



# *Vesta*

*Legacy of fire*

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## *Windscale and the birth of an idea*

FAASA talk on Nuclear Energy and The Neptune/Pluto Cycle in 2014.

Windscale is the only major nuclear disaster where Vesta is prominent in the chart.

Anne Fryer noted that this was the only disaster where the core physically caught fire.

A brief look at charts of natural and man-made disasters confirmed that, using a 1 degree orb, Vesta:

- is prominent in major fires

- tends to be less prominent when fire was a secondary cause of loss of life and/or damage

- makes no major aspect when fire was not involved

## Charts used or mentioned in this talk.

| Chart     |                               | Date       | Time/Rodden Rating                  |    | Place                     | Notes:  |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----|---------------------------|---|
| Nuclear   | Windscale                     | 7/10/1957  | 11:45:00 AM GMT                     | B  | Sellafield, England       |   |
|           | Unit 1 explodes at Fukushima  | 12/03/2011 | 3:36:00 PM JST                      | A  | Fukushima, Japan          | Described as a “massive” explosion.   |
| Disasters | Great Fire of London          | 2/9/1666   | 01:00 AM LMT (+0:00:40)             | B  | London, England           | Time estimated by historians based on accounts of the time.   |
|           | Grenfell Tower Fire           | 14/6/2017  | 00:54 AM BST                        | A  | London, England           | Time of first 000 call.   |
|           | 1906 San Francisco earthquake | 18/04/1906 | 5:12:00 AM PST                      | A  | San Francisco, California | Chart erected for USGS co-ordinates for epicentre.  |
|           | 1989 San Francisco earthquake | 17/10/1989 | 5:04:15 PM PDT                      | A  | Loma Prieta Peak          | Chart erected for USGS co-ordinates for epicentre.  |
|           | Noojee burns                  | 13/01/1939 | 1:30 PM AEST                        | B  | Noojee, Australia         | Part of the Victorian Black Friday bushfires on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 1939. Chart timed for 1:30pm when the fire swept down through the town. |
|           | Black Saturday 2009           | 7/2/2009   | 11:50 AM AEDT                       | DD | Kilmore, Australia        | These fires burned for weeks, so a time has been selected that reflects a major crisis point in the fires.  |
|           | Ash Wednesday 1983            | 16/2/1983  | 11:30 AM AEST                       | DD | McLaren Flat, Australia   |   |
|           | Black Tuesday 1967            | 7/2/1967   | 12:00 NOON AEST                     | DD | Central Tasmania          |   |
|           | Black Sunday 1926             | 14/2/1926  | 12:01 PM AEST                       | DD | Warburton, Australia      |   |
| Shipping  | Sinking of HMS Sheffield      | 4/05/1982  | Missile strikes at 14:03(Zulu time) | A  | 53S04, 56W56              | Atlantic Ocean, near Falkland Islands   |
|           | Sinking of the Titanic        | 15/04/1912 | 02:38 AM (GMT)                      | A  | 41N44, 49W57              | Atlantic Ocean. There is disagreement on the actual time zone in use on the Titanic at the time it hit the iceberg.                                     |

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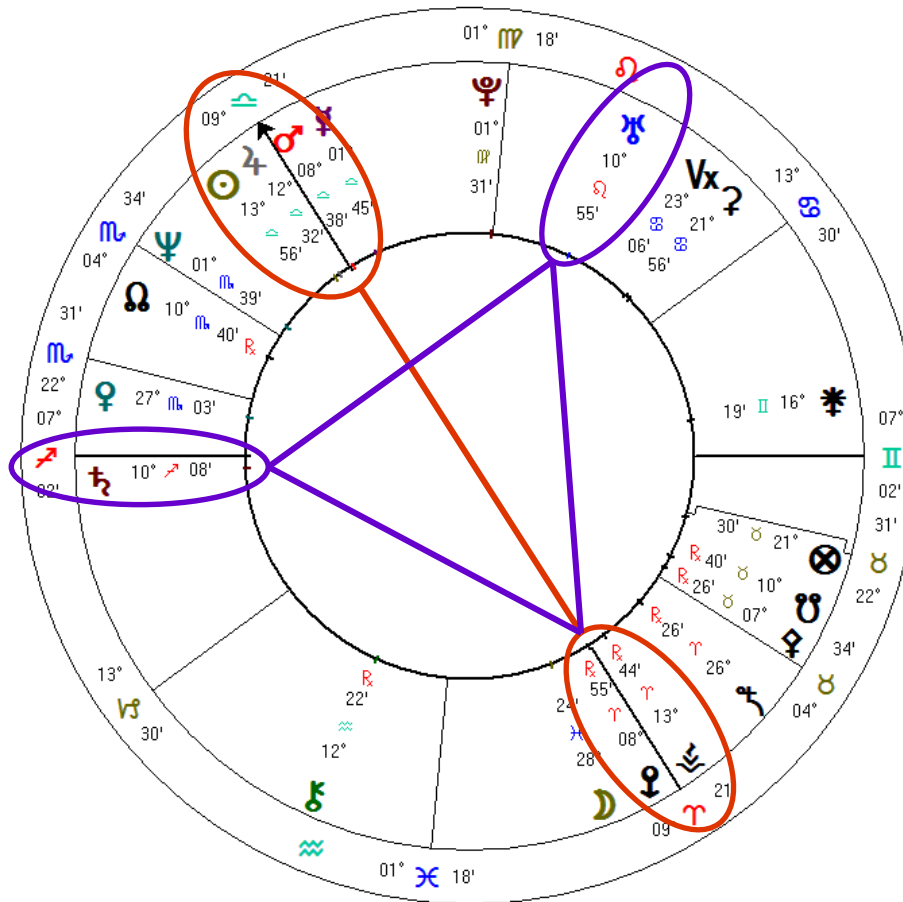
| Chart                                      |   | Date       | Time/Rodden Rating         |    | Place                | Notes   |
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| Australia                                  | Australia - Birth of Australia (Settlement Chart) | 26/1/1788  | 5:23:00 AM LMT (-10:04;52) | A  | Sydney, Australia    | See Ed Tamplin's website: <a href="http://www.edtamplin.com/articles/Birth%20of%20a%20Nation.htm">http://www.edtamplin.com/articles/Birth%20of%20a%20Nation.htm</a> |
|  | Australia - Commonwealth of Australia             | 1/01/1901  | 00:00am AEST               | AA | Melbourne, Australia | See Alice Portman's website: <a href="http://aliceportman.com/australias-birth-chart/">http://aliceportman.com/australias-birth-chart/</a>                          |
|  | Australia - First Inauguration                    | 1/01/1901  | 13:35;01 AEST              | A  | Sydney, Australia    |   |
| People                                     | John Orr  | 26/04/1949 | Noon chart                 | X  | Glendale, California |   |
|  | David Berkowitz                                   | 1/06/1953  | 4:52 pm                    |    | Brooklyn, New York   | Source and rating not stated (Solar Fire data base)   |
| Other charts mentioned but no image shown. | Chernobyl   | 26/04/1986 | 1:23:00 AM BADT            | A  | Pripyat, Ukraine     |   |
|  | Tohoku earthquake                                 | 11/03/2011 | 14:46;24 PM ACDT           | A  | 38N18, 142E22        | Epicentre as per USGS website.  |
|  | Fukushima - first Tsunami                         | 11/03/2011 | 15:27 PM JST               | A  | Fukushima, Japan     |   |
|  | Hiroshima   | 6/08/1945  | 08:16;01 AM JST            | A  | Hiroshima, Japan     |   |

# Windscale

## Windscale

### Event Chart

7 Oct 1957, Mon  
11:45 am GMT +0:00  
Sellafield, England  
54°N25' 003"W30'  
Geocentric  
Tropical  
Placidus  
True Node



Major opposition  
across the MC/IC

MC – Britain's  
reputation.

Mars opposite  
Eris – reactor was  
to produce  
material for  
nuclear weapons.

Grand trine in fire  
with Saturn  
(control) and  
Uranus (chaos).



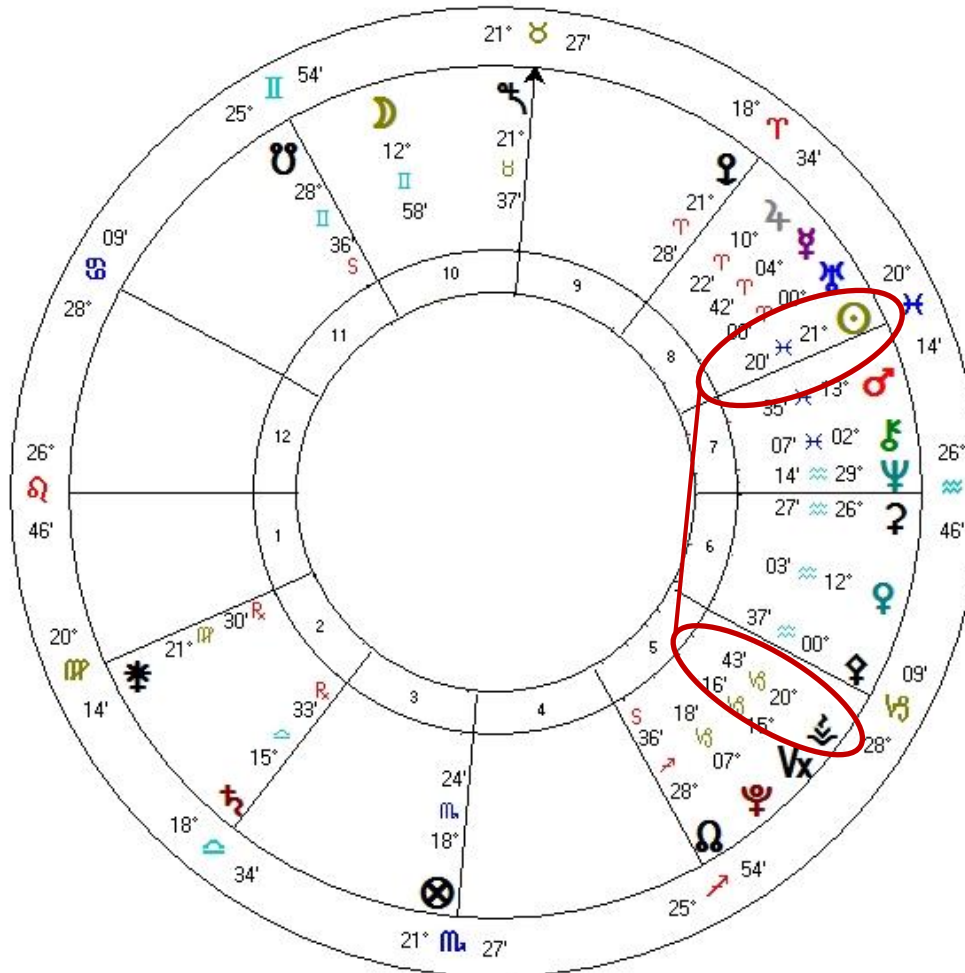
# Fukushima

## Unit 1 "massive" explosion

### Event Chart

Mar 12 2011, Sat  
3:36 pm JST -9:00  
Fukushima, Japan  
37°N45' 140°E28'

Geocentric  
Tropical  
Placidus  
True Node  
Rating: A  
Wikipedia



Time of the major explosion at Unit 1

Vesta sextile Sun (37minutes).

Charts for time of Tohoku earthquake and time that tsunami hit Fukushima power station show no aspects to Vesta.

Chernobyl and Hiroshima show no Vesta aspects.

# Vesta

There are many versions of the myth.

Vesta was the Roman goddess of the hearth, the home and domestic life.

She was the first-born of the Titans Kronos and Rhea.

Vesta was very beautiful both Apollo and Neptune asked for her hand. Vesta rejected them both and begged Jupiter to allow her to remain forever a virgin.

The difficulty of making or transporting fire made the constantly-burning hearth a vital element in the home as well as state buildings.





# *Prometheus*



As always, there are many versions of the myth.

Zeus gives Prometheus the task of creating Mankind.

Prometheus comes to prefer the company of mortals.

In one version of the myth, fire is all ready known to Mankind but Zeus withdraws the knowledge.

Prometheus steals the fire back and gives it to Mankind.

Punished by being chained to a rock with his liver being pecked out each day by an eagle.

# Mars



In researching fire I also looked at Mars.

More agreement in the myths of Mars.

God of war, son of Jupiter and Juno, one of the most prominent and worshipped Roman gods.

In early Roman history he was God of spring, growth in nature, fertility, and the protector of cattle.

Mars may be associated with a chthonic god (earth god). Hence became a god of death, and finally a god of war.

None of his myths involve fire.

# *Orbs and Aspects*

Set criteria before I started. The aim of the tight orbs and choice of aspects was to find the most powerful aspects in the charts.

Ptolomeic aspects used to the Sun, Moon, Moon's Nodes, MC and Ascendant.

1° orb used for Vesta (and Prometheus).

Only allowed a larger orb (maximum 2° – 3°) when Vesta (or Prometheus) was part of a major aspect pattern.

5° orb used for Mars.

The 5° orb meant that Mars was almost always in aspect. Only examined these aspects when Vesta made an aspect.



# *Fire in Natural Disasters - 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake*

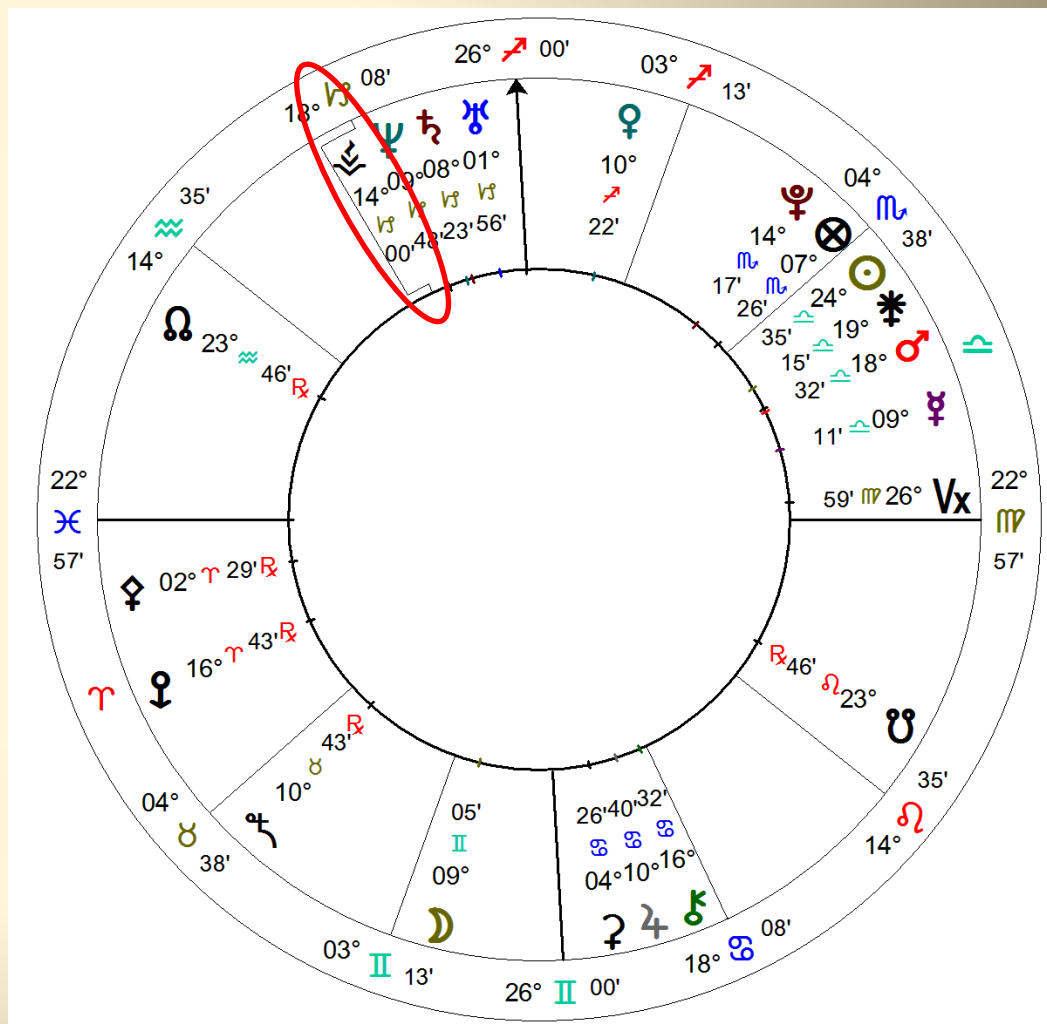
Majority of damage occurred in and around San Francisco.

Chart erected for the epicentre (USGS co-ordinates)

Relocating chart to San Francisco moves MC and Ascendant forward by about 1°

Vesta makes no major aspects to the Sun, Moon, Ascendant, MC or Moon's Nodes (1° orb).

There were spot fires that were contained by the emergency services.



# Fire in Natural Disasters - 1906 San Francisco Earthquake

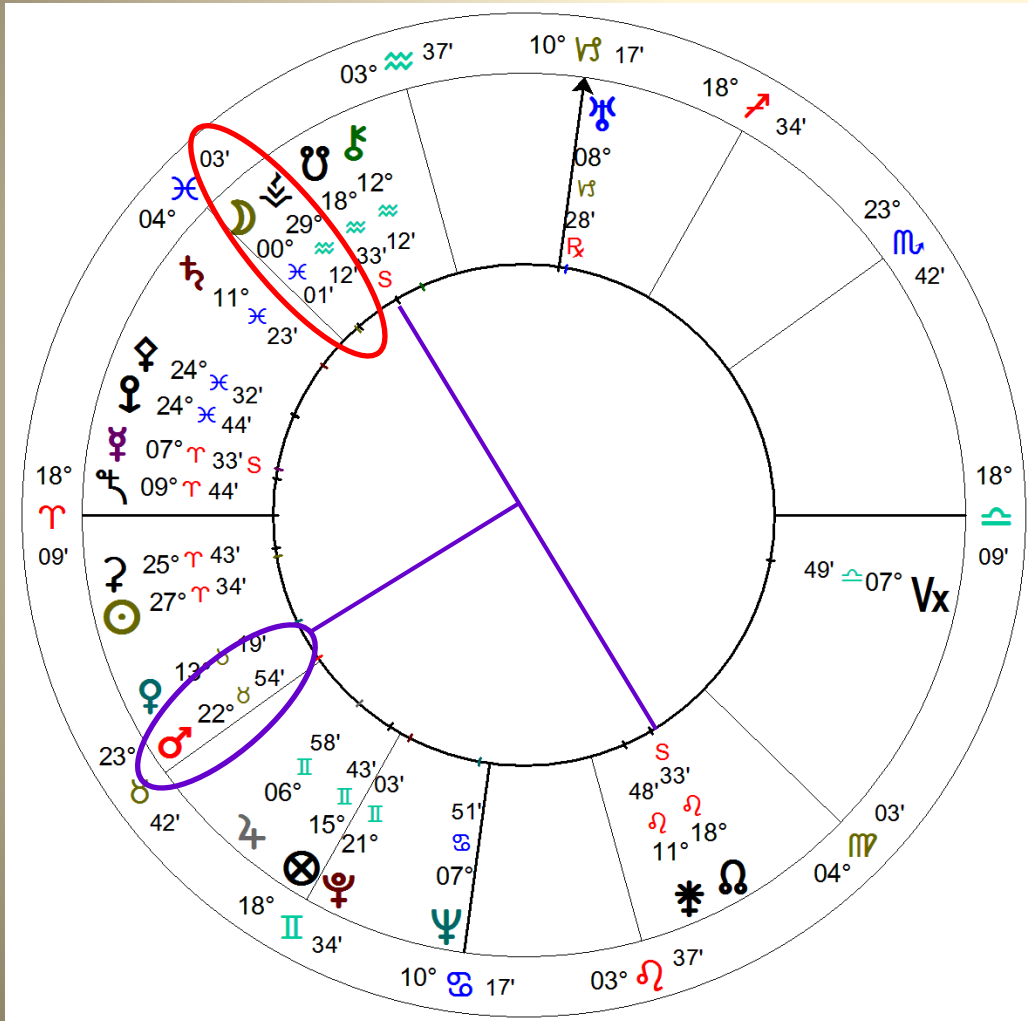


Chart set for epicentre.  
Relocating chart to San Francisco moves MC and Ascendant less than 15'.

*"As damaging as the earthquake and its aftershocks were, the fires that burned out of control afterwards were even more destructive."*

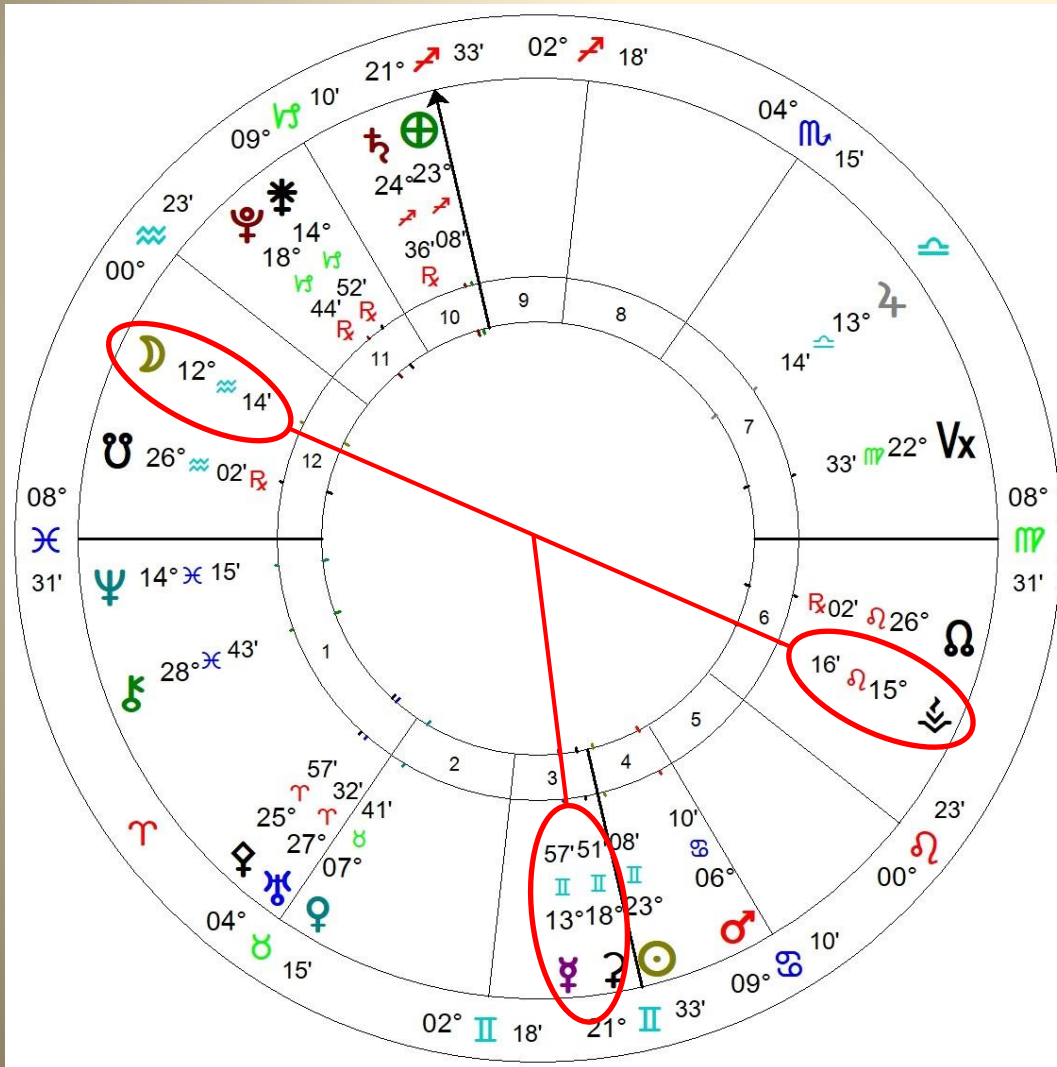
Estimated that up to 90% of the total destruction was the result of the subsequent fires.

Vesta conjunct Moon. Both otherwise unaspected (Ptolomeic aspects, 1°orb).

Mars square the Moon's Nodes (4° 21')



# *Fire in Natural Disasters - The Grenfell Tower Fire*



No chart for the formation of London.

Gradually evolved and grown over the years.

Greater London Authority was founded on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2000.

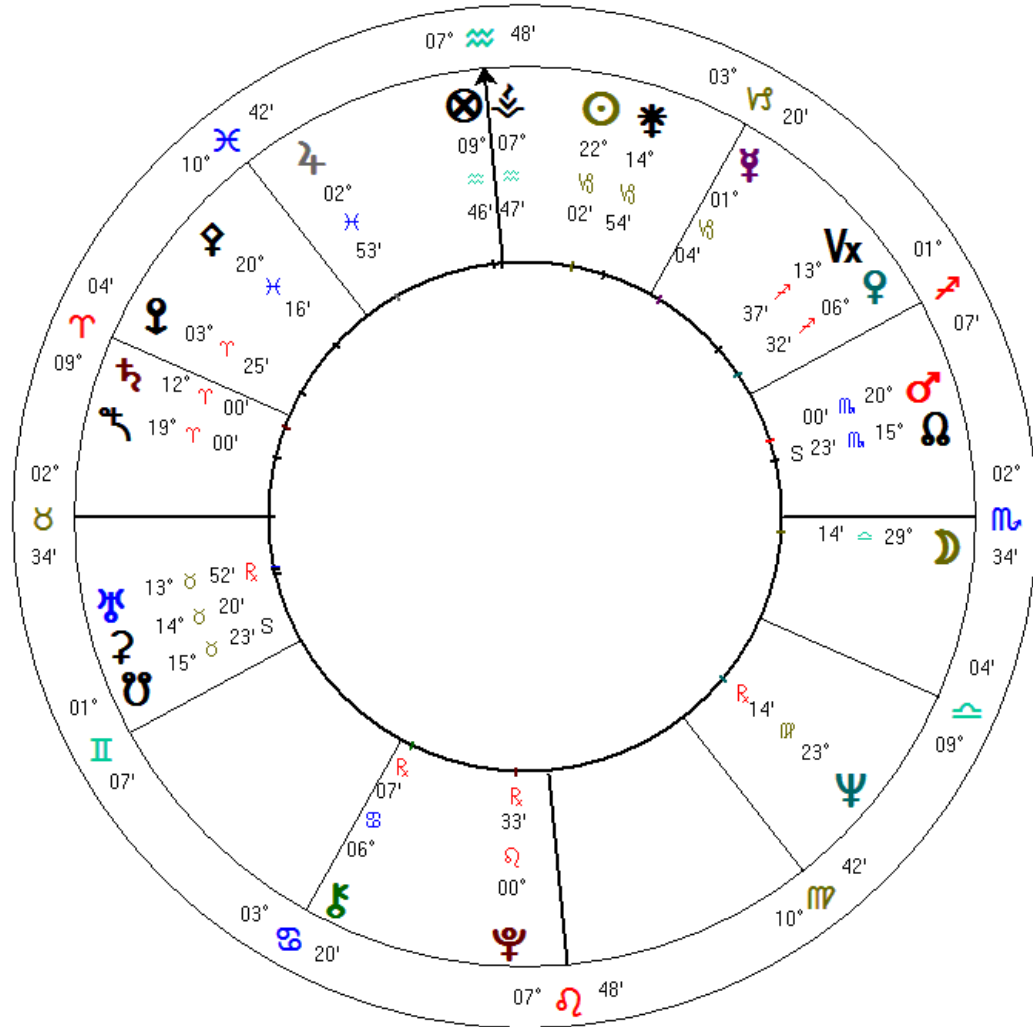
No major aspects between the two charts.

Vesta opposite Moon.

Moon represents the people threatened by the hidden (12<sup>th</sup> house) dangers of the building.

Mercury / Ceres in Gemini in 3<sup>rd</sup> house.

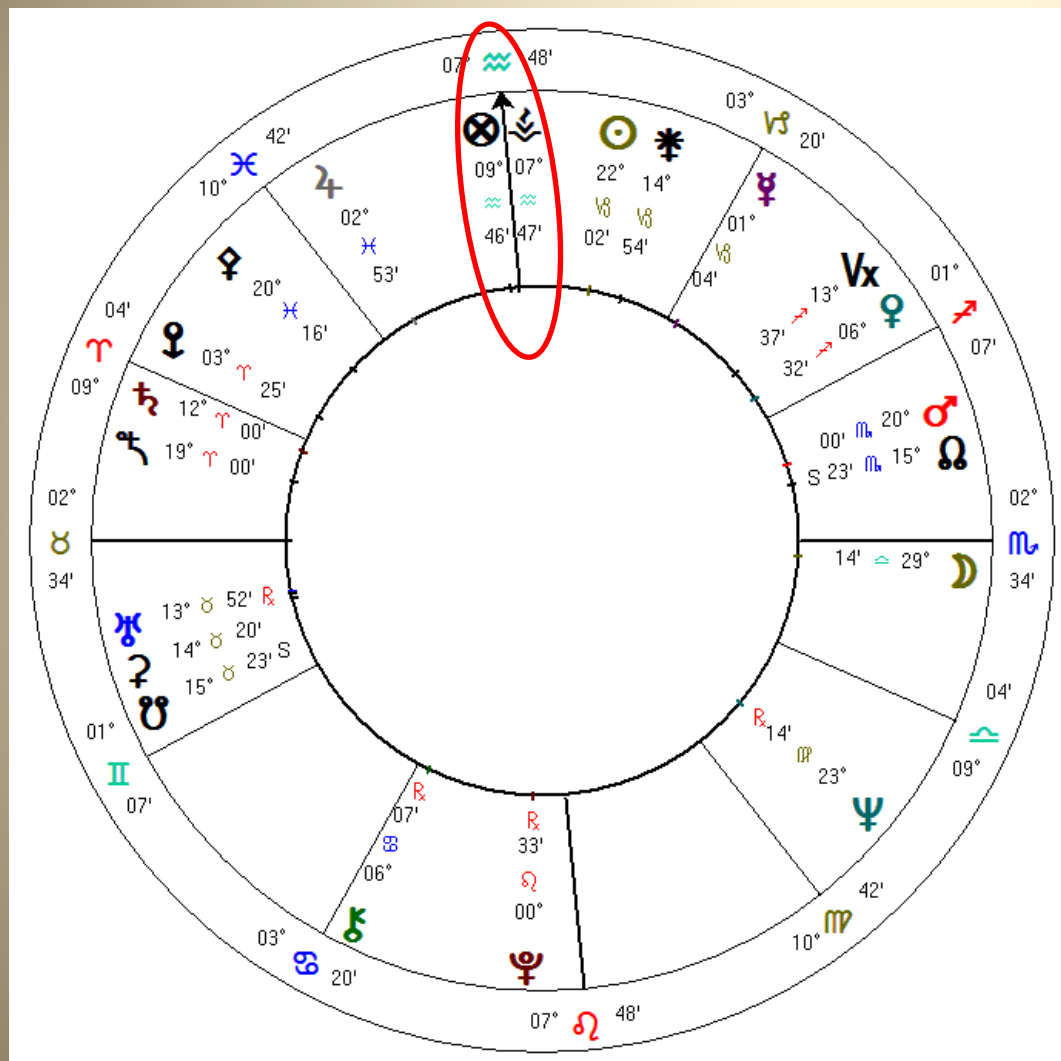
## *Fire in Natural Disasters - Noojee 1939*



Part of the Black Friday bushfires  
in 1939.



## *Fire in Natural Disasters - Noojee 1939*



Part of the Black Friday bushfires on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1939.

Fire began almost 2 weeks previously near Kingslake East.

Between 11am and midday the fires descended on the town.

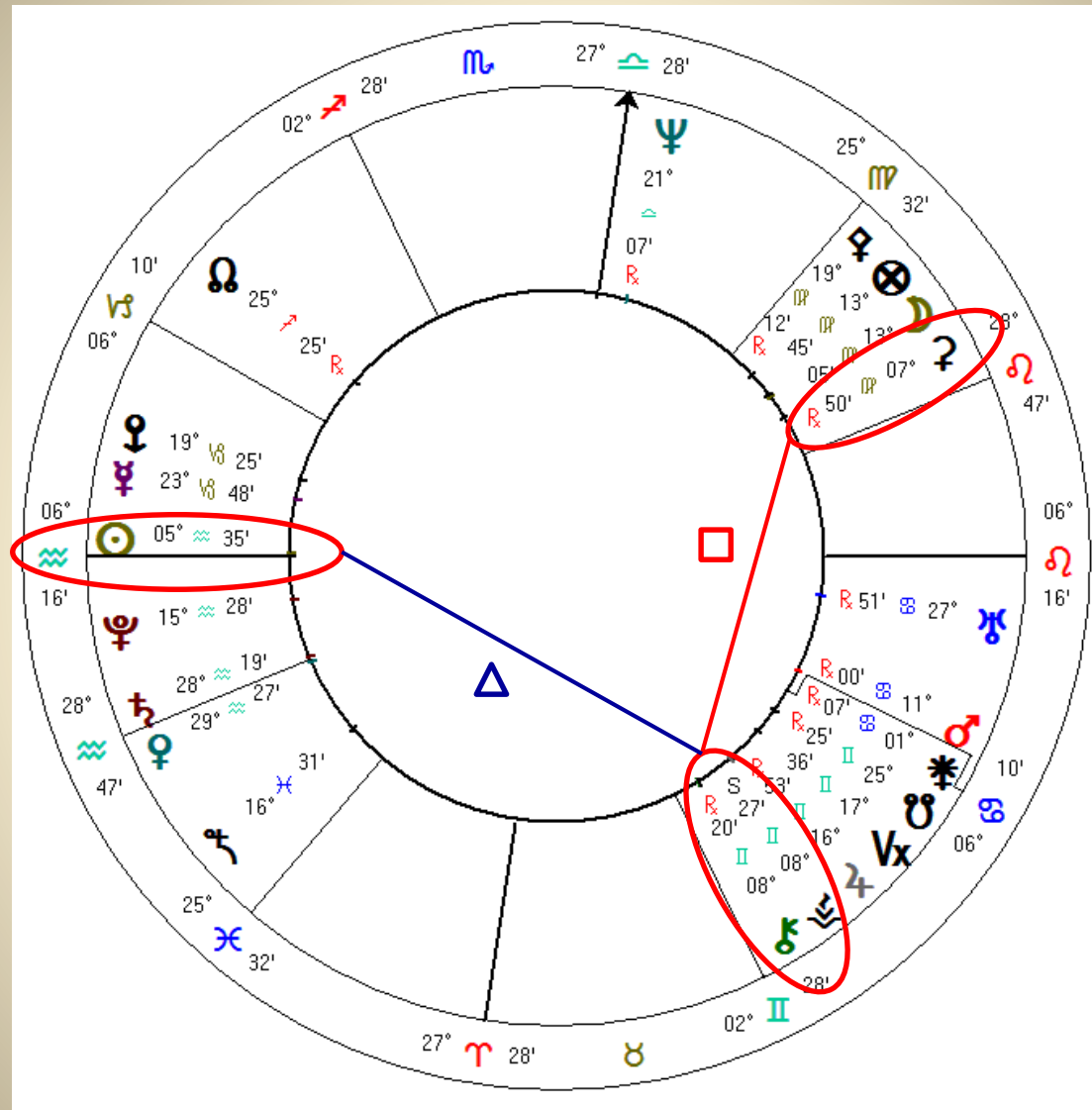
At 1pm there was still unburnt bushland to the south and several cars evacuated women and children.

At 2pm the last train left and the Post Office burnt down ending all communication.

Vesta is conjunct the MC at **1:30pm**, but is otherwise unaspected (1° 15' to sextile Venus).



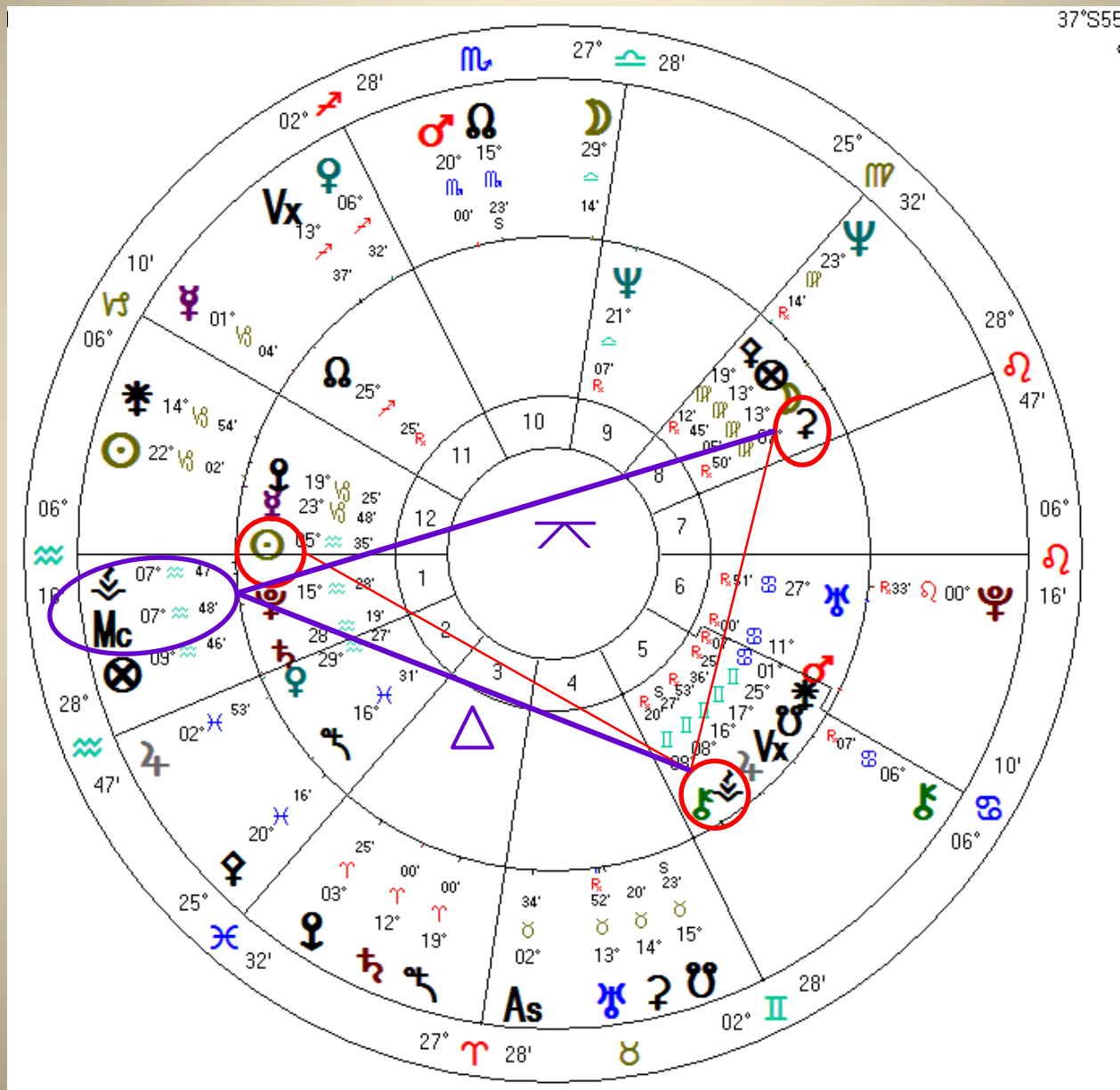
# Ed Tamplin - The Settlement Horoscope



<http://www.edtamplin.com/articles/Birth%20of%20a%20Nation.htm>



# Noojee/Settlement Charts



# Australia - Inauguration

## Australia Inauguration

### Natal Chart

1 Jan 1901, Tue  
1:35:01 pm AEST -10:00

Sydney, Australia

33°S52' 151°E13'

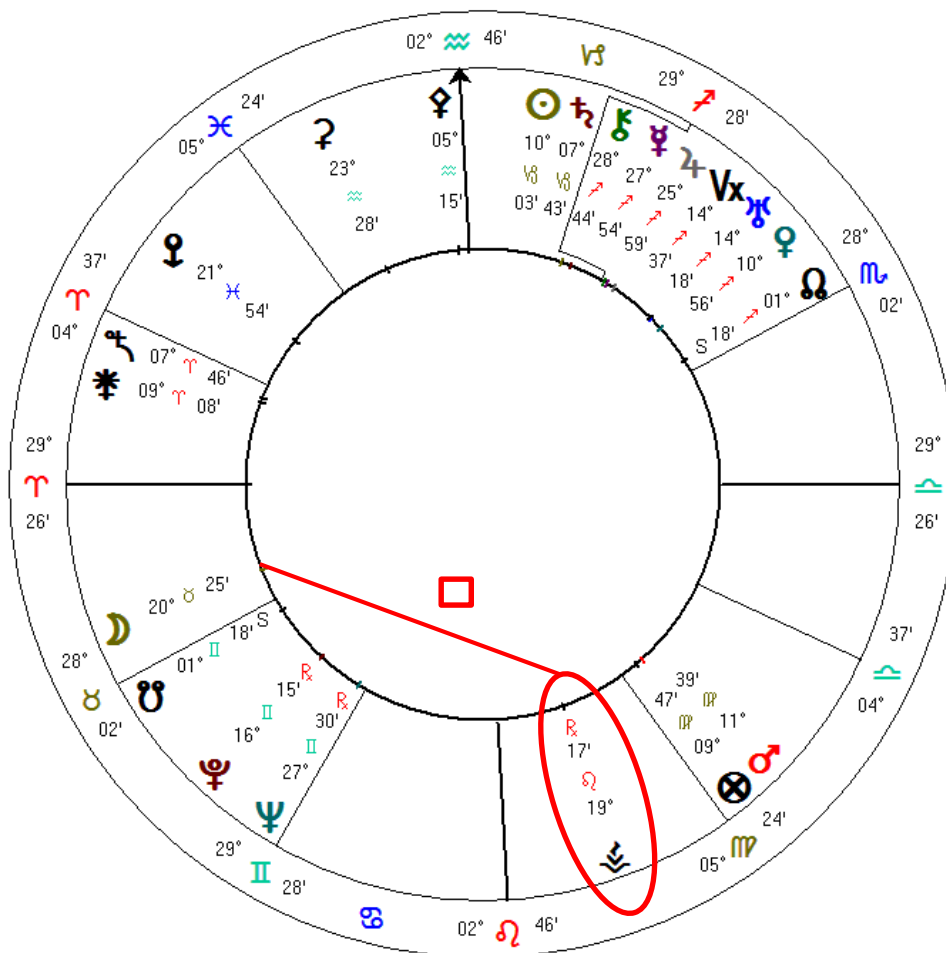
Geocentric

Tropical

Placidus

True Node

Rating: AA



Vesta square Moon (1° 8')

<http://aliceportman.com/australias-birth-chart/>

# Commonwealth of Australia

## Commonwealth of Australia

### Event Chart

1 Jan 1901, Tue

0:00 am AEST -10:00

Melbourne, Australia

37°S49' 144°E58'

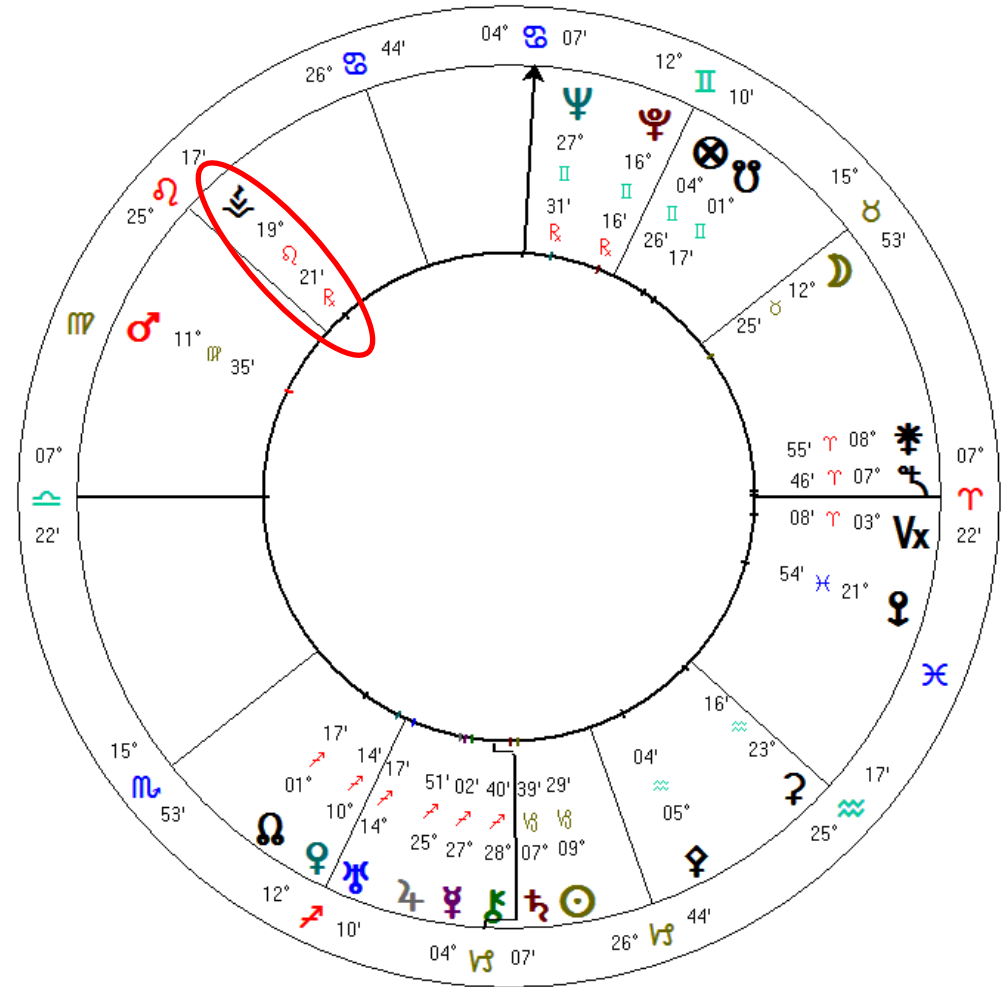
Geocentric

Tropical

Flecidus

True Node

Rating: AA



Vesta makes no aspect.

# *Australia and Bushfires*

Australian Geographic – 5 deadliest bushfires ranked according to the number of fatalities:

(<http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/topics/science-environment/2011/11/the-worst-bushfires-in-australias-history/>)

Black Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Victoria

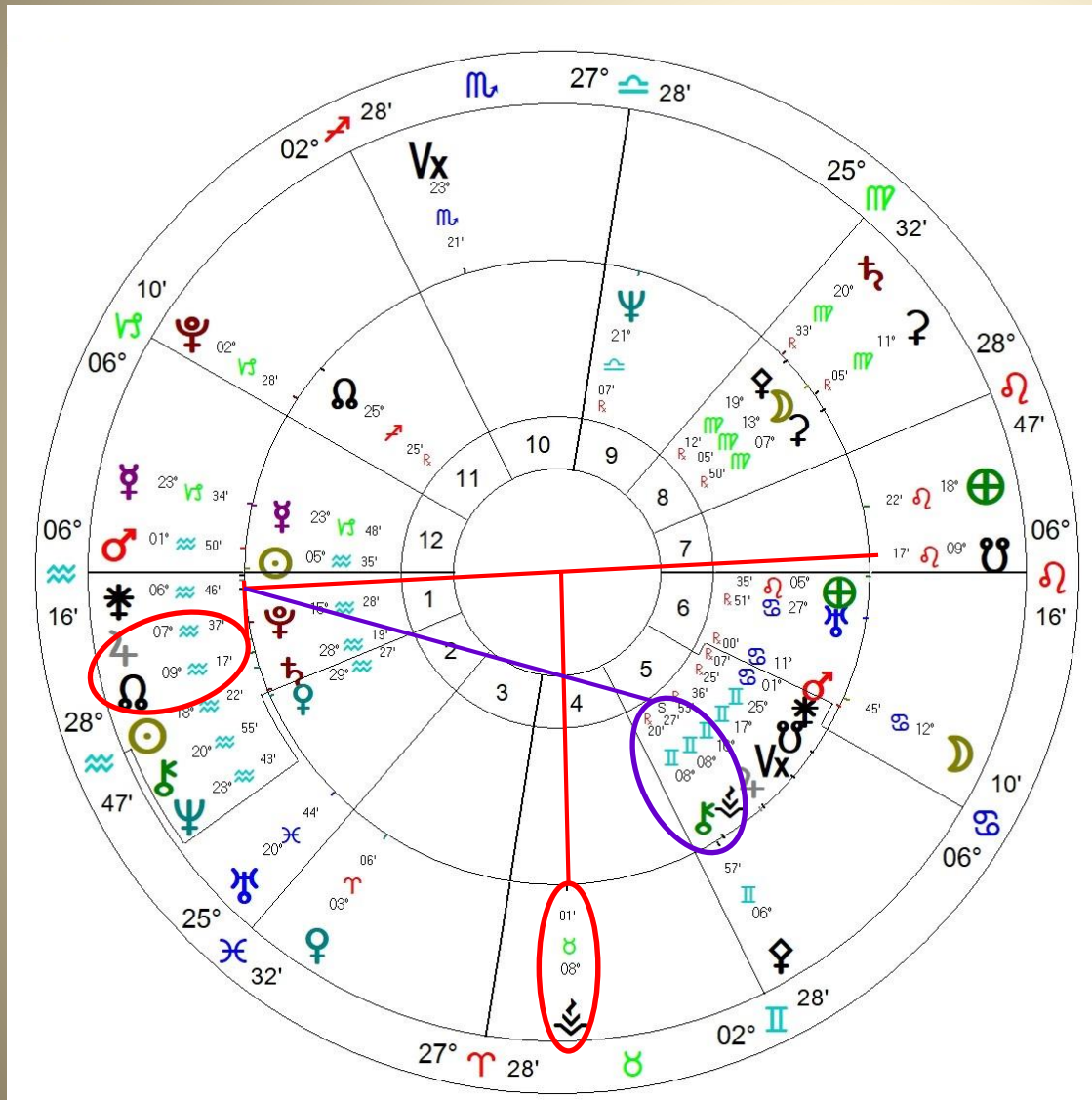
Ash Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 1983, Victoria & South Australia

Black Friday 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> January 1939, Victoria  
(Noojee bushfire was part of this)

Black Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1967, Tasmania

Gippsland fires and Black Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February-10<sup>th</sup> March 1926, Victoria

# Black Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Victoria



Timed for when power lines fell starting a major fire at Kilmore East.

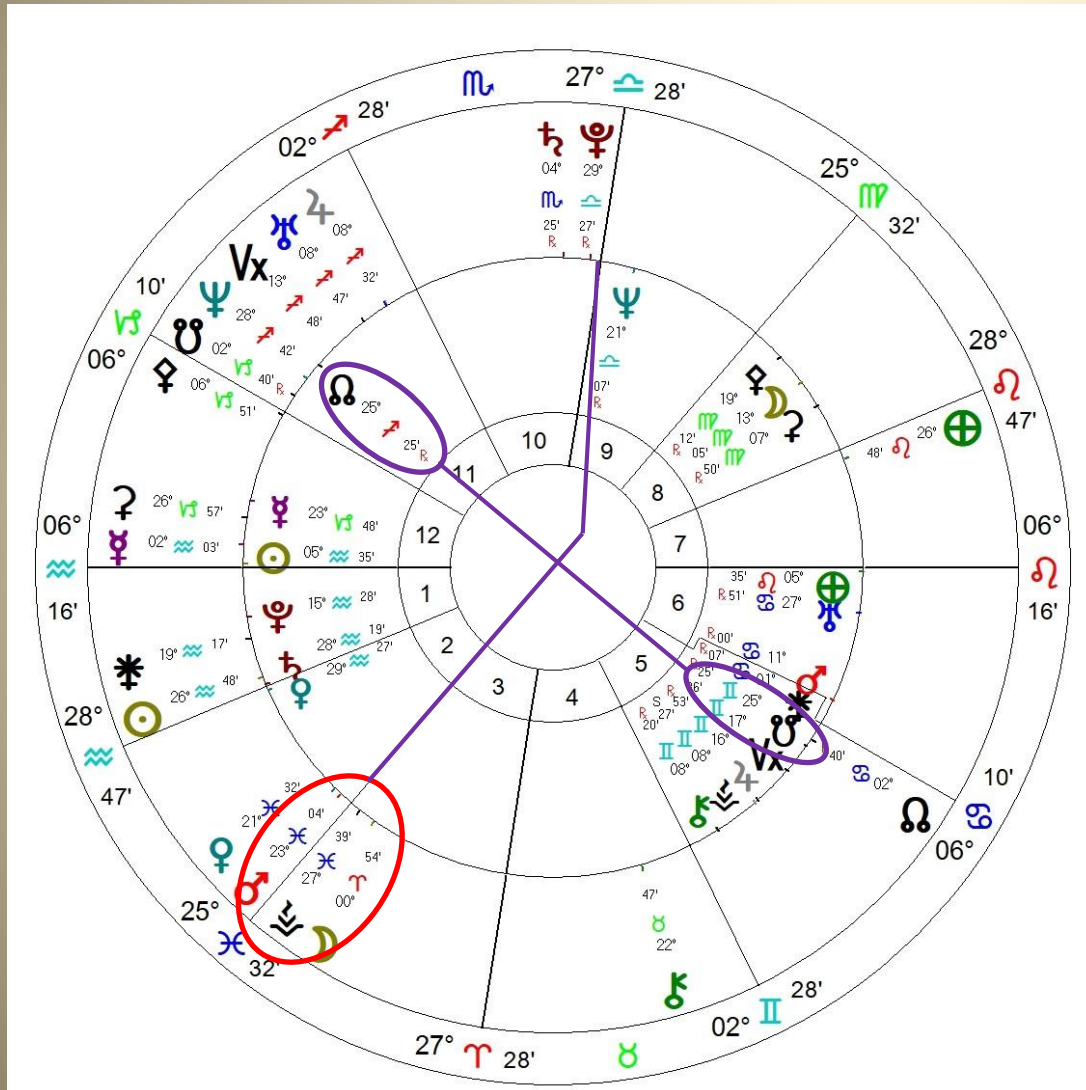
*"The overwhelming majority of fire activity occurred between the afternoon of 7 February and 7:00 pm."*

Vesta is in the first house of the Black Saturday chart squaring the nodal axis and the Aquarian stellium in the 10<sup>th</sup> house.

This Black Saturday T square is tied in to the Settlement chart by a square of Black Saturday Vesta to the Sun / Ascendant of the Settlement chart.



# Ash Wednesday February 1983, Victoria & South Australia



Timed for when the first fire was reported at McLaren Flat.

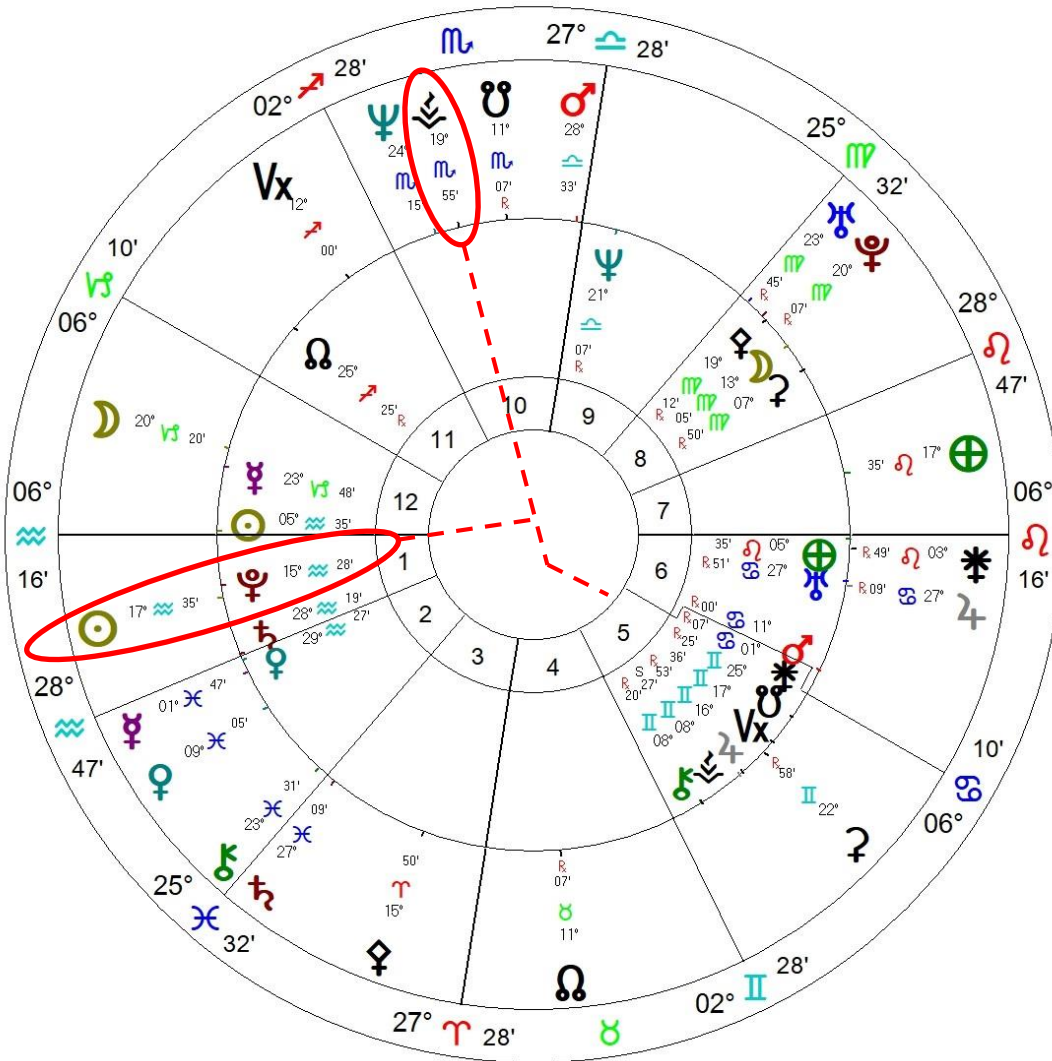
Vesta is within a degree of the Moon / Mars midpoint and essentially conjunct both.

Vesta squares Neptune and quincunxes Pluto.

Ash Wednesday Vesta squares the nodal axis of the Settlement Chart.

Ash Wednesday Vesta quincunxes the MC of the Settlement Chart.

# Black Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1967, Tasmania



Timed for when the fires overwhelmed resources.

Vesta trines Chiron and sextiles the Moon.

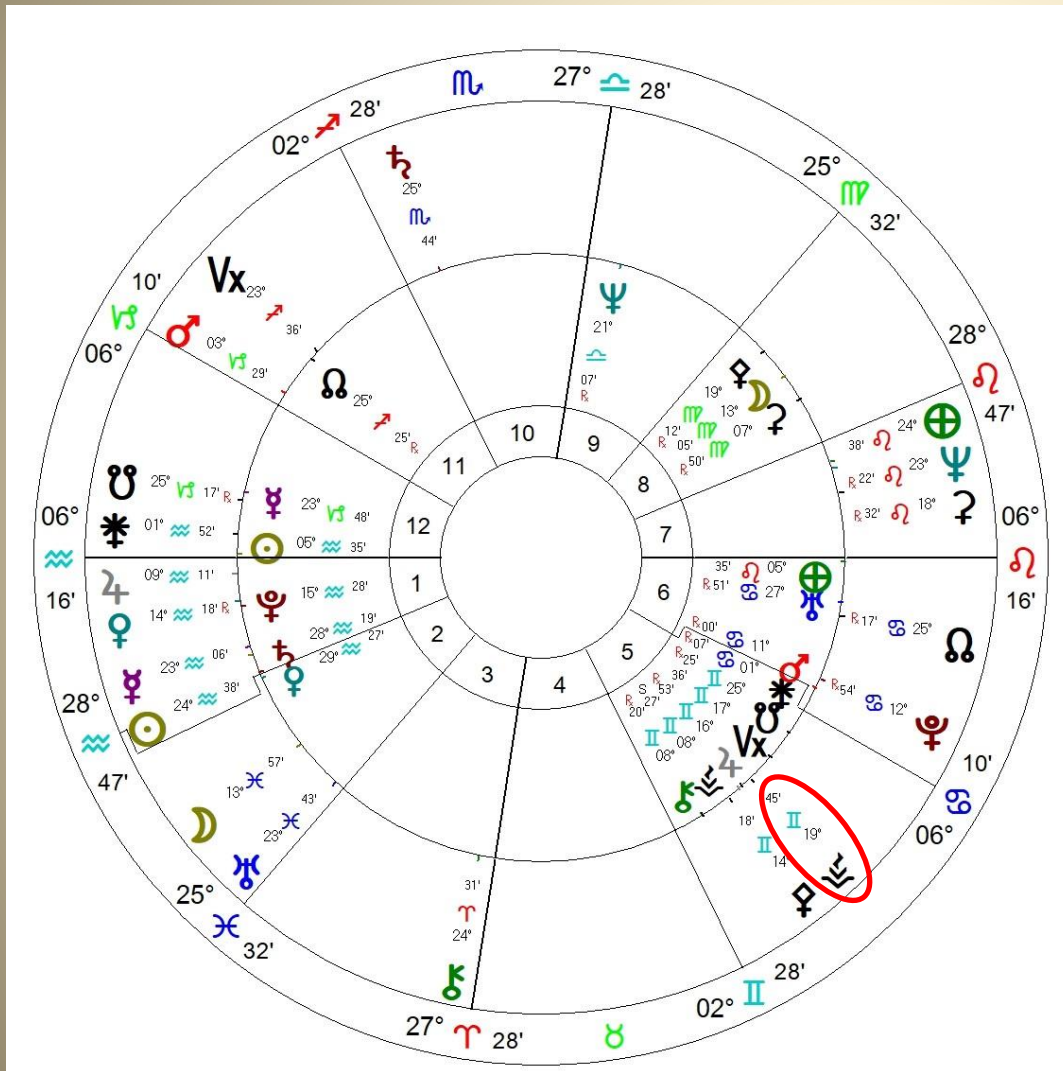
Vesta squares the Sun.

This Black Tuesday Vesta is tied in to the Settlement chart by a square of Black Tuesday Vesta to the Pluto of the Settlement chart.

The Black Tuesday Sun is square black Tuesday Vesta and conjunct the Settlement first house Pluto.

Connections not as robust as previous examples.

# Gippsland fires and Black Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February-10<sup>th</sup> March 1926, Victoria



Timed for when the fires swept across Gippsland, the Yarra Valley, the Dandenong Ranges and the Kinglake area.

Vesta trines Sun / Mercury, although the orb is very wide.

Vesta square Uranus, again with a very wide orb.

Black Sunday Vesta conjuncts the Gemini stellium of the Settlement Chart.

Again, the connections not as robust as previous examples.

# *Australia and Bushfires*

Vesta's orbital period is 3.63 years.

Transits and progressions from Vesta, and Vestal returns, are too frequent to allow prediction of severe bushfires.

Early work suggests that whenever there is a severe bushfire there are aspects to Vesta in the Australian Settlement Chart.

The charts where the connections were weaker included the 1926 bushfire where there is less detail available or where it is harder to pinpoint a starting time for the major damage (for example the 1967 Black Tuesday fires of Tasmania).

*(Anne Fryer has a book on Australian bushfires and said that the timing for a fire is usually when it was first noted, or when the first report was made.)*

Where there is a major bushfire, there will be aspects of Vesta to the Settlement Chart, but not every major aspect from Vesta to the Settlement Chart will result in a severe bushfire.

It would be interesting to combine this work with Vesta with the work that Anne and Elaine have done on weather to see if there are any links.



# *Arson and Arsonists*

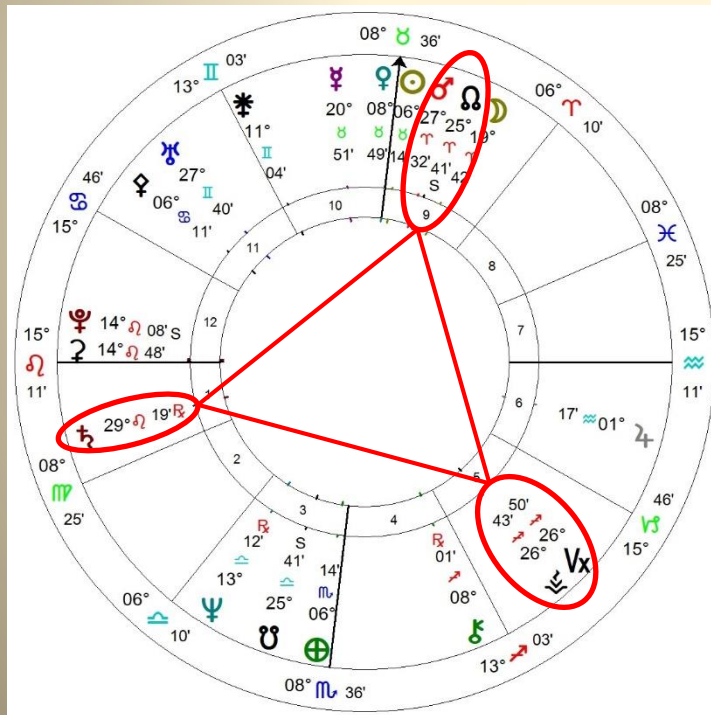
There are many firefighters around the world who risk their lives fighting fires. Only a tiny number of them have been convicted of serial arson. It is important that we remember the courage of those many firefighters when discussing serial arson.



# Arson and Arsonists

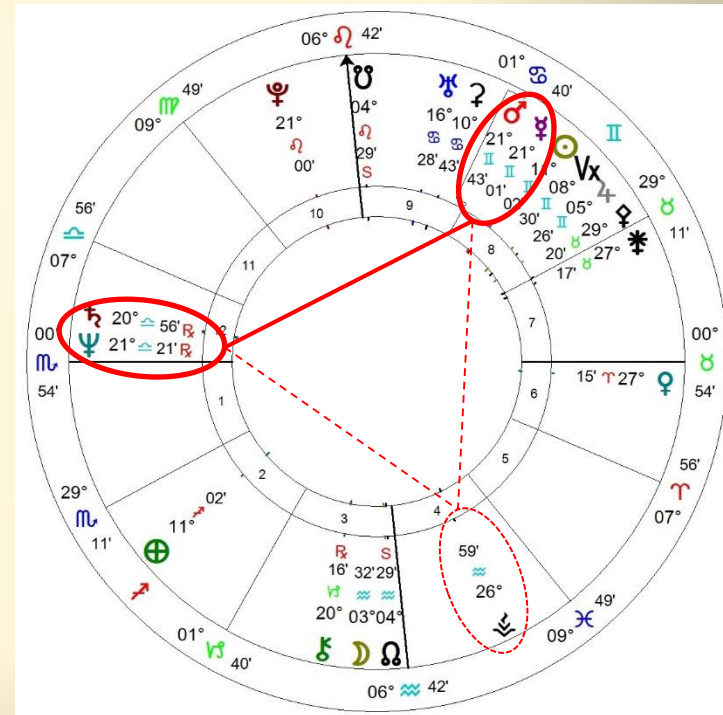
John Orr

Fire captain and arson investigator for Glendale Fire Department. Convicted of serial arson.

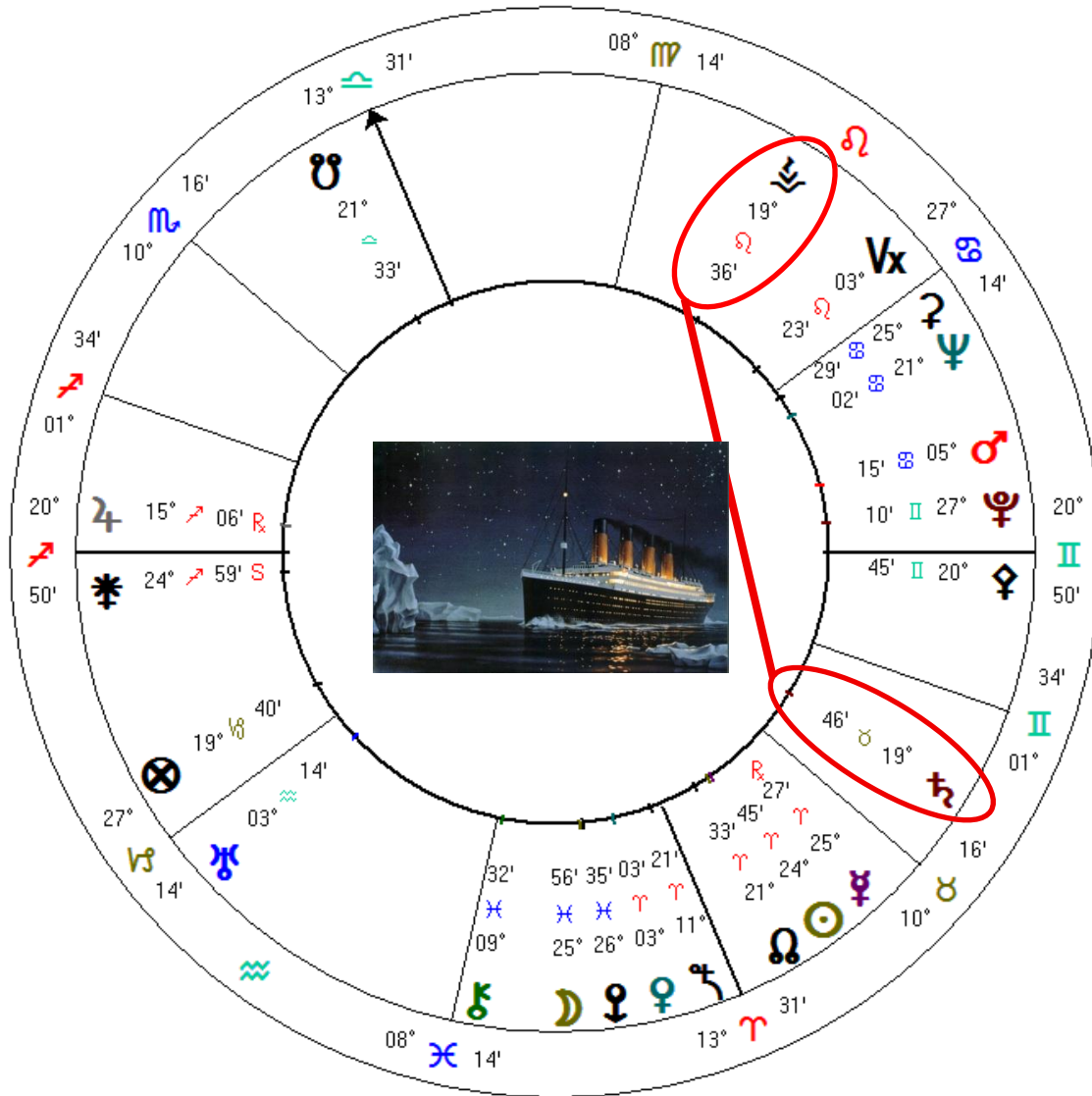


David Berkowitz

"Son of Sam", serial killings in New York City during summer of 1976



## Disasters at Sea - Titanic



At 2:38am GMT on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1912 RMS Titanic hit an iceberg.

Vesta partile square Saturn, but no Ptolomeic aspect to Sun, Moon, Ascendant, MC or Moon's Nodes.

[illegible]

Vesta square Sun.

# *Conclusions*

This is introductory work and has therefore raised more questions than it has answered.

One of the great disappointments in preparing this talk was not being able to obtain accurate birth times for arsonists.

Further work in this area would be very interesting.

Some people are afraid of fire, while others are very comfortable with it and played with fire as children.

It would be interesting to see the differences between aspects to Vesta in these charts.

*(Julie Bowen made a fascinating observation that fire can be seen as cleansing, and that some of the fires presented, eg the Great Fire of London, cleansed London of the plague.)*