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Musings from the President's corner

Mercury Retrograde is an interesting time. It encourages introspection, always a worthy pursuit, and one which we need to indulge in to balance our busy lives. We have so much data coming at us from all directions that a little space for reflection must be a good thing.

It's the accompanying muddle of my brain that I find challenging. And not only my brain – the things that contribute to the orderly functioning of my brain. In this case it's my computer teaching me a lesson. I have emails in my inbox going back years. I find it an easy way to reference things. Some things – like travel bookings – I move to special folders. But the great mass of interesting things, important

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information, photos, organisational stuff and chit chat from friends stays in my inbox and can be located in an instant. The lazy part of me justified this by convincing me it was efficient.

And it was - until last week – when 2 years worth of emails suddenly evaporated out of my inbox.

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Musings from the President's corner (cont/..)

They are not in the Deleted folder – they just disappeared in front of my eyes. At another point in my life I would have panicked, perhaps had a short bout of hysteria.

Instead, this time I was somewhat philosophical, and I drew up the chart (isn't that what committed astrologers do in a crisis?).

Retrograde Mercury was exactly conjunct my IC at the time of the Great Email Heist, Neptune was partile opposition my Moon, Mars was conjunct my South Node and the transiting Moon was exactly opposite my Mars.

Each separately a storm in a teacup, but when they synchronised together – a perfect storm!

Things that I know I have lost I can email people and ask for. They are the 'known unknowns'. It's the 'unknown unknowns' that will be the problem. Things I don't realise I have lost until I need them. Still, this is a big lesson in letting go! With my natal Saturn conjunct my MC I like to think

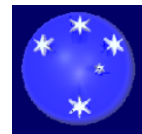
I'm in control of everything. Every so often, the cosmos sends me a reminder that I'm not. And with my Neptune-Moon transits, perhaps I'm happy to accept that this time. Perhaps I'll wander off into Moonland and let everything go...

Hopefully, I'll be on-ball enough to remember to wander in for the next FAA meeting on 15th March. I hope so – I'm doing the supporting talk! Mercury will be direct by then, so that augurs well. Our theme will be Relationships, and our main speaker, Anne Hamilton, is putting together a really interesting talk on a subject we are all interested in. I hope to see you there!

March 15th is also our state election day, so make sure you vote early! At the last meeting Jill Amery and Alice Portman had some very interesting things to say about Australia's future. We will see the outcome of some of their predictions very soon!

May love and laughter light your days

Cate



Editor's Note

Mercury Rx ... Isn't it interesting the different experiences we all have depending on natal placement! As a multi-level Mercury ruled chart, I find Mercury Rx usually signals a time when I suddenly become very productive. I go back and finish things. I find paperwork that I had previously lost, and this month even managed to finally plucked out an article of my own – see page 12. Mercury Rx does still however, provide many an opportunity to chuckle over the seemingly sudden increase in technical hitches.

With yet another election upon us, I am sure that many a candidate is hoping that any glitches that occur will do so in the camp of their opposition. So who will it be? Who will be our new premier? Turn to page 5 to see which candidate our resident writer, Mari Garcia, tips.

Till next month

Ann Collins

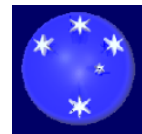
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Hobart Conference Facebook Page:

All SA members are invited to join the facebook page for the recent International Conference in Hobart - just click on the link.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/243570645803838/>

Access is for FAA members only - have a look at the fantastic venue and all the happy faces!



Speakers for 2014

Monthly meetings of the Federation of Australian Astrologers SA Inc are usually held on the first Saturday of the month at the Theosophical Society, 310 South Terrace, Adelaide.

Attendance costs for non-members is \$12. Afternoon tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

Please [contact us](#) if you would like more information about the Federation of Australian Astrologers SA and our activities.

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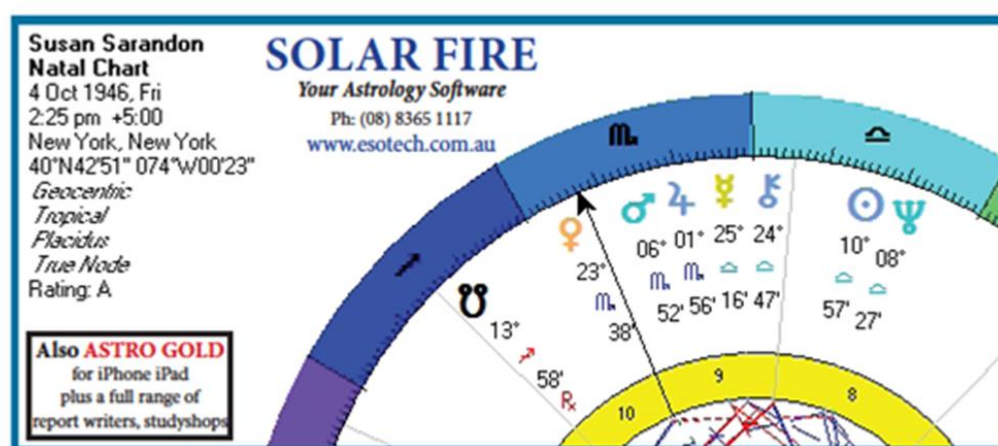
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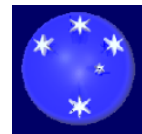
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Allied Arts: A look at other esoteric disciplines

Sat 5 July, 10—4.30

Ed Tamplin, WORKSHOP

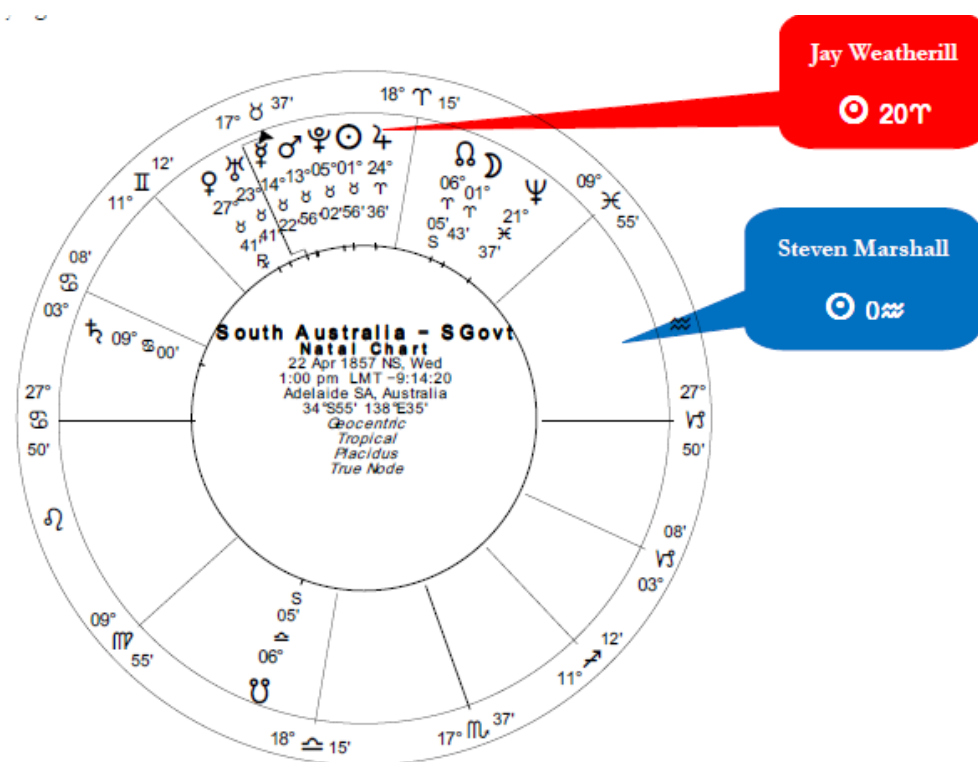




2014: South Australian State Election

Mari Garcia

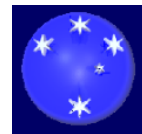
On the 15th March 2014, South Australia goes to the polls at a time when the incumbent Labor Party is looking to win a record fourth consecutive term while the opposition Liberal Party aims to win government for the first time in twelve years. This is an interesting starting point given that twelve years is a Jupiter cycle and twelve years ago the Labor Party was returned to government after suffering an electoral rout in 1993. Twelve years ago, Jupiter was at 6♈ and on the 15th March it will be at 10♏, again conjuncting the Saturn of the State's Self-Government chart (22nd April 1857)¹. There seems, from the limited research to date, that transiting



Jupiter making tight conjunctions or oppositions to key areas of this chart signals important turning points in South Australian political history. The importance of Jupiter is that it is the exalted lord of the Cancer Ascendant at 27♏ and its position at 24♏, makes a very tight trine to the Ascendant.

The Self-Government chart is in a progressed Crescent phase suggesting an emergence and also vulnerability. The Crescent phase is the urge to manifest and to emerge and this flavour has dominated the debate of this period with calls for 'new faces' and new endeavours aimed at the incumbent Labor government which has been in office now for twelve years, an entire Jupiter cycle!

¹ First sitting of the South Australian Parliament. Time of 1:00 pm mentioned in an article in the "The Register" (23/4/1857) as quoted in *The Flinders History of South Australia*, p. 108. Sourced at: <http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/ABOUTPARLIAMENT/HISTORY/THEFIRSTPARLIAMENT/Pages/TheFirstDaysofParliament.aspx> [Accessed 30/1/14]



The State chart moves to a First quarter phase in July 2014 setting a backdrop of growth and challenges which come as a consequence of risk and action and signals a time of testing the momentum. This will be very interesting as the election takes place at the transition of the Crescent to the First Quarter phase heralding perhaps a change: whether it is a change of government needs to be explored further, however there is certainly bound to be a change of personnel.

Let us look at the leaders. Without any birth data, we can only use very broad brush strokes to see where they 'sit' in the South Australian collective awareness.

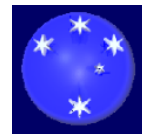
Jay Weatherill was born on 10th April 1964² in Adelaide and this gives him a Sun at 20°♈, sitting in the Self Government's 9th house conjunct Jupiter and in a tight square to the Self Government chart's Ascendant. He comes from a political family, his father also having served as Member of Parliament. Weatherill sits comfortably within the State's political ambience.

Steven Marshall was born 21st January 1968³ also in Adelaide and this gives him a Sun at 0°♊06, sitting in the Self Government's 7th house in a tight sextiles to the Moon, the lord of the Self Government's Ascendant and a tight square to the Sun. His Sun however does not aspect the Self Government's angles directly but it does aspect the Moon, lord of the Ascendant. He has a business background and has only recently entered Parliament at the last state election in 2010.

As the polls open on the 15th March we have a chart with 2°♈ rising which sits on the Self-Government Moon-Node conjunction suggesting that this election will mirror the State's direction and challenges (♈NN) as well as popular sentiment (Moon). The Moon rules the 4th house of the Self-Government chart describing the basis of popular sentiment is enshrined in the land and the agricultural sector. South Australia has always been primarily an agrarian and pastoral economy with a small manufacturing base. This has been hit hard by the high cost of the Australian dollar in the last 3 years and the most vulnerable have always been the primary producers and exporters. South Australian produce has become much more expensive and export markets have been affected. Additionally, the intemperate weather patterns of the last ten years has seen the State still counting the cost of the drought which only officially ended two years ago.

² Birth date sourced at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jay_Weatherill [accessed 17/2/2014]

³ Birth data sourced at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steven_Marshall [accessed 17/2/2014]

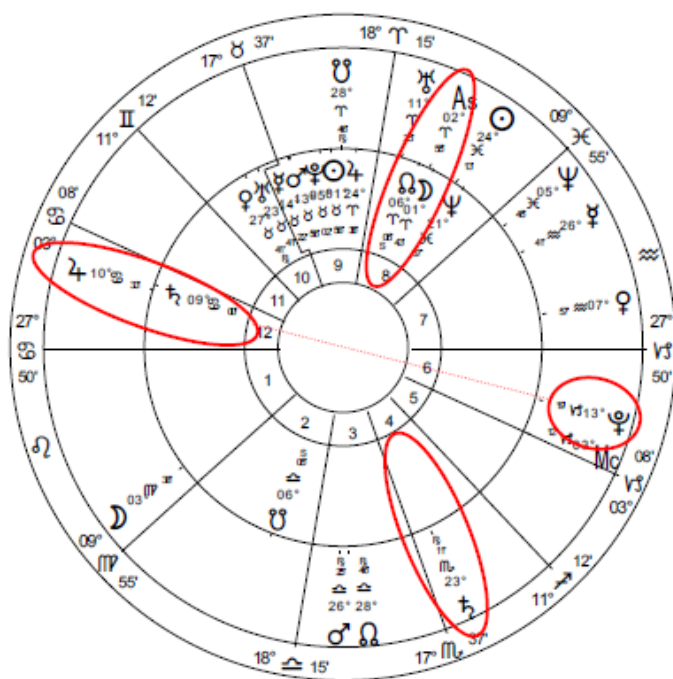


In the Self-Government chart, the Moon is the ruler of the Cancer Ascendant and is conjunct the North Node in the 8th house highlighting the crisis driven and sometimes

precarious nature of the population's existence in the driest state of the driest continent. The State Election this year will focus on these and both the Government and Opposition will target their electoral promises on a better future, increased bounty and an optimistic outlook. Some may say this is political speak in election time but it is also interesting how this is reflected in the charts.

Inner Wheel
South Australia - SGovtSA State election Polls Open
Natal Chart
22 Apr 1857 N.S. Wed
1:00 pm LMT -9:14:20
Adelaide SA, Australia
34°55' 138°E35'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node

Outer Wheel
15 Mar 2014, Sat
Natal Chart
8:00 am ACDT -10:30
Adelaide, Australia
34°55' 138°E35'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



Jupiter is the planet of optimism and as mentioned previously, this election is the Jupiter return of Labor's term in office and so we have Jupiter's current position within a few degrees of the position of Jupiter in the election in which Labor came to government (2002, Jupiter Rx 6°19'; 2014 Jupiter 10°33'). Additionally, Jupiter is the exalted lord of the Self-

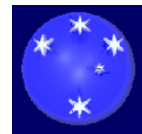
Government Ascendant (Jupiter is exalted in Cancer) and currently it is conjunct the Self-Government's Saturn which squares the Moon-Nodal Axis. The election chart has Jupiter in the 4th in opposition to Pluto in the 10th. Jupiter is a dominant factor in these elections and we its optimism reflected in the rhetoric that has emerged, selling hope and bounty.

The election campaign was officially launched with both leaders outlining their priorities: Labor's Jay Weatherill promised further investment in existing South Australian industries such as food and wine, defence and resources.

He is quoted as saying:

*"The economy of South Australia, like all of those great industrial states that rely on manufacturing, is going through enormous transformation," he said. The way you respond is to invest, to keep building, to build the infrastructure, to build the investments in these industries to allow them to transform and grow."*⁴

⁴ Weatherill, J as quoted in "South Australia election: Campaign launches with Jay Weatherill focusing on jobs, Steven Marshall promises review of expenditure" at ABC, sourced at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-02-15/south-australian-election-campaign-officially-begins/5262232> [accessed 17/2/2014]



The Opposition Leader, Steven Marshall on the other hand is focusing on creating jobs and alleviating cost-of-living pressures. He says the Liberal Party would ask the Productivity Commission to look at the state's expenditure and identify opportunities for cost savings in the budget.

"We will set the scope for the Productivity Commission. We will be setting an upper limit in terms of public sector cuts and we will announce that in the next 28 days," he said.

Here we see the two sides of the election issue with both leaders stirring up optimism, one for expansion and one for limitation – a wonderful reflection of Jupiter and Saturn.

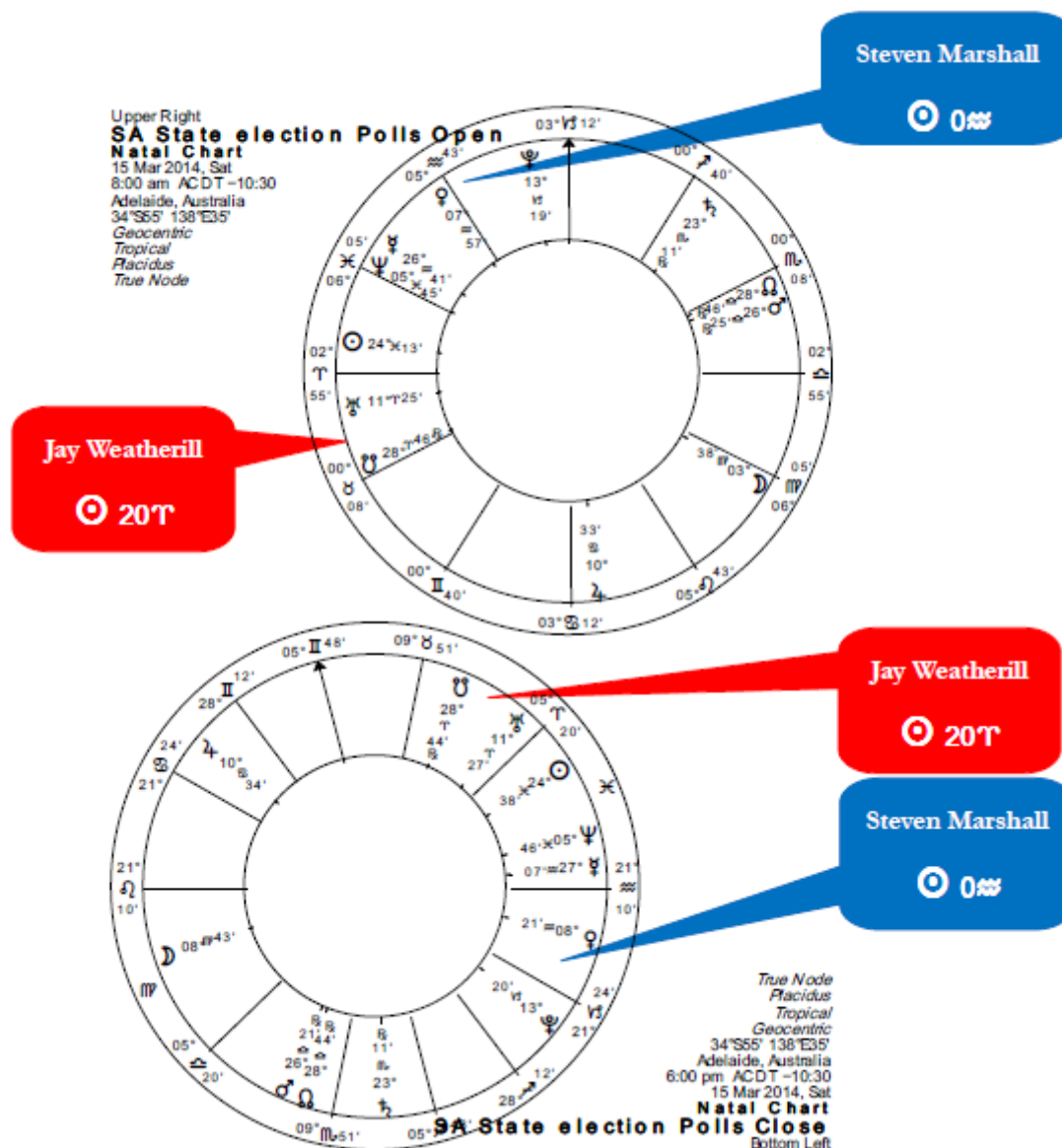
Additionally, the Self-Government chart will have Uranus squaring the natal Saturn while transiting Saturn opposes Uranus and will retrograde at the 23rd and then going on to conjunct the IC. This does suggest that there is a re-structure of some sort in the wind as the on-going tension will eventually lead to some sort of breaking of the nexus and we can assume this nexus is Labor's grip on government.

Now what of the leaders themselves? How are they viewed through the lens of the election? If we look at the chart for the opening of the polls on 15th March and give the Sun to the Premier as he is head of government and the Moon as ruler of the IC representing the Opposition, we have some interesting statements.

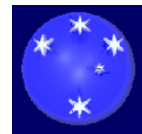
The Premier, Jay Weatherill is the Pisces Sun in the 12th house, away from the spotlight, void of course and in trine to Saturn, perhaps suggesting that he has already run his course and has to struggle for recognition and credibility. Steven Marshall, as represented by the Moon in Virgo (ruler of the IC) in the 5th close to the cusp of the 6th and by virtue of proximity, is also in a cadent house. This places Marshall in a vulnerable position and the Moon is also in opposition to Neptune, indicating that perhaps he is not as defined or clear in the public eye.

Both leaders as indicated by their signifiers on the election chart are clearly not in any way strong or dominating. What then will win the election if not the leaders?

On the day of the election, Jay Weatherill with his Aries Sun will be in the 1st house of the Opening of the Poll while Steven Marshall with his Aquarian Sun sits in the 10th house. Both are reasonably prominent but Weatherill's Sun conjuncts the South Node and also opposes Mars in Libra, which is the Lord of the Ascendant and it is in detriment on the North Node. Additionally, Mars is also the dispositor of his natal Sun so that every way you look he does not seem to have any good back-up. I would say that Weatherill, on the day will be carrying a very difficult burden: lead the government to defeat, he is a dead man walking; lead it to victory, he may find that he will have to carry much of that debility into government.



By the time the polls close at 6:00 pm., we see Marshall's Sun has already set, indeed an hour or so before polls close while Weatherill's Sun will not set for another couple of hours. What to make of this? Marshall's Sun will always have set before Weatherill's so it may be that Marshall takes a dominant lead into the counting but again the Sun fails to make a strong connection with the angles with only a 5o trine to the MC. Weatherill's Sun on the other hand has a very tight trine to the Ascendant (1o) suggesting that he could maintain a winnable margin if not a lead.



MASTER CLASSES 2014

The First in the Master Class Series of 2014 will be held on **SATURDAY 29th March** from **1:30–4:30pm** at the Astro Mundi offices, 310 South Terrace, Adelaide. Please note the office is at the rear of the building. On-line attendance via the Internet is available but places are limited.

Cannot attend a Master Class? Ask about download option with handouts. Cost for all options is \$60.



Transits of the Inferior Planets

The three 'inferior' planets are Venus, Mercury and the Moon are the three planets placed below the Sun in the Chaldean Order of the Planets.

These three are not inferior because they are any less in strength than those that lie above the Sun- Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, but we are inclined to ignore their movement over the year due to their speed as compared to

the three superior planets, especially Jupiter and Saturn. This Master Class explores the importance of keeping an eye on these planets as they speedily change sign and direction (Mercury and Venus), and also in their significant relationship to the Sun, which is the deciding factor in their position as 'inferior' in the Chaldean Order of three up and three down, with the Sun as the symbolic centre of the universe..

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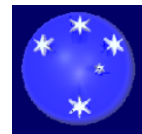
The most concerning part of the election is that the lord of the Aries Ascendant on the Opening of the Polls chart is Mars which is conjunct the North Node in Libra and in detriment in the 7th house. A planet that is debilitated by essential dignity but prominent in placement can be very dangerous. We can postulate that the election itself will cause some very strong conflict perhaps as a result of unreserved comments (Mars trines Mercury) or accusations (Mercury is in the 7th by the time the polls close).

Mars is also the dispositor of the Aries Sun which signifies the Premier – he is certainly in danger of both the electorate and his party.

In summary, the election could see Labor lose government and have to deal with some very divisive issues. The Liberals may not win office as easily as supposed and the contest itself will certainly ramp up towards Election Day. Steven Marshall, as represented by the Moon, should tread carefully because he himself is also vulnerable as the opposition to Neptune may cloud his acuity in judging the situation.

The Moon generally is also the signifier of the people and again the opposition to Neptune suggests that the electorate is unclear or confused. The Moon does not rise until a few hours after the polls close so the will of the people may not be revealed quickly.

Either leader will be battling to stay in front and the unfolding story will be not who wins but who else is elected to modulate the parliament. The Greens and Independents could again be the key as to who will hold government in South Australia. As they are



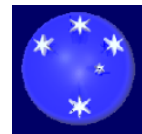
both 'opposing' the major parties, I have given them to Venus as Libra is on the cusp of the 7th at the opening of the polls. What is interesting is that Venus is unaspected all day until polls close when she moves into a sextile with Uranus and becomes the apex planet of a yod with the Moon and Jupiter. This seems to bear out the theory that both the Greens and Independents will be the crucial factor.

We wait to see the outcome!

Mari Garcia

20th February 2014

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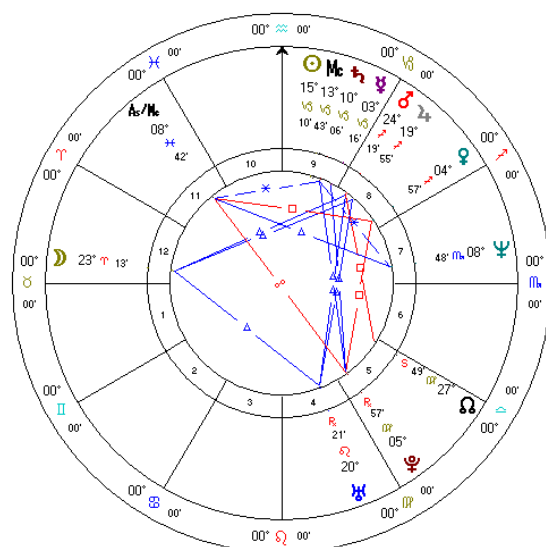
Nigella Lawson ...2013 - A year to forget

By Ann Collins

No doubt 2013 is a year that Nigella Lawson is relieved to leave behind. There was the very public breakdown of her marriage and the legal case against her housekeepers, which not only saw them acquitted of any wrong doing, but turned both the legal and public focus onto Lawson herself, resulting in Lawson being investigated for drug possession. The media quickly latched onto her to admission to 'occasional drug use, including cocaine' and had a field day.

Astrodata bank records Lawson's data as 6 January 1960, London UK. No birth time appears to be available. With no birth time available we must, unfortunately ignore the angles and the

Nigella Lawson
Female Chart
6 Jan 1960, Wed
12:00 pm GMT +0:00
London, UK
51°N 30° 00'W 10'
Geocentric
Tropical
Whole Signs
True Node
Rating X



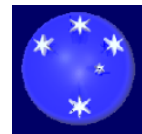
Moon can only be interpreted through the lens of its essential meaning. Lawson's own confession of being an 'emotional eater', and her weight 'issues' over the years, is something I would normally associate with a Taurus Moon, however as the Moon remains in the sign of Aries for the whole of the 6th January 1960, an Aries Moon it must be. With the actual degree remaining unknown, there is little we can do, without attempts at rectification, to pin down the timing of events involving transits to the moon. Still, being in the

sign of Aries and given current planetary movements, if its true position hasn't already made itself known, it will in the next few years.

It may however, be possible to narrow the field slightly by other means. Lawson's chart contains a cluster of planets, known as a stellium, with 3 planets in the sign of Capricorn, as well as 3 in the sign of Sagittarius. By applying high level descriptors to hemisphere emphasis we may be able to give the chart a quick tweek.

East – An inherent need to protect self. A focus on self – such a configuration would lead you to ask a client why they inherently feel they must defend themselves against others?

West – an individual whose main focus is on others in order to avoid acknowledgement of self. The question here is, what is it about themselves that they feel they can't face or deal with?



North – an intensely private life, with conscious avoidance of any type of public spotlight.

South – a public life. Everything ‘out there’ in the world. Often these people find themselves at the mercy of public opinion, whether it is welcome or not. Public could mean anything from family, the hairdresser, or the general populace.

Where there is a mixture of quadrants, such as North/East, South/West, then combine the meanings accordingly.

Given the public attention to Nigella’s life, we would not necessarily expect to see this stellium hidden from view, below the horizon. However, it is reported that Lawson doesn’t like to be called a celebrity chef and believes that “*cooking should be about fun and family*”ⁱ. However, a celebrity she is. She also apparently “.. declined an [OBE](#) from [Queen Elizabeth II](#) in 2001. As the daughter of a [life peer](#), Nigella is entitled to the [courtesy title](#) of “The Honourable”, and is thus styled The Hon. Nigella Lawson; however, she does not use this courtesy title.”ⁱⁱ Also, as her father is ‘nobility’, I would expect to see an elevated sun. So above or below the horizon?

The sign on the Ascendant (Asc), as well as planets in, or aspected to it, describe our appearance, Lawson’s Venusian curves and dark tresses should provide additional clues. She has been “described as having “*flawless skin, perfect white teeth, a voluptuous body, ample height and lots of lush, brown hair*”ⁱⁱⁱ A quick peak at your traditional references may also help identify a few potential suspects. I’ll digress slightly and defer to Ptolemy:

“According to Ptolemy the ruler of the Ascendant without latitude gives thinness, and with latitude stoutness ...
Hair. The rising sign & the planets aspecting it show the colour of hair. ... Mars exactly rising or in strong close aspect to the Ascendant gives red hair, while Saturn similarly placed gives black.

The mutable signs & especially Gemini & Sagittarius affect the hair most strongly, and Sagittarius or Pisces rising, with Jupiter in houses 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 or 9 often produce premature baldness. The same may happen if Saturn rules the Ascendant & is similarly placed.

3. Mars elevated above and afflicting Venus, especially from Gemini, Sagittarius, or Aquarius causes hair to fall out.”

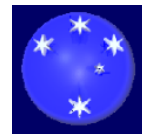
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Lawson’s hair has been described as brown, rather than black, so I am not sure if Ptolemy’s reference to Saturn producing black hair is of any help; and she definitely doesn’t have a Saturn-

CHART POINTS

Point	Longitude	Travel	Latitude
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☼	15°V310'56"	+01°01'	-00°00'
♊	03°V316'33"	+01°31'	-00°47'
♋	04°V57'01"	+01°11'	+02°09'
♌	24°V19'43"	+43°59"	-00°25'
♍	19°V55'53"	+12°54"	+00°28'
♎	10°V306'20"	+07°04"	+00°32'
♏	20°S21'58" R	-01°59"	+00°43'
♐	08°M48'12"	+01°08"	+01°44'
♑	05°M57'38" R	-00°50"	+12°30'
♒	27°M49'36" SR	-00°52"	+00°00'
♓	13°V343'53"	+334°41'	+00°00'
As/Mc	08°V42'00"	+530°55'	+00°00'

esk stature, but we perhaps shouldn’t quickly rule out an aspect from Saturn to the Asc contributing to her ‘dark’ looks. Skipping to Ptolemy on latitude, only Venus and the Moon have any latitude. If we substitute ‘stoutness’ with ‘voluptuous curves’, then a Venus ruled Asc gets an additional vote. A Taurus Asc experiences the world through sensuality and, according to Wikipedia, “*The perceived overt sexuality of her presentation style has led to Lawson’s being called the “queen of food porn”*”^v.



A Cancer Asc may however, potentially point towards the comfort eating and nurturing through cooking. At 20° of latitude Lawson's Moon has some elements of 'cuddliness'^{vi} which, if the Asc proves not to be Cancer, may still provide some insight to where the nurturing gene and love of cooking comes from.

I did also briefly consider a Leo Asc. However, if we defer to Master Lilly:

"Leo ... great round head, big eyes starting or staring out ... a full and large body ... broad shoulders ... dark flaxen hair and it much curling or turning up, a fierce countenance, but ruddy, high sanguine complexion ..."

Whilst Lawson does have *"dark flaxen hair and big eyes"*, her complexion is far from 'ruddy'. So it's back to Ptolemy's and either Venus or Moon ruled Asc.

"Taurus ... presents one of a short, but of a full strong and well set stature ... broad forehead, great eyes, big face, large, strong shoulders, a great mouth and thick lips ... black rugged hair."

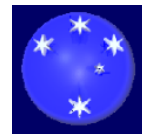


"Cancer ... Generally a low and small stature, the upper parts of more bigness than the lower, a round Visage; sickly pale, a whitely complexion, the hair a sad brown, little eyes..."^{vii}

So, which is it to be? Lawson is known for her 'sickly pale ... whitely complexion', however she has been described as having 'ample height'. What other alternatives are there? Well 9 to be precise. Venus placed on the Asc would also describes a person of beauty! Lawson's Venus is in the sign of Sagittarius.

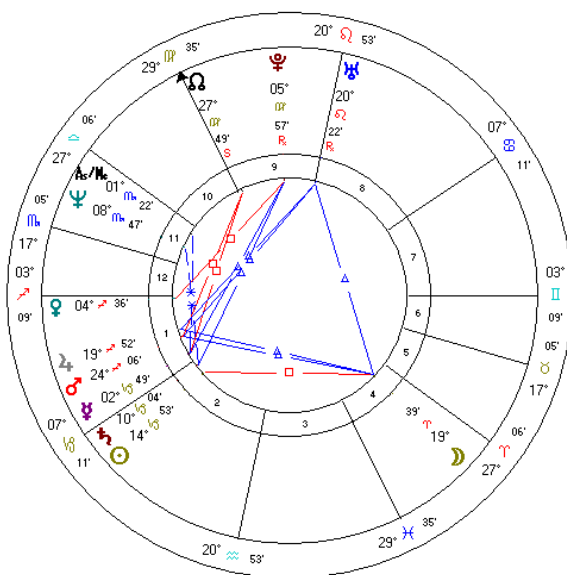
"Sagittarius ... represents a well favoured countenance, somewhat long visage, but full and ruddy, or almost like sunburnt. The hair light chestnut colour, the stature somewhat above the middle size; ... a strong able body"^{viii}

I'm not completely happy with the reference to a 'ruddy' complexion, but if we place Venus on the Asc, then Sagittarius it must be. A chart erected for 5am places Venus right on the Asc, but does place the MC at 29°. A few minutes later would still leave Venus conjunct the Asc but put early degrees of Libra on the MC. In a way, either could be a fit. Lawson's career (10th) is of her own making (1st), as is the source of her money (ruler of the 2nd in the 2nd/1st).



This chart places her moon at approximately 19° Aries. Her biography talks of early childhood difficulties with mother^{ix}, one would therefore expect to see difficult aspects to the Moon. Take

Nigella Lawson
Natal Chart
6 Jan 1960, Wed
5:00 am GMT +0:00
London, United Kingdom
51°N30' 000°W10'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



your pick of the usual nasties and see how moving the moon around the chart to put them in aspect does to the Asc. However, this chart configuration places the majority of planets below the horizon. This doesn't sit comfortably with me for someone of noble birth, let alone such a successful individual.

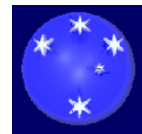
Back to the noon chart it is. Although this chart has been erected using whole signs, it does produce an MC in the mid degrees of Capricorn! Add a few minutes and Saturn would aspect the Asc. Why would I reference this? Saturn

aspecting the Asc would bring additional height to the individual as well as darkening the eyes and hair. Just a thought.

So why spend all this time trying to pin down a ball park birth time? For one, Astrological sleuthing is fun and the ancients provide us with many tips to help solve the puzzle. That said, would you want to expend this much effort for every client? Realistically not and true rectification requires a significant amount of work. To which I would add; it would be far easier to have the client ask a question and erect a horary, then spend hours on a rectification that may well be incorrect.

That said, the double stellium in Lawson's chart provides clear evidence of an individual who, at some point in life, will undergo an extended period of extremely difficult, emotionally confrontational transformation. Had she come to you for a consultation in 2012, what would you have seen that might have given a hint of the challenges she would have to face in 2013? Also, if she were your client, wouldn't it be nice to be able to provide some guidance as to when the light at the end of the tunnel will finally cease to be a train? When will she finally be able to lay down her battle armour and rest; finally be able to live in harmony and embrace her deeper self that has been hidden underneath the clutter of emotional baggage all these years?

If we go by planetary position alone, Pluto the God of Change and Transformation has been her bed partner since Pluto entered into Sag and announced its entrance by trouncing on her Venus back in 1997, only to visit again when it slammed her Jupiter in 2004 before making its way to a major confrontation with Mars in 2005. Not to leave any stones unturned it then gave her Mercury a thrashing in 2010. So what of 2013? With Pluto transiting 9-11° of Capricorn,



forming a conjunction to her natal Saturn, there is no doubt 2013 was going to be a year of great grief – either about current events, or events triggering grief from the past. Or even a bit of both. As we have also identified that her MC may potentially sit in mid degrees of Capricorn, would this have helped identify the devastating public airing her personal laundry she was going to endure? Either way, with her Sun at 14o, the party isn't over yet. Then of course, there is still that Aries Moon.

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25 February 2014

ⁱ Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nigella_Lawson, accessed 24/2/14

ⁱⁱ *ibid*

ⁱⁱⁱ *ibid*

^{iv} 'Personal Appearance' excerpt from **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. *AstroAmerica Newsletter*, Page 4, February 18, 2014 - <http://www.astroamerica.com/newsletters/2014-february18.pdf> accessed 24/2/14

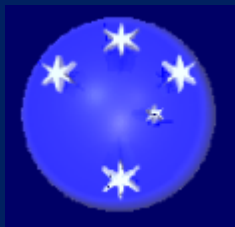
^v Wikipedia *loc.cit.*

^{vi} Cuddly and Spikey Moon are terms coined by John Frawley. 0-2o latitude is a cuddly Moon. 2-5o latitude is a spikey Moon. Meaning should be taken from the definition of cuddly/spikey. No reference available.

^{vii} P94, Lilly, William, *Christian Astrology*, Vol 1., John Madcock 1659, London

^{viii} Wikipedia, *loc.cit.*

^{ix} *ibid*



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