



# Southern Star

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

**T**his month brings the news that we again need to change our programme. You were previously advised that Martha Adams would speak on Tarot and Astrology on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, and I would speak at the September meeting. However, Martha is about to fly to the US with her very ill son for treatment over there, so she will be unable to join us in August. We hope for the best possible outcomes for her family, and ask that you send love and light.

*Astrology is all about time and place and in these charts we see how the energy of the times is reflected and realised at the moment of writing and reading of a letter: a letter which had a significant impact not only on the individual but also determined the outcome of events which were in the process of unfolding.*

Instead, I will be doing the August lecture, and we will be keeping it on the new date of 9<sup>th</sup> August (the second Saturday). As I get older I am very aware that life is changing, my attitudes and values are adapting and that the astrological milestones along the way may not be shattering, but they are significant. We are so aware of the first Saturn Return and the astrological Mid-life Crisis, and there often seems to be a supposition that once you survive those, that's all you need to worry about.

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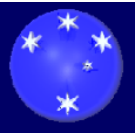
### What's On

**Sat 9th August – 2pm –**  
Cate Whelan, Life After 50

**Sat 6th September – 2pm -**  
TBA

**Sat 11th October, AGM - Vivien**  
Lowe, The Nuclear Industry

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## Musings from the President continued ...

I'll be looking in depth at the Chiron Return, because that is the gateway to a whole new life, and then examining the other major Returns – the second Saturn Return, the later Jupiter Returns and the Uranus Return at 84. We approach these milestones with a lot more experience and wisdom...we hope! Bring along your life experiences and we can all learn from each other.

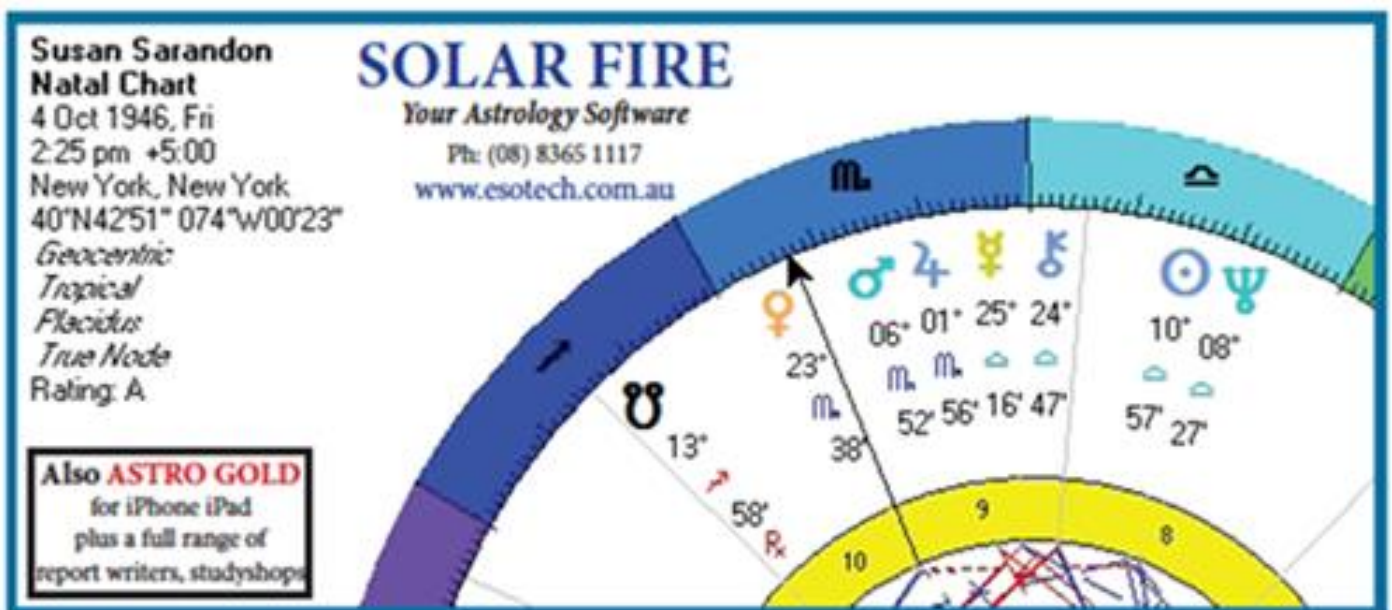
Mari Garcia gave us a wonderful talk in July on the Uranus/Pluto energy in relation to Australia, and we thank her most sincerely for stepping up

with very short notice. We are so lucky to have her here in SA.

I hope that we will see you at the next meeting, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Till then, may love and laughter light your way

*Cate*





# *Next Meeting*



**FAASA Next Meeting: Saturday 9th August, 2 pm**

## Life after 50 *Cate Whelan*

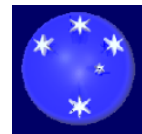
Cate Whelan has been studying astrology for over 30 years, gaining her FAA Diploma in the mid-90s, and she has consulted and taught astrology since then. A former high-school teacher, she has lectured in SA and interstate and is the current president of the FAA in South Australia. As an over 50 (!) herself, she is fascinated by the milestones along the way.



**Life After 50: Many Happy Returns.**  
This lecture begins with the Chiron Return at around age 50, the entrance to this new stage of life. Cate then goes on to investigate the second Saturn Return, the later Jupiter Returns and finally the Uranus Return at 84. Is life better after 50? Are we still searching or have we found our way? Cate will examine the mythology and the astrological reality of getting older.

**Federation of Australian Astrologers (SA) Inc**  
**Saturday 9th August at 2 pm**  
**T8 Rooms, behind New Dimensions Bookshop,**  
**310 South Tce Adelaide**  
**Members \$8, Concession members \$6**  
**Non-members \$12**  
**Afternoon Tea provided**

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# ***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.

\$8 Members, \$6 Concession Members and non-members \$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.

Sat 9th August – 2pm - Cate Whelan, **Life After 50**

Sat 6th September – 2pm - *TBA*

Sat 11th October, AGM - Vivien Lowe **The Nuclear Industry**

Sat 1st November – 2pm - Joy Usher, **The Magic of Antiscia**



## **Advance Notice:**

### **Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February 2015**

A Fantastic 2-day Workshop with internationally awarded astrologer and author Melanie Reinhart

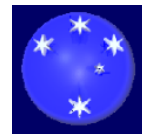
Titled 'Incarnation: a weekend with Melanie Reinhart', it focuses on the Angles (Cross of Matter) on Saturday and the Moon's Nodes on Sunday. Both days will provide lots of opportunities to work on personal charts.

Earlybird prices by 1st December:

- Members \$100 per day or \$180 for the weekend
- Concession \$90 per day or \$160 for the weekend

Save your pennies, or get the family to dob in for Christmas - but DON'T MISS IT!





# Einstein's Letter

By Mari Garcia

**O**n the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1939, Albert Einstein, eminent scientist and Nobel Prize winner wrote a letter to the then President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In that letter Einstein described the discovery of certain properties of uranium and how they could be used:

*"... the element uranium may be turned into a new and important source of energy in the immediate future. Certain aspects of the situation<sup>i</sup> which has arisen seem to call for watchfulness and if necessary, quick action on the part of the Administration.*

*I believe therefore that it is my duty to bring to your attention the following facts and recommendations:*



*In the course of the last four months it has been made probable - through the work of Joliot in France as well as Fermi and Szilard in America - that it may be possible to set up a nuclear chain reaction in a large mass of uranium, by which vast amounts of power and large quantities of new radium-like elements would be generated.*

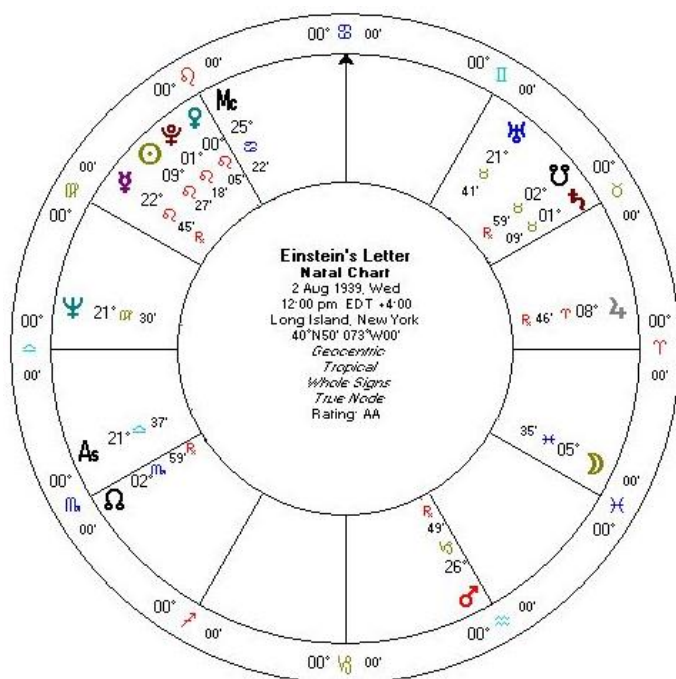
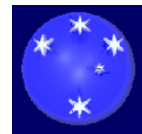
*Now it appears almost certain that this could be achieved in the immediate future. This new phenomenon would also lead to the construction of bombs, and it is conceivable - though much less certain - that extremely powerful bombs of a new type may thus be constructed.*

*A single bomb of this type may be thus constructed. A single bomb of this type, carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the port together with some of the surrounding territory. However, such bombs might very well prove to be too heavy for transportation by air."* <sup>ii</sup>

This letter written weeks before the beginning of World War II and almost exactly six years, bar a few days before the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima<sup>iii</sup>, is its timing and how the letter itself captures the astrological signature of the times and how this signature finds its way to manifestation. Not that this should surprise astrologers but it is a salient reminder that everything in life is an echo of the heavens.

## The Letter

Turning to the letter, although we have no exact 'time' as to when the letter was written nor when it was sent, we do have a date. As to where to set the chart, I have taken the liberty to base the chart in Long Island, New York state, where Einstein was then living.



Without a time, the angles cannot be considered but planetary configurations, with the exception of the Moon, can at least give us a sense of the message conveyed and perhaps how this message reflected the writer's concerns.

Using the rules of horary/electional astrology, I have applied these to judge the letter as an 'event', its nature and possible outcome. Dorotheus of Sidon<sup>iv</sup> gives us some very specific instructions on how to judge the arrival of a letter. This chart is set for the writing of a letter.

From historical evidence, it seems that the letter although received earlier was not delivered and read by Roosevelt until the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1939,

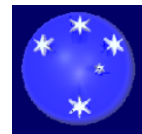
shortly after Germany invaded Poland and World War II broke out. The letter was delivered by Alexander Sachs, a long-time economic adviser to Roosevelt. After learning of the letter's contents, President Roosevelt told his military adviser General Edwin M. Watson, "This requires action." The action Roosevelt referred to would evolve into the Manhattan Project.<sup>v</sup>

So if we consider the letter from its initial date of 2<sup>nd</sup> August and we take Dorotheus's advice<sup>vi</sup> and consider Mercury, its condition, placement and aspects to the benefics, Venus and Jupiter for good news and to Mars and Saturn for possible bad news while Mercury will describe the nature of the letter and its message.

Mercury in the chart is in Leo, retrograde in the 10<sup>th</sup> sign and is in a tight aspect to Uranus. It is also in the Sun's sign and "under the beams". Mercury's retrograde position suggests that there is either a difficult topic with no straightforward answer or message that must 'wait' or be repeated, one that is of public concern described by Mercury's position in the 10<sup>th</sup>, and a message that is 'hot' as it is under the beams and volatile with Mercury's tight square to Uranus.

In his letter Einstein describes the possibility of using uranium as the fuel for a bomb detonated by nuclear reaction. He also, with the persuasion from eminent physicists, outlines the threat posed if the Germans were successful in their atomic research. Einstein goes on to suggest that the president make "permanent contact" with American physicists working toward a similar atomic capacity. A commentator had this to say about the importance of the letter and its message:

*"The letter itself seemed very much to be the catalyst for the American effort to make some sort of weapon from newly-discovered atomic energy," Janes said, discussing the podcast. "It's possible that it would otherwise have arisen, but Einstein's name and reputation certainly helped. And of course, Einstein's deeply felt pacifism adds an extra, somewhat poignant dimension as well."vii*



The 'news' as represented by Mercury is radical and confronting and in the letter, Einstein refers to the 'current situation' which needs to be monitored and possibly acted upon, referring to the deteriorating political condition in Europe. The letter was written approximately six weeks before the German invasion of Poland on 1 September 1939 and Britain and France's declaration war on Germany two days later.<sup>viii</sup>

Additionally, there is a stellium in the 10<sup>th</sup> in Leo made up of Venus, Pluto, Sun as well as Mercury. Venus, Pluto and the Sun sit within five degrees and collectively receive a square aspect from Saturn in Taurus, conjunct the South Node, placing the stellium at the bends of the Nodal Axis. Planets at the bends describe a challenge and crisis to physical existence and experience as described by the nature of the planet. The fact that there are three planets at the bends makes this a statement of crisis. What is a crisis? The Oxford Dictionary defines *crisis* as:

*Turning point; moment of danger or suspense.ix*



## MASTER CLASSES 2014

The Sixth in the 2014 series will be held on **SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August** 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.

### Big Brother Planets: Who's Got My Back?



*The concept of each planet being connected to another, not by aspect but by rulership, is explored in this Master Class. Unless a planet is in dignity, it must look to its 'big brother' or 'big sister' to take care of it, but the rules are not simple and the exceptions are many and varied. Once you start looking at dispositors, and their interaction with each other, then astrology and the reading of the chart becomes both fascinating and enlightening.*

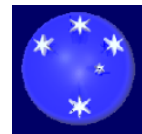
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And what is the nature of that crisis? If we look at the planets they may give us some clue:

- **Sun** - signifies, power, glory and honour. At the bends, it can signify a crisis which involves glory vs honour; glory without honour; power vs leadership or power without leadership.<sup>x</sup>
- **Venus** – signifies form, beauty, desire, relating. At the bends it can signify a crisis which involves physical appearances and the desire to possess (people, objects).<sup>xi</sup>
- **Pluto** – signifies elimination and renewal. At the bends it can signify a crisis which is redolent of violence and destruction.<sup>xii</sup>

Additionally, the chart carries a Venus-Pluto-Sun signature underscoring the intensity of the time, the power struggles which were being waged and the obsession and resoluteness which characterized their expression. With Saturn, the great malefic conjunct the South Node and squaring the stellium we perhaps have a statement that existing structures or authorities, challenged by the crisis, may be without the strength or will to stand up to it.

I believe this chart reflects the letter's contents and the state of mind of the writer, Einstein who was concerned about the impending war, Germany's strength and technological capacity and the possibility that these could be short circuited by the detonation of an atomic bomb as the ultimate deterrent.

It is interesting to note that the Leo stellium especially the Pluto-Sun statement is echoed in the Hiroshima bombing chart which features a Sun-Pluto conjunction at 9-13 Leo. Another interesting synastry is that the Hiroshima Sun-Pluto placement opposes Roosevelt's Sun-Venus conjunction in Aquarius.

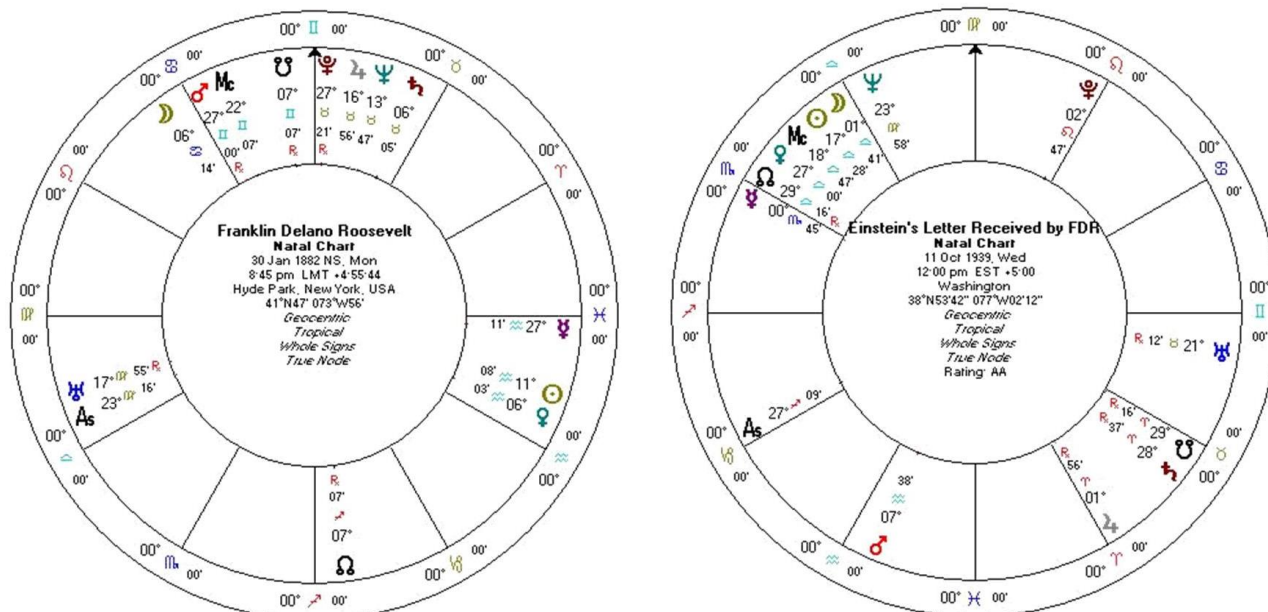
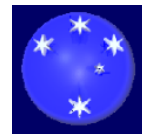
## The Recipient

What about the impact of the letter on the recipient? Dorotheus tells us:

*If a book or a letter comes to a man, then consider Mercury in the base of his nativity as, wherever the benefics aspect it, or Mercury with the two luminaries aspects the benefics, or Mercury is in a sign in which there is no malefic with it, then, if the situation of these stars is in this way, it indicates there is of good in the book or letter.<sup>xiii</sup>*

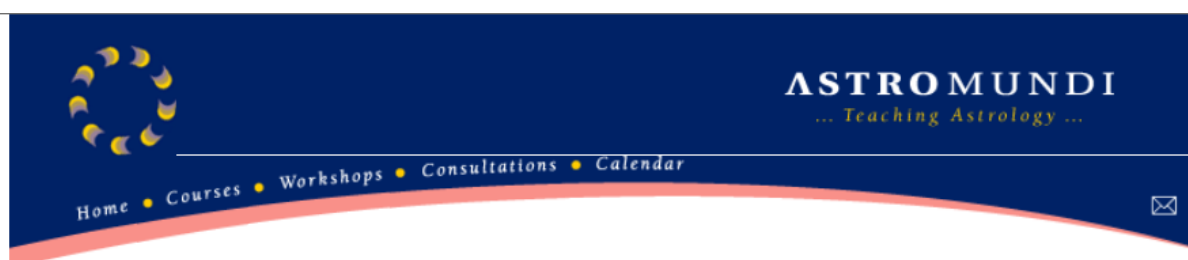
Mercury in the Letter Received chart is in 0 Scorpio in an applying square to Pluto, it is in the sign of Mars's rulership of Scorpio, and it is in terms of Mars and also in an applying square to Mars in Aquarius. Although there is no other planet in Scorpio, Mercury is not with either the Sun or Moon and it does not aspect the benefics. The message is fraught with danger, peril and destruction and remember, this letter was written before Hitler invaded Poland but it was not read until the event had happened. The USA was not yet involved in the war and so Einstein's letter was certainly a catalyst in the development of the atom bomb and the chart is redolent of both the power of the message as well as the power inherent in what he was proposing.





It is interesting to note that Mercury, in 'Letter Received' chart mirrors the Mercury-Pluto square in Roosevelt's chart. Both testimonies point to a message which is difficult, requiring the recipient, Roosevelt to deal with the possibility of the destructive nature of the proposal and it also appeals to his Mercury-Pluto drive for righteous, intense and profound thinking. A natal Mercury-Pluto has an exploring and analytical mind often daring to go into uncharted waters. This is symbolic of thinking that can solve world problems. Both the 'Letter Received' chart and Roosevelt's natal chart echo this sense of solving a world problem: the letter outlines how it can be done and this appeals to that very facet of Roosevelt's nature. Roosevelt was being given a solution to a problem that raised intellectual, moral and philosophic issues and demanded rigour and reasoning in discussion and implementation; something that he relished.

As we do not have an exact time for when the letter was read, we cannot take too much account of the angles and the Moon however Dorotheus also suggests that we look at: Venus and Jupiter and aspects being made to the recipient's chart especially to the Sun and Moon for good news and aspects from Mars and Saturn to the Sun and Moon for bad news.

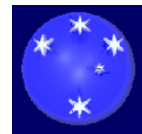


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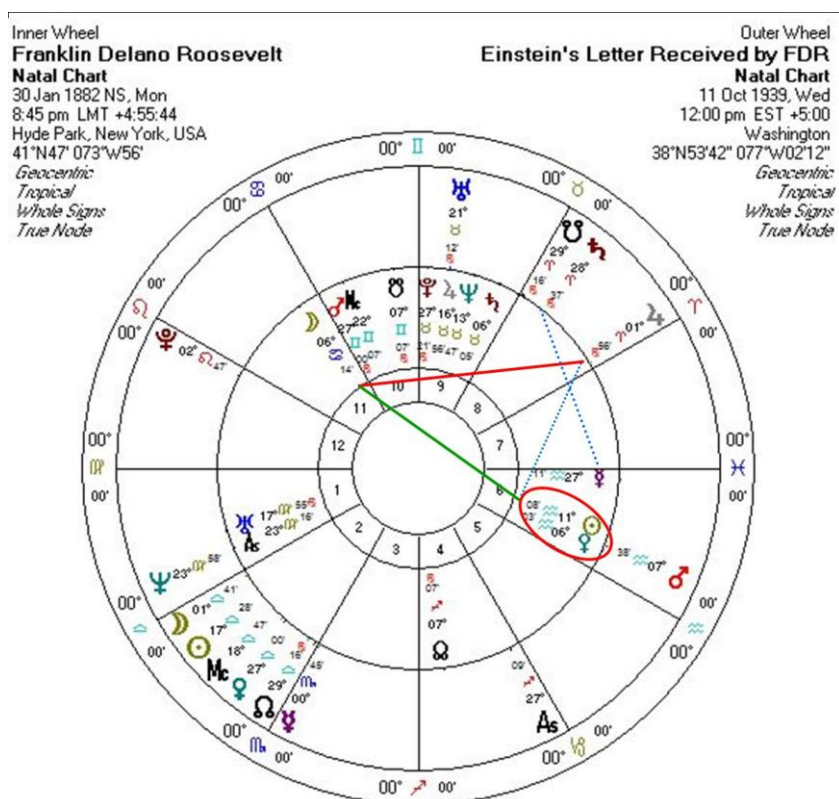
In 2014, we again offer a varied programme and we hope you can join us for one or more of these events.

ALL WELCOME



...look at Jupiter and Venus in their transitxiv

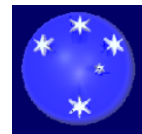
If they reach the sign in which the two luminaries were at the nativity of the man or are in quartile of that sign in which the two luminaries were, or [if] the sign in which Jupiter and Venus are free from the malefic while Mercury is free from the malefic and aspects Jupiter or Venus, then in this book or message or letter which reaches the master of this nativity at that hour there will be joy and happiness and profit. If in this transit Saturn or Mars or both of them are in the sign in which the two luminaries were in the nativity or are in quartile of that sign while Mercury is with them or aspects them, then in this book or message or letter which at that hour reaches the master of this nativity will be bad...xv



Looking at the chart for when the letter was received we see Venus at 27 Libra and Jupiter at 1 Aries and Mars at 7 Aquarius and Saturn at 28 Aries. Roosevelt's natal chart has the Sun at 11 Aquarius and the Moon at 6 Cancer.

In the 'Letter Received' chart Venus at 27 Libra does not aspect either the Sun or Moon while Jupiter at 1 Aries squares the Cancer Moon. Jupiter is retrograde so its benefic aspect is somewhat reduced but it does bring some semblance of hope as a result of Jupiter's reception with the Moon<sup>xvi</sup>. Jupiter may also bring a certain optimism which may be misplaced (Jupiter is retrograde) or unrealistic.

Mars in the 'Letter Received' chart is at 7 Aquarius conjuncting Roosevelt's Sun and Venus. It is also inconjunct his Moon perhaps underscoring the 'difficult' matter which is raised and the consequent response. Mars is also receiving an applying aspect from Mercury while Saturn at 27 Aries does not



aspect the luminaries, having already past the opposition to Roosevelt's Sun although it is sextile to the Mercury. This suggests that the reading of the letter certainly brings 'bad' news and portends difficulties. The aspects of Mars and Saturn are additional testimonies of the tremendous impact the Einstein letter had on Roosevelt and his subsequent actions which affected world affairs both in the short and long term.

## Summary

Astrology is all about time and place and in these charts we see how the energy of the times is reflected and realised at the moment of writing and reading of a letter: a letter which had a significant impact not only on the individual but also determined the outcome of events which were in the process of unfolding.

## Mari Garcia

15<sup>th</sup> July 2014

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## Notes

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<sup>i</sup> Einstein here refers to events in Europe where Hitler was growing in influence and had by August 1939 moved troops into the demilitarized zone of the Rhineland, annexed Austria, taken over the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia and had exerted its influence on Lithuania to reintegrate the Memel territory and influenced Romania to sign an economic agreement wherein it placed all resources at the disposal of the German military. In Asia, Japan's sphere of influence had grown and it had established a puppet government in Manchuria and by 1939 had invaded China and was in the process of fighting off invading Russians.

<sup>ii</sup> Albert Einstein *Letter from Albert Einstein to President Roosevelt* sourced at <http://historyplace.com/specials/calendar/docs-pix/aug-einstein-lett.htm> [accessed 1/7/14]

<sup>iii</sup> The atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> August 1945.

<sup>iv</sup> Dorotheus of Sidon *Carmen Astrologicum*. Book V, Chapter 26.

<sup>v</sup> From the President's Secretary's Files as quoted and sourced at <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/archives/pdfs/docsworldwar.pdf> [accessed 8/7/14]

<sup>vi</sup> Dorotheus of Sidon *Carmen Astrologicum*. Book V, Chapter 26.

<sup>vii</sup> Janes, J as quoted in an article by Peter Kelly "Documents that Changed the World: Einstein's letter to FDR, 1939" sourced at University of Washington podcast <http://www.washington.edu/news/2013/08/06/documents-that-changed-the-world-einsteins-letter-to-fdr-1939/> [accessed 8/7/14]

<sup>viii</sup> Förster, Stig; Gessler, Myriam (2005). "The Ultimate Horror: Reflections on Total War and Genocide". In Roger Chickering, Stig Förster and Bernd Greiner, eds., *A World at Total War: Global Conflict and the Politics of Destruction, 1937–1945* (pp. 53–68). Cambridge: [Cambridge University Press](#).

<sup>ix</sup> The Concise Oxford Dictionary. London. Oxford University Press: 1964.

<sup>x</sup> Garcia, M *The Dragon's Path: the Moon's Nodes in Astrology* in the co-authored book, *Scala Coeli: the Ladder of Heaven*. Astro Mundi, 2012.

<sup>xi</sup> Ibid.

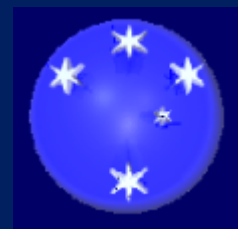
<sup>xii</sup> Ibid.

<sup>xiii</sup> Dorotheus of Sidon *Carmen Astrologicum*. Book V, Chapter 26.

<sup>xiv</sup> That is in their current movement as captured in a chart for the moment. In this case, the reading the letter.

<sup>xv</sup> Dorotheus of Sidon *Carmen Astrologicum*. Book V, Chapter 26.

<sup>xvi</sup> The Moon in Cancer is in the sign of Jupiter's exaltation and therefore Jupiter must give what it has to the Moon.



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