



Musings from the President's corner

Well, life in Australia has been full of surprises in the last few weeks. With Pluto sitting at 10 degrees Capricorn, exactly conjunct the Australian Federation Chart 9th House Sun, and Uranus just past the square, we have been expecting a few changes. Most commentators saw a change of leadership for Australia and interpreted this as a win for the Coalition at the election. But on 26th June, as Jupiter entered Cancer and Mercury went retrograde, our political leadership went retrograde as well and Kevin Rudd returned to the position he held previously. So is this the leadership change for Australia, or will we have another one at the election? It has certainly made political astrology interesting!

Kevin's undoing the first time seems to me to be largely due to his unsuspected Sun-Mars conjunction (a 'duet') in Virgo. These duets have a life of their own. His obsession with micro-managing (Virgo), his legendary bad tempers, crazy long work hours and inability to see other perspectives are testament to this combination. However, looking at the (untimed) charts for Anthony Albanese, Penny Wong, Bob Carr and Chris Bowen, I can see that each has a significant planet aspecting and thus grounding, Rudd's duet. As these are positive aspects, hopefully things will work more smoothly this time around.

As Pluto and Uranus also form a T-square with Mars in Cancer from the Sydney Cove chart, Australia's cricket team also has a surprise new coach, Darren Lehmann. Who knows what else is going to happen!

Meanwhile, in the FAA... On 6th July we had a fabulous workshop on genetic astrology run by Alice Portman, who has been researching this for many years and we all came away with

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KRIS SVENDSON

7 September, Saturday

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PETER WHITEWOOD

5 October, Saturday

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some great new tools for examining our family charts, and finding out what we have inherited from whom. The hours just disappear when you start investigating and discovering, using Alice's techniques. The accuracy is astounding.

Our next lecture will be from Kris Svendsen, who promises a whole new take on the nodes. Don't miss it! I hope to see you there.

Lastly, I would like to say Farewell to Cynthia Morris, who is going back to her native Nova Scotia later this month. Cynthia has been an excellent worker and a great contributor on our committee, and we will miss her very much.

May love and laughter light your days

Cate



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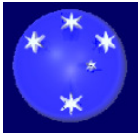
Editor's Note

The current planetary alignment of the grand trine between Neptune, Saturn and Jupiter at 5° of mutable combined with the tension of the Pluto/Uranus square dancing back and forth around 10° of cardinal makes for interesting times for anyone with planets in these degrees.

I must say this little two step of Pluto/Uranus has made my own life just a bit more interesting than I am at times comfortable with. It has also forced me to consider the accuracy of my birth time. You see, I had penciled 'sudden upheavals and transformations' in my diary for 2014. However, life, as we know, often has its own agenda and currently it is very clearly

telling me that things are changing and they're changing right now! In terms of life's most emotionally challenging major upheavals, the big ones include the death of a loved one, divorce, the loss of one's job and renovating, just to name a few. I am relieved that my current situation doesn't involve the first two. However, I'm thinking that breaking a leg, suddenly losing my job and spontaneously launching into renovations all within a very short timeframe might be a bit of a telling sign that something's going on and that these guys might just be involved in the mix.

If you are ever in doubt about the accuracy of your birth time, then a transit of one of the outers to an angle will very quickly verify or bring into question the accuracy of the birth



time and provides the perfect opportunity for a bit of chart tweeking. I've found it an interesting experience to have to consider that my Asc may not be 24° and my MC 14° after all. It's interesting just how married to these little numbers we can get. How married are you to your Ascendant degree? How do you think you'd feel if you suddenly had to consider that perhaps your Asc is actually a few degrees different to that which you've gotten use to?

Astrology is a reliable tool for identifying periods of major emotional growth spurts. Whilst an astrologer is not a fortune teller, able to foretell an individual's exact future, we are able to provide a level of insight and context, not to mention timeframes, to assist clients to prepare for what may be ahead, or perhaps to bring greater understanding to what has, or is, happening in life.

The identification of transits of the outer planets to our natal charts is often met with dread and fear. However, one thing I have learned during my time as an astrologer is that while there is no doubt these big guys herald 'challenges ahead', their main purpose to provide the opportunity for huge personal growth. Noel Tyl refers to transits from the outers as periods of 'developmental tension'. I actually like this analogy as it uses positive language, language which indicates the positive potentials these transits offer.

To quote Noel:

"How many times have you...realized that your client--so desperately wanting that new shot in the arm, the new job, the relationship improvement, etc.--no matter what is going on, will stay pretty much exactly in the status quo of the Now. For many, the transient insecurity involved with choice is all too threatening."

Sometimes it is welcome, sometimes not. Either way there is no doubt that whilst change can trigger fears and insecurities, it can also great opportunity and excitement – albeit that we might need a few strong cups of tea to help us through the experience!

Although it may sound contradictory, change is the one constant that we can truly rely on. It's one of life's quandaries ... *'without change, there can be no growth'*. Think about it, we and the environment around us are in a constant state of change – The cycle of life. With life comes not only physical growth but internal growth; emotional and spiritual growth and it is this growth that brings with it life's fulfillment.

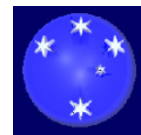
How well do you think you cope with change?

Ann Collins

Editor



ⁱ Tyl, Noel, "Through the Glasser Brightly", 31 July 2006, <http://www.noeltyl.com/insights/060731.html> - accessed 14/6/13



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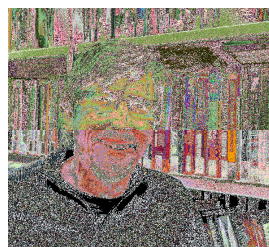
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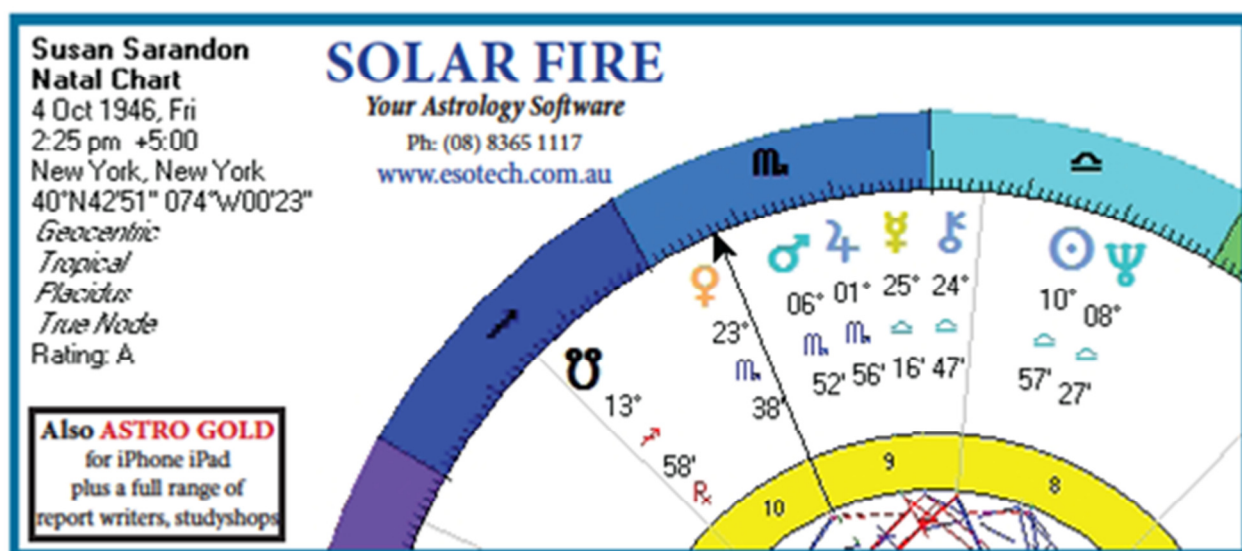
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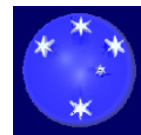
Hideous and Kinky Revisited – The Moon's Nodes and their more mundane manifestations.

Using chart examples we will look at the essentially disturbing influence of both nodes in the natal chart. Known as Rahu and Ketu in Hindu Astrology or the Dragon's head and tail in Western astrology, these points hint of the equivalent nature of Uranus and Neptune – those planets' positive and negative significations. Let's see where in your chart you may be "disturbed" by the North Node's hideous or the South Node's kinky potentials.



Kris Svendsen has been studying and somewhat practising Astrology for over forty years. Having been introduced to Cosmobiology in his teens, he then moved eclectically through modern Western then Hindu Astrology and now Ancient and Medieval western systems. His current passion is Horary in which, along with natal chart readings, he conducts teaching and workshops. He also masquerades as a Reference Librarian at the State Library of South Australia where he lectures to post grad Library students on behalf of UNISA and conducts various information literacy and outreach programs for customers.





The Royal Baby : Sun Child or Moon Child?

By
Joy Usher

I sit writing this page on a cold wet July weekend having just witnessed the moving and deeply emotional plea of a young Pakistani girl as she faultlessly gives her 18 minute address to the UN General Assembly in New York on her 16th Birthday. In the same weekend as we hear Malala Yousafzai, a child with wisdom well beyond her years, plead for the right of every child in this world to enjoy a safe and free education, across the Atlantic Ocean a British nation waits with bated breath for the birth of a child guaranteed a life of privilege and plenty. This child will never want for anything, and unlike the thousands of children Malala represents, he or she will receive an excellent and expensive education, but will still have their own problems to contend with – pressures unique to those few who experience the gift and burden of being born into royalty.

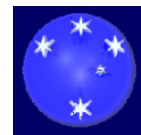
For most Royal watchers the biggest question will be regarding the baby's gender, and by the time you read this you will probably have had your fill of his or hers birth weight, the official version of his/her arrival, seen via satellite the traditional posting of the birth notice at Buckingham Palace, and have had your fill of the lengthy and enraptured discussions over whose eyes, nose or chin the child has inherited, along with his or her new Royal name.

But the bigger question for astrologers will be – in which hour was this babe born? What is his or her

rising sign? Where are the planets at the moment of this baby's arrival in this world? Thankfully Saturn has just turned direct, a blessing for a child whose Saturn will play a big role in his/her life where tradition, protocol and constant scrutiny are a part of everyday life. As I write this, the Moon is halfway through Virgo and will ingress into Libra at 7am GMT on 14th July 2013. Let's hope the babe will make its appearance before the 16th July when the Moon will ingress into Scorpio, and very soon after conjunct Saturn in Scorpio. Unfortunately Mars is moving steadily into Cancer at this time – not so good as this is the sign of its fall. If the baby arrives next week Mars will be fast approaching a conjunction to Jupiter which is in its exalted sign in Cancer. It's another week until Mercury turns direct and is slowing down as we speak. But as we all know, it's swings and roundabouts with astrology – there is no such thing as a perfect chart and while some planetary placements and aspects are enviable, there is always something we would like to change, but we all manage to survive, and sometimes thrive, with less than fabulous astrological combinations.

For those astrologers who follow a more traditional path, they will be keen to know if this child's birth took place during the daylight hours, or if they were born during the night. The division between day and night is hugely relevant to those astrologers who use both Essential ...

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Question: Will the Government change leader before 2013 Election?

By
Anne-Elizabeth

I asked this question on 10th June at 2:46pm and as there were not any planets near the end of signs, including the Moon, I didn't go much further. As this matter keeps mounting, I thought I had better have a closer look. The one thing that has kept nagging at me is the change of Jupiter from Gemini to Cancer on 26th June. On the same day Mercury retrogrades in Cancer. This whole matter

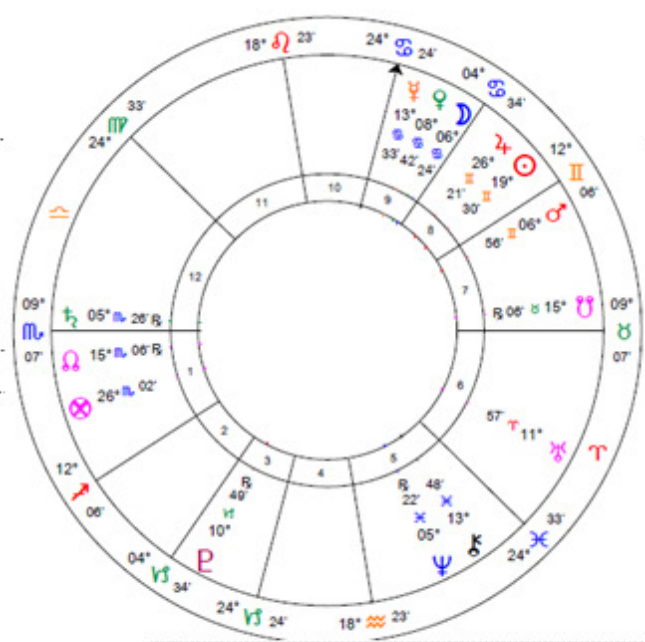
so there is a lot going on behind the scenes in relation to the Government. However its ruling planet, the Moon, is positioned in its own sign giving it stability. This seems obscure to say the least – no doubt the 12th house effect.

The leader of the Government is the 10th House from the 10th House – this becomes the 7th with Taurus on the cusp. Venus rules Taurus – Venus is positioned in Cancer - this represents Julia Gillard.

Her opponent is the opposite house to her, which is the 1st House with Scorpio on the cusp. Mars rules Scorpio – Mars is positioned in Gemini – this is the planet representing Kevin Rudd. Mars cannot see the house it rules and this means he is in a position of not being able to see what is coming nor able to have complete control of his situation.

The other thing is that Mars (Kevin Rudd), falls into his opponent's house – this means Julia Gillard has some control over what he can do. It is only because Mars (Kevin Rudd) is in a different sign to the sign on the cusp of the house that Julia Gillard does not have total control. Even so, he's thwarted.

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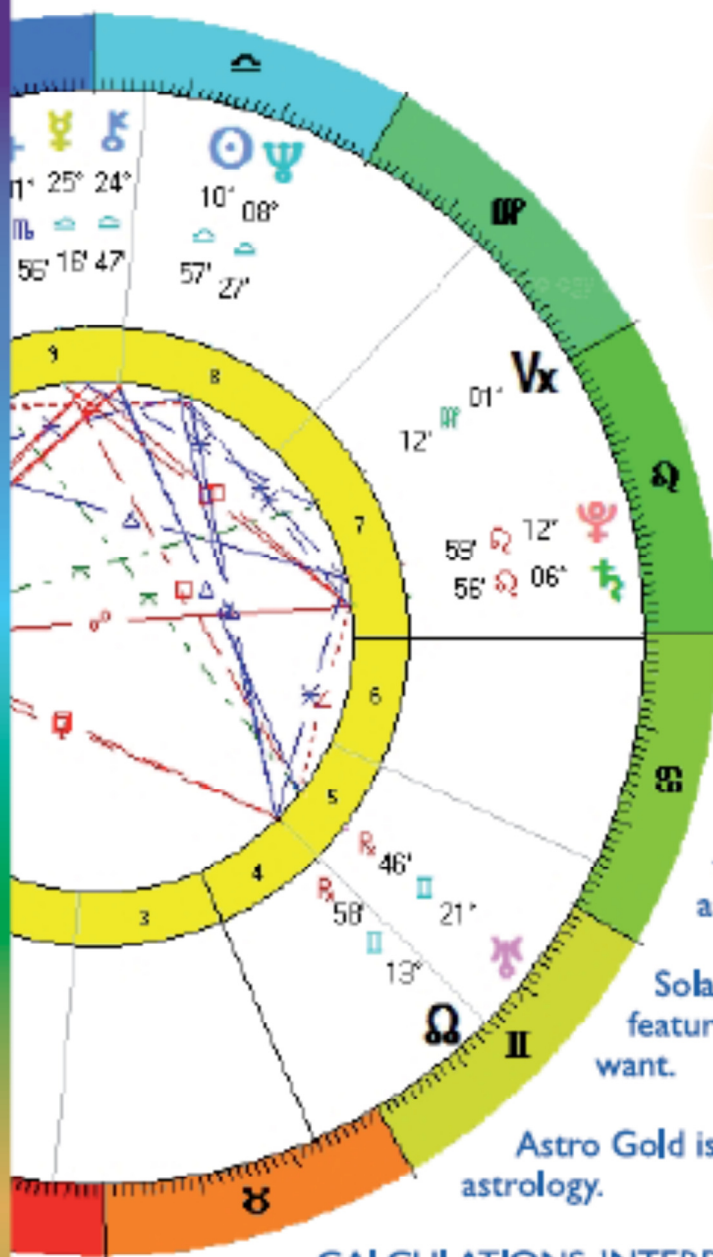


Change of Leader?

is likely to come to a head around this time! In this question chart the Government is represented by the 10th House, which has Cancer on the cusp. The Moon rules Cancer - therefore the Government is represented by the Moon. The Moon is positioned in Cancer, its own sign, in the 9th House, which is the Government's 12th House,



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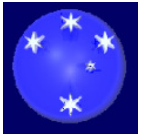


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Dignities and Accidental Dignities to determine the nature of the planets and their role in the person's life.

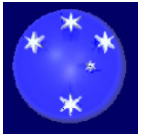
Simply put, Essential Dignities are the sign the planet finds itself in at the time of birth. The term 'Essential' is not so much a statement of 'this must happen' but more a reflection of a planet acting according to its own essence ('esse') or nature. So Jupiter in Cancer, in its sign of exaltation (an Essential Dignity), strives to bring forward its best expression of largesse, benefit and good fortune – the 'essential' characteristics of a good Jupiter. On the other hand, Mars in Cancer, and when the Moon reaches Scorpio in a few days time, are both planets in the opposite sign to their Essential Dignity signs of respectively, Capricorn and Taurus. This means that it is difficult for these two planets to achieve their natural aims – for Mars to be able to assert itself and act with clarity, precision and effectiveness. For the Moon, the ability to feel automatically safe in its physical environment (regardless of being Royally pampered) is blocked or inhibited so the individual feels they have to fight a little harder to achieve these aims. Critics of traditional astrology can sometimes mistake the judgment of a planet as being the same as a judgment of the person, but this is not so, a planet with dignity according to its sign does not automatically give a blessed life, not does a planet in debility condemn a person to a life of misery.

Which brings us to the other type of Dignity: Accidental Dignity is just that – an accident of birth. Which sign is rising, the placement of the other signs on house cusps, where the planets are situated in the chart, their relationship to each other via aspects, their speed and direction of

movement. All of these factors are taken into account as the Divine physically manifests in your chart because of your 'accident' of birth.

Which brings us back to our original question: Will the royal baby be blessed with a diurnal chart by being born in daylight hours, or will he or she favour a nocturnal chart if the birth occurs at night? In ancient times diurnal charts were read quite differently from nocturnal charts. The Accidental Dignity known as Sect divided the planets into two distinct groups; those planets that favoured the day and those planets which functioned better at night. Translator and author Robert Hand tells us that the Greek word for 'sect' has the same basis as for the word 'heretic' because a heretic is 'one who chooses' and this is the same for the planets – two of the planets have chosen to follow the Sun and two of the planets have chosen to follow the Moon (Mercury is optional according to its placement).

I'm sure my astrological ancestors would collectively turn in their graves at the following comparison, but here goes. To give you an idea of how negligent it would be for the early astrologers to not specify the difference between the diurnals and nocturnals because they were all planets, is comparative to saying that there is no difference between dogs and cats, because they are both domesticated animals. But we know that's simply ridiculous. Firstly, they belong to two different species – you would never mistake one for the other. That's about how evident it was to the ancients. In this scenario, dogs would have to fall on the side of the diurnal planets. Dogs are diurnal in nature, they simply function better during the day because they can see what's going on. Likewise, most dogs are straightforward in their intentions and behavior. A dog's mannerisms are obvious: you can clearly read whether they like you or not, and you can usually



see what their next move is going to be. If they are going to become aggressive, you usually get plenty of warning to back away. There is a dependability of nature, and a visibility to dogs which is pretty much lacking in a cat. A dog's needs are transparent and pretty uncomplicated; they want to receive acknowledgement and praise – this is what makes them so eminently trainable. They are a pack animal but they look for a leader or want to take the leadership role themselves. A good working dog is totally committed to the task at hand and its movements are deliberate, precise and economical. If something goes wrong, their demeanor becomes guilt-ridden and anxious, and even without human recrimination, a dog will go to great lengths to correct the problem before they feel fully at ease again. Like the diurnal planets: Jupiter and Saturn, who follow the Sun, a dog is diurnal.

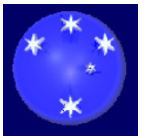
Now we come to cats and the nocturnal planets. Naturally, the Moon is the prime luminary of a night-time chart, and the nocturnal sect planets, those 'who chose to follow' the Moon are Venus and Mars. Apart from their obvious preference for hunting under the cloak of darkness, a cat's natural feline grace and beauty is the epitome of Venusian attributes. And whilst a cat may be less of a social animal than a dog, suggesting anti-Venus behavior, a cat once it has given you the tick of approval, becomes warm, loving and attentive. Surely there is nothing more rewarding and delightful than the sound of a cat purring its approval of you? A dog will gladly face the elements if exercise is in the offering, but a cat will let you know how it feels about you in waves of pure hate if you turn it out of doors on a cold wet day.

A cat's natural physical ease with its body has led to feline myths of cats having nine lives, and of them having the ability to always land on their

feet if they fall. The cat's efficiency of movement goes beyond mere agility and balance in keeping upright, as research has shown that cats are naturally capable in other ways. For instance, a dog will use its tongue to scoop water into its mouth. This system is inefficient and messy and relies on enough water making it down the dog's throat to hydrate it. On the other hand, cats use a balance of gravity and inertia to get every last drop they lap into their mouths. A cat will use the tip of its tongue to pull water upward, and then knows exactly when to close its jaws before gravity can return the water to the bowl. Cats seem to instinctually know how to survive and adapt to their surroundings, and given no outside food source, can easily provide for themselves as they are natural born killers. This is their nocturnal instincts and could be said to be a combination of the three nocturnal planets of Moon, Mars and Venus.

One last interesting fact, and this came from a science website so it can't be a lie! A dog's memory is only about five minutes long. A cat can remember up to 16 hours – that's a perfect example of nocturnal feelings that are internalized until they can be expressed in full. The pure emotive nature of the three nocturnal planets whereby instinct, emotions and passionate energy are their motivational drives makes one think of a cat who has remembered when you got home, that it was you who threw it out hours ago on that cold July morning! And you are going to pay for it!

To return to the subject of our Royal baby. How much influence on their immediate life will Sect have if the child is born during the day or night? Apart from having a choice between the Sun or the Moon being the leading luminary, the planets which follow that luminary – Jupiter and Saturn



for the Sun, and Venus and Mars for the Moon - will play an important role in their unfolding life.

There is another way to reinforce the impact of the Sect lord, and this comes from a predictive technique used by the Persians in the 1st Century BCE. The Persian/Arabic term *firdariyyat* became Latinised to Firdaria and has been neglected for many centuries until modern translators such as Robert Hand, Robert Zoller, and more recently, Benjamin Dykes, began to speak of it again and to reintroduce it into our predictive psyches. The basis of Firdaria is that the original seven planets each takes a turn in overseeing or governing a person's life, keeping them on track and propelling them forward toward their own unique destiny. In the case of a daytime birth, the Sun will rule for the first 10 years of life. For a nocturnal birth, the Moon, instead of the Sun, will govern the child's first 9 years.

To use an example, let's say the royal birth takes place during the daytime. This is what the Sun child's Firdaria would look like. The *Firdariyyat* of The Sun runs from Birth to 10th Birthday and the ages given below show the changeover of the planets for the lesser periods.

Greater-Period ¹ = 10 th years ¹	☉	♀	☿	☾	♄	♃	♂
Lesser-Period ² = 1yr 5mon 4dys ¹		Venus	Mercury	Moon	Saturn	Jupiter	Mars
Age at beginning of sub-period ³	From BIRTH to	From 1.4 th years to	From 2.9 th years to	From 4.3 th years to	From 5.7 th years to	From 7.1 th years to	From 8.6 th years to 10 th birthday

In a daytime birth, the Sun is responsible for the first 10 years of birth, but it hands over to the other planets for a lesser period of 17 months. The order of handing over follows the Chaldean order of the planets – Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars. Whilst Saturn usually leads, the lord of the greater period begins at its own place and continues in the correct order. The lesser period lords seem to be significant as events

in life, even at this early age, can be directed by their general characteristics and behavior, as well as their own position in the chart. At the 10th birthday Venus takes over from the Sun and governs for 8 years, followed by Mercury whose greater period is 13 years, then the Moon for 9 years, Saturn (11 years), Jupiter (12 years), then Mars for 7 years to complete the run of the planets.

If we consider the second possibility - that the Royal child will be born during the night - then the Moon will begin the sequence of planetary periods, and will have governance over the child's first 9 years. The order of the lesser periods starts with the Moon and follows in the Chaldean order of Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus and Mercury. Once the greater period has run for 9 years the next planet, Saturn will take over for the greater period of 11 years, followed by Jupiter for 12 years, Mars for 7 years, Sun for 10 years, Venus (8 years) and Mercury (13 years).

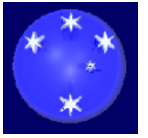
The Moon child's Firdaria would begin with the Moon and continue in the table shown below. The *Firdariyyat* of The Moon begins at Birth and continues up to the 9th Birthday.

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If you don't think this distinction between the Sun's governance or the Moon's is important, just let me remind you of the Jesuit maxim attributed to St Francis Xavier, 1st missionary to India:

"Give me the child until the age of seven and I will show you the man."

And if you prefer science over religion, the following excerpt is from an article entitled "*How important are the first three years of a baby's life?*" by Anita Gurian, PhD in an interview with David



Steinberg MD, Director, Infancy and Early Childhood Program, NYU Child Study Center, and Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, NYU School of Medicine.

Question: “We see babies growing at a rapid pace physically; are their brains growing at the same rate? What’s going on inside the head that we don’t see?

Dr. Steinberg: By the time a baby is born she will have 100 billion brain cells, but these cells aren’t yet connected in circuits the way they will be as the brain matures. In the first three years of life the brain rapidly forms connections between brain cells, and ultimately a single cell can connect with as many as 15,000 other cells.

Question: How do we measure brainpower or capacity in babies? How do we know how many connections the baby’s brain is making?

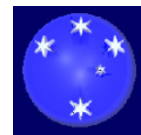
Dr. Steinberg: Nerve cells in action burn up fuel, just like muscles. If we measure the amount of glucose, which is the brain’s fuel, we can measure brain activity. By three months babies’ brains are burning up an increasing amount of glucose. Between age 4 and 9 a child’s brain actually becomes twice as active as an adult brain. This activity remains at twice the level of an adult until the child reaches the age of nine or ten.”

So can you imagine how differently we might be wired depending if this early learning process is overseen by the Moon as opposed to the Sun? Knowing how much we are influenced by the fleeting transit of a planet, can you imagine the impact of one planet directing our emotional and intellectual growth over this critical first decade of our lives?

This idea of all births not being equal opens up a whole new can of worms. In terms of planetary symbolism the Sun is said to signify the father, whilst the Moon represents the mother. Therefore could we be justified in making a broad claim that for the diurnal birth, the father is the dominant parent in influencing the child’s early life, whilst

for nocturnal child the mother determines the destiny of the child in a nocturnal birth? Surely this is way too simplistic. Of course, both the Sun child and the Moon child need the influence of both parents. However, it would not be too outlandish to say that the diurnal child is supersensitive to the father and the events which surround the father’s life at this time, and that the same could be said of the nocturnal child and the mother. It’s not just the general significations of the luminaries which are relevant to the first Firdaria period, but also the state of the planet in question, its sign, placement and aspects add to the whole picture. If we know that the Sun tells the story of the father and the Moon of the mother, then a child who is astrologically ‘tuned-in’ to one or the other parents is going to carry that with them for their entire life. And as each new sub-period begins within the greater period of 9 or 10 years, the changes to the fortunes of one parent or another are played out in front of the child.

A better way to describe the difference between the two time periods might be to think of the Sun as bringing light, consciousness and intelligence, whilst the Moon’s blessing derives from physical comfort and emotional stability. This is the springboard for the two opposing Sects: diurnal Sun children pick up the subliminal message that achievement in life is desirable (Sun) and that given you have a reasonable intellect, purpose and planning (Saturn) with a bit of good luck thrown in (Jupiter) will gain you respect and authority in life. The nocturnal Moon child understands on a cellular level that it thrives on instinct, prescience and emotions (Moon). Desire and passion (Venus) plus a clearly defined plan of survival that borders on cunning (Mars) completes the nocturnal package. In astrological terms the air and fire signs are diurnal, and the water and earth signs are nocturnal. A Sun child will run headlong into danger because it can’t stand to be inactive, but a Moon child will wait until the dust has died down and then plan a lethal counter-attack. Dogs and cats – it’s that simple!



Whether the new baby is a Sun child or a Moon child, like everyone else, I wish the baby all the very best in life. Just for the record – his/her great grandfather and great grandmother, Phillip and Elizabeth, are both nocturnal births as is his grandfather Charles. His/her paternal grandmother Diana, Uncle Harry, and his father William are all diurnal births. His/her mother Catherine, is a bit of a mystery but AstroDatabank

quotes from Christopher Andersen's 2011 book, "William and Kate: a Royal Love Story" that Catherine was born "in the afternoon", and if this is correct, his/her mother is a diurnal chart as well. We could say that his/her immediate influence will be from diurnal Sun-born parents, but his/her heritage lies sleeping deep within nocturnal glades!



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I am currently writing a book on the Firdaria and other predictive models and I would like to thank those of you who have already become involved in my research. Their help has been invaluable. I would love, love, love more generous, supportive and patient human guinea pigs to come forward for my research. If you are interested in knowing more about how your own Sect-sensitive Firdaria has played a role in your destiny please email me at joydusher@yahoo.com.au and I will be happy to share my ideas with you. All information will be confidential.

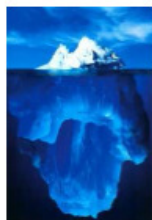


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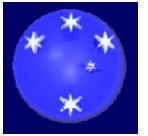
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Question: Will the Government change leader before 2013 Election? (continued from page 6)

The Moon (the Government) will form a conjunction with Venus (Gillard) in 2 and a-bit units of time. 2 and a-bit-weeks from 10th June brings us to next week! So it looks like Julia Gillard will remain the leader. "Hi, I'm Kevin", won't be there to help us after all!!!!

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The Moon (the Government) makes no aspect to Mars – Kevin Rudd – it is as if it has moved on from him. The Moon did form a conjunction with Mars (him) in the past, confirming his past leadership. The only planet that Mars will aspect is Uranus, the planet of the unpredictable, unexpected, sudden and rebellious. He will no doubt continue to do "his own thing" and stir the pot (Uranus) – no doubt until the Election.

What interests me is Mercury in the 9th House – the Moon (the Government) will go to Venus (Gillard) but will eventually pass over her and go to Mercury (someone else). Mercury will retrograde, so this could mean it is someone who has been the leader in the past (not Rudd) or

somebody who goes back on or reverses their present position.

I think **Wednesday 26th June** would be the most likely day the present situation would be brought to a conclusion, mainly because Jupiter changes from Gemini to Cancer at 11.09 am (SA time). Mercury will retrograde at 23 degrees of Cancer at 10.37 pm (SA time).

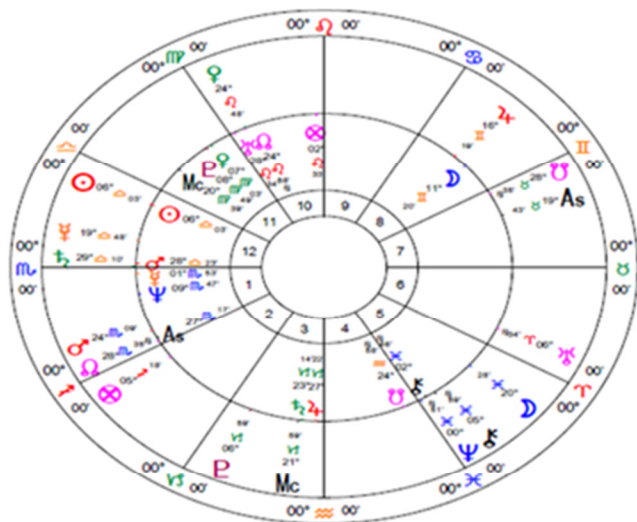
With the Full Moon in Capricorn occurring on Sunday night, the 23rd, things will certainly be coming to a head, just to add more fuel to the fire.

It is worth considering the solar returns for both Kevin and Julia (natal chart inner wheel, solar return outer wheel). There is no time for Kevin Rudd (27 July 1957, Nambour, Australia) but after much thought I have come to the conclusion his Ascendant is Libra (7:06am). I considered Cancer for a while but I think he is actually quite cold and detached. With Jupiter in the sign of his Ascendant he could be religious, philosophical, come into contact with foreign cultures, travel. He rode horses when he was young as well. Seems to fit. He wears pale blue a lot, which is often the case with a Libran Ascendant. He seems conscious of being well presented and laying on the charm. I wouldn't call him handsome – he creates a good look with what he's got. His obsession with his hair is the Leo Moon but for it to look good would marry in with the Libran Ascendant. This combination allows him to play roles.

The ruler of our Ascendant says a lot about us – Venus is the ruler of Libra and his Venus is positioned in Scorpio conjunction to Neptune. This explains so much about him. His vengeance, his leaking – it also means he has never forgotten who worked against him. It also explains his short,



chubby fingers – there is generally a strong presence of water with chubbiness. In Palmistry his type of fingers are a sign of wanting control – a Scorpio trait.



Kevin Rudd

He and Julia Gillard worked as a team (very Libran) to bring down Beazley. When they succeeded, Kevin Rudd was installed as the Leader. It was Gillard who got the numbers for Rudd – he would have never succeeded in his own right.

There are many reasons I have given him a 26 degree Libran Ascendant but as well, her Mars at 28 Libra falls close to this, creating an almost unbreakable bond, which I believe exists between them. She took the action (Mars) for him but she also then stabbed him in the back (Mars). I always believed she was more entitled to the leadership than he was because she did all the work.

I read an interesting article in The Australian this week written by Paul Kelly on this partnership between the two of them. They work well together but separately they don't have the same success. He is popular with the public - she is not. She is liked within the party - he is not. I think this is the Libra they share. They also share

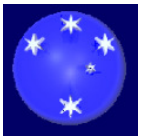
Scorpio – eventually resulting in their beloved partnership transforming to absolute hatred.

Rudd is in the 8th Year of his 12 Year cycle, making Taurus on his 8th House, Zodiac sign of the Year. This is ruled by Venus, meaning Venus is Lord of his year. His Natal Venus is in Scorpio in the 2nd house of his income – Solar Return Venus was in Leo in his 11th House (groups of people – the party), conjunct his Natal Moon and Uranus (unusual happenings and sudden changes involving a group of people!) Both Lords can see the house they rule for the year, giving him a good element of control. His Solar Return (will use SR as abbreviation) Ascendant is in Aquarius in his 5th

House. This is ruled by Saturn – his secondary ruler of the year. SR Saturn was 28 Libra – suggesting a change for him during the year – the end of the conditions in existence when he started the year. This falls close to his natal Ascendant.

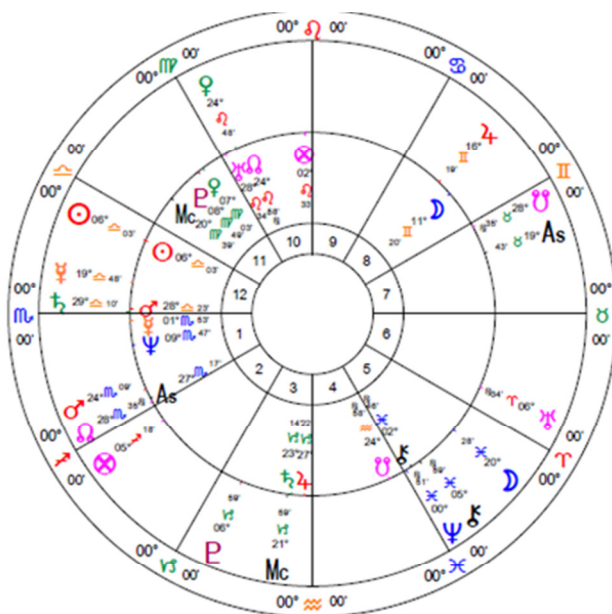
From the 3rd June to 28th June, his SR Ascendant moves through his 2nd House. This is opposite to his sign of the year, so significant. On the 26th June, his SR Ascendant will be 27 Scorpio 28 – forming a sextile to his Sun, Mars conjunction at 27 Virgo – an opportunity could present itself in regard to competition (Mars), to take action (Mars), to be in for the fight (Mars) for leadership (The Sun). A day either side would also set this off. This is depending of course as to whether his birth Ascendant is actually 26 Libra.

When Jupiter changes to Cancer that day, it enters his 10th house of career. This can also mean increasing (Jupiter) pressure (10th) on making a commitment (10th). The Moon will be in Aquarius – the sign of his Solar Return Ascendant and opposite to SR Venus, his Lord of the Year.



Transiting Venus (important as I'm taking this as his Lord of the Year) that day will be 28 Cancer, so coming to the end of the sign. This will sextile his Sun, Mars in Virgo in his 12th (endings) and square SR Saturn, his secondary ruler of the year. Mercury will retrograde in Cancer at 23 degrees. It trines his SR Moon at almost 23 Scorpio.

Now to Julia Gillard (29 September 1961, Barry Wales, noon chart). She is in the 4th Year of her 12 Year Cycle – making Aquarius on her 4th House her Sign of the Year and Saturn, the ruler of Aquarius, her Lord of the Year. Natal Saturn is 23 Capricorn – cannot see the house it rules, putting her at a disadvantage somehow. It also seems she cannot or does not want to see how unpopular she has become. SR Saturn is 29 Libra – at the end of the sign and certainly meaning that something will come to an end for her during the year. Saturn is conjunct her natal Mars in detriment in her 12th house – no doubt representing this fight she is now experiencing to bring her down (detriment).



Julia Gillard

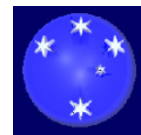
SR Saturn can see the house it rules, giving some strength. SR Saturn is in exaltation – this has

allowed her to win the battles with Rudd so far this year. Her SR Ascendant was in Taurus, in her 7th House of other people and the public, making Venus, her secondary ruler of the year. Natal Venus is in fall in Virgo conjunct Pluto. When her SR Ascendant passed over this, it was the day she announced the Election, signifying she would fall. SR Venus, is positioned at 24 Leo in her 10th, conjunction natal Uranus, North Node – no doubt this has contributed to the unpredictable (Uranus) situation in which she finds herself in having to deal with her career and/or leadership position. The connection though to the North Node grows the situation. This may have a lot to do with so far being able to get the support to maintain her position as leader.

When transiting Jupiter is 29 Gemini it will trine her SR Saturn (Lord of the Year) at 29 Libra and natal Mars when it is 28 degrees. Jupiter is at the end of the 8th House (a house of endings) and Saturn in the 12th (house of endings). It seems from the question chart that this will represent the end of the leadership matter rather than the end of her as the leader, at the moment.

Mercury retrogrades at 23 Cancer, opposite to her Natal Saturn at 23 Capricorn – a most important contact. This is the Lord of the Year – the one that cannot see. Transiting Venus (her secondary ruler for the year) at 28 Cancer, squares her SR Saturn (the Lord) and natal Mars.

These two influences to both Lords certainly signify a most significant time. From the 30th May until 7th July she has her SR Ascendant moving through her 2nd house of personal income. On the 26th June her SR Ascendant will be 21 Sag 40. This will form a T Square with her Natal MC in the 11th in Virgo and her SR Moon in the 5th in Pisces. This 5th House involvement may bring her some luck but could also mean she will have to take a



gamble of some description. The Moon will be in Aquarius on the 26th June, her Sign of the Year.

It will be interesting to see how this plays out.



Follow-up 1st July 2013

Just to refresh, in this question Horoscope, the Moon is representing the Government, Venus – Julia Gillard.

The Moon did apply to her in the 2 and a bit weeks. Normally this would be the answer to the question once any such application is made between 2 planets.

As I stated originally – Mercury interested me. This was mainly because it was so closely involved and was already positioned in the sign

of Cancer in which it would retrograde. I do find that Mercury behaves in a retrograde motion as soon as it is in the sign in which it will retrograde.

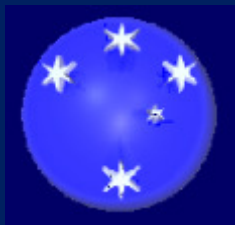
This has obviously represented Bill Shorten. Being next to Venus (Gillard) – he was supporting her – in fact he was very instrumental in putting her into the position of PM and getting rid of Rudd.

He withdrew or reversed his support for her – this is the reason she lost the ballot!!

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