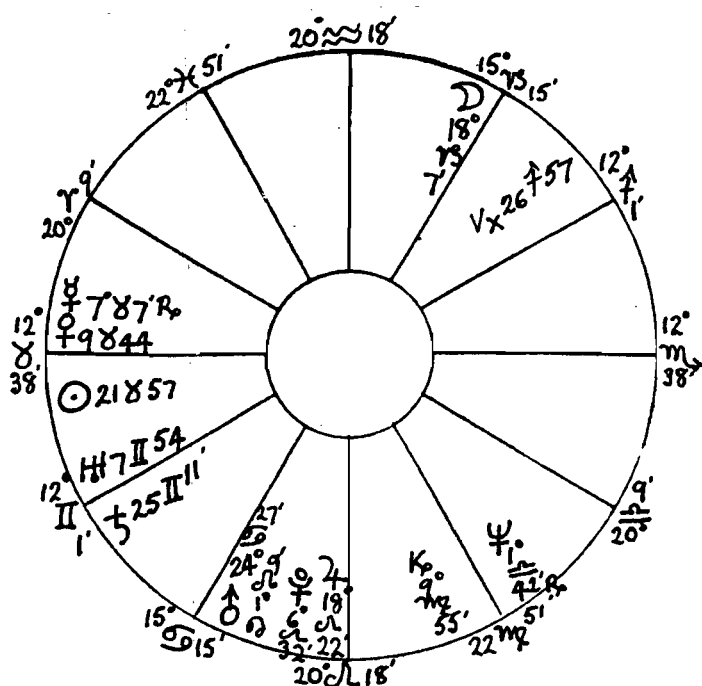
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

We continue with the second part of Jenifer Pommerin's article comparing four different types of Solar Return - the Normal Return set for both the place of birth and the place of residence, and the Precessed Return for the same two locations. The Birth Chart and the other four Maps are reproduced below.

BIRTH CHART, 13th May 1944, 6:29 am
(Rectified) Melbourne. 114 E 58, 37 S 45.
Topocentric Cusps



The Precessed Solar Return for the Place of Birth.

This is an interesting Chart, for the House positions are nearly the same as the Natal House positions. Maybe this is indicative of a "fateful" year. Volguine stated, "The Ascendant in the First Natal House always indicates a very great freedom of choice during the coming year, which enables the native to fulfill many of the potentials indicated in the Natal Chart...Planets in the First House seem to decrease freedom of action...". It seems the Native had experiences in line with the

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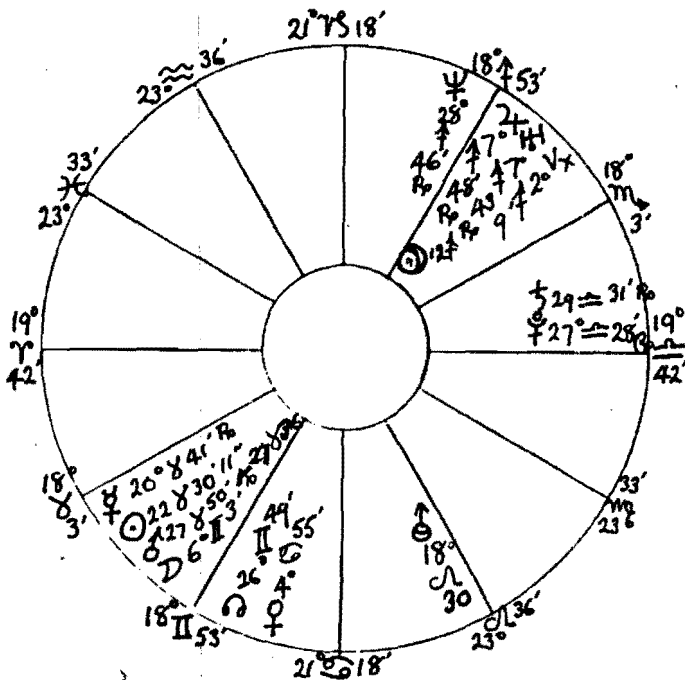
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promises of the Natal Chart. Apart from that, and Uranus (Ruler of the 10th) and its aspects, there is little correlation with actual events. The significance of Venus has been covered earlier. Transpluto is conjunct both the 4th House and Natal Jupiter, and in square to the Sun and Mercury. It is Ruler of the Ascendant and disposes four Taurus planets. Unfortunately, my experience of Transpluto is still scant. Basically, the picture is probably that many important matters will come to a conclusion in this Solar year. Neptune is fairly well-placed in the 8th House, symbolising both the dissipation of money belonging to others, and the failure to negotiate further loans.

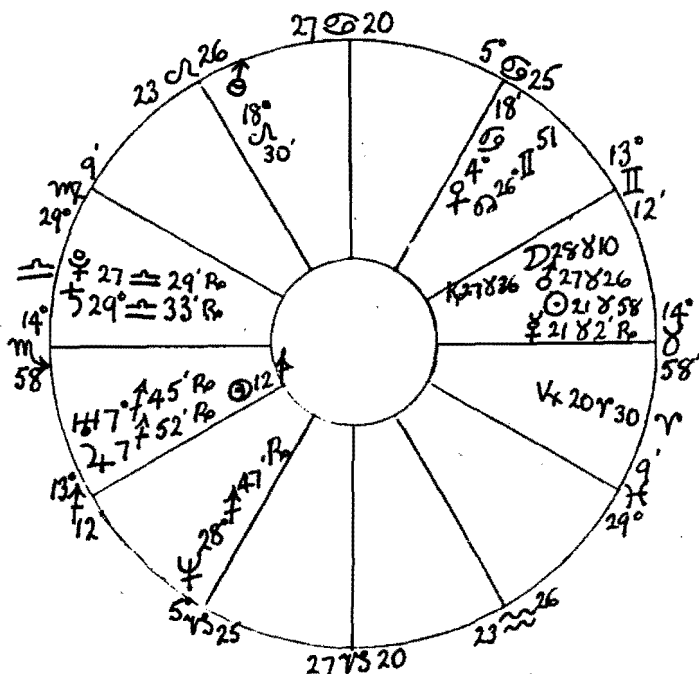
Map 4: The Normal Solar Return for the Present Location

The stellium in the 8th is more indicative than the other Maps of the influence of intimate or sexual relationships in the coming year. The change of partner and the dissolution of home ties is shown by the conjunction of the Moon, Mars and Chiron (Ruler of Natal 4th) in quincunx to Pluto (Ruler of the Natal 7th), and in quincunx to

MAP 1: Precessed Solar Return for Present Location. Precessed Sun 22 Tau 30' 11". 13/5/1983, GMT 8:24:35 pm. Perth, WA. 115 E 51, 31 S 57. Placidian Cusps.

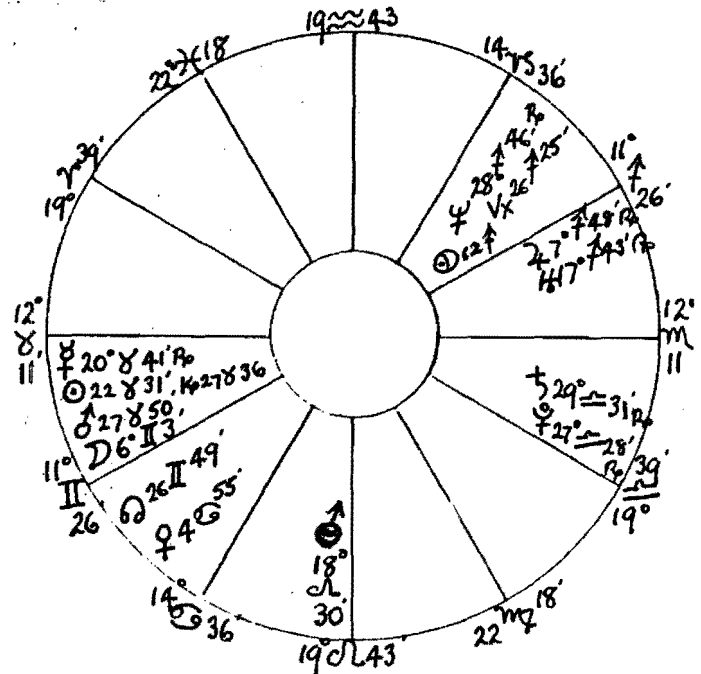


MAP 2: Normal Solar Return for the Place of Birth. Natal Sun 21 Tau 57' 33". 13/5/1983, 6:55:50 am GMT, at Melbourne. 144 E 58, 37 S 45. Placidian Cusps.

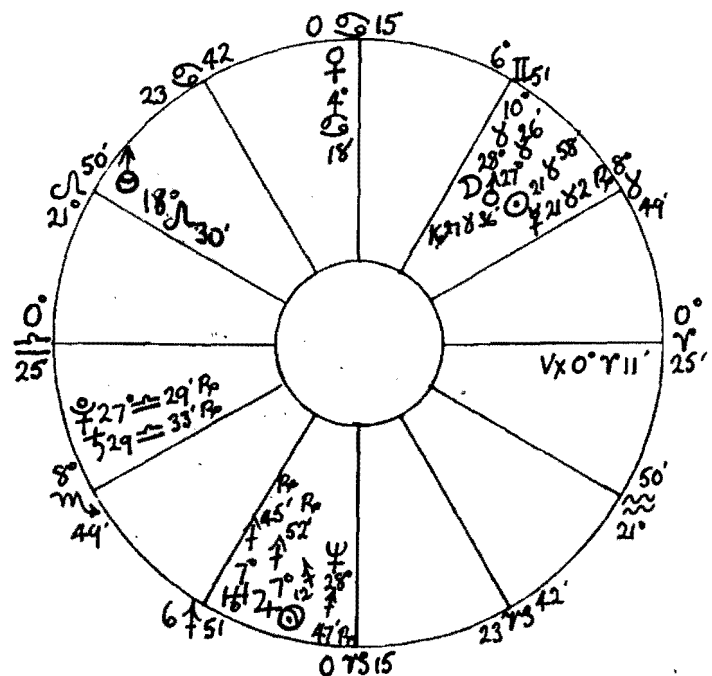


Neptune in the SR-4th House. The weak points about this Chart have already been mentioned. There is one strong lead though: Natal Saturn is conjunct the SR Midheaven. It is Ruler of the Natal 2nd and Co-Ruler of the Natal 9th House. One could correctly

MAP 3: Precessed Solar Return for Place of Birth. Precessed Sun 22 Tau 30' 11". 13/5/1983, 8:24:35 pm GMT, Melbourne.



MAP 4: Normal Solar Return for Present Location. Natal Sun 21 Tau 57' 31". 13/5/1983, GMT 6:55:50 am, Perth, WA. 115 E 51, 31 S 57. Placidian Cusps.



forecast a concern over material possessions, income, and overseas factors, with possible losses in these areas. However, Saturn is also Ruler of the SR-5th, and 5th-House activities were more a source of enjoyment than not. The trine of SR

Pluto and Saturn to the MC and Natal Saturn would be difficult to interpret, even with hindsight. A hidden source of income (Pluto Ruler of the SR 2nd House) might be acceptable, but it would be misleading to assume that partnerships, etc. (Pluto Ruler of Natal 7th) underwent Plutonian changes without much trouble. The transiting Node is also conjunct the MC, and more of that below.

The Use of Solar Eclipses and transiting Nodes to ascertain the "best" Solar Return, or Forecast.

A fellow astrologer recently drew my attention to the vital influence of Solar Eclipses and Nodes, particularly the Prenatal Eclipse and transiting Nodes. Robert Jansky, in his excellent book, *Interpreting the Eclipses*, gives two keywords for Eclipse delineation - "emphasis" and "crisis" (crisis in the sense that events cause a focussing of attention and, consequently, energy, upon that particular matter). He states that the House where the Eclipse falls represents the sphere where the native will feel most personally affected.

In the year of the Solar Return, the Solar Eclipse occurred at 12 Sagittarius, on the 4th December, 1983. It occupied the 8th House in Map 1, the Cusp of the 2nd House in Map 2, the Cusp of the 8th House in Map 3, and the 3rd House in Map 4. So Maps 1, 2 and 3 all indicated the financial crisis or theme for the year. Map 4 did not. Maps 1 and 3 also signified changes in emotional relationships.

The Nodes

Briefly, my understanding of the Nodes is that the North Node signifies the area in which the individual is required to develop, or function properly, before he is able to fully utilise the South Node's qualities. The transiting Node, therefore, will stimulate conditions to further self-development. In the Solar Returns, the Node is conjunct Natal Saturn (Ruler of the Natal 2nd), trine to the SR Pluto, and opposite the SR Neptune. So material issues, the need to be responsible and maintain ethical standards (Saturn Co-Ruler of the 9th) are highlighted for the year.

In Map 1, the Node is in the 3rd House which, frankly, means little in reference to known events. In Map 2 the Node is in the 8th House, which is self-explanatory. In Map 3 the Node is in the 2nd House and conjunct the Natal House position of Saturn. Map 4 has the Node in the most powerful

position of all, at the MC. My personal preference for the most telling House position of the Node would be for the 8th House of Map 2.

The Vertex as an Aid in Defining the Better Solar Return.

Elva Howson, long ago, pointed out the important role of the Vertex in any type of chart - and has provided convincing proof in various articles. Up to date, my experiences have shown that it is strongly linked to karmic encounters, while Elva gives less credence to the karmic factor. When using the Vertex to further define the most helpful Map, the question of whether it was a "fateful" year or not is important. My impressions were that the events were not karmic to the extent that the individual had little or no choice in coming to a decision, or in taking one path in preference to another. For this reason, the Vertex in these particular Maps may be less useful as a guide in picking the most informative Solar Return.

Nevertheless, a comparison should be made. To quote Elva, "...the Vertex almost unfailingly contacts the planets that are the essence of the major event of the year". So contacts with Transpluto, Pluto, Venus, natal planets Saturn and Jupiter, or Solar Return Houses 2, 7, 8 are required: Map 1 - 8th House. Map 2 - 6th House; a trine to the SR-Transpluto, a trine to Natal Jupiter and a square to the Natal Moon. Map 3 - 8th House: conjunct the Natal Vertex, opposite Natal Saturn and the transiting Node. Map 4 - conjunct the 7th House ("appears to bring an extremely strong personal crisis" - Elva Howson); quincunx Pluto/Saturn. Map 4 wins this round.

From C.Y. HUANG (USA):

Hiroshima Remembered

The 6th of August this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima atomic bombing. The explosion of atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki of Japan ended World War II yet ushered in the beginning of the nuclear arms race, in which human beings have ever since lived in constant anxiety over the total destruction and annihilation of civilization.

The moment the bomb was dropped, according to Associated Press, was 8:15:17 am. It exploded over the sky of Hiroshima at 8:16:08 am. The Chart calculated for this historic moment, as Cyril Fagan mentioned in *E4American Astrology*, is truly amazing. No language better depicts this moment than

that of the stars! Here in the Map, Uranus at 16 Gem 29 is conjunct the Midheaven at 16 Gem 47, which literally means that a Uranium-made atomic bomb was falling from the sky. The conjunction of the Moon and Saturn in opposition to the Cusp of the Fifth House symbolizes the collapse of masses.

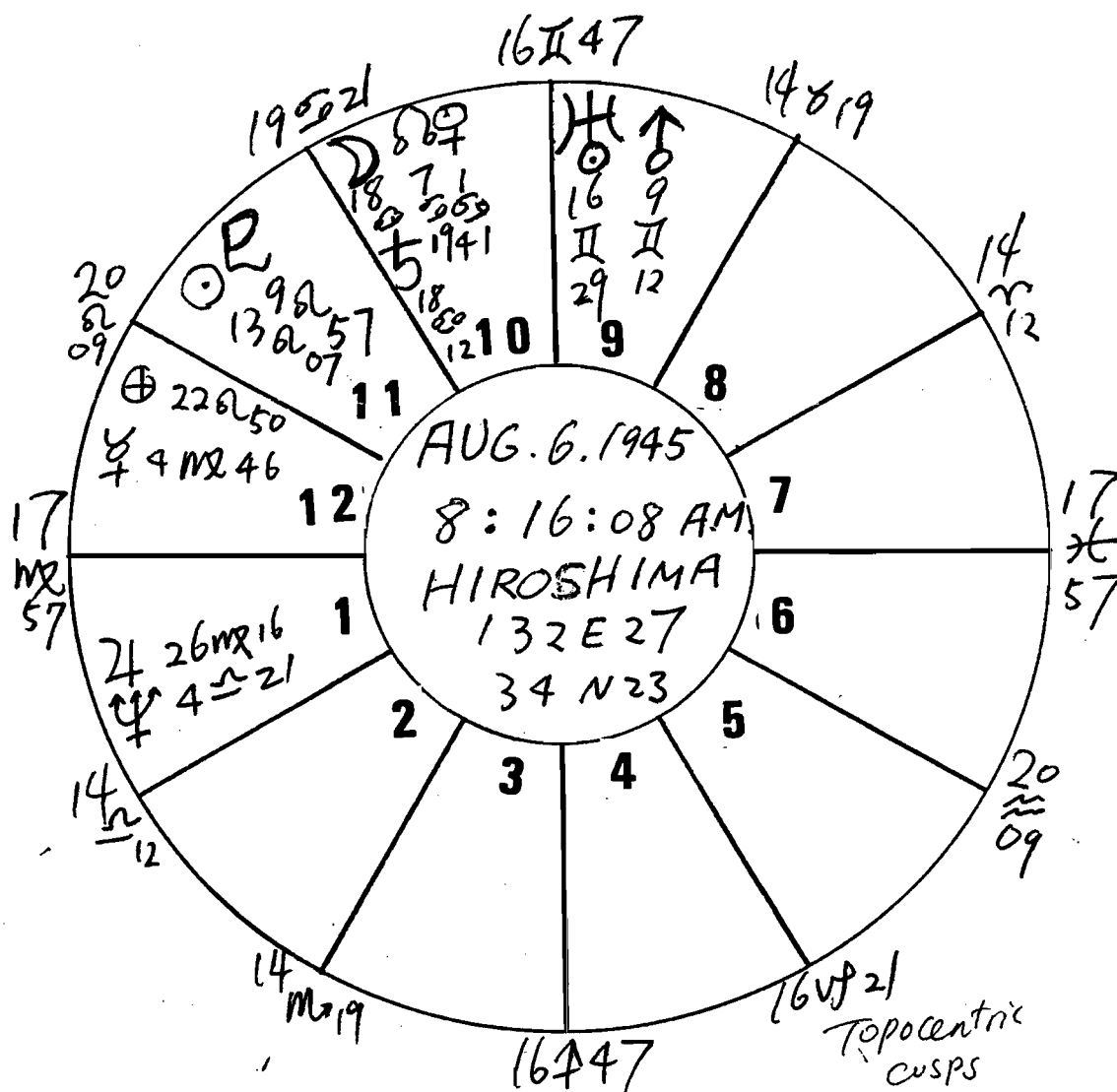
While the Zodiacal aspects point only to the causes of the event, it is the Mundane aspects of the Topocentric system that show the physical results of this event. In the Mundane Radix, all the malefics are linked in aspects within one degree of orb. Neptune is in mundane square with the Moon's Node, and also sextile to Pluto. The Moon is in mundane conjunction with Saturn. Mars is in mundane sextile to the Sun.

It is worth pondering over this incident: Did everyone who perished on that fateful day have a bad transit or Direction maturing at the time?

(Editor's Note: The Mundane aspects referred to by Cheng-Yi cannot be seen from the Chart, but only when the Oblique Ascensions/Descensions are calculated. I append here a list of the OA's/OD's, in which the angles referred to by Cheng-Yi can be seen.)

SUN	128 35'	JUPITER	175 30'
MOON	104 19'	SATURN	104 36'
MERCURY	151 36'	URANUS	75 22'
VENUS	89 27'	NEPTUNE	184 47'
MARS	68 46'	PLUTO	124 49'
MEAN NODE		94 27'	

The equations for calculating the OA's/OD's will be posted to any interested reader who sends a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)



CAPETOWN, 24:00 LOCAL TIME, 22:00 GMT

These two Charts are computer print-outs from a Matrix Program supplied by Rudolf Smit. - Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

YET ANOTHER AIR DISASTER

Jumbo Jet Flight 123 from Tokyo on the 12th of August ended in the loss of 520 lives, barely forty minutes after take-off. This is the third major air tragedy within two months, and the worst ever involving a single plane. In my opinion all these could have been foreseen and prevented by proper astrological monitoring of the take-off times. Modern computer technology makes this entirely feasible. The expense of maintaining one or two competent astrologers with adequate equipment at the major air ports would be negligible compared with the astronomical costs involved in the loss of a single jumbo jet. Insurance companies are now said to be facing their biggest pay-out in history. Quite apart from all the public and private monetary losses involved, of course the major factor is the heavy toll of life, with the resultant grief and suffering caused to family members, relatives and friends.

In previous issues of this publication I have dealt with the shooting down of the Korean Jumbo Jet in 1983 and the disappearance into the sea off the Irish Coast of the Jumbo Jet flight from Montreal on 22nd June this year. In both cases I have tried to show how the tragedies could have been prevented with the astrological skills we now possess, and which would certainly be refined and sharpened by any astrologers able to specialize in the prevention of air tragedies.

It is useless simply to cast a chart for the actual time of any disaster, however pointed this may be. We have to be able to foresee and forestall danger. This can be done in at least two ways: (1) With an Inceptional Chart for the time of the particular aircraft being commissioned or going into service, and (2) with a Chart for the take-off time of the flight. Both methods should be used wherever the appropriate data is available. The Inceptional Chart would be extremely valuable, both as regards the Radical positions, showing the potential for trouble, and the Transits, Progressions and Directions (particularly Primary Directions)

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locating the danger periods.

As Inceptional data is not readily accessible, we have to rely at present on take-off times, but an astrologer officially employed by an airlines company would surely have access to all relevant information.

According to *The Sydney Morning Herald* of August 14th, 1985, the ill-fated Flight 123 from Tokyo to Osaka in western Japan commenced at 6:15 pm local time (9:15 am UT). Trouble was reported just 12 minutes later, and within a minute of the first emergency alert the Captain radioed that he was unable to control the airliner. He was greatly agitated.

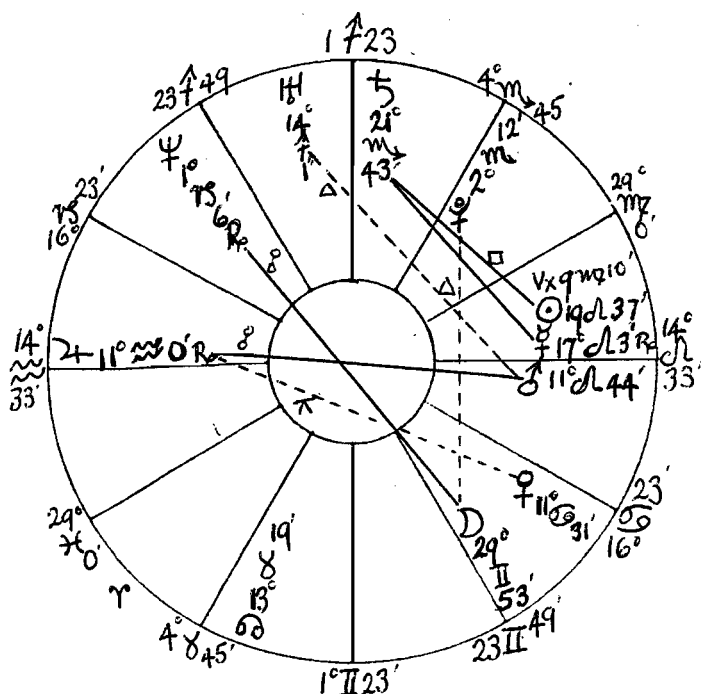
A last message was received at 6:54 pm, when the airliner was well below its assigned altitude. The final act in the drama was the search party's grim discovery of the remains of the Jet where it had crashed into the side of Mount Ogura. Miraculously, 4 passengers of the 524 people on board survived, though badly injured, in the tail section of the aircraft.

The Horoscope for the reported time of take-off appears on page 2. In a Chart of this nature the First House represents the aircraft, the Moon is symbolic of the passengers, and the Sun of the captain.

As was to be expected, the Chart is full of dire warnings: Aquarius rises, and Jupiter, just above the Horizon is closely opposed by Mars (44'), ruling the 9th House (mountains), where Pluto, The Destroyer, sits on the Cusp (Placidian/Topocentric).

The planet of "bigness", Jupiter, is very appropriate for a Jumbo Jet.

Flight 123 from Tokyo, 12th August 1985
6:15 pm Local Time, 9:15 am UT.
139 E 45, 35 N 40. Placidian Cusps.



A dire portent for the passengers was the application of the Moon to the close opposition of Neptune (13'). Their fate was sealed by the further application of the Moon to the trine of Pluto in the 9th. (They died on a mountainside.) Mercury disposes the Moon, so has a major influence on the final outcome. It rules the House of Death, and is retrograde, square to Saturn. Saturn also squares the Sun (the Captain). Its quadratures to Mercury and the Sun have added force by virtue of its elevation above both these bodies.

Uranus, Ruler of the Chart, and Co-Significator of the airliner, is linked to Saturn by antiscion - the Meridian is at the midpoint between them (2 Sag 52). The orb of 1 dg.29' could be less if the given take-off time was not precise. The combination of these two planets is symptomatic of accidents and falls. The Yod ("Finger of Fate") that Uranus forms with Jupiter and Venus could also be significant.

Jupiter, though opposed by the violent Mars, and quincunx to Venus, exercised its traditional role as Preserver, and saved the lives of two women and two girls (Venus), a most remarkable eventuality in the circumstances.

Finally, it is an inauspicious start to any sort of travel if the rulers of the 1st and 10th Houses are retrograde, as both are here (Uranus and Jupiter).

There were more than enough powerfully adverse indications in this Chart to justify the grounding of the flight until a more propitious moment. If we continue to ignore clear warnings we must accept the consequences. How long must it be before airport authorities start to heed the advice of astrologers? - Dymock.

COMPARISON OF SOLAR RETURN CHARTS

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.):

In the past I have not used the Solar Returns as an aid in forecasting. This was mainly due to the somewhat cumbersome practice of House superimposition as advocated by Volguine. Moreover, my experiences had shown that the Normal Solar Return based on the place of location worked well if the astrologer was using hindsight, but was not very giving of foresight in actual practice.

After experimenting with four different types of Solar Returns - the Normal and the Precessed based on the native's present location and on the place of birth, I now give preference to the Normal Solar Return based on the place of birth and the Precessed Return based on the present location. The Normal SR based on the present location was the least informative. This might be because Volguine's House superimposition was disregarded to a certain extent. The Charts were largely delineated as they stood, with a comparison of the ASC and MC and the planets to the natal chart, and vice versa.

The idea was to find the SR Chart that gave the most easily defined and clear picture of the year ahead. Naturally, hindsight had to be used on past events for this exercise. However, once the astrologer does establish which type of Solar Return is the most positive, then perhaps some articles might be forthcoming giving accounts of successful predictions that were done before the event and based on the Solar Return.

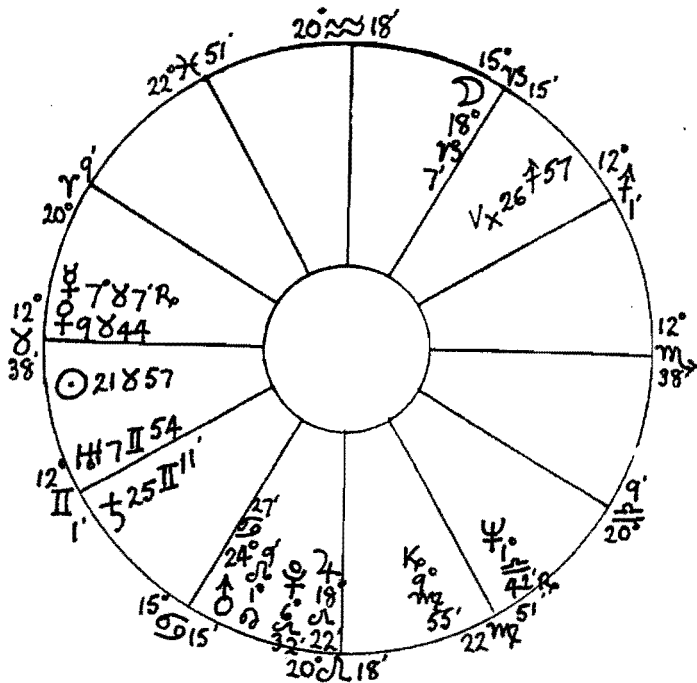
For the purposes of comparison, the Natal Chart published in Issue No.37 was taken. (Reproduced below. - Ed.)

The year under study is 1983. The main events were:

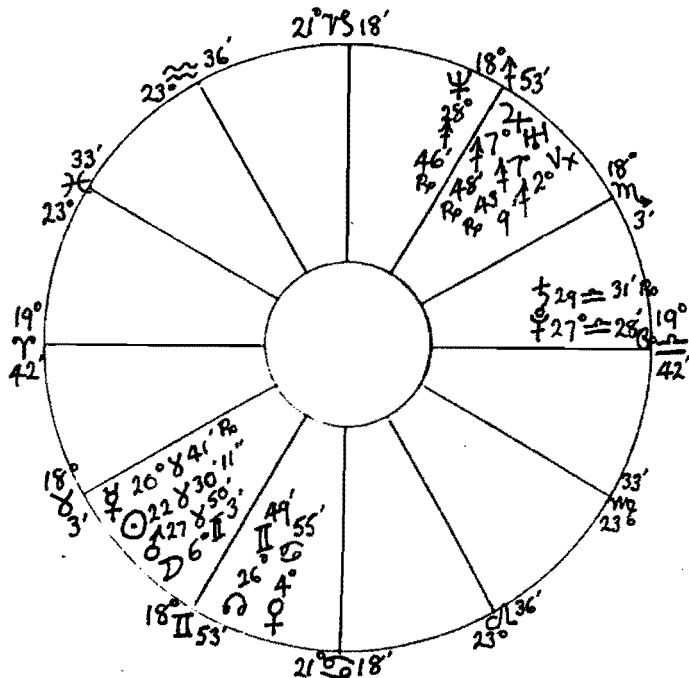
- The collapse of a retail business (dealing with imported goods).
- The break-up of a marriage.
- A relationship with another woman (continuing to the present date).

The main concerns during the year, apart from the emotional relationships, were his income and debts.

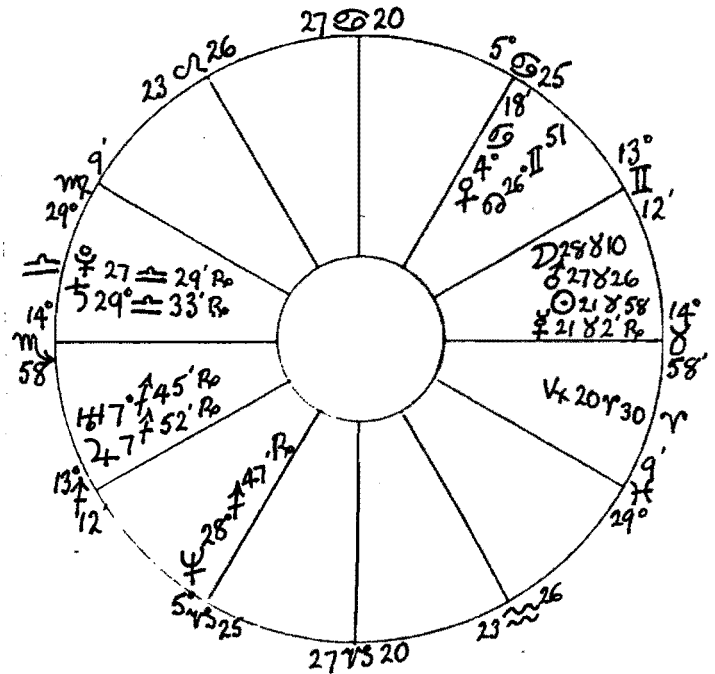
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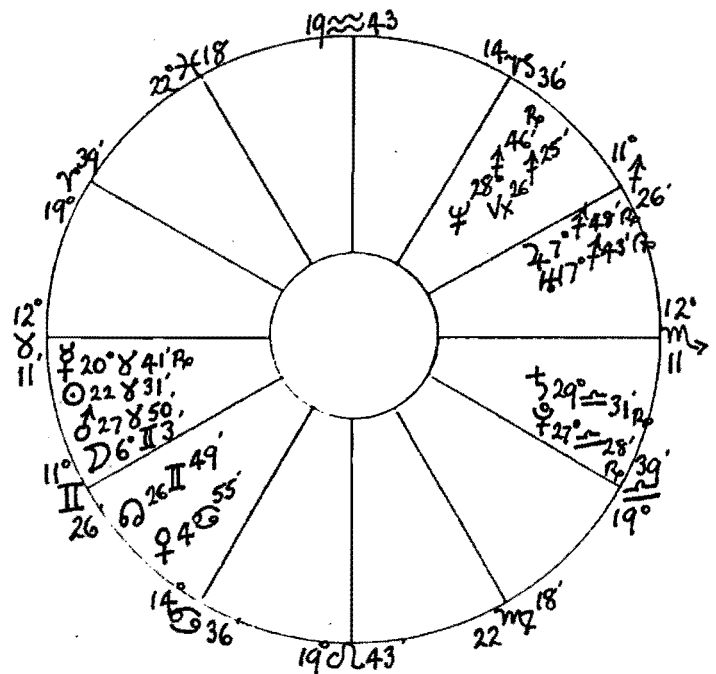
MAP 1: Precessed Solar Return for Present Location. Precessed Sun 22 Tau 30' 11"
13/5/1983, GMT 8:24:35 pm. Perth, WA.
115 E 51, 31 S 57. Topocentric Cusps.



MAP 2: Normal Solar Return for the Place of Birth. Natal Sun 21 Tau 57' 33"
13/5/1983, 6:55:50 am GMT, at Melbourne.
144 E 58, 37 S 45. Topocentric Cusps.



MAP 3: Precessed Solar Return for Place of Birth. Precessed Sun 22 Tau 30' 11"
13/5/1983, 8:24:35 pm GMT, Melbourne.



Aries, (on the Cusp of the Natal 12 House) is on the Ascendant, indicating that matters previously hidden are now in the open, and will require personal attention. Transpluto, the Ruler of the Sun Sign, is close to the 5th House (romances) and trine

the Ascendant. The Natal 9th-House-Moon is conjunct the MC. Legal matters, foreign interests, women/emotions/the home, will figure largely in coming events. As Capricorn denotes business and responsibility, these would also be issues.

The emphasis on finances and material concerns is depicted by the loaded 2nd and 8th Houses. The Moon is one of the four planets in the 2nd House. Its opposition to the conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter would signify emotional stress as well. The breaking up of the home might be anticipated as, natively, Jupiter is Ruler of the 4th House. This particular emphasis has a double impact due to the SR Moon being conjunct Natal Uranus, Ruler of the Natal 10th House and part Ruler of the 2nd; with the SR-Jupiter and Uranus opposing the Natal Uranus also.

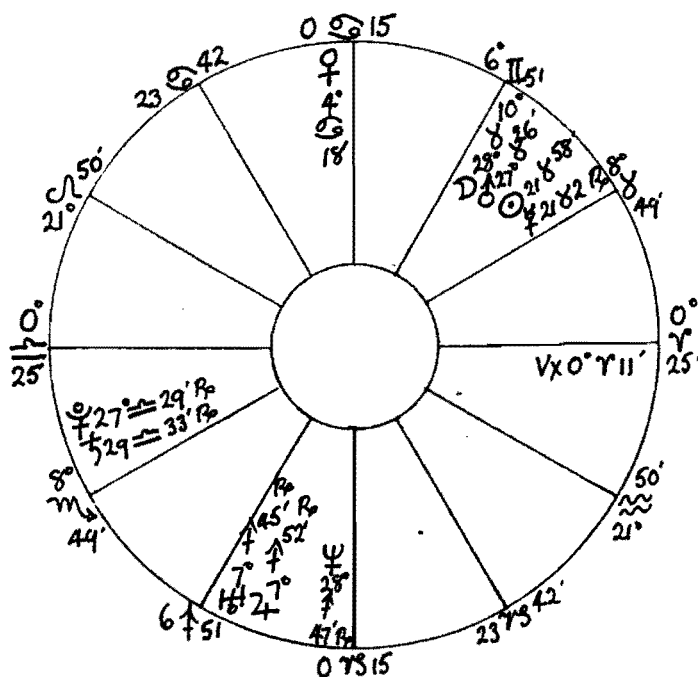
Map No.3, the Precessed SR for the place of birth, likewise shows the breaking up of conditions for the coming year. The main difference is that in Map 1 the SR-Moon rules the 4th House, so helping to give a clearer picture, as does the presence of Transpluto linked to the 5th.

Mercury in the 2nd House (Map 1) is retrograde, square to Transpluto (Ruler of the Sun-Sign) and square to Natal Jupiter, both near the Cusp of the SR-5th House. Personal extravagances might be expected in the pursuit of pleasure. At the same time it is wholly possible to anticipate a successful trading year because of the conjunction of the Sun and Mercury in a harmonious trine in Earth Signs to the MC. However, the activity of Mars, the Ruler of the Ascendant, portrays another facet. It is quincunx Neptune, The Dissolver, in the 9th House (the export Co.), quincunx Saturn, Ruler of the SR-10th, quincunx Pluto, Ruler of the Natal 7th - these latter two planets posited in the SR-7th House. Mars is also conjunct Chiron, a planetoid I associate with business acumen, especially in its ability to survive financial crises.

This is a complicated pattern to test the skills of most astrologers. It is present in all four Maps, so its House position is going to be a vital aid for a true delineation. Maps 3 and 4 were the weakest in that the powerful conjunction was posited in the 6th and 1st House respectively. Map 2 is not so illuminating with the conjunction in the 12th, either. The occupancy might indicate that some of the events were "fated". Still, Pluto does rule the SR-Ascendant, so they were not beyond his control. In actual fact, readers will have to accept (without specific explanations) that Map 2, in general, denotes *how* the Native handled his problems. Map 2 is, nevertheless, clearly informative re partnerships (business and marriage), through the stellium of planets in the 7th

House. On the other hand, it would be necessary to backtrack via the rulership of House Cusps to decipher the meaning of the Saturn/Pluto conjunction in Maps 3 and 4.

MAP 4: Normal Solar Return for Present Location. Natal Sun 21 Tau 57' 31"
13/5/1983, GMT 6:55:50 am, Perth, WA. 115 E51, 31 S 57.



The outcome of this Mars configuration was:

- A dissolution of the "personal" trade with the exporter that then directly affected his financial affairs.
- The business partnership ended, and there was a final severing of close ties with his wife.
- There was some protection from financial disaster. This was indicated by the Sun/Mercury trine to the MC in Map 1. The influence of Chiron helped, too. The other aid was that, natively, the Moon is trine the Sun. This re-occurs in the Solar Return of Map 1 with the conjunction of the natal Moon with the MC.

Venus has an interesting role in the comparison of these Solar Returns. In the Precessed Charts it forms a quincunx to retrograde Jupiter and Uranus. In Map 3 and natively, Uranus is Ruler of the 10th House (Destiny). Natively, Jupiter is Ruler of the 4th House, "the end of the matter". Map 1 has this conjunction of Jupiter/Uranus in the 8th House, and Map 3 has Venus in the 2nd House. One could expect an end to a chapter, or a period of instability, in personal relationships, shared resources,

money matters, etc. Venus in the Normal Returns is just out of orb for a quincunx, so this extra information is not available. Its presence in the 10th House (Destiny) of Map 4 might, indeed, be misleading. There could be the correct forecast of love, contracts, personal relationships, etc., playing a major part during the year. However, the lack of disruptive aspects might also encourage the forecast of a harmonious year, especially in 10th House affairs.

MAP 2: The Normal Solar Return for the Place of Birth.

It can be seen that partnerships, open conflict, legal matters, will be of importance because of the Natal 7th-House Sign superimposed upon the Solar-Return 1st House. Natal Mars is conjunct the Midheaven. An active year could be foretold with perhaps some emotional stress as Mars is in the Water Sign of Cancer.

Natal Venus is close to the 7th House Cusp and this House is heavily tenanted already. Cooperation (or its lack), legal agreements and so on, would be an issue; and love is emphasised through the contact with Natal Venus.

Without precession, the Moon is conjunct Chiron, Mars, Sun and Mercury, and in quincunx to Saturn, Pluto and Neptune. As stated before, this Map is significant in displaying the native's responses - for instance, his social life continued unabated. Nevertheless, the full meaning of the above pattern would really take up too much space. It is sufficient to say that the Moon's quincunx to Pluto and Neptune would portend an ending to a partnership, or emotional instability. As the Moon is aspected favourably in the Natal Chart he would probably be able to handle these emotional complexities fairly well. Map 4 has this pattern giving its emphasis more to shared resources, "money belonging to others", the home, and personal attitudes. The 8th House stellium is actually excellent in indicating the profound changes ahead. Yet it would be a little difficult to define the specific areas of those changes with the exception of the Moon symbolising the home, etc.

Map 2 has the 2nd and 8th House in reverse position to those of the Natal Chart. When there is a malefic present in the 2nd, "the closing of a business" is possible (Volguine). The SR-Uranus is in its Natal House position, which would help to fulfil its potential for drastic changes in income. Natal Uranus is close to the 8th House and

is opposing the conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter, again emphasising financial changes. In Map 34 this planetary pattern has very little significance.

[This article by Jenifer Pommerin will be concluded in the next issue. The book referred to is *The Technique of Solar Returns*, by Alexandre Volguine, translated from the French by John Broglio. - Ed.]

A MISSING CAT: HORARY ASTROLOGY by Olivia Barclay (Eng.)

Max had been missing for ten days. He is a glossy black cat who lives in a third floor flat in Clapham South. His territory includes roof tops and ledges and chimney pots and drain pipes. Once he had managed to reach ground level but he hurt his legs in the achievement. It must have been a difficult journey.

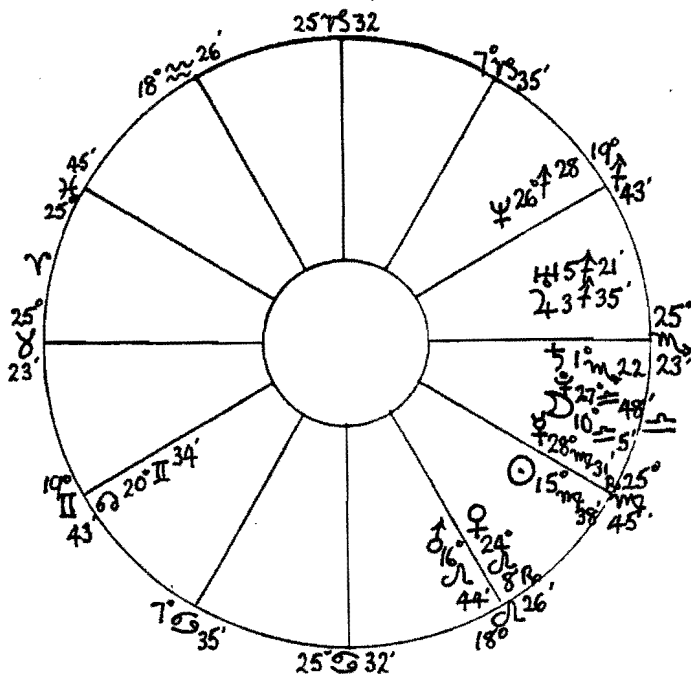
His distraught owner, Jeremy, wondered now if he had done this again and perhaps become victim to the traffic of the South Circular, or discovered some new home. Jeremy and his brother William had climbed about on precarious ledges but had been unable to find Max on the roofs. Despair set in.

When I heard of his long disappearance I was extremely upset, he is such a charming cat.

Suddenly I knew it was the moment for a horary chart (8th September 1983, 8:35 pm GMT, 1 E 25, 51 N 13). Nobody had asked me the question, so I simply took the 6th House for small animals and used that as his Ascendant. Virgo therefore ascended, and Mercury, its Ruler, was there in the First House. I knew then that Max was on his home ground, that he had not fallen. The Sun, Ruler of the derived 12th House was in the 12th. He was a prisoner. Mercury, the Ruler, at 28 1/2 degs. of Virgo, a southern Sign, was Angular in the Derived Chart, and important, therefore I decided SOUTH, and at 28 degrees, near the edge of his territory. The Moon, always important in the charts of fugitives was in Libra, high up, such a place as a garret or flat; in a "human" Sign, where humans inhabit (not down a chimney). It was clear he was imprisoned because the Sun, Ruler of the 12th (imprisonment) was in the 12th. Libra, too indicated near windows.

It was late at night but I telephoned Jeremy in London: "He has not fallen, he is not far from where you are now, but in a southerly direction, dry, in a location used by humans, near windows; a room, perhaps a

HORARY CHART FOR THE LOST CAT
8th September 1983, 8:35 pm GMT.
1 E 25, 51 N 13.



garret, or an attic, because the ground is level like a floor. (The place can be judged from the Sign occupied by the Significator.) He is imprisoned. If you don't go and look for him he will die (the Moon moves eventually to 8th House Ruler), but you have a good chance of finding him (Mercury retrograde).

"Good Lord," said Jeremy, "I can't go climbing over the roof past people's windows at this time of night, but thank you very much...etc."

Jeremy climbed out over the ledges in the morning, he climbed southward towards Balham, and at the very end of the block was a room with three fastened windows. Two windows he couldn't budge, but the third he forced open. It was a disused attic, a garret, and in the corner lay Max, very thin. There was a joyous reunion. Of course, Max was very thirsty, he had drunk nothing for ten days. Algol on the Ascendant before I turned the Chart for judgement had made me suspect he was injured in the neck, and I expect his throat hurt. He drank a whole bowl of milk.

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God.

From C.Y. HUANG (USA):

Superpower Summit - A Failure?

In Issue 44 of *Astrologers' Forum* I successfully forecast the outcome of President Ronald Reagan's trip to West Germany. In May, Reagan ignited the firestorm over the trip by visiting the Bitburg Cemetery which contains graves of Nazi SS troops. His Progressed Sun conjoining Saturn is very suitable for this event. This also demonstrates that astrological forecasting is far superior to any prediction made by political think-tanks or pundits.

In the same article I also foresaw an event indicated by the Topocentric Primary Directions that will occur in mid-November. Following the news-release on July 2, it became clear that Reagan will hold a Summit with Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, on November 19 and 20 at Geneva.

The Primary Directions for Reagan that mature in mid-November are MC d. quincunx NODE (establishing relationship), and SATURN d. sesquare IX (failed trip, diplomacy).

The preceding Solar Eclipse (12th November 1985) which opposes Reagan's Natal Moon is ominous enough both for the Chart cast for Geneva and for Washington, D.C. In the Geneva Map Neptune is conjunct the MC, Mars in near the Descendant, and the Eclipse point is near the Cusp of the 8th House. The Washington Map shows Mars conjunct the MC and Uranus near the Ascendant.

It is also interesting to note that in the speculative Chart of Mikhail Gorbachev which I presented in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 45 and 46, transiting Saturn will move across the Midheaven of Gorbachev during the period of the Summit, which also points to disappointment.

Based on these astrological indicators I predict that the Superpower Summit in the coming November will be a disappointment and fail to reach an agreement on nuclear-arms reduction.

LESLIE BLACK (Eng.) writes that it is fallacious to assume that the Cancer Ingress Chart of 21st June could predict the result of the Greek Election 18 days earlier (see Issue 48, page 4). Postulating that Ingress Charts or any other important configurations come into effect weeks before their actual manifestation puts the whole method of predictive astrology into dispute. He has always understood and believed that the fundamental principle governing astrology is the law of cause and effect, and how can an actual effect pre-date the cause?

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th August 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Since our last Issue we have had the appalling tragedy of the Air India Jumbo Jet crashing into the Irish Sea, with the loss of all 329 people on board. Though the cause of the crash has not yet been definitely established, there seems little doubt that it was the result of a bomb exploding in the baggage compartment under the cockpit.

In September 1983 when a Soviet warplane shot down a Korean Jumbo Jet, again with total loss of life, I pointed out that astrological monitoring could have forestalled the disaster (See *Astrologers' Forum* No.26). In the following Issue, Allan Johnson suggested that this was not possible in view of the enormous number of flights daily and the difficulty of identifying the particular flights that would be disastrous. He suggested that many flights would be started under bad auspices but be perfectly normal, and that it would be an "astrologers' nightmare" trying to pick out the one isolated flight that would result in disaster.

This may well be so, but nevertheless the effort should be made. One or more competent astrologers equipped with computers at major airports would learn how to distinguish the likely fatal flights from those that are judged safe enough, if not ideal.

A case in point is the distinction between the Jumbo Jet flight from Montreal on the 22nd of June (the one mentioned above that killed 329 people) and the Jumbo Jet flight from Vancouver on the same day, which narrowly escaped disaster - a bomb on board exploded after the Jet landed, killing two employees at Narita airport in Japan.

The Charts for both flights appear on page 2. They are computer-calculated from a Program supplied by Matrix Australia (Rudolf H. Smit, 12 Rockcliffe Street, Eltham, Vic. 3095). A comparison of the two Charts is illuminating: Map 1, for the flight which ended in tragedy, holds two obvious portents of disaster:

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(1) NEPTUNE CONJUNCT THE ASCENDANT (the aircraft) OPPOSITE THE SUN, ruling the "House of Death", and

(2) THE MOON (the passengers), in the House of Death, SQUARE SATURN, ruling the Ascendant (the aircraft).

Additionally, Pluto, the Destroyer, is Angular conjunct the Meridian; the Sun is conjunct Mars, Angular, and Uranus in the "House of Sorrows" occupies a similar degree to the Moon's Nodes. In Horary Astrology this is regarded as an indication of fatality.

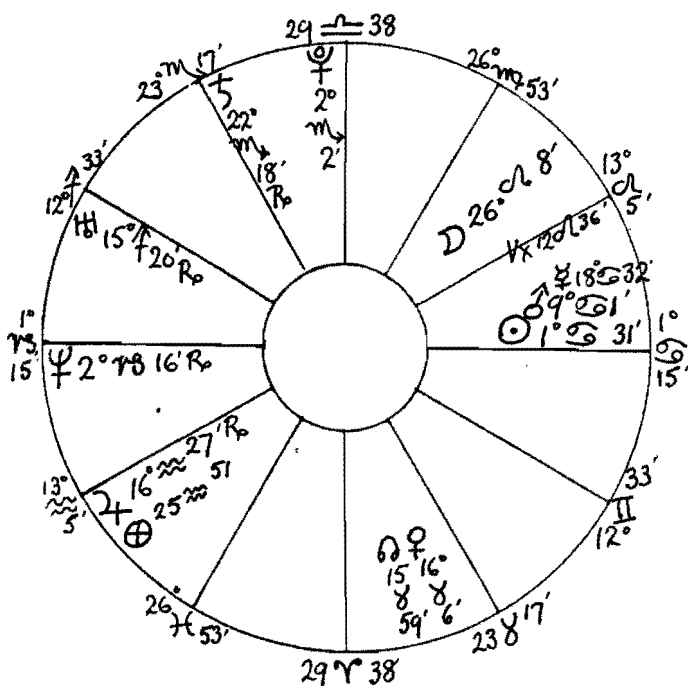
All this was a plain enough warning of a watery grave for the aircraft and its human complement.

Map 2, on the other hand is comparatively innocuous. The same aspects are present, but the Ascendant (vital indicator of the aircraft itself) is not implicated. In fact, the Ruler of the Ascendant is Venus, the "Minor Fortune", so-called. The Sun/Neptune opposition is separating from the Meridian (by the Earth's rotation), instead of applying to the Ascendant, as in Map 1. Moreover, Uranus does not now hold a similar degree to the fateful Nodes.

Apparently, these sorts of distinctions are going to be important in separating the highly dangerous from the less dangerous flight commencement times.

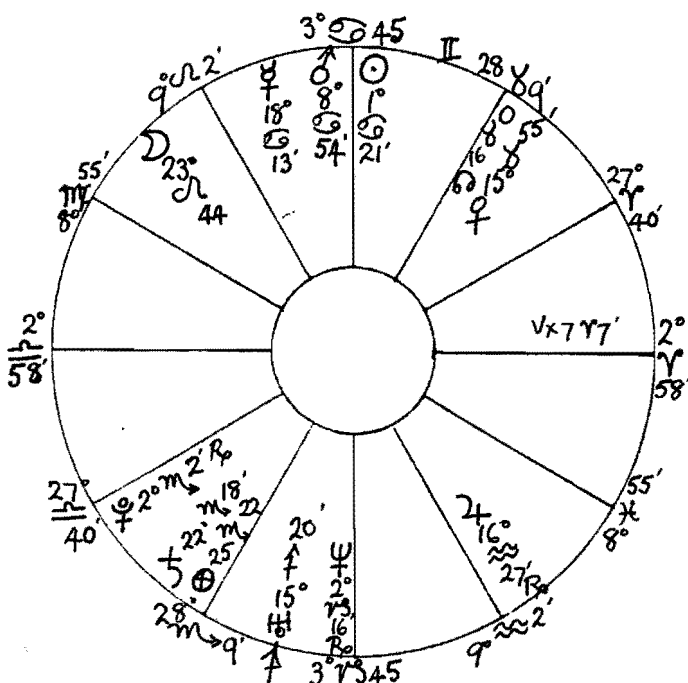
One must bear in mind that total destruction of the aircraft is not the only danger to be guarded against. Considering

JUMBO JET FLIGHT FROM MONTREAL ON 22ND JUNE
1985: DESTROYED 23RD JUNE AT UT 7H 15M AM



UT 0h 40m am, Montreal, Canada, 75 W 34, 45
N 32. Tropical Zodiac, Placidian Cusps.

JUMBO JET FLIGHT FROM VANCOUVER 22ND JUNE
1985



UT 20h 25m, Vancouver, 123 W 7, 49 N 14

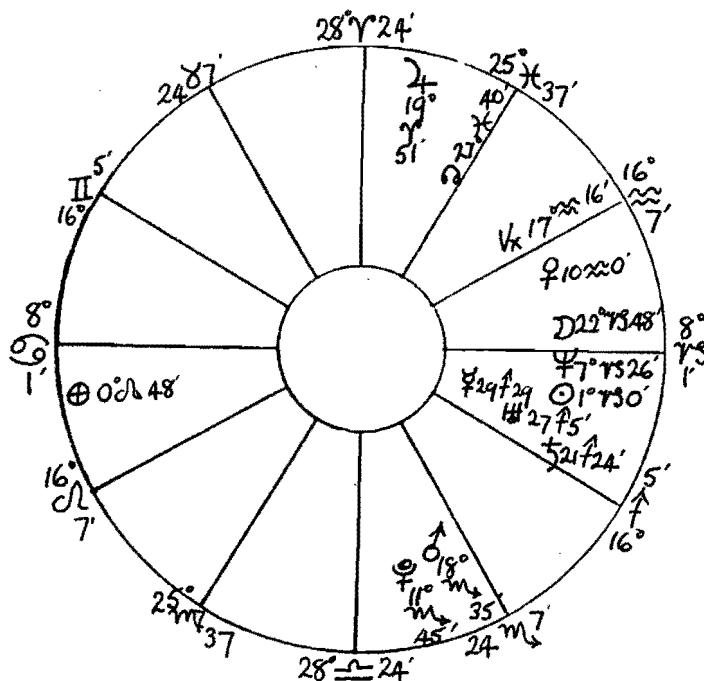
the prevalence of hi-jackings, mechanical failures, engine malfunctions, weather and topographical hazards, etc., the cost of maintaining computers manned by astrologers would be of little importance. No doubt, much public or private antipathy towards

astrology would first have to be overcome but this could be achieved with sufficient positive evidence. - Dymock.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): I correctly forecast the result of the recent Greek Election. Though the result was known on the 3rd June the Cancer Ingress Chart was the relevant astrological indication. Baigent, Campion and Charles Harvey remark in their *Mundane Astrology*, page 251, that Ingress Charts seem to come into effect two or three weeks before the date of the Ingress, and that was certainly the case here (10h 45m UT, 21st June 1985, Athens, 23 E 46, 37 N 58. RAMC 94.592.) In this Chart, Pluto was conjunct the 2nd (Placidian) Cusp (0 dgs.56' above it in oblique ascension, calculated by the Placidus formulae given by De Luce), thus being in mundane trine to the MC. (The Government won.)

I have also calculated the Capricorn Ingress for Canberra for 1987 (9h 47m UT, 22/12/1987 - RAMC 26.306) which will be relevant for the next Federal Election provided it is held when it is due in early December.

CAPRICORN INGRESS, 22/12/1987, CANBERRA



Tropical Zodiac, Placidian Cusps

The only mundane feature in this Chart is Neptune, 7 Cap 26, opposite the Ascendant, 7 Can 42. (Neptune is 1 dg.26' below the Descendant in mundane distance.) From this and the preceding Libra Ingress Chart it seems that the Government will be soundly defeated in the next Election if it is held

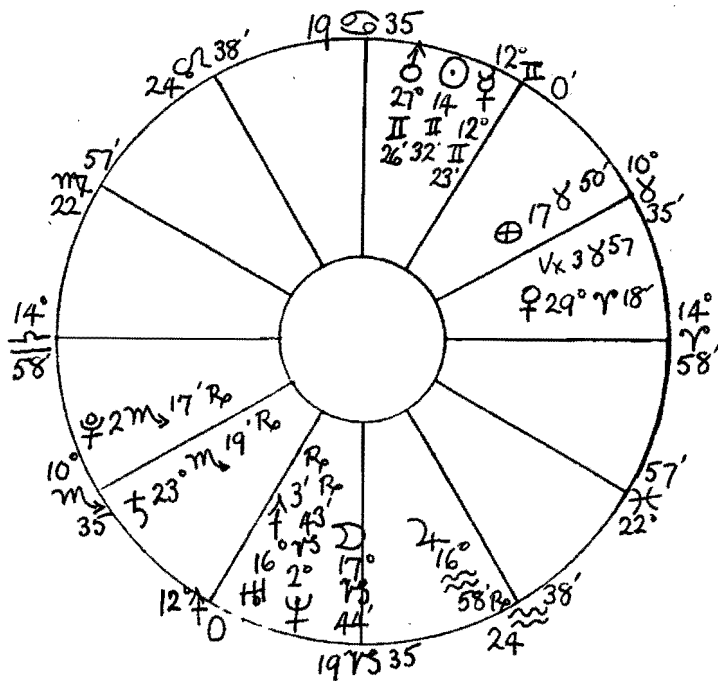
on time, which seems likely.

In the Aries Ingress for the Bradford tragedy (UT 16h 15m, 20/3/1985, RAMC 60.134 dgs.) the Sun is conjunct the 8th Placidus Cusp (29 Pis 57), and is square Neptune, 3 Cap 33, in the 4th. The 8th Koch Cusp was 7 Ari 8. This Chart is clearly relevant, but not dramatic enough to have enabled anyone to foretell the nature or extent of the disaster that occurred.

Following on our article on Charts for horse-racing (*Astrologers' Forum* No.45), LESLIE BLACK (Eng.) has submitted the following two Charts, (Tropical Zodiac, Placidus) illustrating again the power of Significators close to the cusps. Leslie's comments, and the names of all the starters, are appended:

THE EVER READY DERBY STAKES (THE BLUE RIBBON EVENT OF ENGLISH RACING)

Wednesday, 5th June 1985, 3:30 pm Summer Time, 2:30 pm GMT. Epsom, England, O W 16, 51 N 19.



The Starters, in Race Card Order

- 1 Damister
- 2 Lanfranco
- 3 Law Society
- 4 Main Reason
- 5 Petoski
- 6 Phardante
- 7 Reach
- 8 Royal Harmony
- 9 Seurat
- 10 Shadeed
- 11 Slip Anchor

- 12 Snow Plant
- 13 Supreme Leader
- 14 Theatrical

The first three placings were:

- 1-SLIP ANCHOR
- 2-LAW SOCIETY
- 3-DAMISTER

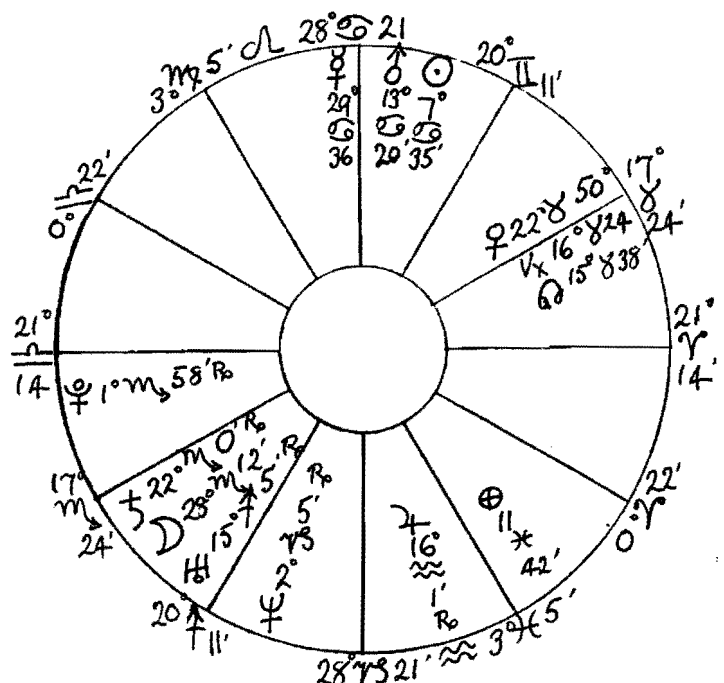
Leslie applied the rules I suggested in A.F. No. 45, and writes as follows: In this example the Chief Significator is MERCURY, which is applying by 23' to the Cusp of the 9th House, closely aided by the SUN, 2 dgs.32' from the Cusp.

As the 9th House governs travel, law and shipping, the most obvious choice would be SLIP ANCHOR, who duly won at a betting price of 5-2. Second was LAW SOCIETY at 7-1, and third, DAMISTER at 12-1.

Law could be eliminated [for first place] with the major emphasis on travel, due to Mercury, Gemini and Uranus in Sagittarius in the 3rd. SLIP ANCHOR is suggestive of motion and travel, like other maritime quotes "weigh anchor" and "anchor's away". The 9th House is the only one of the twelve that is related to shipping.

This example again endorses the superiority of Placidus with regard to cuspal measure.

THE VAN GEESE STAKES, 29TH JUNE, 1985, 2:30 PM B.S.T., NEWMARKET, ENGLAND

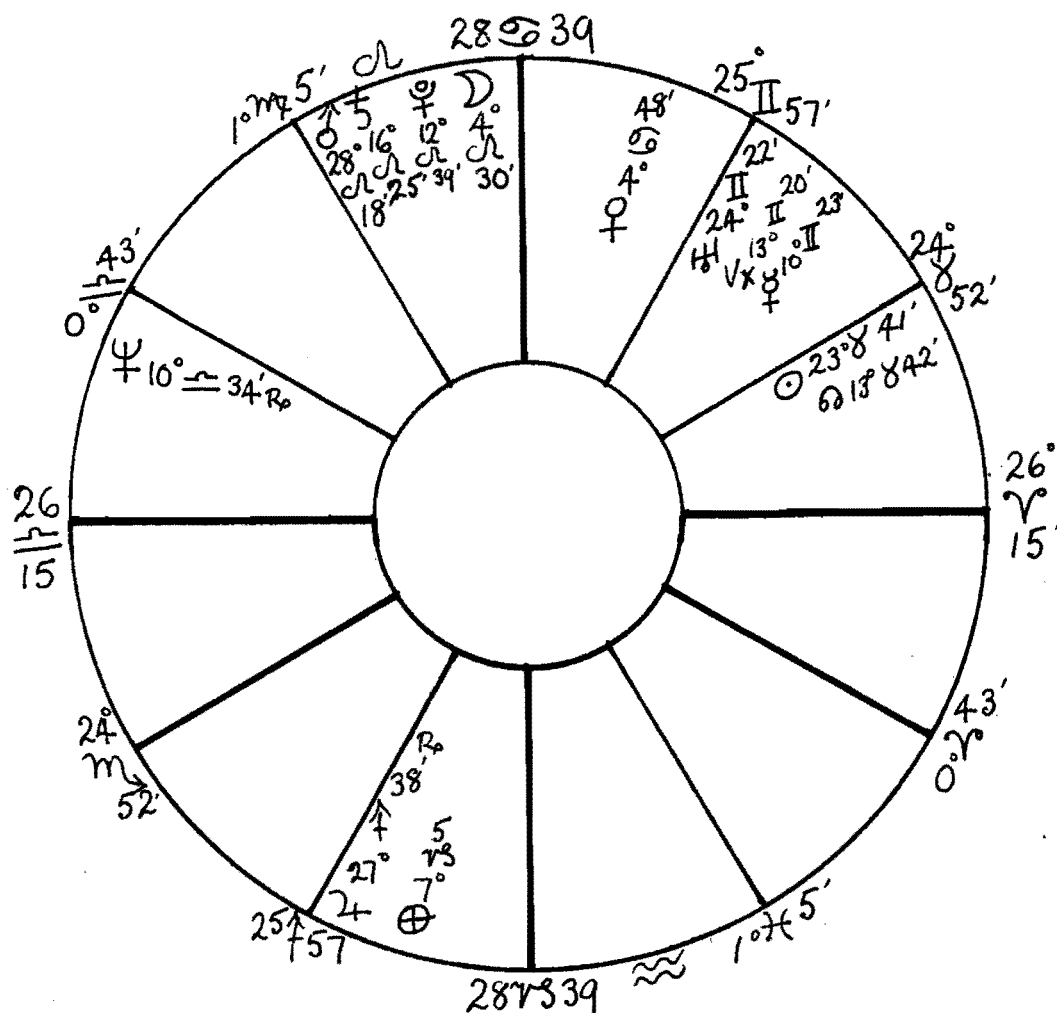


Starters:

- 1 Redmead
- 2 Capricorn Belle
- 3 Don Martino
- 4 Mahogany

RADIX OF ISRAEL

14th May 1948, UT 14H 15M 7S (TIME RECTIFIED BY ALEXANDER MARR)
TEL AVIV, 34 E 46, 32 N 4.



Tropical Zodiac, Topocentric Cusps

- 5 Minstrel Star
6 Swinging Rebel
7 Pennine Walk
8 Hadeer
9 Andrios
10 Field Hand
11 San Mercuriale
12 Lost Cause

The winner here was CAPRICORN BELLE, at 10-1, followed by REDMEAD (33-1) and PENNINE WALK (8-11, favourite).

Writes Leslie: Under the suggested rules, the Chief Significator is again MERCURY (in Cancer), applying by just over one degree to the 10th Cusp. But, surely, Capricorn could never really be a "belle" in her own right, as she is too plain, prim, proper and austere - but Mercury in CANCER in the home (10th House) of Capricorn can, as here we see the dominance of the Moon's influence - the young, elegant, handsome beauty (hence a "Belle").

Mercury being convertible also assumes the

nature of the planets nearest to him - the Sun and Mars in Cancer, adding more Cancerian influence. Thus Mercury in Cancer is explicitly CAPRICORN BELLE, as with the Princess of Wales, born with the Sun and Mercury in Cancer.

Alexander rectified the above Chart of Israel with both Primary Directions and Secondary Progressions by reference to a series of important events in the history of Israel. The events and their dates are given below for the benefit of readers who may wish to do their own research:

- Attack on Egypt, 31st October 1956
The war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, caught, 29th May 1960
Eichmann executed, 31st May 1962
The Six Days Campaign, 5th June 1967
Terrorist slaughter of Israeli athletes at Munich, 5th
September 1972
Jom Kippur War, 6th October 1973
Death of President Ben Gurion, 1st December, 1973
Rescue of the hostages at Entebbe Airport, 4th July 1976
The Camp David Agreement (leading to peace with Egypt),
19th November 1977
Occupation of Lebanon, 15th March 1978

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th July 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The interesting astrological problem presented last month under the heading "ONE HOROSCOPE - TWO DESTINIES" has elicited two publishable responses, from different view points. They are both presented for the consideration of readers. The two Radical Charts in question appear on page 3 of last month's *Astrologers' Forum*.

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC.): The Astrological conundrum of twins has been debated time and time again, and while there seem to be many hypothetical explanations, the problem is far from solved. If we are to rely on karma, twin souls and split souls, likely as not it never will be. From the astrologer's view point, is not the natal chart a map of our POTENTIALS, the individual planetary contacts and placements being the framework within which we have some freedom of choice? None of us fully utilizes every potential to either the utmost positive or negative extreme; we tend to alternate or fluctuate between these potentials, mainly in response to experiences.

With 18 minutes between the births of Jan and Sue, there is quite an appreciable difference when cusps and their midpoints are considered. Above all there is 8 deg. 32' between the two girls' Vertex placements.

I have long waved the banner of the Vertex, hoping others would gain insight into what I have found to be a deeply interesting and highly significant placement, though not from the personality facet, because I sincerely believe the Vertex is experience, mainly in externalized manifestation.

If we accept (at least for the time being, until proven to be incorrect) that the Vertex is an avenue through which we experience and/or externalize our encounters with conditions, then Jan has many more natal planetary contacts through which to function (Vx sq. Moon, sext. Mercury, sq. Jupiter, sext. Saturn, semi-sext. Neptune, sq. Pluto). Sue has only one (Vx semisq. Mars, the Ascendant Ruler). Following this line of argument, we can see that for Jan there is wider planetary scope

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to externalize experiences that fall under the rulership or realms of the planets concerned.

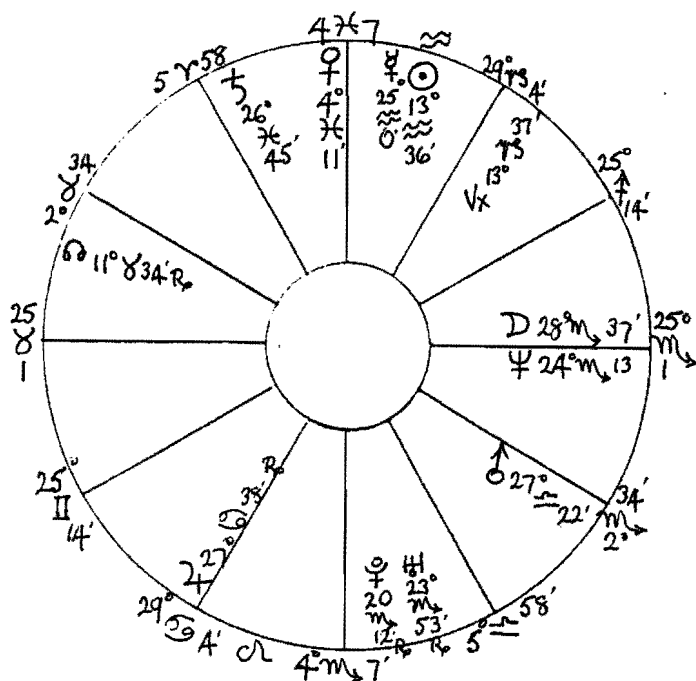
I have worked through all the years and their events in Jan's story. The Secondary Progressions, Solar-Arc, P.E.A. Directions, Solar Returns, Eclipse and Luration Charts - the methods I normally use - but it is the Vertex contacts that have the highest consistency in highlighting the events and individual reactions. It would take pages and pages to detail them all. Anyone sufficiently interested to try the exercise will soon see this makes a strong case for the Vertex point.

It is easily recognized that with 8 1/2 degrees variance in the Natal Vertex positions there is a much broader area for different transiting, progressed, Solar-Return planets, etc., to come into contact with each girl's Vertex. By the same token, their individual Solar Return Vertex will be in different degrees, therefore also making different contacts, and hence different reactions and personal experiences with what may be the same event.

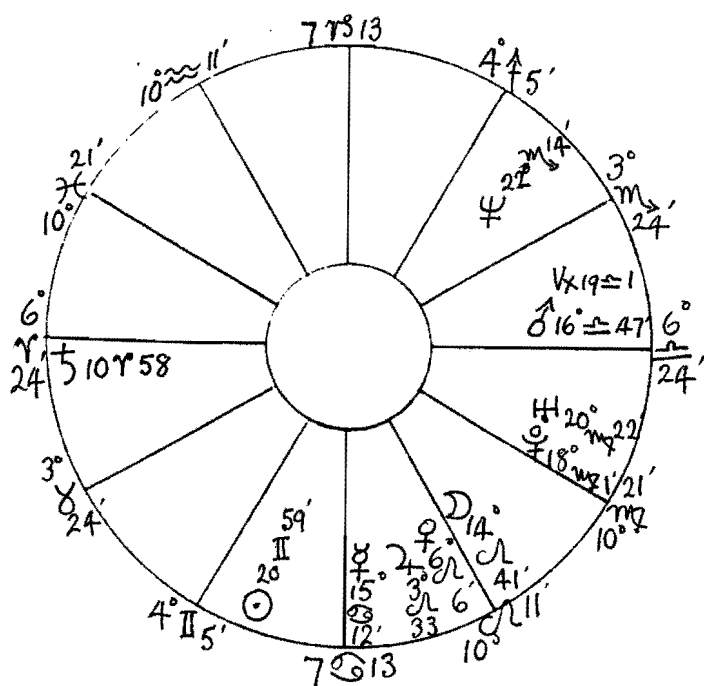
My enthusiasm for the Vertex is that it almost unfailingly contacts the planets that are the essence of the major event of the year, e.g., for Sue's suicide, death by poison, we need to see contacts with Neptune and Pluto. I find the superimposition of

JAN

SOLAR RETURN 3rd February 1967 at Chatswood,
NSW, 151 E 11, 33 S 48. UT 3h 28m 46s.
Placidus, Tropical Zodiac.



LUNAR RETURN 12th June 1967 at Melbourne,
145 E 00, 37 S 50. UT 15h 30m 21s.

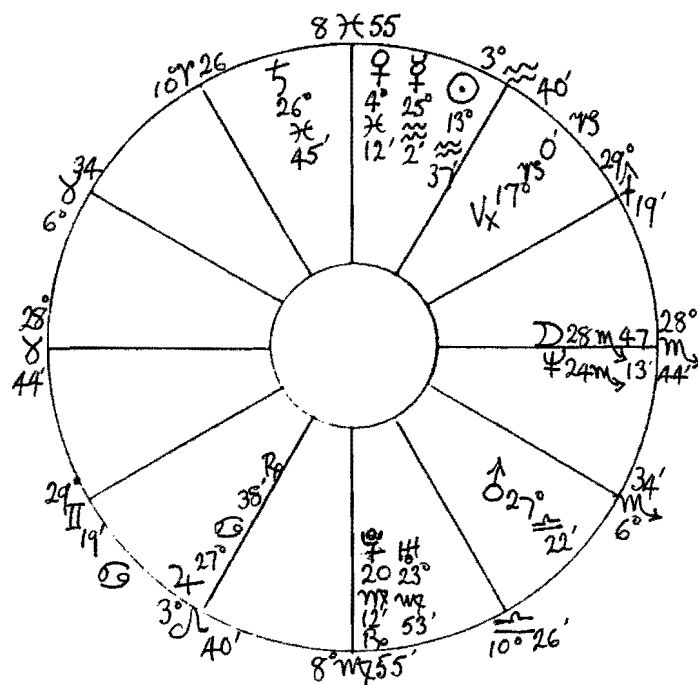


the Solar Return over the Natal Chart is usually the most reliable source of indications for one's year, and in Sue's Solar Return for the year of her suicide, we see SR Vx quincunx Pluto, square Neptune, sextile 8th Natal Cusp, with Natal Vx conjunct SR Neptune, and Moon opposite ASC.

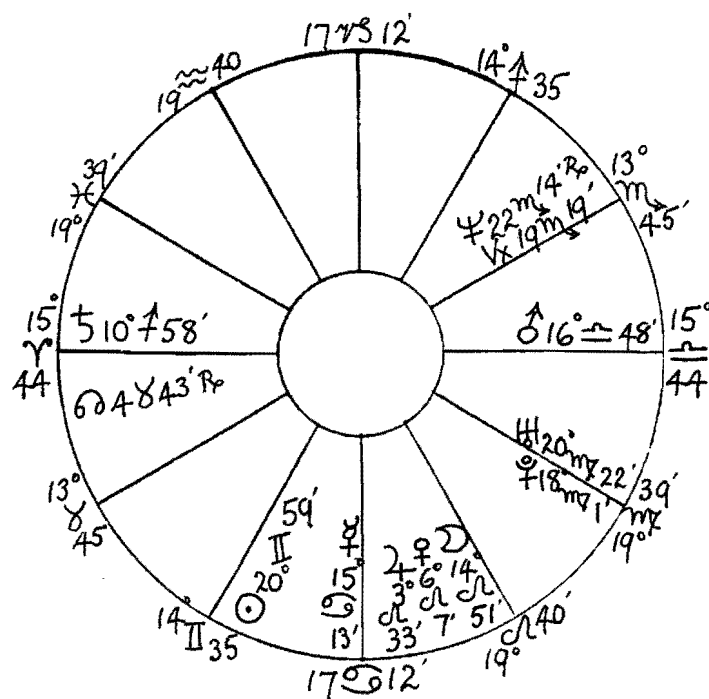
The Lunar Return for June shows LR Vx conjunct Natal 8th, square Pluto, quincunx Natal ASC, conjunct LR Neptune, sextile LR

SUE

SOLAR RETURN 3RD FEBRUARY 1967 at Chatswood.
UT 3h 46m 46s. Placidus, Tropical Zodiac.



LUNAR RETURN 12th June 1967 at Chatswood.
UT 15h 48m 44s.

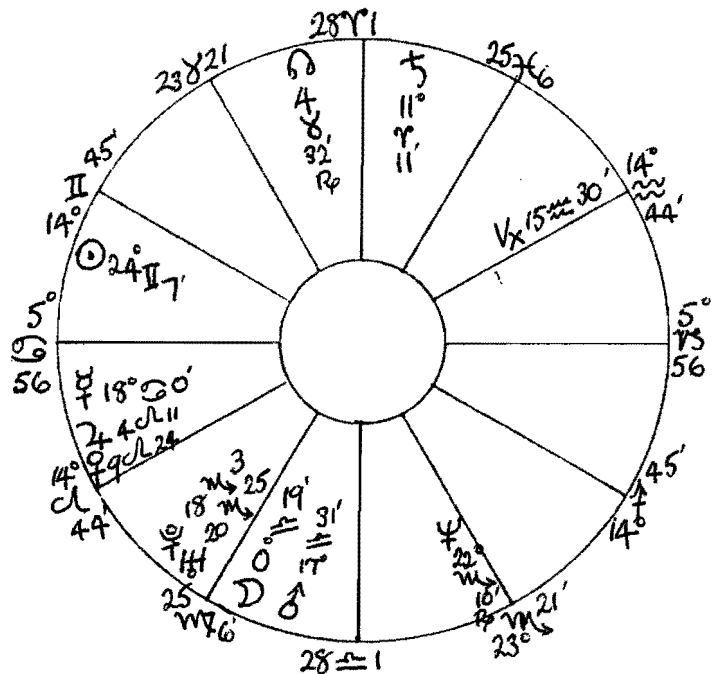


Pluto. On the Event Chart itself for 8:30 am, the Vx is square Neptune, with 10' orb. Naturally there are many other planetary contacts in the Charts showing the incidental background influences that provoked Sue to drink poison.

In Jan's Solar Return Chart, the SR Vx was quincunx Moon, quincunx 3RD, conjunct Natal MC, sextile Natal 8TH, and exactly semisquare SR Moon, with her N. Vx only

sextile SR Pluto - an entirely different set of contacts, and yet in keeping with the unexpected death of her sister.

SUICIDE - EVENT CHART
16th June 1967 at Melbourne,
8:30 am local time.



Again erecting a chart for Melbourne for the time of Sue's death (Jan was resident in Melbourne) we find the Vx of that Chart opposite Natal Moon, sesquare Event Moon, and just sesquare Natal Uranus (orb 57' applying) - very possibly showing the shock soon to be suffered by her.

I hope I have shown in condensed form how important the Vertex can be in any chart, but also in differentiating between the experiences and reactions of twins.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW): I have suggested before that the best way of distinguishing between closely timed births is in examining certain Harmonics, specifically the 13th, 16th, and perhaps also the 9th (See A.F. No. 31). By using these Harmonics one can differentiate between charts of people born only two minutes apart, so the Charts of Jan and Sue should present no problems. This indeed is the case.

As one would expect from their traumatic childhood, there are afflictions in both Charts in the 13th and 16th Harmonics, namely,

13th Harmonic: Mars, 16 Aqu 56, conjunct Sun r. and opposite Moon r.; Moon (11 Aqu 6 for Jan, and 13 Aqu 16 for Sue) square 13th H-Neptune (14 Tau 41).

16th Harmonic: Moon, 25 Pis 12

(for Jan, 27 Pis 52 for Sue) opposite 16th H-Saturn (23 Vir 52).

However Jan's Chart has two most important favourable indications in these Harmonics, specifically 13th H-Jupiter, 5 Leo 2, conjunct 13th H-MC, 5 Leo 35, and both opposite Venus r. (9 Aqu 10), appropriate both for her luck and her present prosperity. In the 16th Harmonic, Venus, 26 Sag 40, is conjunct the 16th H-MC (25 Sag 20), indicating her happier temperament.

Not only does Sue's Chart have no favourable indications in these Harmonics, but in the 13th Harmonic her Moon is within orbs of an opposition to Pluto r., which Jan's is not, and her 13th H-MC, 0 Lib 24, is square Uranus r. (1 Can 27) and conjunct the Radical Mars/Saturn midpoint (29 Vir 27). In the 16th Harmonic, the ASC, 3 Aqu 28, is square Pluto, 3 Tau 20, and the MC, 2 Pis 48, is opposite the Radical Saturn/Pluto midpoint (2 Vir 43), all appropriate for her more difficult nature and her tragic end.

I'm still not sure whether the Vertex is of any real significance, but for what it may be worth, in the 13th Harmonic Sue's Vertex, 17 Lib 32, is conjunct Neptune r. (17 Lib 17), and in the 16th Harmonic the Vertex, 7 Lib 44, is conjunct Mars r. (10 Lib 32).

It has only recently occurred to me to investigate the conjunctions and oppositions between Harmonic Angles and Radical Midpoints, but what I have seen so far is certainly encouraging, though of course one must be sure that the birth time is known with considerable accuracy, as it seems that an orb of little more than one degree should be used. A further example is in the 16th Harmonic of the Chart of my friend who was killed in a crash, where the MC, 28 Lib 48, is conjunct the Radical Saturn/Neptune midpoint (29 Lib 1).

For Jan and Sue, in the 9th Harmonic Jan has Moon, 12 Leo 18, conjunct ASC (16 Leo 39), both conjunct Moon r. and Pluto r., and opposite Sun r. and Jupiter r. Sue has ASC, 20 Vir 42, conjunct Saturn r. (18 Vir 22), and MC (7 Can 12) opposite Mars (4 Cap 48).

I have generally found the 9th Harmonic relevant, but less so than the 13th and 16th Harmonics, though in this case the distinction between the two Charts is quite clear.

Thus it can be seen from the Harmonics that the two Charts are far from being identical, despite the closeness of the birth times, and that their natives' different fates can be deduced from purely astrological methods, without our needing to have recourse to such dubious ideas as the Prenatal Epoch, or even more dubious occult explanations.

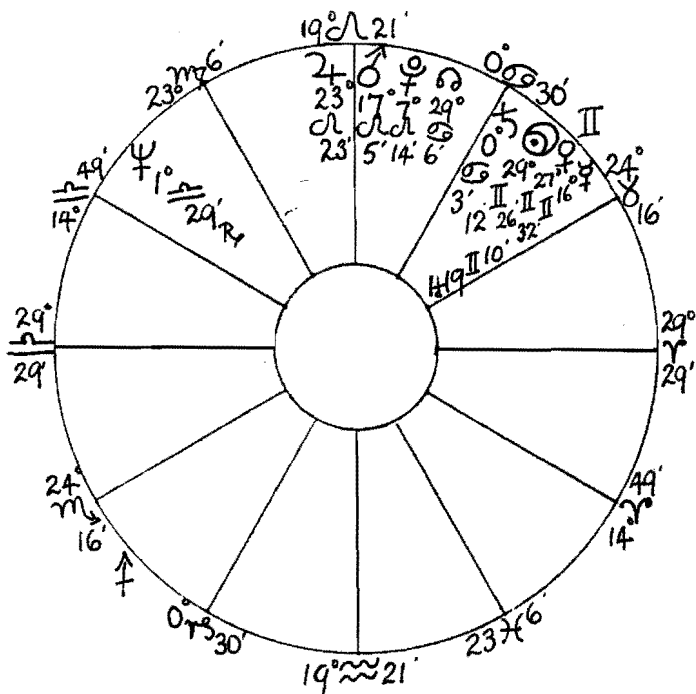
More From ROSS HARVEY:

CUSPS IN HIGH LATITUDES

I have drawn up a number of mundane charts for Iceland, which has the most northerly capital city of all, at 64 degs.10' North latitude. In charts drawn for this latitude, Topocentric cusps may differ from Placidus ones by several degrees, so Mundane charts for Iceland should give a good indication of the validity of Topocentric cusps.

The most significant political event in recent Icelandic history was the establishment of the Icelandic Parliament on 17th June 1944, thus marking the country's complete independence from Denmark. I give here the Chart for the New Moon that immediately followed. Its relevance is clear, with Mars and Jupiter conjunct the MC, and Venus, the Sun and Moon, and Saturn all conjunct the 9th Placidus Cusp (0 Can 30), in Zodiacal and mundane trine to the ASC. The 9th Topocentric Cusp (4 Can 5) was several degrees above this complex conjunction, to far to be relevant.

NEW MOON, REYKJAVIK, 20/6/1944, 17h 0m UT.
64 N 10, 22 W 0. Placidus, Tropical.



3rd Cusp, Topocentric: 4 Cap 5
Koch: 15 Sag 45
Regiomontanus 25 Sag 39

In mundane distance (i.e., with latitude considered) the orbs were as follows: Venus was 1 dg.46' below the 9th Placidus Cusp in proportional mundane distance (i.e., the 1/3 fraction of the S.A. converted to 30 degs. for the sake of comparison), but 5 degs.59'

below the Topocentric 9th in oblique descension. Saturn was 1 dg.13' below the Placidus 9th Cusp in p.m.d., but 4 degs.24' below the Topocentric 9th in O.D. The Moon was 3 degs.21' below the Placidus 9th in p.m.d, but 5 degs.39' below the Topocentric 9th in O.D. The Sun was 0 degs.51' below the Placidus 9th in p.m.d. but 4 degs.46' below the Topocentric 9th in O.D.

The Placidus Cusp seems to me to be clearly superior. The Koch Cusp was, as is not infrequent, quite irrelevant. The Regiomontanus Cusp almost works, but I have quite a few cases where Regiomontanus cusps too are simply wrong.

In the Solar Eclipse preceding Independence (25th January 1944, 15h 25m GMT; RAMC 333.07087 degs.) the 2nd Placidus Cusp is 2 Leo 25 and the Eclipse at 4 Aqu 32°57", thus conjunct the Placidus 8th; the Topocentric 2nd Cusp is 0 Leo 53, thus no longer making the Eclipse conjunct the 8th Cusp.

Interestingly, Saturn at 20 Gem 18 is close to the 12th Regiomontanus Cusp at 24 Gem 2, and is, in fact, only 30' below it in proportional mundane distance. That Saturn on its own should be accented in a Chart for such an even seems wrong to me. I have now collected a number of such charts for high latitudes which suggest that Placidus cusps are superior to Topocentric. Indeed the only advantage of Topocentric may be its ease of calculation, though at modest latitudes the difference between the two is usually of little consequence except in Primary Directions to cusps in accurately-timed charts - and then one has to decide which system of Direction to use!

Ross is to be congratulated on his initiative and independent research into cusps at high latitudes. How much better to bring forward evidence like this than simply to state one's beliefs, based on personal prejudice. While at latitudes up to about 50 degs. North or South the difference between Topocentric and Placidus cusps is negligible for most purposes, the apparent superiority of Placidus Cusps at latitudes over 60 degs., as here demonstrated by Ross, does incline me to replace Topocentric with Placidus for use with Primary Directions. I shall await further evidence with great interest. The Koch method in my eyes is completely discredited - a delusive system that just doesn't stand up to investigation. It is unfortunate that so many astrologers have been misled by the propaganda for Koch, and invested their money in an inferior "Birthplace Tables of Houses", so-called.

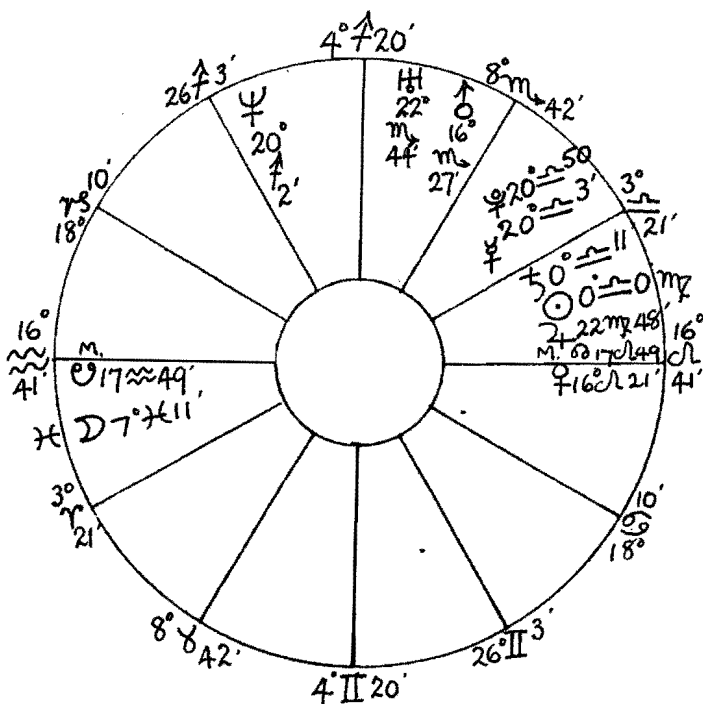
I should like to draw attention here to

another error perpetuated in many text books, whose authors apparently simply follow the mistakes of previous writers. I refer to the practice of accepting the cusps of the Houses as their boundaries, which they plainly are not: The cusps mark the positions of greatest potency in the House, but the boundaries lie elsewhere. The House limits are approximately one-third the mundane distance from a cusp to a previous one, and two-thirds the mundane distance to the following cusp. Calculation of this boundary (the weakest position for a planet, as regards that House) involves some trigonometry, but the same one-third and two-thirds proportions can be taken in Zodiacal longitude for an approximate result.

- Dymock.

Here are the two Ingress Charts referred to by Ross in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*:

INGRESS CHARTS AND POLITICAL ELECTIONS
LIBRA INGRESS, 22/9/1980, Washington,
77 W 1, 38 N 53. 21h 10m GMT.
 Topocentric Cusps



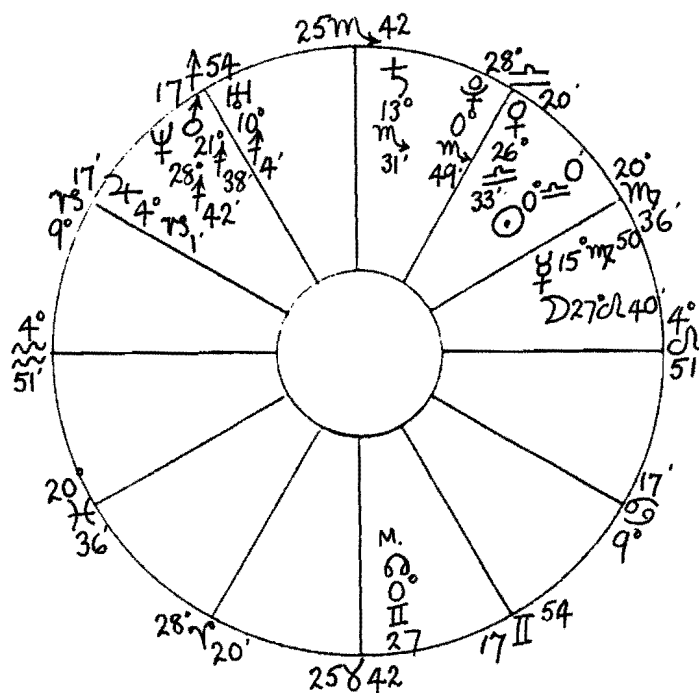
(Pluto is also square the Sun in the USA's National Chart.)

See *Astrologers' Forum* No. 46, page 4, for Ross's comments on these Charts. His further remarks are -

In the second Chart, the one preceding Reagan's landslide re-election, there are no indications with Koch cusps, but with Placidus/Topocentric the Venus/Pluto conjunction falls on the 9th Cusp (28 Lib

20), thus in mundane trine to the Ascendant (Koch 9th, 20 Lib 38). I've often noticed that it is the Zodiacal position of a planet which is important. In this Chart, Pluto is conjunct the 9th Cusp in longitude, but is 11 dgs.56' above it in mundane distance (i.e., if its latitude is taken into consideration).

LIBRA INGRESS, 22/9/1984, Washington, 20:34 UT.



If the appropriate Cardinal Ingresses for Canberra are examined, the Election results can be clearly seen: In the 1975 Libra Ingress (for the dismissal of the Whitlam Government), 15h 56m UT on 23/9/1975 at Canberra (149 E 8, 35 S 15), the MC, 2 Tau 11, is conjunct the Moon at 4 Tau 35, opposite Uranus at 0 Sco 49, and square Saturn at 0 Leo 35. Furthermore, Mars, 21 Gem 35, is conjunct the 12th Topocentric Cusp (19 Gem 24); i.e., Mars is in mundane trine to the 4th Cusp. It seems that the 1st and 10th Cusps may possibly relate to the government of the day, while the 4th and 7th cusps refer to the opposition. [This is standard textbook teaching. -Ed.]

In the Libra Ingress for 23rd September 1977, UT 3h 30m (when the Government was returned with a substantial majority), the Moon, 7 Aqu 42, is conjunct the ASC 5 Aqu 12, and Jupiter, 4 Can 35, is conjunct the 6th Placidus/Topocentric Cusp (Topoc. 4 Can 49), in mundane trine to the MC. The Koch 6th Cusp is 8 Can 5.

In the Cancer Ingress of 21/6/1980, UT 5h 48m, the MC, 23 Leo 23, is conjunct the mean North Node of the Moon (22 Leo 47) with no

adverse indications, except Uranus, 22 Sco 8, square the MC.

In the Libra Ingress of the same year, just after the Election, the MC, 17 Can 5, is trine Mars (16 Sco 27), while the Sun Saturn conjunction, accented in the Chart for Washington on the 8th Cusp, is here cadent in the middle of the 12th House - a traditionally weak position. The Government was returned.

The Government was defeated in March 1983 by a large swing to the Labour Opposition. In the Capricorn Ingress of 22nd December 1982 (4h 39m UT), the MC 6 Aqu 54, was conjunct Mars (9 Aqu 19), and the ASC, 2 Tau 35, was opposite Saturn (2 Sco 9) and Pluto (29 Lib 3). Note that while Pluto is opposite the ASC in longitude its mundane position is 9 dgs.39' below the Descendant. Jupiter, 29 Sco 12, is here conjunct the 8th Cusp (1 Sag 19, Topoc.), a contradictory indication unless it is interpreted as favouring the Opposition (i.e., in mundane trine to the 4th Cusp).

In the Libra Ingress for 1987 (13h 46m UT on 23/9/1987), the ASC, 12 Gem 11, is opposite Saturn (15 Sag 31): the Moon, 5 Lib 7, Angular in the 4TH, is square Neptune (5 Cap 15) Angular in the 7TH, while Jupiter, 27 Ari 48, is conjunct the 11th Topoc. Cusp (26 Ari 58) which could be interpreted as favouring the Opposition. If the Federal Election is held on time, it will be in the last months of 1987, and in that period this Chart portends trouble for the Government, especially when it is noted that Saturn transits Bob Hawke's Sun in October.

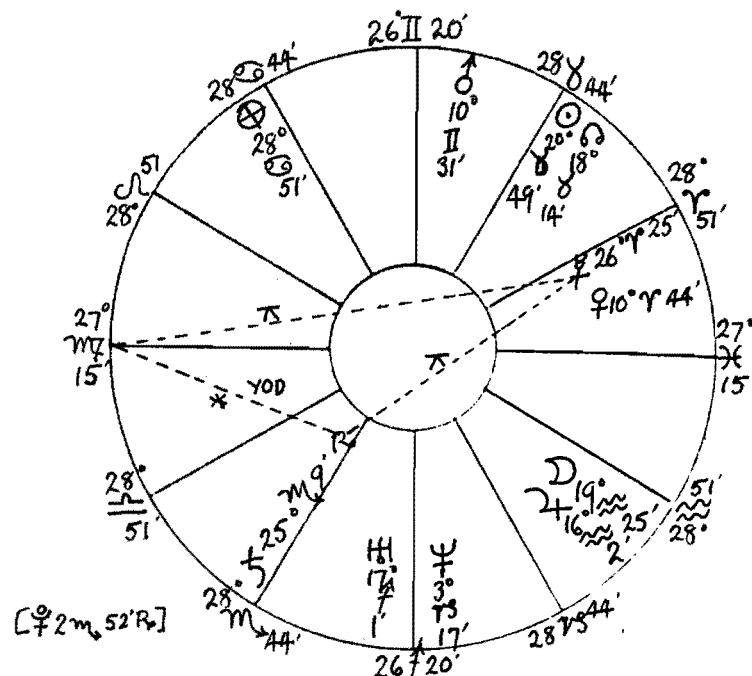
In these Charts I have used Topocentric Cusps for ease of calculation, and because at moderate latitudes the difference between Placidus and Topocentric is not significant except in Directions. However at high latitudes, those above 60 degrees, the difference may be a matter of several degrees. Unfortunately I have only one undoubtedly accurate chart for someone born at such a latitude, and in it, although Placidus is favoured, the results are inconclusive.

It seems to me that the only reliable way of deciding whether Placidus or Topocentric is superior would be to compare results in accurate Solar Returns and in Mundane Charts for high latitudes, e.g., in the Scandinavian countries. Perhaps in view of these Mundane Charts I shall try to find recent election results for Norway and Finland, and examine the relevant Ingress Charts. [Ross has already found one - for Iceland. See page 3. -Ed.]

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.):

THE BRADFORD AND BRUSSELS FOOTBALL DISASTERS

BRADFORD, 11th May 1985, 3:44 pm
British Summer Time. 1 W 45, 53 N 47.
Porphyry Cusps, Tropical Zodiac.



The Quincunx aspect is a very potent influence in relation to fatality and death. The power of this aspect is demonstrated again in the Charts of the two recent British Football tragedies in which a total of 91 lives were lost. [Unfortunately we have to omit the Map for the European Cup Match (Liverpool v. Juventus), Brussels 29/5/1985, 6:32 pm local time, 5:32 pm UT; 4 E 21, 50 N 51. - Ed.]

In both Maps the Ruler is in the House of Death (8th), and quincunx to Saturn in the death Sign, Scorpio. In both Maps, too, there are double quincunx aspects from the Ascendant sectors.

The distinction between the two kinds of fatalities is clearly discernible in the Charts: The Fire Element in the Bradford Chart 8th House (deaths through burns), and the Air Element in the Brussels Chart 8th House (deaths through asphyxia, accelerated through crushing - Saturn).

[The double Quincunxes to which Leslie draws attention are perhaps better known as YODS, often referred to as fatalistic combinations. - Ed.]

Next month, more on horse-racing, including the 1985 English Derby.
My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,
19th June 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

TWINS ONE HOROSCOPE - TWO DESTINIES

How do we differentiate astrologically between twins that are born at practically the same time but whose lives take a radically different course? What are the astrological explanations for the differences in their temperaments and fortunes? Here is something worthy of serious attention and investigation by astrologers, as it is not an infrequent phenomenon.

The following is a personal, first-hand account by a student-astrologer, whom we shall call "Jan", concerning herself and her twin sister who was born just 18 minutes after her. For the purposes of this article the twin sister is re-named "Sue".

Jan is happily married, reasonably affluent, and the mother of four fine healthy children. She is eagerly studying astrology with what spare time she has after looking after a husband, family and home. One could justly say that her life is happy and fulfilling.

Her twin sister, Sue, on the other hand, committed suicide at the age of 17.

The two Birth Charts, separated by only 18 minutes in time are reproduced on page 3. The planetary positions (taken to minutes of arc) are all the same with the exception of very small differences for the Moon and Venus. The greatest distinction is in the Cusps (Placidian) which show differences of about four degrees.

It follows also that the Midpoints will be identical, or nearly so, except for Midpoints involving the Angles.

Do we have to resort to fine differences in the Rising Degrees (down to minutes and seconds of arc) as some Indian astrologers are reputed to do? Do we have to look further back in time - to the date of conception, or even further back still?

These are questions I ask fellow astrological devotees to help resolve. Meantime, here is Jan's story, substantially in her own words:

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Sue and I were born on the 3rd of February 1950, at Wahroonga, N.S.W. Up to the age of six, when our father died, our lives were very happy. Our mother and father were always loving toward each other, and there was always harmony so far as I remember.

Our father died on the 17th of May 1956. Soon after, my sister and I were separated for the first time in our lives, after the death of our father's father. My brother and I stayed with family friends, who were wonderful to us, but my sister went to the place of a much older half-sister, who had two small children of her own.

Sue hated her stay there. She was put in a cot like a baby, which upset her terribly.

The following year our mother had to get a job, and although she finished earlier than most people she wasn't home until about 4:30 pm. I remember coming from school to an empty home, and I used to lie on my bed and cry and cry until mother came home. My brother and sister never seemed to mind so much. They would go down to the park and play or visit some friends.

My mother missed my father a great deal. She never seemed really happy after his death. Nobody actually told me that my father had died. I think I really wanted to hear it from my mother. So for some years I didn't want to believe what anybody else said, and I continued to look for him.

Once when I was about eight and our mother had taken us into the city to do some

shopping I saw a man from the back who looked so much like my father that I followed him for some blocks. I remember feeling very excited that everyone else was wrong after all - that he was alive. Then the man turned enough for me to see all of his face. I just stood there very embarrassed, very sure that he must have known why I was following him. By this time I was totally lost and frightened. Eventually I found the rest of the family.

That night I told my mother what I had done. She told me that my father really was dead, and was so upset that she hadn't told me before.

After a few years life settled down more, but on the 27th of January 1960, when I was nearly ten, I was emotionally disturbed again when my grandmother died only a few hours after I saw her for the last time.

Mum wanted to move us to the lower North Shore. She had grown up on the North Shore and had more friends there. She also wanted us to have a home with a yard. So, on the 16th of December 1960, we moved into a sweet white house at Chatswood. Mum was offered a better job, which she liked.

We were all getting older, and my brother was getting too much for Mum. Sue and Mum started to fight a lot. I used to get very upset about this. Mum would sit up most of the night because she couldn't sleep. I often sat up with her to keep her company.

On 12th March 1962, when Sue and I were twelve, Mum died, at the age of 45 years, a month after her birthday. There had been an upset that Saturday morning: Mum needed help with the washing and lawns, etc., and asked us all to help. My brother had already made his own arrangements for the whole day, and wasn't about to change them. Sue and I were to go swimming at a local pool with some boys we knew, and she was determined that she was going anyway. In the end, seeing how upset Mum was, I said I would stay and help her, which I did.

Just after 9 o'clock in the morning I came into the house to ask a question about the washing that I was doing, when I found Mum on her bed not feeling well. She asked for a drink. By the time I got back to her room with some water she didn't know who I was. I was very frightened. I didn't know what to do, so I phoned my aunt, my mother's sister (the one I lived with later).

I told her that I thought Mum needed a doctor, as she seemed very sick. My aunt just told me that Mum would be all right, and that she would come over after she had done her shopping. Some time after 12:30 my

aunt arrived. The time seemed an eternity. I so much wanted a doctor to come but I knew I would be in trouble, when my aunt had already told me it wasn't necessary.

By the time my aunt arrived Mum was having convulsions, and blood was coming out of her mouth. Although I had tried to look after Mum up till my aunt arrived I was then totally ignored and pushed into the background.

My aunt was annoyed that I hadn't finished doing the washing, and I was sent to do that while an ambulance came and took Mum to hospital. I never saw her again, and never slept in that house again.

My brother and Sue didn't seem very concerned about Mum being sick. When they got back she was in hospital. Once again we were not wanted around, so Sue and I stayed at a girl-friend's place, within walking distance of our home. Our brother (born on the 9th of July 1947) was taken up to Wahroonga to Mum's brother's place, and there he stayed until he was working.

Sue didn't seem very upset when Mum died, but I'm sure she was. She just couldn't show it; also I think she felt guilty for having gone out on the Saturday.

None of us children were allowed to go to Mum's funeral - we had to go to school the same day she died, as if nothing had happened. The funeral was held in the building opposite our school. I sat next to the window and saw the funeral procession go down the Highway at Chatswood. The teacher was cross at me for not paying attention in class. I just ran out and cried for the rest of the day.

In the afternoon I wanted to go back to our place, so Sue and I went back on our way to our girl friend's home. When we got there the house was full of people, friends and relatives, drinking, eating and laughing. I couldn't understand, and lost a lot of respect for adults after that.

Sue and I decided we would just stick together. We felt we weren't wanted there.

On the 11th of March, 1962, our brother was sent to Wahroonga to live with an aunt and uncle, while Sue and I had to live with our maiden aunt. Our aunt was not used to children, and there was a lot of inharmony.

Sue fought constantly with our aunt, physically as well as verbally. Once again I was trying to stop it. If sometimes I had done something that we knew I would get into trouble for Sue would want to take the blame. Even though I would say it was me, Sue wanted to be the one to stand up to our

To get away from things I applied for a nursing course in Boston USA, that had been advertised. I was accepted, and left by boat on the 20th of July 1968, going via Hong Kong, Vancouver, and San Francisco. I

started the course on the 1st of September, and finished it two years later, when I returned to Sydney.

About the 8th of June 1968 I had met the man who later became my husband. On returning to Sydney I married him, on the 28th of November 1970. Our marriage has been a happy and fortunate one, despite my aunt's opposition, and we have four beautiful children.

Well, there you have it: Why, with almost identical Charts was Jan of happier temperament, and perhaps softer-natured, than Sue? Why was Jan luckier than Sue? Do we have to fall back on occult explanations (karma, and previous lives) and, if so, is there or isn't there a horoscopic correlation? Readers' comments are invited.

Apart from that, Jan's very human story is a fascinating one for any student of astrology. Whether professionals or not, genuine astrologers remain students of their subject all their days. What Jan writes about is reflected in her Birth Chart - the deaths of father, grandfather, mother and sister; the Virgoan aunt, who helped without love, the nursing course, the travel, the happy marriage, the (now) very fortunate circumstances, and the four beautiful children.

But why was it so different for Sue?

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW):

SOLAR RETURNS AND NATAL MIDPOINTS

Regarding my friend who was killed in an accident [see *Astrologers' Forum* No. 44 - Ed.] I've since noticed that the Ascendant of her Solar Return, 4 Can 44, was conjunct the Radical Mars/Pluto midpoint at 4 Can 18. I've also noticed that when the Angles of my own Solar Returns have been conjunct or opposite Radical midpoints the effects have often been very marked. Thus, in my 1965 Solar Return (covering the period in which my father died) the MC was 21 Pi 3, only 2' from an opposition to the Radical Saturn/Neptune midpoint. In the 1978 Solar Return the ASC at 24 Can 21 was 7' from a conjunction with the Radical Venus/Pluto midpoint - foreshadowing the romance that followed.

KOCH CUSPS - WRONG AGAIN!

I completely agree with you about the worthlessness of Koch Cusps. I've recently been investigating the use of Ingress Charts in Mundane Astrology, and in particular their relevance to election results. Several such Charts have demonstrated not only their usefulness but also the clear superiority of Placidus/Topocentric Cusps over Koch ones. My preliminary observations are that if the Cardinal Ingress Chart for the Ingress just before the election is severely afflicted, the government of the day loses, and if there are strong positive aspects, it wins.

Here are two such Charts - the Libra Ingresses for Washington D.C. for 1980 and 1984. The former precedes Reagan's convincing defeat of the then Government, and the latter his re-election by a landslide. In the 1980 Chart note the MEAN South Lunar Node conjunct the ASC (traditionally an evil indication), Mars square the ASC, and the Sun conjunct Saturn. Venus conjunct the DSC was not of much help. The Significance of this Chart is that Saturn is conjunct the 8th Placidus/Topocentric Cusp (0 dgs.23' below the Placidus 8th in mundane distance), whereas the 8th Koch Cusp is at 23 Vir 53, conjunct Jupiter!. This is clearly completely wrong.

Incidentally, I have found that it is the MEAN Node that is astrologically significant, not the so-called "true one". [This agrees with Alexander Marr's findings. - Ed.]

[Reproduction of the two Ingress Charts mentioned by Ross, and his further comments, are held over until the next Issue. - Ed.]

GORBACHEV'S CHART - AMENDMENT

CHENGI-YI HUANG (USA) writes that the March 12 issues of *Pravda* and *Izvestia* of the USSR give the geographic coordinates of Gorbachev's birth place as 41 E 31, 45 N 51. This necessitates a slight alteration (significant as regards the MC) to the Cusps of the Chart given in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 45: The MC becomes 0 Sag 19, in lieu of 29 Sco 45, and the ASC 4 Aqu 59 in lieu of 4 Aqu 45.

JENIFER POMMERIN (WA) thanks all those who responded to her request for information on Transpluto and Chiron.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th May 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

HORSE RACING - KOCH CUSPS?

For some years I have been convinced of the inadequacy of the Koch method of House Division, and abandoned it for the Placidian and Topocentric systems (which are almost identical). Horoscopes for horse races appear to be an infallible means of determining the power centres in each House of the chart, and these power centres are emphatically not the Koch Cusps. They are the TOPOCENTRIC/PLACIDEAN Cusps.

This was demonstrated forcibly to me through a series of essays into the gambling arena, utilizing the race charts to pick winners by symbology of the planets conjunct House cusps - any House cusp, not just the Angles. Relying on Koch brought me failures without exception, but the Placidian and Topocentric Cusps brought me winners.

I had considered the matter settled, and had bidden a permanent goodbye to Koch, until a few months ago when an astrologer friend sent me a recording of one Jane Wehrmann, who apparently uses her astrology for little else than horse-racing. She lectures widely on the subject, and enthusiastically advocates the use of Koch Cusps. This gave me pause. Had I, after all, been mistaken? I decided to try the Koch Cusps again - and they failed again. Here is the race, and the Chart (Map 1).

The Festival of Sydney Handicap, over 2000 metres, was run at Rosehill, N.S.W., on Saturday, January the 12th, 1985, at 3:25 pm Summer Time (2:25 pm E.S.T). The starters, in Race Book order, were:

- 1 BUNGARBY
- 2 TULSA KNIGHT
- 3 TEMERITY
- 4 CLAIM THE QUEST
- 5 ESSENTIAL
- 6 REUTER'S NEWS
- 7 THE COB
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The only planets that I consider sufficiently strong in a race chart to denote winners are those within three degrees of a cusp (applying) or one degree separating. By applying I mean approaching the cusp by virtue of the Earth's rotation on its axis, not applying in the Zodiacal sense, in the order of the Signs. Thus in Map 1 (Placidus) the Sun is separating by two minutes of arc from the 9th Cusp; Jupiter is applying to the same Cusp by 2 dgs. 7'; the Moon is separating from the 5th Cusp by 32'.

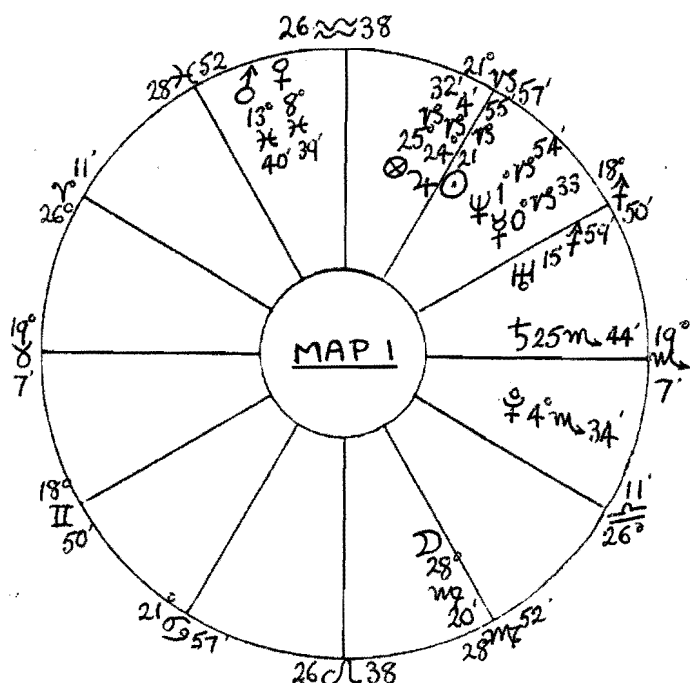
The Chief Significator in this Chart is obviously the Sun, in the House of Travel and Law. The Sign holding the Sun, Capricorn, is more indicative of law than of travel, and the diagnosis, LAW, is confirmed by the close conjunction of the planet Jupiter (law and authority). As if to emphasize the point, the Part of Fortune is conjunct Jupiter.

Now looking down the list of runners, one stands out as symbolised by the Sun conjunct Jupiter in the 9th House - EX PARTE - a well-known legal term. On the strength of this I backed Ex Parte, which duly won, and I received a dividend of \$96 for my investment of \$8.

The 9th Cusp for this race by the Koch system was 17 Cap 12, which put the Sun 4 dgs. 43' away, and outside the permissible range.

Over the past 40 years I have made intermittent forays into the field of gambling on horse races, guided by astrology, my first success being with the

Festival of Sydney Handicap, 1985



12th January 1985, 3:25pm, Rosehill NSW.

151° E 0, 33° S 50.

Melbourne Cup winner, Rainbird, in 1945. It was a thrill to have this horse come from behind and romp in at odds of 12 to 1. The Significator, I remember, was Mercury on the 9th Cusp. Since then, astrology has led me to other Melbourne Cup winners, as well as winners in many minor races. Just prior to last year's Melbourne Cup (for the benefit of overseas readers, this is a national event, the horse race with the biggest prize money in Australia) I demonstrated to a class of astrology students how the selection is made, put the Chart for the race on the blackboard, and proceeded to pick the horse, Chagemar. Chagemar ran second, which was a near miss.

I used Placidian Cusps, before I became acquainted with the Topocentric system devised by Wendel Polich and A.P. Nelson Page in the 1960's. The Koch cusps were given a trial, but I found that whenever they differed significantly from the Placidian they were a failure.

The propaganda effort behind the promotion of the Koch system is no doubt responsible for the following it still has. Apparently it remains in favour with some astrologers for no better reason than that others use it, and the relevant Tables of Houses are readily available. In my experience it continually fails in practice.

Gambling by astrology on horse-racing is not recommended as a money-making proposition - you will probably lose as much as you win - but it is splendid as a means of widening one's knowledge of planetary symbolism. A few hints, based on practical

experience, for those who would like to try this method of self-education:

1. Try to get the exact geographic coordinates of the race course where the meeting is being held, and in casting the chart for a particular race time be precise with the cuspal positions (Placidian or Topocentric - nothing else). If you are not sure of your mathematics, get a computer-calculated chart.
2. Look for the planet (the Chief Significator) that is closest to a cusp, within three degrees applying or one degree separating, by diurnal rotation of the Earth - not by Zodiacal movement.
3. Remember that if the start of a race is delayed the position of the cusps may alter appreciably, so it is better to have the Significator applying to a cusp rather than separating.
4. Don't try for every race on the programme. Pick out the two or three main races of the day, and preferably those with not more than ten or twelve starters, which makes the task of selection easier.
5. Consider every horse in the race and judge which name is the closest match to the symbolism of the Chief Significator.
6. Having made your selection, check by reference to the tipping polls or form guides that the horse is *capable of winning*. However strong and clear the astrological indications a horse that is outclassed is no sort of betting proposition.
7. Back your selection by a dollar or two, however hesitant you feel. Not only will this sharpen your judgement wonderfully, as your money is at stake, but if the horse wins you get an incomparable thrill. If it loses, it's not going to lower your living standards, and it's no more than paying a small fee for a good astrology lesson. If you *don't* back your selection you will occasionally suffer the remorse of a missed opportunity when the horse wins and your careful work has gone for nothing. I know.
8. Conduct a post-mortem on all races where you lost, learning more about symbolism by hindsight. This way your monetary losses will be astrologically productive.

I'll be pleased to hear about the experiences of any readers who try this system. If of sufficient general interest they will be considered for publication. Submissions should particularize place, date and time of the race, and list all the runners and the place-getters with the TAB or starting prices.

- Dymock.

From C.Y. HUANG (USA):

MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV
A Speculative Chart

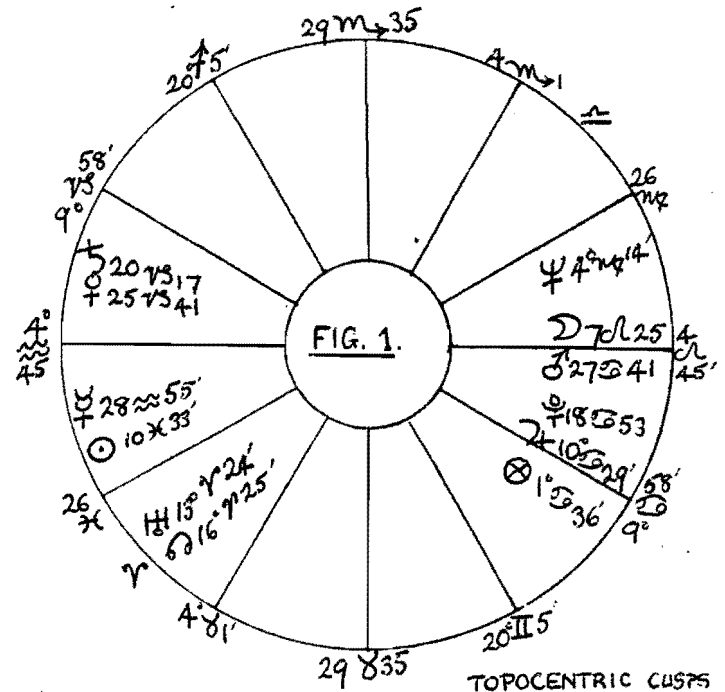
The Birth Chart of the new leader of the Soviet Union deserves the special attention of astrologers because Gorbachev, now in his fifties, has the opportunity to rule the Soviet Union through to the year 2000. According to news reports, Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev was born on March 2, 1931, in the village of Privolnoye in Stavropol (41 E 59, 45 N 03) of the northern Caucasus. The birth time is unavailable. In this article I will attempt to rectify the Radix of Gorbachev without the information of the birth time by using all available astrological techniques.

My first step is to look for transits that can account for his ascent as the new Ruler. Certainly transiting benefics such as Jupiter and Venus in aspect to his Radix are possible indications. In mid-March, transiting Jupiter lingering at the seventh degree of Aquarius in opposition to his Radical Moon could be the answer. Checking the Ephemeris, his Natal Moon is in the range of 4 to 20 dgs. of Leo on March 2, 1931. Assuming his Natal Moon to be around the seventh degree of Leo, his calculated birth time would be around 2 am U.T. I then rectified the Radix of Gorbachev using 2 am as the starting point.

From several news reports I gathered the dates or the month of ten important events in his life for use in rectification. The results are very satisfactory, as we can see in the following list of Topocentric Primary Directions:

- (1) March 8, 1952, joined the Communist Party: ASC c. sextile Sun and opposite Jupiter; Venus semisextile Saturn.
- (2) October (15), 1980, became a full member of the Politburo: Jupiter c. sextile Mars; Mercury quincunx XI.
- (3) January 25, 1982, death of Mikhail Suslov: Saturn c. square Neptune.
- (4) November 10, 1982, death of Leonid Brezhnev: VIII sesquare Saturn: ASC c. trine Uranus
- (5) May (15), 1983, visited Canada: Jupiter c. trine Venus; Moon quincunx Uranus; Sun sextile Mars.
- (6) August (15), 1983, Yuri Andropov ill: Saturn quincunx Neptune.
- (7) February 9, 1984, death of Yuri Andropov: Uranus c. semisquare XI; Moon sesquare ASC.
- (8) April 11, 1984, delivered nominating speech for Chernenko as President. Part of

MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV
March 2, 1931. 2h 25m 55s U.T., Stavropol,
41 E 59, 45 N 03



Fortune opposite Mercury; Jupiter c. semisquare VI.

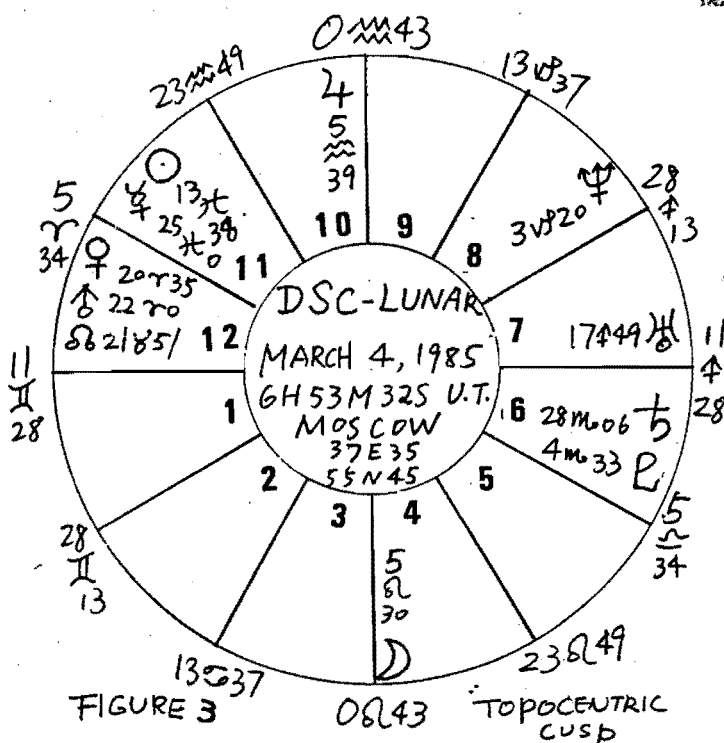
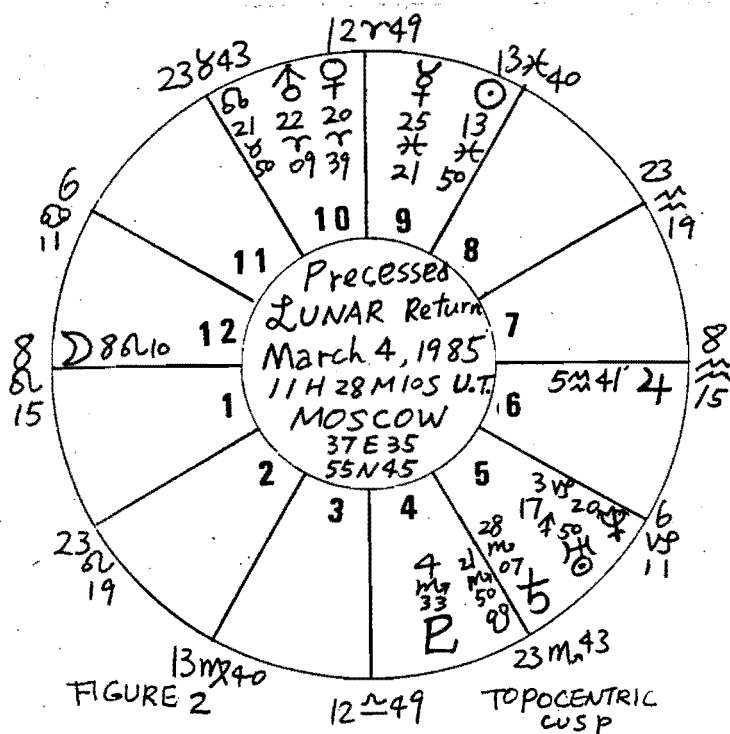
(9) December 20, 1984, visited England: death of Dmitry Ustinov. IX sextile Mercury: Mercury c. semisextile MC: Sun opposite MC; Mercury semisquare Jupiter: MC opposite Pluto: Mars square Moon: Uranus c. quincunx Neptune.

(10) March 11, 1985, elected General Secretary; death of Konstantin Chernenko: Venus sesquare MC; Sun semisextile ASC; ASC square Moon; Mercury trine Venus; Moon c. semisextile Pluto.

Particularly noteworthy are the events of his highly publicized trip to England and the funeral of Chernenko in the Red Square, which aroused world-wide attention. These two events are well-matched by several Primary Directions that mature simultaneously at the time. Based on the rectification, his birth time turns out to be 2:25:55 U.T. Figure 1 is the presumed Birth Chart of Mikhail Gorbachev.

My next step is to cast Cyclic Charts for the most important event - the death of Chernenko and his emergence as the new Leader on March 11, 1985. Cyclic Charts that do not display the character of the event should render the proposed Radix invalid.

Figure 2 is the precessed Lunar Return that occurred on March 4, 1985. Jupiter and the Moon straddle the Horizon and are in square to Pluto, symbolizing his succession as the Leader and the world spotlight focussing on him. The Midheaven at 12 Aries



49 is in conjunction with his Natal Uranus, 13 Aries 14. Figure 3 is the precessed Descendant-Lunar Return, calculated for the time the transiting Moon crossed the Descendant. The ASC-Lunar and DSC-Lunar Returns are a technique developed by Alexander Marr that is very useful for checking the correctness of rectified Angles. In this case the DSC-Lunar is cast because it is closer to the date of the event. In Figure 3, notice that Jupiter, Uranus and the Moon are close to the Angles, with Jupiter high near the Midheaven, which signals Gorbachev's rise to power.

The precessed Solar Return [not reproduced. - Ed.] is also indicative of the event: Saturn and the Descending Node are conjunct the Ascendant, which symbolizes the death of Chernenko and the funeral over which Gorbachev presided. The regressed Moon in the Chart in opposition to regressed Neptune matures on the day of the funeral (Moon 3 dgs. 32', Neptune 3 dgs. 17'). Solar Jupiter, 5 Aqu 09, and Pluto, 4 Sco 34, in aspect to his Radical Ascendant, 4 Aqu 45, characterize the succession and inheritance of leadership. Thus all the Cyclic Charts support the Radix I propose.

Finally, live television from Red Square in Moscow on the day of the funeral of Konstantin Chernenko offered us a rare opportunity for checking this Radix by Ascensional Transits. I was able to stopwatch the moment when Gorbachev delivered his eulogy for his deceased comrade at 10:02:15 U.T. on March 13, 1985. The Ascensional Transit: MDO TRANSITING

JUPITER, 73 dgs. 33' (Quadrant IV), ANTISCION RADICAL SATURN, 73 dgs. 37' (Quadrant I). The Radical Saturn symbolizing the mourning and eulogy is very suitable for the occasion. So the Ascensional Transit further supports the speculative Radix.

Little is known about Gorbachev the man. Examining Figure 11, Mercury in his First House semisquare Uranus may explain why he is a quick learner, bright and brisk-mannered. The Sun also in his First House semisquare Venus and trine Jupiter (orb only 4'!) explains the reports that he is a very fortunate man who ascends rapidly in the Party hierarchy through the help of powerful patrons and mentors. His Mars is equally impressive, being in mundane conjunction with the Descendant, with an orb of 15'. He is said to be a man of charisma, vigorous and tough.

I must emphasize the experimental nature of this Chart. Of course benefics aspecting one of the Angles may also account for the major event in mid-March, and serve as a starting point for rectification. A rectified Radix based on other assumptions is possible provided it can sustain the tests with Cyclic Charts and Ascensional Transits. The validity and reliability of the Radix of Gorbachev I proposed can be tested by the Solar Eclipse on May 19, 1985, at 28 Tau 50, which will fall on his I.C. Under the shadow of this Eclipse, Gorbachev may initiate some kind of campaign or reform, which will be difficult for him. Should this event really happen, this Natal Chart would be fully vindicated.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

RONALD REAGAN: AN ALTERNATIVE NATAL CHART

Mr. Cheng-yi Huang of California, USA, has been working since November 1984 on the rectification of President Ronald Reagan's Birth Chart. During this time he has had extensive correspondence on the matter with Alexander Marr of Germany, who has made helpful comments. The result of his investigations is presented below.

From C.Y. HUANG (USA): The Natal Chart of Mr. Ronald Reagan, the President of the United States of America, is of immense importance to all serious astrologers, not only because he is a celebrity, but also because of the Chart's practical interest. As President Reagan is a leader of the Western countries, his Chart may provide us with some clue to this political activities in the next four years - whether he will be successful in dealing with the nuclear disarmament talks with the Soviets, and whether he will be able to reduce the astronomical budget deficit at home. Astrologers who would not be satisfied with merely hindsight discussions should make predictions about Reagan and demonstrate to the sceptics that astrological prediction works.

Unfortunately, there is no consensus regarding Reagan's true birth time. Several times have been offered, mainly centring around 2:00 o'clock, both a.m. and p.m. (*American Book of Charts* by Lois Rodden, p.358). None can claim absolute infallibility. One a.m. version which was rectified by Mr. Alexander Marr, and offered with some predictions, was published in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 31. Upon Reagan's historic landslide victory in the U.S. Presidential Election in November 1984, I was disappointed to find that none of the cyclic charts such as Solar and Lunar Returns indicated such a phenomenon. Instead, they tended to point to the contrary. Therefore, I tried to find an alternative Natal Chart of Reagan using the 2 p.m. birth time as a starting point.

Using the Topocentric Primary Directions described in Mr. Marr's monumental book,

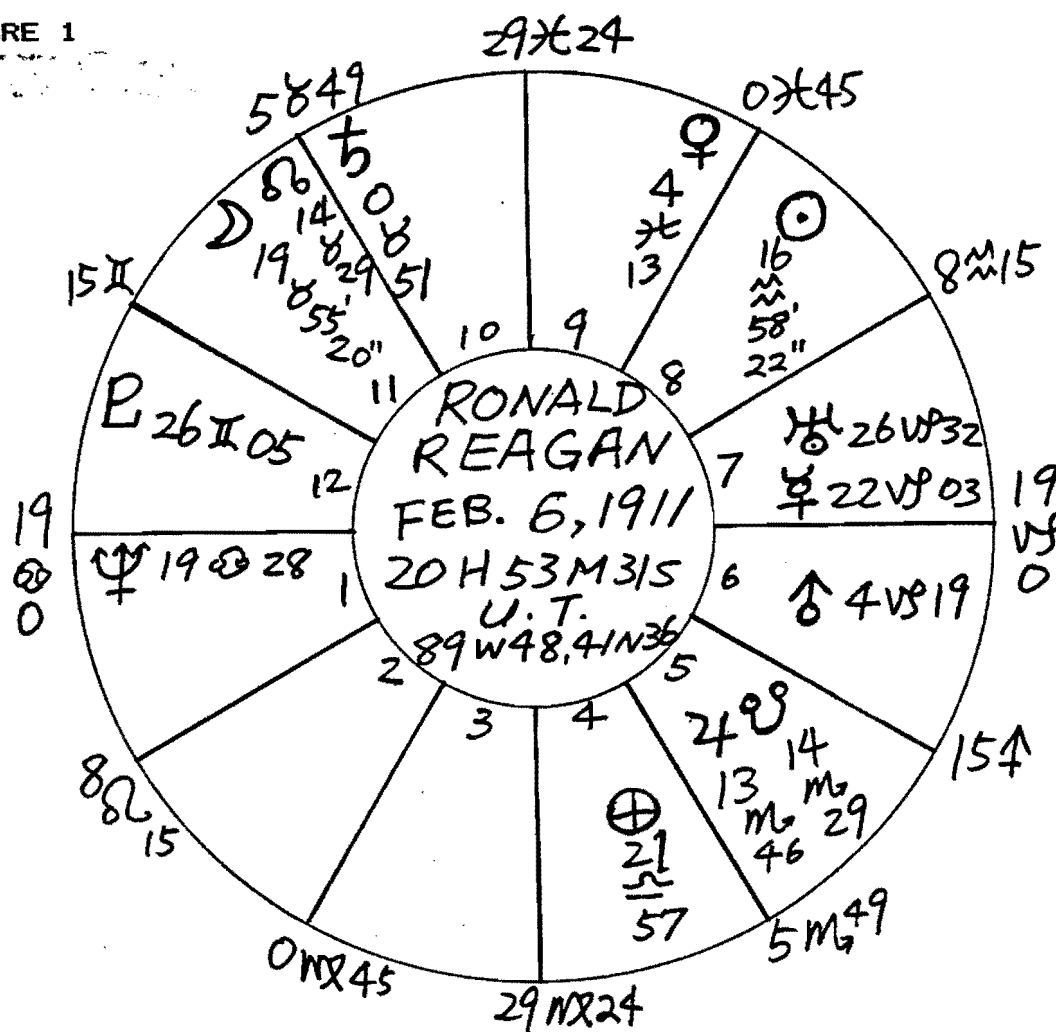
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Prediction II, I was able to rectify Reagan's Radix with over twenty events in his life. His rectified birth data is: February 6, 1911, 20:53:31 U.T. (2:55:31 p.m. CST) at 89 W 48, 41 N 36. Figure 1 is Reagan's rectified Natal Chart. I will not go into the detail of Radix interpretation. Suffice it to say that in this Chart Neptune, Mercury and Uranus near his ASC-DSC axis and in aspect to the Moon and Venus confirms his ability as a great communicator and popular actor who can mesmerize people through the mass-media. Jupiter, Saturn, the Moon's Node and Uranus in aspect to his Midheaven explains his changing career from a sportscaster to actor, television host, Governor, and finally the oldest President of the U.S.A.

In the following, I have listed some of the important events during Reagan's Presidency that are indicated by Primary Direction, and also used in rectification.

- (1) Nov. 5, 1980: Elected President. MC c. semisquare Venus; Jupiter c. semisext. Neptune.
- (2) March 30, 1981: Attempt on his life,

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Born at Tampico, Illinois. Topocentric Cusps.

MC d. quincunx Jupiter; Mercury d. sextile Moon.

Firstly, by checking with lunation data.

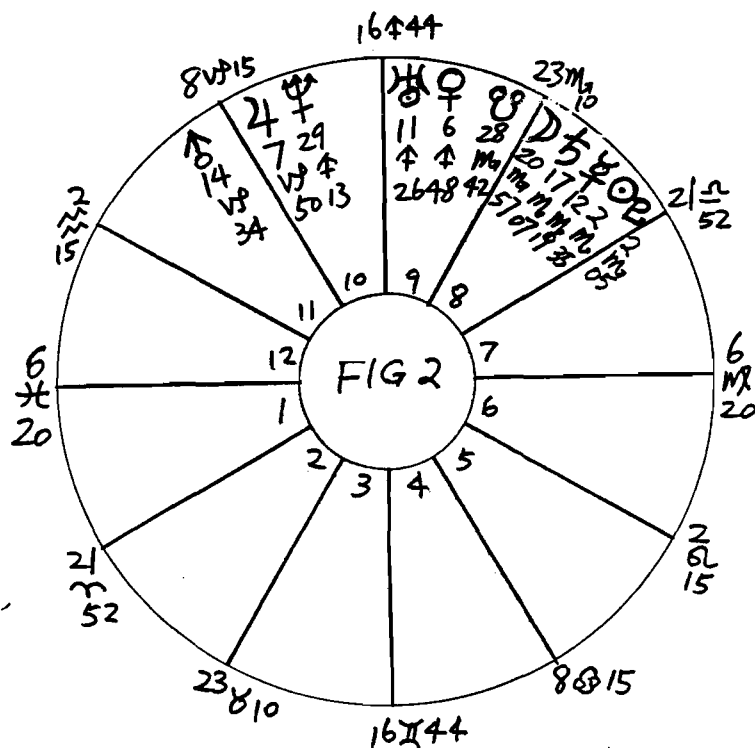
Thirdly, the most decisive test, by Ascensional Transit. The Ascensional Transit is a great discovery by A.P. Nelson-Page and V. Polich. They proved that for an event to happen, in addition to the

**TABLE I. Some Lunations that Fall on
Reagan's Angles and Moon**

May 10, 1937	New Moon, 19 Tau 27, conjunct Moon r.
Event: Moved to California to start movie career at end of May 1937.	
Jan 9, 1940	New Moon, 18 Cap 10, conjunct DSC.
Event: First marriage to Jane Wyman, on January 26, 1940.	
Nov 12, 1947	Solar Eclipse, 19 Sco 36 opposite Moon r.
Event: Separated from wife for the first time on December 14, 1947.	
May 9, 1948	Solar Eclipse, 18 Tau 22 conjunct Moon r.
Event: Wife sued in Court for divorce on June 28, 1948.	
Sep 21, 1964	Full Moon, 28 Pis 45, conjunct MC
Event: Speeches and fund-raising for Goldwater, October 27, 1964.	
Jan 10, 1967	New Moon, 19 Cap 49, conjunct DSC.
Event: Worked as Governor of California after Inauguration January 3, 1967.	
Jan 11, 1971	Full Moon, 20 Can 40, conjunct ASC.
Event: Worked as Governor after Inauguration for second term.	
Jul 11, 1976	Full Moon, 19 Cap 20, conjunct DSC.
Event: Defeated in Republican nomination, July 1976.	
Jul 12, 1980	New Moon, 20 Can 04, conjunct ASC.
Event: Nominated as Presidential candidate, July 14, 1980.	
Feb 4, 1981	Solar Eclipse, 16 Aqu 2, conjunct Sun r.
Mar 20, 1981	Full Moon, 29 Vir 56, conjunct IC.
Event: Assassination attempt on March 30, 1981.	
Jan 9, 1982	Lunar Eclipse, 19 Can 14 conjunct ASC.
Event: Reagan released his Budget, February 6, 1982, which met strong opposition from Congress.	
Sep 22, 1983	Full Moon, 28 Pis 42 conjunct MC.
Event: Started campaign for re-election, October 13, 1983.	
Jul 13, 1984	Full Moon, 20 Cap 52, conjunct DSC.
Event: Nominated as Presidential candidate, August 20, 1984.	

common Ecliptic transit, there must be an Ascensional Transit of a Radical factor by conjunction, opposition or antiscion. By timing several events of a native to the accuracy of a second, we can also rectify a Radix (see *The Topocentric System* by Polich, and *Prediction II* by Marr).

I have timed and obtained two such events of Reagan: On February 7, 1985, 2:06:06 U.T. at Washington D.C., Reagan delivered his annual speech to the Congress on the State of the Union. At this moment, Jupiter by Ascensional Transit was in antiscion



Demi-Sidereal Lunar Return, October 25, 1984, UT 19h 52m 56s, at Washington D.C., 77 W 01, 38 N 53. Topocentric Cusps. Landslide victory in re-election, Nov 6, 1984.

relationship to Radical Venus:

MDO transiting Jupiter, 25dgs.42', Quadrant III, antiscion MDO Radical Venus, 25dgs.44', Quadrant IV.

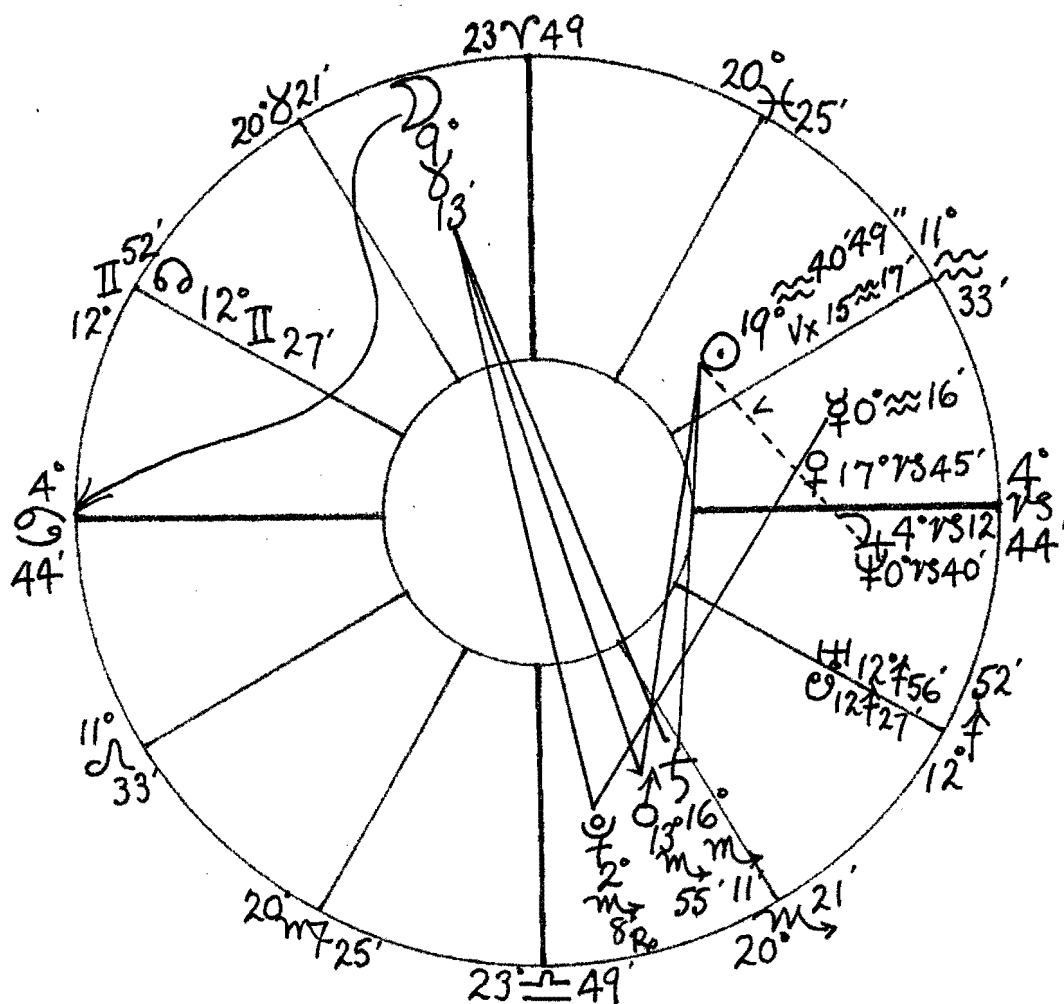
Another event occurred at 1:03:52 U.T., February 22, 1985, when Reagan held his press conference in the White House through live television. At the moment when the first question was asked by a reporter, the Ascensional Transit was MDO transiting Mars, 73dgs.48', Quadrant IV, antiscion MDO Radical Pluto 73dgs.50', Quadrant I.

Thus the final tests fully vindicated and consolidated this Natal Chart of Reagan which I present in Figure 1.

[Editor's Note: The formula for the MDO of a planet is 90dgs. multiplied by the planet's Meridian Distance divided by its Semiarc. $MDO = (MD/SA) \times 90$. The Quadrants mentioned here by Cheng-yi are those commonly used in Europe and the USA, starting with the quarter-circle from the MC to the ASC, and continuing counter-clockwise. The practice of astrologers in England has been to start with the quarter-circle from the ASC to the I.C. as Quadrant I, continuing also counter-clockwise. Thus, for example, Quadrant I of the European system is Quadrant IV of the English system.]

To exploit the usefulness of this Chart, I venture to make predictions on Reagan's life

MAP B



SOLAR RETURN, 9th February 1984, 4:9:23 pm Sydney. U.T. 6h 9m 23s
am, 9th February. 151 E 10, 33 S 55. Topocentric Cusps

dramatic. Cancer rises, and the Moon, as Ruler, is directly opposite the midpoint of Pluto and Saturn in the 4th House. Ebertin's interpretation for this configuration is "the tragic destiny of a woman". As though to emphasize the point, Mars also opposes the Moon from the same quarter. The Sun is in the House of Death, squared by both Saturn and Mars. Mercury, ruling the 3rd (roads, cars, etc.) is squared by Pluto from the 4th. Jupiter, though in its detriment, might have averted the worst outcome had it not been closely semisquare the Sun in the 8th House, and directly opposed to the Ascendant.

To the above catalogue of afflictions, Ross adds the following: "The Harmonic directions for the 56th year of life (she died only two weeks before her 56th birthday, and as I have mentioned before, there is not really a sharp cut-off between the Age Harmonic and the next - about a month's overlap seems to be valid) were most appropriate: Sun h. (22 Sag 16) was opposite Mars r. (21 Gem 54), and conjunct Venus, h. (26 Sag 24), and Saturn r. (27 Sag 24). The Moon h. was at 23 Gem 44, in

aspect to the preceding positions, and Saturn h. at 23 Sco 4 was conjunct the Asc h. at 23 Sco 44. This last conjunction seems to confirm my earlier remark (I have referred to this Chart in an earlier *Astrologers' Forum* (No. 28) in connection with the Fifth Harmonic and its possible significance) that this Chart seems to be accurate for the given time."

Ross also examined the Prenatal and the Progressive Solar Returns. He judged the former the more relevant, having the Sun in the Fourth House closely square stationary Pluto in the Sixth, and the Moon, Ruler of the Ninth, in the Twelfth, square Uranus Ruler of Fourth, in the Ninth. The Progressive S.R. had the Sun, ruling the Ascendant, in the Eighth square Jupiter Ruler of Fourth, and stationary Mars, Ruler of Eighth square the Ascendant, though the orbs were wider than in the Prenatal Solar Return.

From ROSS HARVEY (NSW):

AGE HARMONICS

It seems to me that if Cheng-yi finds the Tropical Age Harmonics unsatisfactory, it is because he has neglected to calculate the harmonic positions of the Angles. That the Radical Angles may often be only approximately known, and thus be unsatisfactory for use in harmonics, should not preclude our using them when they are accurately known. In the example he quotes (John Addey's death), if we assume that the given Angles are correct, the 61st harmonic of the MC is at 8 Pis 27, close to a conjunction with Neptune h. and to an opposition of Saturn h.

Unfortunately I know nothing of John Addey's life, and so cannot check the harmonic positions of these Angles for other events, but the Saturn/Neptune/Angle combination is one I have seen several times in cases of death, and this leads me to suspect that the given time is correct.

I have not yet had time to conduct anything like an extensive investigation of Sidereal Age Harmonics, but when they were calculated for a number of significant years in my own life, the results in general were less impressive than the Tropical version, which I find quite satisfactory provided the Angles are calculated.

I was interested to see that Cheng-yi uses an orb of five degrees on either side of an Angle, the same as that I have arrived at for Tropical Age Harmonics.

FRANK'S RELEASE

It seems to me to be likely that Frank will be released in early 1986, when the Topocentric Primary Direction Jupiter d. square Sun will be exact on the 7th of February, and the 13th harmonic (5 Aqu 47) of stationary Pluto on the 8th of February will be conjunct both the Ascendant (rectified) h.13, and the MC (rectified) h.13. The Age Harmonic for 44 years has Jupiter at 29 Vir 16, conjunct Sun r., Sun 28 Sco 20 opposite Uranus r., and MC at 0 Leo 6 conjunct Pluto. There is also Neptune (12 Vir 0) conjunct MC r., of which I do not know the significance.

The possibility of his release in July 1985 seems unlikely, as the 13th harmonic of transiting stationary Saturn (9 Leo 5) is opposite the 13th harmonics of both his ASC and MC (rectified).

ERRATA (In the last Issue): Frank's Certification for Naturopathy is dated 17th July 1984, not November (p. 8).

In my analysis of Joanna Ashmun's *Challenge* (p. 8) the aspect Jupiter sesquare Rad. Saturn was a Topocentric Primary Direction (not a transit). - Dymock.

From LESLIE BLACK (ENG):

THE SATURN RETURN

Concerning the Saturn Return of Mrs. Thatcher (*Astrologers' Forum* No. 43, p. 5), Alexander Marr is incorrect in saying that the method applied is my invention, as many leading astrologers past and present have adopted the same technique. His remarks must not be taken too seriously, as there is nothing in the procedure that contravenes any astrological rules whatsoever, or would misguide any beginner or newcomer to the Science.

Planetary Cycle Charts, as well as Superimposed Return Charts, are identical so far as the planetary positions are concerned; only the Cyclic Chart takes into account newly-formed Angles and changes in House position of the appropriate Return body under review. But it is hopelessly inadequate on its own and complicates the whole interpretation needlessly.

A fundamental canon of astrological procedure is the consideration of the Natal Chart as basic, and the calculation and interpretation of future indications as subservient to its testimony. Although Mr. Marr may claim the validity of a Planetary Cycle Chart as consolidating the rectification of Ronald Reagan's Birth Chart, any future indications of Reagan's attaining the Presidency would *not* be valid if the Radical Chart did not testify to the possibility of such an event taking place.

From JENIFER POMMERIN (WA):

FRANK'S RELEASE

May and June, 1985 do appear important months for Frank. The Topocentric Primary Direction dates and planetary aspects (Birth Chart slightly rectified by T.P.D.'s) are as follows:

6th May, MC square Chiron (Ruler of Frank's 10th House)

14th May, Neptune opposite Jupiter (R. 4th, opp.R. 12th)

15th June, Vertex conjunct Moon (personal encounter)

18th June, ASC opp. Saturn (self-establishment in a project)

23rd June, ASC enters the Sign of Scorpio (planets or points entering a different Sign either by Converse or Direct motion are

are sometimes a good indication of a change in direction, attitudes, etc.)

Transits for the two months are quite powerful as the outer planets are all in close aspect to Natal Venus (Jupiter and Uranus); or Uranus (Saturn); or the ASC (Neptune)...and the transits are all retrograde.

The prevailing retrograde influence might have a delaying effect in regard to the date set for release. Possibly the above indications refer more to consultations, plans, encounters or even a renewal of a close relationship.

Perhaps freedom could be expected on the 11th October 1985, when by TPD's the ASC is opposite Jupiter. On the 28th the Sun is opposite the Vertex. Neptune transits the ASC by the end of November. In the first two months of 1986 it squares the Natal Sun and opposes the Natal Moon. This major influence continues throughout 1986 - and uncertainty, confusion, even a "spaced-out" feeling would be normal for the first year of self-adjustment.

Frank anticipates some problems with the transition, and the Primary Directions of Saturn square Sun in December, Chiron square Saturn and Pluto square Mars in February, plus ASC opposite Saturn in June, could represent the challenges ahead. Yet Venus, his Sun-Sign Ruler, comes "home" (TPD) to Libra on 1/1/1986. Despite his forebodings, Frank will probably experience this sort of feeling in his new life.

My own prediction of Frank's release date is 22nd June 1986. I base this on

(1) Frank's Precessed Solar Return of 25th September 1985 - the most favourable Annual Chart of the near future.

(2) The Primary Direction Jupiter trine the ASC, 25/6/1986, in the said Chart.

(3) The Full Moon on 22nd June 1986, 0 Cap 27 - 0 Cap 27, which lies across the Horizon of Frank's Natal Chart.

It is noteworthy that when Frank was shot and arrested on 3rd February 1978, the previous Full Moon on 24th January 1978 at 3 Leo 59 coincided exactly with the position of his Natal Pluto in the 8th House, ruling the 12th. Further, Pluto is in sesquare aspect (135 dgs.) to the Rising Degree.

- Dymock.

TRANSPLUTO AND CHIRON

There have been several responses to Jenifer Pommerin's request for information about the above two bodies.

THOMAS ZIMMER (QLD) sends this information extracted from *The Path that You Should Go*

(Inspired Astrology) and *Esoteric Astrology*, both by Imre Vallyon, "an enlightened teacher who speaks from the level of Inspiration, not research in the ordinary sense of the word":

CHIRON - proper symbol, ♄. Rulership, Virgo, being a higher octave of Mercury. Detriment, Pisces. Exaltation, Sagittarius. Fall, Gemini. Associated body part, the brain. Essential quality, "the moment of Enlightenment", "I see!", "Zen Perception". "The Chiron Factor is the energy of the guru, the Buddha-field, whereby enlightenment becomes possible. Associated with spiritual healing, the guru's force teaching the dawning of a higher consciousness."

Thomas continues, "There are no practical examples given for using this planet in chart interpretation. I suspect a good starting point would be people with Virgo rising who were obviously vibrating on a higher octave than your average public servant. In such cases you might look at transits of, or transits, to, Chiron."

ROD and COLLEEN BRANDT (QLD), managers of *Aquarian Book Distributors Pty. Ltd.*, Ulster Walk, Cnr. Elizabeth and Edward Sts., Brisbane (Tel. 221 1647), recommend the following titles:

TRANSPLUTO, or Should We Call Him Bacchus, the Ruler of Taurus by John Robert Hawkins (\$11.95), containing a 200-year Ephemeris and listing the basic meanings and those of all the possible midpoints.

Chiron Ephemeris 1890 - 2000 (\$10.95)

Chiron, The New Planet in Your Horoscope: The Key to Your Quest by Richard Nolle (\$18.50), an informative book covering the history of the mythology of the Centaur Chief and the meanings in the Signs and Houses.

Interpreting Chiron by Zane Stein (\$9.50) - just arrived, not checked out but looks good.

The Continuing Discovery of Chiron by Lantero is expected by the end of the month.

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STANLEY WALTERS (VIC) has lent Jenifer the first book listed above.

I ask the indulgence of any readers who have written to me and not yet received replies. Replies will be forthcoming, but pressure of work has prevented my being as prompt as I should like. My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,

19th March 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The controversy regarding the use of unconventional techniques in astrology, particularly prenatal techniques, has sparked a good deal of interest. At this date (14th February) I may not have received all the correspondence relating to it, due to further industrial trouble in Sydney mail-clearance depots, but opinion so far is divided between acceptance and non-acceptance. The view has also been presented that these techniques are already so well proven that it is a waste of time and space to continue discussing them. I think, however, that a majority of astrologers, including many readers of *Astrologers' Forum*, are either not aware of the techniques in question or, if they are, want to see the evidence and read the contrasting views so that they can make an informed decision.

The following letter deals with arguments *contra*.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (NSW): I would certainly add my voice to Rudolf Smit's in protesting against converse transits and converse Solar Returns. There are a number of good reasons for this. First, astrology already has a surfeit of this sort of research. We could have converse Solar-Arcs, and then someone could come up with the idea of multiplying the units. What is to stop us having two days for a year in Progressions? Then why not have five days for a year? And so on and so on. It gives endless scope for people with a lot of time on their hands, but in my opinion it is a dead-end street. Of course all these techniques can be made to "work" after the event because we are lining them up with a large number of sensitive points in a chart. If this were not the case and we used them on a more restricted level, we could then end up with repeat information we would get from normally established techniques. I think the major consideration in all this is the very great difference in lining things up after the event as against actual predictive work. The first is very easy, which is why a lot of people are attracted into doing it, but the second is not. You

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can't line things up very neatly after the event and then turn things round and use the same method for prediction. The reason for this is that in "after-the-event" astrology you can use as many factors in the chart as you like. In fact the more you use the easier it is to do. But the reverse situation obtains in predictive work. Here you have to narrow the field down. It is not possible to handle too many factors simultaneously and come up with any clear conclusions. So any astrologer who wants to be successful in prediction is forced to apply something of a "bare bones" approach. That is why in my previous article I suggested discarding minor aspects in transits. This does not mean to suggest they may not be valid, but that they simply give you too much to handle. And let it be said, even when you have gone right down to a bare-bones technique, you have still got something that is far too complex for the average student, hence the big turnover of students in astrology.

I quite agree with Dymock that such basic

techniques will give you some "blind spots" at times. By that I mean events that don't match up with aspects, or aspects that don't match with events. This is to be expected in any workable system, as Rudolf mentions. You are never going to get a system that works 100%. Sensible clients never expect it from professionals; but they do expect an acceptable level of success. So the fact that the system we are using lets us down sometimes is not something to be embarrassed about at all. It simply proves we are using a legitimate system. On the other hand if an astrologer is using an "after-the-event" demonstration and lines everything up with perfection, we can be reasonably sure he is using so many points of reference in the chart that the law of averages has taken over.

What we have here is a very important point, not given enough attention by astrologers: There has to be a limit to the number of sensitive points in a chart. If you go beyond that the laws of chance take over. If you have five marksmen shooting at a target and they are very unskilled you may not get any bulls-eyes; but increase the number of men to thirty or forty and you will be sure to get some bulls-eyes even though these might be just as unskilled. It simply means if you have got the numbers, you get the result. And of course a lot of this sort of thing is happening in astrology. It is not so much a lack of integrity but rather that astrologers are not looking closely enough at what they are doing.

It should be possible to determine mathematically what is the outer limit of points in a chart before the laws of chance take over. Normally, if we take the full range of aspects commonly used and apply them to the ten planets as well as the Angles we are getting a total of sensitive points well above the 100 mark. That is without adding any additional factors at all. So if we do add to this we have to be careful that we don't get anywhere near the 360 mark or we will be way above the limit. This is where we get into trouble if we use two systems simultaneously. You can't simply extract one factor from another system without embracing the whole system. I have noticed that astrologers will frequently bring in midpoints if they find a gap in lining things up by the traditional methods. Say, for instance, we bring in a semisquare to a midpoint. If we do that we do have to look pretty closely at what we are doing. Everybody can work out how many midpoints there are, and if we are using a semisquare we are multiplying that by the

eight-point system of aspects. So by using a semisquare to a midpoint we are adding over 500 additional sensitive points to the chart.

What all this means is that we can't use several systems at one time because they simply crowd each other out. In addition to midpoints we have asteroids, fixed stars, Arabian Points, etc. This is why lining up charts after the event can be very misleading and does not have much practical value. To be of real value we have to impose on ourselves the same set of restrictions we would impose if actually doing a job of prediction of the future. Then we could turn it around and benefit from the exercise. But often a lot of space that could be better used is taken up in magazines lining things up after some major event, and using a number of systems simultaneously.

I think when it comes to midpoints there is room for quite a lot of research in how midpoints can actually be used for ongoing prediction, not simply lining things up after the event. And if we do this we are going to have to get right down to basics and use only a very small number of midpoints. I have met astrologers who are doing this. I think the midpoint of a conjunction can be very potent, and the same would apply to the midpoint of powerful aspects. But at all times we have to beware of adding too many new points to a chart. Excessive numbers can be self-defeating.

Allan looks at the whole problem from the practical point of view of the busy professional, who must rely on proven techniques, even with their acknowledged shortcomings. Earning a living by astrology leaves very little time indeed for the investigation of new methods and interesting ideas that may or may not be fruitful. The astrologer who does have the time and opportunity for enquiry must take a different view, and is concerned to find how the present techniques can be improved, amplified or added to so that manifest defects can be rectified.

Looking at matters from this different angle, I find myself in agreement with some of Allan's assertions, though others are open to question. For instance, "an acceptable level of success" in predictive work is certainly to be aimed at, and with conventional procedures is all that can reasonably be anticipated. But what is the justification for assuming that we shall never achieve a system that works 100%? The reason for this assumption is simply that up

to date we haven't done so. I might add that we never will if we leave matters in the hands of the professionals; such achievement depends on the exploration of new methods and ideas, for which the professional has no time.

"After the event" demonstrations are valuable because they are the only way in which we can observe how the planetary forces have operated in any given instance. Without this experience how can we hope to be successful in forecasting? We should have to proceed on a variety of assumptions, but only post-event analysis can determine whether these were valid or not.

The exercise also gives us the opportunity to compare different procedures, whereby we have a basis for deciding which are the most applicable in any given situation.

As to varying the time measure for Secondary Progressions (two days or five days, etc., for a year), if somebody thinks this might be a profitable field for research, by all means he/she should try it. A computer program will quickly settle the matter one way or the other. And this is something we are apt to forget - no longer is it necessary to do an infinitude of calculations by hand, at the cost of much time and effort. Modern computer technology has put all that in the past, and we can now sort things out very quickly.

There is no good reason for restricting oneself to one system for forecasting. Does anybody? Allan himself uses both transits and Secondary Progressions. Others use Solar-Arc Directions or Primary Directions as well. Converse Secondaries and Prenatal Transits fill in many of the gaps left by the other procedures, and it becomes obvious that, so far from being mutually exclusive, at least some of the techniques are complementary, one supplying what the other lacks. The wish for simplicity is understandable as it reduces the workload, but human life itself is complex, and it is only natural that it should be matched by complexity in prognostic indicators. It is open to anyone to decide how far he/she wants to go in the detail of forecasting, but it is no argument that students cannot handle a number of simultaneous factors. As against this, many of the factors are not simultaneous, but consecutive, and have to be assessed separately. Where we get similar information from different techniques, surely that is an advantage? The indication being repeated emphasizes its importance, just as in a natal horoscope a prominent feature is shown by more than one aspect or position.

The test of a system is how effective it is in delineating events before they occur. After we have learned from many after-the-event analyses we are in a position to attempt this, and I see no reason why the process should not be thus reversed. I do it myself. The only restriction is the time requirement. As Allan implies, the busy-practitioner has to compromise in this respect in order to keep the whole exercise within reasonable bounds.

I agree that research is needed to establish which are the worthwhile "promissors" among midpoints, aspects, etc. The number of them doesn't matter, it's their individual effectiveness that counts. I, too, have concluded that midpoints between planets in conjunction or strong aspect are potent factors. I use them with both Primary and Secondary Directions, and invite readers to confirm my findings by testing them out on their own charts.

- Dymock.

PLANETARY CYCLES

From ALEXANDER MARR (West Germany): Leslie Black's chart-invention which he calls "Saturn Revolution" (*A.F.* #40, p.5) is most misleading for beginners and meaningless for advanced astrologers. Return Charts of planets have to be computed to their exact Radical positions, that is to seconds of arc (see *Prediction I*, p.60); and factors of planetary Return Charts should not be inserted in a Radical chart.

This branch of astrology is very little in use, and is a very profitable field for serious investigators. It seems that the same rules may be applied as for Solar Returns. In the following examples I used planetary cycles in order to consolidate PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S birth time (*A.F.* #31, p.4). In addition to my demonstrations in *Prediction I* I found that the Radical planets produce impressive charts which (A) have a dominant position in the birth chart analyzed, and (B) reflect by their nature, i.e. their pure symbolism, certain events happening during the time period covered.

Radix, Ronald Reagan: MC = 10 Virgo 01.
 Revolution of VENUS, 3 Pisces 31'25", 17th March 1984, 9h 07m U.T.
 JUPITER 10 Cap 09.
 Revolution of MERCURY, 21 Cap 24'38", 3rd February 1984, 0h 22m U.T.
 VENUS = 10 Cap 05'.

Demi-cycle of SATURN 0 Sco 48'54", 3rd September 1983, 2h 09m U.T.

SUN = 10 Vir 01'; MOON = 13 Can 46'.

trine JUPITER rad. 13 Sco 44'.

ASC 12 Tau 15' (best possible approximation for Washington as the slow motion of SATURN does not permit exact figures) conjunct the favourable Radical MOON - JUPITER opposition (12 Tau 15' - 13 Sco 44').

(The Radical MC has further support by the trine of Jupiter for the time when the election results became known, 7th November 1984, 4h U.T.: JUPITER trans. 9 Cap 54 trine MC rad. 10 Vir 01').

The above method with planetary cycles for (A) consolidating the rectification, and (B) forecasting the outcome of events, or general prospects for the time period covered, is only useful if the smallest orbs are taken. For further information see *Prediction I*, ps. 11 - 29, 59 and 60.

I can recommend this procedure in all those cases where the native's place of residence has not been located. Needless to say that analyses like these are useful only if the corresponding birth chart has been rectified.

From OLIVIA BARCLAY (Eng.): The account of the Mexican disaster was interesting - the Eclipse more powerful than the Transit Chart, with that exactly Angular Mars! It certainly demonstrates that the potential of an eclipse is there before it happens. One wonders why the Transit Chart set it off, and although, as Mr. Marr points out, the Sun is conjunct the Node descending, I noticed also that the Moon had just entered the Via Combusta and the antiscion of Mars falls on the Sun/Node. I wonder if the Ascendant could have been a minute or two nearer Algol. We seem to be coming nearer to being able to predict from the Eclipse positions - not that I am sure it is advisable.

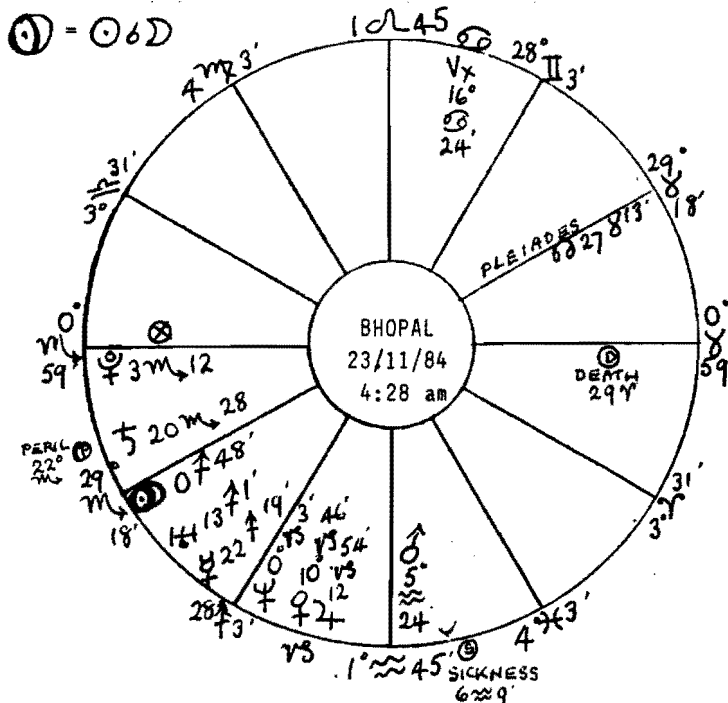
MORE ON THE BHOPAL DISASTER

In searching for an astrological explanation of the Bhopal tragedy, it seemed appropriate to find that it occurred as Neptune, Ruler of gas, entered Capricorn, the Sign ruling India. Saturn, which rules that Sign was at 21 Scorpio conjunct the Fixed Star Unuk, the Neck of the Serpent.

Despite many indications of misfortune in the Chart drawn up for the time of the tragedy, it does not by itself describe anything so horrific as occurred. To find out that we should heed the words of Ptolemy: "THE FIRST AND MOST POTENT CAUSE OF EVENTS LIES IN THE CONJUNCTION OF THE SUN AND MOON AT ECLIPSES AND THE MOVEMENT OF STARS AT THAT TIME."

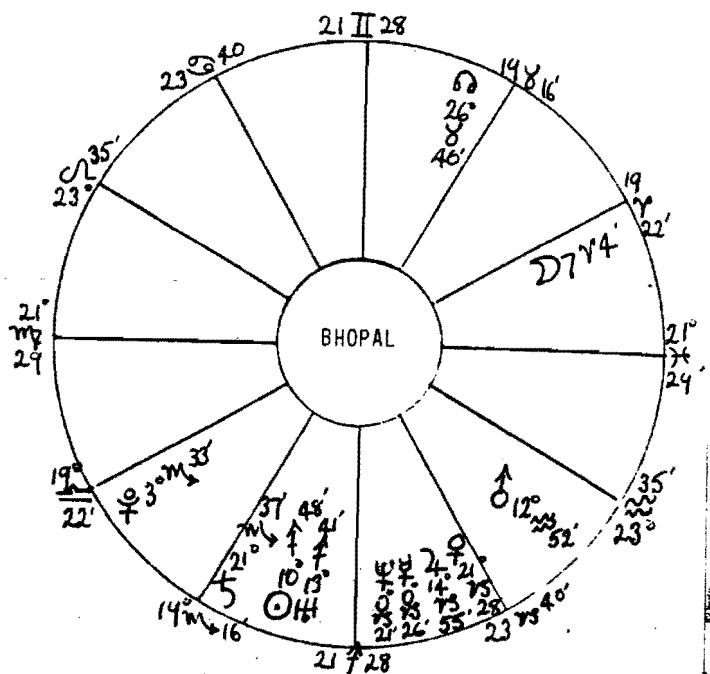
The Chart of the Eclipse preceding the Event as seen in Bhopal at 6:27 am on November 23rd 1984 should therefore be studied and compared with the Chart for the time of the disaster.

THE ECLIPSE PRECEDING THE EVENT



GMT 10:58 pm on 22/11/1984 Long 77E24 Lat 23N16
Regiomontanus House System

THE TRAGEDY AT BHOPAL



00:56 am Local Time, 3/12/1984. 77E24, 23N16

In the Eclipse Chart (Fig.1), 0 Sco 45' ascends, with Pluto and Saturn (ruling India) in the 1st House. The Eclipsing Luminaries stand at 0 Sag 47, at the mid-point between the Ascendant and Neptune,

and oppose the 8th Cusp - Death (since death is the subject of our enquiry), which is at the degree of a Fixed Star cluster known as the Pleiades (about 26 Tau 48), noted since time immemorial for affliction to the eyes. De Vore in his Encyclopedia says the Pleiades can cause blindness, and that Elspeth Ebertin collected a great many examples of diseases of the eyes and blindness in connection with the Pleiades. Lilly mentions wounds to eyes and arms. Ivy Goldstein Jacobson calls them "The Weeping Sisters", for if they are prominent there is always something to weep about.

In this Chart the Part of Death is at 29 Aries, opposing the Ascendant (House of Life) and the Part of Fortune. Mars, Ruler of the Chart, is in mutual reception with Saturn, which it squares, and is conjunct the Part of Sickness. It is the only planet in Air. Saturn, Ruler of India, is only 2 degrees from the Part of Peril. Jupiter is Lord of the Eclipse but cadent and peregrine, disposed by Saturn.

The Moon, from which the sequence of events is learned, moves from the midpoint ASC/Neptune to the midpoint Neptune/Pluto, and goes on to aspect Mars. "Combination of Stellar Influences" describes ASC/Neptune as "disharmonious states of soul expression, illusion and deception of the senses, the act of running about like ants". Neptune/Pluto is "strange states of soul expression, a high degree of sensitiveness, response to every influence, treacherous (or deceptively painless) states of disease, disturbances or troubles of slow or lingering development; confusion and grievous loss." Mars is Ruler of the Ascendant and the 6th House (illness) and is conjunct the Part of Illness. Although the application of the Moon to Mars is by sextile, this contact can do no good.

Despite these configurations the event did not occur until 3rd December 1984. At Bhopal at that time Virgo ascended and its Ruler, Mercury, had come to the conjunction of Neptune in the 4th House (Home Territory). This is a symbolic picture of the people (Mercury) being gassed (Neptune) on their home territory or town (4th House) in India (Capricorn). But the full horror of the event and the attack on their eyes, can only be read when comparing both Charts. It may be significant that two days after the Eclipse, Mercury was eclipsed by the Moon.

In this 3rd December Chart (Fig.2) the Moon is at 7dgs. Aries (described by de Vore as a degree of life and death). It aspects the Sun, Ruler of the 12th House, and

conjoins Rastoban, a Fixed Star indicating property loss. The Sun approaches Uranus at its South Node.

The Fixed Star Unuk that conjoins Saturn in this Chart is described by Ebertin as often dangerous and destructive, associated with chronic diseases which are not easily detected, resulting in a weakened state of health, and accidents. He mentions disease and poisoning. De Vore mentions bronchial tubes.

In comparing the two Charts it is interesting to see that the Sun on 3rd December reached the degree of Venus in the Eclipse where she was Ruler of the 8th Cusp (Death), and how Venus in Fig.1 reaches Saturn in Fig.2. There are other observations you may wish to note, such as the stress on the first degrees (0 - 1) of the Signs.

Although the Virgo Ascendant and consequent significance of Mercury with Neptune, located the disaster geographically, yet there must have been many surrounding places that shared the Virgo Ascendant. What may have singled out Bhopal, with 22 Virgo Ascending, could be that Saturn, dispositor of the Mercury/Neptune conjunction was exactly at the mid-point of the Ascendant and Venus (the Eclipse death indicator), standing only a degree from the position of Saturn on the Eclipse Chart. Of course there may also be factors in Bhopal's Founding Chart to contribute further reasons.

From CHENG-YI HUANG (USA):

AGE HARMONICS:

TROPICAL OR SIDEREAL VERSION?

Age Harmonics or the so-called Harmonic Direction has been introduced into astrology by John M. Addey since 1976. Its theory and practice are simple; e.g. the 40th harmonic chart applies to the fortieth year of life. So far, the reaction by most astrologers to this new technique has been mixed. Some claim that it works, while other notable astrologers such as Alexander Marr and David Hamblin think it is a doubtful and unreliable technique for various reasons.

My own research into this matter has reached an interesting result, which is that Age Harmonics, in the version of the Sidereal Zodiac, works successfully and consistently. In contrast, its Tropical counterpart only gets ambiguous results. To further illustrate this point let us study some examples in the following.

My first case is the death of John Addey in March, 1982. His birth data, which appeared in David Hamblin's *Harmonic Charts*

(1983) is June 15, 1920, 8:15 am BST at 52 N 33, 1 W 29. Addey himself also gave the position of his Tropical Midheaven at 11 Ar 58 in his book, *Harmonics in Astrology*.

Figure 1 shows the Tropical Radix of John Addey in the inner circle, and the 61st harmonic position of planets in the outer circle. The 61st harmonic positions of the Angles were not calculated because of the uncertainty involved in the exact value of the Angles. What concerns us here is the aspects between the harmonic position of the planets and the Radical factors, which is similar to the working of transits.

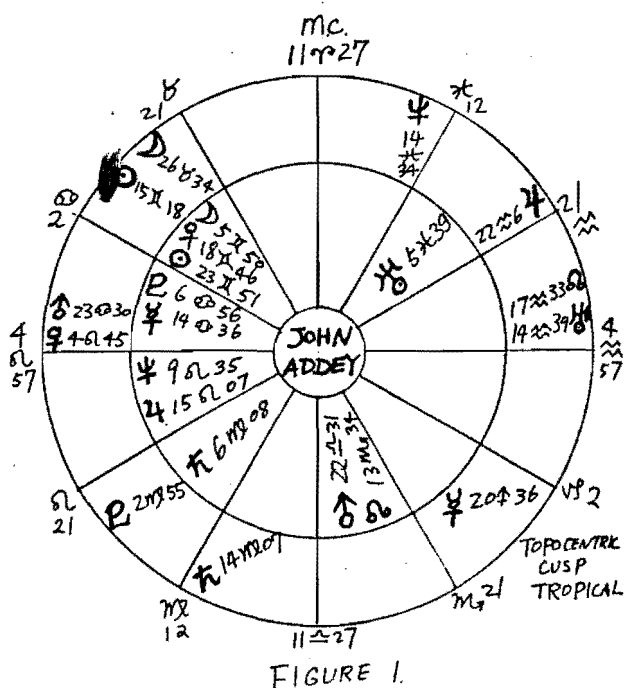


FIGURE 1.

We see that Venus h is conjunct the Tropical ASC; Sun h sextile Jupiter r in the First House; Jupiter h in the Eighth House trine Sun r. This can hardly convince us that the native was dying. Only the harmonic Mars in aspect to Radical Sun and Mars is ominous. Even so, judging from Fig.1, I can only forecast a minor misfortune for the year at best.

In order to convert the Tropical Radix to the Sidereal version, we must add the numerical value of the Sidereal Longitude of the Vernal Point (S.V.P.) and mentally deduct one Sign (30 dgs.). In the case of John Addey, the S.V.P. is at 6 Pis 22°02". The inner circle of Fig. 2 is the Sidereal version of the Radix. We then calculate the 61st harmonic positions by multiplying the values from the inner circle by 61. Looking at Figure 2, we notice that Neptune h and Saturn h straddle the MC-IC axis, and

square Radical Pluto. The following aspects also add to the gravity of this Sidereal Harmonic Chart:

- (1) Uranus h 13 Aqu 02 conjunct Uranus r 12 Aqu 01 in the 8th House.
- (2) Sun h 13 Ge 42 in the 12th House conjunct Pluto r 13 Gem 18.
- (3) Mars h 21 Can 54 in the 1st House conjunct Jupiter r 21 Can 49.
- (4) Pluto h 1 Vir 19 semisquare Neptune r 15 Can 57 in the 1st House.
- (5) Node h 15 Aqu 57 quincunx Neptune 15 Can 57 in the 1st House.
- (6) Uranus h 13 Aqu 02 sesquare Mars r 28 Vir 53 in the 4th House
- (7) Saturn h 12 Vir 31; Saturn r 12 Leo 30; Moon r 12 Tau 12; Pluto r 13 Gem 18.
- (8) Neptune h 12 Pis 58; Moon r 12 Tau 12; Pluto r 13 Gem 18; Saturn r 12 Leo 30.

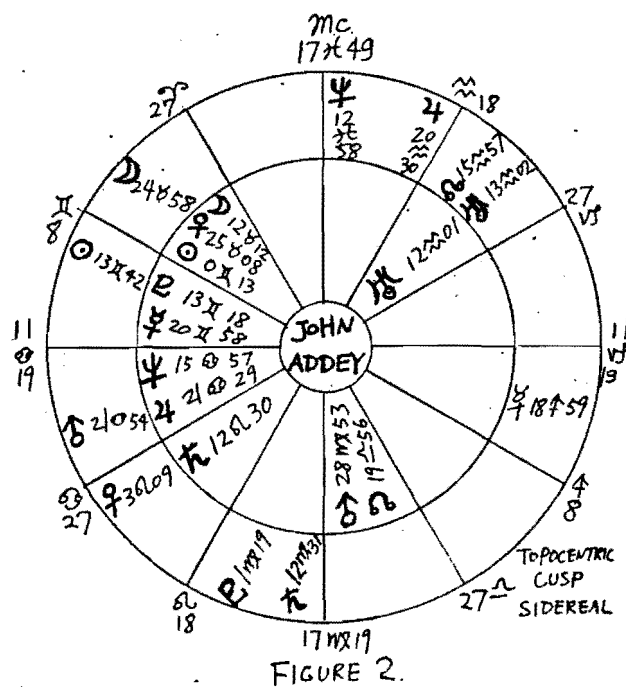


FIGURE 2.

With so many aspects between the malefics and the Radix within small orbs, we should now be convinced that indeed, John Addey, the founder of Harmonic Astrology, has finally, in his 61st year, come to the time of his demise.

To further illustrate the usefulness of Age Harmonics in the Sidereal Zodiac, and to persuade the reader that the example I have just demonstrated is not a mere coincidence, let us choose another event of public interest which happened recently, namely, the assassination of the Indian Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, on October 31, 1984.

The birth data of Indira Gandhi, taken

from *Astrologer's Forum* No.40, was November 19, 1917 18h 9m Universal Time at Allahabad (81 E 50, 25 N 27). Her Synetic Vernal Point was at 6 Pis 24'07". The inner circle of Figure 3 is the Radix of Indira Gandhi in the Sidereal Zodiac. The outer circle is her 66th Harmonic positions calculated from the Sidereal Radix.

Two major events happened in her 66th year of life: She quelled the Sikh riots in June 1984, and was assassinated on 31st October 1984.

Turn to Figure 3: Notice that Jupiter h is high up near the Midheaven, and is square to both Mars h and Uranus h. This clearly indicates her success as a Prime Minister by crushing the Sikh militants in the Golden Temple with a bloody assault by the Indian Army. Mars h, Saturn h, and Uranus h stretch across the Horizon, indicating the injuries to her body by the assassin's bullets. Pluto h in the 10th House conjunct her Natal Jupiter, square Natal Mars and opposite Natal Mercury symbolizes the shock and final removal from her job as a Prime Minister. Her death can be seen by the following aspects between the Harmonic planets and Radical factors:

(1) Mars h 3 Aqu 7 square Sun r 3 Sco 15 in the 4th House; Sun h 3 Tau 13 in the 10th House.

(2) Pluto h 13 Tau 31 conjunct Jupiter r14 Tau 07.

(3) Pluto h 13 Tau 31 sextile Neptune r 13 Can 29 in the 12th House.

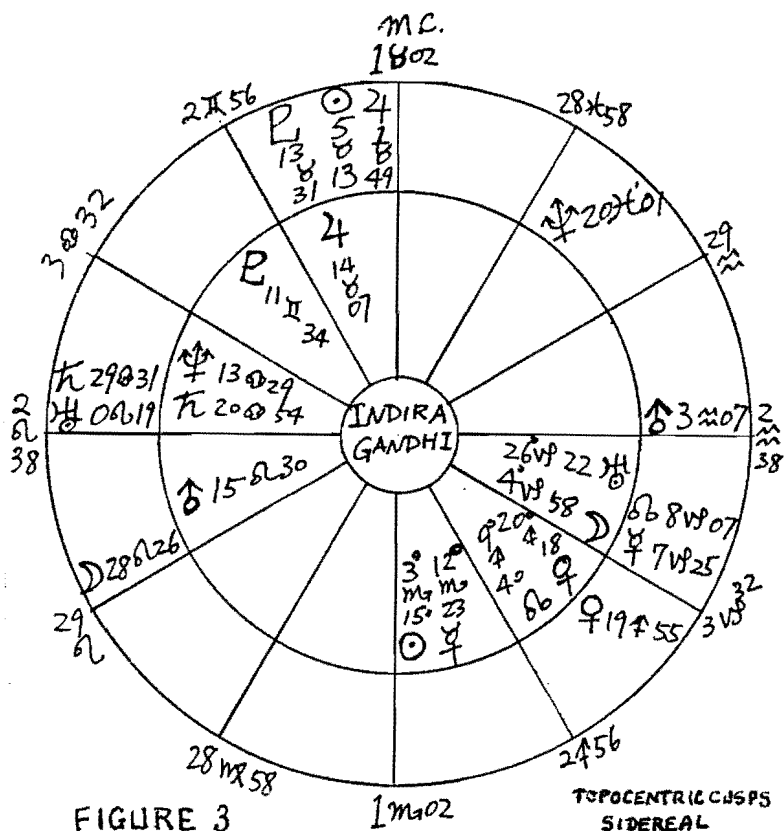
(4) Neptune h 20 Pis 01 in the 8th House trine Saturn r 20 Can 54 in the 12th House.

(5) Saturn h 29 Can 31; Uranus h 0 Leo 19; Mars h 3 Aqu 7; ASC r 2 Leo 38.

(6) Moon h 28 Leo 26 semisquare Neptune r 13 Can 29.

Mrs Gandhi was a follower of Astrology apparently. She once postponed her swearing-in ceremony as Prime Minister because the day was considered inauspicious by astrologers. (From *Los Angeles Times*, Nov. 1984, p. 19). But this time her astrologer had failed.

The Tropical version is not reproduced here (See *Astrologers' Forum* No. 40). In it, Sun h and Jupiter h are located in the 1st House of Mrs. Gandhi's Radix, which does not fit the character of the event for the Native. I think that a successful interpretation of the Tropical version of Age Harmonics probably relies heavily on the exact position of Harmonic Angles and the aspects to the Angles, which of course demands a very accurate rectification - no



easy task. In the Sidereal version, the Natal Angles need not be multiplied and Directed. We are concerned only with the aspects between the Harmonic planets and the Radical Angles and planets; therefore rectification is not required.

We may now proceed to formulate some basic principles used to interpret Age Harmonics in the Sidereal Zodiac:

1. Harmonic planets in propinquity to the Radical Angles with orbs of five degrees on either side of the Angles are very effective, and should be given priority.
2. The most effective Harmonics are those aspecting Radical factors. Orbs of aspects under one degree, whether they are semisextile or semisquare, are effective and should be taken into consideration.
3. In the case of planetary conjunctions or oppositions, the orbs can be enlarged to three degrees.
4. Harmonic planets in the Radical House positions are significant.
5. Planetary symbolism is used to interpret the events; rulership of Sign and House does not apply here.

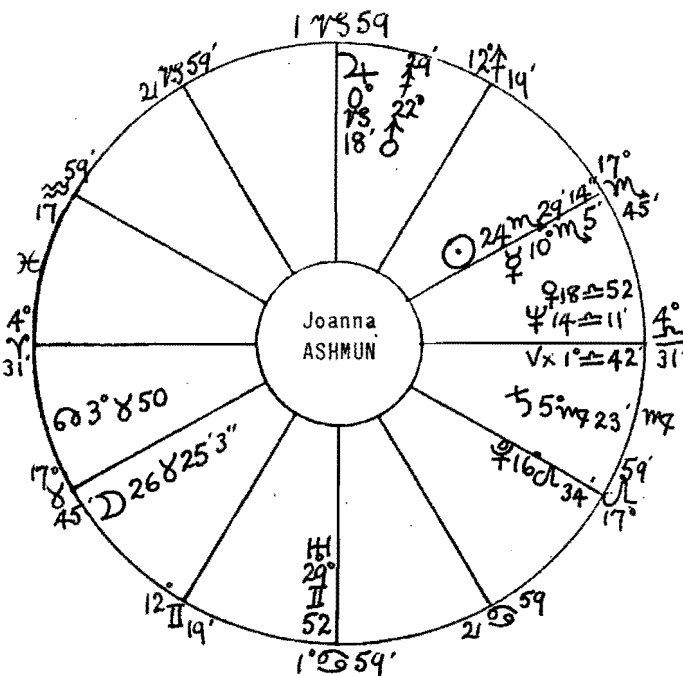
Age Harmonics in the Sidereal version prove to be a simple yet powerful predictive tool. The success of this technique also points up the fact that the astrological starting point - the zero degree of the constellation Aries, calibrated by Cyril Fagan and Donald Bradley from the position of fiducial fixed stars such as Spica, is

extremely precise and effective. To make my point more obvious, suppose we were to change the starting point and therefore the S.V.P. by a quarter of a degree, the results in the two examples cited above would be dramatically different. The point chosen by Fagan and Bradley is capable of generating Harmonics which are far superior to the Tropical Harmonics generated by the moving Vernal Equinoctial Point.

Finally, I hope through the examples, I am able to convince the reader that there is some truth about the Sidereal Zodiac. Since the death of Fagan and Bradley, the voice of Sidereal Astrology has seldom been heard. The secrets of the Fixed Zodiac system, which Fagan so passionately advocated some forty years ago, remain to be investigated and explored by us.

JOANNA ASHMUN'S CHALLENGE

As before noted, a few readers attempted to match the three dates with the three events given by Joanna Ashmun (See A.F. No. 38) and though none was wholly successful, the effort could only have had beneficial results. As always, the exercise looks a lot easier in retrospect, and here are my suggestions as to how we could all have been successful:



Born 16/11/1948 2:25 pm P.S.T. Chelan, Washington,
U.S.A. 119W59, 47N 51

1. MUMPS, 23/12/1970: The Secondary Progressed MOON, from Pisces in the 12th Radical House, was SQUARE MARS r, Ruler of the Natal Ascendant, on 14/1/1971. The Moon rules glands (in this case the parotid gland), and Mars is associated with inflammation and fever.

A Topocentric Primary Direction was Jupiter at 20 cap 23, sesquare Rad. Saturn in the 6th House, exact on 23/12/1970.

Prenatal transits were:

Moon conjunct Mars on 12/10/1926 (corresponding to the postnatal date 23/12/1970).

Saturn conjunct the Sun on 16/10/1926, corresponding to the postnatal date 19/12/1970.

Prenatal Neptune at 26 Leo 25 square Moon r on 15/10/1926, corresponding to the postnatal date 19/12/1970.

2. FATHER DIED, 15/10/1972: The Primary Direction SUN CONJUNCT MARS by the P.E.A. System of Wim van Dam occurred on 28/10/1972. This was a clear indication, the Natal Sun being close to the Cusp of the 8th House, and the timing was accurate.

A powerful but not so closely timed influence was the stationary position of Pluto opposite the Rad. ASC some weeks later (6/1/1973). Pluto rules the Radical 8th House.

3. INHERITANCE (\$2000) 18/4/1977: Two Topocentric Primary Directions signalled this event:

VENUS at 4 Sag 31 TRINE ASC on 11/3/1977 (Venus disposes the Moon in the 2nd House). The Natal Chart had not been rectified, so the exact position of the Angles is in doubt; 15 Seconds difference in the birth time could bring the Direction about a month closer to the given date.

JUPITER TRINE MOON on 27/6/1977. This occurred two and a half months after the given date, but we are not sure whether the money was actually received, or merely the notification made, on 18/4/1977. As Jupiter is the natural Ruler of legal affairs, and rules the 9th House in the Natal Chart, it probably referred to legal formalities.

Prenatal Jupiter transited Pluto on 23/6/1920, which corresponds to the postnatal date 12/4/1977. Jupiter + Pluto has special reference to inheritance.

The above correlations are the result of five distinct astrological techniques. What makes them valid is the timing and appropriateness of the planetary combinations. This exercise demonstrates the need for familiarity with more than one or two systems if we are to achieve a comprehensive coverage of events. There is not space here to reproduce the Solar Return Charts, which were also indicative.
- Dymock.

NEWS FROM "FRANK"

The following information from Frank is printed with his permission: His hopes of a release last year were dashed. The Parole Board considers the earliest probable date will be sometime early in 1986, but it could come in June/July this year. Those who attempted the prediction exercise might now like to have another look at the possibilities. Unhappily, Frank's fiancée, "Mary" broke off the engagement by letter dated 13/3/1984, received by Frank two days later. On a happier note, Frank passed an exam in naturopathy, November 1984.

See A.F. No. 26 for the Birth Chart. The MC is about 12 1/2 degrees of Virgo. Frank declares this point is sensitive to any transit between 12dgs.3' and 13dgs. approximately.

THE RECTIFICATION EXERCISE

One answer has been received for the Rectification exercise from the data given in last month's *Astrologers' Forum*. I reserve comment for the time being in the hope that more will make the attempt. Only those who do these things realize how much astrology they learn in the process.

Jenifer Pommerin (W.A.) asks readers to recommend a book on TRANSPLUTO and CHIRON, or send information, factual or astrological, about these bodies. Can someone oblige?

My kind regards to all,

- Dymock,
19th February 1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

This issue of *Astrologers' Forum* is unavoidably late, due to your Editor's sojourn in hospital for surgical attention to a hernia. When that little matter was rectified things were further delayed by the Christmas Holiday break of the printers who handle the photocopying. This meant that by the time the December Issue could be published, the January Issue would be nearly due.

In the circumstances I felt the best course was to combine the December 1984 and the January 1985 *Astrologers' Forum* in one enlarged edition, so here you have it. I hope this meets with the approval of readers. The next publication will be on the 19th of February.

INDIA - FATE STRIKES AGAIN

Just seven weeks after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a second disaster has sent the nation reeling - the Bhopal Gas Poisoning. At last report, the number of dead, following the escape of poisonous gas from the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal, stood at 2,500, and thousands more have been badly injured, some blinded, and others suffering severe respiratory afflictions. It is anticipated that the death toll will rise still further. The incident has been described as the worst industrial accident in history.

Astrologically, the event is depicted in several Charts, a number of which are reproduced here. India gained its independence from Great Britain on the 15th of August 1947, at 0 hours local time. The Chart, set for the Capital, New Delhi, appears overleaf.

The first degree of Gemini rises, with the Ruler, Mercury conjunct Pluto in the 4th House, their midpoint (10 Leo 1) being semisquare to Uranus on the 2nd Cusp. This divisive combination bore its fruit in the partition of the country into India and Pakistan at the very moment of Independence. The close conjunction of Saturn and Pluto is an indication of mass murder, of which India has seen plenty, mostly through enmity between Sikhs and Hindus, as occurred after

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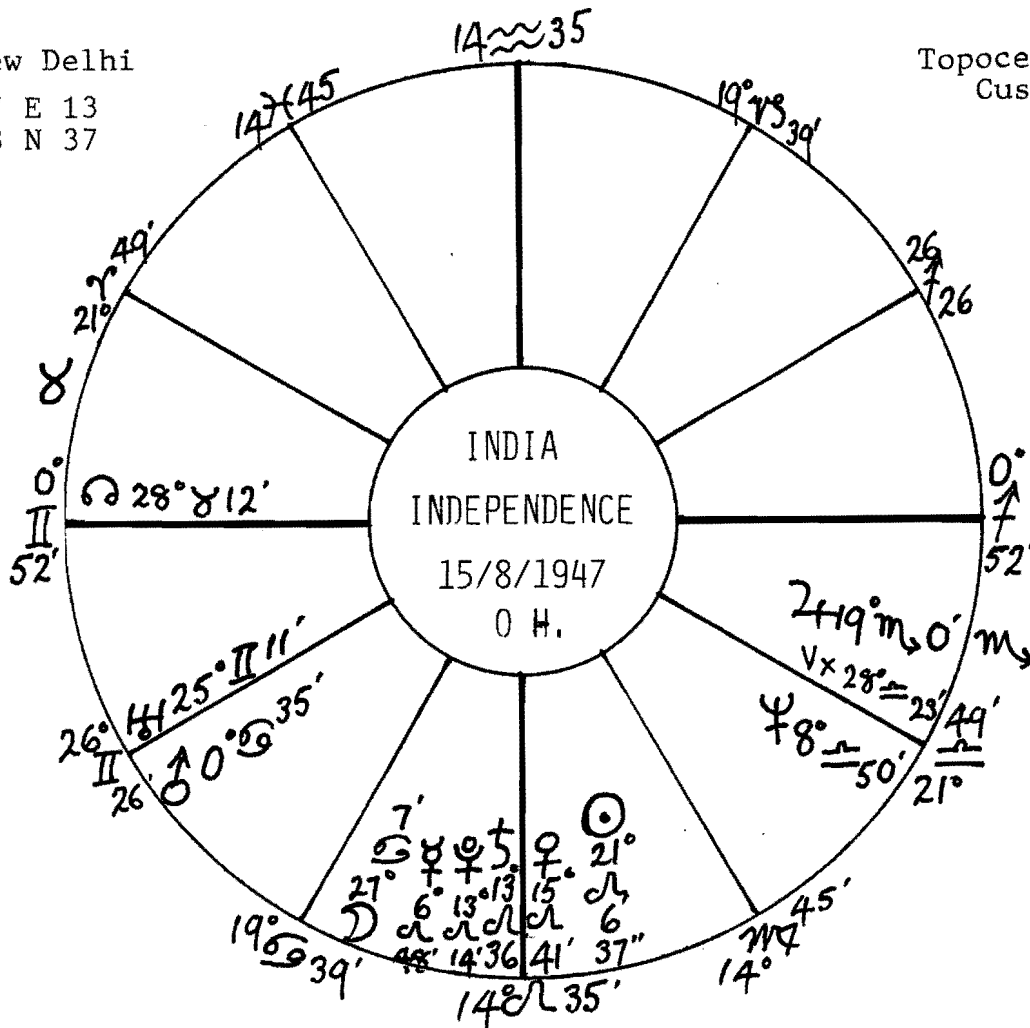
Indira Gandhi's death. The opposition of Pluto and Saturn to the Midheaven, representing the Nation's Rulers, points also to the danger of their falling victim to political assassins.

The square between Mars and Neptune, though wide (orb 8dgs.15') is significant as this combination is particularly indicative of poisoning by gas fumes, and the two planets were the principal activators at the time of the calamity. Quoting from *Time Magazine*, "the first sign that something was wrong came at 11 pm [on 2nd December 1984]. A worker at the Union Carbide pesticide plant on the outskirts of Bhopal (pop. 672,000), an industrial city 566 miles south of New Delhi, noticed that pressure was building up in a tank containing 45 tons of methyl isocyanate, a deadly chemical used to make pesticides. At 56 minutes past midnight [0:56 am local time on 3/12/1984] the substance began escaping into the air from a faulty valve. For almost an hour the gas formed a vast, dense fog of death that drifted toward Bhopal."

New Delhi

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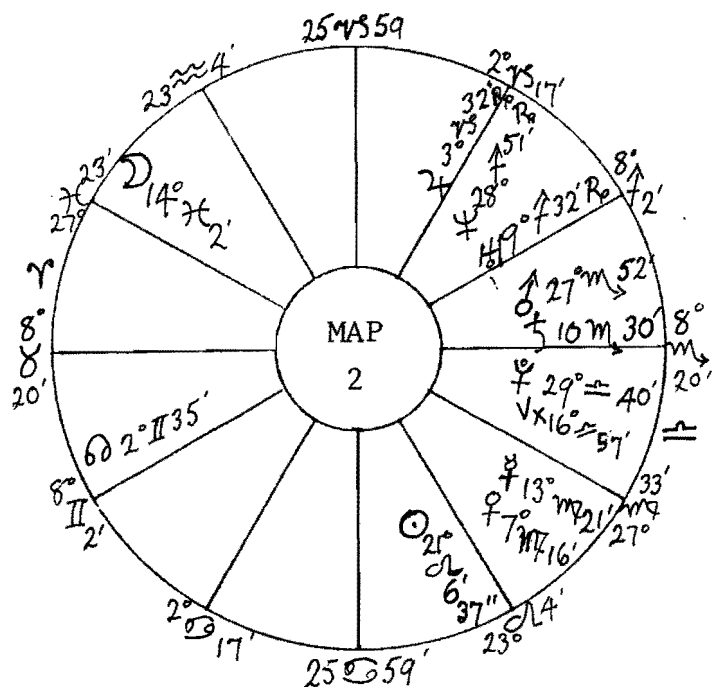
The principal indication in the Independence Map of 1947 was the Topocentric Primary Direction SATURN SQUARE NEPTUNE, exact on 12th November 1984. Significant transits were NEPTUNE STATIONARY OPPOSITE MARS on 9th September (orb 2.5 dgs.), giving force to the direct transit of Neptune opposite Mars on 8th December, MERCURY (Ruler of the Chart) STATIONARY OPPOSITE MARS (orb 9') on 4th December, and Mars transiting square to the Meridian on 8th December.

MAPS 2, 3 and 4 are various Annual Charts using the 1947 Independence Map as the Radix. They are the Normal Solar Return, the Precessed Solar Return, and the Progressive Precessed Solar Return. They all have some significant features, but by far the most striking is MAP 4, which is the PROGRESSIVE, PRECESSED SOLAR RETURN of 20th September 1984. This Map is cast for the position of the Progressed Sun after 37 years from the date of Independence (26 Vir 56°36"), with the addition of 31' Precession for the period from 20th September 1947 to 20th September 1984 (Stahl-Allen's Synetic Vernal Point Ephemeris).

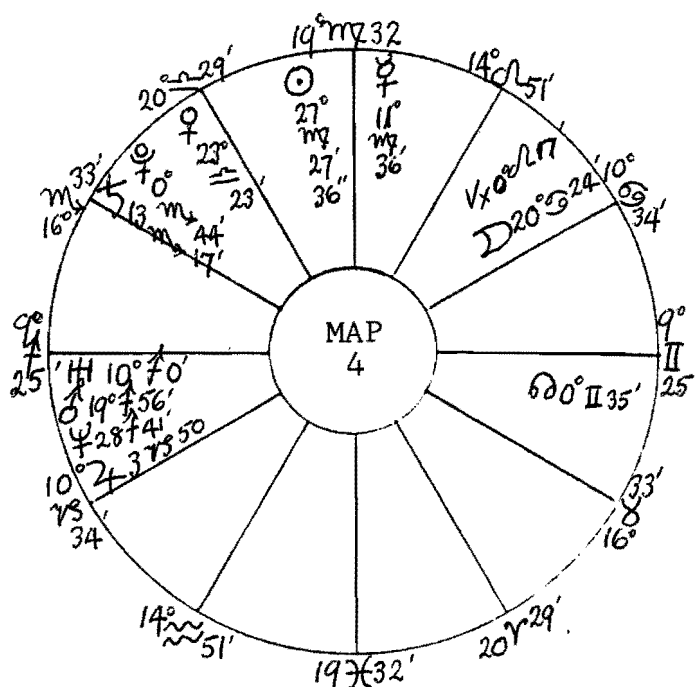
This Chart shows three malefics rising - Uranus, Mars and Neptune. Neptune is in close square to the Sun, Mars is closely quincunx the Moon in the House of Deaths, and Uranus is in close square to Mercury. So all three rising malefics are afflicted, Mars and Neptune signifying the poisonous gas, and Uranus indicating the sudden, unexpected nature of the event. The Moon occupying and ruling the 8th House is square to Venus, and signifies many deaths.

MAP 5 is submitted by ALEXANDER MARR (W. Germany) and is the Bhopal Chart for the SOLAR ECLIPSE which occurred a fortnight before the Bhopal Disaster. Marr points out that the most significant factor is the Angular square of MARS and PLUTO. It is also noteworthy the Eclipse point, 0 Sag 50, is in almost precise opposition to the Ascendant in the Independence Chart (orb 2' only!).

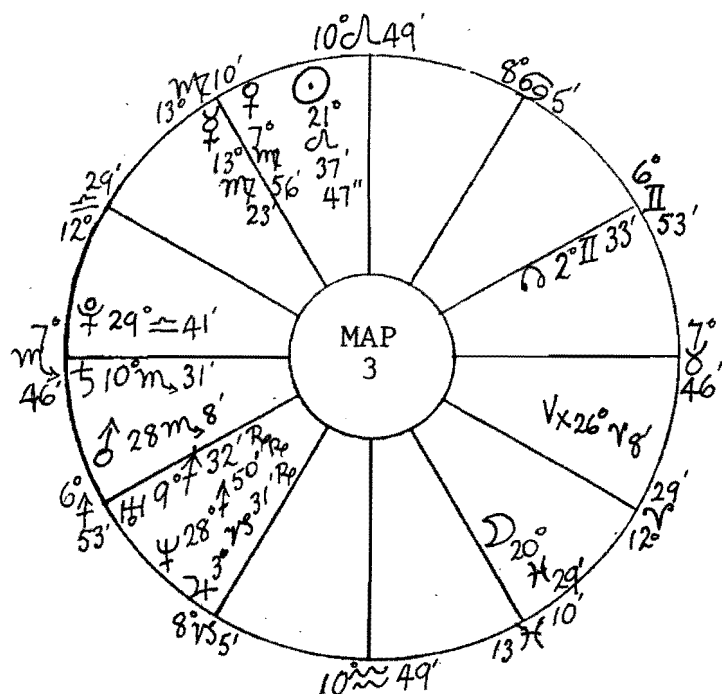
MAP 6 is the Chart for Bhopal at the time it was first noticed that pressure (leading later to the gas escape) was building up in



SOLAR RETURN 13/8/1984 UT 17h 13m 45s
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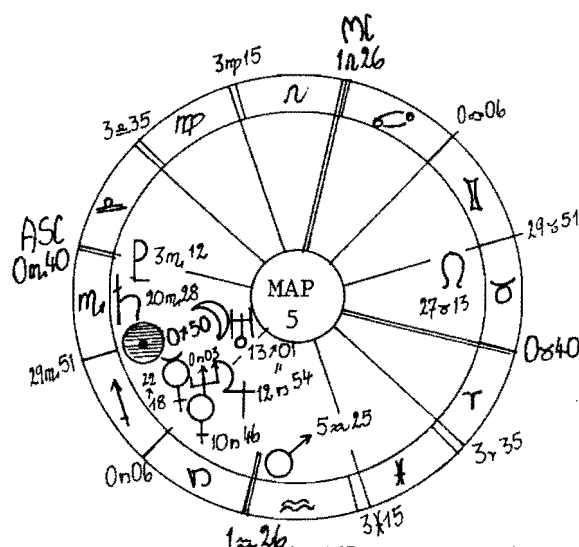


PROGRESSIVE, PRECESSED S.R. 20/9/1984
UT 6h 15m 23s New Delhi



PRECESSED S.R. 14/8/1984 UT 6h 12m 49s
New Delhi

(All Cusps Topocentric)



BHOPAL DISASTER (preceding Solar Eclipse)

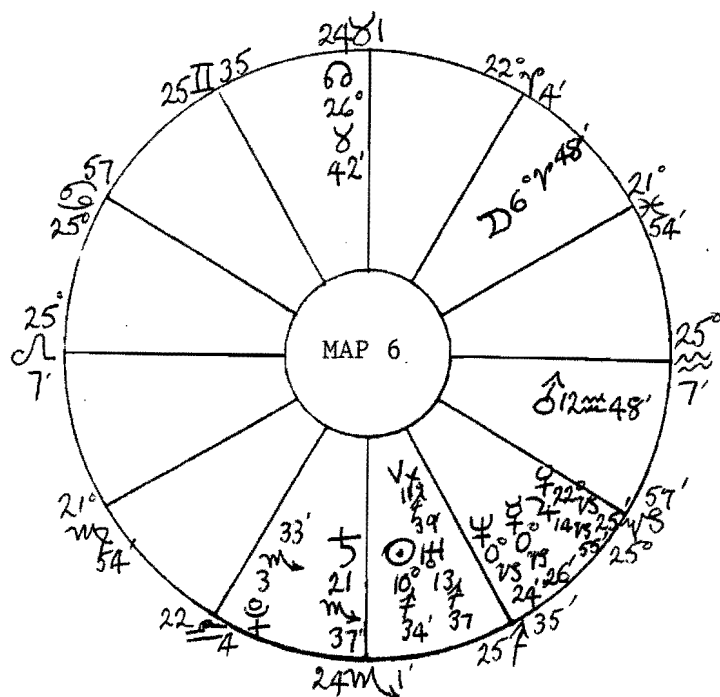
November 22, 1984 ; 22h 56m 40s U.T.

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Topocentric Cusps

a storage tank containing the deadly methyl isocyanate. The Moon (representing the populace) in this Chart is in the House of Deaths, in almost exact sesquare to Saturn (orb 11') on the 4th Cusp (terminations). Even more striking is the conjunction between Mercury and Neptune, signifying the poisonous gas, both planets being semisquare to Mars in the House of Health and Sickness. Mercury and Neptune are separated in the Zodiac by only two minutes of arc!

The fateful, sudden and totally unexpected nature of the event is aptly portrayed by the Angular conjunction of the Sun, the Vertex and Uranus, all within less than three degrees. The Moon in Aries in the House of Death, applying to the Square of Jupiter debilitated in Capricorn, and then by sextile to its dispositor, Mars, points to the subsequent heavy death roll, Jupiter's expansive nature having in this instance a disastrously unfortunate effect. - Dymock.



BHOPAL - GAS PRESSURE BUILDING UP
2/12/1984 ut 17h 30m 77E24 23N16

INDIRA GANDHI

From KEVEN BARRETT (NSW): You must be careful in stating what is a correct birth time from published birth charts or magazines. Lois Rodden's *Profiles of Women* gives the source of Mrs. Gandhi's birth time at 11:39 pm as from her private secretary. Rudolf Smit submitted 11:11 pm, and this time was also from Mrs. Gandhi's private secretary. Other publications from India give 11 mins. to 11 pm, 11:23 pm, etc., etc., all from private secretaries.

I was shown in India by one of her astrologers the birth time of 11:29 pm, given to him personally by Mrs. Gandhi. Who is right?

In Hindu Sidereal Astrology the M.C. is not used, and the Houses are by Sign, the Angles in Natal Charts, Solar and Lunar Returns (they were used long before so-called Western Astrology) are the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th Houses, with the M.C. being in the 9th, 10th or 11th House.

This is why you could not find what you wanted in the Precessed Lunar Return. Here we have the Moon's Nodes in the 4th and 10th, Uranus and the Part of Fortune (Night formula) all connected by aspect and fixed star rulers to the Natal Chart and progressed dasas.

My recent trip to India was a lecture tour where I forecast that Mrs. Gandhi's year of 1984 would be politically troublesome, and that in October/November 1984, if the Elections were held, she would lose. I did

not see death - only on reflection after the event.

To explain in charts and delineation would first need the reader's complete understanding of Hindu Astrology. However, for those who know a little about it the Runing Dasa Fixed Star Ruler's period for the death was Saturn main period, North Node - North Node - South Node sub-period. These activate the 2nd and 7th Houses (possession and partner loss), 4th and 10th Houses (end of life and prime activities), 8th and 12th Houses (death and hidden enemies). All this was activated by sidereal transits, solar and lunar returns to natal positions.

It is interesting to note that the 11:29 pm Sidereal Charts have four mutual receptions: Sun-Mars, Moon-Saturn, Mercury-Pluto, Venus-Jupiter. Also only one Indian Magazine, *Your Astrologer*, came close to the event. Karnad Rishi Bhatnagar M.A. stated that Mrs. Gandhi should be alert in regard to those persons around her and the security forces should take absolutely no risks.

For those interested, the new Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Gandhi's son Rajiv, was born on 20th August 1944 in Bombay at 9:45 am (War Time), 3:15 am U.T.; father died 8th September 1960; married 25th February 1968; brother died 23rd June 1980 (8:00am, Delhi).

Mrs. Gandhi's daughter-in-law, Maneka, (also in politics) was born at Delhi on 27th August 1956 at 4:10 am; married Sanjay on 29th September 1974; son born 13th March 1980, Delhi, at 10:02 pm; husband Sanjay killed in air crash on 23rd June 1980 (8:00 am Delhi).

Mrs. Indira Gandhi born 19th November 1917, Allahabad; mother died 28th February 1936 (Geneva, Switzerland); married 26th March 1942 Delhi; Rajiv born 20th August 1944; Sanjay born 14th December 1946, Delhi, 9:27 am; husband died 8th September 1960, 7:45 am; Prime Minister 25th January 1966 (official, 19th February 1966). Won Elections February 1967, 10th March 1971; expelled 12th November 1969; convicted of corruption June 1975; lost power 22nd March 1977 and resigned from Congress; won Election 6th January 1980; son killed 23rd June 1980; shot 31st October 1984, 9:40 am, and died hours later.

THOMAS ZIMMER (Qld.) writes that generally speaking he appreciates the "high level of accuracy and documentation" that I put into my analyses, but regarding the Indira Gandhi assassination he disputes my statement that "there were no transits or Secondary Progressions of any consequence".

Thomas explains that he uses the system of

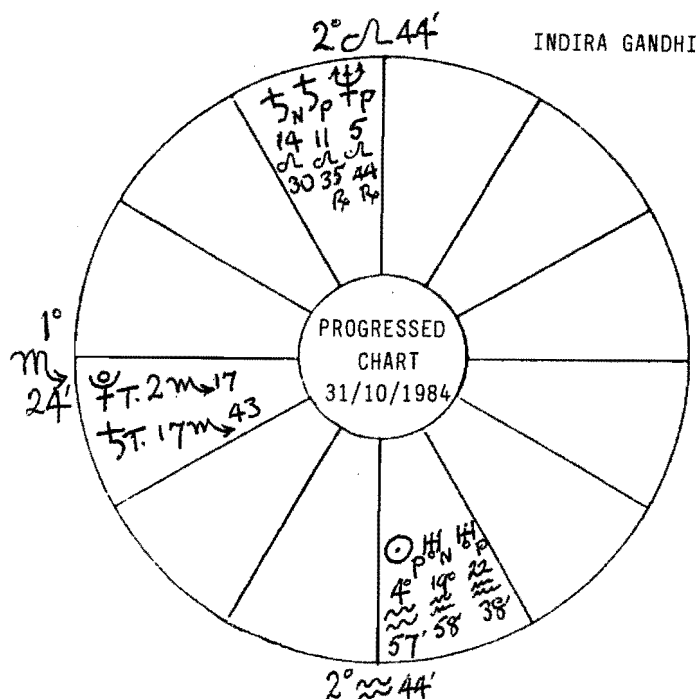
progressing the Midheaven by the value of the Solar-Arc (the Secondary Progressed Sun's arc), which is advocated by R.C. Davison and has been supported in this *Astrologers' Forum*. Thomas writes that from his experience to date, this is the correct method to use.

Applying this system, Mrs. Gandhi's Natal Sun would have progressed from 26 Sco 51 to 4 Aqu 57 at the date of death (31st October 1984), giving a Zodiacal Solar-Arc of 68dgs.6'. Adding this arc to the Natal Midheaven results in a Progressed MC of 2 Leo 44, from which follows a Progressed Ascendant (at the latitude of birth) of 1 Sco 24.

Thomas now points out that on the 31st of October transiting Pluto was at 2 Sco 17 (square to the MC), and transiting Saturn at 17 Sco 43. This latter position was close to the midpoint of Progressed Saturn and Progressed Uranus (17 Sco 7). Progressed Neptune at 5 Leo 44 was opposite the Progressed Sun at 4 Aqu 5 (see Diagram). Thomas notes that all relevant placements are Angular in the Progressed Chart, and he continues:

"Thus you have a situation where the Progressed Ascendant has just recently moved into Scorpio (ominous), with this point activated by transiting Pluto (also ominous) and squaring the Progressed MC. This sets up a dangerous background influence beginning in late 1983. Then you have Progressed Sun moving to within 1dg. orb of Progressed Neptune by opposition. Neptune rules the 8th House, and from its 12th-House position suggests death by deception, secret enemies, perhaps religious matters. Then you have Saturn coming to its first transit of the Saturn/Uranus opposition. The midpoint is 17 Sco 13, and the midpoint of Progressed Saturn opposite Progressed Uranus is 17 Sco 7. So the Saturn transit as a timer of this event was only four days past exact, and experience has shown me that most transits produce events in the degree following an exact aspect.

"In addition to this we see that Saturn will go on to Station on Mrs. Gandhi's Sun and square the Ascendant. This Station (also Angular) would be the most ominous indicator if one were looking at this from well before the event. And I suggest that this Station could "cast its shadow" forward and backward somewhat, so that it could be said to colour the significance of the transiting Saturn = Saturn/Uranus, which by itself would not predict an assassination. But in the light of Pluto transiting and the Ascendant progressed into Scorpio, Sun p. opposite



Neptune p., and the impending Saturn Station, an astrologer just might see a very heavy possibility for that week of 26th October to 4th November 1984.

"I will go on to suggest something else from this analysis. The 4th-House Sun represents progeny, and Mrs. Gandhi has obviously shown her leaning towards establishing a family dynasty through her sons. Personally I do not like this as it is unlikely that a democracy can be turned into a "hereditary monarchy" without loss of integrity. (Her Leo Ascendant also shows family pride as a stronger motive than democratic idealism.) Therefore when Saturn reaches the IC, then the Natal Sun, the retrogrades over these points, all these represent a threat to her son Rajiv, because he fulfills that symbolism. This danger exists for Rajiv at least until transiting Saturn leaves Scorpio, and of course it is not secret that there are forces lined up against him. Let's see what happens.

"But the point remains, for our purposes, that a very "difficult" tale is told by using traditional Secondary Progressions and transits on what would appear to be an accurate Natal Chart. It also fulfils the condition stated by R.C. Davison that any major event will be accompanied by Progressions involving the MC and ASC (either Progressions of the Angles or Progressions to the Angles).

"So, for what it's worth, this is how I would analyse that event. May I also say that I am in agreement with Allan Johnson's approach as he describes it in Practical Prediction, also in the last issue of *Astrologers' Forum*. I have not invested the

necessary effort in investigating the Primary Progressions and Solar Returns so I cannot comment on their value, but I'm far from ready to say that the traditional methods have failed me."

I appreciate Thomas's defence of Secondary Progressions with transits - I use them myself extensively - but in relation to Indira Gandhi's violent death Thomas rests his case on aspects within the Progressed Chart itself, plus transits over Progressed positions. It is generally agreed that these configurations are much weaker than aspects from the Progressed to the Natal Chart, and transits over Natal positions (of which there were none of any consequence). R.C. Davison himself states (*The Technique of Prediction*, page 23) "The progressed and converse horoscopes only gain their validity through their connection with the nativity, consequently when the student is attempting to assess the importance of the progressed and converse planetary positions, he should relate them to the framework of the natal chart and not to any position they may hold in relation to a new figure based on the progressed or converse Midheaven degree."

The transits that Thomas cites are all "simple" transits - the weakest kind - that is, they are progressing at their normal speed. To be effective signifiers for major events, transits must be stationary, or at least slow in motion, as when approaching or leaving their Stations. Otherwise they are simply "triggers" for the real signifiers, which are Progressions or Directions.

Among the planets to which Thomas has drawn attention in the Progressed Chart Mars is conspicuously absent - Mars, the signifier above all that is associated with violent death by gunshot wounds. The disposition of Pluto, Neptune and Saturn in the Progressed Chart is, at best, a background influence only, and useless for pinpointing the moment of danger. On the other hand this moment was identified within narrow bounds by the Primary Directions and Annual Charts given in the last issue of *Astrologers' Forum*. Though Thomas has not himself investigated these techniques, I should have thought their value would be apparent to any astrologer who has an open mind for the evidence I have presented here and elsewhere during the past few years.

Readers will no doubt make their own judgement as to the degree of importance to be attached to the indications within the Progressed Chart. I think the generally

acknowledged weakness of any Progressed Chart considered *per se* and not in relation to the Natal Chart debars it as a significant factor. That Thomas could not adduce any compelling indications from Progressed to Natal, that is Progressions as generally practised, bears out my remark regarding the absence of effective Secondaries and transits in the present instance. - Dymock.

From LESLIE BLACK (Eng.): Thank you for another issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, and top marks to you for a very well-presented article on Indira Gandhi. I, too, used the earlier time from the same source but realised the time was not correct. Not to crowd matters on this issue I would like to add a few comments on the Map.

Everything points to your published Chart of Indira Gandhi being the correct one, as by the Radix System of Directing, with the arc for death being 65dgs.59', the Progressed MC is 0 Leo 37', with ASC 28 Lib 47', New Delhi (residence at death). It is very significant that this Progressed MC should be the Ascendant of the Progressed Solar Return (17'). The Progressed Ascendant being in square to the Natal Moon (10') bears out the Ascendant as the technical point "Hyleg", neither Luminary qualifying by mundane position. This indicates the life to be in great danger when the Moon is under affliction by Direction.

The sinister Eclipse of May this year is very much in evidence in this case, as not only was it square to Mrs. Gandhi's Radical Mars (20') but both Saturn and Mars in the Eclipse Map were on the upper Meridian in Central India at about 84 dgs. East Longitude, indicating grave danger to the Head of State there, accompanied by the widespread destruction and physical violence that has since been witnessed.

Indira Gandhi's Horoscope, judged from the standpoint of the Porphyry House division, is a very strong one indeed, which certainly identifies her as being the most powerful lady in the world in her time. In every sense she lived up to her reputation as "The Iron Lady of India". Her Horoscope seems a very difficult one to delineate owing to its complexity, as with Fixed Signs on all four Angles, the number of planets in Fixed Signs, and no fewer than six planets Angular, she was certainly a character to be reckoned with. She was extremely extrovert, which helped her to overcome obstacles, especially when others tried to block her path or progress. At the same time she displayed stability, self-confidence and determination, fuelled by a marked obstinacy

and stubbornness.

Her Aries-Leo Decanate Ascendant created in her ambition, diplomacy and the pioneering instinct. She was equally possessed of a generous nature and sincerity in friendship, which were greatly accentuated by the fixed star Regulus in attendance. But the ominous affliction of both Rulers (Sun and Mars) indicated that the life would be a very "fateful" one, which was aggravated by the unpredictable nature of Uranus opposing the Saturn-Neptune conjunction.

Her mentality polarized by the rising Mars T-Square to Mercury and Jupiter presented a complex mentality indeed. While there were stimulation, inspiration and intuitiveness, a tendency to carelessness and imprudence was also in evidence. The T-Square caused her mental processes to clash discordantly with her physical energies, which added a certain combativeness and irritability to her nature. Contention seemed to dominate her life; she courted disagreements and rebuffs, making her path a most difficult one to tread.

Indira Gandhi was projected into politics through her father's influence, a hereditary one denoted by the Sun's Fourth-House position in sextile to the Moon in the political Sign Capricorn. Unfortunately, the Moon being weak by House and Sign made her too adventuresome, which attracted eventual unpopularity among her colleagues. At the same time, Saturn, the Ruler of Capricorn, in the Sign of its "fall" opposite Uranus is dangerous both from a personal and political standpoint. The late Carter referred to this aspect as a "distinctly violent combination on the external side, and [it] must be regarded as capable of endangering bodily safety, being significant of a certain amount of hard struggle, a strenuous worker, and one who enjoys 'laborious days'".

In conclusion, it may be appropriate to draw attention to "The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized" (translated from *La Volasfera* by Sepharial): Leo 27 Rising - A Dagger. This is an ominous sign; it may mean danger to the native at the hands of an enemy or, yet more unhappily, it may mean the reverse of this. The native will certainly be of a quarrelsome, argumentative nature, given to impulsive action. A restless and destructive mind, always on the alert to attack, to oppose, to argue. Very executive, but by no means constructive in disposition, and hence liable to go through life like a tornado, remarked but not esteemed. It is a degree of Destroying.

From RUDOLF SMIT (Vic): Apparently Dymock misunderstood me when I used the word "rectification" in regard to Joanna Ashmun's Challenge. Joanna wrote in *Astrologers' Forum* No. 38, page 4, "Two of these are classical rectification events..." What I wanted to make clear is that I do not regard a cash legacy of just \$2000 as an event suitable for rectification, therefore not an event easily indicated in any progressed chart. Neither do I find an unpleasant physical condition as the mumps something that has to show up in any chart. It is a different matter with the death of a parent, and with an event such as "the one and only great love".

I would not have been surprised if almost nobody could match these events with the dates (which is how matters turned out).

Of course I know that the Topocentric Primary Directions are not Dymock's. But I used (within quotes) the term "his" Primaries, because that is what usually happens, when someone strongly advocates a certain system. Here in Melbourne, for example, the Primaries known as PEA, are also known as "Rudolf's Primaries" although I have made clear several times that they are not my invention.

The differences between PEA (Prime Event Analysis) and Topocentric Primary Directions are that PEA uses a different time key (based on the motion of the Secondary Sun) and works with the pure Zodiacal position - Celestial Latitude and Declination are not taken into account, as they are with Top.P.D.'s. But both systems project their motion onto the Zodiac, and in that sense both systems may be called Zodiacal. As for the term "mundane", ALL systems of Primary Directions are essentially mundane, because they pertain to the diurnal motion (i.e. based on the rotation of the Earth around its axis on the day of birth). What is actually happening in these systems is the apparent motion during the day of the heavenly bodies through the local sphere. It is this local sphere, divided into twelve sections, that we call "Astrological Houses". Hence, in Primary Directions the planets move along their individual diurnal paths through the Houses, which in any system form the Mundane part of the horoscope. For this reason all systems of Primary Directions are essentially Mundane and not Zodiacal. Pure Zodiacal progressions are the Secondaries, the Transits, and to a certain extent also the Solar-Arc Progressions.

As for Dymock's proposal to extend PEA to converse motion, the inventor of PEA, Wim van Dam, would certainly not agree as he has

always had the strongest objection to this.

Regarding Indira Gandhi's Chart, it is by no means certain that the 11:39 pm time as given by Lois Rodden is the correct one. Other books quote the 11:11 pm time (Doris Greaves, Melbourne, told me that this is the first time ever given and it was provided to the Astrological Lodge in London), while an Indian astrologer, claiming to have been Indira's personal astrological counsellor, says that the correct time is 11:25. (It must be noted here that very probably more Indian astrologers claim to have been Indira's personal astrologer.) If this confusion exists I doubt very much that any of these times is reliable. There might even be a grain of truth in the allegation that Indira had issued a wrong birth time, just to "protect" herself from the tens of thousands of Indian astrologers, eager to predict every move she would make during her life.

As for the 11:39 time given by L. Rodden and worked out by Dymock, I find the Topocentric P.D.'s given by Dymock and seemingly pertaining to her sudden violent death hardly convincing. I have never accepted aspects to midpoints as major aspects, but only as "auxiliary" aspects - and then my preference goes to close conjunctions. I think that the most major event in someone's life (death) should be indicated by hard aspects to real celestial bodies and not to midpoints, or in-between House Cusps. If these aspects (to real celestial bodies) are not there, then we simply have to admit that astrology does not provide the answer in every case, instead of resorting to dozens and dozens of midpoints or any other of the many auxiliary techniques. All in all, the evidence for Indira's Chart is in my opinion far from conclusive.

This brings me to the proliferation of techniques. I can only agree with Allan Johnson when he says that "...the trend of continually introducing new factors into a chart could make it unworkable. We could get to the point where there are more sensitive degrees in a chart than there are degrees in a circle" (see Forum 40). As a matter of fact, there already are more sensitive points than degrees in a circle, when for example we take all midpoints and planetary pictures as postulated by the Hamburg School. The quantity of "sensitive points" then easily exceeds several hundreds!

Astrology should work with the major systems, even reduced to their bare bones.

If we constantly introduce more and more points and systems we do indeed enlarge the occurrence of "hits". But does that prove anything? Certainly not. It then becomes a matter of chance - it is like shooting at an enormous target. The larger it is the greater the chance that you'll get a hit, but then the chance that such a hit is due to chance alone is becoming greater and greater, and the chance that there is a genuine astrological effect is becoming smaller and smaller.

This brings me to the converse systems of progressions. Honestly, I am amazed that so far none of the readers have lodged a strong protest against the use of those converse transits and Solar Returns. I am not afraid to confess that I am one of those people who do not agree with the "rationale" of these systems. I once said in these columns that in principle I accept Converse Primary Directions (because they are a reflective motion of the "Direct" P.D.'s, in the sense that instead of A moving to B, it is B that seems to move to A), and the Converse Secondaries. The latter I am willing to investigate, mainly because the native is alive and well (in the mother's womb). But I cannot and do not accept those converse transits, converse Solar Returns, and what have you. Why? Quite simple: I was born early in 1942; at the moment it is 1984, almost 1985. Using converse transits for my present age (42/43) I should have to go back to the year 1899 - a period of time when my four grandparents did not even know each other! In other words, I was only existent in the genes of my grand- and great-grand-parents and all the other forebears. As a being of flesh and blood I was simply not there! (I may have been in another existence, but that is a different matter altogether). That is reason enough to reject these converse transits and converse Solar Returns!

The philosophical rationale as given by Dymock is acceptable to a certain point only. Modern physics does indeed support the idea that time is the fourth dimension. Parapsychological research also supports the idea that time has always been there, forwards and backwards - good clairvoyants can indeed look into the past, the present and the future. But that does not mean at all that the past reflects the present in astrological terms to the extent postulated by Alexander Marr and Dymock. Let me put it this way:

Time is like a thick book - with hundreds and hundreds of pages. The book is there from the first to the last page, but we

can't read all the pages at the same time. In the book of life a living entity - a human being for example - can only exist on, say, 70 to 100 pages of the book. What comes after may be a consequence of his/her deeds, but what comes before has only the slightest relationship to these 70 to 100 pages. In astrological terms, planetary positions synchronising with these 70 to 100 pages may have some relationship with them, but this synchronisation, related to the entity in question, is not there before and after those 70 to 100 pages.

The argument that "it works" is hardly a valid argument: One can make any system work if one wants to. The early readers of these columns may recall my story about a Dutch astrologer who had invented the so-called "Minus-1" System of progressions. He started the progressions one year before the native was actually born, although he never had realized that it truly started even before the baby was conceived. When we told him about this strange feat, he became terribly embarrassed and aggressive about it. But he stuck to it, because "it worked" and apparently he had some nice results with it now and then. However, an astrological friend of mine then "invented" a minus-2, a minus-3 and a minus-4 system, and behold, these also gave nice scores as well...now and then. As for me, I remember that inadvertently I looked up transits in the wrong years, and had fantastic hits, truly pertaining to the events I was trying to match. However, they were in the wrong years...

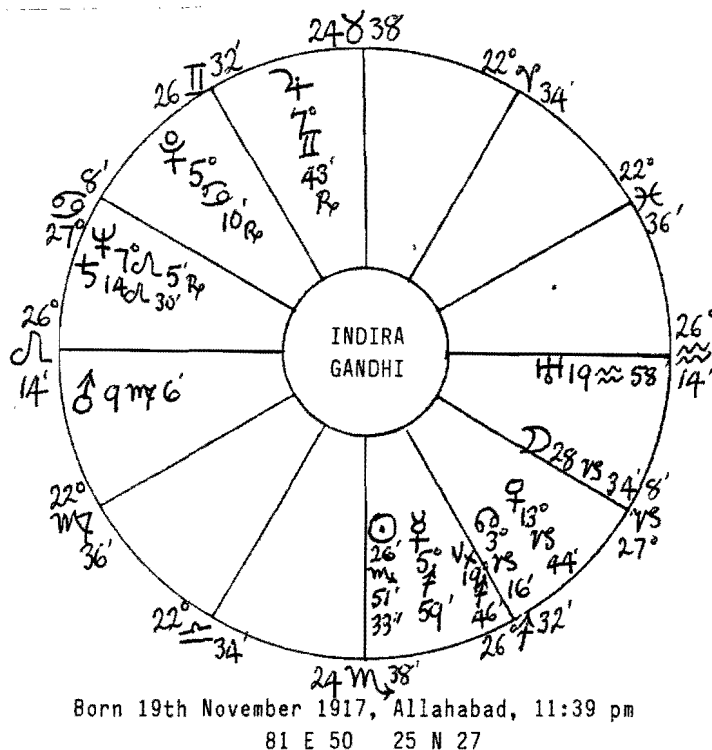
Again one can make any system work if one wants to. It is not only practice that counts, i.e. that it "works"; it must have a solid astronomical and mathematical basis. Before one knows it, one can chase a mighty illusion. There is another thing as well - we astrologers tend to forget that there is also another world than the astrological one. Not everything can be explained astrologically. Thus a seemingly astrological effect may have a perfectly non-astrological explanation instead. We do not have to be statisticians to understand that with the present multitude of astrological factors and their very rich symbology pure chance may indeed play a role after all.

Indeed astrology is about the interactions between the Heavens and the Earth. But I think it is about time that we come back to Earth and face reality, instead of going on chasing Neptunian illusions.

Rudolf's essay is an interesting example of the working of the rational mind, which is always to be respected, provided we do not lose sight of its limitations. These are most apparent in Rudolf's struggle to provide a logical explanation for converse motion, accepting some forms and rejecting others. His comments are indeed entertaining, and we should be grateful for any humorous interlude in this generally sober world. His effort to reconcile the question of Time with the beliefs of modern physics is also sincere, even if it strikes one as futile. More of these matters later.

As regards the Primary system, Zodiacal and Mundane Directions are distinguished by their method of calculation. Zodiacal Directions (the ones most usually computed) are concerned with distance in the Zodiac. Mundane Directions are calculated by House spaces and proportions thereof.

In Indira Gandhi's Chart (below) the Arc of Direction for the Mundane Aspect Pluto conjunct the Ascendant is equal to one House space of Pluto (that is, one-third of its Diurnal Semi-Arc) plus its Equatorial distance from the 12th Cusp. This mundane distance is the difference between two-thirds of the Semi-Arc and Pluto's distance in Right Ascension from the upper Meridian.



By calculation we find that Pluto's Diurnal Semi-Arc is 99dgs.18' (two-thirds of which is 66dgs.12'), and its distance from the Meridian is 43dgs.10'. The difference between 66dgs.12' and 43dgs.10' is 23dgs.2'.

Adding this to one-third of Pluto's D.S.A, 33dgs.6', we get 56dgs.8', the Mundane Arc of Direction of Pluto to the Ascendant. By the normal Topocentric Time Measure this Mundane Direction occurred on the First of November 1974.

On the other hand, the Zodiacal Arc of Direction of Pluto to the Ascendant (by the Topocentric method) is arrived at by calculating the distance between Pluto's Oblique Ascension (91dgs.25') under it's own Pole (11dgs.41'), and the Oblique Ascension of the Ascendant (145dgs.47') under Pluto's Pole. This Arc is 54dgs.22', and by the same Topocentric Time Measure, occurred on 19th January 1973.

As regards the correct Nativity for Indira Gandhi, neither Rudolf nor I were able to find any relevant Directions for the 11:29 pm birth time, so I think we may safely eliminate this. I did find relevant Directions for the 11:39pm time, as pointed out in the last *Astrologers' Forum*, and apparently so have others, so I still accept this Chart. It is legitimate to theorize that significant events must be shown by aspects to planets and not to midpoints, but when theory does not accord with the facts we must give priority to the latter.

The proliferation of techniques is not something to be deplored but to be welcomed, as giving scope for investigation. Dismissing suggested new techniques out of hand closes the door on astrological progress. It is not a matter of "accepting" or "not accepting" on theoretical grounds, but of testing and trying, putting new ideas to the practical test, and thus sorting the wheat from the chaff. We could go on debating the "rationale" of systems *ad infinitum*, without anyone being much wiser, when the matters under discussion could be settled by a combined research effort. This is longer and harder than just discussing possibilities, or impossibilities, which is no doubt why it is less popular. One must also remember that in the course of history many things have been deemed "impossible" that were later found to be entirely practical and feasible.

I see no justification for assuming that "astrology should work with the major systems, even reduced to their bare bones". Why should they? And, in fact, they often don't, as Rudolf himself has observed. What are we to do then - just accept this, or try to remedy the defects in our procedures? I agree that not everything can be explained astrologically, but I also believe that astrology is capable of providing much more information than we currently extract from it. We should bend our efforts towards

unlocking the secrets of the Signs and planets, even if this means following many untrodden paths, including some that the "rational mind" might reject.

Rudolf has come to accept Converse Primaries and Converse Secondaries after arriving at what is to him a logical explanation. In my view the validity of these techniques has nothing whatever to do with the reasons he has advanced, but that is unimportant. He condemns converse transits, and Prenatal Solar Returns, because at the time they were operative he had no existence, and he writes amusingly about his four grandparents not even knowing each other. Here, I think, is one of the limitations of the rational mind: It prevents one from accepting the possibility of ideas having a basis of truth even if they are not susceptible of reason and logic. It is much the same with Rudolf's concept of Time - the simile of the thick book in which an entity exists only in a limited number of pages. This ignores the spiritual part of man, which could very well go back to the beginning of time, setting causes in motion long before physical birth. And is it not at least possible that these causes are recorded in prenatal positions of the planets?

One cannot "make any system work if one wants to" without a complete loss of integrity. That is, one has to keep bending the rules to make it work. Such practices are not what concerns us here. The little anecdote about the "Minus-1" System is funny, but has no bearing on responsible astrological enquiry.

Neither does the argument of the mistimed transits have any weight. The Cosmos is like a giant time-piece - positions repeat themselves at longer or shorter intervals, as they do on an every-day clock. But in Prenatal Transits and Solar Returns the only positions of any value are those occurring within a fixed, definite and narrow time span. All the others are irrelevant.

To conclude, the present "multitude of astrological factors" and proposed new techniques has to be reduced by testing and trying, and where necessary invoking the aid of statistics, but not by throwing them holus-bolus out of the window because they do not necessarily agree with present ideas of what is possible and what is not. It is true the busy practitioner may have to confine him/herself to a few proven methods as there is little time to pursue new ideas in the course of earning a living. But where the advancement of the art is

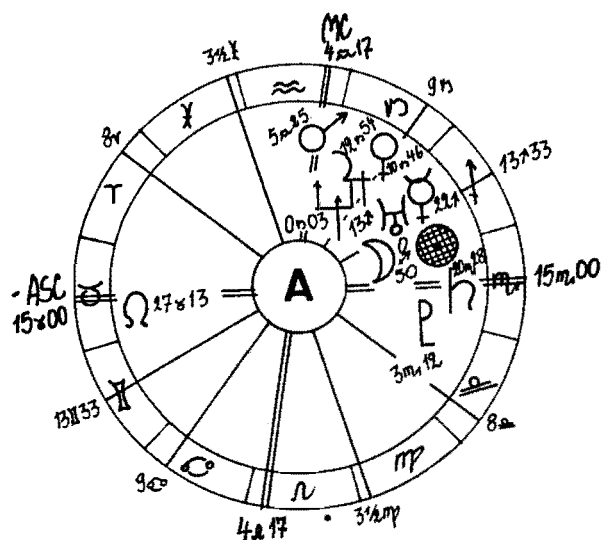
concerned no such considerations should apply. The progress and rounding out of astrology depends on the creative thinking of the dedicated worker. - Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (Fed.Rep.Germany): I would like to draw the reader's attention to the fact that Solar and Lunar Eclipses are already effective a few days before they come into operation.

The Solar Eclipse of 22nd November 1984, 22h 57m GMT, computed for Mexico City, 99 W 45, 19 N23, (Chart A) obviously shows traces of the fatal explosion which on 19th November 1984, 5h 40m local time (11h 40m GMT) killed over 300 people, injured about 2000 and destroyed an enormous number of houses.

MARS on the MC (fire) in Aquarius (gas explosion), orb in R.A. = 1dg.17', in a mundane sextile to URANUS (explosion) on Cusp VIII (orb in O.D. = 2dgs.).

PLUTO in Scorpio (VI) is squaring MARS on the Midheaven.



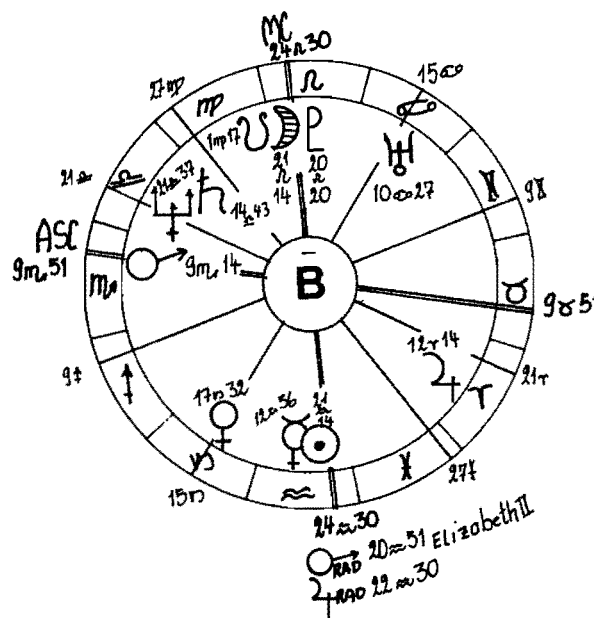
SOLAR ECLIPSE

22nd Nov. 1984 22h 57m GMT
Mexico City Topocentric Cusps

The Transit Chart for the event (not reproduced) shows a remarkably exact conjunction of the transiting Sun (27 Sco 20) to the Descending Node of the Eclipse (27 Sco 13; orb 7').

Another significant example for the premature efficacy of eclipses is the death of KING GEORGE VI, 6th February 1952. Here the LUNAR ECLIPSE of 11th February 1952, 0h 28m 3s E.T., computed for LONDON (Chart B) is obviously not only impressive as a chart itself, but also if applied to the Radix of

QUEEN ELIZABETH II.



LUNAR ECLIPSE

11th February 1952 0h 27m 33s GMT
London Topocentric Cusps

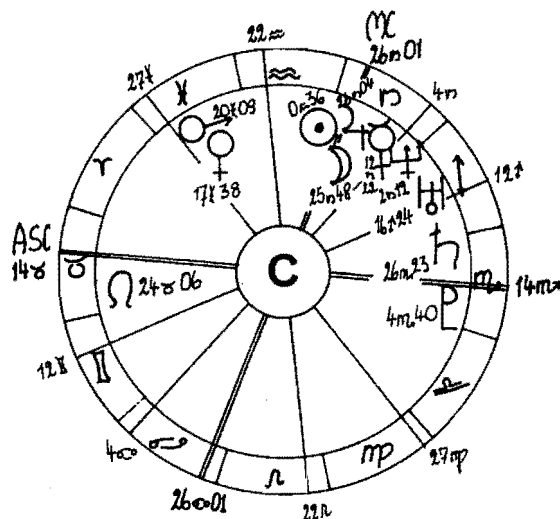
The SUN of the Eclipse is conjunct the MARS-JUPITER conjunction of her Radix (she became Queen). MOON conjunct PLUTO in opposition to this configuration is conjunct her Radical Neptune. As demonstrated in *Prediction 1* and *II*, the Mars-Jupiter conjunction in the Queen's Chart plays an important role in connection with the death of her father, as well as in her succession (symbolism for succession = Jupiter/Pluto).

The Eclipse evaluated as a self-dependent mundane chart shows the Sun, on its weakest point, the IC, and in Aquarius, in opposition to the MOON-PLUTO conjunction on the MC, is characteristic for the death of a ruler of state, and the mourning of the country. MARS in Scorpio, in a mundane square to the MC (in the royal Sign Leo) and its surrounding planets reinforce the dynamics of this Chart.

Chart C shows the possible Inauguration of President Ronald Reagan. United State's Inaugurations, as experience shows, happen very punctually on the same day of the year, and to an exact time. I invite the reader to analyse this Chart in connection with the President's Radix (*Astrologers' Forum* No.38). Besides other things, the favourable MOON-JUPITER conjunction almost exact on the MC is conjunct Reagan's URANUS, and sextile to his Radical ASC. Saturn conjunct his Radical ASC should not produce much harm, as Jupiter is elevated over Saturn, and in a favourable sextile. As can be seen in Reagan's Prenatal Epoch (A.F. No.

38), the MC of Chart C, with its planets, has close, favourable connections to this Chart too.

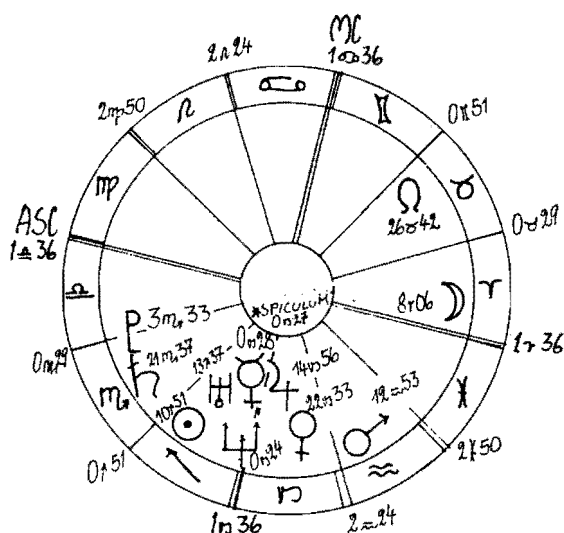
The ASC-DESC axis of the Inauguration Chart falls very accurately on the favourable MOON-JUPITER opposition of Reagan's Natal Chart.



INAUGURATION

20th Jan. 1985 17h 00m GMT
Washington D.C. Topoc. Cusps

[Alexander also submits the following Chart as a Transit Chart for the Bhopal Disaster, drawn for a time different to that given in *Time Magazine*.]



BHOPAL DISASTER (Transit Chart)

Dec. 3, 1984 ; 1h 40m L.T. 77 E 24
Dec. 2, 1984 ; 20h 10m U.T. 23 N 16
Topocentric Cusps

remarkable conjunction of planets and a cluster on the IC.

In my experience, main clusters like Praesaepe (7 Leo) have been associated with people having been gas-poisoned, sometimes causing blindness.

One of these cases was Adolf HITLER, who suffered a very dangerous gas-poisoning at the end of World War I. This caused temporary blindness, while the chief factors involved were The ASC, MARS, NEPTUNE and PRAESAEP. (For the Radix of Hitler and Directions, see Prediction II, page 96-101.)

Strangely enough, the gas of the Bhopal Disaster had the same mixture of chemicals as Phosgene, a very dangerous gas, much used at the end of World War I.

In our case the cluster SPICULUM, situated exactly on the Ecliptic (no latitude), is in 0 Cap 27', conjunct MERCURY 0 Cap 28' (air, lungs) and NEPTUNE 0 Cap 24' (gas, poison), the whole group being close to the IC and in Ecliptical and mundane square to the Ascendant.

It is also noticeable that here the Zero Degree of Capricorn plays the decisive role. Capricorn is a Cardinal Sign that is generally used for the computation of the main Sun Ingress, both Tropical and Sidereal.

Another noticeable Cluster near the Ecliptic is FACIES (1984, 8 Cap 5'). It is conjunct Hitler's Radical Moon (orb 13').

RECTIFICATION EXERCISE

Try your hand at this: Below is a list of important dates in the life of a person whose birth date and time are accurately known. Can you rectify the Chart? Entries received will be relayed to Dr. Geoffrey Dean (W.A) who has the solution. It is well worth attempting. Have a go!

CHART 05: Female born in Australia on 23/9/1933 at 35 S 15, 147 E 02

10 11 1902	Mother born
20 02 1903	Father born
20 05 1931	Sister born
23 11 1931	Husband born
17 03 1956	Married
25 02 1958	Father died
12 05 1960	Son born
11 04 1962	Son born
30 03 1965	Son born
03 09 1972	Mother died
24 01 1975	Operation in hospital
18 09 1979	Divorced
20 08 1981	Started own business
30 05 1983	Sold business

[Alexander's comments:] This Chart shows a

"FRANK" still incarcerated! More on this and the *Challenge* next month. A happy New Year to all. - Dymock, 3/1/1985.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

TRAGEDY IN INDIA

Since our last Issue, many astrologers have no doubt been investigating the astrological factors surrounding the violent death of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at the hands of political assassins. Mrs. Gandhi died in a fusillade of bullets on the 31st of October at her home in New Delhi about 9:40 am local time.

I present hereunder her Birth Chart, with the close timing of Topocentric Primary Directions, and the Annual Chart covering the date of her death, as well as the Quarterly Chart of 20th August 1984 (a little more than two months before her assassination). These Horoscopes are all highly indicative of Indira Gandhi's violent demise, of which she reportedly had some presentiment.

I should mention here that RUDOLF SMIT (VIC) also sent in an analysis, but unfortunately based it on the wrong Chart - one for 11:11 pm, instead of 11:39 pm, obtained in 1977 and given by Lois Rodden in *Profiles of Women*. Rudolf's investigations yielded nothing significant, which in the circumstance of wrong data was only to be expected.

The correct Radix, and its subsidiaries, tell the story.

In the Birth Chart we see the Sun in Scorpio at the Cusp of the terminal 4th House, in almost exact square to the Ascending Degree, and afflicted by the square of Uranus (a sudden end). Mercury, also in the "End of Life" House is afflicted by a powerful Mars in the Ascendant and an elevated Jupiter, forming a T-Square, Jupiter being Co-Ruler of the House of Death. The danger from Mars is accentuated by its co-rulership of the 4th House.

This is sufficient for political assassination, but in addition we have Pluto, the dispositor of the Sun and Mercury, elevated and opposing the North Node of the Moon (enmity of large groups), with Neptune and Saturn in the House of Secret Enemies and Plots, Saturn being itself in opposition to Uranus.

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There was certainly a formidable array of squares and oppositions in this Chart, but that is how great characters are made, and Indira Gandhi was a great lady. It was a tremendous feat to become the democratic leader of seven hundred million people and retain that position (regaining it after severe reverses) through nearly two decades of political struggle.

Indira Gandhi died on 31/10/1984. The Topocentric Primary Directions were

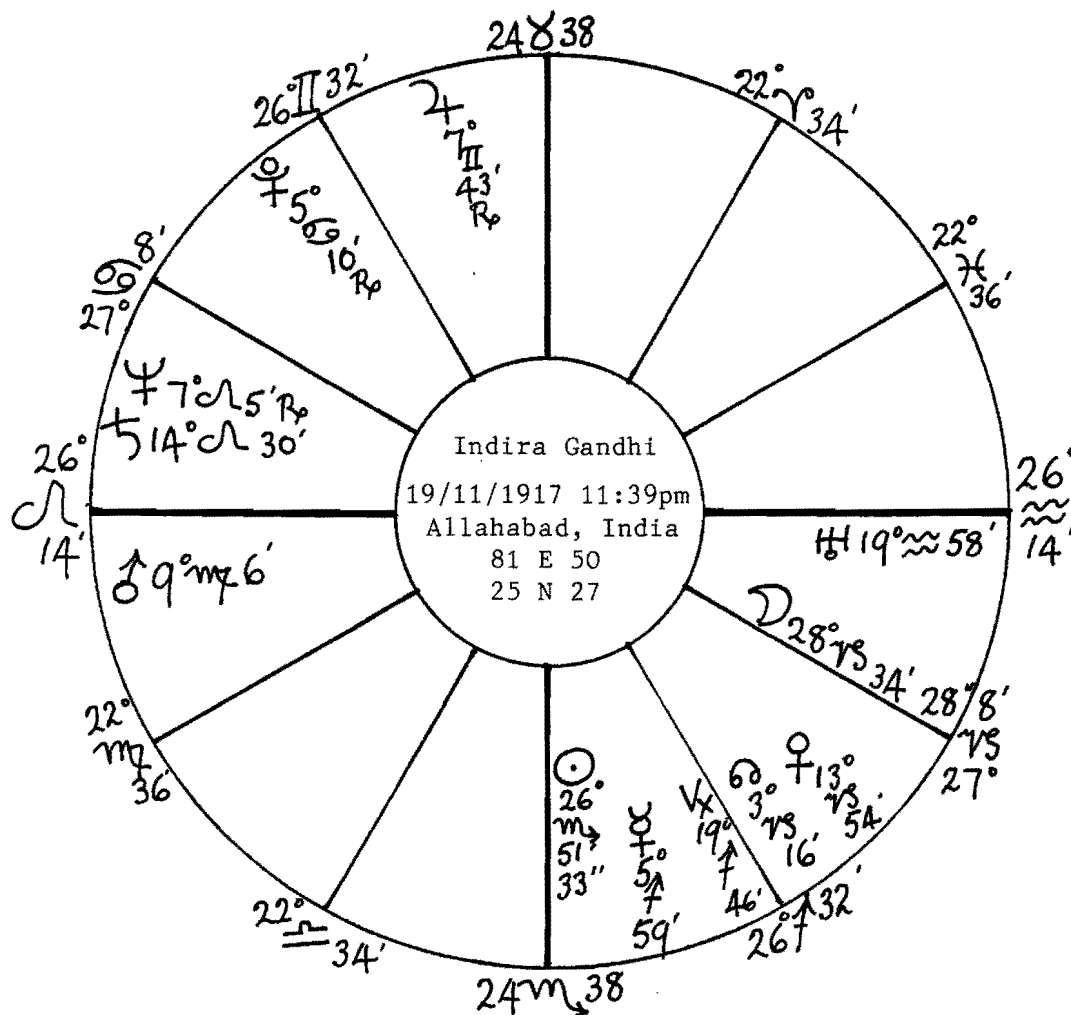
PLUTO (Ruling the Radical 4th H.)
OPPOSITE ASCENDANT/NODE (29 Lib 45) on
28/10/1984 (this activates the Natal
Pluto/Node opposition), and

MARS SQUARE MERCURY/SATURN (10 Lib 14)
on 1/11/1984.

This last Direction involves the 1st, 4th and 12th Houses - The physical body, the end of life, and secret enemies. (Mrs. Gandhi fell to the weapons of her own security guards.)

As can be seen, the second Direction occurred within one day of the death, and the first within three days.

In the "Age Harmonic" (66), Saturn at 26 Sco 54 and Uranus at 27 Sco 53 were both closely conjunct the Sun at 26 Sco 52.



Topocentric Cusps (identical with Placidian except for Cusps 11/5 and 12/6, which are 1' more).

There is no need to enlarge on the significance of this.

MAP 2 is the Annual Chart covering the time of the assassination. Due allowance has been made for Zodiacal precession to ensure that the calculation involves the Sun's true position in relation to the fixed stars and not the shifting Tropical Zodiac. The precession from 19/11/1917 to 31/10/1984 is 55'33" (taken from the Stahl-Allen Synetic Vernal Point Ephemeris), and this added to the Sun's Zodiacal Position at Mrs. Gandhi's birth (26 Sco 51'33") gives 27 Sco 47'6". The Sun returned to this point in the Zodiac at 16h21m24s U.T. on 20th November, 1983.

The Map is cast for Mrs. Gandhi's place of residence at the time, New Delhi. Its significance is immediately apparent: The Rising Degree falls in the 12th House (Secret Enemies) of the Natal Chart, and is in almost exact square to Pluto (orb 19'). Pluto and Saturn are together in the 4th House (End of Life). The Moon rules the 12th House and is in close opposition to the Sun ruling the Ascendant, but, even worse, it forms a malefic YOD with Pluto and

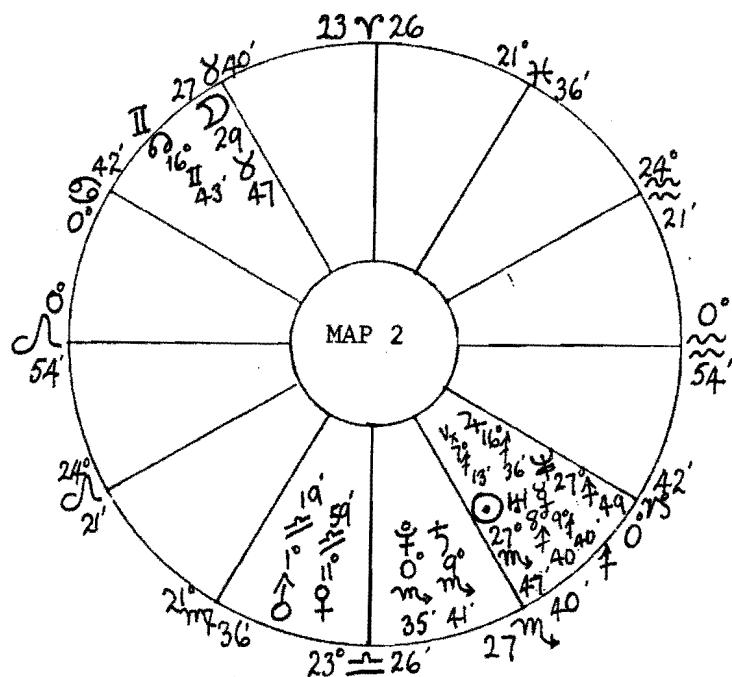
Neptune. This "Finger of Fate" aspect certainly lived up to its name. The trine to the Moon and sextile to the Ascendant by Mars served only to accentuate the danger.

Topocentric Primary Directions in this Annual Chart (using twelve times the normal rate of progression) yield the following aspects:

SUN CONJUNCT URANUS on 24/10/1984, and
URANUS CONJUNCT SUN on 20/10/1984.

It should be noted that the House of the Physical Body and the House of death are the two Sectors governed by these Significators. Though the timing is a little less precise than with the major Directions in the Birth Chart itself, these minor Directions are particularly symptomatic of sudden death.

MAP 3 is the QUARTERLY SOLAR RETURN, also precessed, erected for the 20th of August 1984, when the Sun formed the final square to its Natal position. Here again the dire portents are repeated: Mars, ruling the Ascendant, is located in the House of Death



Precessed Solar Return 20/11/1983 New Delhi
Topocentric Cusps

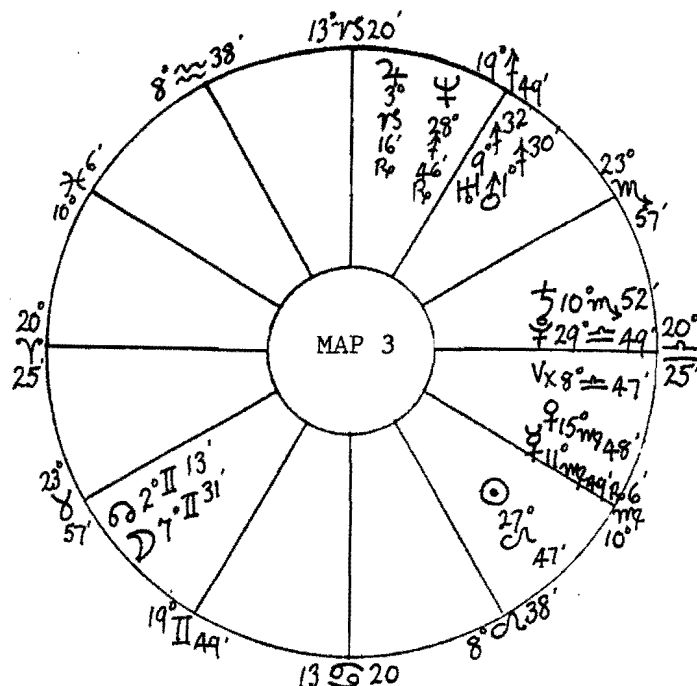
square to the Sun. Both Mars and Uranus from the House of Death oppose the Moon, ruling the End of Life House. Neptune ruling the 12th House is sextile to Pluto and trines the Sun, showing the secret machinations of enemies.

MAP 4 is the normal LUNAR RETURN preceding Mrs. Gandhi's death. The Moon returned to its Birth position (28 Cap 34'28") on the 30th October, less than 24 hours before the assassination. This Chart is *not* precessed, because though precessed Solar Returns have established their validity for me, such is not the case with Lunar Returns. I am aware that there are different opinions on this.

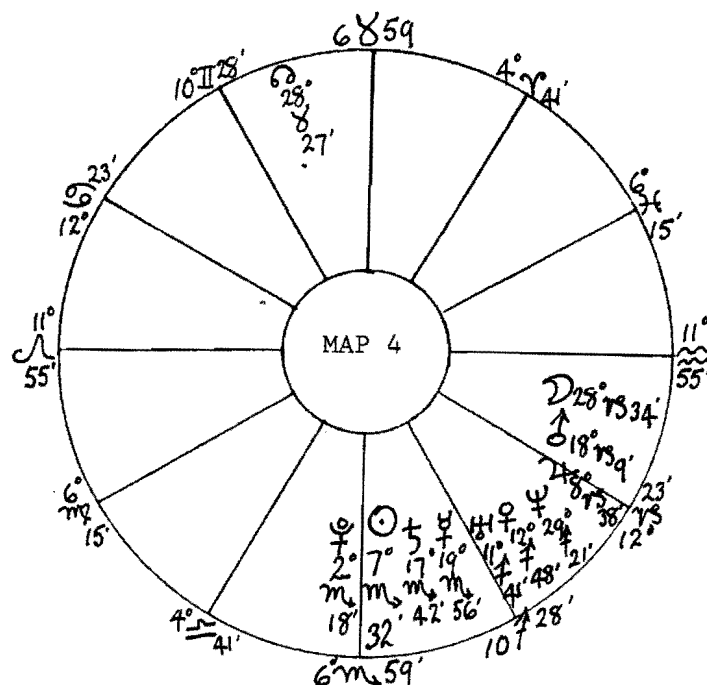
The evil omens in this Chart are the Ascendant conjunct Radical Saturn, the 8th Cusp opposite Radical Mars, the Sun and Pluto conjunct the 4th Angle, Saturn conjunct Mercury in the 4th Sector, the Moon in the same degree as the Nodes (a portent of calamity), and Uranus trine the Ascendant (for SUDDENNESS).

The picture is complete, despite the fact that *there were no transits or Secondary Progressions of any consequence.*

Farewell to one of the outstanding figures of our time. Could the tragedy have been averted? Even with foreknowledge it is hard to guard against treachery when it occurs among close, trusted associates. Jesus Christ was betrayed by a Disciple. In this case the Master knew, but events were allowed to take their course.



Quarterly Solar Return (Precessed) 20/8/84
Topocentric Cusps



Normal Lunar Return, 30/10/1984
Topocentric Cusps

Astrologically, what do we learn? This at least, that if we would know the planetary connotations of events we have to dig deeper than transits and Secondary Progressions.

- Dymock.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (NSW):

Practical Prediction

Re Joanna M. Ashmun's dilemma about judging what are *significant* transits, I agree with Dymock about keeping to close orbs for aspects. I find one degree is enough unless a planet is stationary. I have found repeatedly that a transit will work effectively with a two or three degree orb when stationary. I think we are pinpointing where the whole skill and art of predictive work lies when we consider *selectivity* when working with the available data.

The practice that a lot of textbooks give of listing every piece of possible data, including every Progressed Moon aspect, can result in such a long catalogue of material it becomes impossible to handle. So the answer is to simplify and ignore a lot of factors and get the thing back to more manageable proportions.

I do a tremendous amount of predictive work and have been consistently doing it for a sizeable number of years. So I have had to be practical and work out a system that helps me to come up with reasonably good results. We have to face the fact that it is not possible to handle everything in astrology. I think it is best to decide on one method of progressions and stick to that, not jumping back and forth from this system to that.

I use Secondaries, but how much I use the Progressed Moon depends on the individual chart; sometimes not at all. I think what we have got to aim at is to look for *supportive* factors, that is where we get a number of factors, whether Progressions or transits, pointing in the one direction. Isolated factors are usually not so important. And of course you can't use every transiting planet, nor every aspect. I just use the five outer planets and the four major aspects and keep to that. Transits of inner planets have very minor effect. But if we can get a major Progression lining up with a major transit of, say, Pluto or Uranus, the odds in favour of coming up with a really successful prediction are very high indeed.

I think the big thing is to look for the *major configuration* in the chart and see if you get any effective transits to that. In such a case they will nearly always work. For instance if there is a T-Square in the chart then watch the sensitive degrees of that, which are not great in number. Maybe just using one transiting planet will be enough to touch off the configuration and

give you a clear picture of forthcoming events.

Stationary points are usually most effective. The thing is to clear the deck till you get a few major factors that stand out clearly. It is all a question of *selectivity*, of deciding which you want to use and which you don't. It is no good simply plodding through everything. Of course there are transits happening all the time, but these sorts of transits are not happening all the time.

But predictive work requires talent for it. It is an art, just as music or painting is an art. You get a feel for it, and intuition has a part to play as well as the mathematical side.

A lot of people would like it to be a straightforward mathematical science, but predicting the future can never be that. If it did we would be living in a quite different type of world. This is why prediction will never be successfully done with computers. Some people would like to merely press buttons and have your future mapped out for you. But there are too many complexities to life for that.

I think every astrologer will from time to time come upon a prediction that is uncannily accurate, that bowls the astrologer over just as much as the client. But it could create a wrong impression if the astrologer makes a lot of this to other clients. They could get the impression that this is how things *always* are, and all they have to do is to wait for things to happen. In a lot of cases a client has to go out and *make* things happen, even if they are predicted.

I think, finally, we can only establish the validity of astrology by using it in a practical way. If we get results we will continue to use it. The fact that statisticians throw up their hands is of little moment. If a doctor finds it helps him to pinpoint vulnerable areas, or a psychologist to diagnose a case, then that is the reason for its validity.

But I do think the trend of continually introducing new factors into a chart could make it unworkable. We could get to the point where there are more sensitive degrees in a chart than there are degrees in the circle.

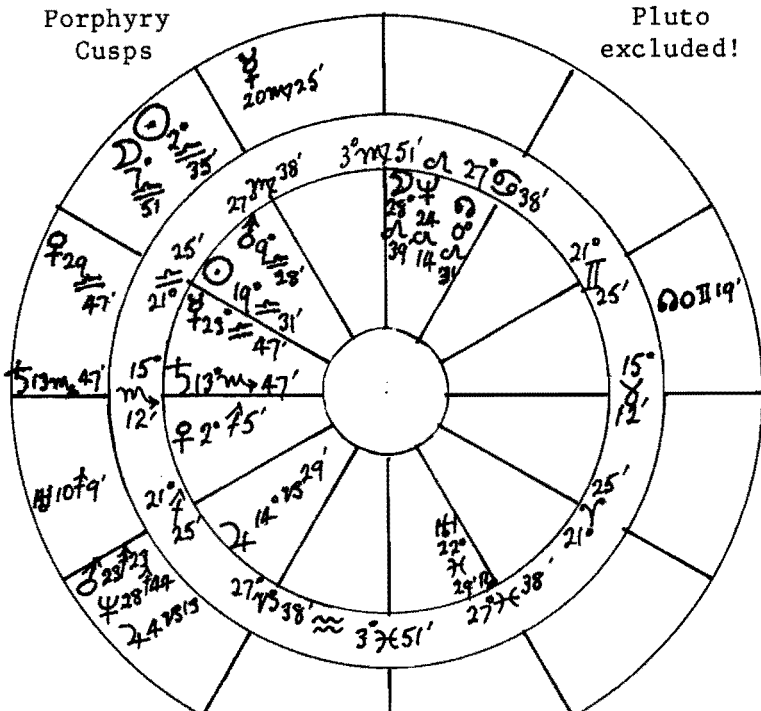
From LESLIE BLACK (England): I would like to add a footnote to the British Earthquake and Eclipse Chart. By applying the same measure for progression as stated, the Direction in force for this map for October was PROGRESSED SATURN OPPOSITE MERCURY. We had another train crash on the 11th, with

three dead, and on the 12th the I.R.A. Brighton bomb outrage - four dead, and many seriously injured, including top politicians and their wives.

It is significant that Saturn rules both the Third and Fourth Houses of this Chart, i.e., railways and public buildings, and the Sign Aquarius on the Fourth Cusp rules BRIGHTON, mundanely!

Porphyry
Cusps

Pluto
excluded!



Born Tuesday, 9.00 am, 13th October 1925, at
Grantham, 52 N 55 0 W 39

Saturn Revolution 25th Sept. 1984. Tues. Noon

Prime Minister Thatcher

The Brighton bomb incident was a planned attempt by terrorists to kill the Prime Minister and most of her Cabinet, housed in a public place, which was not surprising owing to the opposition Mrs. Thatcher draws to herself through her own Chart. Blessed with a somewhat "blighted Venus", she tries desperately to woo and charm the electorate and others on the one hand, while on the other she bows to her "taskmaster" Saturn, rising in Scorpio, to rule them like the "Iron Lady" she is dubbed.

While Venus is a strong influence in her physical make-up it is under affliction by the Luminaries and the Upper Meridian, and rules both Houses of Secret and Open Enemies (12th and 7th).

In the light of this recent event, it may be in order to draw attention to Mrs. Thatcher's second revolution of Saturn in her Chart. This occurred the previous month on the 25th of September, at noon precisely. The appended Chart shows the Saturn Revolution superimposed on the Radical, with the revolutionary Venus poised in the Twelfth

House in square to the Moon's Nodes, while the evil South Node is on Radical Venus. But the most dangerous position is the conjunction of MARS AND NEPTUNE (an anarchical influence) in square to Radical URANUS. This shows danger through explosion in places used for conferences, or anywhere used for assembly, as denoted by Pisces' rulership over the Fourth and Fifth Houses.

Any cycle of Saturn (which occurs in the life a little before the 30th, 60th or 90th birthday) is a time marker of great importance, and indicates good or adverse fortune during the period the native is living through. In certain cases it can close a life cycle: in others it can be one of expansion.

Mrs. Thatcher was born on a Mars day, and her Ascendant Ruler is Mars, debilitated in her Birth Chart, and applying to the square of Jupiter's "fall". So the fact that Mrs. Thatcher's Saturn Revolution fell on a Mars day is but cold comfort.

The Saturn Revolution date being also the day of the New Moon, some protection may be offered by the beneficial sextile of the Luminaries to Venus. At the same time there is no denying that this second cycle of Saturn will be one that will require great vigilance and wise conduct in her affairs.

From RUDOLF SMIT (Vic.): Of course I was very pleased with Dymock's nice review of my book "Software Projects C64". This book is available in Australia, but I must say that Melbourne House Publishing Company produces mainly for the UK Market. It should be added that two other books with the same title, but for the BBC Microcomputer and ZX Spectrum, have been published as well.

Joanna Ashmun's Challenge

Re Joanna Ashmun's Chart and the events she mentions, two of them I would never use for a rectification. Receiving a sum of \$2000 is not something that will change your life, and neither is an unpleasant physical condition called the mumps. I tried some systems on it, and could not really find a consistent result. A consistent result, by the way, is something one does not have to expect at all times. The astrological clock does certainly not behave as we want it to.

Somehow I had overlooked her great love ("the one and only") and thus it came as a pleasant surprise that Dymock had found a very appropriate aspect, not via "his" Topocentric Primaries, but via that system of Primary Directions developed by my former astrological friend Wim van Dam in the Netherlands. This is the system that I have

advocated in Australia under the name of **Prime Event Analysis** (to distinguish it from other Primaries). The aspect in question is PEA-Venus square to Pluto, almost exactly on date. I find it somewhat funny that Dymock brings up PEA now that apparently the Topocentric P.D.'s have failed.

Re the above, Rudolf appears to have mistaken the purport of Joanna Ashmun's *Challenge*. Joanna was not asking for a rectification, but in essence simply challenging astrologers to match given dates correctly with three significant events in her life, using astrological methods.

As to the PEA and Topocentric Primaries, I regard the two methods as complementary, and use both. There is no sound reason for considering any one system exhaustive. And, of course, Topocentric P.D.'s are not "mine". I am simply applying the system developed in Argentina twenty years ago by A.P. Nelson Page and Wendel Polich.

In the instance quoted (spontaneous love on 6/11/1963) I found the PEA Direction more significant than the T.P.D.'s, which were MOON TRINE SATURN on 3/10/63 (the Moon ruling the Natal 5th House), URANUS TRINE MOON/JUPITER on 18/10/63, and JUPITER TRINE PLUTO on 26/12/63.

The PEA Direction was particularly appropriate, though generally I have had more success with T.P.D.'s. This is not to disparage the PEA system, which I consider well-founded and valid. It works on the *mundane* position of the planets in the Houses and in this way is complementary to the Topocentric System which is concerned with the *Zodiacal* positions. Both systems use only *Primary* and not *Secondary* motion, that is they work with the aspects generated by the rotation of the Earth on its axis, not the movement of the heavenly bodies in their orbits. In my opinion, however, the PEA system should be extended to include aspects by converse revolution of the Earth as well as the normal West to East rotation.

This brings me to the consideration of *converse motion* in general. I am aware that relatively few astrologers use, for instance, Converse Secondary Progressions, where the planets are taken as moving backwards in the Zodiac from the moment of birth, as well as forwards in the normal method of Secondary Progressions, counting a day as equivalent to a year of life.

I think the reason for this comparative neglect of a technique that is undoubtedly effective, and fills in many holes in what would otherwise be only a partial

correlation of aspects with events, is that the Converse system is not generally taught in schools of astrology, and very little is written about it. One has only to practise the normal (Direct) Secondary system for a number of years to realize that it has serious shortcomings. The Progressions that do occur are valid, but by no means do they account for all, or even most, of life's occurrences.

This is so even if one adds Transits to the list. Some of the most important events of life are not indicated by either system. An instance is my analysis in this Issue of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination. A practitioner relying purely on the astrology of Progressions and Transits would not be aware of her imminent danger. In this case even Converse Progressions (or Regressions) were no help, but the approaching tragedy was foreshadowed by Primary Directions, which employ both Direct and Converse motion, and was confirmed by the Cyclic Charts.

Another reason astrologers tend to neglect Converse Progressions (and Directions) is that they question the *rationale* of the system. Why should we take account of planets moving backwards, when life appears to be going always forwards? For the practical astrologer it is sufficient that the system works - he or she continually sees Converse motion relating specifically to circumstances, feelings and occurrences that are not accounted for by the normal forward movement of the Significators.

But those who need an explanation of *why* it should work must look for it in an understanding of the occult order of things. Time is a Unity, and stretches both forwards and backwards from this moment we call now. Our grasp of time is limited by our consciousness, and when we advance to a more elevated state, as I believe we will, we shall be the better able to perceive the Unity of all things, including past, present and future.

- Dymock.

The JOANNA ASHMUN CHALLENGE: The dates and events occurred in Joanna's life as follows -

Mumps, 23/12/1970

Father died 15/10/1972

Inheritance, 18/4/1977.

Four people sent in solutions, but none was correct. One entrant was right with one matching, the others were altogether wrong. Of nine solutions in the U.S.A., one made the correct match. But my congratulations to those who did attempt it. More about this next Issue.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

19th November 1984.

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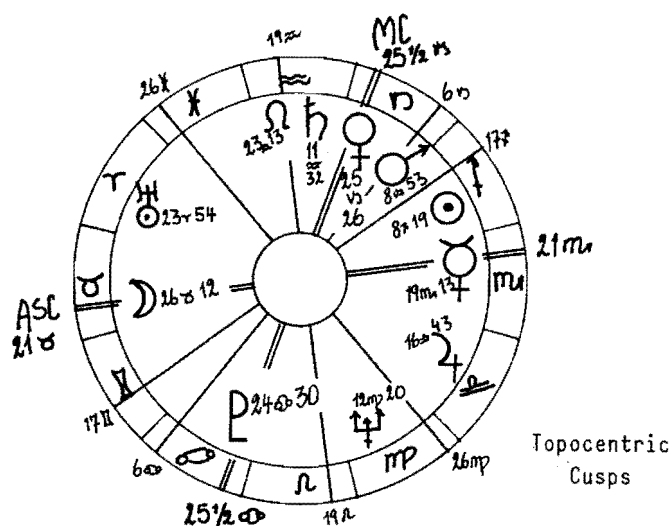
19th October 1984

Dear Fellow Astrologer,

JOANNA ASHMUN'S CHALLENGE, as detailed in last month's issue of *Astrologers' Forum* has not so far met with a wide response, though the following comments have been received:

From ALEXANDER MARR (West German Fed. Republic): "For better Astrology" I recommend making a fresh start on serious, advanced astrology. Your JUPITER-URANUS opposition close to the MC-IC axis is wonderful. At first you should forget Transits and try to rectify your Chart with Primary Directions in the Topocentric System. I also recommend advanced, contemporary astrological books and precessional common and prenatal Lunar Return Charts.

I am not participating in your contest because my computer showed that your Chart is not rectified. The given birth time is out by at least one minute, maybe even more.



GREAT LOVE ('He is the one')

Prenatal Lunar 30/11/1933 ; 23h 12m 30s U.T.

For event: 6/11/1963 ; 119W59; 47N51

Reproduced here is the Prenatal Lunar Return for your first great love, which is the only substantial event with a given date ("HE IS THE ONE", November 6, 1963).

1. VENUS on the MC.

2. PLUTO on the IC.

These are without doubt the most characteristic planets for the event as, at

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least in your subconscious mind "he is the one" has absolutely a sexual character.

3. MOON ascending, -3 degrees in oblique ascension.

4. MERCURY descending, +3 degrees in oblique descension.

One or both factors 3 and 4 could be characteristic for the circumstances of the event. This is for you to decide.

The closeness to the Angles of the characteristic planets Venus and Pluto overcomes the (so often misused) coincidence factor. In charts where Angular planets are of importance this is about plus/minus 4 1/2 degrees for ONE planet to appear. In our Lunar Return Chart we have four planets on Angles with orbs under 4 degrees. The most characteristic planets Venus and Pluto have orbs not even exceeding one degree.

The PRENATAL TRANSIT DATE for November 6, 1963 ("He is the one") is November 27, 1933, probably p.m. in Universal Time. Here I suspect that MARS in 6 Capricorn and the SUN in 5 Sagittarius are aspecting your Radical Ascendant (A.F., Chart, page 5).

From OLIVIA BARCLAY (England): I would like to ask Joanna, if she is truly searching for "a reliable predictive method", if she has looked at Horary Astrology with a serious and unbiased approach. I assure her it

really works "just like the books and teachers say it does". I would like to correspond with her and show her a simple horary chart about a cat.

(Joanna Ashmun's address is 9259 Sixth Avenue N.W., Seattle, WASHINGTON 98117, U.S.A. - Ed.)

The solution to Joanna's CHALLENGE will be published in the next *Astrologers' Forum* on 19th November. I urge as many readers as possible to attempt the CHALLENGE and send their results to me before that date. It is a highly educative exercise. As Joanna is at pains to point out, "It is not a test of astrological competence, and the accuracy (or inaccuracy) of the matches in no way reflects on anyone's ability to read horoscopes". Full details were given in last month's *Forum*.

It seems to me that Joanna's disenchantment with astrology arises principally through the undue confidence apparently reposed by her and others in transits. Never have I contemplated an orb of *three degrees* for a simple transit, nor have I ever heard of an experienced astrologer allowing such an extended one. The eminent German practitioner Reinhold Ebertin has researched this matter and states that a transit is operative only within one degree of perfect, whether applying or separating.

I personally allow about half a degree or less for any transiting celestial body other than the Sun or Moon. This, of course, does not apply to a *stationary* planet, which has a very much more powerful effect, perceptible up to three and a half degrees from partile.

But it appears Joanna, in her article of last month, is referring only to simple transits of planets at their normal daily speed, so if we curtail the unreal orbs she talks about we immediately reduce to a fraction the multitude of aspects that are apparently the main source of her doubt and dissatisfaction.

(I interpolate here the following comment in a recent letter from Joanna: "The five-degree orb for transiting planets in *Brainstorm* was hypothetical - What if?. It is, however, not unusual among American astrologers and no Americans have protested that, though I expected protest.")

The second point about simple transits is that, like the passage of the body itself, the effect is ephemeral, and unless

particular pains are taken to observe what is happening *psychologically* as well as physically, may well pass unnoticed, or at best is quickly forgotten.

Leaving out of account the stationary position, or the slow movement of planets near their first or second stations, and in relation to the important events of life, I regard transits principally as *triggers* for more important indicators such as Secondary Progressions, Primary Directions and the indications furnished by the Solar Return charts.

Joanna refers to "supposedly significant transits" to which she could not ascribe any events. I suspect the explanation is threefold: (1) They were not really significant because they were the "simple" type of transit. (2) And/or the planets involved signified in her Birth Chart an influence contrary to that suggested by the transit considered alone. (3) The effect at the time was psychological only and did not stay in her memory.

Admittedly, accurate prediction is a most difficult art, whether by astrology or any other method. But this apparently is not really Joanna's dilemma: Joanna is concerned at the number of astrological factors, at least one of which appears to relate to anything happening at any time.

I believe this is a false inference because nearly all these factors are unimportant, quite incapable on their own of signifying anything more than the most trivial daily events. Considering that there are indeed a multitude of trivial daily events, it is not surprising that there are a multitude of planetary combinations correlating with them. But for events of some significance we must direct our attention to the more potent astrological indicators - Secondary Progressions and Regressions, Primary Directions, and planets at their stations. These are relatively few in number, matching the relatively few significant events each year in the lives of most people.

With regard to the "definite and memorable" event quoted by Joanna - her unequivocal falling in love on the 6th of November 1963 - firstly I applaud and congratulate her on her whole-hearted and single-minded devotion, and welcome her to the happy band of mortals who have experienced the unique state of soul exaltation produced by love. Secondly, I suggest that the transit of Saturn opposite her Natal Pluto (exact on 2nd November 1963) had little or nothing to do with this love

experience but with her state of health, as Pluto is on the 6th Cusp of her Birth Chart and Saturn occupies the 6th House. This could very well be some health trouble about that time which Joanna has overlooked or forgotten.

The deep stirring of her love nature on or after the 6th November 1963 is clearly and unambiguously indicated by the Direction of **VENUS SQUARE PLUTO**, exact on 10th November 1963, according to the Primary (Mundane) system developed in Holland by Wim Van Dam. What could be more apposite than this, both as regards the planets involved and the date of their operation?

The Secondary Converse (or Regressed) Chart also produces some pertinent aspects for this time and for the period following, when no doubt Joanna's feelings were growing and flourishing:

VENUS TRINE URANUS conv. on 13th October 1963,

VENUS QUINCUNX PLUTO conv. on 18th November 1963, and

VENUS SQUARE JUPITER rad. on 12th April 1964.

The transits that helped precipitate the effect of these exciting "love" aspects were prenatal: Jupiter conjunct Venus/Neptune, and Venus sextile Venus/Neptune, both exact on 30th November 1933 (15 years before Joanna's birth) and corresponding to the postnatal date 4th November 1963. (These dates are ascertained by calculation with Julian Days.)

There are consonant indications also in the Solar Return Chart for 17th November 1963, and the Quarterly Chart of 17th August 1963, but there is no need to enlarge on the matter further.

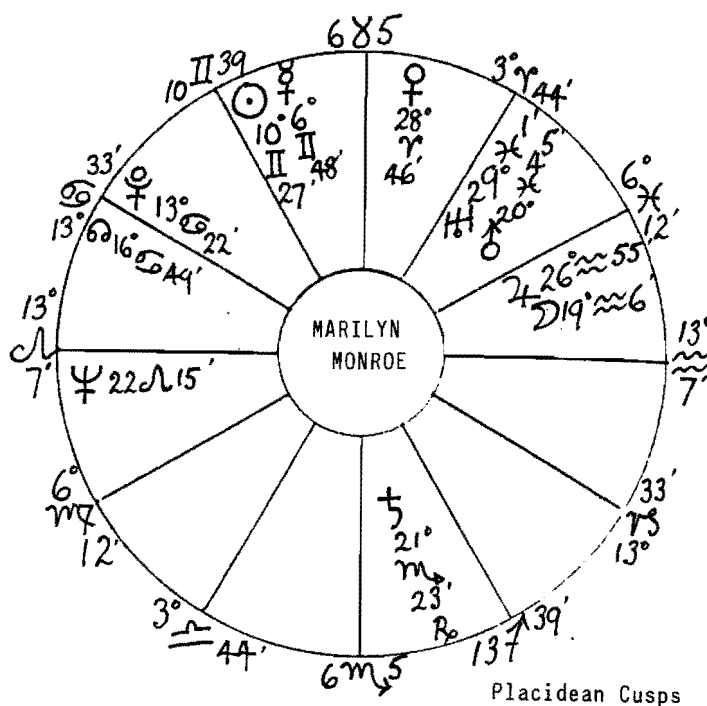
I hope the above helps at least in part to reestablish Joanna's faith and reclaim her to the cause of Astrology. I should be pleased to learn her reactions, and what further doubts remain.

Even if Joanna does not feel comfortable with the predictive side of the art she can still exercise her abilities in other branches of astrology - Horary, Electional, Mundane, Meteorological, Medical, Counselling, etc. - Dymock.

From CLAIR BUNNETT (Vic.): I have been following the information about Pluto in the *Forum* with great interest. The Secondary Progressed Horoscope of the late Marilyn Monroe shows a strong Pluto influence in the year that she died, 1962.

In the Progressed Horoscope for 1962-1963 the Progressed Sun applies to a square of the Progressed Mars and separates from a conjunction of the Progressed Pluto. The

conjunction of the Progressed Sun with the Natal Pluto would have taken place a year earlier.



Born 1st June 1926 at Los Angeles, USA, 9:30 am
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As regards the power of transits, the recent transit of the Sun in Virgo square Neptune in Sagittarius seemed to produce almost classic manifestations of Sun/Neptune matters.

On Thursday and Friday, the 20th and 21st September 1984, when this Sun square Neptune aspect was strong, we had the headline "Hawke weeps", with disclosures following about drug matters (Neptune). Bob Hawke has seven stellar bodies on the Mutable Cross and so was very susceptible to this Sun/Neptune square in the Mutable Signs Virgo and Sagittarius. His Natal Moon in Pisces inclines him to be sensitive, in spite of a tough outer shell.

The Sun/Neptune square on the 20th and 21st September 1984 also contacted the Mercury/Neptune opposition in Australia's National Chart, so disclosures about drugs were to be expected.

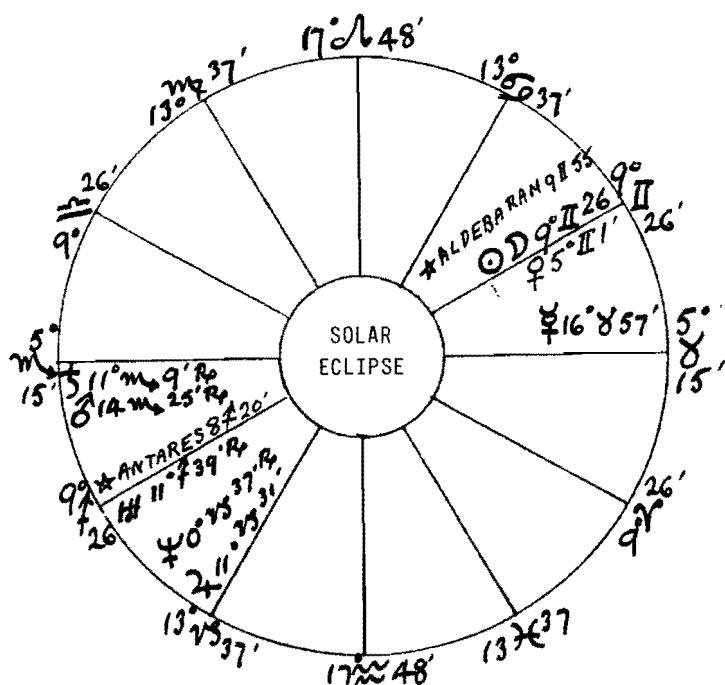
Under the influence of this same Sun/Neptune transit we also had the three men connected with the murder (1977) of anti-drugs campaigner Donald Mackay brought before the courts. (Dymock will remember his original Horary Chart on this subject). The influence of the Sun/Neptune square with Neptune now in direct motion, brought this out, with a confession from one of the criminals.

In regard to *Astrologers' Forum*, I like the inclusion of a contents list on the front page. It makes it easier to find past articles of interest.

From **LESLIE BLACK** (England):

Earthquake in England, 19th July 1984

I am sure Olivia Barclay is correct in assuming that the earthquake was the direct result of the Solar Eclipse of May 30th, on a day dominated by Mercury (Wednesday). In Mundane Astrology when an eclipse is visible over a country, it usually does not augur well for the country in more ways than one, and I agree with the late Vivian Robson that its effects can last for about three years nine months until it progresses to its own semi-square.



Solar Eclipse (Partial Visibility in Gt. Britain)
Wednesday (Mercury), 4:48 pm GMT, 30th May 1984
Porphyry Cusps

The Eclipse falls in the 8th House at Greenwich, conjoined with Venus and the fixed star Aldebaran, in opposition to Uranus and the fixed star Antares. Mars and Saturn are rising in Scorpio in sextile to Jupiter and in opposition to Mercury in Taurus setting in the 7th House. This was an important configuration of the Solar Eclipse, which seemed to gain significance from its close proximity to the longitudes of Aldebaran and Antares, both noted for their malefic nature.

It is also interesting to note that the Eclipse falls in the South-Western quadrant and in Gemini, the Sign that rules Wales and the West of England, thus pin-pointing the epicentre of the 'quake at Cardington Bay.

Afflictions of the malefics in Fixed Signs, especially Taurus and Scorpio are usually indicative of seismic or earthquake activity, and are usually triggered by a progressed Direction of some sort. In this case I judge it was a two-fold Direction of Uranus retrograding to the opposition of the Eclipse and Aldebaran, with MARS at the same time having progressed to the opposition of Mercury, key planet of the day and dispositor of the Eclipse itself, being the real pointer that triggered the 'quake.

Both configurations were violently centred upon the Earth's centre, causing the earthquake to occur at the time stated, 7:50 am, B.S.T., with the first reports on the 8 am News.

The fact that there was no loss of life or serious material damage can be due to the two benefics, Jupiter and Venus, Venus being conjunct the Eclipse and Jupiter harmoniously configured with the Fixed Sign positions of Saturn, Mars and Mercury.

From another standpoint, progressing the Eclipse to the planets in the Chart, and between the planets themselves as suggested by Robson by the measure of one degree = one month for the life of the Eclipse, some useful Directions can be derived:

July - MARS OPPOSITE MERCURY, kidnap of Nigerian diplomats. Earthquake.

ECLIPSE OPPOSITE URANUS, increase in bank base rate by 2%. Mortgage rate increase. E.E.C.'s refusal of back payment of £400,000,000. Two train crashes within a day of each other: thirteen dead.

August - SATURN OPPOSITE MERCURY, 13th Ulster riots on 15th (1 dead). Scotland v. Ireland football riots (Mercury in Taurus - Ireland).

Other aspects can be worked out similarly.

The Gemini-Sagittarius axis configuration shows the deterioration of the British fiscal position, and the fall of the pound against the dollar and other currencies, through America's high interest rates, and the very prolonged miners' strike and industrial troubles (Mars lord of the 6th House conjoined with Saturn opposite Mercury).

I was pleased you have given some cover to Horary Astrology. I think this should be an additional branch for the professional. It is very useful for answering difficult questions in conjunction with the Radical Figure. Also I have found planetary hours very useful too, as the planet ruling the hour when news in any form is received usually rules the question enquired about, or is the significator or in the House in

question. As long as this branch of the science is used properly, and not applied to frivolous questions it is very accurate prediction-wise. Its essence is spontaneity, which represents the celestial phenomena in force at any given time that dictates the ambient for or against the matter enquired about.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Leslie also replies to his critics concerning his non-recognition of Pluto as an astrological force, but as nothing essentially new is introduced I think we may now consider this matter closed for the time being.

One point mentioned by Leslie that should have further attention is the question of celestial latitude as a factor in interplanetary aspects. How important is this, and should it be taken into account, or should we simply continue to calculate aspects between Zodiacal points, disregarding latitude, as is done by nearly all astrologers? This has relevance not only to natal charts but also to Directional systems.

For example, on the 25th of this month, October 1984, the Sun and Pluto will be in conjunction, reckoned only by their Zodiacal longitudes. But they will be actually separated by more than 16 degrees of latitude. Should this be taken into account, or should we rely solely on Zodiacal distance?

The formula for calculating aspects with latitude is

Aspect in degrees = $\arccos(\cos A \cos D)$
where A = the difference in longitude and D = the difference in latitude between the two bodies. - Dymock.

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.):

The Prenatal Epoch

The gestation period of 283 days is calculated from the first day of the last menstrual period. Ovulation generally occurs within a five-day interval. This means that conception is possible from day 13 to day 17 inclusive, if it is a 28-day cycle. Therefore, one should deduct 13 to 17 days from 283 to obtain a true gestation time. These times would then range from 270 days to 266 days, with 269 days corresponding to day 14, the most common ovulation day.

Perhaps E.H. Bailey deduced a 273 gestation standard from the rule of thumb method used to estimate the day of confinement: "Add 10 days to the first day of the last menstrual period and count back three months." If so, day 10 of the menstrual cycle has been mistakenly accepted

as the most common time for ovulation/fertilization to take place.

The Index Date does really seem to be based on an unknown.

Out of curiosity, I tried the Prenatal Epoch upon a known birth time. Because the conception date was known, so was the gestation period.

Birth 7th May, 1967. Time 4:23 am.
Place 146 E 32, 38 S 12.

Conception 14th August, 1966. Time 9:26:8 am at Bargara, Qld. (The coordinates for Bundaberg were used - 152 E21, 24 S 50.

The Moon was WANING and BELOW the Horizon, therefore the Moon's birth position (14 Ari 20'37") defines the Descendant degree of the Epoch Chart. The gestation was 267 days.

Counting back from May 6th, 1967 (the U.T.-day of birth) 267 days are reached on the 13th of August 1966.

At 24dgs.50' North (following the procedure outlined in last month's *Forum*), the Ascendant = 14 Lib 20'37", the Descendant the opposite point in Aries, with the U.T. of 23h26m08s. The Midheaven is 14 Can 34'52".

The Epoch Moon is at 15 Can 45'19". Continuing on in the orthodox method (Epoch Moon = Descendant at birth) produces a completely inaccurate birth time. So, instead, the Epoch position of the Moon is used for the IMMUM COELUM degree of the Birth Chart. The MC will, therefore, be 15 Cap 45'19", which accords closely with the given birth time.

Coincidentally, ALEXANDER MARR, Issue 31, page 3, stated as a finding, "...Radical Midheaven position...proved to be the wanted Moon position for the conception..."

There is a discrepancy here on which I am at a loss to make a decision. Apparently Mr. Marr directly applied the concept of Radix MC = Epoch Moon = birth time, whereas I first worked from the Rule (waxing/waning Moon, above/below Horizon) to establish an Epoch Moon. This led to the original Radix MC, and the time of birth, being advanced (slightly). (The mother will accept either time.)

Anyway, the coincidence of the results when based upon known conception dates might lead to a modification of the Prenatal Epoch Rules:

a. The statistically average gestation period of 269 days could be the base for the Index Date.

b. The Moon's position at Epoch becomes the MC/IC at birth, in preference to the ASC/DSC at birth.

c. A new Rule to calculate the conception date, that is, the method whereby the

gestation period is lengthened or shortened.

Even when the conception date is "known" it can still be open to question. For instance, ovulation with subsequent fertilization can occur up to two days afterwards, following coitus. When you consider the possibilities of non-identical twins originating from two ova - not necessarily released on the same day - things get really complicated.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The point that most intrigues me about the foregoing is the precise time given for conception - down to minutes and seconds. How was this determined? Surely not the time of coitus, which is not synonymous with conception, but with which it may have been confused. I admire the *sang froid* of anyone capable of making this exact observation at what can only be described as a singularly inopportune moment.

For Computer Users

RUDOLF SMIT (Vic.) is the author of a most useful little book for owners of the Commodore C64 Computer. It is entitled *C64 Software*, and has just been published by Melbourne House (Australia) Pty. Ltd.

Though the book is not specifically about astrological programming, it teaches how to program, and gives the beginner much-needed instruction and advice. Some of the headings are: The right way to good programming, The joy of programming, structured programming versus the trial-and-error approach, planning the mainline, errors you can make, etc.

The book includes also six useful computer programs - Birthday and Anniversary Calendar, Telephone Directory, Mortgage Repayments, A Word Guessing Game, and Rolling Three Dices.

There is a great deal of information packed into this little book, and all is explained with the utmost clarity. There are three Appendices, one answering questions raised in the text itself, one giving clues to the solution of programming problems, and the third specifying the routine for a "Screen Dump" when the C64 is used in conjunction with a printer.

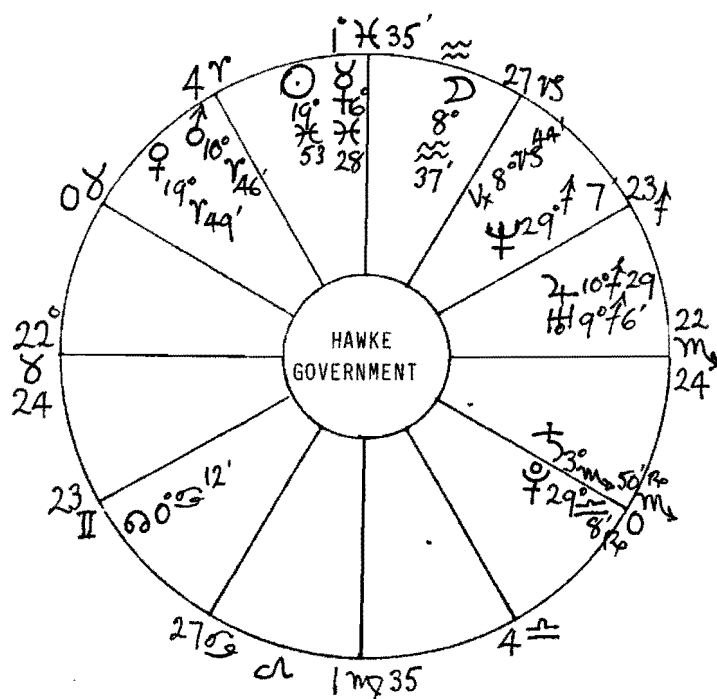
An Index is also provided. The print is extremely clear and easy to read, and extra blank pages are available for notes and additions you may wish to make. My review copy did not carry a price, but I imagine it would retail at about \$12.

Karen Scoble's Birth Time

Karen Scoble was born on the 9th of June 1968 at 7:30 am, at Leongatha Victoria (145E58, 38S30). Now you can check your efforts. No rectification attempts were sent to me. Was it too hard?

Australian Federal Election, 1st December, 1984

The present Government of Bob Hawke was sworn in officially at 11 am on the 11th of March 1983. Allowing five minutes for the swearing-in process, the Chart below for 11:05 am, Eastern Standard Time, may be taken as the Birth Chart of the present Government.



Swearing-In of Bob Hawke's Labour Government, 11:5 am 11th March 1983 at Canberra, 149 E 13, 35 S 18.

Topocentric Cusps

Topocentric Primary Directions in this Chart around the time of the Election, and using the accelerated time scale (59'8.33"= one month), are as follows:

SUN CONJUNCT MARS, 27/11/1984

NEPTUNE CONJUNCT JUPITER, 27/11/1984

SUN TRINE PLUTO, 3/12/1984

From these I conclude that the Hawke Government will be returned to office with a large majority.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th October 1984.

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Marguerite and I use it constantly, and it has been invaluable. We deplore the fact that it is comparatively little understood or practised by astrologers, and we constantly advocate it. So I am very happy to notify readers of a new correspondence course being conducted by Olivia Barclay of England.

The Prospectus states that the Course consists of twelve main lessons, with tests, completed at the student's own pace. It includes historical and contemporary methods, and the study of William Lilly's 1647 publication, *Christian Astrology*, still probably the most valuable book on the subject. A photocopy of this out-of-print work is provided within the total cost of £60.

The Course is under the patronage of Charles Harvey, President of the Astrological Association of Great Britain.

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From OLIVIA BARCLAY (England): I was extremely interested in the Chart of the remarkable hailstorm in Munich on 12 July 1984, and thank Alexander Marr for his account. There are points of comparison between the Chart for that event and one for the earthquake in the British Isles on 19th July 1984, exactly a week later.

It was the strongest earthquake for over a hundred years here, although there were no casualties. It occurred at a minute or two after 7 am GMT, and was centred in North Wales, 53 N 4, 4 W 8.

I drew up a chart at once, (see next

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page) and like Mr. Marr, I also compared it with the Eclipse Chart for May 30th. The time of the Eclipse for England was not identical with the one for Germany. Here the Ascendant was at 5 Sco 15 and the MC was 17 Leo 46. Therefore Saturn and Mars were in our First House. (See Mr. Marr's Chart A in *Forum* No.37, page 2.)

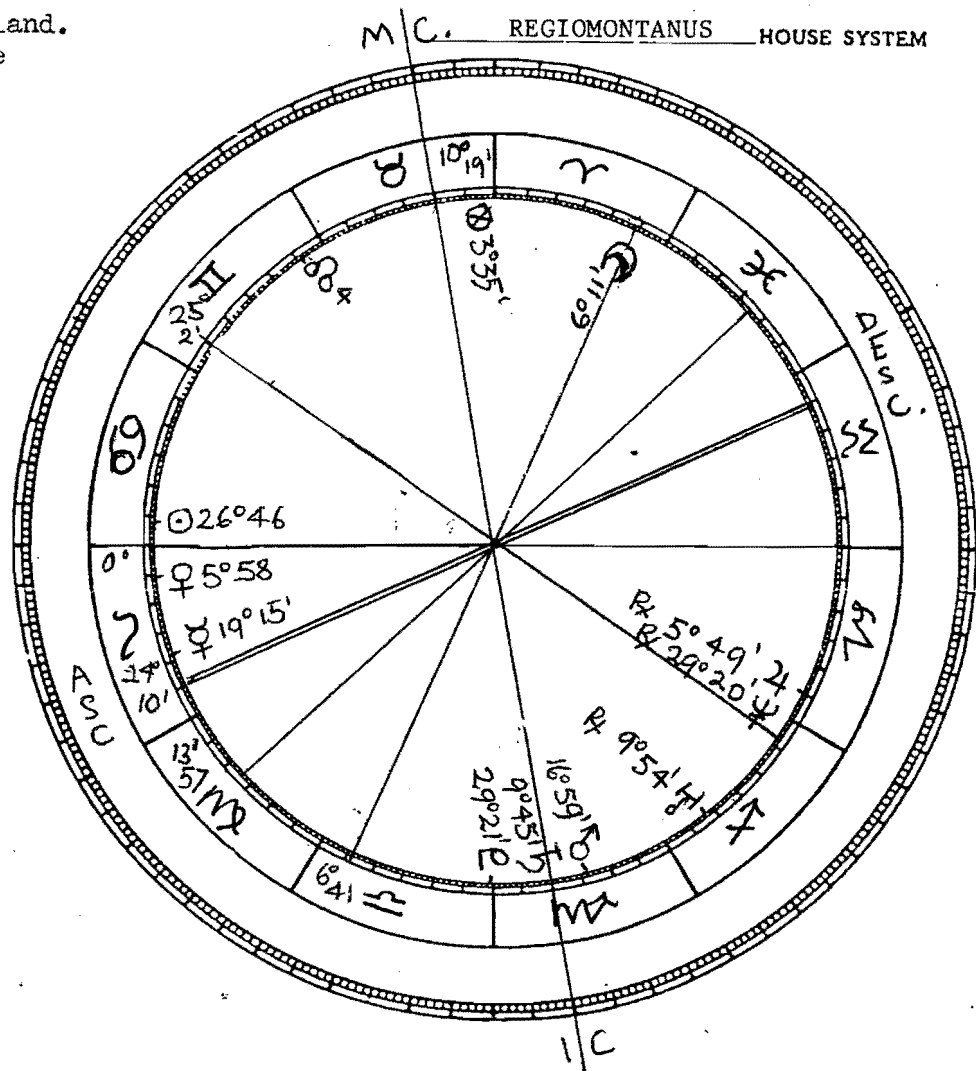
The May Eclipse, at 9 Gemini was conjunct Aldebaran mentioned in Ebertin-Hoffmann's book on the Fixed Stars as causing catastrophes by weather. I assumed that the application of the Moon by two degrees from a Succedent House to the opposition of Uranus, natural ruler of earthquakes, would signify the two months that elapsed before the earthquake. Mercury was ruler of the Eclipse (because the Eclipse was in Gemini) and at the time Mercury was at 16 Tau 57.

At the time of the 'quake Mars opposed that point, at 16 Sco 59. Saturn, as in the Munich Map, was Angular, but appropriately on the 4th Cusp (4th House - the soil, the ground), and it was the ground that shook. In fact Saturn, Mars and Uranus were all in the 4th House. The Moon approached the quincunx of Saturn and the trine of Uranus. Here our Charts contrast: In the Munich Chart Saturn is near the MC, and the event was from above; in ours, with the relevant planets in the 4th it was from beneath our feet. Mr. Marr mentions the 12th Cusp. In our Chart the Sun, Ruler of the Ascendant is here. Pluto, however, is not significantly placed. In considering why the effect took place here, it may be worth considering

Earthquake in England.
8 a.m. Summer time
7 a.m. G. M. T.

19th July 1984

53° 4' N
4° 8' W.



that at the full Moon on November 20th 1983 Uranus was at 8 Sag 39 conjunct our MC at Westminster. The Eclipse of 4th December 1983 occurred only two degrees from Uranus, which had then moved to 9 Sag 30. Fortunately Jupiter was on the MC. There was not another eclipse until May 30th, and this opposed Uranus in the full Moon of June 13th 1984, so that there was series of syzygies involving Uranus, which I think, deserves attention.

Ptolemy remarks in the Tetrabiblos that the first and most potent cause of such events (mundane) lies in the conjunction of the Sun and Moon at eclipses, and the movement of stars at that time. I do agree with Mr. Marr, but I would like to find out more on the subject. Literature seems scarce.

That there were no casualties in either incident I attribute to the involvement of Jupiter, both as dispositor of Uranus, to its strength exactly on the MC in the December Eclipse, its exact semisextile with Uranus in the full Moon on 15th May.

I hope someone will throw further light on this subject. Did a similar event occur in our neighbouring countries? Why England and Germany? I could find little explanation in our 1066 Radix Chart.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (NSW):

The Role of *Astrologers' Forum*

Rudolf Smit raises a point about the purpose of *Astrologer's Forum*, but I don't think his idea of the Editor acting as an adjudicator is very useful. I think people will mostly stick to their own ideas, and that includes Rudolf himself. The value of a discussion is to ventilate a subject rather than to convert others. Is there really an absolute right or wrong in most of these issues? In most controversies there is a good deal of truth on both sides, and the readers can certainly form their own judgements. Astrology will always be a subject with parallel paths to the one goal. So I don't think there is much scope to change the basic form of the Forum. Readers could get a lot of useful

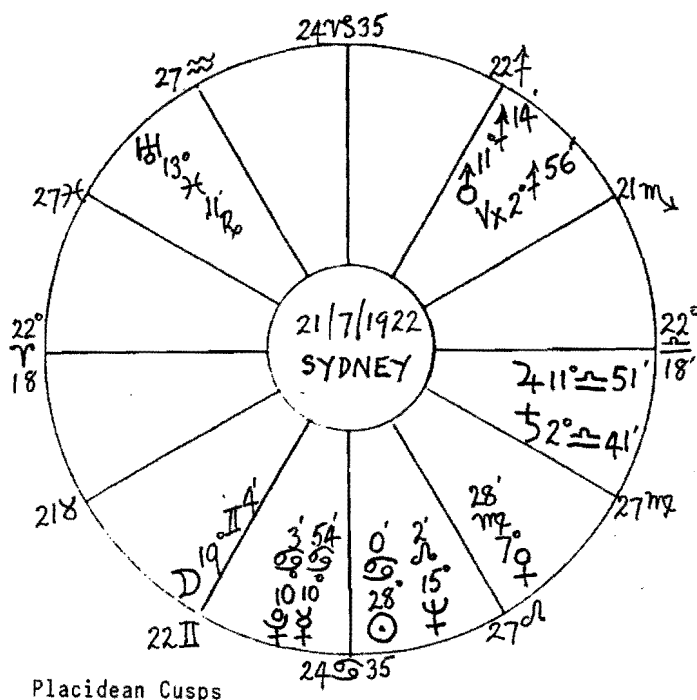
ideas from it, without getting final answers.

More on Pluto

Leslie Black's quotation from the comment on Pluto by the astronomer Patrick Moore really confirms rather than confutes my viewpoint given in the July Issue. What I said was that "maybe" astronomers know a bit more than they did - but that the last word has most certainly not been said. When it comes to any of the planets I think there is quite a lot of difference between how an astronomer looks at them and how an astrologer does. The weight, size, distance and actual constituents of any of the planets may or may not have a direct bearing on its influence in astrological work. We can't prove much either way.

Astrologers are dealing more with symbolism than weights and measures. Astrologers are dealing with human affairs. So if astronomers have made no advances in the understanding of Pluto since 1930, that doesn't mean astrologers are in the same boat. They aren't. What an astrologer needs to know is its position in the Zodiac. If he knows it is *there*, regardless of all the other factors, he can come to conclusions by a process of trial and error, and these conclusions can be used as pretty good guidelines for the future. But personally I like to draw the line at working with "undiscovered" planets such as Transpluto. Here you get onto a much shakier level.

I will give another example of the action of Pluto: Lady born 21st July 1922, 11:47 pm, Sydney. (Chart below drawn up by the Editor.)



The lady and her husband had built their own retirement house, which was exactly what they wanted in an ideal location, and the husband was a retired accountant on superannuation and therefore knew his financial position very well. But in mid-1981 just after they had moved in the wife decided to get an astrological forecast done. As soon as I looked at her Chart I could see that Pluto was Angular in her 7th House by transit and was coming to the square of her Sun in the 4th in the next year or so. I did a written forecast, from my past experience with Pluto predicting that they would move out of that house to a totally different area due to circumstances outside their control. This prediction created a bit of a stir, seeing that it was contrary to everything they had planned. I timed the move for about two years from the time of writing.

I heard no more from that lady till the two years was almost up when she rang to say they had the house on the market. Even though it was an expensive house it sold pretty quickly just about right on the two-year mark. The time of the move coincided with Pluto exactly squaring her Natal Sun. The reason why they had to move to a cheaper house in a quite different area was due to their son getting into serious financial difficulties and had to be helped out. They could see then they had too much money tied up in such an expensive house.

But the main point about all this is that there was really nothing in the Chart, apart from the transit of Pluto, to point to a change of residence. But anyone doing that Chart and deciding that they would ignore Pluto could never have made that prediction.

Practitioners don't have the time to collect statistics but they can learn a lot about Pluto from such cases. This is not an isolated case. So it is not necessary for an astrologer to wait till all is known about Pluto to make use of it. There is usually an element of fate involved in such transits, as well as the end of a chapter, as in this case.

From ALEXANDER MARR (West Germany): A reply to Leslie Black's continuous theoretical and emotionally inspired statements: Besides other things, he maintains that Pluto could not possibly have an adequate efficacy in astrology because the various opinions of astronomers about Pluto as a celestial body are contradictory. (Astrologers' Forum No.37,

page 6.)

Those astrologers who practise astrology seriously and with a certain skill know to a greater or lesser extent Pluto's efficacy and symbolism, while for beginners and inexperienced astrologers Leslie Black's theories are most misleading. I recommend to Dymock that he should not publish any more theories that contradict fundamental, solid astrological knowledge, developed by pacemaking astrologers like Cyril Fagan, Nelson Page and others, particularly if they are not the result of serious research.

For example, my systematically performed research into the workings of the Vertex and Chiron revealed that, in contradistinction to Pluto, they do not show any efficacy in Primary and Secondary Directions. It is free to every skilful astrologer to express his research results in an objective and non-emotional manner. It is desirable that different opinions of other experienced astrologers about one or another matter should be published. However discussions mainly about false theories (as above) not backed up by serious research are useless talk, wasted space and time.

On the other hand the standard of the *Astrologers' Forum* would substantially increase if (A) We could get more "fresh blood", that is, new names into the contributions for the Journal, and (B) Dymock, undoubtedly one of our most skilful astrologers, would contribute more for the *A.F.*, without being afraid to put himself too much into the foreground.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.): Leslie Black's rejection of Pluto, like his dismissal of harmonics, is an argument entirely from theory, and as theories are merely intellectual constructs made by men, who are not noted for infallibility, all such arguments must be treated with the greatest caution. Indeed I would go so far as to say that they should, *in the absence of evidence*, be rejected automatically. That was my complaint about his comments on harmonics (no evidence). It seems to me to be most unlikely that had Leslie ever experimented with Directions and transits of Pluto he could have reached such a curious conclusion. What Ptolemy may have said is, by itself, neither here nor there.

Erratum

In the last Issue of *Astrologers' Forum*, (No.37, p.5) the sesquare was wrongly given as 150 degrees. It is, of course, 135 degrees.

THE SEATTLE ASTROLOGER'S CHALLENGE

JOANNA M. ASHMUN, Editor and Publisher of *The Seattle Astrologer* (publication now ceased), has authorized reprinting of the following *Challenge* to astrologers:

In the interests of establishing the reliability of popular astrological predictive methods, the following opportunity is offered for astrologers to show their snuff. The challenge is simple and should present no technical difficulties to anyone with two or more years' study: Match the listed events and dates, and satisfy the listed conditions.

The rewards are: First, better astrology for everybody and, second, a set of all back issues of *The Seattle Astrologer* for everyone who makes a good-faith written effort to meet the challenge.

The Events

Two of these are classical rectification events, and having mumps as an adult is a big deal, too:

- (1) The death of my father.
- (2) I received an unanticipated cash legacy of approximately \$2,000.
- (3) I came down with mumps.

The Dates

Accurate within one week

- (A) December 23, 1970.
- (B) October 15, 1972
- (C) April 18, 1977.

The Conditions

- (a) Correctly match the events and dates.
 - (b) Give astrological reasons for your choices.
 - (c) Give astrological reasons for determining that one of the dates is more likely than the other two for each event given.
- I reserve the right to require evidence such as text citations or documented research, to support the astrological reasoning.

Data

November 16, 1948, 2:25 pm PST, Chelan, WA 47N51, 119W59. I lived in Seattle at the time of all of these events, though my father died in Chelan and I was there at the time of his death.

Yours for better astrology,

(Signed) Joanna M. Ashmun
Editor and Publisher

Joanna has provided the following commentary on the above:

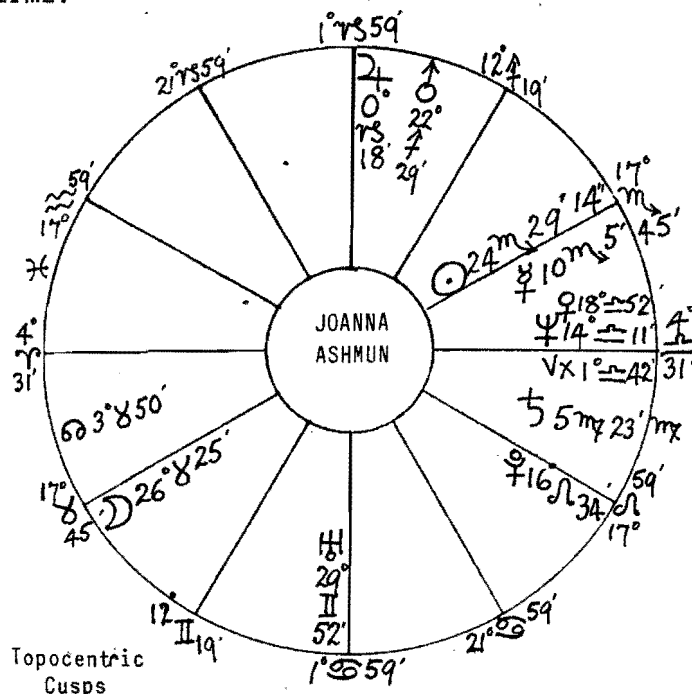
The Seattle Astrologer's Challenge was not posed as a test of astrological competence, and the accuracy (or inaccuracy) of the matches in no way reflects on anyone's ability to read horoscopes. The point of the Challenge is to illustrate the fundamental problem of astrological prediction: Unless one already knows when a specific event occurred, many (perhaps all) dates appear equally likely from astrological indications. That this is so is not immediately apparent, and the third condition was included to demonstrate that all possible matches can be justified astrologically, and that it is impossible to determine by astrological methods alone which dates go with which events.

The future hasn't happened yet, so astrologers learn predictive techniques by studying past events and demonstrate the efficacy of different factors and methods by using astrology to explain important life events. The general idea is that astrology explains events that have already happened and so astrology could have predicted those events beforehand and can predict similar events before they happen.

The evidence shows, however, that astrological methods employ enough factors to account for all possible times (and, thus, all possible events) whether or not anything has happened or will happen. Ordinarily, we have no reason to examine dates when nothing happened and so do not discover that eventful dates cannot be distinguished from eventless dates.

Now, it is obvious that if enough factors are employed astrology can "explain" everything. What is not obvious is how surprisingly few factors are enough. With the horoscope used in the Challenge, all ten transiting planets are always within five degrees of a 30-degree-multiple aspect (conjunction, semisextile, square, trine, quincunx, opposition) to a natal planet. That is, bare-bones astrology gives at least ten indicators of astrological significance for every moment of eternity, and there is no time when anything can happen without many transiting aspects to interpret. Geoffrey Dean has provided calculations (TSA 18:5-6) showing that this Chart (see Horoscope below. - Ed.) is not unusual in its propensity for transiting aspects and that, using ten natal planets and two Angles, there is a very high probability of finding a transiting major aspect (conjunct, sextile, square, trine, opposition) at any time.

This has nothing to do with interpretation - it is simply arithmetic. It is hard to imagine how predictive methods might be pruned further than to using only natal and transiting planets, but it is clear that adding anything more cannot fail to provide explanations of virtually all moments of time.



16th November 1948 2:25 pm PST
Chelan, Washington; 47N51, 119W59

It is not unusual to encounter the disclaimer that astrology always works and astrological "failures" are really astrologers' mistakes. Because of the constant availability of all astrological significators, astrology essentially predicts that anything can happen to anyone at any time. Taking a global view of human affairs, something is very likely happening to someone somewhere all the time, so astrology does always work. Astrologers undertake the heroic task of trying to figure out which something is going to happen to which someone at which time. Under the circumstances, it is no wonder that astrologers sometimes make mistakes.

Since astrology predicts anything at any time (or, alternately, everything all the time), astrological predictions are bound to be right every now and then by chance, and statistical investigations have shown that astrological predictions are accurate at chance frequencies. This does not mean that astrological predictions never work: It means only that there is no way of knowing when they will work. As a practical matter, when astrologers predict any possibility more specific than "something is going to happen", they are crossing their fingers and

hoping that this someone whose chart is under consideration is *the* someone the something is going to happen to this time. While it is not possible to know when astrological predictions will prove accurate, it is possible to know how often - as often as random guessing results in predictive "hits".

These observations apply to all of astrology, for all of astrology is predictive. Even a basic natal reading is a prediction that the pattern of the sky at the time of a person's birth can be interpreted to describe that person in a useful way.

As to the specifics of the Challenge, it is a variation on the famous shell game, where the object is to determine which of three shells hides a pea. There are three "peas" in the Challenge and six possible combinations of three dates and three events. One possibility is entirely correct, three have one correct match each, and two are entirely incorrect. There is a 33% possibility of choosing entirely incorrectly, so the chances of being at least partly right by eeny-meeny-miny-mo are two in three. Pretty good odds.

It is possible to choose wrongly for the "right" astrological reasons because astrology can "explain" any match of date and event: therefore, all combinations can be justified astrologically. On the other hand, it is not possible to be right for the wrong astrological reasons, because all interpretive factors are always available and can be legitimately interpreted to confirm any intuition. *In other words, there are no wrong reasons in astrology.*

In an article in *The Seattle Astrologer* entitled *Brainstorm* Joanna explains that she was searching for a reliable predictive technique. She wanted astrology to work "just like the books and teachers say it does". Joanna's article continues:

In the course of my astrological education I have studied some but not all of the popular predictive methods. Secondary Progressions are a lot of work and never made sense to me, but I can do them. I worked a lot with Solar Returns in a number of variations, hoping that they would work out, because I like the idea, but I found them to be much more work and less fruitful than plain old transits. I studied transits

from two approaches. One way was to list the dates of major transiting aspects and try to remember what was going on in my life at those times. The other way was writing a skeleton autobiography and checking the transits for important events.

What I found was that there were important transits for every recollected event, though they didn't always coincide with traditional symbolism. For instance, the first (and only) time I fell in love was a definite and memorable event - "HE IS THE ONE" - and it happened on November 6, 1963. On that date transiting Saturn was exactly opposite my Natal Pluto. This is a major transit involving the planetary heavyweights in a powerful aspect that occurs only once every 30 years. Though Pluto can be read as "the one and only" and Natal Pluto is in Leo in my 5th House in mutual reception with the 8th-House Scorpio Sun - all indicators of some kind of "love" - few astrologers would expect Saturn's opposing Pluto to be the indicator of falling love. Venus is supposed to be prominent in this experience.

Even though the major events of my life coincided with significant transits, there were many more supposedly significant transits for which I could dredge up no events. How could it be that, for instance, Saturn sometimes could be said to have restructured my life just like the books say and other times, when Saturn's aspect was just as strong, nothing memorable occurred? I began to suspect that there was something inherent in astrology's formal "holistic" system that arbitrarily accounted for every possibility, that everything could be shown to mean something, and, for good measure, nothing (as in no event) could be shown to mean something as well.

That concludes the excerpt from *Brainstorm*. In a recent letter to me Joanna emphasizes that performance on the Challenge has no bearing on astrological competence. I hope a fair proportion of readers will undertake the educative exercise of working on the Challenge, and send in their results to me. The solution will be published after 16th November this year, in accordance with the author's wishes.

Joanna further explains that she has stopped publishing *The Seattle Astrologer* because she has "managed to argue (herself) right out of astrology", while acknowledging that the reasons that convinced her do not convince most.

It is indeed sad that a competent astrologer should so bedevil herself with

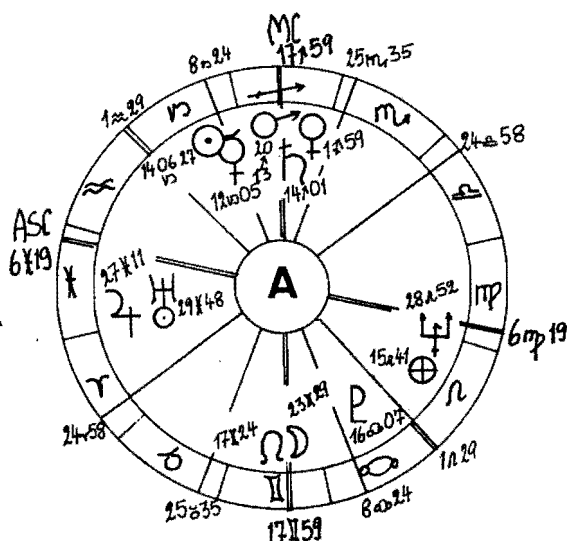
the difficulties of the subject that she decides to give it up all together. I feel it almost as a personal loss. Because I am so concerned I shall make it my business to try to reestablish Joanna's confidence in the validity of astrology and her faith in the value of her particular contribution to it. I have prepared a lengthy comment and analysis, but because of shortage of space in this Issue I must present it in the next (October).
- Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (Federal Republic of West Germany):

Walter Mondale's prospects for the U.S. Presidential Elections, 6th November 1984

Birth data: 5th January 1928, 16h 30m U.T., Ceylon (Source: Arthur Blackwell (USA))

Rectified to 16h 30m 7s U.T. (Chart A)



WALTER MONDALE
Radix (rect.)

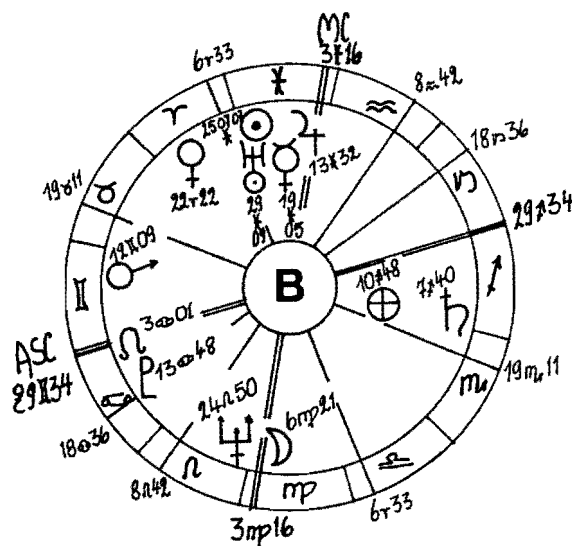
5/1/1928 16h 30m 07s GMT Ceylon
94 W 38 ; 43 N 32
Topocentric Cusps

The rectification with only five events available was facilitated by the closeness of the given time. With few exceptions in over forty Radices analysed the position of the Radical Ascendant or Descendant (here the Descendant) is almost identical with the Moon of the Prenatal Epoch. In our case the difference between the quick-moving Descendant and the Moon of the Epoch is 1.5' in the Ecliptic and 0.8' in Oblique Descension (OD). A recent additional finding resulted in the fact that in most cases analysed there are MDO identities between the Radix and the Epoch. (MDO = Meridian distance in Oblique Ascension.)

Venus Rad. MDO = 20 44.7'
Sun Epoch MDO = 20 45.2'
Saturn Rad. MDO = 5 20.9'
Moon Epoch MDO = 5 22.5'

This phenomenon is increasing the scientific character and the exactness of such Dual-Rectifications by many times.

In contradistinction to these Radix-Epoch similarities, close Ecliptical aspects between the Radix and the Epoch elements in general have to be regarded as purely coincidental.



WALTER MONDALE
Epoch (rect.)

16/3/1927 17h 06m 07s GMT Ceylon
94 W 38 ; 43 N 32
Topocentric Cusps

Events, Primary and Secondary Directions in the Life of W. Mondale

Dual-Test

Radix Directed to Radix = R-R
Epoch - Epoch = E-E
Epoch - Radix = E-R

Orb in brackets. "r." = Radical; "re." = Regressed; "c." = Converse; "d." = Direct; sesquare = 135 dgs.

(1) 27/6/1960 Appointed Attorney General Primary Drns.

JUPITERc. conjunct IX (1')R-E
JUPITERd. sextile MERCURY (2')E-E

Secondary Drns.

MCre. trine JUPITER (0)R-E
MOONre. sextile IX (6')(3 days)R-E

(2) 17/11/1964 Elected Senator.

Primary Drns.

URANUSd. conjunct III (2')R-R
SUND. trine MOON (3')R-R
URANUSd. sextile JUPITER (3')E-R
MERCURYd. semisext. JUPITER (3')E-E

(3) 6/11/1976 Elected Vice-President

Primary Drns.

ASCd. sextile JUPITER 20/12/76 (in
between the Election and Inauguration) R-R.

JUPITERd. sextile III (5') R-E

MERCURYd. conjunct ASC (2') R-R

ASCc. semisext. URANUS (1') E-E

(4) 4/11/1980 Not elected Vice-President

Primary Drns.

IIIc. square MOON (1') R-R

SATURNc. opposite SUN (1') E-E

MARSc. conjunct SUN (1') E-E

URANUSd. square JUPITER (2') R-E

MARSc. quincunx URANUS (1') R-R

Secondary Drns.

SUNp. square SATURN (1') R-E

MOONp. square III (7') (3 days) E-R

IIIp. opposite SUN (1') E-E

PLUTOp. opposite SUN (0.5') E-R

MCp. sesquare MOON (4') R-R

MCre. semisquare MOON (5') R-E

(5) 6th November 1984 Presidential Elections (prospects)

Primary Drns.

MCc. semisq. SATURN 16/10/84 (3.4') R-E

SATURNd. semisext. ASC 26/10/84 (1.8') R-R

SATURNd. quincunx MOON 6/11/84 (0) R-E

MCR. semisext. SATURN 15/11/84 (1.4') E-E

MERCURYd. semisq. XII 16/11/84 (0.8') R-R

PLUTOc. square NEPTUNE 28/11/84 (3.5) R-E

Secondary Drns.

ASCra. sesquare NEPTUNE (1') R-R

PLUTOp. sesquare URANUS (1') R-E

MARSp. sesquare URANUS (7') R-R

Transits for Results 7/11/1984 4 am GMT

NEPTUNE (29Sag33) square URANUSr. (15')

URANUS (12Sag5) quincunx MERCURYr. (0)

MARS (23Cap25) quincunx MOONr. (4')

SUN (14Sco55) sesquare URANUSr. (7')

As the different places of residence could not be located, only speculative cycles for Washington have been analyzed. Independent of the residential location are planets of the Solar Return Charts applied to the Radix:

Tropical Prenatal SOLAR RETURN 1872(Corresponding to 1984)

PLUTO 18Tau2 quincunx MCR. (3')

NEPTUNE 21Ari36 semisq. ASCr. (17')

Real Significators (Directed) for Event 1:
IX, JUPITER (= court, judges); MC (ASC).
For Events 2-5: III, URANUS, JUPITER (= politics); MC (ASC), SUN, MOON, MERCURY, MARS, PLUTO.

The winner = Jupiter; Sun, Moon, ♂, ♀ in favourable aspects; Mercury, Venus.

The loser = Saturn; Sun, Moon in unfavourable aspects; malefics.

This Dual-Test is described in forthcoming *Prediction III*.

ORBS

(A) Theoretical Orb for Primary Directions - 15 days (= 2.5' of arc).

The practical orb depends on the accuracy of planets and coordinates. For conjunctions an orb of up to 10' of arc may be admitted. (However these Directions should not be considered for rectification.)

(B) The Orb of Secondary Directions should not be handled by a uniform time measure. Instead, orb for the Moon (progressed and regressed) - 5 days (= 10' of arc). Orb for the quick planets (Sun, Mercury, Venus and Mars) maximum 8' (= 6-8 weeks). Orb for stationary and slow planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and the Mean Node - so far a speculative orb of 1' to 3' of arc has been used by myself. For technical reasons this has not been established yet.

(C) The orb of Directed Angles and Cusps - about 7' of arc (= 6 weeks).

In the Secondary Directional system Angles and House Cusps have to be Directed by the Solar-Arc in Right Ascension. The Solar-Arc in the Ecliptic (a symbolic arc) widely used in all parts of the world is purely fictional.

The Presidential Elections 1984 will be discussed in the next *Astrologers' Forum*, according to the demonstrated astrological conditions. *Walter Mondale will not be elected.*

Re Karen Scoble's Chart: This is left for another month so that more readers can attempt the rectification. Getting the correct answer (hardly to be expected with such scanty information) is less important than doing the exercise.

Stop Press!: A message from ALEXANDER MARR: It seems to me to be of importance to inform astrologers in the United States and elsewhere that in spite of a cable in which I was promised that sales of *Prediction II* would be stopped immediately, they went ahead on a big scale. I advise all astrologers not to buy these copies which are full of misleading errors brought in by the publishers. Those who have already bought an uncorrected copy should ask for replacement from The American Federation of Astrologers, P.O. Box 22040, Tempe, Arizona 85285. To recognize an uncorrected copy look at page 47: The last paragraph has been printed twice.

Kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19/9/1984.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Responding to my request in the July "Astrologers' Forum" for feedback regarding its contents, I am glad to have received the following:

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): In your latest "Astrologers' Forum" you ask for comments, criticisms, and so on. I have one, though to some extent it is an echo of what I have said on earlier occasions. What disturbs me about the "Forum" is that there isn't a real discussion going on. The overall tendency is that people stick to their opinion and are not willing to give an inch. Valid arguments are simply ignored or overridden by counter arguments which avoid the issue. The name "Forum" suggests that people give their opinions but are willing to re-linguish them for a better one. It is give and take, so to speak.

Also, what I would like to see is that you, Dymock, act more as a referee, as a discussion leader, and after some time finish a discussion with a conclusion that reflects a compromise. The approach of the "Forum" is too much "ad hoc" - that's the way I feel about it, anyhow.

Rudolf Smit is the Australian Agent for Matrix Software, which is a boon to Australian Astrologers in particular, as Matrix Programs are excellent and do not now have to be ordered from the USA. Of course it's the Programs that make any computer worthwhile.

But that is a digression. What Rudolf says about fixed opinions, does, unfortunately appear to be true in many cases. It is good to have a considered opinion on the many controversial matters in astrology, but one should also be ready to modify it in the light of additional evidence and wider experience. Ideas of personal prestige seem to get in the way. Evidently astrologers hate to admit that they are wrong about anything, as they feel themselves diminished in some way. In my view, and the view of many others, an astrologer who is prepared to acknowledge that he may be mistaken about some things has increased, not diminished his stature.

So far as refereeing is concerned, I think it is not up to me to announce a de-

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cision. Readers can draw their own conclusions from the evidence presented, just as I can draw mine. They don't need me to point out the obvious, and if the conclusion isn't obvious it would be a presumption on my part to tell them what to think. - Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (FED. REP. OF W.GERMANY):

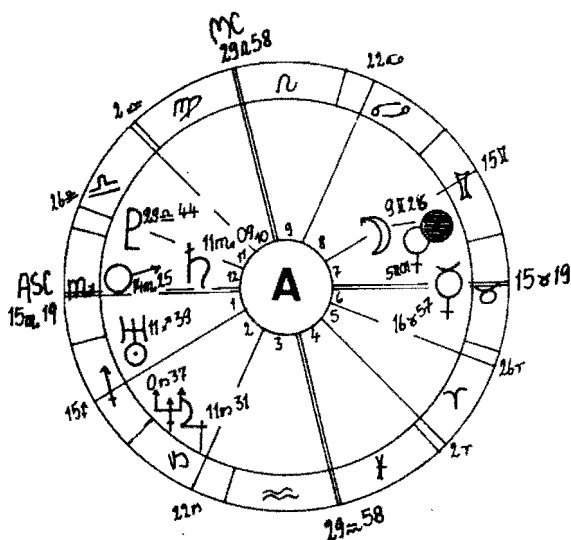
The Reflections of Eclipses and Lunations in Mundane Astrology

On 12th July 1984 the area around the airport of Munich was devastated by a hailstorm disaster on a scale beyond any in living memory. Fortunately there were no fatalities, but around 300 people were injured. Hailstones the size of tennis balls beat through the wings of aeroplanes, and a great number of houses were severely damaged.

As usual, Eclipses and Lunations are most informative when disasters of this kind threaten limited areas. This especially if, as is often the case in mundane astrology, no appropriate Radix is available. Experience shows that mundane conjunctions of planets with the Angles of the chart are the most effective and informative factors for the outcome and the character of an event. I found the best method for evaluating these charts in an analytical way is to take the

major chart preceding the event as a sort of a Radix and relate the transit chart of the event to this horoscope.

In our case a Solar Eclipse preceding the event was found to be most characteristic of the event.



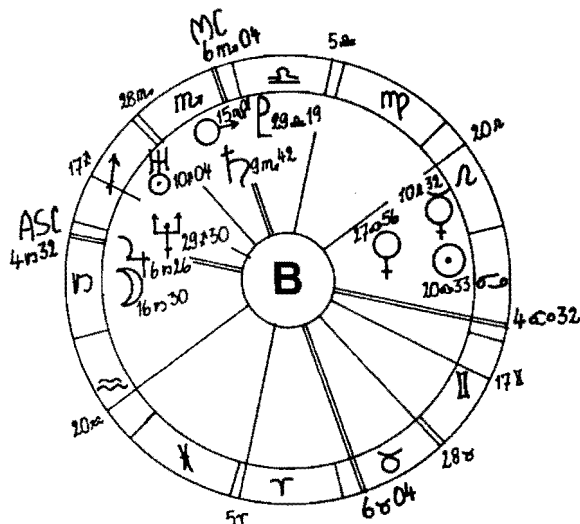
SOLAR ECLIPSE

30th May 1984 16h 48m GMT Munich-Riem
11 E 41; 48 N 08. Topocentric Cusps

CHART A: 30th May 1984; 16h48m GMT 11E41; 48N08

Here Mars is rising within 18' of arc. It is conjunct Saturn and in a close mundane (paran) and Ecliptical opposition to Mercury, the latter descending within 15' of arc. The Eclipse itself falls in the Cardinal VII House. Pluto has a close Ecliptical and mundane conjunction with the 12th House cusp (orb in OA = 2°01') Uranus is opposing the Eclipse from the 1st to the 7th House.

In the TRANSIT CHART B, without any doubt



HAILSTORM DISASTER (Transit Chart)

12 July 1984 18h 5m GMT Munich-Riem
11 E 41; 48 N 8, Topocentric Cusps

Pluto on the Midheaven is the most powerful and characteristic planet for the outcome of the event. It is in close mundane conjunction with the MC (orb in RA = 31' of arc). Characteristic of the nature of the event is the conjunction of Mars and Saturn near the MC. We observe that Mars by its temporary retrograde motion has again reached the most vulnerable point of the Eclipse Chart, (A), i.e. the Mars/ASC conjunction (within half a degree). Saturn, close to the MC, is stationary (no apparent motion for six days) and is affecting its Ecliptical position in the most powerful way.

I have to emphasize here that planets, if in an extremely slow apparent motion or even stationary, do have a greater power in their Ecliptical position than planets moving at a normal speed. However, these planets do not change their character, i.e. a benefic does not acquire evil characteristics.

Example: A retrograde transiting or progressed Mercury does not affect the delays of matters with which it can be associated, such as communication. Here, in most matters, Saturn is the planet of delays.

A further aspect that should not be overlooked is the close semi-square of Angular Neptune (Chart B) to Cardinal Mars (Chart A), while Jupiter (B) close to the ASC may have helped to avoid fatalities.

LUNATIONS are of major importance if no eclipses are in the range of the events (for eclipses and lunations see "Prediction Using Common and Prenatal Cycles" pages 52 and 53). In our case the presence of an Eclipse (Chart A) preceding the event by 43 days predominates over the Lunation, (29th June, 1984; 3h18m30s GMT, not reproduced). However, this Lunation is a further indication of an event to happen within its operational time. We have here a conjunction of the Lunation with the ASC.

From experience the most powerful and effective position of an eclipse or lunation is on one of the Angles of the chart. This also applies for individual astrology. Here a conjunction of the eclipse or lunation with an Angle of the Radix (orb about two degrees) has also its greatest effect. (See charts in "Prediction"). In our Lunation this conjunction is very close. SUN/MOON = 7Can34; ASC = 6Can46, indicating that an event is very likely to happen within the 28 days of its operational time.

Needless to say, results with small orbs like these can only be achieved if the data needed for the event are recorded with the greatest accuracy. On the other hand, it is recommended not to go too much into details, such as aspects with large orbs,

midpoints of planets if not concerned with Angles, rulerships, etc.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.):

Application of Harmonics to Transits

Lately I have been working on applying Harmonics to Transits, a possibility suggested by David Hamblin in his Harmonic Charts (ch. 19). The results I have arrived at so far, however, are quite different from what he suggests, and are in line with what I have found to be the case when applying Harmonics to birth charts as a means of providing greater information about the native's destiny, i.e. that only the thirteenth and sixteenth Harmonics have any general relevance. (I should say that I experimented with the first twenty-one Harmonics, but quickly rejected all the others.)

The technique is very simple, and makes transits a much more useful method of prognostication than they normally are. After all, how often have we all seen major events come and go in a person's life without any transits whatsoever to account for them? As with transits as usually considered, stationary transits are by far the most important, and have the force of Primary Directions, the others being mainly useful for timing; while the transits in the harmonics of the faster-moving planets are of little or no significance.

Take the case of a stationary planet: To have an important effect in a person's life, it should be in major aspect to one of the personal points (Sun, Moon and Angles) with an orb of about one degree. In the Harmonics, an orb of about three degrees so far seems to be valid for conjunctions and oppositions, with one degree for squares (these are the only aspects which so far seem to have an effect).

Prenatal Transits are as important as ordinary ones. As with applying Harmonics to birth charts, the contacts can be between the transiting position of the planet and the 13th or 16th Harmonic of the Radix, between the 13th Harmonic of the transiting planet and the 13th Harmonic of the Radix, the 16th Harmonic of the transiting planet and the 16th Harmonic of the Radix, or between the 13th or 16th Harmonics of the transiting planet and the First Harmonic of the Radix (the birth chart as given).

A good example is the Chart of 'Henk', quoted by Rudolf Smit in "The Australian Astrologers' Journal" (Winter 1982, p.7), and those of his wife and daughter. On the 28th of May, 1971, his wife and daughter were killed in a motor car accident and he

was severely injured. In the ordinary sense there were no important transits which would have indicated such a tragedy. At the time, Pluto was stationary at 26Vir59, 1°51' from an opposition to his MC, too wide, in my opinion, to be relevant, and not in any aspect to the other two Charts. However, the 13th Harmonic of transiting Pluto was 20Leo47, conjunct his Sun (21Leo35), opposite his wife's Sun (22Aqu29), and opposite the thirteenth Harmonic of his daughter's MC (20Aqu0).

Another example is the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. (29th July 1981). At the beginning of July, Pluto was stationary at 21Lib32.1, 1°29' from a conjunction with her MC, just possibly relevant, but not in any aspect with Prince Charles's Chart. The 13th Harmonic of Pluto, however, was 9Can57, conjunct her Sun at 9Can40, and square his ASC 13th Harmonic at 10Lib38.

The true significance of Pluto in Directions, Harmonic Directions and Transits, by the way, is TRANSFORMATION and not necessarily destruction, except in a metaphorical sense. Whether this be for good or ill has to be sought elsewhere (in Returns, for example).

A further example, from my own Chart, this time of a Prenatal Transit. (b. 23h15m, given time, rectified to 23h14m25s, G.M.T., 10.6.1949, Sydney, Australia). On the 21st January 1966 (GMT) my father died; there were no transits, either direct or prenatal, in the ordinary sense, though there were Primary Directions (MCd sesquisquare Neptune exact on the day, and Saturn c square MC, with latitude, two months earlier, which could not have applied to anything else), and in the Age Harmonic Sun (16th H) 15Lib17 conjunct Neptune h 18Lib56, and also conjunct Neptune r 12Lib26; and indications in the Solar Returns. At the equivalent prenatal time (28/10/1932) Pluto was stationary at 23Can27, in wide conjunction with my ASC at 21Can32 (too wide I should have thought); however, the Sixteenth Harmonic of Pluto was 15Ari12, 5' from an opposition to the Sun in the Sixteenth Harmonic.

In the case of Princess Grace, discussed before in the Forum, who died on the 14th September 1982, there were no significant transits in the usual sense at her death; however, Neptune was stationary at 24Sag16.5 on the 5th September conjunct the 13th Harmonic of her MC 25Sag36 (itself conjunct Saturnr 28Sag6). The 13th H of transiting Uranus was conjunct her Moon (13), 14Sag3 on the 13th, and opposite her Vx on the 14th (14Sag42), the day of her death.

My last example is the Chart of a man born in Sydney at 20h33m4s GMT (rectified;

the given time was 'a little after half p past six', am on the 14th) on the 13th June 1948. His father died on the 21st July 1966. In this case, both Uranus and Pluto (both direct) had transited square his ASC in the preceding fortnight, though on the day there was no exact transit. On the 11th Saturn had been stationary at 29Pis41, two degrees from his MC; however, the 13th Harmonic of Saturn was 25Pis53, conjunct his Sun (13) at 25Pis4, and on the 21st, Mars T 13 was opposite his MC of 1Ari40. The latter was the only exact indication of the event.

I have many more examples of the usefulness of the 13th and 16th Harmonics when applied to transiting planets, but those I have given should show their importance.

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.):

The Topocentric Primary Directions

To me, a student, this system is really satisfying to work with because it so often comes up with the 'right' planet for the event, or conditions. I enclose this short study which also shows the importance of the Nativity. The person concerned appears to adhere strongly to what is indicated there and the T.P.D.'s to reflect the ongoing circumstances, or outcome.

Birth Date: 13th May, 1944. Time given - 6.30 am. Rectified by T.P.D.'s to 6.29.00 am. Longitude 144E58 - Latitude 37S45 (Melbourne).

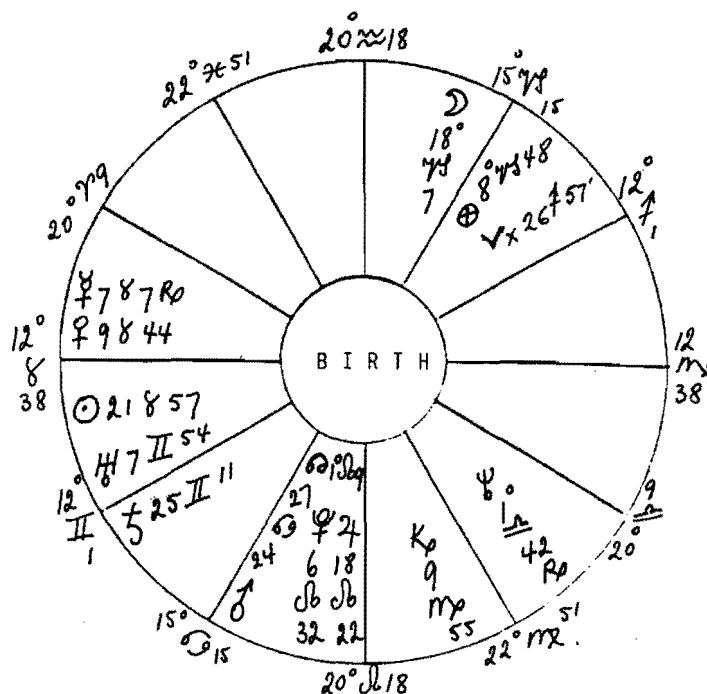
This man started business (imports) with a nominal partner towards the end of 1980. Trade was quite good and there was a very healthy profit margin. Primary Directions: MOON TRINE SATURN 1/10/1980, MERCURY TRINE PLUTO 26/12/1980, URANUS CONJUNCT MERCURY 30/12/1980.

All these planets are pertinent when one examines the Natal Chart and, of course, Mercury and Saturn are associated with commerce.

He had an increasingly active social life which entailed heavy spending. He could be extravagant also when it came to certain types of purchases. Nevertheless, work was not neglected. But a poor location plus a disinclination to curb expenses brought about financial problems. By the end of January, 1984, the shop was closed down. His wife and child left him. The home, car, cabin cruiser etc. all had to be sold. Thousands of dollars were owing to the overseas Company.

Primary Directions: MC OPPOSITE NEPTUNE 17th October, 1983, TRINE ASC 25/11/1983. SATURN SQUARE MIDHEAVEN 15/1/1984.

On a happier note, the man was offered two positions. A promotion to store manager took place recently. There is talk of re-



13th May 1944 6:29 am (Rectified) Melbourne
144 E 58; 37 S 45. Topocentric Cusps

conciliation with his wife - another boat is being bought etc. Primary Directions: MARS TRINE MERCURY 15/4/1984, SUN CONJUNCT SATURN 22/4/1984, MARS QUINCUNX MOON 9/7/1984, VENUS TRINE PLUTO 29/12/1984.

Up to date, I have found the natal Sign and House position of the aspecting planet to be of significance as well. For instance, the Primary Direction of SATURN CONJUNCT SUN mid-February, 1982, coincided with a big drop in sales (economic slump). There was worry over this - but there was actually very little of the personal hardships or constraints that might have been expected from a Saturn conjunction. I think the experience would have been harsher if, say, Saturn had been placed natively in a Water or a Fixed Sign.

From GWEN STONEY (N.S.W.):

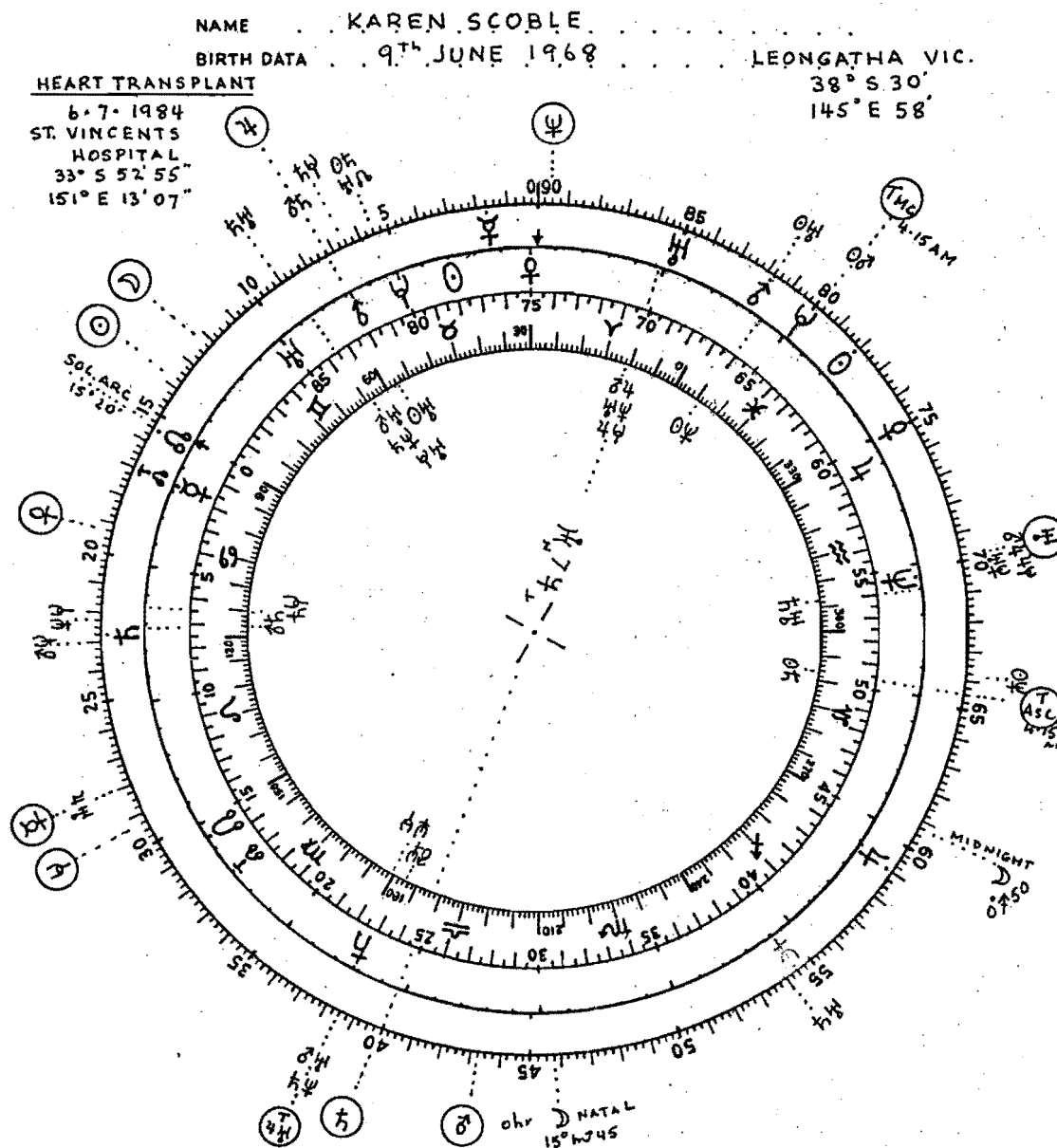
Heart Transplant - Karen Scoble

Karen Scoble, born at Leongatha, Victoria, on 9th June 1968, suffered a heart collapse (myocarditis) about midday on 11th June 1984. She arrived by air ambulance at St. Vincents, Hospital, Sydney, on 25th June for a heart transplant.

The operation was performed on 6th July 1984 between 4:15 am and 7:10 am. Her baby, Lisa Maree, had been born not two months previously on 18th May 1984.

Karen's 16-year old brother died of a similar heart ailment at the end of June 1983.

The Cosmogram for the heart transplant shows the following biological midpoints reflecting cardiac troubles (as defined in



On a 90-degree wheel: The exact opposite is a semi-square (45-degrees) or a sesquare (150 degrees); conjunctions and oppositions are together; 0-30 degrees show Cardinal Signs, 30-60 degrees Fixed Signs, 60-90 degrees Mutable Signs.

Ebertin's "The Combination of Stellar Influences") to be activated by Solar-Arc Progressions and Transits:

SUN/MARS	Cardiac troubles
SUN/URANUS	Cardiac embolism
MARS/JUPITER	Heart muscle
MARS/URANUS	Activity and work of the heart
MARS/SATURN	The death of an organ, particularly a paralysis of the muscles belonging to the breathing mechanism.
SATURN/URANUS	Heart block
URANUS/NEPTUNE	Heart failure

(S-A = position progressed by Solar-Arc; N = Natal; T = Transiting. The Solar-Arc to the date of the heart transplant is 15 20'.)

S-A Saturn, 8Tau4, sq. Mars/Ura, 8Leo23; sq. Sat/Nep 8Leo38.
 S-A Mars = S-A Sun/Ura = N Mars/Sat = T Jupiter
 S-A Neptune = S-A Sat/Ura = N Mars/Jup, Ura/Nep, T Ura
 S-A Mars/Jup, Ura/Nep, Jup/Plu = N Ura, T Sat
 S-A Mars/Sat, Sat/Plu = N Sat.

At the start of the operation at 4:15 am the MC aspected Sun/Mars (cardiac troubles, surgeon).

The transit of Jupiter at 7Cap17, aspecting S-A Mars and Sun/Ura = successful operation.

Ebertin named the midpoint Jup/Ura "thank the Lord", indicating release from tension or strain. This point is aspected by Mercury, and T Jup/Ura is aspecting the Mars/Ura and Sat/Nep midpoints.

I have found the midpoint Jup/Ura always activated in operations or accidents.

Gwen Stoney suggests that readers might like to attempt a rectification of Karen Scoble's Chart, based on the two events and other information given above. Since writing the article Gwen has received the birth time from Karen, and it will be published in the next "Astrologers' Forum".

- Dymock.

Cosmic Vibrations

The great Olympic Marathon run on the 12th August, which is a three-day, was won by Carlos Lopes, who had the number 723 which reduces to a three. Second place went to John Treacy carrying number 471, another three number and third place went to Charles Spedding carrying number 396, which reduces to nine (not the winning number, but in harmony with the three-day).

Our Robert de Castella carried number 25, totalling a seven - not in harmony with the three-day, but he did magnificently to come fifth.

- Marguerite.

From LESLIE BLACK (ENG.):

re Pluto

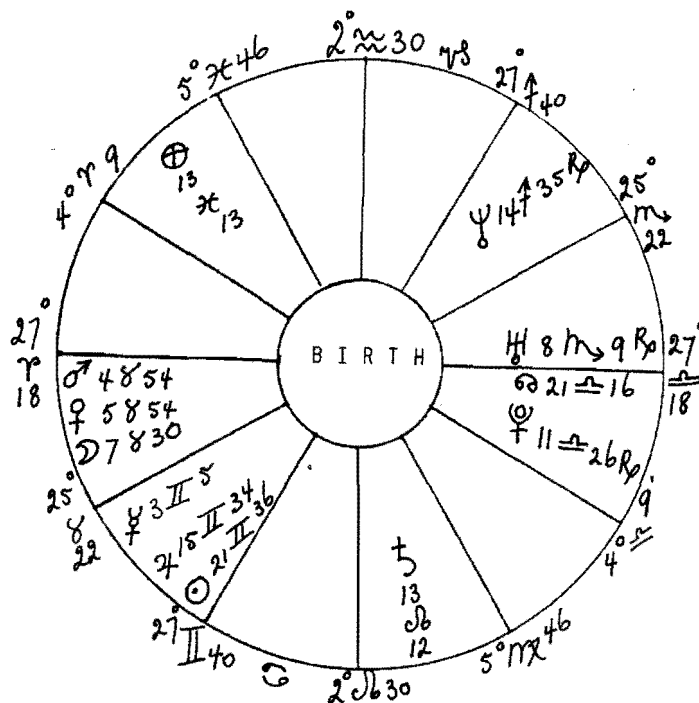
Allan Johnson's remark concerning Pluto that "astronomical knowledge about this planet is different now from what it was when Pluto was discovered" shows how little he has studied the progress of it and the very poor references made to it in modern astronomical journals. On March 23rd 1980 in an English television programme on Pluto given by that celebrated astronomer Patrick Moore he made the following comment.

"After fifty years studying Pluto we are as far away as ever in knowing what it really is, whether it be a satellite, asteroid, or spent force of a comet; and along with the newly-discovered Chiron will take many years, if ever, before we know the answer."

Allan's support for Pluto, quoting two incidents of Pluto beneficially aspecting the Sun in both cases, is hardly acceptable, on the grounds of insufficient data to back up his claims.

Alexander Marr's comment that "research with astronomically correct astrological systems have revealed that Pluto is an adequate planet in our astrological work", lacks corroboration. How can this be possible when it is known that even by allowing the most generous orbs of latitude Pluto transits only a third of its revolution within the Ecliptic, unless astrology has now reached a position where all boundaries are breached, and the mixing of geocentric and heliocentric co-ordinates has become the 'in thing'.

From ISOBEL BELL (TAS.):



30th June 1977 3:07 am Launceston Tas.
147 E 7; 41 S 25. Topocentric Cusps

This Horoscope is of a seven-year old girl who has suffered repeated chest infections since birth.

Dissatisfied with ineffectual medical treatment and repeated prescriptions for a variety of antibiotics, the child was taken to a paediatrician.

X-Rays showed that she'd suffered no permanent lung damage and blood tests revealed that she is asthmatic, her illness characterised by a wracking cough rather than the wheezing attacks more commonly associated with the illness.

It was also discovered that her asthma is due to allergic reaction to various factors - wheat, domestic pets and house dust being prime culprits. Since the child has been given a gluten-free diet her illness is controlled to the extent where medication (steroid-based inhalers and Intal) are no longer necessary.

In the 'Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology', Dr. Cornell considers asthma,

"...a disease of the Moon, Mercury, and Gemini and also the common Signs. Important areas in the disease are 18° Gemini and Sagittarius; Mercury in Gemini; Uranus in Cancer conjunct the Moon, and also afflicted by Neptune or Mars; Saturn afflicted in the third House; Mars afflicted in Taurus or Scorpio; Venus in Taurus conjunct or ill-aspected Mars..."

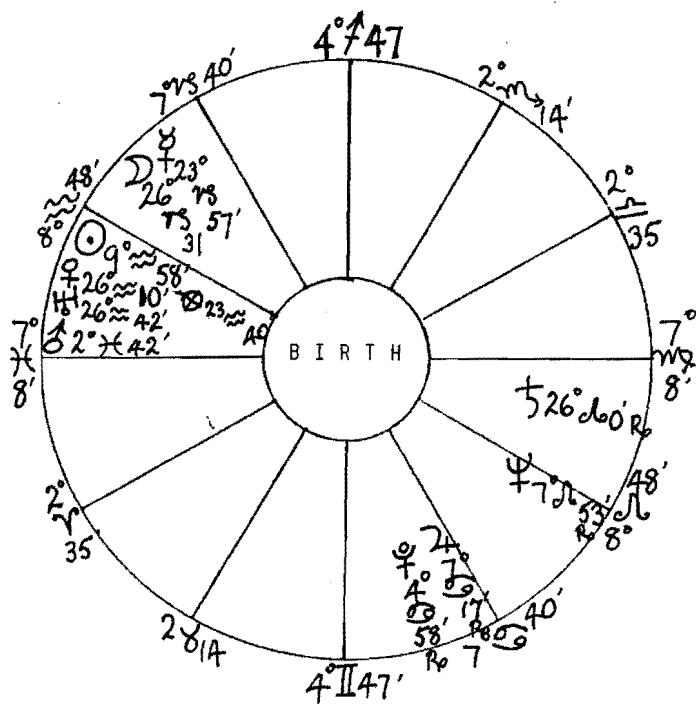
Several of these factors are readily seen from the Chart: Sun/Jupiter = 18Gem35; Neptune in Sagittarius opposite the Sun in Gemini; Uranus opposite the Moon and Mars, also Merc. in Gem., Ruling the 6th House

(ill health of respiratory tract); Pluto in the 6th opposite Sun/MC (12Ari3).

THE PRENATAL EPOCH

GWEN STONEY (NSW) has been researching the 'Prenatal Epoch' (Conception Chart) and DENNIS SUTTON of The Sydney Astrological Research Society has suggested that Southern Hemisphere Charts should be worked first as if they were for the Northern Hemisphere, until the correct interchange (Moon to ASC or DESC) is found, and then translated into the Southern Hemisphere.

Gwen is enthusiastic about this mode of operation, is trying it out, and cites as examples her own and her daughter's Charts. Gwen's birth time was said to be between 7 and 8 am and the speculative Chart below is for 7:30 am.



31st January 1919 Vaucluse N.S.W. 7:30 am
151 E 16°23' 33 S 51°17' Topocentric Cusps

I will outline the procedure Gwen uses, but here first is a summary of the Prenatal Epoch Rules from the text by E.H. Bailey:

The standard gestation period (conception to birth) is 273 days. This period is lengthened or shortened by a number of days according as the Moon at birth is increasing in light (waxing, going from new to full) or decreasing in light (waning, going from full to new), and further whether the Moon is above or below the Horizon.

1. If the Moon at birth is WAXING and ABOVE the Horizon the Natal Moon's position becomes the Ascendant at the Epoch, and the Moon's position at the Epoch becomes the Ascendant at birth. The gestation period is SHORTENED.

2. If the Moon at birth is WAXING and BELOW the Horizon the same interchange of position occurs but the gestation period is LENGTHENED.

3. If the Moon at birth is WANING and ABOVE the Horizon the Moon's position at birth becomes the Descendant at the Epoch and the Moon's position at the Epoch becomes the Descendant at birth. The gestation period is LENGTHENED.

4. If the Moon at birth is WANING and BELOW the Horizon the same interchange of positions as in 3. occurs but the gestation period is SHORTENED.

The above Rules have been supplemented by ALEXANDER MARR (see 'Astrologers' Forum', No 31, 19th February 1984, pages 2 and 3). The Church of Light publications laid down that the Rules worked only for a full-term birth - not Caesarian or induced.

Using the Prenatal Epoch for rectification of her own Horoscope (given time 7am - 8 am) Gwen arrived at a time of 7:29:39 am.

In Gwen's Chart the Moon is waning and above the Horizon, so according to the above rules the Moon's Birth position will be the Descendant in the Epoch Chart, and the Moon's position in the Epoch Chart will be the Descendant in the Birth Chart. The period of gestation would be longer than the norm.

The Index Date (defined as 273 days before the birth) in Gwen's case would be 2nd May 1918. Gwen was born on the 31st of January 1919, at 151 degrees East Longitude so the Universal-Time-day of birth was the day before - 30th January 1919. As the Ephemeris is calculated for Universal Time we have to subtract 273 days from this date, giving 2nd May 1918.

Gwen was born at 33°51'17" South Latitude, but assuming this was North latitude, her birth Ascendant would have been about 17 degrees of Aquarius, and the Descendant 17 degrees of Leo. The moon at birth would still be in Capricorn, around 26°31'.

We know that the gestation period in Gwyn's case would be longer than the norm, but the question is, by how much? The rule given by Bailey is to calculate the distance from the Descendant (in this case) to the Moon, and divide it by 13, which is the Moon's approximate daily motion. The answer is then the number of days that have to be added (in this case) to the 273-day normal gestation period.

(Where the moon is waxing - going from the new Moon to the full - the count is made to or from the Ascendant.)

With Gwen's Horoscope (assuming birth in the Northern latitudes) the distance from the Descendant at 17 degrees of Leo to the Moon at 26 degrees of Capricorn is 159 degrees.

Dividing this by 13 we arrive at 12, in round figures. This means, then, that 12 days has to be added to the normal 273 days gestation, bringing the date of conception back from 2nd May 1918 to 20th April 1918.

If we look in the Ephemeris for the 20th April 1918 we see that the Moon was indeed in Capricorn on that day, and now we have to find the Universal Time (or GMT) when 26 Cap 25 was setting, that is when 26 Can 25' was rising. If you don't have the benefit of a calculator or computer program to handle this, here is the method:

From a Table of Houses for Northern Latitudes determine the Sidereal Time when 26 Can 31 rises at latitude 33 N 51'17".

Or, by trigonometry:

Sidereal Time = (Oblique Ascension of ASC - 90)/15.

Oblique Ascension of ASC = Right Ascension - Ascensional Difference

Right Ascension = $\arctan(\tan \text{Zod.Long.} \times \cos 23.45)$

Ascensional Difference = $\arcsin(\tan \text{Declination of } 26 \text{ Can } 31 \text{ (i.e. } 116^\circ 31') \times \tan 33^\circ 51'17'')$

Declination = $\arcsin(\sin 116^\circ 31' \times \sin 23.45)$

The answer either way is 0h54m55s.

Now to find what U.T. (GMT) this represents proceed as follows:

26Can31 on ASC when Sid.T. = 0h54m55s
The Sidereal Time equivalent for 151 16'23" (10h5m6s) has to be subtracted, so for ease of operation add 24 hours

$$\begin{array}{r} 24 \ 00 \ 00 \\ 24 \ 54 \ 55 \\ - \ 10 \ 5 \ 6 \\ \hline 14 \ 49 \ 49 \end{array}$$

Subtract Sidereal Time at 0h on 20/4/1918

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \ 49 \ 03 \end{array}$$

Interval = 1 00 46

Subtract Sidereal/Solar time-correction for Interval, converting to Solar time U.T. of Birth

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \ 0 \ 10 \\ \hline 1 \text{h } 0 \text{m } 36 \text{s} \end{array}$$

If now we erect a Chart for UT 1h0m36s on 20/4/1918 at 151 16'23" East Longitude and 33 51'17" North latitude we get an Ascendant of 26 Can 30'53", and consequently the Descendant - which gives the position of the Moon in the Birth Chart - is 26 Cap 30'53".

The Moon in this Chart is placed at 20Leo 8'37", which is therefore the position of the Descendant in Gwen's Birth Chart - Ascendant 20 Aquarius 9, in round figures.

Following the procedure outlined above we find that with this Ascendant the Local Sidereal Time was 16h10m59s, and the U.T. of Birth was 21h29m39s on 30th January 1919,

or a local time (10 hours later, at the birthplace, Vaucluse, N.S.W.) of 7:29:39 am.

Using this time, and calculating the Horoscope for the correct Southern latitude (33 S 51' 17") we arrive at a Birth ASC of 7 Pis 4. This represents an adjustment of only four minutes of arc in respect of the original speculative Chart, evidently because it was a good guess to start with.

Gwen states that she has followed this procedure for speculative birth times of 8 am, 7:30 am and 7:00 am, and they all end up with the rectified time of 7:29:39 am. Gwen has rectified her daughter's Chart using this Prenatal Epoch method and gets the same result (within seconds) as rectification by Topocentric Primary Directions and Cosmobiology.

The Prenatal Epoch method adopted by Gwen is standard procedure, except for Gwen's innovation of working Southern Hemisphere Horoscopes as if they applied to the Northern Hemisphere, up until the final erection of the Rectified Chart. No doubt other researchers would like to test this procedure. It does seem highly significant that with her daughter's Chart, Gwen obtained the same result by the three different rectification techniques mentioned above.

I might mention that Gwen is an outstanding example of that very Aquarian virtue - the capacity for close observation and accurate recording of phenomena. The astrological work in which she engages is quite demanding and may very well enlarge the mental horizon of others, in true Aquarian fashion. The Sign Sagittarius at the Midheaven of her Chart is also indicative in this respect. I pay tribute to Gwen's indefatigable search for Truth and Wisdom.

- Dymock.

I remind readers of the opportunity to attempt a rectification of Karen Scoble's Chart (see page 6). An ounce of practice is worth a pound of theory. The correct birth time is now known to Gwen Stoney, and it will be transmitted to me in time for next month's "Astrologers' Forum". Any correct answers that reach me before publication will receive due publicity.

Another thing: Don't hold back on any interesting case histories in your possession. Send them to me with the data. This is the stuff that practical astrology is made of, and it's a prime way of enlarging one's experience - reading about the experiences of others.

Finally, please introduce "Astrologers' Forum" to your friends. If they are really keen astrologers this unique publication can only be of benefit to them, and their subscription will help to keep the project viable. My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Leslie Black's remarks in last month's "Astrologers' Forum" about Pluto have excited some interest - and dissenting views, which appear below. Elva Howson adds her experience to Thomas Zimmer's comment about the Saturn/Uranus/Pluto generation (1956-1966), and Allan Johnson gives some thoughts on the planetoid Chiron. No one, however, has essayed to finish the counselling interview discussed in the last issue, so perforce I shall do this myself.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.):

re PLUTO

I was interested in Leslie Black's remarks on Pluto in the June Issue. But I doubt if he will find many astrologers to agree with him. It may be that astronomical knowledge about this planet is different now from what it was when Pluto was discovered, but we are dealing with fantastic distances with outer planets, so it is quite possible that research will show even further reassessments as time goes on. Who will have the last word? But astrologers can only work with it in their day-to-day experiences in charts.

When I first got into professional work I was a bit reluctant to accept Pluto as the Ruler of Scorpio, but over the years I have found increasing evidence to support this. On one occasion a lady who was helping me with my work had Pluto making a trine by transit to her Sun at the very time I had the same transit to my own Sun. We both got legacies in that year! Seeing that a legacy is pretty much a once in a lifetime type of event, the odds against this being purely coincidental would be enormous.

On another occasion a client had Pluto conjunct his Sun by transit and arrived home one evening to find his ex-wife whom he had seen little of in 23 years, on his doorstep - and she was interested in re-marrying him! This is very much a typical Pluto event - bringing the past into the present. Things hidden over long periods can come to light, deaths and legacies, revelations, exposures, new beginnings, migrations, all are Pluto-oriented, and I have seen cases of these coinciding with

Pluto transits or Progressions over and over again. Pluto is often linked with journeys to the land of a person's origins, which is very Scorpio and 8th House.

Of course, I don't think we should expect transits or Progressions to line up with 100% certainty with any of the planets. But I think we can regard Pluto as a pretty reliable factor both in natal delineations and prediction. And this brings me to another planet, or planetoid if we like, Chiron.

re CHIRON

I have just been reading a new book by Erminie Lantero: "The Continuing Discovery of Chiron." This is the first book I have seen since Chiron's discovery in 1977. My renewed interest in it coincides with it's being exactly conjunct my natal Sun right now. It will recur at the end of this year and the middle of next, which will give me the opportunity for research. It has been linked with Scorpio and birth by some writers, as well as with Sagittarius and Virgo. I think the case for a Mercury/Virgo meaning is worth looking at. I know another person who has Chiron conjunct her Sun right now, and is finding she is being launched into a lot of activity with teaching and lecturing.

I think some astrologers jump too easily on to the bandwagon with these things and let themselves go with the mythological and legendary point of view - purely on the strength of the name Chiron. This was given to it by an astronomer, just out of the hat as it were. In this case we have to accept that such choices are inspired by a Higher Power. But should we accept this too readily? I prefer the more pragmatic approach of the checking on a day-to-day level. So I am making a practice of inserting it in each chart, but not giving it a lot of attention unless it is prominently placed.

Twins

I have another case of twins to do profiles on. Twins born in the Sign of the Twins. Two girls born 6th June 1984, 1.37 pm and 1.40 pm, Sydney. So, they are only three minutes apart. I think in a case like

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this we have extremely little to distinguish between them. Will they have identical destinies? I would say no, because of the powerful planets in the First House (Pluto, Saturn, Mars) and a T-square involving Sun/Moon/Uranus. These are signifiers for highly individualistic personalities. These children will have to pursue pretty independent ways of life. So I would think they would separate pretty early and pursue quite different types of career. So this would make for differences in their life stories in itself. The first would take a more positive role.

From ALEXANDER MARR (WEST GERMANY):

re LESLIE BLACK'S Statements About PLUTO

("Astrologers' Forum", June 1984, pages two and three)

Grey is any theory (Wolfgang von Goethe; Faust)

Research with astronomically correct astrological systems have revealed that Pluto is an adequate Planet in our astrological work. Its psychological expression is SHOCK. Its nature I have explained in 'Prediction using Common and Prenatal Cycles'.

In view of Pluto's signification as, for instance, sexual organs; death; end and new beginning, it has the characteristics of Scorpio, although I do not favour the mostly fictional applications of Rulers and Sub-Rulers in the Signs. The best and most simple way to analyze Pluto's efficacy are various precessional Lunar Returns. An approximate Lunar Return computation (by pocket calculator) takes not more than one minute, its rough analysis another minute. In this way every average astrologer can test the nature of any planet within a quite short time, analyzing only the planets that are close to the Angles of the Lunar Chart in question.

These Angular planets reflect with an astonishing accuracy the psychological conditions of the native during the operational period, mostly resulting from minor or major events. Another advantage of these Lunars (except the ASC-Lunar or Conception-Lunar) is the fact that Lunar technique may also be applied for Radices with approximate birth times.

Re Jenifer Pommerin's views about the accuracy of given birth times (Astrologers' Forum June 1984, page three)

We have to realize that the number of countries which nowadays are trying to record birth times accurately is extremely small. On the other hand in our research and practice we have to deal mostly with middle-aged

people and older generations, for instance V.I.P.'s. Therefore most birth times are at best given to a quarter of an hour. As concerns the more advanced countries; I found that even birth times given to minutes are not as exact as they pretend to be.

In my personal recordings I have so far five cases of accurate birth time recording: Two sons, and three children of friends. By now these children have reached an age suitable for rectification of their Charts. The rectification results have been throughout within a minute of the recorded time, taking the first breath or cry of the child. My advice: Don't regard any birth time given to the minute as absolutely trustworthy.

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC.):

Saturn/Uranus/Pluto

Thomas Zimmer raised an interesting point re the Mars-conjunct-Uranus-conjunct-Pluto-opposite-Saturn people. I really can't answer the question of the long term technological effect but from what I have observed of individual cases I have genuine doubts that many of that 'generation' will be left to create a long term result. We all expect some 'normal' rebelliousness and anti-authority attitude from the youth of the day but the young with this configuration seem hell-bent on destroying themselves in a dozen different ways at once, they appear to have a very poor comprehension /awareness of consequences.

The phrases I use for them: "Dare-devil restlessness; anything for a momentary thrill; rebel against authority/restriction at ANY cost. The planetary line-up is like a self-destruct fuse. Probably some will have other strong chart influences to counteract the malefic aspects but I can assure you trines from Sun, Moon or Venus do little good, the people just seem to be lacking in control over their strengths and weaknesses.

Death Significators

Was it a misprint/oversight or am I to conclude that Uranus is not considered by you to be a significator of death?

(Uranus I regard as signifying suddenness and unexpectedness, but not malefic unless afflicting or afflicted by one or more of the traditional "malefics". In conjunction or good aspect with Jupiter I have found it to bring sudden good fortune. - Dymock.)

I agree that Jupiter is not always a life saving influence, in fact, I have observed that it is often strongly active in cases

of instant death by crushing (together with Saturn) these cases afford a quick death as against a slower more painful experience.

The Vertex

I was disappointed that Alexander Marr was not more enthusiastic about the Vertex. I have been researching this point (although my work unfortunately is rather slow) and I have very good results working with it, possibly more so in Solar Returns than the Secondary System, I agree it is more an indicative rather than a causative point.

S.R. Location

The question of the native's location on the DAY of their Solar Return is an interesting one from the 'fate-dodging' side of the argument. My observations are that while the change of location does not appear to entirely alleviate the action of a malefic conjunct a S.R. Angle (or a benefic for that matter), the reaction experienced by the native can be modified/intensified by a change of location from the birth place. I do think a period of at least several days would be required in the case of a very temporary location change for the sole purpose of experiencing a 'softer' Solar Return.

Astrological Counselling

In the last Issue of Astrologers' Forum I quoted from the book Astrological Counseling by Christina Rose the record of an interview the author had had with a client (Pam). In this interview Pam expressed her anger and frustration with her married life, as her husband (Tony) left her and the baby alone at home nearly every night while he attended to business matters.

My comment was that a professional counsellor might be expected to offer more help to the client than merely pointing out the obvious - that Pam's idea of separating from Tony would not solve the problem of the marriage. Of course Pam did benefit by being able to express her anger and resentment freely to a sympathetic ear. This is often the chief therapy needed, and may lead to the client solving her own problems. But in the present instance it seems something more is required, as the interview finishes on a note of desperation, with Pam saying, "...what else can I do to make him see".

I invited readers to contribute their own ideas of how the interview might profitably have proceeded. As no one has accepted this invitation, I submit my own counselling effort, and invite comment or additions. After all this is a prime way

to make astrology practical and useful instead of merely an intellectual exercise, and so it deserves attention:

Cllr: Well the problem is clear enough, now how can we deal with it? I think the essential thing is to open up more "lines of communication" with Tony. He has to be made aware of how serious the problem is for you. It's possible he is so involved with business affairs he doesn't fully appreciate the frustrations of your life.
Pam: He *** well doesn't! Or he couldn't go out every night!

Cllr: Well, it's not as if he's running around with other women. You know that he loves you, and he's very conscientious and hard-working in the business.

(In Tony's Birth Chart the Sun and Saturn are in conjunction in the Sign VIRGO, which spells a deep sense of responsibility and unflagging industry.)

Pam: I just wish he'd pay more attention to me instead of worrying about the *** business all the time!

Cllr: I believe he still has the same feelings towards you as he did when you married. His intense application to the business is a large part of this concern, as he feels responsible for maintaining your present living standards.

Pam: Yes, I suppose maybe that's right.

Cllr: You have to draw him into a full discussion of the present set-up. He's an intelligent man, and can't fail to recognize your needs and the causes of your unhappiness. Ask him is it more important to have a successful business than a successful marriage.

Pam: Of course he's very keen to make the business successful, and I want that too. I just don't want him to go on as if the business is the only thing that matters.

Cllr: Well, the main thing is plenty of honest talk between you. Men sometimes become so obsessed with one idea that they overlook the obvious in other departments. You have to talk it out freely with him. Don't lapse into furious silence. Give him a chance to put matters right by rearranging his life style, and I think he will.

Pam: Yes, all right, I'll try that. Thanks. I'll let you know how I get on. - Dymock.

From MARGUERITE BROSE, (N.S.W.): If I had been Pam's Counsellor my woman's point of view would have been the following: Apart from the great sorrows in life we make most of our own unhappiness - loneliness, boredom, frustrations, etc, ourselves. Women, if they want to be truly emancipated and enjoy a certain freedom have to learn to develop their own skills and potentials, thereby abolishing their emotional dependence

on men.

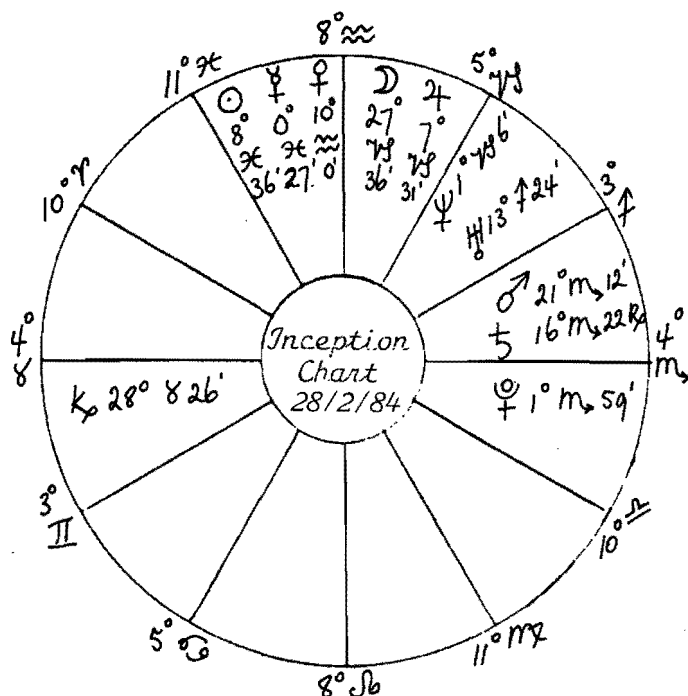
Pam may be hampered at the moment by her situation but there are child-care centres and nurseries that gladly look after children for a morning or afternoon session. A single-parent friend of mine is teaching T'ai C'hi twice a week and attending an art class once a week - her baby is 15 months old and adores the company of other toddlers in the day-care centre.

Instead of being a dependent female, Pam should try to be an interested party to her husband's business dealings - full of her own experiences to discuss with him and giving her opinions.

Pam should know that if a person is a worker e.g. a Virgoan, neither she nor anyone else will ever change the basic nature of that person. As Dymock says above, his working so hard is Tony's way of saying "I care". To wish to change a person is only wooing disaster. Accept the facts of life - change yourself and work towards happiness. That, I think, might have been painful for Pam but it is positive advice.

Chiron

Readers may remember the inceptional Chart shown below of my first contacting a teacher of Chinese Calligraphy ("Astrologers' Forum" Issue No. 32). The only application of the Moon was its rather close trine to Chiron.



The contact with Mr. Chu (the Chinese teacher) has had many beneficial ramifications. The fact that the association has been primarily connected with the develop-

ment of calligraphic skill, supports Allan Johnson's suggestion that Chiron might be associated with Virgo (Sign of the Craftsman). It is interesting also that the Moon rules the 3rd House, with Geminian connotations. (Intellect, Communication).

From LESLIE BLACK (England): You mention in your final paragraph on death Directions in the "Forum", 'What orb should be allowed for Directions, Progressions, and Transits?'

With regard to all three these should not exceed 1 degree only. With Transits the conjunction should be the only effective aspect to be considered between principle significators. But what is important is that it is not enough for the conjunction to be longitudinal, for it must correspond also to the orb of latitude allowed between the occulted position and the transiting planet. Research has shown that two degrees of latitude should be regarded as a maximum separation between the occulted position and the transiting body for effectiveness, otherwise no interaction in the birth magnetic field will bring a positive result.

The failure of astrologers to understand the astronomical significance of what brings an effective transit about is responsible for astrologers saying that transits do not work, as many even do not take the trouble to compile a list of latitude and declinations of the birth positions. Another reason also why this is important is that the birth positions of the planets are not the same all through life. They are subject to progression at the rate of 50 secs per year, so that at any time the precessed position is different from the Radical position.

STOP PRESS!

I have just received a note from ALEXANDER MARR to the effect that the Publisher of Marr's book "Prediction II" has brought it onto the market without having given him a chance to correct the galley proofs.

Marr has already tried to stop the delivery, but in the event that the book should appear without an "Errata" sheet, he advises astrologers NOT to buy it.

Naturally, an unrevised edition contains errors that can be misleading.

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A further item of interest to the increasing number of astrologers owning or using Commodore-64 computers: RUDOLF SMIT, 12 Rockcliffe Street, Eltham, Victoria, the Australian representative of MATRIX software

CAN NOW PRODUCE HERE IN AUSTRALIA ALL THE PROGRAMS FOR THIS POPULAR MODEL. Hitherto there have been lengthy delays between ordering the Programs from the U.S.A. and receiving them here in good condition through a sometimes uncertain mail service.

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Topocentric Primary Directions in Action

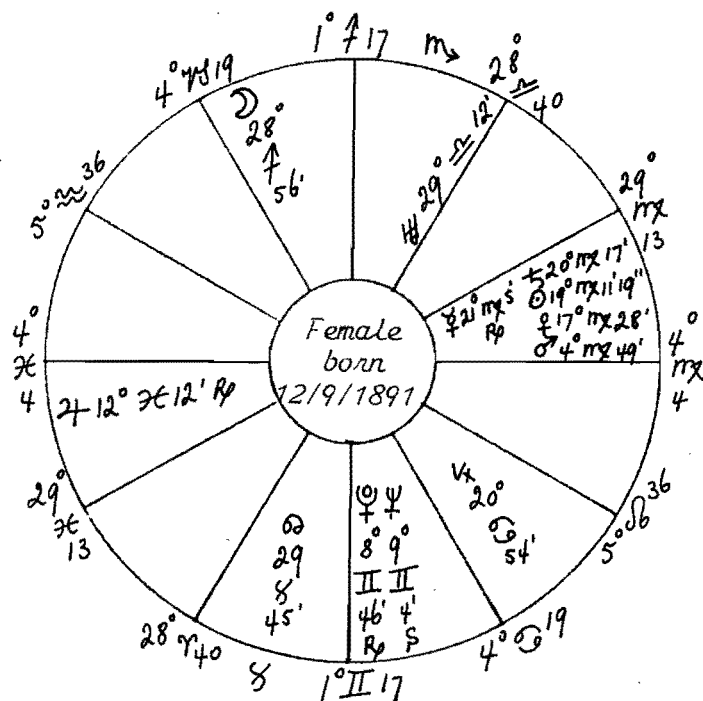
In the May "Astrologers' Forum" I undertook to give some examples of T.P.D.'s when space was available. The Horoscope below is the Birth Chart of a woman who died on 5th October 1977, after being taken to hospital six days previously on the 27th September.

The Topocentric Primary Direction for this event was SATURN SQUARE ASC on 27th September, 1977. This is a typical Primary Direction, and one that I have mentioned previously in connection with the Significators of death. Saturn's natal conjunction with the Sun was no doubt a potent influence in the final drama.

The Chart did not need rectification, but was cast for the given time of birth - 4:28 pm at Sydney on 12th September 1891.

For any who wish to check the calculations, the geographical longitude and latitude used were 151E10 and 33S55. Saturn's Pole is 27.697 degrees South, and its Oblique Descension 168.874 degrees. On 27/9/1984 Saturn's Oblique Descension had increased to 4Sag4 where it was exactly square the ASC.

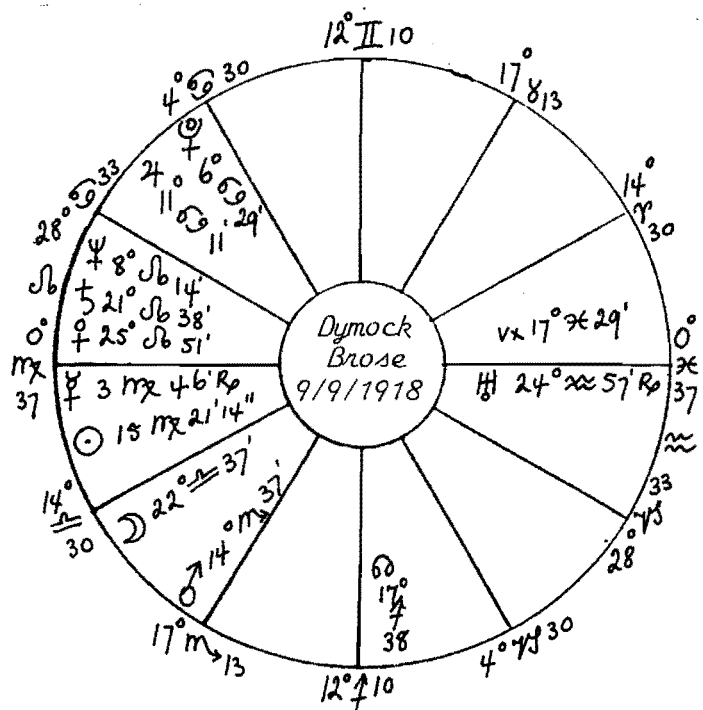
I have previously given the method of calculation for Primary Directions, but anyone interested can obtain a copy of the



necessary formulae if they send a self-addressed envelope and \$1 to cover postage, etc.

It is important to note that with T.P.D.'s the Significator's Pole and its Ascensional Difference under that Pole are calculated differently from the older version (as, for instance, in DeLuce's textbook, "Complete Method of Prediction").

Here is a further Nativity - my own - also calculated for the given time of birth.



Here are some of the highlights from my undistinguished career: On 9th October 1925 at the age of seven, I was nearly killed on the Manakau Road, Auckland, N.Z., but escaped with five months' hospitalization. The Primary Direction was MARS SQUARE SATURN, exactly to date - 9/10/1925. (They are not always as close as this, of course.)

In early February 1940 I was called up for military training. Primary Direction MOON CONJUNCT MARS on 25/1/1940.

After the War, on 16th August 1950, when money was scarce (my chronic malady) I achieved the distinctly good fortune of being able to buy a block of land for my first home, with the aid of a Bank overdraft. Primary Direction MC CONJUNCT JUPITER on 22/8/1950.

On 17th May 1951 I accepted the offer of employment with a good firm and was happy to stay there for the next 21 years. Primary Direction: SATURN SEXTILE SUN on 10th May 1951.

On 4th February 1972 (having survived - though not well - a difficult first marriage and subsequent separation) I had the great good fortune to link up with my present wife. Primary Directions, which tell their own tale, were SUN CONJUNCT JUPITER on 26/1/1972, and VENUS CONJUNCT MARS on 6/2/1972.

As a dedicated astrologer all those years I kept precise dates of the major events in my life, and many of the minor ones too, a practice I recommend to all astrologers, whether professionals or students. If and when you want to test any prognostic system the information right at hand is invaluable.

Here are a few more incidents from this obscure saga:

On 31st March 1936 I started work in the legal department of a Sydney Bank, a stroke of good fortune that lifted me from a condition of respectable poverty to one of comparative but indifferent affluence. The Primary Direction was SUN SQUARE JUPITER on 2nd April 1936. No one should be deceived by the square. Both the Sun and Jupiter are well placed and unafflicted in my Chart, and Jupiter exercised its traditional benefic influence.

Towards the end of May 1945 I commenced the study of radio, inaugurating a fundamental change in my life. It directed me away from stuffy legal corridors and into the fascinating world of electronics, which was a revelation to me, and a continuing source of wonder at the limitless ingenuity of the human mind. The very appropriate Primary Direction was MIDHEAVEN CONJUNCT PLUTO on 16th June 1945. (PLUTO = fundamental changes; MIDHEAVEN = life direction).

To cut a long, and perhaps tedious story short, I was providentially released from bread-winning labour and able to concentrate on the obsessive interest of my life -

Astrology - in September 1978. Hitherto the ancient art and science had been a long-continued but interrupted interest, study and practice. From that year it absorbed most of my time, and, with the new and marvellous tools available to the modern astrologer - electronic calculators and computers - it has been a source of intense delight to me ever since.

The Primary Direction that introduced this euphoric state of being was none other than JUPITER CONJUNCT THE SUN, exact on 6th July 1978, but shedding its expansive and benefic influence over an extended period of time.

I hope this brief account of the efficacy of TOPOCENTRIC PRIMARY DIRECTIONS will encourage more astrologers to study and apply them. To avoid tedious mathematics you will need either a programmable calculator or a computer. The first-named might preferably be a Casio FX-602P, and the latter a Commodore-64. I shall be glad to offer any help wanted. - Dymock.

Bonds between Brothers

JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.) has now obtained the consent of the parents to publish the birth data of the two brothers she mentioned in the June "Astrologers' Forum", the sons of a black and a white parent:

Boy 1: 4:30 am local time, Melbourne, 25th September, 1980.

Boy 2: 11:26 am Daylight Saving Time, Melbourne (Eastern Standard Time, 10:26 am), 2nd November, 1982.

Jenifer's previous remarks were (June "Forum"), "These boys, born approximately 13 months apart, have several astrological bonds. The most striking are Moon to Sun opposition; Mercury conjunct Pluto; a prominent Saturn."

Jenifer now adds, "The Moon in the first Chart probably would not have such an impact in the life as there is one other planet in the same Hemisphere."

"Already the boys have had some experiences different from the average toddler. They both left Australia after birth for their mother's country. Now they are staying for some months with the father's parents in yet another country."

So, in the early environmental sense (home), they have experienced some changes."

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- Dymock, 19th July, 1984.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

In last month's "Astrologers' Forum" I reported that Dr. Geoffrey Dean of West Australia is testing my hypothesis that death is astrologically signified by certain Progressions or Directions to either the IC or the ASC. The aspects so far specified are conjunctions, oppositions or squares involving Pluto, Neptune, Saturn or Mars with the Angles or with the Sun or Moon if the Luminary concerned is 'Hyleg'. I did not assume that the list is exhaustive, and I called on other astrologers of experience to contribute their ideas on the subject. It is to be remembered that we are trying to find a hypothesis that will account with true astrological symbology for ALL deaths, and yet not have so many factors that one is almost bound to be involved by chance at every demise.

So far little help has been forthcoming on this subject, the only contribution being from LESLIE BLACK of England, who writes as follows: "I don't think your hypothesis is wide enough to cover all the potentialities that result in death. While one Direction may look powerful enough to bring about death, experience has shown that this is usually not the case, as it is accompanied by a series of Directions of a lesser nature, and to an extent supported by appropriate transits and Lunar activity. Some horoscopes are seen to respond more to the latter than to actual Directions themselves.

"It is true that Saturn and Mars are considered anaretic promitters, and tend to destroy life when the 'Hyleg' is Directed to them. Also, although both Jupiter and Venus can be the main indicators of death, either through illness or accident, they cannot actually bring death about.

"I question the IC being taken as a Significator, as although a fixed point, like the ASC, it is concerned only with the conditions prevailing at the end of life, and is not considered a health-area indicative of physical death. The same applies to the Eighth House which, being a terminal House like the Fourth, describes only the manner of death, and is not consistent enough to warrant much credence, a complicating factor being the number of House systems in use, showing varying positions for the same death.

"It has been found that Progressed parallels of the ASC and Sun to Radical malefics can prove fatal, as can malefic midpoints of planets when Directed to the conjunction or opposition of the ASC, if within one degree only.

"Uranus and Neptune are noted for creating the conditions at death by their very nature, while MARS and SATURN are the prime movers as destroyers of life. I exclude Pluto altogether."

The above raises some interesting points, not the least being that Leslie 'EXCLUDES PLUTO ALTOGETHER' (!) as a Significator of death, or indeed, of anything else, as private correspondence with Leslie has revealed that he ascribes no significance whatsoever to this body. This certainly comes as a great surprise to many, including myself and Marguerite, and, on the basis of our personal experience, we find ourselves unable to adopt Leslie's view. I would certainly want to include Pluto as a Significator in any investigation into the astrological indication of death.

Leaving that aside however, I fully agree with Leslie that TRANSITS, when PRINCIPAL Significators, should be included, with the qualification that they must be either STATIONARY or SLOW in motion, through just arriving at, or leaving, first or second Station. This means, of course, transits only of the 'death' planets, Saturn, Mars, Neptune - and Pluto! Jupiter, though often present at deaths, cannot be regarded as a causative factor, but rather as signifying an easy passage from this life to the next.

It is agreed that one single Direction or Progression is insufficient to cause death, but the difficulty lies in defining (for statistical purposes) the number and nature of the supporting indications. In my correspondence with Geoffrey Dean on this matter I remarked that I thought it had to be left to the judgement of the astrologer, and that I did not see how the indications could be adequately defined.

Geoffrey replied, 'It should be possible to produce a list of Radix indications that virtually all astrologers would agree on, and another larger list that relatively few might agree on; in other words, we can put bounds on the likely indications, and then calculate the range of outcomes within these

phenomenon which can be traced on any star map or celestial atlas showing Pluto to be separated by more than twice the allotted orb of latitude allowed from the position of 0° Scorpio 0° , (which if I may use a simple analogy), is like a person stationed in Melbourne claiming he is in physical contact with another in Sydney! Only of course the linear distance between Sign and planet is considerably greater!

So how can astrologers contend that Pluto rules Scorpio, when it does not even transit the Sign?, or even be exalted in it, - as some pundits would have us believe'.

The fact is that Pluto has been boosted up out of all proportion over the last 53 years, which today has almost amounted to 'Pluto Mania'. Indeed all the events and happenings that have been attributed to it could have been due to other planetary causes instead, whether Pluto has been inside or outside the limits of a Sign.

The case for Pluto being a genuine astrological influence is further questionable when all the astronomical factors about it are taken into account, as when it was discovered to be six times smaller and less massive than the perturbation of Uranus seemed to require. This proves that the residue forces on Uranus could still come from a more distant planet. If this does eventually happen, and a new giant Trans-Plutonian planet is discovered, it will be interesting to see what Rulership astrologers will ascribe to it!

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.): The 'Interview' with Alexander Marr (May Issue) has style. Further dialogues with other experienced astrologers would be fascinating, and of great value as well to those still learning.

I take slight umbrage, though, at his statement concerning the recording of birth times (last para. page 3). The obstetric team routinely check the wall-clock at the moment of delivery. (The time is important as it signifies a stage in labour, and also, because of possible complications arising from anoxia of the newborn - in particular where the infant makes no attempt to breathe). This, then, is the time usually marked down - which I must admit is very much dependent upon the individual's memory!

Leslie Black's article brings to mind an exciting lead as regards singleton planets, and the Moon in particular.

Two brothers with a similar chart pattern as that of the sextuplets, come from a racially 'mixed' marriage. One parent is black, and the other is white.

When one thinks of the Moon and its symbolism .. mother-home, roots in the clan,

security, self-consciousness, feelings, prejudice, the general public, the heredity ... then perhaps a personally felt isolation, via the separated Moon, could be a pretty big factor in their lives. And this may also apply to the sextuplets.

These boys, born approximately 13 months apart, have several astrological bonds. The most striking are - Moon to Sun opposition; Mercury conjunct Pluto; a prominent Saturn.

I endorse Ross Harvey's recommendation re the submission of birth data. However, in this case, there hasn't been time to contact the parents for permission to do so. There could be some delay before the boys' birth data is made available, as the family is often away.

From ROD AND COLLEEN BRANDT (QLD.):

The Chamberlain Chart

Isobel Bell's comments on retrograde Mars are quite fitting, but in regard to the ASC we think it is being overlooked that the events are happening to her, not the baby.

To put the configuration in the 5th House is putting the emphasis on the baby, not the mother. We believe the Leo subdecane of Aries is just not powerful enough to give this lady the control and power that she so obviously has.

The royal Sign Leo also knows how to conduct itself in a manner appropriate to the occasion and the circumstances of the moment. One only has to look at the way that she walks and the clothes she wears to see this, in fact, we almost expected to see that royal wave many a time while watching the trial on the news.

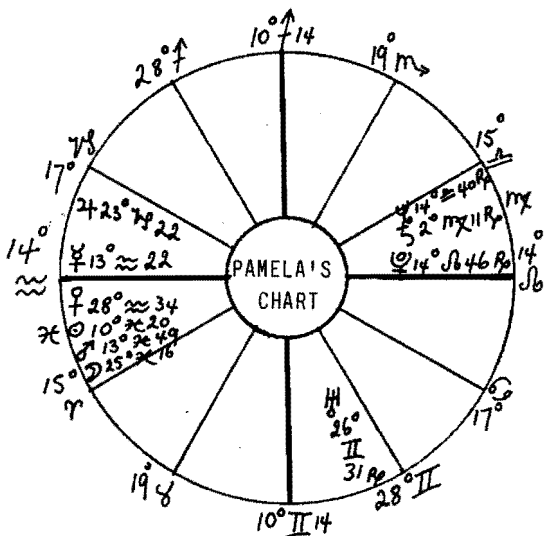
Also don't forget to take into consideration the placing of Trans-Pluto in the Chart. If you use the Leo ASC, conjunct Pluto, which gives her the power that she has, Trans-pluto is at 4 degrees Leo and Saturn and Mars at 17 and 22 degrees Leo respectively. This puts the ASC at 13 Leo, with Pluto conjunct right on the midpoint of Transpluto and Mars. To quote John Robert Hawkins in his book on Transpluto this midpoint is 'severed throats, brutality, and bloodied crimes, decapitation, untiring, extraordinary physical and mental energy and powers; never gives up', and so on. The list goes on, all confirming the Leo ASC with the relevant planets in these places. We have done a lot of work and research on this lady's Chart and the events that have happened, and we have dug up a lot of evidence to confirm the Leo ASC, some of which we can't put into print, and everywhere the transits for the events all confirm what we have just said.

Astrological Counselling

(Continuing the discussion of Christina Rose's book - see "Astrologers' Forum", Issue No. 33)

Ms Rose goes deeply into the theory of the Signs and Houses, but without giving any practical exemplification of the principles expounded, and certainly the profundity of the theory is by no means matched by the transcripts of the counselling sessions. These are more on the level of a neighbourly chat over the back fence. Such a neighbourly chat may be all that is necessary for people whose problems fall short of the need for psychotherapy, but it seems a little pretentious to dignify it by the name of 'counselling'.

Here is one of the transcripts from the book - the author's interview with a client: "Pamela has been married once, but it only lasted a matter of a year or so because her husband drank a lot and ran around after many other women. Pam describes him as a no-good who got entangled in all kinds of impossible schemes and escapades about which they had many stormy arguments. She adds that he made her feel very worthless and depressed.



The Sun and Mars in a woman's chart are taken as signifiers of the type of masculine spirit she looks for and attracts in her relationships with men. Here, they are conjunct in Pisces, and Mars is within orb of a quincunx aspect to Neptune on the Eighth House Cusp (Neptune the Ruler of Pisces). This suggests the type of 'lightweight' Martian energy that Pam seems to have met through this relationship, i.e. one that is unfocused, emotionally muddled, entangled in foggy webs rather than clearly directed. They are in wide opposition to Saturn in the Seventh House, there is a closer opposition of Venus and Saturn, and Pluto falls on the DESC. Together these highlight the 'worthless and depressed' feeling attributed to her partner's behaviour, as well as the powerful and destructive 'stormy arguments' they went through.

Pam is a very dynamic, artistic and original person who has lived her life in exciting and adventurous ways (ASC in Aquarius, Moon square Uranus, Sun and Moon in Pisces, MC in Sagittarius). [The author misses the prime factor in Pam's dynamic nature, exciting and adventurous ways, etc., which is Sun conjunct Mars in

Pisces - certainly not ASC in Aquarius. - D.]

She is a talented painter and designs her own clothes; but more than anything else she has enjoyed travelling the world (Sagittarius at the MC, Mercury rising) (I myself have Mercury conjunct the ASC, and desire nothing better than to stay put, enjoy my interests and get on with my work. - D.) and to this end has worked as a courier and in travel firms.

Having ended her first marriage, Pam then met Tony who has Sun conjunct Saturn in Virgo (opposite her Sun and Mars). Tony has Sagittarius on the ASC and shares with Pam a love of travelling. When they met he was also working as a courier/travel guide and eventually they decided to start a venture of their own in travel and tour services. Pam put a great deal of flair and energy (Aquarius, Moon square Uranus, Sun conjunct Mars) alongside Tony's organizational skills (Sun conjunct Saturn in Virgo): she was also instrumental in helping him make new contacts and had a knack of sensing the right things at the right time generally (Pisces, Moon square Uranus in 4th, Jupiter in 12th). Amongst it all they fell in love and married. They both wanted to have a child and were delighted when Michelle, their baby daughter, was born.

However, Pam began to feel very distraught because Tony was working practically all the time keeping the travel service going; occasionally he travelled abroad, but he was also out most evenings working in the bureau organizing tour programmes or otherwise meeting other people and contacts. All in all, Pam saw very little of him. As Pam and the counsellor talk, Pam's distress seems to contain some muddled emotion (Pisces, Neptune in 8th) dramatic fury and a few verbal histrionics (Moon square Uranus in 4th, Pisces, Mercury opposite Pluto across the ASC/DESC Aquarius/Leo) [Again, Sun conjunct Mars in Pisces is the principal factor - D.]

Pam: I mean that *** man is out five nights a week at least! I can't stand it much longer. Sometimes I think I shall just *** leave and that's all there is to it (powerful ultimatums from Sun conjunct Mars. Mercury opposite Pluto, Aquarius/Leo).

Cllr: You're thinking of leaving Tony altogether?

Pam: Well, I am not going to go on like this much longer that's for sure (furious and adamant).

Cllr: Yes, if he's away most evenings that must be pretty grim, especially if you're left alone with the baby (pauses). How many evenings would you like Tony to be home?

Pam: Well, at least three or four, I mean that's not too much to *** ask surely!

Cllr: No, I wouldn't have thought so (pauses). I can understand that you're feeling angry and upset Pam, but at the same time I have the feeling that in the process your needs are getting a bit muddled up. You see, if Tony's out five evenings a week and you'd like him home three or four, I don't quite see how leaving him is going to get you nearer...I mean, by leaving you'd have him with you no evenings a week.

Pam: (Big sigh) OK, but what else can I do to make him see?

The transcript ends there. How would you finish it? Here is an opportunity to develop your skills as a counsellor. Let me know your ideas, or give an imagined dialogue. All submissions will be considered for publication.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th June 1984.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH ALEXANDER MARR

by Dymock Brose

The German-born astrologer Alexander Marr is internationally known as a dedicated practitioner and keen researcher into the more advanced aspects of the art. Over the past thirty-five years, with the aid of computer technology, he has not only investigated Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Progressions but also developed a wide variety of cyclic horoscopes, including Prenatal Solar and Lunar Returns and 'Ascendant-Lunar' Charts, both in the Tropical and the Sidereal Zodiacs. He has worked in collaboration with Cyril Fagan (eminent exponent of the Sidereal system) and the famous A.P. Nelson Page and Wendel Polich who, in Argentina in the 1960's, originated the Topocentric system of House Division and Primary Progression, the most momentous astrological advance of this Century.

Marr is the author of three books on astrology embodying his researches, Prediction, Using Common and Prenatal Cycles, Prediction II and Prediction III, the last-named still awaiting publication. Very recently he has completed some studies on the Prenatal Epoch which promise to establish this technique on a truly scientific basis, and details of which will appear in Prediction III.

Aside from his achievements in the field of astrology, Marr is also a highly skilled musician, having been first violinist with Radio Symphony Orchestras in Germany and Ireland. During the Second World War he was a cypher expert with the German Air Force.

In this 'Interview', which perforce was conducted by correspondence, Marr gives his views and experience in relation to a variety of astrological issues of pressing interest to all serious astrologers.

Question: You have done a great deal of independent astrological research over a number of years and are in a better position than most to give an authoritative opinion on the controversial and other aspects of Astrology. First of all, do you consider

the Topocentric system of House Cusps the most satisfactory? Do you use them for Primary Directions, Secondary Progressions and transits?

Answer: Yes, I think the Topocentric System of Houses fulfills all the conditions that are necessary to give astrology the base for scientific research as well as for serious predictions.

I use Topocentric Houses in all astronomically correct and astrologically effective systems: In an advanced interpretation of the Radix and the Prenatal Epoch, both rectified, and in the Primary Directional System where, without doubt, the Naibod key 1 year = 59' 08.33" is valid. My experience with this measurement goes as far back as 1950. From this time on I made valid rectifications with the MC and ASC. From 1962 onwards I included the Topocentric System for Houses and interplanetary Directions, improving my results (number and quality of Directions) by at least 60%, and in Secondary Directions progressed and regressed, where the Solar Arc in Right Ascension for Directing Angles and House cusps, without doubt gives satisfactory results with an astonishing accuracy as well.

Q: How do you rate the importance of the Midheaven and ASC as compared with the Sun and Moon?

A: I think it is not possible to compare the one with the other. Let us say I give to MC and ASC almost the same importance as tradition teaches.

So far as the Sun and Moon are concerned, I treat them according to their significance in the birth chart. In some charts the Sun and/or Moon may be of less importance than some of the planets. The Sun, mainly if surrounded by other planets (frequently Mercury and Venus) in aspect to the ASC, may greatly influence the character and destiny of the native, with the symbolism of the Sun-Sign. Generally valid Sun-Sign characteristics however have to be rejected. The same applies for the Moon, which can only develop its pure symbolism in the character of a native if it has a relationship to the Radical ASC.

EXAMPLE: In my Birth Chart, the Sun, Mercury and Mars occupy the 9th House in Tropical Aries. This configuration is in trine to the ASC in Leo and to Angular Saturn. Here

the Sun (and also Mars in its own Sign, Aries) strengthens the position of Saturn in a mighty trine from high in the sky, (orb 4' of arc). In fact my character mainly resulted from a combination of Sun, Mercury, Mars and Saturn.

My Moon in the Second House only affected my sources of living in that I always preferred secure jobs as an employee (Moon in Virgo). But to a certain extent this latter characteristic may also be related to Angular Saturn.

The MC, which to a large extent has to be related to the career of the native, reflects the successes and failures of the native, while the ASC with its aspects promotes or obstructs the career.

Q: How much importance do you attach to the Moon's Nodes?

A: The Mean Nodes symbolize relationship to other individuals. The Ascending Node promotes relationship, the Descending Node separates from relatives and friends, often in combination with Saturn (mourning). The Mean Node can never act alone as it is only a catalyzer. (See 'Prediction I', page 84).

Q: You have published many cyclic charts (Solar and Lunar) and though in your books you seem to rate the Tropical Returns as most significant for events, most of your demonstrations and examples are concerned with precessed or Sidereal Returns. Do you consider these of greater importance?

A: Tropical and Sidereal Cycles have different specifications which cannot be explained in a few words. Here the following example may help to explain the differentiation: In his fatal Solar year 1963, former President J.F. Kennedy had a very impressive Tropical Solar Return Chart for his assassination, with Moon, Mars, Uranus and Pluto right on the MC (conj. Regulus), in opposition to Saturn (IC) and in a mundane square to Neptune (ASC).

The relevant Sidereal Solar Return Chart, however, mainly showed his immense success during that year (Jupiter) but no obvious indications for his assassination. In fact, the psychological experience of J.F.K. had been absolutely positive during this Solar year, while his sudden death neither produced suffering nor any other psychological experiences concerning his death.

Main events are always better indicated by the Tropical Solar. For particulars see Prediction I, pages 11, 39-41).

Q: The French astrologer, Volguine (now deceased) and some others, have recommended travelling to a distant place on the day of a Solar Return if thereby one would obtain more favourable House positions of the planets.

This to me has always seemed a dubious theory. Can you comment on this belief?

A: I don't think that the change of the place of residence for a short time can change the outcome of main events, which naturally should also be supported by all effective astrological systems. A well-chosen place for the days surrounding the Solar Return may give some fortunate experiences at that place, but no changes in main events (predestination). Experience shows that even short-lasting Cycles, such as all kinds of Sidereal Lunar Returns, have to be recomputed for the new place of residence if it has been changed after the operational date. The place of residence always has priority in all cases where certain factors of the Transit System are involved, such as, Ascensional Transits (Meridian Distance in Oblique Ascension or Oblique Descension applied to Radical MDO's), Solar and Lunar Return Charts and, to a certain extent, also Eclipses and Lunations. The two latter should also be analyzed with birth coordinates.

Q: Volguine also taught that of first importance with Solar Returns was the comparison of House positions in the Return Chart with those in the Natal Chart. This superimposition had to be done first. Do you consider this House relationship is more important than positions in the Return Chart itself?

A: My interpretation of mainly Tropical Solars is much simpler, but I hope more successful in prediction. The most important indications in a Tropical Solar Return Chart are S.R. planets in aspect to factors of the Radix and to Angular planets in the Tropical Solar itself. (Planets aspecting Radical factors with very small orbs). Of some importance may also be Angles of the Solar if conjunct Luminaries or planets of the Radix. (Necessary conditions are a rectified birth time and a Solar Return Chart computed by a precision method). To avoid fantasy and to diminish or restrict fictional effects I do not interpret the House positions of planets in any Cyclic Chart. (The large number of effective Cyclic Charts makes this 'logic' unavoidable).

Q: Have you researched the Vertex? If so, have you anything to add to the current belief that the Vertex indicates fateful occurrences?

A: So far, I have not had any results when using the VERTEX in Directional systems. However, I cannot deny that in some horoscopes it has an impressive position, e.g. in the Radix of HITLER, the Vertex is conjunct ALGOL; in the Radix of GANDHI, the

Vertex is conjunct Uranus.

(It sometimes appears also in the neighbourhood of the ASC of the Prenatal Epoch).

I doubt that we can give the Vertex a special significance of its own. Like other Ecliptical points, for instance Pars Fortuna, the Vertex should be rather a catalyzer but not, as maintained, an evil-doer. (This assumption developed probably, as in moderate Northern and Southern Latitudes the Vertex often appears in the VI, VII or VIII House.)

In contradistinction to the Vertex which is an Ecliptical point, the EAST POINT has no connection with the Ecliptic whatsoever. For this reason I use the East Point only in connection with the MUNDOSCOPE - a horoscope based on the Horizon System. The East Point is the intersection of the Horizon and the Prime Vertical in the East.

Q: Nowhere in your three books 'Prediction I, II and III' have I seen any mention of the PROGRESSIVE (i.e., Progressed Birthday) Solar Return, which I have found helpful and valuable in my own work, sometimes clearly more indicative of the course of events than the normal Tropical Solar Return. Have you any comment on this?

A: I have published such a Progressed Solar in SPICA, London, some 20 years ago. I don't use it in view of already having too many other useful astrological tools.

Q: I use Topocentric Primary Directions, as you do, and find them the most satisfactory predictive method where the birth time is accurate. In this system Directions are made to the Ecliptical position of the Promisor, whereas in the older systems the Direction was made to the Promisor in the latitudinal plane of the Significator, i.e. the Promisor's Right Ascension (and consequently Oblique Ascension/Descension) were calculated using the Celestial Latitude of the Significator. I found this method inferior in its results. What is your opinion?

A: I fully agree with your investigations and like to say: All the other methods of Primary Direction are doubtful, not least because of doubtful symbolism and too large orbs.

Q: What special use do you find for the MDo's and OAO's of the Argentine astrologers, Wendel Polich and Nelson Page?

A: The practical, special use of MDo's is restricted to time periods that can be fixed beforehand. This for instance is the case in sporting events. The Radices (rectified) of several sportmen of the same team (rectified) give a clear answer on (a) the outcome of the game, and (b) the exact time of goals

which are obtained pro or contra the team. Success and misfortune are here indicated by an accumulation of MDo's in aspect to Radical MDo's - Jupiter combinations for success and Saturn combinations for failures.

The assumption of the originators that MDo's may be used in forecasting events that do not have a speculative character, however, is definitely wrong, as accumulations of MDo's for a Radix are happening all day long.

The immense scientific value of these MDo's, or better Ascensional Transits, lies in the fact that accumulations of these phenomena also coincide with the most unimportant events, such as receiving a letter or a phone call. MDo's can be proved statistically for their validity and for the existence of astrology as a serious science.

The same applies for so-called inherited MDo's. Here radical MDo conjunctions between relatives and even close friends prove astrology with a high probability factor against coincidence. (See forthcoming 'Prediction II'.)

Q: In my Rectification of nativities, and the correlation of Directions, etc., with known events in the native's life, I prefer to give orbs of aspects in TIME, not minutes of arc. I consider this more to the point, as a slow-moving Significator (particularly in the Secondary Progression system) might have an orb of only two or three minutes of arc, and yet be a year or more out in timing. Don't you agree?

A: Yes, especially Primary Directions mentioned above mature on a Right Ascensional base. Example: An effective Primary Direction of the ASC maturing in the 'quick' Sign Pisces (Northern latitudes) may have an Ecliptical orb of 10' of arc. In fact, the orb of this Direction is reduced to some 3' of arc if the time and space measurement in RA, OA or OD is applied. (Here, OA).

If Secondary Directions are concerned the above rule is only valid if applied for the progressions and regressions of Angles and House Cusps (key = Solar-Arc in Right Ascension).

Q: Do you agree with Michel Gauquelin's findings regarding the position of the planets for maximum mundane effect (just past the Angles in a clockwise direction)?

A: I don't agree with Michel Gauquelin's findings regarding the position of planets in the 9th House for maximum effect. According to now over 200 properly rectified Radices, it is obvious that most birth times are 'late', because the nurses in the hospitals record the birth time for the moment they write it into the Journal. Planets near an Angle have from both sides (XII-ASC;

III-IC; VI-DESC; IX-MC) the same strength.

This is the practice and besides this a logical cognition of all serious astrologers. On the other hand, planets in Angular Houses (not close to the Angles), as we all know, have more efficacy on for example the character (I) and the career (X) of a person than planets in the other Houses. This applies to Cyclic Charts as well.

Q: Have you any information relating to the efficacy of Horizon and Prime Vertical Coordinate systems in astrology?

A: For long years I worked with the Campanus system, which is undoubtedly a correct astronomical system. I have rejected it after having made the acquaintance of the Topocentric system.

Q: Do you have any use for the minor aspects (quintile, biquintile, novile, etc.)?

A: No, I think, in my astrological practice, I am using just those systems and factors which have the maximum effectiveness. However, I admit, in Primary and Secondary Directions all 15 degree (interval) aspects (15, 75, 105, 165) are of a certain effectiveness. In my practice they appear together with other, more effective Directions (conjunctions, oppositions, etc.) and are only valid if maturing with the utmost possible accuracy (within 1' of arc).

Q: What is your opinion regarding the use and efficacy of Harmonics?

A: The Harmonic System is a very dangerous system, having regard to the fact that the measurement 1 year = 1 Harmonic does not properly fit into the results. So far research upon this matter was only possible with RAMC's rectified to one minute of arc, and planets computed to a few seconds of arc. Even working them out this more serious way, Harmonics are unreliable and are not being expressed in all available main events. Besides this, we have still too large orbs for Harmonic conjunctions and oppositions, mainly to Radical factors. The other Harmonics for the main destiny of a person I reject, except maybe the 9th. However, as all the mentioned Harmonics have large orbs, they tend to belong more to 'Astrology as a belief system'.

Q: Have you any comment to make on the state of Astrology generally at the present time?

A: This is indeed a very sad and discouraging subject. Compared with other sciences, the percentage of talented and skilful astrologers is very small.

In summary, astrology must still be regarded as a belief system, as most astrologers are working with tools that are over

50% fictional. Fiction starts already at birth times that are not properly authenticated. Orbs cannot be brought under reasonable control if they offend the coincidence factor (probability against coincidence). Midpoint combinations with up to five factors involved, and other abuse and misuse of midpoints, is very common.

Astrology has a chance of development, i.e. to become a real science, only if the findings of some eminent astrologers are used and developed by other talented astrologers. Analyses of professional statisticians may help. If astrology, as is nowadays the case in its highest ranks is dominated by Neptune-oriented people, treating astrology as a belief system and combining it with occult and other beliefs, the final death of 'true' astrology may occur one day, and it will plunge into oblivion.

Advanced astrology is based on traditional rules which are now cleaned of unnecessary ballast. If a reasonable number of scientifically-oriented people can be associated with this true and useful Astrology, our science may one day, even decisively, influence the development of philosophy.

From THOMAS ZIMMER (QLD.): I'd like to mention a subject that has been of continuing interest to me: I've been fascinated by the possible ramifications of the period of 1965-66 characterized by the conjunction of Uranus and Pluto, opposed at the same time by Saturn, and aspected by Mars and the swifter planets at various times over the mid-sixties.

There is virtually no precedent for interpreting such a line-up of malefics in the charts of people born then (who are now coming into adulthood). One could also say that there is virtually no precedent for estimating the probable course of technological civilization over the next decade or two.

I see natal astrology and mundane astrology converging in the lives of this generation, which I call 'the Uranus-Pluto people'. By this I mean that the fortunes of this generation, as they live out their extraordinary horoscopes, will correlate with equally extraordinary mass pressures or events. A beginning to this may be seen in 1985 as Uranus transits the square of the natal conjunction (which was at $17^{\circ}10'$, $16^{\circ}29'$ and $16^{\circ}06'$ of Virgo).

I would like to canvass other astrologers to see if anyone has thought deeply on this situation, or knows of anything written specifically to prepare the young people of this generation. Is the configuration as extreme as I have suggested? Does astrology have a public responsibility to prepare

this young generation in some way? I don't primarily want to draw attention to this, but rather find out if anyone else has been doing some serious research on the 1965-66 horoscopes. If so, and you would like some dialogue, the Forum could be used, or write to me personally. (Mt. Cougal Road, TALLEBUDGERA VALLEY, QLD. 4228).

ASTROLOGICAL COUNSELLING

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): I was interested in Dymock's comments in the last issue on this subject. I have been recently reading 'The Astrology of Choice - A Counselling Approach' by Roy Alexander, another London consultant. I have met Roy several times, so couldn't resist getting his book. But I must say, his theme is very similar to that of Christine Rose.

He writes: 'I always have the target that the client is going to have his life turned round in one session. As far as I know this has never actually happened, but it is a wonderful way of focusing your intention and follows the lead of Eric Berne, the Californian creator of Transactional Analysis.'

Alexander is concerned that the normal chart reading does not radically transform a person's capacities or direction in life. Most of us are aware that there are a considerable number of processes in addition to Transactional Analysis which claim to do that: Gestalt, Psychosynthesis, Mind Dynamics, etc. All these are concerned with transforming the individual's ability to cope with life from an underlying psychological point of view. It is undeniable that astrology can be used as an adjunct to these processes. But is that what astrology is all about?

Are astrologers really expected to transform people's lives? This is a continuing debate among astrologers. Certainly the two subjects do overlap, and a lot of the newer professionals are going into psychology as a prelude to astrology. Such people are then inclined to give a secondary role to astrology. But there is a distinct difference in how the two disciplines operate. I know I never encourage a client to come back under six months, or more likely twelve months. But when it comes to psychological therapy, sessions are likely to be much more frequent, maybe even on a weekly basis. So a psychologist who is using a bit of astrology is really on a different wave length to an astrologer who is using a bit of psychology. So we have to make up our minds where we are. It is a difference of clientele.

I think, the difference here could be

exemplified by a client who is unemployed and one who is unemployable. Astrology might help the first but not the second. I think the astrologer does have a pretty definite role in society. Most people who visit an astrologer have problems, but it is the question of degree. The person who has had several suicide attempts might not benefit all that much from a single visit to an astrologer. I must say the majority of clients I have dealings with, don't have problems of that severity. They don't want their lives turned around in one session, but do want an intelligent assessment of what the future holds as they head into it, very much in the manner of a ship's captain with a good weather forecast.

This was the case with the subject I selected for last year's F.A.A. Certificate Examination. This was a man who was coping with life quite well, but was concerned about his decision to give up his secure job and return to England, with the possibility of going into a partnership with his brother. So a lot hinged on what the future held for him.

I think for these types of questions astrological prediction will always be in demand, provided it can deliver the goods. Then there is the question of personal relationships, which is a perennial subject for astrological guidance.

The reason astrology has survived so long over the centuries is that it is a predictive art - and still is. But again the word prediction can mean different things to different people. I think we can leave behind the heavy fatalistic dogmas of some of the early astrologers, seeing too much in terms of disastrous objective events.

But now a lot of modern astrologers are going to the opposite extreme, often denigrating prediction altogether in favour of a purely psychological approach. Destiny can still play a part in our lives. But this doesn't mean we should try to claim prediction as an exact science. It isn't. If it were, then life would be a lot more fatalistic than it really is. I think good prediction lies midway between the 'exact science' and the broad generalities a lot of astrologers dignify by the name of prediction.

I agree with Dymock that the typewritten reading is preferable to the taped variety as it makes certain sections much more accessible for checking back on. But the 'formula' type has little value.

From ROSS HARVEY, (N.S.W.): Here are a few minor points raised by the latest Forum before I get down to the main topic. A

subscription is an excellent idea; indeed I could not see how you could keep going without one, donations being neither regular nor reliable enough. Secondly, a point you raised with me earlier; Would it not be a good idea if all correspondents quoted the birth data for all charts they referred to, so that those of us who might like to try other methods of analysis than those used in the article could do so? And related to that, would it not also be advisable if the given birth data were quoted together with rectified charts so that the sceptics among us could check the rectification? (Yes, I favour and encourage this. - Ed.)

I have by now communicated most of my ideas about Harmonics, and to say much more would be repeating myself. But there are a number of points raised by Alexander Marr in the latest Forum that need to be answered. When I read his submission which questioned my conclusions I began to doubt myself, and so I checked a number of charts in my files which had yielded relevant indications, and found that I had no reason to change my mind; so I shall answer his objections one by one. Firstly, as to the orb of four to five degrees in Harmonic Charts being 'quite beyond any serious consideration', I maintain that that is the orb which is suggested by experience: It is, on the contrary, an orb of only one degree that is unrealistic.

Such an orb certainly avoids 'fictional results', but also most of the true ones as well. Indeed both John Addey and David Hamblin go so far as to suggest an orb of twelve degrees for a conjunction in a Harmonic, and I do most certainly regard as very much too wide. (cf. Hamblin Harmonic Charts, pp. 27 ff.) A quick glance through Addey's Harmonics in Astrology (Cambridge Circle edition) shows several examples with orbs of four degrees or so (eg. pp. 118 and 163), examples which would be invalidated had an orb of only one degree been used. If Alexander cannot accept this, we shall have to agree to differ.

Secondly, as for the alleged misuse of 'real (true) symbolism', it is most important that, when one begins to investigate a new method, one does not start with preconceived ideas of what ought to turn up, but that one simply notes what does occur. So, when I began to look into Harmonic Directions, I calculated the Age Harmonics for marriage (among other things) for as many reliable charts as I had, and I noticed that Jupiter was by far the most common planet in aspect to the Angles or the Lights, though Venus, the Moon, the Sun, and Pluto also occur, roughly in that order of fre-

quency. As an example, Alexander's own 58th Harmonic, (the year in which he was divorced, and remarried): Sun h 19Vir2 is conjunct Moon r 20Vir7, Jupiter h 3Aqu20 is opposite MC h 7Leo32, EP h 24Tau25 is conjunct Venus r 24Tau17, and Vx h 19Sco52 is opposite Venus r. The adverse indications are Neptune h 18Leo56 conjunct ASC r 16Leo34, ASC h 0Ari52 opposite Mars h 3Lib2 and square Pluto h 0Can40 and Uranus h 29Gem58. Had an orb of one degree been insisted upon, most of the important indications would have been missed. These indications conform to what happened (in a general way, of course; one cannot expect great precision from Age Harmonics; that must come from Solar Returns, etc.)

As a further point of interest, Alexander's Fifth Harmonic has many afflictions, something I have frequently found in the charts of divorced people, (see below). (All these afflictions would have been missed with an orb of one degree).

In my mention of the Princess of Wales's pregnancy I was guilty of omitting something important, namely that the most significant indication was the Prenatal Solar Return, where Pluto Rlr. 5th 29Can36 (Pluto again; Age H's often have similar indications to those of other methods) is conjunct the ASC 24Can19. The Tropical SR and the Progressive SR had no relevant indications. The Prenatal SR taken together with the indications in the Age Harmonic led me to conclude that she was going to have another child, which turned out to be the case. Obviously, one cannot predict anything from one Harmonic aspect considered in isolation; and I had remarked in the same article that several methods of predicting should always be considered together when one attempts to make a forecast.

In general, Age Harmonics are probably most useful in determining whether a chart under consideration is accurate. If in the Harmonics for a number of years of life appropriate planets in the Harmonics come to the Radical Angles, then the chart is at least approximately correct; if, however, the Harmonic Angles fail to make appropriate contacts for a number of important years (within the Harmonic chart, or between the Harmonic chart and the Radix), then the Radical Angles are not precisely accurate. Although Harmonics have many more uses, so much at least anyone should find it worth his while to try.

Alexander claims that he uses 'acid-proof' rectified charts, but that he can accept Page's preposterous rectification of the Queen's Chart (see his Prediction Using Common and Prenatal Cycles) does not inspire confidence in such rectifications.

Alexander's Fifth Harmonic, referred to above has the following afflictions;- Moon h 10Leo35 conjunct Neptune r 6Leo32, conjunct Jupiter h 11Leo40 (the latter obviously not an affliction); Mars h 19Leo55 conjunct ASC r 16Leo34 and opposite ASC h 22 Aqu50; ASC h opposite Saturn r 21Leo28; Saturn h 17Pis20 opposite Moon r 20Vir7 and opposite MC h 16Vir10; Neptune h 2Cap40 conjunct Vx r 7Cap4; and Vx h opposite Neptune r. All the Radical positions have been calculated from the American Ephemeris, and so may not be as precise as those calculated by computer.

I should add that, in view of the much greater uncertainty surrounding Bob Hawke's birth time than I had originally been led to believe, I can't say that I any longer have much faith in my rectification of his Chart published in Forum No. 27, which was based on misleading reports of his birth having been between 2.30 and 3.30 am.

LESLIE BLACK (England) sends the following Chart and comments on the English sextuplets, delivered by Caesarian section, all within the space of four minutes, on 18th November 1983.

The appended Chart seems to be a very striking one, with the Moon the Ruler of the Chart commanding the whole Southern Hemisphere, and singularly oriental; while the remainder of the planetary forces are under the Horizon, setting, save for Venus and Mars which are Angular (Porphyry House system).

It does not appear by this particular orientation that the children will lead separate lives, or indeed have any personal control over their destiny, as the majority of planets are within 78 degrees in a somewhat inertial Quadrant. Further to this, the Moon increasing in light and Exalted, automatically disposes of the Sun, Venus, Mars, Saturn and Pluto, thereby strengthening the idea for them to keep together in group form. But they will never be out of the public eye.

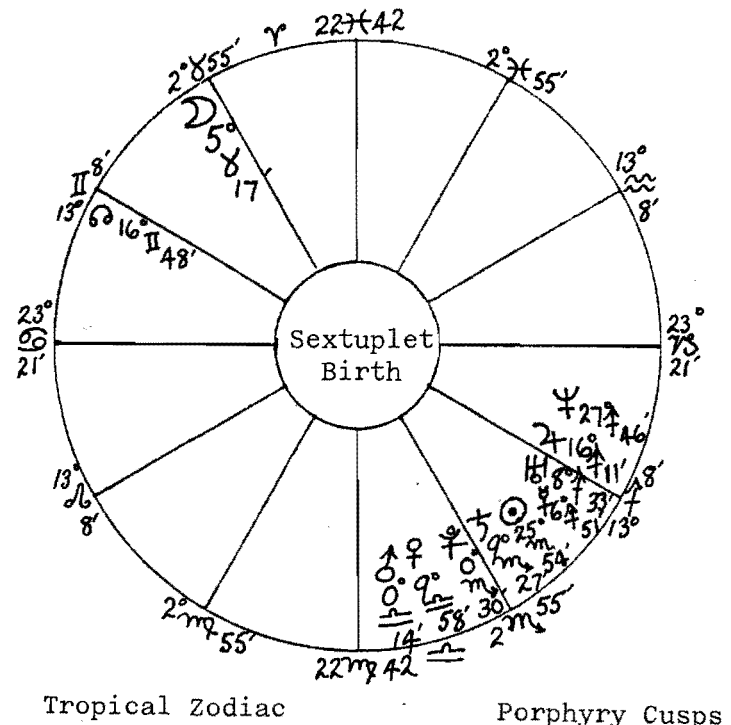
It is possible they may be directed towards some form of public life, perhaps as celebrities, as they are seen to be talented both musically and artistically, and also very ingenious and clever. Great wealth is shown by the Moon being in trine to Fortuna, and by the Sun, Ruler of the Second House, being in trine to the MC and ASC - wealth coming through artistic pursuits (Fifth-House-Sun).

The home and the guidance of loving parents do seem to be the dominant influence whence success will spring. The sextile aspects of Venus and Mars to Mercury and Uranus indicate that they will be a closely-knit

THE LIVERPOOL SEXTUPLETS

Born Friday (Venus), 18th November 1983,
between 7:56 pm and 8:00 pm, Liverpool, Eng.
Lat. 53 N 25 Long. 3 W 0

Horoscope of First-born



family despite the many pressures of a public nature that may befall them.

The Moon is technically Hyleg in the figure, which will guarantee reasonably good health and a fairly long life.

The progress of medical science that accounts for such births poses a great challenge to astrology from which, in general, astrologers tend to dissociate themselves, and some proclaim that all unnatural births by Caesarian section are not astrologically admissible. This assumption must be ruled out of court, as every beginning in nature in any form has a frame of reference peculiar to its being.

The case of these babies, who were born within a space of four minutes, does not allow much room to define six separate Horoscopes, although even within four minutes this is mathematically possible, there being a separation of 48 seconds of arc on each MC and equally 40 seconds of arc Moon difference. But even with this small margin the problem of delineation and the calculation of Directions seem an impossible task.

Again, the idea of identity may fall into disrepute because of the father's observation that each child at birth was totally distinguishable from the other. This does not seem to be the case statistically of naturally born twins, triplets, etc.

To those who believe in reincarnation, the

problem of free will or predestination may prove very confusing in this case. It is difficult to understand why six egos decided to accelerate their evolution and be born within 48 seconds of each other.

PRIMARY DIRECTIONS

A reader new to the field of Primary Directing has sent the following questions, to which I append answers.

1. Is there any one Significator more powerful than the rest? For example, perhaps the Ruler of the MC or ASC, or the Ruler of the Radical Sun-Sign is more often involved than not, when there is a definite event.

ANS. In a general way, the MC, ASC, Sun and Moon are more important Significators than the planets, but any Angular planet is always important and significant, the more so if it is within three degrees of the Angle.

2. Can the Primary Directions be regarded as also showing general trends? (I do realize that their first use is Rectification by event timing.)

ANS. Yes, psychological states and physical or material conditions over a period do correspond to Primary Directions of the appropriate kind. The best aspects for Rectification are the minor ones (sextiles, semi-squares, sesquares) as they have a very small time orb, particularly if involving Mars or Uranus. Conjunctions are so powerful they may precipitate an event two months before they become mathematically exact.

3. Is there any comparison between the Converse and Direct positions, that is would one be more consistent than the other? How can the converse be logical?

ANS. First we must clarify what is 'Converse' and what is 'Direct'. These terms have been used in diametrically opposite senses by different writers on Primary Directions. Strictly speaking, the apparent diurnal motion of the planets, rising in the East, passing to the Midheaven and setting in the West, means that this is the DIRECT Primary motion - against the order of the Signs. As you know, in Primary Directing the Significators do not themselves move through the Zodiac, but are carried up (or down) to the position or aspect of another body by the rotation of the Earth. Actual movement through the Zodiac is SECONDARY Progression, the system most widely practised by astrologers, but which is complementary only to PRIMARY Direction.

So, in Primary Directing, movement of the Significators in the order of the Signs (Aries to Taurus to Gemini, etc.) is really CONVERSE, but to simplify the matter, and to bring it into line with ^{the} standard meaning in Secondary Progressions, the Topocentrists call apparent movement in the direction of the Signs DIRECT, and if against the order of the Signs, CONVERSE.

Your question, therefore, should really be, 'How can the so-called Direct movement, from the Ascendant, down under the Earth and up to the Descendant be logical, as this is not the apparent result of the Earth's rotation on its axis?'. Well, perhaps it is not logical by our normal standards, as it appears to be contrary to what actually happens in the sky, but there are explanations of an occult nature. The important thing for the practising astrologer is that both types of Direction are effective, just as both Direct and Converse Secondary Progressions are effective. Without employing both

forward and backward motion in either the Primary or the Secondary system the astrologer finds gaps in the correlation of aspects with events, circumstances and psychological conditions. The attempt is then often made to account for some occurrences by a simple transit, which has little power unless the transiting body is Stationary or abnormally slow in motion, as when arriving at or leaving its First or Second Station. Some farcical claims result from this desperate measure.

4. How do retrograde planets fit in with the concept of Primary Directions?

ANS. If a planet is retrograde in the Nativity it retains the attributes associated with that condition when it is Directed to another body, or receives a Direction. For example, a marriage Significator applying to a retrograde planet is an indication that any union then formed will be broken off later, for whatever reason. A stationary planet in a chart is powerful, and Directions to it or of it have added significance on that account.

5. Can you give a timing guide for both the Direct and Converse movement of the planets, for example, 'Jupiter progresses by x degrees each year'?

ANS. Such a guide is impossible because the Primary motion is in Oblique Ascension or Descension, and the rate of progress varies with the latitude for which the Radix is calculated. Degrees in O.A. or O.D. are not linear with degrees in the Zodiac. This is an individualising effect of Primary Directions which is lacking in Secondary Progressions. In the last-named, people born on the same day find their Secondary aspects maturing at the same time, but this is not the case with Primary Directions for people born at different locations.

6. Can you give some examples of the effects of planets and/or aspects?

ANS. Yes, but as this requires more space than is here available, it is reserved for the next Issue of "Astrologers' Forum".

- Dymock.

EXPERIENCE/SUGGESTIONS WANTED

What are the DIRECTIONAL SIGNIFICATORS of death in a Nativity? Dr. Geoffrey Dean of W.A. is testing my hypothesis that death is signified by conjunctions, oppositions or squares involving the IC or ASC and either Pluto, Neptune, Saturn or Mars, if the afflicting planet occupies or rules the Eighth House. We could include afflictions from these planets to the Sun or Moon if either is 'Hyleg'. Another proviso is that no saving influence comes from Jupiter or Venus.

How would you add to, or qualify, this hypothesis to include ALL deaths? Suggestions based on experience wanted, please.

- Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

At the suggestion of a number of recipients and in order to put Astrologers' Forum on a more economic basis I have decided to introduce a subscription of \$12 a year for Australian readers, and \$16 for those in Europe and North America. These amounts do not quite cover the cost of production and distribution of an eight-page issue. Those recipients who have sent voluntary donations within the last twelve months will find these amounts credited to them as an offset against the annual charge. A slip enclosed with their copy of A.F. gives the individual expiry date of each subscription. My thanks to all who have given monetary assistance in the past. This has been a great help in keeping A.F. going.

From ALLAN JOHNSON, (N.S.W.): I agree with the Editor in deciding to charge a regular subscription for Astrologers' Forum. Nobody can really expect a free publication in these days of high printing costs. A reader recently complained to me that the Forum is getting too technical. But readers are also the contributors, so I think it is up to those readers who feel a bit lost with highly technical debates to keep up their end with viewpoints on the less technical issues. That way we get a good mix.

From ISOBEL BLACK (TAS.):

Mars Retrograde in Female Charts (Continued from last Issue)

Another deserted wife with three sons works at a full-time job and pays her ex-husband to look after their children. This income supplements his dole-cheque. She has ♂ R♂ M♂ in the 5th.

A foreign woman divorced her husband in Europe during an extended holiday in Australia. She has since re-married for convenient reasons and has re-located elsewhere in Australia with her long-term woman friend, ♂ R♂ M♂ - 5th.

An extremely sensitive young woman with ♂ R♂ X intercepted in the 6th sacrificed her academic and artistic career to live in a remote village. Her husband initiated the move. He too is a talented artist. Recently he reduced his working hours at his

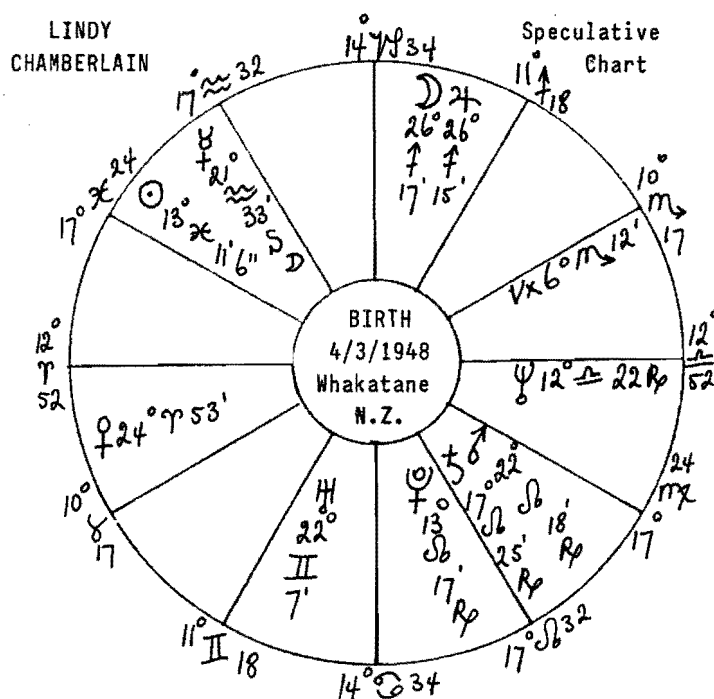
well-paid job because he doesn't enjoy the work. Their financial situation is now desperate. To exacerbate their plight, her ailing, tyrannical father wants to move into the household.

For several years the woman has suffered protracted gynaecological problems which have proved difficult to resolve medically.

During her short marriage a young woman with ♂ R♂ X in the 7th contracted venereal disease several times as a result of her husband's indiscriminate sexual encounters. ♂ R♂ X ♂ ASC M♂ . In her subsequent relationships with men, she has been the victim of blatant treachery and sexual exploitation. Unhappily, she initiates sex prematurely in all such relationships.

In Lindy Chamberlain's Chart

(Using the Chart suggested by Dymock Brose in "Astrologers' Forum", 19/1/1983)



In this Chart ♂ R♂ J♂ is of crucial importance. Mars rules the Aries ASC and disposes of Venus in the 1st House.

Decanate sub-division of the ASC reveals a strong Leo sub-influence relating to the 5th House, which is actually occupied by ♂ R♂ J♂ . (This may interest those readers who think Leo ASC more appropriate for this Chart).

In 'Aspects and Houses in Analysis' p.38 Noel Tyl says,

"With Mars, retrogradation is particularly telling: The counter-point dimensions of energy application keeps much energy inside and, in certain configurations, can endanger the health and nervous system. The energy goes in before it goes out: for censorship, consideration, adjustment, timidity."

The energy retention and strategic release would be wilfully controlled - ♂ R ♀ J .

At times there will be adverse effects on the health and nervous system. Mars rules the Aries ASC and opposes Mercury (stationary direct) in Aquarius. Virgo rules the 6th House.

Tyl goes on to say, p. 75:

"In a Fire Grand Trine, we see an inspirational self-sufficiency, a self-motivational isolation."

The ease of personal functioning correspondent to a Fire Grand Trine would not be so evident in this person's life.

The self-motivation especially, would be of a 'different order' - Earth and Water count low, two points each; ♂ A ♀ H II is the only tense Lunar aspect, and ♂ X disposes of ♂ R ♀ J .

In general terms an Aries ASC describes an individual who instinctively knows how to conduct herself in a manner appropriate to both the occasion and the circumstances of the moment. Her involvement is spontaneous.

Paradoxically ♂ R ♀ J introduces self-doubt, uncertainty and deliberation, hence the over-controlled personal presentation exhibited by Mrs. Chamberlain.

'My will be done!'

$\text{♂ R ♀ J ♀ S D} \approx$ presents Mrs. Chamberlain with an unavoidable dilemma in life. $\text{♀} \approx$ and ♂ H II are in mutual reception. By natural House-placement, both planets are transposed in the Chart.

Of mutual reception, Margaret Hone says, p. 144, 'The Modern Textbook of Astrology':

"...when each of two planets is...in the Sign ruled by the other. The position brings them into relationship as if they were in conjunction".

Of $\text{♀} \text{♂ H}$ Alan Oken says p. 238 'The Horoscope, The Road and its Travelers',

"...There is a tendency, however, to be quite opinionated, and one is always eager to express oneself in new and unusually unconventional ways. Thought may come in 'flashes' and there is an uncanny ability to come up with immediate solutions for complicated situations. A lightning mind."

From OLIVIA BARCLAY (ENGLAND): Thank you for the Forum, in which I was delighted to see your Horaries. Where can I read that Leo is associated with teaching? How I do endorse your remark "I have yet to see a Horary fail."

Things seem to be turning to event-astrology at last. It feels like the tide coming in.

The Lodge (The Astrological Lodge of the Theosophical Society, - Ed.) is having a day of Horary this Saturday with Derek Appleby. He has a book coming out any minute containing eighty horary charts interpreted. It will be good, and I think it will excite some interest in the subject.

I very much enjoy getting the Forum, which gives me a sense of being in touch with overseas friends. I look forward to hearing what Chiron did in Marguerite's Chart No. 4.

I am pleased to note from Olivia's letter that the tide of astrological practice is turning again to event-astrology. I do not decry the great value of the psychological aspect, but some exponents (even eminent ones) with their fixation on Jung and their obsessive interest in feelings, thoughts and 'esoteric' considerations tend to get well into the realm of fantasy. A firm basis of practical commonsense, and precise techniques that relate Astrology to the incidents and circumstances of everyday life are needed if the science and art is to remain credible.

In reply to Olivia's question regarding the Sign Leo, this follows naturally from the 5th Sign correlating with the 5th House, which is associated with children, schools and education. My sister, who is the Principal of the Rudolf Steiner School, Glenaeon, in Sydney, has the Sun and Venus in Scorpio in the 5th House - a typical example, I would say. The association of Leo with teaching seemed so natural to me that I had never thought to look for a text-book authority, but I did find one on page 88 of Sakoian and Acker's The Astrologer's Handbook.

- Dymock.

From JEANETTE SIMPSON (N.S.W.):

Short Study of Health Problem

Subject; Male age 11 years 5 months

Indication: Collapsed upper left lobe caused by either pneumonia or clogging from excess mucus. Two doctors could not reach mutual agreement. Subject has a history of chronic chest problems.

Significators:Radical

♀ ♂ ASC (rules 6th) ☐ ♂ ♀ (rules ASC)
Lungs affected by
fever and infection.

☉ Ruler ♀ ♀ 12th ♂ ♀ 6th
(☉ 8 1st; ♀ 8 Cusp 2 ☐ ♀ 6th)
Health problems affect-
ing head, ears, nose
throat.

☐ II ☐ ♀ 6th Problems with elimi-
nation processes,
particularly affecting
the lungs.

♂ 7 8th favourably aspecting ☉ -Ruler
Protection

Progressed

♀ p ♀ ♀ p: Natal condition activated (♀
had been retrograde prior to progressing
to its Natal return and then on to aspect
♂ p).

Corroboration from ☉ p // ♀ r; ♀ p // ♀ r
T ♀ moved to Δ ☉ r and activated ♂ r by ☐
T ♀ activated Natal ☐ ☐ ♀ by ♂ and ☐
respectively.

T ♀ opposed ♀ and ASC.

The situation received some help from
♂ p to favourable aspect with the strong
♂ . MC by One Degree Direction * 3Sag
8th (♂ 4°34'; ♀ 2°21 Sag 8th).

Apart from ASCp entering the Sun Sign
no other Angular aspects could be deter-
mined but this Taurus influence would put
extra emphasis on the Radical ♀ ♂ ♀.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.): Thank you once
again for another fascinating Forum. For
your interest I have just received (in the
same post) a reply from the Prime Minister's
Office, whose second paragraph I shall quote
in its entirety:-

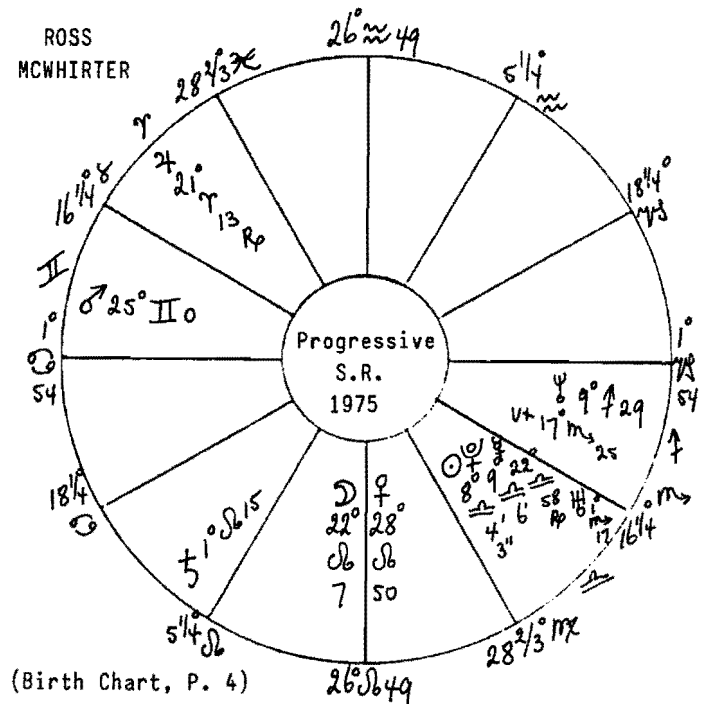
"Mr. Hawke was born at Bordertown, South
Australia, in the early hours of the
morning on 9 December, 1929. Unfortu-
nately, it is not possible to provide
the exact time of his birth."

From this it would seem that even the
approximate times of 3 to 3.30 am quoted
in the Journal and elsewhere are someone
else's speculation, and cannot be relied
upon to have any basis in fact. (That does
not mean that such a time arrived at by
rectification techniques may not be valid,
just that no time at all is recorded, and
indeed the birth may have been anywhere
between midnight and, say, 6 am.

Regarding the 'old rule' about Directions,
I was quoting from memory from Charles Carter.
When I checked, I found he refers to it as
an ideal (Principles of Astrology, p. 177),
and goes on to say, 'Unless at least an
approximation to this is insisted upon,
almost any system will seem to pass muster'.

Hear, hear! (An approximation is a differ-
ent thing from 100% correlation, which is
what I consider an unjustified assumption.
- Dymock.)

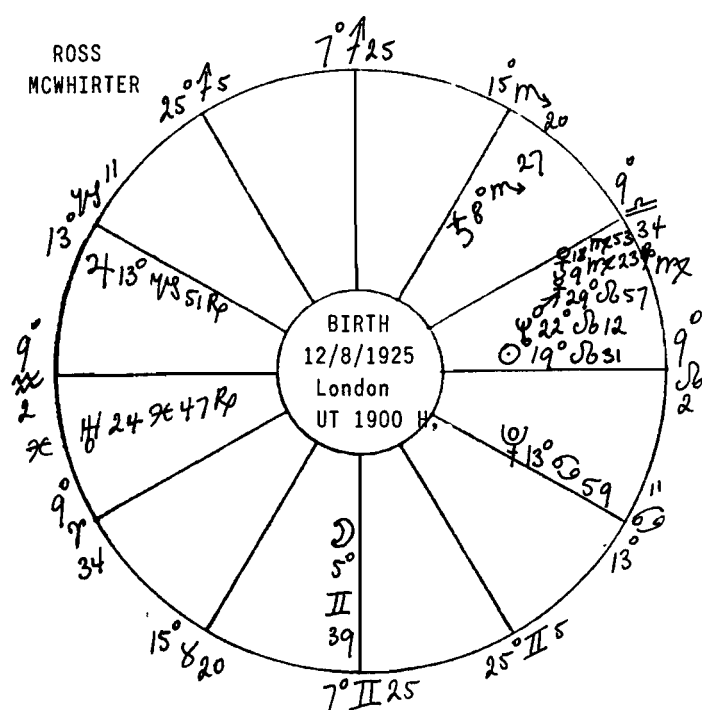
I could not agree more about the import-
ance of Prenatal Solar Returns; indeed they
are often clearer than the ordinary Tropical
SR's, as with Ross McWhirter. In that case,
I don't think that one could have deduced
death before the event from that Tropical
Return alone. That was my point. The ad-
verse indications in that Return are such
as I have seen on quite a few occasions
when the events turned out to be compara-
tively minor - 'terminations', for instance,
have often been of an association, etc. In
this instance it was the Primary Direction
ASC d square Neptune that was of overriding
importance.



I remarked some time ago that I have found
that the 13th and 16th Harmonics can be use-
ful in determining which planets in a solar
return (all sorts of SR's) are most import-
ant. The 13th Harmonic of the Tropical SR
of Ross McWhirter for 1975 gives Neptune h
27 Pis 39 conjunct ASC h 28 Pis 16, square
MC h 29 Sag 21, and Saturn h 9 Gem 18 oppo-
site Neptune SR 9 Sag 3 (Ruler ASC SR). I
have frequently found Neptune prominent in
charts concerning death, and in this case
it echoes the Primary Direction. In the
Progressed Birthday SR 13th Harmonic Saturn
at 16 Leo 15 is conjunct Sun r at 19 Leo 31,
while in the 16th Harmonic Saturn at 20 Leo 0
is conjunct Uranus at 20 Leo 32, both con-
junct Sun r; Neptune at 1 Tau 44 is conjunct
ASC at 0 Tau 24 (Neptune again), and the
MC h at 9 Lib 4 is conjunct Sun at 8 Lib 4
and Pluto at 9 Lib 6 (in the latter case
an orb of two minutes of arc, assuming the

birth time is correct.

There are a few indications in the Progressive Solar Return Chart, viz., Moon Ruling the ASC conjunct the 4th Cusp, Saturn Ruling the 8th and 7th square Uranus Ruling the 9th and 10th, which links an adversary, death, foreigners and the self (the MC can also represent the self in Return Charts; at least I have found that it does quite often). It is easy to see all this after the event, but I would not have been able to predict disaster (of any sort) from either SR without reference to the 13th and 16th Harmonics of both, and of course without the Primary Direction. Sun conjunct Pluto in the Chart indicated a remarkable year, but the rulerships are not appropriate, and the same conjunction would have been in his brother's Chart.



Ross Harvey writes further about his experiments with fractional Solar Returns (that is, the Solar return to the same degree position as in the Radix, but a different Sign) and Harmonic Directions applied to Solar Returns. He concludes that only the Half-Yearly and Quarterly S.R.'s are reliable. This echoes my own experience, and I would add that the Quarterly Charts are quite valuable, showing the most significant event or circumstances in that particular Quarter.

I have not tried Harmonic Directions within the Solar Return Chart at all, being still dubious about their value, even in a Nativity. Ross himself concludes that Harmonics are valueless as a Directional System in the S.R.'s.

Ross has been trying Primary Directions within the Solar Return, using the Mean Solar

Arc (or Naibod Arc - 59'8.33" in Right Ascension) as the equivalent for a month of time, instead of a year, a time measure that I modestly claim to have originated. I have found this Directional system, on the Topocentric model, to pinpoint many events when applied to Cyclic Charts. Ross also uses Topocentric Directing, but employs the latitude of the Directed Significator, whereas in the pure Topocentric method the Significator is Directed without latitude. Ross believes he gets better results this way, but that has not been my experience.

Prenatal Charts and Transits

ALEXANDER MARR's computer-aided research over many years into PRENATAL Cyclic Charts and PRENATAL Transits has been most valuable in drawing attention to these remarkably significant astrological indicators. Marr has made the remark to me that doing Post-natal Charts without the corresponding Prenatal ones is like having a head without a tail - it is only half the story. Certainly, in the limited amount of research I have done in this field, the results have indeed justified his claims about the effectiveness of Prenatal Cyclic Charts and Transits.

The Prenatal Solar Returns are easily worked out if you have an Ephemeris going back far enough: You simply take the same number of years before birth as have elapsed since birth for the normal Solar Return Chart. Thus for a person born in 1940, a normal S.R. for 1984 is 44 years after birth, and the corresponding Prenatal Solar Return would have to be calculated for the Sun's Return in 1896.

Prenatal Lunar Returns pose much more of a problem, but are easily managed if you have a Julian Day Routine in your calculator or computer. I devised a program of Julian Days to suit my Casio FX-602P Calculator and found it accurate when checked against the Julian Day Routine in my Commodore Computer. It gives the prenatal day and time corresponding to any postnatal date, and vice versa, accurate to within approximately one minute of time. I shall be glad to supply this Program free to any owner of a Casio FX-602P Calculator who sends a blank cassette and \$1 to cover postage.

One of the chief uses of the Julian Day facility is to see immediately what prenatal transits correspond to any given postnatal date. I can assure everyone that it is a fascinating business to see the events of your life being indicated by planetary positions and transits occurring thirty, forty, fifty or more years before you were born! I have, indeed, found them often more indicative than the conventional ones.

Perhaps the explanation of this lies in the fact, again pointed out by Alexander Marr, that they are of a more highly individual nature. For instance, everyone born on, say, the 9th September in any year will have a rather similar Solar Return Chart, though with different House positions corresponding to the time of birth. But people of different ages, though born on the same day and in the same month will have distinctly different and highly individual Prenatal Solar Return Charts, because they will be calculated for a different year entirely.

The Progressive Solar Return has a similar individualistic quality. This Chart (also known, rather more clumsily, as the Progressed Birthday Solar Return) is calculated for the day and time in the current year when the Sun arrives at the position it would hold if the native was born on the Progressed Date (one day = one year) and at the original birth time. So, here again, the different ages of people born on the same day will yield a distinctly different and individual chart.

In reading any S.R. Chart it is of first importance to superimpose the Return Chart on the Natal Horoscope.

In the Progressive Solar Return of McWhirter, calculated by Ross Harvey for the year of McWhirter's murder, the conjunction of Pluto and the Sun falls on the Radical 8th Cusp, Pluto being within 28' of the precise position. This is a specific warning of dire peril. The 8th Cusp of the Radix is at 9 Lib 34, whether calculated by the Placidian or Topocentric formula, though there are small differences amounting only to minutes of arc in the position of the other intermediate Cusps. (Where there is any difference I invariably favour the Topocentric system, which appears to me to yield more precise results). - Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (WEST GERMANY):

Questionable Harmonics

Here are some points concerning ROSS HARVEY's extensive demonstrations of HARMONICS, especially those in the last issue (Number 32 of Astrologers' Forum, page 5),

1. Even an orb of around one degree which I admitted for Harmonics, is not small enough to avoid fictional results, especially if the planets are not computed with the utmost possible accuracy, and we have to deal with a so-called rectification with the aid of Harmonics. In my opinion, Rectification is here undoubtedly the wrong expression. At its best we may call it an insecure authentication of an approximate birth time.

1a. Ross Harvey's suggested orb of four degrees is quite beyond any serious consideration.

2. Ross Harvey's examples misuse the real (true) symbolism of planets.

2a. An Angular Jupiter in Harmonics alone (if not completely fictional because of a four-degree orb) does not necessarily mean a marriage. I actually avoid restricting certain planets to special events, but, if we recall the most frequent Angular factors for a marriage, we find the SUN for females and the MOON for males on mainly the ASC-DESC axis. JUPITER appearing as the dominant planet for a marriage (preferably on MC) is mostly found in charts of individuals (mainly females) where apart from other things, the native's standard and style of living is improved in relation to his/her social and occasionally financial position through the usually dominating role of the partner.

The same applies to 'PLUTO for the birth of a child'. In certain cases this may be acceptable, but it depends on the character of the birth and on other more conclusive indications. I remind the reader that an Angular PLUTO frequently reflects death.

3. THE RULE OF ONE (i.e. one indication for an event) is false and also illogical. Experience shows that no matter what astronomically correct system is used, even for minor occurrences, we will find several indications for the event. Recent research has consolidated this well-known tenet in a more than sufficient way.

3a. I ask the reader: 'What can we actually predict with a single PLUTO in HARMONICS?' Answer: 'Simply everything'. This makes the interpretation of past events especially, very comfortable.

CONCLUSIONS:

I am sure that Ross with his enthusiasm for Harmonics has computed many more cases than I have. However, the decisive difference in our approach to the matter is the fact that my analyses have been performed on 'acid-proof' rectified Radices, with a considerable number of events known in detail. Besides this, planetary positions have been computed to a few seconds of arc. I invite the reader to weigh these considerations in order to get matters into perspective when dealing with 'COINCIDENCE against CHANCE'.

COINCIDENCE AGAINST CHANCE is a main problem in astrology, and an indispensable requisite is the skilled use of PLANETARY SYMBOLISM. Neglecting these matters means that Astrology drifts into being A BELIEF SYSTEM.

The discussions in previous Issues about Astrology as a belief system in my opinion, have been most disappointing, mainly because (with a few exceptions) the defenders of astrology have produced very little towards

the truth of astrology. On the other hand, the subject had not been properly determined from the very beginning, and this is the precondition for any serious discussion.

GEOFFREY DEAN is a very clever and versatile writer but he should rather support astrology than try to cripple it.

Theoretical conclusions about the PRENATAL EPOCH are no longer relevant as in practice this problem is solved in its most important aspects. Here, only the demonstrations of JAMES MCKEAGUE have shed any new light. (A.F. No. 32, page 3).

So far, my starting point for the search for a Prenatal Epoch assuming 272 (273) days before birth has been successful in all up to now rectified Prenatal Epochs. (272 days is the traditional rule). I agree that in the overwhelming number of cases (out of 46 rectified Prenatal Epochs) the time periods of pregnancy until birth have been a few days shorter than the traditional rule of 272 (273) days. Therefore, I appreciate very much the statements of the doctors.

Retrogradation

There have been pages of complicated reasoning about RETROGRADE PLANETS. Here the most appropriate and simple statement was from the deceased CHARLES E.O. CARTER, whom we may call 'an eminent astrologer of his time', with an open mind for new ideas and, last not least, a promoter of astrology in all its branches. (A.F. No. 21, page 4).

Most of the complicated accounts relating to RETROGRADES that I have seen so far during my astrological practice are based on traditional and mediaeval assumptions that not only visually but also in reality the planets change their direction. CARTER had the right idea, and I would put the whole question in the following form:

'The strength and efficacy of a planet do not depend on the apparent direction of its motion, but on its apparent speed. Stationary planets especially are powerful and of long-lasting effect, but always according to their true symbolism, i.e. never changing their original character.'

ASTROLOGER AND SCEPTIC: A DIALOGUE

By Dymock Brose (Answering The Anonymous Sceptic)

SCEPTIC: Astrologers never let on that there is a total lack of evidence to support astrological beliefs as traditionally applied, or that there are many non-astrological explanations for why astrology seems to work.

ASTROLOGER: I challenge that 'total lack of evidence'. Every sincere astrologer

practises astrology because his own enquiries and experience have convinced him of its truth and validity. If this same method does not carry conviction to others, who, perhaps, want 'scientific' proof, then that is their problem, not ours. Incidentally, I could name quite a few scientists who were also convinced astrologers. That 'seems to work', I see as an admission that astrologers are not so far wrong even in the view of the sceptics. Are the 'non-astrological explanations' more credible than the astrological ones?

SCEPTIC: Astrologers stress that total accuracy is unattainable only because birth times are uncertain. They never mention that they disagree about mostly everything.

ASTROLOGER: I am not sure whether 'total accuracy' refers to character delineation or other branches of astrology. So far as the delineation of personal characteristics is concerned, I believe we score at least as high as psychologists, probably higher.

I have never met or read of a genuine astrologer who claims 'total accuracy' in this department. I think only the wildly enthusiastic would claim 'total accuracy' in any branch of the art, but then neither does this wishful state of affairs exist in any of the learned professions, - law, medicine, economics, architecture, engineering, political science, archaeology, etc.

Certainly, astrologers disagree about many things (I dispute that 'mostly everything') a characteristic they share with those in the learned professions above-mentioned. Astrologers, do, however agree on the basic truths of astrology, and for the rest, their disagreement is simply a healthy sign of their struggle for the truth.

SCEPTIC: Astrologers never check their interpretations with proper controls and statistical analyses in case they are proven wrong. They insist that astrology is a Divine Truth, which is why it is beyond question, and refuse to be confused by facts.

ASTROLOGER: Many astrologers are uninterested or too busy to be involved in statistics, which they do not see as an essential to Astrology. Statistics, though useful, do not tell the whole story. When one considers the number of astrological factors that can contribute to one item of delineation, it is apparent that there can never be a sufficient number of like cases to provide reliable statistics. I do not personally insist that Astrology is a Divine Truth (though it well may be) but

that, like many occult truths, it comes to be known and understood in the process of sincere and patient study. It is not 'proved' but revealed to each man in proportion to his capacity to receive.

Whoever experiences this revelation finds it sufficient 'proof'.

SCEPTIC: Not the Sun and Moon but Ego and Bank Account are the most important factors in any chart, and putting them before truth and credibility is what being human (and successful) is all about.

ASTROLOGER: I can excuse your cynicism, seeing that, in fact, many pursuits of the human species are degraded by materialistic and profit-making exploiters. 'Quack' remedies have many times made a mockery of the noble art of healing, and professional confidence tricksters are with us in all walks of life. Astrology has not escaped the attention of those with an eye purely for quick gains, but this does not reflect on Astrology itself, only on those who thus abuse it. There are an overwhelming number of astrologers who practise their art in all sincerity, and with the best interests of their clients in mind.

SCEPTIC: Astrology brings unparalleled insight into life and character. Which is why the astrological community is so noted for its tolerance, understanding, and lack of internal conflict.

ASTROLOGER: Well, you've got something right - the first sentence. I'm glad you acknowledge this. As for the sarcastic second statement, it leaves me quite untouched. There is both tolerance and intolerance among astrologers, as with any segment of the people pursuing a common aim. It would be hard to point to any section of the community that is free of internal conflict. Political, religious, scientific, medical groups, etc., are all characterized by opposing views and internal conflict. Perhaps this is a good thing: Out of struggle comes progress, and we have it on the authority of our former Prime Minister that 'life wasn't meant to be easy'.

SCEPTIC: Explain to your clients that astrology requires a lifetime of study, which is why you have no time for any other relevant discipline. Tell them also that predictions never fail except through free will or lack of accurate data, which is why you aren't rich.

ASTROLOGER: You are becoming embittered. It is true that the dedicated astrologer never gives up studying and learning, and for many of them this does include 'relevant disciplines' such as astronomy, mathematics, psychology, computer-programming - and even statistics!

It is a foolhardy astrologer indeed who tells his clients that predictions never fail, for whatever reason. The eager novice may occasionally let his enthusiasm get the better of his good sense in this respect, but experience teaches humility.

Certainly, predictions as made by astrologers often fail, but this does not reflect on the science and art of Astrology, only on its interpretation. Doctors, economists, politicians, meteorologists, political commentators, sporting pundits and businessmen all make predictions - and all are often wrong. Astrologers are fallible too.

SCEPTIC: Astrologers give readings so general they can't be wrong, and select chart factors that fit the facts.

ASTROLOGER: You are perhaps referring to 'Sun-Sign' columns in the popular press. These must of necessity be somewhat general, though within their limited field they are sometimes also surprisingly apposite. The delineation of a whole chart by a competent astrologer deals in specifics. There will be some general traits which people share with many of the same astrological type, and which must be included to make the picture complete. Chart factors are not 'selected' to fit the facts, but observed to do so, thus providing further confirmation of Astrology.

SCEPTIC: There is a discrepancy between the clear-cut influence of signs in actual readings and articles, and their anything-but-clear-cut influence when actual tests are involved.

ASTROLOGER: Zodiacal Signs (a capital 'S', please, - we are not talking about algebraic signs, street signs, signs of the times, etc.) when considered on their own are naturally clear-cut and definite. But in an actual chart-reading they are modified by all the other astrological factors that have to be considered. In proportion to the skill of the astrologer so is he able to merge the different factors successfully. 'Actual tests' willy-nilly involve all the different factors in the chart of each person under test, so it is only to be expected that the Sign effects will be blurred.

SCEPTIC: Astrologers reject all pretence of critical thinking.

ASTROLOGER: This sounds very much like a wild last shot in a losing battle, and does not call for comment beyond saying that an examination of modern astrological literature will reveal plenty of instances of critical thinking. Criticism is one thing, but equally valuable (and less common) is appreciation. It is just as necessary to appreciate a good thought as to criticize a wrong one.

ASTROLOGICAL COUNSELLING

A book that has come my way for review is 'Astrological Counselling' by Christina Rose. A note on the back cover of the book states, 'Christina Rose is a qualified counsellor and astrologer who is particularly active in the promotion of counselling education in astrological practice. She also teaches and lectures on basic and advanced levels of astrology and has a client-practice in London, where she lives.'

Ms Rose approaches her subject with enthusiasm and some definite ideas about how Astrology should be used. It is a question, however, whether the type of counselling she advocates would not be just as effective without the assistance of Astrology, whose contribution to the whole process often appears to be little more than nominal.

Perhaps the book should have been called simply 'Counselling', the astrological content being general and theoretical, and used chiefly by the author as a peg on which to hang her ideas.

Thus her idea of 'counselling' is to pick some salient feature of the birth chart, and explain its general nature to the client who is then led to reveal precisely how it has worked out in practice.

There is no doubt this procedure saves Ms Rose a great deal of work, and saves her also from the uncomfortable situation of committing herself to precise delineatory statements that may turn out to be wrong. It enables her, too, to handle a greater number of clients than would be possible if an in-depth study and typed delineation of each birth chart were required. For both these reasons, many practising astrologers record their chart 'readings' on cassette tape, disregarding the fact that often the ideas they attempt to express are not properly thought out, and the tape is of much less practical use to the client than a typed delineation where quick reference can be made to different sections.

The use of Astrology in this way cannot be said to forward its development as an instrument of diagnosis, whether of the client's psychic state, physical condition, character or destiny. It appears that the work of discovery and refinement in Astrology will remain the province of the dedicated researcher who pursues his/her studies through love of the subject matter and of humanity, uninfluenced by considerations of great monetary gain.

When Ms. Rose does get down to the astrological aspects of her subject, she makes some valid and useful statements (interspersed with others that may be regarded as questionable). Here is one that I find wholly commendable: '(The astrologer) can

shift (the client's) astrological conversations from "What is Saturn going to do to me when it transits my Sun?" to "How can I use this instruction in the heavens and put it into practice, apply it for my life and the way it is developing?"

"Instruction"...is not understood as a precise and clearly-defined event. The heavens do not say that in March you are going to have a depressing time in your love-life because Saturn will transit your Venus in the Seventh House. What it says is that the process for you, the individual, to bring to life, is a concrete scrutiny (Saturn) of your inner values (Venus) concerning interpersonal relationships (Seventh House). The individual may well focus the main theme of this process upon a key relationship in his life; the manifestation might be ending a relationship, putting an existing relationship onto a different footing, starting a relationship--in fact anything that will reflect the requirement made of the individual to focus upon personal boundaries, feelings, needs, fears, direction and truths when relating to another person. The astrological counsellor cannot impose upon the individual what it will be, but is in a position to help him find the significance of whatever experience he goes through by putting him in touch with the theme and process behind it.'

Such worthwhile statements are interspersed with others of a general philosophical nature, expounded with all the enthusiasm of one who has just lit upon some basic age-old truths, and is bent on proclaiming the discoveries to the world at large, however familiar they may be to the readers. Thus, 'Astrology used within a counselling framework sees the individual and the universe as interrelated and interdependent...', and, 'the universe is regarded as one Whole, one totality...'

The book would have been improved if the author had undertaken the discipline of illustrating her many general precepts and pronouncements with specific instances, though she does not altogether fail in this respect. When endeavouring to explain the psychological function of the I.C. (opposite the M.C.) Ms Rose describes it as the individual's 'point of recoil, where he is rooted, where he periodically touches base, then to return back into the world and his endeavours'.

This sounds fine - until we try to put the idea to practical use, then we wonder if it has any relevance at all. An illustration or two from the author's own experience (presumably she has had some to make this statement) would help to clarify the matter and decide just what value to set on it.

There is a good deal more to be said about this book. If readers are interested I shall continue the discussion in the next "Astrologers' Forum". Please let me know your views. I accept each letter as representing about 10% of readers.

Easter greetings from Marguerite and myself.

- Dymock, 19th April, 1984.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Both Marguerite and I think that Horary Astrology is a much neglected art, one that is of great practical value in everyday affairs. Here is a recent example of how we use it.

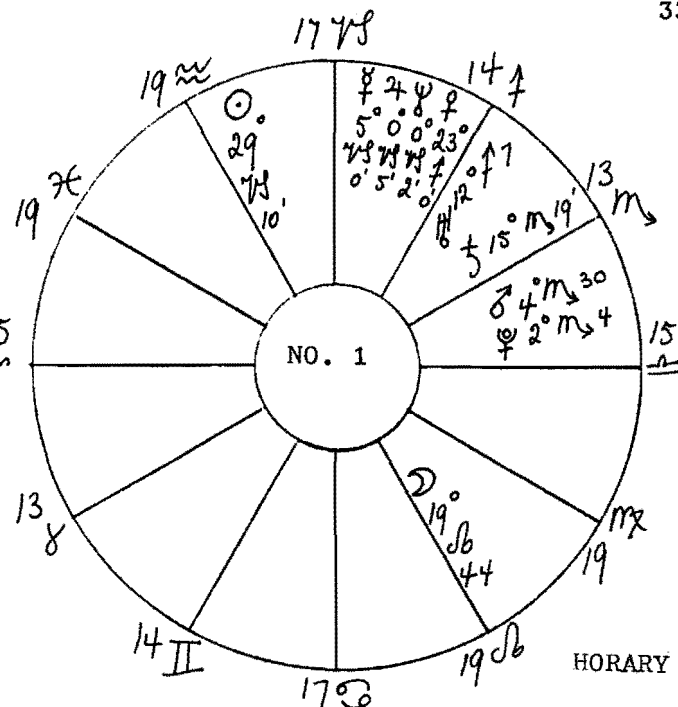
From MARGUERITE BROSE (N.S.W.): Having ploughed through some five years of an adverse Neptune-biased existence (slow Neptune transiting and retrograding opposite natal Sun, and Neptune conjunct MC), during which time I was victimized by high-handed bureaucracy and suffered devastating disloyalty with which I will not burden my reader, light has emerged at last.

During those long years there were indeed plenty of ideas floating through my brain but whenever a Horary Chart was erected for a particular idea the ever-recurring answer was negative, like an evil genie bent on destruction.

Questions such as 'Should I enter this or that Exhibition?', 'Should I approach Council for a permanent Art Gallery at my home?', 'Should I import a quantity of Chinese rice paper from Peiping?', or 'Should I give a painting workshop at the local Art Group?', all met with a repetitive sameness that was predictable (no pun).

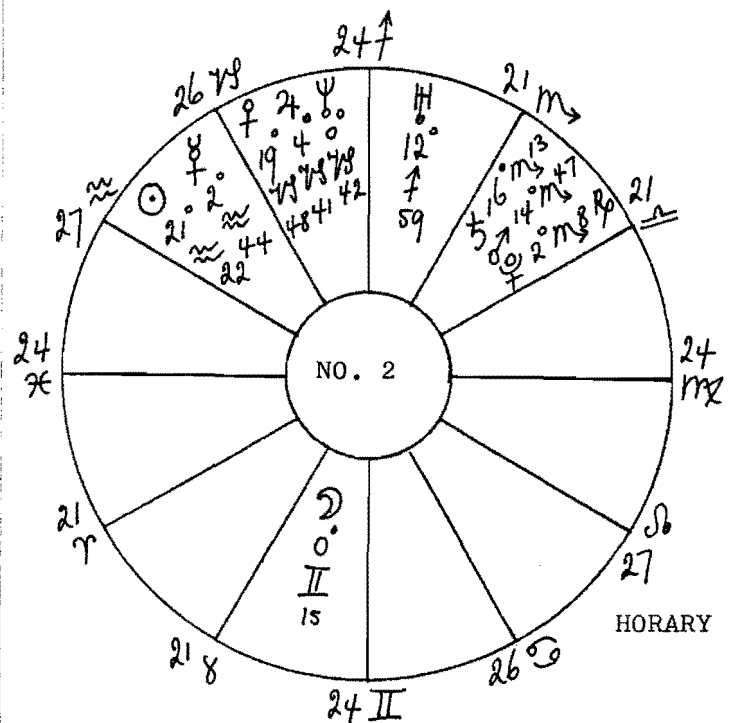
Imagine my exhilaration when the Horary Chart erected for a phone call received at U.T. 1:17 am on 20th January 1984, Blackheath, proved to be positive.

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The question: 'Do you wish to run a class for Chinese Brushpainting for the Day and Evening College in Katoomba?'. See Chart 1. The Moon is very favourably placed in the teaching Sign Leo and conjunct the 5th Cusp (art and teaching) and is making a mouth-watering trine to Venus in the 9th House (higher learning, foreign matters). It is the only application of the Moon before it leaves the Sign it occupies; so there are no disturbing factors, the Moon's applications being the most important factor in Horary Astrology. Not only would the teaching go well, there would be a nice amount of love generated in the class to lift the whole thing out of the dreary dullness with which I have associated art tuition generally. The Ruler Mars conjunct Pluto in Scorpio and Angular is indicative of the energy and drive I put into all my projects.

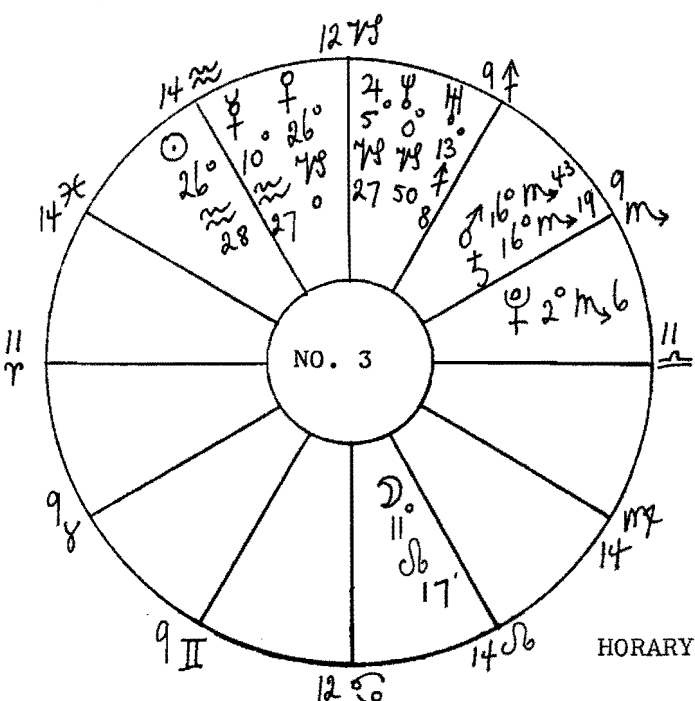
It was inevitable that after my initial 'high' I should level out and wonder if there would be a sufficient number of pupils for the class to be viable. I am the owner of a Moon opposite Saturn natively, which I find not so much a depressing agent as a nibbler at one's faith (The Moon is in Leo). The thought 'Should I ring some persons about the Classes?' occurred to me strongly at 22.08 U.T. on the 10th February 1984, Blackheath, and Chart No. 2 was erected.



(Topocentric Cusps on all four Charts)

The Moon in Gemini (communication) in the 3rd House (communication) applying closely to the trine of Mercury (communication) in the 11th House (friends, supporters) is a triple indication of good contacts. All three factors namely House, Sign and planets point to the same thing. The result was that I spent half a day on the telephone and was amazed to hear all the nice comments and the straight-out goodwill. This fishing expedition resulted in two people joining the Lessons making a total of fourteen, four more than the ten needed.

The Inceptional Chart for the commencement of the Class (U.T. 23h10m on the 15th February, 1984, See Chart 3) has the mid-point of Sun/Venus at 11Aqua14, which conjoins Mercury.

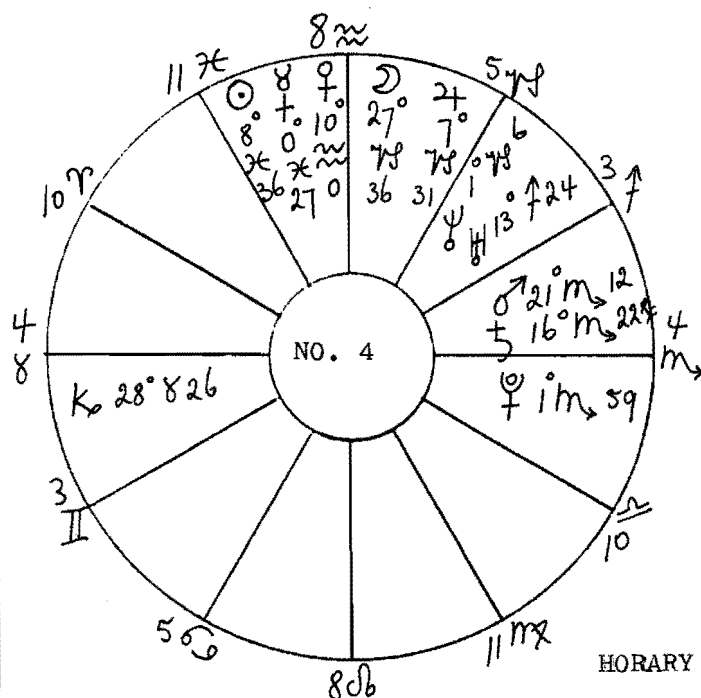


The Moon is again in the teaching Sign and House, Leo and the 5th. Although the placement of the planets on the 11th and 5th Cusps is very favourable, the approaching squares to Saturn and Mars do appear to introduce some practical difficulties. Time will show what these are although they possibly worked themselves out when at the beginning of the Class I had to receive about \$90 for brushes etc. from the pupils and there seemed to be a mad exchange of cash (8th House - other people's money).

So far the Charts have been indicative of the sunny atmosphere in which the classes have been conducted. This is not surprising. I have yet to see Horary Astrology fail.

My last Chart (No. 4) on matters of art involves a rather interesting slant. To improve my calligraphic skill I found a Chinese teacher.

In the Chart erected for U.T. 0h14m on the 28th February, 1984, Blackheath, the



Moon shows only a close application to Chiron, which is an enigma to me. By the time you read this I should have a better understanding of Chiron's significance. Any reader with experience of Chiron's workings might please contribute his quota of knowledge.

I do not wish to give the impression that I submit my will and thinking to the planets. There are, however, enough difficulties to overcome without swimming against the tide.

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.): Recently I undertook a chart interpretation in which there was a retrogression of a Secondary Mercury from the age of 8 to 31. This Chart had the Sun and Mercury in Virgo - and thanks to Sr Lebron's comments ("Astrologers' Forum" - Issue No. 23), I had a very good guideline as to what might be expected in those years.

There have been previous requests in the Forum for examples of Direct to Retrograde Progressions, and vice versa. In a similar vein, I would very much like to read of contributors' experiences when a planet, by retrograde motion, passes from one House to another or from one Sign to another. That is, has anyone ever noted any significant changes that were linked to the year when the planet moved to another Sign or House?

Both types of retrograde motion would be of interest, Natal and Progressed, and of course the House System used by the astrologer.

From JAMES McKEAGUE (N.S.W.): I was most interested in Alexander Marr's 'Rules' for the Prenatal Epoch (Forum No. 31). However, it is a little startling to read his Rule No. 1, for medical texts certainly do not seem to agree with it. The average time from conception to birth, says Alexander, is 273 days. But medicos give the average time from the first day of the last menstrual period to the day of birth as

280 days, and assume that probable ovulation was 14 days after the beginning of this 280 days, and that probable nidation ('implantation of the early embryo in the uterine mucosa' - Ed.) was seven days later again. When we realize that actual ovum fertilization can occur many hours after intercourse, and Jonas even claims another period as 'fertile' independently of the ovulation cycle, we realize that the whole problem is one where astrologers can happily speculate with no fear of ever being proven either right or wrong! (Well, not in the present state of medical knowledge).

RUDOLF SMIT had an interesting objection to the Prenatal Epoch in Forum No. 25. He said to consider three births 20 minutes apart on the same day in the same city. Because in one hour the Horizon moves on the average 15 degrees, this just does not fit in with the fact that the Moon on the day of conception moved only about half a degree per hour. However, this would be an objection only if there was a standard length of time for these three pregnancies, with all three babies being conceived on the same day, as well as being born on the same day. The fact that the length of pregnancies can vary by a month - indeed, even much more - overcomes Rudolf's objections to the theory. The Prenatal Epoch is as difficult to disprove as it is to prove, so no doubt it will remain as a perennial in astrological argument.

By the way, I do hope both Rudolf and Dymock will make an attempt to apply their respective variants of Primary Directing to the problem of Frank's release from gaol.

From ALEXANDER MARR (W. GERMAN FED. REP.):

The Secondary Lunar Horoscope

This cycle which I published in SPICA, London, July 1962, resulted from intensive research into the structure of the Secondary Directional System as well as from experience denoting that Solars and Lunars, especially the Sidereal ones, are effective not only when considering the conjunction but also when using the opposition and both square aspects.

One full circuit of the Moon corresponds to 27.322 days which in the Secondary System

equals about 27 years and 4 months.

Consequently, one Moon's quarter in Secondary measurement corresponds to about seven years of life. Due to the irregular apparent motion of the Moon the time periods of the Moon phase's vary between six and eight days = six to eight years.

Seven-year periods in life are not new. There is evidence that the ancients believed in seven-year periods of luck or misfortune. The Bible tells us of the Pharaoh's dream in which seven fat cows were swallowed by seven lean ones, this being interpreted by Joseph as seven prosperous years followed by seven years of misfortune and frustration.

There had been a good deal of logical objection to this cycle and also doubts by myself. Seven years seems to be too long. In such a time period a lot of events may happen and such a chart could rather encourage our phantasy than give us clues about tendencies and events in our lives. However, this logical objection had been overruled by the fact that these Secondary Lunars do show:

- Main events and, in sometimes very characteristic charts.
- Fortune or misfortune during its operational period.

As in the case of Solars and Lunars these seven-year Lunars can also be used successfully for nativities with approximate birth-times. Another advantage of this cycle is its simple computation. However, as in all the other astronomically correct systems the use of both, the direct (progressed) and converse (regressed) chart is indispensable.

Example: The writer's Secondary Lunars covering a) Progression September 1973 - July 1981 and b) Regression August 1973 - September 1980.

Radix: 12th April, 1919; 12h 11m 14s U.T.; Moon rad 20 Virgo 06.5'.

A glance at the Ephemeris shows that on June 6, 1919 the Moon reaches its radical position. From birth to the progressed date we have about 55 days = 55 years; this corresponds to about the year 1974 (precisely, September 1973).

Computation for the place of residence at operational date, 6E32.5; 49N42

MOON rad 20 Vir 07

MOON pro 19 Vir 48 6th June 1919, 0h

0° 19' difference

12° 14' Moon's motion in 24 hrs.

0019' / 12° 14' x 24 = 0h 37m

0h 37m

+ 06s acceleration RAMC TRIER 17h57m

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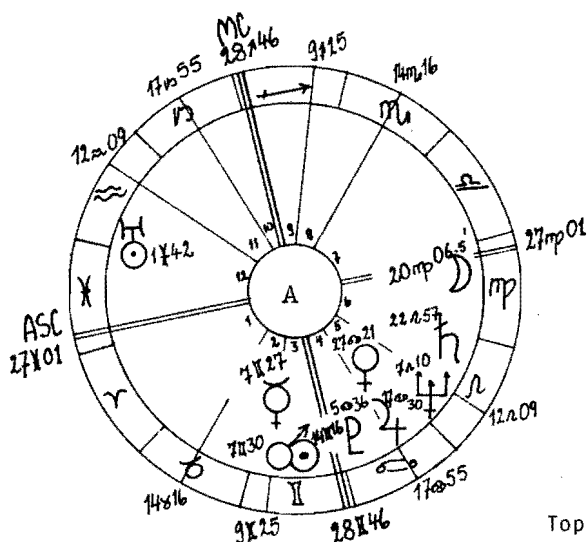
17h 30m31s RAMC GREENWICH HOUSE

+26m10s TRIER fast TABLES

17h 57m-- RAMC TRIER for 50N05

MC 29° Sagittarius XI 18° Capricorn
 XII 12° Aquarius ASC 28° Pisces
 II 16° Taurus III 10° Gemini

Placidian House positions are almost identical with Topocentric Houses in moderate Northern and Southern latitudes and may be used for approximations like these. Chart A is computed with more precise figures. (Moon to seconds).



ALEXANDER MARR SECONDARY LUNAR
 6th June 1919 ; 0h 34m 59s U.T.
 Operational date September 1973 - July 81

The other Moon positions for all quarters are, in consecutive order: 20° Sag 07'; 20° Pis 07'; 20° Gem 07'.

CHART A (Interpretation)

We notice a very inactive Chart, with all planets, except Uranus, below the Horizon. Mercury conjunct Mars on Cusp 3 with a sextile from Neptune (unfavourable as, Mercury, Mars and Neptune is an incompatible combination) is obviously obstructing the successful development in writings and in publishings, as well as in all sorts of communication with foreign countries (Cusp 9).

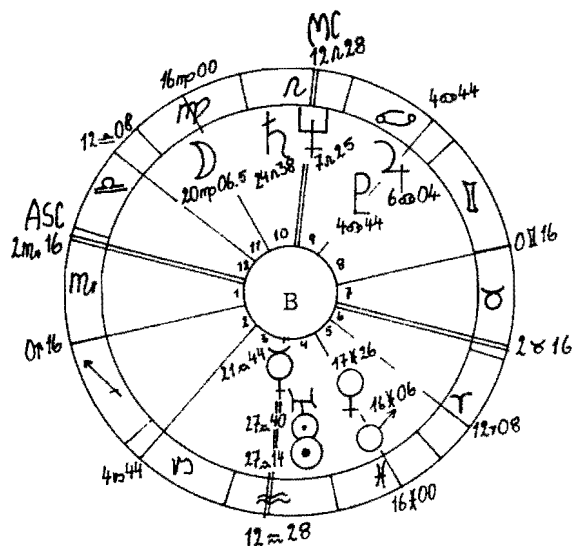
PLUTO Angular near IC in a typically inactive Chart, not supported by benefics promises changes unfavourable in character. JUPITER on Cusp 5 with a sextile to the Moon near the DESC favours legal partnership. URANUS in XII as the only planet above the Horizon, could activate matters of the 12th House such as hospitalization and others.

As said before, to get a clear picture of any cyclic system, we have now to compute and interpret the corresponding Converse, i.e. Regressed Chart.

Computation for the appropriate converse date we have to search about 54 days (54 years) before birth. We find: Moon for 16th February 1919, 0h as 8 Vir 11. The refined computation with a radical Moon position of 20 06 42 Virgo

gives: 16th February 1919, 22h 50m 05s UT.

It has been found in practice that converse cycles, and especially those with longer duration (Solars, cycles of planets) reflect more events which do NOT INVOLVE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIVE'S SURROUNDINGS but are entirely connected with the native's own personal situation. For this reason the native's physical and mental



ALEXANDER MARR PRENATAL SECOND. LUNAR
 16th Febr. 1919 ; 22h 50m 05s U.T.
 Operational date: August 1973 - Sept. 80

conditions during such a cycle are always better illustrated by the Converse Chart. This mainly concerns illnesses with all its physical and psychological consequences.

In Chart B SATURN and NEPTUNE on both sides of the MC are obviously dominating. Mighty Saturn is in opposition to SUN conjunct URANUS.

An unfavourably aspected or suppressed SUN, as here, very often affects the physical condition of the native. To a certain extent this negative aspect annuls the favourable SUN-SATURN trine in the Radix (orb 4' of arc), where the SUN is high in the sky (in IX).

The regressed MERCURY is about to reach an opposition to Radical SATURN (21 Leo 28). In contradistinction to Chart A, here the 9th House is favourably aspected by the JUPITER-PLUTO conjunction.

The assembly of VENUS conjunct MARS and opposite MOON on the V - XI axis has to be regarded as favourable.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS during this Secondary Lunar period: Main event during that period: Larynx cancer, diagnosed in December 1973, shortly after both cycles went into operation. The illness started with the usual hoarseness the opposition of Mercury to natal Saturn, 21 Leo 28 maturing almost exactly

for that date. Main indication: Saturn and Neptune on both sides of the MC in Chart B. See Mercury's position in Chart B.

The 2nd main event: On 23rd June 1977 I won a legal procedure (my first wife appealed) and finally was divorced. JUPITER and PLUTO on Cusp 9 (court decisions) in Chart B. I have to emphasize here that Topocentric House Cusps in this type of cycle produce events only if the appropriate planets are in extremely close conjunctions with these Cusps. As can be seen, all the demonstrated events follow these conditions.

The 3rd main event: On 7th October 1977 I married for the second time. A favourable Moon, Venus and Mars combination, V - XI (Chart B). MOON on DESC sextile Jupiter on V (Chart A).

The contradictory character of the 9th (3rd) Cusps in both Charts is explained by the following events:

a) Favourable (Chart B). During that time I had some successful trips to foreign countries, JUPITER conjunct PLUTO on the 9th Cusp, making new friends, due to a remarkably good disposition of the V - XI axis in both Charts. In this period I wrote a good deal of my astrological books, by now published or in print. Besides this, I did some successful research (ASC-Lunar; Prenatal Epoch, Partner-Horoscope, developments in Ascensional Transits (MDO's) and in Directional systems).

b) Unfavourable (negative, Chart A)

My chief negative experiences had been with three astrologers who promised to correct my English in 'Prediction I', but who all let me down one after another.

It is interesting to note that all these astrologers had a strong NEPTUNE in their Radices. (See Chart A, Mercury and Mars on the 3rd Cusp aspected by Neptune).

Ultimately, the accepted manuscript was not printed during this Secondary Lunar period because the publisher suddenly died.

The situation in these matters evidently changed, when the next following Secondary Lunar went into operation. (From July 1981 on a 7-year cycle with JUPITER on the MC within 15' of arc, 13th June 1919, 13h31m29s not reproduced).

As we all know, analyses are much easier than forecasts. For this reason I advise the reader to interpret only the chief indications in such a chart. As explained above, the structure of all cycles is of eminent importance (planets in Quadrants, above or below the Horizon; planets below the Horizon suppressed by malefics high in the sky, etc.).

From LESLIE BLACK (ENGLAND): I would like to reply to Ross Harvey's suggestion that I should produce examples showing the irrelevance of 'Age Harmonics', but I am aware that no useful purpose can be served by doing so, after I have stated that the system is neither astronomically nor mathematically correct to be subject to such a test.

The fact that it has been demonstrated to produce some results is agreed, but these must certainly come under the category of 'accidental aspects' peculiar to such a system, which is not conclusive enough for astrologers as a whole to give any warranty to it.

Of course many similar schemes have been put forward in the past by astrologers under the guise of 'new measures' etc (but not on the same model as this one). They will always be re-advanced by those disappointed and frustrated by their failure to make 'Directions' work, or they try something new, to provide them with a predictive method. They welcome any delusory device as the only means of salvaging some of their shattered beliefs - like 'Age Harmonics', another device offered to the disillusioned for restoring hope to the disaffected.

His gibe about my negative 'it doesn't work because I say so attitude', is a gross exaggeration of my intent, as I have no axe to grind and only want what is good for astrology and stand to be judged wholly in the interests of astrology itself.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.): I was very glad to see Dymock's example of the usefulness of Age Harmonics; let's hope others are now inspired to do some research of their own. Alexander Marr's article was refreshingly thorough and rational, though there are a few points about which I do not agree. I only brought the Greeks into the discussion because it had been suggested by Leslie Black that Harmonics were a completely new method; I would take no notice of the rules of the Greeks and their predecessors for their own sake; as I have said before, the only criterion for the value of any astrological method is its usefulness - 'Does it work?' I have never meant to suggest that Harmonic Directions should supersede better-known methods, but rather that they are a (very) useful adjunct to Primary Directions, Solar Returns, etc.

I myself always give primacy to Primary Directions. However, there are certain

events which can appear more clearly in the Age Harmonic than elsewhere: For example I successfully predicted the Princess of Wales' second pregnancy from the following indications in her 23rd Harmonic - Pluto 19 Pis 9 conjunct MC 20 Pis 9; and Vx 8 Pis 54 opposite Pluto r 6 Vir 3. (These figures are for the given time of 7:45 pm BST, Sandringham, 1st July 1961, which I believe to be correct. I have frequently seen Pluto conjunct or opposite the Angles, either within the Age Harmonic, or between the Harmonic and the Radix in cases of childbirth. Jupiter conjunct or opposite the Angles (including the Vertex and East Point) is by far the most common single indicator of marriage (Jupiter to Angles, or Angles to Jupiter). Obviously, one would have to look elsewhere to be sure it was marriage one was dealing with, and not something else (Solar Returns, etc.)

However, the usefulness of this indication can be in cases where someone is contemplating marriage, but is unsure of the outcome.

Another example: A friend of mine had, last year, become engaged, but was uncertain whether this would result in marriage, in view of strong parental opposition (born Sydney, 25th January 1951, 9h 20m UT).

Her 33rd Harmonic had ASC 12 Pis 39 conjunct Jupiter r 9 Pis 40; Vx 15 Aqua 7 opposite Pluto r 18 Leo 59 (this may relate to a coming pregnancy, for which there are other indications); Moon 28 Sag 17 conjunct Pluto 26 Sag 27 and opposite MC 2 Can 33.

The ordinary Solar Return gave no indication, though there were such indications in both the Progressed Birthday SR, and the Regressed Prenatal SR (neither Chart really explicit, however). She was married on the 28th January this year.

With reference to Alexander's conclusions, the important indications in an Age Harmonic in my experience are conjunctions and oppositions of and to the Angles (including the Vertex and East Point), the Sun and the Moon, within the Harmonic, or between the Harmonic and the Radix. The orb of only one degree seems to me to be much too strict: Had I restricted myself to such an orb when I began my investigations into Harmonics, I would have soon concluded that they were of little practical application.

I have found that an orb of four degrees is certainly justifiable, and possibly one of five degrees; any more is just as certainly not acceptable.

I quite agree that conjunctions of other planets within the Age Harmonic, or between the Harmonic and the Radix are not of any real significance, excepting perhaps those Harmonics that have special significance for interpretation of the Radix (13th, 16th and 5th). I have found that there is often a period of overlap

between the Age Harmonic and the year to which it applies; but a period of one month seems to be all that I can vouch for at this stage of my research. I should add to avoid any possible confusion, that the 20th Harmonic applies to the twelve months following the 20th birthday, and so on, NOT to the 20th year of life, which is the preceding twelve-month period.

I have noticed that square aspects are at times relevant in Age Harmonics, but once again a one-degree orb is too small. I do think (unlike Alexander) that rectification by Age Harmonics is the simplest and most reliable method of rectification, as indeed Dymock's own example suggests, PROVIDED THAT one has enough events to work from. I consider that six are the absolute minimum that can enable one to be reasonably certain of the result, and ten or more are definitely to be desired. The success of the method then depends on the original uncertainty in the birth time, and the patience and diligence of the astrologer; and of course, all such rectifications should be checked by Primary Directions, transits to Angles, and Solar Returns.

I have indeed found occasions when Age Harmonics have not provided clear indications of events, but then I do not know of any absolutely reliable method of prognostication: The old Rule was a Direction for every event, and an event for every Direction; and I think if one gets ninety per cent of Directions for events and vice versa, one is doing acceptably well. I have seen many Solar Returns for instance, which completely fail to give any indication of major events, and yet nearly everyone relies on Solar Returns (and rightly so, if one remembers that one should always compare several different methods of prognostication to determine what is likely to occur).

An example of the failure of Solar Returns is the case of Ross McWhirter (data in the American Book of Charts); where there is absolutely no indication of his murder in the SR and nothing in the Progressed Birthday SR that would not also have applied to his twin brother, born twenty minutes earlier. Only Primary Directions (ASC d square Neptune) and the Age Harmonic foretold disaster.

I might add that by now I have analysed over three hundred charts using harmonics in varying degrees of thoroughness, and the results consistently bear out the conclusions I had reached when I first communicated my results to Dymock: I might also add that my offer of the tests I proposed in Forum No. 29 still stands, if anyone wants to prove me either right or wrong, or better, simply wants to advance

our understanding of Astrology.

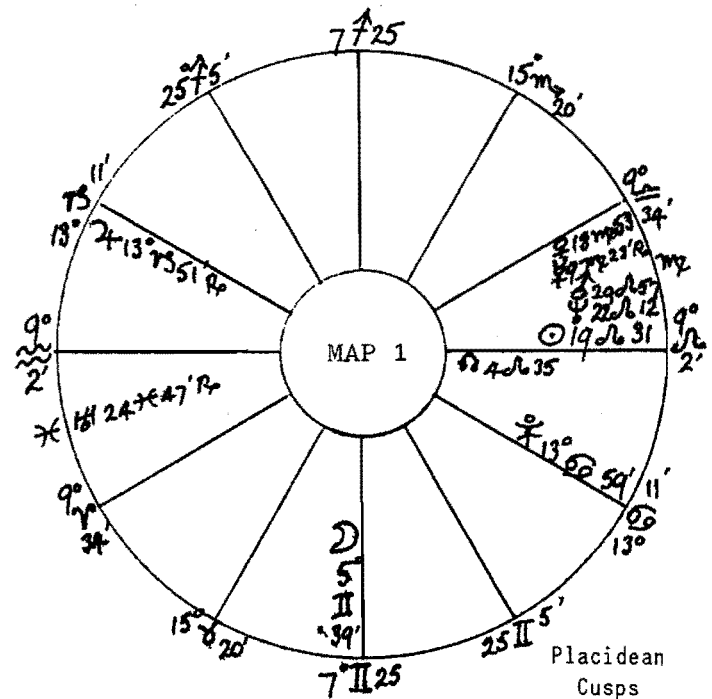
I have also been experimenting with one or two ways of being able to restrict the influence of a Primary Direction to a particular month, instead of the six-month period which at the moment is all I can consistently rely on, namely harmonics of the ordinary Solar Return, and fractional Solar Returns; preliminary results are fairly encouraging, but it will be a while before I can be more certain whether I am 'on to something', or just mistaken. Once again congratulations on the quality of the Forum, and keep up the good work.

Ross Harvey's mention of the 'old Rule' - 'a Direction for every event, and an event for every Direction' - leads me to comment that there never was any warranty for such a 'rule'. What grounds have we for assuming that any Directional system we discover is complete in itself? The 'Rule' seems more like somebody's wishful thinking that it ought to be so. In practice we find that to get a comprehensive picture of events, both important and less important, it is necessary to utilize a number of techniques.

The first of these is the quick and simple observation of transits, especially those of planets at their station, which are very powerful, followed by those of planets retrograding. Then come major Secondary Progressions, both forwards and backwards in the Zodiac, Primary Directions likewise, and cyclic charts. If one wants to get down to the minutiae of everyday living the Lunar Returns are a good guide, and for the assessment of a few years the Solar Returns are a principal tool. ROSS HARVEY enthusiastically supports Harmonic Directions, which are categorically rejected by LESLIE BLACK. Time may prove them to be a valuable addition to astrological techniques. I still have an open mind on the subject.

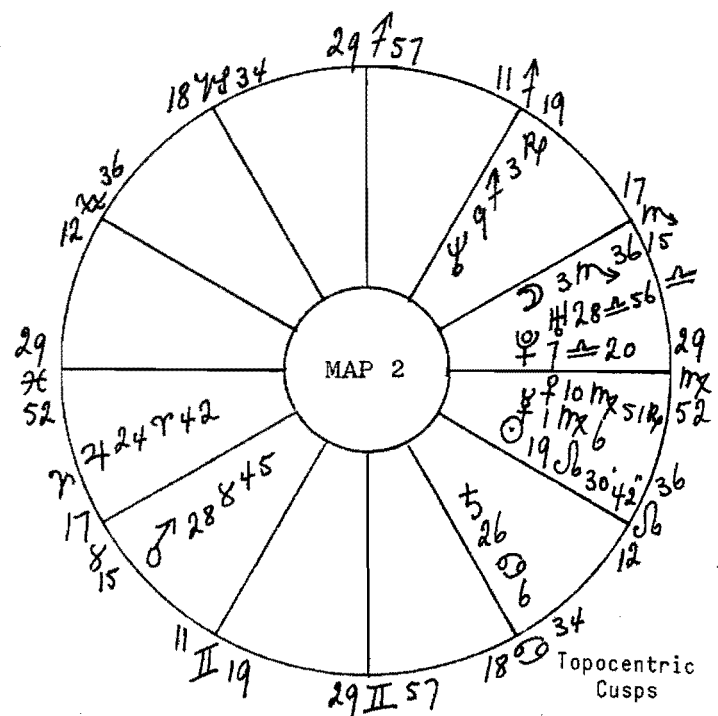
ALEXANDER MARR has made a significant contribution in the field of Prediction by drawing specific attention to the Prenatal Return and Prenatal Transits. The importance of the Prenatal S.R. is particularly evident in the life of Ross McWhirter, adduced by Ross Harvey in the preceding article as an instance of the failure of the Solar Cycle Chart. McWhirter's Birth Chart is reproduced here (MAP 1) from Lois Rodden's The American Book of Charts, which states that McWhirter was shot by the IRA at his front door on 27th November 1975.

MAP 2, the normal Solar Return in the Tropical Zodiac, is not devoid of warnings of danger, chief among them being Neptune conjunct the Radical Meridian and only 20' off the square of Radical Mercury, ruling the Radical 4th (terminations). Neptune's



Birth Chart of Ross McWhirter

12th August, 1925, 8:00pm BST London, Eng.
0 W 06, 51 N 31

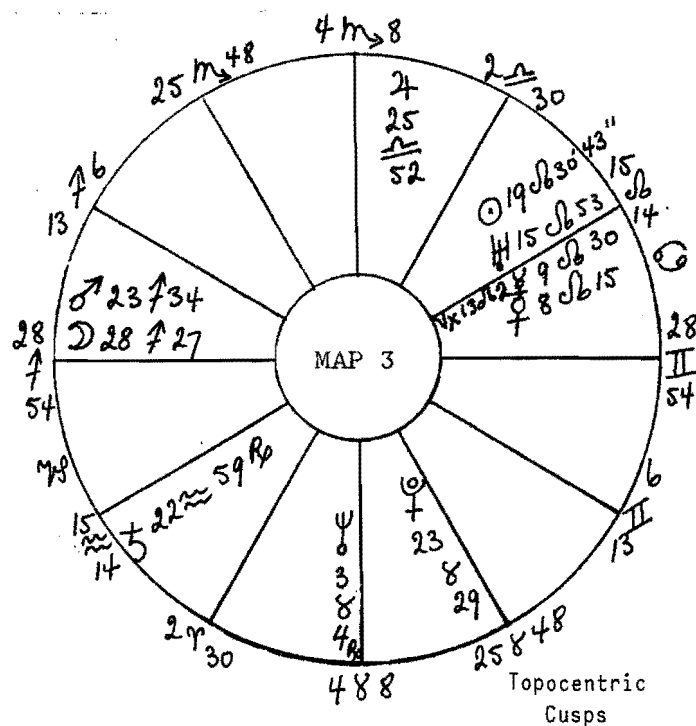


Tropical Solar Return, 12/8/1975
UT 20h37m30s

malefic nature is fully evident in the Birth Chart where it is Angular and conjunct both the Sun and Mars. Mars retrograded over the SR 4th Cusp on the 26th November, the day before McWhirter was shot, and by Topocentric Primary Direction came to the sextile of Saturn (in T-Square with Uranus and Jupiter) on 30th November (Time Measure, Naibod Arc x 12).

The above, however, is incidental to the main purpose of this discourse, which is

the dire portents shown in the PRENATAL SOLAR RETURN (MAP 3).



PRENATAL SOLAR RETURN

This Chart is cast for fifty years before birth, (12th August 1875) just as the normal Solar Return is for fifty years after birth. Here we have the Moon conjunct the ASC, afflicted by Mars, the Sun in the House of Deaths conjunct Uranus, opposite Saturn and square Pluto - a malignant T-Square. Neptune, Ruler of the Natal ASC, is retrograde on the SR IC (endings).

McWhirter was shot and killed on the 27th November, 1975, and the Prenatal Transit date corresponding to this is the 4th of April 1875. At midday on 18th April 1875 Uranus was stationary at 11 Leo 10 - about two degrees from the opposition of the Natal ASC. On the 4th April, corresponding to the day of death, Pluto was at 21 Tau 17, square to both Natal Sun and Neptune. Saturn at 23 Aqu 5 also afflicted Natal Sun and Neptune (by opposition). Neptune at 29 Ar 53 was only 4 arc-minutes from the trine of Natal Mars, and Mars itself at 24 Sag 41 was just 6 arc-minutes from the square of Radical Uranus, Ruler of the Natal Chart, and rising. All this is certainly a vindication of ALEXANDER MARR'S teachings.

The question arises, as ROSS HARVEY implies, of how to distinguish between the Charts of Ross McWhirter and his brother Norris, reported to have been born twenty minutes earlier, and so far as we know not suffering a similar dreadful fate. The difference of twenty minutes would change the Midheaven of the Prenatal Solar Return to about 28 Lib 53, bringing Jupiter (The Preserver) into conjunction with it. Was

this sufficient to spare him? ROSS HARVEY claims that the Age Harmonic distinguishes between the fates of the two brothers.

Whether or not this is so, there is a clear-cut distinction afforded by the Primary Directions: The ASC, Directed under the latitude of birth, came to the square of Neptune on 22 November 1975 (only three days before the killing), Neptune being in the House of enemies conjunct the Sun and Mars. In the Chart of Norris, the brother, this aspect did not occur until 18th December 1980. We have no information as to what might have been his fate at that time, but the cyclic Charts could have been vastly different. It just points up the lesson that we must not put all our faith into one astrological system, but use all proven techniques at our disposal. - Dymock.

From ISOBEL BELL (TAS.):

Mars Retrograde in Female Charts

This factor seems to correspond to definite difficulties with men in life. A woman with Mars intercepted in the 12th, Mars in the 8th is a most unreliable worker who rarely notifies her employer prior to her frequent absences. She has collected much ill-feeling from co-workers Mars in the 8th exact. Mars rules 6th House (work and worker-relationships).

Domestic upsets are frequent, caused by her de facto husband leaving home to chase various girl-friends. The woman suffers from asthma further aggravated by her habit of over-dosing herself with medication.

Nevertheless, she remains in the situation. Mars rules 7th.

A woman with Mars in the 4th is seriously accident-prone having sustained various injuries to her head and face especially (Mars), as a motorist and pedestrian. There is seldom a time when she is not involved in some related legal matter Mars in the 1st. Mars rules the 9th. She has had a variety of live-in lovers all of whom have exploited her grossly. Her most recent lover had the odd habit of bringing a girl-friend home for the night; next morning they were given breakfast in bed and generally waited upon by the woman. (Surely, the original masochist! - Ed.)

Since then she has entered group-therapy.

Another woman with Mars in the 11th House endured many years of semi-slavery running dairy farms with limited help from her much older husband. Re-entering the work-force corresponded to enormous personal changes. She left home and fell in love with a male co-worker whose ailing wife was in the terminal stage of her illness. Following this lady's death the couple married. Social and family acceptance of the event is strictly limited.

A deserted wife with four children had been apart from her husband for two years when she became pregnant. She has Mars in the 7th. To aggravate her difficulty she claimed that her pregnancy resulted from a previously fertilised but dormant ovum. No one has seen any boyfriend or ex-husband in order to dispute her claim. Her ultra-conservative and religious father has virtually cut-off all contact with her. However, her red-headed baby son is a 'look-alike' version of his older brothers.

(To be continued next issue)

My kind regards to you all.

- Dymock.
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The January issue of Astrologers' Forum has brought a number of favourable reports, which is certainly gratifying to your Editor. I hope to improve still further on the standard reached. This is possible if you will continue to give your support by way of contributing information and experience that helps to advance astrological practice.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.): I was delighted to receive the new expanded Forum: Congratulations! You should be very pleased with the result.

Returning to the discussion on Harmonics, the classical world knew of, and regularly used, the 13th Harmonic, which the Greeks called 'dodekatemorion', or twelfth part. Hand further refers to Neugebauer's Greek Horoscopes, where such positions are repeatedly found in the horoscopes published there.

The ancients did not refer to this method as 'Harmonics', it is true, and this terminology is a recent, and perhaps, infelicitous, invention; but as this is the name by which the method is nowadays internationally known, we are stuck with it. Pythagoras does not come into it.

Leslie Black is guilty of a serious logical inconsistency by quoting (misquoting incidentally) Recent Advances (p. 137) in his support, as if it were holy writ, in paragraph one, and then in paragraph three completely disagreeing with most of what the passage quoted contains! He uses strong language to condemn Harmonics but has not adduced a shred of evidence in his support. The method is simple in its application, and hence it should be easy for him to produce examples showing the irrelevance of Harmonic Directions and the uselessness of Harmonics for birth chart interpretation, if indeed this is the case, as he seems convinced. If he is not prepared to provide such evidence, one is left free to form one's own opinion about the value of his objections. To me it seems he is merely reiterating unsubstantiated prejudice. This negative "it-doesn't-work-because-I-say-so" attitude will get Astrology nowhere. All I can say to anyone who may be in doubt about the value of Harmonics is 'TRY THEM FOR YOURSELF'; indeed the principal purpose of my reporting my findings is to en-

courage others to investigate for themselves.

I have noticed for some time the particular usefulness of Harmonics in being able to distinguish between closely-timed births, as even one minute's difference in the birth time can produce different indications, especially in the 16th Harmonic ($\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ difference in the Radix gives 4° difference in the 16th; and as I allow 5° orb, a time difference of slightly more than a minute can lead to a completely different life for even identical twins. I remember Rudolf Smit's having mentioned two Hungarian twins, one of whom emigrated; their Charts would be interesting to see.)

Would anyone be able to provide me with the birth data of identical twins (or triplets, etc.) born less than five minutes apart, who have led markedly different lives in any way, or for one of whom a major event has happened that did not happen to the other (happy/unhappy marriage, serious accident/illness, different career, overseas journey, etc.)?

In the Charts of Elvis Presley and his still-born brother, assuming the times given are correct and have not been rounded-off to any significant degree, aspects of and to the Angles in the 13th and 16th Harmonics should enable us to differentiate clearly between the two.

For the still-born brother the clearest indications in the 13th Harmonic Chart are Mars opp. MC r and Neptune r; and MC opp. Mars r. The Moon is conjunct Mars in the 13th Harmonic Chart itself. In the 16th Harmonic Neptune at 21 Can 12 is conjunct the Vertex in the Radical 8th House.

For Elvis, one would expect indications of fame and riches and they are there in the 13th Harmonic: Sun conjunct MC (an especially favourable indication - Margaret Thatcher has the 13th Harmonic MC conj. Sun r), Jupiter opp. the East Point r, and the E.P. almost conjunct Jupiter r. (It would require an adjustment of the birth time by only a few seconds to bring this within the orb of 5° .) In the 16th Harmonic Saturn is conjunct the MC r, and it is to be remembered that Elvis died comparatively young.

The complete 13th and 16th Harmonics for both Charts are given here.

13th	16th
☉ ..14♌02	05♌44
☽ ..26♋13 ♂ MCr	02♌16
♄ ..19♌54	26♋48 ♂ MCr
♅ ..21♌46	19♌52
♂ ..16♋37	25♌04
♄ ..24♌52 ♂ EPr	19♋04
♅ ..04♌45	22♌00 ♂ MCr
♄ ..27♋30 ♂ MCr	20♌00
♅ ..07♋51	21♌12
♅ ..26♋44	12♋08
ASC..10♋33	17♌36
MC..18♌37	09♌04
VX..07♌41	02♌32
EP..25♌10 ♂ ♄ r	17♌07

Still-born brother -

☉ ..13♌36	05♌12
☽ ..21♋40 ♂ MCr	26♋40
♄ ..19♌28	26♋16
♅ ..21♌20	19♌20
♂ ..16♋37 ♂ MCr, ♄ r	25♌04
♄ ..24♌52	19♋04
♅ ..04♌32	21♌44 ♂ MCr
♄ ..27♋30	20♌00
♅ ..07♋51	21♌12 ♂ Vxr
♅ ..26♋44	12♋08
ASC..04♌47	19♌44
MC..14♌41 ♂ ♂ r	06♌32
Vx..17♌31	23♋52
EP..10♌12	07♌56

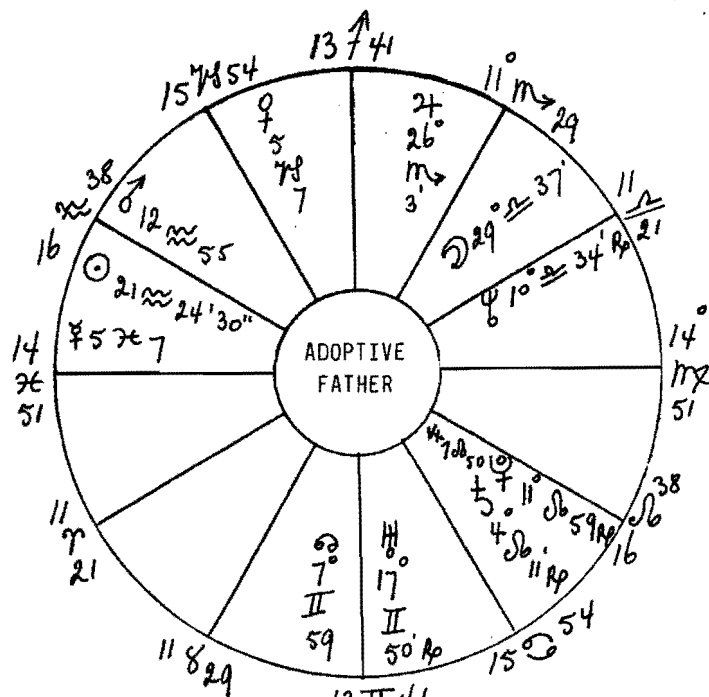
There are other indications in both Charts, as shown above, but I confined myself to mentioning the most important indications only, for the sake of clarity. I hope by now that I may be persuading some people, at least, that this technique has great possibilities, and is worth serious investigation. I should hope that no one would be content to take my word for it, but that everyone would be open minded enough to try it for themselves.

I might add that the Charts of the recently born 'test-tube quads' show variations, the younger two having in the 13th Harmonic MC ♂♂, and in the 16th Harmonic, ASC ♂♂. The elder two have MC ♂☽ in the 16th Harmonic, and only the youngest has the 16th Harmonic ASC ♂♀ r. One could infer from this that the younger two could face serious difficulties at some stage in their lives. (They were all born by Caesarian section, one minute apart.)

ERRATUM: In Ross Harvey's article, Issue No. 30, page 8, the sentence commencing in line 15 should read: The Solar Return for 1977 has ♄ and ♅ Angular, and these positions do bring the Harmonic Angles in the 13th Harmonic closer to Pluto r,...etc.

Age Harmonics

There is some persuasive evidence for



11th February, 1947.

Subiaco, W.A. 7:45 am

Rectification by Age Harmonics. Here is a case from my own practice. The man whose Birth Chart appears above, with his wife adopted a baby boy on the 9th of March this year. This adoptive father's Chart was erected for the given time - 7:45 am (claimed to be exact) and has not been adjusted or altered in the slightest degree. He was aged 36, and his 36th Harmonic gives the following positions:

MC 12 Leo 45, conjunct Pluto rad. in Leo (children). Pluto rules the 9th (legal formalities).

Moon 16 Pis 15, conjunct ASC rad. The Moon rules the 5th House of the Birth Chart.

Mars 15 Can 7 conjunct 5th Cusp rad. (children; Mars = a boy)

Jupiter 8 Sco 2 conjunct 9th Cusp rad (legal formalities)

Pluto 11 Gem 21 conjunct 4th Cusp rad. (transformation in the home)

Are there any factors that could be more indicative of child adoption?

- Dymock.

From ALEXANDER MARR (FED. REP. OF W. GERMANY):

The Prenatal Epoch (Conception Horoscope)

(Marr has done a great deal of research into the Prenatal Epoch, and the following embodies his most recent conclusions. - Ed.)

General Rules for Normal and Premature Births:

(A) Normal Births

1. In the average the time period between conception and birth consists of 273 days.

2a. If in a birth chart the Moon is approaching its OPPOSITION to the Sun (distance SUN-MOON under 180 degrees, measured anti-clockwise) the Ecliptical position of the MOON in the Conception Horoscope corresponds to the Ecliptical position of the radical ASC.

2b) If in a birth chart the MOON is approaching its CONJUNCTION with the SUN (distance SUN-MOON exceeding 180 degrees, measured anti-clockwise), the Ecliptical position of the MOON in the Conception Horoscope corresponds to the Ecliptical position of the radical DESCENDANT.

3a) In most cases the Ecliptical position of the radical ASC (or DESC) is almost identical with the Ecliptical position of the Conception Moon. Of course, this also depends on the accuracy achieved in the rectification, especially of the birth chart.

3b) Experience shows that by paying regard to the Rules 1 to 3a, in most cases, the final rectification of the Conception Horoscope does not cause any difficulties as its Directed factors (to the Conception Horoscope and to the Radix) produce sufficient Directions for a secure rectification. Limited to the position of the MOON (radical ASC or DESC), the speculative time for the conception is much closer to the true one than the usually available unrectified time of birth.

3c) EXCEPTIONS

In very few cases (up to the present only 2 out of 41) the difference between the position of the radical ASC (or DESC) and the Conception Moon may reach and even exceed one degree. Here the writer recommends proceeding as follows:

If Rule 3a seems not to work, it is necessary to make an analysis with the Conception Lunar described in the book, Prediction III. These exceptions obviously result from some irregularities which are connected with the actual birth process.

B) SEVEN MONTHS' BABIES

Here, reduced to seven months, the same rules have to be applied as in normal birth cases. (1 - 3b). So far only two cases have been available, and have been successfully analysed.

C) IDENTICAL TWINS

The following particular case has shed much light into astrological research of twins. About ten years ago the writer succeeded in rectifying the birth charts of identical twins who were born with a time difference of two hours. However,

in spite of several efforts during this long period of ten years, it seemed to be impossible to find the conception date and time which these identical twins should have in common. This in spite of the fact that the day of conception was undoubtedly known. (The father of these twins stayed only one day in his home while fighting against the Soviets when liberating RIGA on May 22, 1919).

In the mean time a great number of scientifically correct and provable Epoch identifications have been produced by the writer, validating the above demonstrated cognitions.

About 30 events (eight of which were common to the twins) analyzed in the horoscopes of both twins brought the proof that in this special case, the Ecliptical, radical Mid-heaven position of the twin born first proved to be the wanted Moon position for the Conception which, of course, these identical twins had in common.

Another peculiarity of these nativities was an eight months' time period between conception and birth. This often happens if twins are concerned. However, in the case of triple births, eight-months' babies are very rare, in contra-distinction to seven-months' babies.

Summarized Features of this Analysis:

1. The identical twins were born with a time difference of two hours.
2. We had to deal with eight-months' babies.
3. Conception and birth happened at different localities.
4. The MC of the elder twin was the base for computing the Conception Horoscope. (MC twin I = MOON of Conception).

The outcome of the analysis for 1 - 4 corresponds to the witness of the mother as well as to the historically provable date, the liberation of Riga on May 22, 1919.

This analysis may be a link for further investigations into the lives of identical twins. Charts and events in the life of these will be demonstrated in a separate article on advanced methods and new findings.

Harmonics

In some respects we may agree with LESLIE BLACK's reasoning about Harmonics. As, so far, only those astrological systems have been found valid which are based on solid astronomical grounds. However, logical reasoning can never decide about the efficacy or usefulness of any phenomenon. For this reason the passionately expressed opinion of Leslie Black (A.F. No. 28, page 4 and A.F. No. 30, page 5) against Harmonics has to be rejected.

Neither the rules of the Babylonians, Chaldeans or Greeks have to be taken as

unfallible models, but, as I maintain, the advanced astrologer has to find out for himself what 'is working' in astrology, and which are the most effective systems for analyses and forecasts.

Here are the results of my investigations into this matter in which I have analysed over 150 major events, using rectified horoscopes with planetary positions compiled to a few seconds of arc, and Angles which may be regarded as exact to one minute of arc.

1. Harmonics do show certain reflections in eventful years, however, these indications are not reliable and they don't appear regularly for all major events.
2. Some discrepancies also arise with the problem of what is the operational date (starting point) of the 'year to year' Harmonic. It seems that no exact operational date can be fixed for these phenomena. By simple logic the first year of life should correspond to the 1st Harmonic, the 2nd to the second, and so on. However, this is not the case. So far I have achieved the best results with the following method: The first Harmonic starts six months after birth, the second, one and a half years after birth, and so on. This method has not always been satisfactory and I suspect that this more or less symbolic astrological phenomenon cannot be exactly fixed in relation to operational date and duration. This is unfortunately a point that moves Harmonics nearer to a belief system.

to 1st November 1937.

Compulsory military service 11th November 1937 (to 1945)

MARSr 27 Ar 58' 58"; SUN 27 Ar 38

ASCh 27 Ar 59' ; SATURN h 26 Ar 38

NEPTUNE h 27 Can 21

(Primary Direction for 'military service' ASC conv sq. MARS r, orb 1')

The 36th Harmonic (operational period October 1954 to October 1955)

Event: Emigration to Ireland, Job in Radio Dublin Symphony orchestra, 2nd February, '55.

VENUSr 24 Tau 16' 14", ASCh 25 Sco 58

SUN h 25 Tau 16; NEPTUNE h 25 Sco 19 (travel overseas)

(Primary Directions: NEPTUNE c conjunct JUPITERr exact

IX c sextile MARSr exact)

The 44th Harmonic (operational date October, 62 to October 1963.

Event: Job in the German Air force, 4th November, 1963

SUNr 21 Ar 32' 08"; MCh 21 Ar 49

The 53rd Harmonic (operational date October, 71 to October 1972)

Event: Death of father 15th May, 1972.

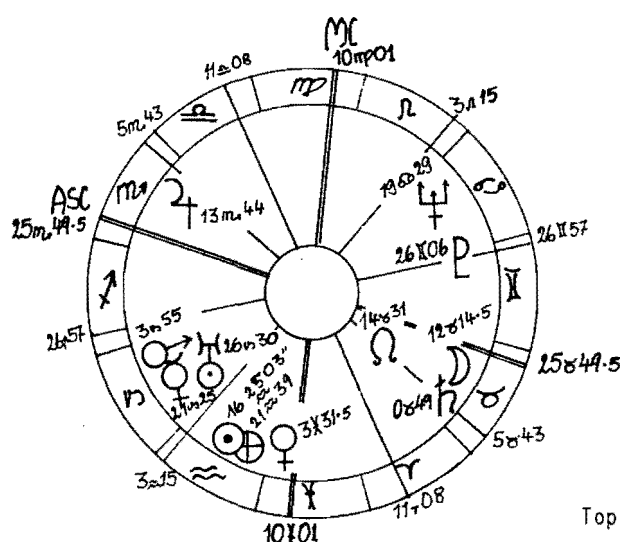
SATURN r 21 Leo 28' 02"; PLUTO r 4 Can 39

MC h 20 Aqua 50; NODE h 5 Can 39

MC r 3 Tau 13; MERCURY h 3 Tau 45

(Primary Direction: Pluto direct conjunct SATURNr Orb 1')

EXAMPLE 2: RONALD REAGAN (see Charts RADIX and EPOCH)

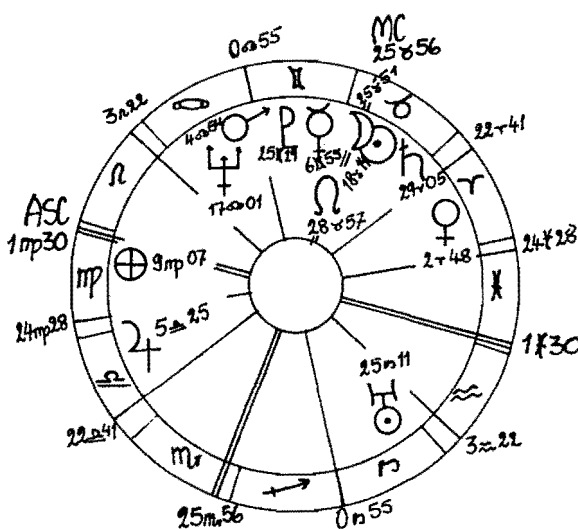


RONALD REAGAN

RADIX rectified

6th Febr. 1911 ; 07h 44m 06s U.T.

89 W 49 ; 41 N 38



RONALD REAGAN

PRENATAL EPOCH rectified

9th May 1910 ; 18h 26m 58s U.T.

89 W 49 ; 41 N 38

EXAMPLE: Radix Alexander Marr, 12th April, 1919; 12h 11m 14s U.T. 8E33; 47N22'57".

The 18th Harmonic (supposed operational period October 1936 to October 1937).

Events: Compulsory labour service 4th April

The 69th Harmonic (operational date September 79 to September 1980)

Event: Elected President, 4th November, 1980.

JUPITER r 13 Sco 44; MOON r 12 Tau 14.5

MOON h 14 Tau 33; NODE r 14 Tau 31

SUN r 16 Aqua 25; JUPITERh 17 Aqua 25
(SUN transit (5th November 4h U.T., Result)
= 12 Sco 53).

The 73rd Harmonic (operational date September 1983 to September 1984)

Future Event: Supposed Presidential Elections; 6th November, 1984

JUPITER r 13 Sco 44 URANUS r 26 Cap 30

URANUS h 14 Tau 28 ASC h 25 Cap 13

JUPITER h 12 Leo 21 SATURN r 0 Tau 49

MOON r 12 Tau 14.5 MERCURY h 2 Tau 03

(SUN transit (Results, 7th November, 4h U.T.) = 14 Sco 46

JUPITER tr(Results) 10 Cap 04 trine MCr
10 Vir 01

Prenatal transit for the same date = 6th

May 1837, 9h U.T. SATURN prenat tr. conj.

JUPITER rad orb 1' of arc

PRIMARY DIRECTIONS in the TOPOCENTRIC

SYSTEM for the Election Day:

RADIX - RADIX RADIX-EPOCH
MC d sext URANUS 2' orb (exact) ASC c quinc. Saturn r

SUN d trine MC r 2' VENUS d 30 IX r 3'

PARS F d opp. Jup r(Sep'84) SUN c opp Merc

MOON c sesq. URANUS r 1' (favourable)

EPOCH - EPOCH

EPOCH - RADIX

ASC d opp. SATURN Ep 3' JUPITER d a MC r 1'

VENUS d conj MERC. Ep 4' (Fav.) (favourable;
see transit

PLUTO d sext MARS Ep 2' JUPITER trine MC r
for that date)

SECONDARY DIRECTIONS (Topoc. System) Angles

and House Cusps directed stereometrically

with the Solar ARC in Right Ascension

RADIX - RADIX

VENUS pro quinc. SATURN rad ex.

MARS re opp. MOON rad ex

RADIX - EPOCH

ASC pro square SATURN Ep 4'

IX pro square URANUS Ep 1'

(Failure? not Elected?)

SUN re square ASC Ep 4'

(very unfavourable)

EPOCH - EPOCH

EPOCH - RADIX

MC pro sext MERC Ep 2' ASC pro opp Saturn
rad ex

PLUTO pro semisq.

MOON 5' (orb probably
too large)

The Tropical Solars and their Prenatal equivalents for 1984/85 and 1985/86 overshadow the favourable indications for re-election through the malefics, mainly Saturn and Pluto, with some influence of Uranus. The Mean Node is also involved.

According to some characteristic Directions President Reagan may be re-elected. However, his personal life, and his psychological experiences around and after the Elections will be deeply affected in an extremely unfortunate way. Close relatives

may die. Beside this, his physical condition should also suffer considerably. Serious illnesses with serious results are possible. This in spite of the fact that Reagan's Radix, although appearing to be very insignificant, has extremely harmonious aspects. The T-Square of SUN, MOON and JUPITER has to be regarded as very favourable. The real Chart for a leader of a State is the demonstrated PRENATAL EPOCH (Conception Horoscope). Here SUN conj. MOON is right on the MC - one of the best configurations we can expect in the Chart of a President.

Conclusions:

1. The most effective Harmonics are those in conjunction with Radical factors, preferably Angles. The theoretical orb should not exceed one degree. Exceptions: If more than one planet is conjunct the same Radical factor (see examples of Reagan and Marr) conjunctions and oppositions are also valid with larger orbs. Squares of Harmonics to the Radix may also be valid if appearing together with other Harmonics (conjunct or opposite Radical factors).

2. The conjunctions of Harmonics among themselves are only significant if touching Radical factors (conjunction or opposition) This is quite logical as in special cases (close conjunctions, oppositions, trines, sextiles and squares in the Radix) conjunctions of Harmonics among themselves may appear periodically every 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc., year.

3. Analyses of Harmonics are only reasonable and therefore acceptable if:

- a) The Radix is rectified within 1' of arc
- b) The planets are computed with the utmost possible accuracy to seconds of arc by Astronomical Ephemeris or sophisticated Computer programs. An inaccuracy of 1' in RAMC enlarges the final error to one degree for a native aged 60 years.

For this reason the Harmonics relating to Angles, demonstrated above, have larger orbs than the theoretical one established with the aid of the very accurate planetary positions.

Although, as we can see in ROSS HARVEY's demonstrations, the multiplication of the Angles encouraged him to consider rectifications, I can assure the reader that this assumption is far too optimistic. In fact, that these Harmonics may reach theoretical orbs of one degree and more, invites the astrologer to select apparently appropriate, but wrong, fictional Harmonics.

On the other hand, if working with approximate planetary positions, and with no rectified Angles, wrong Harmonic numbers

may be selected for wrong (fictional) aspects. This is mainly because this symbolic system does not permit exact fitting to the operational period.

The demonstrations I have seen so far in matters of Harmonics have been unsatisfactory throughout, mainly because the necessary preconditions of exactness have been missing.

I admit, that my analyses of Harmonics, although performed with the utmost possible accuracy, do not by a long way fulfil the demands of a scientifically approved system.

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC.): How timely that in the midst of the discussion re monitoring jet flights (Forum issues September/October/November) Indian astrologers advised against the planned noon arrival at Delhi of the Queen's plane from Dacca, Bangladesh on 17th November, 1983. The flight arrived instead at 11.55 am. Only astrologers are aware of the significance of five minutes. It appears the Indian astrologers were more concerned with arrival time than with departure time.

Although I can work the Charts through on our traditional systems I would be interested to read comments from astrologers who are conversant with the Hindu system.

Has anyone the 'Birthdata' for India? That Chart may prove an interesting comparison.

Season's greetings to all fellow astrologers with thanks to Dymock for another year of interesting Forum discussions.

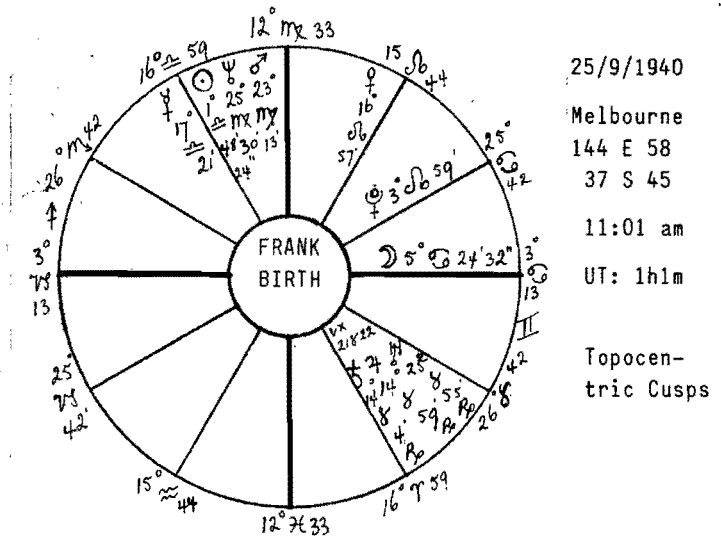
From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.):

Re Frank's Release

Jeanette Simpson is quite right about the importance of the Natal Chart in the final analysis of Progressions.

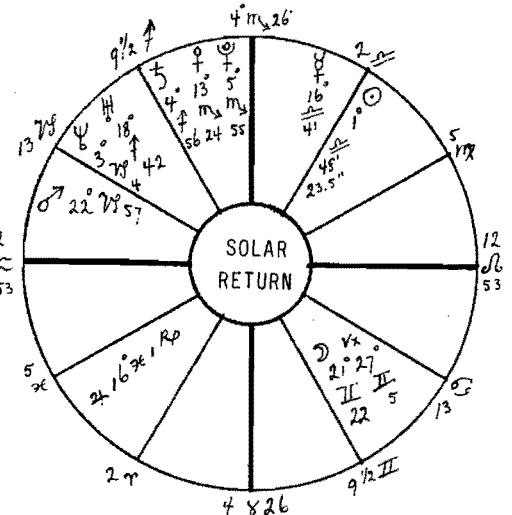
That is essential, and I did indeed take note of Frank's Horoscope. For instance, Saturn and Jupiter, Rulers of the ASC and the 12th House respectively, are also in Trine to the MC - so their action may not be wholly detrimental or invalid. Nevertheless, difficulties could be expected in a transition from an orderly and relatively secure prison environment (no pun intended!) to a life where one must take responsibility because of personal freedom.

So, perhaps Frank's break from the past, and his future actions/reactions could be demonstrated by somewhat more challenging aspects. Whatever the date of release, it will be a little surprising if the powerful ASC - SUN - MOON - PLUTO pattern is not brought into play by one or other of the Prediction methods.



FRANK'S
SOLAR
RETURN
for
25/9/1986
Bendigo
144 E 21
36 S 48

Placidian
Cusps



Here is Frank's Solar Return Chart for 25th February 1986, as submitted by ROSS HARVEY. The Birth Chart (unrectified) is also reproduced for comparison purposes. Ross notes that S.R. Jupiter, ruling the 11th House, opposes the Radical MC, and Pluto occupies and rules the 10th, its mundane distance from the Meridian being 6°40' East.

[Also noteworthy is the trine of Jupiter to Venus in the 10th, ruling the 9th (legalities) and the square to Uranus, S.R. Ruler. - Ed.]

On these and other indications Ross predicts Frank's release in November, 1986.

Elvis Presley's Still-Born Brother (see last 'A. Forum')

Alexander Marr raises the point that a still-born child does not have a Birth Chart, and one must look to the Conception-Chart (Prenatal Epoch) for correlative astrological features. He says that most babies that die at birth have T-Squares involving malefics and the Sun or Moon.

On the other hand, we are not sure whether Presley's brother was actually born dead or died soon after (even a few seconds after) the delivery. But the delivery, even of a dead child, is still an event, for which a chart can be drawn up and analyzed like any other Horary Horoscope.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th February, 1984.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

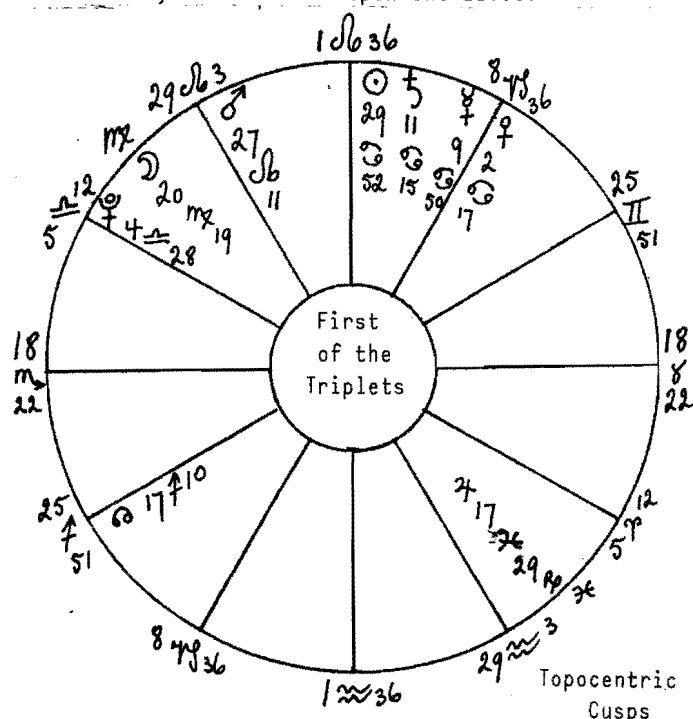
As promised, here is the first of our regular double-issues, a development made possible by the generosity of a recipient who is meeting half my cost of production and distribution.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.):

Multiple Births and Polarity

Some months back I made some comments about twins and the theory of positive and negative polarities which could explain marked differences in life-patterns which often occur. Following on this I have recently had to do life-profiles on triplets. If anyone is interested the dates are 23rd July, 1974, Sydney: All boys, 12:09 pm, 12:20 pm and 12:29 pm. I think with multiple births they would always face two options - either to stick together as a group or go their separate ways. I do know several relatively prominent people who have a twin, yet most people would not know the twin actually existed, he or she has kept such a low profile. So some twins find it necessary to go their own ways.

The astrological reason why this can happen must lie with the basic natal chart. Of course, a lot of planets in the Western half would favour the tendency to stick together for mutual support. The reverse would show the need to follow an independent life style. The more positive one would have the more eventful life. In the case of triplets there could be a sort of identity crisis. I think this would be the case in the one here. There are a lot of elevated planets, Mars in the 10th and Sun close to M.C., as well as Scorpio on ASC. I think these three boys would definitely have to go their own ways and have independent lives.



Naturally, the only changes in the three Charts are Angles, and neither MC or ASC changes Sign over the period of their births. To establish their own identities, I should think that each would have to pursue a quite different career. Another interesting point is that the Sun is exactly on the Cusp of Cancer/Leo. In the case of multiple births the first is always positive and the second negative, and it follows logically that the third would again be positive. Their mother confirmed that this was actually the case.

So I anticipated that the first boy would be very much a Leo type and the second a Cancer and their careers would conform to these two Signs. But what about the third? With the third we get much more emphasis on Mars as a career indicator, as the Sun has slipped back out of such close conjunction with the MC. Of course, Mars has a close link with Scorpio. So, I would predict a Mars/Scorpio type of career, maybe the Navy. This aspect also reinforces the idea of the third child being a positive.

Unfortunately, since they are only nine years old we will have to wait some years before they can confirm or deny these future profiles. As an additional item to this positive/negative polarity idea, someone has suggested that normal families also run through this positive/negative sequence. This is a point worth looking at and checking on. I would be interested to hear of any other cases of multiple births. I do know of another case, which is quite the opposite to the one above - triplets who have all gone into Yoga and are living in an Ashram, a communal society. I hope to get their data and present it at a later date.

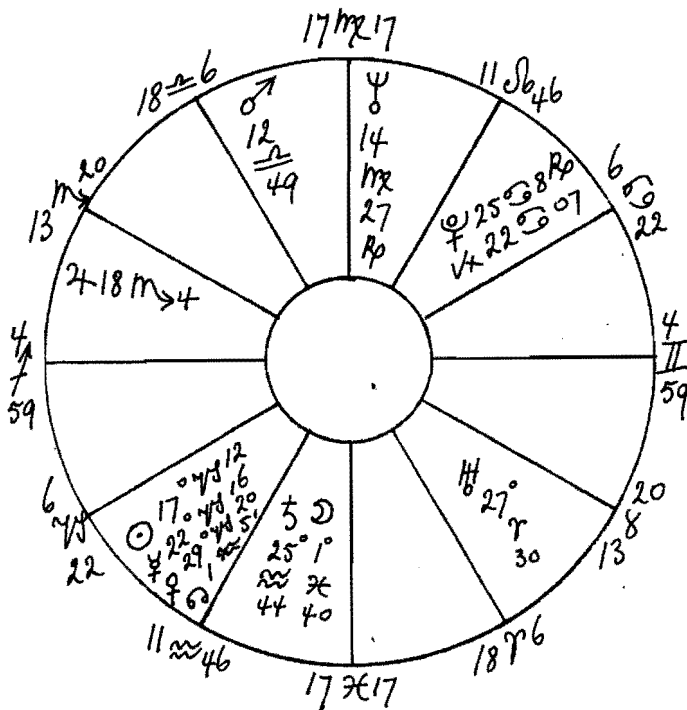
From MARGUERITE BROSE (N.S.W.):

Twins

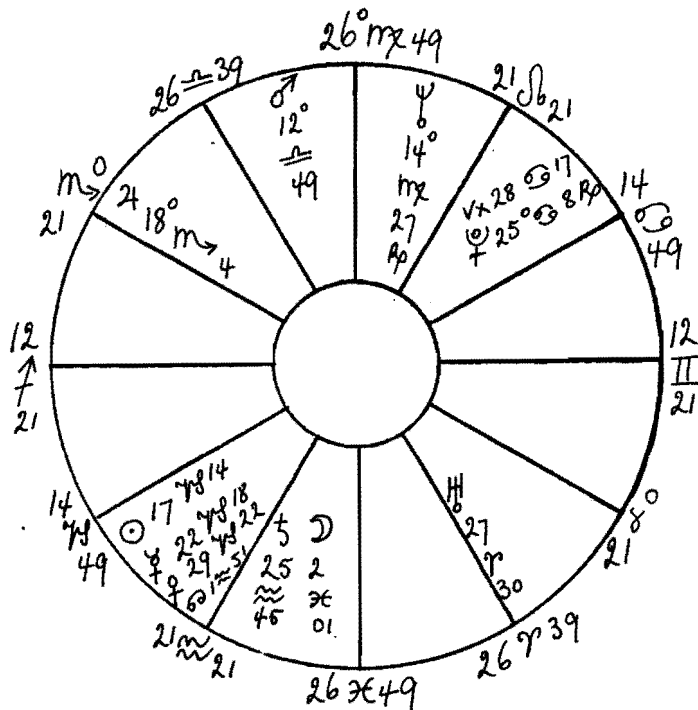
In the 'Astrological Monthly Review', an article written by Mary Coleman titled 'The Enigma of Elvis', aroused an interest in me to look further into the much debated issue of twins in previous 'Forums'. I am indebted to Mary as she saved me from having to plough through a 700-page biography (Albert Goldman) of one who is, to say it mildly, not my favourite musician.

Mary points out that Elvis was one of twins. His brother (Map A) was stillborn at 4.00 am. This was a good opportunity to try to find out why one baby died while the other (Elvis, Map B), born 35 minutes later, lived. Naturally, with the date and place the same, and the time nearly the same, the two Charts are practically identical. There had to be something highly significant that distinguished between the two.

The differences of the two Nativities is, as expected, in the Cusps and Vertices.



Elvis Presley's stillborn brother, 8th January, 1935, 4 am Tupelo, Ms., 88 W 43, 34 N 16.
Topocentric Cusps



Elvis Presley, 8th January, 1935, 4:35 am, Tupelo, Ms., 88 W 43, 34 N 16. Topocentric Cusps.

MAP A: $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ (54°06') δ ASC (Possibly the main factor for the death. $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ is well-known as a signifier of illness and weakness and is here directly connected with the physical body - the ASC).

MAP B: The above-mentioned crucial aspect does not occur.

MAP A: Vx in the 8th House applying to δ $\frac{5}{\Psi}$.

MAP B: The Vx is separating from the δ $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ having passed its peak of strength.

MAP A: $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ afflicted by the opposition to $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ is only 9' from δ Vx in the 8th House.

MAP B: $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ is certainly also afflicted by $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ but the opposition to the Vx is 6° off perfect. (Bearing in mind that Elvis too died at a fairly young age).

MAP A: $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ /ASC (24°43') \square $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ (applying) \square Vx δ $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ (applying).

MAP B: $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ /ASC (28°24') \square $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ (separating) \square Vx (separating) δ $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ (separating).

$\frac{5}{\Psi}$ is much closer to the Meridian in Chart A than in Chart B. An energy aspect in Chart B of δ $\frac{5}{\Psi}$ ASC (28°) does not occur in Chart A.

The lesson of this comparison is the importance of the correct Ascendant, and the significance of any close aspects to the ASC that may operate as a saving factor.

From ALEXANDER MARR (WEST GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC):

Tropical and Sidereal

Ed. Caselli queries in FORUM No. 26 why I am using the Tropical Zodiac in connection with cycles which involve precession. Research has undoubtedly revealed that all traditional and newly-developed Directional systems, if applied to the Radix, have to be measured in the Tropical Zodiac. This also applies to the Transit System and its cycles, whether on the Tropical or Sidereal basis. Even Secondary Progressions and Regressions from Sidereal Solars applied to the Radix obey the Tropical measurement.

These Secondary Directions of the Sidereal Solar (used as Tropical Precessional Solars) are continuously analyzed by myself. They give results with mostly conjunctions and oppositions to a few minutes of arc only if both the Precessional Solar and the Radix are computed in the Tropical Zodiac.

The reason why Sidereal Astrology has not made any substantial progress since the time of the eminent astrologer CYRIL FAGAN, lies in the fact that progress could be achieved neither in the interpretation of the Sidereal Zodiac nor in a reasonable application of Sidereal Charts (in the Sidereal Zodiac) to the birth chart.

Plane Disasters

[Referring to the demonstrations of the Korean Jet disaster in preceding Forums].

I fully approve of both ALLAN JOHNSON's and DYMOCK BROSE's standpoints.

The question arises: Is it and will it ever be possible to prevent disasters of any kind which obviously are purely a matter of predestination? This is true if we admit the possibility of any forecasts with various methods (psychic, astrological, etc.). If any disaster can be prevented by foresight then this is programmed by the powers of higher dimensions, where infinity and time (forwards and backwards to infinity) are no more insoluble problems.

In my experience neither the Chart of the accident

itself nor the start of a flight (train departures, etc.) give enough clues for preventing disasters methodically. During the last 35 years I continuously analyzed my own Charts of mundane accidents as well as those of other astrologers, illustrated in text-books and journals. As these Charts are often unimpressive, astrologers sometimes try to force into these charts significances which are on rather fictional grounds, neglecting the simplest astrological rules and taking refuge in unessential midpoints.

Analogous to methods applied in birth charts of individuals, I recommend using basic charts of the countries involved and/or, if these are not available, Eclipses and Lunations preceding the event, for its location.

Recently, THE AIRPORT OF MADRID had TWO PLANE DISASTERS, which happened within a time period of 11 days, and which caused the death of almost 300 people:

1. Air crash (explosion) 27th November, 1983: 0h 04m U.T., Madrid.
2. Collision of two planes: 7th December, 1983: 8h 50m U.T.

Because of lack of space I am not going to demonstrate these Charts which, I admit, have some pertinent characteristics, mainly if applied to the ECLIPSE demonstrated below and to the Franco Regime Chart, 17th July, 1936; 17h U.T., computed for Madrid (3W41; 40N25).

We notice an almost exact conjunction of ASC rad. with the DESC of this Eclipse Chart (orb 12' of arc). The most essential thing in the comparison of Radices with eclipses and lunations, however, is always a close conjunction of the eclipse itself with a characteristic factor of the Radix. In our case, the eclipse (Sun/Moon) in 19Gem43 is conjunct the radical DESC (16Gem49) and, what is of equal importance, the Eclipse itself computed for Madrid has a close conjunction with Sun, Moon and Mars on the ASC. As can be seen, this Mars (17Gem40) is even closer to the radical DESC than the Eclipse itself.

Other significant particulars in this eclipse are:

- A) Five planets in Air Signs (aviation) and four planets in Fire Signs (for explosions and fire in both accidents)
- B) Mercury 26Tau13 in the 12th House is conjunct Algol (25Tau56) in an Earth Sign, (orb 17' of arc).

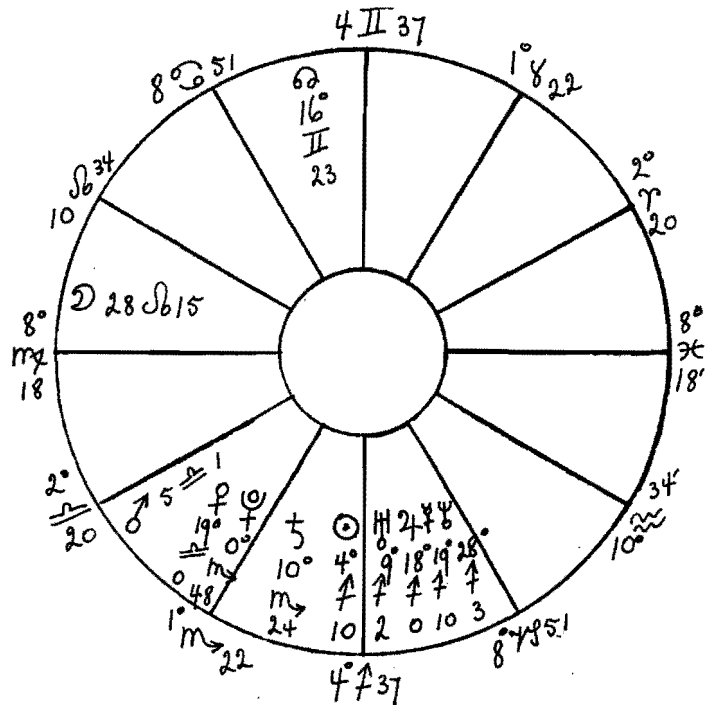
Both accidents have a Neptunian character. The cause of the first plane crash (possibly an explosion) has not yet been found, while in the second one (collision) the pilot was misled by fog. The most significant midpoint combination is Uranus and Neptune (M.P. 17Gem20) in close conjunction with Mars and the ASC, as well as with the radical DESC.

The symbolism of Mars, Uranus and Neptune suits the event and its circumstances best.

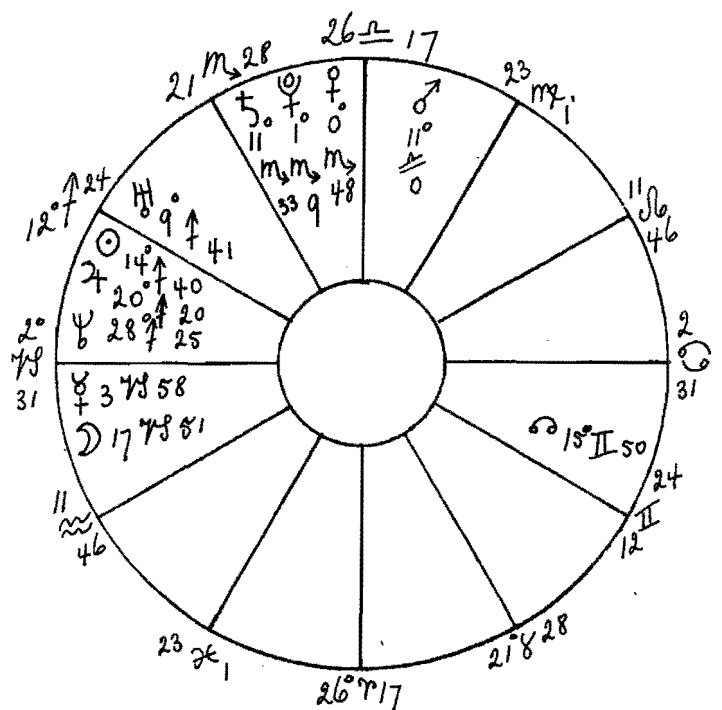
The Chart of Franco Spain, published by E.H. TROINSKY, is still effective and has been used (occasionally) since 1953. The birth time of this Chart is approximate but workable, especially with Tropical and Sidereal cycles. Experience shows that the eclipse itself should be nearer to the Ecliptical position of the DESC. Maximum orb in rectified charts is about two degrees if Angles are concerned, and about one

degree for planets).

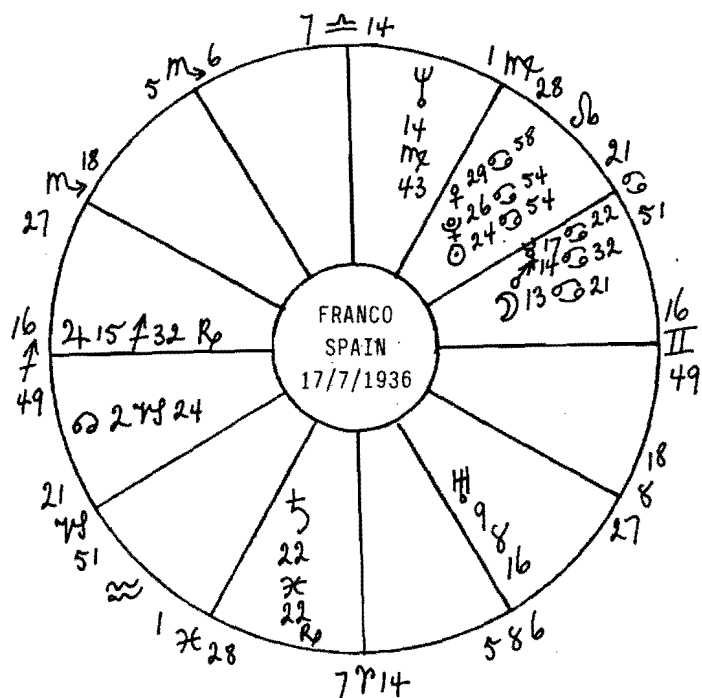
The position of planets in the demonstrated Eclipse, of course, is also significant for other developments in our world. For instance: The large number of planets in Air Signs activated space travel and discussions about nuclear missiles. These discussions have been fruitless and increased the danger of war, because of the high percentage of planets in Fire Signs. This Chart is unbalanced indeed, whatever locations in the world are considered. Needless to say that I do not forecast mundane events with these simple tools alone. Instead, mainly in politics, as experience shows, satisfactory results may be achieved if the analyses are extended to other charts. When considering political forecasting the charts of several countries and their leaders should be taken into consideration.



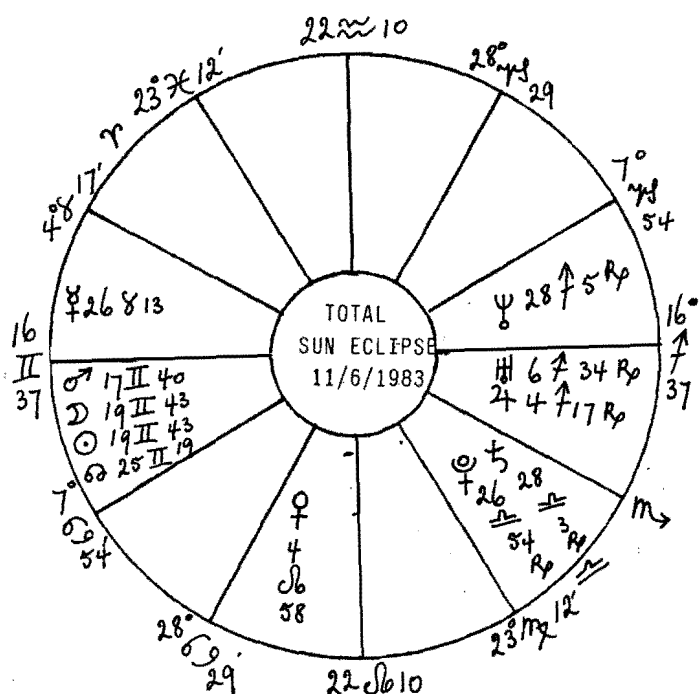
Air Crash, Madrid, 27/11/1983, 00:04 am GMT. Topo. H.



Air Disaster, Madrid, 7/12/1983, 8:50 am GMT. Topo. H.



5 pm GMT, MADRID, 3 W 41°16", 40 N 24°16" Topo. H.



4:37 am, GMT, Madrid Airport, 3 W 41°16", 40 N 24°30" Tropical Zodiac, Topocentric Houses.

Planets: Benefic, Malefic and Neutral

Some months ago I read in an astrological journal 'Instructions for the Beginner', which represent an example of the desperate standard of astrology in general.

Besides some other statements that are not worthwhile discussing as they belong in the field of 'Astrology as a belief system', the following assumption should not pass unnoticed: The writer maintained and suggested that: SUN, MOON, VENUS and JUPITER are BENEFICS, whereas MARS, SATURN, URANUS and PLUTO are MALEFICS.

There have been many discussions and suggestions upon this matter in all parts of the world. In

Germany, for instance, some authorities abandoned the traditional classification, 'benefics, malefics and neutrals', maintaining that the psychological expressions, i.e. the characteristics of the planets should be used alone.

I have no objection to this decision as long as the true symbolism of the planets is guaranteed and properly used in connection with Radix interpretation as well as in Directions, transits and cycles. To get a more differentiated interpretation and in order to give the inexperienced astrologer a clear picture about the real character of Luminaries and planets, I decided to keep the traditional classification.

There should not be the slightest doubt that the factors of our Solar system have to be classified in the following way if traditional views are applied:

BENEFICS: VENUS, JUPITER

MALEFICS: MARS, SATURN, NEPTUNE, PLUTO

NEUTRALS: SUN, MOON, MERCURY, URANUS.

There is not enough space in a journal to give full evidence for the positive (constructive) and/or negative (destructive) effectiveness of Luminaries and planets. However, I should like to draw the reader's attention to the wrong interpretation of URANUS which is a REAL NEUTRAL. Unfortunately, many astrologers have not yet recognized the true symbolism of URANUS, which is shortly described as SUDDENNESS and SURPRISE.

Sudden events may be fortunate or unfortunate and are entirely dependent on other planets involved.

A constructive way to learn the independent, pure symbolism of planets, is Sidereal Lunar Returns, whether reproduced in the Sidereal or Tropical Zodiac. No wonder that CYRIL FAGAN the re-discoverer of these cycles had such a splendid experience in matters of planetary symbolism.

NEPTUNE is a real malefic. It is negative and destructive in view of many kinds of misfortune if its pure symbolism is considered. This is clearly shown by transits, cycles and, to a certain extent, in Directions. In the Radix, of course, NEPTUNE has to be treated the same way as the other malefics, Mars, Saturn and Pluto. (An extensive demonstration about the differentiated workings of planets in the Radix, in Directions and transits is in preparation).

In relation to astrology, Neptune is the enemy of constructive and logical research, and has helped to make 'a belief system' out of the subject. This expression so far is characteristic of all those astrologers who are rather destroying the real advance of astrological research, whether by letting their fantasy run into unscientific grounds, or, showing their inability by producing confusion as writers about or against astrology.

It does not seem to be necessary to explain in detail why PLUTO has to be put into the category of malefics. It is, besides others, the real planet of death (to a much greater extent than Mars and Saturn).

The reader will have noticed that we have up to the present only two benefics against four malefics and four neutrals. Research over many years has given me serious reason to consider that there should be two more benefics, ONE corresponding to the symbolism of VIRGO (as the counterpart of NEPTUNE) with some symbolism, such as:

Reasonable; clear-headed; industrious; employees; office workers; precisionists; pedants; etc.

The SECOND, corresponding to the symbolism of LIBRA (as a counterpart of MARS): Well-balanced; acting as arbitrator; overcoming the force of gravity; the Sign (and planet?) of court decisions, aviation, space travel, etc. (URANUS is by no means the planet of 'aviation').

Statistical research in my own Radix with over 1400 mainly minor events with ASCENSIONAL TRANSITS has brought to light a factor with a MERIDIAN DISTANCE in Oblique Ascension of $39^{\circ} 53'$ and a possible position in 29 Gemini (or 29 Pisces) (12th April, 1919). According to the character of many events analyzed at which this phenomenon has been frequently noticed (letters of lawyers, court decisions) this could be a planet corresponding to the Zodiacal Sign LIBRA. More research into this matter with the aid of sophisticated micro-processors will bring, I hope, some more light into this problem.

My research into the workings of newly-discovered and recommended phenomena such as TRANSPLUTO has not brought up any substantial evidence, that these factors should be adequate companions of our planets. However, although I had no worthwhile results, it is not my intention to prevent astrologers from serious research into this matter.

Here is the writer's distribution of planets according to their similarity to the corresponding Zodiacal Signs: Aries/Mars; Taurus/Venus; Gemini/Mercury; Cancer/Moon; Leo/Sun; Virgo/?; Libra/?; Scorpio/Pluto; Sagittarius/Jupiter; Capricorn/Saturn; Aquarius/Uranus; Pisces/Neptune.

There should be no doubt that the theory of the ancient astrologers: 'Luminaries rule one Sign, planets two Signs' had a logical reason only as long as the new planets, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto had not been discovered.

Fictions in Astrology

[Due to an editorial lapse, a garbled version of part of Alexander Marr's article was produced in the last 'Astrologers' Forum'. In his article Fictions in Astrology Marr referred to the excessive use of mid-points in Directions and transits, and the Uranian system of 'planetary structures'. The article should have continued as follows:]

The writer has analyzed these planetary structures (accumulations) and found that (a) they are not individualistic, as in the overwhelming number of cases, they are connected with either slow planets or even much more slowly moving hypothetical points which are almost the same in the Radices of individuals born within time periods of days up to months.

The use of individualistic points such as MC and ASC with small orbs is not impressive either, as so far I have not found any Radices that had been satisfactorily rectified. (This is in Uranian textbooks and journals). (b) The computer showed that the accumulations of structures in Radices cannot be properly controlled as they are continuously 'overlapping'.

An error in logic also appears when we notice that Uranian astrologers concentrate only on those combina-

tions which they happen to need for the characteristics of the event. What happens with the other 5000 combinations at any time in any Radix for any event?

From LESLIE BLACK (ENGLAND):

Harmonics

If Ross Harvey believes I am labouring under some misconceptions about the nature of Harmonic Charts, the same can be said of himself or anyone else who believes that harmonic positions as postulated by John Addey was the normal part of astrological method, as he puts it, among the Greeks 2000 years ago. Recent Advances says this: 'Harmonics is a recent technique that throws light on Signs and in general promises to revolutionise astrology, yet there are many basic similarities with ancient traditional techniques' (see page 331).

Surely, no parallel can be drawn between this non-sensical symbolism and that of the theories of Pythagoras who realised the full meaning of 'harmony' and of 'harmonics', for he was the first man to hear the music of the spheres and to record his findings for his followers. Not only did he discover that harmonics were properties relating to harmony, but in general, were related to acoustics and music. I have not read the author's essays that Ross refers me to, but I have every reason to believe in the astrological structure of the science that came into being as the result of the scientific and mathematical abilities of the great men of the Greek era, who succeeded in wresting the study from the corrupt hands of the Chaldean, Babylonian and Egyptian priests, and who bequeathed to us an astrology which for two thousand years from their day has been the mainspring of scientific thought.

It is not my intention to get involved in a long digression on harmonics, as I regard it as a time-wasting effort of prodigious proportions, even with the aid of computers and which is unlikely to lead us anywhere when applied to Signs or astrology.

It is also straying too far from the point of issue, and I have stated my objections to the claims put forward for harmonics to be used as a Directional system.

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.):

Frank's Release

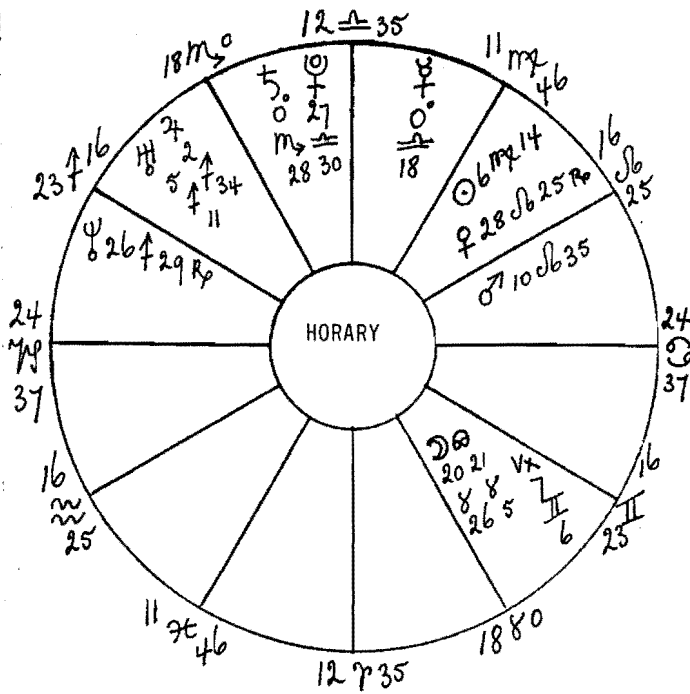
To estimate the time of Frank's release from prison, I have made use of three Charts, plus transits.

Chart 1. Horary - data from Dymock. Frank's remarks re his projected release seem to be borne out here. Neptune in the 12th House (institutions) is trine to Venus, but both planets are retrograde, with Venus separating from the aspect. Possibly this is an indication that the release date has already been decided upon and, as Frank suggests, is out of his hands.

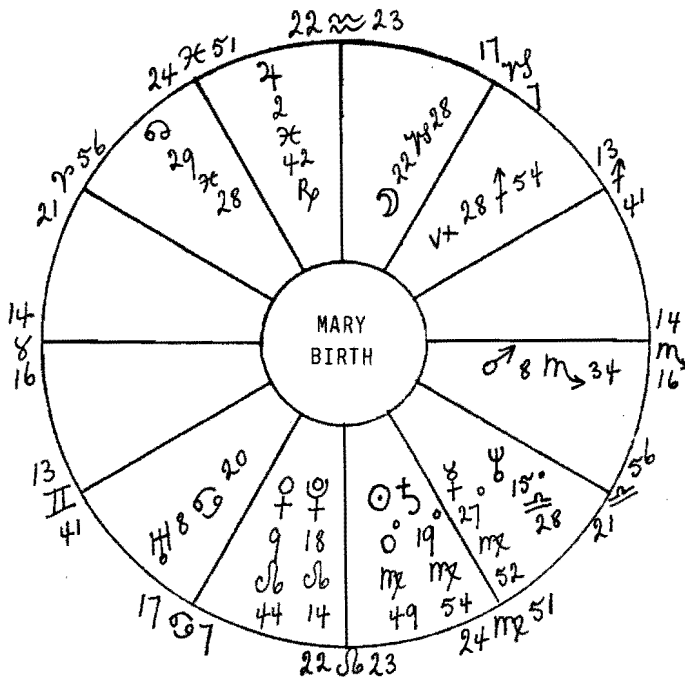
However, if the query was prompted by a concern for his future (establishment of a health farm, and his life with Mary), the Chart can still be quite meaningful.

Taking Mercury (Ruler of the Natal 10th House) and the MC point (Government and authority, one's own occupation etc.), the orb separating them is $12^{\circ} 17'$. In Horary time, approximately 12 months and 1 week,

making a date sometime in September, 1984.



HORARY for U.T. 4h14m on 30/8/1983, Blackheath, NSW.
150 E 17, 33 S 18. Placidus.

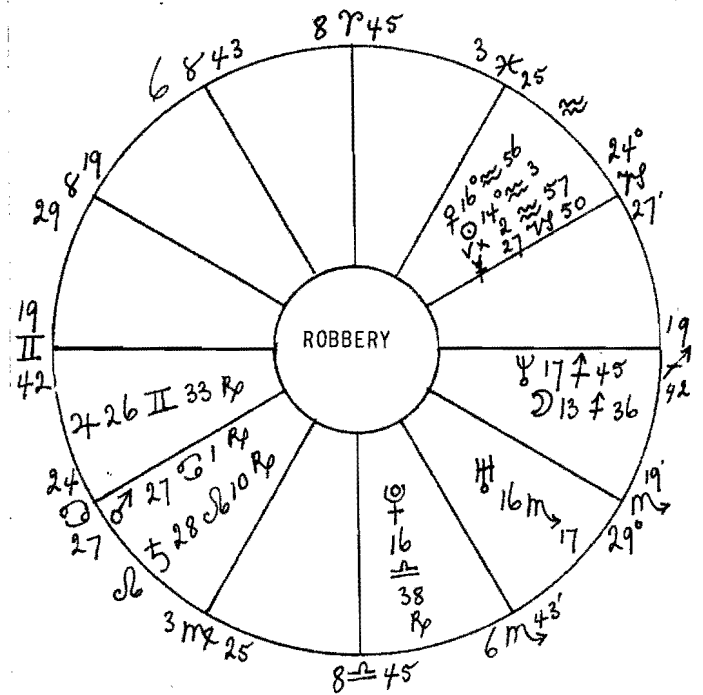


24/8/1950, 13:50 GMT, 144 E 58, 37 S 45. Placidus.

Chart 2. Mary's Natal Horoscope. Frank's Chart indicates that his close associates have considerable impact upon his life. Because of this, transits that are important to Mary could be a signpost to Frank's activities.

Chart 3. Event Chart erected for 5.00 pm, Daylight Saving, the day of the robbery. The purpose, here, is to highlight which planets were linked strongly to Frank's destiny that day.

Most noticeable is the pattern that Mercury has formed. The Natal relationship with Jupiter and Saturn is reproduced, even to



3/2/1978, 5:0 pm D.S.T., 144 E 58, 37 S 45. Placidus.

the inclusion of Taurus via the 2nd House position. Mars, the Ruler of Chart 3's 10th House, is antagonistic to Frank's own 10th House Ruler, Mercury.

Transits (for the month of September, 1984). I would like to use these to 'confirm' the September date. For the most positive result the transits should be involved with the most significant planets in the above Charts.

Mercury, placed in Virgo, turns Direct on the 7th and transits Mary's Natal Sun on the 10th. The transit of Mercury would largely be disregarded but it is included because of its power in Frank's life.

Jupiter in Capricorn, passes over Frank's Ascendant, and in quincunx to his Natal Pluto. A pattern which started in February and, following retrograde motion, is now finishing.

Saturn, in Scorpio, is approaching the opposition to the Natal Saturn and Jupiter. Likewise it is nearing the end of a long period of retrograde swing that aspected these planets plus Natal Venus. Saturn, by transit, will be on the Cusp of Mary's Natal 7th House by the end of the month.

Pluto in Scorpio, is the Ruler of Mary's 7th House and will be in trine to her Natal Jupiter by mid-November. On about the 10th of September the Horary Saturn is transited. If the Horary Chart can be regarded as a basic desire for re-generation - personal and careerwise - this could be a powerful timing device. The fact that it has been in that vicinity since the query and that it is the Ruler of the Natal 12th House, may demonstrate the build-up of pressure as

Frank awaits release.

Neptune is puzzling in that it is not very active. It turns Direct on the 10th but one would expect more. The likeliest explanation (apart from the obvious one of September being the wrong date!) is an unfavourable Parole.

From JEANETTE SIMPSON (N.S.W.):

Concerning J. McKeague's comment on Frank's Chart re station of Jupiter. ('A.F.' No.29)

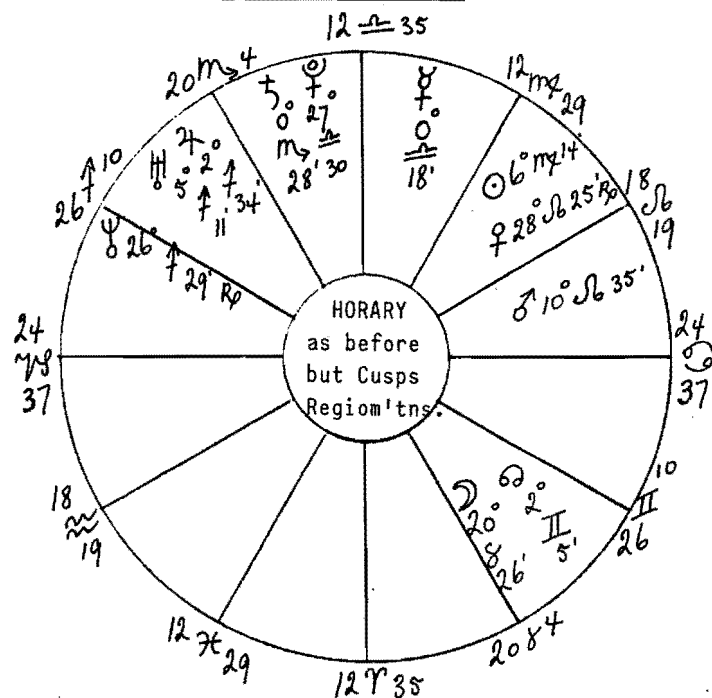
Although stationary Jupiter conjunct ASC could be expected to be greatly beneficial (if considered alone and out of context with the Natal Chart), with both points being under affliction natally (ASC $\square \odot$, $\odot \text{D}$, $\square \Psi$, πQ ; 4O 5 , $\square \text{Q}$ \odot) would not this be likely to modify any benefic action of Jupiter, whether this planet be in stationary transit or Progression?

Also, other progressions for the year under review i.e. 1984, are not generally benefic ($\odot \text{p}$ \odot 4r plus transits Q \square Q r , H \square MC r , 5O 4 , 5r) so surely this would hold sway over an already weakened Jupiter.

From OLIVIA BARCLAY (ENGLAND):

One swallow, says Dr. Dean, does not make a summer. How many do? (Will two?) How many suns make a sun-set, how many moons make a moon-lit night? How many bombs make devastation? I am with you in wanting to prove astrology, but one chart truthfully interpreted is worth thousands of meaningless statistics. Proof need not be in large numbers.

Frank's Release



This question was presumably asked by Frank and his fiancée, represented here by the ASC, its Ruler, Saturn, peregrine in an Angle, and the Moon.

The only major aspect to be made by the Moon before leaving Taurus is to the square of Venus, retrograde in Leo.

The Moon on the 5th Cusp shows their love, and despite the square aspect, when the square comes to perfection they will achieve their union. The square only shows their difficulties.

Venus not only represents the lady in the case, and their love, but also as Ruler of the 10th Cusp, authority.

The 8° between the Moon and Venus in Fixed Signs shows the 8 years to which he was sentenced. However, the Angles are all Cardinal, which indicates shorter duration, and Venus is retrograde, moving toward the Moon, making his release, when it happens, sudden and sooner than expected. Therefore, the Chart makes it clear that he will be released sooner than the eight years, which would have been up in 1986.

With Sagittarius on the 12th Cusp (prisons and prisoners) and Jupiter so well-placed in the 11th, Frank must have been an exemplary prisoner, and has good reason for high hopes. However, before being too optimistic, I note that the next planet the Moon would pass over is Mars in the 7th. (This is Ivy Goldstein Jacobson's rule.) The 7th House is of opposition to the Querent. It is the same Mars which no doubt sent him to prison in the first place, (the Moon recently squared Mars.)

Despite this difficulty there must be some planetary position in 1984 or 1985 that will release him, and the stationary position of Jupiter at the end of August which coincides with the observation of James McKeague about Frank's Natal Map, seems a good possibility.

If this is not quite strong enough I suggest that January, 1985, might be the time when Saturn enters his own term at 28° Scorpio.

I find timing very complicated and do wish I was better able to solve the problem precisely.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.):

Frank's Birth Chart and Harmonics

In the Birth Chart, where are the indications that Frank has been a criminal who has been seriously injured (shot) and has spent some years in prison? Both his Ruler and the ASC are afflicted by the Rulers of the Twelfth (prison), and there is the Q/Ψ conjunction in the Tenth, but otherwise there is little that strikes one immediately. However, here are the 13th and 16th Harmonics -

13th	16th
☉ ..23 \pm 24.....28 γ 48	
☽ ..10 γ 25 ϕ MCr.....26 γ 40	
♀ ..15 γ 33 ϕ 4, γ r.....7 γ 36 ϕ r Δ	
♂ ..10 γ 21 ϕ MCr.....18 γ 12	
♂ ..1 γ 49 ϕ ASCr.....11 γ 28 ϕ EPr	
4 ..14 γ 47 ϕ 4, γ r.....29 γ 43 ϕ ϕ r	
5 ..2 γ 52.....15 γ 4 ϕ MCr	
☿ ..6 γ 55 ϕ ϕ r (approx).....24 γ 40 ϕ γ r	
♂ ..1 γ 30 ϕ γ r.....18 γ 0	
♀ ..21 γ 47 ϕ γ r.....3 \pm 44 ϕ ϕ r	
ASC..11 γ 49.....21 γ 28 ϕ γ r	
MC..13 γ 9 ϕ γ r.....20 γ 48	
Vx..7 γ 46 ϕ γ r.....11 γ 52	
EP..17 γ 24.....2 γ 57	
ASC..5 γ 29 ϕ γ r.....13 γ 41 ϕ 5, 4 r	
MC..6 γ 39 ϕ γ r.....12 γ 49	
Vx..2 γ 44 ϕ γ r.....5 γ 41 ϕ Δ r	
EP..11 γ 45.....26 γ 00	

I have given two sets of positions for the Angles, as consideration of the Age Harmonics for the years when dated events occurred leads me to suspect that the given Angles are slightly incorrect, though unfortunately not enough events spread throughout the subject's life were given to enable me to be sure of the rectification I have attempted, though I think it is probably right.

For indications of serious injury note ϕ h13 ϕ ASCr, and γ h16 ϕ MCr (ASCh16 rectified is ϕ γ r); for his criminal activities note γ h13 ϕ γ r, and γ h16 ϕ γ r; and MCh 16 γ ϕ h γ .

For the violence which must go with armed robbery note γ 13 ϕ γ r, while γ 16 ϕ ϕ r and the many ϕ contacts to the Angles in the 13th Harmonic indicate the nature of the person who would attempt such an enterprise. There are some indications of prosperity - γ h16 ϕ ϕ r, and ASC (rect.) h16 ϕ 4 (and γ r), but in view of the condition of 4 in the Radix, I do not think very much could be expected of them that would be of a durable nature.

Let us now consider the 37th and 38th Harmonics in particular the 37th (for the year in which he was shot, arrested and sentenced)

37th	38th
☉ ..6 γ 36.....8 γ 24	
☽ ..20 γ 25.....25 γ 50	
♀ ..11 γ 57.....29 γ 18 ϕ γ r	
♂ ..27 γ 09.....14 γ 06 ϕ MCr	
♂ ..19 γ 01.....12 γ 14	
4 ..14 γ 23 ϕ 4, γ r.....29 γ 22 ϕ ASCr	
5 ..10 γ 28.....24 γ 32 ϕ γ r	
☿ ..28 γ 55 ϕ ASCr.....24 γ 50	
♂ ..13 γ 30.....9 \pm 00	
♀ ..27 γ 23 ASCr.....18 γ 22	
ASC..29 γ 01.....2 γ 14 ϕ γ r	
MC..14 γ 21 EPr.....26 γ 54 ϕ γ r	
Vx..10 γ 34.....1 γ 56	
EP..4 γ 47.....18 γ 41	
ASC..11 γ 00.....13 γ 43	
MC..25 γ 52 ϕ γ r.....7 γ 55	
Vx..26 γ 15.....17 γ 14 ϕ γ r	
EP..5 γ 45.....20 γ 30	

The 37th Harmonic made me suspect that the given Angles were not entirely correct, for γ ϕ ASCh and γ ϕ Vxh are hardly convincing indications for such a year; certainly the γ ϕ conjunction on the ASCr is appropriate, but when we consider that only a small alteration in the position of the given radical ASC would bring the Harmonic ASC ϕ γ h and ϕ γ h it seems likely that these positions may be the correct ones, and at any rate are worth a try. The 38th Harmonic does not help us to decide one way or the other, but the 40th Harmonic has γ 0 \pm 0, ϕ ϕ r, ϕ MCh 2 γ 0 (his father died). The Solar Return for 1977 has γ and γ Angular, and these positions do bring the Harmonic Angles in the 13th Harmonic closer to γ r, which seems more appropriate, though there are not enough events given to enable me to confirm this rectification, which must therefore be regarded as TENTATIVE. The radical positions arrived at nevertheless are ASC 2 γ 44, MC 12 γ 03, Vx 20 γ 59, ϕ r. 1 \pm 48'19", and birth time 10h59m10s, local time.

For the given birth time, the Primary Direction that covered his arrest, etc., was ASCd ϕ γ r, and MCc ϕ γ r for the rectified time.

Marguerite's mention of γ ϕ γ seems as though it may be a mistake; by Topocentric P.D. γ d is 7 γ 24, and converse, 15 γ 33. [It was not a mistake; γ ϕ γ was a P.E.A. Primary, exact on 5th April 1978, for a birth time of 11:01 am; and on 14th March 1978 for a birth time of 10:59:10 am. - Ed.]

Later that year ϕ d is ϕ γ on the 29th October (his wife told him she was leaving on the 10th), though using the rectified Solar position the same Direction is timed to the 6th October (a further indication that the rectification may be correct).

The soonest likely time for Frank's release is November, 1986, when 4 d is ϕ ϕ (taken with latitude, 1st November) and transiting 4 is stationary ϕ the MCr on the 8th November.

There are several favourable Primary Directions in the time between now and then, but in the various Solar Returns for 1983 to 1985, the Rulers of the ASC's are conjoined to the Rulers of the 12TH (prison) and there are afflictions from the Rulers of the 9TH (legal matters), making his release in those years seem unlikely; only in the returns for 1986 are there positive signs without overwhelming negative indications. The station of 4 over the ASC in August, 1984, which has been mentioned by several correspondents, seems to me to relate to other matters; indeed I think there are indications that he may marry his fiancée while he is still in prison, as the returns for 1983 contain such indications, while, if my rectification is correct (IF), γ h 8 γ 51 is ϕ 4h 14 γ 17, ϕ MCh 8 γ 10, quite appropriate for marriage, not altogether for his release. For what it is worth, the 46th Harmonic has γ 3 γ 14 ϕ γ r, ϕ ASCh 5 γ 44 (Rect. ASC), ϕ h 22 γ 48 ϕ γ h 18 γ 06, γ h 29 γ 42 ϕ ϕ r, and Vxh 5 \pm 14 ϕ ϕ r. [Ross Harvey has submitted 12 S.R. Charts in support of his article; space for some may be available in the next Issue.]

The monthly "Astrologers' Forum" is now assuming the proportions of a quarterly Journal.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

"Astrologers' Forum" will expand to double its present size from the next issue (January, 1984). This is possible through the generosity of a donor who has undertaken to meet half the cost of production each month (\$80). Recipients can now look forward to a greater coverage of various topics and more space for their individual contributions.

From GEOFFREY DEAN (W.A.): In Issue 16 (November, 1982) I launched a debate on truth and falsity in astrology. This addressed the problem of how do we know whether chart indications are true or false. The debate continued in Issues 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Now, exactly one year later, and with grateful thanks to all participants, I would like to summarise the outcome.

The problem boils down to the question: Is astrology a belief system? In Issue 22 (May, 1983) I invited readers to send in answers to five questions designed to clarify whether astrology was a belief system. For the benefit of new readers let me explain why this point is so crucial:

If astrology is a belief system, then the conflicts (such as fill this Forum) between different systems are instantly resolved. If it is not, then the conflicts can be resolved by controlled experiments (such as do not fill this Forum). The point is that we can improve astrology only if we really understand what is going on.

By last issue a total of 10 people had responded to my questions. Of these, Dymock (Issues 20 and 26), Caselli, Turner and Bunnett (all in Issue 25) answered the questions. The others did not, preferring instead to debate irrelevancies like my motives, the horrors of science, and the state of my fun-deprived life. So if nothing else we have established that only 4 astrologers in 10 are capable of giving straightforward answers to straightforward questions.

Here is a summary of the questions, responses, and my own answers:

1. How do you know that astrology works?

Dymock: By experience of charts and events.

Caselli: By experience.

Turner: By experience of natal charts and progressions.

Bunnett: By experience of transit charts.

Dean: By experience. But since I get equally positive results from controlled studies using wrong charts, I cannot say that astrology works because of astrology.

2. How do you know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation?

Dymock: By experience. Because astrology describes

people and events very effectively, it doesn't matter if there is a non-astrological explanation.

Caselli: By experience.

Turner: I don't.

Bunnett: I don't.

Dean: I don't.

3. In the absence of hard evidence why should we accept your views rather than any other views?

Caselli: No answer.

The rest: No reason at all.

4. If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts, what would this mean for astrology?

Dymock: People don't know themselves.

Caselli: No answer.

Turner: Astrologers are fallible.

Bunnett: Everyone is a complete person (sic).

Dean: It means that chart interpretations do not have to be valid to be useful.

5. Having given your ideas about whether astrology is a belief system, what sort of evidence would make you change your mind?

Dymock: Convincing evidence that what I ascribe to astrology was in fact due to something else.

Caselli: None, my mind is made up.

Turner: Not sure.

Bunnett: Scientific evidence, eg Gauquelin. (Bunnett also cites Nelson; unfortunately Nelson's claims have recently been disproven.)

Dean: Evidence from controlled studies.

So is astrology a belief system? McKeague says yes. Johnson says partly. Caselli says no. Hetherington implies yes. Dymock, Bunnett, Holden, Andre and Barclay imply no. Turner is not sure.

Hence the majority opinion is that astrology is not a belief system. But that is not the end of the matter.

The problem is that the responses show that this opinion is based not on controlled studies (ie studies which look at not just astrology but at all participating factors) but on personal experience. And personal experience is demonstrably unreliable. For example people once believed in bloodletting and phrenology, simply because of their personal experience, yet we now know that their beliefs - and their experience - were erroneous. So, as I said in Issues 16 and 18, why should we believe in astrology and not in bloodletting or phrenology? Suggestions come from Barclay and Andre:

Barclay suggests that her example of a correct Horary outcome is proof of astrology. But one correct outcome is no more proof of astrology than one swallow is proof of summer. What is needed is a controlled

study showing a significant incidence of hits for a large unselected sample of outcomes, but Barclay does not provide this.

Andre points out that there are hundreds of books containing thousands of charts, all of which correspond to the life of the person concerned, and suggests that this proves astrology. But occasional inadvertent major errors in the charts, and recent controlled studies in at least four countries, have shown that wrong charts fit people just as accurately as right charts. So such a correspondence proves nothing - in fact if it did there would be no need for the Superprize.

(Incidentally these same studies meet Johnson's demand [Issue 25] for hard evidence that astrology is not valid. This does not mean that astrology is not useful. As with a placebo, astrology could be totally invalid and yet still be very useful.)

In the same vein I pointed out in Issue 12 that it is useless to argue about the best system of prediction until we know what can be expected of each system by chance alone. But what happened? Sixteen issues later the arguments still rage and we still haven't been told what can be expected by chance. So we have got precisely nowhere. It seems that astrology has no need of enemies when it has friends like astrologers.

Conclusions

1. The majority opinion of the 10 respondents to this debate is that astrology is not a belief system.
2. This opinion is based on experience, not on controlled studies, and therefore merits no confidence, especially in the light of contrary evidence from controlled studies.
3. The most reasonable interim verdict is therefore that astrology is a belief system.

This is not to say that the evidence from controlled studies may not change (in which case the Superprize is waiting for those who can muster such evidence). Nor is it to argue that astrology is any less useful for being a belief system, eg see Dymock's comment under question 2. Now go back to the 4th paragraph.

From ALEXANDER MARR (WEST GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC);

M.C. prog. trine Saturn rad. as an indication for an 'Oscar' award, adduced by Gwyn Turner ("Astrologers' Forum", No. 23, page 5) is in absolute contradiction to the real meaning (symbolism) of such a Direction. Experience shows that the best outcome of MC Directed trine Saturn may be A RETIREMENT (under normal satisfactory conditions).

If Saturn rad. is in a bad cosmic condition, such an (as it seems) harmonious Direction may even result in a retirement in a negative sense or, as a great number of events show, as a loser (Presidential Elections, etc.)

Here are the main rules in this respect, based on between 2000-3000 events analyzed with Primary Directions on rectified Radices:

1. Planets which according to their true (pure) symbolism are contradicting the character of an event are neither suitable in Directions nor in transits

or cycles.

Example: Saturn Directed conjunct 5th Cusp of the Radix, will never reflect a happy birth even if Saturn is in the best possible cosmic condition. Instead, Saturn directed to the 5th Cusp (or to the ASC) and vice-versa may reflect a serious complication at birth such as the birth being overdue or the child already dead before birth, etc.

2. Angles and House Cusps Directed to planets or vice-versa are the only real SIGNIFICATORS for an event. (The original idea of ancient astrologers.) [I am sure Alexander meant to include also inter-planetary aspects - D.]

Example: ASC Directed square Mars may reflect a surgical operation just as does Mars Directed square ASC rad. This simple example contradicts statements that the Directed factor is always the SIGNIFICATOR and the radical one the Promissor.

Analogous: Jupiter Directed conjunct (or trine) Pluto may reflect a succession or an inheritance, as does Pluto Directed conjunct (or trine) Jupiter. This, of course, depends on the structure of the Radix analyzed. From all these reasons we find for instance for 'happy births' (a) ASC or Cusp V Directed to Sun and Mars or vice-versa (boys), (b) ASC or Cusp V Directed to Moon or Venus or vice-versa (girls).

Occasionally Jupiter and Uranus may be involved. These combinations will appear in most normal births, especially in the horoscope of the mother, no matter which Houses Sun, Moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter or Uranus may occupy in the Radix.

This makes interpretation in astrology much easier and should encourage astrologers to use true and sure astrological methods. Needless to say that the mentioned planets for a birth should be in satisfactory cosmic conditions.

Concerning SATURN rad. near Cusp 5 rad., Saturn will always act negatively in some way if the birth of children, sexual approach, or wins (hazards) etc. are involved. In many cases such a radical Saturn prevented a woman from bearing any children at all, while in other cases trouble in connection with children has been suffered the whole life.

Suitable Primary Directions for awards, promotions, etc., are MC (ASC) conjunct, opposite, or trine Jupiter the Sun (Moon, Venus) and vice-versa.

These are examples of how to use (not misuse) planets in Directions (Primary and Secondary), and with slight differences in transits.

Fictions in Astrology

The Directional systems which follow have been analyzed by myself with the aid of a large IBM computer in the '70's. About 200 events have been computed with thousands of midpoints and triple combinations. This was performed with much generosity towards orbs and symbolism of the planets.

Completely fictional are:

1. The Solar-Arc in the Ecliptic, also called the Symbolic Arc.
2. The Uranian System using hypothetical Trans-Neptunian points on (or near) the Ecliptic in connection with 1, and also in the Transit System.
3. The excessive use of midpoints in Directions and

transits.

Regarding 2, the methods here vary slightly; however, about 5430 triple combinations had been noticed which, if used only in conjunctions, give the following proportions on the Zodiac: $360 \times 60 = 21,600$ minutes of arc; divided by $5430 = 4'$ approximately; i.e., there are 5430 points on the Zodiac (whole circle) with orbs of plus/minus $2'$ of arc (average). These figures may be extended 'ad absurdum' if this technique is reduced to a $90(45$ or even $22.5)$ degree-wheel measurement.

No wonder that whatever technique is here applied, up to 15 and more midpoint combinations with small orbs can be produced at any time, for any event, and for any radix.

Followers of this Uranian system maintain that their results are controlled by so-called planetary structures which, as they say, appear in the Radix as accumulations.

I have analyzed these planetary structures (accumulations) and found:

- They are not individualistic as, in the overwhelming number of cases, they are connected with either slow-moving planets or even slower-moving hypothetical points that are the very same in the Radices of individualistic points such as the MC and ASC, especially with 'these small orbs', is not impressive either, as so far I have not found any Radices in Uranian Textbooks and journals which had been rectified the way they should be (within $2'$ of arc = 8s of time).
- An error in logic also appears when we notice that Uranian astrologers are only concentrating on those combinations which they just need for an event. What happens with the other 5000 combinations at any time in any Radix for any event?

In contradistinction to this I remind the reader, that for reasons of logic we examine all appearing traditional aspects to the Radix in transits as well as in Directions.

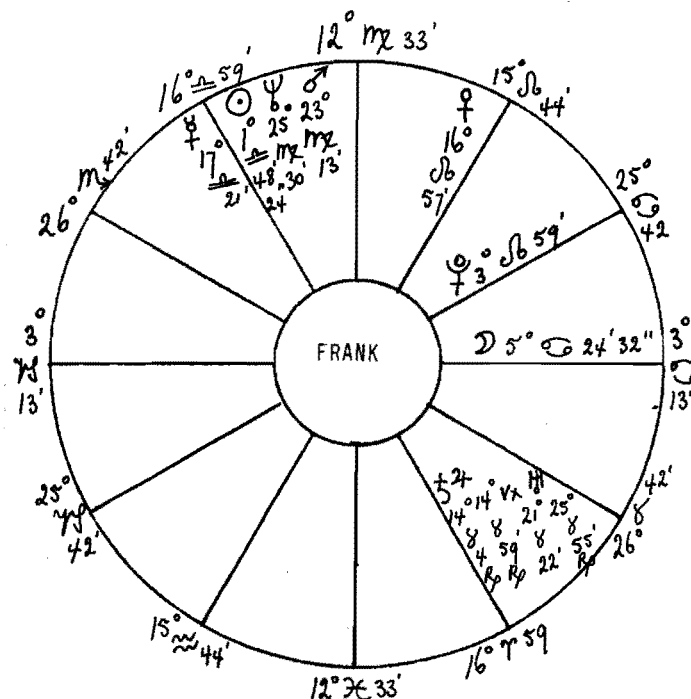
I also noticed a great deal of wrong symbolism in one of the leading textbooks of Uranian astrology. (Regelwerk fuer Planetenbilder = Recipes for Planetary Structures).

It takes too much space to enumerate all the wrong symbolism and other obviously fictional assumptions in this book. However, my criticisms do not particularly concern the Uranian system. The same abuse of astrological factors appears in other systems. Here the abuse of midpoints is dominant, while traditional astrological methods, if not handled properly, are giving no better results either. The fundamental problem in Astrology, solved in theory and practice, but lacking a sufficient number of talented and experienced astrologers, is the RECTIFICATION.

From JAMES MCKEAGUE (N.S.W.):

Re 'Frank'

So far no one has thought it worthy of mention that at the end of August, 1984, the transiting benefic, Jupiter, will become stationary, exactly on Frank's Ascendant. Old textbooks used to make a big thing of such a station, saying that it has 'all the force of



25/9/1940, Melbourne, 11:1 am. Topocentric Cusps.

a Primary Direction'. But amongst recent writers I have seen this mentioned only by a few - Dymock for one, and Ebertin. (I think it was Ebertin, who successfully predicted a time of serious trouble for Richard Nixon from a station of Saturn: This was October/November, 1974, when Nixon underwent surgery twice and was near death with a transiting stationary Saturn exactly opposing his Natal Sun).

If Frank's Ascendant as charted is reasonably correct, what more likely event does this station of Jupiter indicate just now in Frank's life than his release? Admittedly, there are other possibilities. But on this powerful indication alone I would suggest August/September, 1984, as his likely release date.

From ED. CASELLI (N.S.W.):

Progressions and Directions

Re Thomas Zimmer's statement that Directions are more likely to indicate a two-year period rather than events, my own experience is that both take place, especially events. In fact, Directions to the Angles, or transits thereon, are more likely to produce events. I particularly recall a Converse Secondary, Mars square radical Saturn, which apparently produced only events. Where we have a progressed planet aspecting a birth position and then a progressed position, we are likely to get both. For instance, when I had progressed Mars semi-square a birth Saturn (on cusp 6th = service) I was drafted into the Army, and my military service continued until Progressed Mars was semi-square Progressed Saturn. It took six years for Mars to move from the first position to the second, and this exactly spanned my military service.

Austin Levy states (August, 1982) that Secondaries work only with the Sun and Moon. This is not so. The inter-planetary Secondaries do work. I will quote three cases which, by the very nature of the planets, can hardly be disputed. Under Progressed Mars (Secondary

direct) square radical Uranus I suffered in a street accident from being hit by a vehicle. Now Mars/Uranus is typical of something mechanical. Also Uranus is my rising planet showing my very personal involvement. Furthermore, radical Mars is on the radical Third House Cusp showing the street as the setting for the accident. Any argument? In the second case the Converse Secondary Mars arrived at the square to radical Saturn. Now Saturn rules my Ascendant, so again I was most personally and directly involved. Result, I broke my arm while on a visit to a friend prior to my emigration. Emigration is Mars. Saturn was the locked door I encountered which set the stage for the accident. Also Saturn represented the fall I physically suffered. Saturn was the friend. Mars square Saturn showed the separation from the friend (Saturn) through emigration (Mars). Mars square Saturn was misapplied energy (Mars) resulting in the broken bone (Saturn). Mars square Saturn must be the astrological classic for a broken bone. Note again, Mars on radical Third House Cusp indicating the short journey I took and the arm (both Third House). Did the aspect work? Of course it did, in a number of different ways (about ten different ways). This third case involved Venus progressed in trine to Uranus. It involved the mechanical recording (Uranus) of the voice singing four songs (Venus). Even the number four showed Uranus again. So did the cost of the recording (£40). Venus and Uranus were clearly the planets concerned. I might add the second case mentioned (Mars square Saturn) worked to within a week of the event.

Astrology Not Belief

Finally, I challenge James McKeague's contention that Astrology is a mere belief system. People do reflect their Ascendant Sign or planet. If I find that an Aries Ascendant can be distinguished from Taurus etc., then Astrology has proved itself no matter what mathematical system is said to be used. And we can prove that the Ascendant works if we devote enough time to it, as I am sure most of the contri-butors have, in fact, done.

From ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.):

Harmonic Charts

Leslie Black appears to be labouring under some misconceptions about the nature of Harmonic Charts and their use. Let him take a number of accurately timed charts and calculate the Age Harmonics for such major events as marriage, death, child-birth, accidents, serious illnesses, career successes and setbacks, etc., and I am of opinion that such a test would show convincing correspondences at better than chance frequency.

Harmonic Charts are not maps of the heavens, as are birth charts and Solar Returns. The wheel form of the Harmonic Chart, devised by John Addey, simply enables one to see aspects within the Harmonic more easily. I do not bother drawing a chart for a harmonic, as the only aspects I think are of real importance, conjunctions and oppositions, are easily seen from a list of

harmonic positions.

As for applying harmonic positions to the Radix, not only has experience shown me that it works, but precisely this practice seems to have been a normal part of astrological method among the Greeks 2000 years ago (see Robert Hand's essay on Dodekatemoria in his Essays on Astrology, pp. 115-129). Is that not time-honoured enough?

I have not reached any definite and irrevocable conclusions about any of the matters I am writing about, but I have satisfied myself that they are worth further investigation, and the 13th and 16th Harmonics especially may lead to greater depth and accuracy of natal interpretation. I hope to encourage others to investigate for themselves. I do strongly believe that anyone who thinks he has a case, myself included, must have enough evidence, and be prepared to present that evidence, to encourage others to take seriously what he has to say. Unsubstantiated pontificating will not do. A couple of tests have occurred to me which could help substantiate, or invalidate, some of my ideas about harmonics, and to which I would be very happy to submit. For example, could anyone, by traditional means, tell the charts of half a dozen millionaires from an equal number of charts of old-age pensioners? I, at any rate, could not; and so it occurred to me that if anyone could give me a number of charts of people who are (or were) very prosperous and successful (not necessarily millionaires), and an equal number of charts of people of a fair age who have never been at all prosperous (of a fair age so that there is no likelihood of their becoming rich in the remainder of their lives), say half a dozen of each, I would undertake to tell them apart. All I ask is that the charts have a birth time which is known to be accurately recorded. Rectified charts won't do (how do I know that the rectification is correct?). I would be rash indeed if I claimed to be able to get them all correct, but I would hope to get at least 80% right.

The second test concerns Rectification: If I could be given a chart (or charts) which is/are known to have an accurately recorded birth time (but not told the time naturally), together with at least ten timed major events in their person's life and a brief description of that person's character and circumstances in life, I would try to correctly rectify the charts. Although I have been able to produce convincing charts for a few people whose birth times were not known at all, perhaps to make things easier for me at first, the birth time could be given to within a period of two hours. To ensure that it is a fair test, the charts presented must be known to be accurately timed, to the minute if possible, and, for the first test, if there is any doubt about the times, this should be stated. One would not need many charts, particularly for the rectification test, to know one way or the other. Would any Forum reader, be willing to supply me with data?

More forecasts re 'Frank' next Issue, and some persuasive evidence for Rectification by Harmonics from my own practice. A happy Christmas to all!

- Dymock, 19th December, 1983.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Following the discussion of Frank's Chart in last month's "Astrologer's Forum", I applied to him for further information, and asked whether he was willing to have astrological dissection of his character. Frank has responded with the following letter:

'I don't mind the astrological dissection of my character by readers. God knows, laughs are few and far between, down this way.

'As far as information for rectification goes, the offence, shooting and arrest all happened on the 3rd February, 1978, at about 4 to 5 pm. Sentenced to 10 years on the 19th July, 1978. However, the Crown appealed and subsequently on the 4th September, 1978 the State Full Court increased the sentence to 14 years. On the 10th October, 1978, I received a letter from my 'wife' severing the relationship. This was the single most traumatic thing that had ever happened to me. On the 8th January, 1981, my father died. I met my fiancée on the 1st August, 1981, but as the relationship sort of 'blossomed' from there I find I cannot add anything to that. My knowledge of Astrology before the robbery was restricted to reading Sun-Sign columns in magazines.

'My 'feelings' are that the Angles of my Birth Chart are very close to being correct. Early on I had a box of books and relevant information on rectification but finally abandoned - for the time being at least - this aspect of astrology because of the underlying uncertainty of the end result re absolute exactness, plus the need for same.

'I had much material which acted to support Primary Directions as a means of absolute rectification but then - from different sources - along came fairly reliable information about astrologers timing births to the second and as the child grew up events were not co-inciding with Primary Directions to the known birth time.

'At this stage I make sure - by questioning - that I have the planets in their correct Houses, thereby indicating that the Angles are 'close', and then tighten it up a bit with transits. In fact, by doing it this way, rarely does it come about that the Angles can change much more than a few degrees because then the likelihood presents itself that a planet may change Houses. An astrologer doesn't have to be particularly brilliant to know what House a planet is operative in. Many so-called professionals set up the Angles to support various rectification systems and in-so-doing remove a planet from the House it's in by birthright and assert that it's in another. The question of what system to use to rectify charts became a very relevant one, to me. At the moment I believe most of the systems probably have some validity because all charts are different and what may be applicable to one chart may not necessarily be applicable to another.

'I tend to agree in part with both Marguerite and Elva in that 1986 is highlighted. However, I feel my best chance of release is sometime in 1984. Several dates are possible but a good chance shows itself in May.

'Elva mentions "get-rich-quick schemes" and taking a gamble. Depending on one's view of etiology she could be considered both correct, or quite wrong. I'm not predisposed to taking gambles, even though I have gambled professionally - if I can use that term. When I put my money up I know I'm going to win. As far as the "get-rich-quick schemes" goes, the robbery was just another day's work. It wasn't a spur-of-the-moment gamble. At that time I was a professional crook. Obviously the 10th House emphasis contributes to my giving my all to whatever activities I'm involved in.

'Elva states that my pending release will no doubt be a big event for me. I will be happy to get out of this hole, but it won't be any big event for me. Just a transition from one set of problems into another.

'Both Marguerite and Elva bring up valid points which are subject to interpretation. Marguerite states that in 1983-84 the planets being in the Western part of the Map incline to less control of my destiny. This is quite correct, I won't have any say at all in my release; It's right out of my hands. But, if I do get out in 1984, 1986 will be about the time I'd expect to begin developing some acreage with the prospect of not simply being a primary producer, but supplying health food shops and having people stay there for treatment, a health farm type of thing. As Elva states 'a transformation of status, heavy responsibilities from home', etc.

'The outcome of Judicial hearings Marguerite mentions could either be finalization of Parole or it may indicate legal proceedings I'm considering bringing against the Parole Board and other authoritative bodies. It may indicate a favourable publishing!

'Even though I'm up to date with my own life I can't predict my own release because that indication in May next year could only be indicating my final degrees in naturopathy. I believe I know a bit about Astrology but no-one is more aware than I am that I'm only scratching the surface of what it has to offer. I'll keep you posted with all the relevant material re my release.'

[Frank also sends some material on Secondary Progressions, which is saved for a future issue, together with other submissions on the same subject. -D.]

From MARGARET KEEN (N.S.W.): I would like to add a few extra points to those already made by Elva and Marguerite on the possible release of Frank in February, 1986.

1984...Progressed Sun (Secondary) opposite Natal

Geoffrey Dean's summing-up of the Truth/Falsity debate has been received and will be published in the next issue.

Jupiter, also transiting Jupiter conjunct ASC, shows there could be an opportunity for release but these do not have other aspects to back them up.

During 1984 transiting Saturn will be opposing Natal Saturn/Jupiter, so this would tend to delay or hinder any progress being made with those in legal authority. Also transiting Neptune will be in square aspect to his Natal Sun from the 12th House (institutions, prisons etc.) during 1984/1985, so a state of uncertainty and disappointment could prevail.

But Neptune goes direct from September, 1985; also Progressed Mercury (Secondary) is sextile to Natal Mars in the 10th House (status) so this could be a good opportunity for him to put his case before the Parole Board with possible favourable results. It's interesting to note that when he was arrested in February, 1978, Progressed Mars (Secondary) was conjunct Natal Mercury.

In February, 1986, Progressed Moon (Secondary) in Pisces in the 4th House (residence, endings) is sextile Jupiter/Saturn and though these are not in aspect natively, I feel they should be noted as the Moon is in a fairly prominent position and in strong aspect to the Natal Sun. Therefore these aspects could indicate a favourable outcome with civil authorities and a recognition of good behaviour.

Also transiting Mars from the 12th House trine Natal Pluto (February) could indicate a new beginning.

Progressed Sun square Venus could be more involved with his adjustment to relationships after being released. Also at this time transiting Neptune is opposing his Natal Moon and then conjunct the ASC, so this again is an adjustment to his environment, and possibly a deep-seated desire to establish a secure home base (Moon in Cancer).

With Neptune transiting this position for a couple of years, I expect this could mean he would have to report periodically, being on parole.

Therefore, taking all the aspects into consideration along with the Solar Return Charts, February, 1986, seems a more likely time.

T Ψ 12th Ruler 3rd Impractical application of the mind expressed through desire for luxury and comfort through acquisition of others' possessions (T Ψ * Ψ Δ Ψ).

T Ψ Ruler 2nd Desire for quick gains sought in negative ways (\square Ψ) resulting in confinement and personal restriction (σ Ψ , 4).

ASC Ruler 10th \square Restriction of freedom, through conflict (by transit) with others.

T Ψ 7th σ ASC σ Legal conflict, resulting in transformation of life pattern through confinement. (σ Ψ 8th Cusp, 4 Rules E H 12th).

Δ p also entered the 12th aspecting Ψ r and Ψ p. Interestingly Ψ went retrograde in 1978.

On these grounds the following Progressions could indicate a likely release in late 1986 or early 1987.

Frank's minimum sentence is stated as eight years, and there do not seem to be any Progressed aspects to the contrary before the finish of this term, thus: The Δ p again aspects (by σ) Ψ , 4 this time radical in 1983/84; \square Ψ 1985.

Ψ p * Ψ , σ σ Ψ , 1983 to 1985, but under a lack of appropriate Angular or Δ -aspects this is more likely to be changes of mental attitudes and philosophies.

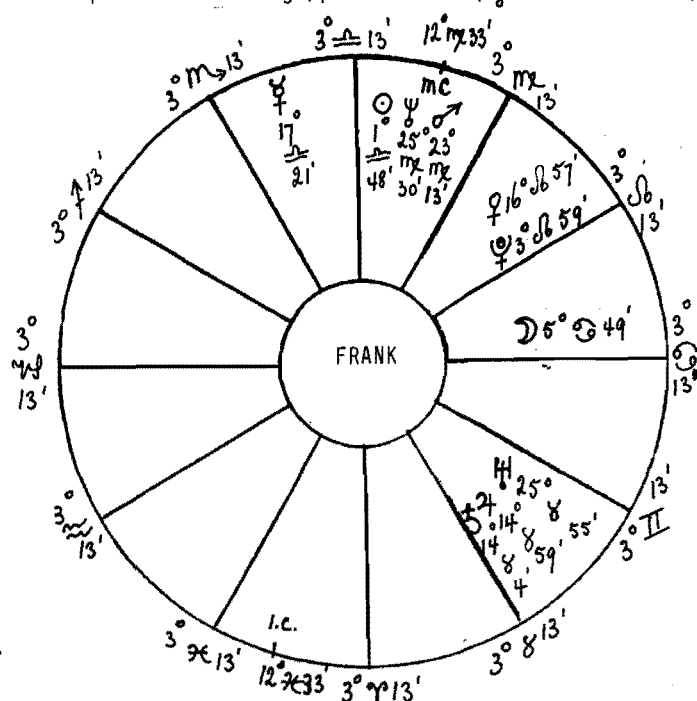
The next major Angular aspect occurs in 1986:-

[Ψ p 10th Δ ASC p] The ASC has progressed into \approx and as [ASC p \square 4p] Ψ is well aspected one would assume personal circumstances generally would be of more benefit to him under this Progression. A straight interpretation of Ψ p Δ ASC p would be of wishing to achieve more harmony with a reciprocal effect from others (Ψ p 10th, Ruler 10th) and also alleviation of Natal Ψ 8th, afflicted. The ASC p also aspects by \square 4p, so some care will have to be taken if he wishes to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the same period, i.e. 1986,

Δ p Ψ Ψ brings opportunity to career/social position (Ψ rules MC EH) and Ψ p Ψ Ψ giving mental/emotional and exterior freedom (Ψ rules MC, Ψ rules 2nd)

σ p Ψ σ Ψ Would activate natal σ Δ Ψ giving independence and freedom in home surroundings (σ rules 4th EH) and his personal feelings/possessions (Ψ rules 2nd EH),



From JEANETTE SIMPSON (N.S.W.): To find the date of Frank's release from prison an examination of the circumstances of his confinement would be pertinent. Thus, using Equal House System and Secondary Progressions:

1978

ASC p σ Ψ 8th Transformation of life pattern through social causes.

σ p [Ruler 4th] σ Ψ Change in domestic and career situation due to over-hasty activities involved in desire for easy money (Ψ r * Ψ Δ 8th) resulting in personal limitation through confinement (Ψ r \square Ψ , 4 - ASC Ruler, Ruler 12th H).

[The following year (1979) Sun p activated (by opposition) Ψ , 4 = materialism and confinement]

T Ψ 10th * Ψ Δ 8th Transformation of external worldly position [ASC p σ Ψ] through wilful desire for others' possessions. Effects of others on his career activities (Ψ r 8th rules 6th, 10th).

The transits give support to these Progressions:-
 ♀ on the 8th Cusp (EH) natally makes Frank subject to life/death situations, radical changes and new phases of life. In 1986 (T♀ Δ 7th) would imply benefic radical change domestically and in his relationship to the general public, therefore possible release.

T♂ ♂ ASC ♂ He will be very sensitive to the conflict of his situation as opposed to the views of others, but he can use the influence to 'adjust himself to life and find his proper level'. (This will not be easy for Frank, whose Chart is unbalanced by the heavy Earth influence and natal ♀ ♂ Δ ♀; but the gains can be great if this aspect is handled with full consciousness that can come with fore-knowledge). The aspect also indicates a long journey. (Natal ♀ ♂ ♀ 9th).
 T♂ ♂ [Nat. Δ] Sudden change, home surrounds (♂ rules 4th), travel.

T♂ [ASC Ruler] Δ More personal control and consolidation of effort bringing further personal development, changing conditions between self and the effects of others on him.
 T♂ ♂ MC Responsibilities incurred socially.
 T♂ [Ruler 12th] (♂ Natal, well-aspected, rules 2nd), freedom/improvements and advancement.
 ♂ ♀
 T♂ * ASC, Δ Opportunity for balance in relationships between self and others.

T♂ ♂ MC, * ♀ Increased social responsibilities; opportunity for relief of conditions of imprisonment and legal matters.

In October 1986, D♂ ♂ activates environmental conditions through ♂ ♀ ♂, and in January, 1987, D♂ ♂ * ♀.

In early 1987, ♀ activates natal ♂ ♀ Δ ♀, = will-power, freedom, independence; enters the 4th EH and Δ ♀ - indications of freedom and transformation of 12th House conditions and domestic situation.

So, in conclusion there is a good chance of Frank's release in October, 1986.

The Jumbo Jet Tragedy

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): I agree with Dymock that the only value of a 'hindsight' look at a disaster of this type is that we can make some practical use of it. In fact, all Mundane Astrology is concerned with prediction, as distinct from Natal Astrology, which can have its psychological value. Whether it is stock markets, weather patterns, racing, company charts, political elections or charts of countries, it is all a question of looking into the future.

So, any 'hindsight' chart should give us additional insights to do that. Even the chart for an attempted assassination can aid us to anticipate a similar occurrence. But I think we have an exception with an air disaster. No one has so far ever succeeded or even attempted, to turn this information round and predict when and where the next air disaster will occur.

I think the reason for this is that in a large measure these types of charts have become redundant due to the amazing technical efficiency of air travel. If an

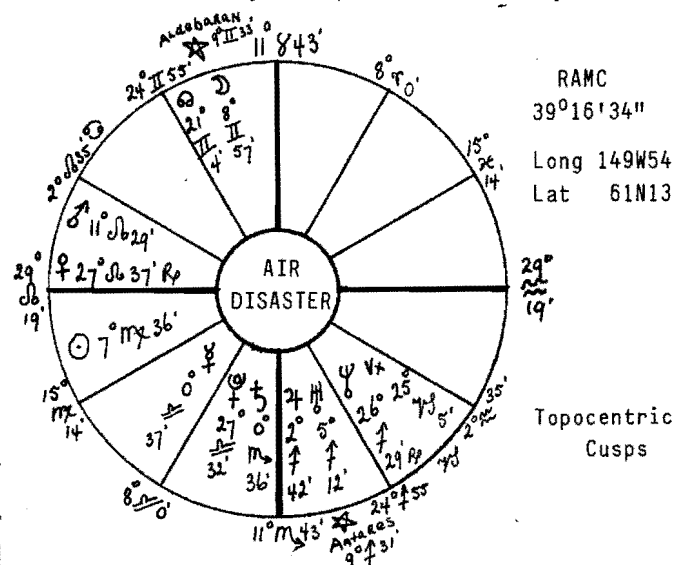
Astrologer were going overseas I don't think there would be much value in erecting a chart for the departure time and being guided by this. Regardless of the nature of the chart we could be pretty sure of a routine flight. That is in 99.99% of cases. But of course this would not have been the case in the early days of aviation when each flight was a hazard. I think the charts of those early flights would have pretty accurately depicted the outcome. Even today this could still apply to more individual and special flights, such as to the Antarctic. Dymock suggests that only certain days need monitoring, but the fact is that certain airports can have many years of accident-free flights. Who can remember the last time when a plane out of Sydney failed to reach its destination?

But these air disasters will continue to have their fascination for astrologers. So this latest one will certainly get a good deal of airing in the overseas journals as well as in Australia, but I still maintain that it will be a purely academic exercise of little practical value. Perhaps the launching date of a new plane could have more relevancy, if this could be known. Certainly this applies to ships. Fifty years ago R.H. Naylor used the Chart of the launching of one of the huge gas-filled airships of the times to predict that it would go down in disaster. And it did - later on the very day the prediction appeared in print.

[The high safety level of air transport does not invalidate the proposal for astrological monitoring of all flights, which modern computers make entirely practicable. It must be remembered, too, that aircraft are subject to other misfortunes than crashes - hi-jackings, diversions through bad weather, dangerous cargoes, straying from the correct flight path, etc. The tremendous cost of just one air-crash, with the usual total loss of life, more than justifies the expense of round-the-clock astrological monitoring. - Dymock.]

From CLAIR BUNNETT (VIC): The planets Saturn and Pluto in the 3rd House of the Flight Chart are at the midpoint of the ASC and the planet Neptune. ASC 29°19' Leo | Neptune 26°29' Sag. ♄ = Pluto 27°32' Libra conjunct Saturn 0°36' Scorpio. A/♀ = ♄/♀

According to Ebertin, the Pluto midpoint would have indicated 'a feeling of depression caused by one's



environment', 'The suffering of harm or damage through deceit, libel or malice coming from other people'.

From the Saturn midpoint, 'The tendency to become weak in bad company, Emotional suffering caused through others', suffering illness through others. The misfortune to be hindered, harmed, or defamed by others'.

So a later time of departure could have avoided this ASC/Neptune midpoint.

From ROSS HARVEY, N.S.W.:

Harmonics

I was very interested to see Charles Harvey referred to in Hamblin's book ('Harmonic Charts') à propos of the 16th Harmonic as quoting the Hindu view that it represents the fullest manifestation of the individual in the material world - more or less in accord with my own findings. I am particularly interested in trying to determine as fully as possible a person's circumstances in life from the Birth Chart - how can one pick the very successful, the famous, the powerful, the accident-prone, the chronically ill etc. To summarise very briefly, the rich and successful have ♃ or ♄ the Angles or the ☉ in the 13th and/or 16th Harmonics; those attracted to power, ♀ (and this seems to include the overbearing as well as the powerful). It also appears in the charts of very influential people such as famous actors (film stars) and writers.

The ☉ or ♄ the personal points indicates renown; the precise significance of the ♃ so far remains unclear. And as a further point, although both the Vx and EP seem to be significant, especially the Vx, I am not yet sure how powerful they are as indicators when ♃ or ♄ a planet as compared with the ASC and MC; I have an idea that they are less strong, with the EP less strong than the Vx, but this needs further research.

Drug addicts and alcoholics have ♃/♄ contacts (i.e. one ♃ the other within the Harmonic, or between the Harmonic and the Radix); those who have accidents or who suffer violence, and also those who suffer serious illnesses have ♃, ♄ and ♃; ♃ alone may relate to deprived circumstances, but as yet I am not certain of this; and I have not been able to come to a definite conclusion about ♄; and, too, there are many more inter-planetary combinations which I have seen so far too little in charts of people I know a fair bit about to be able to arrive at anything but the haziest notions of their significance.

The 5th Harmonic seems consistently to relate to the circumstances of marriage as well as to creativity; thus it shows many positive contacts in the charts of artists of all types, and also in the charts of those blessed with a harmonious marriage; and conversely, the unhappily-married and divorced have many afflictions here: All in all the 5th Harmonic is beginning to seem a more consistently reliable guide to the potential for marital felicity or otherwise than the radix alone. I have not so far been able to ascribe a consistent meaning to the 9th Harmonic despite the regard in which some people hold it; at least it does not give direct indications about the character or destiny of the native as do the 13th and 16th: So, for example,

a person with ♃/♀ in either of these two Harmonics could reasonably be expected to show characteristics of such an aspect, almost as if he had it in the Radix (sensitive and artistic); whereas a ♃/♂ conjunction in the 9th Harmonic in no way predisposes the native to the characteristics of such an aspect (strongly emotional) (both examples taken from my own Chart); these examples are quite consistent with my experience of the 9th - sometimes the contacts within it, or between it and the Radix are very appropriate, and at other times seemingly quite irrelevant; why this should be I do not as yet know.

Perhaps an example of the significance of the 5th; A lady of my acquaintance has ♃ the IC, ☉ (♃ the 4th = domestic disharmony), and the ♃/♂, but neither ♀ nor the Ruler of the 7th is afflicted, and the 7th is unoccupied; however, in the 5th ♀ is ♃/♂ (55' orb), ♃ is ♃ the MCr (1°53' orb), ♄ is ♃/♂ (2°18' orb) and ♄ is ♃ the ASC r (2°1' orb); both ♀ and ♄ are ♃ the Vx (5th Harmonic). From these indications I told her that the indications for marriage in her Chart were, I was afraid, distinctly unfavourable, and she replied ruefully that that was perfectly correct.

From MARGUERITE BROSE (N.S.W.): The planet Pluto is indicated by some astrologers as an abbreviation of the first two initials of Percival Lowell, the astronomer. This, I think, is wrong as it is acceptable only in our alphabet; but if the alphabet being used is Urdu, Arabic, Greek, Russian, etc., the letters PL become meaningless. Symbolism should be understood universally. The symbol for love, for instance, is ♡.

'Symbolism is the representation of a thing, person or idea by means of a sign, drawing, symbol, etc., which recalls that which by analogy it is intended to represent'. (Collins National Encyclopedia).

Pluto should be written thus: ♄, which has a meaningful and ancient concept. Explanations of its esoteric meaning have been expounded by writers such as Alan Oken in 'Complete Astrology'. As we write the Symbols into a chart a thought as to the occult meaning will help to keep us humble in our delineation.

From LESLIE BLACK (ENGLAND): False Astrology

The Harmonic System of Directing which was mentioned in the October Issue, is a complete departure from orthodox principles adopted for the Directing of horoscopes. This has always been by a method of addition in every known system and not by multiplication. To multiply the entire radical figure by a number which is then worked out in Zodiacal degrees, can only result in the production of fictitious charts, which in principle will not retain a radical influence on any factor in the radical horoscope.

In a Harmonic Chart the MC and ASC can become conjoined, and the MC can fall below the Horizon. This is a complete contradiction of the fundamental principles for the construction of the celestial theme. The attempt to apply the Harmonic positions to the Radix is a further contravention of time-honoured astrological tenets.

My thanks to all recipients who have sent pecuniary donations. This does help to keep 'Forum' going. More MSS have been received than could be accommodated in the present issue. My kind regards to you all. - Dvmnck.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

This month we again have a variety of topics for information and response.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.):

The Korean Jumbo Jet Disaster

In the last Issue Dymock Brose posits the possibility of preventing such disasters by astrological monitoring. This doesn't impress me as a practical possibility. It is very easy by hindsight to explain the malefic nature of a chart associated with such a disaster, but seeing things by hindsight, and actually making a definite prediction before the event, are two totally different things. What makes this type of prediction so incredibly difficult is the enormous frequency of flights from every major airport. The number of flights in progress around the world at any one time would be well-nigh astronomical. I don't think it has ever been computed. But in contrast we fortunately have only a small number of flight disasters. So the odds against anyone actually being killed in an air crash are fantastic. We might say a million to one.

So what we are looking at is a situation in which a considerable number of flights would take off with technically highly malefic charts - and yet having a perfectly normal flight. The sheer magnitude of the thing makes this inevitable. In a lot of airports we could have planes moving out at five-minute intervals. If any airport tried to monitor this sort of thing astrologically they would have unlimited disruption if not chaos. What we really have is a situation of saturation point, and I think it is here that a normal assessment of a chart could break down. How are we to pick out the one isolated flight which does result in disaster? From a predictive point of view this could be an astrologer's nightmare. I think there are other situations where the idea of a 'saturation point' could apply. Take the person who goes overseas every year. Progressions or transits will normally indicate an overseas trip, but in this case that would be negated to a large extent.

Then we have cases like the Korean Jet where 269 people were killed. Would each and every one of these people have the indications for such a disaster in his chart? This is a good type of research, but I don't think it has ever been possible to research a mass disaster of this sort. The problems of getting the data would be too great. Here we would possibly have another 'saturation point' where sheer numbers might override individual charts.

Allan's view seems like commonsense until one examines it more closely, then it appears unnecessarily defeatist. There is no reason why astrological monitoring of flights should result in chaos, which anyway would be preferable to aircraft tragedies. With experience

and planning, there would be a minimum of disruption, as only a small percentage of flights would have to be cancelled. Large-scale cancellations occur frequently with industrial strikes. Four charts, 6 hours apart, calculated for Anchorage on 31/8/1983 show that by 2 pm local time the T-Square had lost its power, as the orb between the Sun and Moon had increased to more than $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and of course the Sun was no longer Ruler of the Chart. The power of aspects falls off in logarithmic fashion as the orb increases. At one-degree orb the aspect has about 70% of its power when exact, falling to 40% at two degrees of orb. Specially dangerous times on the day in question were when the T-Square of Sun, Moon and Uranus was close to the Angles, and/or the Sun or Moon was ruling the ASC, i.e. Leo or Cancer rising. These two Signs were rising between 7h51m and 14h1m U.T., while the T-Square was well past the Angles by about 1600 hours. If flights for the whole day from any particular airport were cancelled, it would be a small price to pay for saving lives, but with experience and the aid of computers, we would soon see a dramatic break-through in pin-pointing the danger times.

There are further possibilities, such as recording the 'birth time' of passenger aircraft in computer data banks, and with Directions, Progressions and transits determining when any particular aircraft should be temporarily grounded. All this, and much more is possible with modern computer systems. I have merely pointed the way. If we don't make an effort in this direction our astrological analysis becomes little more than an intellectual exercise, of no practical utility.

- Dymock.

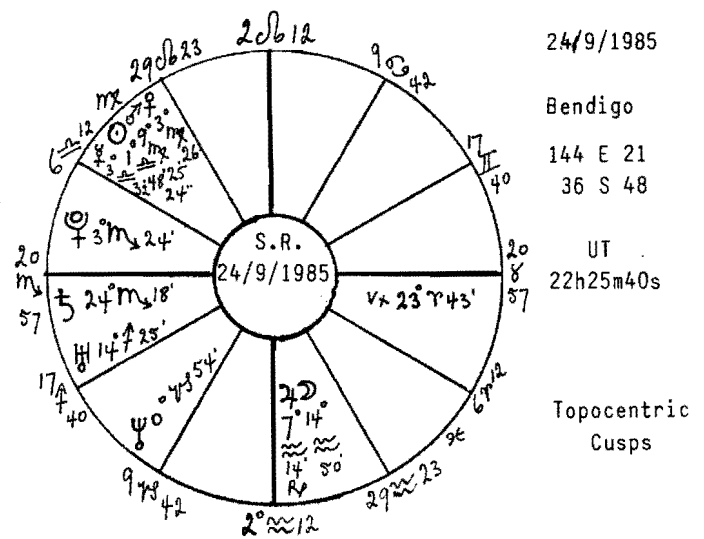
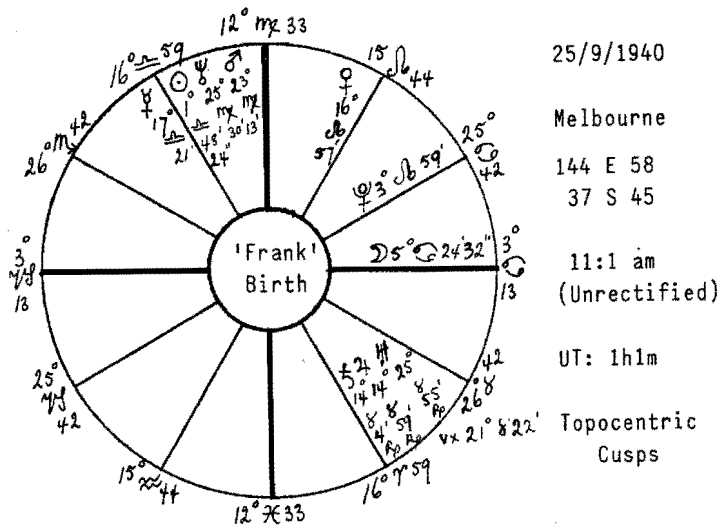
From ELVA HOWSON (VIC.):

Re 'Frank'

This is a very interesting case which raised a lot of questions in my mind. The first one was "Did 'Frank' have a knowledge of astrology BEFORE the robbery, and if so was he unaware that his Natal Chart indicated the possibility of a lengthy term in gaol due to 'get-rich-quick' schemes?" To be brief, Saturn Ruler, conjunct Jupiter intercepted 12th House Ruler in Taurus in the 5th House, square Venus in Leo conjunct the 9th - taking a gamble on easy money was really tempting intervention by authoritative/legal persons, leading to imprisonment. There again, if it was to be a gaol where he found love, maybe he feels it was worth it!

We were not asked to discuss the Natal Chart but rather the question of the coming release, which no doubt will be a major event in his life.

Before attempting such an important forecast I would normally require more information about his life to test the accuracy of the birthtime. One could assume that 'Frank', having a good knowledge of our science, is himself satisfied the 11.01 am is 100% correct, but I wonder if, should that be a rectified time, what system



was used for rectification? Also although it was stated that he was arrested on 3/2/1978, for armed robbery and shot while resisting arrest this does not necessarily mean that the robbery, the shooting and the actual arrest all took place on the same day. The actual dates of Court appearances and sentencing would also have been helpful.

Assuming the birthtime to be correct, and that he is in a Melbourne gaol, I erected the Solar Return Charts for 25/9/1983 and 25/9/1985.

Viewing these I would select the latter Chart as indicating the more important year. Briefly, S.R. MC conjunct Natal Pluto square S.R. Pluto in the 12th could well indicate transformation of status in the world, i.e., Prisoner to Free man. S.R. ASC conjunct S.R. Saturn (ruling 3rd and 4th S.R.): Heavy personal responsibility is placed upon the Native, some of which involves the environment and home. The ASC is Scorpio, i.e., remaking life on a new foundation. The Natal Vertex is placed opposite these on the 7th Cusp, hence the man comes face to face with himself.

The Solar Eclipse of 13/11/1985 falls conjunct S.R. ASC opposite Natal Vx. Those who have read my published comments on the Vertex point will recall that I have in my research repeatedly observed this contact in years when a major event occurs in the life - a crucial point of re-adjustment. This surely could be considered to be consistent with a man being released after 8 years' confinement!

The Solar Return Chart 25/9/1985 and Eclipse contacts do not necessarily indicate February 1986 as release month but it certainly shows an important change in the lifestyle between the 45th and the 46th birthdays.

the most likely one to coincide with Frank's release from gaol. See Chart.

Apart from the indications mentioned by Elva, there is the favourable Angular Jupiter/Moon conjunction in the 4th House (end of matters), whereas the 1983 and 1984 Charts have the planets in the western Hemisphere (1983) and lower Hemisphere (1984), which indicates less control of his destiny.

In the 1985 Solar Return Chart, the majority of planets are rising, showing a greater measure of control over his life and less dependence on circumstances and other people.

The transits revealed a stationary Jupiter conjunct S.R. Jupiter in October, 1985. This may be indicative of the favourable outcome of a judicial hearing, Jupiter indicating legal matters and the Moon ruling the 9th House, which is also judicial decrees. As the Moon/Jupiter conjunction occurs in the 4th House (the home), it is appropriate to a favourable ruling by the Parole Board in the gaol (Frank's 'home').

Four months later, in February, 1986, stationary Pluto squares S.R. Jupiter. As Frank was originally arrested under a Pluto aspect (Primary Direction Neptune square Pluto), it may well be the end of a cycle and that the same planet (Pluto) releases him.

A Sun square Venus Secondary Progression occurs in early March, 1986, the nature of the planets involved in this aspect probably being more important than the type of aspect.

I have looked hard for earlier releasing indications, but I can't see positive signs to tell Frank to start packing earlier than February, 1986.

From ALEXANDER MARR (W. GERMAN FED. REPUBLIC): Beside the accurate rectification with Primary Directions (ASTROLOGER'S FORUM, No's 23 and 24) and the confirmation with the demonstrated ASCENDANT-LUNAR there are a few more approved methods to achieve a well-authenticated birth time.

"When CYRIL FAGAN in the 'fifties made the discovery that the progressed Moon of the Sidereal Solar Return, when in conjunction with or opposition to the progressed SSR Sun or the progressed SSR planets, coincides with events, he found an instrument to prove astrological efficacy in a simple way such as never had been found

['Frank' is not an event-oriented astrologer, and does not claim that his given birth time is correct to the minute. I am asking him to supply further details so that a rectification may be made. - Dymock.]

From MARGUERITE BROSE (N.S.W.):

Freeing 'Frank'

Elva raises a valid question regarding Frank's pre-robbery knowledge of Astrology. I also erected a number of Solar Return Charts and have found the Chart for the year September, 1985 to September, 1986

before".

This method has been carefully analyzed and extended by the writer to the following additional statement: Progressed and regressed factors of the SSR and its equivalent Prenatal SSR (Luminaries and planets) to factors of the radix coincide with events. Here conjunctions, oppositions and squares (at the second level, trines) are fully valid. This statement is, as I will demonstrate in the following example, an undoubted proof that any astrological system if applied to the radix has to be measured on the Ecliptic, in the Tropical Zodiac. This disproves one of the main principles in Sidereal Astrology, i.e. the general validity of the 'Sidereal measurement'.

Example: GRACE OF MONACO (authentication, D. Brose, 'A.F.' No 23) - Event: Birth of son; March 14, 1958. Prenatal Sidereal Solar for 1957 = 1901 (1929 minus 28 years)

Vernal Point Radix (Nov. 12, 1929) 6 14 33.6
V.P. SSR 1901, Nov. 12 6 37 37.5
(Stahl's V.P. Ephem.)

Recession minus 23 04'-

Sun rad 19 34 05 Scorpio
- 23 04

Sun SSR 19 11 01 Scorpio

Sun SSR Prenat 1901 19 11 01 Scorpio

Sun, Noon, Nov. 11, 1901 18 24 43 Scorpio
difference 46 18

Sun's daily motion 1 00 24

46'18"

1°00'24" x 24 = 18h 23m 50s (Noon Ephemeris)

SSR Prenat. 1901 (for 1957) = Nov. 12, 1901 6h23m50s UT.

Moon SSR 1901 29 27 Scorpio

Mars rad 25 38 Scorpio

Difference = 4 degrees = ca. 4 months in the
Secondary Dir. system.

U.T. of SSR 1901, Nov. 12 6h 24m Nov. 12

Moon SSR regressed to 25 Sco 38 22h 39m U.T. Nov. 11
Difference 7h 45m

Sid. Time of SSR 1956 15h 26m (Raphael Noon Ephem.)
+ 7h 45m

March 10, 1957 Sid. Time = 23h 11m (Raphael Noon Ephem.)

March 14, 1957 BIRTH OF SON.

Difference 4 days = 8' of arc in the SSR 1901 Moon's motion (orb), (See 'Prediction Using Common and Prenatal Cycles', pages 23-38, Queen Elizabeth II; 16 examples.)

During the last 15 years between 200 - 300 cases analyzed have consolidated this method to authenticate a birth time.

Most of these procedures are automatically performed with Program No. M-61 (for Commodore, Apple TRS-80, and others) available at Matrix Software, 315 Marion Ave, Big Rapids, MI 49307, U.S.A. [And in Australia from Matrix Software, 12 Rockcliffe Street, Eltham, Vic., 3095. - D.]

For births of boys, SUN, JUPITER and MARS (if as here in a satisfactory radical cosmic condition) may be used. For the birth of girls: MOON, VENUS and JUPITER are valid. URANUS rad too may be the indicator of the event (this in cases where the birth occurred suddenly or prematurely).

The directed MOON of the SSR is always only a catalyzer

if radical planets are concerned, while the characteristics of the event are shown by the radical planets. For main events the following combinations are valid: The Moon directed to radical planets, or the Sun, and to radical Angles and House Cusps (Moon = catalyzer).

All SSR planets, Sun included, directed to radical Angles, House Cusps, Luminaries and planets.

ROSS HARVEY (N.S.W.) has been experimenting in the past year with 'Age Harmonic' Directions to rectify birth charts, that is, a harmonic equivalent to the years of age of the native. Age Harmonics are also used as a method of prediction, and they have recently been the subject of discussion in The Astrological Journal of England. Pamela Crane even advocates the use of fractional numbers instead of the more usual integral harmonics. Ross's method of rectifying consists in calculating the Age Harmonic positions for every year in which a major event occurred, and noting whether or not appropriate conjunctions or oppositions were formed to or from the MC and ASC of the radix, or to the Angles within the Harmonic Chart itself. For the purposes of rectification, as distinct from prediction, only the Angles (and/or Vertex and 'Equatorial ASC' - East Point) are considered, as these show considerable variation with time. The planets' positions do not vary sufficiently to allow of rectification within, say, half an hour. Ross's communications to me are spread over a number of long letters, which I am obliged to paraphrase for reasons of space.

In applying his method to the Chart of Australia's Prime Minister, Bob Hawke, Ross computed Age Harmonics from 13 to 56, using tentative planetary positions for a 3:30 am birth. (Estimates of Bob Hawke's birthtime vary from about 2:30 to 3:30 am.) Ross notes that even if the time were 2:30 am it would make a difference of only 2°5' in the Sun's harmonic position by age 50, which would not be enough substantially to affect the results he obtained, though the Moon's position would vary more. The geographic coordinates, 140E44 and 36S21, for Bordertown, Hawke's birthplace, are drawn from the Encyclopaedia Britannica Atlas.

As a result of his investigations Ross has come up with the accompanying Chart for Bob Hawke, with birth at 3:25:56 am, C.S.T. (U.T. 17h55m56s the previous day, 8/12/1929). This is based on the following harmonics covering all known important events of Bob Hawke's life:

AGE 17 (17th Harmonic) MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT
h 7 13 13 ♂ M.C. 2 - h 7 25 450 ♂ ASC. 2

AGE 21 (21st Harmonic) APPLICATION FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP REFUSED
h 7 18 18 ♂ M.C. 2

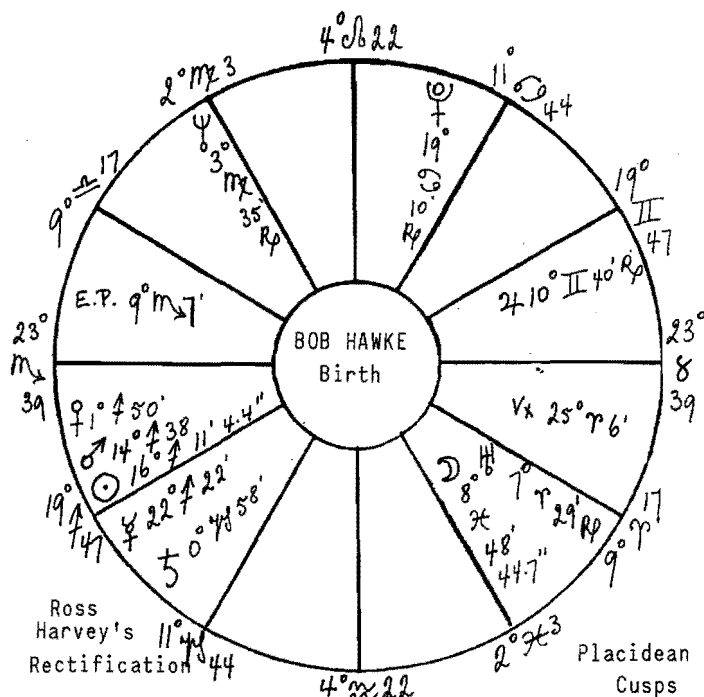
AGE 22 (22nd Harmonic) CHOSEN AS RHODES SCHOLAR
h 2 26 2 ♂ ASC. 2

AGE 26 (26th Harmonic) MARRIAGE
h 4 7 8 20 ♂ E.P. 2

AGE 39 (39th Harmonic) ELECTED PRESIDENT A.C.T.U., Sept. 1969. h 4 26 0 ♂ ASC. 2; 5 7 42 ♂ M.C. 2; 8 19 45 ♂ ASC. 2

AGE 50 (50th Harmonic) ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT
7 28 8 20 ♂ ASC. 2

AGE 50 (50th Harmonic) LOST CHALLENGE FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE LABOUR PARTY
h 5 20 8 16 ♂ ASC. 2; h 5 29 48 ♂ 5 2



AGE 53 (53rd Harmonic) ELECTED PRIME MINISTER

h Vx 10f18 6 8r 2r

Ross claims that his rectification is supported by the Primary Direction, Jupiter conv. trine MC in Bob Hawke's Chart, exact on 7th February, 1983, (Hawke was elected Prime Minister on 5/3/1983). Ross uses the time measure of 59'8.33" for a year, but in other respects follows the method expounded in DeLuce's 'Complete Method of Prediction', where the Significator is directed to the Promissor under its own Pole, and in the plane of its celestial latitude. In this last respect it differs from the 'Topocentric' system where the Promissor is considered as an Ecliptic point, without latitude. There is also a difference in the calculation of the Significator's Pole and its Ascensional Difference under that Pole. Ross claims more accurate timing for the method he uses. I have to add that I once used the same method but discarded it in favour of the Topocentric system which gave me much improved results. The timing of Directions by the two methods is sometimes small, but can amount to years.

My own rectification of Bob Hawke's Chart gives an MC of 5Leo9, and an ASC of 24Sco28; RAMC 127.5061554; U.T. 17h59m5s on 8/12/1929. This yields a Topocentric Primary Direction of Jupiter conv. trine MC on the day Hawke was elected Prime Minister, as well as a number of other appropriate Directions on important occasions in his life.

If Ross's method of rectification by harmonics stands up to rigorous testing, it will be a very considerable 'break-through' in the matter of obtaining an accurate radix.

I am at the moment reviewing a new book by David Hamblin, 'Harmonic Charts', in which the author lists a number of reasons why he thinks harmonic positions should not be applied to the radix, but he is arguing from theory, not evidence, and as Ross remarks, it 'could be the theory that is defective, not the evidence'; the latter is what counts. My own brief investigations support Ross, so far; but whatever the outcome, this is the type of research Astrology needs.

Ross is also investigating harmonics generally, and attaches much importance to the 13th and 16th as revealing aspects of character and career not readily visible in the radix. He finds that these two are the only harmonics that give consistent indications of the native's circumstances in life. Ross will probably submit more of his findings on this and it is to be hoped that other researchers will add their quota of experience. For anyone with a programmed computer or calculator this is a relatively simple business, requiring time and careful observation rather than any particular skill. Ross sees harmonics as a magnifying glass on a photograph - a small area can be examined in detail. He does not think one would find in harmonics something denied by the radix.

Ross notes, in passing, that (1) Harmonic Directions validate Placidian cusps as against Koch, Campanus and Regiomontanus, and (2) Ebertin's interpretation of Saturn = Jupiter/Pluto, 'the inability to progress' is most inappropriate for Bob Hawke!

Relying on his rectification of the Chart, Ross predicts a very unfortunate time for Bob Hawke next year. The 54th Harmonic, applying to the period from December, 1983, to December, 1984, has Sun conjunct Neptune rad., Saturn conj. MC(h) and conj. ASC rad; Vertex conj. Saturn rad. The Primary Directions, (taken in the plane of the Significator's radical latitude) are MC c. opp. Mars, December, 1983; Sun d. conj. IC, August, 1984; MC d. square Saturn, December, 1984; E.Pt. d. conj. Saturn, January, 1985; Saturn c. square MC, February, 1985; Venus d. sext. ASC, April, 1985. (Ross recently found the East Point to be significant in Directions.) In 1985, Saturn transits Hawke's ASC on 21st December, 1985, Neptune transits Saturn rad. on 18th December, and Pluto transits square to the MC rad. on 1st January, 1986.

Ross points out that a Half-Senate Election is due by December, 1984, and that there is a referendum about simultaneous Elections in February. He infers from the above Directions that Bob Hawke will call a General Election in December, 1984, and lose.

Ed. Caselli queries why Alexander Marr uses the Tropical, not the Sidereal, Zodiac for the ASC-Lunar Charts, yet allows for Precession. This is a standard procedure in Return Charts for Tropical-Zodiac practitioners who measure the position of the Significator from the fixed stars instead of from the Vernal Point. As the V.P. is moving backward in the Zodiac its apparent travel has to be added to the Significator's original position. Of course if one measures from the Vernal Point at all times, this small addition is not needed.

Geoffrey Dean's summing-up of the debate on truth and falsity in Astrology has been delayed through a typewriter breakdown, but will appear in the next Forum.

I had hoped in this Issue to reproduce the Chart for the exciting last race in the America Cup yachting contest, but space has run out. If anyone has details of the times when the fortunes changed during the Race, would he/she please contact me? The Race started 50 minutes late, and has a number of points of interest relating to Australia's wresting of the Cup from the U.S.A. after their 132 years' monopoly.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

19th October, 1983.

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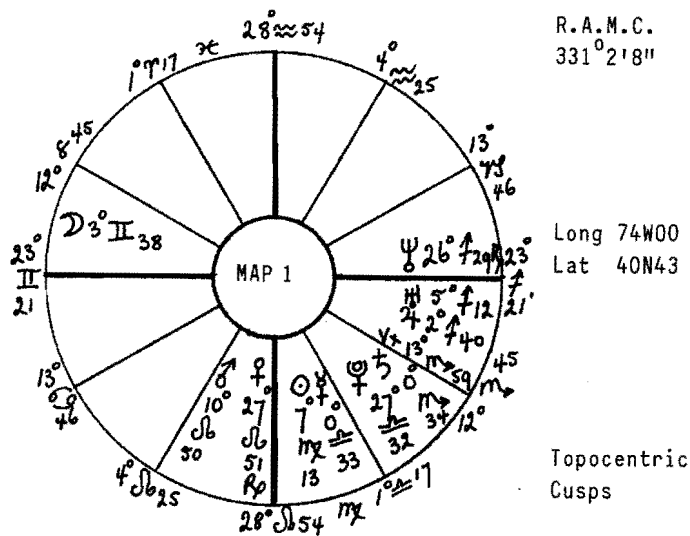
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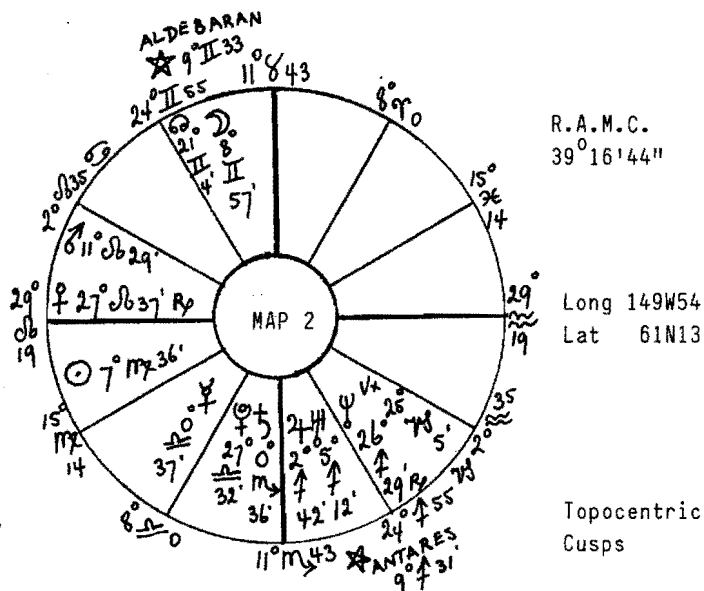
Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The world this month is aghast and horrified at the shooting down of the Korean Jumbo Jet Airliner with 269 men, women and children aboard, all of whom have perished. It is all the more terrible because the proper astrological monitoring of the Flight (No.007) from Anchorage in Alaska would have forewarned the airport authorities who could therefore have prevented the tragedy. 'Time' magazine of September 12th gives the departure times of Flight 007 both from New York and from Anchorage. The Chart for the first leg of the flight is safe enough, but that for the second leg contains dire portents of disaster. Here are the two Charts:

JUMBO JET, FLIGHT 007, departs from New York at 4h25m G.M.T. on 31/8/1983 (Though scheduled to leave at 11:50 pm New York Summer Time, on 30/8/1983, the Flight was delayed 35 minutes until 0:25 am on 31/8/1983, = 4h25m G.M.T., allowing for five hours time difference, less 1 hour Summer Time in New York).



JUMBO JET, FLIGHT 007, departs from ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, 14-hours G.M.T. on 31/8/1983.



A comparison of the two Charts is instructive as both hold much the same T-Square (Moon opposing Uranus/Jupiter, with the Sun at the focal point). It demonstrates the power of Angles and of Rulership. In Map 2 the Sun is RULER, and the T-Square is ANGULAR. This alone is sufficient warning of catastrophe, but in addition we have:

Mars square the I.C. (orb 14') (violent end)

Mars sesquare Neptune (exact to the minute). Neptune rules the Death Sector (8th), and the Mars/Neptune combination is associated with drowning.

Moon conjunct Aldebaran and opposed by Antares. Both these fixed stars are of a violent nature. Their positions in 1983 are 9 Gem 33 and 9 Sag 31, so that the orbs of conjunction and opposition to the Moon (representing the passengers) were respectively 36' and 34'.

The midpoint of MC/Mars is 26 Gem 36, where it opposes Neptune (orb 7'), signifying failure and destruction.

- Dymock

From ALEXANDER MARR (W.GERMANY): (Continued from Forum 25)

Prince Rainier

Other Directions in Prince Rainier's Birth Chart for the death of his wife on 14/9/1983, are:

Saturn direct at 1 Cap 30 (near the MC) semisq. Cusp 8 (orb 5' of arc) [The Topocentric Cusps - D.]

Cusp 5 conv. ssex. Mars (4')

Pluto conv. semisq. Mars (2')

Desc. dir. sesq. Venus (6'): This Direction, as well as Desc. conv. conj. Pluto speaks for a birth time that should be about 12 seconds later. However, there are a considerable number of Directions that point to

31/1/1923, Monaco, 1h12m26s U.T. (Rect.)
7 E 26, 43 N 44

the birth time given above. Directions speaking for a later time are:

Sun conv. trine MC (orb 4') for his marriage (See similar Direction in Grace's Chart for the same event - "Astrologers' Forum", No. 23, page 5.) For the birth of a daughter, 23/1/1957 Jupiter conv. sext. Cusp 5 (5'); Jupiter dir. conj. Moon (exact); and for the birth of the second daughter; 1/2/1956; Uranus dir. sext. Cusp 5 (5').

While this rectification method needs a good proportional feeling, experience in symbolism and some mathematical knowledge, astrologers who do not have the perseverance to do it this hard way have some other possibilities to achieve fairly good results (approximations) in rectification by means of the Precessed Lunar Chart, introduced by Cyril Fagan in the late 1940's. This enables us to authenticate the birth time within a margin which depends on the number of events analyzed. Such a control, which in most cases will remain only an approximation, allows serious research work mainly in the TRANSIT and PRENATAL Transit System. (Ref. 'Prediction, Using Common and Prenatal Cycles', Alexander Marr, A.F.A., 1982).

In cases where birth times had been accurately recorded (first breath, first cry), or rectified with the Page/Polich method demonstrated in Forums 23 and 25, a cycle developed and published in 1978 by the writer in most cases is giving results of astonishing accuracy.

THE ASCENDANT LUNAR is based on the Ecliptical position of the ASC, and the precise time at which it is transited by the Moon.

EXAMPLE Radix Grace. Event: Birth of son, March 14th, 1958.

Rectified ASC 4 Sco 41

+ 24'	Precession for 29 years
5 Sco 05	
25 Lib 58	MOON, Noon, March 8, 1958
9 07	Difference
14 37	apparent motion in 24h

$\frac{9^{\circ} 7'}{14^{\circ} 37'} \times 24 \text{ (hours)} = 14^{\text{h}}58^{\text{m}}$ (2h58m UT, March 9)

14h 58m

+ 2m Accel.

23h 03m Sid. Time, Noon, March 8

14h 03m RAMC Greenwich

+30m Monaco fast

14h 33m RAMC Monaco, which gives, using

RAPHAEL's House Tables for 43N40:

MC = 11 Scorpio; Jupiter 1° Scorpio
MOON = 5 Scorpio; Node 4° Scorpio
ASC = 14 Capr. : Mars 24° Capricorn

This quite simple method should be applied for all available events using the place of residence as a base. Characteristic for events and psychological experiences are ONLY factors on or near the Angles. This makes interpretation of all sorts of Precessed Lunars quite easy. In cases where Lunars are too far back (prior to the event), in most cases the Demi-Lunar computed for the opposition of the radical Moon

(here the radical DESC) is more characteristic for the event.

For Grace's tragic death, September 14th, 1982, we get: ASC-Lunar, August, 24, 1982, Moon 4Sco41 + 44' = 5Sco25; 4h34m U.T., MC 21Tau; Mars 12Sco; Uranus 1Sag (IC = midpoint MARS/URANUS). As the ASC-Lunar preceded the event by 21 days, other events or main psychological experiences may have happened before her fatal accident.

We try now the Demi-ASC-Lunar which is closer to the event by 14 days: Moon 5Tau25; Demi-ASC-Lunar September 7, 15h59m U.T. MC 26Sco; Mars 22Sco; Uranus 1Sag.

Here the characteristic planets for an accident, Mars and Uranus are much closer to an Angle (MC) as a midpoint. In fact, we have here, with two events analyzed, an acknowledgement of our rectification, as the ASC Lunar is in effect a magnifying glass.

In the average: 1' of arc (4s of time) difference in the ASC gives a 30' (2m) difference in the ASC-Lunar. 1 degree of arc difference in ASC gives 2h of difference in the ASC-Lunar, i.e. one full Zodiacal Sign. That means our average proportion is 1 to 30. The Angles of an ASC-Lunar are moving 30 times as fast as the difference in Longitude of the radical ASC.

All this means in practice, that stated birth-times which differ from the true one by only 2m do not give any characteristic results in ASC-Lunars. Experience shows that it is difficult but possible (if enough events are available) to rectify a chart within a few minutes of arc with only these ASC-Lunars.

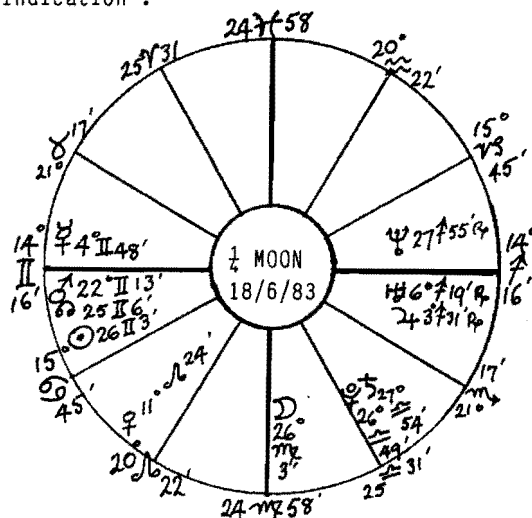
How to use these ASC-Lunars for getting the true Prenatal Epoch will be demonstrated in a forthcoming book, Prediction III; Synastry, Prenatal Epoch, Fixed Stars.

Prediction II, Directions and the Art of Rectification will be available in late 1983. (A.F.A., U.S.A.)

From ROD AND COLLEEN BRANDT (QLD.):

Brisbane's and S.E. Queensland's Heavy Rain and Floods
18th to 22nd June, 1983

The Lunation Eclipse Chart for 11/6/83 hinted at the deluge that was to come. The Sun/Moon conjunction at 19Gem approaching an opposition to Neptune at 28Sag was a sure indication.



a sure indication.

The Chart for the Moon's first Quarter on the 18th June, however, was the one that brought it all down. The most outstanding feature of this Chart and the cause of the whole thing was the T-Square involving Sun and Mars conjunct in Leo opposite Neptune square the Moon.

The Sun and Mars conjoined in Leo in the 3rd Decanate of Gemini were opposite Neptune in the last Decanate of Sagittarius (earthquakes) and square the Moon (watery influence) in the last Decanate of Virgo. Here we find storms and thunder (Sun and Mars), flood rains Neptune, with the Moon acting as the discharge rod flowing into the 4th House (land). The oppositions and squares lower the temperature and the rains came down. During the following five days and particularly on the Wednesday, we all thought that we were in for another flood similar to 1974.

By this time the Moon had moved on to the conjunction first of Pluto then to Saturn, indicating extreme changes and heavy rain. We also had thunder almost all of that day. Also during this time Mercury opposite Jupiter was counter-parallel at the same time. This also had a bearing on the weather, bringing in also rains and storms and exaggerated potential. Mercury then moved on to the opposition of Uranus indicating transportation, communications and electrical breakdowns. By Wednesday, roads were cut, power lines were down and communications went haywire during the period.

By Friday the rain had all gone for the time as the Moon had moved on from its position of influence but on Saturday, 25th June, as the Moon came to the conjunction of Neptune at 7:39 am, it sparked off that planetary configuration in the Chart and it rained again on and off for most of the day.

Princess Grace

From ED. CASELLI (N.S.W.): Concerning the debate between Dymock and Gwyn Turner in regard to Princess Grace, the aspects they adduce in regard to her death appear largely irrelevant. As I understand it, she died as a result of a brain haemorrhage. This is Mars, both for the haemorrhage and the brain or head. (Certainly for the haemorrhage). It is not good enough to find just any planet for an event. It must be the correct planet, and certainly in this case there can be little argument that Mars is the one concerned. Moon opposite Mercury is not a 'killer'. All it is likely to do is to produce gossip, some acrimonious correspondence or perhaps adverse press criticism. Mercury square Saturn, under normal circumstances, is likewise not a 'killer'. It might produce some hard mental work or study, but in order to be at all serious, Mercury would have to be the Ruler of the Chart and in hard aspect to Saturn in the Radix. Note that on the day of death Mars transited Princess Grace's radical Mars. The transit, of course, is not sufficient to explain the event but it does indicate the villain of the piece!

Ed. is under a misapprehension as to the astrological indications of cerebral haemorrhage, or apoplexy, the established cause of Princess Grace's death. It is

precisely because Moon opposite Mercury, and Mercury square Saturn, are so appropriate to this condition that it puts the issue of the correct birth time beyond doubt, even without the long string of strikingly appropriate Primary Directions relating to other events of her life over a long period of years.

If Ed. refers to that monumental work of H.L. Cornell, M.D., 'Encyclopaedia of Medical Astrology', he will see the following (Page 66): 'Among the planets, Mercury is the strong Ruler of the brain in both sexes...The brain substance is ruled by the Moon and Mercury...The functions of the brain are ruled by Mercury and the Moon.'

On page 26 Dr. Cornell describes apoplexy (including cerebral apoplexy) as 'a Moon disease', and goes on to mention specifically Mercury square Moon as one of the causes of cerebral apoplexy.

Aside from this, there can be nothing more appropriate to the end of life than the Primary Direction of Saturn square the I.C. on the day of death.

- Dymock.

From JEANETTE SIMPSON (N.S.W.): I thoroughly enjoyed reading the "Astrologers' Forum", particularly the article on Princess Grace. It seems to me that her dignity and beauty speak more of Scorpio ASC with Venus rising, than a Libra ASC conjunct Venus. Her whole personality seems far stronger and controlled than this would suggest. Would not Scorpio ASC, Ruler Pluto 9th be necessary for control of such a strong Sun conjunct Mars in Scorpio influence? Scorpio ASC still puts Venus rising which would surely account for the dimples, beauty and love of finer and feminine things of embroidery, dancing, etc. As to the maths - maybe she never gave it a try although Ruler in Cancer would probably give more love of homely things rather than mental. Also, maybe Cancer on the 9th could contradict mathematical ability and perhaps Capricorn 3rd give a dislike of running around, which could include driving.

From THOMAS ZIMMER (QLD): On the subject of accuracy in getting the Primary Directions to pinpoint a particular event, I have this comment: My own experience indicates that Primary MC and ASC Directions, as well as important Secondaries, do in fact portray a two-year period and not a particular event. There may be events and those events may fall near the centre of the two-year period, but such events are not necessarily the important thing from the point of view of the native (or client).

When the native is in the middle of such an astrological two-year period, his need is for counselling to cope with the unfamiliar sensations he is experiencing from within. If he is able to make this adjustment there is less likelihood of an event occurring to dramatize that astrological period. If an event occurs which he would prefer to avoid, but was not able to avoid, then the hand of destiny is more powerful than his self-determinism at that point; in which case it is not really helpful to speculate about that event prior to its occurrence.

It would be more helpful to discuss and counsel about the two-year influence and the types of issues which could assume importance during that period. This en-

courages the native to work with the energies shown by his Directions, rather than to submit to the spectre of an event due on a particular date. In fact most charts I have done do not have clear definite events to match Progressions. The lives seem to be 'muddy' in the way developments occur, with several events or no events to match the appropriate Directions. Perhaps this is the case with ordinary people whereas famous people who are 'larger than life' experience life more objectively, more visibly.

All I am saying is that even if the ultimate system of calculating Directions is found, the art of using that information is still the greater challenge to the astrologer.

From MRS. P. HETHERINGTON, (N.S.W.): The recent correspondence, Dean vs. the Rest, was fascinating. I have a great admiration for Dr. Dean's work, but I am firmly on the side of those correspondents who believe that Astrology cannot be proven as Dr. Dean would like it to be. Science can only prove something which is (a) within our physical world; (b) obeys the laws of that world; and (c) at the relevant time is known to conform to (a) and (b). Phenomena and theories outside those categories belong to philosophical thought (and none the worse for that) until, perhaps, our stock of knowledge expands to embrace them.

Astrological interpretation has an historical side, changing and responding to the changing world. The aspect that indicates illness and disfigurement as a possibility could be seen in an 18th-Century chart as smallpox, as the trauma of a car accident in a 20th-Century chart.

But interpretation also has to deal with the level of evolvment of the individual. This, I think, is the really tricky one. I don't see how the requirements of proof for astrology can ever be reconciled with it.

Geoffrey invites my reply to his 5th Question. Here it is: What would make me change my mind (that Astrology is not a belief system) would be convincing evidence that what I had hitherto ascribed to astrological causes was in fact due to something else.

- Dymock.

A Prisoner's Release: Can you Predict the Date?

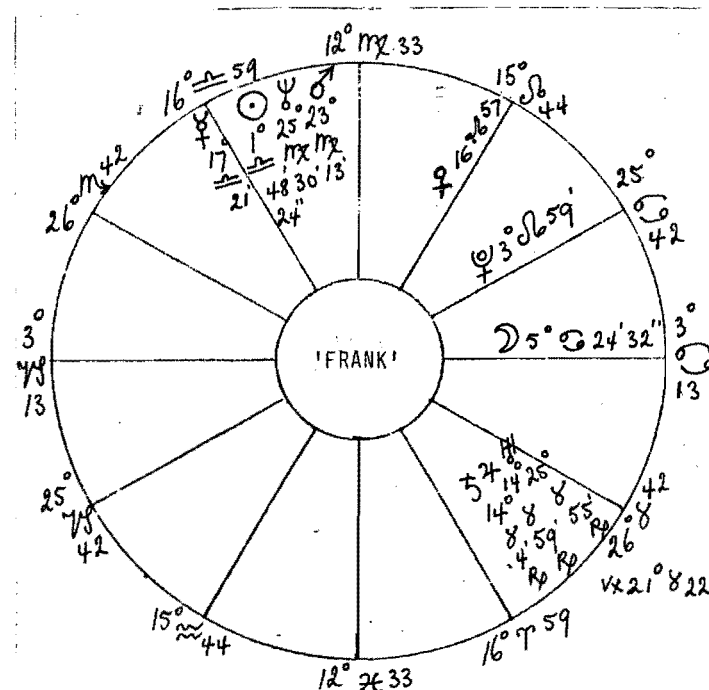
A real-life situation in which readers can involve themselves and test their astrological skills is the present confinement in an Australian gaol of a 43-year old man, whom we shall call Frank. Frank was arrested for armed robbery on the 3rd February, 1978, and about six months later was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. Frank had been shot in the stomach while resisting arrest. Shortly after the initial trial, the Crown appealed and the sentence was increased to 14 years, with a 12-year minimum. With a possible one-third remission for good conduct, this means a minimum of eight years to serve, which term will be up in February, 1986. But due to Departmental differences in interpreting the length of the sentence, Frank may be released two years earlier in February, 1984.

The eligibility for release on any particular date does not imply certainty. When will Frank be released? We shall know the outcome, whatever it is, so try your hand at prediction. Predictions supported by their astrological basis will be considered for publication. No clairvoyance or psychism, please.

Frank was born in Melbourne on 25th September, 1940; given time, 11:01 am, E.S.T. For those who want to try Horary Astrology, the time and date I received the information may be useful: 30th August, 1983, 2:14 pm E.S.T., Blackheath, N.S.W.

Frank's fiancée (let us call her Mary) was also born in Melbourne, 24th August, 1950; given time: 11:50pm. Mary and Frank met on 1st August, 1981, at the Gaol, when she was visiting with a friend. One other point of interest: Frank is also a knowledgeable astrologer.

- Dymock.



CRISTINE JAMES (N.S.W.) (correct adopted spelling of 'Cristine') thanks Jenifer Pommerin for responding to her request for experiences relating to retrogradation, and adds, 'If anyone else has examples of the incidents which occurred when a planet went retrograde or stationary I would be pleased to hear. I also need House, Sign and aspects of the planet changing motion as shown in the natal chart. (Address: 106 Prince Edward Park Road, WORONORA, N.S.W., 2282).

JACKIE CAVALERO SLEVIN, 43 Chestnut Hill Place, Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028, U.S.A., who is the Research Chairman of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Council for Geocosmic Research (NCGR), writes asking for information regarding the generational aspect of Neptune in Leo quincunx Uranus in Pisces between January, 1924 and March, 1927. This is their current research project. Some effects already noted have been severe disappointment; loss of spouse through sudden tragedy, heart-disease, and long-term marriage of either a very positive or very negative nature.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock,

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Another bumper issue this month due to the numerous contributions received, for which I thank all correspondents. A special reducing process of the original copy has to be employed in order to accommodate all the material.

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.):

Rules for Rectification

The remarks by Gwyn Turner and Ed Caselli in regard to what I have said on different occasions on the problem of birth-times and rectification, gave me a strong feeling of dismay. Not only were those remarks not in the spirit of friendship and co-operation and sharing of ideas, but also taken out of context. I ask these two contributors to read again, and this time accurately, what I have said on these matters (I have been very clear in my statements) and not just take out those portions which seem suitable to attack me on.

Here are the Four Rules concerning Birth-times and Rectification, which I formulated for my own use several years ago:

1. If a time of birth has been given on the whole hour, and there is no assurance - either in written form or by reliable oral communication - that this given time is close to the actual time, then there is a high probability that it is rounded-off or even guessed. In such a case attempts to rectify this time astrologically, up to half an hour or even more, are justified.
2. If a time is given on a quarter of an hour, or on a half-hour, then very probably it is still rounded-off, but close to the actual time (unless indicated otherwise - see under 1). In such cases rectification of up to 15 minutes may be justified.
3. If a time of birth is given with an accuracy of one minute, and this time has been recorded on an official or family-document, then very probably the time has been recorded very precisely (examples: 3:59, 10:41, 5:31, 21:55, 3:17, 9:36, etc., whether am or pm). In such cases rectification may still be justified, but certainly no more than up to three minutes! (Unless there is an indication that the first breath or cry came several minutes later).
4. Whatever the case, any rectification-result is by definition speculative, as so far no astrological method has been developed that is totally reliable.

I adhere strictly to these Rules.

Seen in the light shed by these Rules, Number 3 in particular, I consider very wrong, in fact condemnable, a rectification that really is wide off the mark, only in order to justify a certain system of progression. One does not advance Astrology in this way, but on the contrary makes it more a matter to laugh and scoff at. When a particular system needs a far-out rectification to make it 'work', then the only conclusion is that it failed on that particular occasion. Even in the science of physics there is no such thing as absolute 100% certainty, hence why should we astrologers expect 100% certainty in the science (or art) or Astrology, which has certainly not been so well researched as physics?

Every astrologer who approaches his/her art with a sense of critical assessment can testify that there are no fixed rules as to astrological configurations. The so-called rule, for example, that every major event in a native's life MUST be accompanied by an aspect from or to the Angles, appears not to be a rule at all. A few computerised tests on a set of exactly-timed horoscopes - even with a built-in control on a margin (in time) to either side of the birth-moment, will reveal that this 'rule' is only partly true. In other words, in only some cases will there be a significant aspect to or from the Angles, that is, one fitting the event.

The word 'research' is often misused. When research simply means finding reasons to confirm what one wants to confirm, then the meaning and implications of the word 'research' are misunderstood. True research often means that long-cherished beliefs prove to have no ground at all. Too many astrologers simply believe, but do not

thoroughly test.

The Pre-Natal Epoch

The Pre-natal Epoch, or Trutina Hermetis (the Rule of Hermes), for example, is such an item of Believing. In its basic form this Rule says that the place of the Moon at conception is the ASC at birth. The total fallacy of this Rule is illustrated by a very simple test: Take three births on the same day, just twenty minutes apart. (Nobody can say that such does not happen: The birth-records of any large city will prove him/her wrong.) Calculate the ASC's of those three births. In one hour an ASC can move on average 15 degrees. How does this fit in with the fact that the Moon moves only about HALF a degree in one hour?

The counter-argument that the astrological moment of birth is not the physical moment of birth, and that it is the astrological moment of birth which is 'dictated' by the Moon, is a very nice theory but can never be proven - hence we have to stick to the moment of physical birth.

The other counter-argument that the astrological moment of birth can be proven by correct predictions is not a valid argument either. It is known that correct predictions have been made on totally wrong charts. Just recently I read the 'confession' by the German astrologer Peter Niehenke how he had read correctly, that is to the satisfaction of the client - a chart which was twenty years out. In such cases it is either clairvoyance of the astrologer, or the gullibility of the client (to many people you can tell anything and they believe it, or they give it such a twist of thought that they make the statement fit the event).

I close this letter with a call on all contributors to "Astrologers' Forum" to write according to the true meaning of Research, and more so to the true meaning of discussion, which simply means giving of opinions, of findings, but also accepting the findings of others. The acceptance, for example, that one can be wrong after all. It testifies to someone's intellectual integrity and courage to relinquish ideas that one has held for many years but which cannot be supported by facts after all. There are too many astrologers who have the attitude of 'I have made up my mind, don't confuse me with facts'. What I would like to see in these columns, is more true discussion, not one-way-traffic.

Geoffrey Dean's invitation to astrologers to answer some straightforward questions about their craft has aroused a good deal of feeling in some quarters. But Geoffrey is not challenging Astrology so much as enquiring into the reasons for our belief in it. It is not a bad thing to look closely into the basis of our beliefs. If that basis is sufficiently well-founded it will withstand any assault.

This is a forum, for the enlightenment and education of astrologers by giving access to various, and sometimes opposing, ideas and viewpoints; as well as giving readers the benefit of vicarious experience and technical know-how. So, before we get our hackles up; and into fighting stance like an old-man kangaroo, let us take a dispassionate look at what is contributed, from any quarter, and see what we can learn from it. Science has something to teach Astrology, just as Astrology has much to offer Science.

Below are the latest offerings on the current controversy.
- Dymock.

Truth and Falsity in Astrology

From ED. CASELLI (N.S.W.): Astrology is not just a belief system because in my experience transits, progressions and, in particular, the ASC's do work. Regardless of mathematical theory, the ASC does exhibit the appropriate changes in appearance and temperament as the Zodiacal Sign changes. It makes no difference whether we have 30 degrees in a Sign or 100. The Sign divisions

prove themselves and therefore, in fact, support the mathematical system employed.

Re Dean's questions: How do we know that Astrology works? This question insults our experience and expertise. We know Astrology works by personal experience. By this question Dean is doing his best to convince us that he is not an Astrologer. I wish he had the good grace to concede that astrologers just might have the experience and expertise that he, apparently, lacks. I have already referred above to the kind of experience that has proved Astrology for me.

Re Dean's Question No. 2. I have answered this in my reply to the first question.

Re Question No. 3. The only 'hard evidence' the sceptic is likely to accept is his own. He has to be an astrologer to understand the astrological argument. It would be pointless, for instance, to refer to a Saturnian aspect if the recipient of the information has not experienced Saturn. He would remain unconvinced. If, however, he has had the experience, that will convince him. He requires no other evidence.

Re Question No. 4. 'Wrong' charts (in terms of birth-time) have the same planetary aspects as 'right' charts, and therefore there would be plenty of similarity in the delineations. This would surely cover most cases, as there is normally no argument as to the birthdate.

Re Question No. 5. I have stated why Astrology is not just a belief system, in short, because of my experience. No further 'evidence' is going to change my mind.

Concerning statistical evidence, in general, this evidence has usually been confined to Sun-Signs in regard to occupation. The emphasis on occupation is understandable because this is non-debatable. This emphasis on Sun-Signs, however, is inappropriate for two reasons. Firstly, the Sun-Sign is more concerned with character or temperament than it is with occupation and, secondly, the Sun-Sign influence is normally overridden by other factors. Occupation is more linked to Angular planets, especially in, or ruling, the 10th House. This is why Gauquelin's studies are more relevant. For instance, he demonstrated that Mars close to the Angle applied to sporting champions, while Saturn close to the Angle was consistent with scientists. Does not Dean accept this?

From CHRIS TURNER (N.S.W.): Geoff, I feel that much of the debate you have been provoking for the last four or five years has been going around in circles because people have been trying to answer you objectively, when you have wanted subjective answers. In fact, the answers to your questions can ONLY be given subjectively, until such time as you and other researchers can give us something that is 'scientifically' factual.

I am tempted to give great long justifications for my answers, but I won't, as I don't have to 'convert' anybody. If I weren't convinced in my own mind (not my heart - my mind) that Astrology worked, I wouldn't do it, and neither would you.

1. How do I know Astrology works? From feedback from my clients regarding both the manifestation of character as described by the natal chart, and circumstances as described by the Progressed chart.

2. How do I know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation? I don't. I don't really think it matters, so have never debated the question with myself to the point where I arrived at an answer. Probably the effects do have an ordinary explanation - it has not yet been found. I don't think any serious astrologer thinks that Astrology is causal, rather that it is reflective.

3. Why should you accept my views rather than any other? You very definitely shouldn't! No individual should ever accept any one other person's view as gospel. If my views are acceptable to you, then explore them with others, through discussion and reading. Perhaps rigid minds are the basic problem with this whole debate.

4. If wrong charts are as readily acceptable as right ones, what would this mean to Astrology? It would mean astrologers are fallible human beings, as are doctors, lawyers and scientists. All 'guru' professions have made mistakes, and it has not caused their demise, rather it has made ordinary people see the practitioners as ordinary people, which is all they, and we, are, albeit with a particular expertise. In my experience, when I have made a mistake in the chart, it has been found through the expression of doubt on the part of my client, whereupon I am prepared to recheck that the chart is

correct and admit that I have made an error if that is the case. I have not found that a wrong chart delineated in an interview situation is 'readily' accepted by a client.

5. What sort of evidence would make me change my mind that Astrology is or is not a belief system? There is no succinct answer to this question. Firstly I don't think my answers have made up my mind for me about whether or not I think astrology is a belief system, therefore I can't be specific about evidence. I like to think I have an open mind, and am willing to think about and explore any evidence that is presented, either for or against. However, I would have to be presented with pretty strong evidence that Astrology doesn't work at all (regardless of how or why) before I stopped using it.

From GUENTHER ANDRE (VIC.): I have followed the exchange of letters between R. Holden, G. Dean and others with great interest, but also with some disappointment. When 'Recent Advances' was published, there were long discussions about it for nearly two years in the Astrological Journal, London. No agreement or even mutual understanding was ever reached. And now it continues in the 'Forum'.

What is disappointing is G. Dean's insistence to get an answer at all cost, though this answer has been given many times, but is rejected by him. R. Holden has set out his views repeatedly. A. Levy discussed the problem at length in Forum No. 17: He says: 'I do not think we shall see any successful resolution or arguments about Astrology in either purely symbolic or scientific terms.' A. Johnson points out that in Astrology we combine the rational with the irrational. But G. Dean takes no notice.

G. Dean is obsessed with the idea to put Astrology on a scientific level, because he believes in Science. Whereas I claim that Science with its materialistic outlook, with the denial of 'purpose in life' has no basis at all to test the depth of Astrology. For me there exists a universal Mind - contained even in the atom - and Man is the Child of the Universe and his breath and heartbeat is in harmony with the cosmic Rhythm, which goes through the whole creation. How the planets affect us, we do not know yet, but many years of research have shown that the planets move in absolute harmony with the cosmic forces in our Solar System and their relationship at every moment of time indicates 'the patterns in time - those rhythmic processes, which characterise all natural processes of growth and unfoldment'. To interpret this pattern is the basis of Astrology.

I personally find G. Dean's questions absurd. Ronald Harvey (Astr. Journal, Summer, 1979) wrote in a letter: 'His (G. Dean's) naive confidence in the measurement of the unmeasurable (the psychology of the unconscious - Freud, Jung, etc., e.g.) as if it was mere Skinnerish behaviour that was in question, seems to me to be verging on the irresponsible. The splendid proofs and certainties that G.D. appears to worship are just not there and much less so in the realm of Astrology. They are a relic of 19th Century Science'.

G. Dean asks: 'How do you know that Astrology works? This question is a challenge to every astrologer. Astrology is an ancient and modernised knowledge, far superior to any psychology. The horoscopic chart is a mirror of the birth pattern. Every person who practises Astrology must know (not only believe) that Astrology works (even if not 100%), otherwise it would be senseless to practise it. There are hundreds of excellent astrological books which bring thousands of well-proven charts where it has been established that they correspond with the life facts of the persons concerned. Are these not hard facts? What can Psychology show in comparison - some statistics? If he does not accept or appreciate the excellent examples in astrological literature or in astrological journals all over the world, what does he ask us for?

Every astrologer knows by his extensive experience and studies that Astrology works. The Zodiacal Signs are in absolute harmony with the course of the Year in Nature, starting in springtime (Northern Hemisphere) with Aries representing germinating time, unfolding energy, the will, the urge to act. Then follows Taurus... See R. Ebertin, Combination of Stellar Influences: the yearly rhythm as basis for interpretation. The Signs are an expression of nature. We, as Astrologers, know that our science and art is not perfect yet. But the knowledge of Astrology is carried and supported by private people and not supported by governmental funds in scientific

research establishments (with the exception of Prof. Gauquelin's work). If we had public funds at our disposal the research in Astrology would expand rapidly.

But let us look at Psychology: R. Oppenheimer observed in 1956: 'The worst of all possible misunderstandings would occur if psychology should be influenced to model itself after a physics which is not there any more, which has been quite outdated.'

Nonetheless, this has happened. I find it amazing that 'materialistic science' has not caught on yet with 'modern physics'.

Sir James Jeans said, 1937: 'The Universe begins to look more like a great thought than like a great machine'. Eddington summed it up in his epigram: 'The stuff of the world is mind-stuff'. I would like to go into more detail, but space does not permit.

Our materialistic psychology is far behind 'modern Science', which does no longer deny the power of the mind-force in our universe. But there is more to come: In No. 2 of 'Meridian', the largest German astrological Journal (March, 1983), there is a report about a German TV program of 2/3/1983, to which Prof. Eysenck, University of London made the following contribution: (I translate his words from German into English) -

a) Practising astrologers and people who believe in astrology are unstable (labile) and neurotic persons. He would like to remove Astrology as well as astrologers.

b) 99% of the present Astrology is 'humbug'. 1%, however, is extremely exact, but it has been developed by Prof. Gauquelin.

c) If the 1% could be taken as starting point for further results, science would open up a new enormous field of research.

Does this need a further comment? Shall we take this as a joke? Or a breach of trust?, because Eysenck was involved in an investigation of astrology in cooperation with the Astrological Association of London, Mayo and others.

A. Koestler quotes Prof. Eysenck in 'the roots of coincidence' as follows: 'Scientists, especially when they leave the particular field in which they have specialised are just as ordinary, pigheaded and unreasonable as anybody else and their unusually high intelligence only makes their prejudices all the more dangerous.'

Did he refer to himself?

I do not deny G. Dean the right to his ideas and opinions, but I claim the same right for myself. And I refuse his right to call the opinion of others 'non-sense'.

Modern Science, as evolved by atom-physicists will be much closer to Astrology and I am sure, Astrology will have an important part to play in the future of mankind.

From CLAIR BUNNETT (VIC.): In regard to Geoffrey Dean's questions, I give my own answers. I dislike long winded answers, so mine are brief.

1. How do you know that Astrology works? Transits to natal charts appear to correlate with life events of people.

2. How do you know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation? I don't.

3. In the absence of hard evidence, why should we accept your views rather than any other views? I neither wish nor expect this.

4. If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts (RA gives examples of this) what would this mean for Astrology? It would mean that everyone is a complete person, as taught in Jungian psychological analysis.

5. Having (in your previous answers) given your ideas about whether Astrology is or is not a belief system, what sort of evidence would make you change your mind? Scientific evidence, such as given in Michel Gauquelin's book, 'The Spheres of Destiny'. Or the work of John Henry Nelson on the link between the planets and 'radio weather'.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): I think the Geoffrey Dean debate should be closed but I would still like to make one final comment on it. That is on the question of debating in itself. Anyone who has done competition debating knows that it is very much a matter of tactics

It is not a matter of truth or falsehood. A good debater can win a case even when he knows perfectly well there is no truth in it. The big thing is to side-step sticky questions but always keep your opponent on the defensive. There are all sorts of things in life which we take for granted but which we would find very difficult to prove if put to the test. If you went up to a person and said: 'You prove you exist', you could soon have him floundering. But there is an answer to this, and a very effective one. The ambiguous subject which is difficult to prove is equally as difficult to disprove. So the answer to 'You prove you exist' is 'You prove I don't exist.'

What it amounts to is putting the boot on the other foot. And this is what astrologers should do in this debate. Astrology has its ambiguities because of its complexities, plus the fact that it is an art as well as a science. If it were purely and simply a matter of mechanics it would be a different matter. So astrologers everywhere should get off the defensive and simply put the question back to Dean himself; 'You prove that Astrology is not valid. You produce the hard evidence. The result might be interesting.

Astrology has existed for a very long time indeed and has survived all sorts of vicissitudes. So to be actually debating the validity of Astrology itself at this late hour is very much like a group of priests getting together to seriously debate the existence of God. All we could say is that they would seem to be in their wrong vocations. I think every person who goes into Astrology with the idea of doing it professionally needs to be very much of a sceptic at first. In talking to other professionals I have found this to be very much the case. He or she has to be a pragmatist. In other words he has first of all to find out if it works. And he won't do this by looking at statistics or expecting someone else to provide 'hard evidence', but by getting involved in actual cases. And seeing how charts do line up very closely with people's lives. This is Astrology in action.

I did mention previously that astrologers don't have the time for much research. But this is not strictly true. I was only speaking about formal research. In actual fact every practitioner is doing research with almost every chart he does. He has to work from a trial-and-error basis and find out what works and what doesn't, where he is on thin ice and where on thick. A professional who has been in practice many years deals not with hundreds, but many thousands of charts, and in this process will get an enormous amount of feedback, especially if he interviews a good percentage of clients. But he will also know quite a few people who won't be convinced of the truth of Astrology, regardless of what evidence is presented to them. Most scientists come into this category. So if Astrology is a fact of life, the doubter is also a fact of life, and we have to accept that.

If scepticism and doubt are essential at the beginning of an Astrologer's career, there must come a point when doubt has to be cast aside and he has to definitely make up his mind. Perpetual doubt can be counter-productive as it inhibits your capacity to be effective in whatever field you are in. I think this is a particularly personal problem for Geoffrey Dean which he is trying to unload on to other people. But he has to make up his own mind. Nobody else can do it for him. I first met him at the Nottingham Conference in 1976 and people were saying to him then: 'Whose side are you on?' Seven years later he still doesn't know which side he is on. I have a strong suspicion that in seven years' time he still won't know which side he is on.

From ROBIN ARMSTRONG (CANADA): Thank you for sending me the latest copy of Astrologers' Forum, I am impressed by the concept and the quality. I sincerely applaud your dedication and the effort required to make it all happen. I am only sorry that you do not have copies of back issues. As you know I run an astrologers' library (IAO Research Centre) and we are trying to collect a complete collection of astrology periodicals. I feel that a complete selection of Astrologers' Forum would be a valuable addition to the library and should be remembered for its contribution in improving the state of Astrology in the world. I would be willing to reimburse anyone for the cost of copying and mailing the first 22 issues of Astrologers' Forum. I hope that someone has a complete set.

From OLIVIA BARCLAY (ENGLAND):

To Dr. Dean: A Simple Calculation

I would like to stand up and be counted amongst those who produce convincing proof of the predictive techniques of Astrology.

My prediction of the place where the satellite would fall last January was greater than chance. (See May issue of "The Australian Astrologers' Journal"). I predicted, and told witnesses beforehand, that the satellite would fall in the Indian Ocean. The Indian Ocean I now understand covers one eighth of the surface of the Globe. But if I had had the ability to understand more I would have been able to say it would fall in the Southern Hemisphere and the Indian Ocean. William Lilly remarks on page 394 of Christian Astrology, published 1647, that in the case of fugitives 'goe by the Moon'. This is where I made a mistake, I looked at all the other planets. Nevertheless the evidence is in the Chart.

More than this, I now learn that it fell ON THE TROPIC OF CAPRICORN, a further clue given by the Chart, which if I had had the cleverness to find, I might have been right at enormous odds against chance. How many? The actual position was 25S and 84E.

I am aware that all modern astrologers may not entirely understand the techniques of ancient Horary Astrology, but please bear with me. The satellite, about which this question is asked, is represented by the Ruler of the ASC, Mercury. It is in Capricorn. The place where the Significator is, is described by the Sign it is in. (That is a Horary rule). The Sign is Capricorn, Ruler of India. That it rules India was written down by Ptolemy and was known before then and ever since. I have explained in my interpretation that the distribution of the planets shows it would fall in ocean. It is obvious, like a simple crossword clue.

It also clearly demonstrates that Tropical Signs are true. Did the satellite fall in Spain (ruled by Sagittarius, which would be the Sidereal Zodiac Sign)? Is the prize of \$2,000 still available?

What is truth, someone asks. I ask 'Where will it fall?' It reads 'In the Indian Ocean.' It did. That is truth.

How do you know Astrology works, Dr Dean asks. 'By understanding and applying its rules.' Few trouble to learn them. How do you know its effects are real? I ask where a satellite will fall. It tells me. That is hard evidence. If wrong charts are accepted I agree with Dymock, it hardly affects Astrology, in which lies the truth, but maybe the astrologers are giving woolly answers.

Our techniques are being lost in a confusion of ego-trips both of the clients and the astrologers.

Not many charts are as simple to read as the Horary Chart for the fate of the satellite. It is a good example. Let us all learn from it the importance of the Moon in a 'run-away' chart.

It was by carelessly overlooking the speed of the Moon that I was a day wrong in my timing. It fell on 24th January, 1983, as can be verified from the newspapers, and I had said after five days from the date of the Chart (20 Jan., '83). The importance of the Chart is that it can be verified, unlike the many domestic questions dealt with. That I had witnesses before the event can also be verified. I spoke to the Astrological Lodge of London about the Chart on the evening of 24th January, but had already told well-known astrologers. On 20th January, 1983, nobody had the slightest idea where or when it would come down.

I have shown you how I could make a prediction before the event, and I have shown you where I was not exact enough, but I am not trying to demonstrate what I am capable of, but WHAT IS IN AN ASTROLOGICAL CHART, and how it PREDICTS.

From ALEXANDER MARR, (WEST GERMANY): The authentication of Princess Grace's Birth Chart produced by Dymock Brose in 'Astrologers Forum', No. 23, is correct. It differs from my rectification by only two seconds of time, a margin that has to be admitted because of:

- The small number of available events.
- An insufficient number of Angular and House-cusp Directions.
- (Possibly) inaccurate geographical coordinates for the birth place.

In addition to the events discussed, here is another,

the birth of a son, the successor to the Monegasian throne, on March 14, 1958. System and Directions are identical with those of D. Brose.

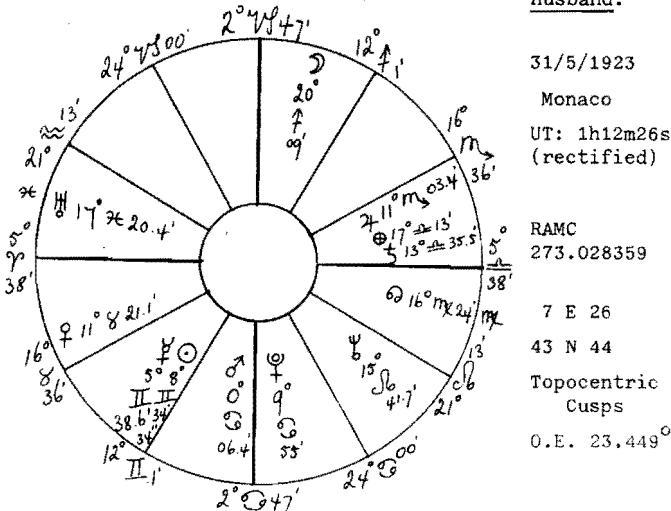
14/3/1958: JUPITER converse at 19Tau32 sextile PLUTO rad at 19Cancer32 (exact).

(Jupiter/Pluto combinations are characteristic for all sorts of successions and successors.)

This Direction is very strongly supported by the fact that at the same time JUPITER also forms a Direction to the Natal Sun, JUPITER converse opp. SUN rad. at 19Sco34 (orb 2' of arc).

Here, one of the strongest and most beneficial points in Grace's Chart has been touched - the almost exact trine of the Sun to Pluto, both in trine to the radical Moon, the latter giving the radical triangular aspectation an individual note.

The Rectified Chart of Rainier III of Monaco, Grace's Husband.



Here again the official birth time is close to the rectified one. May 31, 1923, 1h 15m U.T., rectified to 1h 12m 26s U.T. (Monaco). The rectification made in the sixties with the same method has recently found a satisfactory acknowledgement at his wife's death, September 14, 1982.

DESC conv. conjunct PLUTO rad orb 10' of arc. Although in general orbs over 5' of arc should not be accepted, experience shows that conjunctions are asking for larger orbs. These large orbs (only for conjunctions) are appearing very frequently with Pluto, probably due to its great distance from the Ecliptic. On the other hand the Sun and Moon are showing these bigger orbs too, probably because of their large diameter in the sky. A third reason for orbs up to 12' for conjunctions could be their great efficacy, with perhaps 'more radiation'. While these Directions are always valid for interpretation, they should not be taken for the result of the rectification (arithmetical average of all RMC's) as they may spoil the true result considerably.

(Marr's article will be continued in the next 'Forum'. - D.)

Anyone who has the use of a computer or calculator and wants to try the Primary Directions as detailed in my article on Princess Grace, can obtain a free Instruction Sheet from me on request. This unique system is well worth mastering and will repay the trouble with interest.

Further 'Forum' contributions, whose publication has had to be deferred, are acknowledged from Rod and Colleen Brandt of Qld. (re death of Lindy Chamberlain's daughter, Azaria); Leslie Black (England), re Princess Grace; Thomas Zimmer (Qld.) re Directions and Progressions; Jeanette Simpson (N.S.W.) re Princess Grace; Ed. Caselli (N.S.W.) re Princess Grace's death; Alexander Marr re Precessed Lunar Charts. These should all appear in the September 'Forum'.

Distribution of "Astrologers' Forum" is now sixty, in Australia and overseas. I very much regret that the economics of the operation prevent my posting it to all applicants.

JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.) writes, 'Should someone check on what Marguerite and Dymock Brose are doing in their fun-filled and highly educative hours??' ANSWER: Astrology, art, music, poetry and more Astrology. (And, maybe one or two other things...)

My kind regards to all.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

GWYN TURNER has sent a lengthy defence of her proposed Birth Chart for Princess Grace of Monaco (discussed in the June 'Astrologers' Forum'). Her letter is reproduced below in full, interspersed with my replies, which makes it easier for readers to follow the arguments. - Dymock.

From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): Dymock's Forum certainly gives Astrologers the opportunity for airing their various views, which is good, but in the case of Princess Grace's rectification I am afraid we are at cross purposes. As the M.C. and ASC degree fixes the birth time, these are the only points that can be used in a progression to determine birth time. In the five events in my Chart over a 27-year span I have kept to this formula and the simplicity of the exercise is in being able to adjust the birth time by adding or subtracting approximately one minute of Sidereal Time for every three months these MC and ASC aspects are out. When the time has once been established future Primaries will automatically fall into their time slots. They only have to be interpreted correctly, which of course comes about through experience.

I did mention in my article that my maths were only approximate and would need some adjustment, preferably by a computer, but not having time to wait for results from 'Astrosearch' I sent the article as it was, and as you no doubt have read Dymock's strong criticism of my being out about three months late. This means about one minute is needed to be added to the Sidereal Time. Just under four minutes represents a whole year.

With William Holden's death Chart, shown in the Winter, 1982, Australian Astrologers' Journal, I sent it twice to 'Astrosearch' before I was satisfied.

One of the main proofs is in getting important MC and ASC events in sequence also that these events make sense by the nature of the Sign and planet involved.

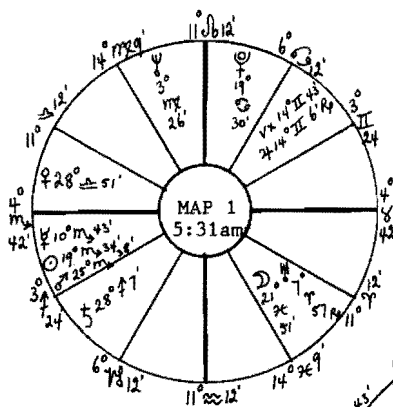
Gwyn starts with a misconception as to the nature of Primary Directions. These are aspects formed among the Significators by the rotation of the Earth on its axis, once every 24 hours, and are distinct from those due to the motion of the planets in their orbits. Orbital motion results in Secondary Progressions and transits. Any standard textbook that treats of Primary Directions will confirm this. The term 'Significators' includes not only the MC and ASC but the Sun, Moon, planets and various Ecliptic points. To confine Primary Directions to the Angles is to take an unduly simplistic view of life and severely limit the scope of the system.

The birth time fixes the Angles, and these, when altered in the process of 'rectifying' a chart, imply a different birth time. But the same goes for altering the Pole of a planet or other Significator in the process of 'rectification', as this, too, alters the MC and hence the presumed time of birth. Exclusive reliance on the MC and ASC in 'rectifying' a chart can lead one into boundless error, as I venture to say it has Gwyn in the present instance. Some of the aspects Gwyn relies on are out a great deal more than three months, which I shall again demonstrate.

I do not comment on the correctness or otherwise of Gwyn's rectification of William Holden's Birth Chart, as I have not myself investigated it.

My first Primary aspects of Leo MC trine Saturn and sextile Libra ASC are very appropriate for winning an Oscar. Note that Leo is a theatrical Sign and MC prestige. To win this prize is not all glitter, much work and concentration is behind this achievement (my Saturn in 3rd House, for mind). For the joy, I show the MC aspecting the birth Libra influence. Dymock's aspects for this event are not Primaries as they don't aspect MC or ASC; even as Secondaries they do not aspect birth planets, therefore are not workable for a forecast.

The 'work and concentration' was over long before the Oscar was awarded to Grace, so MC trine sombre Saturn is anything but appropriate for the joy and flush of achievement in an artistic field, and the Direction MC sextile ASC is a colourless aspect no matter what the Zodiacal



PRINCESS GRACE
OF MONACO

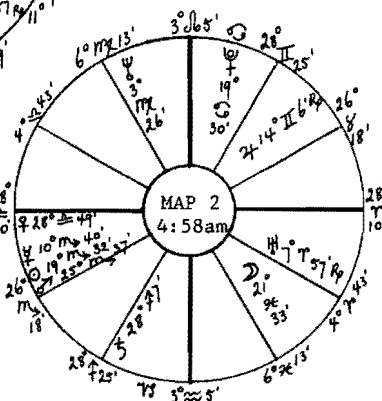
Born 12/11/1929
Philadelphia, USA

at 5:31 am

(Topocentric Cusps)

The speculative Chart
proposed by Gwyn Turner
for 4:58 am.

(Placidian Cusps)



Signs involved. Contrast this with the Primaries Moon trine Venus and Sun conjunct Venus from the authentic Birth Chart, which are anything but colourless. Gwyn's quaint idea of what constitutes a Primary Direction prevents her from recognizing the obvious truth. A little explanation of one of these aspects, say, Moon trine Venus, may forestall similar misconceptions in the future: By the apparent movement of the Heavens (in reality, the rotation of the Earth on its axis) the Moon is carried from its 5th-House position in Pisces (theatrical activity) along its nocturnal arc to the point 28Aquarius51, where it forms the trine to Venus. The Oblique Descension of the Moon under its own Pole (19°28'12") is 351°39'; the Oblique Descension of the Ecliptic Point 28Aquarius51 under the Moon's Pole is 326°44'; the difference between these two O.D.'s constitutes the Primary Arc of Direction, and is converted into time at the rate of 3m56.56s (or 0°59'8.33" of arc) for a year. This is as 'Primary' as anything can be in the astrological field.

In my second Primary aspect for engagement and marriage I show Leo MC prestige sextile Ruling planet Venus on ASC (love). The engagement was in January, and marriage in April, 3 months apart. The one aspect could cover both these events, which are really tied together, or we can allow this period for adjustment of Sidereal time as already mentioned. In the April the Progressed Moon was trine Mercury (contracts), Venus was transiting Jupiter and the transiting Sun was at the cusp of the 7th House.

Dymock uses a different method to his previous one to account for the engagement and marriage, but how he could get the Progressed ASC to travel to Aquarius to trine Jupiter, and the Progressed Sun to trine the MC, which was already trined at birth, also Venus to conjoin the Sun, which by the Ephemeris happened eight years previously is a mystery, particularly as Dymock agrees with my 'day for a year' for progressions (Remember students are using the ordinary Ephemeris for their maths.) and Sidereal time.

Prince Rainier proposed marriage to Grace on 31st December, 1955, and the civil marriage took place on 18th April, 1956, ('Princess Grace'—biography by Gwen Robyns). The Primary Direction quoted by Gwyn, MC sextile Venus, by her own time measure (with which I fully agree) occurred on 25th October, 1955. Yet Gwyn wants it to cover both events, making it over two months too early for the engagement, and nearly six months too early for the marriage. The MC could be altered to make the aspect agree with either one of these events, but then we have two more

speculative 'birth' charts to deal with, both with as little claim to acceptance as the one proposed by Gwyn.

The great advantage of Primary Directions (properly used) is to substitute precision for vagueness, and accurate dating of events, instead of quoting 'orbs' of up to six months or even a year.

As against Gwyn's mild 'MC sextile Venus' (more than two months early for the engagement and nearly six months too early for the marriage), the authentic Birth Chart yields a Primary Direction ASC trine Jupiter on 27/3/1956, Sun trine MC on 19/5/1956, and Venus conjunct Sun on 6/7/1956. I do not need to enlarge on how much more fitting is this trio of aspects both as to character and dating for what was the most important event and happiest period of Princess Grace's life. These aspects are derived in exactly the same way - by Primary motion of the Earth - as all the other Primary Directions I have quoted. Thus, the ASC moves to 14 Libra 6, where it trines Jupiter. The difference between the ASC's Oblique Ascension at 14 Libra 6 (197°39') and its radical O.A. at 4 Scorpio 42 (223°39') is 26°, which again constitutes the Arc of Direction, to be divided by the time measure and added to the birth date, as before.

Similarly, when the Sun by Primary motion of the Earth reaches 11 Sagit 12, it trines the MC at 11 Leo 12. The Sun's Pole in the Birth Chart is 34°31', and the O.A. of 11 Sagit 12 under this Pole is 265°53'. From this we subtract the Sun's radical OA (239°44') under its Pole, and again obtain the Arc of Direction, 26°8', which, divided by the time measure and added to the birth date, yields 19/5/1956.

Finally, the O.A. of Venus at 28 Lib 51 in the Birth Chart is 214°43', with Pole 37°2'. By apparent notation of the Heavens it is carried to the place of the Sun (19 Scor 34) which, under the same Pole, has O.A. 240°59'. The difference between the two, the Arc of Direction, is 26°16'; yielding the date 6/7/1956 by the same process as above.

Gwyn's incomprehension arises from her confusion of Primary motion (by axial rotation of the Earth) with Secondary Progression (travel of the planets in their orbits). This confusion leads her to quote the Progressed position of Venus from the Ephemeris, which is its movement in orbit and which has no relation to its Primary movement.

The Secondary Progressions and transits are common to both Charts, so do not call for comment.

My third event, the birth of the first daughter shown by Scorpio ASC conjunct the Sun and trine Pluto, being a Primary and ruling the body and reproduction far outweighs Dymock's transits to House cusps. One only has to change the House system and these would disappear. As Ralph Holden comments in the May, 1982, 'Forum', 'why I feel hesitation is using the Topocentric House system'. He uses the Equal House system.

As a birth is a painful traumatic physical event I had to find Mars somewhere and there it was opposing the Birth ASC within orb, as well as the Sun transiting opposite the Leo MC.

Endless error arises from Gwyn's misunderstanding of the true nature of Primary Directions: The aspect Uranus conjunct the 5th Cusp in the original Birth Chart is NOT a transit (transiting Uranus was in Leo - nowhere near the 5th Cusp) but a true Primary Direction, calculated in the same manner exactly as all the others, and having far more power than a non-stationary, non-retrograde transit. With the Pole of Uranus (27°12'), its Oblique Descension is 8°52', and that of the 5th Cusp (14 Pis 9) is 342°11'. Adding the circle (360°) to 8°52' to allow subtraction of 342°11', we find the Arc of Direction, 26°41', and, proceeding as before, we find its date, 9/12/1956, 45 days from the birth of the daughter. This is already much closer to the event than either of the two aspects from the substitute Chart, and, as I pointed out before, the conjunction of Uranus with the 5th Cusp would be exact to the date of the birth with an alteration of 25 seconds only (not 33 minutes). It is well to remember that I have not tampered in any way with the recorded Birth time.

In this particular nativity of Princess Grace, it happens that the Topocentric and Placidian systems both yield an identical 5th Cusp (they are nearly always close to one another). So far as Equal House, Koch, Campanus, Regiomontanus, Porphyry, Alcabitius and other House Systems are concerned in Primary Directions, the matter was

cleared up as long ago as 1930, when the scientist-astrologer Vivian Robson wrote that the question of different House divisions was disposed of in that the Placidian Cusps were the only ones that responded to Directions and transits. My own experiments confirm this, the Topocentric Cusps (dating from about 1960) being slightly more accurate in my experience than the Placidian.

Gwyn omits mention of the Primary Direction from the original Chart of Neptune trine Uranus, which is highly symbolic of the birth of a daughter, as Neptune rules the House of Children, and Uranus the House of the Home.

It is straining credulity to assert that ASC conjunct the Sun refers to the birth of a daughter, when the Sun (masculine) is natively joined to Mars (also masculine), neither body has any relation to the 5th or 11th Houses, and the aspect itself is four months late. Scorpio ASC trine Pluto for the birth is barely admissible, and hardly deserves the benefit of the doubt in view of its mistiming (three and a half months late).

My fourth event, birth of a second daughter brings Mars into the picture with the ASC in Scorpio conjunct Mars, another Primary and traumatic event. Dymock thinks this is an unlikely aspect for such as a birth. I must disagree here purely on the grounds of proof. My own son was born under Primary Leo ASC conjunct Mars, and it was not Ruler of the 5th or 11th. In fact this strong ASC - Mars aspect, in the appropriate Sign, has come up in hundreds of births to my knowledge.

ASC conjunct Mars may be applicable where the trauma of the birth (tearing, haemorrhaging, etc.) is more significant at the time than the joy of creation. In other cases, more appropriate indicators may be overlooked. Gwyn quotes her own Chart but does not give the data, so I am unable to comment on her own experience and the relevance or otherwise of ASC conjunct (or opposition) Mars. The biography of Princess Grace gives no hint that the birth of her second daughter was particularly stressful, only that it was an occasion for general rejoicing. Even if we allow the dubious 'Mars opposition ASC' as indicative of the birth, it is a tenuous thread on which to hang a whole new Horoscope, thirty three minutes removed from the recorded birth time.

My fifth event, death of Grace at 52 years and 10 months shows on my carbon copy as four Primary aspects, not one Primary as Dymock says. It takes a lot of aspects to kill a body and they need not all take place at the same time, in fact where a damaged organ is responsible, that damage sometimes has to be built up. Take Grace's brain haemorrhage which I think was slowly coming on through stress and worry over her children, shown in the Progressed Chart as Mars, Saturn and Venus all co-joined in Capricorn and the Third House (mind) quincunx the birth Leo (children) MC over the previous two years.

Regarding Pluto and Saturn transiting Grace's Libra ASC, with the Saturn also afflicting the Birth Moon, as these are such slow-moving planets they can be considered Primaries when hitting the ASC and as Pluto is one degree more than first stated it is practically on the Birth degree. (full information of Pluto's movement later).

The influence of this planet is dramatic as shown in my article 'Winds of Change for Australia' when Pluto transited the Libra ASC, published in the October, 1972, F.A.A. Journal. All predictions became reality and are still operating to-day.

I do not use either of the above Primaries as triggers for the death as Dymock suggests. They are part of the breaking down process.

I repeat: There was only one Primary aspect in Gwyn's proposed Chart that related to the death - MC square Saturn - and this occurred ten months beyond the event! The other aspects Gwyn referred to as Primaries were the Secondary Progression, Mercury opposite the MC 19½ months late, and two transits, Pluto and Saturn over the ASC. By no stretch of the imagination can these be termed Primary Directions, and they are useless from the point of view of precise rectification, which is the issue being debated. Slow-moving Pluto and Saturn were both two months late in transiting the ASC of Gwyn's proposed Chart.

We now come to MC square Saturn (showing in my Chart in the 3rd House and Sagittarius), most appropriate for short journeys and the car accident, together with Mercury opposite MC for loss of consciousness. Both are

Primary aspects. I have again worked out the timing of these two aspects and they do not respond to such a time lapse as given by Dymock. I would say that as all aspects of the five events over the 27-year span come later than the first test, the original birth time will need to be altered to about 4:59 to 4:59½ am so that all come earlier.

The later the Sidereal Time the closer it is to the aspect. This Sidereal method soon shows how much adjustment is necessary.

I have a Progressed Computer Chart from birth for 90 years ahead, and can tick off all the important MC and ASC events as they have come to date.

Primary Direction MC square Saturn in Map 2 (Gwyn's proposed Chart) occurs on 11/7/1983, nine months late. Here is the calculation: RAMC in Map 2 = 8h21m31s = 125°23'. Right Ascension of 28 Vir 7, where the MC comes to the square of Saturn, is 178°16'. The difference between the two, the Arc of Direction, is 52°54' (or 3h31m34s). Dividing this by the time measure, 0°59'8.33" (or 3m56.56s) gives 53 years, 7 months and 29 days which, added to the birth date, 12th November, 1929, comes to 11th July, 1983, nine months too late.

The Secondary Progression, Mercury opposite the MC, in Map 2 is 11 months late, as the following precise calculation shows: Map 2 birth time 4:58 am on 12/11/1929. By normal symbolic measure (24 hours corresponding to 12 months), 0 hours on 12/11/1929 in the Ephemeris corresponds to A.C.D. 28/8/1929, and 0 hours in the Ephemeris on 5/11/1930 (54 days later) corresponds to 28/8/1983 (54 years later). Mercury at 0 hours on 5/11/1930 was at 3°7', and it travelled 1°10' in the previous 24 hours. Mercury opposes the MC at 3 Leo 5, 2' short of its Progressed position on 28/8/1983. The exact opposition occurred (2/70 x 365) days previously, that is on 18th August, 1983, 11 months late.

Now to Dymock's interpretation of the above events - Saturn square IC/MC on 14/9/1982. This could not square the birth points as Saturn is in Libra and not on the Birth ASC, Scorpio. The Moon's opposition to Mercury could not happen in the Progressed Chart as the Moon is in Pisces, and as a transit it is in Scorpio.

Mercury could not square Birth-Saturn because in the Progressed Chart it is in Aquarius, and by transit it is in Scorpio. Transiting Pluto is in Libra and could not square either the Birth Sun or Moon.

As mentioned earlier, for events to happen, any progressed aspect must hit a birth planet or the MC or ASC. I may also mention here that Mercury is not a killer, it rules the conscious mind and intellect, it is the Moon that rules the brain, which is also part of the body, represented by the Birth ASC. That is why the ASC must come into the picture at death. In my Chart the Libra ASC (Venus ruling the venous veins) was badly afflicted by two very malefic planets, hence the haemorrhage. You will note that Venus is also Ruler of the 8th House.

The triggering by the various quicker planets could be Mars transiting Mars, as Dymock previously suggested, or transiting Moon in Cancer squaring Saturn, Jupiter or Venus, Ruler in Libra, or transiting Sun opposite the Birth Moon, already besieged by Saturn. The exact time of death is not recorded, but it would seem to be within a two-day period as the doctors tried to revive Grace from her coma.

Gwyn's basic misapprehension of the Primary System leads her into these completely erroneous statements. Primary Directing has nothing to do with either the Secondary Progressed positions of the planets or their transiting positions. It is based entirely on the axial rotation of the Earth, which means that all the planets will traverse the whole circle of the sky and contact every other position within 24 hours. However, the first six hours correspond to about 90 years of life, and it is usually only in charts other than birth charts that the system is carried further.

All the aspects I cited do in fact occur, and on the dates given, as can be verified by anyone with a modicum of mathematical skill. Saturn does square the IC/MC on the date of death (14/9/1982, when the life-support system was removed). The Moon does oppose Mercury on 19/9/1982 (and is a far more pertinent indicator of brain haemorrhage than Gwyn's Secondary Progression, Moon opposite MC, 11 months later). Mercury does square Saturn on 30/10/1982; and all three aspects are by

Primary Direction. Here again are the calculations, so that all may check:

1. Saturn square IC/MC on 14/9/1982.

Saturn squares the IC/MC when, by the Earth's axial rotation (Primary motion), it comes to the point 11 Scor 12. (This has no relation to Saturn's Progressed position in the Ephemeris, or to its transiting position!). One must appreciate that by Primary motion Saturn, and all the other planets will traverse the whole Chart in 24 hours. To find when this square occurs we must calculate the Oblique Ascension of the point 11 Scor 12, and subtract the radical Oblique Ascension of Saturn, both O.A.'s being under Saturn's Pole. This gives the Arc of Direction, which is then divided by the time measure to give the time elapsed since birth, and the result added to the birth date. It is not the place here to expound the mathematical equations necessary to establish the Poles, Right Ascension and Oblique Ascensions/Descensions, etc. For those who want it I have the information available. Here I simply give the operative figures:

Saturn's Pole = 19°7'. Saturn's radical O.A. = 276°15'
O.A. of 11 Scor 12 = 224°10'
Arc of Direction = 52°5'

divided by 59'8.33" = 52.8382 years = 2d 10m 52y

Add birth date, 12 11 1929

Saturn square IC/MC, 14/ 9/ 1982

(the very day of death! One can hardly be more accurate than that.)

2. Moon opposite Mercury on 19/9/1982.

The Moon will be in opposition to Mercury when by Primary motion it reaches 10 Taur 43.

Moon's Pole = 19°28'. Oblique Descension of 10 Taur 43 = 43°45'; adding the circle (360°) to allow subtraction = 403°45'

Subtract radical O.D. of Moon = 351°39'

Arc of Direction = 52°6'

Dividing by 59'8.33" = 52.8528 years = 7d 10m 52y

Add Birth date 12 11 1929

Moon opposite Mercury 19/9/1982

3. Mercury square Saturn on 30/10/1982.

When Mercury reaches 28 Vir 7 by Primary motion it will be square to Saturn.

Mercury's Pole = 37.934° (using decimals this time, which is the more convenient form).

Radical O.A. of Mercury = 229.893°

O.A. of 28 Vir 7 = 177.688

Arc of Direction = 52.205; dividing by

59'8.33" = 52.9652 years = 18d 11m 52y

Add Birth date 12 11 1929

Mercury square Saturn 30/10/1982.

As Dymock has used different methods for the various events - would he know which were appropriate to use in predicting future events for, say a public figure? Ideas that look good in theory do not necessarily come off in practice.

It is obvious that the various methods that have crept into Astrology for forecasting, have been due to trying to make aspects fit into a given birth time, that has not worked.

Dymock's new method can only be proved when we see printed predictions of important events yet to come.

Gwyn's article finishes here, and it only remains for me to point out, in refutation of her last assertion, that I have used the one consistent method throughout, as my calculations show. Gwyn's failure to understand the Primary System is unfortunate as it is our most important prognostic tool. It is by no means new: 'At the end of the 19th century, Primary Directions were the most popular method of prediction'. (Dean's 'Recent Advances', page 189). Now, with our marvellous electronic tools (computers and calculators) Primary Directing is available to every astrologer without the tedium of complicated mathematical procedures.

The over-simplified system Gwyn uses is little more than an apology for the real thing, an abbreviated version that just touches the surface. The potency of Primary Directing is effectively demonstrated in the aspects I have cited. At the same time they show how untenable are any claims that Princess Grace's recorded birth time is incorrect.

Again, through shortage of space we must defer consideration of the other matters raised by Gwyn in Issue 23, relating to the appositeness of the authentic Birth Chart.

- Dymock.

From GEOFFREY DEAN, (W.A.): If you asked your doctor or garage mechanic a straightforward question, and they replied by debating the meaning of truth, science, and your motives, you would rightly regard them as raving politicians or as simply daft. Sadly the same thing is happening in the August pages of this Forum.

In Issue 22 (May, 1983) I invited readers to send in answers to five questions designed to clarify whether Astrology was or was not a belief system. Four of these questions were originally put to Ralph Holden in Issue 16 (November, 1982). For the benefit of new readers the five questions are repeated later.

In Issue 23 (June, 1983) James McKeague, Ralph Holden and Allan Johnson respond to my invitation as follows: McKeague does not answer the questions. Instead he states that Astrology is a belief system, and that at the heart of this debate is the insoluble problem 'what is truth'. But I have already twice pointed out the futility of debating this problem (see Issues 16 and 18), and it was precisely to avoid this futility that I drew up my five questions. McKeague therefore adds nothing to this debate.

Holden ignores my questions for the fourth time. And his reply confirms that he is indeed a king among those for whom sustained irrelevance is a way of life. His points are:

1. This debate has generated more heat than light. This is certainly true of his contributions, wherein there is not the slightest glimmer of light, ie answers to my questions.
2. He is not really vague and long-winded because my Forum letters are as long as his.
3. I seem to claim that science alone is the guardian of truth. What I actually say (Issue 22) is 'I am not arguing in favour of any particular opinion. I am saying only that this is an important issue that deserves clarification'. So Holden is simply wrong.
4. It is silly and not serious debate for me to point out that he does not answer the question 'how does one know that Astrology works'. But note how Holden has subtly reworded the question to make his point: The correct version (Issues 16, 18, 21) reads 'how does he know that Astrology works'. The question is entirely reasonable (such as any beginner might ask) and he still does not answer it. Thus Holden reduces this debate to a farce.

Johnson does not answer the questions either. Instead he takes an entire page to suggest that Astrology is based partly on belief, and that the other part can be explained via synchronicity. The last merely replaces one mystery by another and therefore explains nothing. In any case how does Johnson know that Astrology works via synchronicity?

Johnson ends by saying that my preoccupation with trying to prove the validity of Astrology itself is largely a waste of time. And so far he is right - thanks to McKeague, Holden and Johnson.

Consequently, I am no closer to getting straight answers to straight questions than I was 8, repeat 8, issues ago. So for one last time I again invite readers to send in their answers to my questions, which are:

1. How do you know that Astrology works?
2. How do you know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation?
3. In the absence of hard evidence, why should we accept your views rather than any other views?
4. If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts (RA gives examples of this) what would this mean for Astrology?
5. Having (in your previous answers) given your ideas about whether Astrology is or is not a belief system, what sort of evidence would make you change your mind?

Please note that:

1. The questions are straightforward and capable of equally straightforward answers, as Dymock showed in Issue 20 and as I will show in due course.
2. They do not suppose that Astrology is causal, or synchronistic, or whatever.

3. To answer them you need not debate the meaning of truth, or parade the horrors of Science, or misrepresent my motives, or admit that you have finished beating your wife, or fill page after page with waffle and codswallop.
4. All you need do is deliver five sentences, one per question.
5. Issue 22 gives the background to these questions if you need it.

In view of current pressures on Forum space, I will give you two months to send in your answers. I will then close this debate by giving my own answers, plus whatever conclusion may be possible based on your answers.

In the meantime perhaps Dymock could again set us an example with his answer to question 5.

From CHRISTINE JAMES (N.S.W.): I take issue with Alfred Alban on his reference to retrograde planets operating 'more constructively'. I believe judgement should not be passed on planets' motions, but instead they should be seen as acting 'differently'. I find the turning point in either direction in a Progressed chart to be a momentous time until the owner becomes used to dealing with the energy that is operating in a manner with which he is not accustomed. You may have found, Alfred, until you felt comfortable with your 'Direct Jupiter' that it spilled out in all directions pushing you overboard until you were quite exhausted.

When one comes to terms with the new motion, things settle down and direct motion can become as useful as retrograde, but in a different kind of way. It seems when the planets change motion we have just chosen a different kind of lesson to learn, or experience to go through.

Did Charles Carter ever describe specific examples? I thought he only felt that as a retrograde planet moved clockwise along the Ecliptic it could even be more constructive, other things being equal, than when it was direct.

Being a Mayo graduate I was 'brought up on' Carter, but at the time he was around I was given to understand astrologers hadn't done too much research into this area.

I am short of Saturn examples and descriptions of Houses Signs and life experiences involved when Saturn turns retrograde or direct. Please, can anyone help with this or any other examples of retrograde of direct planets? I'd be glad to hear from the astrologer with retrograde Neptune regarding Signs and Houses involved.

From MARGARET KEEN, (N.S.W.): With reference to Ed. Caselli's letter in February Forum, I have also found the ASC to be an overriding factor to that of the Sun-Sign in many charts. This is especially evident in marriage and partnerships in general where the usually acknowledged compatibility aspects are missing (Suns in square aspect comes up quite often), yet these partnerships survive and appear to be quite successful.

Often the ASC's are in similar elements such as Cancer and Scorpio; Signs which are 60° apart as Aries/Gemini, or opposition Signs. Another frequency is the Moon from one chart in strong aspect to the ASC of the other.

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Disciples of the fun-filled life can add still further to their joy of living by taking part in the above experiment. Marguerite and I are finding it highly educative and a fruitful source of discussion to enliven our dull moments, few as they are. Aside from that the Experiment has the serious purpose of improving Astrology, so is worthy of support at least from every reader of "Astrologers' Forum".

The test involves 120 computer-calculated charts, from which the participant has to judge whether the 'native' is extrovert or introvert and stable or unstable, as defined in the Instruction Sheet. There is no time limit. Send your request to Geoffrey Dean, Box 466, Subiaco, W.A. 6008, who will supply full details. I assure you it is a worthwhile exercise.

Further letters and articles have been received from Rod and Colleen Brandt, Thomas Zimmer, Ed. Caselli and Rudolf Smit. Lack of space prevented their immediate publication. My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19/7/83.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Truth and Falsity in Astrology

The Dean-Holden debate has aroused both interest and antagonism. I feel it should be allowed to proceed to some sort of conclusion whether satisfactory or not to the protagonists. Here are further contributions.

From JAMES McKEAGUE, (N.S.W.): Like Dymock I have followed this with both serious interest and much amusement. Dean is scoring well in attempting to pin Holden down to some clear answers. But Holden is scoring well by pointing out that the real argument is much wider than Dean's questions allow. Neither will win this argument, of course, for its heart is that great insoluble problem which has plagued thinkers down the ages; 'What is Truth?'

In the final analysis, Astrology must be accepted merely as a belief system, and this status cannot be altered by ANY statistical or scientific findings whether favourable or unfavourable to Astrology - because the mathematical method which is the basis of science IS ITSELF MERELY A BELIEF SYSTEM! It necessarily depends upon a belief in the supernatural.

Mathematicians and scientists don't like thinking about that, of course. But it is true, and easily demonstrated by utilizing that strict adherence to mathematical law which science insists upon:

Take your own life, for example, your own existence - where did you come from? Science points to your parents (and to nature's beautiful system of procreation) and pronounces that there is your source. But where did your parents come from? Science points to your grandparents. But where did they come from? The scientific method can only keep going back step by step through the generations...to infinity! But there is the paradox, because mathematical laws do not permit such an 'infinite regression'. The scientist is carrying back to infinity an INSUFFICIENCY OF REASON FOR YOUR EXISTENCE, and this is mathematically impossible! So it does not matter whether our origin was here on earth or at some vast distance in space. If in fact we do exist, somewhere, way back at the beginning, there had to be a SUPERNATURAL CREATION, which is quite inexplicable by the methods of science.

So we cannot let the mathematicians and the scientists state that they have any superior claim to the unveiling of truth or falsity, whether in Astrology or in any other field. Running up and down the ladder of their probability theory, they are as much in the dark as anyone. Naturally, this philosophic consideration will not prevent a vast army of uncertain astrologers feeding data into computers, fondly imagining that they are about to discover the truth about Astrology. Even knowing that they are doomed to failure, let's wish them luck!

From RALPH HOLDEN (S.A.): I am afraid that I cannot totally agree with Dymock's assessment of the debate between Dr. Dean and myself. It seems to me that to a perhaps unhelpful degree heat has many times been substituted for light.

I think too that the accusation of 'galloping periphrasis' may be a little hard to sustain, as there appears to be minimal difference in the lengths of our respective correspondences. However, if my answers are not sufficiently 'straightforward' - which I gather means 'short' rather than 'reasonable' - it may be that imprecise questions (for example, the second of his four) are difficult to answer precisely.

It is fairly clear that Dr. Dean has been angered because I have questioned his beliefs about science. He seems to claim as an article of faith that it alone is the guardian of 'truth', which (in this case) may be determined by submitting certain chosen events to the scrutiny of unspecified mathematical processes. These processes being beyond question and infallibly determinative of what is 'true'. As with the Mormon at my front door, I find myself confronted with an issue that deals with the basis of authority. Truths justified by appeals to authority tend always to be a belief system.

Nor have those matters related to the nature of scientific demonstration (and which were raised originally) been clearly debated. To respond to my answer to the question, 'How does one know that astrology works?' by saying, 'Holden discusses science, scientists, solar motion, and hypotheses in general, but does not tell us etc...' is simply silly, and not serious debate at all.

Science (and presumably statistical analysis) is not really in the 'truth' business, as Dr. Dean's own scientific philosophers like Karl Popper and Alan Chalmers clearly point out. The one certain thing about scientific history is that it is littered with the wrecks of truth.

Unhappily it seems unlikely that much of value is to be gained by extending this particular debate further. Strangely I am not 'anti-science'. Science is a tool of great value; yet like all tools its use is governed by the attitudes and prejudices of its users. Also if one examines its achievements critically, these will be found to be strong in artificial systems (where it is allowed to create something under its own terms) but surprisingly weak when it seeks to handle natural phenomena.

It is not the prerogative of science 'to create astrology in its own image', but rather to provide its tools in an appropriate way to assist in the assessing of the astrological experience. But it is astrologers who have the right to declare what these grounds ought to be.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): In the last issue Geoffrey Dean says: 'Surely Astrology is more than a belief system?' Then later he says: 'So far the evidence does suggest that it is a belief system.' So he seems to be embracing both points of view. And I think this is exactly the whole point. It is a belief system, in a measure, but that's only a fraction of the whole story. The fact is that every area which has to do with human beings has a strong component of 'the will to believe'. What we could say about Astrology we could apply equally to psychology, or to politics, or to medical science. It is an inevitable ingredient. For instance in the medical field tests have been made by substituting coloured water for specific remedies, and the patients have responded just as successfully to the treatment. Then could we say from this observation that the whole of medical science is a belief system? Christian Scientists have done precisely this and sometimes with dire results. But it is unquestionable that the power to believe can be a very strong force.

It should be no surprise at all that we do strike this type of situation in Astrology. There must be times in the lives of all practitioners when a client has praised a reading on a wrong chart. But I would say there would be even more occasions when a correct chart has been found unacceptable. I have known clients who were highly critical of a chart, but have later admitted that the time was in error, and the subsequent reading was much more acceptable. So I have always made a strong point to students that we can't have a good reading from a wrong chart. Despite the exceptions, we do need accuracy in all chart work. All this means that any argument can be a good argument so long as you don't take it too far. And this is what Geoffrey Dean is trying to do. There is no way where the question of belief can be divorced from the human component. If we are dealing with geology or zoology then it is a different matter.

Actually the amount of real research into Astrology has been very small because no one has been prepared to come forward to finance it. Not to the extent you would get in a lot of other subjects. Naturally practitioners have little time for such work even if they do have the charts. Gauquelin has done some very good work over a long time, but of necessity his field has been limited. I think some researchers have wasted a lot of time and effort through asking the wrong questions. Firebrace spent a lot of time on relating Sun-Signs to occupations in order to disprove the Tropical Zodiac, but any good book on vocational astrology could have told him that there is not necessarily any direct relationship between Sun-Signs and occupations. So all this was a waste of effort.

Recently I decided to look at the charts of Australian Prime Ministers since Federation for common denominators we might reasonably expect to exist. I reduced the number to those who had had a reasonable length of term. Immediately it became obvious that Sun-Signs had little relevance. We should expect Capricorn and Aries to be dominant here, with Scorpio and Leo to follow up. But looking at this from a new angle and taking the Rulers of Capricorn and

Aries, Saturn and Mars, which are also the natural Rulers of the 10th and 1st Houses, as the key planets, I got a very effective picture. In a very high percentage of cases either Saturn or Mars was in one of the four dominant Signs. As an example Menzies had Mars in Aries, Saturn in Scorpio; Fraser has Mars in Aries, Saturn in Capricorn; Lyons had Saturn in Aries; Fisher, Mars in Aries; Deakin, Mars in Scorpio; Chifley, Mars in Leo; Curtin, Mars in Capricorn. So we can see the repeat pattern. To come right up to date we have Hawke with Saturn in Capricorn; Peacock, Saturn in Aries.

Geoffrey Dean's Question 2 is: 'How do we know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation?' I think the answer here is that astrological effects are not beyond ordinary explanation. Astrology is not causative. I think there would be few practising astrologers who really believe that planetary influences cause things to happen. The problem here is the use of terminology. We tend to say we are under the influence of Pluto for instance and this results in such and such. But it is a way of explaining it and not a statement of literal fact. It is a traditional hangover from a more superstitious past. What is meant is really a synchronization between the terrestrial and the celestial. There are no malignant forces 'out there' causing us to have accidents or do this or that. If an event occurs it occurs because of a perfectly normal chain of events. If a fatal accident occurs it is because of alcohol or an error of judgement. Everything has to have a natural explanation. The fact is it is hard to write astrological explanations without using causative terminology. But this doesn't mean we believe in the causative theory.

I think most professionals will have this problem with clients. A lot of people get the idea that things 'just happen' because the chart says so. People who are hoping to get married will simply expect an astrologer to give them the date and all they have to do is to wait for it. Whereas they have to go out and meet people socially and make it happen - or it won't despite the forecast. It is difficult to see how causation can be sustained with Secondary Progressions for instance. The actual astronomical phenomena would have occurred maybe 40 or 50 years earlier. How then can it be causing things to happen in the present? The whole thing is purely symbolical, as are one-degree measures or solar-arcs. Symbols can correlate with happenings but they don't involve energy, any more than a picture of a car can provide you with transport.

I think Geoffrey Dean's preoccupation with trying to prove the validity of Astrology itself is largely a waste of time. Astrology is a fact of life. If he did prove to his own satisfaction that Astrology is invalid it would carry no weight. It is like proving that religion is valid - or invalid, or Darwin is right - or wrong. Those sorts of questions are too broad. I think what is more useful is testing the validity of some facet of Astrology. It is a subject that has grown with the years and there are certain areas that could do with overhaul.

From MARGUERITE BROSE, (N.S.W.):

The Positive Attitude

Bouquets to Allan for being clear about complicated matters. (Is his Geminian Sun shining through here?). I like to take up his point re placebos (1st para.). For many, many years the medical fraternity has known and used sugar pills and coloured water at times. The patient has often received considerable relief from suffering, which brings me to my question: 'What is the healing force in a placebo?' If it is the power of the positive thought, why are we not using it more in our daily life instead of giving in to negativity? Is the proverbial luck of the Sagittarian nothing but the confident attitude that things will come his way?

A fine example of positive thinking was used by Camille Saint Saëns's mother. During her pregnancy she was convinced her child would be a great musician. Well, she actually gave birth to a musical prodigy so precocious that he gave a concert at age 11. Let's take a leaf out of the Sagittarian's book and think positively.

From Sr. JOSE M.A. LEBRON, (ARGENTINA):

Retrograde Progressions

As regards the retrogrades question I've got a couple of words to say. One of the cases in my files strongly supports your views on the matter: It's that of Argentine strongman Juan D. Perón (born October 8th, 1895, 11h 57m 47s UT, 59°05'25" W, 35°11' S, rectified by me with Primaries - Sagittarius ASC with Jupiter in the 9th near the MC). As an Army colonel he was Vice-President, Minister of War and Secretary of Labour and Welfare in the military government inaugurated in 1943. An anti-fascist movement managed to obtain his resignation to all his posts on 9/10/1945 (one day after his Solar Return), and he was imprisoned. But a spontaneous popular demonstration on his behalf changed his destiny not less abruptly on 17/10/1945 (a remembrance day since then for all 'Peronists' or 'Justicialists').

On that occasion, exactly when his Secondary Jupiter was turning retrograde, his (melodramatic) words to his assembled followers were: 'This afternoon the Executive has accepted my application for retirement from active service in the Army... I'm leaving the honourable and sacred uniform the Fatherland gave me to put on civil clothes and mingle with the suffering and sweaty masses that bring off this country's greatness. And so I give my final embrace to the Army, that cornerstone of the Fatherland. And I turn to these wonderful masses that stand for a feeling almost dead in this country,' etc.

Here's a résumé of his political career since then: He won two elections (1946 and 1952), was ousted by a liberal coup in 1955 but in his golden exile he kept the favour of the working class and through it the key role in Argentine politics, up to 1973, when he regained power by a landslide vote. He died in 1974 leaving his political heirs a voting majority. All this under a retrograde Jupiter, the ASC Ruler.

But I would like to point out that Mercury's retrogression, at least in Mercurian charts, can be quite deleterious indeed. It can be psychically and physi-

cally hindering and debilitating (in a child or a youngster, for instance, it can bring on physical development and school problems). In fact, it seems to be good only for accumulating information, but it checks the fruitful use of that information. Let's for example suppose you're an author. The way you've covered under a retrograde Mercury will turn out to be not valid and you'll have to unweave and do it again when it turns direct. The latter is a good time to get free from age-old intellectual and psychical hindrances and view life more realistically. In a Mercurian chart it may mean: 'Your apprenticeship is over. Now you're free to follow your own way'.

From LESLIE BLACK (RUNCORN, ENGLAND): With reference to Bill Slape and the perplexing situation concerning the 'House boundary limits' this has always been a source of confusion with astrologers. It was through the discrepancy of degrees between cusps which occurs in the quadrant systems (as Bill so rightly points out), that the traditional Cuspal Rule was founded, which may not be known to a great many astrologers.

The Rule implies that, when a planet is within five degrees of a cusp it is considered to be in that House. This is still a valid traditional rule for all quadrant systems in use today; but I think also it is a generally accepted fact amongst most astrologers, that the point of greatest intensity in any House is the actual cusp position, as a planet on the cusp, or not far removed from it, will bring out the particular influence of that House more strongly than if considerably distant from it.

The two House division systems which offer the greatest accuracy in this respect are those of the Hindu's, - Porphyry and Equal House. The latter was to become known as the Ptolemaic System, and was adopted by Western astrologers, who omitted to divide the Houses up equally as Hindu astrologers do.

So it follows that the points of least resistance as demonstrated by Porphyry, must be equi-distant on each side of the cusp, which can be arrived at by a division of the distance between each cusp into two equal parts. This means that instead of the cusp forming the beginning of a House, it should really mark the central position of a House; whilst the beginning and ending should be a point, one twenty-fourth part of a circle on each side of the cusp.

Under the present system of House spacings the point of greatest intensity is regarded as being at the commencement, and the weakest point that preceding the cusp of the succeeding House. This means that both greatest and weakest points of intensity are joined to the succeeding House, which, when one comes to think about it, imposes a most ridiculous hypothesis that has led astrologers into believing a planet is Cadent when in fact it is Angular.

From ED CASELLI, (N.S.W.):

Birth Times

Re Princess Grace, I am surprised to see Rudolf Smit insisting that we must accept the recorded birth time. Not long ago he cast considerable doubt on recorded birth times. According to Rudolf, the father on the

way to registering a birth usually visited a number of pubs, and by the time he got to the registry office he had not a clue about the birth time. Rudolf argued that then the birth time was generally recorded as that shown by the registry office clock!

So much for recorded birthtimes. After over 50 years of being led up the garden path by given birth times I've learned to take them all with a large grain of salt, so much so that if I cannot reasonably be satisfied as to the ASC in particular, and the chart in general, I will not seriously work upon a chart.

From GWYN TURNER, (N.S.W.):

Time of Birth

I cannot agree with Rudolf Smit that one should be satisfied with the time of birth given, either verbally or on a birth certificate, unless it has been proved by either a prenatal epoch or at least five events in the life matching a rectification of the M.C. and ASC to birth planets. If R. Smit ever did public predictive work, where four minutes out in the birth time can make one year's difference in events, I think he would change his tune. It is only through my many years of predictive work, personal, political and national, that I found how important the exact time of birth is. I also found that most times given are not exact, even where birth certificates are available, which of course they are not in Australia, and also not in many other countries in the world.

According to Roy Owen's comment in the May, 1982, Forum, and I quote:- 'If our friend, R. Smit, thinks that birth times are accurate, he must be joking. Experience shows that most birth times are off by nearly half an hour'...and to continue he says that 'there are only half a dozen countries that record the birth time on certificates and that in the South of the U.S.A. they don't even have the correct day recorded'. I can vouch for this fact as my own Birth Certificate has recorded the wrong date of birth; and I was born in South Africa.

Imagine trying to get a horoscope into focus with not only the wrong date but the wrong time, of about 1½-hours, given to me by my mother. This can easily occur with home births as there is no one present with their eyes on the clock.

However, with a proper rectification by Primary aspects (M.C. and ASC) of many events in my life, I eventually made the grade. Secondary Progressed aspects are not suitable for rectification.

Princess Grace

While on this subject I might mention that one current event as given to prove Princess Grace's time is not sufficient, and I am rather surprised at this in view of the fact that in earlier Forums it was agreed by all, that at least five major events over a long period were essential, and above all that the Chart itself must ring true. Although past events are always helpful, correct future forecasts are certainly the major proof. It is unfortunate, as Dymock mentioned in the last Australian Astrologers' Journal that to-day's Astrologers are not doing anything in this direction.

Is this because they are using the wrong technique

for rectification? So many different methods seem to have crept into Astrology over the past few years - the One-Degree method, the Solar-Arc, the P.E.A. and the Oblique Ascension, for Primary Directions.

I use the Standard Formula of Sidereal Primary Directions which has never let me down over a lifetime of predictive astrology, and one that I demonstrated in the December, 1982, Australian Astrologers' Journal, in the horoscope of a client for 20 years. Primary Directions were shown to fit into their correct time slots over many years and many dated letters were given, all verifying how events had occurred at the times predicted. How would I have got on if I had accepted the Capricorn-ASC Chart that was handed to me on first meeting this client?

No, the appearance did not ring true, just as Princess Grace's Scorpio appearance does not ring true. A Scorpio ASC alone may give a pretty face as Rudolf Smit says, but with three planets also conjunct same, some of the Scorpio appearance would be apparent. Note the droop each side of Bob Hawke's mouth, which is also apparent in Lindy Chamberlain's mouth, both indicative of a Scorpio - Pluto influence. I ask any Astrologer if they could, being presented with Grace's Chart as it now stands, predict the life that we all know she has had? Where is the fame, public life, prestige through a royal marriage? Could not this Chart, with the Scorpio ASC cojoining Mercury, Sun and Mars, and Neptune in Virgo in the 10th House (career) be read as one skilled in pharmacy, a nurse, doctor, surgeon, something to do with the nursing profession or chemical research etc. However, Grace's biography says that she was no good at maths or science, and that she was fragile physically. She also hated driving a car and was not mechanically inclined. Does this sound like a fourfold Scorpio ASC? And by the way she did not like sport.

The biography also says that when Grace smiled she had dimples at each end of the mouth, loved knitting, embroidery, art, singing, flower-arranging, dancing, and was very shy and reserved. She loved ballet, lived a great deal in a dream world and was a good listener, also that it was difficult to upset her equilibrium. As mentioned before her book of flower decorations was accepted by a publisher for linen decorations just before her death. As these characteristics far outweigh the Scorpio ones I suggested a late Libra ASC and on this basis have done a prenatal epoch, which formula shows a gestation period of 12 days to be added to the standard 273 days, resulting in 285 days. If these days are counted back in the ephemeris they will come to 29 degrees of Libra at Noon, but as the birth time was earlier it would be likely that the degree would be a little earlier, probably around 28 degrees.

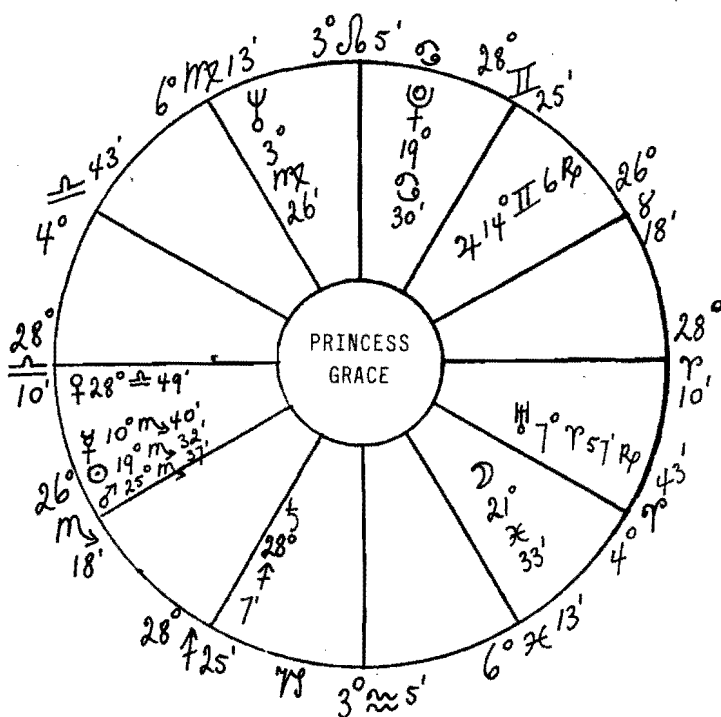
With the Chart herewith I show the progressed Horoscope with five of the most important events of her life stretched over a period of 27 years with Primary aspects from and to the M.C. and ASC. One event as recently given by some astrologers is not sufficient nor does it prove new methods that are being used. My method, the traditional Sidereal, conforms with the method used by Austin Levy's progressed computer service, which I made use of when doing the Death Chart of William Holden, published in the Winter, 1982, Australian Astrolo-

gers' Journal.

It is only by this extensive research work that Astrology will be lifted out of its present fog. As I mentioned in my Forum letter of 27/11/1981, 'Unless more research is done to remedy the inconsistencies surrounding Astrology to-day, it will only advance at a snail's pace'.

To progress Princess Grace's Chart by the traditional Sidereal method you will need to count down the number of days in the Ephemeris, which represents years, stopping at the age required, and with the Sidereal time shown on the same line, do exactly the same sum as you did to the birth Sidereal time, which was 15:24:31 at Noon and with a birth time of 4:58 a.m. you should come out with a corrected Sidereal time of 8:22:10, which in turn will give approximately a 3 degree Leo M.C. and a 28:10 degree Libra ASC.

PROPOSED CHART



I start the first important event at 25 years of age with the winning of the Oscar prize, for best actress in 'Country Girl'. With the completed Sidereal Time of 10:0:44 the progressed M.C. was approximately 28 degrees of Leo, which made a Primary aspect of M.C. trine Saturn, an aspect of prestige and achievement, also M.C. sextile ASC.

At the age of 26 years and 6 weeks the completed Sidereal Time shows approximately 10:5:0 which brings the Leo M.C. to a sextile of Venus (Ruling Planet) in Libra, a Primary aspect that brought the marriage proposal from Prince Rainier. Marriage followed shortly afterwards in April with gifts galore.

The progressed Moon was at the cusp of the 5th House.

At the age of 27 and 2 months the first daughter was born, on 23/1/1957. The completed Sidereal time shows approximately 10:9:17 which brings the progressed ASC Scorpio (births) to a Primary aspect of conjunction Sun and trine Pluto, A rather important aspect for the first born of Royalty. Mars by transit was exactly opposite the ASC and the progressed Moon was in the 5th House.

At the age of 35 and 3 months the second daughter was born, on 1/2/1965. The completed Sidereal Time shows approximately 10:41:0 which brings the progressed ASC Scorpio (births) to a conjunction with Mars, quite safe because the Moon was trining same at birth. Transiting Neptune was conjunct Sun.

At the age of 52 and 10 months Princess Grace died. The completed Sidereal Time shows approximately 11:51:0. At this time aspects are shown both to the M.C. and ASC - a Primary Direction and a Secondary Progression as well as transits:

The Virgo M.C. squared Saturn in the 3rd House and Sagittarius. Progressed Mercury made an opposition to the Leo M.C. Pluto transiting the Libra ASC was within 2 degrees of the Rising Degree (the Moon's place at conception).

Saturn was transiting the Libra ASC and making an exact quincunx to Birth Moon in Pisces (ASC at conception) a strong aspect because the Moon was square Saturn at birth.

As I mentioned in the Death Chart of William Holden - as the Moon and ASC point at conception forms the physical body, these points in the Birth Horoscope must have a part to play in the final destruction of the physical body.

Further transits are shown in Grace's Death Chart - Mars was transiting Mars. Sun was in opposition to the Moon. The Moon was transiting Pluto. The Pluto/ASC aspect (Venus ruling the venous veins) and Mercury afflicted from Aquarius (ruling the blood stream) could account for the brain haemorrhage, but I also think the car accident shown by M.C. square Saturn could have done further damage to cause her death, as well as the progressed Saturn-Moon affliction.

Although some Astrologers say Secondary Progressed aspects don't work, I find that many are very strong, such as Mercury conjunct Saturn for Grace's appendix operation at age 30. The progressed Moon was also opposite the ASC from the Sixth House.

As the Maths for Grace's Progression have been done by hand, a computer may get a little closer.

From DYMCK BROSE (N.S.W.):

Validation of Princess Grace's Recorded Birth Time

As writer of the original article on Princess Grace, I suppose the onus is on me to demonstrate the validity of the Birth Chart based on the recorded 5:31 am, and to show that Gwyn's arguments for a much earlier time, though plausible, are in fact illusory.

I shall do this by specifically rebutting all four arguments advanced by Gwyn to justify her claim. These were:

1. *Only one current-event Direction supports the original Birth Chart.* On the contrary, the 5:31 am Chart is supported by numerous Directions, far more accurate as to timing and relevance than those adduced by Gwyn.
2. *The Chart does not 'ring true'.* I shall show that it does.
3. *Princess Grace's appearance is not consonant with the Chart.* Contrary evidence will be produced.

4. The proposed new Birth Chart is supported by the technique of the Pre-Natal Epoch.

It will be shown that confidence in this technique is misplaced.

I should point out first that the altered birth time proposed by Gwyn, 4:58 am, is thirty-three minutes prior to the time recorded on the Birth Certificate (5:31 am). I do not say that this immediately rules it out of court, (though certainly many astrologers would take that view), but some weighty reasons must be advanced to make it acceptable. Again, it is not likely that a birth time recorded to the minute, and not rounded off, as is usual, would be so far out. If the recording party were so unsure of the time as to be noting it within a half-hour only, would it not be natural to do so to the nearest five minutes, or even 15 minutes?

Grace Kelly's birth was no casual affair. She was not born into an under-privileged household, where the recurring round of pregnancy and birth might be regarded as just one more of life's afflictions - another mouth to feed - to be endured with stoicism and as little interference as possible with the on-going battle against want. Grace was the scion of an affluent, 'upper-class' family, and it may be confidently assumed that minute attention was paid to every detail connected with her birth - including the time. Some may think this is mere conjecture, but it is no more conjecture - and certainly more justified - than assuming the birth time was not properly recorded.

But let us proceed to the 'hard' evidence. In this electronic age we do not need to deal in approximations. By the use of a hand-held calculator we can dispense with vague dates that appear to apply to any point within several months, or even a whole year, and quote instead precise dates for the incidence of any aspect. This is one means by which we can help remove the fog to which Gwyn refers as currently enveloping Astrology.

Accordingly, I have attached precise, carefully calculated dates to all the Primary Directions, Secondary Progressions and transits cited in this article, including those advanced by Gwyn, and using her own method of the Sidereal Time increment. This is the only way in which a true comparison may be made. Quoting orbs in minutes of arc is less satisfactory because a minute of arc will correlate with different periods of time, depending on the rate of ascension of the significator involved.

In her article Gwyn shows that she has adopted the standard practice of directing the Midheaven by Right Ascension, and the ASC by Oblique Ascension, which last is what happens when one takes a specific point on the MC and refers it to the latitude of birth for the degree on the ASC. I have no quarrel with this. With the extension that I shall explain, I use the same method, with the same time measure (3m56.56s) for one year. 3 minutes, 56.56 seconds is the daily increment in Sidereal Time, so that the Primary and Secondary ('day-for-a-year') System correlate in this respect. One is, in fact, complementary to the other, and both should be employed.

The simple method of Primary Directing above-noted is effective as far as it goes, but its utility is enormously increased by extending it to all the planets, both forward and backward in the Zodiac. Just as the ASC is directed under its own Pole (the geographic latitude of the birth), so the Sun, Moon, Mercury, etc., and any other Significators, can be directed under their respective Poles. In the past I have referred to this System as Primary Directing by Oblique Ascension under individual Poles, but an equally descriptive and briefer title is simply Ascensional Directing, and the aspects so obtained, Ascensional Aspects.

It should be noted in passing that the Semi-Arc System of Primary Directing, as expounded by Alan Leo in his book, 'The Progressed Horoscope' is deficient in that the planets are, in effect, all directed under the Pole of the ASC, instead of their own Poles. This leads to inaccurate timing of the Directions, except those of the MC and ASC.

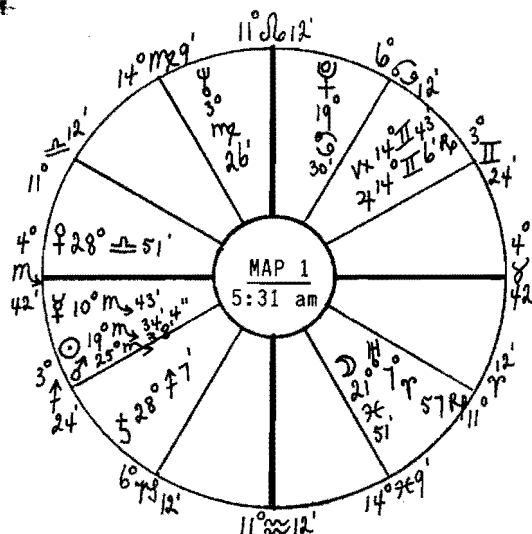
It fell to Wendel Polich and Nelson Page of Argentina to point out and develop the correct procedure for Primary Directing. These two must be reckoned the outstanding astrologers of the century. A study of their works is a revelation to those who have been content with the relatively crude and often widely inaccurate Secondary Progressions, Solar-Arc, One-Degree and other symbolic directions, or who rely principally on transits. Transits, when stationary, have the force and effect of a Primary Direction, but otherwise their role is principally to trigger off the Directions or Progressions then current. Most experienced astrologers find that transits are occasionally absent altogether at critical junctures in the life.

The system of Primary Directing I have outlined above is a joy to use for its accuracy and reliability, and eclipses all other methods with which I am familiar. In many years of astrology, I have tested the Secondary System (Direct and Converse), the Radix System, Solar-Arc, One-Degree and some other symbolic directions, obtaining partial success with each one but never being wholly satisfied until, through the good offices of that highly respected astrologer, the Rev. Ralph Holden of South Australia, I was introduced to the writings of the Argentinian School.

It is unfortunate that only one of the important works of this School has been translated into English, but those who, like myself, find the goal sufficiently attractive, will not balk at acquiring a reading knowledge of Spanish in order to further their astrological skills and insight. Spanish is relatively easy for anyone who has done some Latin, Italian or French, and, as with any foreign language, it opens a new world to the enquirer.

Here, then, are the Primary Directions applied to the two Charts in question. Map 1 is the original Nativity of Princess Grace, drawn up strictly to the recorded birth time, 5:31 am. Map 2 is the Chart advocated by Gwyn Turner, calculated for the time of 4:58 am. In this Chart the earlier time has naturally made a difference to the positions of the more quickly moving bodies, and I have re-calculated them accordingly.

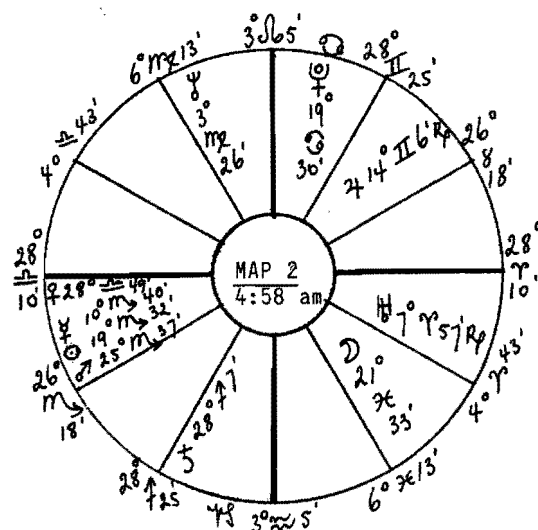
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PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO

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date is not quoted, is Princess Grace's winning of an Oscar for best actress, at age 25. Gwyn gives the Primary Direction for this event in Map 2 as MC trine Saturn which occurred on 20th February, 1955.

But for this epoch in Grace Kelly's life, Map 1 shows four appropriate Primary Directions; which in chronological order, are:

Moon trine Venus, on 26/2/55, signifying joy and happiness (Venus) through theatrical activity (Moon in Pisces in the 5th House).

Venus opposite Uranus, on 8/4/1955, signifying joyous (Venus) exhilaration and excitement (Uranus).

Sun conjunct Venus, on 4/6/1955: Of outstanding importance - achievement and prestige (Sun, which rules the House of Career) in the artistic field (Venus).

Jupiter sextile Moon, on 5/7/1955: Jupiter ruling the 5th House aspecting the Moon occupying the 5th is a double emphasis on theatre and celebration - a singularly appropriate aspect for stage success.

It is obvious that the aspect of our Saturn in the speculative Chart is not to be matched with this glittering foursome.

On another unquoted date, Prince Rainier proposed marriage, which took place in April, 1956. For this event Gwyn gives

MC (Leo) sextile Venus, which occurred on 25th October, 1955, (five to six months late), and

Progressed Moon at the cusp of the 5th House. I have carefully calculated the exact Placidian 5th Cusp for Gwyn's proposed Chart, as Gwyn favours the Placidus system, though I consider it inferior to the Topocentric system which is just slightly different, and I find that the Progressed Moon made this contact on 24/12/1955 - four months before the event.

As against the above, the Primary Directions for Map 1, the original Birth Chart, are:

Ascendant trine Jupiter (co-ruling the House of love matters) on 27/3/1956 (the engagement),

Sun trine MC on 19/5/1956 - a characteristic Primary Direction for a woman's happy and successful marriage, and less than a month from the actual event, and

Venus conjunct Sun on 6/7/1956. The Sun rules the House of status and worldly achievement, so there could hardly be a more distinctive Directional Aspect

for a woman's marriage, elevation to royalty and connubial happiness than this.

It is obvious, again, that the Directions for the original Birth Chart completely overshadow those for the speculative Chart.

On the 23rd January, 1957, the first daughter, Princess Caroline was born. The Directions cited by Gwyn for Map 2 were: ASC (now in Scorpio) trine Pluto on 6/5/1957, (three and a half months late) and ASC conjunct Sun on 22/5/1957 (four months late).

As regards appropriateness to a birth, the first aspect may perhaps be allowed, as Scorpio is connected with reproduction, but the second is highly dubious as neither the 5th nor 11th House is involved. One would not be justified in prognosticating a birth from this, and anyway both Directions are well past the event.

The Primary Directions for the original Chart are: Uranus conjunct the 5th (Topocentric) Cusp on 9/12/1956, i.e. forty-five days before the birth. Adjusting the birth time by twenty-five seconds only (not thirty-three minutes) would bring Uranus exactly to the 5th Cusp on the precise day of the daughter's birth.

Neptune trine Uranus on 12/12/1956 (42 days before the birth) Neptune rules the 5th House (children) and Uranus the 4th (home); quite appropriate.

The Progressed Moon was in the 5th House of both Charts, and as regards the triggering transit of Mars which Gwyn mentions, this was exactly opposite the ASC of Map 2 on the 25th of January, and opposite Venus in Map 1 on the 26th of January. Map 1 gave a further and more precise triggering by the passage of the Moon over the ASC on the actual day of the birth.

On first February, 1965, Grace's second daughter was born. For Map 2 Gwyn gives the Primary Direction - ASC conjunct Mars. This occurred on 15/3/1965, close enough to be taken into account, but it can hardly be admitted as indicative of a birth, as Mars has no power in either the 5th or 11th House. Mars's trine aspect to the Moon does not make it a Significator of children.

In both Maps, however, the birth is indicated by the position of Neptune (ruling the 5th House) stationary

on the Sun on 19th February, 1965. As experience shows, a stationary transit has the effectiveness of a Primary Direction. In addition, however, Map 1 shows Uranus retrograding at 14 Virgo 3 on the day of the birth, and this would be exactly conjunct the 11th (Topocentric) Cusp if one made the 25-second adjustment to the birth-time mentioned earlier. The 11th Cusp, as well as the 5th is involved with children, being the 5th reckoned from the spouse's ASC (7th Cusp).

We come now to the final dramatic event in Princess Grace's life, her death on 14th September, 1982, following a motoring accident. The Palace surgeons identified the cause as a brain haemorrhage occurring while the Princess was driving. This is where Gwyn's case for her changed birth-time really falls to pieces. For Map 2 Gwyn cites a Primary Direction, a Secondary Progression and some transits, in particular one by Pluto and one by Saturn:

Primary Direction MC square Saturn. In the Chart that Gwyn relies on this did not occur until the 11th of July, 1983 - ten months beyond the event!

Secondary Progression, Mercury opposite MC. The date of this Progression was the 27th of June, 1983 - nine and a half months late.

Pluto transiting the Libra ASC was two degrees 42 minutes away from the ASC, and was not exact until 23/11/1983. As a timing device it is useless, and the same applies to

Saturn transiting the ASC on 13/11/1982. Neither of these planets was stationary, in which case they would have had greater significance. Saturn transiting quincunx the Moon occurred on 18/9/1982, which was close enough to the event, but was not even of use as a timing device without some major Directions or Progressions within at least two months of the death.

Contrast the above with the super-accuracy and appositeness of the Primary Directions for Map 1, the original Birth Chart:

Saturn square IC/MC on 14/9/1982 - the very day of death! Saturn rules the 3rd House (roads and transport) and the IC stands for terminations. In my earlier article on Princess Grace, due to a small error in calculating the Pole of Saturn, I gave this Primary Direction as falling due on 2nd of October, 1982, which is 18 days after the event, and still close enough; but being challenged on the issue, I re-calculated everything and discovered that this Direction did indeed fall due on the day of death. In case anyone wants to check this out for himself, here are the data: Saturn - 28 Sagit 7. Celestial Latitude, $05^{\circ}1'$; Declination, $22^{\circ}35'$; Right Ascension, $267^{\circ}57'37''$; Meridian Distance, $45^{\circ}41'33''$; Nocturnal Semiarc, $110^{\circ}23'24''$; Pole, $19^{\circ}7'18''$, which is calculated by the Topocentric formula, $\tan^{-1}[(MD/SA) \times \tan \text{Lat. of birth } (39^{\circ}57')]$; Oblique Ascension under that Pole, $276^{\circ}15'8''$; difference between this Oblique Ascension and $224^{\circ}10'21''$ is $52^{\circ}4'46''$ ($224^{\circ}10'21''$ is the Oblique Ascension under Saturn's Pole of the Ecliptic point, 11 Scorpio 12, where Saturn forms the square to the IC/MC axis); divide $52^{\circ}4'46''$ by the time measure for one year - $59^{\circ}8.33'$ (365.256 of Sidereal Time) and we get 52.8379 years; adding this to the decimalized date of Birth, 1929.8662 gives 1982.7041, or 14th

September, 1982. All this is tedious by Logarithms but dead easy with a programmed calculator. I use the Casio FX-602P, and have developed programmes that accommodate all the above and give the final result in a few seconds.

There are two other powerful Primary Directions in Map 1 to signal Princess Grace's death. They are: Moon opposite Mercury, on 19/9/1982, which is symptomatic of the brain haemorrhage that caused the accident. Note that it is only five days removed from the date of death.

Mercury square Saturn, on 30/10/1982. Mercury rules the House of death, while Saturn rules the House of roads and transport, and is Co-Ruler of the 4th House (end of life). This Primary Direction is still only forty six days away from the date of the accident.

Gwyn makes further reference to Princess Grace's life events - her appendicectomy at age 30. Again, a precise date is not quoted. There are Secondary Progressions that are common to both Maps, but a much more vivid indication is given by the Primary Directions in Map 1:

Pluto square Sun, and Pluto square Moon, both on the same day, 11/12/1959, the one by direct and the other by converse ascensional motion. The Natal Sun in Scorpio conjunct Mars has specific reference to an inflamed appendix, particularly as the conjunction occurs in the 1st House and Mars rules the 6th (sickness). Pluto in this Birth Chart is the dispositor of the Sun.

Why didn't these powerful Directions result in death? Because there was no connection with either the 8th House (death) or the 4th House (end of life), as there was on the 14th September, 1982, repeated several times: Saturn square the 4th Cusp, Mercury ruling the 8th square to Saturn, and again the Moon opposite Mercury (8th).

The above catalogue of Ascensional Directions appertaining to Map 1, the original Birth Chart, demolishes any claims made for the authenticity of Map 2. There is nothing more convincing than 'hard' aspects over a long period, accurate as to time and specifically relevant to the life events of the native.

Nevertheless, as Gwyn goes into the subjective side, let us take a look at this too. Unfortunately, space being so limited, this will have to wait until the July 'Forum'.

Those correspondents whose contributions could not be accommodated in the present issue will have first claim on space in the next one.

After the pruning of some 'dead wood', the distribution of "Astrologers' Forum" has been restricted to some 50 copies. This keeps the project within economic bounds. Each copy of an enlarged issue like the present one costs 98p, or \$1.46 if posted overseas. Ways are continually being sought to reduce the overall cost, so that there can be a corresponding increase in the number of recipients. The prime aim, however, remains the development of Astrology, and not the curtailment of expenditure.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock
19th June, 1983.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

You will be interested to know that "Astrologers' Forum" is now going to a few readers in foreign countries (France, Germany, Switzerland and Argentina) as well as to N.Z. and England. This is a start. I hope to make 'Forum' within a year or two a truly international publication in that it will provide a ready means for advanced astrologers to exchange ideas, information and experience. It is unfortunate that air-mail costs out of and into Australia are so high. This necessarily limits the number of letters that can be sent overseas, and also those who are willing to write from foreign parts.

Quite a few extra names have been added recently to the Australian mailing list, and I am anxious to hear of any other likely participants. One unfortunate result is that I may have to delete names of those who, though receiving 'Forum' for many months, have not taken any part in the discussions or pooling of information. This is not discrimination but economic necessity. I would exclude from this cost-cutting measure those non-participants who have generously sent a donation towards expenses. They evidently consider 'Forum' an educational medium worth paying for, which is gratifying, and they will continue to receive it.

From GEOFFREY DEAN (W.A.):

Truth and Falsity in Astrology

This is my response to Ralph Holden's reply (Issue 21) to the four questions I had put to him (Issues 16, 18, 21) in the interests of furthering our debate on truth and falsity in Astrology. By truth and falsity I mean the problem of how do we know whether chart indications are true or false.

The issues underlying this debate are spelt out in Issue 18 pages 3-4. For the benefit of new readers this is what has happened so far:

1. Holden (Issue 15) questioned my various challenges to astrologers to demonstrate the truth of their beliefs, and pointed out that everything depends on what is meant by truth.
2. I pointed out (Issues 16,18) that Holden's comments amounted to saying that Astrology is a belief system.
3. I am now seeking to clarify whether it is or not. Such clarification is central to the problem of truth and falsity in Astrology because:
 1. If Astrology is only a belief system, discussion of truth and falsity is pointless since one person's beliefs are as good as another's.
 2. But Astrology is surely more than a belief system. Thus it makes distinctly concrete claims, like people with X in their charts will on average be more X-ish than those without X.

3. This means that if Astrology is to be recognised as being more than a belief system, then it stands or falls on whether such claims are true.
4. But all the controlled experimental studies to date (and there have been dozens of them) have found no convincing evidence to support these claims. And this applies whether the studies looked at the whole chart or only isolated factors. Indeed the evidence is so uniformly negative that an international \$5000 prize for positive evidence is about to be launched (for details see the next issue of "The Australian Astrologers' Journal").
5. So the evidence so far suggests that Astrology is just a belief system. This does not mean that it cannot be useful or meaningful. The problem is that a belief system has no provision for the detection and elimination of error. So your chart indication could be highly meaningful but dead wrong.
6. The key question is therefore: Why should we believe that Astrology is more than a belief system?

The last point is where this debate is currently at. Please note that I am not arguing in favour of any particular opinion. I am saying only that this is an important issue that deserves clarification. And it was for this reason that I put my four questions to Ralph Holden.

Question 1 was 'How does he know that Astrology works?' In his reply Holden discusses science, scientists, solar motion, and hypotheses in general, but does not tell us how he knows that Astrology works.

Question 2 was 'How does he know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation' Holden gives two meanings to effects. (1) Effects = causes, in which case he does not believe that Astrology is causal. (2) Effects = correlations between chart and person which are statistically significant, in which case he does not see statistics as being relevant. Neither point answers the question.

Question 3 was 'In the absence of hard evidence why should we accept his views rather than any other views?' Holden partially debates the nature of hard evidence but does not tell us why we should accept his views rather than any other views.

Question 4 was 'If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts ('RA' gives examples of this) what would this mean for Astrology?' Holden suggests this would tell us more about people than about Astrology (whatever that means), and then

discusses (1) the merits of one of 'RA's' examples, and (2) the limitations of inductive reasoning. What he doesn't tell us is what it would mean for Astrology.

Thus the only thing which is clear from Holden's reply is his masterly incapacity to give straightforward answers to straightforward questions. That straightforward answers, in simple English undiluted by galloping periphrasis, are entirely possible is demonstrated by our esteemed Editor in Issue 20 page 4. And if our Editor can do it, why not Holden? One can only conclude that Holden is too busy with his fun-filled life to be serious about this debate on truth and falsity in Astrology.

Accordingly, in the interests of furthering this debate, I invite other readers to send in their answers to my four questions, plus their answer to a fifth question as follows:

Question 5. Having (in your previous answers) given your ideas about whether Astrology is or is not a belief system, what sort of evidence would make you change your mind?

It is to be hoped your answers will help to clarify the issues, in which case this debate will have been successful. In response to Dymock's invitation (Issue 20) I will answer my own questions in due course.

Of course, the above is a serious subject, but your 'esteemed Editor' was doubled up with mirth over Geoffrey's colourful Cancerian phrases 'galloping periphrasis' and (in an earlier missive) 'relentless prolixity'. I'm sure Ralph Holden was equally entertained by the 'good Doctor' (Ralph's expression).

Marguerite and I find it all vastly amusing, even if the philosophical depths are beyond our simple minds. Well, back to my own fun-filled life. - Dymock.

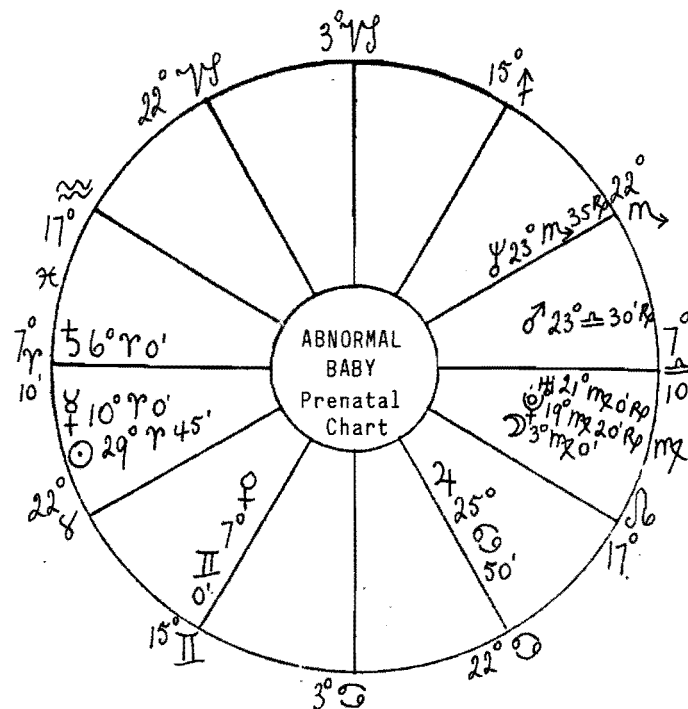
From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): I would also like to make some extra comments on the Contest Chart of a deformed baby. After doing the prenatal epoch by Alan Leo's formula in his book 'Casting the Horoscope' page 64 to 66 (prenatal chart herewith) it is quite obvious that the malformation occurred during the embryonic state. This standard procedure shows that the Moon's place at birth is the ASC at conception, and the ASC or DESC at birth is the Moon's place at conception.

The formula of Alan Leo is quite simple and far outweighs Bailey's method in simplicity. I have used it for many years with excellent results, but must admit that the time given must be fairly near. It is of great value when determining the end of one Sign and the beginning of another.

According to the Contest Chart and the Formula, the Moon increasing in light and above the Horizon is a distance of 34 degrees from the DESC, which in turn calls for a minus of 12 from the standard conception period of 273 days. This 261-day period counted back in the ephemeris brings the conception date to the 20th April, 1967, where the Moon will be found at an early degree of Virgo, the ASC at birth. If it had come to the end of Leo, the Birth Chart would have shown Mars opposite the ASC, and Neptune square same, and with the Birth Moon cojoining Saturn, square the Sun. I doubt if the baby would be alive to-day.

Now back to the 20th April, Saturn is still shown

at an early degree of Aries, but note that Mercury has also joined it, so that we find the pair conjunct the conception ASC, and this is where the trouble started, in Aries - the head. Note also the Moon in Virgo and the 6th House conjunct Pluto, Rulers of the 4th and 8th Houses. Medical science shows how the pituitary gland, situated deep in the middle of the brain, is the orchestra leader of the ductless glands, which may be termed the Deputy Rulers of mankind. This gland governs assimilation and growth and if abnormal in any way is responsible for the strange and abnormal growths that we see in the occasional freaks of nature.



the formation and structure of the physical body. It was while I was examining this factor in some horoscopes taken from my files of children born with deformities that this interesting pattern emerged, showing abnormalities that might otherwise go unexplained. Each of the five Charts mentioned had the same pattern, although where Mercury was involved in one Chart the child was definitely an imbecile.

I met personally some of these children, when in the Phillipines, where many were taken in the hope of cures by the Phillipine healers. An interesting lecture was given by their President, pointing out that cures for children deformed from pregnancy were practically impossible to cure by their method. Physical ills brought on during life were possible. I saw many of these cures with my own eyes and I must say they were remarkable.

Getting back to my lecture on the prenatal epoch, the National President of the F.A.A. will vouch for the accuracy of the maths and formula of each case presented, and was quite delighted to find that his own Chart conformed to the same formula.

It is only through research that we can uncover some of the secrets that Astrology still holds.

Twins

I am afraid Rudolf Smit has entirely misquoted me in reference to my suggestion regarding the reason why some identical twins are different. I did not suggest the level that these twins had acquired from centuries of incarnations, I imagine a rather difficult feat, but that they both must have arrived at about the same stage of evolution to have been attracted to the same Cosmic pattern, a pattern that may not arrive again, and suggested very minor dissimilar interests from the same department of life, that may account for their appearing different.

[Gwyn also writes about incorrect times of birth, giving her own rectification of Princess Grace's Chart, and comments on present-day systems of Direction. This will appear in the June Forum. -Dymock.]

From AUSTIN LEVY (N.S.W.):

ASTROLOGICAL RESEARCH IN 1983

An Invitation to Astrologers

Have you ever wished you could test some 'pet' astrological theory on a large number of charts, but lacked the data or the facilities with which to make it a reality? Well, here's your chance, using the data collected by the Gauquelins on almost 20,000 famous people, each with an accurate birth time. If you have an idea for research that you think could add to our understanding of astrology, given some testing, then I'd like to hear from you. At this stage, the most important thing is feedback - getting a sample of research ideas together so that appropriate experiments can be made on this data.

Naturally, any results published later would include credit for the idea, and you will be kept personally informed of the progress and results of your particular project from start to finish. You will also be

able to comment (and it is to be hoped, improve) upon the ideas of others, as it is planned to publish a summary of all the ideas received in a few months' time. At present there are already some hypotheses being tested on the data, but shortly there will be computer time available to test others, such as yours! If you feel that rigorous research is the province of scientists alone, then now is the time to come forward, because all that has changed. Here is a chance for practising astrologers to get some vital feedback on their case-history work at a more general level. Obviously, the only limit to what can be tested, is that imposed by the nature of the available data, which will now be discussed.

The Gauquelins made their original studies on famous professionals in the following categories:

1) Sports champions	2,088
2) Scientists	3,646
3) Painters and musicians	2,722
4) Actors and politicians	2,412
5) Military men	3,047
6) Writers	2,027

The figures on the right indicate the number of subjects in each group. These are all European subjects, but there are an additional 1,714 U.S. subjects too, which are also available for study. Clearly, by any previous standards this is a huge amount of astrological data. The information on each subject includes:

- a) Raw birth data - date, place, time etc.
- b) Planetary longitudes Sun - Pluto, plus Moon, True Node, Asteroids (Ceres, Pallas, Juno, Vesta), Chiron, Transpluto.
- c) Placidus House cusps.
- d) Gauquelin sector positions (36 sector divisions).
- e) Character traits noted in objective biographical sources for that subject. NB: The number of traits for each individual varies greatly and only those traits which occur 20 times or more throughout the entire professional groups are retained.

This is a comprehensive amount of detail, all the more useful because it allows tests to be done where personality is the criterion rather than just the profession, although this is still of great interest, and can provide an alternative starting point for investigation.

An example of a viable research idea might be to look at say Sun-Mars aspects in the charts of sports champions, a logical enough proposition since Gauquelin found Mars strong in the diurnal sectors above rise and culmination. Against these, we could compare un-championlike people like painters and musicians, who avoid Mars according to Gauquelin. I personally find this idea interesting because I have a brother who was a champion athlete, and who doesn't have Mars in one of the key sectors stipulated by Gauquelin, but who does have an exact Sun-Mars conjunction!

The next stage for this idea would be to look at people across the board who are described as being 'courageous, daring, aggressive, competitive, etc.', and see what results are obtained. The Gauquelins claim that the effects are stronger for personality than for profession, so there should be an improvement in correlations as this step is taken. This example just given is simply

intended as an illustration, and your ideas can be either traditional notions or entirely new and original ones. It is important, though, that ideas be clearly stated, to avoid misconceptions about what you want to test. Group efforts are more than welcome.

Significant areas of interest using this data could include:

- a) Signs of the Zodiac (Tropical only)
- b) Houses (Placidus only)
- c) Aspects (or lack of)
- d) Rulerships of Signs and Houses
- e) Midpoint structures
- f) Harmonics
- g) Planetary cycles

This list is by no means exhaustive, and each item could lead to dozens of hypotheses in itself, so the limit is really only your imagination!

Next, a point needs to be made regarding interpretation of results from astrology experiments. Considerable argument has ensued over the years concerning the role and value of statistics in astrological research. Negative reactions to statistics are invariably the result of an association formed between statistics and reductionist (and usually heavily sceptical) science. This view, which has gained considerable currency in recent years (due in no small measure to the activities of both the pro- and anti-statistics forces in astrology) is misleading and often downright false. The bald facts are that statistics never have been, and never will be, the criterion of absolute truth - they simply acknowledge what we all know to be a truism, that our view of the world is imperfect (which is presumably why we want to do research in the first place), and given that fact, help us to minimise errors of judgement and thence the likelihood of accepting false ideas. Like a criminal jury, we would like to be sure 'beyond all reasonable doubt' that the conclusions we reach are correct before we accept the new ideas contained in them, or conversely, retain the old ones.

Statistics are simply a more refined way of making comparisons of the kind we do in everyday life without their benefit. In life-and-death situations, like crossing a busy intersection, we have the cognitive capabilities for making correct, split-timing decisions, but this is not always so when we are dealing with large amounts of impersonal information, and where the standards of discrimination are considerably less than ideal. Here the impartiality of a statistical approach is vastly superior to our own, at least in a discriminative sense. The comparisons implicit in the statistical method mirror our own perceptions of the real world, and without them all observation, personal or scientific, would be meaningless.

Thus, if we say that the weather is very hot today, we are really saying that compared with the average weather which our body is used to, today is rather hotter than normal. But if we say that today is twice as hot as yesterday, this statement is meaningless until we know what yesterday's temperature actually was. Closer to the point, if we conclude that chain-smokers have a serious-illness rate of 50% (say) at age 50, this also is meaningless unless we know what the illness rate

for a similar-sized group of non-smokers is at the same age, since it could be anywhere from zero to 100%, thus entirely altering our conclusions about the relationship between smoking and illness. It is intended to apply similar such comparisons to any idea tested using the Gauquelin data (usually called controls), so that meaningful conclusions can be reached, since that is all we are really interested in.

Finally, proposals for research ideas should be sent to me as follows: Austin Levy, PO Box 217, Holme Building, University of Sydney 2006, AUSTRALIA, Tel. (02) 692 9816.

Replies will be acknowledged within two weeks of receipt, including any points needed for clarification of your idea. A summary of all the ideas received will be published later to facilitate more general feedback, and it is hoped many of the projects will commence immediately after that process. The data is currently being stored on a Prime mainframe computer at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, where it will be analysed in any subsequent experiments. I hope you send your ideas in shortly, and good luck with them!

Retrograde Progressions

From ALFRED ALBAN (VIC.): I accept Charles E.O. Carter's observations in "Astrologers' Forum", Issue No. 21, that retrograde planets operate more constructively. My own experience confirms this; also Allan Johnson's observations of retrograde and direct motions of planets. I have Jupiter retrograde at birth, which turned direct in 1966 in Progression, bringing about a complete change in my life.

From JENIFER POMMERIN (W.A.): From personal observation here are two results of a change in direction: 1. The year Neptune turned retrograde - Migration to Australia of a practically penniless, non-English-speaking person. A truly Neptunian situation as he was virtually imprisoned by lack of knowledge, no friends, family, etc., and at the mercy of others. 2. The year Jupiter turned direct - Travel to America to expand business interests, renew sporting contacts, see and enjoy a different style of living. Most aims were achieved easily - the only disappointment being unexpected loneliness.

From RAY WEBB (N.S.W.) (Ed. 'Review Astrological Monthly')

U.F.O.'s

I wonder whether any 'Forum' readers have looked at charts based on the time flying saucers have been sighted in this country? About 8 years ago I contacted the U.F.O. Research Society (a rather conservative body) and they were able to give me details on (from memory) seven sightings they considered worthwhile. A study of the charts (hardly enough for definitised conclusions to be drawn) showed nothing worth reporting. In the move from the City to Newtown earlier this year this information was lost, and I was keeping it with a view to a science-fiction-astrological article when more information (and inspiration perhaps) came to hand.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th May, 1983.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Some copies of the March Issue of Astrologers' Forum were of inferior quality, unfortunately, due to the inadequacy of the photo-copying equipment. Under the Oblique-Ascension Direction of Pluto square to the Midheaven I spent several days and train trips going from one printer to another trying to obtain a satisfactory result. If the copy you received was not up to standard, I offer my apologies, and assure you I am doing everything within my means to keep the standard of legibility as high as possible. -Dymock.

From GEOFFREY DEAN (W.A.): In Issue 20 Dymock states that my 4 questions (Issues 16 and 18) were addressed to astrologers. This is incorrect. They were addressed to Ralph Holden in the interests of furthering our debate on truth and falsity in astrology.

Unfortunately, Holden has not replied. Therefore I challenge Holden for the third time to answer these questions.

From RALPH HOLDEN (S.A.): No doubt the fact that I was in places where even Australia Post could not reach me for the last few months came as a welcome relief. However, (even at the risk of 'relentless prolixity') I would like to respond to Dr. Dean's letter of last January.

He proposed four questions:

A. How does one 'know' that astrology 'works'?

How does one 'know' that science 'works'? The answer is that one doesn't really KNOW at all. Rather one BELIEVES, because a sufficient number of experiences are given cohesion and meaning, either by astrology, or by science.

I feel sure that Dr. Dean does not subscribe to the myth of the scientist as an unbiased observer of a totally objective nature, which will tell him about itself if only he observes it impartially enough. The scientist - as much as the astrologer - sees and interprets the world through the lens of his hypotheses about it. (For example, it is a 'hard fact' of observation that the Sun revolves about the Earth each day, as any impartial observer may check. If we do not believe this, then our observations have been modified by our beliefs).

One accepts (believes? knows?) that one's hypotheses 'work' if they explain and give coherence to the maximum number of events and phenomena satisfactorily, with the minimum number of inexplicable ones. Apart from the methodological problems associated with 'proof' in inductive science (as has been argued previously), it seems important to remember that 'hard' science cannot handle a number of phenomena which astrology can. Music and art are examples of this.

B. How does one know that astrological 'effects' are 'real' and 'beyond ordinary explanation'?

I am not sure what exactly is being asked. If 'effects' means 'causes', I don't think that I have ever believed that 'the stars do it to us'. I consider astrology to be descriptive, and so would expect that 'what it describes' to be effected or caused by some natural process. M. Gauquelin has made some tentative suggestions as to how 'description' and 'cause' may be related.

If, however, I am being asked whether character descriptions by (say) Sun-Signs are 'statistically significant' (real), and 'beyond chance' (ordinary explanation), I can only say that statistical significance seems to be rather a long way from any concept that talks about a 'real world out there, separate from our interpretations of it'.

C. In the absence of 'hard evidence' why should we accept (my) views rather than any other view?

What this curious world of 'hard evidence' is all about - and what are appropriate frameworks for examining the astrological phenomenon - is the reason for this exchange. It does not seem very useful if one party says, 'Statistical evaluation may not be the most appropriate way to handle astrology', and the other replies, 'If you can't prove that statistically why should I believe you?'.

D. If wrong charts are found to be as readily acceptable by clients as right charts ('RA' gives examples of this) what would this mean for astrology?

Presumably (as Dr. Dean points out in the next section of 'Recent Advances') it will have a similar implication as the same kind of gullibility study had for psychology. That is (as Dymock said in the March 'Forum') it tells us more about people than about either astrology or psychology. Indeed, one can find 'excuses' for astrology, as those who responded to falsified general horoscopes through newspaper advertisements would very likely have been those with a real sense of need in their lives. Thus far from being a random sample, they were probably a group with a high 'gullibility factor'.

Messages with a far less rational content given by religious sects are responded to with even greater enthusiasm; presumably because they also give the promise of meaning to those with personal needs. Nor are we required to admit (as the form of the question seems to imply) that 'wrong charts GENERALLY are found to be readily acceptable by ALL clients'. As - in the astrological tests - over 70% did not respond to their horoscopes, one may assume that this group was not overly impressed with what they received.

However, in this test - as in the 'match-the-Sun-Sign' style of test - there seems to be a conceptual conflict. The astrological method is, in important respects, opposite to the inductive (scientific) one. The scientist begins with an array of particulars and seeks to extract from them certain common factors, which are then analysed and quantified. The astrologer on the other hand, be-

gins with a number of common factors which are then refined until they apply uniquely to one given person. So far as I can see, this is a path which inductive science cannot follow.

Because of this necessary limitation in its own methodology however, I would raise the question whether science is properly able to demand that it should be allowed to take what is essentially bad astrology, and examine that in order to determine whether or not it is good science.

From ROD. and COLLEEN BRANDT (QLD.): In regard to Lindy Chamberlain, we certainly agree with the comments both from Carol Squires and Dymock and also from Ed. and Gwynn. The Yod, Grand Trine, Mystic Rectangle and the series of sextiles forming a Cradle with a hood certainly make for one very powerful lady. As regards the ASC however, we think that we have to look more deeply into the complex nature of the woman than has already been done. In Brisbane, Channel 7 and State Affair both had a news team in Darwin for the duration of the trial and every night we had her for dinner so to speak.

We had plenty of time to study her from a detached point of view and the main thing that stood out to us, was Scorpio/Pluto and Leo. Although we found out only days before the trial verdict that she had a Pisces Sun we were in agreement that Scorpio and Leo were very strong in her Chart. Note that almost every day of the trial she had a different dress on and the hair was always done to perfection. Also, she never missed a chance to do an interview or pose for press photos in the time leading up to the trial - all Leo traits.

We looked to see what was in Scorpio that would accentuate that Sign for the ASC, but the only planet in Scorpio at her time of birth was Chiron, and not enough is known about this tiny planetoid to give the Sign the power that we felt it needs for it to be on the ASC. Because we felt the Scorpio influence was very strong in her life, the other alternative is Pluto. Pluto at her time of birth was at 13° Leo, so we put it on the ASC and worked out a birth time from there. We came to a birth time of 4:52 p.m. on the 4th March, 1948. This puts the powerful triple conjunction in the ASC. It also puts the Moon in Capricorn in the 5th, where we feel it should be, and the Sun in the 7th as the focal point of the Yod, indicating religious service and research with her partner. If you put in Transpluto at 4 Leo in the 12th it adds another dimension to the Chart.

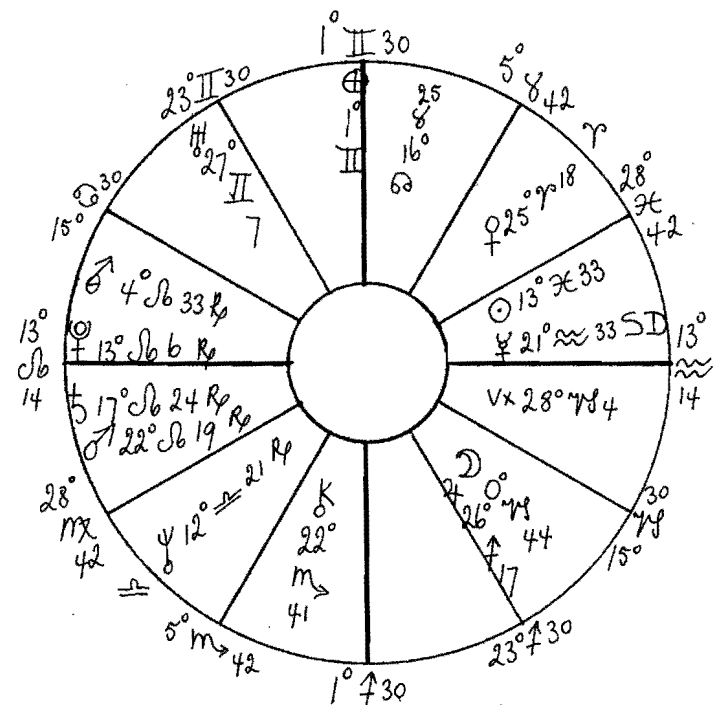
John Robert Hawkins in his book on Transpluto, states about the midpoint of Mars/Transpluto, upon which the ASC and Pluto are exactly placed, 'brutal and bloodied crimes; decapitation; severed throats; rash determination; powerful, brutal; extreme endurance, stubbornness'. All of this seems to fit her personality very well. If the time is correct, and again we can only speculate, she was born with those conditions built into her personality and her crime at that point in her life was inevitable.

Also worth noting is the Mars, Pluto, ASC conjunction indication that she would not hesitate to use sex to further her ambitions etc. This comes in with her latest pregnancy, timed to terminate on or around the

trial verdict, so as to make people feel sorry for her if things went against her. This is precisely what did happen. We haven't had a lot of time to work on the Progressions but we have checked out the transits, and there are plenty of them for the various events, and they all seem to tie in with the Leo ASC Chart.

[Rod and Colleen had evidently intended to include a time chart for the murder or disappearance of baby daughter Azaria, but unfortunately this was omitted. They make specific reference to Arabian Parts in the Chart (which may still be forthcoming) as well as pertinent correlations with the mother's Chart. Rod adds that he has done a lot of work on the transits for the various events - the trial, verdict, appeal, and the second appeal date, etc. - and could probably write a short story on the transits alone.]

ALICE LYNNE CHAMBERLAIN
Speculative Chart



Born 4th March, 1948 at Whakatane, N.Z. (177E1, 37S57)
Chart for G.M.T. 5:22 am on 4th March. N.Z. time,
5:22 pm. Placidian Cusps.

The Contest Chart

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): I wish to make some extra comment on the native behind the Contest Chart. I have searched through some literature on human monstrosities (such as people with two heads, four legs, tails, and so on), and there it was stated that the cause of a lot of these malformations is not known. Obviously, strong malformations occur during the embryonic state. In such cases I think the horoscope of the conception should provide some clues (in theory. It is extremely hard to define the moment of conception, even with the new technique of in-vitro fertilization). As for the Native of the Contest Chart, she seemed a normal baby at birth. It became apparent only after some months

that something definitely was wrong. And it was certainly not caused by poisoning or whatever.

As for astrological clues, it may be interesting to know the findings of Dr. C. Kuypers, a G.P.-astrologer in Holland, who was the only astrologer a few years ago, when I put this Chart to the test of my group, who was aware of something medically wrong - to be more accurate, a deformity. He based this on the fact that during his practice of 40 years he had delivered some babies with deformities, and a majority of them had Neptune conjunct the IC, just as in the case of the Contest-Baby. As for the opposition of Neptune to Algol, it must be borne in mind that such an opposition is not, in first instance person-bound, but generation-bound. We all know that Neptune moves extremely slowly, which means that millions and millions of people have been born with that opposition. As for the fact that this opposition took place, in the Chart of this giant baby on the MC/IC axis, it must also be borne in mind that thousands of babies are born every second all over the world, and therefore hundreds on the same Meridian and many tens in the same country. Yet, a giant baby is still an extremely rare case. Hence there must be many more factors than astrological ones only to determine the way a native will ultimately develop.

Twins

Once again this is illustrated in twins. As for that I am very glad that at last some astrologers have reacted to my initial remarks and questions in this matter. In particular the elaborate remarks of Allan Johnson are of great value. They tie in precisely with the observations of child-psychology, namely that indeed one of the two twins appears to be the extravert, and the other the introvert. This points precisely to the environmental factor as well, and makes clear that if one wants to judge a horoscope the environmental factors, and other factors for that matter, have to be taken into account. Rheinholdt Ebertin has said it already in his CSI: 'The cosmic factor alone is never sufficient nor ever can be'. As for esoteric explanations, such as given by Gwyn Turner, they are very nice, but are of not much practical use, as the 'level of a person, acquired from centuries of incarnations' cannot be determined in any way from a horoscope, let alone from two horoscopes that are virtually the same, as in twins.

Princess Grace

A final remark I'd like to make about the controversy as regards the ASC of Princess Grace. I simply do not understand why there is still a debate on the birth time when, (a), a very precise birth time has been given on the birth-certificate (5:31 a.m.), and when, (b), Dymock has made his point very clear that for this birth time the Primary Directions in his system relating to the tragic event of September last year provide excellent proof. The same by the way for my PEA. I felt no need either to change the birth time. When an accurate birth time is given, then it is not right at all to shift it along only for the sake of 'what ought to be'. There is no reason whatsoever, incidentally, to assume that a woman with a Scorpio ASC

cannot be beautiful, or have the kind of Princess Grace's beauty. By the way, has anyone ever thought of all the astrological rules for physiognomy as regards Chinese, Japanese and Negroid people?

From Christine JAMES (N.S.W.): The Ascendant aspects are terribly important because the whole chart has to filter through this point. A friend of mine, an astrologer, recently had the chart of an epileptic, subnormal youth, and it showed up by squares to the Ascendant, and planets in the First (Mars).

Retrogradation

Regarding retrograde planets I recently had a client whose Jupiter was going retrograde there and then. He was a prominent businessman born 2nd October, 1942, with Jupiter in Cancer in the First House together with Pluto in Leo in the First.

He had had to sell his failing business because of the recession and go and work for someone else for the first time in his life, and take orders from someone else, which he was finding very hard. From being a sunny outgoing, fairly optimistic person (at work—Sagittarius ruled the 6th cusp), he had become a reflective, introspective loner, and this change quite worried him. His confidence had been badly shaken and he found it desperately hard to be an employee. He was fascinated by astrology a year ago when I did his Chart, and in the year between our interviews had done much reading on astrology and philosophy etc.

My own T-squared Mercury went retrograde in 1969. I spent the stationary period in London for three months - my first visit back after tramping round the world and finally emigrating here. I 'hit' London at the time of Harold Wilson, The Beatles, Hair, Carnaby Street; and London was on fire and totally alive. I remember a dinner party where there were three TIMES correspondents, an art critic and a Japanese conductor and some musicians, and it seemed to me at the time that the conversation was the most stimulating I had ever heard at an 8-hour private dinner, (a funny thing to remember).

London was alive with the 'new deal' and there was much enthusiasm and discussion. I even danced with an American Negro dancer on stage after the show, Hair, was over, when the theatre went wild. I came back to Sydney and simply couldn't convey the excitement of that period the joy and the zest for living. I remember thinking, 'don't try you will spoil it', so I just shut up but I also remember friends coming to visit me saying it was just to see how different and alive I was. My Progressed Moon had also gone into the First House.

I am collecting examples of retrograde-to-direct planets, and vice versa, and especially what happens on the stationary period, both in the Progressed and Natal Charts.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.):

Retrograde Progressions

Since Issue 19 when I mentioned retrograde progressions, I had an interesting chart to do of an escapee from a maximum security prison; details naturally not supplied by the person himself. He has Mercury conjunct

Neptune in the 10th, square Jupiter. At age six his Mercury went retrograde, which may or may not have been important, but the very year his Mercury turned direct was the year he escaped from prison. And of course escaping from a maximum security prison does need an emphasis on Mercury in a very positive way. I think this is a very good example of a change of direction in a planet. Mercury also made the square to Uranus, which is highly appropriate, but I see the two together as a crystallization for the event which took place.

'Retrograde motion is said to weaken planets, and to delay the fruits of their action, though it is debated whether these effects operate only in lessening and hindering benefic action, or whether evil action is also diminished, supposing they are in bad aspect.'

'The present writer has seen no real evidence whatever to lead him to suppose that, in natal astrology, retrogression has a baleful effect. On the contrary, since a retrograde planet moves clockwise in the Ecliptic, i.e., from East to West, so that its Zodiacal motion agrees with its diurnal motion, due to the Earth's rotation, such a body may even be disposed to operate more constructively, other things being equal, than when it is direct.'

- Charles E.O. Carter.

Mundane Strength

From BILL SLAPE (S.A.): It was very interesting for me to read in a recent English astrological research journal, 'Correlation', about personality dimension and the position of planets at birth. I quote: 'Extraverts are significantly more frequently born when Mars and Jupiter have just risen or just passed their upper culmination. The diurnal circle of a planet is divided into twelve Sectors, and the Key Factors where most of the significant results appear are Sector 1, just rising, and Sector 4, just after the upper culmination. Among the main observations, those of the planets Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are specially clearcut. Sports champions, military leaders and business executives were frequently born with Mars in the Key Sectors, actors and politicians with Jupiter in the same Sectors; scientists with Saturn.'

My point of interest was the emphasis given to 'just rising' and 'just after culmination', which places the planets on the Cadent 12th and 9th House side of the Angular cusps. Doris Chase Doane, President of the American Federation of Astrologers and successful writer of many astrological books, states that the power of the Houses wanes progressively from the Angular cusp through the Succedent and Cadent Houses to its weakest point at the Cadent side of the following Angular cusp or, in other words, the strength is at the Angle and continues to wane until the next Angle is reached. She gives an illustration to clarify her statement, and has 40 years of astrological experience, she says, to support her findings. The majority of her astrological compatriots appear to follow along these lines and declare the demarcation point between one House and the next is at the cusp.

This means that any planet conjunct but prior to say, an Angular cusp, would be classed as a Cadent planet. During my astrological studies most of my time has been absorbed by researching the astrological tools we use and, in the case of House cusps, I find it necessary to allow quite an appreciable orb of influence back past the cusp and into the previous House. With Angular cusps I extend this as much as 8°, depending on various factors like House distortion, etc.

As regards the intermediate cusps, I am still plugging away into various House systems, but to establish any form of appreciable value is most difficult. For me the Placidus system gives the greatest satisfaction and reliably 'works' with the most consistency. As an example, just recently charts of both Placidus and Koch, completed by me, showing the astrological configurations of a person born in London, displayed a discrepancy of 23° between the 11th House cusps of the two systems. As usual the Placidus system 'fitted'.

Unlike the House cusp, and contrary to popular opinion I feel that the demarcation line between one astrological Sign and the next is a very fine one. A person is born with his Sun in either one Sign or the next. Thus the so-called 'cusper' cannot share the attributes of the adjacent two Signs because of the Sun's position, unless of course the Sun is 'straddling' the cusp.

However, the Sign we were born under, the Ascendant Sign, not always 'displays' its attributes. Personally, I feel from my observations, that the ASC Sign maintains authority over the physical body, but the East Point, which can be the Sign before or after the ASC can play a prominent role in how a person projects himself to others. The East Point evidences as the deep down of the other self rising to the surface, a more definite and heavier mask to be worn, like an actor doing his part, - however, that's yet another subject for discussion.

From MARY REGTS (W.A.): Regarding Australia's bush fires, briefly, ♄, ☿ and ♀ all in ♈ - ♄, expansion; ♀, smoke, gases; ☿, air, explosives, etc. This was a disastrous omen for Australia (geographically governed by ♈). This is so easy to say in hindsight, too much like stating the obvious. A mundane chart at the February new Moon (from memory) showed ♄ and ☿ in Angles aspecting Australia. There was probably a recent eclipse degree involved as well.

Drought conditions for Australia in the '80's have been predicted for years, so it doesn't even take an astrologer to realise that the country, like a tinder box, needs little to set off the spark at any time.

Conservationists, too, are a minority, who can see how an eroded country loves its trees that attract rainfall and produce water supplies. The thinking goes a bit woolly there - more growth can also mean more fire danger - but it could also mean that more precautions would remain enforced. Green vegetation, forests, etc., surely ignite more slowly than the drought-stricken eroded areas.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th April, 1983.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

An interesting batch of letters has been received this month. Here they are:

From JAMES McKEAGUE (N.S.W.): Rudolf Smit's contest Chart and result were most interesting, but I would question the value and the efficacy of the contest as far as astrology is concerned. Traditionally, astrology is held to have evolved from the repeated observations of celestial patterns coinciding with terrestrial happenings (Tetrabiblos, Book I, Chapter 2). Is it likely then that a "one-in-a-million" baby such as this could be pinpointed utilizing astrological techniques? Would not all astrological techniques applied to this Chart be much more likely to point to a baby which, in all probability, will adhere to various norms? The fact that this baby does not, merely shows that astrology is not a 100% perfect guide to humankind and the universe.

I'm sure that anyone holding this view would be very keen, as I am, to read Austin Levy's own explanation as to exactly how he arrived at his close-to-correct decision, notwithstanding his use of an inaccurate Chart! A 'psychic source', as Rudolf hints?

From AUSTIN LEVY (N.S.W.):

The 'Contest Chart'

I feel honoured to have been awarded the \$50 prize for the Contest Chart, and thank both Rudolf and Marguerite for their kind comments. However, I would like to dispel the notion that my analysis of the Chart was either guesswork or psychic intuition, although that may seem to have been the case since I was working with the earlier, partly incorrect, Chart. Of the planets which were incorrectly stated, only Pluto was involved in my reasoning, and it moved a couple of Signs, so it still remained in aspect to the same planets. In publishing the results, Rudolf did not include my astrological reasoning with my conclusions, so I will explain now what made my opinion of the Chart fairly clear-cut.

It is my experience that the charts of the eminent are very often not too different from those of the greatly handicapped - usually there is just a subtle change of emphasis, and that can often come about simply because of the influence of one syndrome in the chart. In asking myself whether this Chart belonged to the former or latter category, naturally I looked at the Angles, where we find Jupiter rising and Mars setting. Since this combination is often found in the charts of the successful (i.e. any strong Jupiter/Mars contact), it did look as if this might be the Chart of such a person. However, since I had done a small study of the charts of autistic children and found that the Mars/Jup. aspect or midpoint seemed to be involved very frequently, I did not discount another possible interpretation for

it. What swung me overwhelmingly the other way, was the Moon/Saturn conjunction in the 8th House. This conjunction is frequently found in connection with repressed, inhibited, or sick people, or people who are suffering developmental inabilities or blockages. Clearly the extrapolation to hospitalisation or institutionalisation is a logical outcome. Of this aspect, Ebertin says (C.S.I. 374): 'Inhibited, lonely and sad people. The lonely woman or mother ... difficult advancement in life, often alone in life ... estrangement from the mother, isolation'. The picture is very clear. When we add to this the fact that the conjunction is in the 8th, it becomes even more significant. I have always found that people with Sun or Moon contacts with Saturn in or from the 8th invariably have a crisis of role-identity. In one such case where Sun, Moon and Saturn were all conjunct in the 8th, the subject had a sex-change operation. In the present instance, the conflict over role is a biological one, since no successful transition from the infantile state was ever made. I do not claim to have predicted that, for as Rudolf said originally, it really was just about impossible to pick the precise details, but I did feel that it would add to the problems of this Native, not only in her personality but in her relationships as well.

Chart Interpretation

All of this leads me to make a few comments about the nature of the chart interpretation process. It appears to me from reading a lot of astrological literature from all over the world (I currently subscribe to about 12 journals and magazines from different countries), that there is far too much emphasis on factors other than the planets themselves. I do not criticise those who use the Vertex, the Part of Fortune, the House cusps or anything else for that matter, but often there is a really mystifying avoidance of the fundamental planetary structures. For me at least they are really what count in any chart. Take John Lennon's death as an example: The literature was filled with articles 'showing' how the death was predicted by the most obscure, off-beat techniques. Yet for me, the result was, in the words of Geoffrey Dean 'unambiguous', for at the time of Lennon's death his Progressed Sun was exactly opposite Natal Uranus. Ebertin says of this aspect: 'sudden setbacks in life, upsetting experiences, connection with accidents or catastrophes'. Clearly Lennon was due for a life-changing experience of some kind - you don't need 100 indications of this kind to make it work! If astrology has any validity then one should be sufficient, providing it is a reliable one, which, as I have indicated in a previous contribution on prediction, the Secondary Progressed Sun is. Such approaches may seem simplistic to some, yet a plethora of techniques can only lead to ultimate confusion and a consequent inability to make clear and fairly precise estimations of

character and events. Another question which I will ask is this: How many astrologers have read Ebertin's book on aspects from cover to cover, and not in just some ad hoc consultatory fashion? It seems to be not too many.

Life Events from the Birth Chart

Another observation: My experience with astrology has lead me to confirm the truth of the old saw, 'Character is Destiny'. I would say that at least 60% of all the life-events of a native should be apparent from the birth chart without any reference to predictive techniques, which simply play a triggering role. Clearly a predisposition to anything should be considered before finding out why an event occurred, whether the field is astrology, medicine, air-crashes or whatever. Yet how often do we find astrologers almost totally ignoring the natal chart in their predictive work! The recent discussions of Princess Grace's death are an almost perfect example of this. Obviously the conjunction of Sun and Mars in Scorpio predisposed her to accidents and injury, particularly in cars, and thence to possible violent death by same. For a parallel, see the Chart of Jayne Mansfield, who died by decapitation in a car accident - a Natal Sun/Mars aspect transformed into a square by progression at the time of her death at age 34. Readers interested in the full details should consult the S.A.R.S. Journal of March/April 1976, where my original article on it appeared. As I have indicated previously, endless case histories prove very little - it is much more important to find the patterns from which we can deduce the relative merits of different approaches, rather than spectacular 'one-offs'.

The Psychic Factor

Regarding the psychic component in interpretation, it would be hard to deny the presence of such factors but I think it is possible to apply the criterion of justifiability to interpretations and predictions. Does the interpretation derive from a clear line of astrological reasoning? If not then we have every right to be suspicious of the source - either guesswork or intuitive hunches, a factor which I have pointed out to Geoffrey Dean regarding his proposed replication of the Vernon Clark experiment (see RA pp 544-549), where astrologers are asked to appraise 120 pairs of charts using any methods, none of which need be justified or explained. Ideally, a psychic control group should be used, in the event that the outcome is favourable to the astrologers, to see whether in fact it could be attributed to psychic rather than astrological perceptions. Even when astrological reasons are given, there is no saying that intuition cannot play a role, but at least it is minimised. It may well be that 'good' astrology consists only partly of astrology, with the rest being taken up by psychic ability, and cues obtained from interviews with clients, since clearly a good chartside manner does no harm at all.

I agree in the main with Austin's observations, but his reference to the discussion in these columns regarding Princess Grace's death is not a good, or fair, example of astrologers not observing the birth chart in relation to life-events. The Princess's Chart was originally cited to illustrate the Eclipse technique suggested by Elva Howson, and subsequently to compare different methods of prognostication. It was not a discussion of the fatality factors in her Nativity, which were obvious enough, and hardly needed elucidation for 'Forum' readers, who are presumed to be beyond the beginners' stage.

I do not have Austin's article on the death of the actress, Jane Mansfield, on 29th June, 1967, but I would suggest that her Natal-Chart aspect of Mars opposite the Moon, the Ruler of her Chart, was a more important factor in relation to her death than the Natal trine of Mars to the Sun. Certainly, the Sun's Progression to the square of Mars on 26th June, 1967, was an effective and closely-timed trigger for the Natal afflictions.

It is true individual case histories prove very little, but their investigation is the only way we have of establishing the patterns that Austin talks about. So we need to continue along these lines, which is not hard to do anyway, as the subject is of fascinating interest.

- Dymock.

From CLAIR BUNNETT (VIC.): I was naturally delighted to win the Consolation prize. It did seem that the Mercury (mind) in the mystery Chart was afflicted. A further Mercury midpoint to the one I mentioned would be Neptune at the exact midpoint of the planets Mercury and Uranus, indicating nerve troubles. And, as Marguerite pointed out, this Neptune midpoint would be linked with Algol, usually designated as the most evil star in the heavens.

There is also a well marked yod, or finger of fate, in the mystery Chart, linking URANUS/PLUTO/NEPTUNE-NORTH NODE/SOUTH NODE. This yod involves the 2nd, 4th and 3rd/9th Houses of the Natal Chart. The Moon's nodes in the yod would indicate a sharing of the peculiar life experience with others (the parents).

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): A short reaction to Marguerite's comments. I disagree with the use of the fixed stars. When astrologers start to use the more than hundred more or less visible fixed stars, close or even pretty far away from the Ecliptic, then there is no reason not to work with all the other thousands of fixed stars. Does that make sense?

Besides, one astrologer of the group in Holland attacked the contest-baby with fixed stars, and of course came up with Neptune opposite Algol. But he was nevertheless far off the mark. Another astrologer worked for a month with the 'highly-praised' system of the Hamburg school. Despite the inclusion of the eight hypothetical planets and the use of the more than 4000 possibilities

[Austin writes further on the subject of Astrological twins. See later in this Issue.]

What has Astrology to say about the calamitous bushfires in Victoria and South Australia on Wednesday, 16th February, 1983?

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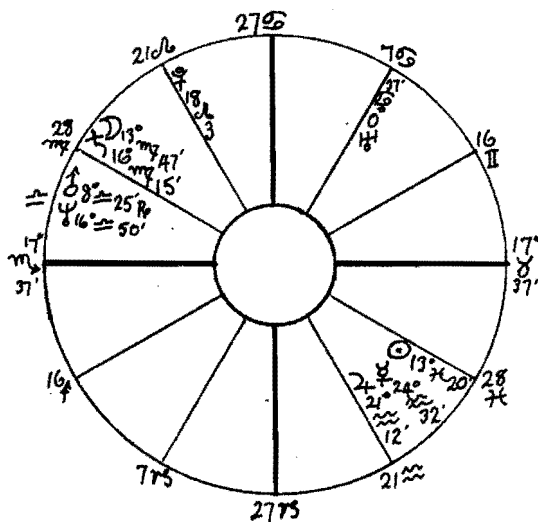
lodged up in the system of 'planetary' pictures, he wasn't even near a proper conclusion.

Marguerite was not making claims about the fixed stars, but suggesting them as a possible avenue of enquiry in relation to rare cases like the Contest Chart. The huge number of fixed stars can be whittled down to a very few if we (a) keep the orbs to less than 15', (b) consider only those close to the Ecliptic, and (c) rule out stars of less than the second magnitude.

- Dymock.

From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): I am including the Chart hereunder as a good example of brain damage, taken from my book, 'Human Destiny'.

Siamese Twins



Born on 4th March, 1950, at 9:10 pm Local Mean Time, North Tasmania.

The Moon (ruler of the brain) is co-joined to Saturn (ruling the bone structure) in Virgo (health Sign), and both planets are opposed to the Sun (giver of life) in Pisces (Sign of confinement).

It has many features similar to the Contest Chart, which also had brain damage. You will note the Moon conjunct Saturn afflicting the Sun is repeated in the Contest Chart but from different Signs. However, the fact that it has Jupiter on the Ascendant in a wide trine to the Sun, and Uranus, Ruler of the Sixth in sextile to Neptune and trine Mercury, the Ruler of the Chart, would be responsible for the physical body still growing. At the same time I have always found that the Moon in the Eighth House shortens the life span. Returning to the Siamese twins - during their stay in hospital they slowly deteriorated and died when their Scorpio Ascendant squared its Ruler, Pluto.

Their Chart also has a Mars-Neptune flavour for confinement similar to the Contest Chart.

Regarding the reading of this Chart - if it is astrological I think a planetary delineation should be given. Just how Austin thought the subject may be highly gifted is difficult to understand.

Reply to Ed. Caselli

I agree with his conclusion over Lindy Chamberlain having a Scorpio Ascendant and for the same reasons,

in fact he beat me to sending in the same article.

Regarding the true Ascendant of Princess Grace. I have just finished her biography. Ed thought it could be Aquarius, and I thought Libra. Regarding Aquarius - she detests anything mechanical, hates driving a car and still could not park backwards up to the time of her death. Aquarius loves all these things.

As against this, Aquarius comes out strongly in the family tree - Caroline has her Sun in Aquarius, Stephanie has both her Sun and Moon in Aquarius.

Prince Rainier has his Sun in Gemini and Moon in Capricorn - no time given - could he have an Aquarius Ascendant?

Although I still have to analyse the whole facts, and would have to do a rectification with possibly a pre-natal Chart, the Sign Libra has much in its favour. She is a very good listener (Libra), her whole interests are artistic both in fabric selection, and flower-decoration. Just before her death she had a book published on flower designs which was taken up by a manufacturer for table linen.

With due respects to Dymock I do not favour Scorpio - the intensity of that Sign does not show in her expression or demeanour nor in a temper, although her Sun, Mercury and Mars in Scorpio would account for her fixed determination in certain things, which she keeps hidden. The rectification of aspects for her death I do not feel are strong enough according to my file of deaths. There have to be mighty strong aspects to kill the body including Primaries particularly to the Ascendant.

I hold to my opinion that the given birth time, resulting in a Scorpio Ascendant, is correct. I have known other cases of Scorpio Ascendants where the intensity was not apparent in the general demeanour, but the Scorpio temper was obvious in the life - no planets being in the Sign Scorpio. The Libran quality is accounted for by the conjunction of the Ascendant with the mid-point of Venus/Mercury (C.S.I.0468). The Primary Directions I cited were obtained without any alteration to the given Birth time, and in my view were quite sufficiently indicative of death, especially Saturn square to the MC/IC. R.C. Davison ('The Technique of Prediction', p. 41) does not distinguish between the Ascendant and the Midheaven in this respect. -Dymock.

From AUSTIN LEVY (N.S.W.):

Astrological Twins

The subject of twins seems to have attracted the attention of astrologers again. The 'problem' of time-twins, fraternal twins and so on is exactly that - a problem, since nothing consistent or convincing has ever been found. For many years psychologists have seen family twins as a means of determining the respective contributions of heredity and environment to human development, often called the nature/nurture controversy. Even here there is little overall agreement of results, and many divergent opinions.

However, there have been cases of remarkable parallelism between twins (identical) who were separated at birth. In one study by Newman, Freeman and Holzinger (1939),

a male twin pair had married on the same day to women of the same name, both had a terrier called Trixie, worked in the same profession and had reached identical positions. Similar such cases were highlighted in a lengthy article in 1981, in the London Sunday Times, based on a university research carried out in the U.K. Whether such cases can be adduced as evidence for astrology remains doubtful, since they are very rare indeed. So while they are still unlikely to be merely the result of coincidence, no credible theory of astrology is likely to be obtained from them. As Dean points out, many cases of time twins quoted by astrologers are the subject of exaggeration and fall apart under even casual scrutiny.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.):

Astrological Twins

Further to the points I raised in the February Forum, the positive/negative polarity is only one aspect in regard to astrological twins with differing life stories. I think it is foolish to suggest that the validity of astrology itself is to be questioned where twins don't match up. It is just not reasonable to expect that the birthchart has the answer to every question. Astrology just simply has its own limitations. We are not our body, but we do have a body. We are not our mind, but we do have a mind. But a great deal depends on how we use or abuse these possessions. The same thing can be said of a horoscope chart. We have a chart, but a lot of factors in it could be potentialities only, and therefore open to use or abuse in the same way as mind and muscle. Different people have different levels of awareness or consciousness. Carter makes a point of this. He mentions the powerful aspects to Mercury in the charts of several brilliant intellects - but then there were others with the self-same powerful aspects without any suggestion of mental brilliance at all. Could this be said to invalidate astrology? Obviously there are factors in a person's make-up not shown in the chart at all.

On this reasoning we couldn't look at the chart of a genius and detect that he was a genius simply from the chart alone. Naturally social and family backgrounds can account for distinctions in how a chart will work out. But there is still more to it than that. There are all sorts of contingencies people are exposed to in life, and often a very minor event can change the direction for a person and be the beginning of a chain reaction. To take a hypothetical case, we could have two boys with identical charts and each falls foul of the law at the same time, and both have a strong sense of grievance as a result. But one could take his sense of grievance just a little bit further than the other and get into another minor crime - but this time goes to gaol. This could confirm his sense of grievance even more markedly and by a chain reaction he gets involved with other criminals. Looking ahead 20 years we could see this man being given a life sentence while the other person could be embarking on a world cruise! Yet both have identical charts. And does this invalidate astrology? I think most charts have strong elements of duality. So often one side could be activated more than the other. All sorts of potentialities are never realized in most of us. But despite all this

we can get some astonishing parallels at times in life-stories, but should not insist that it should always happen.

[Allan also sends an interesting story regarding retrograde Progressions, which will appear in the next Forum.]

In Issue No. 18 (19th January) Geoffrey Dean posed four questions for astrologers. Here they are again, together with my own answers:

A How do you know that Astrology works?

By repeated personal experience of the correlation of specific astrological factors with events, circumstances and personal characteristics.

B How do you know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation?

By observation, as in Question A. There may be some other explanation as well, which wouldn't matter - Astrology charts the characteristics, events, etc., very effectively, whatever the cause.

C In the absence of hard evidence, why should your views be accepted rather than any other views?

The evidence is sufficiently 'hard' for me. Each person must satisfy himself about the 'hardness' of the evidence he requires, and I do not ask anyone to accept my views.

D If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts (see examples in Recent Advances), what would this mean for Astrology?

It would not necessarily mean anything for Astrology, but for the people concerned it would mean that they don't really know themselves (a common situation) and need the help of Astrology to enable them to do so.

I'm sure none of the above is going to be satisfactory to the scientist, which I regard as his problem, not mine. But Geoffrey Dean is himself a practising astrologer. How does he answer his own questions?
- Dymock.

HAWKE WINS

The result of the recent Federal Election was easily foreseeable on the basis of the astrological portents. My prediction was based on the Solar Returns of Hawke and Fraser, Gwyn Turner's and Clair Bunnett's were based on transits, Rosalind Sugerman's on Secondary Progressions. The result could also be read from a Horary Chart, and from Directions in Oblique Ascension. These latter were excellent for Hawke and defeating for Fraser, but I did not rely on them as the exact birth times are uncertain. BUT, a correspondent from Victoria reports that a noted Cosmobiologist there predicted a win for Fraser. In view of the overwhelming astrological evidence in favour of Hawke, this is extraordinary, and points to some serious deficiency in Cosmobiological technique, despite its useful contribution to Astrology generally. Unfortunately, the lady in question made the further error of foolishly asserting that her predictions, based on Cosmobiology, are never wrong.

My kind regards to all. - Dymock, 19th March, 1983.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Of first interest this month is the result of the special Chart Contest. Here is what the originator has to say about it:

FROM RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): The number of entries for this contest was rather disappointing. Only five people have submitted their findings. I wonder why only five? Have the other people been afraid to stick their necks out? As I pointed out clearly, if one were to return a wrong solution, there was nothing to be ashamed of! After all, astrology DOES have a lot of conspicuous limitations, and the results of this Contest show it again: None of the five entries was right. But I have awarded the first prize (value \$50.-) and the consolation prize nonetheless.

Let me list first what each of the five astrologers had to say:

1. "I'll stick my neck out and give an opinion on the contest Chart. I think she is an heiress" (of a large sum of money or estate? This is not clarified—R.S.).
2. "Most likely a musical conductor and child prodigy, possibly composer also".
3. "this native is different because of the way she was conceived, e.g. a. Perhaps her mother is paralysed from the neck down, through polio. b. A pioneer variation of the In Vitro fertilization method may have brought her into being".
4. "It would be possible that the young girl could have suffered some injury or accident at birth possibly connected with drugs or from anaesthetic effect on the mother. Accidental poisoning would also be possible as Mars in the Sixth House squares the planet Neptune in the Fourth House.

Also, the planet Mars is at the midpoint of Mercury and Saturn in the girl's Chart, so there could be some disability or injury to the organs of speech or hearing."

5. "The child is either autistic or highly gifted. I see loss of contact with mother, and general emotional withdrawal, a recessed mind, unusual relating, hospitalisation or institutionalisation".

Response number 5 is of special interest as it was based on the (partly) wrong Chart! Though the last entry is still very wrong, I have found it of such a standard that the first prize will be granted to the author,

AUSTIN LEVY. Congratulations, Austin, you have done well, but I'll bet that you will be the first to agree that your findings have a psychic source.

Entry No. 4 was from Clair Bunnett, and though also wrong it was closer than the other three, so I am awarding her the Consolation prize.

Here is the solution: The Contest Chart is the Horoscope of a human 'monster', a freak of nature, so to say. Though now 15 years old, this being has the mind of a baby AND...the body of a baby, but is still growing. In other words: A giant baby, but acting as a vegetable. The only thing it does is lying in bed and staring at the ceiling. As I said, there is perhaps one chance in a million of such a birth. I have not seen this giant baby, but I have seen a picture (a rather recent one) of a forty-year-old (according to the caption under the picture) giant baby - in this case a male, and I can tell you that it is quite horrifying. And, obviously, such an event is quite a disaster for the parents.

All in all, an absolutely extra-ordinary native. The point is now: Was it, is it visible in the Chart? Does this Chart look so extremely extra-ordinary? The answer is clear: IT DOES NOT. So no wonder that no one came up with the right description.

However, I was astounded with the entry by Austin Levy, as there were clear similarities: Though the child was not autistic - on the contrary, perhaps the worst example of an imbecile - there is a similarity: A total lack of contact with the outside world. Of course, there is loss of contact with the mother. A being like this can only exist in an institution.

It is here that Austin was right, which is rather unusual. This is why I decided to award him the full prize after all, though, it was based on a partly wrong Chart. As Austin has already his own (excellent) astrological computing service he doesn't need any computer run-offs by mine. Hence I have sent him a copy of my new PEA-Computer-Programme, which has the value of \$50.-. It can run on his computer without any problem, because both Aus-

tin and I work with the Commodore machine.

As for the four other astrologers, I thank them very much for their trouble, and please, be sure that you have not made fools of yourselves! After all, this world can not be explained by Astrology alone.

(Rudolf has written at length on 'The Moral of the Story, or The Limitations of Astrology', which, though too long to include here will appear in the Autumn issue of *The Australian Astrologers' Journal*, due out next month.
- Dymock.)

From MARGUERITE BROSE (N.S.W.): Rudolf has quite justly pointed to the impossibility of assessing a birth chart without some background information about the native, - one reason for my not entering the contest. An astrologer has to be told whether the chart in question belongs to a human, an animal, an idea, or an enterprise, and if to a human being, whether male or female (there is a distinct difference in life experience for either sex!) Another variable, difficult to assess, is the evolutionary level of the subject. (I bet you could not judge this, even in connection with your nearest associate, the one you hobnob with daily.)

I must admit to have had more than a cursory glance at Rudolf's Contest Chart, and going through the accepted routine of chart reading, with the pre-knowledge 'here was a very unusual Chart', to say the least.

Rudolf's example shows clearly the need for astrologers to have information when given birth data, if they don't want to be classed in the same category as teacup readers.

As man's perception of life and understanding of astrology grows, the birth chart will bring us in time closer to the Truth. Even if this Truth has an ever-widening horizon. Therefore, I firmly believe in the capacity of the astrologers who come after us to delineate with greater precision. Astrology does not fail us, we fail as interpreters.

I congratulate Austin on his win, but as it was judged on a partly incorrect Chart, it is questionable just how much astrological factors had to do with it.

Back to the Contest Chart: An artist-friend of mine with a perfectly 'healthy' Birth Chart, has the malefic fixed stars Aldebaran opposite Antares on the Horizon. She is rather an 'odd bod'. The idea occurred to me to look for fixed stars in the Contest Chart, and I found the following 21 malefic fixed stars apparently exerting an influence:

(All star positions have been adjusted to the birthdate - 6th January, 1968.)

STAR	POSITION	ASPECT	ORB
ALGOL	25 8 43	♂ ♀	3'
ALGENIB	8 7 42	♂ ♀	1 32'
BATEN KAITOS	21 7 30	☐ ♀	36'
SHARATAN	3 8 31	Δ ASC	32'
CAPULUS	23 8 45	♂ M.C.	16'
ALCYONE	29 8 32	Δ ☿	19'
ENSIS	22 II 35	☐ ♀	8'
POLARIS	28 II 7	☐ ☿	1 06'
MENKALINAN	29 II 28	☐ ☿	15'
WASAT	18 3 4	♂ ☿/♀	10'
CASTOR	19 3 48	♂ ♀	1 06'
NORTH ASELLUS	7 3 5	Δ ☿	5'
ALPHARD	26 3 50	♂ ♀	1 09'
REGULUS	29 3 23	♂ ♀	1 24'
MARKAB	28 IV 28	♂ ☿	45'
GRAFFIAS	2 4 44	☐ ASC	15'
SPICULUM	0 7 12	☐ ☿	59'
FACIES	7 7 52	☐ ☿	42'
SADALMELIK	2 8 54	♂ ASC	5'
FOMALHAUT	3 8 24	♂ ASC	25'
SCHEAT	28 8 55	♂ ☿	18'

It is notable that the worst star of all, ALGOL forms its opposition to Neptune right on the Meridian of the Chart (ORB 3'!)

I have kept to close orbs - the widest being 1° 32', as this was a conjunction with the Moon.

Is this an unusually large amount of malefic fixed stars in any one chart?

One day we may have more knowledge, but at the moment we are left with an horrendous picture of the Native without understanding the reasons.

(While I agree with Rudolf that we cannot 'read' everything from the Birth Chart at our present stage of knowledge, I think it probable that the horoscope has not yet yielded all its secrets, and that the increasing pace of present-day investigation will uncover at least some of them. One day we may be able to diagnose just such an abnormality as that revealed by Rudolf in the Contest Chart.
- Dymock.)

From CLAIR BUNNETT, (VIC.): Re the Chart of Lindy Chamberlain. In Victoria the Liberal Party, now the Opposition party for Victoria, elected a new Leader, Mr. Jeff Kennett, on the 26th October, 1982. Jeff Kennett, according to "The Age" Newspaper (Melbourne) was born on the 2nd March, 1948, two days before Lindy Chamberlain.

At the date Jeff Kennett was elected to the State leadership of the Liberal Party in Victoria, Neptune was transiting his Natal Jupiter, and Jupiter was transiting square to his Natal Saturn. He would have shared both these transits with Lindy Chamberlain around the time of her conviction on 29th October, 1982. In both Charts matters of Jupiter were

involved - in Lindy's case conviction in a court of law, in Jeff Kennett's case election to high office.

An interesting thing about the Lindy Chamberlain Chart is that on the day of the conviction on 29th October, 1982, the transiting Sun at 5 degrees of Scorpio was conjunct her Natal Vertex, close to the cusp of her Eighth House. Transiting Venus would also have conjoined her Natal Vertex a couple of days later on the 31st October, 1982. The Vertex is associated with turning points in the life, so perhaps the Venus influence helped!

From ED. CASELLI, (N.S.W.):

SATURN-PLUTO CONJUNCTION

I find the comments on the Saturn/Pluto conjunction interesting, especially since I have this conjunction at birth on the cusp of the 6th House. To me, it represents a strong concentration of interest, or fatality, if I may use the word. Personally, I was always interested in the idea of service (6th House), despite a Capricorn Ascendant and a rising Uranus, both of which tend to be of independent mind, perhaps because Saturn is the Ruler in conjunction with Pluto. The analogy of the pot on the boil is very good, though I prefer the volcano, where the Plutonian pressure comes up against the crust of the cooling Saturn.

LINDY CHAMBERLAIN

Regarding Lindy Chamberlain, I prefer a Scorpio Ascendant, rather than a rising Venus. Scorpio is in keeping with her intense gaze and remarkable control in court, and it also puts the triple conjunction of Mars, Saturn and Pluto in an elevated position, in keeping with her present reputation. It also puts the Moon in Capricorn, consistent with her self-control and publicity. This, of course, is after the death of Azaria. It does not preclude the possibility of an emotional eruption or blow-up, consistent with the triple conjunction in Leo at the time of, or causing, the death of the child.

ASCENDANT RATHER THAN SUN-SIGN

May I say a word about the undue emphasis placed on the Sun-Sign for statistical purposes: In my view, the Ascendant is more important, while any rising or culminating planet or a planet in strong aspect to either Luminary is also more important. Since the odds are that a person will have a rising or culminating planet or a planet aspecting a Luminary, it follows that the Sun-Sign is ordinarily of secondary importance. For example, I would rather know that the Sun was in strong aspect to Saturn than that the Sun was in Pisces, as in a

case known to me; especially since in that case Saturn was setting, probably in opposition to the Ascendant. What is more, the subject had a rising Sagittarius to go with the Sun in Pisces, yet the setting Saturn in square to the Sun was clearly predominant over Jupiter's influence.

ASCENDANT ASPECTS

This, again, brings up the question of aspects to the Ascendant, which can radically alter the personality. Of course, we do not have the same certainty concerning the Ascendant as we do with the Sun-Sign, hence the preference for the Sun-Sign, statistically speaking. My point holds good, however, that the Sun-Sign is of secondary importance. As another example, my father had the Sun and two other planets in Leo, the Sun's own Sign, yet he was more Saturnian than anything else, because the Moon was conjunct Saturn in Capricorn, which Sign was also almost certainly his pre-natal Ascendant, while his birth Saturn was also the most elevated planet. So, though the Sun-Sign is more certain, for statistical purposes, we must keep it in perspective as compared with other factors, especially an aspect to the Sun, which is also certain, on the day in question.

I note Gwyn Turner's statement that the horoscope is a perfect replica of our particular stage of wisdom or evolution. I disagree. I once knew a charming lady who had a Chart similar to Adolf Hitler's! Besides, to a degree, in some cases, the horoscope may show potential rather than actuality.

CHRISTINE JAMES (NSW) writes that she sees the SATURN/PLUTO conjunction as a problem not of control, but of detachment. This refers to Stan Walters' Letter in Issue 18 (third para. from end).

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.):

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE POLARITIES

Rudolf Smit is anxious to get more readers' views on the subject of twins. Gwyn Turner takes this further with her reference to the need for a more esoteric viewpoint in cases where the births are so close together that there is no room for chart differences to explain why two people have such widely different life stories. That this situation does arise there can be no question. I have had twins themselves bringing this question to me. My answer is the law of positive and negative polarities. This seems to be part of the natural order of things. In this case it means that if twins are born, one must be of the negative and the other positive polarity; one extrovert, the other

introvert. One needs a challenge, the other plays for safety. It is a question of dominance. If we look at any set of twins, we will find that this is exactly where the differences lie. One always has more initiative, and if we apply this right throughout the life we are bound to get some interesting divergencies.

Interestingly enough this situation can still prevail whether the twins separate and tread quite different paths or remain always together. One contacted me who had migrated from Switzerland, and in Australia has had a varied career, a divorce and second marriage and so on, and whose life generally had been quite eventful. But his twin brother has remained in his city of birth and has married and lived a comfortable but extremely uneventful life. No divorce, no career changes. This is a good example of the positive and negative, the one adventurous and the other safe. The main point is that one will be consistently positive, and the other the reverse. And it is easy to see how their lives would have diverged quite remarkably from the point where they separated.

I know another case who were relatives of mine. These were so much alike in early life it was often impossible to tell one from the other. Yet one went to the war and the other elected to stay home because of a family responsibility. The one who returned from the war married. The other did not. Also the more positive one achieved a more responsible position in his career, the other took a more minor role. Yet the interesting point was that these two brothers lived together all their lives except for the war years. And both died in the same year, though not of the same complaint. Yet despite these differences they had marked similarities of mannerisms and temperament in all sorts of ways. In support of astrology, one twin lived comfortably at home, while the one who went to the war had a fairly 'comfortable' war. He didn't become a prisoner or suffer severe privations. They still continued to live together even after the one's marriage.

CHANGE OF ROLES

Another man who was a twin and to whom I gave this positive/negative polarity hypothesis, agreed with it except that he felt that at a certain stage he and his brother had changed roles. So this is another point to look at. Interestingly enough, too, the Sydney Morning Herald featured an article on twins only a week ago, and here this question of dominance was very much raised. A number of cases were quoted and in each case the one born first had always been the one with all the initiatives. In one case

the mother got quite a shock when the usually passive one took the lead for a change. So looking at twins from this point of view, it does seem more logical that purely astrological twins, with no family relationships, would be the more likely to have similar destinies. There are certainly some remarkable cases of this, but then again I have met cases of two separate people with almost identical charts, and one was by the far the most colourful personality and lived a much more eventful life than the other. So maybe the polarity theory could still apply in such cases. But of course whenever some really outstanding personality is born there must of necessity be a lot of babies born in the same city with almost identical charts. So as Gwyn Turner states, there have to be a lot of factors to life in addition to simple chart factors. The chart should not be expected to contain everything.

ASTRO-METEOROLOGY

Stan Walters and Rod Brandt have mentioned the subject of Astro-Meteorology. In 1980 I did try to stir up some research on this subject through an article in the F.A.A. Journal. I still think it is a fruitful subject for research, but personally lack the time to give to it. There are no books available on this subject as such. But it does get a bit of space in books on Mundane Astrology. The best of these is the 'Text Book of Astrology' by Alfred J. Pierce. This gives a chapter of 40 pages on Astro-Meteorology. Pierce had 50 years experience in this field and knew what he was talking about. This book has been re-issued by the American Federation of Astrologers in more recent years and could still be available in astrology bookshops.

DIRECT-TO-RETROGRADE PROGRESSIONS

Elva Howson (December Forum) mentions progressed planets turning retrograde and vice-versa. I don't think these should be looked at in terms of being detrimental or beneficial, but rather as a change of direction. I have seen them coincide with very interesting developments. With Venus it can frequently mean the beginning or ending of a relationship, and takes the place of an aspect. The event will usually happen right on the year of the change. In general a retrograde progression can mean a turning back, a refusal to continue in that direction, a link with the past. With retrograde Mercury it could mean taking up some new line of study, or doing some mental house-cleaning, maybe getting into the occult. I have noticed that people with large numbers of retrograde planets at birth often have a fascination for things of the past, such as a passion for vintage cars.

It doesn't need a soothsayer to forecast the result of the Federal Election on 5th March. The Solar Return Charts of the two main protagonists give ample evidence of a win for Labour.

What has Astrology to say about the calamitous bushfires in Victoria and South Australia on Wednesday, 16th February, 1983?

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

We start 1983 with an enlarged distribution list, which augurs well for the future of this Astrologers' Forum. Many will be glad to see the introduction of some new themes, with which, perhaps, they will feel more at home than with the technical articles. As always, your comments on and experience in connection with any of the matters under discussion will be more than welcome. Remember this is a forum - no one is 'laying down the law' on any point, but we are all trying to discover astrological truths, and to advance Astrology both as a science and an art. Marguerite and I wish you all a happy 1983!

From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): In answer to Elva Howson's question as to why some identical twins do not experience the same events during life, firstly, the exact minute of birth would have to be examined to see if they were in fact, identical twins - both male or female, the same Ascendant degree, and with the planets falling in the same Houses. There is still a query as to just what is the exact time of birth, as outlined in my article in the October Circular Letter.

In my book, "Human Destiny", published in the U.K., 1969, Chapter 3 gives many authentic fascinating cases of identical fate, irrespective of whether the twins had the same parents. The more the time varies the more the similarity differs, although even here there are similar elements in the life, and a similar urge. I have also found that the same events in life occur, but at a different time.

For identical twins, whose life events differ considerably, a more esoteric view may be necessary as outlined in Chapter I of "Human Destiny" - a life is not governed by the stars because of the birth time; it is the birth itself that is timed in accordance with the planetary pattern that can give the necessary physical and mental conditions for that life's development.

As the birth is timed in accordance with the necessary planetary pattern to agree with the soul's stage of evolution, and as this pattern may not appear again for some considerable time, if at all, a second soul (in the case of twins) may also have to take advantage of this particular Cosmic pattern and yet it may be slightly more evolved than its twin and therefore respond in a slightly different way to planetary influence.

For instance, where the 5th House was very active, Twin A may wish to create by having a baby, whereas

Twin B may create by acting in a successful play, both working on the emotional plane, and no doubt both events would coincide in time. In fact one of my cases in "Identical Fate" shows twin sisters responding to many things alike and yet one formed a partnership in marriage at the same time as the other formed a partnership in business. Yet they both died at exactly the same time.

Elva's comment on 'Fate versus Free Will' may find an answer in Chapter 9 of my book under 'FATE OR FREE WILL'.

A most prevalent question among students of Astrology is 'Are we bound by the planets or have we free will?' A problem which causes quite a deal of confusion. The solution to this problem lies within ourselves and our own inherent wisdom.

The horoscope is a perfect replica of our particular stage of wisdom - some call it evolution. It is the same thing. It is the essence of experience gained through many lives, a stored up knowledge which, although hidden to the conscious mind, is the basis of our character and hence our actions. This stored up knowledge, in the sub-conscious mind, is automatically tapped by the conscious mind whenever a problem arises, the result depending entirely upon whether it has the answer to that particular problem. If one has learnt through a similar past experience, one immediately picks up the answer and thus finds it easy 'to rule the stars'. If not, it is only proof that there is a lesson to be learned.

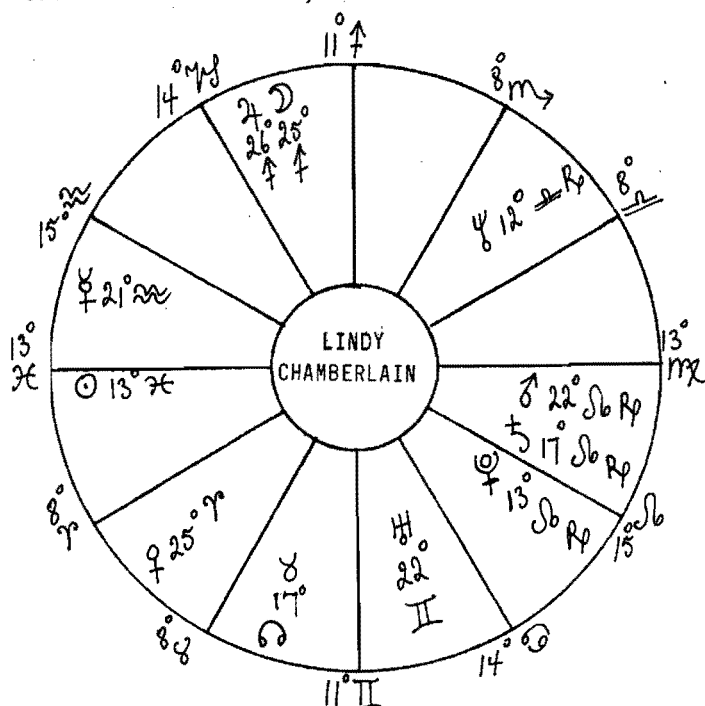
We are limited and restrained only by ignorance. Had we complete knowledge of Universal Laws Fate would have no power over us. Fate is only another name for the reaping of ignorance. Knowledge, which can be gained only through experience, is reflected in the various vibratory planetary influences, which stamp us all...

Elva's idea of 'inflexibility within a given framework of the natal chart' would be, from my outlook, none other than the amount of knowledge one has gained of Universal Laws, which gives the key to the ruling of Fate. Ignorance of these laws is the tie that keeps the treadmill of Fate working.

There will always be some fatal elements in our lives due to past causes, but we are quite free regarding how we respond.

Astrology is well named a science, an art and a philosophy.

From CAROL SQUIRES (N.Z.): Marguerite's note in the last Forum re Lindy Chamberlain, plus Christine James's very interesting observations on the Saturn/Pluto conjunction, prompted me to erect the enclosed Sunrise Chart for Lindy Chamberlain.



Sunrise Chart - 6:02 am, N.Z.S.T., Whakatane, N.Z.
37 S 56 Lat., 177 E Long., 4th March, 1948 (Placidian House Cusps).

Has any work been done on her Chart? - forgive me if I am going over old ground - but my only contact with the Australian astrologers is through the Forum.

Who/What is this Lindy Chamberlain?

The Innocent, or the Seductress, or the Murderess?
The Deceived, or the Deceiver?

With her Pisces Sun quincunxing both Neptune and Pluto she can be either one or other of those quincunxes, almost as if she has to switch to another character before becoming the person she is. Confusing - I'm sure she's not. She would be totally aware and in total control of what she's doing - the obsession, the control and the manipulation that Christine refers to, very evident in that configuration.

The Grand Trine in Fire is a complex of two oppositions. Mercury Stat/Direct opposing the Pluto/Saturn/Mars conjunction and Uranus opposing the Jupiter/Moon conjunction, with both opposing planets - Mercury and Uranus - being in a close trine aspect, and sextiling each of the planets each other opposes. Each conflicting part is easily transferred into a beneficial one. The oppositions 'feed' the Grand Trine - I think she enjoys trouble and strife just to prove how easy it is to get out of!

To be found guilty of murdering one's own child, sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour, only to walk out a 'free' woman days later - this in itself speaks volumes for the above configuration.

Her Secondary Progressions for 1982 are interesting - prog. Sun at 17 Aries trine Saturn, prog. Moon conjunct natal Sun. Prog. Mercury at 26 Pisces squaring

Jupiter indicating the sentence went against her, but Jupiter in turn setting off the Grand Trine - she can't lose!

I note that prog. Mars went Direct in 1973, age 25, at 18 Leo 6. I would take that to be the time she began to release the suppressed energies indicated by Natal Mars retrograde conj. Saturn - or that others certainly became aware that she was a person who had a great deal of powerful energy hitherto held in check.

Christine's analogy of the 'pot on the boil but with such a heavy lid that none of the steam or water is allowed out' describes the Mercury opposition Mars/Saturn/Pluto conjunction to a 'T'. I would expect that the lid finally blew off when her prog. Moon conjuncted Mercury in 1979/80. - She had to prove she was in control, by losing control.

Looking at that prog. Sun, together with the prog. Moon - in orb of aspecting the Grand Trine configuration for the next 10 years. In 1991 prog. Sun conjuncts Venus, a year later trining Jupiter.

What's the bet the whole thing is revived at that time, a magnificent and glorified film made of it and she makes herself a fortune. Or, like N.Z.'s Arthur Alan Thomas (subject of the book 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt'), finally found not guilty and awarded \$1 million in compensation.

She'll be laughing all the way to the stake.
(Please excuse my Pluto..)

From STAN WALTERS (VIC.): In response to Christine James's letter and Dymock's prompting, I checked my files for Saturn conjunct Pluto, as I knew I had several charts with that configuration. As it turned out I had only three charts where I knew the individual well enough to comment on. All are females.

One has the conjunction on the Descendant, opposing the Sun in Aquarius. This one takes into her home all the lost souls and down-and-outers one could possibly imagine - some as lovers. Inevitably, they let her down, abuse her, treat her badly and cause the severe mental anguish - described by Christine. A few even brutalized her.

She has a heart of gold, but is as erratic as only the Sun Aquarian can be.

Another with the conjunction in the 12th, as Christine says, had a hard row to hoe, but she does have 'control' - last House showing integration.

The other has them in the 11th, but also in conjunct with the Moon - Mars, which spills over into the 12th. 23/2/48, 7.25 p.m., 51°50' Nth, 5°52' East.

This Chart sports a fairly even pair of Grand Trines with everything in the sky being Retrograde except Venus and Jupiter.

This person liked to argue and have the last say. She argued about politics too. She had a complicated type of uterine infection which traditional medicine failed to cure, and she became an embarrassment to them.

Liz Greene has a spot-on way of describing Saturn. She calls Saturn 'The Keeper of the Keys to the Gate', meaning that his placement in the chart is where one is especially challenged to LOOK beyond the Self im-

posed restrictions of the mundane plane, out to the trans-personal zone where the sky is quite literally the limit.

John Soric states that Saturn conjunct Pluto can act to break up past structures so that ones consciousness can take on a new perspective.

In all the charts I have with this Saturn/Pluto conjunction, the persons concerned are all exceptional people, inasmuch as anyone can be called exceptional.

The first-mentioned (Sun Aquarius) takes all sorts of occult matters for granted, just like eating and sleeping.

The second is consciously psychic.

The last-mentioned Astral-travels with her guides (a recent innovation).

Christine's descriptions are really very good, but in the Charts I have of that conjunction, the persons are all challenged to develop personal control while also facing the challenge to lift the restrictions from their minds. I think this is what Christine means.

Alternatively, if she really means that being out of control 'per se', would be desirable, then on the strength of the Charts I have, I would have to disagree. Though I take it for granted that another chart may indicate recklessness as being food for the soul. It just points up the fact that each Chart must still be judged on its merits in the final analysis.

Finally, I also would like to pursue some study into Astro-Meteorology, but I'm totally bankrupt of any kind of knowledge in that area.

If someone who has already done some work in that department could recommend me some books as a starting point, I'd really appreciate it.

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From GEOFFREY DEAN (W.A.): Re my interchange with Ralph Holden:

In his first letter (issue 15) Ralph Holden questioned my various challenges to astrologers to demonstrate the truth of their beliefs, and pointed out that everything depends on what is meant by truth. His points were:-

1. I should demonstrate the untruth of Signs using the same scientific criteria that I expect of others in any demonstration of the truth of Signs.
2. Things are true if they have meaning.
3. The truth of astrology is demonstrated by the existence of people who gained benefit from it.
4. To this kind of thing the scientific method is irrelevant.

My replies (Issue 16) to these points were:

1. All the studies which meet scientific criteria have shown that at least some of the traditional claims made about Signs are not true.
2. Truth is not the same as meaning. Astrology's ability to provide meaning does not depend on whether it is true, any more than our seeing faces in clouds means that they are really there.

3. In the past many people have gained benefit from countless erroneous practices like bloodletting and phrenology.
4. In the absence of scientific evidence, ie the kind that Holden sees as irrelevant, how do we know that astrology is not equally erroneous?

To help resolve this problem, I challenged Holden to answer the following questions:

- A. How does he know that astrology works?
- B. How does he know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation?
- C. In the absence of hard evidence, why should we accept his views rather than any other views?
- D. If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts (RA gives examples of this), what would this mean for astrology?

In his reply (issue 17) Holden ignored these questions and instead made the following points:

1. I have missed the point, which is that the scientific method can never prove or disprove that anything is true.
2. Truth is concerned with meaning, not with conformity to scientific criteria.
3. Truth means different things to different people.
4. Astrology may or may not be scientifically demonstrable but such a demonstration is not the only valid one.

His point 1 conflicts with his point 4, and is incorrect anyway: What for example is impossible about scientifically disproving my hypothesis that this letter will not reach Dymock?

His points 2,3 and 4 merely re-iterate his previous points 2,3 and 4 without noting my objections thereto. Such sustained indifference suggests that in his eyes this Forum is a joke. But at least this attitude is in keeping with one whose life, by his own interpretation, is significantly more fun than mine.

Readers not stupefied by Holden's relentless prolixity should by now have spotted the real issues underlying this supposed debate, namely that Holden equates truth with subjective truth, whereas what I am concerned with is objective truth. In other words Holden is concerned with beliefs whereas I am concerned with facts.

Now if astrology is a belief system (as Holden seems to imply), then no further discussion is warranted, since one person's beliefs are as good as another's.

But astrology is surely more than a belief system. Astrology authors and lecturers do not hedge their gospels with a Government Warning that only beliefs are involved. Instead they make distinctly concrete claims, like people with X in their charts will on average be more Xish than those without X. And because the claims are concrete, they can be tested without us first having to debate the meaning of truth.

Holden of course questions the need for such testing. But if astrology is to be more than a belief system,

then it will stand or fall on whether such claims are true. In the present absence of hard evidence, ie the kind eschewed by Holden, why should we suppose that astrology is more than just another belief system?

The problem is that such a system would require that no belief about anything could be false, hence there would be no provision for the detection and elimination of error.

In other words the issue is not whether astrology is meaningful, but whether anything which has no provision for the elimination of error is worth having. Or to put it another way, why should we believe astrology and not bloodletting or phrenology?

In the interests of finding an answer, I again challenge Holden to answer questions A, B, C and D that he so conveniently ignored last time.

LINDY CHAMBERLAIN

Here is a speculative Chart for Lindy Chamberlain, a rectification I have attempted based on some of the dates given below. They are listed for the benefit of any other readers who would like to do some research:

18/11/1969 - Married Michael Chamberlain, at Wahroonga N.S.W. (Husband born 27/2/1944, Christchurch, N.Z.)

2/10/1973 - Son, Aidan, born.

16/4/1978 - Daughter, Regan, born.

11/6/1980 - Daughter, Azaria, born.

17/8/1980 - Disappearance of Azaria.

13/9/1982 - Trial of the Chamberlains commenced at 10 a.m.

29/10/1982 - Both Defendants found guilty.

17/11/1982 - Another daughter born to Lindy, in prison.

19/11/1982 - Lindy freed on bail, pending her appeal. (The appeal is due to be heard on 7th February, 1983.)

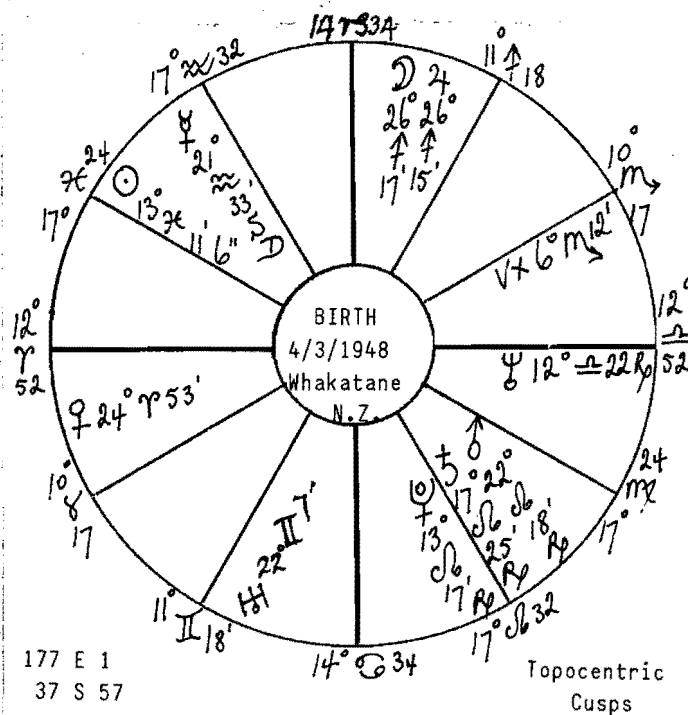
For the benefit of overseas readers who may not be familiar with this Court case (notorious in Australia) the Chamberlains were camped with their children at Ayers Rock, a famous beauty spot in Central Australia, when they reported that their last-born daughter, Azaria, had been taken by a dingo (a wild Australian dog). The unique nature of the event attracted wide attention, and some suspicion was cast on the Chamberlains and their account of their daughter's disappearance. However, at the coroner's inquest they were completely exonerated.

Following further scientific examination of the baby's clothes, both in Australia and England, the Crown preferred a murder charge against Lindy, and charged her husband with being an accessory after the fact.

Both defendants were convicted, Lindy being sentenced to life imprisonment, and her husband released on a

bond. Another daughter was born to Lindy while in gaol, but two days later she was released on a \$300 bond, pending the hearing of her appeal.

SPECULATIVE CHART FOR LINDY CHAMBERLAIN



Birth time unknown. This Chart for U.T. 20h29m
On 3/3/1948 (N.Z. time 8:29 am on 4/3/1948).

At this stage the Chart must be regarded as speculative, but it does have a number of features that relate closely to the facts so far as I know them: Lindy married Michael on 18th November, 1969. By Primary Direction, the Midheaven came to the trine of Venus on 17th November of that year. It will be noted that Venus rules the House of Marriage, and there could hardly be a more characteristic Direction for this event.

Further Directions of the Midheaven are -
11/8/1982, MC trine Pluto
20/9/1982, MC square Sun
20/9/1982, MC opposite Saturn.

All these led up to Lindy's conviction and sentence of life imprisonment on 29th October, 1982.

The Aries Ascendant is certainly appropriate for the outspoken, assertive Lindy, and Neptune on the 7th cusp is a good indicator of her husband—a pastor in the Seventh Day Adventist Church—and who, additionally, was born with the Sun in Pisces which is ruled by Neptune.

The traumatic events associated with the baby Azaria are well indicated by the conjunction of three malefics round the cusp of the House of Children, and Lindy's deep involvement both with religion and with the law follows from the Moon conjunct Jupiter in the 9th, opposed by Uranus, and in Grand Trine with Mars (her Ruler) and Venus, Rising. There are other powerful aspects, including a Yod to the Sun. This is a noteworthy Chart, and much could be written about it.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

P.S. Results of Chart Contest
in next Forum, 19th Feb.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Christmas Greetings from Marguerite and myself go with this issue of 'Astrologers' Forum' to all recipients. We look forward to an increasingly lively interchange of ideas, opinions and experience during 1983.

I am grateful to all those astrologers (usually the busiest ones!) who have put time and effort into writing down their views and opinions and sending their letters for inclusion in this publication. The success of this venture, and the benefit we can all derive from it, depends entirely on the response from all you good, experienced astrologers. So please keep it up!

Thanks, also, to those contributors who have assisted with pecuniary donations and stamps. 'Astrologers' Forum' is not a profit-making project, and was never intended to be, but the financial assistance that has been volunteered has kept it from being too much of a loss.

From AUSTIN LEVY (N.S.W.): First, congratulations to Dymock for conducting what is to my knowledge, the first successful survey of astrologers in this country! All too often we are greeted by yawning apathy, so clearly this Forum (née Circular) is fulfilling a need. Secondly, my appreciation to Dymock for his profound understanding of the editorial function, and sympathetic treatment of all views, a feeling I'm sure which would be echoed by other contributors. The only comment of my own which I would like to add to those listed already by Dymock, is that contributions should not be long-winded; keeping in mind that this is not synonymous with length in itself, because complex issues do require full explanations. Brevity is often far more indicative of a clear line of reasoning, while its opposite is merely counter-productive and cannot serve the best interests of the writer.

In my last contribution, I touched on quite a wide range of points pertinent to the topics of rectification and prediction. While I do not wish to linger any further on these, it has occurred to me that there were some issues and sidelights raised in the process which are central to many, if not all debates currently being engaged upon in astrology. I can see that this Forum provides an excellent opportunity for different slants on astrology to be aired, and it is interesting to watch various contributors 'slugging it out' over different case histories put forward as evidence for this or that system. But more of that shortly.

Some readers may have felt that comments made in my last article were a little negative, not offering

much hope for a 'proof' of astrology (whatever that actually is!) in scientific terms. Reasons of space did not permit me to tell readers that the experiments conducted by Targ and Puthoff in remote-viewing (clairvoyant perception) were in fact extremely successful under the strictest possible conditions, and that their results were widely reported in a variety of very eminent scientific publications, including 'Nature'.

The seemingly paradoxical conclusion of these two researchers, is that consistent success in prediction is only possible when the tasks involved are sufficiently complex to gain the interest and motivation of the subject. This runs totally contrary to the 'building blocks' approach deemed to be essential to experimental success by those who view such activities in reductionist terms. Consciousness, it seems, does not always obey the laws which apply to inanimate matter - support for this wholistic approach also comes from cognitive psychology, in which experimental evidence seems to weigh in favour of global, overall perception rather than analytic perception. Thus, the 'scientific viewpoint' is by no means settled, and is certainly not the unified body of opinion that some would have us believe.

For those interested in the work I have reported by these two scientists, I can recommend a book they have written (in non-technical language) called 'Mind Reach: Scientists Look At Psychic Ability' published by Delacourt Press. In the excellent introduction by Margaret Mead, herself a distinguished scientist, she makes some comments that are highly germane to the dilemma in which astrology finds itself vis-à-vis science: '...it is important to realise that if a certain phenomenon can be studied by scientific methods, and one or more of its mechanisms can be related to existing scientific theory, this does not necessarily lead to a reductionist demolition of the essence of the phenomenon...science is not simply a device for explaining away events and capacities hitherto thought to be God-given.'

'Because science expands one type of knowledge, it need not denigrate another. All great scientists have understood this. But those who hold a slavish belief in "scientific facts" and who do not understand the glorious uncertainties of modern science are likely to come to small conclusions that are as trivialising as reducing remote viewing to repetitious readings of a pack of cards.'

I have a feeling that many of the proposed 'tests' of astrology currently being put forward by different researchers with a scientific approach fall more into the latter category than the former, and that such

incomplete treatments of astrology are doomed to failure, but the failure will be attributed (possibly falsely) to astrology rather than the weakness of experimental design.

In case this sounds rather theoretical, let me give an example: It is well known that no significant (in the statistical sense) results have ever been found for Zodiacal Signs, a fact which no doubt prompted Geoff. Dean's Prize for anyone demonstrating such a result. (see Recent Advances, pp75-163).

However, under the heading 'Intuitive Assessment of Signs' (RA pp 135-6), is a study in which four leading astrologers in the UK were asked to match one of the twelve Signs with each of a group of twelve subjects, (one of each Sign). The results were quite unambiguous - eight correct out of twelve, or one chance in a million of getting the result by a fluke.

However, equally interesting are the comments made by Dean on the experiment: 'Judgement was based on the whole person and no characteristic was used more consistently than another. The panel reached a verdict via group discussions between interviews. The brief clues given with each verdict appear trivial, out of context, but illustrate the wide range of characteristics considered.' (Panel members had been allowed a brief, tightly controlled interview with each subject). While conceding that telepathy may have played a role, Dean concludes, '... clearly the ability to guess Signs is an intriguing area that deserves much greater research...it is unfortunate that orthodox researchers should so often ignore this area in favour of more complex (and uncertain) areas.'

The evidence of the above experiment leads me directly to the next point, which is that the widening rift between the 'symbolists' and the 'scientists' (and I am using the terms here fairly loosely) in astrology can be directly traced to a left-brain vs right-brain processing of the same phenomenon. The intuitive (and ultimately extremely successful) assessments of the four astrologers show the hallmarks of right-brain functioning, which is also the type of processing that tends to generate symbolic lateral thinking. In sharp contrast to this, is the linear, logical approach of the left hemisphere.

Clashes between the two hemispheres can be very disruptive and upsetting, the classic example of which is when one is enjoying a beautiful Mozart piano concerto, only to find that enjoyment diminished by record-liner notes that go into endless details about recapitulative inversions of the second theme in the key of the relative minor! Until all such dichotomies of the human mind are more fully understood and properly allowed for, I do not think we shall see any successful resolution of arguments about astrology, in either purely symbolic or scientific terms.

Next, a word about the value of different predictive systems. Let us say we are presented with two methods of prediction, A and B, and we discover that, by its very nature, A produces five times more planetary configurations than does B. Such would be the case with Solar-Arc Directions versus Secondary Progressions,

in which only the inner planets move appreciably. Let us further suppose that both methods are judged to be equally successful in correlating with life events of subjects. The question is, are they really successful at the same level? Clearly the answer is NO, because method A needs five times as many astrological indicators to get the same results, so its 'coherency' rating is one-fifth that of method B, and it is the coherency rating of a system that demonstrates its validity, not simply how often we can find any correlation, no matter how irrelevant, otherwise we could invent a system that would be totally foolproof in a numerical sense, but whose actual results were garbage.

Thus, it is better to have a system that, while it only produces astrological correlations for 20% (say) of all events, can be considered to have adequately explained 80% of these, compared with a system that produces correlations for 80% of all events, and yet can only adequately explain 20% of them. The latter result is 75% noise and only 25% signal, whereas the first one, while weak, has 20% noise and 80% signal. The signal-to-noise ratios are therefore in the ratio 12:1; that is, the first method is twelve times better than the second, even though the second appeared to give a result 80% of the time.

This consideration must be taken into account, particularly with Solar-Arc or Primary methods, or ones involving midpoints. Personally, I would prefer (as I imagine would most other astrologers) a method which had a high consistency of results, even if the frequency of obtained correlations was lower. Otherwise, one is swamped with data which is not to be trusted, so that genuine correlations will hardly ever be recognised, due to mass confusion caused by spurious ones. Therefore, voluminous case histories rarely prove anything at all, because until we know what the relative strike rates of all the methods are, and take them into account, it all adds up to very little.

Finally, a brief comment on a remark by Allan Johnson in the last Forum, concerning the use of statistics in prediction. He says, quite rightly, that professional astrologers are pragmatists, and in order to survive, must use a number of techniques to gain overall consistency, and goes on to add that 'of course this situation by its very nature makes the statistical application unworkable'. This is not true. In game theory, which deals with probabilistic situations like card games, it is possible to prove that such mixed strategies are indeed the way to go, in order to maximise one's overall success rate. Allan's misconception is a very common one about statistics, that it is only good for determining the exact probability of a given outcome, (hypothesis testing): its other major branch is decision theory, a widely used application of statistics in the predictive area, where no reliable information is available beforehand about what will actually happen in an experiment except for broad possibilities.

Last but not least, some more birth information, from my own files:

JOHN LAWS: 8th August, 1935, 7pm, Wau, PNG (data from him)
GRAHAME BOND: 21st November, 1943, 6.30 pm, Sydney, (data from him). ('Auntie Jack').

From CHRISTINE JAMES (N.S.W.): I have read with interest the comments in your 'Astrologers' Forum' and am also a fervent fan of Rudolph Smit and his methods.

For years I avoided Progressions until I had to teach, then I allowed the flood gates to open so I could learn. Right now I find I have to 'do a de Bono' on them and try my utmost to think laterally. For example my own Natal 12th-House Mars in Libra came by Secondary Progression to oppose my Natal 7th House Uranus, Mars being Ruler of the 7th. One would have justifiably thought that the marriage would probably fall apart - never mind its 22 years of thoroughly enjoying a 7th-House Uranus. True it hit stormy waters by our standards but overall this progression was freedom from hang-ups.

About half-way through I twigged because transiting Saturn and Pluto and Jupiter were going through the 12th - 'onion-skin' time - peeling off all the layers of conditioning and inhibitions etc - and because Mars and Uranus form a Yod with a Second House Sun (Sagittarius) the marriage has been revamped totally after a crisis involving fundamental changes. However, the 'hang-ups' freed involved many areas of life.

This example I now watch for in charts I do, and over and over the transiting 'heavies', especially Saturn, point the meaning of the progressions by House. Also in progressions I find I can still get what I want from them without relying too heavily on the pMC and pASC. Only today are birth times spot on - I actually get birth times 7 mins. past 12, and not 12, or 12.15 p.m. Also mothers are even writing in texts on their tummies, 'put down the correct time', in case they are out for the count!

A Sagittarian diversion: I find the semi-sextile works like a conjunction but not so strong, and the semi-squares and sesqui and quincunxes (inconjuncts) are all very relevant. By and large, I am quite happy with Secondary Progressions, and when stuck I always remember what Charles Carter wrote, 'if all else fails Solar-Arc shows up' and it does, I use it all the time.

I did a seminar with Alia Griffin on Saturn and Pluto, following which I had many, many charts, all with the 1947 conjunction. As the current babies will all have it, I thought you might be interested in hearing various interpretations:

It is a very tricky aspect, giving overall the feeling of a pot thoroughly on the boil but with such a heavy lid that none of the steam or water is allowed out. My own words for it are, 'there she blows', because sooner or later it does blow in order to release the tension, the obsession and the controlling tactics within the psyche. Lindy Chamberlain had Mars, Saturn and Pluto conjunct, time unknown, but date, 4th March, 1948.

It is an aspect of supreme fear and frustration; a student of mine with it in the 3rd said it feels like a Chinese burn to the brain. There seems to be a fear of falling apart at the fundamental seams, so a compensating mechanism of obsessional control, i.e., in the 9th, life seems utterly pointless and meaningless; this is our hell and we wait for heaven. Religion is therefore obsessional as a means of holding the bits of the psyche together. In the 7th or the

10th there is often great mental or physical cruelty suffered at the hands of parent and partners, or even bosses. In the 8th and 12th the hardest of all and the greatest control. Once can see that control operating in Lindy Chamberlain's coping with the trial.

It seems some time in the life the individual with this aspect creates a situation that leads headlong into crisis of the order of .8 on the Richter scale. This crisis is designed, it seems, to prove to the individual that even a situation of this magnitude doesn't make him/her fall apart, and then the obsession and the control and manipulation and even the ruthlessness can be relinquished, and a great healing of the psyche occurs.

With any luck the individual can learn that the greatest control is to be out of control. The crisis releases powerful energies, which were formerly used in repression and holding down into the psyche to be used creatively; and, of course, the individual no longer draws such ruthless behaviour from others. There are many descriptions but all with roughly this meaning, (fear of change and the unknown). If any of your readers are willing to bare their souls I am sure the rest of us would be grateful.

Christine has given us some psychological effects of Saturn conjunct Pluto in the 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th Houses. Readers might care to add their observations on these or other Houses. I have in my files a 1947 Chart with Saturn conjunct Pluto in the 4th House, close to the cusp: This woman suffers from agoraphobia (morbid dread of open spaces) to the extent that she even feared to leave the house to hang out washing. She is predisposed to phobias through the Moon in Aries in the 12th House, opposed by Neptune. She has been helped to overcome her weakness through Yoga. Externally, the conjunction caused an overthrow of plans and ambitions relating to real estate. This was particularly painful to her, as she has Taurus Rising, and those born under Taurus normally set great store on property and possessions. The trouble arose through previously unknown facts coming to light (Pluto) involving legal requirements (Saturn rules the Natal 9th - legalities). - Dymock.

From RALPH W. HOLDEN, (S.A.): I certainly did not wish to pretend that I was advancing anything original in my questioning of what seem to be the underlying assumptions of Dr. Dean's challenges to the astrological community. The 'philosophical and terminological legerdemain' I am prepared to admit is not mine, but largely that of Dr. A.F. Chalmers of the National Committee for History and Philosophy of Science, ('What is This Thing Called Science?').

However, he seems to have missed the point which I wished to make when I suggested that he should consider the implications involved even in an attempt to show the untruth of the Astrological Signs, using the same criteria as was proposed for the demonstration of their truth, namely, it must rest upon 'facts whose interpretation is unambiguous'. In such a context, no evidence

could be considered as beyond challenge. To disprove is as impossible as to prove: That is the nature of things.

One may perhaps wish to judge things as 'likely' or 'possible': Yet such judgements arise from the pre-suppositions originally posited, and from the tools, methods, and concepts available at the time of the judgement. But this is an entirely different matter from 'proof'. It is indeed possible that if there is a confusion between 'scientific method' and 'statistical inference', that this may lie with Dr. Dean and not with myself.

It may be for this reason that I am criticised for my use of the word 'hypothesis', and the point which I wished to make is dismissed by saying 'a hypothesis is under challenge by definition'. Certainly it is always true to say that an hypothesis is challengeable (which is a little different), but let us also clearly understand what things are an hypothesis, and what are not.

An hypothesis is a mental construct or concept, used often as a basis for investigation. That is, it is a framework against which we check certain areas of our experience to determine if we can obtain an integrity of experience and understanding. Obviously Astrology is an hypothesis; but so also was Newtonian physics; and so, today, is general relativity, quantum mechanics, or astrophysics. The only things in science that seem not to be hypotheses are mathematics, definitions, and descriptions (although these last may often be quite suspect).

A set of essays dedicated to Dr. Paul Dirac on his 70th birthday ('The Physicists Conception of Nature') contained 40 papers, not one author of which claimed that any part of modern physics was more than a concept or an hypothesis. Dr. John Wheeler of Princeton wrote, 'The review one by one of the fixed points of physics has left not a single one unquestioned, neither "constant" nor principle. It is difficult to find any other way to summarise the situation as it now appears than this: "There is no law except the law that there is no law" '.

It seems reasonable to suggest that statistical research - as mathematics generally - finds its meaning from within its own discipline and not from its subject matter. Perhaps it is for this reason that the Gauquelin studies have in the final analysis been greeted with little more than a stifled yawn by both scientists and astrologers.

However, Dr. Dean rightly points out that the scientific method has some very notable achievements to its credit, in a specific number of areas, of course. That our society appears to be dominated by technology is possibly as much a measure of the narrowness of our lives, as of the broadness of our science. As well, 'right' results can be produced by suspect theories, acupuncture I would imagine being a glaring example of this with respect to present-day medical science.

Many parts of Western society unfortunately have tended to accept 'scientific' as a synonym of truth, meaning and value. This seems to be the point of view of Dr. Dean in his constant declaration that astrology 'can only be understood or considered in the light of

'hard evidence'. An attitude which reached its philosophical culmination with A.J. Ayer of Oxford and the Logical Positivists. For them only statements possessing the possibility of verification could have meaning. Thus 'the Moon is made of green cheese' is sensible (as the statement may in theory be tested), but to say 'that woman is beautiful' is non-sense (since it is a subjective judgement and scientifically non-verifiable).

This I fear may all be a little removed from the use which Dymock intended for Astrologers' Forum. Yet the issue I am raising is that of the proper 'grounds' for the examination of the astrological hypothesis. Just because Dr. Dean tells me that it must be those of scientific demonstrability or statistical significance, does not necessarily mean that I am compelled to accept his judgement. Indeed, I think that I have grounds for not doing so. For this he accuses me of not 'doing something about it' (i.e., statistical demonstration), and of 'trying to knock those like (Dr. Dean) who are'. I must confess that I had not previously thought of his work - although obviously encyclopaedic - as unquestionably constructive for astrology.

Astrology may - or may not - be demonstrable in terms of present-day physical hypotheses or statistical methods. But that those are the only proper frameworks by which it may validly be examined is for me a very doubtful assumption.

The issue which I wished to raise - as I tried to say initially - is that involved with the nature of our concept of truth. I have suggested that this is essentially concerned with an integrity of meaning and experience, and not simply with conformity to a set of predetermined criteria. To this Dr. Dean has objected, 'how can truth for one be error for another?' The concept of one all-encompassing truth would no doubt have gladdened the heart of any Inquisitor: 'Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly'.

It is simply a matter of observation that people live in this world with vastly different concepts of what is 'truth'. It is the simplistic device of the fundamentalist (whether religious, scientific, or political) to say, 'because truth can only be one thing, and I know that I am right, you are therefore wrong'. It seems to be becoming increasingly evident that we are living in a world in which truth is not one simple thing at all. In early high school we learnt that light could be examined either as a wave form or as a particle. The dilemma of the truth about light would not be solved by investigating whether wave forms or particle reactions were the more statistically significant.

The subject with which we are concerned may not only determine the nature of truth for it, but also the means by which this is to be perceived.

But why did I dare suggest that my world might be more fun than Dr. Dean's? - something 'about which [I] cannot possibly know'. I have always considered writing to be a quite self-revealing process, and certainly Dr. Dean's writings are by now quite extensive. Admittedly such evidence is not of a kind 'whose interpretation is unambiguous', but still, it did seem to be 'significant'.

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC.): I would be interested to read reports of observations from contributors to the Forum in regard to natal planets that were in direct motion, and later turned retrograde, and vice-versa. Is the effect detrimental or beneficial, does the main effect occur in the year of changed motion or, in the case of a direct natal planet which turns retrograde then later again turns direct, which would be the more significant year? Any information or guidance toward interpretation would be appreciated.

Rudolf Smit has made a very pertinent point in regard to the different behaviour patterns, life styles and life experiences or responses of twins. Such cases that he cites are further proof to me that whilst our life and personality POTENTIALS are shown in our natal charts the long-standing 'Fate versus Free Will' is still a debatable proposition.

The entire complexity of interpretation, whether such is natal or progressed, exists because we are dealing with potentials, not unvariable facts. I firmly believe each individual has a certain amount of flexibility within a given framework (his/her natal chart).

An instructive and beneficial exercise would be to compare life profiles of twins, born in a very close time span, that do have quite diverse lives. Such studies would be sure to expand the understanding of how flexible human responses can be under the same astrological influences.

The topic should most definitely NOT be ignored.

My good wishes to all for the festive season.

From JAMES McKEAGUE (N.S.W.): As a new reader, may I present the following old astrological puzzle. I haven't heard that anyone ever completely solved it. If so, please enlighten me.

In his 'New Dictionary of Astrology' Sepharial gives a table of 'Planetary Years' (under entry: Planets). DeVore copies it in his 'Encyclopedia' (entry: Planetary). Says Sepharial: 'What are called the shortest "years" of the several planets are understandable by the orbital motions in most cases, but the mean, greater and greatest years are difficult to trace and seem to bear no arithmetical proportion to one another. I give them however for the more careful study of the ingenious student.'

Planet	Short	Mean	Greater	Greatest
Saturn	30	43.5	57	465
Jupiter	12	45	79	428
Mars	15	40	66	264
SUN	19	69	120	1460
Venus	8	45	82	151
Mercury	20	48	76	450
Moon	25	66	108	320

Years ago I decided these figures must be based on actual planetary motions, and became determined to trace their origins, but had only partial success:

The Short Years are related to orbital motions, but not merely by longitude. The pattern of latitudinal motion is also taken into account. Thus Jupiter's orbital period is usually given as 11.862 years,

but the old astrologers were not so interested in this 'sidereal period'; they were tracing the repetition of the PATTERN of Jupiter's movement in the sky in two dimensions (celestial latitude and celestial longitude). Refer to the ephemeris and you will see the pattern is repeated in 12 years, not 11.862. The pattern produced is shifted a little in the Zodiac, and that is why seven revolutions brings Jupiter back to the same place in 83 years, not 84 (12×7).

The situation is similar with Mars. In translating the 'Tetrabiblos', F.E. Robbins repeated Bouche-Leclercq's remark that Mars' 15 year period is 'a mystery', and called it an astrological, not astronomical statement. But it IS an astronomical statement, as you can see by looking at the latitudinal movement of Mars at 15-year intervals in the ephemeris. Again, it is the PATTERN of movement which is being repeated. (You may have to trace out the patterns for a few months at 15-year intervals on a graph before you will believe this!) The Short Years of Mercury, Venus and Saturn also refer to this repetition of pattern of movement.

The Sun's '19 years' is, of course, the Metonic Cycle, where lunations return to the same day of the year. (Some may think 19 years would be more suitably related to the Moon, but the ancients must have been thinking of the Metonic return of Solar eclipses.)

The Moon's 25-year period I did not solve, but found the answer in an old Egyptian work. Twenty five years (of 365 days each - the old Egyptian year) bring the Lunar and Solar cycles into harmony, e.g., from New Moon of January, 1950, to New Moon of January, 1975, equals 9125 days (365×25). The old Egyptians could locate dates of lunations by looking at a calendar for 25 years earlier. We can, too, if we subtract intervening leap year days.

For the Mean Years, halve the difference between Short and Greater, and add to the Short. These are, if you like, the 'midpoints' between Short and Greater.

I could not trace any of the Greater Years. Perhaps they are 'Goal Years' in an unfamiliar calendar? Goal Years are an ancient device used by astrologers who haven't an ephemeris for a particular year. For example, 83 years is a Goal Year for Jupiter. For Jupiter's position in 1999, look up its position in 1916, and it is fairly close. (The reason why, I explained above.) According to old sources, the Goal Years for the various bodies are: Moon, 18; Mercury, 46; Venus, 8; Mars, 79 and 47; Jupiter, 71 and 83; Saturn, 59. Even allowing for differences between various calendars, some of these are still useful. The 83-year period for Jupiter is almost exact. The 59-year period for Saturn has an increase of about two degrees.

I know the source of only one figure in the list of Greatest Years, the Sun's 1460. This is 365×4 , and is the number of Julian years required to bring the Egyptian calendar back into harmony with the Julian measure of the mean Solar Year. 1460 Julian years equals 1461 Egyptian years. (365.25×4 equals 1461.) So it took 533,265 days to harmonize the two calendars.

Can you solve the remainder? Without computers and calculators I spent as much time on this years ago as I could afford. Now it is over to you electronic

whizzes.

As to the practical use of this material, you may be interested in my article on Cycles, which, I'm told is coming out in the December, 1982, issue of 'Cosmos'.

From MARGUERITE BROSE (N.S.W.): I noted that it was announced on the seventh December, that Lindy Chamberlain, convicted of murder after a seven weeks' trial will have her Appeal heard on the seventh February, 1983.

From CLAIR BUNNETT (VIC.): Princess Grace had the planet Mars at 25 Sco 38 in her Natal Chart (Circular Letter No. 15). This Natal position of Mars was in opposition to the fixed star, Algol, often designated 'the most evil star in the heavens', while at the time of the accident Mars was transiting its Natal position, and therefore also opposed to Algol.

Natal PLUTO in the 9th, or Travel, House was conjunct the fixed star, Castor. Vivian Robson ('The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology') interprets Castor as being associated with 'sudden fame or honour, but often followed by loss of fortune and disgrace, sickness, trouble and great affliction'.

In a horary chart for the time and place of the car accident, the Moon in Cancer in the 9th House is conjunct the fixed star, Procyon, and square Pluto at 25 Libra 31. Vivian Robson says Procyon can give 'activity, violence, sudden and violent malevolence...'

A strange feature of this Horary Chart for the reported time of the accident near Monaco is that the House cusps are very similar to those of Princess Grace's Natal Chart.

There would be few astrologers who could deny that the sudden death of this beautiful woman was indeed associated with some 'sudden and violent malevolence' of the planetary configurations at the time of the accident.

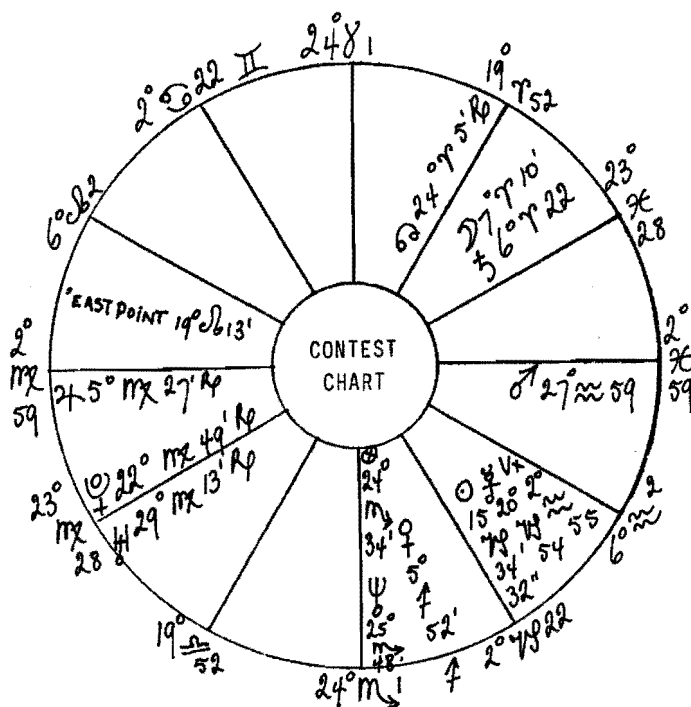
ROD BRANDT, 16 Albert Street, GOODNA, QLD., 4300, (Tel. [07] 288 2743) is doing some research into ASTRO-METEOROLOGY, and would be very glad to contact somebody with an interest in this useful branch of Astrology, to discuss and share ideas.

The F.A.A.'s 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION will be held at Monash University, Melbourne, from January 27th to 30th, 1984. Overseas astrologers who have accepted invitations to lecture include Robert Hand, Eleonora Kimmel, Lenora Hill, Neti Leo, Jeff Jawer and Edith Wangemann. An open invitation is extended to all astrologers from all astrology groups to enjoy the occasion and benefit from the large astrological repertoire to be presented.

Write for a brochure to Pamela J. Rowe, National Vice-President and Convention Convenor, F.A.A., 6 Zodiac Street, BURWOOD, VIC. 3125. Tel. [03] 288 1225.

THE CONTEST CHART

An unlucky combination of circumstances gave rise to some errors in the Contest Chart published in the last issue of 'Forum'. The positions of Venus, Uranus, Pluto, (True) Node and the Part of Fortune were wrong; apologies to all concerned. Here is the correct Chart:



The question was, 'What is special about this girl?' She was born in Venlo, Holland (51N24, 6E10) at 9 pm on 6th January, 1968. G.M.T. 8 pm.

Some replies have already been received, and you still have about five weeks to think about it. No astrologer (I exclude present entries to the Contest) has yet found the right answer.

From ED. CASELLI (N.S.W.): I do not accept Libra as Winston Churchill's Ascendant. I prefer the beginning of Scorpio, with an elevated Moon aspecting the Ascendant. This latter factor explains the Lunar appearance, while Uranus on the M.C. is also more indicative of his career. A Rising Mercury in Scorpio would be consistent with his verbal skill, especially his power of invective.

[Winston Churchill's Chart was a matter of contention for many years during his life, when his birth time was not known. This was supposedly resolved after his death, when a birth time was discovered, giving an Ascendant of 0 Libra 53, and a Midheaven of 1 Cancer 9. This was the Chart I accepted in my remarks in the last Forum. I concede that the 'discovered' time is not conclusive. - Dymock]

Distribution of 'Astrologers' Forum' is now being extended overseas. A list will be printed when space is available. My kind regards to all. - Dymock,

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

After some hesitation I have finally adopted 'Astrologers' Forum' to replace 'Circular Letters' as the appropriate name for this publication. 'Forum' adequately describes its nature, which is to provide a ready means of communication between astrologers, a platform for debate and a means of raising standards in astrology by the pooling and discussion of ideas.

My thanks to Austin Levy who suggested the new title (which was also the choice of Allan Johnson), and to all the others who offered suggestions. Many were content to leave the name as it was.

About two-thirds of the recipients either returned the Questionnaires or replied by 'phone. Regarding contents, the replies were:-

'Fine as is.'

'The content is good'

'I didn't like the tiny print of Circular 13, otherwise it is hard to fault'

'Please keep the very attractive heading of each Letter.'

'More teaching, less preaching.'

'Content and presentation are good.'

'Sometimes the natal charts are difficult to read, but this cannot be helped, as the 'Circular Letter' has to be compact'

'I did like Circular 13, but a slight increase in size and with larger printing could possibly be a further improvement, but most importantly retain the original concept and objective in the method of correspondence.'

'I don't think the presentation can be improved without incurring added costs. Contents, of course, depend on the writers.'

'I think your presentation is very good and informative, especially about current events, and you must be congratulated and thanked for all your effort involved.'

'I am always happy to read anything instructive, and also discussions on aspects, systems, etc.'

'Circular Letter No. 13 had a different format which I liked very much, and intended to bind the whole year together in book form. However, No. 14 was in the old shape again so the book idea is out.'

'Contributors should try to condense their material to essentials, avoiding long dis-

sertations.'

'I would like articles including more of a psychological bias, as well as event-orientated astrology.'

'Character delineation and psychological analysis no longer have any interest for me. I want accuracy in prediction.'

'I think we need to avoid (as far as possible) "articles" and dissertations. Exchange of ideas, a little stirring here and there. We have journals, so we don't need to duplicate them. Should you have a "word limit", (800-1000)?'

'I like it the way it is--informal and not "bitch-type". Just keep up the tone of friendship.'

It can be seen that there is some difference of opinion on certain aspects of 'Astrologers' Forum', but in general the tone of the replies was one of enthusiasm, both for the idea and its execution. I thank all contributors for their complimentary remarks and/or criticisms, and assure them of my intention to meet all their wishes as far as possible. The money and stamps donated is also greatly appreciated.

This seems an appropriate place to mention that I am always glad to add new names to the mailing list. The more people there are involved, the more useful the 'Forum' will become. So, if you know of any likely participants, please advise me.

The main difficulty of a smaller format, as in Circular Letter No. 13, (which some liked and some didn't) is that the edited copy has to be sent from one printer to another a long distance away, involves me in extra train trips, and the whole business takes another two or three days to complete.

I prefer to interfere as little as possible with the expression of ideas and opinions by correspondents, though some changes are occasionally necessary in the interests of good editorial practice. Your ideas are welcome, however expressed. If condensing is needed, care will be taken not to change the original meaning.

The heading, 'Astrologers' Forum', is in German Gothic, hand-lettered by my wife, Marguerite, who is a trained calligrapher as well as an artist in oils and Chinese Watercolours, and my chief help in just about everything.

- Dymock.

PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO

From Ed. CASELLI (N.S.W.): I agree that Princess Grace's squarish cast of features and square build of body are typical of Scorpio, but they are also characteristic of Aquarius and of the Fixed Signs generally. Also Princess Grace's cool beauty is more like Aquarius than Scorpio.

Incidentally, how do you arrive at Saturn sq I.C. and Mercury sq Saturn in this regard? [These are Primary Directions in Oblique Ascension. See later in this issue.

- Dymock].

Re the Spring, 1982 Journal. Herein Rudolf Smit says that in regard to Janny the P.E.A. Jupiter sextile Mars is 'remarkable'. The only think remarkable about this is Smit's attempt to link it to the accident.

Jupiter sextile Mars suggests good luck (Jupiter) through things of metal (Mars), which hardly fits the case. Granted that Jupiter can coincide with a death that is a happy release, this is not the case here in regard to a mechanical accident.

Rudolf also refers to a direct Primary Ascendant conj. Mars and an Indirect Primary Mars to radical Ascendant at the same time. He appears to be counting the same aspect twice (in regard to Henk).

From CLAIR BUNNETT (VIC.): In regard to the Ascendant of Princess Grace, the U.S. book 'An Astrological Who's Who' by Marc Penfield (Arcane Publications) gives her Ascendant as 15°47' Aquarius and an M.C. of 4° Sagittarius. This Aquarian Ascendant and Sagittarius M.C. was suggested by your correspondent Ed. Caselli in Circular 15.

However, this information in 'An Astrological Who's Who' may not be entirely reliable, as the Moon placement for Grace's Chart is given as 25°38' of Aquarius instead of Pisces, as it should be.

[This is interesting conjecture, but we must remember that the time of 5:31 am, giving a Scorpio Ascendant and Leo MC, was taken from the Birth Certificate. To me it bears the hallmark of truth, not only for the reasons set out in Circular Letter 15, but also because of the Leo Midheaven. The Midheaven frequently influences the physical body as well as the psychic nature. Winston Churchill is a case in point: His Cancerian Midheaven was much more indicative of his physical appearance than was his Libran Ascendant. Princess Grace's appearance might be considered Aquarian or Libran (and still more so, Leonian), but certainly not Sagittarian.

- Dymock.]

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): I know of two Charts for Princess Grace - the one which Dymock has used and another one for 4:58 am, which gives an Ascendant that is, conspicuously enough, almost exactly conj. Venus in Libra. I have the strong feeling that this is a 'rectification' by an astrologer who found that, because of her beauty and serene character, the Ascendant "HAD to be conjunct Venus in Libra". Anyway, I have tried out this 4:58 am Horoscope in regard to her death, and it did not work out as well as the 5:31 am Chart.

Of course I used Primary Directions according to Prime Event Analysis. See what it yielded, on the date of her accident/death: (all the following are P.E.A. aspects; orbs in brackets):- MC \angle \odot (9'), ASC \nearrow Vx (in 8th) (32'), Cusp 8 \nearrow \oplus (8'), Cusp 12 \nearrow \nearrow (5').

1. It should be borne in mind that 'P.E.A. - cusp conjunct a planet' means in reality that the heavenly body itself crosses the radical cusp!

2. Pluto in this Horoscope is very important. As the radical Ascendant is in Scorpio, Pluto is Ruler of the Chart. As well as being the natural Ruler of the House of Death.

3. In this Horoscope Mars is the Ruler of the 6th as well as Co-Ruler and natural Ruler of the 1st. PEA-Cusp 12 conjunct Mars is therefore a good indication that Princess Grace suffered a sudden (Mars) sickness (6th and 12th in her head (Mars), part of the body (1st House - Mars again). It proved to be fatal (Pluto and Vertex: The fateful encounters).

PEA-MC \angle Sun may indicate a very public (MC) matter - no definite conclusion.

Other very significant PEA-aspects: Mercury, incidental Ruler of 8th sq. Moon, incidental Ruler of 9th, which may be an indication that she found death far away in a foreign country - that is, foreign to her home-country, the USA. Together with House 3, the Ninth House is also indicator for traffic. Why, according to Dymock, the Moon and Mercury rule the brain is not fully clear to me. As far as I know traditional astrology always assigns Mars to the head and brain. Anyway, in PEA Mars and Saturn are heavily involved:- $\nearrow \angle \nearrow$ (25'); $\ddagger \square \odot$ (11'), $\ddagger \pi \oplus$ (13').

By the way: Mars was moving to the \angle of its Natal position, and Saturn was moving out. The resulting 'peak' is around the date of death.

Moving in also was PEA $\ddagger \angle \ddagger$, but though still within 'working' - distance, the orb is somewhat wide: 44'.

Then there is PEA-Pluto itself:

Pluto conjunct Cusp 11, or opposite Cusp 5,

orb 38', indicating the child which was involved (Princess Stephanie).
 Pluto semi-square Venus, (17'), Ruler of 1st to Ruler of 12th, Hospitalisation.
 Pluto quintile Mars, orb only 3': speaks for itself.

Pluto square Jupiter, orb 32'. Apart from the fact that Jupiter is in House 8, this aspect is hard to understand.

I have also done a few PEA-directions with relevant midpoints (I have recently developed a new computer-programme which makes this possible) and it is quite amazing:

Sun/Mars conjunct Cusp 3, orb 24'
 Sun/Pluto tredecile Pluto, orb 7'
 Mars/Saturn sesquare Vertex, orb 22'
 Mars/Uranus sesquare Mercury (Ruler 8, orb 13')
 Mars/Pluto conjunct Mercury (Ruler 8, orb 50')
 Mars/ASC conjunct Saturn, orb 31'
 Saturn/Uranus sesquare Mars orb 23'
 Saturn/Pluto sesquare Uranus, orb 2' !
 Uranus/ASC square Vertex, orb 40'

As one sees, the violent midpoints make, in PEA-direction, very relevant hits. I do not like to give PEA-aspects on dates of exactness. My long-time experiments with PEA-directions have established that PEA-only seldom works on dates. It covers a long period of time instead. Besides, important events usually go with many PEA-aspects, all pointing, however, to the same kind of event, as this example, Princess Grace, proves again, at least with this time of birth. Judging from the above evidence, I feel that the time is close to that given in 'The Circle Book of Charts', 5:31 am. It seems to be substantiated by the Solar Eclipse Chart. I agree with Elva Howson on her findings with Solar Eclipse charts. In my home-country, Holland, much work has already been done on Solar Eclipse Charts, but also on New Moon Charts and, most of all, New Moon Charts where the place of the New Moon has been corrected for the local parallax. This is something to write about later on.

PRIMARY DIRECTIONS IN OBLIQUE ASCENSION

As mentioned earlier, hereunder is detailed the method of Primary Direction of planets and points in Oblique Ascension, the method which yielded the significant 'death' Directions in Princess Grace's Chart, as shown in the last Circular Letter (as it was called then).

This method is not the same as the Prime Event Analysis system espoused by Rudolf

Smit, but its efficacy has been demonstrated over many years.

The following abbreviations are used:
 ZL = Zodiacal Longitude; E = Obliquity of the Ecliptic; L = Geographic Latitude (negative if South); D = Declination;
 CL = Celestial Latitude; RA = Right Ascension; OA/OD = Oblique Ascension/Oblique Descension; OAQ/ODQ = Oblique Ascension/Descension under own Pole; PQ = Pole of the planet or point concerned; MD = Meridian Distance; DSA/NSA = Diurnal Semiarc/Nocturnal Semiarc; AD = Ascensional Difference; ADQ = Ascensional Difference under own Pole.

METHOD: (1) Find the RA of the Significator i.e., the planet or Personal Point that is to be directed to the conjunction or aspect of another planet or point (the Promissor).

$$RA = \tan^{-1}[(\cos E \sin ZL - \sin E \tan CL) / \cos ZL]$$

(2) Calculate the Significator's MD (Upper or Lower, according as the Significator is above or below the Horizon):

(3) Calculate the Significator's AD:

$$AD = \sin^{-1}(\tan D \tan L)$$

(4) Calculate the Significator's DSA or NSA (according as the Significator is above or below the Horizon):

$$DSA = 90^\circ + AD; NSA = 180^\circ - DSA$$

(AD may be negative)

(5) Calculate the Significator's ADQ:

$$ADQ = (MD/SA) \times AD$$

(ADQ may be negative)

(6) Calculate the Significator's OAQ/ODQ (according as it is on the Eastern or Western side of the Map)

$$OAQ = RA - ADQ; ODQ = RA + ADQ$$

(ADQ may be negative)

(7) Calculate the Significator's PQ:

$$PQ = \tan^{-1}(\sin ADQ / \tan D)$$

You now have the required elements of the Significator - its Pole and its OAQ/ODQ.

(8) Calculate the OA or OD of the Promissor (the Ecliptic Point where the Significator conjuncts or makes an aspect to another planet or point) under the Pole of the Significator.

MD = Difference between RA's of Significator and MC/IC

$$\begin{aligned}
 RA &= \tan^{-1}(\tan ZL \cos E) \\
 D &= \sin^{-1}(\sin ZL \sin E) \\
 AD &= \sin^{-1}(\tan D \tan PQ) \\
 &[PQ \text{ from (7) above}]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Promissor's OA} &= RA - AD \\
 OD &= RA + AD
 \end{aligned}$$

(9) The Arc of Direction is the difference between the OAQ/ODQ of the Significator and the OA/OD of the Promissor.

(10) The time of operation of the Direction is found by dividing the Arc of Direction by 59'8.33" (= one year).

The above calculations are tedious if worked by logarithms. I have programmed my Casio FX-602P Calculator to do the job for me, and do it quickly.

I consider these Primary Directions the most important of all astrological prognosticators.

Applying the process to the Birth Chart of Princess Grace (see Circular Letter 15), the Primary Direction of Mercury square Saturn is arrived at as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Mercury's ZL} &= 10 \text{ Sco } 43) \\
 \text{CL} &= 1 \text{ N } 1) \text{ From the} \\
 \text{D} &= 14 \text{ S } 4) \text{ Ephemeris} \\
 RA &= 218.6208 \text{ (E in 1929 =} \\
 MD &= .95.0321 \text{ 23.4486}^\circ) \\
 AD &= -12.1151 \\
 NSA &= 102.1151 \\
 PQ &= 37.96 \\
 OAQ &= 229.896
 \end{aligned}$$

The Promissor is 28 Vir 7 (the Ecliptic Point where Mercury would be square to Saturn).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Promissor's RA} &= 178.2721 \\
 D &= 0.7493 \\
 AD &= 0.5847 \\
 OA &= 177.6874 \\
 \text{Arc} &= 52.2082 \\
 \text{Time Equiv.} &= 52.9684 \text{ years.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Princess Grace's birth date was 12th November, 1929, or decimalized, 1929.8662. Adding the time, 52.9684 years, equivalent to the Arc of Direction, gives 1982.8346, or 31st October, 1982.

(The above figures, in degrees of arc, are reduced from the Calculator read-out to a few places of decimals for convenience. Very slight differences, amounting to no more than a few hours in the date, will be obtained if a greater or smaller number of decimal places is used.)

For Primary Direction Saturn square the

IC in Princess Grace's Chart, we have the following:-

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Saturn's ZL} &= 28 \text{ Sag } 7) \\
 \text{CL} &= 0 \text{ N } 51) \text{ From the} \\
 \text{D} &= 22 \text{ S } 35) \text{ Ephemeris} \\
 RA &= 267.9604 \\
 MD &= 45.6925 \\
 AD &= -20.3882 \\
 NSA &= 110.3882 \\
 PQ &= 19.44 \\
 OAQ &= 276.400
 \end{aligned}$$

The Promissor is 11 Sco 12, where Saturn is square the IC (and MC).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Promissor's RA} &= 218.7693 \\
 D &= -15.1953 \\
 AD &= -5.4996 \\
 OA &= 224.2688 \\
 \text{Arc} &= 52.1308 \\
 \text{Time Equiv.} &= 52.8899 \text{ years}
 \end{aligned}$$

This addition to the Birth Date (1929.8662) gives 1982.7561, or 2nd October, 1982. Princess Grace died on the 14th September, 1982. - Dymock.

From STAN WALTERS (VIC.): I have correspondence with an astrologer in S.A. who by day works as a receptionist/clerk in a doctor's (GP) surgery. As the doctor's patients die off on him, she gets their file and sets up a chart for them - for noon on date of birth, birthtime naturally unknown. The outcome is that her experience in this exercise realized the single most predominating transit in aspect at death to be Jupiter trine to some strong natal point. The quaint way she put it to me was that 'They seem to go out on a good trip!'

This doesn't 'do violence' to the way I use Jupiter at all. It seems to fulfill an esoteric interpretation.

By remaining with Princess Grace's Natal Chart, Roy Owen made some good points. I'd simply like to add that transiting Jupiter was a bit more than close to the Ascendant. Jupiter was transiting the Pre-Natal Eclipse (Eclipses fall near the Nodes, in her case, South Node conj. Mercury and trine the transiting Node. Node transiting being conjunct 9th cusp, in the Sign of terminations).

To me, this isn't a configuration to be treated lightly, especially when one notes that the transiting Node opposes that group of progressed planets (Saturn, Mars, Venus and Sun in the 3rd House, progressed planets showing where an emphasis lies. In this case a marked emphasis as it's

bringing into play ;he Natal emphasis on brain and head.

We all know that it takes some hard aspects to kill someone before their 'due-time'. It also takes some very hard aspects to make someone ill enough to die. And they are all in that Chart. Every hard aspect in that Chart involves the physical body, health in general and the 6th and 12th House, Rulers and planets in them.

6 to 12 Axis = health in general and auto-immune systems. 1st and 6th, head; 3rd, brain. The engorgement is indicated, also the organ involved. The cause being of course their apparent failure to respond to the positive factors in her Chart and fulfill her purpose in life. This precipitates the expression of planetary energies at a negative level. All could see she was overweight. Venus sesquare

Jupiter = excessive indulgence - negative response.

By not attending to her spiritual development and developing her 'head', the energies have for all intents and purposes virtually built up in it and 'blew it up'. Jupiter rules blood. Venus rules veins. Gemini - 'connectingness'. There's possible engorgement of the first order.

The 12th House under hard aspect means the auto-immune system will be liable to failure. In this case also indicating the possible engorgement of an organ with blood. The organ or area is indicated by the first and 6th Houses. 1st is always indicative of the head, the 6th by way of having Aries on the 6th cusp. Uranus in Aries in 'striking' distance of 6th cusp. Uranus sesquare Mars. Mars ruling 6th, Natural Ruler of 1st. Sun in 1st conjunct Mars sesquare Uranus. Pluto in Cancer - Pluto rules 1st, Cancer rules meningeal covering of brain.

All those progressed planets in Capricorn and the 3rd House simply show the breakthrough to the brain, which was indicated by the progressions but triggered by transiting Jupiter and the Node. (Also transiting Pluto beginning to 'pressure' Venus; those recent Libra transits didn't help) aspecting the Pre-Natal Eclipse conjunct Mercury, in the 1st. Mercury rules brain (function) and the Node aspected always has some potential for a health problem.

As my friend in S.A. would say 'She went off on a super trip'. There is much more in that Chart that contributes to the known ending; space and common sense has kept me to the most obvious and important ones.

Medical Astrology is quite enlightening

when it comes to rectifying or confirming the Angles of a Natal Chart of negative responders. Of course the positive type aren't as PRONE to the indicated illnesses.

I'd better add that though I would have recognised that pattern as an epoch-forming time in the development of that soul, I wouldn't have been looking for it to kill her. Only in retrospect does the full force of the potential of that Chart to kill at that time become apparent.

CONVERSE SECONDARY PROGRESSIONS

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): I have given some thought to the phenomenon of Converse Secondary Directions, as advocated, apparently with enthusiasm, by Ed Caselli and Dymock. Seen in the light of recent findings in quantum physics and also in the light of the findings of over 100 hundred years' serious investigations into the paranormal which suggest that, indeed, present, past and future seem to exist simultaneously (to a limited extent, anyway), I am willing to accept the possibility that Converse Secondary Directions have validity. Hence, from now on I will do experiments with it, and shall include them in my computer-programme.

I do this also because Secondary Directions are still based on the real motions of the planets and Moon around their central bodies (Sun and Earth). As for Solar-Arc Directions, however, I have experimented with them now for years, already, but I can't say I am fond of them. As I said before: Nature does not deal with simple arithmetic. In this matter I certainly agree with Austin Levy, who in his very lucid letter made perfectly clear that such a thing as a Solar-Arc Ascendant simply does not exist. Solar-Arc Directions would be mathematically correct only when the angle of the Ecliptic on the plane of the Equator was exactly zero, and not, as it is now, around $23^{\circ}27'$. In the case of $E = 0$ those Solar-Arc Directions would be Primary Directions, and as I, and for that matter also, Dymock, have lined out many times: Primary Directions, whatever the system may be, are more in accordance with the true mechanics of the Celestial Sphere.

From GEOFFREY DEAN (W.A.): Ralph Holden (Circular Letter No 15) is not the first to invoke philosophical and terminological legerdemain to prove in effect that the RA Prize is impossible to win, and is therefore

a joke.

However, there already exist studies which meet all the conditions laid down and which, if their results had been positive, would have won the prize. So he is talking nonsense. Furthermore his views are obviously not shared by those people around the world who are competing for the current prize.

Some of his other points deserve comment:

Re reversing the challenge and asking me to demonstrate the untruth of Signs, the problem is that all the studies to date do exactly that to a greater or lesser extent, which was the reason for the RA Prize in the first place.

Re the new Vernon Clark test being a challenge to prove predictive techniques, and being similar to the RA Prize competition, predictive techniques are not involved (as my letter made clear), and they could hardly be more different.

Re deductive reasoning, he finds this doubtful because one cannot infallibly project from the known to the unknown. However, one does not try to: This is what statistical inference is all about. He then goes on from this to imply that the scientific method cannot work, a view not exactly supported by its performance to date.

Re his being unaware of any scientific hypothesis not under challenge, a hypothesis is under challenge by definition, so he is saying in effect that he knows of no white swans that are not white.

Re demonstration, Holden seems to be unaware that nowhere in the entire astrological and related literature is there a single convincing demonstration that astrological effects as traditionally conceived are real and beyond ordinary non-astrological explanation (and there are many such explanations including Barnum, placebo, social desirability, halo, variability, projection, cold reading, intuition, and self-fulfilling prophecy effects). I would have thought that this would be a matter of some concern and that he would be doing something about it rather than trying to knock those like myself who are.

Re truth, he equates this with meaning. But astrology's ability to provide meaning does not depend on whether it is true, any more than our seeing faces in clouds means that they are really there.

Also, he says that the truth of astrology is demonstrated by the existence of people who gained benefit from it. Ignoring the inconvenient point that, by his own argument, his statement is disproved by the existence of people who do not gain

benefit, this means that what matters is not whether astrology is based on fact but whether it makes us feel better. Thus is astrology reduced to the role of a celestial placebo, to be consumed as directed regardless of the underlying reality. As with any placebo, there can be no objection to its use provided it is honestly named, but Holden provides no such label.

Furthermore, in the past people have gained benefit from countless erroneous practices like bloodletting and phrenology. In the absence of hard evidence why should we suppose that astrology is any different?

In the interests of finding an answer, I challenge Holden to answer the following questions:

1. How does he know that astrology works?
2. How does he know that astrological effects are real and beyond ordinary explanation?
3. In the absence of hard evidence, why should we accept his views rather than any other views?
4. If wrong charts are found to be as readily accepted by clients as right charts (RA gives examples of this), what would this mean for astrology?

Holden ends by asserting that he is sure that his world is more fun than mine. So not only does he talk nonsense, muddle his facts, and misunderstand the scientific method, he is also sure of things about which he cannot possibly know.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): Here are a few interesting sidelights on the recent U.K. Conferences. I attended both the English and Irish Conferences. With both Conferences the emphasis was much more on the philosophical side of astrology than we are accustomed to here in Australia. Perhaps this is all to the good. We do need more debate on the reason why astrology works in the first place.

The overall subject for the Irish Conference itself was 'Fate and Free Will', so this did perhaps condition the speakers in advance to a more philosophical approach, rather than putting charts on the blackboard. But the circumstances of the Irish Conference have been a surprise to a lot of people I have mentioned it to. In the first place it was held at a Catholic Monastery, an Order of nuns under the direct control of the Pope himself. Also one of the lecturers was a Jesuit priest from New York, a Father Cassidy. He is a teacher at a Catholic college in New York, and the School authorities partly financed his trip to the

Conference. Of course this sort of thing could not happen in Australia. Which simply means that Ireland is Ireland and Australia is Australia. But it does go some of the way to explain the current boom in astrology in that Island.

In previous issues of the Circular I have stressed the intuitive or individualist approach to astrology, and to prediction in particular, rather than the more mechanistic which is more responsive to statistical methods of proof. And I must say the majority of speakers at both Conferences tended to support my view. There does seem to be pretty much a consensus of opinion that astrology must always remain a border-line science, very much open to individual interpretation.

Geoffrey Cornelius, the new President of the Astrological Lodge was inclined to define astrology as a system of divination, not all that far from other divinatory systems. Of course this was not unexpected as the Astrological Lodge has strong links with the Theosophical Society. Actually the Astrological Lodge was started in 1916 and is still flourishing. It is the sole brain child of Alan Leo, out of all his many ventures, to have survived. It has had some very distinguished Presidents since that time, with Charles Carter and Ronald Davison each doing 25-year terms.

What we are really doing in astrology is to combine the rational with the irrational, the application of mathematics to human behaviour. This is an odd mixture indeed. And in this mix we must inevitably get the two distinctive schools of thought. Of course divination is much more concerned with the more specific prediction of events not trends.

In the main I would say the professionals are the pragmatists. They have to live in the real world and survive. So they have to learn to live with the imperfections of astrology. Which means that every system of prediction will let you down from time to time. No 100% reliability could possibly exist in such a field. I think the only safeguard against this is not to rely too heavily on any one factor, but to look for supportive evidence. If you do get a number of factors all pointing in the one direction, then you can be on pretty safe ground. I think this is the real secret of accurate prediction.

But of course this situation by its very nature makes the statistical application unworkable. So Geoffrey Dean is getting out on a limb. But his methods could apply in other areas of astrology. The

English Conference this year was at Canterbury and was well up to the high standard that English Conferences usually put on. But John Addey was missed. He is really the main founder of the Astrological Association and therefore the main inspiration for the setting up of the Conferences in the first place.

THE PROBLEM OF TWINS

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): NO ONE so far has reacted on my, I would say, very important observations about twins. Important, because they really gnaw at the roots of our Art. I bring this nasty topic up quite often and I have noticed that, when confronted with it, many astrologers seem to ignore it. Is then Astrology, for many astrologers, rather a religion with unshakeable dogmas, than a source of knowledge which must be revised continuously?

As Austin Levy said so nicely: 'I often get the feeling, after talking to astrologers, that they live in a mental fantasy world, a kind of astrological universe where no explanations outside the astrological ones are permissible'. He is extremely right. The observations on twins prove it: If there is no astrological explanation for the differences between two people born very closely to each other then, yes, just ignore it. This fact cannot be ignored, as sooner or later everyone of us astrologers will be confronted by it: and then the few cases where the lives of time-twins, for example, DO match perfectly, are INDEED too few. As one scientist/astrologer in Belgium once wrote: 'Of course, it is nice when the lives of two people, born at the same place, and the same time, but from different parents, do match perfectly. However, seen from the standpoint of the science of astrology, it is much more interesting to know why there are so many similar cases where the lives of the involved people DO NOT MATCH'. Again, this man - his name is Dr. Herman de Vos, a biochemist - is very right. But, apparently it all falls on deaf ears. Too many astrologers do not realize, or do not wish to realize, that astrology has its severe limitations. We cannot explain everything with astrology, neither can we predict, purely on an astrological basis, the future, without knowing about the background of the person involved. Even then, if we know, we can only forecast probabilities!

For example, leaving predicting of the

future at rest for a moment, it is ridiculous to expect an astrologer, when confronted just with a chart of anyone, to tell straight away about the profession of the person, whether he is married or not, and if so, describe the spouse, tell about the children, how many, and order of sexes, and so on. Nevertheless, this is sometimes expected. Astrologers who fall into that trap have not realised that such can only be done psychically, and not purely astrologically.

Once again, observations on twins, whether identical twins, fraternal twins, or time-twins, prove it over and over again. Geoff Dean gives beautiful examples in his Recent Advances. I have also such examples in my files. Here is one: Two girls, born just five minutes apart; Horoscopes the same, only the cusps differ slightly (Asc. 1 degree). One is a shy, introverted personality, married only once, and having NO children. The other one the opposite in character, married three times and has two children. Great differences, but virtually the same horoscopes.

As far as I see these observations are much more relevant to Astrology, than all that statistical manipulations can prove or disprove (if it were only for the fact that statisticians themselves apparently disagree on the applied methods).

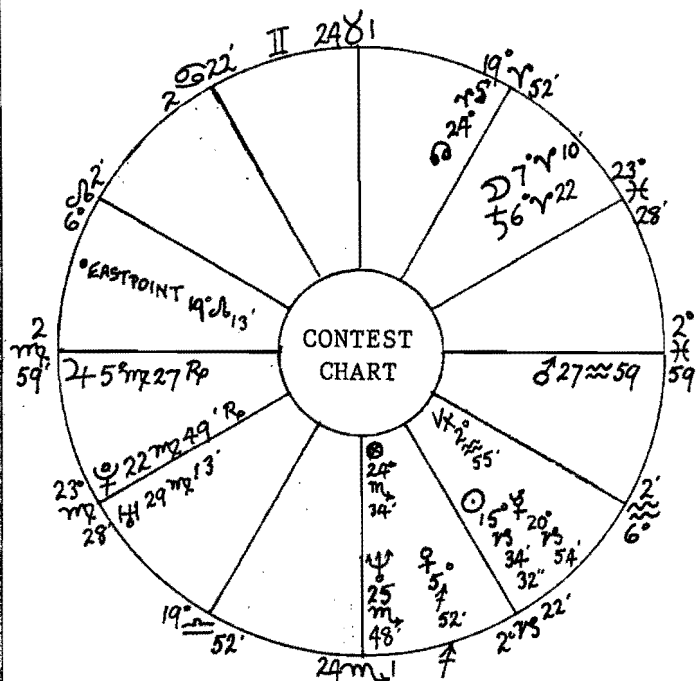
Therefore, instead of ignoring it, I think that astrologers must recognise it and start to work on this problem to find a sensible solution which confirms or adds something to astrological theory, philosophy and practice.

CONTEST

It is not only the problems of twins that bother me. It happens too often that astrologers are confronted with seemingly average charts, which afterwards prove to be of very, very special people. Herewith is such a chart, and I connect a contest to it. It is a challenge indeed, for up till now there hasn't been any astrologer who could establish the one and only remarkable thing that makes this native so extremely different. It may be one chance in a million that a human being like this one is born. If that is the case, then it should be shown in the Chart and very clearly, shouldn't it?

Well, I presented this Chart to the Society of Astrologers in The Netherlands, which I founded. They had a month to work on it. Everyone of them was totally wrong, and when I told them the truth they were utterly flabbergasted, but also honest

enough to admit that this could not be discovered in the Chart. We have since sought in vain for the astrological clue. But now it is up to you to find this out, and especially the astrologers who claim that EVERYTHING is visible in the chart.



What is special about this Native?

This Native is a girl, born in Venlo, Holland (51N24, 6E10) at 9 pm sharp (the parents assured us that this was the right time, maybe with a margin of one minute only). This gives a GMT of 8 pm, or 20.00 hours. The date was 6th January, 1968.

I do not need a full description of the Chart, only a short sentence - 'This Native is...', or 'This Native has...'; and then a short but purely astrological explanation of your findings.

To keep it impartial, I suggest Dymock be the one who collects the findings, copies them and later forwards them to me.

THE PRIZE: If you are correct you can have computer-runs to a value of \$50 from my computer service, or a free rectification of a birth chart. A consolation prize, for someone who is close to it, is computer runs to the value of of \$20. Retrospective explanations are not accepted. The contest closes at the end of the January, 1983, school holidays.

So far no one has come up with the correct answer, so if you are wrong it is nothing to be ashamed of. Send your findings to Dymock. [I shall take due care of all entries. Meantime, my kind regards to all. Keep up your letters. - Dymock, 19th November, 1982.]

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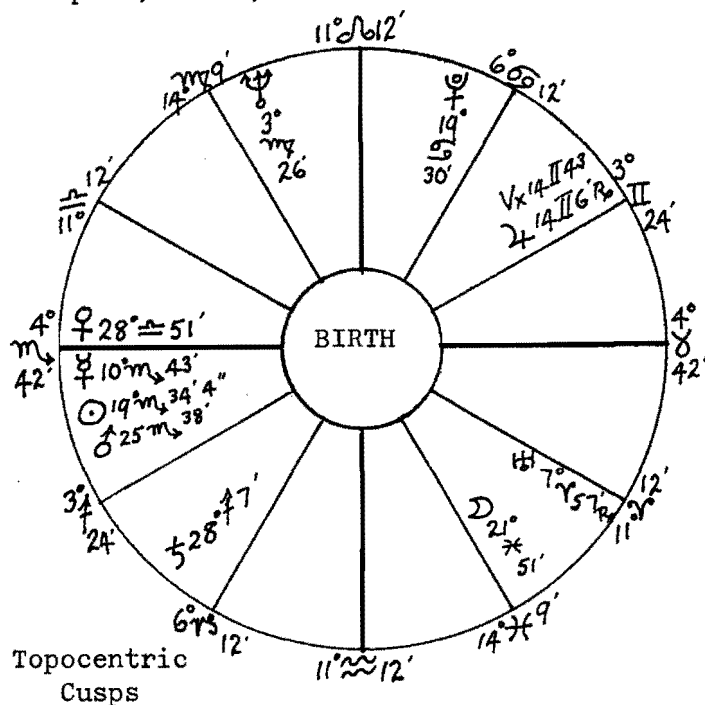
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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Much interest has been aroused by the astrology of Princess Grace and the fatal car accident of 12th September, 1982. In the Princess's Birth Chart, published in the last Circular Letter, Saturn was inadvertently shown as 28 Capricorn 7 instead of 28 Sagittarius 7. (My thanks to Ed. Caselli for advising me of this.) Here is the Chart again:

PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO

Born 12th November, 1929, 5:31 am, Philadelphia, 75W10, 39N57. RAMC-133.65289



I have recalculated the aspects apertaining to Saturn in the Sign Sagittarius instead of Capricorn, and the results are dramatic. The Oblique-Ascension Primary Directions are now the most impressive of all the astrological indicators of the accident so far advanced.

More of that later, but meantime here are some communications on the same theme:

From ED. CASELLI (N.S.W.): Some comments on Princess Grace: Saturn/Pluto at 9° ⊥ opposes Uranus. Basically this might be operative somewhere since ♄ is sesquare ☾ and ♂ in the Radix (exactly ♄ ☾/♂ midpoint). In this connection the ♂ transit on 13/9/82 was parallel ♄ in 20¼° S. Declination, heightening ♂ transiting ♂ r.

However, I've never been satisfied with the given birth time for Grace Kelly. She seems more Aquarian to me. I don't have much information to go on but you might like to consider an Ascendant of 27 Aquarius (♈ ♀ r. and ♈ ♂ r., i.e., elegant sexuality). This places ☾♂♂ in the 9th House, which is consistent with marrying foreign royalty of a ♂ or ♀ nature. (☾ ruling 7th, with ♂♂ in 9th - her husband being a Rising ♀.)

Try these Directions for size:

1. Aquarian Ascendant (about 8 hours later than the given birth time) brings ♂♂ ♀ much closer.

2. The same time gives us ☾ conv. much closer to ♂♂ conv., ♂♂ T. and ♀. Saturn at the time in 21° is at the concentration point of the ♂, ♂, ♀ conjunction at the July eclipse.

3. MC 11° ♀ (for 27° ASC) plus 1° per year brings 4° on the MC at 53 years = 25 ♄ on the DESC, ♂♂ r.

4. MC 11° ♀ by converse angular motion brings 18° on the MC at 53, yielding ASC ♂♂ r & p.

I'm not suggesting this is conclusive but it is interesting. Note the ♄ parallel with ♂ on the day. (♄ - ♄ = mechanical accident)

I would require more information and more aspects to make a strong case, but I thought I'd offer the foregoing at this point. Though I do not attach much importance to the converse or direct Secondary Moon, in itself, it is a good timing trigger, and you can see it is closely involved in the ♂♂ ♀ and ♂♂ T at the time, provided you have an Aquarian Ascendant.

Re recorded 'birth times', as I believe I've said elsewhere, I view all given times with suspicion.

I realize ♄ in 10th is more consistent with the career and 'legend' of Princess Grace, but I still hold my view.

From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): Regarding Birth Times - There is a rather interesting item at the foot of page 59 in Alan Leo's 'Casting The Horoscope', which is worth considering.

'In the extremely interesting account by Colonel de Rochas of experiments with a hypnotised subject, wherein the sensitive

is made to recount the experience of the soul in seeking reincarnation, the statement is made that the astral body in an inchoate form surrounds the yet unborn child, to which it is attracted some little time before birth, and that this astral body only takes form at the moment of severance of the umbilical cord. A statement which seems to establish this as the true moment of birth. The article entitled "The Regression of Memory", is to be found in the Annals of Psychical Science for July, 1905.'

It is a well-known medical fact that newborn babies sometimes take a while in drawing their first breath, so that even Astrologers with a stop-watch for the first cry, may even be incorrect. That is why it is so necessary to rectify a Birth Chart by events. One event is not sufficient, such as shown for the accident of the Dutchman, Henk, given in The Australian Astrologers' Journal, Winter, 1982. A slightly earlier time would have brought Mars to co-join the progressed Leo Ascendant; and of course one would not stop here, several more M.C. and Ascendant points would have to be progressed to fit in with the life events, such as examples shown in my article 'Applying Rectification Technique' in the F.A.A. Journal, October, 1973. These were true cases where the time had to be taken back. One of them is a client of 20-years' standing, whose Progressions have more than proved her rectified time.

Now to Princess Grace's Chart in the last Circular Letter, No. 14. This Chart does not depict the appearance, temperament or life-style of Princess Grace. She is a pure Venus type with Venus rising in Libra - the features are so balanced and agree with my description in 'The Complete Home Astrologer'. Her lifestyle has been in the public eye - Libra - both as an actress and as a hostess as Princess of Monaco.

Venus the Ruler, so strong in the marriage Sign would account for her prestige through marriage. Uranus in Aries would fall well into the Sixth House (Health). Leo would still hold the M.C. and its Ruler, the Sun, conjunct Mars in Scorpio, would describe the father's great efforts in acquiring wealth. The Chart as it stands shows no Progressions sufficient for a death, and the Ruler of the marriage House is placed in the Twelfth in a very weak position.

By the way there are two events that may help the astrologer wishing to rectify, as given over T.V. on the news of her death: An Oscar for her picture, 'The Country Girl', with Bing Crosby at the age of 25, and her marriage at the age of 27. I will try to obtain her biography for further details.

I am at present in the middle of rectifying political Charts with the help of biographies. Replies to my letters always bring the same answer - 'Sorry, I cannot locate my time of birth'.

With due respect to the above two correspondents, I prefer to accept the given birth time (5:31 am, Scorpio Rising) for Princess Grace as the correct one. The squarish cast of her features, and square build of body, is unmistakably Scorpionic. Scorpio women are often strikingly beautiful, and here the presence of Venus in its own Sign so close to the Ascendant injects the Libran quality of which Gwyn writes.

There is also the confirmation from the Primary Directions which, now that Saturn is correctly placed in Sagittarius, are augmented by two others that outclass all the rest in importance and power. They are

♄ I.C. (End of Life) on 2/10/1982, ♄ on 1/11/1982 (In the Geniture, ♄ rules the House of Death, and ♄ that of Roads and Transport.)

These two Directions are additional to those already mentioned in Circular Letter No. 14 - ♄♂, 25/9/1982, and ♄♄ on 22/8/1982.

Finally, there is a striking Primary Direction of the Vertex: ♄♂♂ (Rising), on 14/9/1982 - the very day of death, when the life-support system was removed, there being no further hope of Princess Grace's recovery.

The actual date of death (14th September) is also given by Primary Directions within the Solar Return Map (Normal) displayed on page 4 of Circular Letter 14. There, Saturn came to the conjunction of Pluto on 14th September. As an indicator of death,

♄♂♂ has unparalleled significance. The calculation is too lengthy to detail here, but will be given in a later Circular if readers are interested.

Experiences like this sustain my belief that this system of Primary Direction of the planets by Oblique Ascension under their individual Poles is pre-eminent in the matter of rectifying birth times. No other system to my knowledge, whether in Zodiacal Longitude or Right Ascension, gives anywhere near the same accuracy in dating the event. We nearly always find that this

issue is avoided, orbs being given in minutes of arc, which, when translated into time, can mean anything from a month to twelve months or more, depending on the speed of movement of the significator involved.

An amendment is needed for the Solar-Arc Directions. With Saturn correctly placed in Sagittarius, the aspect between Saturn and the Moon on the 18th October, 1982, is a semi-sextile, not a conjunction. This considerably weakens its significance, of course.

- Dymock.

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC): Re Princess Grace: You may think I was disappointed to discover the error of Natal Saturn being in Sagittarius, not Capricorn, as shown in the last Circular. This of course meant that the Eclipse ASC was NOT conjunct Natal Saturn, which at first seemed so apt. However, we must realize, that as you pointed out correctly in your comments under Primary Directions it was the stroke (an affliction of the physical body) that caused the accident - not the other way around - therefore Natal Saturn's involvement quincunx Eclipse point (orb 24') and trine Eclipse Vertex (207') is more fitting to an incidental involvement in the entire story.

My 'alert signal' from the Eclipse Chart would have come from Eclipse MC in the Natal 1st \odot and \odot ; Eclipse Vx (~~not~~ \odot) \odot Natal (orb 30'12') and also parallel 33' enforcing the contact. These, by inherent significance, would have made me think of possible hospitalization due to physical illness as \odot rules the Natal 6th and co-rules Natal ASC and is placed in the First House (I believe ψ now to be far more indicative of the one and a half day coma Grace lingered in before actual death.

The Eclipse point \square Natal, Ruler of 12th, again would have enforced my tendency towards hospitalization. The Natal Vx, brought to some prominence by being \odot Eclipse 5th (orb 47') \square Eclipse 8th (orb 33'), could be the explanation of being in the daughter's company at the beginning of the death experience. This is debatable.

I'm sure I made it clear that I consider the Eclipse charts not the 'total' of an event but a definite 'alert signal' for closer scrutiny of other factors. I also mentioned that once alerted I apply a superimposition with the Progressed Chart. If we do this we will notice further interesting features: On the day of Eclipse 20th July, 1982, Prog. \odot at 4^h17 and Prog. ψ at 4^h5 are within minutes of the 12th House of the Eclipse. Furthermore, as I have previously stated (Circular 12) the method I use to calculate Progressed Angles and cusps coincides with Rudolf Smit's Primary Angles, giving the results at the day of Eclipse of Prog. ASC 15^h8 \square 8th Eclipse (orb 8') \odot Natal Vx (25'

orb). The final 'weight' of importance in the Eclipse Chart (at least to my mind) would have been the Prog. Vx at 28^h36 not only \odot the Eclipse itself (53' orb) but \odot Eclipse ASC (1^h47' orb.)

My research with the Vertex over the past two years has shown me that a strong contact between an Angle and/or an Eclipse with a Vertex so very often appears to bring (or is at the time of) an extremely strong personal crisis. The \odot and ψ score highest in this regard.

Although I unfortunately do not have a great number of suicide cases, each of the cases I do have show these contacts. I would be most appreciative if anyone would be willing to send me further data to research. Knowledge gained may not only give us a greater understanding of the Vertex but could well be 'preventive' of dire outcome of such personal crisis times.

There is a wealth of astrological interest and indications in the other applicable charts for Princess Grace for those who wish to erect and study them. I think I have taken enough space for the moment.

From ROY OWEN (QLD.): I notice that no one has mentioned in the case of Princess Grace that her Uranus was on the M.C. of Monaco by Longitude, and the Eclipse was on the ASC of Monaco by Latitude. The Moon at the time of brain death was on Grace's M.C. The Sun was opposing her Moon. Mars was conjunct her Mars. Uranus was nearly opposite her 8th Cusp. Jupiter was close to her Ascendant. Saturn was close to a square to her Pluto. Jupiter was ^{has} conjunct her Mercury. The time Chart/Ascendant with Mercury conjunct MC and Neptune conjunct Ascendant.

There really have to be many aspects or transits adding up to a pattern to make a major event in life.

I have left out interpretations but they should be obvious.

Re the above, Uranus in Princess Grace's Chart was at 7^h57, which had a Right Ascension of 7^h18'. Roy is pointing out that this is close to the geographic longitude of Monaco, 7^h26'.

In regard to the Eclipse, I think Roy means it was on the Descendant as it appears in the Eclipse Chart on page 2 of Circular Letter No. 14.

I agree that a series of adverse aspects is necessary to produce a major event, but it is a risky business to rely purely on transits, and well-nigh impossible to fore-

cast with them alone years ahead. On the other hand, the disaster was adequately and completely foreshadowed by the Primary Directions detailed above, the transit of Mars over its Natal position acting as a trigger.

- Dymock

From RALPH HOLDEN (S.A.): I noticed some time ago with interest, Dr. Dean's challenge to astrologers (July newsletter) to produce convincing proof of predictive techniques through a series of character assessments of charts. In particular he said 'those interested in demonstrating the truth of astrological claims now have a chance to stand up and be counted'.

This is a remarkably similar invitation to that of the prize of \$2,000 which he and Arthur Mather offered to the astrological world (FAA Journal, 1981, June) for a demonstration of the validity of Signs. The conditions of this stipulated that '1. The entry must demonstrate that the Tropical-Sign hypothesis is true.' Yet this apparently simple demand to demonstrate the 'truth' of a relationship between Sign and character hides a most horrendous trap.

The scientific method (which is obviously demanded in both instances) is that of deductive reasoning. Yet its weakness lies in that it is unable ever to demonstrate that anything is true.

The basis of the method lies in the proposition that if a large number of events are found to contain a common 'ingredient', then it may be deduced that all events of that kind will contain the same ingredient. Thus it was once believed that all swans were white, because all observed swans were thus. But one cannot infallibly project from the known to the unknown.

Karl Popper therefore introduced the idea of Invalidation. If one cannot prove anything to be true, at least it may be possible to prove that it is not true. Thus one black swan disproves the white swan theory.

If one accepts this line of reasoning, all that is needed to invalidate any astrologer's 'demonstration' of character assessment or Sign hypothesis is to produce an instance where the relationships claimed cannot be proven to exist.

Yet there is worse to come! It has been logically pointed out that the Popper approach of saying 'That is not true', is actually a claim of truth in disguise. If you can say absolutely 'That is not true', we must assume that the methods and techniques used to disprove something are themselves infallible and unquestionably true. Which of course can never be!

The force of this kind of reasoning becomes apparent - not only by implication in the character assessment challenge - but quite explicitly in Dr. Dean's Sign-hypothesis competition. In this latter one of the conditions is '4. The entry must be supported by facts whose interpretation is unambiguous.....'

I must confess my ignorance of any major scientific hypothesis today which is not under challenge by some, or which does not contain 'facts' liable to a variety of interpretations.

I rather wonder whether it would not be fun to reverse the challenge and ask Dr. Dean to 'demonstrate that the Tropical-Sign hypothesis is UNTRUE.....', and that this demonstration 'must be supported by facts whose interpretation is unambiguous'.

Obviously our problem is that of Pontius Pilate, 'What is truth?' I would want to argue that truth is not some kind of property which is attached to things. As if it is true to say that common salt is a molecular association of chlorine and sodium; but it is untrue to say that Bach wrote wonderful music or that my character is Aquarian.

Truth is not a property of objects, but lies in our understanding of experience. It is what makes sense of things. It is the manner in which I am able to integrate into a coherent 'world view' all those experiences which impinge upon me throughout my life.

The search for truth is really a search for meaning. I think that I would claim that if astrological concepts are a part of a structure which gives pattern and meaning to my experiences, then for me they are true. If one wishes to demonstrate the truth of astrological tradition, one really only needs to find if there are those whose understanding of their experiences is given shape and substance by its concepts. They live in a coherent world, and the ultimate test of truth is no more and no less than that.

Unless Dr. Dean is playing a little joke upon us (and I have always suspected that the Great Astrology Prize is really that) then his 'truth' about experience is built upon a different framework from mine, and is presumably founded on what I hold to be the doubtful concept of deductive reasoning. But that is his problem not mine; and besides, I'm sure that my world is a pile more fun than his anyway!

Much material (including answers to the Questionnaires) has had to be held over until next time. My kind regards to all.

- Dymock.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

These Letters have now been circulating for sixteen months (since 20th May, 1981) and the distribution has increased considerably in that time. Originally they were issued at irregular intervals, as material came to hand, but with the increasing response of astrologers, it soon became apparent that a regular monthly publication date was desirable. Accordingly, the 19th of each month was fixed upon, and since the beginning of this year the Letters have appeared consistently on that date.

The Letters are proving an invaluable means of exchanging information and ideas between serious astrologers, and help in large measure to surmount the disadvantages of distance, and the natural inclination of many astrologers to 'go it alone'.

It is my hope that the Letters are educational for both practitioners and advanced students, and that they will raise the standard of astrological practice in Australasia. No School of astrological thought is excluded; all are welcome, and by the testing and comparison of all available techniques we may hope eventually to settle on what is the most productive and useful in current astrological practice.

Collation, editing and distribution of the Letters is a service I am glad to provide, but the cost cannot be entirely disregarded, and to make best use of the funds available I am asking recipients of the Letters if they will kindly complete the enclosed Questionnaire, and return it to me, or alternatively, phone. If you do not have time to take an interest in the Circulars, or do not wish to do so, there is of course no need to return the Questionnaire. All who do return it will continue to receive the Circulars each month.

Since our extra-large Circular in August, only one communication has been received, but in the light of the recent tragedy at Monaco it is of considerable interest.

ECLIPSE CHARTS AND LUNATIONS

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC.): I was pleased to note Clair Bunnett advises her students to consider eclipses in evaluating planetary trends (Circular Letter 13), however, from my own personal experience I would suggest widening this from mere eclipse ☾, ☽, ☿ natal planets to erecting a Locality Chart for the time of the eclipse and superimposing this over the natal chart (of course including the Vertex points.)

I have been doing this for some years as a matter of routine and I have found that when the Eclipse Angles (and this includes the Vertex that Charles Jayne calls the third Angle) falls on or square a natal planet, OR a planet in the Eclipse chart falls on a natal Angle, a specific event following the eclipse is very frequently related to those planets. Of course it takes more than one contact to herald a significant event. Should two (or more) natal malefics fall conjunct, square or parallel the Eclipse Angles then I am alerted to very closely scrutinize the following six months or so (until the next 'like' eclipse). This scrutiny is done by erecting Lunar Return charts, New and Full Moon charts etc. I do not find any eclipse having a longer effect than the time span of one solar eclipse until the following solar eclipse, likewise Lunar to Lunar.

Just to give you one example, I have a case of a man rushed to hospital for an emergency operation for a massive blood clot on the brain brought on by a blow to the head when he was intoxicated three days previously, the Eclipse Chart ASC was ☿ natal ♂, ☿ natal ♀ in natal 6th/12th. Eclipse Vertex ☐ natal ♀, Eclipse ☿♂ Natal Vx, Eclipse ♄♂ natal ♀, Eclipse ♃♂ natal ASC, although his Solar Return Chart did indicate possible surgery due to a blow it was nowhere near as clear as the Eclipse indications. The pertinent point I am endeavouring to make is that the Eclipse itself made only one aspect to the Natal Chart - parallel and semi-

square Uranus, hardly worth considering; but once the entire Eclipse Chart is superimposed over the Natal Chart there is a revealing line-up of contacts.

After using Eclipse charts for a number of years I find them invaluable both when forecasting and in research work. After much usage I now include comparisons (superimpositions) with the current Solar Return and Progressed charts, but this can become a little complicated until one learns to be able to weed out the unimportant contacts and clearly see the significant ones. As Allan Johnson says (same Circular): "Frequently it is a matter of how much weight we are to give to this, in preference to that". Research and practice are by far the best teachers.

I have little preference as to changing the name of the Circular Letters - 'a rose by any other name...'. The main thing seems to me that the basic idea is maintained, that we now have an available avenue through which ideas can be presented for comment by others. I look forward to each month's delivery and to reading of others' experiences with the various systems, aspects etc. As I see it, controversy is a healthy symptom of the Astrologer's dilemma.

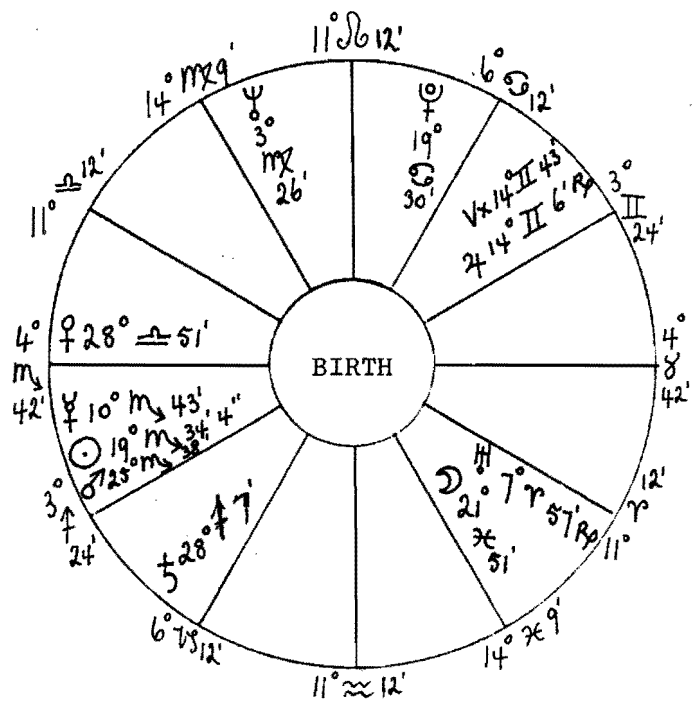
ROAD ACCIDENT, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1982

The above letter came to hand at almost the exact time that the news was received of the car accident in France involving Princess Grace of Monaco and her younger daughter, the Princess Stephanie. Princess Grace subsequently died, and at the date of writing this her daughter is still in hospital, apparently in a serious condition. She has only lately been told of her mother's death.

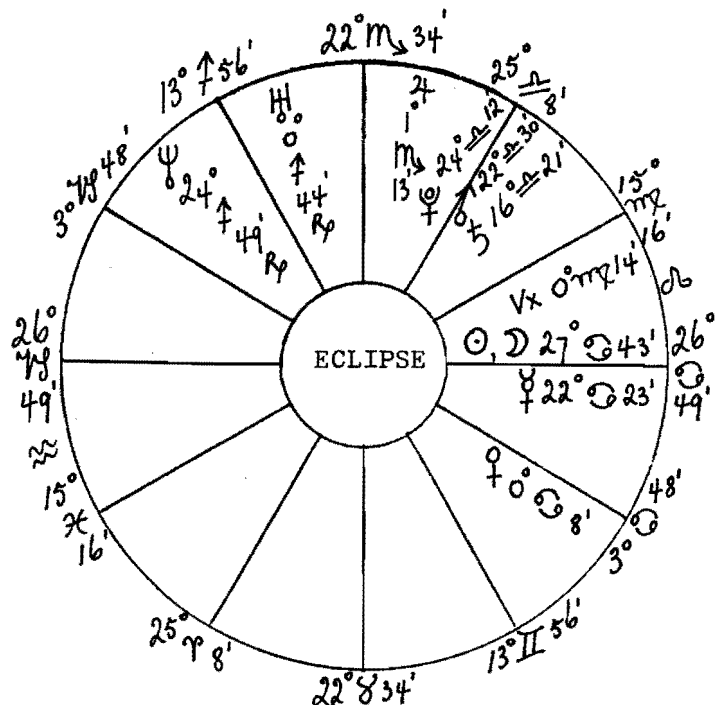
This accident enables us to test the ideas put forward by Elva Howson, and with this in mind I have drawn up the following set of Charts and aspects. As will be seen, they support to the hilt the claims made by Elva.

Here is the Natal Chart of Princess Grace, from data furnished in 'The Circle Book of Charts'. The time is given as 5:31 am, which, as it is not rounded off to the nearest five minutes, suggests that the birth was precisely timed.

An Eclipse of the Sun occurred on the 20th July, 1982, less than two months before the accident. The Chart of the Eclipse follows, calculated for the longitude and latitude of Monaco, which was very close to the scene of the accident.



PRINCESS GRACE OF MONACO
12th November, 1929, 5:31 am Philadelphia.
UT 10h31m 75W10 39N57 O.E. 23:26:55
Topocentric Cusps



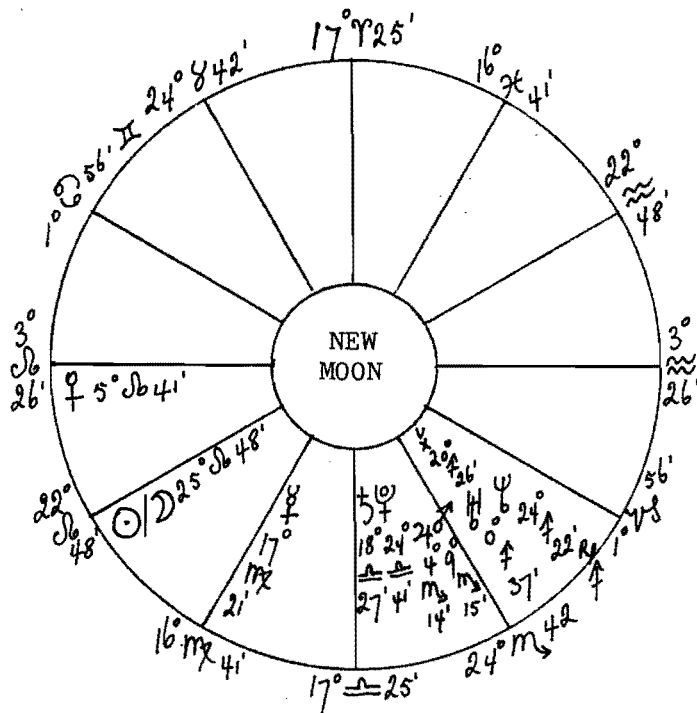
SOLAR ECLIPSE, 20th July, 1982, MONACO
UT 18h58m 7E26 43N44

Elva's stress on the importance of the Angles of the Location Chart is strikingly borne out: The Midheaven of the above Chart (22° 34') is almost exactly conjunct the Natal ☉/♂ (22° 36')! Furthermore, the Ascendant conjoins Natal Saturn (orb 1° 18'). Elva could not have wished for a better

illustration of her claims.

Aside from the Angles, the Eclipse Pluto conjoints ♄/♀ at 23°48' (orb 24'), Mars is quincunx Natal Moon (orb 39'), and the Eclipse point itself (27°43') squares Natal Venus (orb 1°8'), which rules the House of Hospitalization.

Following the Eclipse, a New Moon occurred on the 19th August, and again the Chart is indicative:



NEW MOON, 19th August, 1982,
MONACO, UT 2h46m am.
Topocentric Cusps

The Midheaven squares Natal Pluto (orb 2°5'), which is the Ruler of Princess Grace's Chart, and there are the following additional aspects, in close orb:

LUNATION	NATAL	ORB	NATAL HOUSES INVOLVED
♂	♂	10'	The physical body, and
♂	♂	1½°	Death, and /sickness
♂	♂	(Rising)	the body.
♂	♂	1°	Road and transport,
♂	♂	(Ruler)	and the body.

There is another aspect from the Lunation Chart to the Natal which seems at first sight to be inconsistent - Jupiter conjunct the Ascendant. But then we note that Jupiter occupies the House of Death in the Princess's Chart, so it was not a harbinger of good for her, except perhaps in the esoteric sense of freeing her from the tribulations of this world.

PRIMARY DIRECTIONS

It is instructive to compare other standard methods of prognostication. Primary Direction of the planets by Oblique Ascension under their individual Poles yields two important Directions: The Moon opposes Mercury on the 25th September, 1982, and Mercury comes to the sesquare of Uranus on the 22nd August, 1982. The 'resultant' of these two is the 9th September, which is very close to the date of the accident, 12th September.

These two Directions support the diagnosis of the surgeon who attended her after the accident; he declared that Princess Grace suffered a stroke (brain haemorrhage) while driving, which caused the accident - and not the accident which caused the haemorrhage. The Moon and Mercury undoubtedly rule the brain. Had it been the other way round, I should have expected to see Mars and Saturn involved.

In the Natal Chart, Mercury is Rising, about 6° below the Ascendant, and is Ruler of the House of Death. Uranus rules the 'End of Life' House, and is close to the cusp of the House of Illness.

SECONDARY PROGRESSION

The normal, direct, Secondary Progressions do not show any significant close aspects to Natal planets or Angles, but the Converse Chart points quite strongly to a fatality. The aspects are:-

Mars c. square Pluto (Chart Ruler) on 6th June, 1982

Moon c. square Pluto on 5th July, 1982.

SOLAR-ARC DIRECTIONS

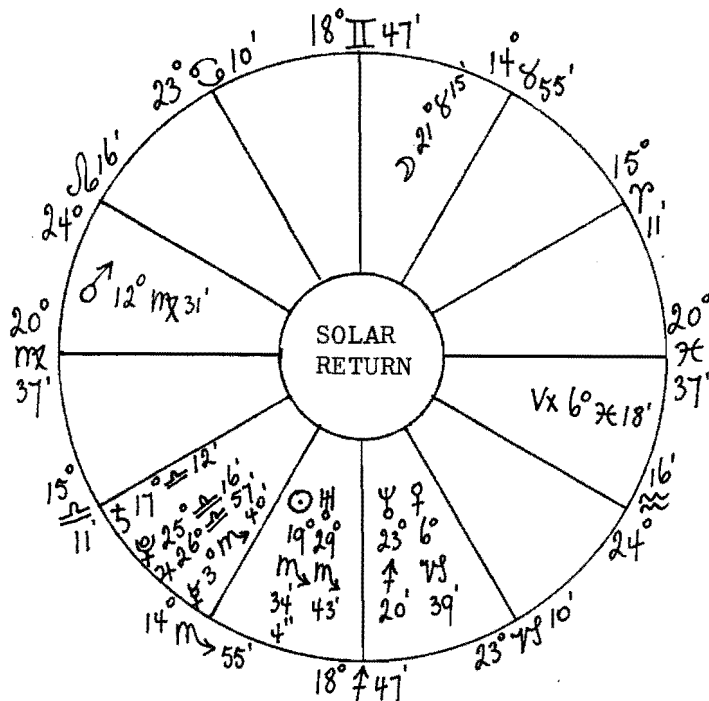
The Zodiacal Solar-Arc Directions (arc 53°47'43" to 12/9/1982) are:

Saturn ~~conjunct~~ ^{semi-sextile} the Moon, 18/10/1982,
Mars opposite Pluto, 4/12/1982.

The resultant of these two dates is the 11th November, 1982, two months later than the date of the accident, but still close. They must be considered appropriate as, apart from their inherent signification, Saturn is Natal Ruler of the House of Roads and Transport, Mars is Ruler of Illness, and Pluto rules the Natal Ascendant. The Moon being in the House of Children points to the injury suffered by the daughter, Princess Stephanie.

ANNUAL CHARTS

The Solar Return Map for Princess Grace, on 12th November, 1981, at Monaco, appears on the next page.



SOLAR RETURN, PRINCESS GRACE,
MONACO, 12/11/1981
Topocentric Cusps

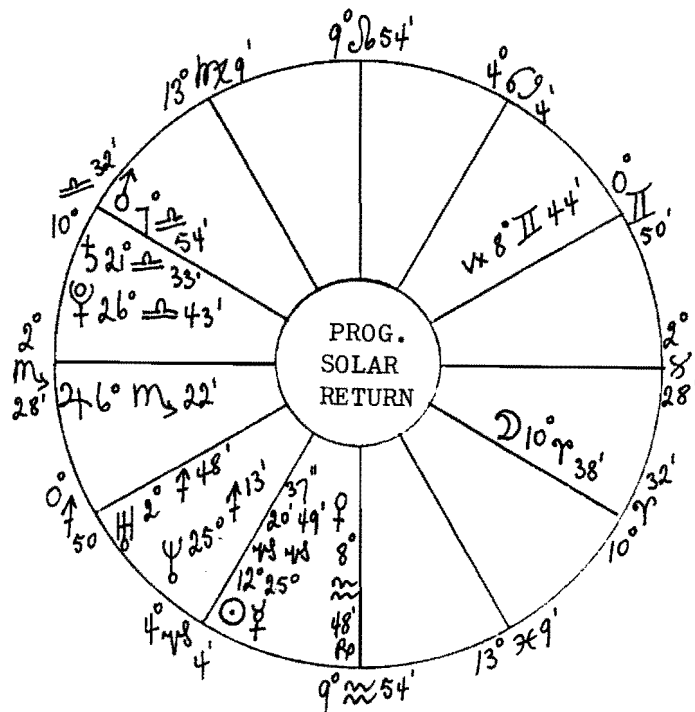
Mars rises, ruling the House of Death, and square to Jupiter in the Natal House of Death. Neptune in the 'End of Life' House, squares the Natal Moon.

The Sun and Uranus are in the House of Roads and Transport, opposed by the Moon. Uranus conjoins Natal Mars. The S.R. Sun and Uranus rule respectively the House of Sorrows and the House of Illness. This is all indicative enough.

The Progressive Solar Return is likewise indicative: The Angles practically replicate those of the Birth Chart, which is in itself highly significant - an important, perhaps 'fateful' year. The Ruler, Pluto, squares Natal Saturn, Mars opposes Natal Uranus (orb 3'!), the Moon conjuncts Natal Uranus, Saturn is quincunx the Moon, Neptune square the Moon, and Uranus square Neptune - an impressive array of malefic inter-chart aspects.

In the Progressive Solar Return Chart itself, the Sun in the House of Roads and Transport is involved in a T-Square with Mars and the Moon. It is significant also that the Vertex, from the House of Death, forms a Grand Trine with Mars and Venus, associated respectively with Sorrows and Terminations.

The adverse Directions were triggered by Mars transiting Natal Mars, and the Moon transiting Natal Pluto, on 13th



PROGRESSIVE SOLAR RETURN, 3/1/1982,
MONACO
Topocentric Cusps

September, 1982, which was the actual date of the accident, so far as I am aware.

Further analysis, whether by Ebertin, Uranian or any other astrological method is invited.

ROYAL BABY BIRTHDATE COMPETITION

The Astrological Association of Great Britain held a competition to see who could come nearest to forecasting the date and time of the birth of Lady Diana's baby. In the current issue of 'Transit' it was announced that the winner 'by a very short margin' was one Colin Parker of Gloucester, who predicted 22nd June, 9:45 am G.M.T. Second in the competition was a Richard Lilley of Clacton who chose 21st June, 7:53 am. B.S.T. (The actual date and time was 21st June, 9:03 pm B.S.T.).

The winner chose his time on the basis of the Moon being about 13° of Cancer, which he had noted was a sensitive degree area in Royal charts. The baby's Chart does show the Moon's Node on that degree.

The runner-up based his prediction on the June 21st eclipse, but chose 7:53 am B.S.T. for its 5° Leo Ascendant, which related to the Charts of the Royal parents.

Joan McCulla of N.S.W. also predicted the 21st June, but did not specify a time. Had she done so, and entered the competition, we might have had a winner from this country. Joan uses Cosmobiological methods.

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th September, 1982.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The last Circular Letter was unfortunately delayed for eight days through a breakdown of the local printer's photo-copying equipment. Alternative arrangements have now been made, and your Editor intends to keep the Letters flowing regularly on the 19th of each month. If possible, please send your literary contributions to reach me not later than the 16th of the month, to ensure immediate publication.

From AUSTIN LEVY (N.S.W.): Regarding accuracy of birth-time, Gauquelin made a fairly systematic investigation of the subject (see RECENT ADVANCES p. 386 also p. 468), and found no real evidence that actual birth takes place more often before or after the time recorded at the Registry. Astrologers seem to concur however, that rectified times tend to be 10-20 minutes before the time given. This latter claim is hard to substantiate and would require a proper study to be really credible.

My own opinion is that if astrology has a can of worms, then rectification takes the award for it. Some of the so-called techniques that pass for 'rectification' are just incredible. By that, I don't necessarily mean so-called 'intuitive' factors - indeed, some of these appear quite reasonable compared to more outwardly exact methods which violate every known principle of astronomy. I can never understand why astrologers do not adopt the same methods for rectification that they do for drawing up a set of House cusps, and yet very few do, which perhaps just proves that we tend to pass on methods that themselves may have been conceived out of a desire for convenient simplicity - for example, simply adding the Sun's daily motion (or even just a degree a year) to the Ascendant, as if that's how it really moved!

We must never lose sight of the fact that all methods of prediction are based on the premise of expanding or contracting time, e.g. day for a day, day for a year, day for a month, and so on. This type of change does not thereby alter the means by which the change is effected - the Celestial Sphere still rotates with respect to a local horizon and meridian, and this fact needs to be respected. This inclines me

therefore to be sympathetic to a system of primary directions, at least in principle. I have not seen enough of Rudolph Smit's work yet to give an honest opinion of its worth. By that I mean a detailed analysis of his methodology, rather than examples of case histories, interesting as they may be. On a lighter note, I think someone could make a killing selling astrological dart-boards to all those self-rectifying astrologers, who, when totally frustrated, can end the controversy quite painlessly! More than one Melbourne Cup winner has been chosen by such methods!

A practical suggestion for assisting rectification, and which gets over the problem of working with too little life data, is one devised by John Clarke of the Sydney Astrology Centre. Two pieces of graph paper are marked, respectively, with the life events of the subject, and the progressed aspects (particularly those for an hypothesised set of Angles). In this way, by sliding the two pieces of graph paper around, a 'best fit' of the two sets of data can be obtained. Astrologers have to remember that no one in the sciences shares their preoccupation with obtaining 'foolproof', 100% watertight methods, since errors of measurement are a fact of life, and perfectly acceptable providing they are within reasonable limits.

I often get the feeling, after talking to astrologers, that they live in a mental fantasy world, a kind of astrological universe where no explanations outside of astrological ones are permissible, and that if the events of the real world do not accord with astrological notions or predictions, then yet another astrological technique will have to be invented to explain it. I know that these are hard words, but if astrology is to survive in a meaningful sense, and not just as the idealistic fancies of wishful-thinking astrologers, then there will have to be an attempt to align our notions with at least basic facts of the material universe.

To amplify this point further, the late John Addey made the telling point at the Research Conference held last November in London at the Institute of Psychiatry, that even if astrology did explain 100%

of people's character, no single element or part of astrology (for example the Sun's position by Sign) could contribute more than its requisite portion of the total, otherwise one would have the absurd situation whereby the sum of the parts was more than the whole. In addition to this, we must keep in mind that in the social sciences at least, and of which astrology by default, is one, correlations of 5-10% are standard, so it would seem extremely unlikely that any given factor in astrology would be expected to explain more than a tiny amount of variability in human behaviour. Contrast this fact with the naive expectations of most astrologers and one can quickly see why many social scientists frequently reject astrology outright. I'm not saying they are right in doing this, but they would certainly be entitled to. This phenomenon may also explain why so many competing techniques have proliferated in astrology in recent years, due to the failure of traditional methods to provide any measure of efficiency or consistency in predictions.

My own work with predictions over the years, has drawn me to conclude the following (for what it is worth): Secondary Progressions are effective really only for the Sun and Moon, and in the following manner - The Sun, major and minor aspects and ingresses, about 80% reliability (NOT that they indicate 80% of all the events!); the Moon, position by Sign and House (and ingresses to same), and only 0,180 and 90 degree aspects, about 60% reliability. The rest of the planets - no reliable indications. Consequently, my work with rectification has been tempered by these considerations, and in regard to using progressions and rectification, two points need to be made: 1) If Sun or Moon are to be used in rectification a problem arises, which is that altering the time of birth affects the natal position of the planet, which in turn affects the timing of progressed aspects by that planet; in other words one has to be careful. 2) It would seem wise to seek confirmation of hypothesised Angles by cross-checking against transits by the slow-moving outer planets. I always insist that at least one or two major events are confirmed in this manner before I will fully accept a rectification, but even then never as 'the' birth chart. I always remain highly suspicious when astrologers, no matter how eminent, claim 'total accuracy' - this approach always necessitates what Geoff Dean aptly describes as 'safety in numbers' or 'hyper-astrology', although inevitably it turns out to be more hype than hyper!

In reference to this last point, I would

also like to point out the false security which many Ebertin-based astrologers rest upon when they gleefully divulge all the factors that explained such-and-such a disaster or whatever. All of this work is done post-fact, and I have yet to see a prediction published prior to the event, using Cosmobiology. There are 78 midpoints, and over 4,000 ways of obtaining an aspect to them, so by chance alone there would always be in the region of 45 midpoint structures being triggered off in a 90 degree dial using a 1 degree orb. If one couldn't explain just about any event from that kind of abundance then one really should go back to noughts and crosses. The trouble with astrological symbolism is that it is so rich and versatile in its meanings that black can be made white and vice versa without generating many blatant contradictions at all.

How then, are astrologers to prove the worth of their predictions in a manner that would please a scientist? The most objective method is one recently used in parapsychology research studies done by the Stanford physicists Targ and Puthoff. Their methodology is quite straightforward - let the seer-astrologer make a series of predictions (or post-dictions, if it was deemed necessary to use known cases for convenience, but this would also necessitate double-blind trials to ensure that astrologers were not reading the minds of the experimenters, if the results were already known to them), and write up what and when he thought was going to occur (or had). The astrologers could be as detailed or general as they liked in describing events, or even just the state of mind of the subject at the time in terms of his (or her) response to the given event.

This process would then be repeated several times with different cases, and the results, along with objective descriptions of what had actually taken place, given in a scrambled order to an independent evaluator who would then pair the astrologers' description of each event with the objective description which it most closely resembled. This is continued until either no more descriptions can be matched or there are none left to match; then the number of 'hits' are recorded and used to calculate a probability of chance occurrence; the greater the so-called coherence of the two sets of results the less likely they are to have been arrived at by chance. Such a protocol, as it is called, ensures that no hidden or subliminal clues are being given away to the astrologer, such as may occur when an astrologer interviews a client.

In case you find all this a bit too strict, just read about several of the classic research blunders in astrology described in various parts of 'Recent Advances' and it will become evident why it is wise to err on the side of caution in such matters. For example in the case of the Mayo-Eysenck Sun-Sign study, the problem was the fact that people tend to report their personality according to what they have read about their Sun-Sign in astrology columns and books. When people who definitely knew nothing about their Sun-Sign were studied, so-called astrological correlations with personality disappeared altogether! These things may be depressing to us, but they are facts of life, and force us to either revise our opinions of the basis of astrology, or to seek carefully other means in which to study it.

For those of you who are interested in research, I should mention the new journal Correlation, which publishes all the latest results of research in astrology. It is funded by the Astrological Association of GB, and is completely independent of their regular journal, and even of the Association itself, at least editorially. It can be obtained by sending £6 (airmail) or £4.50 (surface) to Mrs F. Griffiths, 98 Hayes Rd, Bromley, Kent BR2 9AB U.K. There are four issues per year, and the articles are all of the highest quality, by people like John Addey, Gauquelin, Eysenck, Geoff Dean and so on. It really is a worthwhile cause to support.

Next, a brief word about the subject of astrology courses. Local astrologers may like to know that it is possible to sit the D.F. Astrol.S. exam without actually having completed the Faculty course, providing of course that one feels that one has mastered enough astrology to be able to cope. I have a copy of their syllabus for courses, and am willing to send people photo-copies of it if they send me \$1.- to cover costs. Otherwise, you can write to Jonathon Powell, National Secretary of the Faculty of Ast. Studies, c/- Homecroft, Brownston St, Modbury, South Devon, England.

Lastly, a few pieces of interesting data gleaned from Transit the Astrological Association's news bulletin in the UK. Elvis Presley - the final, conclusive birth-time from the attending doctor's baby book: 4.35 a.m., 8/1/35, 34N16, 88W42 (CST). (Agrees with Birth Certificate). John Hinckley, Reagan's would-be assassin - from the Birth Certificate, 11.42 p.m., 29/5/55, 97W08, 34N10 Ardmore, Oklahoma. Shirley Williams, SDP politician in Britain, data from her. 10.00 a.m. (BST) 27/7/30, London.

Rudolph Valentino - from the Birth Certificate, 3.00 p.m. 6/5/1895, 40N38, 16E57, Castellanea, Italy.

From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): In Circular 12 there seems much speculation regarding predictive Astrology and I think this is because so many folk call themselves professional Astrologers and start forecasting before they have the experience; in fact in many cases they may never have the necessary aptitude for this art, for art it is, the same as painting, singing or being an outstanding musician.

It is very difficult to acquire any of these arts without being tuned-in to the right cosmic vibration - some call it intuition - sixth sense. Carol Squires, in Circular 12, calls it 'right frequency'. As each person responds to a different frequency by the very pattern of his horoscope, it behoves every astrologer to have a good look at his own horoscope before attempting this branch of Astrology. Even some dazzling mathematicians never master this predictive art, and in this case are the first to scoff at it's being possible.

I notice those with Watery Signs and planets predominant, especially Neptune, have their sixth sense well developed. Uranus and Mercury seem to favour the mechanics of Astrology, and, of course, with the three very prominent we could have an all-round clever astrologer.

When you come to think of the varied interlacing of planetary vibrations, which have to be assessed and synthesised in a progressed horoscope, it becomes quite an art. There is the nature of the significator with its Sign and House position, aspecting the birth planet in a Sign and House, plus the nature of the birth Houses these planets rule; not forgetting important transits that may be taking place at the same time.

The first rule in forecasting is to see that the birth time is correct by rectification. After doing a lifetime of horoscopes I have found that you cannot rely on even the most sworn birth times. As the M.C. and Ascendant are the important points in this exercise the method used is important. I always work on the R.A. of the Mean Sun, as against the Solar-Arc method. One needs several aspects from the progressed points M.C. and ASC to birth planets and also several progressed planets to the birth M.C. and Ascendant. This could stretch over several years.

The second rule. You cannot predict something that is denied in the birth horoscope. Very rarely do two horoscopes

respond in the same way to a given aspect.

The true art of Astrology lies in the astrologer being so experienced in interpreting the birth horoscope that he/she is pretty sure when a Secondary aspect is not likely to work. A benefic aspect to a very afflicted birth planet may not cause a ripple of activity, and the same applies to the order being reversed - bad to good. A slow moving malefic transit, particularly over the M.C. or Ascendant, can diminish a beneficial Progressed aspect.

Then there is what is termed the frustrated Progressed aspect. That is when a Progressed planet is about to aspect another, which would tend to signify some event, but is frustrated by a third planet or point of a swifter motion interposing and completing one of its own aspects to the same planet.

An example of this was recently shown in my own Horoscope when Progressed Mars came to a square to radical Uranus from travel Signs. I decided to take the trip as my progressed Ascendant was also sextiling the same Uranus, it being of a swifter motion than Mars, and it therefore frustrated the adverse square. The outcome of the holiday - quite enjoyable other than there was a heat wave on (Mars).

It is these kinds of Secondary aspects that tend to trip up the astrologer and cause him/her to say that Secondaries do not work.

From JOAN McCULLA (N.S.W.): Circular Letter No. 10 made me realize that if I spent so much time writing on which type of Astrology works or does not, I would have no time to put into the exacting work I do.

As you know, my forte is Cosmobiology; and although I am trying out events in retrospect, it's to see how events in the life affect different people. The important things to follow are: Do not touch a chart with an unknown birthtime, and when a fairly accurate time is given do find out the exact place on Earth, not just, for example, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, etc. Find the part of that city, its exact latitude and longitude. If the person has relocated look to this ASC and MC, also for any events after the relocation. Look also to the Natal aspects. It is these, \circ , \square , \angle , \square , \angle , \square , very close, when touched off by a progressed aspect (I use Solar-Arc) and/or a transit, that will sure-fire make things happen. The true Solar-Arc also, not just the mean $59^{\circ}8.33'$, works out exactly. I use the Kickbusch Table, absolutely wonderful for accuracy.

For a December birth such as mine, my Sun's motion, $1^{\circ}1'5''$, for my age would be way out if using the mean.

Nothing comes easily. The more work put in the more one gets out. From the beginning, when it was reported the Princess of Wales was pregnant, I sat down and worked out which day in June 1982 would be best for birth, using both her Chart and Prince Charles', coming up with the 21st. The next report was that it would be early June, I checked again - still nothing as good as the 21st. Our group in at the Sydney Astrological Research Society all knew the work I put into this, the Cosmobiology Workshop especially.

The next report was that the birth would be on Diana's birthday on the 1st July. I checked this thoroughly also, but found the 21st just too good. Now I do not call this predicting; just a great deal of exacting mathematical work.

Charles' Solar Arc at date of son's birth, 21st June 1982, was $34^{\circ}4'06''$ and the Solar Arc Directions were: \odot/\odot , $11^{\circ}25'$, Prog. to $15^{\circ}29' \angle$ \odot radical at $08^{\circ}26'$ on 2/6/1982 (\angle transit at $0^{\circ}30'$) \odot r ($22^{\circ}25'$) at $26^{\circ}29' \angle$ \odot/\odot radical ($11^{\circ}25'$) on 27/5/1982.

Although the ASC or MC of the baby's birth did not touch anything, the baby's ASC/MC at $29^{\circ}58'$ was square Charles' \odot/\angle $0^{\circ}09'$, ($11'$ of arc) and opposite Charles' \odot/\square , $0^{\circ}11'$ ($13'$ of arc). Charles has a nearly exact opposition of \angle ($29^{\circ}53'$) to \square ($29^{\circ}56'$) natively, making this a very important point in his Chart. His father, Prince Phillip, also has close opposition: \angle ($10^{\circ}46'$) to \square ($9^{\circ}38'$).

Diana has a fairly close $\odot \circ \square$, both squared by \square . She became engaged on 24th February, 1981 (Solar-Arc $18^{\circ}43'$), when \angle , $5^{\circ}06'$ radical, came to $23^{\circ}49'$, \square the midpoint \square/\square at $8^{\circ}51'$ (6/3/1981); married 29/7/1981, Solar-Arc ($19^{\circ}08'$) when \angle came to $24^{\circ}14'$, \square \angle at $24^{\circ}24'$ (2/10/1981). At the birth, Solar-Arc ($20^{\circ}00'$) \angle was at $25^{\circ}06'$, which was \angle the \odot radical within 5 minutes of arc (25/5/1982). This area of her Chart becomes more important yet as natively \odot is $\angle \square$, $\square \odot$, $\angle \square$ and $\square \odot$ at $9^{\circ}42'$.

If we relocate Diana's ASC and MC from Sandringham to the exact location of the hospital, the baby's ASC, $27^{\circ}29'$, would be \angle her Solar-Arc MC, $12^{\circ}26'$. Diana's relocated ASC by Solar-Arc for the birth is at $7^{\circ}56'$, \square \square radical, $23^{\circ}19'$ ($23'$ of arc). The relocated ASC/MC at $20^{\circ}11'$ becomes \square with the transiting \odot of baby's birth, $4^{\circ}57'$. (A birthtime of 7.49 p.m. for Diana gives an ASC of $18^{\circ}20'$, which by Solar-Arc ($20^{\circ}00'$) arrives at $8^{\circ}20'$ \square radical \square $23^{\circ}19'$ (orb $1'$ of arc). An interesting additive).

Genetically, the baby's ASC at 27° 29' squares Queen Elizabeth's radical ♀, 27° 22'; ♀ her radical ♀, 12° 07'. The ♀/Transpluto at 27° 17' also ties in. There are many more things in the Queen's Chart which I will not go into here.

If the ASC I have for Prince Phillip, 0° 05', is close, the ASC/MC of the baby's birth, 29° 58', is only 7 minutes of arc off a conjunction. His radical ♀ at 20° 13' has the transit ♀ of the birth ♀ at 4° 57' (16 mins of arc).

(In the above, I have introduced the dates at which the various Solar-Arc aspects became exact, as this affords a better indication of their relative precision than minutes of arc. - Dymock).

Joan McCulla asks the question, 'Would you not agree that in Prince Charles' Chart, those (Solar-Arc) progressions should indicate a birth?: Sun semisquare Sun/Moon radical; Sun/Moon semisquare Moon radical; taking into account that in Prince Charles' Nativity Jupiter is trine the Moon, and the Sun is trine Moon/Venus (23° 24)'.

When the above progressions are plotted on the 90° wheel, a favourite tool of the Cosmobiologists, the 45° angles appear as oppositions, and look more impressive. Nevertheless, even as the traditional semisquares, the aspects quoted are consistent with a birth, when one observes that in the Natal Chart of Prince Charles the Sun is close to the 5th Cusp (children). I think this final delineating factor of the House Cusp is necessary, otherwise the aspects could relate to other things, such as marital friction, psychological unbalance, professional difficulties, etc.

Further comments are invited. - Dymock.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): I agree with Geoffrey Dean's views that a lot of time can be wasted in arguing about the best method of prediction (Circular Letter No.12) but for the opposite reason. I would rule out altogether the possibility of resolving the matter either by debate or by Geoffrey Dean's statistical methods. So the same arguments that have gone on over the past fifty years are likely to continue for the next fifty. The best system, or the perfect system which will always work, is like 'the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow'. It doesn't exist.

Prediction by its very nature, and especially when dealing with human beings, is far too complex a subject for genuine

scientific testing - that is, in the way a scientist would use the word. Right at the start a very clear line of demarcation should be drawn between the professionals who actually do the predicting and the researchers who start with an event that has already happened and try to line this up retrospectively with data provided by the system being used. What I am saying is that prediction just cannot be put in a test tube.

The reason for this is that Astrology just has too many complications. If you really want to justify a system you can always find something. If you widen your net sufficiently you can prove anything you want to prove. There is no risk about that. But in actually doing real prediction, the only way to handle it is narrow your net, limit your options, or you never come to grips with it at all. But in reverse you can open the door as wide as you like. So this is why so many of these arguments become circuitous. Who really gets convinced?

If we go back to the professionals who really do the predicting and have been doing it over a long period of time, what do we find? We find hardly any two astrologers using the same methods. What does this suggest? It suggests that the capacity to predict is a thing in itself, regardless of the methods used. What it boils down to is that the future can never really be determined by the mechanics of any system. If it could, prediction could be put onto a computer and we could have our future mapped out for us, and would not need to make decisions. But this will never happen. A good astrologer has to get a 'feel' for a chart, to get on the right wave-length.

Every successful astrologer develops a strong intuitive faculty. I am not suggesting that we should dispense with mathematical exactitude in the use of a system, but this is not the whole story. I think an astrologer who has been using a particular system for a long time can get attached to it and think it is the only system -- but if he switched to another system he would most likely get just as good results. A case in point is the two London professionals, Edward Whitman and John Naylor. Whitman used the 'one degree' method, while Naylor used the 'day for a year'. Yet both were successful practitioners for over 30 years. Did the systems matter all that much?

Recently I have been reading the 'Deductive Interpretation of the Progressed Horoscope' by the American, John McCormick, who died last year. McCormick built up a

highly successful practice over a long period of time. He was using Secondaries, certainly, but not in the way I would ever dream of using them, or expect to get results. But he was highly successful. So it means that each astrologer has to work out his own individual technique for getting results. For any professional to survive over a long period, he or she has to get a lot of repeat work and personal recommendations, and this must link up with good predictive work. It would be almost impossible to work out a percentage rate for accurate prediction, as most professionals have not the time to keep statistics, even if they could get the feedback. Nobody expects infallible work, but a client expects a good percentage.

Half the battle in doing predictive work, as in a lot of other things, lies simply in having the confidence that you can predict. Most students are anxious to learn, but are conditioned by too strong an element of caution in their make-up ever to let themselves go. So they simply generalize--and in many cases nothing will ever get them out of it. In real prediction it is not just a matter of finding a specific aspect, as there is a whole range of other factors which do influence a judgement. One is the background of the person. Another is the type of chart the person has. Is he responsive to change? Or likely to take advantage of circumstances if they arise? Sometimes even the prediction itself will be the decisive factor in determining a person's actions.

Added to this of course is the presence of concurrently operating 'Directions' which could point in a lot of different ~~directions~~ ^{ways?}. So very frequently it is a matter of how much weight we are to give to this, in preference to that. I think in most cases where I have fallen down on a prediction I have given the weight to the wrong thing. The factor that lined up with what eventually did develop was in the chart asking to be noticed -- but so were a lot of other things as well. So it is often a choice of options, and this is where intuition can come in.

The revolution that Margaret Hone started was in getting away from the preoccupation with lists of planets and aspects and getting down to the real guts of a chart as a whole, and ventilating the client's problems. So good astrological practice is not just a matter of prediction, but getting an insight into the person's life and giving practical advice and help. I have never been a particular disciple of Hone, but when I started a full time practice I did do a thorough study of her two

books, as these are basic for a real thrust into chart work. We can disregard Equal House if we wish.

From RUDOLF H. SMIT (VIC.): The reactions on my previous contributions by E.S. Caselli and Gwyn Turner compelled me initially to produce a reply of about six tightly typed pages. I realised that such would be too much for the present Circular, hence I confine myself now to short replies, explanations and rebuttals, where possible. But, as for me, I intend to close this 'discussion' within the arena of these Circulars, as it has become too personal, apparently. However, if Gwyn wants to continue the discussion by private correspondence, she is quite welcome. As for E.S. Caselli, I call him Ed now, as we are on friendly terms since we started a personal correspondence. He let me know, by the way, that he withdrew his comments on my being dogmatic, arrogant, or whatever, as he was happy to acknowledge that I had, indeed, tried out his Converse Secondary Directions. This does not imply, however, that I have been converted to them already. I cannot be convinced that easily.

At this point I want to make a clear statement: If being 'undogmatic, flexible, responsive', or whatever, means to some astrologers that one has to accept unquestionably whatever is said by any other astrologers, and only because those astrologers are claimed to be authorities, or experienced, then those people have no understanding at all of what it really means to be 'open-minded, undogmatic and flexible'. It simply means that one is prepared to investigate the problem, and to test the postulations, and see whether they fit the criteria imposed by the investigator. If those criteria are not met, then the investigator has the right to object to those postulations. Not only that: There is also the right to express the views derived from the investigations. If these rights are not recognised in practice, then all discussion will be in vain. And as far as Astrology is concerned, no real advancement will ever be made.

As for techniques of progression, when it is maintained that ALL systems work, depending on the astrologers who use them, then we can go on forever, and the confusion will only grow. Even within the apparently subjective realm of astrology, some objectivity is necessary. As for me, though I haven't felt insulted to be called dogmatic, I nevertheless resent this accusation (though I am grateful that at least Ed Caselli withdrew his comments in this matter). No one should accuse another who

has been an amateur-astronomer from his ninth year of age onwards and who became an astrologer, after all!

I was brought up, so to speak, with the idea that Astrology was nothing more than remnants of a medieval superstition, 'advocated only by gullible nit-wits'. My knowledge of astronomy, and especially celestial mechanics, goes so far that I am able to calculate, by hand, and without an ephemeris, all planetary positions for almost any time. Well then, I have shown willingness to become converted to Astrology (if you want to look at it that way). It took me a year to become convinced, in which year I taught myself the techniques of erecting a chart, and chart analysis, without any help from a teacher (not available in those days). Mind you, I did not confine myself to my own Chart only - in that year I worked in my spare-time through approximately thirty charts, before I became persuaded enough to give it a go. I don't think there is much wrong with such an approach.

Neither is it wrong to look with a sceptical eye on the methods of progression, certainly with my background to reckon with. I accepted the possibility, however, after some time. But, knowing about the laws governing planetary motions, the idea that we can also use Converse Secondary Directions, which implies that the natural motions of the planets are to be reversed - hence, strictly speaking also the flow of time.... that idea is virtually impossible for me to fathom. Anyway, I have promised Ed Caselli to look further into this matter. And having said so, I will do it. But someone has to come up with a proper astrological-philosophical explanation. Also I'd like to know who first proposed this idea about Converse Secondary Directions of the planets. I have looked in vain for any reference to this method in my many books. Alan Leo, for example, only talks about Converse Secondary Angles.

As for the objections to the Converse Primaries (which I do NOT use, by the way - I have only accepted the principle), it is obvious that many astrologers do not know what Primaries are all about, otherwise the objections would not have been made. I have already said that with Converse Primaries the natural order of things is not violated. In both systems - Direct and Converse Primaries - the Earth, and hence the Celestial Globe, maintain their same rotational direction: The Earth rotates from West to East, and the Celestial Globe rotates from East to West. To give an example how this affects a point on the Zodiac: A Direct Primary Ascendant is the ever-

changing degree on the Eastern horizon in the hours after birth. A Converse Primary Ascendant is the degree which was Ascendant at the moment of birth, but now carried up into the sky, and hence moving through the Houses, from 12 into 11, from 11 into 10, and so on. I repeat: In both cases, the rotation of the Earth is not reversed, hence the flow of time is still going forward. By the way, other schools would call the Direct Primary planets Converse, and the Converse, Direct. Internationally, astrologers haven't come to standardisation in nomenclature. There is further information in my series of articles on Prime Event Analysis in the F.A.A. Journal

Gwyn Turner wants me to demonstrate and verify my system and theories. Well, I think a Circular Letter is too small for that. Besides, I am already giving demonstration in the A.A. Journal and the F.A.A. Journal. I cannot summarise my day-by-day work for over five years on hundreds and hundreds of horoscopes in just a few pages. That would probably evoke an avalanche of questions and angry responses instead of a meaningful discussion. And what is so unusual when I say that I am not so sure of the correct method of rectification? There is only one proof of correct rectification - the right time of birth. Where this time is not known, a rectification is needed, and we can never be sure.

What I have seen so far, however, is that 'my' method of Prime Event Analysis came up with a consistent result all over the years, in regard to very hard and clear-cut events, with natives whose birth-times were exactly known - a fact that I could not establish with the Normal Secondaries and the equally popular Solar-Arcs. Hence I tend to call PEA a bit more reliable in this respect.

When I say that the 'correct' method of rectification is probably one of the methods of Primary Directions, then I say so because I am well aware that there are more systems of Primaries around, the Topocentric one, professed by Dymock, for example. And as long as I have not received a \$50,000.- Government grant which enables me to spend a few years on pure research into this matter, in order to come to definite conclusions, I do not dare give you an absolute statement. I can't see what is wrong with that. My investigations have proven so far that no system can boast infallibility. All of them have flaws, Primaries included. What I have seen so far, is that Prime Event Analysis scores higher, compared to Normal Secondaries and Normal Solar-Arcs, but moreover, seems to have a certain consistency in its aspects, when it

comes to a certain kind of event. This will be demonstrated in the forthcoming Journal of the F.A.A.

When I say that the so-called Secondary Progressed MC and ASC (the usual ones) are a totally wrong astronomical and astrological concept, I mean it, as I know what I am talking about. I have also demonstrated this, and made clear what the True Secondary Angles are. (As for the remark by Elva Howson on this, she has misunderstood me - I will go into it in the next A.A. Journal when I show the Horoscopes of Henk's wife and daughter, both killed in the accident). What the so-called, widely-used Secondary ASC and MC are then in reality, is nothing more and nothing less than a pure Primary Angle, but then based on the time-key of 0°59'08" in Right Ascension per year. I do not believe in that measure of time, for the Angles anyway. It can be a different matter for Primary Planets as Dymock continuously demonstrates, in the Topocentric System of P.D.'s. Whatever, the case may be, I rule out the value of this widely used MC and ASC when it comes to forecasting within the realm of Secondary Directions, I mean in the timing of events. But this does not rule out that they have some value on a different level. What is wrong with leaving this option open?

Again about rectification, nowadays it is almost my daily work; that is, a large part of my income is derived from doing rectifications. I have been doing this now for quite some years, hence there is some experience, I would say. And I repeat: Secondaries, and Solar-Arcs have appeared to be unreliable for this particular kind of work - sometimes a straight hit, but when one expects a hit, there isn't one. This is just a fact - I can't help it. In the following statement Gwyn Turner quotes me wrongly. I said that I had only three events to rectify on the Chart of Ronald Reagan, not the Chart of William Holden! For William Holden I used only one event, his death. And I clearly stated in the F.A.A. Journal that such was not enough to rely on.

When in this respect Gwyn says that Pluto cannot be a Ruler of Aries, then such is her opinion. In Europe it is becoming more and more accepted that Pluto certainly has a big role to play in this Sign. There is even an astrological school of thought that considers Pluto the sole Ruler of Aries, and Mars the sole Ruler of Scorpio. I will certainly not go so far, but have found sufficient indications that Pluto is of much more explosive nature than Gwyn thinks. I will demonstrate this in due time.

There is besides an interesting analogy

between the three 'mystery-planets' and the metals which have the same name: Uranium is connected to Uranus, and is fuel for nuclear reactors and atomic bombs. From Uranium is derived an artificial element, called Plutonium, also material for nuclear reactors and atomic bombs. Not many people know there is a stage in between: Before Plutonium is formed, there is another artificial element first - Neptunium. However, this element is extremely unstable, it disappears within a short time. Is there not a nice connection between Neptunium and Neptune?

Last point: I have indeed said that predictions are totally out of the question - they do not prove Astrology. To find substantiation of this statement, just read 'Recent Advances in Natal Astrology' by Dean & Mather. But even that is not necessary. Just take a phenomenon that many astrologers prefer to ignore, because strictly taken, it shatters their basic assumptions about Astrology. I am referring to TWINS, whether they are identical twins, fraternal twins, or time-twins (people born from different parents, but at the same time and the same place). Oh yes, there are a few showcases where time-twins apparently have led the same lives and are identical on other levels. However, there are many more cases where this is not so. I have quite a few in my files. Although for example, identical twins can be born just five minutes apart, they will all too often show remarkable differences in character and lives. Such is even more the case with fraternal twins, born only a few minutes apart. Nevertheless, they have virtually the same horoscopes, thus possess the same potentials for character development and circumstances in life.

A nice example: Just a few days ago I had a man in my consultation-room who just casually mentioned that he had a twin-brother (identical one), born five minutes earlier. My client had left his home-country, Hungary, 33 years ago, married here, but had a lousy matrimonial life. Now, finally, the marriage had broken up. I enquired about the brother: He still lives in the town of birth, in Hungary, and has been happily married all over those years. Now realise: These two people have virtually the same horoscope (ASC's only one degree apart, in a slow-rising Sign) and hence will experience the same progression by whatever system. Yet, their lives have been totally different! This simply implies that prediction, forecasting or whatever, is virtually impossible without knowing the background of a person. On a purely astrological basis I deem it

virtually impossible, for reasons that are very clear: Astrological symbolism is so extremely rich in meanings, that one is quite lucky to pick the right meaning. But then it is 'educated' guess-work.

As for these two twin-brothers, the only possible clue for the differences in their lives can be found perhaps in their different Solar and Lunar Returns, as those are based on the place where one resides. But apparently the 'major' progression-systems do 'fail' here. Anyway, twin-cases make it very clear how tricky is this whole business of prediction. It is certainly the weakest point in our art, and realising this I cannot understand why so many astrologers, especially here in Australia, still maintain that such is the main-objective of astrology.

In Europe and the US the trend is much more going to psychological counselling with the assistance of astrology, which I find a very good development. Seen in this light, a comment could be made on the positive response by Gwyn's clients: That she receives so many nice letters from them is something on which I can only congratulate her. And I do! This however, does not prove Astrology. It only proves her considerable skill as an astrological consultant (on which, once again, I heartily congratulate her).

Allan Johnson is very right when he says that most astrologers use, willy-nilly, intuitive or psychic powers when they are in consultation with clients. This is nothing to be ashamed of, I would say. Be glad about it, for it helps the client and hence the astrologer. But it is known that astrologers have done accurate forecasts for a particular client though based on a chart, not of the client, but inadvertently on the chart of a totally different person... This happened to me, a few years ago, for example. Geoffery Dean also mentions this in his invaluable 'Recent Advances in Natal Astrology', a book, however, which many astrologers prefer not to read, as it presents them with too many nasty facts and problems concerning our art.

To close this lengthy letter (can't help it - many accusations had to be rebutted), I am quite happy to discover that Gwyn acknowledges that apparently Secondaries do not always work. Then there is still a basis for discussion. However, if Gwyn would like to continue this discussion with me, I suggest private correspondence, as I mentioned earlier.

Enclosed is a cheque to cover a part of the cost of these Circulars, which seem to be growing into an alternative astrological

magazine. How about changing the name - 'The Astrologers' Bulletin', for example?

Rudolf's difficulty in accepting Converse Progressions is understandable. There is an occult concept that Time is one and indivisible, but our limited human consciousness makes us feel it is only flowing forward. The occultist accepts that past, present and future are all one, and can be revealed as such in moments of greater awareness. It is a common experience that people at the moment of 'death' have a panoramic vision of their whole life, laid out before them as if occurring at that moment of time.

Antiscions, Mundane Parallels and Rapt Parallels derive their effectiveness through being equidistant with some significator from an axis (such as the Meridian or Horizon) but on the other side. A parallel might be drawn with the moment of birth, as representing the axis, with planetary positions before and after it. The analogy is not wholly satisfactory as it implies that the retrograding planets before birth should form effective aspects with those progressing after birth. (Perhaps this is so - I haven't tested it.)

I confess I do not usually delve into the philosophical aspects of an astrological technique. If it 'works', I use it, and leave the philosophy to others; though I am glad enough to hear a satisfactory explanation when someone else has worked it out--a typically Virgoan attitude, I guess. It annoys my wife.

Who first suggested Converse Secondary Progressions is lost in the mists of antiquity, but it is dealt with in the 1930 (?) publication of Vivian Robson, B.Sc., 'A Student's Textbook of Astrology' (now being reprinted). The author writes that Converse Secondary Progressions (he calls them 'Directions' - wrongly, I think) 'are frequently termed "pre-natal" Directions since they are all formed in the heavens before birth. The process of calculation is exactly the same as that used in the ordinary Secondary system except that the number of days corresponding to the native's age in years is counted backwards from birth, 30 days before birth representing the events of the 30th year of life. The horoscope and the Solar and Mutual aspects are calculated as usual and the Moon's daily motion is divided by 12 to obtain its monthly position, the only difference being that everything is passing backwards and the Moon moves about 1° backwards each month instead of forwards. This is probably the most important of the minor methods

and forms a useful adjunct to the ordinary Secondary system'.
- Dymock.

From CLAIR BUNNETT, (VIC.): Thank you for Circular Letter No. 12. E.S. Caselli (Circular Letter No. 12) need have no fear: My admiration for Margaret Hone and her text book stops well this side of idolatry.

I teach beginners Placidus House cusps, but explain that, for example, Margaret Hone of England and Robert Pelletier of the U.S.A. prefer the Equal House cusps. I also explain that some distinguished astrologers favour Koch House cusps. And that others dispense with the House system entirely. It is a little difficult to make the different methods of House division sound sensible to a beginner!

Dymock, in re guide lines for the 'reading' of a horoscope, I attach a very rough guide I sometimes give to beginning students.

The Circular Letter is really worth while in my opinion, and I hope you can keep up the good work, although the deadlines must be difficult to keep. (But perhaps not to a Sun/Virgo subject!).

GUIDE TO READING A HOROSCOPE

Sun/Moon Polarity

Ascendant

Planets Above/Below Horizon etc.

Elements

Qualities

Moon's Node. Aspects. House.

Romance and Partnerships

Venus. Aspects, Sign, House.

Planets in 5th and 7th Houses

Signs on cusps of 5th and 7th Houses

Ruler of Sign on 7th House cusp. Aspects

Aspects to Sun (Woman's Chart) to it.

Aspects to Moon (Man's Chart)

Career

2nd - 6th - 10th Houses

Sun Aspects (Both Men and Women)

Moon position (General Public)

Jupiter. Aspects, House

Saturn. Aspects, House

Planets Above/Below Horizon etc.

Health

Ascendant

Sun, Moon. Aspects of Mars to both. Mars

Sun. Aspects of Neptune. Sign.

Planets in 6th House

Sign on cusp of 6th House and its Ruler.

Parents

4th and 10th Houses

Planets in 4th House

Sign on cusp of 4th House

Ruler of Sign on 4th House Cusp and aspects

Aspects to Sun (Father) to it.

Aspects to Moon. (Mother)

Travel

3rd/9th Houses

Sign on cusp 3rd/9th Houses. (Fixed Sign. Moon. Aspects, House. Less Travel)

Planetary Trends

Progressed Horoscope (Day for a Year)

Transits (Direct to Natal Horoscope)

Eclipses (Conjunction, Square, Opp. Natal Planets)

Birthday Map (Planets on Day of Birthday for the Current Year. Called a Solar Return).

The content of this Circular Letter is five times that of a year ago (ten pages instead of two!). Following a suggestion by Geoffrey Dean of W.A., I have cast around and found a printer who can reduce the size from A3 to A4 in the photo-copying process. This makes the publication more manageable and avoids increased postage charges. I hope it meets with everyone's approval.

I am more than delighted with the response of readers, which sustains my belief that serious astrologers want this interchange of ideas and information. The gain to us all is incalculable. How else would you benefit so quickly from the experience, knowledge and diverse viewpoints of astrologers scattered all over the Continent? (I nearly said 'Australasia' - but we do have one contributor from New Zealand, and I am expecting more.)

I take this opportunity to thank those readers who have helped financially and whose donation may not have been individually acknowledged. Their contributions are always appreciated and have helped to expand these Circular Letters to their present size and distribution level. But I want no one to drop out because he/she feels unable to assist in a monetary way. The most valuable aid you can give is to write your thoughtful letters. I am happy to make up the financial shortfall.

It is only right that I also acknowledge with deepest thanks the effort and time of my artist-astrologer-wife who spends hours and hours typing the manuscript and putting up with my Virgoan 'nit-picking'. Marguerite is a partner, colleague and helpmeet in the true sense, and having experienced the other sort, I am eternally grateful.

The list of contributors has had to be omitted from this Circular, but has now reached forty.

Any more ideas on changing the name of these Circular Letters?

My kind regards to all.

- Dymock, 19th August, 1982.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Various aspects of astrological prediction have gained the attention of most correspondents this month. Further comments will be welcome, as also those on past issues discussed, or any other subject of interest to astrologers.

From GEOFFREY DEAN (W.A.): The arguments in these columns about the best system of prediction are no different from those which have raged continuously in the astrological literature for over 50 years. Therefore they are likely to be just as ineffective as the earlier ones obviously were.

They are also unnecessary, because the situation can be resolved by investigation. In other words we don't have to endure this endless parade of conflicting opinions but can put everything to the test. Let me explain:

The fundamental question to be asked before anything else is: How well can a system's performance be explained by chance? The question is fundamental because, given a series of events and a series of unrelated chart indications (as for example from an unrelated chart), some correlation between event and indication is bound to arise purely by chance. And if a system's performance can be explained by chance, it follows that no genuine correlation exists. In which case the system is worthless.

The same information immediately allows us to arbitrate between rival systems. Thus if it is claimed that system A gives better results than system B, this tells us precisely nothing unless we are told in each case what results are expected by chance. And until we are so told we are entitled to maintain disbelief.

The results expected by chance can be calculated provided that the rules are clearly defined. Even if they are not (as is usually the case) the calculation can be extended to cover possible variations in the undefined areas. Recent Advances (pp 31, 171, 176, 178, 428) gives examples of such calculations, hence there is no excuse for anyone not following suit.

I have calculated the results expected by chance for numerous systems including those discussed in these columns. In no case is

there convincing evidence that the performance is due to anything but (1) chance, or (2) selection of examples to fit the case. In other words the system works but for the wrong reasons. To prove me wrong please note that an avalanche of angry letters is not needed: one simple calculation is enough.

On a brighter note, a new improved Vernon Clark test has been announced in the latest issue of the astrological research journal Correlation. This means that those interested in demonstrating the truth of astrological claims now have a chance to stand up and be counted. Unlike previous experiments which required a small number of difficult judgements, this requires a large number of easy judgements, and should therefore attract a wide participation.

The new experiment involves two sets of 120 charts. In the first set the native is either extravert or introvert, and in the second set the native is either emotionally stable or unstable. The judgement required in each case is: Which? And how confident are you that you are right?

The relevant criteria should be easily seen in the chart, especially as a full description of the terms is given, plus other relevant information as suggested by astrologers in a pilot trial. Each subject has an extreme score on the Eysenck Personality Inventory, which makes them clear-cut and therefore well suited to this experiment. All natives have birth times.

All charts have been computer-generated by Astro Computing Services in San Diego. To suit particular techniques various options such as midpoints, asteroids and sidereal charts are available on request.

Any reader who would like to participate, and who has the three or more spare evenings necessary to make 240 chart judgements, can obtain a set of charts and associated material from me. Please specify what sort of charts you want. All charts have to be returned to me for use by others. Write to PO Box 466, Subiaco, WA 6008.

From E.S. CASELLI (N.S.W.): I refer to R. Smit's comments in Circular No. 11: The fact remains that his main argument in relation to Eichmann depended on the tredecile aspect, which does not compare with the converse Secondary to which I referred.

I correctly stated, in Circular No 11, that Smit was in error in stating that 3 min. 56 sec. produced the movement of exactly one degree over the M.C., but I think I ought to elaborate a little further. Since 360 degrees pass over the M.C. in 24 hours, it is clear that on average it takes 4 minutes for the passage of each degree. Clearly, therefore, in most cases, it must take more than 3 min 56 sec. for the passage of one degree over the M.C. A brief perusal of the Table of Houses will confirm this.

Smit says that "advancement in astrology can only be obtained by examining all important postulations on the question". He also says "astrologers should keep an open mind and avoid dogmatism". These statements ring hollow when he, himself, dogmatizes against converse Secondaries without investigating them. He is being inconsistent, to say the least. Furthermore, he uses converse Angular Directions, which also go back in time before birth. To use these, and reject converse planetary directions, is again inconsistent. The cause of Astrology cannot progress through people burying their heads in the sand, and I do not admire Smit's dogmatism from a position of ignorance. Had Smit expressed the opinion that he could not see the logic of converse Secondaries, that would be one thing. To reject or belittle the experience of other people in this regard, without any investigation on his part is something else again.

I hope Clair Bunnett's advocacy of Margaret Hone's book does not mean that she considers Hone to be infallible. I do not agree with Hone's advocacy of Equal House Division, and I deplore her cavalier dismissal of the Pre-Natal Epoch, apparently without investigation.

My experience supports Mr. Caselli's in the matter of converse Secondary Directions, which I have frequently found to be significant. However, I intend to produce comparative evidence of all the principle methods of prognostication whenever the opportunity arises with a birth chart of which the time is reasonably certain.

I agree also, that Margaret Hone's "Text-book of Modern Astrology" is fallacious in supporting the Equal House System of domification (notwithstanding that this system has the approval of Ralph Holden of S.A., author of that excellent book, 'The Elements of

House Division'). Nonetheless the book has some excellent features and I should not disagree with any teacher who wants to use it and who will no doubt introduce whatever modifications he/she thinks fit.

My experience with the Pre-Natal Epoch was disappointing. After a detailed study and application of Bailey's work some years ago, I was obliged to conclude that as a system of chart rectification it gave only approximate results, though it may have value in other directions. - Dymock.

From GWYN TURNER (N.S.W.): I thoroughly agree with your comments in Circular 11, that mere assertions as to the relative merits of different systems is not enough and demonstration and verification is required.

Long epistles, such as R. Smit's, seem to me to defeat the purpose of your Circulars, as they give no examples or proof of his various theories; in fact he admits in Circular 9, that he is not sure of the correct method for rectification and that it will probably be one of the variations of Primary Directions.

Also, in Circular 6 he says that Secondary Directions have no real value at all, and the same applies to transits. He also includes in Circular 9 that predictions are totally out of the question and do not prove Astrology.

In Circular 11 he goes on to say that the Secondary Progressed M.C. and ASC is a totally wrong astronomical and astrological concept, and a few lines further on says he does not rule out the validity of this Secondary M.C. and ASC in some way.

The only joyful note in his last article seems to be because some readers agreed with him over the fact that rectification and forecasting is most difficult. I also agree on this point but do not agree that it cannot be achieved.

The fact that R. Smit says he had only three events on which to rectify W. Holden's death Chart, really makes little difference, because the whole thing is based on an incorrect premise.

Pluto is too devious, slow and undermining to be Ruler of Aries, which is impulsive and outgoing. The Sun, Giver of Life, and the birth Ascendant, the very root of the physical body, are not afflicted at all. In fact this Chart has no resemblance to a death Chart.

Now, back to the question of Forecasting. The only real proof of this does not lie in an Astrologer being convinced that he or she is correct, but in verification from clients over many years.

It is only when one can open files of many years' standing, showing clients' case histories, accompanied by verification that their Progressed Horoscopes, each ranging from three years to twenty years, have worked out correctly that one feels competent to argue on this point; and in the case of National and Political Forecasts, where the public can read of their having come true.

In my book 'Human Destiny', published in U.K. 1969, there is one complete chapter of extracts from clients' letters on the authenticity of my Forecasts. (Photo copies of all letters can be supplied).

Herewith is a copy of a letter from an original sceptic: "North Sydney 6/3/1972

"Dear Gwyn Turner: As you know, for nearly seven years I have been guided by you in all aspects of my life and activities, emotional and business, and the tremendous change in my fortunes I have experienced since first consulting you has given me an optimism and serenity which makes life fun and exciting, whereas previously I was beset by exaggerated fears and self-doubts.

The awareness of periods coming up showing good or bad aspects affecting areas of my life, and the consequent adjustment of my plans accordingly, continues to produce such positive and successful results that the uninitiated person, when told of these things, firstly does not believe me, and later when they fully realise that, as I am a businessman involved in a highly competitive field where any mistakes I make are costly, I must be taken seriously when I speak of these matters.

Usually, as you well know, people are so sceptical - as I was before meeting you and learning something of Astrology, or, more important, your application of it. Of course the ridiculous over-simplifications published daily in the press are so ludicrous and damaging that it is a pity they are not banned.

On looking over my notes from our very first meeting until to-day, I can only repeat my gratitude to you for helping me help myself. I look forward to future meetings with you and wish you every success with your writings and a very happy future." Signed F. H.

In case I have taken up too much space with my comments I will leave until the next Circular to outline the reason why some Secondary aspects do not work.

When we see Astrology working in our own lives we become convinced of the truth and wonder of it. I am an artist and I thought

art was enough to occupy me for the rest of my days. However, living at close quarters with Astrology convinced me of the value of knowing more about it for self-development as well as for guidance in daily life.

I am convinced that nothing works like personal experience, that nearly everyone is a potential Astrologer, and that we should join forces rather than use division in pursuit of greater understanding.

Gwyn's letter from her client is a typical example of how sceptics become advocates of Astrology - not by dazzling him/her with calculations etc but by the day-by-day help that it affords us all here and now.

- Marguerite Brose

From ELVA HOWSON (VIC): I would like to congratulate Rudolf Smit for being open-minded and honest enough to present a method which he then admitted showed negligible results in the particular case of Henk who was crippled for life.

Rudolf's results, of what he calls the Real Secondary Angles certainly did not denote an enormous tragedy, however, he ends by saying "much research will be necessary before a final assessment can be made". Continued research into many facets of our science IS needed, for were the systems perfect there would not be such obvious dissension between astrologers.

As constructive criticism may I point out that Rudolf has, in my opinion, contradicted himself. Firstly he goes to great length to inform us that the popular Secondary System Angles are merely artifacts, and here I agree with him - the Primary Angles certainly appear more valid. I long ago gave away Secondary Angles for this preferred method of calculating Progressed Angles, however, he then proceeded to show calculations for the Real Secondary Angles based on the exact method of the 'Artifact Angles', i.e. he began by using the birth-time projected into the progressed date. Whilst this certainly holds good for the planets it does NOT for the Angles. If the Primary M.C. is determined by the Progressed Solar Arc, which in Henk's case was 3⁰²' less than the normal Secondary M.C., surely the Real Secondary M.C. begins on the progressed birthday at 26⁰⁶' Aries. In this case the Real Secondary Angles for 28/5/71 are M.C. 4³⁶' Aquarius, ASC 10⁰' Gemini, Vertex 0⁰²' Scorpio. In the 24-hour period which covers the day of the accident (for which no time was given) we can see the Real Secondary ASC in orb opposition to Natal Vertex and parallel declination by 9'. The Real Secondary Vertex squares Natal

Pluto in Leo.

Those who read Spring Journal, 1980, may remember my strong suggestion that major events very nearly always link in strongly with a Vertex. I urge every Astrologer to include the Vertex in all charts, I am confident that it will quickly reveal it's importance to you.

I would like to add that I have been using the Real Secondary Angles for some years, they are useful as added confirmation but alone are not of great significance. We have to bear in mind that these Angles make one complete circuit of the Zodiac each day and therefore are useful only as a supplement to other systems. They seem to me to be the second-hand of the Zodiac clock, and from this point of view may assist in the question of rectification where a birthtime is given but thought to be inaccurate.

Am posting this off immediately as I do seem to have a habit of deferring things to another day and so I will be writing some further correspondence that I have in mind in the very near future.

From CAROL SQUIRES (N.Z.): I would like to go back to the original question printed in Cir.Letter No. 10 - 'What are your thoughts on Astrological Prediction?' I cannot speak for those readers who did not answer the question in Cir.Letter No. 11, but for those who did, the answer seemed to centre around the best system to use in order to make predictions.

I will hasten to add that I found the letters very informative and thank the authors accordingly. I also thank them for making me ask myself a few questions.

What are predictions? Why are astrologers continually searching for a "perfect" System in order to make predictions?

To my mind, in order to predict future events, trends, or whatever, the astrologer must be 'on the right frequency' to be able successfully to predict with any degree of accuracy what the client is likely to expect in the future, the right frequency being a logical, consistent, reliable method of chart erection, interpretation and progression.

If the astrologer is not on the right frequency, then predictions become inaccurate and of value to no one. When this occurs, the astrologer tends to blame the system of progression, saying it doesn't work so therefore there must be a better one. From there it is only a matter of time before we get the astrologer who not only blames the system he is working on and invents another that 'fits', but at the other end of the line we get the astrologer who dogmatically

believes that his system of progression is the only correct one, so therefore the chart must be wrong!

To change the given time of birth - particularly a very accurately recorded one as in the case of Queen Elizabeth - in order to fit a system of progression is downright dishonest. The words of Barbara Watters from her book 'Horary Astrology' come to mind here - 'A dishonest question yields a dishonest answer, that is, a false answer' and 'An honest question will elicit an honest answer from a chart that is correctly cast, whether or not we like the answer'. So the question could be - not 'Is this system of progression correct', but 'Is my method of progression consistent with my method of interpretation?'

We will always get, no matter how logical and consistent the system, 'the event that does not fit'. I feel once again that the event that does not fit is perhaps not a reflection on the system of progression used, but perhaps a reflection on the astrologer's original interpretation of the natal chart?

A system of progression is only as good as the astrologer using it. I feel strongly that we astrologers are getting to the point where we are so intensely searching for the 'perfect answer' that we are losing sight of the original question.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): The subject of Prediction must always be a thorny one. So it is not just a matter of which type of progressions to use, but whether in fact we should predict at all. Should we predict events or anything specific, or merely trends? Here again the word 'trends' itself could mean as many different things to as many people. Some trends can be presented in such a broad and general way as to be of little value to the recipient. Professionals do have to predict if they really want to survive and don't have other sources of income. Also we have to be realistic about human nature and be aware that most people are much more interested in the future state of their bank balances or their love life than the state of their souls.

I think we can definitely predict events so long as we are not dogmatic about it and also don't expect that every progression or transit is necessarily going to indicate an event. In many cases it won't. States of mind or new realizations can line up with current directions but may not be so readily perceived at the time. An astrologer has to get a feel for these sorts of things. Intuition does enter quite a bit into all predictive work, and those who

deny they use it could still be using it just as much as others. So, to check whether in fact a given progression did or did not work can be another complexity in itself. So we have to be careful about downgrading other people's systems. They could work for them. Some systems seem to work very well with certain charts but not with others. All we can say is that where prediction is concerned we have to be flexible.

The temperament of a particular astrologer can be a big factor in what he predicts. So a naturally optimistic person would be more inclined to predict successes rather than disasters. Possibly those who continually predict doom and disaster are very insecure persons in themselves. It is noticeable that those who continually predict tidal waves, nuclear holocausts etc. never lose heart by their own continual failure to be right. They seem to go on hoping that maybe their next disaster will come good. But this sort of thing gives prediction a bad name.

Choice of words is another vital point. If we are forecasting a difficult time ahead we can present it in a constructive way. I think the astrologer should work unceasingly to build the client's morale up, not down. So the client should be encouraged to make his own decisions. Also in a lot of crisis situations a lot can be done by ventilating the whole problem. The person begins to look at things from several new angles and so get an entirely new perspective. This type of counselling can be combined with the prediction of events. The two are not incompatible. Prediction should always be presented as an assessment, not something totally inevitable.

Of course there is the question of how far one can get with postal readings. Counselling does need feedback. Margaret Hone used to make a practice of interviewing the person before she would consent to do a written reading. This was all right in England where most people could get down to London fairly easily. But Australia is a big country and an astrologer can have a client three thousand miles away. I have had quite a few clients in this situation, but have still felt the distance was not all that much of a barrier. It could need follow-up readings, this is only natural, but I do think one can really get to grips with people's problems by post. If it is a major problem, feedback is a must, but it is up to the astrologer to establish confidence in the fact that he can read a lot from the chart directly, without being supplied with very much detail. A lot of postal readings are going out at present which cover only the

broadest generalities. This has tended to create a climate of opinion that postal readings are of little value. These sorts of readings are of little value. But they need not be.

From RALPH HOLDEN (S.A.): May I make just a short comment concerning this question of prediction?

It seems to me that we are faced with two issues, one philosophical and the other practical. The first is whether our experiences are predictable, and the other is that if this is so, is astrology a reliable technique by which this may be done?

While obviously involved in prediction, astrologers have in fact been remarkably cagey about the first. We mutter vague things about the stars inclining but not compelling, yet even a vague or incorrect act of prediction still involves the acceptance of the fact of predictability. I have a feeling that our hesitancy over the issue of prediction stems not from a concern for human free will (whatever it may happen to be) but from a dislike of getting things wrong.

Nevertheless, if we see prediction simply as the technique for 'telling someone what will happen', we have missed a very important issue. Let us say that we are asked the question, 'Will my wife leave me?' Is the question basically one which asks, 'What will happen in outward circumstance?' or/* I believe that it is the astrologer's responsibility to help a client come to that point of self-understanding in which they are now confident of their own responses to those things that will happen to them.

There seems to me nothing wrong in saying, 'Well, my judgement about what will happen is this, but I have made errors before, and no doubt will do so again.' The act of prediction itself is often a way of helping people face issues which they have tried to ignore. The test of a good astrologer is not how many 'points' they obtain on the prediction score-card, but whether those who come go away more aware of their own ability to accept even their own future.

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): This time a technical contribution only. I want to reply to Mr. E.S. Caselli, on his remark: '...he goes on to say that in practice this means that the MC increases by exactly one degree a day.... this is simply not so...'. Mr. Caselli is right. I do not know how it came about, but I simply overlooked it when I corrected the manuscript of the

*'How will I react to such a situation?'

article. Indeed, it is certainly not exactly one degree in longitude on the MC. The word exactly is better replaced by virtually or almost. To show what I mean, let us do a little bit of arithmetic.

The fuss is about the calculation of the True Secondary Angles. I have made clear that what is usually considered to be the Secondary MC and Secondary ASC, are such only on or roundabout the birthdays of any native. For the periods in between the Secondary Angles run through the entire Zodiacal circle. The problem was: with what increase on the MC per day?

When we deal with the principle of "One Day for One Year", we talk, in the case of Secondary Directions, of the Mean Solar Day, which consists of 24 Mean Solar Hours. We also deal with the Mean Sidereal Time, based on the Mean Sidereal Day. There is a straight relationship between the two:

One Mean Solar Day = 24h03m56.555s Mean
Sidereal Time
One Mean Sidereal Day = 23h56m04.091s Mean
Solar Time.

We immediately discover the well-known increase, called 'acceleration of Sidereal Time' in the first equation: 3 minutes and 56.555 seconds. Every time we look up in the Ephemeris a 00.00 hrs Sidereal Time, or a Noon Sidereal Time, and compare it to the next day or the previous day, we see that the difference between the two equals 3 minutes and 56.555 seconds.

We have to realize, however, that in reality there is not the difference of that number 3m56.555, but the 24hrs and 3 mins and 56.555 seconds.

According to the principle of One day for a year, that figure 24:03:56.555 has to be spread out over a year. The problem is only what year? The year of exactly 365 calendar-days, or do we have to take the Tropical Year of 365.25 days? (or more exact 365.2422). I have tried these two out, including also the Sidereal Year (which is 365.2564), but the differences are practically negligible. So let us take the calendar year of 365 days, as after all, we work with the calendar-days only in astrology.

One year of 365 days covers 24:03:56.555 hours of Sidereal Time. To convert this to Right Ascension, we convert that sexagesimal number to decimals:

24:03:56.555 = 24.06570986.

Multiply by 15 to obtain decimal degrees in Right Ascension:

24.06570986 x 15 = 360.9856479.

This means a daily increase over the year of 360.9856479/365 = 0.989001775.

Which is virtually one degree in Right

Ascension per day (convert back to sexagesimals: 0.989001775 = 00deg59mins20.41secs (59'20.41")).

Now how is then the increase in Longitude per day?

Do not fall in the trap of simply applying the trigonometric MC-formula: -
 $\tan \text{Long.MC} = \tan \text{RAMC} / \cos \text{Angle of Ecliptic.}$

Applying the formula,
 $\tan 44.50507988 / \cos 23.4475$ (an average value for the angle of the Ecliptic) = 1.071337157 and the Arc tan is 46.97249546, which is the increase in Longitude of the MC over those 45 days.

Repeating the same procedure for day 46, we arrive at an increase of 47.95783752.

The difference between the two figures is 0.98534206, (0°59'7"), which is the daily increase in longitude of the M.C. - not far off the one degree per day.

Indeed, Mr. Caselli was right on principle. Had I said 'virtually' or 'almost' instead of 'exactly', my statement would have been all right.

A last point: I cannot agree with Mr. Caselli's remark on the way I calculate a Primary Ascendant. I do not calculate a Secondary Angle this way. To explain this would require a full-length article - I reserve this for a later date. I think I have already gone outside the scope of these letters by going into such technical details as above.

I am looking forward to the next Circular;

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

It is apparent that serious workers are deeply concerned with the matter of getting an accurate Chart to interpret, and the most satisfactory methods of Progression or Directions. Here are further contributions on this and other matters.

From RUDOLF SMIT (VIC.): Of course it has been a pleasant surprise for me to discover that my views on astrology, as expressed in some previous Circular Letters, have sparked off so many favourable comments. However, in the process of the shaping and expressing of opinions, the less favourable comments on someone's view are always more interesting than those which are in almost perfect agreement. Apparently some astrologers do not agree with me, and that is perfectly all right, as long as disagreement is based on a rational point of view instead of emotionalism.

I have always wondered why so many astrologers feel that their toes are being trodden on as soon as other astrologers question their findings or general opinions. It seems to me that many astrologers treat astrology as something sacred, or as something strongly attached to their emotional make-up. Astrology has become a part of their life-style, of their thinking, of their feeling, and woe to him who dares to question their cherished beliefs!

This is all very understandable, of course. I have to admit that I would not feel very happy either if for example someone came with the definite proof that astrology and astrologers are totally wrong. But, as I pointed out in a recent letter to an astronomer, if that definite proof were established, I certainly would have to accept it.

Anyway, I don't think that astrologers serve astrology to its benefit, by sticking to their own cherished beliefs. In one of his editorial comments (in The Australian Astrologers' Journal) Dymock called for an advancement of astrology. I heartily support his ideas in this matter, but then we have to realise that advancement in astrology can only be obtained by examining all important postulations on the question - whether they hold good, or have no ground

at all. It does not matter then whether an astrologer has been working for forty years with a particular system and claims to have had excellent results. Even these results can be either based on an artifact or psychic ability. For that matter I refer again to that invaluable work of Geoff Dean, et al: "Recent Advances in Natal Astrology", where Geoff makes very clear how excellent delineations can be based on totally wrong charts! (That is, charts of other persons...) In such a case, the perfect analysis was due to psychic abilities and not to astrology!

Another point is, what are excellent results? It is a general human tendency - and we astrologers are not any exception - that one forgets the bad results and talks about the few good results only... Excellent results can only be proven if we duly record all our findings, and check and re-check them. In other words, follow a scientific approach. (Though, once again, I express my opinion that modern astrology cannot be judged with the criteria of modern science - there is more to astrology than the quantitative judgement by statistics alone. But I can write a whole article on this matter, and such is not what I had in mind for this Circular.

What I wanted to say is that we astrologers should accept criticism from other astrologers, hence keep an open mind, and avoid dogmatism. Only then, can we advance astrology and, of course, our own status as people to be taken seriously by others.

In view of what I have said I wish to comment on the remarks of some contributors: To Mr. E.S. Caselli (see Circular Letter 9): I do not "belittle" Secondaries in favour of "my" Primaries. I merely establish facts. The fact is that Secondaries only seldom seem to work. As for your remarks about your "more powerful converse Secondaries" in the case of Adolf Eichmann, I have the following replies: 1. If you had read my article on Eichmann in full (see also page 28 of The Australian Astrologers' Journal, Vol. 5, Summer, 1982), then you would have seen that it was not only that tredecile between Primary Mercury (Ruler of 8) and Saturn (Ruler of 1 and 12) which did the job. There were quite a few extra

Primaries which gave very sensible indications, which is fully explained on that page 28. 2. I am willing to consider all kinds of progressions, but certainly not the system of "Converse Secondary Directions".

Secondary Directions are based on the true motions in their own orbits of the planets around the Sun (or in case of the Moon, around the Earth). Planets move only forward, and not backward. We experience also the time-flow as going forward, not backward. Hence Converse Secondary Directions would mean that not only the planets, but also time would move backward. Such is not the case: With all systems of directions we intend to look into the future, also when that future is already past (in the case of rectifications).

When you seem to have good results with the converse Directions of the Secondaries, I think your results are based on an artifact, rather than fact. As I already explained in my discussion about birth-times, I have the strong opinion that we have to start somewhere. Which means that we have to adopt axioms. The axiom, for example, that we don't muck around with an exactly-timed birth-moment. And also the axiom that with progressions we move forward in time, and not backwards.

With Converse Primary Directions the matter is totally different. Converse P.D.'s depend on the "angle of view" of the observer. In both cases (direct and converse Primary Directions) the directed planets still move from East to West through the Houses. The principle that the Earth moves from West to East, and hence the celestial globe from East to West, is not violated. To Roy Owen of Qld: No, Roy, I do not think that recorded birth-times are accurate. I am not so inexperienced. To elaborate on recorded birthtimes in my native country, it is a well-known fact that, especially in certain rural areas, a birth was an opportunity for a feast of some sort. It was then said that the road to the registration-office passed the pub. Well, you can understand what happened when the drunken father stood in front of the officer. On the question at what time the beloved baby was born, the father usually did not know. Quite often, the time of the clock in the registration office was written down...

What I mean with exact times of birth, are those that are really very accurately recorded. I have the tendency to suspect always such times as 2.00 am, 4.00 pm, 2.30 pm, and so on. However, when I see a time of 9.41, I have reason to believe that it is fairly accurate. And even then the question may be whether this is a time recorded by the watch of the father, and previously set precisely,

or the time of the clock in the labour ward. In the latter case it is known that those clocks are often not reset for weeks and weeks... I believe only 95% of the times given by doctors-astrologers; two of them I happened to know. In such a case I certainly do not fiddle around with the given times to make certain events fit my particular system of progressions. If an event does not fit, I am compelled to admit that the particular system apparently does not work in that case. Astrology is NOT an infallible art!

To Gwyn Turner: I am perfectly well acquainted with what you call the "Classical Method". As a matter of fact, I have dealt with this classical method extensively in the latest and the forthcoming Australian Astrologers' Journal. My opinion is that this method, the normal so-called Secondary Progressed MC and Ascendant, is a totally wrong astronomical and astrological concept. I have been well aware of this method and I have used it till a few years ago when I discovered its artifact nature. Sorry to say it: You may think it to be the right formula, I have clearly given proof that it is the wrong formula. It belongs to the advancement of astrology, as in any other science, that things which have been taken for granted for many years, can be wrong anyway. I do not rule out the validity of this Secondary MC and Ascendant in some way. As a matter of fact, Kaye Raymer has some very interesting ideas on this matter, and I hope she will write about it.

As for rectification, I emphasise once again that this is a very tricky business. For a rectification it is necessary to have, I would say, at least five very clear-cut events over a very long period of time. For that reason I have made clear in my FAA-Journal article on Prime Event Analysis that my rectification of Ronald Reagan's Chart was not absolutely sure, as I worked with only three events.

To Ralph Holden: Thanks for your notes which are in agreement with my views. As for your comment on the Topocentric system, I wish to agree with you in what you say of the "rectification" of Queen Elizabeth's Chart. Twenty seven minutes off the recorded time is certainly a very unfortunate example of dubious rectification, when, indeed, it can be taken for granted that the birth of an heir to the throne is recorded as precisely as possible. However, this does not rule out that the system of Topocentric Primary Directions has value. In this case I like to refer to Dymock's work with the Topocentric P.D.'s which indicates that it is very worthwhile to

consider it seriously. After all, the Topocentrists were not mad, and neither is Dymock. The problem here might be that it is astrological symbolism which can be very confusing. Let us give one example: The idea that Saturn is always the father in someone's horoscope, or House 4 denotes the end of life, the Moon always the mother or the wife, and so on, are only assumptions. In my many experiments I have not seen that House 4 denotes the end of life, nor that Saturn always denotes the father; nor have I seen that Saturn is THE planet denoting death. What I want to say is that present-day astrologers are still relying too much on tradition, or part of tradition, rather than on facts established after long experimental investigations.

The rules in astrology are not clear-cut, and hence every astrologer can set up his or her own rules. In the case of the Topocentric people, working with the Horoscope of Queen Elizabeth, the recorded birth-time might not have suited their interpretation of astrological symbols. I think it is high time that astrologers all over the world set out to establish a standard for astrological symbolism. However, this requires an enormous amount of work and very serious investigations. I don't want to be pessimistic, but in a case like this, I fear that my dream will remain an idle one.

Though I really like to say a lot more, I dominate again this Circular Letter. A pity that paper is such a patient listener. Let's see what others have to say on examinations and the idea of predictions.

But I want to close this contribution with expressing my joy and gratitude that Dymock has undertaken this venture. It is an excellent way for interchange of views amongst astrologers in Australia. None of the two Journals can provide for this! Dymock, however, has to pay for it. I think we have to support him, not only morally, but also financially!

(Thanks, Rudolf, for your financial support.
- Dymock)

In fairness to Messrs. Polich and Page who introduced the Topocentric System of House division, it is necessary to make a distinction between this and the technique of Primary Directions that they originated and developed. These latter have been dubbed (conveniently, perhaps) "Topocentric Primary Directions", but they are really quite independent of the House system of the same name, and can be employed without any reference to it.

It follows, of course, that the validity of these Primary Directions does not stand or fall on whether the controversial "rectification" of Queen Elizabeth's Chart is correct or otherwise (although the authors do advance some not insignificant arguments in its favour).

If for the time being we adopt the term "Topocentric" as a matter of convenience, we can distinguish between three current methods of Primary Directing as follows:

The original "Semi-arc" method, popular last century and still used by serious astrologers, finds the "arc of Direction" by proportion of the semi-arcs of the planets involved in the aspect. This arc, in Right Ascension, is then equated to a period of time by one of several time measures, among them 1 degree, solar arc or mean solar arc, all in Right Ascension, being considered equal to one year. The mean solar arc (0059'8.33" of R.A.) is the one referred to by Gwyn Turner as the "Classical" method, and is the one I prefer myself.

However, I have achieved greater precision by using this time measure in the manner set out by Polich and Page in their "Manual of Primary Directions". I was introduced to this system through the kind offices of Ralph Holden of South Australia, who made available to me his private translation of the original Spanish work. (The book is still not published in English.) In this "Topocentric" system, planets are directed under their own poles to the conjunction or aspect of other bodies or points.

In the "Prime Event Analysis" system espoused by Rudolf Smit, a "proportional ascension factor" is used to maintain the relative position of the planets in the Placidian Houses, and the time measure used is the (varying) solar arc in Zodiacal longitude.

There is little doubt that Primary Directions are the most effective and important of all systems of astrological progression, though other methods certainly have value. The tedious mathematics involved can now be avoided by anyone who buys a suitable computer (see Rudolf Smit's article in the forthcoming issue of The Australian Astrologers' Journal) or, less expensively, a programmable calculator. So it is to be hoped that more and more astrologers will avail themselves of this technique.

I find the Topocentric P.D.'s much superior to the Semi-Arc system, and on present indications not inferior to the Prime Event Analysis method.

But mere assertion as to the relative

merits of different systems is not enough: Demonstration and verification is required. In future, therefore, where illustrative charts and progressions are given by contributors to these Circular Letters, I shall present the Topo-centric Primary Directions for purposes of comparison.

This is the only reasonable way to achieve some sort of objective judgement concerning competing techniques, and accords with the object of these Letters - better communication among serious astrologers, and the advancement of Astrology as a science and an art.

No astrologer is being attacked, but informed criticism is necessary to distinguish what is valid and real from what is false or illusory.

We are searching for truth and enlightenment in astrological matters, as I personally have been doing for decades. Rudolf Smit's entertaining account of the "Minus-One" system of a Dutch Astrologer (Circ. Letter No.9) illustrates just how necessary it is to interchange data, facts and experience among astrologers to save ourselves from absurdity.

- Dymock.

From E.S. CASELLI (N.S.W.): Thank you for your Circular No. 10. Yes, I have received the Autumn Journal. In that issue I have read with interest Mr. R. Smit's contribution on "Primary" Directions. The point is that when he uses the Secondary Sun's motion as the basis of the increment for his "Primary" Directions, he is, in fact, simply calculating a Secondary Direction of the Angles. It is regarded as such by Ron Davison, who uses the same method, though I still have not known it to work very well anyway.

I note, too, that Smit refers to what he calls the "Real Secondary Asc. and M.C." which he says is arrived at by the daily increase in Sidereal Time by 3 minutes and 56.58 seconds, which is something else again. He goes on to say that in practice this means the M.C. increases by exactly one degree per day. This is simply not so.

I note Roy Owen says he does not use Converse Secondaries. He should. Let me illustrate. When I emigrated from Britain to Australia, two Secondaries stood out, viz. Mars converse square Saturn radical; and Mars progressed conjunct the radical Fourth Cusp.

Clearly, Mars conjunct 4th radical showed the pioneering act breaking the environment and cutting off employment (opposite M.C.), but that was not all. There was also the break with friends (Mars square the friends

of Saturn), the break with old ties, and, what is more, I broke my arm (Mars - misapplied energy - attacking the bone of Saturn). Mars square Saturn must be the astrological classic for a broken bone.

That I broke an arm was consistent with radical Mars occupying the cusp of the radical 3rd House. I also travelled a short, local journey to do it. (Third House). My arm was encased in a restrictive plaster cast (Saturn), and especially going through the heat of the Red Sea (!) my skin (Saturn) suffered intense irritation (Mars). All this from converse Mars square Saturn. (Secondary).

The progressed Mars in Taurus, on the radical Angle, also produced an inflamed throat (Mars-Taurus on Angle, in mundane square to Ascendant) but the broken arm, the break from friends (Saturn) etc., required the converse Mars square Saturn. After all, one can emigrate without breaking a bone, and one does not necessarily break with friends in that event. They might have come with me! I might add that both these Martian aspects were extremely close to time.

I hope this will lead more astrologers to at least investigate Converse Secondaries. It won't worry me if they don't, but in that case they will miss out on a lot of information.

While writing this, the foregoing is an excellent example of linking up the correct Direction for an event. Too many astrologers allow themselves to believe they have done the job by finding any adverse Direction for a difficult event, or any comfortable Direction for a harmonious event. It must be the right planet. Mars will not do the job for Saturn, and vice versa.

One further illustration should suffice. Take communication. This, of course, is Mercury, but sometimes Venus (art) is involved. Mercury speaks, but Mercury-Uranus speaks on the radio, viz. Ronald Reagan, who started out as a radio commentator. Venus, however, sings, and with Uranus she sings on the radio or by electronic recording. I ought to know. Under Progressed Venus trine Uranus (Secondary) I did both. What is more, some of my own songs were also broadcast and recorded. Here we have the correct planets and an illustration of planetary combination between a rising Uranus, radical, and a Third-House-Venus (creative writing).

Nothing is more fascinating than to see planets, exclusive in their own sphere, none the less working in combination. Note how Mars, the mechanic, works with Uranus, the engineer, while the Uranian engine so often depends on the steel of Mars.

Re Circular Letter No. 9, Smit takes Charles Jayne to task for advocating a Chart that works whether or not it can be identified as the time of birth. I think he is misreading Jayne, who is not arguing against the moment of birth as the basis of the horoscope. He is simply arguing for a chart that works even if the time of birth is not claimed to be known. As regards birth times, with the exception of Royal horoscopes of people near the Throne, for whom an official time is published, I have learned to view all given birth times with suspicion. I've known them to be half a day out - and we cannot get much further than that away from the truth.

I agree with your quotation from Jayne, who insists that the chart must ring true in itself, basically, irrespective of "rectification", and then it takes a number of events before one can even hope to be right. Most people cannot give us more than a few events of any real consequence, so even then I work more in hope than in expectation. I am sick of seeing so-called charts published based on a so-called birth time when the chart itself does not ring true, either basically or by Directions.

In regard to her own published book of charts, for instance, Lois Rodden admits to receiving 2900 sets of data for only 1700 people. In other words, 1200 of them were contradicted. She even published a Chart for Jeanette McDonald when she did not even know the year of birth! ("She was born either in 1907 or 1901" says Rodden - see "Profiles of Women"). And, unfortunately, any of these doubtful charts will be republished elsewhere as gospel by people who will not voice the original publisher's honest doubts.

I cannot stress too strongly that we dare not blindly accept so-called birth-times in the majority of cases. I hope that R. Smit has the experience to prove that in the English-speaking world as a whole he will be damn lucky to get his "birth-times" correct within one hour. That is why even the most honest rectification of the Angles by bringing planets to the Angles (ignoring other considerations) is suspect unless the astrologer is certain of the Ascendant beforehand.

Given only the relatively few events we get to work with, and using Converse Secondary Angles as well as "Progressed", one has a possible eight birthtimes for bringing each planet to the Angle. With a little "goodwill" it is not difficult to marry up a few planets to "prove" more than one birth-time, and this is made easier if we include Progressed and Converse planets to birth and Progressed Angles, to say nothing of

transits.

So... the birth-time problem is a mess, but we gain nothing by ignoring the fact. We must not bury our heads in the sand or blindly accept any birth-time as given. To me, that is the blind leading the blind. One last example should suffice. Lois Rodden tells us she got six different birth-times for Carl Jung, from different people, all supposedly from him, and what is more, they did not all agree as to the place of birth.

Good luck to all. You surely need it.

From CAROL SQUIRES, (N.Z.): Another interesting Circular received, and thank you for your note. As far as other astrologers in N.Z. who might like to participate, I will be attending our annual "Solstice Conference" at Taupo in June, and will take your Circular Letters to show to a couple who may be interested - will let you know if they are.

What are my thoughts on Astrological Prediction? I feel they may be best summed up by the following paragraph which I include with every Progressed Chart I prepare for a client.

"The following description of the trends for the year ahead is based on an assessment of planetary cycles related to your Natal Chart. The particular dates mentioned are indications of times within those cycles when certain opportunities or feelings of restriction will be most obvious. They do not necessarily indicate events that will happen, but are only guidelines to follow should you wish to plan ahead or make changes over the next year. The dates given are when a particular planetary aspect becomes exact. The influence may be felt several days before or after, or where indicated, may be a general overall influence that will be in play for several months or years depending on the individual cycle of each planet."

From CLAIR BUNNETT, (VIC.): Thank you for the Circular Letter No. 10, which I found very interesting.

In regard to Allan Johnson's letter in this Circular, he said he did not know of many teachers of astrology using Margaret Hone.

I am presently teaching astrology at the C.A.E. (for the A.A. Co-op) and at the Brighton Recreational Centre (in my own right). At both these classes I recommend Margaret Hone's "Modern Text Book of Astrology" as a standard text for students.

As a science graduate of Melbourne Uni-

versity I appreciate her no-nonsense approach to astrology. Unfortunately, her book is not cheap. It is now around \$19-00 in hard cover, and \$14-00 in paperback.

For students wanting a cheaper text I recommend Jeff Mayo's "Astrology" in paperback at around \$4-00.

Of course I mention many other astrology books to students in the course of my classes, but Margaret Hone's text brings together in the one book all the information on astrology that beginners need.

The subject of astrological prediction is receiving attention from readers of 'The Astrological Journal'. The original letter that sparked the comments was from an astrologer who is concerned about the practice. She considers it 'both distasteful and irresponsible to capitalise thus on anxiety about the future', and, further, 'the snare of prediction is that it gives us to think that with foreknowledge, we have some control over our destiny... but it ignores the present and, in so doing, robs us of our real autonomy'.

In support of the above, another writer opines, 'astrology does itself a major disservice in attempting this type of work in the first place. The problem is knowing how to correlate any given significator with a future event with 100% certainty'; and, further, 'If this cannot be done, then the technique should not be used'.

A writer taking a different view points out that delineation of the natal chart itself is largely prediction, as it deals with recognition of potential, this being defined by the Oxford dictionary as: 'Capable of coming into being, expressing possibility', and without this feature, natal analysis would have very limited value.

I agree with the last opinion, while sympathizing with the other views. It is a question of how the 'predictions' are handled. Confidence and hope can be engendered - not merely fear and anxiety. Predictions are not necessarily gloomy ones. The utmost discretion and care are called for from the astrologer, and the results achieved are dependent on his personal calibre, as with every other form of human activity.

True, it is difficult to arrive at precise forecasts on purely astrologic grounds, but perhaps not impossible, given the rapid advances likely to be made with the opportunity to consider scores of computer-calculated charts, instead of, perhaps, a dozen or so. If 100% accuracy were demanded in other fields, how many would survive?

There is still much to be said on this matter. All communications received by

16th July will be published in the next Circular Letter, due out on the 19th.

- Dymock.

PAYMENT FOR SCRIPTS!

In the latest issue of 'Transit' is the news that the British Astrological Psychic Society is now paying £5 per thousand words for articles published in the Society's newsletter, 'The Mercury'. It appears that articles may be on any aspect of Astrology, and will be judged according to quality. Mss should be typed on A4 paper with 1½ spacing, and submitted to the Editor, Anne Halfhide, 49 Canham Road, S. Norwood, London, SE25, U.K.

Distribution is now at 37, as follows:-

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WEST AUSTRALIA:- Geoffrey Dean, Jenifer Pommerin, Ethel Webb.

TASMANIA:- Isobel Bell, Jacqui Burton.

NEW ZEALAND:- Carol Squires.

- Dymock, 19th June, 1982.

Just received from GAY GRIFFITHS (N.S.W.):

Many thanks indeed for your invitation to join in your Circular Letters and also for the complimentary copy of your Journal, which I found good reading and informative. The Circular Letters are an excellent idea and I should be very pleased to receive them and to send in comments from time to time. This seems to be a good informal way of tossing ideas around, and inviting the opinions of fellow astrologers. We all meet with certain realizations from time to time that we could pass on to others in this way.

Enclosed is a cheque for subscription to your Journal plus a donation towards the Circular Letter costs.

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(Thank you, Gay, and welcome! - Dymock.)

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

The matter of rectification of the birth time and the question of examinations in Astrology have aroused interest and comment from various quarters. All letters received up to 16th May are printed below, together with comments on previous topics discussed.

From RALPH W. HOLDEN (S.A.): I would wish to agree with the comments of Rudolf Smit regarding the dangers of rectification of the birth time. Of course this is a necessary evil when the time is not accurately known, and the astrologer is required to exercise his or her judgement in determining what appears to be a reasonable time given the circumstances. However, I have not yet found a method of rectification which I can accept with confidence, for if it is found to be inappropriate once, doubts will always linger. I always treat a rectified birthtime, therefore, with considerable suspicion.

Again with Rudolf Smit, I find it difficult to accept that idea which is held by many astrologers, that even when the birth moment is accurately known, rectification is still required. This is in order to obtain the true "astrological" birth time (as distinct from the natural one), and which then becomes the basis of later work on the chart, especially progressions.

In my personal work, I must confess that I use no other method for more accurately finding an imprecise birth time, than to discover a natal chart where the planetary positions in the Houses reflect as near as I am able to assess the character and experiences of the person concerned. This often still contains a span of time in which the birth may have occurred but I accept this as a limitation necessary in the interpretation of such a chart. It is often self-delusive to use what appears to be an accurate time, but which in fact is built upon supposition.

As those who have read my small book, ("The Elements of House Division" -Ed) will guess, the House system which I use for rectification (as in all my work) is the Equal House. I believe in fact that there are good and sound reasons for its acceptance.

This question of rectification is one of

the reasons why I feel hesitation in using the Topocentric House System. Like myself, the authors of this accept that the use of the House cusps is an acceptable way to carry out rectification, whether in a natal chart or by the use of progressions to them. In their work *A MANUAL OF PRIMARY DIRECTIONS* the substantiating evidence which Polich and Nelson-Page give for this system is based upon a detailed examination of the Chart of Queen Elizabeth II and the readily available events of her life. The claim which they advance for the Topocentric System is that it was discovered in an empirical manner by examining progressions to events of a cuspal nature, and then determining a formula which established the House cusps at these significant points.

Unhappily, to make the system work, the time of birth of Elizabeth II was rectified by 27 minutes from the official birth time (*A Manual of Primary Directions*, p.iii). It seems to me to be almost beyond belief that such a "public" event as the birth of the heiress to the throne should be in error by almost one half-hour. Thus I am worried that - in spite of much argument in favour of the Topocentric System - one seems to be confronted by another example of fact being forced to conform to theory. If the Topocentric System does not work with the true known birth-time, it would seem that its value must be seriously questioned.

From ROY OWEN (QLD): If our friend R. Smit thinks that birth times are accurate, he must be joking. Experience shows that most birth times are off and late by nearly half an hour.

Just because in Holland they are on the birth certificate there are only half a dozen countries that do this, and even in the South of the U.S.A. they don't even have the correct day recorded. It is best to try some form of rectification using transits on each and every chart. Jayne makes sense sometimes. I often use *Converse Directions* (not *Secondaries* though).

From CAROL SQUIRES (N.Z.): Thank you for sending me a copy of your Circular Letter No.9. I would very much like to be included on your mailing list. May I suggest that in future you send the letters airmail (I have enclosed postal vouchers to cover the cost) so that "slow mails do not prevent useful participation by the New Zealanders"! (Or in my case, an Australian in New Zealand!)

I note that your next Circular will be covering Examinations in Astrology. In New Zealand, the Astrological Society of N.Z. holds examinations twice a year and these are open to all financial members of the Society who have signed the Code of Ethics. Four levels are tested: Diploma Member, Diploma Teacher, Diploma Associate and a newly introduced Student Test. The Test is a four-hour paper (the others 8 hours) and the same high standard is required, and no Diploma or Certificate is awarded to the successful examinee. The Test was introduced mainly for those students who have not sat exams for many years to help them familiarize themselves - and to gain confidence - in an examination situation. I do not know whether such a test is available to members of the Australian Societies - if not, perhaps it might bear considering, as it has been more than welcomed here.

I read with glee Rudolf H. Smit's contribution and wholeheartedly agree with what he has to say. I must admit I am highly suspicious of those astrologers who present a rectified time of birth that "fits" neatly to a particular event to "prove" that the rectified time must be correct! I would love to see, when these rectified charts are published in astrological journals, an indication of what events were taken into consideration when rectifying the chart and what method of rectification was used. All too often we are presented with "here is the Chart for Miss Famous Personality, Birth Time 20.04 (Rectified)." I'm afraid that we would all learn a lot more from working with those charts where an accurate moment of birth was known, rather than wasting time messing around with times that, to my mind, will never really be "proven beyond reasonable doubt".

I look forward to receiving your next Circular.

It is appropriate here to quote from Charles Jayne of the U.S.A. In his book "The Technique of Rectification", he states: "It is really impossible to emphasize too much the importance of careful and rigorous examination of the placement of the Ascendant and of the planets in the Houses BEFORE

one uses any Arcs of Direction. One can find an Ascendant and House orientation that is quite plausible but also wrong! That is to say that one can find several convincing reasons to justify such a placement. I used the word rigorous. One really must try hard to be rigorous and consistent in one's interpretations if one is to avoid self-deception. When it comes to Directions, I have used a simple arbitrary test, i.e. at least eight major Directions, to or by the Angles, must "fit" not only as to time but also as to correct meaning before one may consider that the Angles are probably right. I suggest that some similar minimum number of factors must "fit" not only as to Directions and events, but also as to their radical static pattern of relationships of Houses and Angles to Lights and planets." -Dymock.

From ALLAN JOHNSON (N.S.W.): In your last Newsletter you mentioned that you would like some discussions on the subject of Examinations. This raises the question of what exactly does constitute qualifications in Astrology. When I was last in England in 1978, attending the A.A. Conference at Cambridge University, I did actually attend a meeting got together to discuss this specific topic. Present were teachers of Astrology from quite a number of European countries - U.S.A., many different parts of the U.K., New Zealand, etc. But I soon found there was very little prospect of any basic agreement ever being reached. It seemed quite impossible for them to get to first base at all, so any motions that were passed were couched in terms so broad as to have little meaning. The problem was not that there were so many schools of thought, but that each thought that their approach was the only right one. I plan to attend the A.A. Conference again this year, but I will be surprised if any progress has been made in this direction.

So from this it follows that it is not possible to set up an exam paper without having it subject to a lot of criticism. Astrology is a subject which abounds in differences of opinion. However, when I set up the first F.A.A. Examinations ten years ago I found it impossible to get much feed-back or opinions at all. There had been ideas of setting up a National Examination Board but this just didn't have practical possibilities when it came to the point. Probably the idea was too premature. But I think I am getting a little more feed-back now. I think the nearest approach to what might be called

an international authority for examinations in Astrology is the Faculty in London. This has been successful in getting itself accepted by students in over 100 countries. So its Certificates and Diplomas do count for something. Its influence has spread far beyond England or the English-speaking world. As a result some might ask whether we do need examinations in Australia at all. But I think we do. The Faculty Exams and also the Jeff Mayo Exams are tied very much to the specific teachings of the Margaret Hone School and I doubt whether there would be too many teachers in Australia using her books as basic texts.

Margaret Hone was responsible for a revolution in approaches to teaching and consulting work, using a synthesis of all the factors, and not inflicting loads of technical data on to the uninitiated client. I think this has permeated the attitude of a lot of students, even though they may not use her books especially. I do use Hone's methods to a great extent, but not "Equal House" or her special key-word system. So time has modified her original methods without altering her basic intentions. But of course a lot of new books have come out since her innovations 30 years ago. Astrology will always continue to be a highly individualistic thing.

Could there ever be one final House division system, or one system of progressions, or any of the other techniques? It would make Astrology more "scientific" if it were possible, but it isn't. It looks as if any system is only as good as the astrologer who uses it. It is all a question of interpretation. And interpretation is an art, not a science. So I don't think there can ever be such a thing as a right system. It is expecting too much from any system of progressions to have it work all the time. We have to be satisfied with good percentages. Yet astrologers continue to be dogmatic on this point. All this of course highlights the difficulties of setting up an examination which would have a general acceptance, or be recognised.

Right, here we have the old controversy about external and internal examinations. This is a controversy in education generally. A lot of teachers don't like external exams at all. They prefer to issue their own certificates. It is the students who want the external exams, not the teachers. So for this reason a lot of astrology teachers have not been interested in cooperating with the F.A.A. exams. But some have. With an external exam the candidate and examiner are most frequently unknown to each other. This could mean a fairer assessment. There are no personal

feelings to influence the matter. This is a factor which can weigh heavily with a student. They want to get as honest a judgement as they can get. I think the F.A.A. Certificate is getting more and more accepted Australia-wide. In the last exam in November, 1981, only two out of the eleven candidates were my own students.

Being a professional myself, I am more interested in the practical usefulness of astrology rather than the more academic side or the research angle. So one half of the exam is devoted to answering specific questions on a definite chart. This brings in the predictive side, without expecting all that much experience in this area, but the student should know how to go about it. I never insist on Secondaries. If the student wants to use Solar Arcs or the One-Degree method there are no disadvantages. So the students can use whatever method they have been studying. The same rule can be applied in setting up charts. The student gets used to looking at a chart set up in a certain way. In fact most professionals find it hard to read someone else's chart. This problem can be overcome by simply listing the data and it can be copied on to a chart in a few minutes. So there are basics in exams which have to be pretty universal. Everybody must know how to erect a chart and get precise figures for the planets, to know the meanings of the various "times" that are used, the nature of chart patterns and so on.

When it comes to the Diploma Exam, most students approach it with an eye to professionalism in various degrees, or to apply astrology to practical needs, even if they are not going to charge fees. So the ability to do a complete reading of a chart in a fairly professional way is a basic necessity. Here the final results are more important than the precise technique of doing it. So any known method of prediction is acceptable, Solar Returns, Converse Directions, Midpoints, anything at all. An examiner should be sufficiently conversant with any of these methods, even if he doesn't use them regularly, to judge whether the student knows what he is talking about. The important thing I have always insisted on in these readings, is that the reading should always be addressed to the supposed client in non-technical terms. The average client is not a student of astrology and knows scarcely anything of the technical side of astrology, so should not be loaded with lists of aspects, lists of planets in Signs, and so on. This is the raw material of delineation, not the finished product. The client is interested in what is happening on earth, not in what is happening in the heavens. This is where

the Margaret Hone approach is vital, but I don't think it should mean a total elimination of technicalities, but move very much in that direction.

Astrology students should be encouraged to take examinations for the very good reason, among others, that it reveals to them gaps in their knowledge of which they may otherwise remain unaware. There are no doubt gaps in the knowledge and understanding of every astrologer, but with students these can exist even in the basic areas of Signs, planets, Houses, aspects, transits and progressions, without the student realizing it.

Left to themselves, most students will pursue some topic that particularly appeals to them, while neglecting large areas of greater importance. The probing questions on an examination paper can correct this. An all-round level of competence is certainly desirable before any astrologer starts purveying his wares to the public, whether for gain or for love.

The examination itself, particularly the first one which, in Australia, is the Astrology Certificate Examination, need not prove a nervous ordeal if adequate information is given beforehand of what will be expected of the candidate. A syllabus is useful, but by far the most valuable aid is a batch of previous examination papers which the candidate can peruse and work over for himself. These not only direct his attention to what is important in the subject, but also acquaint him with the way in which the questions are asked. When he subsequently enters the examination room he already has his mind oriented in the required direction.

I applied this system very well myself in an altogether different field - law - when studying unaided for the Solicitors' Admission Board Examinations. Articled clerks in those days (the 1930's) profited by a system whereby successful candidates in the law examinations passed on to the aspiring lawyers following them a bundle of previous examination papers. This bundle grew with every successive quarterly examination, and, over a decade or so, achieved huge proportions. With the aid of these papers I had no difficulty in gaining good passes, but it would have been a different story if I had been left to struggle with the massive law tomes prescribed by the examining Board. I remember one such, Dicey's "Constitutional Law", with particular horror. For a candidate to find in this book what was important and what was not would be practically impossible without the indications given by the test papers.

A similar difficulty arises for the un-informed student when faced with the mass of books and literature on Astrology that is now published. But the way is made clear if enough test papers are available for him/her to work through. Specimen answers are also a considerable help, and with this in mind I instituted the section, "Answers to Examination Questions", in The Australian Astrologers' Journal. Here, one has to avoid the trap of making the answers too detailed, and thereby possibly frightening off prospective examinees.

As a practical measure, and to encourage students, I now recommend that the F.A.A., or the A.A.C., or an independent body, undertake to reprint all previous Australian Examination papers, and make them available at nominal cost to anyone interested. I am prepared to give all possible help in this direction. Any takers?

- Dymock.

From GWYN TURNER: In the last April Circular, Rudolf Smit takes exception to Charles Jayne's statement of rectification, but as this was only one paragraph from his article, the rest shows that he is talking about a life-time of events, not a small portion.

However, I agree that it is possible to make events fit into incorrect times of birth for a short span, but what I cannot understand is that Rudolf Smit with his long investigation of rectification has not yet hit on the correct formula. Has he forgotten that apart from the progressed M.C. & ASC to birth planets, the progressed planets to the birth M.C. and ASC will give the final proof?

A typical example of this is shown in William Holden's death Chart, which will appear in the next issue of the Astrologers' Journal. The rectification finds his minute of birth not only by Primary aspects to birth planets but by Secondary planetary aspects to his Natal Ascendant (progressed Sun square radical Ascendant and progressed Mars conjunct same).

The method I use is available from most computer firms in America and also in Sydney, and is usually named "Classical". The Dictionary definition of "classical" is: Good quality, example generally given, expert, work of highest quality; and this is how I, too, see this method.

Some computer services go further and mark the print-out progressions by this method as "Progressions by Sidereal Time", which is the basis of the "Classical" method. It is also known as "R.A. of the Mean Sun" or sometimes simply called a "birthday horoscope".

I have found this method most accurate

over many years of my professional work of predictive Astrology, both in personal and political charts and made it the subject of a lecture at the January, 1980, Sydney FAA Convention, when I compared 50-year computer Progression print-outs on the life of Elizabeth Taylor.

The Solar-Arc progressions did not match the events in her life, while the "Classical" did. As mentioned earlier, a critic might say, why could not the birth time be altered to make the Solar-Arc directions match the events? But we again come to the question, what about the progressed planets aspecting the birth M.C. and ASC? In the case of Elizabeth Taylor's "Classical" Natal Chart, I demonstrated numerous Secondary Progressed planets aspecting the Angles to match major events of her life, so proving that you must show all aspects to and by the Angles to be able to forecast correctly.
(more later).

VALE, JOHN ADDEY

John Addey, Founder and Patron of The Astrological Society, died on 27th March last in the Royal Homoeopathic Hospital, London, after a short illness. It was a sad day for our British colleagues, and indeed for many outside the United Kingdom.

Mr. Addey was chiefly known for his pioneering work on harmonics in astrology, a study on which he was still engaged at the time of his death. Let's hope others will carry on his work with the same enthusiasm; and perhaps John himself will lend a hand from the inner planes.

Being a long-time advocate and practitioner of Horary Astrology I was delighted to see the following in the current issue of "The Astrological Journal", published by the English Astrological Association:

"The modern trend of Psychological Astrology has eclipsed the important use to which the Ancients put Astrology. An Astrologer confronted with a request to predict the ramifications of an event or to give advice on some question would draw a chart for the moment of hearing the request. Such a chart is known as a Horary Chart. Horary Astrology is a powerful tool which gives the Astrologer a panoramic view of the circumstances and the likely outcome of the question. Its use is illuminating and its results more dramatic than any other branch of Astrology."

(The underlining is mine -Dymock.)

From BILL SLAPE (S.A.) (adverting to the influence of Pluto in the Houses, a current project in The Australian Astrologers' Journal): I was recently attending an informal social gathering when I became aware of being under scrutiny. It was so intense I sought the person out. He was a short, squat man, around my vintage (1924), with very penetrating eyes. Scorpio, somewhere, I thought, and as he was friendly enough, I diplomatically extracted from him his birth details. He had Pluto in the 1st House, in orb of his ASC. Repeatedly I have found this so, that is, Pluto 1st-House native with deep, pool-like, penetrating eyes.

Talking on Pluto - Houses: The two most arrogant, volatile and unapproachable men I have ever had the misfortune to work with, who could be classed as typical b...s, who would erupt at the slightest provocation, had Pluto in the 4th House, both with Aries Rising, which didn't help much either. I don't find that typical of a 4th-House Pluto, but those two unacquainted individuals had such an outstanding nature, I thought it too coincidental not to make mention of it.

(Thank you, Bill, for your good wishes and contribution to expenses. - Ed.)

Pamela Rowe has now retired from the position of National Secretary of the F.A.A., having diligently and conscientiously discharged its duties since the beginning of 1979. The office of secretary in any organization is usually the most onerous, and the one that receives least recognition.

We welcome Dr. Duane Eaks as the new National Secretary, and include him in the list of recipients of these Circular Letters.

Distribution has now risen to 35, with at least one in N.Z. (we hope more will participate), and is as follows:-

NEW SOUTH WALES:- Keven Barrett, Allan Johnson, Ray Webb, Richard Sterling, Gwyn Turner, Joan McCulla, Gwyn Stoney, Austin Levy, Stephanie Higham, Victor Voets, Bob Stoney, E.S. Caselli.

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WEST AUSTRALIA:- Geoffrey Dean, Jenifer Pommerin, Ethel Webb.

TASMANIA:- Isobel Bell, Jacqui Burton.

NEW ZEALAND:- Carol Squires. (35)

- Dymock, 19th May, 1982.

THE NEXT CIRCULAR LETTER (19th June, '82) : WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ASTROLOGICAL PREDICTION? And any more comments on matters discussed to date. (MSS by 12th June, if possible please)

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Interest is growing in these Circular Letters. Here are the latest contributions.

From RUDOLF H. SMIT: Your latest Circular (No. 8), and in particular Gwyn Turner's letter, compel me to comment, as it talks about some facets of astrology which have kept me busy for quite some years. But before I go into that I have to rectify a small typing error in your Circular Letter No. 6, which states (in a letter of mine) that I arrived here in September, 1981. Such was not the case: I arrived in September, 1980.

First of all I wish to say that I feel more or less horrified with Charles Jayne's statement: "The time that really matters to an astrologer and his subject is the time that correlates with what is happening in the life, whether or not that time can be identified as the moment of birth. In other words, a rectification that can show a true sequence of events".

I cannot agree with this statement - it shakes the basic principle of all astrology: The time of birth, that is the moment the baby enters the world, which is its being pushed out of the mother's womb and starting to breath its own breath. Only then it becomes an individual of its own, to a certain extent independent of the mother. We have always worked with that principle, and I think it is a right principle. Astrology has to start somewhere, and the starting-point has always been the actual moment of birth, no time later, and no time earlier.

Of course, we can argue about the question of what the actual moment of birth is: The first cry (= breath) or cutting the umbilical cord, whilst it becomes a lot more complicated with babies starting to breath only several minutes after the actual birth has taken place. These are nice subjects for investigation, by the way. However, as Geoff Dean makes clear in his Recent Advances in Natal Astrology it appears that by far the most astrologers all over the world stick to the first breath at the actual moment of birth. Once again, I feel that such is the right starting-point. Because if we do what Charles Jayne suggests, then every astrologer simply can do what he or she likes, that is "Recti-

fying" till you arrive at a time that suits the astrologer's method, nothing more and nothing less.

I know of astrologers who fiddled around with exact birth-times only to make sure that a certain event fitted the employed method of progression. Voila, one more reason for sceptics of astrology to condemn our art. If a birth-time is exactly known, then it is, from a scientific point of view, horrifying to muck around with it. From a scientific point of view it is then right to concede that a certain method does not work, however much of a pity that may be, in that particular case anyway.

I feel that modern astrology has to behave in many respects like a modern science. I certainly think that there is no need for a strictly reductionistic view of astrology as Geoff Dean propagates, for then it becomes very easy to reason astrology out of existence! But I am sure that astrologers can adopt a more critical approach to the art than is normally the case. To that approach belongs, in my opinion, that we do not deviate from basic principles, such as the moment of birth, just to make sure that it fits into our astrology.

To what absolutely stupid results that may lead I will illustrate with one example: In my home-country, The Netherlands, there is one, rather infamous, astrologer, who claims to have found the only right system of progression. He calls it the "Minus-1" System. Guess what he does. He used the old dogma of "one day for a year" in relation to Secondary Progressions. So far so good - but then it happened to him one day, that he made a calculation-error. Instead of adding the actual amount of days in relation to the age of the native, he added the days minus one. And look - he discovered that in that year (by error taken for the right year - in reality the year prior to the right year) some secondary aspects were spot-on. From then onwards he employed this system, and claimed to have excellent results. However, a critical approach to his Minus-1 System revealed that his "excellent results" were just a very few of many aspects. And

indeed, it happened sometimes that the "minus-1 Progressed Ascendant" coincided nicely with an appropriate event. We discovered however, that this Minus-1-Ascendant coincided with the true Primary Ascendant, hence this "success". A success based on an artifact, for sure, for what the man never realised was that this Minus-One System produced a horrendous anomaly: This system implies that right at the moment of birth the entire Progressed Horoscope JUMPS, in an infinite small moment of time, BACKWARDS, a FULL DAY. Hence the radical horoscope was normally calculated, but when applying the Secondary Progressions according to the Minus-1 System one had to start a full 24 hours before birth, with the obvious consequence that the Progressed Horoscope of the native at the moment of becoming one year old, was exactly the same as the radical horoscope.

When this was made clear to the astrologer his response was a furious reaction, and the claim that other astrologers were out to trap him, because of jealousy, and more of that rot. He still sticks to this stupid Minus-1 System, which produces an overall result of almost nil, by the way.

In a case like this, one could say that the astrologer in question placed the birth actually 24 hours before the actual birth took place, only to make it fit his system of progression. (Applying this idea in all its consequences, would mean that (if we still maintain the idea of one day for a year) those 24 hours before birth represented one year before birth. It is sure that in such a case the first three months are absolutely empty, as normally conception takes place nine months before birth.)

Hence I maintain that we have to stick to the real moment of birth - not anything else. It leads to nothing, only to further condemnation of astrology and its adherents, once again we will be seen as a bunch of superstitious fellows doing stupid things in order to boost our egos.

Of course, there is the big question about "how to rectify a horoscope", when as is so many times the case, the exact moment of birth is not known. I agree with Gwyn Turner that it is indeed confusing when astrologers are coming up with different times of birth (or death) as in the case of William Holden. As regards my own birth-time rectification of William Holden I wrote on page 23 of the FAA-Journal: "I rectified the Chart on only one event and came up with a time of 5:06:25 pm, so, regardless of how fitting the results may look, it simply does not imply that the rectified time is indeed the right time of birth". In other words, I am very well aware of the difficulties involved in the rectification of Charts.

The point is that any system can be made suitable for rectifying a chart, but such a system can only be valid if the chart-rectification provides very fitting aspects for all major events over a very long period of time. Well firstly, at the time of writing the articles about William Holden we knew only the approximate date of his death. There was nothing more available. For a proper rectification we need at least four to five very strong events over a very long span of time. And then it is a matter of tuning in, till all these events fit neatly. Yes, fit neatly, but it still will be some sort of compromise... But that is a different matter altogether. What I am aiming at is to make the reader realise that we can only try rectification with a system that is sufficiently foolproof.

Gwyn Turner is asking in her letter: Why is there not more effort shown in this direction? There she is very right. The possible answer is: It takes a hell of a lot of time to do the necessary investigations, and a very critical approach, AND a very good understanding of the different techniques of progression in astrology. And let's face the fact that most astrologers do not possess all those assets. A small group of Dutch astrologers however, took the trouble to delve extensively into this vast problem. I was one of that group. We have over a period of more than five years very thoroughly investigated the most widely used systems of progressions, transits, Secondary Progressions, Solar Arc Progressions". Literally hundreds and hundreds of horoscopes have passed through our programmable calculators, and later on computers. The verdict: The Secondary Directions are a very weak system of progression, in any case very unsuitable for proper rectification. The Solar Arcs show better results, but are not reliable for rectification either, and mainly because of lack of consistency. The same can be said of transits - sometimes a hit, most times no hits or only weak indications.

The only system so far that provides sufficient reliability both in the indicating of hard events and rectification, because of its consistency in rules, is the one of Primary Directions according to "Prime Event Analysis", about which I am writing extensively in the FAA-Journal. This system, which is based on centuries-old astronomical and mathematical knowledge (the foundations of it were laid by the great Claudius Ptolemaeus himself!) has another advantage as well: It is pure mathematics, and in accordance with the real phenomena of celestial mecha-

cs. It is not the oversimplified arithmetic of Solar-Arc Directions. For that reason I have always rejected Solar Arcs because they do not comply with the proper movement of the Celestial Sphere. That Solar Arc Directions seems to work in quite a few cases, is mainly because the S.A. planets often line up with Primary planets.

Here is an answer to the question of Gwyn Turner: Thanks to the computer, and thanks to the readiness of some astrologers to delve into the complicated mathematics of the celestial movements, we have arrived at the verge of a breakthrough. When we want to find out which System has the most scope, the answer will probably be: one of the variations of Primary Directions. Indeed, one of the variations - they are there as well. Which is perfectly normal in any science. We are investigating new possibilities, and then it is not unusual that different approaches will emerge. It is then only a matter of testing which one gives the highest score.

I see that I am carried away. There is a lot more I like to say, for example that I hate the word "prediction", as my blunt postulation is that prediction in the absolute sense of the word is totally out of the question. Besides, with predictions one does not prove astrology, if it were only for the fact that always the big question of the "self-fulfilling prophecy" will pop up.

One last thing: I did not understand Dymock's way of explaining the algorithm for finding the angle of the Ecliptic for any year. Let's put it in a general formula:

$$E = -((Y - 1900)/100 \times 0.01301) + 23.452294.$$
Herein is E the angle of the Ecliptic in the Year Y.
The average angle in the year 1942 would be, according to this formula:
23.4468298, which = 23°26'49".

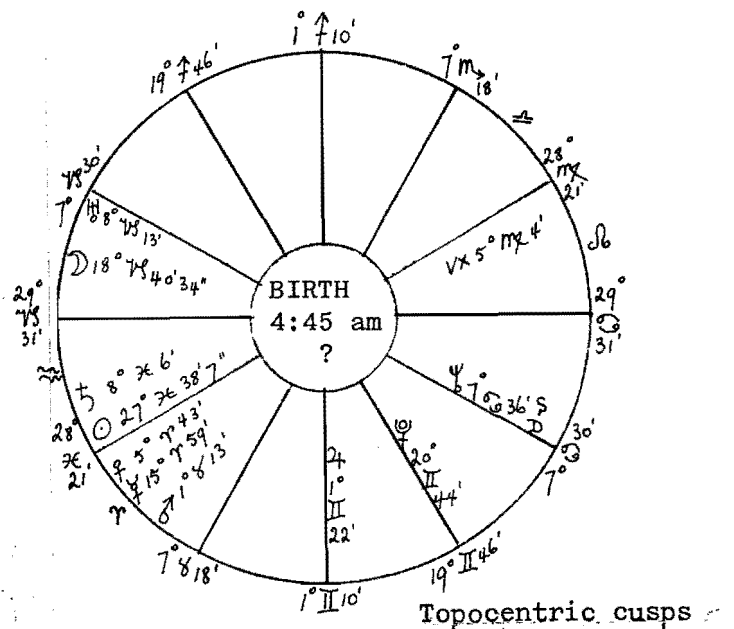
From Mr. E.S. CASELLI: In the Summer issue of The Australian Astrologers' Journal, I note that Mr. Rudolf Smit belittles Secondary Directions in favour of his Primaries. It is clear that he has not done the Converse Secondaries. Take the case of Eichmann. The Converse Sun is close to square radical Mars in Taurus, suggesting violence to the neck, while Converse Saturn is close to the square of the birth Meridian (taking the time of birth Smit prefers) as well as square Jupiter radical. This "T"-square between Converse Saturn, Jupiter radical and the Birth M.C. is consistent with a physical fall (Saturn) and the end of life and career by judicial sentence. This Jupiter on the Nadir is therefore not very friendly. I consider these indications more powerful than the Primary tredecile between Mercury and Saturn.

I do not associate Mercury with violence, particularly, and therefore the quintile series of aspects, derived from Mercury (the number five) also cannot be particularly violent in themselves.

I note that on the day Eichmann was hanged, Mercury (ruling radical 8th) was by transit in square to converse Mars, the transiting Mars was conjunct Mars radical and square Sun Converse (thereby activating Sun Converse square Mars radical) while the transiting Moon was approaching the radical 4th cusp and conjunct Jupiter Converse, square Saturn Converse.

Let us take Mr. "Y" (murdered after kidnapping). I note the Sun Converse was sesquiquadrate Saturn radical (one of the two villains - with Pluto straddling the Birth M.C.) while Mercury was similarly aspecting Pluto, the planet of kidnapping. Mercury sesq. Pluto may not immediately strike the eye but if the birth took place a mere two minutes earlier then Mercury would be the Ruler of the Chart. On the day of death, Uranus by transit was conjunct the Converse Mercury, suggesting that this position was important, and consistent with radical Uranus sesq. Birth Saturn.

EICHMANN, 19-3-1906, 7E4, 51N10 RAMC 15:56:8



In the case of the death by stabbing, the Secondary Directions are admittedly not so clear, but I note that the Converse Mars was approaching the Birth M.C. and it might well have been closer had birth taken place some minutes later. Interesting, also, is the position of Prog. Mercury (Secondary) which was almost exactly opposite both the Birth Mars and the Prog. Mars (which was close to its birth position). While I would not regard Mercury as so important in itself, unless it

ruled the First, Eighth or Fourth Houses, this Mercury could well be regarded as a time pointer, especially since it is involved in the radical Sun/Pluto/Mars afflictions. By progression it is also at the apex or mid-point of those afflictions. We are not told if the lungs were attacked by the stabbing, in which case the Mercury indication would be clearer. Strangely, or perhaps not so strangely, this Mercury involvement is duplicated by the case of Mr. "Y" who had Mercury conjunct Sun/Mars at birth and sesq. Pluto by converse Secondary.

From ELVA HOWSON: I am never disappointed in the contents of The Australian Astrologers' Journal. The Summer issue was once again of a high standard and your wife's article re "Indications for Murder" was particularly interesting. However, I was disappointed to note the Vertex omitted from every chart in the issue. If we are ever to arrive at conclusions and judge the validity of this point surely we must observe it frequently in all various types of cases and events, the very presence of it's position (should this become common practice) could not help but draw attention to the role it plays.

Re Eichman: Vx natal at 5° Virgo opposite Saturn (his ruling planet) square Jupiter trine Mars and square 4th/10th cusps. In his S.R. Chart Vx natal conjunct Pluto SR opposite Mars SR opposite Mercury SR. Vx SR falls 29° Taurus conjunct 4th natal conjunct Jupiter natal square Moon SR square Uranus SR square Jupiter SR.

I am sure I don't have to point out to you that here is ample planetary representation for the events that took place. The other two cases (Mr X and Mr Y) are equally interesting, but I don't want to go into a lengthy dissertation.

Regarding your request for observations of Pluto in the Houses. I enclose a list of my own personal findings and will look forward to reading the overall observations from all contributors.

Thank you for including me on the mailing list for your Circular Letters. I will look forward to receiving them.

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(The point regarding the Vertex is well made. In future I shall include it in the charts. - Dymock.)

From JENIFER POMMERIN: The Circular Letters should be very productive. Yet I feel my standard in Astrology is too low to contribute anything worthwhile to those people who read the Letters. So, please omit my name from your list.

In reference to Gwyn Turner's comment (paragraph 5). If it hadn't been for people of her character who did struggle on against heavy odds, Astrology in Australia wouldn't be in such a healthy, and I think, on the whole, respected position that it now holds.

Enclosed are some stamps, as I must owe you some.

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(Jenifer underrates herself. She has made a number of thoughtful and worthwhile contributions to The Australian Astrologers' Journal. - Dymock.)

The current distribution of these Circular Letters is as follows:-

NEW SOUTH WALES

Keven Barrett, Allan Johnson, Ray Webb, Richard Sterling, Gwyn Turner, Joan McCulla, Gwyn Stoney, Austin Levy, Stephanie Higham, Victor Voets, Bob Stoney, E.S. Caselli. (12)

VICTORIA

Pamela Rowe, Maurice Silver, Rudolf Smit, Fred Alban, Erich K.K. Dressler, Elva Howson, Valerie Morison, Mrs. F.L. Lawton. (8)

QUEENSLAND

Gillian Murray, Roy Owen, Ron Gaunt. (3)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Ralph W. Holden, Bill Slape. (2)

WEST AUSTRALIA

Geoffrey Dean, Jenifer Pommerin, Ethel Webb. (3)

TASMANIA

Isobel Bell. (1)

A total of 29. I am willing to extend this list indefinitely to include anyone who has the interests and development of Astrology at heart.

If the absence of some names comes as a surprise to readers, they may be assured that it is not due to any discrimination on the part of the Editor, but to a total lack of response from the people concerned. Confirmation of the recipient's correct postal address would be accepted as a sufficient indication of interest, but lacking even this minimal response I have little option but to curtail fruitless expense.

Extension of distribution to New Zealand is being considered. It is a question whether slow mails would prevent useful participation by the New Zealanders.

- Dymock.
19/4/1982

NEXT MONTH: In the Circular Letter to be published on the 19th May, we shall take up the question of EXAMINATIONS IN ASTROLOGY. Your views, comments and suggestions are invited.

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19th March, 1982.

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Dear Fellow Astrologer,

Hitherto these Circular Letters have been restricted to members of the F.A.A., but I feel the time has come to extend their circulation to any serious astrologer interested in the welfare and development of Astrology. This is a free service at my own expense, the object being to provide a ready means of communication between astrologers who have some contribution to make in the way of ideas, new techniques, criticisms, research, news, etc. I publish the Letters on the 19th of each month, and material for inclusion should preferably be received about a week before that date.

Contributions relating to any matter of astrological interest, and any branch of Astrology - Traditional, Ebertin, Uranian, Sidereal, etc. - are welcome. All letters will be published, no matter how critical, provided they do not descend to personal abuse. My own views are, of course, just as much open to criticism as anyone else's.

If you do not wish to participate in this venture, kindly advise me so that I may be spared unnecessary expense (about 65c per letter, for photo-copying, postage and stationery).

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From GWYN TURNER: Many thanks for sending me a copy of "The Australian Astrologers' Journal" (Vol 5, Nr. 2). Your page "Notes & Comments" certainly shows the high standard that some of the old traditional astrologers achieved, such as Charles Jayne, who implied: The time that really matters to an astrologer and his subject is the time that correlates with what is happening in the life, whether or not that time can be identified as the moment of birth. In other words, a rectification that can show a true sequence of events.

I agree with Gwen Stoney's remark, that trying to use the tools of one system in another system does not work, and yet it is still particularly noticeable in the efforts of some students to combine traditional charts with Ebertin tools.

As I mentioned in your November Circular, there are too many systems coming up with different answers - take the three articles on William Holden's death - two in the December F.A.A. and one in your February Circular, all with a different answer, and mine yet to come in the March issue of F.A.A. with still a different answer (done, of course, by computer with the Progressed Event Calendar, and rectified).

As Astrology is a science for helping humanity both in character analyses, future trends and challenges, why is there not more effort shown in this direction? Results would soon show which system has the most scope.

Students to-day have never had it so easy. I am afraid I, starting in my teens, had to learn the hard way, particularly as most of my work was forecasting (of course to prove Astrology). In the years following one had to be so exact with predictions, so that work would follow through recommendation, as advertising in this field was not allowed, also if a client was not satisfied, the law being what it was at that time, the astrologer could be heavily fined, or even serve a prison sentence. All in all this compelled an enthusiastic astrologer to work hard in research in all directions of Astrology to get better and better results.

Like all sciences, books and theory are necessary to start with, but, as with medical students, practice on hundreds of subjects is necessary to become a good specialist, and even then some are born and not made, and I think the same applies to astrologers.

There is no doubt that with the advent of computers, astrologers will have more time to devote to the analysis of horoscopes. Perhaps this is why my second book, "The Complete Home Astrologer", written for computer charts has been so successful.

Having been published in four countries, it is about to be published in a fifth, the U.S.A., by Routledge & Kegan Paul.

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RALPH HOLDEN sends the following clipping of Des Colquhoun's column in the "Adelaide Advertiser", with the comment, "It is a salutary reminder to us that prejudice is still deeply ingrained in our society, although perhaps generally not quite as vocal as it once was.":

"Astrology just a load of old Taurus. Oh, God save us - now it's the astronomers as well as the astrologers. An American observatory has issued a seven-page analysis to repudiate claims made in a book that the world will end on March 10 because all the planets will be roughly lined up on the same side of the Sun. It's true that astronomers are still babes in the wood in their own universe despite centuries of inspired observation, brilliant intellectual enterprise and help from equipment as awesomely complex as the very cosmos itself.

The information they've painstakingly accumulated is as mind-boggling as the celestial conundrums they have posed. And it sometimes seems that the more they discover the less they know.

However, I for one am prepared to accept the professional experts' view - to say nothing of milleniums of human experience - and to believe our world will still be here on March 11 even if a bunch of insignificant planets do get together for a galactic chat.

And I just wish those amateur or half-baked astronomers would go away to outer space and take their zany prognostications with them.

But not half as much as I wish those other nutty star-gazers, the astrologers, would go away. Now everyone is entitled to his own opinion. And everyone is entitled to fool himself into believing anything he wants to. And generally there's no great harm in playing nonsensical social games. But it is a curious thing, and a damn boring one, that the more informed and pragmatic we become, the more the childish superstition of astrology seems to flourish.

It is almost impossible to join any gathering these days without someone - and it's fact rather than prejudice which makes me say that it is usually a woman - asking what Zodiac Sign you were born under. Well, I neither know nor care, so they ask me my birthday, which is about the only date I ever remember, and that's probably only because it seems to occur more often than it used to.

'Oh, you're a Capricorn,' they say - or an Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Aquarius or Pisces. And they then proceed to tell me that I am aggressive, imaginative, gentle, ambitious, loving, energetic, placid, artistic, phlegmatic, a born leader, creative, loyal or the whole meaningless lot. They tell me that, according to some unfounded astrological oracle, I should have married, or should marry, a Leo or an Aries or whatever illogical pairing their fancied system advocates.

And so on, ad boring nauseum. How otherwise perfectly intelligent, educated and informed people can place apparent credence on such primitive manipulation of a non-existent galactical occult I do not understand.

As I say, they're entitled to believe whatever nonsense they wish, and to formalise their inane faith into whatever foolish games they can devise. But I do wish they wouldn't stuff it down my neck and expect me to pander to their addled cosmography. I'd rather face a Hare Krishna or a Jehovah's Witness any day."

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It's a safe bet that Des Colquhoun's grasp of Astrology is limited to what he has (unwillingly) heard at the gatherings he talks about. There's no harm in this sort of light conversation. After all, it's a more interesting subject to me and many others than football games, cricket results or the weather. That the talk represents a superficial view, and possibly a misinformed one, of an age-old study, is apparent to any one who chooses to dig below the surface with some independent research. But the Des Colquhoun's of this world (and they will always be with us) prefer not to be enlightened lest they forfeit the chance to score with a display of their prejudice. A man who doesn't want to be convinced, never will be. "Against stupidity the Gods themselves contend in vain."

A media-offering of a different calibre to the above column was the BBC's TV production on Astrology, shown on the ABC network early in February. This gave a fair-minded view of Astrology, and some of its practitioners, including well-known ones, at work. Evidence and views of scientists both for and against Astrology were presented. In the final result, Astrology came out ahead. — Dymock.

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A news item from England: Dr WILLIAM TUCKER, the well-known (and controversial) British astrologer died on 9th December last. He was the author of many books and articles, used the fixed stars extensively, and considered rectification of the birth time imperative before delineation. Just prior to his death he had been collaborating with Geoffrey Dean and Arthur Mather on a section of "Recent Advances 2" — a review and assessment of his own work.

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THE NETHERLANDS: (Reported in "Transit") "A Federation has been formed which will link the major astrological societies of the Netherlands, the aim of which is to promote and support astrological activity in the Netherlands linguistic area." This is a forward move. Unity is strength.

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JOAN McCULLA writes to correct a misprint in Circular Letter No. 7 about the death of William Holden: The suggested time of 10.28 p.m. on 9th November, 1981, was not UT but local (Los Angeles) time, and the UT not 4.28 a.m. on 10th November, but 6.28 a.m., giving an Ascendant for the "death" Chart of 7^h 45', which is conjunct radical ♄ at 7^h 41' in William Holden's Nativity.

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Now that electronic calculators and computers are inducing a higher order of accuracy in astrological charts, the precise worker will also want to have an exact figure for the Obliquity of the Ecliptic, which is used in just about every trigonometrical calculation associated with the horoscope. In the past we have mostly accepted 23°27' (23.45°) as being close enough, but the angle does vary over a period. For example, in 1900 the O.E. was 23°27'8", whereas in 1980 it was 23°26'31". Only a small difference, but significant when working with Primary Directions, which can now easily be refined down to accurate dates by the electronic means aforesaid.

A simple programme which can be readily adapted for programmable calculators such as the Casio FX-502P and FX-602P, and pocket computers such as the Sharp and Tandy, is the following:-

"YEAR?" Halt - 1900 = X .01 = Min 1 xY3 X .0017 - MR1 X 46.837
- MR1 x² X .0085 = Min2 23°27'8.26" + MR2 / 60x² =

In the above, at the first Halt enter the year in which you are interested. "X" means multiplied by, and "/" divided by. The final result comes out in decimal form, and can, of course, be reduced to sexagesimal notation if required. — Dymock.

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KEVEN BARRETT is at present researching the Arabian Parts by progressing the traditional Midheaven and Ascendant, and using a midpoint system on the sixteenth harmonic. This brings out the event as indicated by the Arabian Part of the event. We hope to have an example to make this clear in our next Circular Letter.

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A further excerpt from Henry C. Owen Jr.'s lecture of 1st May, 1971:

"It should be born in mind very clearly that all directions are conditioned by the state of the horoscope at birth. If a planet is fortunately aspected, free from affliction in the horoscope and located in a fortunate Sign and House, even serious directions to it, such as squares and oppositions will have only a limited power to harm, while good directions to it will mark periods of decided good fortune. And

vice versa, with those which are heavily afflicted at birth; adverse directions to them will be serious and dangerous, and good ones will be restricted in their scope.

Two planets in good strong aspect at birth mark fortunate points in the horoscope throughout life, and two that seriously and closely afflict each other will always be a source of trouble or danger under adverse directions.

Some other points concerning the natal chart should be mentioned. The Signs occupied by each planet affect a permanent and intimate modification of its action, it is not Mars or Uranus as the case may be, but Mars in Pisces or Uranus in Libra for the whole life, and whatever other elements may intrude, the essential modification must not be forgotten. It is part of the planet's attributes so far as the map in question is concerned. When a planet progresses to a new Sign, the new Sign constitutes a secondary and temporary modification of the influence of the natal Sign. For example, to follow Mars in Pisces above, Mars might progress into Gemini, and this could lead to activity in working or thinking, Pisces in character expressed through Mercurial media. Such sub-influences may seem puzzling and involved, but careful analysis will usually disclose the probable manner of their action.

As for the Houses ruled and occupied, they are strictly the fields of operation for the planet and do not modify its action in any other way, unless perhaps very exceptionally indeed. Saturn in the 5th operates through 5th House affairs; thus, the effect will be that the native will prefer serious forms of relaxation.

The Sign occupied has a very concrete meaning, despite the common assertion that the Signs refer to the disposition. Thus, Saturn in Leo often shows disappointment through children, there may be none, or they may be sources of worry and loss.

Because of the controversy over the Houses from the natal point of view, the best plan is probably to allow fairly wide cuspal orbs.

From the point of view of probability, if something is indicated once in the natal chart there is a possibility of its actually happening in the native's life, if it is indicated twice there is a probability that it will happen, and that if it is indicated three times, the event will definitely happen."

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Dear Fellow Member,

Our last Circular Letter has sparked the following comments:-

From GWYN STONEY: I am glad to receive your Circular Letters, and enclose some postage stamps. I feel we should all make a donation to help your good work. I hope you keep it up.

The Solar Arc does work with Cosmobiology and Uranian Astrology if you put the work into them, including all transits and transiting midpoints. You'll get any method to work if you do it in detail and use calculator and computer to help.

I've seen astrologers use a bit of this and a bit of that method and include it in one chart. Astrology doesn't work that way; and why condemn other methods and think your's is the only one? I have done so much work in Uranian Astrology and Cosmobiology, and find Solar Arc does work exactly if you do it in detail. But I still try other methods and keep an open mind.

In the last Circular (No. 6) Rudolf Smit expressed the way I feel about astrologers and Astrology: "We still have a lot to learn, and must work together in the humble knowledge that we actually know nothing, that there is no absolute certainty in Astrology and its methods." I feel we are here only to know so much, and if we knew all the answers we wouldn't be here. So we should just try to learn as much as we can, and share with others. The more you give the more you'll receive.

(Here, Gwyn gives some interesting details concerning work she has done on the Azaria Chamberlain Chart, but as this matter is sub judice we cannot publish it at present. - D.B.)

From JOAN MCCULLA: If I do not put pen to paper immediately, the same thing will happen as before - the Circular Letter No. 6 put aside with the previous copies. This is not my natural self; for over a year I have been troubled by allergies, which certainly can be distressing. The tests proved 35 things.

I have so enjoyed the Circular Letters. It is a very good way to keep in touch.

Rudolf Smit's expression, "Astrology is over-populated with know-alls" is apt; I call it ego-tripping. A large dose of humility is in order.

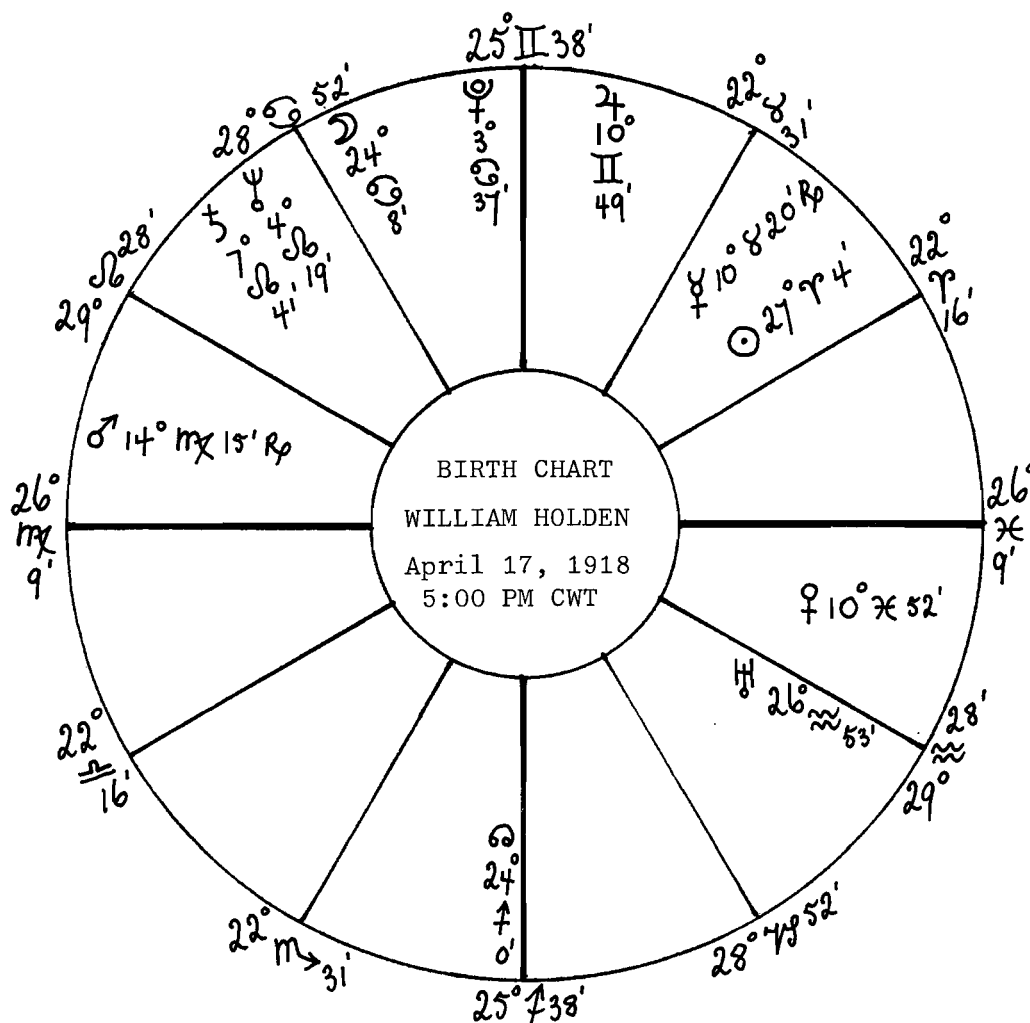
I am so tired of cases being printed with "birth data confidential". How can anyone check the work? In doing Cosmobiology time factors are so very important.

Or a lecturer is asked for data. Invariably the answer is, "Oh! I do not have it with me". How dare anyone be so smug? A total walk-out would be in order.

The research work I have compiled has been very fulfilling. For me, the Solar Arc progression plus transits gives a true answer to whatever event I am looking into. Cosmobiology is not for everyone, as shown by so few people using it. It certainly answers my questions of Astrology - how it pinpoints areas of importance in a person's life.

I have something I have been working on that I would like to share. In many, many cases of unusual events in certain charts I have found the transiting midpoint becoming exact to its Natal or Solar Arc position; e.g., the actor William Holden's unusual death. Birth data from Lois Rodden's American book of Charts: 17th April, 1918, C.W.T.; Solar Arc $61^{\circ}14'$. In Natal Chart $\delta/\mu 5^{\circ}34'$ or $20^{\circ}34'$. (Opposite point on the 90° wheel).

In the week prior to his being found, the transit at 10.28 p.m., ^{local time} $8^{\circ}41'$ on the 9th November, 1981, gave $\delta/\mu 20^{\circ}34'$ or $5^{\circ}34'$. (Opposite point on the 90° wheel). This time gave an ASC $7\delta 45 = \delta$ Radical $7\delta 41$; M.C. $29^{\circ}19' = \delta$ Radical $14^{\circ}15'$.



At the point of ♂/♂, we also have Transpluto radical 20° 24'; ♀/♀ rad. 20° 39'; ♀/♀ transit 21° 06' (for U.T. 2:28 am on 10/9/81) makes a pretty close square.

There is just so much in this exercise. I will try to curtail to important areas: ASC radical 26° 09', MC radical 25° 38' - a close square, with ♀ radical 10° 20' forming a square, the ASC and MC, the Moon by Solar Arc is at 25° 23', close to the Ascendant. ♀/♂, 10° 30', ♂/♀, 10° 20'.

The radical Moon has a Moon transit at this time and day, at 24° 12' - another close square.

ASC and MC by Solar Arc, 27° 24' and 26° 53' = radical ♀ 26° 53'; with ♀, ♀/♂ 27° 06', ♀/♂ 27° 17' (by polarity on the 90° wheel); ♀ by Solar Arc 11° 35' to ♂/♂ 10° 58' (polarity) - the death combination in all unusual deaths. I cannot answer why ♂/♂ = ♀ is rarely exact; there is anything up to a degree in this combination. ♂/♂ (24° 58') by Solar Arc, 27° 13' = ♀ radical, 27° 04', ♂.

I could go on and on, there is just so much. The relocated ASC and MC from where he was born to Santa Monica (118W30, 34N00) is also interesting. Lois Rodden give the birth place, O'Fallon, Illinois, as 38N36 89W58 (5 pm, CWT).

Stop! I could fill another three pages if let go. Although I feel the birth data are sound, my time, day and date of death are only speculative, but food for thought.

To keep these Circular Letters alive we need a continuing stream of correspondence. If you have some view to put forward, some ideas to discuss, some controversial issue on your mind or some experience that confirms, negates or modifies what others have declared, then please don't let it wait. Write now. The next Circular is due on 19th March.

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Dear Fellow Member,

We start our Circular Letters for 1982 with a stimulating communication from the former Editor of a Dutch astrological journal.

From RUDOLF SMIT: Thank you for sending me the latest Circular Letter. Perhaps I can add a contribution to the general discussion.

First of all I wish to express my agreement with the idea of circular letters. These letters are, I would say, an alternative way of an astrological magazine, except that, in contradiction to a magazine, the communication between the readers becomes very lively and straightforward because of the personal touch. Hence this way of expressing ideas and changing opinions is much more effective than any astrological journal can be. So I really hope that this excellent initiative of Dymock will not die a slow death because of lack of interest!

Re your efforts to unite the two groups, I have the impression that such will be in vain. When I came out here, in September, 1981, I was very dismayed to discover that also in Australia the world of astrologers is split in two groups disliking each other. Whatever happened in the past I do not know exactly, but apparently it was of such a nature that, as long as the players of that piece of theatre played at that period still have a big role in the community of Australian astrologers, we can forget about a possible unification of the two groups.

It always depresses me to see that adult people can fight like children, but that seems to be human, so what can you do about it? Mind you, I am not pointing to anyone - as an outsider I was not involved in whatever way - but it is a general conclusion. Wherever there are people there seems to be fighting, especially when people form groups around certain figures with charisma. Astrologers all over the world are no exception to that. I have experienced that myself, to my deep distress, when I played a leading role in the astrological community of Holland.

I have the feeling that because of the special nature of astrology, splits between astrology groups in general and individual astrologers in particular are perhaps more conspicuous than anywhere else. I have the impression that the world of astrology is over-populated with know-alls, with religious fanatics (i.e. people who see astrology, and especially those "divine revelations" brought to the world by great "masters", as a sacred science or sacred source of knowledge), and so on, whereas we all have to realise that astrology in this era is only at the very beginning of a new development.

Though astrology is already thousands of years in existence, it is only at present that we see an enormous revival which, because of new technology like computers, makes it possible to evaluate and re-evaluate astrological postulations. And indeed, as the monumental work of Geoffrey Dean shows very clearly (though I certainly do not agree with every conclusion in it), a tremendous lot of those "sacred" astrological postulations seem to have no basis at all! I realised that some years ago when I bought my first programmable calculator, and after development of the appropriate programmes set out to test the claims by old astrology and so many authorities in astrology; for example, different systems of progressions.

I had to discover, to my dismay, that the most widely used system of progression, the Secondary Directions, has no real value at all. I tested several hard events, exactly on date, and found, in most cases, no connection at all. Whereas at first I had believed in them, because I had some nice examples in my own life, the so-called "state-horses" every astrologer has. This and many

other matters made me realise that we still have a lot to learn, which simply implies that we, all of us, must work together, in the humble knowledge that we actually know nothing, that there is no absolute certainty in astrology and its methods, hence we have to set out finding the truth, thereby forgetting our own biases, our own assumptions, and so on.

It is not for nothing that we devised Article 11 of the Ethical Code of the NGPA (Society of Professional Astrologers in Holland) which says that every astrologer must realise his or her fallibility. As so nicely translated by Marguerite Brose: "...Every form of dogmatism is frowned upon... In this a role is played by devotion to research, as well as the recognition of one's own fallibility; respect for ideas, as well as for the person who presents them on rational grounds; and the wish to convince others as well as the readiness to be convinced..." I am afraid that many astrologers in this world know only one way of communication: Try to convince others - but don't listen to those others.

Anyway, seen in the light of what I just said I can only heartily agree with Gwyn Turner who says that too much material is made up of theories and suppositions, and that all articles in any journal should provide ample proof of the postulations. From what I have seen so far in the FAA-Journal of such articles, this proof was lacking almost completely. But this does not mean that I have ever found the FAA-Journal a bad magazine. I have perused several magazines from all over the world and the FAA Journal does not make a bad impression when compared to these others!

And as the Editor for four years of "Tijdschrift Astrologie", now "Wetenschap en Astrologie", considered to be the best astrological magazine in Holland, (sorry, I am stating a fact; I realise that for many people "own fame stinks" - a Dutch expression), I know very well how difficult it is to get any issue out in time, and how nasty it is to chase up contributors, and what a bad job it is to refuse contributions or to alter them. Nevertheless, I have always found it extremely rewarding to bring out magazines, and when I brought the lot to the post-office I had forgotten about all the trouble. Maybe the fact that I have had a professional training in journalism, and have authored some books on photography and astrology, and was the managing editor of a monthly photo-magazine, explains a lot. As I have some time now - after all, I try to be a professional astrologer full-time - I am quite willing to dive into editing again. So if the Queensland branch finds it hard to bring out FAA-Journals, I am willing to accept that job. As for age, I am 40 - perhaps that is young enough (see letters Allan Johnson and Drew Dawson)?

As for the contents of a magazine, I disagree with the idea of short, and hence superficial articles. Any magazine may contain one or a few short articles, that is articles which provide light reading, containing a bit of entertainment; but it is also a provider of ideas, of hints, of hunches. But indeed, as any society has to rely on its means of written communication, i.e. a journal, (and the Australian community of astrologers in particular, because of the enormous distances in this country, it can't be otherwise), a journal must also have the nature of a textbook, hence in-depth articles, and expression of opinions, and results of (serious!) investigations.

I agree with Dymock where he says that the contents of a magazine must form an interconnected discussion. However, that is not always possible. Indeed, one can bring in a controversial article, but that does not guarantee that a discussion will follow. After all, let's face it, most astrologically interested people don't go further than their own chart, or the charts of their family!

Most astrologically interested people have no real scientific interest either. That's why, for instance, thorough articles on Primary Directions and their mathematical aspects, fall on deaf ears - it is simply beyond the scope of most people interested in astrology. In this respect, I have found it very disturbing that often in discussions the topics do not go further than Sun-Sign astrology, even with members of the FAA. (I mean people are still too often referred to their Sun-Sign only, or their Ascendants, whereas every astrologer should know that a personal horoscope is far more complex than the Sun-Sign, Moon-Sign, or Ascendant only!) In this respect, that formidable piece of work by Geoffrey Dean et al is far beyond the scope of most astrologically-minded people, too. Hence, most astro-

logers ignore it, some are absolutely hostile towards it, and others, of a very high-brow level, are willing to start discussions that almost no one can follow...

It seems that I am contradicting myself now: I am very much in favour of a high-standard magazine. Sure, but I realise the difficulties connected with it. Hence one can try for a compromise: Some short, slightly superficial articles, and then a few in-depth articles. My experience in the world of journalism shows me that such an editorial formula works. Not to the satisfaction of everyone, of course, but in general, it will do well. By the way, also an occasional joke is always good in a magazine. This one for instance:

"Old astrologers never die
they just cross cusp eight".

From ALLAN JOHNSON: Your last Circular Letter made reference to Geoff Dean's competition on proof of Sun-Signs. I correctly anticipated that nobody would win the prize. A lot of those who entered didn't seem to be actually dealing with that particular question at all. Nobody really came to grips with the question. I think most failed to appreciate the magnitude of what they were attempting.

But why single out Sun-Signs? Wouldn't we find the very same difficulty with a host of other astrological factors regularly employed by astrologers? Could we really prove the validity of Houses for instance, or of orbs or aspects, or progressions, or the meaning of retrograde planets? So in the nature of things an astrologer is regularly using a whole lot of items in his daily work which would be extremely difficult if not impossible to prove objectively. For one thing nothing in chart work is dealt with in isolation, yet if we wanted scientific proof of any factor in astrology, this is precisely what we would have to do. We would have to extract a given factor (such as Sun-Sign meanings) out of context and deal with it on a statistical basis with several hundred cases.

We would have to show that certain specific characteristics or way of life identified with each Sun-Sign. And they would have to apply in a ratio well above chance. This would have to be done by ignoring all modifying circumstances, such as powerful conjunctions to the Sun, or House positions which might give more weight to the Ascending Sign, or heavy concentrations in other Signs and so on. In any case we would always have the contrasting or supporting effect of the Ascendant. So on a statistical basis Sun-Signs might not show up on such an impressive scale - but the whole exercise in itself could be very misleading.

Firebrace did do a statistical analysis on occupations, but he had to use the assumption that the occupation is shown by the Sun-Sign. This seems an entirely unwarranted assumption in the first place, so his whole case had to fall apart. I think the method that most working astrologers rely on in these sorts of decisions about the validity of this or that would be by day to day observation. If you are interviewing you register impressions of each person and of course get quite a bit of information about their life style. I have found it quite remarkable how people can be so typical of their Sun-Signs. But of course in consultative work there is not the time to do organised research work at the same time. I would think that most professionals like myself do find these Sun-Signs can be pretty reliable guides. If they seem not to figure then there is usually strong contra-factors in the chart, such as a Sagittarian with a heavy emphasis on Fixed Signs. The same type of first-hand experience would equally apply to other factors in chart work. But nothing works 100%. It is not really possible for this type of thing to be sufficiently documented to be convincing from a statistical or scientific point of view. So I think Sun-Signs are going to remain unproved - but continue to be used by all astrologers.

From MARGUERITE BROSE: According to Jung, we grow through tensions within us. We can find these opposing forces in the Horoscope. But if we then take only one aspect of this set-up we find any one particular influence will mostly be countered more or less by others, making isolation of any one factor almost impossible. Growth is the result of struggle between opposing or inharmonious forces. One may well be asked to prove cold or hot water. They are only so in relation to one another.

From ROY OWEN: There was an article on W. Holden using Primary Directions by Smit that doesn't explain how it is calculated; from looks I figured that it was the mundane calculation but mine don't agree with his. R.A. makes more sense to me.

I wrote to Geoff. Dean some years ago: I find rulerships work so well, yet they are so illogical - a planet couldn't rule a Sign (stars), more likely Sign rules planet.

I am a bit disappointed with the present state of the FAA as there are more tarot readers in view than astrologers. I dislike magazines that are supposed to be about Astrology printing everything else but.

There are lots of things I could comment on, but later.

RICHARD STERLING signifies his interest, is joining the F.A.A., and sends a contribution towards expenses. (Thank you!) Richard is at present engaged on much work with horoscopes of nations and we are both conscious of the marked lack of reliable "birth" data. There is a great need here for specialized research, which seems to have been much neglected over the past decade or two. Any contribution in this field would be welcomed, especially as regards the Charts of the USSR, Israel, Poland, Italy, China and the South American republics.

The controversy regarding the relative importance of the Sun-Sign and the Rising Sign continues. I personally attach much more weight to the Ascendant in most charts, and totally disagree with those writers who declare that the Rising Sign (and planets) show only the "persona", or mask, over the native's real nature, which they attribute to the Sun-Sign. Granted that the Sun-Sign is sometimes the more important of the two, as when reinforced by a stellium of planets, or strongly placed at the Midheaven.

Here is an excerpt from a letter by P.R. Lewis-Bizley in the latest issue of the English, "The Astrological Journal". He is referring to a new periodical, "Correlation", which approaches Astrology from a technical and scientific point of view: "...One simple example which appalled me was the attempt (in the first issue of "Correlation") to correlate temperamental traits with Sun-Signs; surely this is mere Sun-Sign astrology which I would think is rejected by all worthwhile astrologers. The Sun represents the life motivating and vitalising force and (in my 50-odd years' experience of astrology) has very little to do with temperament unless it is otherwise connected e.g. with Ascendant or Ruler; and indeed many people I would say fail to respond to their Sun-Signs altogether in this incarnation."

While on this subject, it is interesting to note that some people respond even more to the Sign at the Midheaven of their Chart than to either the Ascendant or the Sun-Sign. Would anyone deny the power of Cancer in the nativity of Winston Churchill? (Chart given below). I believe too little attention is paid to the MC from the character point of view, though there is some nonsense written about it by "psychological" writers indulging their fantasies drawn from modern psychology or merely their own imagination.

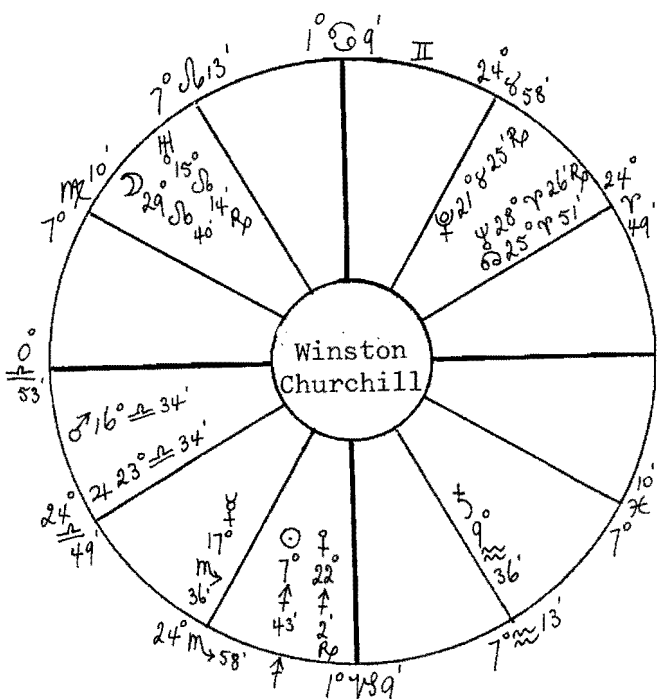
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Dear Fellow Member,

Since the distribution of Circular Letter No.4 on 26th October, the following interesting communications have been received:-

From BILL SLAPE: Sorry I have been "so long-winded" in replying to your most welcomed circular. I have been plagued by sickness in the family plus the passing away of my mother, and this alone has left me disorganized both mentally and emotionally, and being the only one in the family, gave me those unhappy responsibilities that always follow that big crisis. However, when I again become organized I wish to write to you more fully and perhaps I could be of some help to you in some way. In closing I wish to compliment you on your journal and the extensive efforts you are making in attempting a reunification of the two major Astrological organizations. P.S. Please find enclosed \$5.- to help your expenses.

We commiserate with Bill in his troubles and bereavement and hope the future will be happier; and we thank him for his contribution to expenses.

From GWYN TURNER: Many thanks for your circulars endeavouring to stimulate writers for the F.A.A. Journal. However, I do feel that material that is made up of theories, suppositions etc, does little good, although it may get the Journal out on time and no doubt is very enjoyable for those on ego trips. I feel that all articles should be accompanied by examples of proof, particularly as so many systems are in vogue. How will Astrology ever be recognized as a science, when each system comes up with a different answer? This must be very confusing to the student and although I have seen an increase in membership of the F.A.A. during my eleven years as a member, do these members stay interested?

I do feel that we should push forward the system that gives the greatest proof of Astrology. The traditional system I find gives the most scope, such as rectifying a birth time, the very essence of Astrology and absolutely necessary for accurate forecasting. Even here there is confusion over which method is best to progress the M.C. and Asc. for rectification:- the Solar Arc, the One-Degree method or the traditional Sidereal method. Research would soon decide this, but does anyone ever bother? If they did they would soon find that the Solar Arc method as against the traditional Sidereal method brings the progressed M.C. anywhere around 13 to 15 months earlier in contacting a birth planet, and in consequence fails to predict an event to time. The traditional method also gives scope for finding the prenatal epoch, and thus verifying the Ascendant Sign.

My comments only give a bird's eye view of the inconsistencies surrounding Astrology to-day, and unless more research is done to remedy this, Astrology will advance at a snail's pace. I gave a rather lengthy lecture at the International convention Jan. 25-28, 1980, on the difference in timing events by the two methods already mentioned. It was a fifty-year progression of Elizabeth Taylor's Horoscope, done by computer for both the Solar Arc and traditional Sidereal Primary Directions. Having first matched events of her life by her biographies. There are also several articles in the F.A.A. Journal on this matter: "A Classic case of rectification" of Alan Leo, April, 1976, Journal. "Applying Rectification Technique" 3 Charts, October, 1973, Journal. "Finding Birth Time" of Gough Whitlam, time unknown by letter to me. Birth time found by biography, then progressed showing Primary Directions for his downfall sometime before it happened. (October 1975 Journal). "Finding Birth Time" of Malcolm Fraser, Article published in January, 1976, Journal, before I received a letter from him with approximate time of birth, practically matching mine.

I entirely agree with Gwyn Turner regarding rectification of Charts. In the last issue of the Australian Astrologers' Journal I wrote: "On the matter of Rectification, the most accurate, but also the most difficult, method, is by Primary Directions, that is the Primary Directions as developed by Polich and Page in Argentina. This system is without

peer for accuracy and general utility, but can be usefully supplemented by the method of axial rotation of the Solar Return Chart. These techniques are all made much easier now by computers and programmable calculators. I once had great hopes for rectification of a birth time by the Pre-Natal Epoch, (or Trutine of Hermes), but found to my sorrow that it gave only approximate results, and had to be discarded."

The measure by Solar Arc I have tried, tested and discarded. It is hopeless for anything like precision. The simple "One-Degree" progressions are better.

From ALLAN JOHNSON: First, I don't agree with Ray Webb's suggestion of reducing the number of issues of the F.A.A. Journal to one or two a year with sketch-type articles. If this were done most of the subscriptions would lapse. We do need in-depth articles without being altogether too heavy or technical. I think if you go too far in any one direction you lose readers. My aim while Editor was to try to balance things out to suit all tastes, that is within the bounds of the material available. I don't think an Editor should necessarily publish an article simply because he likes it himself, but rather he should gauge what the readers want. I don't think the "gossip-column" type of magazine like "Mercury Hour" could ever survive in Australia. The number of personalities on the Astrological scene in the U.S. is enormous, and besides they do have the more serious magazines. So "Mercury Hour" does fill a need. What can kill a Journal is too many articles of the one type. I think the March issue was just about too much for everybody concerned.

When questions like, "Why do we have a Journal at all?" come up, I think we have to go back to the real reason for starting the F.A.A. in the first place. The reasons for founding the F.A.A. were three-fold:- (1) to start a national magazine, (2) to run National Conferences (3) to conduct examinations. These were what all the discussions were about when the founders got together. So the Journal was really the major primary reason for the very existence of the F.A.A. The setting up of State Branches was never discussed initially and was very much an after-thought. Actually the State Branches were only duplicating what was already being done by the astrological societies in existence at that time, and were never even set up in most of the States until many years later.

So basically what F.A.A. membership has actually meant has simply been subscriptions to the Journal. Right to this day the great majority of members are purely Journal subscribers and don't have much contact with local branches, if any. So we can't discontinue publication of the Journal without to a very large extent dismantling the organization itself. This is something to keep in mind.

Austin Levy's letter was also interesting, with his reference to Drew Dawson's letter. This letter was really too foolish to merit any editorial comment, but I put it in because I thought it might stir up a few controversial letters - which is grist to the mill of every Editor. But I failed to get a single nibble. But no letter is so stupid it doesn't have some sensible ideas. The three main points I think Drew was making were: (1) that we need younger Editors (2) that we need younger writers (3) that we need more innovating ideas. With each of these three points I would agree 100%. When I took over the Journal in late '79 I did make a call in two following editorials for readers to write in with their ideas and suggestions of how to improve the Journal. Only one letter came in response with a suggestion for a series of articles the author wanted to write - but those articles remain still unwritten! So this is the sort of situation.

Successive Editors have had to rely pretty heavily on articles from older astrologers simply because there was nothing else coming in. So the question arises, why aren't the younger generation contributing more, writing articles, volunteering on the editorial side, or coming up with new ideas generally? The opportunity has always been there. No article is going to be knocked back unless it is in very poor shape indeed, and certainly not because of innovating ideas. I don't think editing the Journal for maybe two or three years is going to kill anybody. To the younger astrologer with journalistic ambitions it represents a very good opportunity to see his work in print, even if there is no payment. And editing a journal like this can be a very worthwhile experience to the person himself from a purely practical point of view. So why aren't

there more takers? A lot of younger people have gone into astrology professionally, but this is not an easy profession to survive in, so maybe this makes too many demands in itself. But the future of the Journal does depend on a younger Editor coming forward.

One more point, and that is the reference to Geoff Dean's "Recent Advances". This has been on the market almost four years now and I think I am the only one who has given it even a brief mention in the Journal. Yet over the period in England's "Astrological Journal" there has been a pretty constant series of controversial letters about it. So it has had quite a long and thorough exposure. So are Australians less able to debate in these types of controversies? Why do we fall down? It could be there is a more established professional astrological community in England who like to be in the forefront of things. Maybe here we have too much of a floating population in Astrology, who don't have the confidence for such discussion. I don't think Editors are necessarily to blame. It needs people to start the ball rolling - and Austin Levy himself has been remiss on this.

Yes, I found "Mercury Hour" to be wearisome reading because of the spate of words and minimal content of useful Astrology. I could not spend time ploughing through the unending chatter in the hope of lighting on something of real value. As Allan says, it may fill a need in the U.S.A. which, being primarily under Gemini, revels in verbose communication of superficial thoughts. I endorse Allan's remarks about the need for the Journal. If this publication folds up, or loses its readers because of poor content, the whole F.A.A. structure is in danger of foundering. I was amused by Drew Dawson's letter, which I thought slightly ridiculous with its extravagant language and mixed-up ideas. But Allan's charitable view is right; with an effort, one can extract some points from the letter that do need answering, otherwise it appears that we have all tacitly agreed with the writer. Well, an effective answer has now been made.

The lack of connected discussion in the Journal is a short-coming that has always surprised me. Someone writes an article, perhaps bringing forward some new material, making some controversial points, or simply relating a personal experience of astrological interest, and however interesting, helpful, well-informed or otherwise the article may be, it simply falls flat. It seems to fall on deaf ears - no one bothers to comment on it, add to or qualify it. So far as stimulating discussion is concerned, it might just as well never have been written. Is not one of the functions of a community of astrologers to take up each other's ideas, to discuss, enlarge, modify, rebut or endorse them, in the light of individual knowledge and experience? We are all dependent to some extent on one another - no man can live to himself alone; we all want to be good astrologers; so let us be generous and giving in the matter of sharing our individual knowledge and expertise for the common cause.

Geoffrey Dean's monumental work "Recent Advances in Natal Astrology" has perhaps seemed too formidable for the average astrologer to tackle. However, his scepticism about the Zodiacal Signs, and concentration on the planets, is worthy of attention. Any comments?

As we have some space available in this Circular, I am including an excerpt from a lecture given by Henry C. Owen Jr. on 1st May, 1971, at the National Astrological Society Conference, New York University:

"It is a golden rule in forecasting that no direction can bring about what is not first of all inherent in the natal chart. This is the basic principle of forecasting work and admits of little, if any, modification.

However, the basic question arises as to what indeed is inherent in the natal Chart. Some of these are briefly listed as follows:

(1) Which Zodiac to use? The Tropical which most astrologers use or the Sidereal which the Hindu astrologers use and have used for centuries, as well as many in the Occidental world? Also, some astrologers use the heliocentric, rather than geocentric. The present writer uses the Tropical Zodiac.

(2) Should Houses be used? Some astrologers do not use Houses although most do.

(3) If Houses are used, what kind should be used? Allied to this question, is the question of whether the cusp of a House is the beginning or centre of the House.

(4) There are conflicts between astrologers as to what both Houses and planets signify.

(5) There are also conflicts as to which aspects should be used in both natal analysis and forecasting. Two German schools recognise only the conjunction, opposition, square and the 45° and the 135° angles. Charles Carter stated that he thought there was an aspect every 15° , to which this speaker agrees.

(6) Whether there are "good" and "bad" aspects, or whether the essential nature of the planets involved solely determines their expression. The student should note how the meanings of aspects expressed in astrological works have evolved over the centuries reflecting the fact that mankind itself has evolved.

(7) Whether or not planets represent things and persons plus other things, or whether they denote only a state of consciousness or awareness.

(8) Whether or not some events are, or are not, denoted astrologically, such as an accident or tragedy that kills hundreds.

(9) Whether the Part of Fortune and North Node of the Moon should be used. What indeed does the natal chart portray. It is possible to delineate character from the natal chart with considerable accuracy up to a certain point. Mannerisms, temperament, outlook, habits and health may all be more or less completely described by a competent astrologer.

Unquestionably destiny, the second great division of astrological work, can likewise be delineated, with as much certainty as temperament. Mental and spiritual astrology may alter the temperament; but it seems as if, once born, the soul is bound to a certain type of destiny almost, if not quite inexorably. By this, I do not mean an absolute fatalism but that the broad outline of our life is fairly fixed. As rational beings we shall always have a freedom of choice but there will also be a fatal element in our lives which is shown in the natal chart.

In the spiritually undeveloped person, this fatal element is everything - or almost so. It sways his choices and his actions; he floats with the stream of stellar influences. In the more spiritually advanced type, the fatal element becomes less and less important. One gains, first of all, control over his own interior nature and then, perhaps, over his bodily functions, and finally over his environment. The saint, perhaps, will be so eager to make inner progress that he will neglect all else, but integral development must call for a complete unfoldment and a gaining of power over the external as well as the internal.

But for the great majority, the fatal side of the horoscope will be much in evidence and the main character and course of the external life, as well as nine-tenths of the inner life, may be extracted from the natal chart.

The natal chart has been compared to a set of tools, which to some extent condition the work produced by the craftsman, who is the ego behind the chart. But a good and patient craftsman can produce valuable work with inferior instruments, whereas a lazy and inefficient workman makes little use of even good implements. Thus, it is said, that we cannot, without a knowledge of the essential self behind the horoscope, say with certainty what the result of life's activities will be. Theosophists express it that they must know the "age of the soul"; this, they say, is not contained in any horoscope."

There is plenty of room for discussion in the above. Any comments will be welcomed and circulated, possibly leading to an article or letter from the writer concerned that the Journal Editor would be pleased to have.

These Circulars now have a reduced circulation, in line with my declared intention in the last one to cease distribution to those recipients who have shown no interest. The mailing list is now as follows:-

Keven Barrett, Pamela Rowe, Allan Johnson, Ron Gaunt, Ray Webb, Roy Owen, Geoffrey Dean, Gillian Murray, Gwyn Turner, Austin Levy, Bill Slape, Joan McCulla, Gwyn Stoney, Ralph Holden, Rudolf Smit.

If anyone has a suggestion regarding a name to be added to the list - a member interested enough to join in the discussions or make a comment on astrological matters from time to time - please let me have it.

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Dear Fellow Member,

In this Circular Letter No.4 there are five more thoughtful and helpful letters from interested members of the F.A.A. The response is gratifying, and these Circulars are obviously filling a need.

From RAY WEBB: I would like to thank you for keeping me informed on your feelings relating to the idea of the two major Astrological organisations getting together - personally, I think it's a highly commendable idea. I certainly look forward to the time when there is a reunification... I feel that there is room for many Astrological organisations in Australia and not all of them need be Nation-wide. Some could specialise in a certain type of research, some could concentrate on people, training, ethics, etc.

What keeps a problem alive is the petty attitude adopted by some of our better known astrologers who apparently delight in sniping at each other and actually going into print on the matter. As long as I control Review Astrological Monthly, it will never publish anything against any astrologer, or astrological club, or association - if well known astrologers have a difference of opinion on a matter, they should simply agree to disagree and let it go at that... if outsiders see in-fighting, many will elect to remain outside organised astrology and develop alone.

The mess with the Journal can only be resolved when the job of arrangement, layout, typesetting and printing (and mailing) is handled from either Sydney, or Melbourne on a permanent basis - it is amateurish that an organisation like the F.A.A. has been running so late with its official publication this year. Only Sydney, or Melbourne can get it out on time and at a fair price. It matters not where the Editor lives (Darwin if you like) for the Editor should simply be responsible for the writing etc.

Personally, I consider the F.A.A. Journal should be published only once, or twice a year and that it should be bigger and should contain sketch-type articles and not in-depth jobs such as was the case several years ago. The recent change of style (under the new Editor) is not really for me either, (written before the June issue - D.B.) because it's far too mysterious and not meaty enough - still, I congratulate Susie Chamberlain for having the guts to get up and have a go - under her editorship at least something has begun to happen.

I cannot comment on "The Australian Astrologers Journal" for I have never seen a copy and have never been approached to join the Australian Astrologers Cooperative... I would be happy to apply for membership if I were asked.

To summarise Dymock, I think Astrological Associations are like religions - some are right and some are wrong - mostly however they are all a little right and a little wrong and no Astrological Association (big or little) has any title to secret knowledge, or methods that cannot be equally owned by all. I further believe that whenever an Astrologer puts down another Astrologer, or Astrological Association in public, she/he cuts off a part of her/his inner soul... this is, I emphasise, my personal opinion... criticism should be made face to face - on the phone, or by letter to the person, or people concerned only - your idea of a circular to a select group is endorsed by me - I feel the people you have selected will hold your confidence even if they do not all comment.

From AUSTIN LEVY - (in London at the time of writing): Thanks for sending the latest Circular (No 3), which arrived the other day. At first I was disappointed that you had not published any of my comments, but then realised that the bulk of my objections about the FAA Journal were contained in the letter I wrote to Susie Chamberlain, and which was

never printed, or replied to, despite the fact that no negative statements about the new editorial regime were in the letter! So please feel free to quote anything from this letter, if you so wish, for future Circulars.

Although my original letter to Susie Chamberlain contained things which would be dated by now, as it was essentially a reply to a scorching letter from Drew Dawson criticising the Journal under Allan Johnson, I did not disagree with all of his points, but took exception to his remark that the Journal "served no useful purpose anyway" or words to that effect. In addition to rebutting this particular point I also took the time to make some points of my own, a couple of which I feel are still relevant, and are therefore worth hearing.

Before doing so, though, I would like to make a couple of observations about the March 1981 issue of the Journal, which I received on the eve of going to London; so I did not have a proper chance to assess it until some time later, although my initial first impression was quite favourable (e.g. better paper, typesetting etc), until I finally got to read it! It was reminiscent of B-grade American astrology conference talks I have witnessed; that is, mostly a lot of hot air! I have nothing against symbolism and in fact I am very sympathetic to its cause in astrology, as I see it having a complementary function to hard-headed research - they need each other as insurance against excessive speculation or obsessive empiricism as the case may be - but to fill a Journal with only one type of article is just stupid, and plainly, suicidal! I haven't seen the next issue, but feel comforted somewhat from your remarks that the style of contents was modified in the direction of research. I hope that a more balanced editorial stance prevails in the future.

But let me return to my original thread - suggestions for the improvement of the Journal. Firstly, I would like to know why the FAA Journal has never run anything even resembling a forum/symposium/critique of Geoff Dean's monumental work, RECENT ADVANCES IN NATAL ASTROLOGY? I say this, not because I agree with everything the book contains or says, but because to ignore it, as the Journal undoubtedly has (or perhaps more correctly, Australian astrologers), is like astronomers ignoring a supernova explosion: quite simply, it is the biggest thing that has happened in astrology for a long time, and it seems fitting that a Journal such as ours should give it exposure accordingly, and give everyone a chance to argue pros and cons to their heart's content. Not only is this the stuff of a stimulating, vital Journal, it also fills space, something which seems to have become a problem over recent years for FAA editors.

My next point is regarding the problem of contributions to the Journal (more correctly, lack of same!). Having contributed regular articles last year to the Journal, I understand the problem of writing only too well, and of trying to meet deadlines with articles, but I think it is something that simply requires discipline on the part of a contributor, and can be learned. My suggestion for partial solution to this problem, for it cannot ever be total, is that each State branch of the FAA ensure that an article is forthcoming from among their ranks each issue; this alleviates the situation of "action by Committee" (i.e. non-action) which Allan Johnson described so succinctly, because there is still an Editor who has final say, and yet removes the almost unbearable pressure put on the hapless Editor in normal circumstances. Obviously this system would have to be applied with some degree of flexibility, as contributions will not always flow in a completely even way, but unless the editorial responsibility is diffused to some extent, given the chronic nature of the present situation, the Journal is not going to have a happy future - there will always be some poor mug killing himself to make it a reality!

Finally, I would also like to see a re-unification of astrological groups in Australia, as it does seem a waste of resources to have parallel organisations doing essentially the same thing. Astrology has enough enemies without, so it hardly needs the ones within the field! There is simply too much important work to be done for the development of Astrology to be bogged down in such petty machinations and issues. I have spoken to Charles Harvey, of the Astrological Association of GB, and he is quite favourable towards the idea of the FAA Journal taking occasional articles from the AA Journal over here. That's something I'll be looking into further before I leave the UK.

From RALPH W. HOLDEN: Thank you for your trouble in sending me the first two copies of your Circular Letter, and also for your own personal letter to me. I appreciate your concern regarding the FAA Journal, which does appear to lack the "fire" of its earlier years. Perhaps this is a function of age, and of a relatively restricted circle of potential writers for it. I must confess that I have been slack in this area, and you have at least prodded me into the production of a small effort which may (or may not) be of value to its

Editor. Certainly there is considerable value in the kind of Circular Letter which you have taken the trouble to produce. There is often a need to exchange or debate ideas with others before one "goes public" in a Journal. Your Letter could certainly serve this purpose. I suppose that my fear would be that there could develop a tendency to limit one's output to such contributions, which would in the end impoverish the Journal. Presumably the opposite effect to the one which we would desire.

With regard to the other matter which you raised, the Polich and Page system of Primary Directions, I have not received any reply to my letter written in February to the Centro Astrologico de Buenos Aires concerning the use of my translation of the Manual of Primary Directions. I am therefore somewhat at a loss to know what are the most appropriate steps now to take. It may be of interest to know if others would wish to have a copy of the work, which could give added impetus to a second request being directed to the Centro Astrologico. If after that there is still no response from Buenos Aires, it may be worthwhile taking some legal advice about the possibility of preparing a small private edition for ourselves. With modern photocopying and binding techniques, this ought not prove to be very expensive. This would be especially so if only a translation of the actual Manual - rather than the instructions (and tables) associated with the First Part of the work - "The Tables of Right Ascension of the Ecliptic" - are omitted. These are after all, able to be calculated without too much difficulty. I have enclosed a cheque for \$5.00, which may go some way to your costs of postage.

Ralph Holden's reference to the Polich and Page system of Primary Directions is in reply to my suggestion that he publish his private translation (from the Spanish) for the benefit of English-speaking astrologers. I can personally vouch for the fact that this is a most valuable system. It has yielded accurate results for me, better than the semi-arc method, and I have been urging Astro Computing Services of San Diego to incorporate it in their "Future Trends" programmes. Alternatively, Astrosearch Computer Services, North Sydney, might extend their service to include Primaries of this type. It would be some help to know who, among the present readers, would be interested in acquiring a copy of the projected publication. - D.B.

From GILLIAN MURRAY: Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my temporary appointment as Editor of the F.A.A. Journal. I did appreciate your kind thoughts. Your circular of the 19th September has a lot of interesting comments, and I agree with the points raised re letters to the Editor and giving them to the person involved so they have the right of reply. Gwyn Turner has written a reply to the Nostradamus criticisms which is in the issue at present at the printers. I also noticed that your letter in the June issue did not carry your name and I can find no excuse for that omission. I have certainly put names on the letters I have published. I guess it was an oversight, or lack of experience by the previous editor. You would appreciate the lack of articles is a major problem, but I must say I received an excellent response to my pleas. Within three weeks I had sufficient material for this Journal which I found extremely gratifying. However, they were only received because I made personal contact with the writers. I would be very happy to receive any articles that you care to submit. I agree the March issue was far too "esoteric" and I think the content of this next one is fairly well balanced considering the short time available for preparation, and the June issue was a great improvement. I have reverted to a typed issue for the present, as noted in my Editorial but hope this will be rectified in the next issue. Noosa Heads is not exactly the hub of the publishing world!

I agree with Keven Barrett and Ron Gaunt's comments re the amalgamation of the two groups; I do not feel the time is right. However, membership of the F.A.A. is open to the A.A. Co-op members.

Now that Gwyn Turner has completely rebutted the mistaken criticism of her Nostradamus article, it is as well to look at the matter of controversy generally. There are some gentle souls in the astrological world who frown on any sort of critical writing, but some support it as a means of achieving higher standards as well as stimulating interest and uncovering useful ideas. I belong to the second group, always with the proviso that the controversy should be a discussion of ideas, not a battle of personalities, and still less personal abuse.

There is a type of astrological dissertation, with which we have been much afflicted of late, that deals in abstractions and vague generalities. Apparently it has a great attraction for some theorists, as giving full scope to their excited imaginations. I do not question

the sincerity of these writers, but we should ask ourselves, "Do these outpourings really achieve anything worthwhile, increase our knowledge or understanding of Astrology or make it more effective in our lives?"

I submit they don't do any of these things, but on the contrary tend rather to confuse the mind and render straightforward ideas complicated and abstruse. Dane Rudhyar is a past master of this type of writing; but coming nearer home we have had several prime examples of it in this very Journal. Recently, one such article was admiringly referred to by the then Editor as "illuminating". The only thing illuminated was the author's capacity for speculation and conjecture. One statement followed another, mostly without any real basis for acceptance, and then, as likely as not, would be referred to as "principle". Where the article didn't contain theories, it dealt in platitudes, both equally tiresome.

In 1931 Vivian E. Robson, B.Sc., wrote in his "Beginners' Guide to Practical Astrology", "There is too great a tendency nowadays to float about in a comfortable haze of so-called esotericism. The first need of astrology is accuracy and definition, not pseudo-religious speculation, and it is only by concentrating on the practical and scientific side that we can really make astrology of service, and obtain for it the recognition it deserves."

These words are as true today as they were then. They should be kept firmly in mind by those who feel the urge to let themselves go in "occult" speculation.

It is time also that we freed ourselves from the mistaken idea that all wisdom emanates from the East. This delusion has led many to seek the wrong path, to adopt a philosophy and style of living that is quite unsuited to their Western civilization, however well-adapted to the country of origin.

A typical example of Eastern "teaching" quoted in the Journal, and apparently advanced by the writer as a piece of Oriental wisdom, was "...what is the sound of one hand clapping?" The answer of course is that the expression is a contradiction in terms: "Clapping" implies the impact of two bodies. Therefore "one hand clapping" has no meaning. It is not an Eastern profundity, but an Eastern idiocy. Let us have no more of these mental vagaries; at least not in the limited space of the F.A.A. Journal.

From ALLAN JOHNSON: The only point I would like to comment on in No. 3 Circular Letter is Geoffrey Dean's suggestion. This is now an established practice by political Journals who by necessity publish highly controversial articles. The same could apply to an astrological Journal. When a letter criticizing an article is sent in, the Editor then sends a photocopy to the author who can then send in a reply. So both criticism and the reply to it can then go in the same issue. Of course, the writer of a letter of criticism should never be expected to personally send a copy of the letter to the person criticized. No one would ever do that. The same practice could be used in your Newsletter as in the F.A.A. Journal.

Yes, this is a good practice which will be implemented as far as possible. Due to the frequency of appearance of these Circulars - approximately every month - it may not always be possible to include both criticism and reply in the same Circular. But, certainly, both will be published.

I am happy to give unstinted praise to the brochure accompanying the last Journal, advertising the International Convention in Adelaide next year. It is beautifully and professionally done - a delight to the eye.

At the end of this Circular Letter there are two groups of names. Members in the first group have evidenced their interest and will continue to receive the Circulars. Those in the second group are asked to indicate their feelings in the matter-even if it is only a confirmation of the postal address. The expense of production and distribution does not warrant the mailing to uninterested parties.

GROUP 1:- (Who will continue to receive the Circulars)- Keven Barrett, Pam Rowe, Allan Johnson, Ron Gaunt, Ray Webb, Roy Owen, Geoffrey Dean, Gillian Murray, Austin Levy, Joan McCulla, Gwyn Stoney, Ralph Holden, Rudolf Smit.

GROUP 2:- (Mailing will be discontinued unless otherwise requested)- Robert White, Arthur Bowman, Roy Knight, Guenther Andre, Gwyn Turner, Susie Chamberlain, Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Slape, Kaye Raymer, John Clark, Alia Griffen, Graham Townsend, Bob Stoney, Doris Greaves, Drew Dawson.

Any suggestions for names that should be added to the list will be welcomed.

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Dear Fellow Member,

Replies to the first two Circular Letters have been received from Austin Levy, Keven Barrett, Roy Owen, Allan Johnson, David Cooper, Gwen Stoney, Joan McCulla and Geoffrey Dean. Alia Griffen responded with a brochure advertising an Astrological Seminar. David Cooper bowed out, explaining that he is not at present deeply involved with Astrology, and feels he cannot just now contribute anything useful.

Where sanctioned by the author, the letters are reproduced hereunder in their entirety. (They are addressed to me, as writer of the Circulars.)

From KEVEN BARRETT: Sorry for the delay in answering your letter of 9th August, as I have had many commitments to the F.A.A. with the International Conference and the Journal.

In regard to the Journal, Sth. Australia no longer are responsible for the preparation of the editorship, due to lack of support, not only from the local Branch but all States. There were, and still are, no articles forwarded by our members, and at this stage the Journal will be prepared by the Noosa Sub-Branch, and Gillian Murray is having the same trouble from members not being prepared to submit articles.

The second issue from S.A. has been with the printers for six weeks and is held up by industrial strife. Also, the "Great Australian Apathy" is a fact, and only a few are prepared to help without any personal glory.

The public relations side of the F.A.A. activities is not poorly handled, the one instance of the Conference invitations was due to lack of supervision at that time and ignoring National Directive, and therefore does not reflect on the high standard we have set in the past, as others who have something to say volunteered without waiting for personal invitations, and this is the attitude I expect.

Constructive criticism will always be accepted within the F.A.A., and it is the right of any Editor to print or reject such criticism, and your remarks have not been in vain, and no doubt Gillian Murray would welcome any articles you wish to submit, and also if you wish to lecture at the International Conference in Adelaide, it would be best for you to advise them immediately and not let any oversight stand in the way from giving others at this venue the value of any work you have carried out.

The time is now for those like you who have the interest of Astrology in their heart to be prepared to participate in the future aims of the F.A.A. and become part of the working committee at the next State and National elections, and also attending the meetings or lecture venues that are held regularly, as this is the only way we will unite all astrologers in this country. Therefore, once again I invite you to lecture at our monthly meetings or Sunday Forums.

I don't think that the F.A.A. will ever join together with the A.A. Co-op. in its present concept as there are still outstanding monies and financial books in their hands and, as we do have considerable respect overseas as a Federation, it seems to me that at the next financial year the A.A. Co-op. members could join the F.A.A., and those who are already

members have the right to nominate for Committee positions.

I appreciate your efforts and comments to stimulate others to supply good quality articles for our Journal, and hope that some of those you write to share with you their personal time and, at some future date, an informal gathering.

From RON GAUNT: Further to your Circular Letter No. 2 of 9th August, 81, many of us no doubt would like to see one strong Astrological Association in Australia. However, I feel that the break in Victoria is still too recent for effective recombination and consolidation to take place in the near future.

I would tend to agree that the F.A.A. Journal has seen better days; however, this is possibly our own fault in that we as more experienced members have tended to ignore our responsibilities and provide the interesting copy required to have a successful Journal. In my own small way I will try to rectify this by submitting articles starting with the next issue. If other experienced members did likewise we would quickly have an interesting and informative magazine.

From ALLAN JOHNSON: In response to your Circular, I think it is quite a good idea to get members' views on the future of the F.A.A. Journal. It would certainly be more financially viable to have just one Journal rather than two competing Journals, though it might not be so easy to bring this about. Basically, it depends on getting a good Editor who would be acceptable to both sides, but here I must make it quite clear at the outset that I have no intention of putting myself forward in that role. I have done quite a considerable amount of work both for the F.A.A. and the Journal over a period of ten years, and now I have retired from the Executive Committee altogether, so I no longer feel responsible.

1980 was the most successful year the F.A.A. Journal has had since its inception. The subscriptions got up to 450, so I had the continual problem of keeping up with the increasing demand. For the last couple of issues I was printing 500. So this means the potential is there. I think there were three main reasons for this success. It was well printed and with good chart work, there were a good range of articles, not especially stressing any one line, and each issue came out on time. There is nothing particularly remarkable about all this, but it got results. If a journal comes out spasmodically and irregularly, raising doubts if it is really coming out at all, well then subscriptions must take a deep slide downward, as they have done this year. People won't continue their subscriptions out of a sense of duty to Astrology. If they are paying \$15.00 they expect a good magazine.

I think the idea of transferring the Editorship to a different State each year is quite impractical. This was something which was first proposed by the National Executive back in 1976, and it looked as if it might have a few possibilities at the time. But as soon as we started to put it into practice it proved quite unworkable, so it had to be scrapped. So I was rather intrigued to read that this same proposal was brought forward once more at the July, 1980, Executive meeting. It had already been tried and failed.

There are some very good reasons why such a scheme could never work. It is just not possible for State Committees to meet annually in rotation year by year and elect an Editor. For one thing there would simply be no takers. It is just too big a job. Apart from that it can be disastrous to change the Editorship of any journal too frequently, and especially with this particular Journal. With all the problems of getting printers at an economical price, and all the other problems a new Editor does have, by the time he really got on top of things the year would have run out. Then the process would have to start all over again.

Naturally, there is one way out if you can't get an Editor, and that is to form a committee. But it is well known that the best way not to get something done is to form a committee to do it. Where everybody is responsible it really means nobody is responsible. We do need a committee to assist the Editor with a lot of the work to be done. That goes without saying. But that is quite different to having a committee as a substitute for an Editor. Editing a journal is pretty much a highly individual job. So everything depends on having someone who can take the responsibility for pushing things along, for setting deadlines and meeting those deadlines. You know yourself how the frustrations can mount up. People promise articles and fail to deliver. You get held up by typesetters or printers. So I have never turned out an issue yet that hasn't been a bit of a rushed job, overcoming last minute obstacles. If one hasn't enough articles by a due date then one has to set to and write something, or dig something up. In most cases I have found I have had to write at least 25% or 30% of the contents or it would never come out. You yourself have had plenty of experience of that sort of thing.

But this is the sort of responsibility an Editor takes on. It is a challenge but a lot of work. If one sets himself a deadline then often it means putting aside a lot of other things and really making that deadline. But with a committee the whole atmosphere is different so you get delays and delays.

Then there is the question of "Letters to the Editor". I agree with you all such letters should be published whether they are critical or not. In fact it is all the better if they are critical. The more controversy we can get into a journal the more successful it is likely to be. But also an Editor is responsible for answering other letters addressed to the Editor. Every letter deserves an acknowledgment. But this hasn't been happening this year. No letters have been answered.

But I get back to what I said at the beginning: We do need an Editor who is acceptable to both sides if the two Journals are to merge. Basically, being an editor is being a writer, so one possibility for finding an Editor is among those who have contributed articles over the last few years. If a person has been interested to write articles then such a person might be interested in being Editor. It is true the Journal has gone back and forth between Melbourne and Sydney since its inception, but it hasn't had a lot of new Editors. It has always been the same people. This is a workable proposition, and it has worked, since the Journal has survived for ten years. Overseas publications do have co-editors, but each person is fully responsible as an Editor, and they do lighten the work by taking turns.

I hope the others on your list do contribute with their viewpoints.

The above thoughtful and informative letters are much appreciated. They are achieving what I had hoped to do - establish better communication between members so that we all become aware of each other's ideas, feelings and viewpoints, as well as what is going on within the organization. Other recipients of these Circular Letters are invited to respond as opportunity offers.

Regarding the production of one composite Journal, it is apparent that if 400 subscribers to the F.A.A. Journal join with over 100 subscribers to The Australian Astrologers' Journal, the financial aspect of the operation is greatly eased. This would not be the only benefit, the most obvious one being a unifying effect on most of the active astrologers in Australia, from which various benefits could be expected to flow.

I have said my piece in this respect, and do not intend to urge the

matter further. I am not an envoy from one side to the other, but a member of both Associations who can see that the ultimate good of Astrology lies in a union of the two groups. If they consider their differences at the moment are irreconcilable (and both sides have received my overtures with less than enthusiasm) then I am content to wait for a happier day.

Regarding "Letters to the Editor", the non-publication of which is a sore point with some members, GEOFFREY DEAN of W. Aust. has made a suggestion that should certainly be implemented: That letters of criticism be submitted to the writer criticized so that both criticism and reply, if any, can be included in the next issue of the Journal.

The June issue of the F.A.A. Journal has just come to hand, after being delayed by industrial disputes, and though not without weaknesses, it certainly represents an advance on the March issue, with excellent contributions by Pamela Rowe and Keven Barrett. Both these articles are gratifyingly practical, and the sort of painstaking research that is badly needed, being much more demanding than vague speculation on "esoteric" aspects of the science.

I agree with Doris Greaves that published charts should be accurate, but was there any need for the deliberate downgrading of a competent astrologer who has made her mark both here and overseas? Mrs. Greaves herself, like all of us, is by no means free from error. The reproduction of Michelson's computer Charts for Nostradamus was on such a small scale as to be unattractive and barely legible. It would have been more effective if the writer had gone to the trouble of re-drawing the figures and typing the associated letterpress.

Possibly as the result of protests, one of my letters was published in this issue, but with the omission of my name. Why? It implies that I have written anonymously and am not prepared to accept public responsibility for my utterances.

As to the matter of future articles for the Journal, apart from indications given above, ROY OWEN of Qld. has intimated in a private communication that he is prepared to lend a hand, and others will be following suit. This is a needed response. We cannot blame the Editor for a poor Journal if we do not furnish him/her with the material for a good one.

These Circular Letters are produced and distributed at my own expense to provide members with an opportunity to communicate more freely and express their views on any matter touching the betterment of Astrology in general, and the Journal in particular. If you have something to say, write it. Your remarks will be published unless you indicate they are a private communication only.

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Dear Fellow Member,

It is apparent that our F.A.A. Journal has sunk to an all-time low, and something must be done to resuscitate it. It is generally conceded that "The Australian Astrologers' Journal", published by the Australian Astrologers' Cooperative, is a more interesting, informative and readable quarterly, and this must give an impetus to the movement to re-combine the two astrological societies. If it did nothing else but result in an improved publication, worthily representing the best in Australian Astrology, such a movement should have the support of all those with the best interests of Astrology at heart. In addition, however, it could very well arrest the declining membership of the F.A.A., a decline only to be expected from the small return for the \$15 membership fee.

Complaints I have received about the F.A.A. Journal include the non-publication of thoughtful, if critical, letters sent to the Editor. Apparently the Editorial Committee does not realize that the stimulation of controversy, so far from being a bad thing, is a boon to any publication that relies for its existence on the interest and active participation of readers. If editors are so thin-skinned that they cannot tolerate criticism, however well-informed and apposite, then it is much better if they remove themselves and let someone else handle the task.

Not only are the letters not published, they are not even acknowledged. Admittedly, this calls for the expenditure of time and effort, but it is a simple courtesy, and anyone undertaking the responsibilities of editorship should be prepared to expend themselves in this direction also.

The public relations side of the F.A.A. activities is being poorly handled in other respects. One instance is the issue of invitations to prospective speakers at the Adelaide Conference next year. My invitation read, "Dear ---- (no name) We would like to personally invite you to attend the 1982 International Conference in Adelaide, South Australia. Considerable interest has been shown in your work here and we would like to provide Australian and international Astrologers with the chance to share some of your expertise..."

Aside from the fact that this invitation exhibits no great standard of journalism with its split infinitive, "would" instead of "should", etc., it is not even addressed to me personally (thus negating the expressed interest in my personal work), and is unsigned. Apparently no one was prepared to accept responsibility for the hazardous business of inviting me to express my views.

It is no excuse to say that all this work is voluntary. Voluntary work, like any other work, should be the best that one can turn out, and if this is the best that can be turned out, then we need to make other arrangements quickly.

As an Association, we must realize that we are up against The Great Australian Apathy. Without constant stimulation, exhortation and example, only a tiny minority of members will bestir themselves and take an active part in forwarding the interests of the body to which they belong.

Because I believe, at this point, that you personally are one of this minority, in common with the others whose names are listed below, you are receiving this circular letter. It is produced and distributed at my own expense to stimulate communication among members, and give them the opportunity to state their views, criticisms and approvals --an opportunity that is at present being denied them insofar as the F.A.A. Journal is concerned. What you write to me on any matter of common interest to astrologers will appear in the next Circular, whether it agrees or disagrees with my or anyone else's views. A vigorous astrological community can be forged in the ferment of controversy.

If your remarks are not for publication, please so state, and your wishes will be respected. But I am addressing this Circular to those members who, I think, may have something to say, and are prepared to say it. If you do not come into this category be good enough to advise me, so that I may be spared unnecessary expense. Conversely, if there is some name you would like to see added to the list, please send particulars.

The first step in ensuring the right content in our Journal is to supply good quality articles to the Editor. Are we failing in this respect? Surely, the more experienced members are not deficient in knowledge and expertise, garnered over the years. What, then, is the problem? A lack of energy? An "I'm-all-right-bother-you-Jack" attitude? A good project like the Journal, which is the strongest binding force in the Association, is worth the sacrifice of some personal time and effort. There are at least ten members among those listed below who, I am sure, could provide very acceptable articles. Let them make a covenant with themselves to do so, and I shall do likewise.



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Dear Editor,

The March issue of the F.A.A. Journal makes one wonder just what is the role of a Journal such as ours. If it is to present its readers with philosophical and speculative dissertations, however far removed from the practice and problems of Astrology, then it has succeeded admirably. If it should be presenting material of real utility, addressed to the actual needs, questions and difficulties of astrologers, then the March issue must be deemed to have signally failed.

The only article of any practical significance, though slight, was Susie Chamberlain's, "The End of an Era".

The article, "Supernatural Sex", represented light entertainment, but its connection with Astrology was sufficiently tenuous to have excluded it from publication.

Many of the facile assertions made by the other contributors were open to question, but to take issue on them would simply prolong discussion of what is merely an intellectual exercise, of academic interest only.

I sincerely hope this is the last issue of its kind.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Dymock Brose

25th January, 1981.

Dear Ms. Chamberlain,

Now that the editorship of the Journal is passing to South Australia for 12 months, it is pertinent to recall what has been achieved in the past year and what should be avoided in the future. No one can complain about Allan Johnson's services to the Association--three terms as Editor, and a constant supplier of good quality articles, apart from unremitting work on the Committee. It is creditable that he handled all those in addition to a busy life as a professional astrologer.

One of Allan's major difficulties so far as the

Journal is concerned has obviously been the lack of a good assistant proofreader, as witness the frequent misprints and misspellings in Journal articles. An Editor can hardly cope with this unless he has competent help, and this sort of help is not easily come by: The helper has to be not only knowledgeable astrologically but also a good speller with a wide vocabulary and an acquaintance with the rules of grammar. The difficulties of good proof-reading are known only to those who have tried it.

In the interests of good presentation let us avoid the numbing monotony of modern letterpress with its featureless expanse of lower-case type, unrelieved by a single capital. At the very least we should capitalize such terms of our Art as Zodiac, Sun, Moon, Mercury, etc., Sign (of the Zodiac), Ecliptic Ascendant, Midheaven, Zenith, Nadir, Descendant, East Point, West Point, Vertex, First House, Second House, etc. There is no justification (beyond the sheep-like practice of some publishers) for printing Sign and House with lower-case initials. These words are used in a special, unique sense, and should be distinguished by a capital letter. "Astrology" should sometimes have an initial capital and sometimes not. It is hard to suggest rules but I think when in doubt use the capital and do not downgrade the subject with small letters.

As regards the articles themselves, the Editor should decline material that is not really astrological but merely philosophical or "occult" speculation. A case in point is M.C. Jain's "You Can't Escape Your Stars!". Aside from its appallingly negative title, which is calculated to increase the superstitious fears of the uninformed, the astrological content is virtually nil, and completely lost in the pious sermonizing and rambling talk about "Karmic Astrology", Free Will, Evil, suicide, etc.

Arthur Bowman's contribution on Retrograde Planets, on the other hand, was very worthwhile. It is obviously the result of some personal research on a subject where research is needed. No matter if one cannot agree with all the statements; it should stimulate others to present their findings. I would cavil only at the laboured explanation of Retrogradation, which was suited more to an elementary textbook than a professional Journal. Valuable space could have been saved here.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) Dymock Brose

Above letters circulated to members in view of the difficulty in getting them published in the F.A.A. Journal. Comments, whether approving or critical, invited, for possible re-circulation. From Dymock Brose, Editor, "The Australian Astrologers' Journal", and member F.A.A.

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