

Gemini 2018 edition:

Vivien Lowe: rumbles in Haiti

Jill Amery: Royal wedding Happy couple?

From the President

Next month you will also see some amazing changes to the FAA Journal, when editor Judy Best's visionary ideas will come to fruition. The Journal will be A4 size and full colour. The new size allows for more articles and bigger charts – and the full-colour presentation is world class. Clearly the new Journal costs more to produce, and so the membership will be consulted about the path forward. After two productions of the new format, in June and September, you will be asked to make a choice.

One choice is to continue with the new format. This means that if you wish to continue to receive a paper copy, there will be a surcharge each year to cover the extra cost. But if you choose to receive it online, and read it on your tablet or computer, there will be no extra cost to you and your membership will remain the same.

The other choice is to revert to the old A5, black-and-white version. This would also mean no extra charge. All State associations will survey their members and the decision will belong to you. There are changes afoot here in South Australia as well. In a few months we will say *au revoir* to Joel Valentine, our newsletter editor, who has a contract to teach English in Versailles. What a fantastic opportunity! Over the next few months the editorship will transfer to Adrienne Barkla, who comes to the task with some strong Gemini in her chart and a wealth of experience in desktop publishing. Joel has done an amazing job with our Southern Star, putting his personal stamp on it, and I know Adrienne will have some ideas of her own too. We are so blessed to have so much editorial talent right here in Adelaide!

Thanks also go to Adrienne for her excellent lecture last meeting, where she introduced us to esoteric thinking. What a many-layered world she opened up! **Our June meeting also promises a treat for you – we have three wonderful astrologers looking at the astrology of three countries who seem to lurch from crisis to crisis.** I will be away in June, but I leave you in the capable hands of our Vice-President, Kris Svendsen, and our fantastic committee.

May love and laughter light your days

Cate Whelan



2018 FAA SA Program

June 9, 2 pm - Countries in Crisis - Vivien Lowe, Mari Garcia, Jill Amery

July 14, 10 am - **Workshop:** Addiction - Mari Garcia

August 11, 2 pm - All the Pain Money can Buy: The life of Christina Onassis - Anne Fryer, Elaine Kane

September 8, 10 am - **Workshop:** Ancient Moon Cycles - Kerry Galea (Vic)

October 13, 2 pm - AGM + Transits to Angles - Miriam Laister

November 10, 2 pm - Sedna - Alan Clay (NZ)

November 18, 10am - **Workshop:** Progressions in Relationships - Paul Westran (WA)



FAASA workshop: Saturday July 14, 10 am—4 pm



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Mari's published work includes *Scala Coeli: A Ladder to Heaven* – A Collection of Astrological Essays, *An Ancient Art in the Modern World: Australis 97* Congress papers, *The Book of Notable Births*, *Astro Mundi Astrology Primers*, and the *Traditional Astrology Glossary of Terms*. She writes regularly for local, national and international publications. Her interests include mundane and political astrology, mythology and traditional astrology and the research and application of traditional techniques in a modern setting. She runs a consulting practice and is co-principal of ASTRO MUNDI. For more information visit www.astromundi.com

Workshop: Archetypes and Addictions *Mari Garcia*

The notion of addictions is not confined to substances but can also be applied to addictive behaviour patterns. Individuals can be engulfed by obsessions, which can be detrimental. Uncovering and understanding the underlying archetype in these behaviours can be a powerful tonic. This workshop will explore Pluto's influence with the personal planets as a signature of obsession and addiction in the individual. We will also focus on the key issues underpinning these combinations and the possible ways in which they can be realised, released and integrated.

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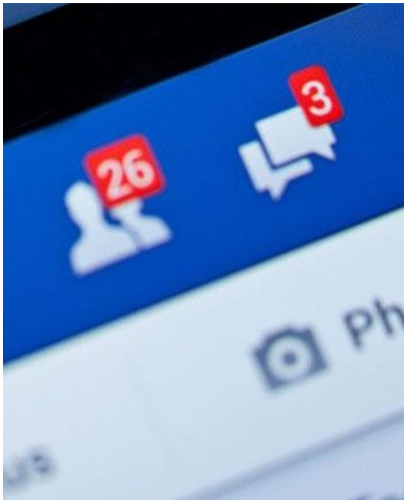
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The Astrology Behind the Scandal

Is social media evil? Astrologer Malvin Artley has written a comprehensive astrological investigation concerning the recent Facebook furore.

Read the article on our website by clicking [here](#).





FAASA : Next Meeting Saturday 9 June 2 pm

Countries in Crisis

Some countries seem to lurch from crisis to crisis. Haiti attract natural disasters - hurricanes and earthquakes. Thailand is unsettled politically and is under military dictatorship. And North Korea? Well, they're still fighting the Korean war. What is the astrology that explains all this, and what is the potential for the people of those countries, and for the world?



**Vivien
Lowe**

Vivien began her studies in astrology in 1978. She holds the Diploma of Astrology from the FAA and a B Social Science (Honours) in psychology from Charles Sturt University. However, she has never quite been able to leave her career as a medical scientist working in haematology laboratories. Vivien loves astrological research with particular focus on mundane astrology. Vivien will speak on **Haiti**.



**Mari
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Mari has been practising and teaching astrology since 1995. She has lectured extensively in Australia and overseas, specialising in mundane astrology. She is co-principal of Astro Mundi and co-author of *Scala Coeli—a Ladder to Heaven*, and her work is available on the *Astro Mundi* website. Mari holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and the FAA Diploma of Astrology. Mari will speak on **Thailand**.



**Jill
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Jill began studying in 1988 with the Faculty of Astrological Studies in London, and later completed Noel Tyl's Master Certification course with honours. She now manages and moderates his e-group of students. As well as rectification, her primary interests are humanistic and geo-political, and the forecasting potential in both. Jill has an astrological practice in Adelaide. Jill will speak on **North Korea**.

Saturday June 9th, 2 pm

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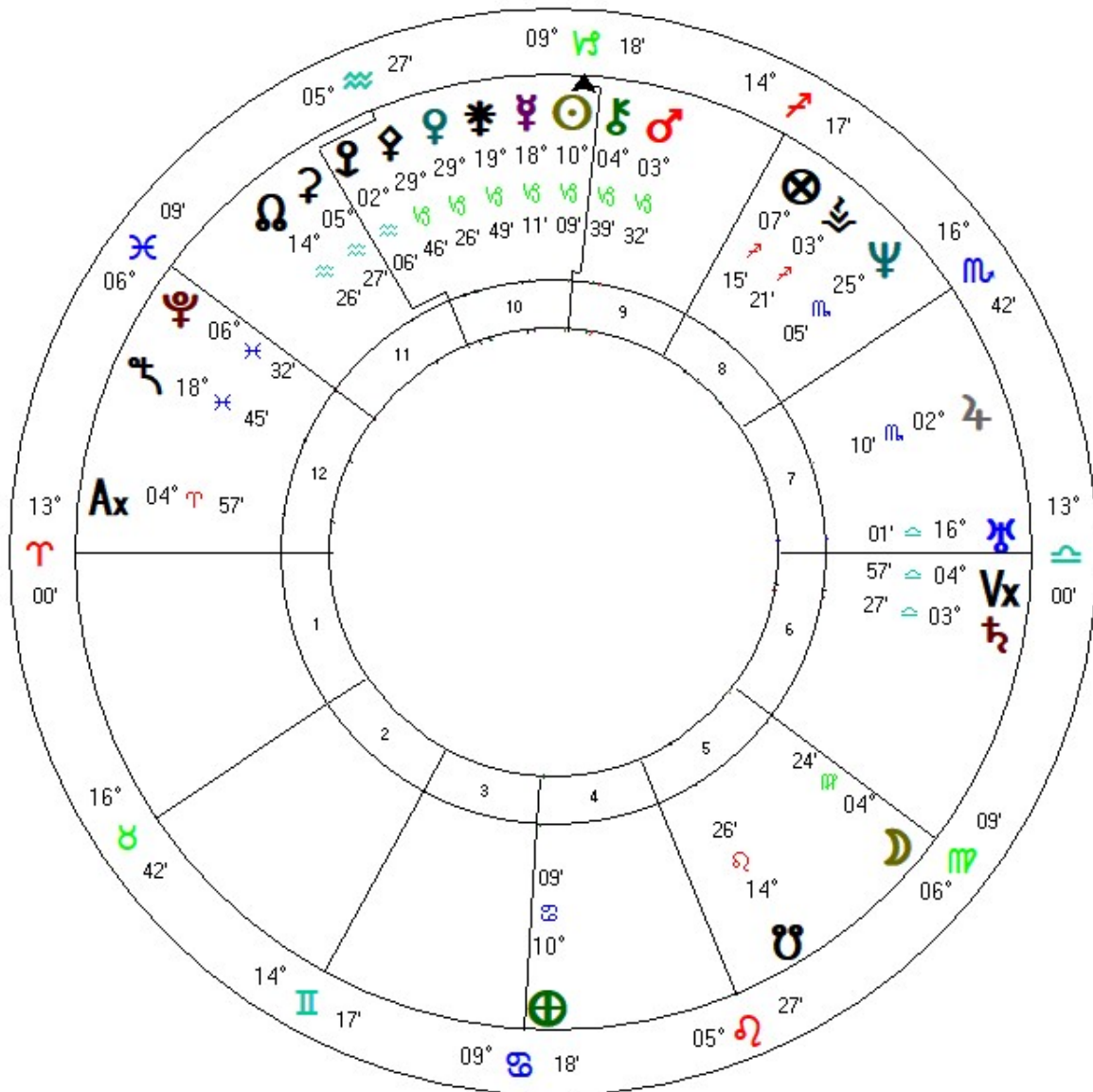
Trouble in Haiti and a
Tricky Birth Time.

With Vivien Lowe



The Birth Chart of Haiti

The birth chart most commonly used for Haiti is the Independence chart of January 1, 1804. The chart is set for Gonaïves (19N27, 072W41) with many authors, including Nicholas Campion, using a noon, LMT birth time (see chart below). A translation of the deed of independence is available on-line, but there is no indication of the time that the former French colony of Saint Dominigue was declared independent and renamed Haiti. Another chart is available on the internet that uses the same date and place but with a birth time of 7:17 am, however this chart has no source quoted and no Rodden rating so I suspect that this is a rectified chart. This article will not attempt a full rectification of the Haitian chart but will briefly look at a list of significant Haitian earthquakes to see how well the transits of Uranus and Pluto fit the angles of the 7.17am chart.



Haiti and Earthquakes

Earthquakes are not uncommon in Haiti as there is a fault that runs through the country along the boundary between the Caribbean and North American tectonic plates (Tectonic plates are rocky slabs that cover the planet and move due to currents in the Earth's mantle.) The Caribbean and North American plates move past each other at a rate of about 2 centimetres a year, with the Caribbean plate moving eastward with respect to the North American plate. Friction between the plates causes irregular movement, with earthquakes occurring when pressure that has built up is released. The devastating 2010 earthquake occurred along the Enriquillo-Plaintain Garden fault system.



Major Earthquakes

Following is a list of major earthquakes that have struck Haiti. They were selected for the level of damage caused, as different measures of intensity have been used over the years making it difficult to compare individual earthquakes. To be included in the list, earthquakes had to be at least 12 months apart to allow significant movement of Uranus and Pluto. A full list of earthquakes can be found at https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2011/1133/pdf/ofr2011-1133_212012.pdf.

		PLANETARY POSITIONS	
DATE	TIME	URANUS	PLUTO
2/12/1562	8pm - 9pm, local time	0 SAG 33	11 PIS 16
7/9/1615	11pm - midnight, local time	6 CAN 19	8 TAU 32 Rx
9/11/1701	Time unknown	16 CAN 51 Rx	14 LEO 29
18/10/1751	3pm, local time	25 AQU 37 Rx	5 SAG 04
3/6/1770	7.30pm, local time	13 TAU 21	17 CAP 09 Rx
29/7/1784	6.14am, local time	13 CAN 38	10 AQU 29 Rx
7/5/1842	5.37pm, local time	27 PIS 03	21 ARI 02
8/4/1860	5.00am, local time	5 GEM 04	7 TAU 33
23/9/1887	6.43am, EST	12 LIB 03	4 GEM 57 Rx
29/12/1897	6.32.31am, local time	1 SAG 33	13 GEM 16 Rx
4/08/1946	12.52, EST	20 GEM 35	11 LEO 25
28/10/1952	23:29;51, EST	18 CAN 31 Rx	23 LEO 05
12/01/2010	16:53;10 EST	23 PIS 26	3 CAP 43

The positions of Uranus and Pluto were examined as Uranus is commonly considered to rule earthquakes (and natural disasters in general) and Pluto for the level of destruction seen (as well as the fact that earthquakes begin deep in the ground). Earthquakes that occur in the same area have been referred to as recurring earthquakes by Ed Tamplin (see reference below) and are more likely to show similarities between the earthquake charts. Applying aspects are usually more prominent than separating aspects, and hard aspects generally have more impact.

Initially Sedna was also examined as most of the earthquakes resulted in significant tsunamis, however, due to her very slow movement, Sedna had only moved from 24 Aquarius 33 (1562 earthquake) to 20 Taurus 57 (2010 earthquake) making it difficult to pinpoint particular transits.

There is also a suggestion that eclipses are important in earthquake charts, but this, as well as a consideration of progressions and solar arcs, is beyond the scope of this article.

Earthquakes and the Haiti Independence Chart

For the day of January 1, 1804, in Gonaives, the Sun moved from 9 degrees 38 minutes to 10 degrees 40 minutes Capricorn and the Moon from 28 degrees 6 minutes Leo to 10 degrees 37 minutes Virgo. The True North Node's average position was 14 degrees 26 minutes Aquarius, with only 2 minutes movement that day.

There are 4 occasions when Uranus was in Cancer at the time of a major earthquake, with degree positions of approximately 6, 14, 17 and 19 (see Table above). It is likely that the Uranus transit of 7/9/1615 at 6 degrees Cancer corresponds to an opposition with Haiti's Mars/Chiron conjunction at 3 to 5 degrees Capricorn and a square to Haiti's Saturn at 3 degrees of Libra. Mars/Chiron is also conjunct Haiti's Natal Sun at approximately 10 degrees Capricorn (Transiting Pluto from the 2010 earthquake was exactly conjunct Haiti's Mars/Chiron.) The remaining Uranus transits are between 14 and 19 degrees of Cancer squaring Haiti's Uranus at 16 degrees of Libra (which squares Haiti's Sun, 6 degree orb). The 1952 earthquake had Uranus transiting opposite the 7.17am Ascendant, but no other transits aspect the angles of the 7.17am chart.

Pluto is in Leo on 3 occasions when major earthquakes hit, with degree positions of 11, 14 and 23. Haiti's South Node is at 14 degrees 26 minutes of Leo and would be conjunct transiting Pluto at 11 and 14 degrees, as well as being squared by transiting Uranus in 1770. Haiti's Neptune at 25 degrees Scorpio is squared by transiting Pluto at 23 degrees, but there are no other planetary connections noted. None of the angles of the 7.17am chart were aspected by these Pluto transits. It is possible that one of the major angles for Haiti will be close to 23 degrees of a fixed sign, resulting in a hard aspect to transiting Pluto in 1952 as well as transiting Uranus in 1751.

Conclusion

Based on this brief examination of the major earthquakes of Haiti I chose not to use the 7.17am chart for my talk on Haiti and will use the Noon chart. Earthquakes were used to check the chart as the time and epicentre of an earthquake is accurately recorded by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and I would expect a major transit to one of the angles.

The use of a single event type cannot be used to rectify a chart, but I believe that this series of significant earthquakes are sufficient to raise significant doubts about the 7.17am chart. Do you agree?

Vivien Lowe is a well-respected, local astrologer and will be one of three speakers, on the topic of trouble nation states, at our June 9 meeting.

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Planets at Play: The synastry of the royal couple

With Jill Amery



Harry Natal Chart

Inner Wheel

15 Sep 1984, Sat

16:20 BST -1:00

London, United Kingdom

Tropical

Placidus

Meghan Natal Chart

Outer Wheel

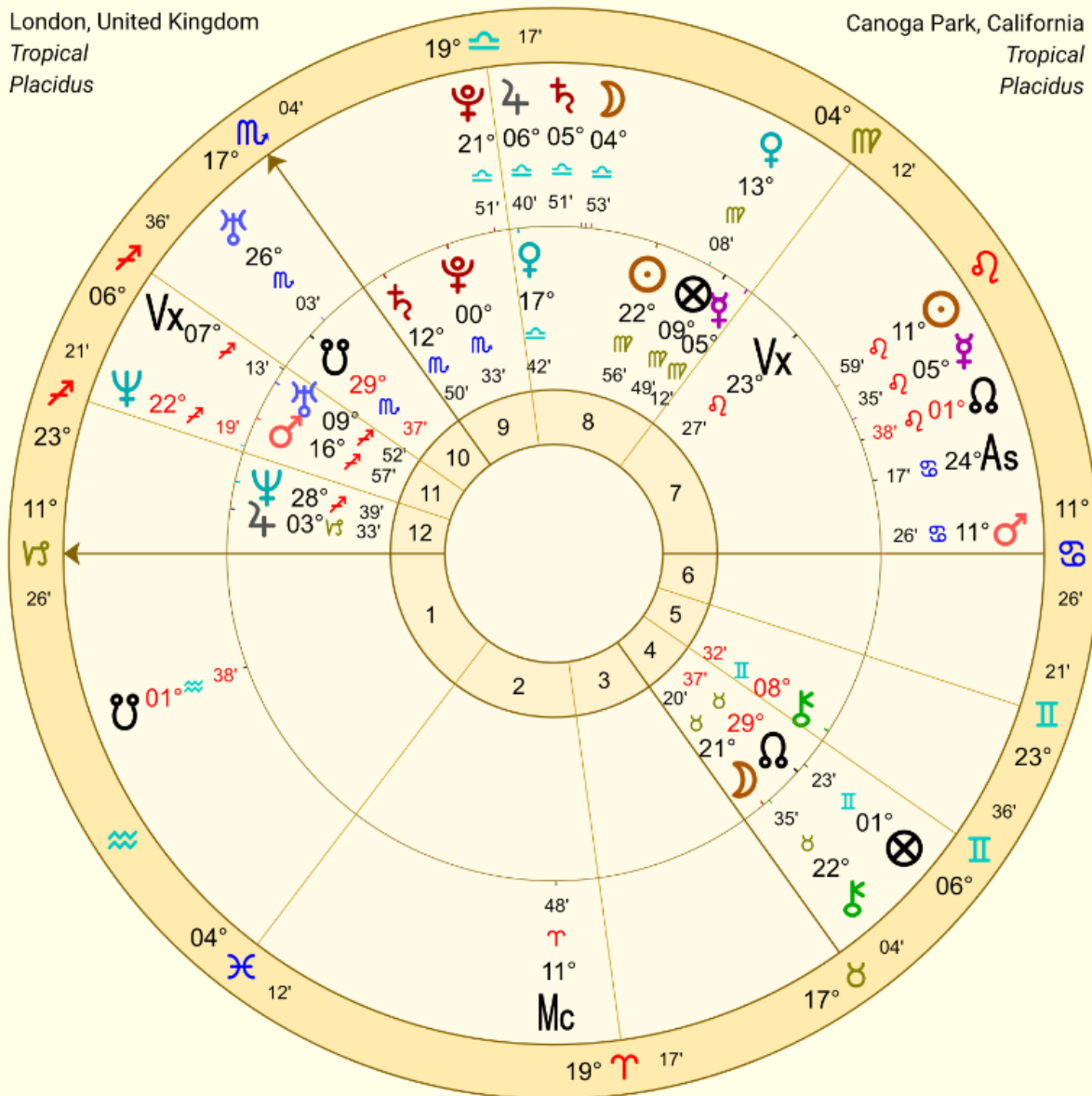
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Canoga Park, California

Tropical

Placidus



It's well known that Meghan and Harry share passionate views on humanitarian interests, so appropriately, a major transit coinciding with their first meeting was Uranus at 24 Aries, triggering both Meghan's natal Ascendant at 24 Cancer and Harry's Sun/Moon midpoint at 22 Cancer (therefore, 22 degrees of the Cardinal signs). Uranus symbolism in relationship often involves instant attraction in a lightning-bolt way, with lots of emotional intensity and excitement. They met when Uranus stationed retrograde at 24 Aries in July 2016, and they have hardly spent much time apart since.

Harry's Sun-Moon blend of Earth signs, Virgo and Taurus, suggests a steady, common sense, reliable and loyal nature. His Ascendant sign, Capricorn, another Earth sign, with its ruler Saturn in Scorpio, emphasises a sense of someone who is down to earth and matter of fact, and needs to feel secure within himself that his life situation is under his control.

Meghan's Sun-Moon blend of Fire (Sun in Leo) and Air (Moon in Libra) contrasts, in that it is a romantic and adventurous combination, with a need to be recognised, appreciated and popular – also with a keen social awareness, needing to be socially pleasing to others.

The Sun/Moon midpoint too is critical, not only in symbolising the inner marriage of our own Sun and Moon (the late Charles Harvey, pre-eminent UK astrologer, brought this theory forward after the work of the late great German astrologer Reinhold Ebertin), but close personal relationships too, and significant contact from another person's horoscope can go very deep in the shared symbolism. So Meghan's Ascendant = Harry's Sun/Moon is an absolutely vital close connection, touching the heart (Sun) and soul (Moon) of Harry, via her persona-relationship Ascendant-Descendant axis (The 4th harmonic – 90 degrees – is used for this measurement.)

Meghan's Ascendant is on her own Sun/Moon midpoint by 8th harmonic aspect** (45 degrees), so that Uranus transit was a double whammy for them. Sun/Moon midpoint contacts are an important substitute for lack of close inter-aspects between the luminaries, points (Lunar Nodal Axis, Ascendant and Midheaven) and the inner personal planets Mercury and Venus, which are all-important for empathetic, loving communication and understanding in any relationship – reflecting the need to be with that person, with whom they not only feel "at home" but that the other person is like a soulmate. Those close connections are strangely missing with this couple, but are compensated for to a large extent through these Ascendant to Sun/Moon and Vertex connections.

The Vertex*: The late, also pre-eminent American astrologer L Edward Johndro, who discovered the Vertex, thought that it was an electrical axis, with the Ascendant the magnetic axis. So this seems to explain the extraordinary connection these two people have with each other. The late Charles Jayne (Johndro's student) also deduced that the Vertex was a very important point in a natal chart. He and his students researched this further and came to the conclusion that the Vertex axis seemed to describe fateful or karmic encounters with others, which completely changed the lives of those concerned.

Harry's Uranus is on Meghan's Vertex axis, and Meghan's Uranus is on Harry's Moon-Vertex – again, more awakening for them both through Uranian symbolism, and the Vertex connection suggests a fated opening of new doorways of discovery and experience in both their lives. The Vertex axis is very significant in this synastry with Meghan's Vertex (by 45 degree 8th harmonic aspect**) very close, just minutes away, from Harry's Sun/Moon midpoint – another powerful link.

Transit Jupiter was conjunct Harry's natal Sun (co-ruler of his 7th house) in 2016, opening up potential for a relationship to occur. Jupiter had stationed conjunct Meghan's Venus two months before they met, and as their relationship consolidated a couple of months later, Jupiter was at

Meghan's Moon/Venus midpoint: "good luck, lots of good feelings, feeling loved" (Noel Tyl's interpretation).

Harry has an upper hemisphere emphasis in his chart, with natal Moon (mother symbolism) as singleton in the 4th ruling the 7th house. Close female partnerships are undoubtedly very important to him in view of his mother Princess Diana's absence through her early death. So, he could find Meghan with her Cancerian Ascendant reflecting the nurturing and caring energies he needs.

Meghan's natal Mars in Cancer squares her MC-IC axis and is exactly conjunct Harry's 7th house cusp, opposite his Ascendant. This could symbolise their dynamic and active work ethic regarding underprivileged people and countries, and the work they will do to support good causes. Otherwise this could prove a challenging inter-aspect, where Mars suggests that disputes and arguments might arise that could prove difficult for their relationship. Mars in the 12th house (Meghan) can be a sign of potential hidden anger, and Meghan's lower hemisphere emphasis, together with natal Pluto in 4th square her Ascendant, are indicative of much "unfinished business" stemming from her early home life.

Her natal Moon-Jupiter-Saturn triple conjunction in harmony-loving Libra in the 3rd house of mindset suggests she might be able to rise above inner emotional conflicts in the undoubtedly challenging new environment, with its rigid protocols demanding that the royal family abstain from airing personal opinions and remain politically neutral. Her unhappy, fragmented family life may give her an appreciation of the solidity and endurance of her new (royal) family but undoubtedly she will miss her former freedom and way of life – her natal Uranus (trine Ascendant) is unaspected by Ptolemaic aspect, so its symbolism can run away with the horoscope - suggesting a need for independence and personal individuality.

Undoubtedly she will have much supportive love from Harry in this formidable struggle to adapt to "The Firm" as the British royal family is known, but there is the extremely challenging transit of Pluto to her 7th house from early 2019 to end 2021 – and so to both of their Sun/Moon midpoints. Pluto coincides with deep transformative change and so Harry and Meghan will evolve into the early years of their marriage through some very deep changes of perspective, some of which will not be easy.

Interestingly, Meghan's Ascendant by Solar Arc Direction is now conjunct the Royal Fixed Star Regulus - and by Solar Arc, her natal Jupiter is now square her Sun in Leo – more royal symbolism!

Jill Amery gave us an in-depth astrological analysis on [North Korea in a recent edition of the Southern Star](#). At our next meeting, June 9, she will delve even further into the astrology of the rogue state and might tell us if the

future holds war or peace.

* For more informative background on the Vertex axis, please refer to Adelaide astrologer Alice Portman's website: <http://aliceportman.com/what-is-the-vertex/>

** Especially in horoscopes with a pronounced half-hemisphere emphasis as with these two, 8th harmonic aspects when significant, can provide much-needed tension and activation.

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