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Member Newsletter

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## ***Musings from the President's corner***

With this issue of Southern Star we welcome our new editor, Ann Collins. I'm sure many of you will know Ann from her FAA talks and from her involvement with the FPA. She is very Mercurial and with Jupiter going through Gemini this is a great time for her to take up the challenge!

This will be a short column as I seem to have filled many Southern Star pages already! When I spoke at the last meeting I promised to include notes from my lecture in this newsletter, to save you from writers' cramp!

*The FAA needs you! If there are 3 members out there who would like to have a closer association with the FAA, please put your hand up! (see page 3)*

I also discussed getting member feedback on lecture topics and formats, so now I'm putting it over to you:

### **How can the FAA deliver what you want?**

What topics, themes or types of astrology really interest you?

What meeting formats would you prefer – eg long lectures, mixture of short and long, panels, discussion groups etc?

What seating arrangement would you find most comfortable?

What can we do to energise our association?

What can we do to make you feel more included?

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## What's On

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**4 May** Saturday 2pm

**Saturn and Father**

MARI GARCIA

**1 June** Saturday 2pm

**Sedna and our Evolving**

**Solar System**

VIVIEN LOWE

**6 July** Saturday Full Day Workshop

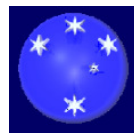
**Genetic Astrology**

ALICE PORTMAN

**3 August** Saturday

**The Nodes**

KRIS SVENDSON



# Saturn and Father: A Journey

## ***Next Meeting:***

2pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

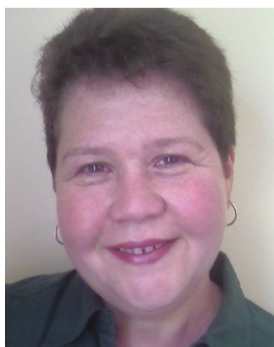
*Theosophical Society Rooms*

*310 South Terrace*

*Adelaide*

## **Saturn and Father: A Journey – Mari Garcia**

This lecture is an introduction to the relationship between Saturn and the Father figure and how Saturn's placement and condition can describe Father and everything he stands for. It will also look at how the individual's relationship with the Father figure evolves during a lifetime.



Mari Garcia is a consulting astrologer who has been involved with astrology since 1990. She has lectured widely both in Australia and the USA and has published articles in Australia and overseas and writes for several local and national publications. She runs a consulting practice in Adelaide and is co-principal of ASTRO MUNDI, which offers courses in astrology, including Traditional Astrology as well as special interest workshops and Master Classes. Mari can be contacted on 08 8563 9182 or check out the website at [www.astromundi.com](http://www.astromundi.com)

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Afternoon Tea and Coffee included



# ***The Committee needs Help!***

*The FAA needs you!*

If there are 3 members out there who would like to have a closer association with the FAA, please put your hand up! While our small committee is fantastic at making things happen, it would be so much easier with 3 more hands and minds.

What does the committee do? We meet in the first Saturday of every month at 12 pm ahead of the members' meeting at 2 pm. We do practical things like setting up the room, managing the audio visual requirements, organising afternoon tea and tidying up afterwards. We plan future meetings and workshops and discuss the kinds of topics and speakers our members might like to hear. We run a newsletter, a website and a Facebook page. We are guardians of a book and a CD library. We collect, spend and invest your money. We liaise with the federal body of the FAA and have two members on the National Council.

What are the advantages of being on the committee? As with any volunteer position, there is the feeling that you can give your time and make a difference. You supplement your love of astrology with the knowledge that you are helping run an

organisation that promotes the thing you love. You have a say in the future direction of the association. You get to know other astrologers and may network with astrologers here and around Australia. On a practical level, your monthly meetings are free and cost of workshops is reduced.

Who are we looking for? We are looking for anyone who can help with any of the above. You might be a professional, a novice, a student, a dabbler – your time and your own experience are more important than your level of astrological knowledge. You can help with practical things, with ideas, with IT knowledge, secretarial skills, money management. You might be a thinker, an inspirer or a doer.

If you can spare a couple of hours before the members' meeting each month, we would love to have you on the committee. Contact Cate Whelan at [president@faasa.com.au](mailto:president@faasa.com.au), or phone 8557 7417, or any of the committee, whose contact details are at the back of the newsletter.



# 20th FAA international astrology conference



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## Conference News

**Isn't it exciting** that now, rolling in to 2013, the conference is only next year!

The registrations to 21st December were **extremely pleasing** and give indications that this conference will **sizzle!** We have also had healthy bookings for the pre- and post-conference workshops already, and, while there are still plenty of spaces, if you are considering attending them it **might be wise not to leave it to the last minute.** I will be letting you know if we start to look like booking out.



**Next Early Bird Discount**  
**Register before March 21 2013**

**A few words about the Conference Basic/Conference Plus**, as we have had enquiries asking the difference. Well, firstly there is the "Meet the Speaker" cocktail party on Thursday 23rd kicking off following Caroline Casey's keynote address and the exciting special opening ceremony. The cocktail party is held on the picturesque boardwalk and continues building the energy and focuses on attendees to meet and greet, and to be introduced to all the speakers who will be bringing you this astrological feast in the following few days. With Tasmanian canapés and cocktails, you won't want to miss this!

**Secondly, we have a very special event organised for the Saturday night** – a time when we are all deeply focused on our astrological community – and that is a **dinner dance in a gorgeous retro ballroom at Wrest Point** (no travelling!) which will be decorated appropriately! **We have hired a rockin' local band** which will have you dancing and foot tapping. **The dinner is a sumptuous buffet with great Tassie specialities** and there will also be lots of surprises over the evening. So don't miss this chance to feast and dance the night away and also a good chance for social interaction with all our mates!!

Send me a message [noelle@chariot.net.au](mailto:noelle@chariot.net.au) if you need more information about any aspect of the conference. Cheers —

Noelle Rattray



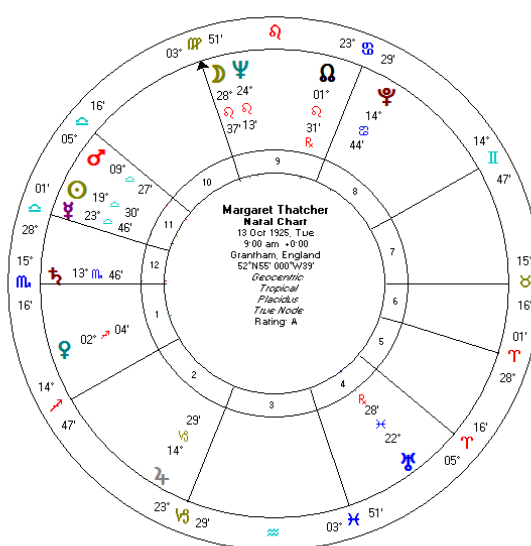
# Margaret Thatcher: the Iron Lady

By

Mari Garcia

*"Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't".*

Margaret Thatcher



This month, Britain and the rest of the world paid their respects to Margaret Thatcher who passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990 and Leader of the Conservative Party from 1975 to 1990, she was the first woman Prime Minister of Great Britain at a time of great political, social and economic transition. Thatcher was a person who aroused strong feelings from both sides of the political fence and was as polarizing in

death as in life, so much so, that the British government braced itself for a wave of protests at her state funeral. What was it about her that caused such strong reactions? Can we find astrological statements that underpin how she came across to the world?

Margaret Thatcher grew up in a modest and conservative environment. Her father was a grocer, involved with the church and local council politics. The family lived in a flat above one of their shops and Margaret won a scholarship to the local grammar school. Later she gained a scholarship to study chemistry at Oxford, graduating with second class honours in Chemistry.





**AT ASTRO MUNDI WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

**Workshops and Master Class for MAY**

**FOR THE BEGINNER**

**Love, Lust & Lucre: Venus**

**SATURDAY 18 May 2013**  
**10:00 am—1:00 pm**

Astro Mundi Offices, upstairs, 310 South Tce, Adelaide  
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*Venus, the planet of love and desire has ancient roots in the goddess oriented religions of the Middle East and Egypt and this has coloured the meanings of Venus in astrology. This workshop explores Venus in her traditional state and how by understanding these roots we gain an understanding of the human desire to relate and to possess. What are the ethical and moral dilemmas when Venus dominates?*

*Alternatively, what is the experience when Venus has 'fled' the life? When Venus is good she brings benefit, but when she is bad...she can be difficult!*

**FOR THE ASTROLOGER**

**The Cross of Matter**

**Saturday 25 May 2013**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

Astro Mundi Offices 310 South Tce Adelaide

Your investment: \$60  
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The Cross of Matter involves the relationship between the four pivotal points of the chart as determined by the Sun's diurnal and annual motion through the Ecliptic. Within this Cross lies the Ascendant; placed at the eastern point at the moment of birth and to some degree, relative to the native's health and personality. At the highest point of the chart lies the Medium Coeli (M.C.), again calculated according to the time and place of birth, and significantly drawn with an arrowhead at its southernmost tip. This elevated position tells us much more than where we spend our working days, and who acts as our boss at work. The M.C. is the most sought after angle, the pinnacle or Everest of our chart, and part of this Master Class will explore its continued significance in life. But there are many other 'pinnacle points' that need to be examined if we want to know a person's full potential, and it is these more obscure points, and the notion of signs that are '10 signs away', that we will also be addressing in this Class.

Her involvement in politics started in Oxford and in 1951 she was selected as the Conservative candidate for Dartford. Thatcher then led the Conservatives to victory in a general election in 1979 and was a formidable figure on the international stage.

### Saturn on the Ascendant and First house

*Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the highroad to pride, self-esteem, and personal satisfaction.<sup>i</sup>*

Looking at her chart, the first thing that is striking is Saturn sitting on the Ascendant describing a resolute and even dominant figure who would

want to be seen as an authority and to be in control. One could also say that that with such a prominent Saturn, she would be unwilling to allow herself to 'fail' at anything therefore she could be resolute and ruthless in her endeavours.

Saturn rules the 3<sup>rd</sup> house of personal truths, local environment and siblings and with Aquarius intercepted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> suggesting that her personal truths are realised through her ability to be forceful, strong, direct and authoritative. She learned early on to be true to those personal truths.

We can also consider that Aquarius is the fourth sign from the Ascendant and therefore there is a connection here to Father as the fourth sign is about Father and heritage. Thatcher's own father was a



prominent figure in local politics as well as being a famed Methodist lay preacher. Margaret Thatcher took his words to heart and he is the source of her political emphasis on freedom and individualism.

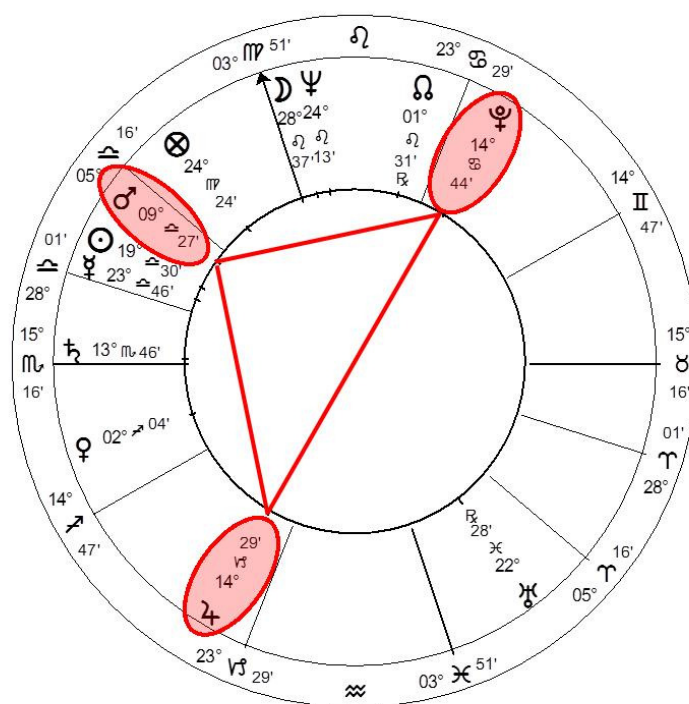
In one of her father's sermons he notes that "a lazy man" is one who "has lost his soul already", while he describes religious uniformity as a "denominational closed shop". Alf Thatcher was making a political point by comparing compulsory membership of a trade union to mandatory membership of a particular church. Individual liberty was always the starting point for his religion and politics. Here we see the ruler of the 4<sup>th</sup> sign sitting on the Ascendant and Saturn finds expression in the way Margaret Thatcher interacted with the world. Her singular focus, a need to be in control as well as her conservative and to some, unfeeling attitude are the personification of Saturn and she was the 'mouthpiece' for her Father and his philosophies.

Saturn also trines Pluto suggesting a certain tenaciousness, toughness and a need for power, intensity, drama. Thatcher's resilience and her toughness made many people openly dislike and hate her, seeing her as an oppressor. The Saturn in the first conjunct the Ascendant is such a potent indicator of how she came across to the world. As a consequence of this, she was the subject of many hate campaigns, demonstrations and even violence.

In 1982, Sinn Féin politician Danny Morrison described Thatcher as "the biggest bastard we have ever known".<sup>ii</sup> She was a primary target for the IRA bombing of the Conservative Party conference in Brighton in 1984 where five people were killed and 31 injured. The introduction of the dreaded poll tax culminated in a demonstration of up to 200,000-strong in London on 31 March 1990

which then deteriorated into the Poll Tax Riots, leaving 113 people injured and 340 under arrest.<sup>iii</sup>

She was a prime minister who stubbornly stuck to her principles in defiance of what others thought was right. Her toughness extended to the international stage where her scathing attack on the Soviet Union earned her the nickname "Iron Lady", one which she gladly adopted. Argentina's invasion of the Falklands which triggered the Falkland's War gave Thatcher the opportunity to 'flex her muscle' and she showed the decisive, instinctive and focused judgment needed to succeed in the conflict.



**The Ruler of the Scorpio Ascendant is Mars and it is the apex planet in a T Square with the Jupiter Pluto opposition**



## Scorpio Rising & Primary Motivation

*To wear your heart on your sleeve isn't a very good plan; you should wear it inside, where it functions best.<sup>iv</sup>*

The Ascendant is also a person's primary motivation: that which makes us happy, successful and fulfilled. With Scorpio rising, Thatcher's primary motivation is driven by emotional need and expressed as intensity and drama. This drive for emotional security is realised through the agency of Mars, the planetary ruler of Scorpio, in the 11<sup>th</sup> and the apex planet in a T-square with Jupiter and Pluto.

Although the primary motivation is a water sign, the presence of Saturn on the Ascendant brings a resilience that many opponents as well as colleagues ignored, often to their own detriment. Margaret Thatcher was at her happiest when dealing with the cut and thrust of politics both at the domestic and international levels. In accordance to the nature of the ruler of the Ascendant, Mars she loved nothing more than winning the contest. And there were contests galore as she battled the discriminatory processes of the political machines, the assumptions of her colleagues and the lip service of officialdom.

Mars is also the ruler of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> houses suggesting that she staked her reputation (the 5<sup>th</sup> house is how we want to be remembered) on her ability to be the fearsome warrior who relishes conquest and power as well as it being her obligation (6<sup>th</sup> house) to do so.

The Jupiter-Pluto opposition describes expansion, optimism and power. There is a love of power which is expressed through a belief or philosophy. The

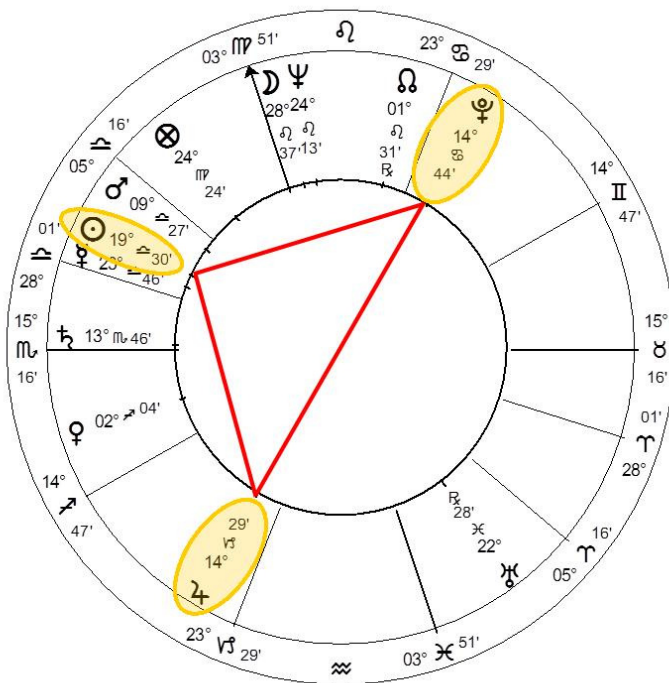
person may also be the projection for the collective of the guru. Margaret Thatcher certainly relished the exercise of power that she had both within the conservative Party and then in Government as well as in her relations with others in power including Ronald Reagan, Mikhail Gorbachev and leaders of other nations. The overriding philosophy she brought to the table later came to be known as "Thatcherism" and at her funeral service this week, the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres spoke of the strong feelings Thatcher still evokes 23 years after leaving office. "The storm of conflicting opinions centers on the Mrs. Thatcher who became a symbolic figure — even an -ism," he said.<sup>v</sup> So strong was her belief that in 1988 she lectured the Church of Scotland with a famous speech which today is referred to as the "Sermon on the Mound", alluding to the artificial hill in Edinburgh called The Mound on which the Church's Assembly Hall stands. In the speech, Thatcher offered a theological justification for her ideas on capitalism and the market economy. She claimed "Christianity is about spiritual redemption, not social reform" and she quoted St Paul by saying "If a man will not work he shall not eat". She drove this philosophy with both vigour (Mars) and authority (Saturn).





## The Sun and Power

*If you set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing.<sup>vi</sup>*



**The Sun is the apex planet of a second T Square with the Jupiter Pluto opposition. Although not technically in aspect to the T Square, Mercury, the ruler of the MC is conjunct the Sun.**

In a chart, as in the heavens, the Sun is the source of light and power. Margaret Thatcher has the Sun in Libra in the 11<sup>th</sup> house. By essential dignity, the Sun in Libra is in Fall thereby describing someone whose source of power, light and identity may be realised in an alternative way. Alternatively, this can also describe someone who may 'fall' as a consequence of misplaced emphasis on honour and glory.

The Sun rules Leo which is intercepted in the 9<sup>th</sup> house of beliefs and world views. The Sun is the ruler and we could say that she expresses her vision and

beliefs through the 11<sup>th</sup> house of groups such as the political party or the parliament. Leo is also the 10<sup>th</sup> sign from the Ascendant suggesting that the outcome of her efforts and actions (the 10<sup>th</sup> sign) as a consequence of being in control and exercising authority as described by her Scorpio Ascendant with Saturn conjunct, is recognition, pride and acknowledgement.

Additionally, the Sun is also at the apex of a second T-square also involving the Jupiter-Pluto opposition. Here we have another testimony to Thatcher's power: the Sun in aspect to Pluto-Jupiter describes someone who thrives on power struggles and who has an absolute belief in their own abilities. Thatcher was often accused of arrogance but she was not one who suffered fools gladly. This will surprise those who assume that the Libran Sun would shy away from confrontation. The aspect to Pluto brings a love of power, and also a need to be the centre of and, the source of power. This almost invariably sets up confrontations on which the person thrives or is destroyed. I think the following quote sums up Margaret Thatcher's Sun-Jupiter-Pluto:

*To me, consensus seems to be the process of abandoning all beliefs, principles, values and policies. So it is something in which no one believes and to which no one objects.<sup>vii</sup>*

Margaret Thatcher thrived on confrontations and she would not give in or even be seen to give in to either her enemies or her colleagues. In the end, this was what actually contributed to her political demise. Her totally unbending attitude reached its



climax with the introduction of the poll tax which caused huge rifts not only in the electorate but within her own party as well. Backbench Tory MPs wavered in their allegiance as they feared for their seats. However the process by which she was brought down was instigated by those who occupied high positions within the cabinet and the party. What they feared even more than her losing them the next election was her winning it. Politics is about jobs as Thatcher became ever ruder towards colleagues, the arrogance of the Sun-Pluto-Jupiter will often push the boundaries not only because they want the thrill but to constantly increase their feeling of influence. Most of her colleagues feared that she might stick around for another few years and deprive two whole generations of the chance of occupying Number 10 Downing Street: this was simply unbearable to them. Thatcher therefore was the victim not of the righteous anger of the electorate but rather of her colleagues. Indeed, what is interesting is here is the other side of the Sun-Pluto, Mars-Pluto and Scorpio Ascendant: while power is such a seductive mistress it is also one fraught with the danger of betrayal. That is exactly what happened to Thatcher. When she was informed of the results of the first leadership ballot, she initially stated that she intended to "fight on and fight to win" the second ballot, but consultation with her Cabinet persuaded her to withdraw. Thatcher left Downing Street in tears and regarded her ousting as a betrayal.<sup>viii</sup>

### **The MC, Mercury & the Power of the Word**

*Do what you know is right & important, it is the highroad to pride, self-esteem, & personal satisfaction.<sup>ix</sup>*

With the MC in Virgo, Thatcher's goals and ambitions were fired by the drive to do the right thing as defined by the beliefs she inherited from her Father. The ruler of the Virgo MC is Mercury which sits in close conjunction to the Sun in the 11th house. Although the Mercury is slightly too far to be part of the T Square with Jupiter-Pluto, I would argue that as a consequence of its conjunction to the Sun it partakes of the energy of the Sun-Jupiter-Pluto. Thatcher was determined to impose those beliefs as a foundation for a new social and economic blueprint. This is indeed what came to pass as her policies came to be known as "Thatcherism" and as mentioned previously, at her funeral service, it was pointed out that she represented her own "-ism"

Thatcher's policies centered on practicality and a sense of duty punctuated her actions and she was resolute in all she did and said:

*My policies are based not on some economics theory, but on things I and millions like me were brought up with: an honest day's work for an honest day's pay; live within your means; put by a nest egg for a rainy day; pay your bills on time; support the police.<sup>x</sup>*

Mercury's position with the Sun and being influenced by association with the Jupiter-Pluto



gives her the both cutting wit and the clever turn of phrase for which she was known. She also loved the parry and thrust of politics and debate which enabled her not only to make her point, but also to put others in their place. The power of this Mercury cannot be underestimated as she used effectively to sell her philosophies as well as to dismantle her opponents:

*I love argument, I love debate. I don't expect anyone just to sit there and agree with me, that's not their job.<sup>xi</sup>*

## Summary

In conclusion, we can see how these testimonies indicate the power behind the chart of Margaret Thatcher. Her ability to push through her vision for a practical, responsible and successful nation translated into a total revision of the UK's economic policies and flavoured a social upheaval that even today still rankles with many.

She was a powerful woman who demanded and received the admiration and the grudging support of her male colleagues. She played the power game well and it was the arrogance that we know of the Sun-Jupiter-Pluto that in the end was the source of her political undoing.

This is by no means a thorough analysis of this chart but has set out to unpack the source and the impact of Margaret Thatcher's power and influence.

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21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

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## End Note

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## *July Workshop*

# Genetic Astrology

***Who do you think you come from?***

**Alice Portman**

Saturday July 6, 10 am – 4 pm  
TS Rooms, 310 South Tce Adelaide  
Morning and afternoon tea provided

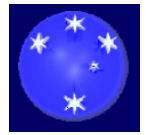
**Earlybird bookings by 6 June:**

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# ***The Times of Your Life***

Electional Astrology -Notes from the Lecture 6th April

*'To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
under heaven.'*

Cate Whelan'

Electional Astrology is about creating BIRTH CHARTS. And of course the whole premise of astrology is that you can read the story of a life or an enterprise through the birth chart.

Electional works backwards from Horary – Horary looks at a chart and forms a prognosis, or outcome, Electional looks at a preferred outcome and tries to create a chart to fit. So although SOME of the rules and interpretations are the same, it is a totally

*... in a personal election, the personal birth charts of the people involved DO MATTER.*

different process.

It is also different from Mundane which looks at a chart of an event which happened in its own time. Electional astrology creates the time.

You are playing GOD. So it is not something to do lightly. Elections are interventionist by nature. The astrologer ACTIVELY intervenes, unlike horary where the astrologer is the interpreter, a more passive role of seeking information.

Electional astrology is an ancient method using traditional techniques. Lilly said a lot about horary about almost nothing on elections. Dorotheus of Sidon is the oldest extant text on elections, and virtually all Hellenistic and medieval astrologers drew on his work. So if you want to read an original, go to his 5<sup>th</sup> Book.

Electional charts are NOT MAGIC. What we try to do is work with the cosmic energy, not against it. But no matter how good the elected chart for a business, if you use sloppy accounting techniques or whatever your business will get into trouble. No matter how fertile an IVF chart you do, if your natal transits do not favour a pregnancy, then it won't happen. So, in a personal election, the personal birth charts of the people involved DO MATTER.

**Next question: Do you take the birth chart into account?**

**Answer:** Yes, usually -as a validation or check. Lee Lehmann observed that a good electional chart will have a partile connection to natal chart. I have found that often this is true – certainly a close connection. Often you can adjust the election chart to create a partile aspect.

But you start with the elected chart.





*Always start with the Ephemeris*

**What are the parameters? A day? A month? A year?**

1. A day – all you can do is find the best time on that day.
2. A month – Check the state of the planet(s) that rule(s) the enterprise.  
Generally try for a WAXING Moon, in dignity
3. A year – much more time consuming because you have so many more options.

### Casting the chart – Solar Fire

Try to juggle the following:

1. *Zodiacal cycle* - **Ruler of the enterprise** in good order, not retrograde and strongly placed in the chart (angular if possible).
2. *Diurnal cycle* Chart Ruler (**Lord of the Chart**) in good order, not retrograde and well placed
3. *Lunar Cycle* **Moon**
  - ❖ In good order
  - ❖ No applying squares
  - ❖ No hard aspects to malefics (including the outers)
  - ❖ Waxing if possible (unless eg selling house)
  - ❖ Not void-of-course or via combusta (15 Libra – 15 Scorpio)

**‘In good order’** – this can be interpreted 2 ways: in traditional dignity, or in a sign appropriate to the enterprise.

Because Dorotheus is so influential in elections, I use the **Dorothean Triplicities**. These are much broader than the Ptolemaic triplicities used by Lilly.

Element	Planet by Day	Planet by Night	Participating Ruler
<b>Fire</b>	Sun	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>Air</b>	Saturn	Mercury	Jupiter
<b>Water</b>	Venus	Mars	Moon
<b>Earth</b>	Venus	Moon	Mars

**Table 1 - (Dorothean) Triplicities**

### Basic Rules and Techniques

1. **Applying Aspects Only** ie faster planet moving towards the slower planet. **Note: partile aspects are valid for the whole sign**
2. **No orbs** (Whole sign aspects). No out-of-sign aspects.
3. **Ptolemaic aspects** (conjunction, opposition, square, trine, sextile)
4. **Translation of Light:** where the Moon is separating from one planet and is approaching another planet, this connects the two planets.
5. **Traditional Rulerships**
6. **Regiomontanus** House system
7. Keep **Malefics** (Mars and Saturn) away from Angles. Also Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. Avoid Saturn in 12<sup>th</sup> House
8. **Benefics** (Sun, Moon, Venus, Jupiter) above the horizon if possible
9. Nice aspects to Venus and Jupiter are wonderful and should be organised if possible!
10. Avoid **Retrograde Planets** ruling the enterprise, the House of the main subject, or the Ascendant
11. Avoid **Eclipses**



## Real Estate

### *Selling a house*

1. Ascendant Ruler is the Seller, Descendant Ruler is the buyer.
  - ❖ Essential to have harmonious aspect between these.
2. Avoid Fixed Ascendant, and Capricorn – too slow moving. Other Cardinal signs good for speed, Mutables also OK - for change.

#### Asc/Dsc Pairs to consider:

Moon / Saturn

Venus / Mars

Mercury / Jupiter

**Avoid retrograde planets ruling 1<sup>st</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> – this will slow things down.**

3. Look also for connection between Ruler of 7<sup>th</sup> and Ruler of 4<sup>th</sup> (house).
4. 10<sup>th</sup> house Ruler is Price. 5<sup>th</sup> House ruler is agent.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> house ruler in your money, 8<sup>th</sup> House ruler is buyer's money.
6. Moon Sign is very important – Moon rules Real Estate
7. Time is taken from signing of contract with agent, or if selling privately, time of lodging first ad or erection of Sale sign.
8. Avoid malefics in the 4<sup>th</sup> house
9. Avoid Mercury Rx (contracts), Venus Rx (money)

### *Buying a House*

- ❖ Same as above, except Ascendant Ruler is Buyer, Descendant Ruler is Seller.
- ❖ Fixed Ascendant or Capricorn if you want to live there long-term

- ❖ Chart is timed for the moment you sign the official offer to buy.
- ❖ Avoid malefics in the 4<sup>th</sup> House

### *Moving in*

- ❖ Check reason for 'moving in' – this may be a relationship chart
- ❖ Make sure the ruler of the 4<sup>th</sup> house is strong, and there are no malefics in the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The moment must be significant – eg putting the key in the door, moving in the first personal possession.

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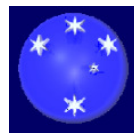
### *Building*

- ❖ Time: first earthworks
- ❖ Good aspects from Moon to Mars and Saturn
- ❖ Moon, Mars and Saturn in good order

### *Weddings*

- ❖ Time – from start of ceremony (Deb Houlding) or from taking of vows (Lee Lehmann)?
- ❖ Venus in good order, hopefully angular (not always possible, eg if Venus is in Libra, and chart has Taurus rising, then Venus will be in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> house)
- ❖ Moon in good order
- ❖ Try to get a harmonious aspect between one of the pairs representing male/female or bride/groom, ie:

Sun / Moon



Venus / Mars

Ruler of Ascendant / Ruler of Descendant

- ❖ Fixed Ascendant, or Libra, Cancer or Capricorn for stability and longevity. Aries and Mutable signs considered too fickle.
- ❖ Check natal charts – may feel trapped in a very 'fixed' chart.

- ❖ Try to tie the elected chart to the natal or composite charts with at least one partile aspect.

**Finally:** When drawing up any electional chart, unless you have only one day to consider, always start with the ephemeris, which will give you an overview of the zodiacal and lunar cycles. Then you have a starting point for Solar Fire.



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We would like ideas to throw out there for further discussion – some people are really good at coming up with their own ideas, and others are stimulated by hearing others' ideas first.

We look forward to hearing from you – positive, negative, but hopefully constructive!

May love and laughter light your days

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