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## Harassed by the Wild Dogs of Doubt



Robert Gover, USA



It seems that astrology has always been harassed by the yipping and yapping wild dogs of doubt. There are ancient records of Babylonian astrologers being punished for inaccuracies. And in our time, scientists and other "rational" people denigrate astrology, while some astrologers defend themselves by proclaiming, "Astrology is an Art, not a Science."

This is further complicated by how different Western astrology is from Hindu astrology and how different both of those systems are from the astrology developed in China and by the ancient Maya. How can so many different paradigms of our celestial environment be reconciled? Why is the Chinese map of the celestial environment so different from the Western, Hindu and Maya? All those ancient stargazers saw the same sky-why did they map it so differently?

Despite these different paradigms, astrology IS scientific according to the universal definition of science: "Knowledge attained through study or practice," or "knowledge covering general truths of the operation of general laws." The strange and fascinating events in the celestial surround we find ourselves in have been and are perceived in a variety of ways, and with a variety of expectations as to what will be found.

The problem with including astrology under the heading of "Science" is that it can be neither proven nor disproven using the modern scientific method.

We are, in effect, facing a mystery beyond our ken as we try to reconcile "seeing is believing" with "we find what we believe is there to be found." In other words, we find what we look for. We do not look for what we cannot imagine is there to be found.

And our expectations influence what we find. That's true of both science and astrology.

Scientifically, this is verified by the "experimenter effect" in Quantum Physics, whereby it is scientifically proven that the experimenter's expectations tend to move and shape subatomic particles.

This supports the astrological belief that we live in an interconnected universe. But because conventional science cannot prove the universal principles of astrology—nor disprove them—conventional scientists regard astrology as superstition or delusion.

The scientific method requires experimental results be verified by duplication. If you throw a stone up, it will always come down, proving gravity. But astrology deals with a reality far beyond earthly gravity.

Astrological cycles repeat but in an ever-changing celestial context. We can ascertain that people born with a certain aspect—Venus conjunct Jupiter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house, say—are likely to be born rich, become rich, or make and spend an extraordinary amount of money during their lives, depending on other aspects to the Venus-Jupiter conjunct and also the economic social class each is born into. An heiress will have a different relationship with wealth than an orphan.

Here is another "unscientific" anomaly:





Each Full Moon occurs in a unique environment, with the other planets arranged differently by longitude and latitude, in relationship to each other and in relationship to the Precession of the Equinoxes, the movement of our solar system within the vast celestial environment beyond. If, say, a New Moon occurs in a water sign conjunct Mars, floods are likely. This doesn't mean that floods are likely under the next Full Moon, which will occur in another sign, not conjunct Mars, and with the other bodies of the Solar System also making different aspects to the lunation.

Full Moons are legendary for stimulating high tides and peaks of emotional activities. Police stations become extraordinarily busy under Full Moons negatively aspected. People who experience a Full Moon which negatively aspects certain natal positions are likely to undergo emotional epiphanies. But this "full-moon effect" cannot be duplicated by scientific experiment because it never repeats within the same celestial context. It is aspected differently every time it occurs, which means it cannot duplicate the same earthly effects as any previous lunation. The same TYPES of events, yes. But exactly the same events? Never. History repeats but does not duplicate.

Since the modern scientific method demands verifiable duplication, astrology can be neither proven nor disproven scientifically.

Yet there are abundant records showing humans around the world have been studying the stars for many millennia, and finding consistent meaning in certain celestial patterns. If there was nothing to astrology, why would so many humans persist in studying it, searching for meanings? Is it possible that as modern astro-scientists continues to probe the vast sky, science, too, will become less certain of its previous certainties? Is it possible that one day modern astronomy and ancient astrology will coincide?

Before the rise of the monotheistic religions—Judaism, Islam and Christianity—people described the angular effects of the heavenly bodies in myths about the gods and goddesses. In virtually every pantheistic religion, the gods were named for the visible planets (or the visible planets named for the gods) and the noticeable effects of planetary angles described the relationship of the gods and goddesses. The Roman Mercury is the Hindu Vishnu, the Native American Coyote, the Polynesian Maui, the West African Legba, and so forth around the world. In one culture, one quality of the Mercury god might be emphasized while in another culture, another quality of this same god/planet might be seen as more fascinating.

This is further complicated by the observed fact that Mercury's effects partake of whatever other celestial body is aspecting it at any given moment. Mercury's effects becomes "masculine" when conjunct Mars, and "feminine" when conjunct Venus. Still, the lore about Mercury is so alike around the world that it's impossible to mistake it for any other planet/deity.

Which brings us to another reason astrology cannot be "scientificated"—the mythologies about the deities are told in legends, in many different languages, with different emphases on the various qualities of each. Modern science, on the other hand, has developed a common terminology which transcends languages. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, German was considered "the language of science," and German scientists relied on Greek and Latin prefixes and suffixes to create a more universally recognized terminology.

A third hurdle astrology has when trying to become accepted by modern science is the uncertainty involved in deciphering astrological charts. Modern scientists prize certainty. A scientific law is reliable, or else it's not a scientific law. In contrast, reading an astrological chart is complex and fraught with a lot of uncertainty.

If we see that Mars will transit an entity's natal Sun, square transiting Uranus, the strong likelihood is that this person will suffer an accident or some kind of unexpected violence.

Under such a combination of transits, I was being extremely cautious and even congratulating myself on getting through this dangerous period without mishap when my car was hit from behind by a truck. Sometimes we don't "have" accidents—accidents have us.

There is a very insightful article about this: "Astrology and the Anatomy of Doubt" by Garry Phillipson. Here's a sample quote:

"Astrology is, first and foremost, a study of meaning. We study patterns in the world, not for their own sake but because we read meaning in these patterns. We do not observe patterns in the sky or in our friends just for the sake of striking off random entries in an infinite catalogue...Astrologers note patterns because we believe that what we observe has meaning—and this works in both directions: above to below, below to above...If Saturn squares Mars in the world above, I expect this to mean something in the world below; if Jim can't hold down a job for more than two weeks, I expect to see this facet of the world below mirrored meaningfully in the world above—through Jim's chart. Given that this general principle—patterns hold meaning—Is so integral to astrology, it seems strange that astrologers take so little interest in what is (I suggest) the most obvious pattern in astrology itself: that astrology is always shadowed by doubt."

Science, too, is shadowed by doubt, as one hypothesis replaces another in the ongoing quest for knowledge. But basically, science presents knowledge that is believed to be "natural law" and cannot be disproven. By contrast, astrology presents meanings based on astrological theories (planetary patterns and angles) which are often part of such a complex overall celestial pattern, they appear to work most of the time, but not always.

For instance, we may find in a chart such a combination of hard angles qualified by trines and sextiles that it is virtually impossible to say which will dominate in the subject's life. This brings us to free will and an ancient truth: we are not caught in an iron cage of predetermined fate. We have free will. Some people use their knowledge of history and their intelligence to be better prepared for winters or monsoons, times of economic stress and times of economic opportunity.

It is often the person with the most squares and oppositions who becomes the most successful. My mentor described this as "the mashed potato syndrome," meaning that a person whose nativity is dominated by nice easy trines and sextiles tends to be "mashed potatoes." Unchallenged, the person does not develop the character and self-discipline needed to succeed.

This brings us to the fact that our solar system is surrounded by a universe of celestial bodies which we cannot factor into our ordinary readings because there are so many, and they are so various and in ever-dynamic motion. It's enough for us to read the relationships of the planets in our own little solar system, even while we acknowledge that our solar system is, in turn, subject to unknown influences from beyond our Zodiac.

For doubters and distracters of astrology, there are also the various astrological techniques of reading charts. In predicting the stock market, for instance, Louise McWhirter developed a technique back in the 1920s based on the Moon's North Node, which worked reliably to tell her when stocks would rise or fall—except when the North Node's reliability was disrupted by angles from planets, especially Saturn and Uranus. Conversely, one can reliably predict long-range stock market moves by the angles of Saturn and Uranus, except when they are disrupted by the Nodes, or by Neptune or Pluto.

How can it be, the science-minded may ask, that different interpretive techniques result in the same predictions? The answer is that there are so many different ways to read "God's newsletter," celestial patterns.

Scientific rationalism seeks clear yes-or-no cause-effect relationships. Such simplicity is not possible in astrology—yet astrologers arrive at basically the same prediction by a variety of astrological techniques.

Even among astrologers there is often hot debate over which system of chart interpretation works best, and which does not work at all. There are astrologers who believe there is a correct way of chart reading, and all other ways should be discarded. Students of astrology, these "purists" believe, should be taught the correct way, and tests should be given—you either pass or fail, according to your grasp of this single correct way to the exclusion of all others.

This attempt to "scientificate" astrology, it seems to me, is doomed because of the vastness and complexity of our subject. Garry Phillipson cites an ancient Indian legend to make this point:

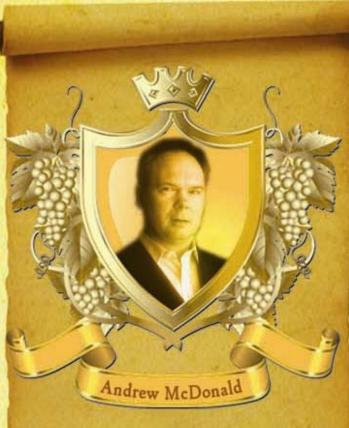
"A group of pundits are arguing about the world: Is it finite or infinite? Is the soul something separate from the body? A wise man, hearing of this, compares the pundits to a group of blind men. These men, blind from birth, were ordered by a rajah to discover what an elephant is like. So they were assembled around an elephant. One man grasped a foot, one the trunk, one a tusk, one an ear, and so on. The rajah asked them: "Well, what is an elephant like?" Each began describing the part of the elephant he was holding: "It's like the trunk of a tree" "No, it's like a plough-share," etc. The blind men began contradicting one another more and more forcefully — "No, an elephant's not like that at all!" — and eventually came to blows. All because each believed that what he had hold of was all that there was to know."

The surrounding universe is to us as the elephant is to the blind men of the Hindu myth. We humans prefer to live in our familiar bubbles of limited knowledge rather than face the vast mysteries that surround us.

That astrology has always been harassed by the wild dogs is doubt does not deter us in our quest for more and more accurate knowledge of the seemingly infinite and ever-changing celestial environment we live in.

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# The Divine Michelangelo By Andrew McDonald, England.

here is an old story, told in different forms throughout history, that when mankind reaches a low point in our activities down here on Earth, a messenger from God will be sent from the Heavens to show us the way, to show us how to do things properly.

And so it was in the world of art, when, in the year 1474, 'the benign ruler of heaven,' saw fit to send us, 'an artist who would be skilled in each and every craft.' An artist, 'whose work alone would teach us how to obtain perfection in design.'

The sending of such a genius, we imagine, would be trumpeted in the stars, and it was, (16<sup>th</sup> Giorgio Vasari century artist/biographer) in the second edition of his book, Lives of the Most Excellent Sculptors, Painters and Architects, goes on to tell us: 'under a fateful and lucky star, the virtuous and noble wife of Lodovico Buonarroti gave birth to a baby son,' his father saw in him 'supernatural and beyond something, human experience.' 'This was evident in the child's horoscope,' and that, 'his mind and hands were destined to fashion sublime works of art.' That genius was known as The Divine Michelangelo. Michelangelo Buonarroti.

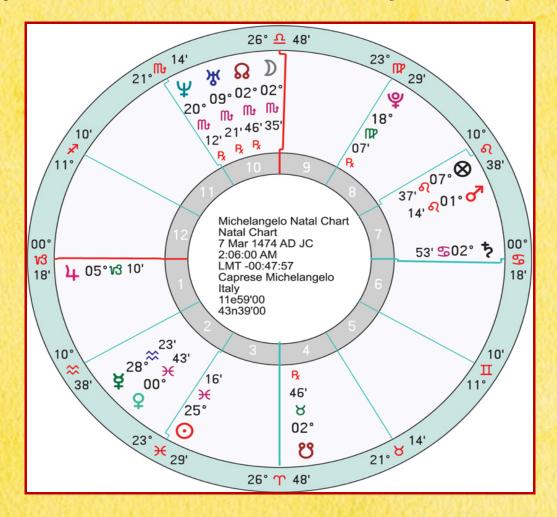
His birth data has been disputed as to whether it was 1474 or 1475 because of old style or new style calendar as there is a year difference between the two ways of calculating the date. Almost all recent art historians now favour 1475. But Benedetto Varchi, the Florentine historian, who gave the eulogy at Michelangelo's funeral, Vasari and Ascanio Condivi, another biographer, all give 1474. So does Michelangelo's father's record, which survives in a 17<sup>th</sup> century copy with an added note in brackets, essentially saying, 'old style not new.' But the record is a copy, and of course nobody knows when this comment was added. Besides all this, if we let the astrology speak and set the chart for the time suggested by Vasari/Varchi/Condivi and Michelangelo's father, it fits his contemporaries' astrological description which the 1475 chart does not. And if we delve further, it speaks eloquently. In short, the astrology stacks up.

The earliest astrological description we have is in Condivi's biography, Life of Michelangelo Buonarroti. This was published in Rome in 1553 and written with Michelangelo's guidance. In fact, in a letter dated 14 April 1548, Michelangelo had written from Rome to his nephew Leonardo asking for a copy of his 'nativita'.

Condivi states: (Michelangelo was born) 'in the year of our Salvation 1474 on the sixth day of March, four hours before daylight on a Monday. A fine nativity truly, which showed how great the child would be and of how noble a genius; for the planet Mercury and Venus in seconda being received into the house of Jupiter with benign aspect, promised what afterward followed.'

'Four hours before daylight' is approx 2 am which we would now call the 7<sup>th</sup> March but it is still the 'sixth day of March' until sunrise, the sixth day lasting from 6 March sunrise to 7 March sunrise. It is also a Monday following the Paschal calendar as Condivi and Michelangelo's father both noted.

Michelangelo Natal Chart: 7 March 1474 AD JC, 2:06 am, Caprese Michelangelo, Italy



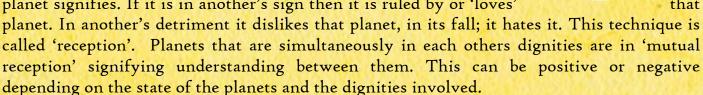
ut however we count it, the point is, it fits his contemporaries' description of his nativity.

Around this time we have a choice of Jupiter or Saturn as Lord Ascendant. The Lord Ascendant is the planet that rules the sign on the Ascendant, from this, and the Ascendant itself, we can judge the physical appearance of the native. I have set it for 2:06am with Capricorn rising, as Saturn in Cancer as Lord Ascendant, fits the description that Condivi gives us in his biography, far more than Jupiter in Capricorn: He was, 'of middle height,' with a 'round skull, (prominent) square forehead,' 'little eyes,' 'flattened (broken) nose,' 'few eyebrow hairs,' and 'hair black and not very thick.' Condivi also mentions, 'He suffered for many years with difficulty in passing urine'. This, for our purposes, points to restrictive Saturn

in watery Cancer in the seventh house of his pelvis and genitals, trine by

the Moon in its fall in a fixed water sign.

Traditionally planets are said to be in certain 'dignities' depending on their location in the chart. These dignities are known as 'essential' and 'accidental'. Essential dignities are derived from the sign in which the planet falls, in some places they are 'good' strong or 'happy' shown by a planet falling in its own sign, exaltation or triplicity, and to lesser extent term and face. In others they are problematic, weak or unhappy shown by a planet in its detriment or fall. These distinctions are also qualitative and so we can also see a planets attitude toward other planets by essential dignities. For example, if a planet falls in the exaltation of another then it exalts whatever that particular planet signifies. If it is in another's sign then it is ruled by or 'loves'



Accidental dignities basically show how much ability a planet has to act in the world, this is shown by various factors such as its position in the houses, aspects by other planets, speed and direction, placement on fixed stars etc.

Using this time of 2:06am for Michelangelo's birth, the planet Jupiter is inside the first house, this could be seen literally as the 'fateful and lucky star' that Vasari mentions, Jupiter traditionally being known as the great benific and thus, lucky. Though, of course, Vasari may have been speaking generally about the auspicious astrological moment Michelangelo was born. Any planet in the first house close to the ascendant will have some affect on the native's appearance, the native being 'born under' it. But this will only qualify, it will not change the primary testimonies, these are drawn from the Ascendant and Lord Ascendant, so as a first choice between Saturn and Jupiter as Ascendant ruler, one must go with Saturn in Cancer.

A quick look at the chart reveals the thoughtful, contemplative Melancholic nature Michelangelo was known for. His Ascendant, Lord Ascendant and Moon are all judged as cold and dry by traditional method, thus giving him a Melancholic temperament.

He was generous by nature, benific Jupiter is in his first house and so is significator of his manner, of his motivations. This generosity was very important to him as shown by his

Lord Ascendant exalting this Jupiter and can be seen by the work he sometimes just gave away. For example, the statues, The Dying Slave and The Rebellious Captive that are now

in the Louvre in Paris, he simply gave to his friend Roberto Strozzi. Also Condivi quotes him: 'rich man as I have made myself I have always lived as a poor one.' Michelangelo's Lord Ascendant Saturn is in its detriment in Cancer, sign of the 'poor and common people.' He was a devout Christian: his significator of manner, Jupiter is on the fixed star Pelagus. Vivian Robson in his book: The Fixed Stars and Constellations tells us that Pelagus gives the native, 'a religious mind and ecclesiastical preferment.' And

If a planet falls in the exaltation of another then it exalts whatever that particular planet signifies. If it is in another's sign then it is ruled by or 'loves' that planet. In another's detriment it dislikes that planet, in its fall; it hates it. This technique is called 'reception'. Planets that are simultaneously in each others dignities are in 'mutual reception' signifying understanding between them.

Condivi tells us, Michelangelo had a great affection for the famous Florentine preacher Girolamo Savonarola, 'keeping always in mind the sound of his voice.' With the ruler of his 9<sup>th</sup> house of religion being in a fixed, 'voiced' sign, this should not surprise us.

The Moon and Mercury are traditionally seen as the rulers of a natives mind and their condition and relationship with each other describe the particular qualities that mind has. Michelangelo's show his ingeniousness: his Mercury is conjunct fixed star Deneb Adige, which, according to Robson, whose book is the standard traditional text on the fixed stars, 'gives an ingenious nature and clever intellect.' His Moon is conjunct the North Node. William Lilly, the great 17<sup>th</sup> century astrologer, in his indispensable book *Christian Astrology* points out, this position of the Moon 'shows active spirits, prompt to any science'. The Moon and Mercury behold each other by a square aspect giving ruggedness to his mind, and Mercury is below the horizon, a position that particularly frames his mind for the Arts. Michelangelo's Moon and Mercury are also conjunct by the traditional method of 'antiscion'. This is whereby a planet is reflected through the solstice points of o degrees Cancer and o degrees Capricorn, thus giving the planet an alternate or second placement. This is traditionally read in much the same way as a bodily position and according to William Lilly this conjunction of Mercury and Moon 'in any sign, declares ingenious persons'.

His art is powerful and passionate: more planets are in Mars dignities than the dignities of any other planet. Mars rules the Moon, which as it is a night time birth, is known as the 'Light of Time'. Venus is his 'Lord of the Geniture', the strongest planet by essential and accidental dignities in his chart. Venus is the natural ruler of art and is powerful, having just entered her exaltation in Pisces. It is in the second house with Mercury, in mutual reception and sextile ('benign') aspect with Jupiter; exactly as Condivi had noted. Venus is also conjunct his Midheaven, his place of work, by antiscion and is ruler of his 10<sup>th</sup> house of action.

Traditionally the eclipse before birth will show the 'life and times' in the mundane world, the big wide world that the native is born into. It is set for the latitude and longitude of birth thus linking it to that particular place. It can be seen as a set of potentials, if a native sets himself out from the crowd, somehow he will plug into these potentials shown by the eclipse

All charts at the end of the article.

before birth, attempting to bring to fruition the seeds that are planted there. This will be shown by significant points or planets in the natal chart falling on significant places in the eclipse chart. After the eclipse and before birth there may also be a pre birth lunation; a New or Full Moon. This seems to act as a narrowing of focus as if the manifestation of the potentials of the eclipse are now restricted to less possibilities and these possibilities are then further restricted by the birth chart. Connections are seen or not seen between the charts and this is all read back into the potential that is shown in the 'bigger Picture' of the eclipse. Only what is shown there can be achieved.

With our eyes open to these connections we can see Michelangelo's Light of Time, the Moon, powerfully applying to conjunction with the benific North Node in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of his career and, by antiscion, this falls on the Mercury and Venus conjunction of the pre birth lunation. His Mercury also picks this up, plugging him in to the life and times of his era and fuelling his powerful artistic imagination. Mercury is ruler of his 9<sup>th</sup> house of visions and dreams and is on fixed star Deneb Adige so favourable for artists. Venus gives him the eloquence and Mercury provides the facility to portray the cosmic vision, to bring it to earth. The pre birth conjunction of Mercury and Venus occurs in Aquarius, traditionally seen as the most 'humane' of signs and ruled by Saturn, who in turn is traditional ruler of matter, marble and stone. Poetry was another of Michelangelo's artistic gifts, Venus providing Mercury with the poeticism to speak beyond the mundane; Aquarius is fixed air and is a voiced sign.

His work will make its mark on the world: Michelangelo's 10<sup>th</sup> house/4<sup>th</sup> house axis, known as the MC/IC, reverses the MC/IC of the pre birth eclipse. As the MC is the heavens, the IC can be seen as the lowest point, the ground, or the world down here. It will be through Art, and the portrayal of the divine and the human that he will make his mark: his Sun, by antiscion, is conjunct the ruler of the eclipse, a dignified, and again humane, Venus. His

creations, shown by Venus as ruler of his 5<sup>th</sup> house, are of an exalted religious nature as Venus is exalted in Pisces, a Jupiter sign and Jupiter being the traditional ruler of Religion. They are in mutual reception, showing understanding between them and in sextile aspect, again showing influence and access to one another. His Midheaven is on the fixed star Princeps, which is located on the spear shaft of Bootes, said to give a profound mind. As this star is on his MC, this profundity will come out in his career. That it is on the spear shaft shows again it is aspiration, in the best sense of the word that is driving the career, as the spear shaft is thrust up towards the Heavens.

Princeps can also show him working for 'Princes,' which of course, he did.

He has a great love and understanding of religion, shown by his Lord Ascendant Saturn, exalting, and in mutual reception, understanding, with Jupiter, natural ruler of religion. Jupiter as mentioned above is on Pelagus. Pelagus is situated on the vane of the arrow at the archer's hand, and so shows him aiming for the heavens, aspiring. Yet even someone as great as Michelangelo can only 'see' so far: fixed star Facies conjunct his Ascendant will obscure his view.

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Exalting Jupiter, this artist will favour a large, grand vision, Jupiter being ruler of large and grand things, attempting to contain, as Saturn is the ruler of boundaries, the uncontainable; Saturn being in Cancer is in uncontainable Cardinal water.

There are problems and injuries to his eyes, as indeed he had while painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling with paint dripping into them. Saturn as lord 2 is seen as his tools, his brushes and paints, and as Saturn is in its detriment they afflict the Moon, 'his eyes' by trine. He tells us himself in this extract, from sonnet 5, written while he painted the ceiling:

...the brush keeps dripping till my face looks gaudy

more like mosaic than anything you'd tread on...

And there were problems after completing the ceiling, as Condivi tells us, when he could no longer lower his eyes, so long had he stared upwards: 'When he had finished this work

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Michelangelo, because he had painted so long a time with his eyes turned upward towards the vault, could hardly see any thing when looking down, so that when he had to read a letter or look at a minute object it was necessary for him to hold it above his head.'

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Unfortunate fixed star Facies, on his Ascendant, also brings injuries to his eyes, Facies being the nebula on the archers face; as the archer aims upwards to Heaven, so his eyes suffer.

The Sun and Moon, 'the Lights' are the traditional rulers of the eyes and his Moon is in its fall afflicted by that trine from Saturn which is also Michelangelo himself. His Sun is exactly conjunct the fixed star Difda, a yellow star on the Whale's tail. This Whale is Cetus the sea monster sent by Poseidon to ravage the land and devour the beautiful Andromeda, to avenge the claim by Cassiopia, Andromeda's mother that Andromeda was more beautiful than the sea nymphs the Nereids. And so this Whale, this sea monster, is born from the endless ocean of desires and from envy too, it is driven to ravage the epitome of beauty that is Andromeda who is more beautiful than even desire itself. The hero Perseus intervenes changing the sea monster into stone by showing it the head of Medusa, originally a beautiful young woman, but whose beauty turns all who look at her to stone. She is born from desire for the material world, being daughter of Pontus, the ocean and Ge earth or matter. Her gaze shows Cetus the sea monster that his origin is in avarice and his nature is the desire to devour material beauty. Michelangelo's eye is on the tail of this thrashing beast. This is not a fish whose tail is vertical and shares in its steering like a rudder on a boat, this is a mammal and its tail is horizontal, acting as the 'motor', the powerhouse or engine room that propels the beast; this is where Michelangelo's eye is located. With realization of its true nature via the gaze of Medusa, the Whale is transformed into stone. Which on the one hand because of his mighty artistic gifts Michelangelo can turn to his advantage as a sculptor and creator of static images, taking this driving desire for material beauty and capturing and containing it in stone, and on the other hand, later in life, realizing that this can only take him so far, this quest for material beauty, before he realizes one can make an idol of it instead of seeing it for its true nature which is always to lift ones eyes beyond itself, beyond the material. Michelangelo, near the end of his life, wrote sonnet 285, in it he tells us:

Through stormy seas and in a fragile bark my life has reached at last the common port

where all must come to render their report, accounting for each good and evil work.

So the fond fantasy that used to make an idol and a tyrant out of art, I now see as it is, with error fraught, like what men love despite the harm they take.

What of these vain and wanton thoughts of love now I approach two deaths? I know that one is certain, and the other threatens me.

Painting and sculpture will no longer serve to calm my soul, turned to that love divine whose arms were opened for us on the cross.

Perseus was riding through the air on Pegasus. That Pegasus was born from the head of Medusa shows that he too is representative of desire. But this desire has wings, lifting him upwards towards the Heavens, aspiring and enabling the hero to slay the beast and free Andromeda. She is now seen, because of the elevation of his desire, as she truly is: a reflection of divine beauty. The hero then marries her. It is clear that Michelangelo managed this feat many times in his long artistic career, both in paint and stone. From the stamp of Pegasus hoof comes the fountain Hippocrene sacred to the muses where poets are said to draw their inspiration. Michelangelo clearly was no stranger to this place either.

ixed star Bungula sits on his 11<sup>th</sup> cusp; a Venus/Jupiter star traditionally seen as bringing 'beneficence, friends, refinement and honour.' On his 11<sup>th</sup> cusp these qualities will manifest through his friends: after all, this was the man who spoke familiarly with popes and as a youth wandered sketching and studying in the gardens of the Medici princes under the wing of Lorenzo the Magnificent. Yes indeed, he had powerful friends. The Pope, after Michelangelo's death, even expressing he wanted 'a personal memorial and sepulchre for him in St Peter's itself.'

Michelangelo clearly had empathy for others with his Lord Ascendant on the 7<sup>th</sup> cusp in trine with lord 7, 'other people' and his Moon so high in the chart, making his empathy

visible. He portrayed humanity as exalting the religious quest back to God, shown by Saturn in the 7<sup>th</sup> house, exalting Jupiter on Pelagus. These planets are in opposition, showing the tension of separation, they are also in mutual reception showing the possibility of resolution, but they are both essentially debilitated, (as is lord 7), showing the inability to do it by ones self, hence the need for Grace; God

reaching down to humanity. This constant theme in his visual work is also shown, especially later in life, in his poetry. In sonnet 292 he cries out:

...The prayers I offer would be sweet indeed If only you would lend me power to pray...

And in sonnet 289

Stretch down to me, dear Lord, the chain that with itself brings linked each heavenly gift: I mean faith that I catch and course at, while I rue my sin that checks full grace that comes from faith...

The Arabian Part of Vocation falls at 4 degrees Gemini, within 2 degrees of the royal fixed star Aldebaran. It is ruled by Mercury in Aquarius the most humane of signs, and as mentioned, this Mercury (also conjunct his Moon by antiscion) falls conjunct the Mercury/Venus conjunction in the pre birth lunation, giving him the job of articulating the artistic vision of his time. Occurring in a fixed sign shows this is a vision that will last.

That this is for his generation and more is also confirmed by his natal arc Part of Vocation falling exactly conjunct the fifth house of 'creations' in the pre birth eclipse, and his natal 5<sup>th</sup> house cusp is conjunct the eclipse itself on the exalted Moon. This plugged him into the power source of the eclipse.

(The natal arc Part of Vocation is calculated by using the Moon – Sun arc from the nativity and projecting it from the Midheaven of a separate chart. This can be done with the other major parts as well, following the same method; take the natal arc of the planets the Part is derived from and project it from the respective point in the separate chart rather than the natal. It seems to show a deeper working out of things in time – almost at what we would call a 'Soul' level.)

His natal Fortuna is conjunct the eclipse Ascendant, focusing its power to earth, the Ascendant being the horizon, and his Sun is conjunct the eclipse 9<sup>th</sup> house, the house of both Art and God. This was no ordinary artist, he was working for his generation and beyond, as Vasari quoted him when asked by a priest, a good friend of his why he never took a wife so as to leave all his work to his sons, said: 'I've always had too harassing a wife in this demanding art of mine, and the work I leave behind will be my sons.' How right he was, and how long they would live, his natal 5<sup>th</sup> cusp, 'his offspring' is conjunct the fixed exalted eclipse Moon.

Looking at some momentous episodes in Michelangelo's life...

#### The Medici Gardens

In 1508 Francesco Granacci took Michelangelo to the gardens of the Medici of San Marco. Here he met Lorenzo the Magnificent, father of Pope Leo, as Condivi says, 'a man renowned for every excellence'. Lorenzo had so many beautiful antique statues and decorative sculptures that Michelangelo resolved not to return to the workshop he was apprenticed to and instead study in the gardens of the Medici princes. His progressions for this year show his Moon progressing onto royal fixed star Aldebaran a magnitude 1 powerful star signifying a new beginning for Michelangelo, 'with those who will bestow many badges of honour upon him,' (Lilly). The Moon then moves onto his progressed 5<sup>th</sup> cusp and natal Part of Vocation. This pattern is confirmed by the solar return for this year. Venus is conjunct the Midheaven of pre birth eclipse, and falls into the natal 4<sup>th</sup> house: 'the garden'. Saturn, Michelangelo himself, is exalted, conjunct the benific North Node, and an exalted Moon is in the sign of Venus entering the 9<sup>th</sup> house of study: It seems that he was never happier.

As happy as he was in the gardens of the Medici, he would become equally unhappy in the painting of the Sistine Chapel and yet this was to be one of the triumphs of his career.

#### The Painting of the Sistine Chapel

cichelangelo did not consider himself to be a painter at all; he ends his sonnet 5 with the words: 'this is no place for me, and I'm no painter.' Neither did his rivals consider him to be one. In light of this, how much more remarkable the painting of the Sistine Chapel is.

The painting of the Sistine Chapel ceiling was begun in 1508 and completed in 1512, in which, Michelangelo, 'has depicted the creation of the

world and then almost the whole of the Old Testament' (Condivi). The work was unveiled

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As the 'Benign Ruler of Heaven' had sent him, who better to depict the Creation than Michelangelo? Though a look at his progressed Sun for 1508 separating but still opposed to his MC, soon to leave its exaltation and lose all its dignity and then conjunct the unfortunate South Node, one can see it was not a commission he was looking forward to.

In fact his rivals, the architect Bramante and the artist Raphael were plotting in secret. Judging that his principal art was sculpture they had put him forward for the job, convincing Pope Julius, that Michelangelo was the man. Then they waited in the wings for him to fail as they were sure he would, thus destroying his reputation and his friendship and patronage of the Pope. Jupiter is Lord 12, his 'secret enemies', and is in Michelangelo's 1st house influencing him and opposing his Lord Ascendant in the 7th. Jupiter also rules his Arabian Part of Fame. There is mutual reception between them, and between Jupiter and Venus, ruler of his career: his enemies would be influential in his fame.

Michelangelo protested. Condivi tells us: (He) '...as yet had never used colours, and knew the painting of the vault to be a very difficult undertaking and tried with all his power to get out of it...' Pope Julius was not moved and despite Michelangelo's protestations he insisted. And so Michelangelo set himself to do the work.

Instability, troubles and contentions are shown by his Ascendant progressing onto fixed star Armus, as he is called to exercise his knowledge and art: progressed Ascendant is in early Lord 9 Mercury terms, in humane Aquarius, with his Sun sextile natal Mercury. He is called to 'voyage' as his 9<sup>th</sup> house of 'Long journeys' progresses onto fixed star Acrux, a magnitude I Jupiter star, the brightest star in the Southern Cross, traditionally bringing religious beneficence. As his natal Lord 9 is in a fixed air sign, and with his contemplative nature and artistic gifts this was to be a voyage of imagination and stunning vision, and his Ascendant had also progressed onto the Descendant of his pre birth eclipse: it was time to capture everybody's imagination, it was time to capture the zeitgeist.

His enemies would play their part: the solar return for 1508-09 shows an exalted Moon in mundane conjunction with the Jupiter that sits inside Michelangelo's Ascendant, Jupiter being ruler of his part of Fame and of the 12th house of enemies. It is also opposed to the Jupiter in the return chart.

His gifts are called into play to describe a cosmic drama for all to see: the return Mercury is conjunct his natal Venus and the return 9/3 axis is conjunct

Ascendant/Descendant thus bringing his art into the world, or images of heaven (9<sup>th</sup>) down to earth (3<sup>rd</sup>) for both himself and others, the 3<sup>rd</sup> traditionally being seen as the flowering and manifestation of the imagination of the ninth. The 3<sup>rd</sup> house is also where we see the return's Fortuna, which is conjunct natal Lord Ascendant, Michelangelo himself and is ruled by strong exalted return Moon.

The return Mercury conjunct his natal Venus brings to mind the Mercury/Venus conjunction in the pre birth lunation (in fixed Aquarius and ruled by Saturn). This time the conjunction is ruled by Jupiter in a fluid, mutable, water sign: it would be paint and not stone that this religious vision would be created with.

This was filled with problems though: natal arc Fortuna falls at 17 Degrees 10 Sagittarius in the return in the eighth house of fear and anxiety. At one time the Pope threatened to throw Michelangelo off the scaffold; the eighth house is also the house of death. This natal arc Part falls into the natal 12<sup>th</sup> house where Michelangelo felt trapped, the 12<sup>th</sup> being the 'place of confinement' and was in the power of his secret enemies, also shown by the 12<sup>th</sup>, Bramante and Raphael et al. And trapped he was. When he finished the picture of the Flood the work grew mouldy, again he protested: 'I have told your holiness that this is not my art; all I have done is spoiled; if you do not believe it, send and see.' The Pope sent architect Sangallo to inspect it, who said the lime in the fresco was too wet thus causing the problem. 'Informing

Michelangelo of this he made him proceed and the excuse was unavailing.' (Condivi). Michelangelo continued to finish the work, without assistance, and 'not even anyone to grind the colours.' (Condivi).

The progressions for 1512, the year the Sistine Chapel was completed show his Sun conjunct the South Node, between progressed South Node and natal South Node a very unfortunate place to be. William Lilly tells us this progression brings the native, 'grief and pains in his eyes, many obstructions in the body'. Michelangelo's progressed Sun is also opposed to his natal Moon, for which Lilly says will bring the

native, 'dangerous infirmities in the eyes and sickness in other parts of the body, many times sore eyes and a violent fever.' He was in a right state. He couldn't even bring his eyes downward to see, he had to hold letters above his head to read them.

His 1512 solar return shows the return Ascendant/Descendant axis falling onto his natal Midheaven, and this conjunct the Midheaven of the pre birth eclipse, and so links all the way back to the eclipse as a flowering of the seeds planted there. Return Saturn (natal Lord Ascendant) is loosely conjunct return Moon and both are conjunct natal Moon and natal North Node in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of career, there is also a mundane conjunction with natal Saturn. It was this painting that lifted him above and beyond any living artist. His enemies must have been beside themselves.

#### 'And all Rome came to see it...' (Condivi).

Raphael and Bramante had lost and Michelangelo was honoured as the greatest of all living artists.

The lunar return for the completion, it was unveiled on the feast of All Saints 1512, has its Midheaven conjunct Michelangelo's Part of Vocation and royal star Aldebaran. Return lord

93 signifying his art, is conjunct fixed star Wega, traditionally said to bring visions from heaven, and is exalted in the 5<sup>th</sup> house of the return signifying his creations at that time. It is also conjunct natal Jupiter in his 1<sup>st</sup> house.

'It was such to make everyone speechless with astonishment.' (Vasari). Return lord 7 is in a mute sign exalting Venus who is art and beauty conjunct Michelangelo's natal Sun, in other words, Michelangelo himself.

He was lifted up above all other living artists: return Mercury natal lord 9, his art and knowledge also ruler of his part of Vocation is conjunct the North Node and Fortuna.

His fame was mighty indeed, and yet there would be another fresco, later in life, in which he 'excelled the masters,' and even 'outstripped himself.' (Vasari). This was the painting of The Last Judgement.

#### The Painting Of The Last Judgement

ichelangelo started work on The Last Judgement in 1536. This fresco was painted on the end wall of the Sistine chapel. It was during this time he also composed sonnet 104 which as we can see in this excerpt, is laden with astrological imagery:

He who created time from nothingness (but after man's creation, only then) split time in two: one half held high the sun, the other had the moon that's near to us.

From these were born, before the moment passed, the fortune, fate and chance of every man; I was assigned the dark time for my own, as what my birth and cradle suited best.

I copy what I think fate says I am...

Michelangelo's painting of The Last Judgement was uncovered on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 1541 (private view). His Midheaven had progressed onto his Ascendant and his progressed Moon conjuncts the pre birth eclipse Midheaven. His Sun has just progressed into Gemini showing a new phase and his Fortuna is on royal fixed star Fomalhaut, 'changing material to a spiritual form of expression,' (Robson). This star is associated with the winter solstice and the birth of Christ. How fitting that this painting would be unveiled to the public on Christmas day.

His solar return for this year shows return Saturn, natal Lord Ascendant, Michelangelo himself, exalted. It is retrograde, going backward, thus showing a return to painting, on his natal Midheaven; at the highest point, in glory, for all to see. A nice fertile return Moon conjuncts natal Saturn, bringing bounty with it, and yet is opposed to natal Jupiter showing the tension and opposition in the work. Natal arc Fortuna is conjunct natal Sun and the return North Node, suggesting his soul's search to bring his visions of God's power and majesty was achieved in this, and this all happening on the natal 3<sup>rd,</sup> again, bringing these visions into manifestation, down to earth, as Vasari, Varchi, Condivi and others would later say. With return Jupiter, ruler of his natal arc Fortuna and natal Part of Fame conjunct powerful royal fixed star Regulus, which leads straight to the throne, we can see this was indeed the work that propelled him in the eyes of his peers, beyond all others living or dead.

The lunar return for the uncovering shows return Sun conjunct Michelangelo's Moon/North Node natal conjunction. This is powerful; as the Sun is on Acrux, brightest star in the Southern Cross, even more so. We have seen this star before: it is the same star his 9<sup>th</sup> house had progressed onto with the painting of the Sistine Chapel. Acrux brings him religious beneficence.

Return Jupiter though in its detriment is conjunct Fortuna conjunct return Ascendant which is, in turn, conjunct natal 9<sup>th</sup> house. Many, like Biagio da Cesena, the master of ceremonies, and so naturally ruled by Jupiter, were unhappy: Jupiter is in its detriment, about Michelangelo's art: Jupiter is conjunct Michelangelo's natal 9<sup>th</sup> house of art. This was because of the nakedness of the people he had depicted, "exposing themselves shamefully," they felt it was unseemly: Jupiter is in the fall of Venus.

But, despite this, the return Ascendant, Fortuna and Jupiter are all conjunct the full Moon of the pre birth lunation, marking this time as highly significant.

This was to be unlike anything else.

'...to the wonder and astonishment of the whole of Rome, or rather the whole world.'
(Vasari)

The Public came to see this work Christmas day, December 1541, and were, 'stupefied by what they saw.' (Vasari).

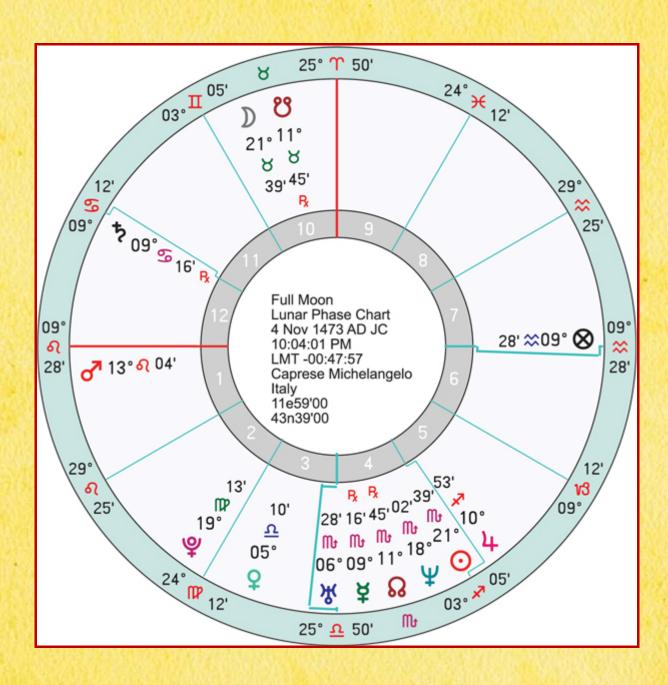
The lunar return preceding this event shows the return Ascendant conjunct natal Mars, appropriate, given the power that shocked the populace and not surprisingly, many again, did not receive it well at first. But the return Mars is conjunct fixed star Spica, associated with The Virgin Mary, strongly protective and bringing success and renown. The return North Node is on the return 9<sup>th</sup> house. A humane Venus, showing Michelangelo's decorum in painting humanity, is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house in mundane conjunction with natal Saturn who is natal Lord Ascendant, Michelangelo himself. Return Sun is conjunct natal Ascendant: shining light on Michelangelo and the light of God shining through him, as Vasari and others would later say. His natal arc Part of Vocation is conjunct the return North Node, showing it was part of his vocation to be once again lifted up: natal arc Part of Vocation/North Node conjunction lifts him up, that this is via his art is shown by it being conjunct the return 9<sup>th</sup> house, to show the world, the 7<sup>th</sup> house of other people, how to do it.

On Christmas day at 12 noon, with the Sun at it's zenith, exactly opposite, on the IC, traditionally seen as 'the end of things' was Michelangelo's natal arc Part of Fame: 'The Last Judgement'. The Moon shows the populace and is square both his Part of Fame and the Sun, so showing the tension between them, and yet exalting the Sun, symbol of God on the Midheaven. To be in square aspect as Ibn Ezra said in his book *The Beginning of Wisdom*: is a sign of 'each party seeking control for his self', in this context the battle between human free will and God's destiny. Terrified by the square but exalting God, the populace are captured by this tension and power, while the vision, the ruler of natal arc Part of Fame, exalts God Himself. And this noon chart's Ascendant/Descendant axis falls on the Midheaven of his pre birth eclipse and on the Venus of the Medici gardens, through the Sistine Chapel charts and onto Michelangelo's natal Midheaven, linking them all through time, like a line between God and man thus bringing vision of the Heavens down to earth, or as Vasari would later put it: 'enabling mankind to see the fateful results when an artist of sublime intellect infused with Divine Grace and knowledge appears on earth.'



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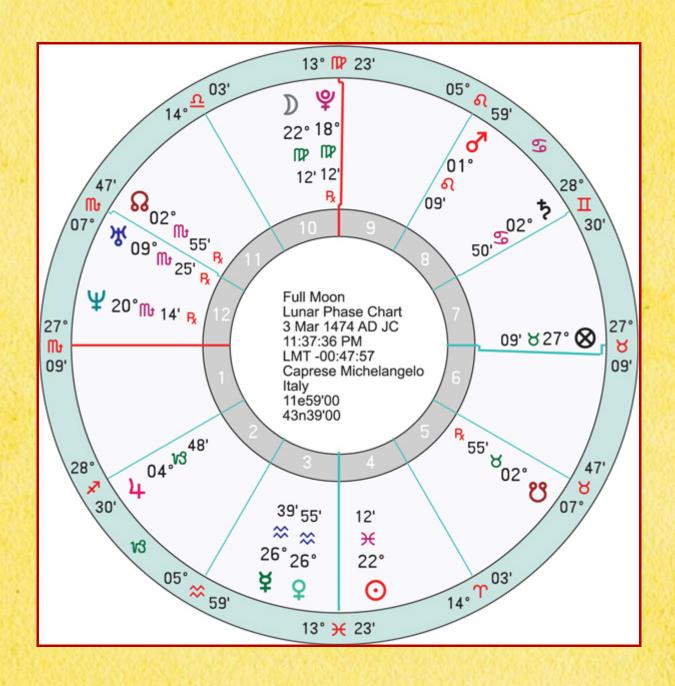






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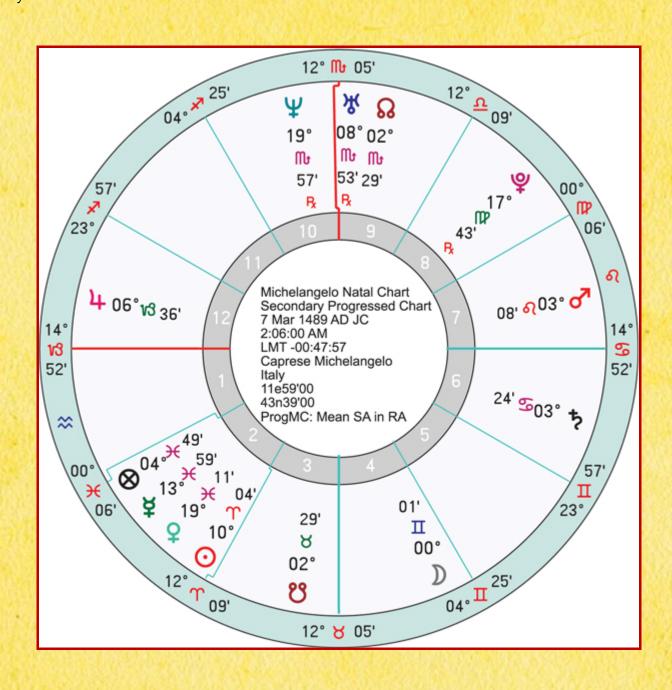
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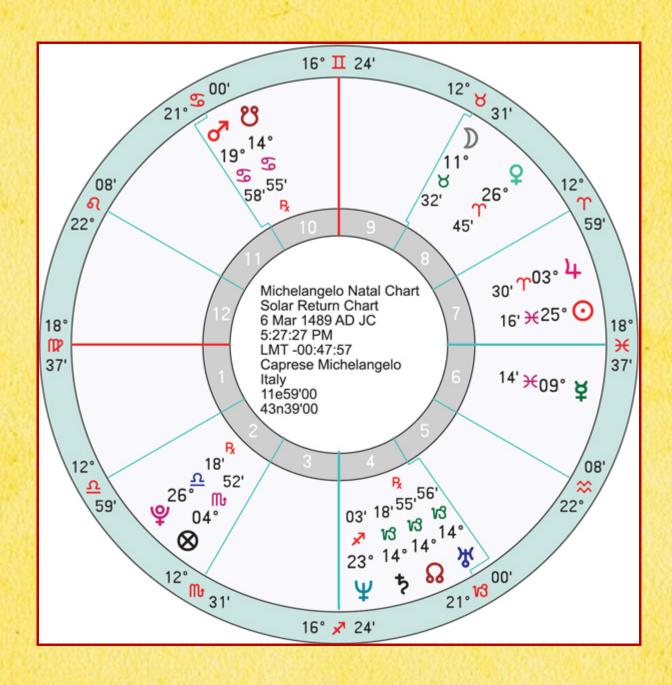
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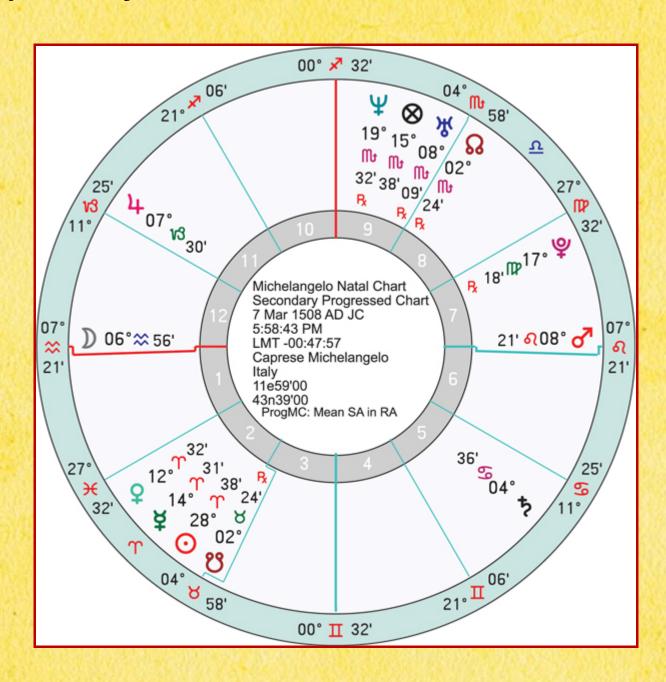
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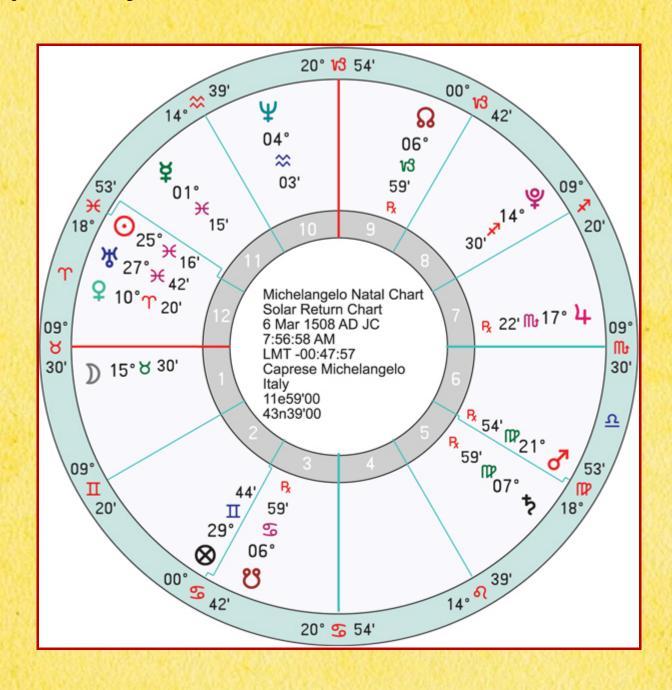
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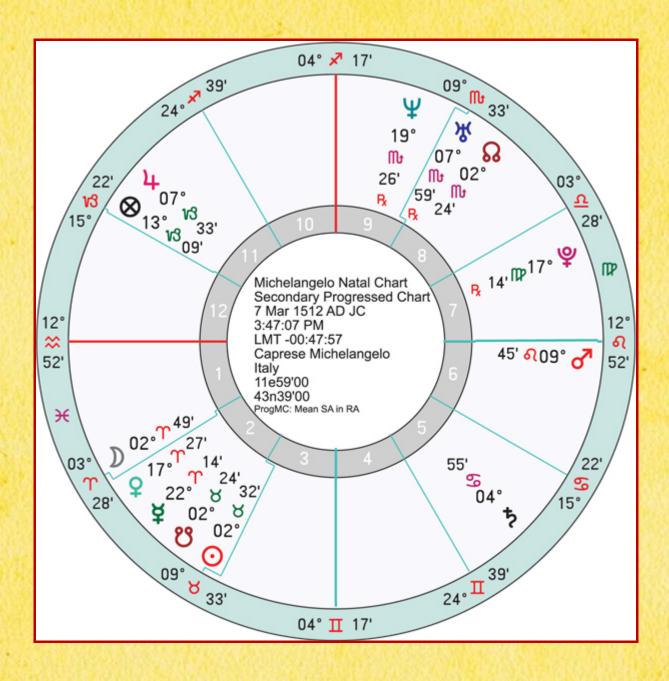


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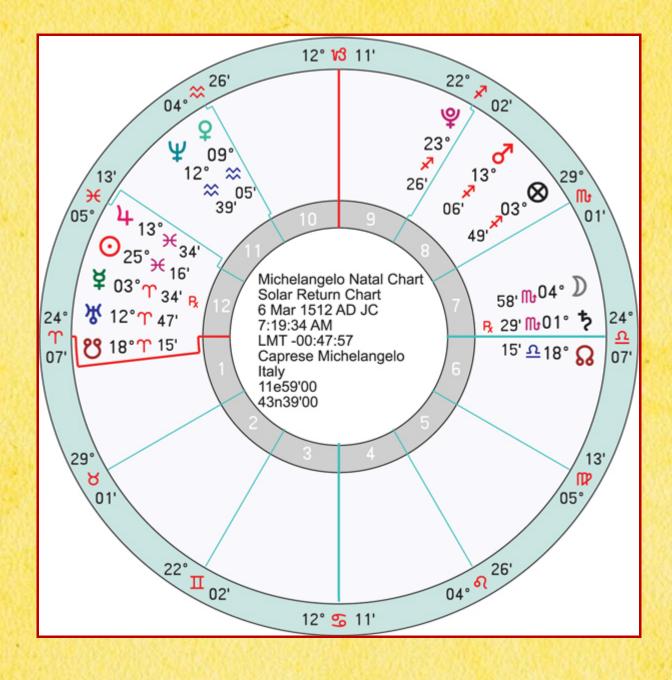




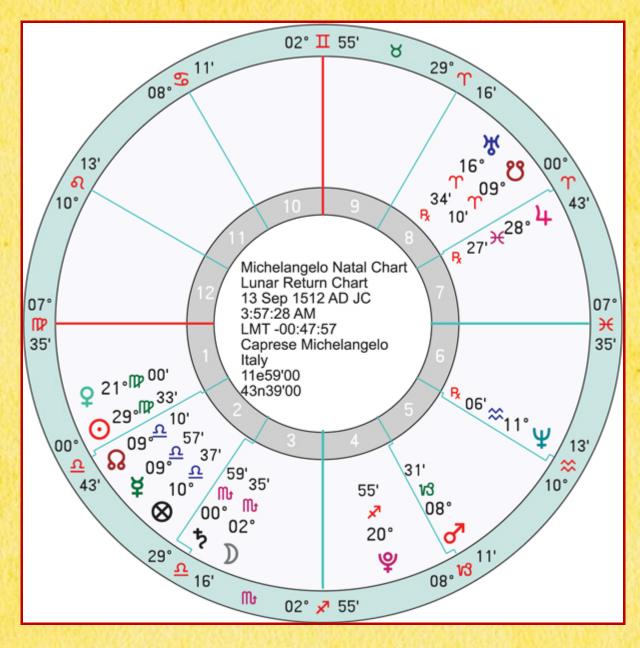
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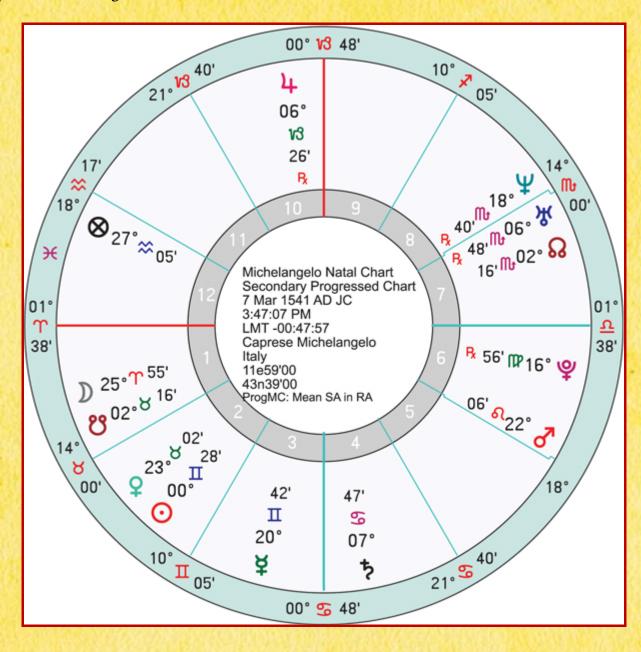


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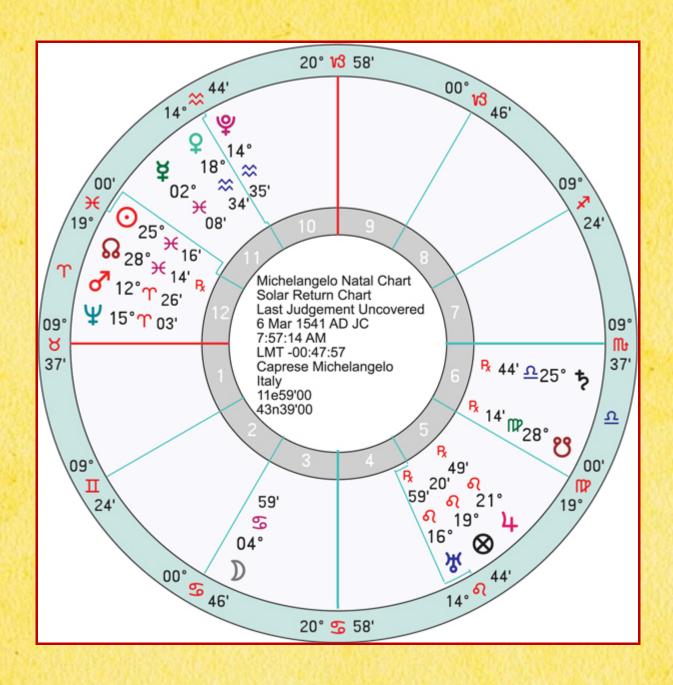




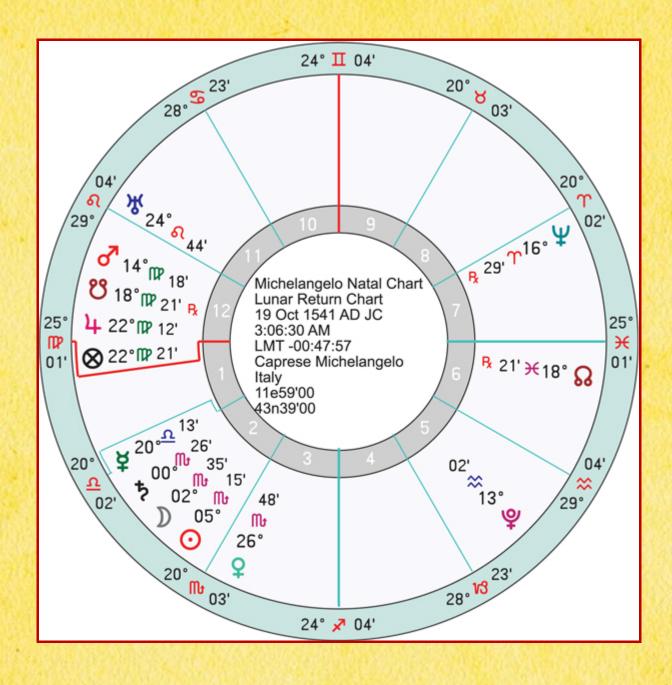
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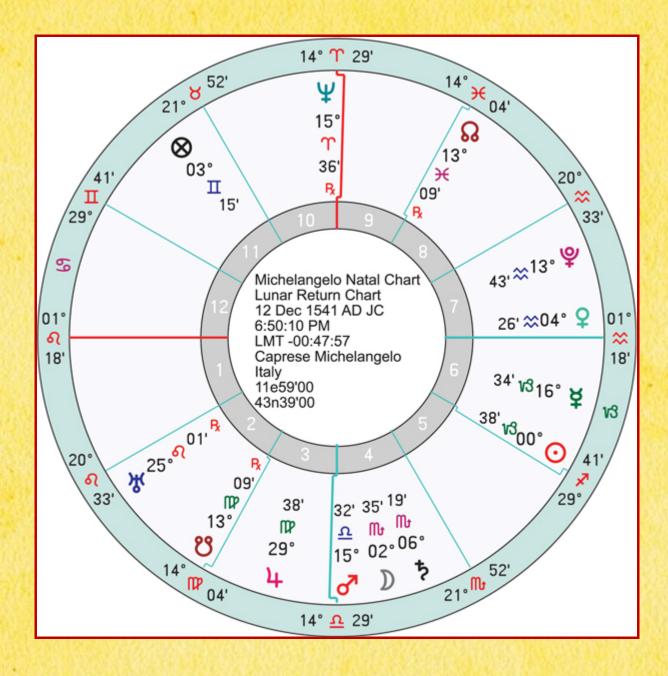
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Caprese Michelangelo



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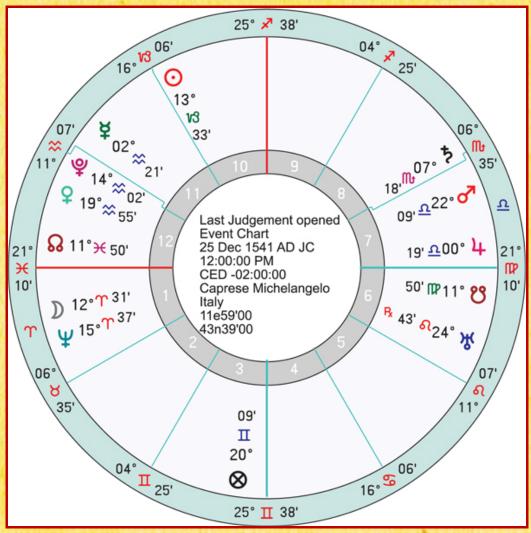
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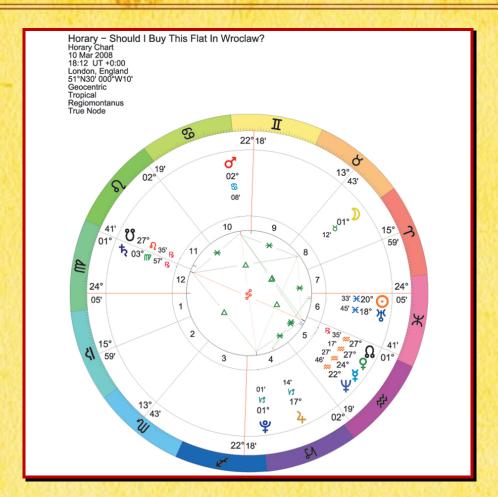
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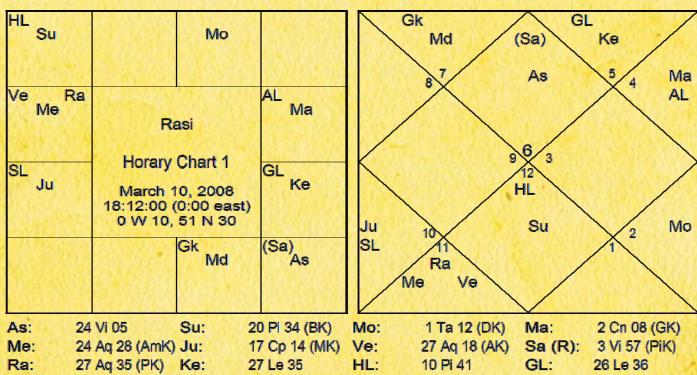
# Buy or Not to Buy

#### By Beata Kibil, U.K

Buying a property is not an easy thing; it can be a very stressful and long process that can leave you exhausted and discouraged from wanting to find the right place. This article, I hope, will demonstrate how Horary astrology can help in the process of property purchases. Horary astrology is a very useful branch of astrology that gives precise and accurate answers to the many different questions that people are faced with during their everyday lives and one of the areas where it can be of use is that of buying a new home. Questions like 'Should I buy this house?' 'Will I buy this flat?' 'Is buying this property a good investment?' are asked quite often and sometimes the charts warn against buying a specific property or show where we can encounter a problem with it. The chart, that is set for the time when the astrologer understands the question, can show whether there is anything wrong with the property, if the property is in a good condition, or maybe the price is too high, or there are hidden costs that the buyer should be aware of before proceeding with the purchase. Let us begin with some practical examples. A client asked 'Should I buy this flat in Wroclaw? 10 March 2008, 18:12 GMT, London







The querent (the person asking the question) is always represented by the 1<sup>st</sup> house and Lord 1 which in this case is Mercury at 24.27 Aquarius and the other person, here it is the seller, is represented by the 7<sup>th</sup> house and Lord 7, and in this chart it is Jupiter 17.13 Capricorn. Sagittarius is on the 4th cusp which suggests that Jupiter is the ruler of the 4<sup>th</sup> house therefore Jupiter not only represents the seller but also the flat. However the seller is not significant here, the querent is asking about the flat - 'should I' not 'will I'. Hence we should give Jupiter to the flat. Jupiter is in its term and fall and being in its fall is not a good

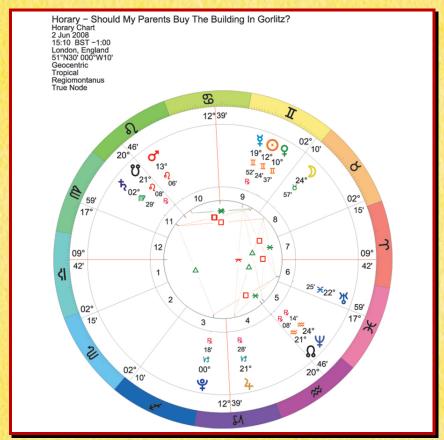
thing, signifying that the flat is probably in an awful condition and that there might be some problems with it. As stated in 'The Horary Textbook' 'the nature of the sign will indicate what these problems are' (J. Frawley: p168). In this example Jupiter is in Capricorn, an earth sign, signifying that the problems may have something to do with the foundations of the flat. The price is represented by Lord 10 and Gemini is on the cusp of the 10th house. Therefore Mercury signifies the price even though Mercury is already a significator of the querent but it is not a problem here because we do not need an aspect between the querent and the price, so we can use Mercury for both. We are only required to find different significators for things when we need an aspect between them. Mercury is in its own triplicity, so the price is OK, it is not very high and not very low but it could be even lower because the condition of this property is not good. The next important thing that this Mercury will do is to conjunct the North Node and this would possibly increase the price. Balance between the state of the property and the price would be desirable, so for instance if the property is in a bad condition, in its detriment, we would want to see the price in its detriment as well and it may still be a good idea to buy the place despite its bad condition. Or if both Lord 4 (flat) and Lord 10 (price) are in their own signs that would be OK even though you are paying a lot of money for the property it would be worth it. Nevertheless what would be even better is if the chart showed the property in a very good condition (Lord 4 in its sign) and a very low price (Lord 10 in its detriment) then certainly it would be worth buying.

The querent confirmed that the flat was really in a very poor condition and required major works, basically everything in this flat needed changing. The floor needed to be replaced with a new one as the old one was rotten which was shown by the condition of Jupiter. In the end they decided not too purchase the flat as the price was too high for them and too

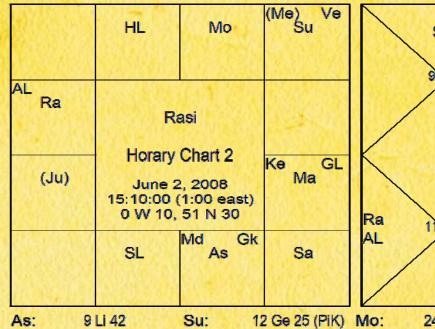
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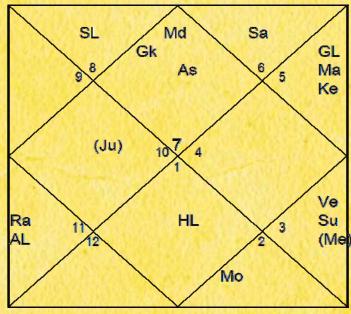
Another client asked 'Should my parents buy the buildings in Gorlitz and will they buy them?'

02 June 2008, 15:10 BST -1:00, London UK, ASC 09.41 Libra









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The querent's parents are represented by the 4<sup>th</sup> house and Lord 4, in this chart by Saturn 02.28 Virgo in the 11th house. Saturn in this position is peregrine, meaning that it is not in any of its dignities, nor debilities.

The seller is represented by Lord 10 - the 7<sup>th</sup> from the 4<sup>th</sup> - the Moon 24.57 Taurus. In this position the Moon is in its exaltation, so the seller is very strong. But the Moon will soon change sign into Gemini and the Moon in Gemini is peregrine. As described in 'The Horary Textbook' a planet that is peregrine 'is likened to a homeless wanderer, drifting. Bonatti says that this signifies 'one that shall know how to act both good and evil, but more inclinable to the latter." (J.Frawley: p 51)

In horary astrology dignity and reception are hugely important and we are always required to check them. A mutual reception between the two significators is very helpful as it shows that both sides want the deal to be completed however it does not matter if there is no

reception between them. On the other hand negative reception can problem if, for instance, Lord 7 is in detriment of Lord 1, if the seller does not like the buyer he may not want to sell him the property. In our example the Moon in Taurus is in term and face of Saturn, so the seller likes the buyers. Term and face are very minor dignities but are better than nothing. Saturn in Virgo is not in any reception with the Moon, the querent is indifferent to the seller but as I mentioned earlier lack of reception is not an issue.

The Moon in Gemini is in triplicity of Saturn, so even after the change the seller will like the buyers.

The buildings are represented by the radical 7th house (the 4th from the 4th) and Lord 7, therefore Mars 13.05 Leo in the 10<sup>th</sup> house signifies the buildings in question. Mars is peregrine, suggesting that the buildings are not in a good condition, they require some work. However the positive thing is that Mars is in a strong 10<sup>th</sup> house. The price is represented by

the radical 1st house (the 10th from the 4th). Therefore Venus in Gemini in the 9<sup>th</sup> house represents the price. It is peregrine so the price is not really high.

The only thing that worries me, about them buying these buildings, is that Venus is combust. The combustion is very destructive and 'it can also show that whoever or whatever is

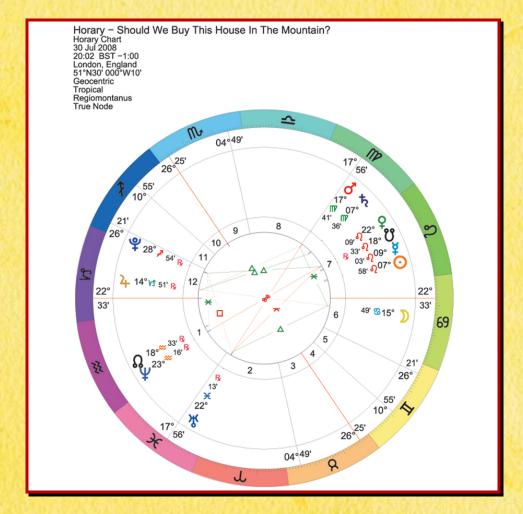
signified by that planet cannot either see or be seen' (J.Frawley: p 60). The querent said that these buildings are very cheap, so probably combustion shows that the real price of the buildings is not shown, there are some hidden costs.

To see if the two parties will make a deal we need to find an applying aspect between Lord I and 7 and in this chart between Lord 4 and 10 because the querent is asking if her parents should buy the buildings. There is an applying aspect between the Moon and Saturn. However the Moon has to change sign into Gemini first, then the Moon will square Saturn. This means that the seller needs to make a shift (change of sign), if the deal is to be made.

The thing that they have to be careful about is the price as there may be some hidden costs involved that they are not aware of. Sometime later it was confirmed that, that was the case. As it turned out there would be a substantial governmental fee that the buyer would have to pay for the buildings.

Here is another interesting chart. The querent asked a question 'Should we buy this house in the mountains?' The seller said how much they wanted for the house and the querent and her husband were fine with the price, however after the visit they got a phone call from the seller saying that there is somebody else who is offering more money for the house. The querent got the impression that the sellers were trying to get more money from them, so there was this second question 'Is there really anybody else who wants to buy this house or are they lying?'

30 Jul 2008, 20:02 BST -1:00, London UK, Asc 22.32 Capricorn



The querent (buyer) is represented by Saturn (Lord 1) 07.35 Virgo and the seller is represented by the Moon (Lord 7) 15.49 Cancer. Saturn is peregrine and therefore it is rather weak and the Moon is very strong as it is in its own sign and on the cusp of the 7th house, so entering its own house.

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The Moon in Cancer is in detriment of Saturn meaning that the seller doesn't like the buyer which, as stated previously, could be a problem as he may not want to sell the property to the querent unless the seller does not have a choice and is forced to sell it, as I believe could be the case here – look at the weak position of Lord 8. The seller's money/bank account is represented by Mercury 09.02 Leo. Mercury in Leo is in its term but combust, which is not so good. Mercury is separating from the Sun and applying to the South Node so possibly they need money, which is why they are selling the place.

Saturn in Virgo is not in any reception with the Moon which means that the querent is indifferent to the seller.

The first thing that I noticed when I looked at this chart was the Moon separating from the opposition to Jupiter and I thought that probably this Jupiter represented the other people who were interested in the property, as there is one degree separation between the two significators and apparently the other couple visited the house the day before the question was asked.

The seller (the Moon) expects big things from the other couple interested in the property (Jupiter) because the Moon in Cancer is in the exaltation of Jupiter but the aspect is by opposition and Jupiter is in Moon's detriment. So the big things that the seller wanted have not happened and the querent was informed a couple of days later that the property was available again if the querent was still interested as the other potential purchasers have withdrawn their interest.

The property is represented by the 4th house and Venus (Lord 4) 22.08 Leo. Venus is peregrine so it is not really good and it is also separating from the South Node but the worst thing is that ALGOL, which is 'the most evil star in the heavens' (Robson: p 124) is exactly on the cusp of the 4th house and this is not a good sign.

Mowever whilst Venus is not strong now, it is not so far away before it enters Virgo where it will be in its fall. There is still 8 degrees of a fixed sign to go, and we would not usually be interested in what the planet does when changing sign, but because it is the next thing that Venus does, it makes it significant.

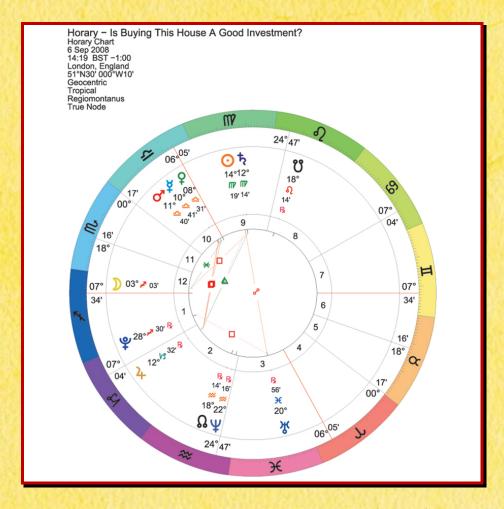
In addition to this Venus in Leo is in detriment of Saturn and Saturn in Virgo is in triplicity, term but also fall of Venus. Therefore the house hates the querent and it would not make the querent happy and the querent likes the property but possibly would be disappointed with it.

The price is represented by Mars (Lord 10) 17.40 Virgo in the 8th house. Both Mars and Venus are peregrine and according to the chart the price reflects the condition of the house.

But I think that there are a significant number of negative things in this chart which suggest that the querent should not buy this house, especially as the fixed star Algol is on the 4<sup>th</sup> cusp which is a kind of warning not to proceed with buying this property.

Even though the chart showed that the house is not great it is worth the money that they would pay for it, I was not convinced that they should buy this property. I told them that they would be better off without it.

Let us look at one more question. 'Is buying this house a good investment?' of September 2008, 14:19 BST -1:00 London, Asc: 07.34 Sagittarius



The querent- buyer is represented by Jupiter 12.32 Capricorn (Lord 1). Jupiter is in its term and fall and it is retrograde. The seller (Lord 7) is represented by Mercury 10.41 Libra and it is peregrine. The house that the querent enquired about is represented by Lord 4 - Mars 11.40 Libra in the 10th house. Mars in Libra is in its detriment which suggests that there may be some problems with the property. Libra is an air sign therefore the querent should check the roof and the windows of the property. Lord 10 is the price, thus Venus in Libra represents the

price. Venus in Libra is in its own sign and term. All these suggest that the house is expensive and it is not in a good state. This shows that the price is too high for the property. But this was not the question; the question was about an investment therefore I should look at the 2nd from the 4th house to check if the querent would earn good money from it? It looks quite encouraging because Venus is Lord 5 (the 2nd from the 4th).

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Venus is in its own sign and term and very strong on the MC, which means that buying this house is potentially a good investment despite the high price and maybe not being in a really good condition (I would expect to see a better condition for this price). I think that the price has a lot to do with the place where the potential house is, by the sea. Maybe for the same price you could buy something much nicer in a different place, here however you are paying for the location. I think that the imbalance between the price and the condition of the property could be explained in this way. However the querent should still check the house thoroughly before buying it, especially the roof and the windows. As it turned out there were some problems with the windows, nobody could open them, even the seller was shocked when he found out how badly the company, that he hired, had installed the windows. They certainly did not do a good job. The important thing is that Lord 5 is in a cardinal sign (Libra), after which it enters its detriment (Scorpio), meaning that it is not a property to keep for too long, but there is definitely a potential over a shorter period of time. Venus is quite early in its sign, only 8 degrees of Libra and it will go into Scorpio, into its detriment in 22 degrees, so it would be good to sell it in around or just before 22 months, the querent should sell it in summer 2010. On the other hand if we look at the condition of Lord 1 (the querent) and Lord 2 (the querent's money) and the receptions between them, it does not look good. Jupiter is in station in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Saturn (Lord 2) is peregrine and combust and it is in a horrible mutual reception with Jupiter (Lord 1). Saturn in Virgo is in detriment of Jupiter. Therefore if the querent has to borrow most of the money to buy this property, maybe that is not a good idea to proceed with this transaction, especially because Lord 5 is in the 10th house - the house of the price and it could be a warning to check that what profit there is would not be swallowed up by whatever they have to borrow to meet the high price. So if the querent has enough money to buy it, without borrowing too much from the bank,





the answer would be YES, go for it but remember that it would be better to sell it in summer 2010.

Hopefully, I have shown how Horary astrology can assist you in buying a property. The use of horary astrology for such a purpose can give you an insight into whether or not the property really is right for you, as well as giving you the upper hand in the negotiation of the price. Understanding the intricacies of the chart can only be beneficial however if the interpretation is done correctly.

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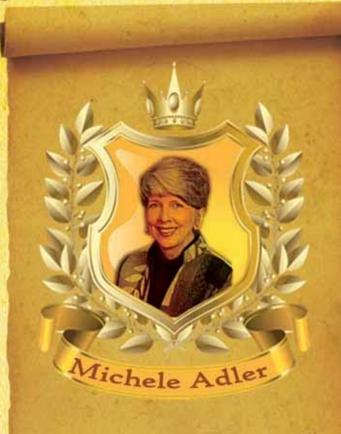
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18-19 degrees of
Virgo/Pisces & the
Eclipse of September
2007

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Summary of article: The following article covers the significance of the 18-19 degrees of Virgo and Pisces, as related to the eclipse of Sept. 11, 2007. It identifies themes associated with this degree based on research events directions/progressions/diurnals of people during critical times of their lives. There is a focus on the eclipse of Sept. 11, 1969, because many of the themes of these degrees were clearly illustrated at that time. The article also includes a listing of famous people with this degree axis in their natal charts, and past conjunctions of planets in this degree.

Note that this article was updated in November, 2008, to include commentary on the Saturn/Uranus opposition of Nov. 4, 2008, a comment on Sept. 11 as a unique day in American history, and a footnote on the Mumbai India terrorist attacks. The material was also updated in January 2009 to reflect the 18<sup>th</sup> degree of Virgo/Pisces in connection with the heroic landing of the US Airways in New York's Hudson River, with all passengers and crew surviving.

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The September 11 2007 eclipse takes place at 14 18 Virgo 25, and offers an opportunity to

explore the significant 18-19 degrees of Virgo (rounded up, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> degrees of Virgo).

Before discussing the degrees' presence in events and in progressions, directions and diurnals of selected cases, it's important to understand the significance of the Virgo/Pisces axis.

As many have found in working with the degrees, the incidents that seem to be associated with one degree are also associated with the same degree in the other modes. Thus, an 18 Virgo eclipse is not just a Virgo eclipse—it is on the Virgo/Pisces axis, as well as part of the mutable cross that includes Gemini and Sagittarius.

This article will focus on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> degrees of Virgo and Pisces.

I believe the Virgo-Pisces axis in general has a theme that can best be called "the transcendence of boundaries." Virgo represents the precise, the analytical, doing things the "correct" way; Pisces represents intuition, that there isn't always a "correct" way and that many times you make it up as you go along. The Virgo-Pisces axis can also represent leaps into the unknown: Virgo weighs and thinks, while Pisces intuits the path that must be taken. The art of the axis is to meet in its middle—where the best of both signs resides.

#### Decanates and Dwads

I have been researching the 360 degrees of the zodiac for the past 2 1/2 years. One of the things that I have found to be of value in understanding any degree of the zodiac is to understand the decanate in which it resides, as well as its dwadashamsa (or "dwad" as it is commonly known).

The 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> degrees of Virgo are part of the Capricorn decanate of Virgo, ruled by Saturn, which I believe adds to the Virgo precision and duty. These degrees are also in the Aries dwad, using the traditional dwad system. (The Aries dwad includes 17-20 degrees of Virgo.) The 18-19<sup>th</sup> degrees of Pisces fall in the Moon decanate of Pisces (Cancer-ruled), and the Libran dwad. Again, the cardinal signs are further coloring the mutable sign's degrees.

A mutable degree such as Virgo, immersed with cardinal sign signatures such as Capricorn and Aries, suggests impetus and initiative, but in a methodical manner, lacking the impulsiveness of Aries.

To add further to this, all degrees of Virgo have solstice point relationships with Aries. Thus 18 Virgo has 12 Aries as its solstice point; 18 Pisces has 12 Libra as its solstice point.

So this degree area of 18-19 Virgo can have an "out with the old, in with the new" character to it, as you will see in a number of things that

The solstice point of any planet is the point that is equally distant from either the summer of winter solstice. If you have the Sun in 6 degrees of Aries, then its solstice point would be 24 degrees of Virgo, as 30 degrees minus 6 equals 24.

have occurred under this degree when it shows up in events, or when it appears in progressions and directions. I think this is in keeping with 18-19 Virgo bordering on the end of the second Virgo decanate. It has been my observation that degrees at the end of each sign's decanate can carry the same significance as the 28-29<sup>th</sup> degree of a sign, which is frequently associated with thresholds, moving on to new things, and the inevitable endings that are left in the wake of new direction.

# Themes of the degree

The field of 18-19 Virgo seems to be associated with large amounts of money, scientific and electronic milestones, professional thresholds, significant meetings and unions, and—I hesitate to say—violence and disasters. (Violence and disasters occur under all degrees, but the ones under these degrees have a Mercury element to them in that they involve air travel, bridges, cars, railroads and subways.)

## Monetary Theme

I have found 18-19 Virgo has a very strong money theme with it. The degree appears frequently in the progressions and directions of individuals at the time that they begin an enterprise for financial gain or dealing with large sums of money. This to me is very reflective of the Capricorn/Aries flavor previously mentioned with the decanate/dwad location of these degrees.

Probably the most significant event in recent years that carried the 18-19 Virgo energy with it was the destruction of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, with the Sun in 18 Virgo. The Trade Center was an emblem of commerce and wealth. (This September's eclipse, of course, occurs on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that horrible event.)

A few more examples related to wealth that are associated with these degrees, reflecting 18-19 Virgo and 18-19 Pisces:

Legendary mutual funds manager and author Peter Lynch took over the Fidelity Magellan funds in 1977, when his solar arc Jupiter, converse secondary progressed Moon, converse secondary progressed Venus and secondary progressed Midheaven were all at 18-19 Virgo. <sup>3</sup>

Marjorie Merriweather Post took charge of the Post family fortune at age 27, when she had a secondary progressed Midheaven at 18 Virgo 04.

I would expect the fixed sign degrees to show stronger financial themes, and many of them do. The monetary theme of Virgo may be reflected in the Pisces axis. The classical ruler of Pisces is Jupiter, and Pisces does seem to be prominent in events involving wealth. Some years back, a leading American business magazine did a brief 'survey' of the wealthiest people in the world, and discovered the majority had Pisces sun signs. I convey this tidbit for whatever it may be worth.

Birth data for Lynch and others is at the end of the article.

There are also a handful of lottery winners who had progressed, directed and diurnal positions on this 18<sup>th</sup> Virgo-Pisces axis. (I am not using names, as I am not clear on whether lottery winners are considered public figures. Their natal data comes from the Astrodatabank software.)

Lottery Winner I (LW1) won a \$26.7 million Massachusetts lottery prize with a secondary progressed Moon at 18 Virgo 01.

LW2 won \$13 million in a Massachusetts lottery. At the time her converse secondary progressed Mercury/Jupiter midpoint was 18 Virgo o6. (Mercury and Jupiter are rulers of her natal 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> houses)

LW3 won a \$4 million prize in the Massachusetts lottery, when his secondary progressed Pluto was at 18 Virgo 35.

LW4 won a \$3.3 million jackpot. Her diurnal Moon for that day was 18 Virgo 14.

LW5 won \$2.7 million in a Massachusetts lottery. His solar arc South Node was at 18 Pisces 51.

On Dec. 1, 1998, Exxon and Mobile merged, creating the world's largest corporation. Transiting Jupiter was at 18 Pisces 42.

On Dec. 5, 1848, America's Gold Rush was triggered when US President James K. Polk confirmed there was gold in California. Transiting Saturn was at 18 Pisces 43. (On an interesting note, at that time, Polk's converse secondary progressed Sun was at 17 Virgo 49 conjunct converse secondary progressed Mercury at 19 Virgo 52. His solar arc Ascendant was at 17 Pisces 50, conjunct the solar arc South Node at 17 Pisces 32. On the day mentioned, transiting Saturn was at 18 Pisces 43.)

# The Dow Jones

Though this does not represent a study of New York Stock Exchange activity, the 18-19 Virgo/Pisces axis has turned up in some Exchange and Dow Jones milestones. Of interest is the most recent activity this summer. The activity of the stock market has been highly volatile throughout the summer of 2007, owing, I suspect, in no small part to transiting Uranus at 17-18 Pisces transiting opposite the degree of the September 2007 eclipse.<sup>4</sup>

Earlier in the summer, on June 22, 2007, with transiting Uranus at 18 Pisces, the Dow hit a record for the highest volume day of trading. The Dow Jones closed above 14,000 for the first time on July 19, 2007, with **Uranus** at 18 Pisces 25, opposing the Midheaven (for 4:30 PM, New York) at 19 Virgo 56. On July 24, 2007, with Uranus still at 18 Pisces, the market sustained its biggest drop since Sept. 17, 2001. (On March 16, 1830, the Dow had its record for the lowest volume day, with the **North Node** at 19 Virgo 04.)

The case can also be made that the upcoming emergence of transiting Pluto into Capricorn has some effect here. Pluto's transiting manifestations are usually evident 2-3 years before it moves into a new sign, and its effects frequently relate to the opposite sign of the Pluto transit. The opposite sign of this transit is Cancer, the sign of homes, and much of the stock market volatility relates to subprime mortgages for homes. Capricorn, of course, represents the established hierarchy, and that too may be evident here.

Not all progressed 18 Virgo/Pisces occurrences are about stock exchanges and commerce, or winning or acquiring wealth. The axis can turn up in bank robberies and tax evasion, both having to do with large sums of money. Leona Helmsley, the alleged "queen of mean," had a secondary progressed Sun at 18 Virgo 30 conjunct a secondary progressed Saturn at 15 Virgo 28 when she was found guilty of 33 counts of tax evasion and sentenced to 4 years in prison (Aug. 30,1989).

Victor Gerena pulled off what has been called the heist of the century when he confiscated \$7 million from a Wells Fargo Depository in West Hartford, Connecticut on Sept. 12, 1983. At the time of the heist, his converse solar arc Mars was at 18 Pisces o8.<sup>5</sup>

The 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Virgo/Pisces axis can also be active when you are handling large sums of money, though not necessarily your own. It is frequently found in the natal charts of people who work in banks or in finance.

Update as of November, 2008: The Saturn/Uranus opposition of Nov. 4, 2008, on the 18<sup>th</sup> Virgo/Pisces axis, reflected several meanings, some of which can be found elsewhere in this article. It is interesting that it fell on the day of the US presidential election between John McCain and Barack Obama. The number one issue in the election was the economy, which had taken front and center stage from mid September 2008 onwards, as the country watched an economic disaster of proportions not seen in American history.

## Beginnings Reflecting 18-19 Virgo/Pisces

The 18<sup>th</sup> degree of Virgo/Pisces appears to be prominent when highly profitable businesses take their first steps or when legendary beginnings take place. These events carry the "expanding boundaries" feel of these degrees, the Aries/Capricorn influence, and the "threshold" quality of degrees occurring at the end of the sign's decanate, which usually involve the closing of a preceding life chapter.

Bill Gates took leave of Harvard University in November 1975 to begin what was registered as Microsoft the following year. In 1975, his solar arc Pluto was at 18 Virgo 26, conjunct his solar arc Jupiter, and his converse solar arc Moon was at 18 Pisces 22.

On Sept. 1, 1945, Sam Walton opened his first retail store in Newport, Arkansas, a Benjamin Franklin franchise that became the prototype for Wal-Mart. His secondary progressed Venus was at 18 Pisces 58.

Source: cnn.com

Though Nov. 4, 2008 is the first exact opposition of Saturn and Uranus in recent years, the planets will make the opposition aspect in other degrees on Feb.5, 2009 (20 Virgo/20 Pisces); Sept. 15, 2009 (24 Virgo/24 Pisces); April 26, 2010 (28 Virgo/28 Pisces); and July 26, 2010. This last opposition on July 26 is extremely noteworthy as it occurs on the oo Aries/Libra equinox axis, and implies events of global significance.

Source: vnunet.com, and wikipedia.org



John S. Pemberton was a Georgia pharmacist who invented the formula for Coca Cola on May 8, 1886. <sup>9</sup> At the time his solar arc Venus/Neptune conjunction was at 18 Pisces.

The Grateful Dead played their first concert under that name in San Francisco on Dec. 10, 1965 with transiting Pluto at 18 Virgo 27 conjunct Uranus at 19 Virgo 32. 10

The Los Angeles Times was first published as the Los Angeles Daily Times on Dec. 4, 1881 with Uranus at 18 Virgo 24.

Father Michael McGivney held the first organizational meeting of the Knights of Columbus on Oct. 2, 1881<sup>12</sup>, with his secondary progressed Sun and converse secondary progressed Mars both at 18 Virgo.

Neale Donald Walsch began recording what became his first book, Conversations with God, in the spring of 1992.<sup>13</sup> His secondary progressed Venus was at 19 Virgo 31 (conjunct his natal second house cusp using the Koch house system at 18 Virgo 44.)

Ernest Gallo took over the family wine business following his father's suicide on June 21, 1933, and also the responsibility of his 12-year-old brother. His converse secondary progressed Ascendant was at 19 Virgo 59.

On Dec. 20, 1860 South Carolina seceded from the Union, leading to the American Civil War. Mars was conjunct the trans-Neptunian Kronos at 19 Pisces. On Nov. 6, 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederate States of America, with transiting Saturn at 19 Virgo. 15

When King Hussein of Jordan became king on Aug. 11, 1952, his converse secondary progressed Ascendant was at 19 Virgo 09, conjunct his converse secondary progressed Venus at 19 Virgo 21.

<sup>8</sup> Source: Encyclopediaofarkansas.net

Source: thecoca-colacompany.com

Source: dead.net

Source: LAtimes.com

Source: newadvent.org, kofc4402.org, and brainyhistory.com. Note that the K of C foundation date is usually given as 2/2/1882.

Source: ascensiongateway.com

Source: nytimes.com

Source: sonofthesouth.com, infoplease.com, and wikipedia.org

Source: www.royalty.nu/MiddleEast/Jordan/H49sein.html



Many consider that the beginning of the environmental movement was the publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* which was first serialized in *The New Yorker* in June of 1962. At the time, Carson's converse secondary progressed Mercury was at 18 Pisces 46, and her solar arc North Node was at 18 Virgo 36.

## Relationships

The 18-19 Virgo energies seem to occur during significant meetings of people who will be important to one another, or at the time of courtships and marriages. The degree axis was present in some very famous unions, or at least in unions that attracted an unusual amount of publicity (Mercury ruled) and scrutiny. Some of those unions had long-term political effects, and a few were arranged or business partnerships, and that too may reflect the Virgo practicality tied in with the Capricorn/Aries energies of the decanate and dwad of 18-19 Virgo.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis had had a converse solar arc Uranus at 18 Pisces 19 when she married John F. Kennedy (September, 1953). She also had a converse solar arc Moon at 18 Pisces 11 when she married Aristotle Onassis in October, 1968, and a secondary progressed Sun at 19 Virgo when he died on March 15, 1975.

On Sept. 12, 1932, former US President Lyndon Johnson met his future wife, Lady Bird. <sup>17</sup> His secondary progressed Mars was at 18 Virgo 38 conjunct his own natal Mercury and Lady Bird's natal Midheaven. The Sun on that day was in 19 Virgo, which fell in the diurnal charts of both. (It should be noted, sadly, that Lady Bird's Midheaven was conjunct this Sept. 11 eclipse point, and her passing has occurred within the time frame of the 2007 eclipse's influence.)

Playwright Arthur Miller first met Marilyn Monroe on Jan. 16, 1951. At the time, his converse secondary progressed Sun was conjunct converse secondary progressed Venus at 18 Virgo, opposing a secondary progressed Jupiter/Chiron conjunction at 18 Pisces. Monroe went on to marry Jo DiMaggio, then reunited with Miller after the marriage failed.

Singer Judy Collins met Louis Nelson on April 16 1978,<sup>19</sup> and they married 18 years later. At the time of the meeting, she had a secondary progressed Ascendant at 18 Virgo.

Though the date isn't known when Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie first met, they became more public as a couple following Pitt's announcement of his separation from wife Jennifer Aniston in January 2005. At that time, Angelina's converse secondary progressed Mars, and converse solar arc Jupiter were both at 18 Pisces 57, with her converse secondary progressed Midheaven at 19 Pisces 24. (Pitt's precessed solar return Moon for his birthday in

Green, Joey. How They Met. (New York: Black Dog & Leventhal, 2003): p.148

<sup>18</sup> Ibid, p. 201

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Source: N.Y. Times, 4/21/1996 edition

December 2004, was at 18 Pisces 09, and his converse solar return Midheaven was at 19 Pisces 09.)

Charles, Prince of Wales, began courting then Lady Diana Spencer in 1980, when his solar arc Pluto was at 18 Virgo. (He had known her since childhood, and they met again in 1977 when he was dating her sister, Sarah. But by all accounts, their courtship didn't start until 1980.) When they announced their engagement in February of 1981, Diana's solar arc North Node was at 18 Virgo 24. Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, became Prince Charles' second wife in April of 2005; in the year leading up to their marriage, her secondary progressed Sun was at 18 Virgo 18.

The degree, however, has been important in at least two other significant marriages of English royalty, both of which brought the monarchy to crisis.

Edward VIII of England, on 12/10/1936, renounced the British throne to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson. Transiting Neptune on that day was at 18 Virgo 56, opposing transiting Saturn at 16 Pisces 11. Transiting Neptune squared the king's natal Jupiter (18 Gemini) and opposed his natal Admetos, the trans-Neptunian planet that refers to enclosed spaces. Obviously, the exile that followed his abdication could be reflected in Admetos as well.

Probably even more dramatic, King Henry VIII of England wed the first of his six wives, Catherine of Aragon, on June 11, 1509.<sup>20</sup> At the time, his secondary progressed Ascendant was at 18 Virgo 58, his minor progressed Moon was at 18 Pisces 03, and transiting Saturn was at 19 Virgo 31. This marriage ultimately altered centuries-old traditions. When the Pope refused to annul the marriage 18 years later, so that Henry could marry Anne Boleyn, Henry ultimately broke with the Catholic Church and formed the Church of England.

Poet Sylvia Plath met her future husband Ted Hughes on Feb. 25, 1956.<sup>21</sup> At the time of the meeting, Plath's secondary progressed Jupiter was at 19 Virgo 43, conjunct Hughes' natal Mercury at 19 Virgo 03. Hughes' secondary progressed Sun was at 18 Virgo 03. In the diurnal charts for each on that day, Hughes had a diurnal Midheaven of 19 Virgo 01. Plath's diurnal Midheaven was at 12 Aries 02, the solstice point for 18 Virgo.<sup>22</sup>

Source: tudorhistory.com

Source: sylviaplath.tribe.net, astrodatabank.com, smithsonianmag.com

It should be mentioned that 28 Cancer also had a significant presence in their charts on this day. Hugh's converse secondary progressed Sun was at 28 Cancer 55, opposing his csp Midheaven of 28 Capricorn 53, and conjunct transiting Uranus on that day, which was precisely at 28 Cancer 55, opposing Plath's natal Saturn, and conjunct her diurnal Ascendent at 28 Cancer 46.

Legendary Beatles John Lennon and Paul McCartney are said to have met on July 6, 1957. At the time, McCartney's secondary progressed Moon was at 19 Pisces 03, and Lennon's solar arc Venus was at 19 Virgo 50.<sup>23</sup>

Some relationships simply bring about notoriety. Amy Fisher rang the doorbell at the home of her lover, Joey Buttafucco on May 19, 1992. When his wife, Mary Jo, appeared, Fisher shot her in the face. Fisher's converse solar arc Pluto and converse solar arc Vertex were both at 18 Virgo (reflecting their natal conjunction at 5 Libra).

White House Intern Monica Lewinsky had her first sexual encounter with US President Bill Clinton on Nov. 15, 1995.<sup>24</sup> Her solar arc Venus was at 19 Virgo 49.

Update to article (November 2008): The Saturn/Uranus opposition that occurred Nov. 4, 2008, was at the 18<sup>th</sup> degree of the Virgo/Pisces axis, with Saturn in 18 Virgo and Uranus in 18 Pisces. Nov. 4 was, of course, the day of the US presidential election. The planetary opposition was symbolized by the traditional John McCain (albeit, a "maverick") and the newer, progressive Barrack Obama, who won the election. However, something else occurred on Election Day that ties in very closely with the relationship factor that is prominent in the 18 Virgo/Pisces axis: The issue of gay marriage was on the ballot in several states, including California, where it was defeated. This resulted in considerable discussion about what constitutes marriage, and considerable protest from gay rights activists. The symbolism of the 18<sup>th</sup> degree of Pisces/Virgo to relationships was certainly evident.

## Crime, war and accidents

The World Trade Center destruction and Pentagon bombing on a day when the Sun was at 18 Virgo is a devastating event where the degree has shown up in a war-like situation. However, it is not the first time that the degree showed up in events that brought America to war. When the Japanese launched an attack on the American military base in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, leading to American involvement in World War II, the North Node was at 18 Virgo o8. (Though only slightly within the degree scope of this discussion, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945 at 8:16 AM, giving the event an Ascendant of 17 Virgo 54.) Update as of November 2008: It should also be noted that the Pentagon has 18 Virgo in its own history, as the construction of the Pentagon officially began on Sept. 11, 1941.

As mentioned earlier, all Virgo degrees have Aries at their solstice points, which may explain how Mars manages to get its foot in the door. A number of violent acts under this

http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/multimedia/timeline/9809/starr.report/dates/nov95.html.)

Source: Article by Neil Grossman in the NCGR Memberletter, April-May 2007, page 1, quoting The Day John Met Paul. It should be noted that another date of the meeting has been in circulation—6/15/1956, and I have also seen 6/15/1955. Most use the July 6 date, however.

Source:

A site for some other Sept. II related events is <a href="www.septemberIInews.com/SeptIIHistory.htm">www.septemberIInews.com/SeptIIHistory.htm</a>. Among other events it mentions connected with New York: On Sept. II, 1609, explorer Henry Hudson sailed into New York harbor and discovered Manhagan Island.



degree carry Mercury (Virgo's ruler) symbolism, in that they involve travel, highways, planes, trains and bridges.

On July 16, 1999, John Kennedy Jr. perished in a plane crash primarily due to low visibility and murky night-time flying conditions under which he was piloting. His converse secondary progressed Moon was at 18 Virgo 27.

At the time she was kidnapped by the so-called Symbionese Liberation Army on Feb. 4, 1974, heiress Patty Hearst had the converse solar arc Moon at 18 Virgo 11.

On July 23, 1967 with **Pluto** in 18 Virgo 13 one of the worst riots in US history broke out on 12<sup>th</sup> street in the heart of Detroit's inner city.

On Nov. 4, 1995, Israeli Prime Minister/Noel Laureate Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in Tel Aviv, Israel. **Transiting Saturn** was at 18 Pisces 15 squaring **transiting Jupiter** at 16 Sagittarius 47.

On Aug. 25, 1944, Paris was liberated from Nazi forces when a Chiron/Venus conjunction occurred at 18 Virgo.

Update as of Jan. 16, 2009: On Jan. 15, 2009, at 3:31 PM, a US Airways Air Bus crashed into the Hudson River in New York City, having been disabled by birds that had flown into the aircraft. The Midheaven for the event chart was 18 Pisces 12, with transiting Uranus at 19 Pisces 44. All passengers and crew survived, due to the heroic actions of the plane's crew members and New York City's rescue units. Interestingly, the heroic pilot, Chesley Sullenberger, had a secondary progressed Moon at 18 Virgo 14 at the time, in conjunction with his pre-natal eclipse at 18 Virgo 48.

#### Health

Though the Virgo-Pisces axis is associated with health, I have not found a lot of incidents related to 18-19 Virgo/Pisces that turn up in health-related matters. It is likely that health matters may be more prominent in other degrees, particularly the oo-oi degree of Virgo which occurs frequently when people are starting new health regimes or join 12-step programs. A few I have seen with the 18-19 Virgo/Pisces involvement are given below.

The outbreak of the Spanish influenza is dated from the death of a soldier on March 11, 1918, 6:30 AM at Fort Riley, Kansas. Mercury was at 18 Pisces on that particular day.

It is interesting to note that Franklin Roosevelt was stricken with polio on Aug. 10, 1921, with a converse secondary progressed Uranus stationery at 18 Virgo.

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Data for Sullenberger is Jan. 23, 1951, 5:06 AM, Denison, Texas, per Pam Young in the NCGR E-News Commentary of Jan. 24, 2009 who obtained the data from the birth/death records office in Denison.

Source: Lou Ashby in an article entitled "Venus and the Deadly 1918 Flu", Dell Horoscope, February 2007, p. 37



It is also interesting to note that the eclipse on Sept. 11, 1988 at 19 Virgo was preceded in July (when a September eclipse would likely have been making itself known) by needles and vials of blood, some of which tested positive for the AIDS virus, washing up along Long Island's 120-mile southern shore.

#### Disasters

On Nov. 18, 1987, an underground fire broke out at 7:30 PM at the King's Cross station in London. <sup>28</sup> (source: news.bbc.co.uk, and wikipedia.org). The Midheaven for the event was 18 Pisces 44 squaring Venus at 18 Sagittarius 29.

On Dec. 20, 1995, American Airlines Flight 965 crashed at Buga, Colombia at 9:42 PM with four passengers and a dog being the only survivors. 29 Saturn was at 18 Pisces.

On April 30, 2007, a gasoline tanker exploded in Oakland, California at 3:45 AM <sup>30</sup>, melting stretches of highway. Mars was at 18 Pisces 28 conjunct Uranus at 17 Pisces 33.

On July 29, 1967, at 10:52 AM<sup>31</sup>, a rocket caused deadly fire on the USS Forrestal, killing 132 crewmen. Pluto was 18 Virgo 53, conjunct Uranus at 21 Virgo 51, and at the solstice point of transiting Saturn at 12 Aries 27.

On Oct. 2, 1970, a plane carrying the Wichita State University football team crashed near Silver Plume, Colorado<sup>32</sup>. Mars was at 18 Virgo 47. At another college (Mercury-ruled), on Nov. 18, 1999, 12 were killed and 27 injured when a Texas A & M bonfire under construction collapsed, about 2:30 AM in College Station, Texas.<sup>33</sup> The Moon was at 19 Pisces 02, conjunct the Saturn/Mars midpoint at 18 Pisces 21.

On Aug. 30, 1974, a train entering Zagreb, Yugoslavia derailed, killing 153 people <sup>34</sup>. Mercury was at 18 Virgo 26 (conjunct Mars at 21 Virgo).

On Dec. 24, 2003, in Madrid, Spain, police thwarted an attempt by Islamic terrorists to detonate 50 kg of explosives at a transportation station.<sup>35</sup> Jupiter was at 18 Virgo 44.

Source: news.bbc.co.uk, and wikipedia.org

Source: Report of Aeronautica Civil of Republic of Colombia at sunnyday.mit.edu

<sup>30</sup> Source: Associated Press

Source: forestal. org

<sup>32</sup> Source: Wichita.edu

<sup>33</sup> Source: A&M spokesperson Jonathan Krwatz, as quoted on cnn.com

<sup>34</sup> Source: brainyhistory.com

<sup>35</sup> Source: cnn.com





#### Recent Disasters

It is important to remember that an eclipse's effects do not start on the day of the eclipse. The conjunction of the Sun and Moon, and the involvement of the Moon's Nodes are gradually working up to the day of the actual eclipse, and are gradually moving away following the eclipse. So an eclipse's effects can make themselves known three months before, and three months after the actual date of the eclipse.

There have been at least five disasters that have occurred already within the time window of the Sept. II 2007 eclipse. I would suggest that Uranus' transit from 17-18 Pisces, which opposes the September eclipse degree of 18-19 Virgo, has had some influence. It is frequently seen that an eclipse's effects occurring within three months of the eclipse, can be triggered by a transit in the same or the opposing degree.

(Sources for all of the 2007 events are from news accounts, usually at cnn.com or from Associated Press.)

On July 5, 2007, a subway train derailed in London.

On July 16, 2007, in west Central Florida, a collision occurred between a train and a car that was trying to go around the barrier. Within 24 hours, on 7/17/2007, in about the same location, another accident happened with a train hitting a vehicle that tried to beat it to the tracks. Uranus rules railroads.

On July 27, 2007, there was an air show collision between two planes in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and, on the same day, a collision of two news helicopters in Phoenix, Arizona. Both of these tragedies have the Mercury/Uranian signature.

The Aug. 1, 2007 collapse of the bridge (Mercury-related) in Minneapolis also occurred in this approaching eclipse time frame, with cars (Mercury-related) falling into the river below the bridge.

The New York City subway system was halted due to 3 inches of rain coming within an hour in that location on Aug. 6, 2007.

#### Science

The 18 Virgo-Pisces axis may have a connection with science, particularly atomic science and electricity.

On Nov. 9, 1965, the entire northeast area of the US and large parts of Canada sustained an electrical blackout that started at 5:16 PM in Lewiston, NY <sup>36</sup>. Uranus was conjunct Pluto at 18 Virgo, opposing a Chiron/Ceres conjunction at 18 Pisces. (It should be

Source: Central Maine Power Company at cmp 550com.

noted here that the 18-19 Virgo/Pisces axis does not show up with much regularity in power outages and blackout situations.)

Roy Sullivan was struck by lightning seven times during his lifetime. Though the 18 Virgo-Pisces axis does not show up with regularity for each of those times, it should be noted that the first time, in April, 1942 was when his secondary progressed Sun was at 18 Pisces 13 conjunct the trans-Neptunian Hades at 19 Pisces 38. He eventually committed suicide on Sept. 28, 1983, when his converse solar arc Midheaven was at 17 Pisces 25, conjunct the trans-Neptunian converse solar arc Vulcanus at 18 Pisces 54, and converse solar arc Mars at 19 Pisces 58.

On Dec. 20, 1951, at 1:50 PM, an experimental breeder reactor near Arco, Idaho became the world's first electricity-generating nuclear power plant. <sup>37</sup> The transiting Mars/Pluto midpoint was at 18 Virgo 06, conjunct the Moon at 19 Virgo 42.

When Enrico Fermi switched on the atomic pile at 3:25 PM on Dec. 2, 1942 in Chicago as part of the war-time Manahattan project, his converse solar arc Mercury was at 18 Virgo o2. Interestingly, the eclipse prior to that date was on Sept. 10, 1942 at 17 Virgo.<sup>38</sup>

When Neil Armstrong set foot on the Moon (on July 20, 1969, 10:56 PM, using Cape Canaveral, Fla. coordinates <sup>39</sup>), the Ascendant was 18 Pisces 47 conjunct the North Node at 18 Pisces 47. (Armstrong's secondary progressed Sun was at 19 Virgo at the time.) This event also preceded the Sept. 11, 1969 eclipse at 18 Virgo, which will be discussed in a moment.

When Phil Farnsworth presented his invention, the first electric television, on Sept. 10, 1928 in San Francisco<sup>40</sup>, his converse solar arc Venus was at 18 Virgo 31. (It was appropriately conjunct his secondary progressed Sun at 17 Virgo 12, the Sun position of the day, also at 17 Virgo, and secondary progressed Poseidon, the trans-Neptunian that has to do with light, also at 18 Virgo 44.)

Robert Goddard, considered the father of rocketry, finished building the first rocket and managed to launch it at his aunt's farm on March 16, 1926. At the time, his converse solar arc Mars was at 19 Virgo 22.

Mars was at 18 Pisces and Saturn at 19 Pisces on Aug. 11, 1877 when Asaph Hall discovered Demios, an outer Moon of Mars. 42

<sup>37</sup> Source: todayinsci.com, also inl.gov/factsheets/ebr-1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Source: Library of Congress, at http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/deco2.html

<sup>39</sup> Source: history.nasa.gov

Source: time.com

Source: nasa.gov





When Guglielmo Marconi invented the wireless telegraph and radio signal transmitter, his converse solar arc Mercury was at 18 Pisces 55.

On Dec. 9, 1965, a UFO incident occurred, with many people in the Detroit area reporting sonic booms, meteors, etc. Uranus was at 19 Virgo 03.44

## The Eclipse of Sept. 11, 1969

I think it's particularly interesting to look at some of the things that occurred around the time of the Sept. 11, 1969 eclipse at 18 Virgo 53. As mentioned, an eclipse's effects begin at least three months prior to the actual day of the eclipse. We should then view the happenings of July-August 1969, a momentous summer in American history.

First, at least chronologically, Senator Ted Kennedy severely limited his chances of ever becoming the American president when a car he had been driving was found off a bridge in Chappaquiddick with a young woman inside who had drowned on July 18, 1969. Kennedy had the secondary progressed Vertex at 17 Virgo 19 at the time. In his solar arc directed chart, the 8<sup>th</sup> house cusp was at 18 Virgo 27, and his solar arc Zeus which has to do with impact was almost conjunct at 16 Virgo 56. Most interesting, however, was Kennedy's diurnal chart for the day of the accident. Kennedy's diurnal Moon was at 18 Virgo 56, just three minutes away from the point of the upcoming eclipse. Also of interest, the young woman who drowned in the car, Mary Jo Kopechne, had a converse solar arc Admetos, the trans-Neptunian that has to do with confined, closed spaces, opposing the upcoming eclipse at 18 Pisces 08.

Second, Neil Armstrong made science history by being the first man to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969. As previously mentioned, his secondary progressed Sun was at 19 Virgo 40, and solar arc Ceres was at 17 Virgo 33, and the Ascendant for the time he actually set foot on the Moon was 18 Pisces 47, conjunct the transiting North Node at 18 Pisces 47.

Third, the Woodstock music festival in Bethel, New York, became the symbol for the 1960s when it was held the August preceding the 1969 eclipse. The event started precisely on Aug. 15, 1969 at 5:07 PM, in Bethel, NY, with the Moon in Virgo (22 degrees, by the time of the official beginning) but ended with headliner Jimi Hendrix's closing of the concert at 8:30

Note there is some confusion about this date, so I hesitated to use an AM or PM time. The listing given on adsabs.harvard.edu is 14:40 on Aug. 11, 1877, but astronomical convention was that the beginning of the day was at Noon. The discovery date is, thus, sometimes given as Aug. 12, 1877. Since angles and Moon positions aren't being used, I'm using the 8/11 date.

Source: http://encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia\_761556697/Marconi.html

Source: ufoevidence.org

A diurnal chart is a chart set for a particular day, but using the time, coordinates and *time zone* of your birth. The only thing different from your birth dat 57hould be the date and year.

AM on Aug. 18, 1969 when transiting Mercury was at 18 Virgo. <sup>46</sup> (The money connection of 18 Virgo was also evident—half-way through the concert, people were admitted free to the event.)

The event that had more long-term impact than anything else that happened around the 1969 eclipse occurred quietly on Oct. 29, 1969 at 10:30 PM in California: The first ARPAnet message was sent between the University of California at Los Angeles and the Stanford Research Institute. <sup>47</sup> This was the actual beginning of the Internet from which the World Wide Web eventually emerged. That date was within the three months following the Sept. 11 1969 eclipse, and had the North Node at 18 Pisces, and South Node at 18 Virgo, the degree axis for the September 1969 eclipse. (When the eclipse had occurred on Sept. 11 1969, the Nodes had been at 21 Pisces.)

Based on these events, the transition of boundaries theme seems to play out: The beginnings of what eventually spawned the World Wide Web; the coming together of over half a million young people for rock'n'roll and other well-documented activities; and the Moon landing in which earth most decidedly expanded its boundaries in the universe.

## More Thoughts On Chappaquiddick and 18 Virgo

I'd like to back-track for a moment to the Chappaquiddick incident that preceded the 1969 Virgo eclipse, as it offers a lesson in eclipse interpretation.

The 1969 eclipse fell in Ted Kennedy's 2<sup>nd</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> natal houses using the Koch house system; one might have assumed that a financial matter would be prominent, or an inheritance—and indeed, Kennedy's father, Joe Kennedy Sr., did die the following November. Further delving into the solar arc directions shows that Kennedy's solar arc 8<sup>th</sup> house cusp (again using the Koch house system) was at 18 Virgo 27. (Astonishingly, that is the exact degree and minute of the converse secondary progressed Moon of John Kennedy Jr. when he died in an airplane crash in July 1999 and not far from where the Chappaquiddick tragedy took place 30 years earlier.<sup>48</sup>)

Each eclipse is part of a family of eclipses called the Saros Cycle. The Sept. 11, 1969 eclipse was in Saros Cycle 7 South. Bernadette Brady points out that this eclipse cycle began in June 22, 1248 o.s., at 19:07 at the South Pole. This "originating" eclipse contained a

Source: wcbstv.com

Source: wikipedia.org, which includes a reproduction of the log page that shows the time that the ARPAnet message was sent. Other sources giving that date and time are livinginternet.com, and cbc.ca/news/background/internet.

Interestingly, Joseph P. Kennedy, Ted's father and John Jr.'s grandfather, had the natal Moon at 18 Virgo. President John F. Kennedy, John Jr.'s father, had the natal Moon in 17 Virgo. Patrick Kennedy, Ted Kennedy's youngest son and a Rhode Island legislator, has natal Pluto in 18 Virgo in the 11<sup>th</sup> house. However, it is the 22<sup>nd</sup> degree of cardinal signs that pervades most strongly in the Kennedy family history, not 18-19 Virgo. This will be discussed in future articles, as well as the tendency for degrees to proliferate throughout generations of on 86amily.



Mars/Pluto square. Brady writes: "The immense power, anger and force of the Mars square Pluto is channeled in this family of eclipses via the trine (author's note: of Pluto to the New Moon). The individual experiencing this series will find that huge obstacles will suddenly and easily clear or, on the negative side, a pending potential crisis will suddenly manifest and move through his or her life very rapidly. Either way, the individual will feel that everything is moving at great speed."<sup>49</sup>

## The Sabian Symbols and the 1969 events

The degree symbol systems for 19 Virgo/19 Pisces seem to reflect the events of 1969, and this could have significance for the Sept. 11 2007 eclipse.

The best known degree system, the Sabian system, lists 19 Virgo as "A swimming race" and 19 Pisces as "A master instructing his pupil." In his book, *The Sabian Symbols and Astrological Analysis*," Blain Bovee notes that the images have a shared motif "on making headway in a foreign element," and "plunging in and coming up for air." The "foreign element" reference would fit nicely with the Moon landing, and the water symbol would have been reflected in Chappaquiddick.

He also says about this pairing: "Apply this degree-pair with a mind to the challenge of diving into deep water while keeping your head about you; excitement about generous exchanges between unequals. Think of the twofold nature of water on a swimmer: buoyant and submersive; the sense of right proportion and right time: too much or too little of any ingredient ruins the stew. Watch for eyes that reveal being dizzied before the grandness of a master; eyes that water with overwhelming emotion; impatience about the pace at which others learn. "<sup>50</sup>

Bovee also says something that is interesting in light of the ARPAnet beginning in 1969. "The flow of inspiration from a deep and powerful source calls for a mastery of energies, of knowledge, and a skilled ability to transmit that knowledge." <sup>51</sup>

All of this has meaning for interpreting the 2007 eclipse.

# Dates Related to the September 2007 Eclipse

The eclipse that occurs on Sept. 11, 2007 is part of the Saros Cycle 9 New South, which first began on July 19 1917. Bernadette Brady observes that the initiating eclipse (1917) contained a Mercury/Saturn/Neptune conjunction, with that (1917) New Moon eclipse on the Venus/Pluto midpoint. She notes that the eclipse brings "to the surface of long-term."

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Brady, Bernadette. The Eagle and the Lark. (York Beach, ME: 1992) p. 318. (Note that this book has been reissued under the title **Predictive Astrology: The Eagle and the Lark.** 

Blain Bovee. The Sabian Symbols and Astrological Analysis. (St. Paul, MN: Llewellyn Worldwide, 2004) p. 249-250.

Bovee, op cit, 250

worries about loved ones, health, or issues to do with paperwork or communication."<sup>52</sup>The last eclipse in this Saros Cycle was August 31, 1989 at 8 degrees of Virgo.

The Sept. 11 eclipse is the mate of the eclipse that occurred March 19, 2007 at 28 Pisces 07. The March eclipse was the Saros Cycle 9 New North family.

The most significant effects of an eclipse are sometimes seen when the New Moon squares the eclipse point three months following the eclipse, or when another planet during that time period happens to cross the degree of the eclipse, or the degree opposing it. That would mean that this September's eclipse effects could occur on or around Nov. 9, 2007, when the New Moon is at 17 Sagittarius 16 and squaring the eclipse point of Sept. 11 at 18 Virgo.

Planets transiting 18 Virgo and 18 Pisces will be within the playing field of this eclipse. Uranus is presently at 17 Pisces going retrograde, but will be transiting from 17-19 Pisces through mid-March, 2008. By March, a February solar eclipse will have occurred in Aquarius, which may negate Uranian influence with the September eclipse.

The transiting Moon in 18 Virgo or 18 Pisces will be significant anytime between now and three months following the Sept. 11 eclipse. (The Moon at 18 Gemini and Sagittarius—both also mutable signs—might also be relevant, but the real potency seems to be the Virgo/Pisces axis itself.)

Dietrech Pessin, in her book, *Lunar Shadows: The Lost Key to the Timing of Eclipses*, shows that eclipses and even regular new moons have almost a two-year influence. She measures this through the timing of future first quarter, full moon and last quarters that follow the eclipse degree over a two-year period, either in the same or close to the eclipse degree. Based on this eclipse, she cites the first quarter Moon on June 10 2008 at 20 Virgo 06; the full moon on March 11 2009 at 20 Virgo 40, and the last quarter moon on Dec. 9 2009 at 17 Virgo 03.<sup>53</sup>

- If you have a planet or angle at 18-20 degrees on the Virgo-Pisces axis (I would not allow more than 3 degrees of orb for an eclipse, and I sometimes think 3 degrees may be stretching things), or on the related mutable Gemini-Sagittarius axis, these dates should hold meaning.
- If you have a planet or angle in 12 Aries, the solstice point of 18 Virgo, that planet or angle could be significant. As 18 Pisces has 12 Libra as its solstice point, planets and angles at 12 Libra could also be significant.

<sup>52</sup> Brady, op cit, p. 320

Pessin, Dietrech. Lunar Shadows: The Lost Key to the Timing of Eclipses. (Tucson, Ariz: Monsoon Press, 60



- Obviously, the house in which an eclipse falls in your natal chart, and its opposite house, or whether it conjuncts a planet will determine how strong the eclipse's effects would be for you.
- I work a lot with diurnal charts, and one should check their diurnal charts for when the 18<sup>th</sup> degree of Virgo/Pisces will be significant, on an angle, or on a house cusp.

Other important dates relative to the 2007 eclipse:

August 29, when Mercury will be in 18 Virgo October 28, when Venus will be in 18 Virgo

The dates in which the Moon will transit 18 Virgo between now and December:

Oct. 8-9, 2007 Nov 4-6, 2007 Dec. 2-3, 2007

# Past Conjunctions at 18-19 Virgo

There have been some significant conjunctions of planets at 18-19 Virg in the past 50 or more years. Anyone born during that time will have these conjunctions in their chart, and would be affected by the Sept 11 2007 eclipse.

(If you were born during any of these time periods, the Sept. II 2007 eclipse will affect that conjunction in your natal chart.)

Mars/Saturn conjunct Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1949, at 18 Virgo

Mercury/Saturn conjunct Aug. 15, 1950 (coincides with the Assam, Tibet earthquake and the birth of Princess Anne of England.)

Mercury/Pluto conjunct Sept. 11, 1966 at 18 Virgo, coinciding with the end of the New York City's World-Journal-Tribune strike, considered the world's longest for a major city. The next day, Sept. 12, a white mob attacked black pupils at a school in Grenada, Mississippi. As a result, a federal judge ordered local officials to protect students at integrated schools. On Sept. 8, in keeping with the 18 Virgo's Mercury symbolism, Star Tek made its television debut. And on Sept. 9, sweeping automobile safety legislation was signed into law. Interesting how all events have a strong Mercury symbolism: newspapers, pupils and schools, science travel, and automobile legislation.

Uranus/Pluto conjunction in 18 Virgo occurring Nov 10-18, 1965. This coincided with the previously-mentioned massive power blackout hitting the Northeast US, Ontario and Quebec. It also coincided with the beginnings of the anti-Vietnam War rallies, which were held in forty US cities on Oct. 15, the largest being in New York and in Berkeley, California. Some of the culture phenomenon in keeping with the Uranus/Pluto: LBJ's Great society established new US agencies and federal programs; 007 James Bond mania inspired The Man from UNCLE, and Get Smart! television shows.







While I do not think any single factor in astrology can contribute to one major incident, I think that it is a combination of factors that form the lens through which we see possibilities. One of those factors, in my opinion, should be the history of the degree.

More Information Related to the Degree

## Natal charts with placements between 18 and 19 degrees of Virgo

Nancy Reagan, Saturn, 12th house

Betty Ford, Ascendant

Lady Bird Johnson, Midheaven

Lee Radziwill, Jupiter, 1st house

Pamela Anderson, Pluto, 4th house

Princess Anne of England, Mercury/Saturn conjunction, 11th house

Joan Baez, Jupiter, 10th house

Kathy Bates, Mars, 12th house

Jerry Falwell, Venus, 11th house

Jenna and Barbara Bush (twins), daughters of former US president George W. Bush, Mars, 8<sup>th</sup> house

Dyan Cannon, Neptune, 7th house

Helen Clark, prime minister of New Zealand, Ascendant

Anderson Cooper, North Node, 3rd house

Robert de Niro, Mercury, 3<sup>rd</sup> house

Robert Redford, Mercury/Moon, 6th house

Vanessa Redgrave, Neptune, 1st house

Julie Roberts, Mercury, 2nd house

Melanie Griffith, Venus, 5th house

Don Johnson, Saturn, 1st house

Patrick Kennedy, (Rhode Island legislator, son of Ted Kennedy), Pluto, 11th house

Dustin Hoffman, Moon, 8th house

Carrie Fisher, Venus, 8th house

Mary Tyler Moore, Neptune, 7<sup>th</sup> house

Bernie Madoff, former Nasdaq stock exchange chairman and perpetrator of one of the largest investment frauds ever committed by one person, Neptune (time unknown)

John Glenn, American astronaut/US Senator, Midheaven

Robert Iger, CEO of Walt Disney, pre-natal eclipse

Gordon Brown, prime minister of Great Britain, pre-natal eclipse

Lottery winner of \$4 million, Uranus (conjunct Pluto at 17 Virgo 22), 1st house

Sam Walton, founder, Wal-Mart, Mars retrograde (time unknown)

Lottery winner of \$24 million, pre-natal eclipse, 8th house

# Natal charts with placements between 18 and 19 Pisces

Celine Dion, singer, Mercury/Venus conjunction, 8<sup>th</sup> house
Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, youngest child of Elizabeth II, Mercury, 5<sup>th</sup> house

Anderson Cooper, television reporter, South Node, 9th house





Bobby Fischer, chess master, Sun, 8th house Lee Iacocca, automobile executive, Uranus, 12th house Jules Verne, author, Venus, 10th house Michelangelo, Renaissance artist/genius, Mars, 3rd house Peter I, Czar of Russia, Uranus, 12th house Johannes Kelper, astronomer, Jupiter, 10th house Roberto Assagioli, founder of psychosynthesis, Mercury, 10th house St. Bernadette of Lourdes, Mars, 10th house Truman Capote, author, Uranus, 2nd house Leo Buscaglia, author/psychologist, Uranus, 3rd house Sonny Bono, singer/entertainer/US congressman, Venus, 6th house St. Frances of Sales, priest, Pluto (time unknown) James I of England, Pluto, 7th house Lorenzo Lamas, actor, Midheaven Ralph Nader, Mars, 2nd house Sidney Poitier, oscar-winning actor, Mercury, 6th house Freddie Prinze, actor/comedian, Moon, 5th house Freddie Prinze Jr., actor/comedian, Sun, 6th house

Chris Sizemore, multiple personality case, Jupiter, 7th house

Booker T. Washington, American educator, Venus (time unknown)

Some progressed positions of interest:

Hillary Clinton had a converse solar arc Venus at 18 Virgo 11 on August, 2007, during the Democratic primaries in the US.

# Global charts which have 18-19 degrees of Virgo:54

Saturn in the chart of Indonesia(19 Virgo)

North Node in the chart of Venezuela (19 Virgo, chart based on 7/5/1811 date)

North Node in the chart of Lebanon (19 Virgo)

Venus in the chart of Liberia (18 Virgo)

Saturn in the chart of India-Republic (18 Virgo)

Sun in the chart of Ethiopia (19 Virgo)

# Previous Eclipses:

Sept. 11 1988 – Eclipse 18 Virgo 40 Sept. 11, 1969 – Eclipse 18 Virgo 53 Sept. 12 1950 - Eclipse 18 Virgo 49

<sup>54</sup> Campion, Nicholas. *The Book of World Horoscopes*. (Bristol: Cinnabar Books, 1996.)

The terrorist attacks that began on Nov. 26, 2008 at 9:50 PM in Mumbai, India, occurred with Uranus stationing at 18 Pisces 44, opposing transiting Saturn at 20 Virgo, and in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of the event chart. This opposes the natal Saturn of the chart of Uranus. The US Saturn degree was prominent (14 Libra) in the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.63



#### Birth Data

Birth data is given below for those individuals whose progressions and directions were used in this article. Most of the data below is from the Astrodatabank software (astrodatabank.com), and the Rodden Rating (RR) is so noted. Data from sources other than the Astrodatabank do not have a Rodden Rating.

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall July 17 1947 7:10 AM London, England RR: B, from biography

Carson, Rachel
May 27 1907
2:00 AM
Springdale, PA
AA: C, rectified from approximate time of 1 AM

Charles, Prince of Wales Nov. 14 1948 9:14 PM London, England RR: A, from news reports

Collins, Judy May 1 1939 11:55 AM Seattle, Washington

RR: AA, Contemporary Sidereal Horoscopes and Gauquelin Book of Charts

Diana, Princess of Wales
July 1 1961
7:45 PM
Sandringham, England
RR: A, from memory

Edward VIII, Duke of Windsor
June 23 1894
9:55 PM
Richmond, Surrey, England
RR: AA, Fagan quoted BC/BR from news release

Farnsworth, Philo Aug. 19 1906 Time unknown Beaver, Utah



Source: wikipedia.org, and infoplease.com

Fermi, Enrico Sept. 29 1901 7:00 PM Rome, Italy

RR: AA Quoted BC/BR from Gauquelin

Fisher, Amy
Aug. 21 1974
9:26 PM
Oceanside, NY
RR: A, from news report

Gallo, Ernest March 18 1909 7:15 PM Jackson, California

RR: AA, quoted BC/BR in Contemporary American Horoscopes

Gates, Bill
Oct. 28 1955
10:00 PM
Seattle, Washington
RR: A, from him

Gerena, Victor June 24 1958 11:04 AM New York, New York

RR: A, Diane Hebert quotes close family friend in The Ascendant, fall, 1986

Goddard, Robert
Oct. 5 1882
Time unknown
Worcester, Massachusetts
Source: Smithsonian Archives (siarchives.si.edu) and wikipedia.org

Hearst, Patty
Feb. 20 1954
6:01 PM

RR: AA, quoted BC/BR in Contemporary American Horoscopes

Helmsley, Leona July 4 1920 6:00 AM Marbletown, New York



RR: AA, quoted BC/BR in American Astrology 6/1990

Henry VIII, King of England June 28 1491 8:45 AM Greenwich, England RR: AA, quoted BC/BR

Hughes, Ted
Aug. 17 1930
1:12 AM
Mytholmroyd, West Yorkshire, England
RR: B, Paula Gassmann cites biography

Hussein, King of Jordan Nov. 14 1935 2:30 AM Amman, Jordan

RR: C, Marc Penfield quotes released but unconfirmed records, Mercury Hour 4/1979

Johnson, Lady Bird
Dec. 22, 1912
5:32 AM
Karnack, TX
RR: B, from biography

Johnson, Lyndon B.
Aug. 27, 1908
5:00 AM
Johnson City, TX

RR: A, RH Oliver quotes Saturday Evening Post quoting Johnson's mother

Jolie, Angelina
June 4, 1975
9:09 AM
Los Angeles, California
RR: A, from birth certificate

Kennedy, Jr., John F.
Nov. 25, 1960
00:22 AM
Washington, DC
RR: A, news report quotes Jacqueline Kennedy

Lennon, John Oct. 9 1940 6:30 PM



Liverpool, United Kingdom

RR: A, Lennon's stepmother quotes his aunt

Lewinsky, Monica

July 23 1973

12:21 PM

San Francisco, California

RR: AA, Jack Fertig quotes BC from San Francisco Hall of Records

Lynch, Peter

Sept. 7 1943

10:51 AM

Boston, Mass.

RR: AA, quoted BC/BR by Frances McEvoy

Paul McCartney

June 18 1942

2:00 PM

Liverpool, United Kingdom

RR: A, quotes Linda McCartney to astrologer Nalini Kanta Das.

Miller, Arthur

Oct. 17 1915

5:12 AM

New York, New York

RR: C, original source unknown

McGivney, Father Michael

Aug. 12 1852

Time unknown

Waterbury, Ct.

Source: fmcgivney.org

Monroe, Marilyn

June 1 1926

9:30 AM

Los Angeles, California

RR: AA, BC in hand from Bob Garner, photo of BC in The Curious Death of Marilyn Monroe.

Onassis, Jacqueline Kennedy

July 28 1929

2:30 PM

Southampton, NY

RR: A, Frances McEvoy quotes her to mutual friends, data not released until after her death

Pemberton, John S

Jan. 8 1931

Time unknown

Knoxville, Georgia

Source: georgiaencyclopedia.org

Pitt, Brad

Dec. 18 1963

6:31 AM

RR: A, from memory

Plath, Sylvia

Oct. 27 1932

2:10 PM

Boston, Mass.

RR: A, Ruth H. Oliver quotes Plath's mother in American Astrology 10/1977

Polk, James K

Nov. 2 1795

Time unknown

Mecklenburg County, NC

RR: A, from memory

Post, Marjorie Merriweather

March 15 1887

10:00 PM

Springfield, Illinois

RR: AA, quoted BC/BR, Dana Holliday, Post's biography by Nancy Rubin

Roosevelt, Franklin D.

Jan. 30 1882

8:45 PM

Hyde Park, NY

RR: AA, quoted BC/BR from Dad's diary

Sullivan, Roy

Feb. 7 1912

7:00 PM

Greene City, Virginia

RR: A, from family memory, quoted in National Enquirer on 6/26/1979

Walsch, Neale Donald

Sept. 10 1943

4:19 AM

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

RR: AA, quoted BC/BR by Stephen Przybylowski

Walton, Sam



March 29 1918
Time unknown
Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Source: wikipedia.org, infoplease.com, and freshthinkingbusiness.com

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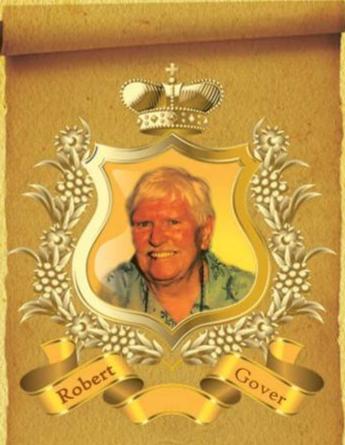
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# Beware Late August

# ByRobert Gover, USA

Although the stock markets in most countries around the world are quiet as I write this in late May 2009, watch out for a crash in late August of this year. It could begin in the middle of August, or it could be delayed till the second week of September, but around this time, a stock market crash especially in the USA—is very likely.

The reason for this prediction is mainly the transits of Saturn. It will come exactly conjunct the USA's natal Neptune on August 27, 2009, signaling the distinct possibility of the kind of crash we saw during the late summer and early autumn of 2008.

I have studied the astrology of stock market crashes in the USA going back to 1857. What emerges from this study is that crashes are most likely when one of the outermost planets-especially conjuncts either the USA's Neptune or the USA's Mars. The Moon and transiting Mars have often triggered crashes. In the natal chart for the USA, born on July 4, 1776, every time there has been a serious, sudden, breathtaking crash, the USA's natal Mars-square-Neptune has been "hit" by transiting planets.

On September 29, 2008, when the Dow-Jones plunged 778 points (the biggest point drop in history but not the biggest percentage loss) a grand cross pattern was formed by transiting Saturn, Uranus and Pluto, conjunct, opposite and square the 70 USA's Mars-Neptune pair, as shown on

Chart #1. The orb which included Pluto in a square to Saturn and Uranus was a little wide, but Pluto's opposition to Uncle Sam's natal Mars was within 8 degrees, and to the USA's Neptune the orb was within 6 degrees.

People like to find reasons after the fact for such dramatic crashes as this. Alexander Twin, CNN/Money's senior editor, said, "Stocks tumbled ahead of the (House of Representatives) vote and the selling accelerated on fears that Congress would not be able come up with a fix for nearly frozen credit markets. The frozen markets mean banks are hoarding cash, making it difficult for businesses and individuals to get much-needed loans."

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Astrological reasons are just as difficult to pinpoint, but usually coincide with the kind of mood prevalent at the time. In this case, the opposition between Saturn and Uranus had Congress hung on the horns of a dilemma. Should the members respond primarily to Uranus' influence and innovate?

Or should they adhere to Saturn's conservatism and preserve the status quo?

Historically, we often find instances when stock market crashes coincided with patterns such as this, when not all the transiting planets were within the 7-degree orb most astrologers deem effective, yet the "hit" to the USA's Mars-Neptune square brought down stocks suddenly and dramatically. During most of 2008, the Saturn-Uranus opposition was tightening, with these planets flirting with being conjunct and opposite the USA's Neptune, square the USA's Mars, and stock markets were tumbling.

Given that these planets were moving slowly into position for most of 2008, why did stocks take their biggest hit on this date, September 29? Well, that day was a Monday and it followed a Lunation the day before, and that New Moon touched the USA's natal Saturn. It also marked the point when transiting Saturn came within a 7 degree orb of its conjunction with the USA's Neptune.

On this day, too, the House of Representatives surprised investors by rejecting the Treasury Department's proposed \$700 billion bailout for banks. The bill passed later. Congressional delay, however, did not immediately stop the downward slide of stock markets, as Saturn and Uranus continued to tighten their opposition and harass the USA's Mars-Neptune square. This opposition challenged the thinking of both those who were in favor of holding the status quo, and those who were for breaking new ground according to Uranus' urging.

Governments around the world have done a bit of both: they have come to the rescue of errant financiers instead of allowing their institutions to collapse, and they have transferred unprecedented amounts of taxpayer money to the bankers. They have justified the unprecedented by saying these institutions are "too big to fail," that if they failed, they would bring down the world financial system.

The bailout for financial institutions was supposed to go hand-in-hand with an economic stimulus package for the working classes, but much of this stimulus seems to be bogged down in red tape, causing widespread cynicism among the American population. It is hard

to refute the popular perception that the government is now "of, for and by the super wealthy and big corporations" to an unprecedented degree.

There are some commentators who say that the politicians, by favoring their most generous campaign contributors, have only postponed the inevitable. I have written that the core of the existing, rocky banking system is the Federal Reserve, and that transiting Pluto's position now threatens the Fed. (See "Pluto and the Fed" at <a href="www.stariq.com">www.stariq.com</a>, written 12/7/2007.)

The planetary pattern upcoming in late August of this year is similar to the one we find in September of last year, with one big difference: this time, transiting Mars will join Saturn, Uranus and Pluto to harry the USA's Mars-Neptune square. The position of Mars in Gemini suggests that this upcoming period could see stocks plunge even more frighteningly than they did last September.

On the material level of our shared reality, there is no shortage of reasons why we can look for another big stock slide later this year. Primary among those reasons is that the Credit Default Swap game that seeded the crash of 2008 continues. Attempts have been, and continue to be made to control this form of unregulated insurance of securities based on various forms of debt "bundled" and sold to investors, with big financial institutions buying the lion's share. In retrospect, it's said that CDS's were a market catastrophe waiting to happen. Since it has not been fixed, it now appears that another is waiting in the wings.

What governments around the world did following the crash of 2008 was take steps to save the existing financial system. But what the history of Saturn-Uranus oppositions tells us is that change is inevitable. Add the square to Pluto and what we can expect to unfold is the unexpected and definitely revolutionary.

Einstein's famous definition of insanity---doing the same thing again and again and expecting different results—applies here. Stock markets are well known to be irrational. The irony is that the big players, who are often able to move "normal" markets up or down, also get surprised by crashes brought on by "mysterious forces beyond human understanding," i.e., planetary cycles and angles.

For most of the financial world, another crash like the one in 2008 would be horrible, wiping out the hope that we have, in 2009, put the worst behind us. For those called Contrarians or Crisis Investors, a crash in late 2009 offers another opportunity, for such investors make more money faster during dramatic drops.

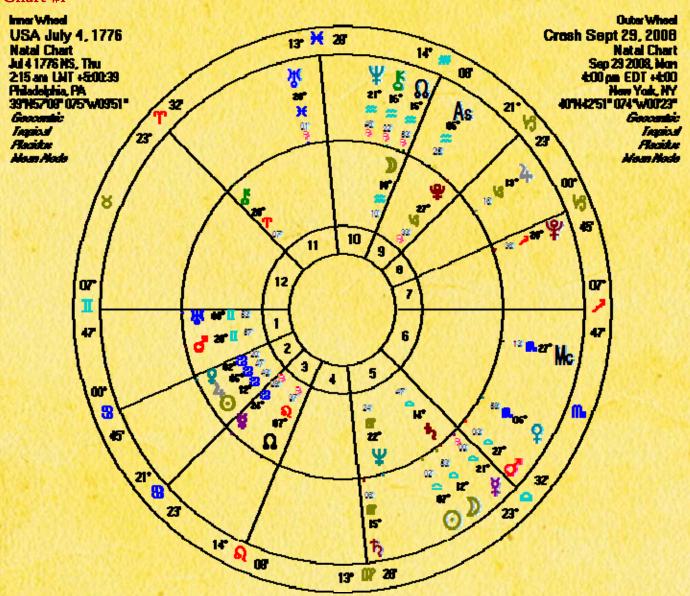
For astrologers such as myself who ponder the simultaneities of certain planetary and economic events, these coincidences are endlessly fascinating. We must keep in mind, however, that it's a game that can never be won, only played. For while we can see our solar system as one gigantic celestial clock with 12 hands, we must not forget that no moment in celestial time repeats. As above, so below—it is wisely said that history repeats but does not rhyme.

So even as we check out the similarities between Chart #1 for the crash of 2008, and Chart #2 for the possibility of a repeat in 2009, we must keep in mind that Uranus is famous for surprises. Yet, with Pluto's square to both Spurn and Uranus tightening its orb and due to

become exact in 2010, I guesstimate that chances are better than 90% we'll see another crash in late summer of 2009.

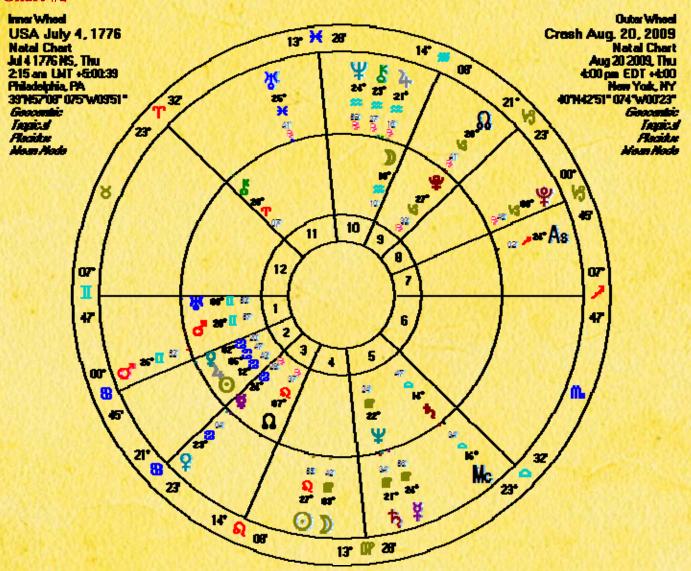
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#### Chart #1





#### Chart #2

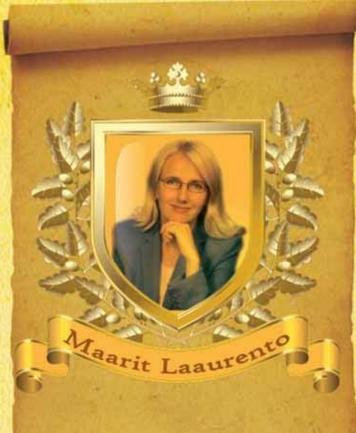


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# Nokia's New Era Challenges and Chances By Maarit Laurento, Finland

Nokia', Finland's technology flagship, the world's market leader in mobile phones is facing a challenging situation. Factories are closed down, the workers laid off and the stock has lost up to 71% of its value in a year (2009). Time has changed since the last autumn stock crash. Analysts are surprised, conventional methods to examine the company have been challenged. It is time to analyze the situation in a radically new way, beyond the mainstream methods - by means of business the astrology (astrological references are presented in the endnotes).

Nokia has been in a completely new time phase since 2005. For example, Nokia's leadership changed in 2005 - 2006, when the company's CEO Mr. Jorma Ollila made his move and Mr. Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo CEO began his era in summer 2006 (nomination was in 2005). Year 2005 started a new fifteen-year development period; it is again time to create a new genre. Nokia's brand at the moment is associated strongly with the late 1990's and the early 2000's, the beginning of the mobile phone market. However, it is now time to create something totally new. In 2009 - 2010 it is also time to renew the themes started in 2005. Would it be time to change management level entirely? Will Nokia change the CEO to a young, new director outside the company? Or is there a chance to move on with entirely new kinds of

concepts? What kind of innovative methods and fresh approaches do they have behind the scenes? Autumn 2008 stock market turbulence has also set new demands for growth and development.

#### The Time Function

Where to look for hints of Nokia's present potentials at this moment? Business astrology analyzes and focuses on time. To understand the present we need to make vertical time interventions to the past. From the perspective of business astrology time is understood both as qualitative and quantitative, in distinction from only quantitative ideas i.e. clocks and calendars. In this article we will make time trips concerning Nokia.

We analyze time e.g. by the Business Life Span Method (BLS)<sup>2</sup>, company based business cycles, thirty years each. Nokia's current and the most recent Business Life Span cycles are:

1976 - 1991 - 2005 2005 - 2020 - 2035

It is worthwhile to return to the start of the previous BLS in the mid/late 1970s, in order to find ideas also to the present BLS, which has just begun in 2005. What did Nokia do rough thirty years ago? What kind of reforms boosted Nokia to the next phase? What are the remarkable solutions made at that time? The era, social situation, and people are obviously not the same now, but we are interested in recalling the attitudes from various eras and how those time-attitudes could be applied even now. How did the new genre begin back then? What kind of the choices Nokia made in the mid/late 1970s?

#### Nokia 1976 - 2005

Mr. Juhana Aunesluoma (2001) headlines his article in Mr. Martti Häikiö's Nokia trilogy as following: "The adjustment begins - Rubber Industry 1977 - 1982." Kari Kairamo took hold of Nokia in 1977 and piloted Nokia to the new as an innovative and fearless leader. Aunesluoma writes: "Only the electronics was able to grow. Other areas dependent on traditional construction and capital investments were still in the hands of the recession. [...] At the same time a question was caused to which extent the rubber industry would be able to maintain the viability of an increasingly global competition. At first Kairamo seems to have been pessimistic about the future of Nokia rubber industry. Unless there soon will be light at the end of the tunnel the whole area could have been in need of rehabilitation."

The strong growth of Nokia's electronics in the 1970s acted as the booster for the rise of mobile phones in the 1990s. Kairamo asked for strong support from the state to his sector, which he described as "oligarchy of multi-national companies where mercy is not given nor known". In the background of the comment was Nokia's own interest in the computer field. In the late 1970s Nokia's PC sector, however, was still in its infancy, and the state's role proposed a challenge. The state was needed but as the same time its expansion to the industry of electronics was feared. The state had a strong hold on Soviet trade, and for the success Soviet trade was needed. Therefore, a liaison with the government was necessary although not unproblematic. Anyway, the starting point for the electronics segment was in 1976 - 1977, when Kairamo strongly invested in it.

The development of digital telephone center DX200 took off early years in Kairamo era.

Centers began to be introduced since the early 1980s. According to Keijo Olkkola, the DX200-project leader, the project was "the largest product development input into one product in Nokia and probably in Finland." Olkkola says the intention was to do something different from the others: "The microprocessor was central and the most significant choice."

"The DX200 is a digital telephone switching exchange developed by Nokia. The DX-200 was the first microprocessor controlled telephone exchange and the first fully digital exchange to be taken into service in Europe. Development of the system started at Taleva, the Finnish state owned telecom equipment producer in the early 1970s, under the leadership of Keijo Olkkola. The first order was received in 1973 for a 100 subscriber local exchange for the small and remote island community of Houtskär, to be delivered in 1979. After the first installation in 1982, the DX-200 captured a 50% share of the Finnish fixed line exchange market. The exchange's modular design and development of microprocessors technology enabled a gradual increase in the system's capacity. By 1987 the installation base had grown to 400,000 subscriber lines" (Wikipedia).

Nokia combined radio phone operations with Salora Ltd in February 1979, Mobira Ltd. started in early July. This opened up new opportunities for western markets. Mobira was a start, led by Nokia's new organization and strategy from the early 1980s. Recession eased off in 1979 and better results created investment pressures which were directed to internationalization and education. At that time challenges for expansion offered a cautious monetary policy of the Bank of Finland which made investments difficult.

Growth was made with following key statements:

- 1. New business ideas
- 2. International growth
- 3. Investments in high technology
- 4. Flexibility and fast reactivity

#### Preconditions For Mobile Phone Business

Nokia has a prosperous history for its success. Martti Häikiö sums up the cornerstones of Nokia's development in the electronics industry

- 1. Defensive battle towards the state (the electronics business)
- 2. LM Ericsson enlargement prevention; Telenokia (Nokia Telecommunications) was founded as a result of cooperation with Taleva
- 3. New product development
- 4. Soviet Trade

Persistence in the idea of mobile phones was worthwhile, even though it wasn't a gold mine in the beginning. March 1980 turned out to be the starting point for mobile phones when the technology became available in two small municipalities in Finland. DX200 beat fast analog competitor, and the first trades were made.

The real catalyst, however, was GSM, which was the starting shot in the middle of Nokia crisis in 1991. The first GSM call, played the HTF's (Helsinki Telephone Association), the

then CEO Kurt Nordman on 27 March 1991. Radiolinja launched the world's first GSM network on 1 July 1991, at noon. The triumphed trip of Finnish GSM technology around the world started.

#### Is Nokia In The Same Kind Of A Situation As In The Late 1970's?

What is the situation at Nokia now? Is Nokia in the same situation as in the late 1970's, in the beginning of Kairamo era? What areas should be considered completely anew during 2009?<sup>4</sup>

To find new ideas to today we need to focus on the beginning of Kairamo era and find key ideas from the attitudes from that time when it was a time of brand new inventions, new organization models etc. What is the "new" now? What kind of innovations are possible now, when so much has been invented already? Is there room for brand new ideas and totally new business areas? What kind of attitudes are needed now to create a new genre of ideas?

For example, the following four areas are potential platforms for reform:

#### New Corporate Lead Executives

Kari Kairamo was relatively new in Nokia when he was nominated as the Managing Director in 1977. He had come to Nokia ten years earlier. Kari Kairamo was considered as a visionary leader, who could be high-handed, too. He enjoyed parties, and meetings often took the whole night (totally opposite to Jorma Ollila in this). Kairamo was interested in globalization and new ideas. He coached everybody to their best and beyond. Kairamo is described also as impatient and hard-working, 25-hour working days were normal. He demanded the same from his workers. Yet he was well regarded as superior. He had good relationships with the subordinates as with the rest of society. Kairamo was not afraid to express their own ideas; sometimes he did it even too directly.

Wikipedia writes: "During Kairamo era Nokia grew and changed fast. He created an entirely new organization culture which now is the basis of Nokia. Kairamo was also active outside of Nokia, his social relations were perfect. He had good relations with the Soviet Union, however, he as well understood that Nokia must extend to the West. Kairamo's mission was to build Nokia fast into an internationally large multi-industry company, and he led several courageous acquisitions for the company. The late 1980s was a very special period of time both for the Nokia Corporation and for Finland. The place Finland occupied on the map of Europe was about to change, and cold war and protectionism in the Finnish trade politics was about to break down. Kairamo saw the importance of Nokia, the biggest company in Finland, as a major agent in getting Finland closer to Western Europe, although at the same time he considered the Soviet Union to be an important trade partner and managed to retain close relations with major Soviet politicians and business leaders."

Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo has done his career mainly at Nokia. Wikipedia writes: "Kallasvuo joined Nokia in 1980 as Corporate Counsel, and has held roles of increasing responsibility since that time. In 1987 he was appointed Assistant Vice President, Legal Department, and in 1988 he was named Assistant Vice President, Finance. In 1990 he was promoted to Senior Vice President, Finance. Since 1990 Kallasvuo has been a member of the Group Executive Board of Nokia. In 1992, Kallasvuo was named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer. In 1997-1998 he served as Corporate Executive Vice President, Nokia United States, being responsible for all Nokia's business operations in the US. He returned to the position of Chief Financial Officer at the beginning of 1999, the position he had held prior to moving to the United States. From 2004-2005 Kallasvuo was Executive Vice President and General Manager of Mobile Phones. On October 1, 2005 he was named President and COO before his appointment to the current position, Chief Executive Officer on June 1, 2006. Prior to joining Nokia, Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo held a variety of positions with the Union Bank of Finland."

Kallasvuo's era should be compared to Kairamo's era instead of Ollila's era if we are interested in time periods described by Business Life Spans. Kairamo created a new corporate and foundation to mobile phone business, a new genre and generation. Now the same time phase is faced, although of course the time and social context are different. World is global in a very different way from Kairamo's era, challenges and opportunities are

different than then, but here we are interested in attitudes towards time where analogy could be found. So what is the present "mobile phone"? What is a completely new product, a pioneering idea, a fresh concept that could "save us from the recession and shed light on tunnel" right now? Is it going to be found from Nokia or from somewhere else?

Nokia is in its starting point towards the future (current BLS 2005 >). Self-evidently it has a long history (since 1865) but from BLS perspective in this stage Nokia is in the beginning, in a brand new situation. The idea for 2005 - 2020 is to develop new concepts and ideas for the future, but are these ideas



ready for publishing or are they yet in process, not yet the end products at all? Furthermore, is it the present CEO Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo who also is the new CEO at Nokia? If so, does he find this year 2009 a whole new way to lead the company, quite different from what he created with Ollila? If not, who is the new Nokia leader for a new era, who is the perfect man or woman to guide the company (and all of us) towards an entirely new future? Can we find him/her inside Nokia, or will he/she come from outside the company? Is he/she a relatively young and hungry for success? Familiar methods seem not to appear valid now, and if one wants to be in the market first, a bold risk-taking and courage to invest in weak signals are needed.

#### New location

In spring 2005 much talked Lex Nokia begun a discussion about the location of the headquarters. The question "will Nokia leave Finland?" has emerged again in spring 2009 when Lex Nokia made headlines. It is a good question from BLS perspective, too, since the new start for a new BLS generation has been just a couple of years ago, in 2005. Is Nokia really leaving? Will the new start change the company's location, too? What is the role of Finland in New Nokia? Is there any?

#### New Innovations

The innovations from the last BLS cycle became worldwide and created the global reputation of Nokia since the 1990's. Nokia BLS turning point to success and harvest phase was in 1991 when radical decisions and changes took place. Now the present BLS goal is to

create and build up a brand new genre in the next ten or so years (- 2020), and hence research and development are the key issues here and now. What kind of weak signals are, therefore, in the R&D going on now (Nokia just cut this area in March 2009...)? Compare the idea for example to the legendary DX200. There were only few who believed in the project at the time being but it was crucial to the success Nokia gained in the 1990's. What similar kind of projects are there now behind the scenes?

So, what are the new innovations at Nokia today? Nokia will e.g. examine the markets of mini portables which already faced some criticism. Is it new? Mini Portable has already been presented by its competitors. "'Internet in every pocket' said Jorma Ollila already a decade ago, and it was also Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo's message," writes Jukka Lukkari in late 2008. Are these kinds of ideas sufficient or does Nokia need entirely new kind of concepts?

The goal of Nokia Ovi Store is to have 300 million users by 2012, although the service does not yet have received the desired feedback and there is a lot of competition in the field: Apple's iPhone applications have proven to be a great success and make a big challenge, and Microsoft will also open its own application store. In March 2009 we read that Nokia's 3G phone has encountered problems: just launched 5800 XpressMusic phone was withdrawn from sale in the USA because the 3G didn't work. Skype for mobile in Nokia N97 could be a real new opening. The new N97 phone is designed specifically for the Internet and social networks users. And in April new flops enter: "Nokia's all-inclusive Comes With Music mobile service has been much slower to attract UK consumers than expected, according to an industry consultancy" (http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/8012874.stm). Nevertheless, the direction is right, young people are the perfect segment during this first part of BLS cycle (2005 - 2020).

#### New Era

What general issues were analogical in the beginning of the last BLS cycle and now? In the early 1980's a new kind of monetary policy was landing In Finland. Nokia was among the first ones to welcome it. Political culture changed in Finland in the 1980's and a new generation of leaders stepped forward. Britain began to move from state-owned enterprises for privatization, and Thatcher's liberal economic policies opened new kinds of opportunities. Do we now face new liberalism, too, and how will the global monetary culture affect business worldwide? Did autumn 2008 give us some taste of it? Generally speaking we are in a declining phase of roughly two hundred years economical cycle. New one is about to start in the 2020's<sup>5</sup>. The transition phase has started in the early 1980's. Will Nokia be the leader or the successor? Now is the time to create the wildest ideas to the brand new future. What must be done before the brand new ideas are able to move forward and conquer the world by 2020? From time perspective the first signs of this could be anticipated from Nokia already in 2010 - 2012. How will they respond to the challenge? Earlier, Nokia has benefited from crises; will it be victorious even now?

After autumn 2008 the world is no longer the same as before. Time has changed and hence the deeds of action. The winner is the one who first understands the new concept of time. By business astrology time can also be understood as wider spans. Now is time to understand in a new way the themes that were relevant in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Generally speaking, analogy to late 1960's and early 1970's lies also in the next few years: 2008 - 2015. Some forty years before young people and students started the social change. The

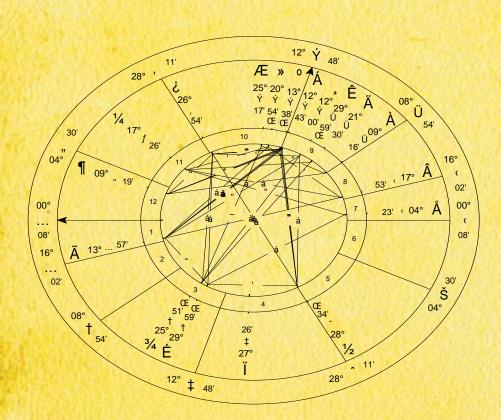
hippies piloted the new age: let's make love not war. The second wave of feminism gave rise to the new Equality Movement and the awareness of environmental issues rose: the International Biological Program (IBP 1960 final) is a multilateral climate change research which is still relevant. Technological breakthroughs such as space travel have opened up new worlds. Nokia needs to find the new way fairly soon.

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Nokia is founded on the 2nd of May in 1865 in Tampere (the date is corrected from the dates presented earlier). The reader should notice that during the 19<sup>th</sup> century Finland was under the Russian regime and the earlier applied Gregorian calendar was accompanied by the old Julian calendar used in Russia until 1917. Here we use the New Style (Georgian Calendar Style) since the New Style was still mostly used in Finland although the Old Style is used especially in the official dates (and furthermore, the new style date is a weekday, Tuesday, compared to the old style date, Sunday). Nokia of course has several charts since there have been many changes in the business since 1865. In this article the foundation chart from May 1865 is the main one used. The time is unknown.



On the foundation chart of Nokia the Sun (the core idea of the company) is located in Taurus with Venus (the ruler of the Sun), Mercury (communication) and Pluto. Taurus describes well the natural raw material that was used in the mills - the timber. (Originally, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Nokia started with pulp industry.) Venus emphasizes the use of materials that have been obtained from the nature and earth, but Pluto compels Venus to refine, to modify, and to produce something new from the basic natural materials. In the case of Nokia it was a question of the chemical pulp. Chemicals are needed in order to produce cellulose. Pluto (=chemicals) in conjunction with Venus, the ruler of the Sun in this chart, refers to that., not to mention the square with the Moon In Leo. Pluto in its fall in Taurus also refers to the fact that Nokia has had to struggle in order to be competitive on the market.

Taurus describes also well the continuity and the traditional values of the bourgeoisie. The region of Tampere was very wealthy at that time. Fredrik Idestam came from a large family, which owned, among other properties, a big manor house in the area. Idestam's brother-in-law, Adolf Törngren owned the big cotton mills of Tampella; one of the biggest employers in Finland at that time. The first Nokia mill was built on the site of Tampella.

Nokia got into a crisis immediately after the company had been established. There would not be a single line in the history books about Nokia, had not Idestam acted resourcefully. Mercury and Venus are both retrograde in the establishing chart of Nokia which gave a reason to anticipate rearrangements of some kind. Furthermore, Pluto crossed Venus and Mercury as a transit a couple of years after the establishment. Both the traditions and the whole business was threatened. The factories of Tampella went bankrupt. Idestam nearly lost the right to use the energy provided by the falls, and so the whole factory was in danger. But Idestam's friend Leo Mechelin saved him. The springboard for Finnish industry and for Finland's independence (1917) had been created. Perhaps the Finnish perseverance can be seen in surviving Pluto's transits.

The Pluto theme was activated again in the early 1930's on the chart of Nokia, when Pluto crossed Mars. At that time the possibility of the merger was discussed. In the late 1980's there was an opposition of Pluto to the Sun. Nokia was at that time close to a destruction and bankruptcy but survived and rose to a rocket-like success. The Pluto theme is strong already in the basic chart of Nokia (conjunction with the ruler of the Sun, Venus). Indeed one might think that it is a pursuit of Nokia to grow through crises, in order to achieve victory. One could even say that Nokia benefits from the crises, because it probably operates at its sharpest at those times, and makes a strong opponent to its competitors.

Nokia made Finnish history immediately after having been established, by being the country's first cellulose factory. The beginning of the conglomerate has also been praised as innovative, and new inventions have been utilized pioneer-like in the operation of the company. The Sun is in semi-square aspect to Uranus (=innovativeness, inventions) and sesquiquadrate to Jupiter (=success) which again is opposing Uranus. The Sun is also in a productive and active aspect (sextile) to Mars (=energy, initiative pioneering), albeit in its fall in Cancer. It emphasizes the domesticity and the basic Finnish character of Nokia.

Business Life Span (BLS) Method is a progressive Moon Phase Technique applied by Equinox Consulting. BLS presents the Progressed Moon Phase Cycle that is approximately thirty years each. Nokia obviously has several BLS cycles in its history since it has been founded already in 1865. Here the two latest ones are presented. The form of BLS is A - B - C where A - B is the period of resources gathering, the middle point B the approximate time when the New Genre from A - B should be created and B - C is the harvest time when the resources gathered A - B are being also in test. BLS can also be divided into four quartals where A - B is again divided into two and same is done with B - C. Here the simpler model is applied.

Nokia did not throw itself to manufacturing mobile phones at the end of the 1960's. There were other plans at that time. In fact, the breakthrough of the whole electronics field in relation to the more traditional industry required toughness and purposefulness. Certainly Pluto in the establishing chart requires this in all times. Nokia manufactured rubber boots for daily use, and cables for industrial use. The production field was indeed very different from the mobile phones, which require modern electronics.

At that time the electronics unit was very small from the point of view of the whole group (in 1967 the staff consisted of 460 people only!). However, it got a persistent godfather fighting on its side, CEO Björn Westerlund. After he retired in 1977, the new CEO Kari Kairamo led the unit in an innovative and good-minded way. Nokia established a company called Mobira with another electronics enterprise called Salora. Mobira was to develop car phones, but the pet of Kairamo were the computers and the televisions. It is told that Kairamo said in the early 80's: "Car phones? They will never make a big success! Nokia has to invest in the televisions". This proved to be a mistake which led Nokia to the brink of destruction.

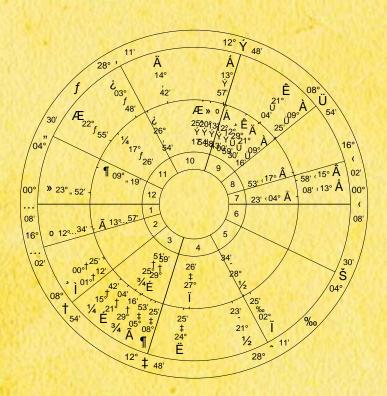
The legendary career of Kairamo, during which he pushed forward his innovations and visions in an outspoken, intensive and single-minded way, provided a new basis for Nokia, but ended in the suicide of Kairamo at the end of the year 1988 (transiting Pluto opposing the Sun).

Mobile phones however survived thanks to the digital DX 200 centre. The GSM net of Nokia is based on developing of this centre. The development work had started at the 1970's. Its success depended only on good luck and on people who backed up the project with great perseverance. At that time the analogical system was popular, and the digital project was seen mainly as a burden. However the development work went on, and the fruits of this project served as bedrock of the success of Nokia's GSM phone.

Of course the pet of Kairamo, the television, also fits well with the "communication company", but it did not offer as good opportunities for expansion as the mobile phone did on the market. The Japanese, for example, were conquering the TV-market more and more, so there simply was no place for a new "TV giant". The mobile was a new, innovative product, which was good for every hand. The company went on developing televisions until the beginning of 90's but had already chosen a new direction towards other kind of electronics.

The beginning of the 1970's was a Saturn period on the group chart of Nokia. Finland was facing serious times when Soviet Union proposed common military manoeuvres, which in practice could have formed a threat to our independence. The period is often referred to as "the years of challenges" in Finland. Nokia survived, however, the difficult period. Holding on to the mobiles was worthwhile, even if it wasn't a gold mine immediately in the beginning. It was not until the last day of March in 1980 when the mobiles were launched, when all the technique needed was available in two small Finnish towns. DX 200 beated quickly its analogical rivals and the first deals were made. Kari Kairamo was very influential in making the transactions.

<sup>4</sup>From the late 2008 Nokia has astrologically had a similar situation as in the late 1980's and early 1990's when the whole system was reconstructed. Then, transiting Pluto was opposing the Sun and the Taurus planets, now, transiting Pluto is squaring the progressed Sun (in early Libra) which will last the whole year 2009.



Furthermore, with the new BLS cycle (from 2005) and progressed Moon in Scorpio heading towards opposition to natal Pluto, one can suggest a change e.g. in the structure of the company (e.g. the corporate lead executives), the structure of the personnel and also the change in the direction of the company. It is time to produce a totally new genre. Nokia would, in the matter of fact, again benefit from the profound restructuring as it has many times before.

In case of interest have a look at the article "Agenda 2008 – 2020" where we argue the issue more deeply: http://www.equinoxconsulting.fi/english/articles/agenda.pdf

Nokia first started to flourish during the so called "Crazy Casino Years" of the Finnish economy in the end of the 1980's. It has done so until this day, with an exception of the early 1990's when Nokia was on the brink of destruction. The background and the basis for this growth was, however, in a period more than ten years earlier, when Kari Kairamo was elected as the CEO in 1977. He had global visions and ideas of great innovation, which neither Finland nor the rest of the world was ready to adopt or appreciate in the beginning of 1980's. Kairamo was almost like Don Quijote, fighting against wind mills. But it was hard to resist him and he managed to push through many of his ideas.

On the turn of the decade from 1970's to the 1980's, the basic chart of Nokia was receiving a yod from Neptune and Pluto, and on the other hand, periods of restructuring of Uranus (transiting Uranus in Scorpio opposing the Taurus planets), in a way that was also strongly opposed in Nokia. The forerunner of GSM, the DX 200 center, was still alive, thanks to the perseverance of Keijo Olkkola, who had invented it. At the same time Kari Kairamo was developing his global ideas, the integration of Europe, and the Nokia University which was to provide for the need for highly skilled expert engineers. One might say that Nokia needed his kind of rebels who were not happy with the traditional and habitual modes of action, but broke new and original ways for Nokia's functioning. In the foundation chart there is a conjunction of Pluto to the Sun and Venus, the ruler of the Sun, and also to Mercury (=visions, ideas), square the Moon. Furthermore, the Sun and Mercury are in sequiquadrate with Uranus. It requires strength, power and visions from the directors.

In addition there was also an exterior threat around at that time. An investor called Pentti Kouri tried to take over Nokia in the early 80's, to split it and to sell it to foreign investors. He did not succeed in his manoeuvre (as a minor remark, Kairamo favoured Kouri in spite of this. The latter suggested Jorma Ollila to the post of financing director. Jorma Ollila was the CEO of Nokia in the years of its great success 1992 - 2006). Kouri stayed at Nokia until the turn of next decade, 1980-90, when he left the company and moved abroad. For Nokia his period was a crisis, anyway.

Transiting Pluto was opposing the planets in Taurus and squaring the Moon during the late 1980's. This forced Nokia to restructure itself and to be prepared for even unexpected opponents. This can be seen as a start towards a bigger change and restructuring. The landmark for this change was a very unfortunate incident. The CEO Kari Kairamo committed a suicide at 11th of December 1988, when Pluto was opposing the Sun (=director).

The "crazy years" of 1987-1988, when Jupiter (=success, expansion) was successively in Aries and in Taurus, in other words close to the Nokia Sun, brought many new clients for Nokia and furthermore also started a long Pluto rebirth process in Nokia. Among other things the period is described like this: "Nokia swallowed everything that came on its way". It was a time of great economic growth, a culmination point. The collapse of the stock market was approaching in the big world. Nokia utilised even the Black Monday of October, 19, 1987 by offering a good opportunity for the investors. Nokia issued a bond, which helped it to collect money from the most important capital markets of the world. Nokia was successful, and risks were taken. The opposition of Pluto, along with Jupiter crossing, can also be interpreted as daring gambling and risk taking. But everything has its price. The world

economy was in crisis. There was an economic depression reigning, and even Nokia did not come off without problems.

Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, and many investors of Nokia sold their shares because they did not expect Finland to survive the blow economically. A buyer was searched for Nokia; LM Ericsson was given a historical opportunity to buy Nokia but it did not use it (because the offer included all of Nokia, even the TV production, which Ericsson wasn't interested in). Very probably they have regretted this decision, because buying Nokia would have been the most profitable bargain of all times, for the Swedes.

Nokia was in a general crisis in 1991. A bankruptcy was anticipated, and the CEO Simo Vuorilehto, undertook a harsh and radical restructuring, which was seen as inevitable for the restoration of Nokia. Suddenly and surprisingly a new CEO was appointed. He was called Jorma Ollila, and he was not so well known in public even he had been the director of Nokia Mobile Phones. With this move a new rise of Nokia started, and the seed for future success was sown. Also, from the Business Life Span perspective Nokia was in its culmination point at 1991 and hence that time was very important. Next year, 1992, was the last improfitable one in Nokia's history (Pluto opposed Nokia's Venus the last time; Mars was crossing back and forth on the Mars). The TV production was sold to a company from Hong Kong, and there was only one production unit left because its multimedia components were necessary for the future activity of the company.

Astrologically this restructuring and transition to a new line of production is a great example of a Pluto process, a successful shedding of the skin. On the chart Pluto in tight contact with the Taurus planets refers to the fact that Nokia benefits from "the reincarnation" - one could indeed see the re-organization of Nokia in 1990's as a process like that. Nokia did not bend in the pressure of the crises but chose a tough but beneficial mode of action, which raised it to a new success. In 1993 Nokia had finally cleared the crises.

<sup>7</sup> Equinox Time Market Watch presents several viewpoints on the issue in question http://www.equinoxconsulting.fi/english/marketwatch.html









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# Traditional Medical Astrology

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In the past an astrological student would always start his education by learning horary astrology and not, as is common in our days, by studying natal charts. There is a valid reason for this, horary astrology is simple and clear, it will give the astrologer a for concrete judgement, for the feeling correspondence between charts and reality. Moreover, for most questions a client might have about his life horary astrology will suffice. It can answer with clarity many different questions about for example love relations, the weather, shares, house sales, matters, medical business success, emigration, dream interpretation and it is even possible to make quick and effective elections on the basis of horary questions. In this article we will look at medical questions.

The past decade has seen the rapid reemergence of western traditional astrology, which is still growing and growing. More and more astrologers are switching to the traditional practice of our celestial art and there are also many modern astrologers who want to learn about the classical roots of their profession. For modern astrologers learning the traditional celestial art is often a revelation as historical consciousness in astrological schools tends to stop with C.G. Jung or even Dane Rudyar. It is not standard knowledge that it was the theosophist Alan Leo who initiated modern astrology in the late nineteenth century. Leo based himself on traditional sources indeed but changed many, many things to make sure that astrology would fit in with his theosophical ideas. The Theosophical Society did have quite some money and they had their own publishing-house, which made them influential.

So what we learn as astrology in the West nowadays is this theosophical reconstruction although a lot of things have been added on the way such as Jungian psychology and many, many New Age ideas. This is OK but it is a bit one-sided. More than twenty centuries of astrological history and tradition have become invisible and there are many treasures waiting to be rediscovered. Modern astrology is one of the varieties of astrology you can practice, but there is much more. Sometimes the rediscovery of the traditional practice is almost miraculous, as with medical astrology.

In the old days a doctor would always have been an astrologer, he would base his diagnosis, treatment and prognosis on the chart, otherwise he would have been seen as a dangerous quack. A traditional doctor worked within an astrological world view using elements and planets to characterize and heal diseases. As everything in the world, every precious stone, every herb, every activity and even every soil can be described in astrological terms; there was also a wide choice of natural remedies. This choice was made purely on the basis of astrology. Over the past eight years I have practised the reborn traditional medical art – without any further specific medical training – and I can tell you it works, often better than modern medicine which bases itself on materialistic science only.

This is a miracle, and any astrologer can do it, the only thing you need is astrological knowledge. This reborn medical astrology is not homeopathy or naturopathy as a part of which we also take a glance at the natal chart and some transits; it is real astrological diagnosis and treatment based on the horary chart of the question about the disease. It is only the horary chart – NOT the natal chart - which shows what is going on at the moment, the acute problem and its deepest cause. This deepest cause of a disease is always formulated in astrological terms, like Mars in Scorpio, which means that the martial energy stream in the body has become unbalanced because of the excess of the water element – Scorpio - in the system.

All four elements may lead to health problems if they are present in the body in excess. So there are basically only four illnesses: water, fire, air and earth diseases, although they will manifest in many different forms. Now before we are going to discuss the method of diagnosis based on the horary chart, we will have a closer look at the elements or the humours as the elements are called in medical astrology. All humours have their typical disease patterns and it is important that we understand how they can manifest in the body. This is the most basic level; the four elements are the fundamental building-blocks of the whole cosmos and so of the body too.

The elements or *humours* are built up out of four basic simple qualities, heat, cold, dryness and moisture. Heat is energy and movement, cold is the absence of energy. Dry means that no connections are made, structures are rigid and boundaries are maintained. Moisture indicates connection and structures and boundaries are broken down or lost. Dryness and heat built up the fire element, dryness and cold the earth element, moisture and heat the air element and moisture and cold the water element. The four elements have their special names in medical astrology which are mentioned in the scheme below along with typical disease patterns.



EXCESS MELANCHOLY, BLACK CHOLER OR EARTH: Multiple Sclerosis, arthritis, constipation, formation of stones, many forms of cancer, palsies, depression

Image: frost in the body

EXCESS YELLOW CHOLER OR FIRE: acute inflammations, fevers, overactive organs (for exampe hyperthyroidism), dry eczema, red skin, burnout, agression

Image: the body on fire

EXCESS PHLEGM, SLIME OR WATER: colds, flues, bronchitis, lingering inflammations, obesity, underactive organs, diabetes, psoriasis, lung problems, diarrhoea, apathy, dementia

Image: a flooded body

EXCESS BLOOD, SANGUINE HUMOUR OR AIR: spontaneous bleedings, haemmorrhoids, circulation problems, oxygen supply problems, feverish infections, heart problems, tissue growths, nervousness, manic activity

Image: steam and overpressure in the body

By thinking in images on the basis of the qualities which built up the elements, we can see why certain diseases are caused by an element. MS for example is a breakdown of the nervous system for which there is no treatment in modern medicine as no cause is known. In traditional astrological medicine MS is typically an earth disease, earth or the melancholic humour is cold and dry. Cold means there is no energy and dry means that connection are severed. This is the exact image of multiple sclerosis, the melancholic excess manifests in the nervous system in this case often indicated in the chart by the involvement of Mercury, significator of the nervous system.

So we have a diagnosis and therefore a treatment. If there is too much earth circulating in the body system we need to bring in more air which is the element opposite to earth. It is like spading the garden, the earth has lumped together too densely and bringing in air will make it looser. It is possible to bring in more air by eating airy foods and avoiding earthy foods, and we can also prescribe a herbal tea which leads out the excess black choler. Success has been achieved in the case of MS with fumitory (Fumaria Officinalis). This is new for scientific medicine but traditional astrological medicine has known for more than twenty centuries that fumitory works against melancholic excess.

As there is always a chart if we have a question about a disease, we always have a diagnosis and a treatment. This is not to say that astrological medicine will bring immediate miraculous healing, it may also fail, like all forms of medical treatment. But it does heal or bring relief in a lot of cases, even in cases given up by the modern doctors. Practise shows that these natural, non-chemical remedies often do need a longer time to achieve healing, the natural remedies are not like the fast magigobullets of scientific medicine. In traditional

medicine we gradually rebuilt the balance in the body/mind system, if the balance is restored the illness will disappear in the end.

It is very important to realize that traditional astrological medicine is very different in its approach of symptoms and disease causes. In modern medicine the symptom often is seen as the disease itself. If you have a rash on your skin it is suppressed with a cortsisone cream, and if it disappears, you are 'healed'. But of course the rash is not the same as the disease, it is only a

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sign that something is wrong deeper in the body! Because of this fundamental misconception modern medicine may be very harmful and itself the cause of many serious, chronic diseases. For if we do not restore the balance in the body on a deeper level, a more serious disease may develop later. Switching off the fire alarm does not mean the fire has been put out successfully!

## The Diagnostic Method

We need the basic insights above to be able to practise a good and effective traditional medical astrology. The following example will show how we proceed. The first thing we look at in the chart is the ruler of the first house. The first house in a horary chart represents vitality, health and the body. As we are interested in what is wrong with the body – someone has asked what is the cause of his medical problem - the aim is to identify which factor is harming the ruler of the first house, Lord 1. In astrology this factor is necessarily a planet in a sign, but the outer planets are left out, you don't need them in traditional astrology.

The disease is NOT the ruler of sixth house, the house of illness. Taking the sixth house ruler as the disease will lead to a wrong diagnosis with all dire consequences. The simple reason is that we are already asking a question about a disease, we do not need a special house to give us that. What is being asked is: what is wrong with my body, so Lord 1 is the starting-point, and there is always a planet harming Lord 1, this planet will indicate the disease. In most cases the disease is Lord 1's dispositor. A dispositor has power over the planet it dipsoses and this exactly describes the disease situation, the body is controlled by the illness.

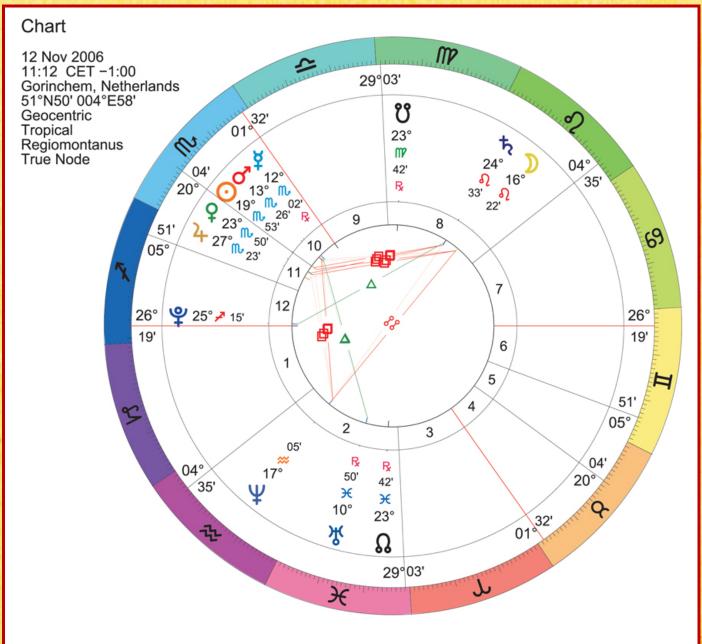
But a check has to be performed first. Lord i's dispositor is only the disease cause if the planet is located in a sign which does accord with its elemental or humoural nature. To perform the check, this scheme is useful:

Fire planets are Sun and Mars Water planets are Venus and the Moon Earth planets are Saturn and Mercury Air planet is Jupiter

So if Scorpio is on the ascendant, Mars is Lord 1, the body – remember: no outer planets. If Mars is located in Virgo, we have a fire planet in an earth sign. This means Mars is ill because he is in the wrong sign, in the wrong environment. In this case we can take Virgo's

tuler Mercury as the cause of the disease. If Mercury is located for example in Leo, the disease is a fire disease – Leo being a fire sign - which has affected the nervous system or some other Mercurial function in the body. This planet-in-sign – Mercury in Leo - is the disease, the cause of the trouble. Its aspects and especially its receptions show how this cause works out in the body. The remedy would be putting out the fire by cooling and moistening (watery) foods and herbs and restoring Mercury to its proper function by Mercurial herbs, stones or tinctures. So the whole thing is done completely on the basis of astrology.

The following example will illustrate the method.



This question was asked by a woman suffering from a skin problem in the feet. The skin was so painfull – because of moisture gathering there - that she was an invalid a part of the year, on top of that her hair was thinning and falling out every time the skin problem returned. The modern doctors did not have a diagnosis nor a treatment, she was simply sent home, they had never seen such a thing. Traditional medical astrology does provide a diagnosis because it does not depend on symptoms, it simply looks behind the material curtain in the chart, to see what is wrong.

In the horary chart the woman is Jupiter, the ruler the first house. Jupiter is an air planet, hot and moist, located in Scorpio. Scorpio is a water sign so it is cold and moist. The elemental natures of the planet and the sign are not the same so Jupiter's dispositor is the cause of the disease. This is Mars in Scorpio, Mars in Scoprio is the disease, this is what is wrong with the body. Because of the excess of water (Scorpio), Mars has become unbalanced and it is part of the illness. This fits the symptom pattern, there was indeed an excess of water in the feet, a kind of foot dropsy.

So she will have to eat heating and drying foods like peppers, onions, garlics, curries and suchlike, this will evaporate the water in the systeem. Also heating herbs which fall under the symbolism of Mars would be effective remedies. Mars herbs will correct Mars – the planet which is unbalanced – and will also evaporate the excess water further. Perfect would be stinging-nettles (Urtica Dioica), which is clearly a plant of Mars and is also known for its healing effect on the skin. Furthermore the client could wear a precious stone of Mars like a hematite or a red garnet.

There is also a psychological dimension, fixed Scorpionic waters are fixed emotions. This is connected to grief which has not been dealt with or a lack of emotionally intimate relations in which you can be your own simple self and relax without any stresses. Improvements in this field – possibly by crying the unshed tears in a safe environment - would also promote healing. In the tears we literally see the excess moisture leaving the body.

The proposed measures were effective and the disease without a name was healed. The modern doctors only poured scorn on the client for consulting a medical astrologer. That the astrological treatment was successful in a case in which they themselves hopelessly failed was not important at all. Their point of view is that astrology cannot possibly work, the healing was effected "by chance" or by the "placebo effect".

Inspired by the healing, the client became a medical astrologer herself. She now works very successfully among the poorest in the Phillipines, this natural method is also very cheap, as it does not need any chemical medication.

In the next column we will look at some more cases in which the diagnosis was more complicated and also at questions about operations and treatments.

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# The Beast from the Depths of Chaos: Astro-Mythology & the Bush Gang By Jennifer Van Bergen, USA

[Note: This article was written before the resignations of Ashcroft and Rumsfeld.]

With all that the Bush administration does or does not do, it is remarkable that no one in the progressive community has yet bothered to do an astrological analysis of the charts of its key members. Here, therefore, I remedy this appalling failure on the part of the progressive press. Whether you believe in astrology or not, this analysis should provide you with some interesting insights into the characters of and relationships between the members of the Bush crew.

I have focused here primarily on the effects of two planets: Pluto and Saturn, between the charts of Bush, Cheney, and Rumsfeld (and to a lesser extent, Ashcroft).[1] Remarkably, there are an extraordinary number of Pluto and Saturn contacts between them.[2]

## Mythological Meanings of Saturn & Pluto

Even if you are not knowledgeable about astrology, you may know about the mythological meanings of the Greek gods. Pluto was the god of the Underworld. Pluto, also known as the prince of darkness, governs the kingdom of the dead. [3]

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While the planet Pluto is a tiny body and its existence was not confirmed until 1930 (and it

recently demoted to planetoid), taking about 250 years to circle around the Sun, it is considered to be the ruling planet of the sign of Scorpio, which has been a recognized astrological sign for thousands of years. [4] Its a reasonable assignment, since the theme of both Pluto and Scorpio is the cycle of birth and death.

Pluto's father was Saturn, also called Kronos, the keeper of Time. Saturn, the second largest planet in the solar system, which takes almost 30 years to orbit the Sun, is the most remote of the seven visible planets. It was discovered in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. According to Greek mythology, Saturn overthrew his father, Uranus, by castrating him, and then ate his children, among whom were Jupiter, Neptune, and Pluto.

Jupiter, who was rescued by his mother, Rhea, made Uranus disgorge all of the other children. [5] Jupiter then exiled Saturn to Italy, where Janus gave him a home. There, Saturn introduced such widespread prosperity that his reign was remembered as the Golden Age, and the Romans celebrated this era each year at the end of December, with a festival known as Saturnalia. [6]

The interplay, thus, of Pluto and Saturn is rich with deep archetypal meaning. Pluto contacts are often ignored by astrologers as being generational influences, but as astrologer Liz Greene says, "if one takes into account Pluto's association with certain collective psychic energies, he has potentially a very powerful effect on individual man since each person must make his own pact with these collective energies."[7]

In my experience, close Pluto contacts between the inner planets [8] within the chart of an individual indicates some highly unhealthy and destructive propensities. A Saturn/Pluto combination is one of the deepest and darkest. I have found this combination more than any other in the charts of serial killers,[9] as well as in those of persons with multiple personality disorder,

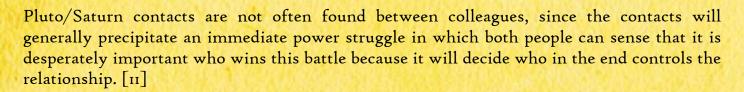


who are not criminals but whose basic sense of self has been shattered by severe early traumas. It seems as though Saturn/Pluto can work either to break the spirit or irretrievably harden it.

While a number of the members of the Bush crew contain hard Pluto or Saturn aspects to other planets in their charts, [10] none of them contain internal Saturn-to-Pluto contacts. However, remarkably, the charts of Bush, Rumsfeld, and Cheney contain numerous Pluto/Saturn contacts between them: that is, Pluto in one person's chart connects to Saturn in the other person's chart, or to inner planets (called the "personal planets") in various



combinations.



But, if Saturn and Pluto pair up, such contacts indicate, to put it simply, a criminal enterprise, each person providing a prop to one or more other persons darkest ambitions and pursuits. As Liz Greene says, "Pluto is Saturn's only real friend in the planetary hierarchy, although, as the saying goes, with a friend such as this, one has no need of enemies." [12]

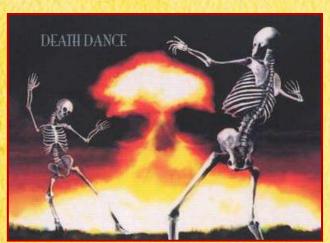
### The Gates to the Burning Ground: The Dark Saturn/Pluto Bond

#### Greene writes:

"The usual quality . . . with a Saturn-Pluto contact is obsessiveness. There often seems to be a carefully organized and deliberate movement toward some self-destructive experience . . ."

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Where Saturn/Pluto contacts occur within an individual's chart, the person will be drawn towards such behaviors of his own accord. Where such contacts occur between two people's charts, the planets will join energies and create a self-fulfilling loop, not subject to outside interference or correction. As Greene explains, Saturn and Pluto have several things in



Plutonian process.

common: they both "have an association with darkness, with destruction, and with the figure of Lucifer, the Dark Prince, or the Beast who symbolizes the depths of chaos." [14]

Pluto represents transformation, but of a devastating kind. While Pluto may lead to transformation, it is always through some process of destruction. In other words, Plutonian transformation occurs out of the bones and ashes of destruction. The Nazi purification of Germany was a destructive, transformative

When Pluto joins with Saturn, the result is ominous. Greene notes that "Saturn guards the entry to Pluto's realm for it is the [Saturnian] collapse of external values which leads eventually to the burning ground that Pluto symbolizes."[15]

Bush's administration, more than any other in the history of the United States, manifests

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the collapse of external values (such as those which are traditionally Saturnian: the rule of law, and those traditionally Aquarian: civil liberties)[16] and the seemingly irreversible progress down the dark road to the burning ground of war. While Saturn considers itself as a protector, Pluto provides the impetus and the subject: death, terrorism, war. Thus, war/terror (on terrorism) in the name of self-protection.

Saturn/Pluto contacts exaggerate and amplify experience so that "it is blown up to mythological proportions" where something of "the magical or fated quality of collective experience creeps in."[17]

Several members of the Bush crew have touted a sense of this fated quality, declaring their missions to be from God.[18] The Leo placements of Pluto in the charts of Bush and Cheney increase this sense of self-importance or greatness and the need to dominate. The several Cancer Suns (Bush and Rumsfeld) tie the sense of identity (Sun) to the home [land] (Cancer).

The fated quality of Saturn/Pluto also occurs within the Bush/Rumsfeld relationship. Rumsfeld's Sun/Pluto conjunction is tightly bracketed by Bush's Sun and Saturn in Cancer, with Rumsfeld's Pluto within a few degrees of Bush's Saturn. The contact creates a strong sense that the relationship was destined. It is a powerful bond, not easily broken, as was shown by Bush's unwillingness to ask Rumsfeld to resign after the Abu Ghraib revelations. Saturn (Bush) has a tolerance for, or even awe of, the acts (torture) for which Pluto (Rumsfeld) takes responsibility.

Both Saturn and Pluto are "trans-personal" planets, belonging to the outer rings of the solar system. They often involve areas outside of conscious awareness. Saturn/Pluto "seems intent upon driving the conscious personality into the burning ground with or without conscious consent and without help."[19] Or, as Greene says at another point, "the individuals may be fully aware of [the] obsessive movement [of the contact] yet may not be able to control it."[20]

When persons with internal Saturn/Pluto combinations resist the destructive pull of these energies and pretend that things are fine, lessons of pain and relinquishment increase. Ultimately, in order for Saturn/Pluto contacts to transform into something positive and productive, they must disintegrate what they create. Out of the ashes of destruction rises the Phoenix. People with Saturn/Pluto connections believe deeply in the rise of this Phoenix from the ashes. Its Armageddon, the Apocalypse, the Rapture, End Times. But the price for anyone within the reach of persons with such connections is far too great. Life itself may be brutally sacrificed.

In the end, persons who share a Saturn/Pluto contact will either stay far away from each other out of a subliminal awareness of the destructive forces they engender together, or, if their own personal charts drive them to covet the power of such forces, as Bush's and Rumsfeld's do, they will attract each other and work together to the destruction of others.



#### **Bush & Rumsfeld**

Rumsfeld's chart shows that he is ruthless, relentless, sadistic, brutal, and will drastically eliminate the unnecessary in his vision.[21] His Sun/Pluto conjunction, ruthless in itself, is squared to Uranus, which is a dangerous placement. Again, astrologers often view Pluto/Uranus contacts as generational and therefore undeserving of analysis. But in Rumsfeld's chart, the planet of identity, the Sun, is in contact with both of these outer planets: Pluto's dark forces combined with the Uranian need to be free of restrictions to pursue his experiments and innovations, no matter what, tied into his sense of self (Sun). In other words, this man is destructive and will not be stopped. His very identity is at stake.

Bush's chart shows ruthlessness as well. His chart contains a triple conjunction between Mercury, Pluto, and Venus in Leo. This combines the sign of rulership and power (Leo) with the planets of thought (Mercury) and relationship (Venus) and with the forces of darkness and destruction (Pluto). [22] Rumsfeld's Mercury is also conjunct the position of these three planets in Bush's chart, contributing his intellect to Bush's dark combo.

The Saturn/Pluto contacts between Rumsfeld's and Bush's charts only increases the brutality in either chart. Or, put yet another way, their own personal brutality contributes to and feeds the brutal acts they commit together.

But this is not all. The contact between Rumsfeld's and Bush's Suns and their respective Plutos and Saturns, connects the forces of identity and creation (Sun) in the sign of the home[land] (Cancer) with death, destruction, loss, deep pain, and grief (Pluto/Saturn). In other words, the connection provides a bridge for the energies of both Suns and the dark forces of Pluto/Saturn, fostering a massive amount of energy.

Where these exist within an individual's chart (which is not the case here), the individual will feel these things internally, but where they are found as contacts between the charts of two persons (as here), those who are subject to, in the care of, or under the authority of these persons are in extreme danger. Where those two persons hold the keys to a superpower, the danger is worldwide.

In sum, in all the charts considered in this article, Saturn is operating destructively in various combinations with Pluto and other planets that contribute to the malignant mix. The only solution to this destructive set-piece is its dissolution and isolation of its elements. In other words, these men must be removed from power.

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[1] Birthdates: George W. Bush, Jr. July 6, 1946, 7:26 AM EDT, New Haven, CT (AA/Quoted BC/BR, Astrodatabank); Donald Rumsfeld July 9, 1932, 5:40 PM CST, Chicago, IL (DD, www.stariq.com); Dick Cheney January 30, 1941, 7:30 PM CST, Lincoln, NE (AA/Quoted BC/BR, Astrodatabank); John Ashcroft, May 9, 1942, time unknown, Chicago, IL (DD, www.stariq.com).

[2] Bush & Rumsfeld have Sun to Sun/Pluto contacts, Mercury to Mercury/Pluto/Venus,

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Jupiter to Venus/Pluto/Mercury, Saturn/Venus to Mercury/Pluto/Venus. Cheney contributes an Aquarian Sun to the Pluto (Leo/Cancer) combinations, which create Sun to Mercury/Pluto/Venus. Ashcroft adds Pluto/Chiron to the Mercury/Pluto/Venus mix.

Rumsfelds Saturn in Aquarius is opposite Bushs Mercury/Pluto/Venus in Leo and trine (120 degrees) Bushs Neptune in Libra. It is also conjunct Cheneys Sun in Aquarius (and opposite Cheneys Pluto in Leo). Ashcrofts Mars in Cancer is quincunx (150 degrees) to Rumsfelds Saturn. Ashcrofts Saturn is conjunct Rumsfelds Mars in Gemini.

- [3] Solange de Mailly Nesle, Astrology: History, Symbols and Signs, Leon Amiel Publisher, 1981, p. 165. (Hereafter Nesle, Astrology.)
- [4] The Chaldeans of Assyria in the Middle East are usually considered the first to divide the sky into the twelve sections reflecting the calendrical relationship between the Sun and Moon. This was over 5000 years ago. Martin Seymour-Smith, The New Astrologer, Macmillan, 1981, p. 12. (Hereafter Seymour-Smith, New Astrologer.) See also, Francis Hitching Earth Magic, Morrow & Co., 1977, pp. 271-75. (Argues that the builders of Stonehenge and other megalithic sites in Great Britain of approximately the same era as the Chaldeans -- knew and practiced the principles of astrology . . . long before the system was formalized by the Egyptians or the Greeks.) The signs were developed out of the constellations. According to Parkers Astrology, there is evidence that the modern zodiac was in place long before the birth of Christ. Julia & Derek Parker, Parkers Astrology: The Essential Guide to using Astrology in Your Daily Life, Dorling Kindersley, Inc., 1991, p. 18.
- [5] Nesle, Astrology, p. 177.
- [6] *Id.* In Roman mythology, Janus was the god of gates and doorways, depicted with two faces looking in opposite directions. Janus and Saturn are often viewed as the same god..
- [7] Liz Greene, Saturn: A New Look at an Old Devil, Samuel Weiser, Inc., 1976, p. 188. (Hereafter Greene, Saturn.)
- [8] By close contacts, I mean between Pluto and any of the inner, personal planets, such as the Sun, Moon, Venus, Mercury, or Mars.
- [9] Ted Bundy had a Saturn/Pluto conjunction in Leo. Hitler had a Saturn (in Leo) square to an incredible Venus/Moon/Mercury/Mars/Neptune/Pluto rolling cascade conjunction across Taurus & Gemini. Theodore Kaczynski, the Unabomber, has Pluto in Leo sextile to Saturn/Sun/Uranus in Gemini. The Gainesville Killer, Danny Rolling, who is still on Death Row, has a Saturn/Sun (Scorpio/Gemini) quincunx & a Pluto/Moon (Leo/Pisces) quincunx.
- [10] Hard aspects are squares (90 degrees), quincunxes (150 degrees) and oppositions (180 degrees). Conjunctions (0-10 degrees) can also sometimes be hard. Hard aspects bring out the worst energies of the planets involved. An aspect is an angle of arc between two planets around the circle of the chart that represents the plane of the ecliptic, or the apparent path of the Sun around the Earth. Favorable aspects are generally trines (120 degrees), sextiles (60 degrees), and sometimes conjunctions. How aspects are used by individuals, however, varies tremendously.
- [11] Greene, Saturn, p. 191.
- [12] Id., p. 141.
- [13] Id., p. 142. Greene here writes about internal contacts.
- [14] Id. p. 141.
- [15] Id.
- [16] Aquarius figures strongly in both Rumsfeld's and Cheney's charts.
- [17] Greene, Saturn, p. 142.

[18] The hard Jupiter influence in some of these contacts also increases fanatical religious propensities. Bush, Cheney, and Ashcroft all have hard Jupiter aspects. Ashcroft has a Jupiter/Neptune square: confused in his judgment, prone to religious fervor, difficulty distinguishing real from unreal. Bush and Cheney have Sun/Jupiter squares (an aspect shared with Fidel Castro), which indicate religious excess, tendency to exaggerate, poor judgment, and unrealistic expectations. Rumsfeld has a Jupiter/Uranus/Pluto combination: rebellious, radical thinker, fanatical, critical, pious, recklessly and innovatively brutal. See Seymour-Smith, The New Astrologer (cited above at footnote 4), pp. 147-48. Also see generally, James Braha, How to Be a Great Astrologer: The Planetary Aspects Explained, Hermetician Press, 1992.

[19] Id. at 143.

[20] Id. at 142. (About individual contacts.)

[21] Seymour-Smith, New Astrologer, p. 147.

[22] Pluto in Leo is about abuse of power. Pluto went into Leo in 1938 and was progressing into it through WWII. It remained in Leo for twenty years, longer than it usually remains in a sign, through the Cold War. Of course, not all people born in those years abuse power. This depends on what contacts the Leo-Pluto makes in the individual's chart.



The 10<sup>th</sup> house or 10<sup>th</sup> lord from Saturn shows the profession of the native. At times it would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> house or 2<sup>nd</sup> lord from Saturn that would determine this.

When Saturn in transit sees the 8H from Venus or the planets therein or sometimes the lord of the 8th house from Venus, then death or troubles to the native's wife is denoted. This will be especially true if it is the 2nd or the 3rd round of transit of Saturn.





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# Transits &

# Switchphrases

May 2009 through September 2009 By Kat Miller, USA.

Switchwords a re powerful one-word affirmations which attract desired experiences, help clear unwanted energies and can be used to help ease astrological imbalances, enhancing life experiences.

#### June 5: Mercury transits to Taurus

Switchphrase: DIVINE-ACT-LOVE-GO-GIVE-ALONE-SWEET-TOGETHER

This Switchphrase means: Increase personal ability to be a good orator, attract, accept and experience love, begin to help others, increase focus on self, be caring and master of your world.

#### June 15: Sun transits to Gemini

Switchphrase: WOMB-FULL-ELATE-MOVE-CARE-NEXT

This Switchphrase means: Be secure, expand capacity to turn setbacks into advantages, increase pep, and finish lots of meticulous work.

#### June 15: Jupiter goes retrograde

Switchphrase: LEARN-JUDGE-WITH-CARE-UNCLE

This Switchphrase means: Rejuvenate, increase comprehension, harmonize well with others, and remember to ward off apartness.

# June 30: Venus transits to Taurus (its own house)

Switchphrase: LIMIT-BUBBLE-FOREVER-GIGGLE-THANKS-SHOW

This Switchphrase means: Regain control, get energized, keep the secret of enjoying tasks, release guilt and give respect (to yourself and others).

#### June 30/July 1: Mercury transits to Gemini (its own house)

Switchphrase: ACT-LOVE-ON-POSTPONE-CLEAR-CURVE-CANCER

This Switchphrase means: Transition to love and acceptance, nourish ambition, let go of anger and resentment, make yourself beautiful and calm emotional distress.

#### July 3: Mars transits to Taurus

Switchphrase: FOR-GIVE-WHET-HOLD-CHUCKLE-ELATE

This Switchphrase means: Promote helping others, finalize, build character, turn on personality and turn setbacks into uplifts.

#### July 15: Mercury transits to Cancer

Switchphrase: ACT-GO-MOVE-GO-HORSESHOE-WOMB

This Switchphrase means: Improve communication skills, progress, increase energy, begin moving safely and rapidly ahead, and feel secure.

#### July 16: Sun transits to Cancer

Switchphrase: WOMB-GO-BE-GUARD-JUDGE-CRYSTAL-MAGNANIMITY-

ALONE-WITH-WOMB

This Switchphrase means: Be secure, progress in finding peace and health, increase comprehension, purify (relationships), be generous, heal and harmonize with Source.

#### July 27: Venus transits to Gemini

Switchphrase: AROUND-BETWEEN-FORGIVE-FULL-OPEN-DUCK-

ATTENTION-MOVE

This Switchphrase means: Gain perspective, improve awareness (of all that surrounds you), eliminate remorse, expand capacity to tolerate, dispel hypersensitivity, avoid carelessness and increase pep.

## July 30 Mercury transits to Leo

Switchphrase: ACT-WITH-LOVE

This Switchphrase means: Speak in harmony with love and acceptance.

## July 30: Retrograde Jupiter reenters Capricorn

Switchphrase: WHET-JUDGE-GUARD-FORGIVE-GIVE-NEXT

This Switchphrase means: Sharpen and increase comprehension, preserve personal safety, eliminate remorse, help others and repeat the process.

## August 16: Mars transits to Gemini

Switchphrase: DIVINE-FIFTY THREE-LIMIT-HORSE-TAKE-ROOT

This Switchphrase means: Increase personal ability, take responsibility, regain control, be strong, become a good leader and grow.

## August 16: Sun transits to Leo own house

Switchphrase: ELATE-JUDGE-GO-ADD-MOVE-CHANGE-LIGHT

This Switchphrase means: Turn setbacks into uplifts, increase comprehension, progress faster and with more energy, dispel pain and lighten stress.

#### August 20: Mercury transits to Virgo, its exaltation sign

Switchphrase: ACT-CHUCKLE-UP-ELATE-LISTEN-ACT

This Switchphrase means: Be a good orator, turn on personality, use high spirits to turn setbacks into uplifts, be in touch with yourself and the world around you as you transition.

#### August 21st Venus transits to Cancer

Switchphrase: JUDGE-OPEN-WOMB-GIGGLE-BUBBLE

This Switchphrase means: Increase comprehension, allow reconnection with Source and enjoy expansion beyond perceived limitations.

#### September 7: Mercury goes retrograde in Virgo

Switchphrase: UNCLE-ACT-DIVINE-GIGGLE-CHUCKLE-SHOW

This Switchphrase means: Dispel untogetherness, be a good orator, increase personal ability to enjoy yourself, turn on your personality and give respect.

## September 9: VERY IMPORTANT Saturn transits to Virgo

(Cancerians end their Sade Sathi, Libra starts!)

Switchphrase: LISTEN-LISTEN-LISTEN-GUARD-PHASE-MONA LISA-CHUCKLE This Switchphrase means: Be in touch with self, be in touch with future, be in touch with nature, protect yourself, improve the situation, smile and turn on personality.

# September 15: Venus transits to Leo

Switchphrase: OPEN-WITH-LOVE

This Switchphrase means: Allow yourself to harmonize and immerse in love (of self and others).

#### September 16: Sun transits to Virgo

Switchphrase: JUDGE-FOR-LOVE-ROOT-CHUCKLE-WOMB-HORSESHOE

This Switchphrase means: Increase comprehension and promote acceptance (of self), grow, turn on personality, be secure and safely move rapidly ahead.

#### September 17: Saturn conjunct Sun in Virgo

Switchphrase: ELATE-GUARD-DIVINE-LIGHT-NOW-ADJUST-LISTEN-TAP-WOMB-QUIET-CHUCKLE

This Switchphrase means: Turn setbacks into uplifts, protect yourself, multiply intensity now, handle uncomfortable and unpleasant conditions by getting in touch with yourself and adapting and increasing security, quieting the ego and turning on personality.

## September 24: Mercury retrograde reenters Leo

Switchphrase: DIVINE-ACT-WITH-LOVE

This Switchphrase means: Increase personal ability to communicate harmoniously with love and acceptance.

September 29: Mercury goes back to direct



This Switchphrase means: Generate responsible communication by getting in touch with yourself.

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# The Tranquil Taoist

According to the book of Chuangtzu, an old man is seen by some followers of Confucius swimming in a raging torrent; suddenly, he disappears. The pupils of Confucius rush to save him, but the man reaches the bank entirely unaided. Asked how he had pulled off this remarkable feat of survival, the man replied that he had simply let himself go with the descending and ascending currents in the water. The true Taoist, in other words, moulds his senses, body and mind until they are at one with the currents of the world without.

# Destiny

Our destiny changes with our thoughts; we shall become what we wish to become, do what we wish to do, when our habitual thoughts correspond with our desires. Orison Swett Marden

'What you are you are, and destiny is destiny. Make a dog an emperor and still he will lick the grinding wheel.'







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# Ho'oponopono

# A Hawaiian Healing Technique By Kat Miller, USA

Ho'oponopono is a Hawaiian healing technique. The word Ho'oponopono means to make right, to rectify an error. Ho'oponopono, a process of repentance, forgiveness and transmutations. Ho'oponopono is a petition to Love, to void and replace toxic energies within oneself with love.

# Breakdown of the term Ho'oponopono:

Ho'o is to make, cause or bring about Pono is to correct, to right, to put in perfect order

Ponopono means in order, cared for, attended to, what is socially approved and desirable

Ho'oponopono works on interpersonal relationships, smoothing the rough edges, thereby beginning the physical and emotional healing process. The Ho'ponopono process also helps to make right relationships with ancestors and clear unwanted family patterns.

According to Ho'oponopono, the world is a reflection of what is happening inside you. When you experience upset or imbalance, look inside yourself, not outside yourself, for the cause of your problem. Every stress, imbalance or illness in your world can be corrected just by working on yourself.

With Ho'oponopono you acknowledge that you are the sum total of your experiences, you are burdened by your past. When you experience stress or fear in your life, look carefully. You find that the cause is actually a memory. The emotions which are tied to these memories are affecting you now. Your subconscious associates an action or person in the present with something that happened in the past. When this occurs, emotions are activated and stress is produced.

## Ho'oponopono Process:

- 1. Think about and visualize anyone with whom you do not feel in total alignment or support.
- 2. Visualize an infinite source of love flowing from your Higher Self down into your body. Fill your body with love, and overflow your heart with love to the person you are thinking about. In your mind, ask them if it is all right for you to heal the person and ask that they accept the healing.
- 3. Say to yourself, to them and to your Higher Self:

I'm sorry.

Please forgive me.

Thank you.

I love you.

- 4. When the healing is complete, in your mind, have a discussion with the person and forgive them, and ask them to forgive you.
- 5. Let go of the person. See them floating away. As they float away, cut the cord that connects the two of you.
- 6. If you are healing in a current primary relationship, then assimilate the person inside you.
- 7. Repeat the process with each person in your life with whom you are incomplete, or not aligned.
- 8. Check to see if you can see the person or think of them without feeling any negative emotions. If you do feel negative emotions, then do the process again.

Simple. Powerful. And simply powerful.

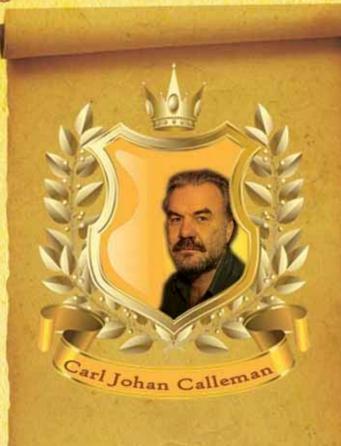
## Ho'oponopono Essence

Ho'oponopono Essence is the first of six healing energy techniques in the Healing Energy Vibrations energy vial. When you place the Healing Energy Vibrations energy vial in your energy field, it works automatically for you, putting the essence of Ho'oponopono into your energy field, helping to heal you and the world around you. The Healing Energy Vibrations energy vial is available at: <a href="http://www.hev.ehdef.com">http://www.hev.ehdef.com</a>









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# The Rebirth Celebration May 9-11, 2009 By

# Carl Johan Calleman, Sweden

n May 2009 a major emanation from the Hunab-Ku, an unfathomably intelligence in the center of the universe according to Mayan Cosmology, will inform a magnificent birth of cosmic proportions. This epoch period, the Mid-Point of the Sixth Day of the Galactic Underworld, gives humanity unprecedented opportunity to cooperate with the forces of evolution to fulfill individual and collective purposes, and to create a sustainable world of harmony, abundance and balance with Nature. As with any birth, there is also death...death of that which is no longer supported by these new evolutionary energies. This article provides the background for this paradoxically auspicious and ominous moment, and what we can do personally and collectively to consciously participate in it.

Two articles follow:

- The Rebirth Celebration The midpoint of the Sixth DAY of the Galactic Underworld, May 9-11, 2009 by Carl Johan Calleman.

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- 2. The Inner Dimensions of Cosmic Rebirth The ecology of choice and transformation in a rapidly changing world, by Joseph R. Giove.

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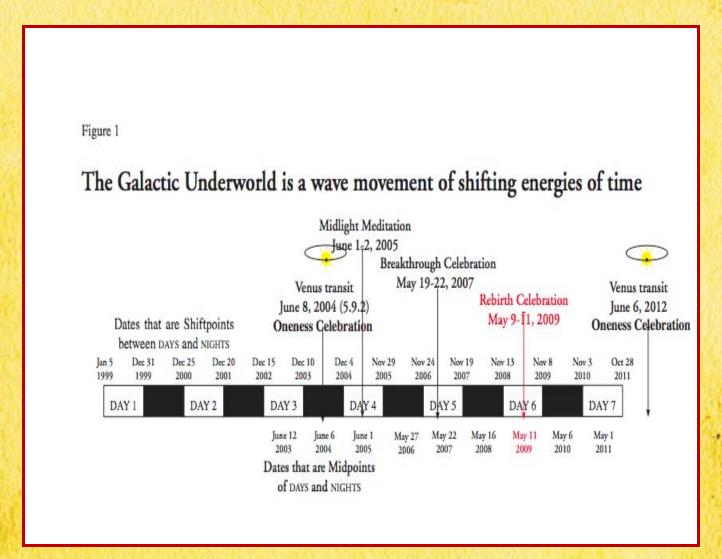




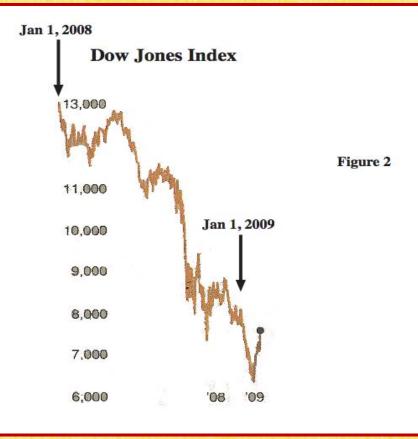
# The Rebirth Celebration – The midpoint of the Sixth DAY of the Galactic Underworld, May 9-11, 2009

#### By Carl Johan Calleman

To understand our current situation according to the Mayan calendar I believe it is necessary to first backtrack somewhat and look at what has happened at the most important of the recent shift points of the Galactic Underworld (see Figure 1). A very important such was the beginning of the fifth NIGHT, November 19, 2007. In my book The Mayan calendar and the Transformation of Consciousness, written in 2003, I ended the discussion about economy (page 233) with a prediction relating to this point in time: "Regardless of what forms such a [financial] collapse may take it seems that the best bet is for it to occur close to the time that the Fifth NIGHT begins, in November 2007 [strictly speaking the 19<sup>th</sup>]." This prediction was based on the fact that throughout cosmic history the fifth NIGHT has been a time when the old order often has come to be destroyed. Today, as economists agree that the global economic recession started in December of 2007, (see Figure 2) we can in retrospect see how amazingly accurate predictions may be if they are based on the true Mayan calendar. Even if predictions from it are not cut in stone it will nonetheless tell us what time periods that are conducive to certain activities and frames of mind.







A second very important shift point came with the beginning of the sixth DAY – November 12, 2008 – when, with the election of Obama as president of the US a week earlier, an energy of rebirth can be said to have manifested. This is also what had been predicted to begin at that particular time, which is symbolized by Yohalticitl, the goddess of birth. Barack Obama notably happens to be born on the Mayan day-sign 9 Ben, which is identical to the birthday of the United States, July 4, 1776, and thus plays a significant role in the history of this particular nation, in that he thus creates a full circle. His intentions to rule with transparency and with a more friendly and egalitarian relationship to other nations is certainly a welcome contrast to several of his predecessors. A sense of rebirth of ethical values has thus surrounded him creating an opening for a global unity on a larger scale.

We may however notice that the economy did not turn up again as the sixth DAY began. Why this was so can be understood on different levels. One is the economic in that the means of continuing the economic growth through expanding credit probably now have been exhausted. Everyone who takes a loan knows that this means taking resources from the future and the limits to how far this can be pushed have now been reached. Another level of understanding is that of the cosmic plan where we are now in the Galactic Underworld, which does not have economic and technological development as its primary purpose. On the contrary, the Galactic Underworld is about broadening the human horizon to a holistic viewpoint where we show concern for all of creation and the whole planet, which the world's economic system has increasingly come in conflict with. We thus have reasons to seriously ask if the world will ever again experience a prolonged period of economic growth although the media keep talking about when the recession will end and the bankers and rulers of the world, Obama included, are taking measures that they say are to this effect.

What is now being tried in order to reactivate the growth economy is then to

give the bankers tax-payer money so that they can lend the same money back to the taxpayers that they got it from. This may sound like a joke. Yet, the fact that so many have accepted this as necessary, and too complex for regular people to understand, shows how great the faith in the old ways still are. The reason the majority of people take it for granted that there will again be a period of economic growth some time in the future is that they were born into the Planetary Underworld. And indeed, if we study the wave movement of the Planetary Underworld that had the dominating effect on our consciousness between AD 1755 and AD 1999, we can see that economic growth periods alternated with recessions as a direct function of its shifts between DAYS and NIGHTS. DAYS meant upturns and NIGHTS downturns in the industrial economy. This very wave movement of the Planetary Underworld was however exactly what was transcended by the fifth NIGHT of the Galactic Underworld that began November 19, 2007. Will it then really in the current situation be possible for anyone to reactivate the growth economy? I personally do not think that this is the case except maybe for in limited sectors and to limited degrees. The decline will maybe slow down somewhat in this sixth DAY, but is likely to be intensified around the time the sixth NIGHT begins around November 7, 2009. The purpose of the current Galactic Underworld is thus different from that of the Planetary and is primarily to introduce relationships in the world based on a holistic global and egalitarian mindset, manifested in balanced relations between genders, nations, races and religions across the planet (and actually across the universe, but we know little about this). If we like we may thus look upon the whole Bush era as blocking this consciousness from manifesting.

Thus, while I feel that we are under the influence of the energies of the Mayan calendar (otherwise predictions would not have been possible) I also feel that our choices and the choices of different rulers influence how they manifest. Thus, certain policies of the Bush era might for instance have aggravated the situation. Regardless, I feel there is every reason to predict considerable hardships for many individuals who may lose their jobs, private economies and homes at the current time and the many, who in the time to come are likely to be faced with similar circumstances. An observer from a different planet may however look upon this also from a somewhat different perspective. He or she may look upon the end to the incessant growth economy as a sign that there is some hope that the planetary cancer is starting to recede and that there is some hope that humanity will actually survive and fulfill its purpose. In such a perspective we may look upon it as if the cosmic plan has now set in a protective mechanism for the Earth, since one thing we can be certain of is that if the growth economy does not come to an end then the world will come to an end. No one may be able to tell whether this would happen because of global warming, depletion of life in the oceans, destruction of the rainforests, the disappearance of the bees or something else. In fact, we do not really need to know what would trigger such a collapse of the planetary ecosystem, since the point to realize is that none of these threats to our environment can be looked upon in isolation from the others. They all have a common origin in an economy that for a long time has been based on incessant growth and now the frame of consciousness carried by the Galactic Underworld is forcing us to face the consequences of this.

I feel this means that in the years ahead we may expect to be faced with very difficult dilemmas on a personal level that usually do not have simple resolutions: "If I do not take care of myself, who will? Yet, if I do not care for the larger whole, who am I?" We may of course put the blame for the downturn of the economy on the bankers and others, who

created the economy that led us to live off the resources of the future. This however does not change very much, and it is also probably difficult to find someone who in one way or another did not to some extent benefit from this in a material sense. Thus, with few exceptions human beings have not voluntarily been willing to set an end to the growth.

What then is there to do in this situation we may ask? If the economy will never start to grow again, what will emerge in its place? Many realize that what needs to happen is a transition to a sustainable economy, something that humanity has not experienced for some 5000 years. This would mean a return to a non-dualist Garden of Eden in balance with the environment at a new and higher level, a transition that many will probably find very difficult and almost incomprehensible to grasp mentally speaking. We may for instance take note of the fact that no world leader or economist is currently advocating a shift to an economy that is sustainable. So far, few have even started to consider that there will be no upturn in the economy, and when this starts to dawn on people we may in fact come to witness all kinds of actions of desperation and social unrest taking somewhat different forms in different cultures. Many hierarchical structures are likely to collapse.

Will a sustainable economy then emerge? Well, there is no answer to this in the Mayan Calendar, simply because it depends on the choices people will make in the time ahead and what they focus on creating. In the perspective of such a collective choice determining the future of humanity, it however seems plain silly when you hear people claim that the Mayan calendar predicts the end of the world from pole shifts, asteroids, natural disasters, sunspots or other physical events outside of ourselves. The reality is that the Mayan calendar describes the evolution of consciousness and for the future does not predict anything except for what emanates, directly or indirectly, from the human beings themselves. Another way of saying the same thing is that there are no "consciousness shifts" happening on this planet outside of ourselves. The exact time of the downturn of the economy was predictable from the Mayan calendar for the very reason that this was a result of human behavior that is conditioned by the resonance with the Cosmic Tree of Life. The Cosmic Tree of Life, according to Mayan, and other ancient traditions is an unfathomably large intelligence, Hunab-Ku, at the center of the universe that makes quantum jumps at critical shift points in the calendar. The existence of such a central axis of the universe has recently (2003) been discovered by science, which I believe to be one of the most consequential discoveries of all time and elaborate on in the forthcoming The Purposeful Universe (Inner Traditions, December 2009). It is the energies emanating from this Cosmic Tree of Life that serve to synchronize evolution on all levels of the universe. It is through our own resonance with this, and with its quantum shifts, that we are inspired to create our world in accordance with the wave movements of seven DAYS and six NIGHTS in the cosmic plan.

From this perspective the talk of a predetermined "doomsday," as presented by the History Channel or in upcoming Hollywood movies, simply seems absurd for anyone knowledgeable about the Mayan calendar. Such thinking merely serves to instill fear and to deflect our attention from the real issues at hand. Even if it may be true that the world may come to an end if we are not able to successfully transit to a sustainable economy, this would not be because of any preset "doomsday". Such a disaster would instead be something that humanity has collectively (with some having greater responsibility than others) brought upon itself. If anything it would be caused by how we have ignored the message of the

Mayan calendar, which is that we are meant to transit to a state of peace in oneness. Projections of fears or dreams onto a Y2K date in the future is a way of thinking that I believe is very disempowering and removes the responsibility for the course of events from our actions in the present moment.

To avoid such projections I feel it is necessary to ground our intentions and actions in the changing energies of the Mayan calendar that we are living through in the present moment and look at what kind of intentions these may empower in us now. Our understanding of these may be based on parallels between different Underworlds such as the exact prediction of the time for the beginning of the economic decline. This was based on the analogy with the year 1932, the beginning of the Fifth NIGHT of the Planetary Underworld, which meant the beginning of the Great Depression on a global scale. With the same reasoning of making parallels between different Underworlds we may now also look at our current situation as we approach the midpoint of the sixth DAY of the Galactic Underworld on May 11, 2009 (10 Ahau) and its continuation into its second half until November 7, 2009. The shift date is a parallel to the year 1962 (which was the midpoint of the sixth DAY of the Planetary Underworld) and the second half to the time period 1962-1972. We may then want to recall what happened during this time period. 1962 was the year of the Cuban Missile Crisis, a shift point from which the Cold War would start to thaw and the year later the Beatles phenomenon exploded. I was privileged to be in England at the time and experience this first hand before it went on to most of Europe and later to the US. The point here is of course not to emphasize the musical phenomenon as such, but that this was the beginning of an intense wave of novelty that would create a tremendous cultural rebirth and social experimentation that in the years ahead would sweep the world from Mai 68 in France to Flower power, hippies and the peace movement in the US. This movement had distinct characters in different countries, and yet was very much globally synchronized in time. It was carried by a desire to test new ways of being outside of the control of the "establishment" in every area of life and no authority was taken for granted. We may today look upon some its expressions as excesses, such as for instance the cultural revolution in China, but the fact remains that our current world still owes much of its egalitarianism and openness to what was created in this era.

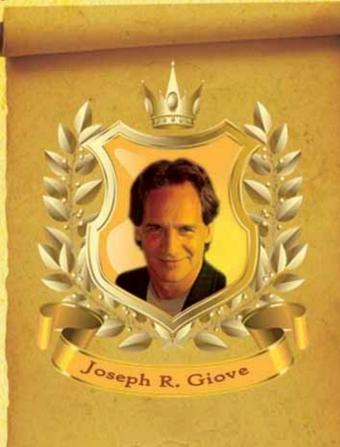
Needless to say, the world today is very different from 1962 and if nothing else it is dominated by another Underworld, where economic growth is constrained. Yet, it seems to me that this kind of an experimental attitude is exactly what is needed at the present time when a chief challenge is a grass roots creation of a sustainable economy. Any time of crisis fosters new creativity, which may take many forms of self-organizing collectives that escape the dominance of the ruling hierarchies. Moreover, if the downturn in the economy was predictable based on the Mayan calendar we have reasons to suspect that an intensified grass roots creativity will be supported by the Tree of Life in the time ahead. It has already become clear that in the current situation the old ways do not work for people in general and that something new will have to emerge. I feel if we do not understand this now, it will definitely be clear during the sixth NIGHT, November 7, 2009 to November 2, 2010, that the return to a growth economy is not possible. There might then come a point when the US government sees it necessary to declare a global moratorium on debts, at least to major financial institutions, something that would decrease hardships, and at the same time mean a major step towards a sustainable economy. For these reason we are inviting you to participate in a global meditation on May 9-11 to focus on the creation of a sustainable

economy for the first time in 5000 years. This is an intention that millions of people share, but it is an altogether different matter to see it transcend the growth economy on a global scale.

What we can do is in meditation to look at who we need to be for this to happen. I also believe that the increasing awareness of the Cosmic Tree of Life, currently shared only by a very small minority of the Earth's population, will help to create the increased compassion that will be much needed as humanity seeks new ways of sharing resources, jobs etc. Thus a spirit of sharing, collaboration and compassion needs to color the global meditation at the midpoint of the Sixth DAY, May 9-11, 2009. If the new ways do not embody such a compassion and collaboration they are simply likely to reproduce the old. A global meditation clearly does not by itself solve the problems of mankind. But it does help! By focusing on connecting with the Cosmic Tree of Life, which in Mayan and other ancient myths are behind the different eras humanity is living through, we may help create the necessary compassion to fulfill our own purpose as this attains its highest state on the energy of 13 Ahau on October 28, 2011. In a global meditation we may focus on inspiring the grass root creativity that will be needed to transit to a sustainable Garden of Eden that on my own part I am convinced is the purpose of the cosmic plan.







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# The Inner Dimensions of Cosmic Rebirth;

The ecology of choice and transformation in a rapidly changing world.

# By Joseph R. Giove, USA.

The Rebirth Celebration, May 9th through 11th 2009, will be a global collaborative of people who share compassion as a common passion. We will unite our collective wisdom and power to welcome a new cosmic birth, indicated by this key period revealed in the Mayan Calendar. In 2004, we co-created the Harmonic Concordance. In 2007 we honored and celebrated the Divine Feminine in us and the world at the Mid-Point of the Fifth Day through the Breakthrough Celebration. Last year on the Summer Solstice we invited the Sacred Union of the Divine Feminine and Masculine within us in the Gathering of One, the Global Eden event. Now we are honored to celebrate the birth of something new and unimagined in years past. We celebrate the Rebirth of the Divine Plan in creation and in us. Please join us by going to www.CommonPassion.org and learning more.

The primary focus of current affairs seems to be the global economic meltdown and global warming, two very apt metaphors for our time. These also have correspondences in our personal lives: lost jobs and homes, large-scale failure of systems we've relied on for modern conveniences and our livelihood, diminishing future prospects for economic growth, fear of biospheric collapse, and a general malaise with the state of the world.

Yet, as Carl discusses above, forward movement now in evolution is in the realm

of consciousness; it is our consciousness that is evolving, as well as the consciousness of all life. In view of this, we are served also by looking at the inner dimensions of these outer changes. Here we may find not only solace and a place of spiritual grounding, but also solid footing on the path moving us consciously and gracefully through these exciting times, which are pregnant with possibilities and opportunities.

The current warming of the planet and the melting of the economy are clear results of the consciousness that informed the human activity that led to these conditions: 1) In terms of global warming, consciousness that is disconnected from and dispassionate to its impact on the environment; 2) In terms of the economy, a consciousness disconnected from and disempowered of its own value in relationship to its environment. So while on the surface these may seem like unrelated phenomenon, the reality is a deep relatedness that has holistic implications especially relevant for the times. Fortunately however, as Carl points out, "consciousness" is changing and evolving; it is being directed by cosmic forces embedded deep in the central Intelligence of the universe, which some may call God, G-d, Allah, Brahman, Universal Intelligence, Great Spirit or Hunab-Ku. This Intelligence is holographically nested in each of us. It is now calling us to rely on "It" and consciously cooperate with evolution.

We can look out through It ... and to It, and become awed, gracious and humbled by Beauty, Truth, Grace, Harmony, Abundance, Divine Balance and Love. Or we can obscure It by focusing on the distorted creations and lesser manifestations of humankind, which resulted from a fragmented, separatist, greedy, self-absorbed consciousness. Fortunately, our consciousness is evolving holistically by the Grace of G-d - by these cosmic emanations - and we do not have to contemplate a future that is a mere extrapolation from the past. In fact, one of the more profound insights from the genius and insight of the Mayans is this: the energies that give rise to our manifested world change along a divine plan with which we can consciously align, and that by doing so, we move into greater perfection with the divine plan. In other words, the world that was is not what informs a new world. What informs a new world and our new lives are powerful forces continually emanating from the inter-dimensional, creative core and Intelligence of the universe. The Big Bang should no longer be perceived as solely a historic event; rather, it is also the ultimate present moment, THE Holy Moment: the perpetual bringing forth of new Light from the Creative Heart and Mind of the living universe. By creating resonance with that Heart-Mind, we cooperate and thus quicken the cosmic plan of creation. This will be the core shared intention of the Rebirth Celebration Concordance: I AM resonating with the Creative Heart-Mind of the Living Universe. I AM the Creative Heart-Mind of the Living Universe.

Inhale while looking up through the brow: I AM resonating with the Creative Heart-Mind of the Living Universe.

Exhale and smile: I AM the Creative Heart-Mind of the Living Universe.

Those who focus on what's falling away, melting, dissolving – on what is no longer supported by new evolutionary energies – may become despondent, fearful, scarce in their thinking, jealous of opportunities, possessive of their resources, and mindless to the consequences of their actions on others and on the environment. This is the very behavior that is no longer supported by the underlying evolutionary impulses. Any system of a personal, social, economic, political, educational, commercial or medical nature that was

based on features of scarcity, separatism, greed, domination, control, imbalance, force, conflict, etc. have lost their energetic foundation and are dissolving back into the void as we speak. Amen and, respectfully, good riddance.

What is emerging now...what is being supported by the new evolutionary energies are people creating systems based on collaboration, harmony, the implicit abundance of nature, egalitarian awareness, the explicit and indelible nature of interrelatedness, interdependency and interconnection. We may look around us with innocent eyes and joyously behold:

- a massive proliferation of social networking that has infiltrated all aspects of society and commerce;
- technology enabling collaboration that crosses geopolitical, economic and ideological lines;
- a massive "greening" movement that is increasing awareness of our impact on the environment, with inspiring and creative programs being developed around the world to restore our balance with nature;
- free and sustainable sources of energy that are slowly making their way into the common awareness;
- new partnerships forming between long-time competitors;
- software being developed "free" by global communities of programmers in "open source" models;
- ideas being shared and new economic models proliferating in communities around the world, giving rise to alternative forms of currencies and exchange of value between individuals without requiring a central bank or government to control...or to demand a toll from each of us for the pleasure of their exploitation;
- humanity collectively solving stubborn problems like hunger, poverty and contagious diseases without waiting for governments or other political systems.

These holistic, collaborative, more balanced, more ecologically aligned creations are themselves an out-picturing of the *new* human consciousness informing these worldly innovations. However, being focused on the dissolution of old systems may blind us to these new emergent properties and to the magical nature of our times. This blindedness will inevitably disempower us and prohibit our eyes-wide-open involvement. It will stop us from asking pertinent questions, the answers of which will ignite our own personal fulfillment and purpose *now*. Questions like: What are the characteristics of this new evolutionary wave that is impinging on my inner nature? What is the deeper meaning of global warming, economics, increasing novelty and accelerating time from an interior, self-reflective point of view...the "inner ecology" of personal transformation? How can I best serve this unfoldment for my personal and community welfare? How can I quicken my own alignment with these new and exciting transformational energies being released upon the planet now?

What was once viewed as paradoxical or oxymoronic can now make sense and be seen or felt in the higher light of multidimensional awareness. Now is the time we've been waiting for. It's not in 2012 or some other imaginary date in the future. It's about now; it is now.

This is what the Rebirth Celebration is about on May 9, 10 and 11 of 2009. Leading up to this grand celebration and the global meditation/prayer/concordance is a dialogue occurring in the www.CommonPassion.org discussion form. Here we access the collective wisdom,

Creativity and genius to answer the above questions, and this one: "What is being birthed?!" Ultimately the answers are in the living of our lives, which we do consciously, intentionally and collectively together as we navigate this magnificent shift of the ages.



When Saturn in transit sees the 8H from Sun or the planets therein or sometimes the lord of the 8th house from Sun, then death or troubles to the native's father is denoted.

When Saturn in transit sees the 8H from Moon or the planets therein or sometimes the lord of the 8th house from Moon, then death or troubles to the native's mother is denoted.

When Jupiter in his first round of transit touches Dragons Tail that is the year of danger for the individual







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# Whether Comet Lulin would Energize the Foci of Comet Hale-Bopp?

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### Preface

The trajectory of comet Lulin (C/2007 N<sub>3</sub>) [1, 2] shows many peculiarities when corelated with the Earth.

Moreover, its critical points (CP) that specify the peculiar configurations being constituted by this comet, Sun, and Earth coincide with that of the comet Hale Bopp (HB), namely – with the HB's Foci [3] which, in factors of influence, time, and Ecliptic longitude, reflect those specific configurations that were formed by this comet, Sun, and Earth in 1997.

As far as these Foci were defined with respect to the position of the Sun, it was presumed and verified [3, 4] that they remained effectual on the yearly basis, viz. at the same dates of the subsequent years when the Sun passed the focal longitudes.

Furthermore, it was shown [4] that even much lesser comets were effectual when their critical points coincided with the HB's Foci and/or critical points of HB's trajectory [5]. Note to this end, that if in the preceding years, since 1997, these trajectories made crosses on the Celestial Sphere, this time the comet Lulin, so to speak, sums up the 12 year prehistory of these Foci since its trajectory makes a "perfect" Zodiacal circle with the Origin at the Vernal point (viz. o V of the Tropical Zodiac, TZ [6]) which is important from physical viewpoint [7] and presents the comet HB's Focus T4 being very important this year [3].



So, consider these Lulin/HB correlations in more detail.

### 1. THE FOCI OF THE COMET HB

For convenience, the HB's Foci are presented in Table 1. They are specified by time and Ecliptic longitude of the respective event; first of all – by Sun and comet HB conjunctions (denoted by SUN/HB), HB's perigee, important Eclipses (ECL) associated with the comet HB's position, and some other events pertaining to the comet HB (Etc.). The exact moments of time may be found in [4]: for the purpose of this work it is enough to know the dates, which are valid on an annual basis.

So, an HB's Focus Ti is energized (as in resonance) if some other Cosmic event (to which the HB's factors of influence [3, 4] may be attributed) takes place at respective Date Di or Longitude  $\lambda i$ .

Table 1. Dates and Longitudes of the Comet 11D 3 10ci					
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T <sub>4</sub>	March 20	o <sub>ō</sub> 人	HB's Perigee, Sun enters	T8, March 13; ECL	
T <sub>5</sub>	March 24	<sub>3</sub> Υ/ <u>Ω</u> <sub>35</sub>	ECL		
ТВ	April 7 - 11		Etc.		
Т6	July 4	12 9 55	SUN/HB	<b>T6',</b> July 14	
T <sub>7</sub>	September 16	23 M) H 56	ECL		

Table 1. Dates and Longitudes of the Comet HB's Foci

Notice. One of the most important critical points of the USA is 12  $\odot$  44 which is affected by T2 and T6 [3, 8]

### 2. CRITICAL POINTS OF THE COMET LULIN

I. Orbital plane. The orbital plane of the comet Lulin practically coincides with that of the Earth, that is with the plane of Ecliptic: the Ecliptic Latitude of the comet does not exceed 1º and, in average, varies from  $o^o$  to  $\pm o.5^o$ . This means that on the Celestial Sphere this comet moves almost exactly along the circle of Ecliptic and, thus, its Ecliptic Longitude exhaustively describes its spatial position in the Celestial Sphere, not only in Tropical Zodiac [6].

Moreover, the orbits of Earth and comet Lulin are allocated quite *symmetrically* since their points of perihelion are disposed almost on the same line, and what is more their motions are *synchronized* since in 2009 they pass their perihelia almost simultaneously (See critical point PH, Table 2).

The difference is that the comet moves along the Ecliptic in the counterclockwise fashion (until the Critical Point PD), while the Earth's motion is clockwise.

2. Point of Origination. The comet Lulin approaches the Sun from the point in the Celestial Sphere that coincides with the Vernal point  $(o_{118}^{\circ})$  of the Tropical Zodiac (TZ) with the Ce-

Lestial Longitude  $\lambda = 0$  and Latitude  $\beta = 0$  which presents a specific point just for the Earth. Until 1996 it was "fluctuating" within a close vicinity of this Origin of the TZ (several degrees of Longitude, up to  $\pm$  0.5° of Latitude); that year it was Neptune-distant from the Sun.

3. Near-earth fly over. But in 1997, the year when the comet Hale-Bopp (HB) was passing in the closest vicinity of the Earth and Sun thus manifesting its power for the first time, the comet Lulin had started its distinct counterclockwise motion along the Ecliptic with a slowly increasing rate until January of 2009 when at a Longitude about  $240^{\circ}$  (viz. at the separation point between  $0^{\circ}$  and  $30^{\circ}$  M), near the point of its and Earth's Perihelia, as in a point of bifurcation, it started to move extremely quickly: in several months it should pass  $150^{\circ}$  in comparison to  $120^{\circ}$  over more than 12 years.

After this first quarter fly over, the comet's position stabilizes around 10º in the beginning of April of 2009, as quickly as it increased its rate in January, and firstly changes its Retrograde (viz. counterclockwise) motion to the Direct (viz. clockwise). Since then, it would move away from the Sun as slowly as it was approaching.

Therefore, we can definitely specify the following three Critical Points in the trajectory of the comet Lulin which are specific to the Earth:

PO - the point of Origination: Longitude  $o^{\circ}$   $\mathcal{V}$ , focal time is indefinite;

PH – the point of Perihelion is specified by the Perihelion and sharp increase in comet's rate during the first week of January; therefore it has approximate Longitude 240° and Time – January 10;

PG - the point of Perigee, in its turn, unites a cluster of 3 important events (thus three dates and Longitudes):

PG1 – comet Lulin (at Longitude  $0^{\circ} \Omega$ ) opposes point PO;

PG2 - comet Lulin is in Perigee;

PG3 - comet Lulin opposes Sun;

Energetically, the following critical points of the comet Lulin could be less powerful:

PS - this point is specified by sharp decrease in comet's rate and relative stabilization of its Longitude; therefore it has approximate Longitude 100° (10° ©) and Time - first week of April;

PD - the point where comet Lulin becomes Direct;

PL - comet Lulin gets out of 5º orb of the comet HB's Foci T2, T6.

With more details these Critical Points and their correlations with the Foci of the comet Hale-Bopp are considered in Table 2 and Diagram.

Table 2. Critical Points of the Comet Lulin and their Correlatives, including the Comet HB's Foci

Comet Lu- lin Critical Point	Date of 2009	Comet Lu- lin's Longitude	Event(s) and Correlation(s)
РН	January 10	240º (oº♐ or 30º♏)	Perihelion of comet Lulin, Sharp increase in comet's rate (Jan 1 - 10); Correlations:

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EN				Perihelion of Earth (Jan 4 for 2009); HB's Focus T2 (Jan. 3)
	PG	February 21	о <u>о</u> <del>П</del>	PG1: Comet Lulin opposes the point of Origination PO
		February 24	19 M) 43	PG2: Perigee of comet Lulin (this comet, Earth and Sun are almost aligned in the plane of Ecliptic) Correlations: Feb. 23: Lulin opposes Uranus (21 M/H 38) Feb. 24: Lulin conjuncts Saturn (19 M 23) Lulin enters 5-day orb of HB's Focus T3 Feb. 25: New Moon (6 M/H 35)
		February 26	7 M) 51	PG3: Comet Lulin opposes Sun (viz. spatial, not only Zodiacal, alignment of the comet, Earth and Sun) Correlation: Lulin leaves 5-day orb of HB's Focus T3 (March 3)
	PO	March 20	16 🥯 24	Sun passes the comet Lulin's Point of Origination PO Correlations: HB's Focus T4 (March 20); Mayan Calendar Golden Section Bifurcation Point MT (March 20, 2009) [3]; Comet Lulin enters the 3º longitudinal orb of comet HB's Foci T2 and T6
The state of the s		March 25	12 🥯 55	At HB's annual Focus T4 (March 24) the comet Lulin opposes and conjuncts the following Longitudinal HB's annual Foci:  T2 (12 1/20 59) T6 (12 55)
	PS	April 1 – 7	10 🕥	At HB's annual Focus TB (April 7 - 11) comet Lulin, while remaining within an orb of 5º orb of the foci T2 and T6, sharply decreases its Longitudinal motion
	PD	April 24	8 55	The retrograde motion of the comet Lulin is firstly changed (in Geocentric System) to Direct
		June 15	12 55	Comet Lulin repeats the situation of March 25
		July 4	14 🧐	While passing the HB's Focus T6 (July 4), with an orb of 1° the comet Lulin <i>repeats</i> the situation of March 25

Diagram: Critical Points of the Comet Lulin and their Correlatives, including the Comet HB's Foci

(Mach 20)

At this HB's Focus T7, Lulin leaves 5° longitudinal

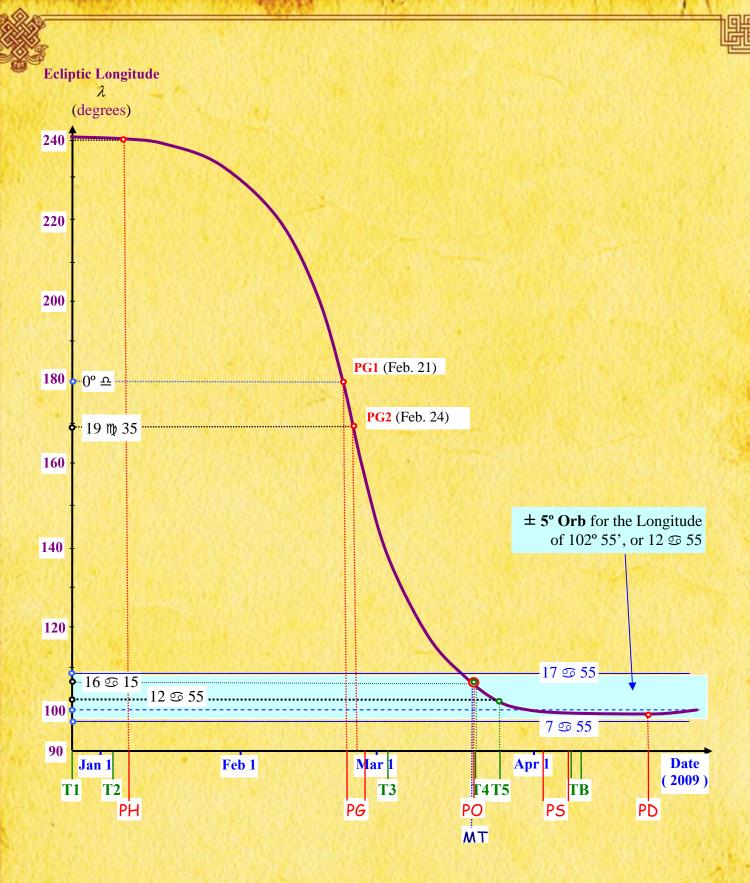
orb of Foci T2 and T6 where it resides since PO

PL

September

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Notes to Diagram. shown

- 1. The comet HB's Foci T6 (July 4) and T7 (September 16) are not
- 2. The Diagram should not be used for measurements
- 3. Colours in this Diagram correspond to denotations in Table 2.

### 3. CONCLUSION

If the comet Lulin is actually energetic enough and has excited manifestations at the comet Hale-Bopp's Focus T2 (around January 3, 2009) [3], we may suppose that due to the specified series of synchronisms between its Critical Points and Foci of the comet Hale-Bopp, it may also:

- energize the manifestations of the forthcoming HB's Foci in 2009 in addition to those factors that were described in [3];
- show its own character at the Critical Point PG (Feb. 21 26), before the HB's Focus T3 (March 3).
- exert an increased influence on the USA, especially where the HB's Foci T<sub>2</sub> and T<sub>6</sub> are concerned.

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Notes. Since in some Word programs the special symbols may be changed, their names are given with respect to their use in this work:

Y - Aries
 ∀ - Taurus
 M - Scorpio
 M - Sagittarius
 □ - Cancer
 Y - Capricorn
 O - Leo
 M - Aquarius
 M - Virgo
 H - Pisces

Denotation 12 55 means 12º 55' of Cancer, or Ecliptic Longitude 102º 55'.











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The Comet Hale-Bopp

Foci As The Resonance

Points

Of The Chronicle Of

World Disasters

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### 1. PREFACE

The world evolves in cycles of different length which develop in parallel, and if there is a cycle, there exists a critical point, and if two or more critical points fit the same epoch the respective cycles come to resonance thus causing an intensification of their manifestations.

Therefore, if we know some of these cycles, that is their factors of influence and critical points, we may expect that at the epoch of resonance they will manifest themselves to a greater scale.

Imagine a "monitor" of world cycles which is provided with the dial plates with critical points and a hand for each cycle. Among them, three are important for the current age:

I. The dial plate of the Great Celestial Conjunctions (GCC) has four marks for the epochs of GCC [I].

Now, its hand points to a duo-decade 1998 - 2017 of great transformations.

2. The dial plate of the Mayan Calendar is provided with both the critical years of the conventional (or harmonic) cycles (Baktuns, etc.), and the critical time points of the Infinite Golden Section Spiral of Time [2].

Now, its hand approaches a critical point of this Spiral: MT = March 20, 2009.

Besides, from a protracted perspective, among the predicted key points of the current period of bifurcation associated with the Mayan Calendar the bifurcation interval  $T_4$ \* = 2008 ± 2 was specified [3]; although it includes the point MT, this interval being centred on the year of 2008 is important for understanding of the prolonged world trends.

The dial plate of the comet Hale-Bopp's (HB) displays the annual dates of HB's Time Foci (See Appendix 1).

For the moment of hosting of this article the last passed one is T<sub>2</sub> (viz. January 3); the forthcoming ones are T<sub>3</sub> (March 3), T<sub>8</sub> (March 13), and T<sub>4</sub> (March 20).

These Foci – are not the only points where the events take place, but rather the calendar dates around which the extremal events concentrate, and the orb of this concentration makes about 5 days.

This is a theory, but what the facts tell us?

### 2. THREE BASIC EVENTS

Since the Spring of 2008 the HB's Foci had started to manifest themselves more intensely once again.

It turned out that the Time and Geographical Foci of the comet Hale-Bopp (HB) not only remain effectual, but continue to mark the most significant world-wide events and concentration of events relative to the specified nature (See Appendix 1) and, basically, around the same geographical Foci of influence (See the Summary, Appendix 2). By tracing the previous chronicles [9.1 - 9.7] one can easily see that the extremal events in 2008 and 2009 do actually follow the previous trends pertaining to all factors of influence – natural calamities, wars and acts of terrorism, social accidents. In particular, these events include financial scandals and shocks, bloody shooting of maniacs, cloning, poisoning and epidemics, mistaking of whales and seals for submarines, Pope declarations, etc.

Although the trends of these concentrations are interesting by themselves, there are three world-disturbing events among them which inspired me, due to their scale, to prepare this report. Namely, these are:

1. The starting of an avalanche of the world-wide financial and industrial crisis around T7, September16, 2008.

(The first ring in 2008 was the hypothec crisis in the USA that began to develop around the Spring Foci)

- 2. The invasion of Israeli troops in Gaza around T2, January 3, 2009.
- 3. The starting of the Gas-transiting crisis around T2, January 3, 2009.

### T7 (September 16, 2008)

### The starting point of the world-wide financial and industrial crisis

Sep.15: the avalanche of the world financial and industrial crisis has darted off: unprecedented, since 1929, bankruptcy of several of the largest banks in the USA had caused an explosive development of the world-wide financial and industrial crisis. After the Spring hypothec crisis in the USA "the motion of the tectonic plates of the world financial system has started".

The world is agitated by the Shocking news:

- bankruptcy of one of the largest investment banks 158 years old Lehman Brothers: 'the largest shock for the US since the Great Depression',
- absorption of Merrill Lynch by the Bank of America "as an avalanche has befallen on the world financial markets"
- crash of the world largest insurance company AIG;
- large-scale financial problems in Morgan Stanley and Sitigroup;
- Dow Jones has fallen by 4.4% the largest daily fall since the Sept. 11, 2001;
- a 10-year record of dollar to yen rate of exchange.

After the USA, the financial markets in Europe, Asia, Australia and S. America start to drop. Collapsing of quotation of rates at all markets.

Note. The events at T7, as on September 11, 2001 originated at the same meridian belt WB5 (See Appendix 1) and quickly propagated throughout the world.



### T2 (January 3, 2009)

### European Gas Crisis

- Jan. 1 Due to the absence of contract regulating gas supply for Ukrainian needs in 2009, Russia stops gas supply to Ukraine, but continues to pump gas to the EU with respect to the contract on gas transit being in force for 2009. In the subsequent days Russia accuses Ukraine in illegal gas extraction from the transit pipeline and decreases the supply to EU by the extracted volumes.
- Jan. 5 Ukraine: Economic court of Kiev has prohibited transit of Russian gas to EU
- Jan. 6 Ukraine undertakes an "unprecedented in gas industry decision": closes the gas transit to EU. In the subsequent days the deficit of gas forces several EU countries to hold gas consumption to a minimum both for heating and for plants, at an extremely cold weather (See Appendix 2) up to introducing a state of emergency. The negotiations, with the representatives of the EU, continue until January 19, when Ukraine signs the contract and recommences gas transit.

### Israeli Invasion in Gaza

- Dec.27 In response to Hamas missile shelling, Israel starts air attacks against Hamas emplacements in Gaza. In 7 days about 400 victims and 2000 wounded, many of them are children and women. The Palestinian resistance during this invasion is considered as the *third Intifada*.
- Jan. 3 Israel starts ground invasion in Gaza (about 12 000 soldiers, tanks and artillery). In two weeks the ground phase is terminated with the death toll of 1100 victims and 5000 wounded Palestinians and 13 Israeli soldiers. The situation in Gaza is estimated as a humanitarian crisis.
- This invasion is considered as the widest incursion the Gaza Strip has been subjected to since the outbreak of the *first Intifada* (1987).
  - Meetings and demonstrations of protest against the invasion take pace around the world. Meanwhile, the military actions were stopped abruptly; as a result, both sides declared their victory.

Note. The meridianal belt EB2 (See Appendix 1) that goes through Moscow, Ukraine and Israel was always rich in events at the comet HB's Time Foci (See [9.1 - 9.7])

And these three **force-major processes** had originated at these Foci, but evidently not at random, since for twelve years the respective events took place at the comet HB's Foci regularly, along the same HB's meridian belts and with respect to the specified factors of influence. Indeed:

### Israel started wars and suffered from acts of terrorism mainly at the Foci of the comet HB:

The majority of Israeli military operations start at the Foci of the comet HB, as well as the large-scale acts of terrorism [9.2 - 9.7]. For example: "On July 12-13, 2006 Israel starts the full-scale military operation against Hezbollah in Lebanon at Focus T6' (viz. July 14), after it started the military operation in Gaza stripe at T6 (viz. July, 4). This is its first war in two fronts and, once again, use of force in this country starts at the Focus of the comet HB" [p. 27 of 9.7].

The USA also started its wars and suffered from acts of terrorism at the Foci of the comet HB:

Yugoslavia: first bombardment of Yugoslavia took place on March 24, 1999 (viz. exactly at Focus T5), while the disarmament of the Kosovo Army and signing of the Agreement took place at Focus T7! On March 1, 2002, the USA has started the offensive in Afghanistan, the full swing of which comes to March 2-6 (viz. at HB's Focus of T3, March 3). It was estimated as the largest and most severe military operation the USA held since the Korean war.

Once again, since the coming of the comet HB, the USA starts a war at the Foci of this comet: on March 20, 2003 (viz. exactly at HB's Focus T4, March 20), the USA has started the war against Iraq. As well, the 911 catastrophe was generally forecasted [9.4, p.8, 9 of 9.7] and took place in a close vicinity of the Focus T7 (September 16).

The financial scandals also follow the Foci of the comet HB [Part 9], and from the very beginning.

For example [p.1 of 9.7], in 1999 we see: "after the powerful manifestations in April (TB) and July (T6) Focuses, the current Focus (T7) of September 16 astonished us with this miraculous (within several





days, one day corresponds to an orb of one degree) synchronism once again, which is seen at all geographical Foci ...

What is important, an unrecorded financial scandal and political crisis have taken place around this Time Focus (like the crisis in 1997) that bond the actual Geographical Focuses - Russia (President and his close environment), USA (Bank of N.Y., FBI commission, Congress of the USA, IMF, etc), Switzerland (State Prosecutor and a construction firm), the U.K. (Barclay Bank), apart from falling of the Dow Jones average by 120 points, record (over two years) increase in oil prices, etc."

The Ukraine/Russia and Georgia/Russia tensions also follow the Foci of the comet HB [Part 9].

### 3. FORECAST

So, since a potentially effectual comet HB's yearly resonant point T<sub>4</sub> (March, 20) even coincides with the resonant Mayan Calendar Auric Spiral critical epoch MT (March, 20, 2009), and both of them fit a transformation period of the GCC, we may presume that relative to the specified factors of influence the March Foci of the comet HB may manifest themselves to a full scope. Namely, that a series of very important force-major events pertaining to the comet HB factors of influence can take place in the vicinity of March, 20, 2009, but this time - with a greater orb.

Meanwhile, as far as the T3 (March 3), T5 (March 24), and TB (April 7 - 11) are also the resonant points being close to T4, they are also dangerous. At this, the preceding one may be considered as such that "heats" the situation for T4, whereas the posterior ones - as the points where after-effects can take place which discharge the situation.

Moreover, the climatic effects, most probably, would continue to surprise us with new records, especially when Solar activity will start to grow in this cycle, since the situation in this sphere may still be worsening due to the increasing income of the Space dust [4, 5] which even esoterically [6, 7] intensifies electromagnetic interactions in Earth's atmosphere thus stimulating natural calamities.

Last, but not least, is the fact that this year the Sun enters Aries on March 20 as well! The coincidence of this critical date with the above resonance points allows us to make use of astrological approach for clarifying what countries and in what way can be touched by the resonance at this bifurcation point.

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# Appendix 1.

### COMET HALE-BOOP'S FOCI AND FACTORS OF INFLUENCE [9.2, 9.3]

As far as the comet HB's Time Foci were defined in 1997 with respect to the Zodiacal position of the Sun, they were supposed to remain effectual on a calendar basis (viz. by date). For example, T3 presents not only the Time Focus of March 3, 1997, but a resonant point of March 3 for 1998, 1999, etc.

Besides, as long as these Foci are defined with respect to the Sun's position, we obtain that a conventional 5-degree orb for a Zodiacal Sun's position *corresponds*, in compliance with the average Sun's velocity, to a time orb of 5 days.

With the use of AstroCartoGraphy these Foci were projected on the Earth. This provides us with the Geographical Foci (resonant meridians) which, with a 5° orb of longitude, define the Meridianal Belts, or continuous meridian zones which are obtained by unification of 5° vicinities of focal meridians. These belts and respective clusters are given in the Diagram, below.

The verification of these concepts are presented in [9.1 - 9.7].







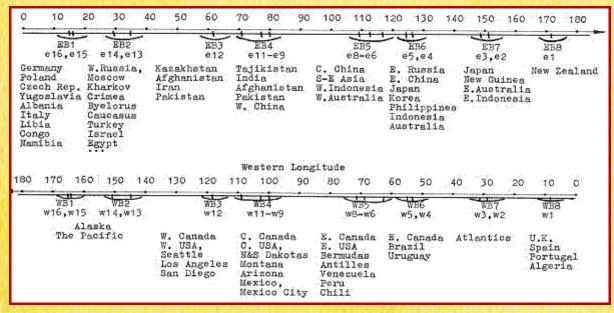


The time points listed below were detected as critical for the comet HB's transit. Conventional astrological correlations (including conjunctions with Fixed Stars) could be obtained by using the presented time data.

Tı	December 21, 1996	GMT	The Sun enters HB's origination area
		14:06	
T <sub>2</sub>	January 3, 1997	GMT	The Sun passes HB at perihelion of Earth
		07:51	
Т3	<b>March 3</b> , 1997	GMT 21:38	HB passes Sun. Starting of HB's activity
T4	<b>March 20</b> , 1997	GMT 13:55	HB is at perigee and culminates at the Sun's meridian while
			the Sun enters Aries
T5	<b>March 24</b> , 1997	GMT	Moon eclipse. HB culminates at meridian of Saturn which is
		04:45	in parallel with the Sun
ТВ	<b>April 7-11</b> , 1997		See [9.1 - 9.3]
Т6	July 4, 1997	GMT	On New Moon, while the earth is at aphelion, the Sun
		18:40	passes HB at Sirius and for the last time
T6'	July 14, 1997		See [9.1 - 9.3]
T <sub>7</sub>	September 16, 1997	GMT 18:51	Lunar eclipse near the eclipse of point T5
Т8	March 13, 1998	GMT	Lunar eclipse near the eclipse of point T5
		04:34	

### COMET HALE-BOOP'S GEOGRAPHICAL FOCI

Diagram 1. A Scaled scheme of respective pairs of Eastern EBi and Western WBi Meridianal Belts



conventional 5° Zodiacal orb are shown by horizontal arcs. As well, those regions and countries covered by these belts are listed for which the significant events systematically take place at Time Foci (See the Summaries in [9.1 - 9.7]. W, C, E - denote Western, Central or Eastern part of a country.

### COMET HB'S FACTORS OF INFLUENCE

Astrological study of time moments T1-T8 allows us to attribute to the comet Hale-Bopp the following influences:

### (1) Natural calamities

- 1a. Tsunamis, gales, hurricanes (including those spreading onto shores and continents)
- 1b. Earthquakes, eruptions of volcanoes
- ic. Deaths on a mass scale from destruction, drowning, fire. Loss of dwelling, immovable property. Epidemics.

### (2) Engineering disasters

- 2a. Accidents at sea; train, airplane, car crashes
- 2b. Destruction and fires at engineering sites (mines, bridges, etc.)
- 2c. Damage to agriculture
- (3) Social effects (Political and social disorders, mental and psychological collisions at all levels caused by vagueness of goals, arrogance, rash decision making)
- 3a. Instability, irritability, illusions
- 3b. Aggressiveness, cruelty, obstinacy, terror
- 3c. Loss of relations, disturbances, revolutions, violation of both physical frontiers and legislation.

Note: these events continue to develop, from year to year, along the same HB's meridian belt after their original manifestation in the respective countries.

# Appendix 2

### SUMMARY

The Concentration of Events around the HB's Foci T7 (Sept. 16), T1 (Dec. 21), T2 (Jan. 3)

The events corresponding to the Forecast are distributed by the specified factors of influence, where the events are ordered by Time Foci T7 (Sept. 16, for 2008), T1 (Dec. 21, for 2008), and T2 (Jan. 3, for 2009).

Since this event-reference report is neither a novel, nor an official declaration, the author considers it pardonable to use, for short, the headline telegraph style both literally, when he quotes the newspapers, and when referencing the well-known names without titles, whereas most events are referred to in compliance with the following pattern:

Ti Date: country, event, (victims), (wounded)

where: Ti stands for T7, T1, or T2; "victims", if they are, denotes the number of human beings that died directly at the place of the event, without mortally wounded and those who went away later.

### FACTOR 1: NATURAL CALAMITIES

### A series of Earthquakes, volcano eruption

T<sub>1</sub> Dec. 25: Philippines

T2 Dec. 29: Afghanistan: 5.9 on Richter scale (RS)



Dec. 29: Bulgaria: 5.0 on RS

Dec. 30: volcano "Koriaksky" (Kamchatka) that was considered extinct had awakened

Jan. 3: Indonesia: 7.5 on RS; 4 victims, hundreds of wounded, large scale destructions

Jan. 3: Pakistan: 6.0 on RS

Jan. 3: Tajikistan: more than 6 on RS, victims, wounded, large scale destructions

Jan. 4: Afghanistan: 6.2 on RS

Jan. 7: Indonesia: 6.1 on RS

Jan. 8: Costa Rica: 6.2 on RS, victims, dozens of missing; state of emergency is put in the country

Jan. II: Indonesia: two quakes, more than 5 on RS each.

Note: the frequency of 6 and more on RS quakes during this period two times exceeds the mean frequency

Unrecorded frosts and snow storms in Balkans, Central and Southern Europe

### T<sub>2</sub> Europe

Jan. 4 - 10 unprecedented and/or intensely cold weather in Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Romania, Poland. The rails are cracking; more than 1000 flights are cancelled, snow hampers the road traffic State of emergency in Slovakia, Bulgaria and Romania due to the shortage of gas supply

### N. America

Dec. 25 - 30: snow storms (a monthly norm in two days) and avalanches: state of emergency in State Washington, flights are cancelled in Middle West, 2 avalanches (8 victims) in Canada Jan. 2: for the third day a snow storm at the Pacific coast; flights are cancelled, avalanches, breaking of transmission lines

Jan. 7 - 9: "unprecedented natural disaster": quick thaw had caused a "historical record" flood in State Washington

### Russia

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Dec. 27: Kamchatka: heavy gale, snow storm; wind speed is up to 50 m/s (110 mile/h)

Jan. 3 - 7: extreme snow storms and Avalanches in Caucasus; the main trans-Caucasian motor road is blocked

Jan. 6: unprecedented snowfall and almost "Siberian" frost in Krasnodar region (Southern Rus-

### Deaths on a mass scale. Loss of dwelling. Epidemics, poisoning and cloning

T7 middle of September – the peak of large-scale melamine-in-milk caused poisoning of children in China: 10 victims, 100 – in reanimation, 53 thousands – are in hospitals.

T2 Jan. 4 - 8: Northern Caucasus, African hog cholera is detected, mass loss of cattle, 7000 pigs are crushed; vaccine is in short.

Jan 10: firstly in the world a child was born with the changed genes

### FACTOR 2: ENGINEERING DISASTERS

# Air Crashes (A)

T7 Sept.14: Russia, Perm: Boeing 737, 88 victims

T2 Jan. 2: Great Britain, airplane, 2 victims

Jan. 2: USA (Illinois), airplane, 2 victims

Jan. 5: US, helicopter, 8 victims

Jan. 9: Russia, helicopter, 7victims, 4 wounded

### Transport Catastrophes

T2 Dec. 30: Paris, nearly 100 cars had collided due to icy conditions of roads

Dec. 30: Brasilia, a bus had fallen in a precipice, 13 victims, 15 wounded

Jan. 4: Nepal, ferry, 2 victims, several wounded

Jan. 11: Indonesia: 6 m surge has covered a ferry, 250 victims, 21 saved

Jan. II: USA, 59 cars had collided due to a bad weather



# Technogeneous (non-terrorist) Explosions

- To Sept. 19-20: Ukraine, methane explosion in a mine, about 100 victims Sept. 20: China, fire in a night club, 43 victims and 88 wounded
- T1 Dec. 25: Ukraine, Yevpatoria, dwelling house: 27 victims, 24 wounded Dec. 27: Russia, Kazan, three-storey dwelling house collapsed
- T2 Dec. 28: Iran, explosion at a military plant, 8 victims
  - Dec. 30: Ukraine, gas explosion in a dwelling house, 8 badly wounded
  - Dec. 30: Japan, malfunction at an atomic power station causes manual stop
  - Jan. 3: Ukraine, Donetsk, gas explosion in a mine, 8 badly wounded Russia, explosion in a government-paper factory, wounded
  - Jan. 4: Ukraine, Donetsk, gas explosion in a new dwelling house, wounded

## **Pipelines**

- T1 Dec 20: break of Europe-Africa communication cable
- T2 Jan. 1: Japan, water-supply breakdown leaves 240 000 people without water
  - Jan 1 6: cessation of gas transit to Europe See below: Economical collisions
    - Jan. 9: Russia, Volgograd, heating plant breakdown leaves 40 000 people without heating
    - Jan. 9: Georgia, gas-supply breakdown leaves Armenia without gas for several days

### Fires and conflagrations (C)

- To Sept. 18: a conflagration in a Russian anti-submarine ship, 2 victims, \$2 million damage Sept. 19: China atomic power plant: large transformer has burnt out
- T2 Dec. 27: Moscow, conflagration in Agriculture Academy
  - Jan. 1: France, nearly 500 cars are burnt at night
  - Jan. 1: Bangkok, conflagration in night club, 60 victims, 100 wounded
  - Jan. 5: Bangkok, conflagration, victims, 40 wounded; people were rescued by helicopter
  - Jan. 7: Moscow, large fire, 4 victims, 24 wounded
  - Jan. 7: Russian aircraft-carrier, fire, 1 victim
  - Jan. 7: China, conflagration destructed 105 buildings

### FACTOR 3: SOCIAL EFFECTS

### 1.3.1. Socio-Political and Mentally-Psychological Collisions (Overcoming of psychological bounds)

- T7 Sept. 10: fears are intensified in mass media and web in relation with the trial starting of the most expensive and contradictive international project LHC Collider; some are afraid that it may cause forming a "black hole" that would absorb the Earth
  - Sept. 16-19: Japan, 4 battleships and airplane were chasing a whale being accepted for a submarine
- T1 Dec 20: Ukraine, PM demands resignation of President
- T2 Dec. 29: Somali, resignation of President
  - Jan. 2: Vatican, Pope declares that Vatican will no longer submit to Italian laws automatically
  - Jan. 5: Estonian court unexpectedly discharges the leaders of the "Bronze Soldier" supporters
  - Jan. 6: USA, FBI creates unprecedented number of vacancies (3000)
  - Jan. 9: USA, impeachment to governor of Illinois

### Suicides and non-political murdering

T1 Dec.26: Los Angeles, "Santa" has killed 8 people and wounded 3, put the house to fire and committed suicide in revenge on his wife



Jan. 7: A. Merckle, a billionaire (one of 100 most rich people) commits suicide (jumped under a train) after he has lost 1 billion Euro

Jan. 10: Chicago, shooting in a school during a basketball match, 5 wounded, 2 badly wounded

### 1.3.2 Terrorism and assassinations

T7 Sept. 19: Egypt, 15 tourists are kidnapped to ransom of 1 million Euro.

Comments: last time such an event took place in Luxor in 1997; on T7 (Sept. 18, 1997) a Shooting (with 10 victims) of a tourist bus, Cairo, Egypt

Sept. 20: Islamabad, 'the most impudent' act of terrorism in Pakistan: a car with 600 kg of explosive has exploded the 'super hotel' Marriott with the Western diplomats, businessmen, and local residents. 60 victims, 270 wounded; conflagration has destructed the hotel. British Airways cancels flights to Pakistan, foreigners quickly leave Pakistan

T2 Dec. 30: Russia, Dagestan: assassination of Int. Affairs Dep. Minister

Dec. 30: Russia, the third (in a month) attack on cash collectors

Jan. 1: India, 3 explosions, 6 victims, 50 wounded

Jan. 3: Baghdad, 38 victims, 55 wounded (this is apart from almost daily explosions in Iraq)

Jan. 3: Pakistan, 7 victims, 88 wounded

Jan. 3: Kosovo, 7 wounded

Jan. 4: Colombo, 2 explosions, victims, wounded

Jan. 9: India, 3 victims, 7 wounded

Jan. 9: Lahore, a series of explosions, victims, wounded

Jan. 9: Spain: assassination of Columbian narco-baron L. Vargas

### 1.3.3. Discords, Loss of Relations, Disturbances (violation of both physical frontiers and legislation)

### Unprecedented Legal Overcoming and Violation of Frontiers

- T7 Sep.17: Afghanistan, US helicopter attacked the territory of Pakistan
- T2 Dec.25: Ukraine, Foreign Minister declares that Ukraine would delimitate its boundary with Russia, but unilaterally

Dec. 27: Ukraine, President's decree states that Russian fleet must be removed from Sevastopol in 2017

Dec.27: Pakistan moves it troops to Indian border (tens of thousand soldiers) for fear of revenge of Mumbai attack of November 26, 2008

Jan. 1: due to the absence of contract, Russia stops gas supply to Ukraine

Jan. 4: Afghanistan, US troops attacked the territory of Pakistan, 4 victims

Jan. 6: Ukraine stops transit of Russian gas to Europe

Jan. 7: Venezuela breaks off diplomatic relations with Israel

### Israeli-Palestinian Relations

T2 Jan. 3: Israeli Invasion in Gaza (See Sec.2)

### Demonstrations, Strikes, Crises, Revolutions

- T7 Sept. 20: Hungary, Germany: large-scale anti-nazi demonstrations
- T2 Jan. 3: Kosovo, disorders, up to 100 wounded

Jan. 3: S. Korea, large scuffle in the Parliament: 20 wounded, police used even fire extinguishers







- T7 Sep.15: The starting point of the world-wide financial and industrial crisis (See Sec.2)
- T1 Dec. 19: Moscow, cash collector car with about \$ 400 000 is hijacked
  - Dec. 19: Resignation of Belgium PM caused by the scandal with the bank Fortis
  - Dec. 19: Ukraine, peak of falling of national currency (by 20% a week)
  - Dec. 20: Federal Reserve abate rate almost to o (o to 0.25%); "credit deadlock"
- T2 Dec. 30: for the first time Euro is more expensive than Pound

Jan. 2: Byelorussia, National Bank declares exchange devaluation of the state currency A world-wide wave of bankruptcies, dismissals, and declarations on shortage in employment and production output

Jan. 1-6: The starting point of the European Gas Crisis (See Sec.2)







# Comet Hale-Bopp's Foci: The Hidden Schedule Of World Disasters

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The statistics pertaining to the Foci of the Comet Hale-Bopp (HB) certifies that a series of events relevant to the specified factors of influence show a *trend* to manifest intensely in a close vicinities of the comet HB's Time Foci and, first of all, in those countries where those events firstly took place. As it is a trend, this does not mean that at each Focus and at each country these events must take place in abundance, but that after a trend has been revealed, the events would develop in the respective way and, in most cases, would show intensification at the subsequent Foci. The best way to check this statement is to track the statistics for countries (e.g. N. Korea) of types of events (e.g. air crashes) over the years [3] that passed since the initial manifestations in 1997 [5].

As the below analysis shows, this Spring all Foci were marked by extremely numerous manifestations – especially those which are associated with air crashes, crazy shootings, take overs, quakes, and even in *new aspects*: thus the Natural calamities, apart from the former factors, are now replenished with the asteroid threat.

- I. After an intense manifestations of the Autumn Focus T7 (Sep.16), when the starting point of the world-wide financial and industrial crisis had begun, and Winter Focus T2 (Jan. 3), when most pronounced events were the European Gas Crisis and Israeli Invasion in Gaza, this Spring these and many other manifestations were so numerous and sound that they "filled the gaps" between the 5-day orbs of the HB's Foci. Such a surge in multiplicity of manifestations relative to factors of influence, events number of zero level of at [www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftpdir/indices/DSD.txt] in March - April relative to Sunspots which stimulate manifestations pertaining to the Foci [5, 6] may seemingly be explained just by the Bifurcation Point BP15 [7] that fits this period, or more exactly - coincides with the Focus T4 (viz. March 20). To this end it is important to note that these manifestations have decreased in number after Focus TB (April 7 - 11) as quick as their number increased before, at Focus PG (Feb. 24 - 26) preceding the comet HB's Focus T3 (viz. March 3), although this decrease is slightly masked by a typical aftereffect. To illustrate this, a greater time span, than a conventional 5-day orb, is reflected in the Summary for TB.
- 2. As the events appearing at Foci act as "sparks" for the subsequent development we may assume that those trends that obtained a support by multiplicity of events would probably obtain further development in the forthcoming Foci on T6 (viz. July 4, 14) and T7 (September 16), and may be further on, in cycle T1, T2, etc. In particular, these trends are seen in influence of Space objects, Earthquakes, socio-political and economical collisions (See Sects. 1 3).
- 3. We may also presume that the prospective growth of Solar activity would benefit [6] to intensification of the awaited events, the more so since the protracted minimum of 11-year Solar cycle accelerates the growth of Solar activity (and thus its effect) the maximum of which is expected in 2012 (if not retarded).

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Military operations and terrorism in the countries reacting to the comet HB's Foci from 1997

(Apart from the events that pertain to other factors - AT, etc.)

Israel

North Korea

Kosovo

Northern Ireland

Iran

Iran

3.3. Collisions in politics and social life (Loss of relations, disturbances, revolutions)

London Summit 2009, G20

Sixties anniversary of NATO, Summit NATO 60

Revolutions, coup d'etat

Thailand

Georgia

Moldova

Political and social scandals, resignations, arrests

Demos, riots, Strikes

3.4. Economical collisions

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### 1. SPACE SIBLINGS OF THE COMET HALE-BOPP

### I.I. ASTEROIDS

### 1.1.1. Basic Objects of Consideration

Asteroids of Class GC. The asteroids which are *larger than 1 km* are extremely dangerous for the Earth. The energy released by a collision with such an object would cause major effects on the climate and biosphere which could be devastating to human civilization. This is the group of Global Catastrophe (GC) asteroids.

For this reason the NASA's Near Earth Object Observation Program, known as *Spaceguard* was launched. It was provided for detection and tracking of potentially hazardous asteroids that stray close to the Earth and was aiming for completeness only for asteroids larger than I km diameter. The lesser asteroids have to come very close before it is within range of the survey telescopes.

Over the last 60 years only the object 1950 DA of this type was close to the Earth (See Table 1).

Asteroids of Class LC. However, even the asteroids which are *larger than 40 - 50 m* are dangerous for the Earth. Thus, even the "smallest" asteroids of this type, such as **2002 EM7** or **2009 DD45** (See Table 1) are about the same size as a hypothetical object that could have caused the <u>Tunguska Explosion</u> in 1908 and levelled 800 square miles of forest with the force of 1,000 atomic bombs that dropped on Hiroshima (10 to 15 mega tonnes of TNT). Besides, even lesser rocks such as 2002 EM7 could do serious damage by unleashing monster tsunamis on coastal areas. This is the group of Local Catastrophe (LC) asteroids.

Asteroids of Class AT. The asteroids being *lesser than 30 - 40 m*. Due to their smaller size they are also called meteoroids. Had this object hit Earth, it would probably have detonated high in the atmosphere or produced a blast measured in hundreds of kilotons of TNT. This is a group of asteroids (or meteoroids) which may produce Atmospheric or Limited Terrestrial (AT) effect (e.g. explosion or tsunami) depending of their size, velocity, trajectory (the angle at which it hits the Earth's atmosphere), and composition (whether this is an icy, rocky, or metallic body).

Since the last decades only the asteroids of classes LC and AT have approached the Earth. More or less systematically they were being detected and registered during the last decade. But what is important, many of them were detected after they had passed the perigee since they were "small" enough and were not seen in the direction of the Sun.

Consider the closest approaches to the Earth by asteroids that are presented in the table 2 [1, 2] that lists, in order of increasing nominal geocentric distance, the closest known approaches to the earth by minor planets. As far as it contains a great number of meteoroids, we concentrate on the first 21 objects of this table (viz. on the 21 asteroids that missed the Earth at the shortest distances over the period of observation) so that the 21<sup>st</sup> is the largest one in this group (2002 MN with a diameter of 50 to 120 m), whereas the subsequent group of farther passing asteroids is basically composed of several dozens of meteoroids of secondary importance (due to their small size and remoteness). For distinctness, call it the Closest asteroid, or C-group. Several representatives of this group and other important asteroids are described in Table 1 in more detail.





## Table 1. Some Asteroids Pertaining to the Foci of the comet Hale-Bopp

Name <sup>*)</sup>	Date of Perigee, Date of detection	Associate HB's Time Focus (since 1997)	Distance from Earth in: Earth radius R, Moon distance D	Estimate of size, mass	Future coming
1950 DA	Feb. 23, 1950 Dec. 31, 2000	T2: Jan. 3		1 kilometre.	It will approach near to the Earth on March 16, 2880

### Comments.

- 1. 1950 DA is the near Earth object with the highest known possible probability of impacting Earth according to the Palermo Technical Impact Hazard Scale.
- 2. First discovered on February 23, 1950. It was observed for 17 days and then lost for half a century. An object re-discovered on December 31, 2000
- Refs: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/(29075)\_1950\_DA">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/(29075)\_1950\_DA</a>, <a href="www.mail-archive.com/ctrl@listserv.aol.com/msg120632.html">www.mail-archive.com/ctrl@listserv.aol.com/msg120632.html</a>

2002 EM7	Part of the state	T3: March 3 T8: March 13	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T	70-meter-long	2002 EM7 could hit the Earth in 2003.
The Lagrangian	March 12	1 o: March 13	KONTON OLD AND STREET	TOTAL SECTION AND A SECTION ASSESSMENT	Lartii iii 2093.

### Comments.

- 1. The asteroid, coming from the direction of the sun, was not detected until four days after its near-earth approach. "Asteroid 2002 EM7 took us (viz. astronomers) by surprise". Certainly, anything coming from the direction of the sun will typically not be seen, taking everyone by surprise, including whoever experiences a close encounter.
- 2. It has the distinction of being one of the ten closest known asteroids to approach Earth. Few asteroids this large have ever been known to pass so close to Earth: "of the objects that have come closer, only one is bigger".
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2004 FH	March 18	T4: March 20	6.7 R, or o.1 D	30 meters,	Next close approach to
E STATE OF STATE	March 15	T8: March 13		28 000 000 kg	Earth in 2044

### Comments.

- 1. Despite its relatively small size (30 metres), it is still the third largest asteroid detected coming closer to the Earth than the Moon
- 2. The closest miss ever noticed \*\*)
- 3. Refs: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004\_FH">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004\_FH</a>
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2004 FU162	March 31	T5: March 24	1 R, or 0.02 D	6 meters
	March 31	T5: March 24		

### Comments.

- 1. It was detected only hours before its closest approach. The discovery was not announced until August 22, 2004.
- 2. The closest miss ever noticed \*\*)
- 3. Refs: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004\_FH">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2004\_FH</a>
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2009 EJ1	Feb. 27 March 3	T3: March 3 T3: March 3	o.1 D	7m	No risk of impact to Earth for the foreseeable future		
Refs: http://www.hohmanntransfer.com/mn/09/09062_0303.htm#K09E35							
2009 DD45	March 2 Feb. 27	T3: March 3 T3: March 3	10 R, or 0.2 D Up to 50 m		In 2029, with an 266-m aste-roid Apophis at 32,000 km		
Refs: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_DD45, http://news.securityorg.net/index.php?cat_id=11							
2009 FH	March 18	T4: March 20	0.2 D, or 12 R	15 – 20 m			
http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news161.html  www.planetary.org/news/2000/0318 Another SpaceRock Buzzes Earth.html							

<sup>\*)</sup>In this Table the name of asteroid denotes the year of Perigee.

# 1.1.2. Analysis (for the asteroids that appeared since 1997)

The statistics of asteroids [1] "begs the question, why are we seeing so many asteroids lately?" [3].

I. General trend. Indeed, firstly we see that during the last years the asteroids, in average, come closer and closer to the Earth. In years, the table of C-group is replenished as follows.

Table 2. The asteroids that missed the Earth at the shortest distances. An extract from the Table [1] for the respective years (in this Table the name of asteroid denotes the year of Perigee). For short, only the asteroids of C-group are presented (the remaining ones are allocated below, viz. they passed at larger distances).

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009*)
1994 XM1	2003 SQ222	2004 FU162	2004 FU162	2004 FU162	2004 FU162	2008 TC3	2008 TC3
2002 XV90	1994 XM1	2004 YD5	2004 YD5	2004 YD5	2004 YD5	2004 FU162	2004 FU162
2002 MN	2002 XV90	2004 FH	2004 FH	2004 FH	2004 FH	2008 TS26	2008 TS26
	2002 MN	2003 SQ222	2005 WN3	2005 WN3	2007 UN12	2008 US	2008 US
		1994 XM1	2003 SQ222	2003 SQ222	2007 RS1	2004 YD5	2004 YD5
		2002 XV90	1994 XM1	1994 XM1	2005 WN3	2008 VM	2008 VM
		2002 MN	2002 XV90	2006 DD1	2003 SQ222	2004 FH	2004 FH
			2002 MN	2002 XV90	2007 XB23	2007 UN12	2007 UN12
				2002 MN	1994 XM1	2008 UM1	2008 UM1
					2006 DD1	2007 RS1	2009 DD45
					2002 XV90	2008 EF32	2007 RS1

<sup>\*\*)</sup> For the epoch of Perigee.



2002 MN	2005 WN3	2008 EF32
	2003 SQ222	2005 WN3
	2007 XB23	2003 SQ222
	1994 XM1	2009 FH
	2006 DD1	2009 EJ1
	2002 XV90	2007 XB23
	2002 MN	1994 XM1
		2006 DD1
		2002 XV90
		2002 MN

\*)Top 21 Closest approaches to the Earth by minor planets for the epoch of April 2009 (allocated in order of increasing nominal geocentric distance). Credit to [1]

2. Major asteroid Perigee vs. the HB's Foci. Consider, how the time of Perigee of the asteroids of Class LC correlates with the Foci of the comet Hale Bopp.

I.I. Only four asteroids of the C-group, 2004 FH, 2009 DD45, 2002 XV90, and 2002 MN belong to class LC since their size exceeds 50 m (2004 FH is lesser in size, but its mass is important as well). If the former two passed the Perigee two weeks before the respective Foci (July 4 and December 21, respectively), the latter two – in 2 and 1 day before the Foci March 20 and March 3, respectively.

Table 3. The closest LC-class Asteroids of Group C

Date of Perigee	Name	Remoteness from Earth in Moon distance D	Estimate of size (m)
June 14, 2002	2002 MN	0.3	50 - 120
December 11,	2002 XV90	0.3	25 -60
2002	CAN BOOK	<b>张</b> 公司2000年,1950年9	
March 18, 2004	2004 FH	0.1	30
March 2, 2009	2009 DD45	0.2	50

1.2. Meanwhile, the upper estimate of the sizes of asteroids 2005 FN, 2009 FH, and 2006 DDI is 15 to 30 m, which allows to consider them as quite dangerous, if not belonging to class LC. The remaining asteroids were "small" enough (up to 7 – 12 m).

The former two ones passed the Perigee in a day (on March 18.51 and 18.91) before the Focus March 20, and the latter – in a week before the Focus March 3.

1.3. After a short "recession" in 2005 – 2007, a "rain" of asteroids took place in 2008 (one of them, 2008 TC3, about 5 m in diameter, burned up in Earth's atmosphere over Africa 19 hours after it was discovered) as if it "heated" the situation, and an "aimed shooting" in 2009, as in 2004.

Indeed, the comparison of C-group asteroids for the years of 2004 and 2009 (See Table 3) shows that:

- The asteroids were passing the Perigee as synchronized by HB's Foci, with a deviation of 2 3 days!
- In 2009 a LC-class asteroid 2009 DD45 passes Perigee two weeks before a meteoroid 2009 FH, as in 2004 a similar in size LC-class asteroid 2004 FH passes Perigee at a similar distance two weeks before a meteoroid FU162; pay attention, that all of them pass the Perigee at the HB's Foci! Note that the 2004 FH is the only asteroid of this size and remoteness that precedes 2009 DD45.
- Moreover, the Weekly World News reports that an Italian researcher recorded footage of the asteroid 2009 DD 45 and discovered a UFO near it! After reviewing video of the rock, some scientists





noticed an object that must move in order to avoid collision. What is it? Sceptics are speculating that it could be just a bug on the telescope, but what are the odds of it moving at that exact moment?

### 1.1.3. Conclusion

After the comet Hale-Bopp's flyby in 1997, the asteroids had started to "shell" the Earth more aimingly: from year to year they pass the Perigee (i) at a lesser distance and (ii) closer to the comet Hale-Bopp's Time Foci.

### 1.2. SPACE DEBRIS AND ISS

As the Earth was in danger relative to asteroids during the period of HB's Spring Foci, so the International Space Station – with respect to the artificial debris. Thus,

on March 12 (viz. at HB's Focus T8 of March 13) the ISS screw was evacuated in the Orbital module, and on March 24 (viz. at HB's Focus T5 of March 24) the course of the ISS was changed with the aim to escape collision with a remainder of Chinese space rocket.

### 1.3. SPACE DUST

The Space dust plays a great part in the processes which exert influence on the Earth's Magnetosphere, atmosphere and living matter. The Esotery gives probably even greater consideration to this factor by stating [5] that the heat that the Earth receives by radiation from the Sun is at the utmost one third if not less of the amount received by her directly from the meteors, and that meteoric dust (including the residues of burning of asteroids, such as 2008 TC3, above) has the direct influence upon the changes of temperature and the height of our atmosphere being increased or decreased.

To this end the fact of our Earth now passing through a **region of space** in which the increasing intensity of all forms of Cosmic rays is observed [4] is of great importance, as this, together with the increasing level of Space dust income benefits to climate change and shift in mentality since we may presume that the Cosmic rays act not less efficiently than the Solar activity [6], if even the HB's Foci provoke such intense manifestations (See the Summary, below).

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### 2. EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANO ERUPTIONS

A series of quakes and volcano eruptions that occurred at Focus T2 (Jan. 3) at the boundaries of:

Pacific plate:

Kamchatka (Pacific/Eurasian Plate boundary)









Philippines (Pacific/Eurasian/ Philippine Plate boundary)

Eurasian Plate:

Bulgaria (Eurasian/African Plate boundary)

Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan (Eurasian/Indian Plate boundary)

Australian Plate:

Indonesia (Australian/Eurasian Plate boundary)

Area of conjunction of Nazca, South American, Cocos and Carribean Plates

Costa Rica

### have reiterated at the Spring Foci at the boundaries of:

### \* Pacific Plate

PG 28 Russia. Volcano eruption, Kurils

T8 11-13 Russia. Intensification of eruption of volcano "Koriaksky" (Kamchatka): 5 tons of ashes a second; airplanes change their courses to avoid ash clouds

T<sub>4</sub> 19 Tonga, underwater volcano eruption

Tonga, Earthquake, 7.9 on Richter Scale (RS)

T<sub>5</sub> 28 Alaska. Volcano erupts three times. Airport is closed for flights

TB 7 Russia. Kurils: 5 earthquakes a day (up to 6.9 RS)

### \* Eurasian Plate

### Italy (Eurasian/African Plate boundary)

PG 28 Earthquake

30 Fall of a rock: several buildings are destroyed

TB 6 Italy. The strongest earthquake in 30 years, 6.7 on RS:
L'Aquila city is totally destroyed, surrounding cities are damaged. State of emergency.
290 victims, 1500 are hospitalized, wounded, 15 000 houses, 50 000 homeless
damage exceeds 1 billion Euro

7 New quakes - up to 5 on RS;

New quakes, destructions

### Central Asia (Eurasian/Indian Plate boundary)

TB 17 Afghanistan. Earthquake, 5.5 RS, more than 70 victims

### \* Australian Plate (Australian/Eurasian Plate boundary):

T<sub>3</sub> 6 Indonesia. Eruption of the Volcano Semuro

TB 9 Indonesia. 3 earthquakes a day, more than 5 RS

16 Sumatra. Earthquake, 6.6 RS

### \* Nazca/South American Plate

T8 14 Columbia, Volcanic eruption

TB 5 Chile. Red, the highest level of danger is announced: eruption of volcano Lyama

### Reference for Sec. 2

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Tectonic\_plates

Allocation of major quakes and volcano eruptions at comet Hale-Bopp's Spring Foci



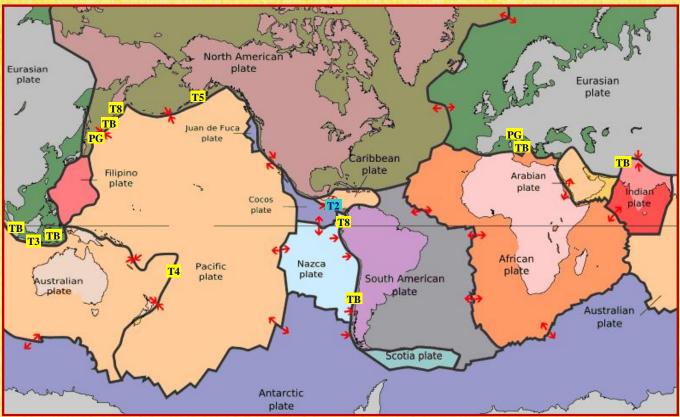


Fig. 1. Major plates and allocation (by HB's Spring Time Foci and T2 for Costa Rica) of quakes and volcano eruptions

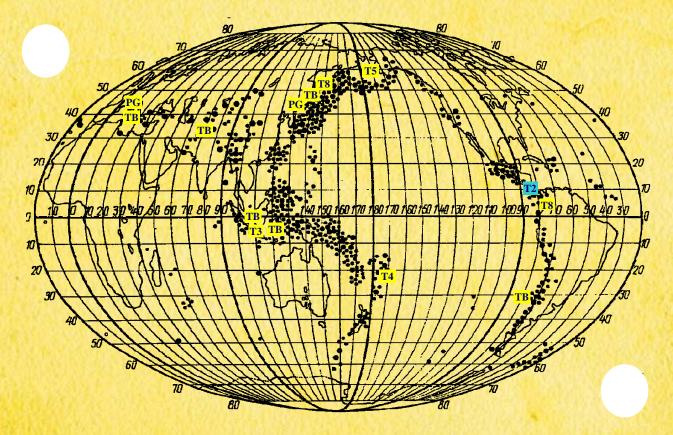


Fig. 2. Distribution of powerful quakes (7 and more on RS) for the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and allocation (by HB's Spring Time Foci and T2 for Costa Rica) of quakes and volcano eruptions





### 3. SUMMARY

### Preface

1. The comet Hale-Bopp's Geographical and Time Foci, as well as Factors of influence are presented in:

The Comet Hale-Bopp Foci as the Resonance Points of the Chronicle of World Disasters

S. Smelyakov. January 27, 2009

www.astrotheos.com/Downloads/hbmc.zip, www.astrotheos.narod.ru/Downloads/hbmc.zip

In this work the Spring Foci are considered:

with the orb of 5 days corresponding to 50 deviation of Sun from the source events of 1997.

2. The associated comet Lulin's Foci (including PG of February 24 - 26) are presented in:

Whether Comet Lulin would Energize the Foci of Comet Hale-Bopp?

S. Smelyakov. February 14, 2009

www.astrotheos.com/Downloads/Lulin.zip , www.astrotheos.narod.ru/Downloads/Lulin.zip

3. Since this event-reference report is neither a novel, nor an official declaration, the authors considers it pardonable to use, for short, the headline telegraph style. At this, the events are referred to in compliance with the following pattern:

Ti Date: country, event, (victims), (wounded)

where: Ti stands for the considered HB's of comet Lulin's Foci PG, T3, T8, T4, T5, TB; these denotations are placed at the beginning of the orb of the respective focus. For short, the dates of the actual events are given without month

"Victims", if they are, denotes the number of human beings that died directly at the place of the event, without mortally wounded and those who went away later.

Comet HB's Factors of influence are given below in compliance with the initial rubrics, but with greater sub-partitioning for better perception.

### FACTOR 1: NATURAL CALAMITIES

Space influence - See Sec. 1

Earthquakes, Volcano eruptions - See Sec. 2

Snow storms, avalanches, landslides, hurricanes; deaths on a mass scale from destruction

- PG 27 Rostov, Russia. Heavy snow storm: airport is closed
  - W. Australia. Powerful hurricane
  - California. SE: due to drought the ponds are emptying
- T3 3, 4 S. Russia, Georgia. Heavy snow storms: the roads are snow-blocked; transport collapse, more than 100 road accidents
  - 7 Russia, Far East. Powerful cyclone: monthly norm of precipitations in a day; wind 25

m/s

- 9 Northern Caucasus. Snow storm; 6 avalanches, Trans-Caucasian arterial road is closed.
- 9 Moscow. Heavy snow storm
- T8 II Alps. Avalanche, 4 victims





- Kazakhstan. Heavy snow storm: wind 40 m/s, roads are snow-blocked, mass wire breaks
- Norway. Landslide washes 9 buildings in the sea
- T<sub>4</sub> 18 Elbrus. Avalanche kills free rider
  - 21 Italy. Heavy snow storm
- T<sub>5</sub> 23 Northern Caucasus. A tourist disappears in mountains
- Khabarovsk Region, Russia. SE: 5-day heavy snow storm: 5 m snowdrifts, 2 m of snow on the roofs. 5-month norm of snow in 5 days. The roads are snow-blocked. mass wire breaks
  - USA. Heavy snow storms: the roads are snow-blocked
  - 26 USA. North Dakota is declared a zone of natural disaster
  - USA, Southern regions. 40 thousand people are without electricity due to bad weather
  - 27 Indonesia. Dyke breach: 77 victims, hundreds of houses are flooded
  - 27 Sakhalin. Cyclone, transport collapse
  - USA. Fargo: people are evacuated due to a flood
  - 28 Russia. Finnic: 22 fishermen are saved from an ice-floe
  - USA. Fargo: flooding is worsening by bad weather, ice-floes
- TB 2 India. Tornado, 10 victims, dozens of villages are destroyed
  - 2 Afghanistan. Avalanche, 6 victims
  - 9 Russia. Krasnoyarsk region: heavy floods
- 10-11 USA: Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma. Tornados: 3 victims, 30 wounded; a town is destroyed, gas-main is damaged. Conflagrations propagate due to a strong wind (up to 27 m/s), dozens houses are burnt. Thousands of people are evacuated
- Winter returned in Southern Europe (Italy, Portugal...): Snowstorm, the roads are blocked.
  - Russia. Orenburg Region: after +20 a snowstorm: roads are blocked. Firstly in 30 years
  - 16 Kirghizia. Landslide, 16 victims

#### Fires

- PG 24 Australia. New wave of fires with a front of 1000 km; 200 victims, 7000 homeless
  - Russia. Sverdlovsk: fire in a dwelling house, 8 victims, 5 wounded
  - 26 Islamabad. Fire in Marriott (opened 2 months before), victims
  - 27-28 Southern Australia. Breaking out of new fires. SE is declared. 37 victims
- T8 Russia. Petrozavodsk: fire in old people's home, 1 victim. (On March 5, viz. T3, a fire precaution was made)
  - 13 Bangladesh. Fire in the largest Trade Centre (22-story building), victims, 20 wounded
  - 14 Australia. More than 8000 homeless. It is declared that the fires were caused by insti-

#### gates

- T<sub>4</sub> 17 Chile. Forest fires
  - 18-19 London. 16 hour conflagration in the City. Mass evacuation from nearby buildings
- T<sub>5</sub> 22 Yemen. Fire in oil storage
  - Russia. Khabarovsk: fire in a preventorium, 6 wounded
  - Russia. Barnaul, chemical plant: explosion, fire. 1 victim, several wounded
- 30 Russia. Moscow: explosion, fire, collapse of roof in a building of Aviation University
- TB 7 Russia. Khabarovsk: explosion of gas-cylinder, fire, people are evacuated
- 7 Russia. Yekaterinburg: Gas-main is damaged in the centre of the city; evacuation of citizens
- 8 Philippines: explosion at factory, 12 victims
  - 9 Russia. Yakutia region: heavy wind left region without electricity
  - 9 Turkmenistan: great damage at Gas-main: gas supply to Russia is stopped
  - Mexico: 5 million citizens of Mexico City are left without water
  - Abkhazia. The country is left without electricity due to a damage on a power line
  - 13 Poland. Fire at a asylum, 22 victims, 22 wounded. National mourning





# 18 China. Explosion in a mine, 18 victims

Epidemics, poisoning, drugs, cloning

T8 9 Obama abolishes Bush's ban on stem cells

T4 16 Russia. Ufa: A net of 8 amphetamine production and distribution centres is disclosed

T<sub>5</sub> 21 Spain. Police intercepts a set of pressured cocaine service, 30 kg in total

USA. Pennsylvania: 16 tonnes of very poisonous etching acid is spilled from a tank-car

TB I Confiker, one of the most hazardous computer viruses, is to be re-activated in the world; damage is estimated as \$250 000

Russia. Scandal with mildronat: insertion of improper drug at a factory: strong medicine is packed instead of cardiac one; several victims and injured. Two cases are opened

9 Russia. Chita: 2 tonnes of insecticide are found at outskirts

- 10 Russia. Omsk: milk-product poisoning of children: 10 in a hospital, 3 in reanimation
- Ukraine. 3 men tried to sell a container with Plutonium-239 (3.7 kg) for \$ 10 millions. It could be used by terrorists for creating a "dirty bomb"

22 Russia. Sakhalin: large-scale spill of oil

March-April The 2009 swine flu (H1N1) outbreak in Mexico and soon after in the USA and Canada. The outbreak was first detected in Mexico, with a surge starting March 18 (viz. at T5). The first deadly case seems to go back to the 13 April (viz. at TB).

In March and April over 1600 cases were detected in Mexico, causing 103 deaths (20 confirmed) by April 26. Its presence was quickly suspected on most continents. In April the WHO and the USA expressed serious concerns about this novel strain, because it transmits from human to human, has a relatively high mortality rate and the potential to become a <u>flu pandemic</u>. On April 25, the WHO determined the situation to be a formal "public health emergency of international concern". [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009\_H1N1\_flu\_outbreak] A paragraph is added on April 27

# FACTOR 2: ENGINEERING DISASTERS

#### Aviation accidents

PG 25 Amsterdam. Boeing-737 had split into 3 parts; 9 killed, 86 wounded

26 Russia. Volgograd: crash landing of Boeing-737 from UAE

28 Russia. Moscow: several flights are delayed due to breakage of several airplanes

28 Romania. Crash landing of SAAB-2000

USA. Louisiana: one engine plane crashed, 3 victims

T8 8 Australia. Crash landing of US bomber B-1B

9 Uganda. Freight carrier Il-76 crashed, 11 victims

Northern Atlantics. Helicopter crashed, 1 man saved

13 Russia. Perm: Crash landing of Boeing 737 (went off the runway)

T4 18 Russia. Krasnodar: training plane L-39 crashed, 1 victim. All flights of L-39 are cancelled

19 Russia. Murmansk: Crash landing due to a crack in a Boeing 737 pilot's glass,

19 Russia. Khabarovsk: Crash landing due to an AN-28 engine failure

20 Ecuador: airplane had crashed in a dwelling house, 7 victims

USA: small plane crashed, 2 victims

Alps: small plane crashed, 2 victims

Montana USA Pilatus PC-12 crashed into a cemetery, 14 victims

T<sub>5</sub> 23 Japan: freight carrier broke out at landing, 2 victims. The first crash of this type of plane. Tokyo's airport works in an emergent mode

USA. Montana: airplane crash, 17 victims

23 Istanbul: crash landing of Ukrainian Yak-40, emergent evacuation (went off the run-

way)
23 Lithuania. Crash landing of Danish air force

- Turkey: helicopter crash, 2 victims, 3 wounded
- USA. The latest F22- Raptor stealth fighter has crashed

26 Columbia: air force helicopter crashed, 4 victims

Brazil: an engine had broken away from a US aircraft and breached the roof and several floors in a dwelling house. The aircraft had dragged till the airport

29 Japan: plane crash, 2 victims

- 30 Poland: Navy plane crash, 4 victims
- 30 South Korean F-16 had crashed over the Yellow Sea



- TB 1 North Sea: helicopter crash, 8 victims
  - 4 Russia. Moscow: emergent landing
  - 6 Indonesia. Military plane crashed, 24 victims
  - 7 Russia. Moscow: emergent landing (depressurization 20 minutes after take-off)
  - Turkey. Antalia: emergent landing (failure of generator during the flight)
  - 17 Indonesia. Plane crashed, 10 victims
  - 18 USA. Florida: A plane crashed in a house, I victim
  - 18 Venezuela. Plane with tourists crash, several victims
  - Russia. Tomsk: crash of helicopter, several wounded

# Space Accidents

- T8 II NASA: the launch of Shuttle Discovery is postponed by I day due to a gas leakage
  - The ISS screw, in danger of Space debris, evacuated in the Orbital module (See Sec.
- 1.2)
- Shuttle Discovery is launched (after 6 delays, since Feb. 12)
- 16 Russian Rocket "Rokot" with ESA satellite GOCE is to be launched
  - The launch is stopped 7 seconds (!) before the start and is postponed by 1 day
- T4 17 "Rokot" is successfully launched
  - ISS: platform is damaged while fixing it in outer space; it is attached by a rope
- To 24 The screw of Shuttle had not succeeded in fixing the bracket
  - The course of the ISS was changed with the aim to escape collision with a remainder of Chinese space rocket (See Sec. 1.2)
  - Docking of ISS and Soyuz is carried out manually, since the automatic docking failed

# Transport Accidents

# Ships

- T8 9 Red Sea: shipwreck, 15 victims
  - 9 Thailand. Phuket: excursion bout shipwreck, 6 victims
- T<sub>4</sub> 19 Russia. Kurils: 2 victims, 2 wounded (in icy water)
  - Hormus Str.: nuclear-powered submarine and US landing warship collided with large damages; probably 15 wounded
- T<sub>5</sub> 22 Vietnamese excursion bout shipwreck, 2 victims
  - 23 Greek frigate: fuel leakage caused an explosion
  - 30 Libyan coast: shipwreck of a vessel with immigrants; about 200 victims
- TB 10 Sri Lanka. A ship with sulphuric acid has sunk

#### Trains, cars

- PG 24 Moscow: in a stolen car the hijacker wounded 16 people: at a bus stops and footway he tried "to push" people; he drove the car for the third time in his life
  - Russia. Komi: a car run into a column of pupils, 6 wounded
  - Ukraine. Kharkov: bus road accident, fire; 7 burned-out alive, 12 wounded
- T<sub>3</sub> 7 Bulgaria. Tourist bus road accident, 6 victims
  - 8 Austria. Tourist bus road accident, 15 wounded
  - 8 Bosnia. School bus road accident, 1 victim, 25 wounded
- T8 12 Peru. Bus fell in abyss, 10 victims
  - 14 Viet Nam. Tourist bus fell in 200 m abyss, 9 victims, 15 wounded
  - Ukraine. Kharkov: bus and car collided, fire; 4 victims, 26 wounded
- T<sub>5</sub> 25 Russia. Krasnodar: a car killed 4 people on a bus stop
  - Russia. Vladimir: bus and truck collided, fire; 14 victims, 4 wounded
  - 28 Czechia: racing car digs into a crowd, 3 victims
- TB 2 USA. Los Angeles: a truck run into a building, 2 victims, 12 wounded
  - Russia. Moscow: a truck and 2 cars fall in the opening to an underground collector
  - Russia. St Petersburg: a train with fuel comes off the rails; the fuel run out to the

ground



years

roofs



- Egypt. A truck collided with a bus, 11 victims, 7 wounded
- France. During a cycle race Paris-Rouen a motorcycle run into a crowd
- Rostov: a car run into a crowd: 13 people wounded, 4 badly; unrecorded case in 10
- 17 Germany. Berlin: a collision of two trains, 24 wounded
- 19 Mexico. Collision of 2 trains, victims, 70 wounded

# Technogeneous (non-terrorist) Explosions, Destructions and fires

- PG 26 Russia. Rostov: gas explosion in a train: 1 victim, 6 wounded
- T3 Cologne: State Archive House (of 1971) and two adjacent Buildings collapsed so that a crater was formed as after bombing. This is the largest city archive in Germany: "Bank of German history"; loss of 18 km of archival shells are compared with the Weimar fire of 2004. 3 victims, 1 wounded. It contained manuscripts of 1000 years old. The damage exceeds hundreds of million Euros.
  - Russia. Far East: gas explosion in a 2-story dwelling house; 7 victims, 6 wounded
  - Russia. Novosibirsk: gas-cylinder explosion in a dwelling house, fire, 3 wounded
- T8 13 Uganda: public building collapsed, 50 victims, wounded
  - Russia. Lipetsk: gas explosion at a factory, 2 victims
- T<sub>4</sub> 16 Ukraine. Lugansk: a 2-story dwelling house collapsed at night, victims
  - 20 Kazakhstan: conflagration at an ammunition depot, 2 victims, 16 wounded
  - 20 Sakhalin: roofs in schools, hospitals, etc. collapsed because of 2m snowdrifts on the
- T<sub>5</sub> 23 China: explosion at a chemical plant, 11 victims
  - Russia. N. Novgorod: a crane fell on a dwelling house, 2 victims, house is damaged
- TB I Moldova: a breach of gas pipe to Balkans fire. Gas supply is cancelled for several days
  - 20 Russia. Volgograd: a monument to defenders of the city has collapsed

## FACTOR 3: SOCIAL EFFECTS

# 3.1. Violation of psychological and legislative boundaries by individuals and groups Acts of Terrorism (AT); victims - V, wounded - W

- PG 26 Pakistan. Marriott: explosion, fire, 15 W
  - 27 Russia. Dagestan: AT is prevented at gas-main
  - 28 Russia. Ingushetia: shooting in a police car, 3 W
- T3 Pakistan. Lahore: police guard and Sri Lanka cricket team are shelled and shot, 8 V, 8 W
  - France: letters with threat of death are received by Secretary of the Interior, Justice, etc.
  - 4 Iraq: explosion near the German embassy, 2 V, 12 W
  - 4 Russia. Altai: The head of regional election committee and his family are murdered

#### (gas)

- 5 Iraq: AT, 12 V, 40 W
- 5 Russia. Ingushetia: 5 V, 3 W on terrorist mine clearing
- 7 Pakistan, AT, 10 V
- 8 Iraq. The monthly largest AT near a police station, 28 V, 57 W
- T8 9 Greece. Athens: bomb explosion near the Citibank
  - 10 Russia. Dagestan: 4 explosive assemblies are discovered this day
  - 10 Baghdad: AT, 33 V
- Ukraine. Kiev: a hand grenade is thrown in window of sanitary service, 7 W. This is the first case of AT in several years, but the grenades were not used. Revenge is assumed
  - II Russia. Attempt on the Chair of the "Convers-Bank"
  - II Iraq. Baghdad: AT, 3 V, 10 W
  - 11 N. Iraq: AT, 4 V, 20 W





- Sudan: 3 doctors of Int. humanitarian organization are kidnapped to ransom
- Netherlands: a series of explosions was prepared in supermarkets. In Amsterdam 7 persons are arrested, a series of shops is closed. A similar police raid is undertaken in Belgium
  - Nigeria: 20 extremists attacked a ship and took 4 hostages
- T<sub>4</sub> 15 Yemen. AT: 4 V (foreign tourists)
  - 15 Kabul: AT, 2 V, 14 W
  - 16 Pakistan. Second (in a week) grenade shelling of military base, W
  - 16 Afghanistan. 2 ATs, 12 V (policemen)
- Russia. Opening of trial relative to 39 people being accused of terrorism who killed dozens and wounded hundreds in 2008 and earlier.
  - 19 Afghanistan. AT: 5 V (including MP)
  - 19 Russia. Dagestan: up to 15 terrorists are blocked in mountain region
- Russia. Kabardino-Balkaria: attack on a house with terrorists, 3 V (policeman, 2 terrorists)
  - 20 Russia. Dagestan: 4 men are arrested for preparing AT
  - 20 Russia. Dagestan: car with bandits is attacked, 2 V (terrorists)
  - USA. Threat letters are received by the authorities of AIG. Official precaution is made
  - Russia. Dagestan: blocked terrorists are captured or killed, 19 V (14 bandits, 5 police-

men)

- 21 Afghanistan. AT, 6 V
- 21 Afghanistan. AT, 5 V, several W
- T5 23 Baghdad: AT, 8 V, 13 W
  - Algeria. AT, 4 V (policemen)
  - 23 Pakistan. Islamabad: explosion, victims
  - 23 Iraq. AT, 27 V
  - Iraq, North: AT, 3 V (pupils)
  - 24 Iraq. AT, 3 V, 10 W
  - 25 Iraq. ATs, 27 V
  - 26 Iraq. Baghdad: AT, 20 V
  - 26 Afghanistan. Check point is attacked, 9 V (policemen)
  - 26 Somalia. Mogadishu: explosion, Minister of Internal affairs is wounded
  - 26 Pakistan. AT, 11 V
  - 27 Pakistan. AT: suicide-bomber exploded a mosque, 70 V, 100 W; mosque is destroyed
  - 27 Russia. Ingushetia. 2 day combat is finished with 2 terrorists who attacked police
  - UAE. Dubayy: Yamadaev, famous former Chechen commander, is assassinated.
    On September 24 (viz. around T7) his brother was killed in Moscow. This assassina-

tion had caused great resonance in UAE-Russia relations

- 29 Pakistan. 12 soldiers are kidnapped
- 29 Iraq. Basra: AT, 7 V
- Pakistan. Islamic militants seized police academy, 30 V, 100 W; 700 hostages; 8 militants killed, 6 arrested
- 30 Iraq. AT, 7 V, 20 W
- 30 Afghanistan. AT, 8 V
- Leader of Taliban threats with unexampled series of ATs in the USA. His head is estimated in \$ 5 million
- TB I Ukraine. Kiev: second attempt at the deputy rector of Aviation university
  - 1 Afghanistan. AT, 6 V, 22 W
  - The first real evidence that explosives were used at 911:

www.dailypaul.com/node/88685,

www.bentham-open.org/pages/content.php?TOCPJ/2009/00000002/00000001/7TOCPJ.SGM

- 5 Pakistan. A series of AT: more than 40 V, 100 W
- 6 India. Several AT: 7 V







- 6 Iraq. A series of AT: 34 V, 100 W
- 7 India: journalist throws a boot in the Minister of Internal affairs (as in Iraq)
- 7 USA. A plane hijacked in Canada is intercepted in the USA
- 8 Iraq. AT: 7 V, 20 W
- 9 GB. Unveiling a conspiracy: 12 people are arrested who prepared great AT
- Iraq. A series of AT: 11 V, 27 W
- II Iraq. AT: 25 V
- 16 Iraq. AT: 11 V, 23 W (policemen)
- 16 Pakistan. AT: 16 V
- 17 Tajikistan. Start of anti-terrorist exercise
- 20 Pakistan. AT: 20 V
- Jamaica. Hijacking of a plane with hostages results in surrender of the terrorist
- India. A hijacked train is released from militants

#### Somalia Pirates

- T4 16 Somalia. 4 UNO employees are kidnapped
  - 20 Gulf of Aden: hijacking
- T<sub>5</sub> Seychelles. Hijacking of yacht
  - Gulf of Aden: hijacking of 2 tankers
- TB I Indian Ocean: hijacking of cruise ship
  - 5 Indian Ocean: hijacking of tanker
  - 6 Container ship (cargo value several dozens million \$) is firstly hijacked, 400 miles East of

#### coast

- 6 In two days not less than 5 ships are hijacked in Indian Ocean
- 8 Indian Ocean: hijacking of US tanker
- 10 Yacht is set free, I hostage is killed
- 11 Hijacking of towboat
- II Dry cargo ship rejects a pirate attack
- The captain of US ship (for whom \$ 2 million ransom was asked) escapes, 3 pirates are killed, 1 arrested
- 13 Hijacking of 2 Egyptian ships
- 14 Hijacking of 2 ships of firm Satex
- 18 Holland military captured 7 pirates
- 19 Somalia. Several "doctors without frontiers" are kidnapped
- 19 Canadian Navy repels pirate's attack
- USA. Firstly in 150 years a pirate (re April 12, See above) appears in court

#### Crazy shooting

- T8 9 USA. Illinois: gunman kills pastor during service
  - Germany: gunman kills 17, many wounded, at school (pupils, teaches, policemen)
- USA. Alabama: jobless gunman killed his family and other people (10 V) in several places, burn down the house and committed suicide. "most eerie shooting in the history of State"
- Holland. Terrorist alert in Amsterdam: a shopping mall was completely evacuated, several people were arrested
  - Holland. A boy was arrested in the Netherlands who posted a message on Web forum announcing that he would commit another school shooting and killing, and that he would break record of 2007 Virginia Tech. Being captured, he told the police that it was a joke.
- T4 19 USA. Michigan: gunman kills 1, wounds 2 and committed suicide
  - Germany: gunman kills his wife, 8-year son, wounds 3 and then committed suicide
  - France. Lyons: 17 years old gunman fires from rifle in 11 parents at French nursery
- T<sub>5</sub> 25 Russia. Kirovsk: gunman kills mayor, his deputy and himself



- USA. N. Caroline: gunman kills 8 and wounds 3 in old people's home
- 30 USA. California: gunman kills 6
- 30 USA. Boston: gunman kills members of his family, after then he committed suicide
- TB 3 USA. New York. The 3<sup>rd</sup> case of shooting a week in the USA. The shooter took 40 hostages in a migration centre; 13 V, 10 W
- 5 USA. St. Washington: shooter killed 5 children and himself in a car. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> case of mass shooting a week in the USA
  - Germany. Bavaria: confused shooting in a court: killed 2 persons and himself
  - 10 USA. A man killed a girl and himself in a college
  - Russia. Novosibirsk: a man was shooting in passer-by and car from his flat: 1 V, 2 W. He was killed at police storm
  - II Rotterdam: shooting in a café: 1 V, 3 W

# Coercion and cruelty

- T8 14 Clearance of children porno production and distribution network in which 77 countries were engaged. politicians, teachers, jurists 2500 people in total.

  Main figurants are Estonian children
- Israel: organizers of international girl-trading group are arrested; members of 5 countries are involved. More than 1000 women from Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, etc. were enslaved. Police prepared this operation 2 years.
- T4 16 Austria: Start of the trial on Fritzle "Austrian monster" who 24 years raped his daughter. She gave birth to 7 children. This case had shocked all the world.
  - Fritzle, the "maniac of XXI century" is sentenced for term of life on 6 articles
- T5 22 Great Britain. By appeal of parents the court decided to turn off incurable child from the system that provided vital functions.
- Russia. Moscow: adoptive parents were beating 3 year child who was taken to reanimation; this event was widely discussed on TV. A suit against the parents was started
- TB 3 Russia. Stavropol: a sentence is passed to maniac- paedophile who raped and killed girls

#### Vandalism

- TB I Russia. Petersburg: Explosion of monument to Lenin on the most important place of his activity. Several years such explosions were not seen; formerly they also followed HB Foci
  The explosion was set up so that the area of genitals and bottom were torn
- 4 Ukraine. Rubezhnoe: explosion of monument to Lenin with the same technique as in Petersburg
- Ukraine. Lvov region: local city hall decided to destroy the monument to WWII soldier-liberator as "carrying negative ideas". Being indignant with this decision, Russia prepares an appeal to International circles. Lvov administration considers 9 monuments more for destruction
  - France. In Int. Day of prisoners of concentration camps the tombs are assaulted by swastikas

#### Robberies

- PG 21 Russia. Tula: hold-up of collector car for about \$1 million
  - 27 Ireland. Bank officer brought Robber 7 millions Euro under a threat for 3 hostages
  - Ireland. The robber is caught, but with 4 millions only
- T<sub>3</sub> Russia. Yekaterinburg: a swindle is revealed for \$30 millions in a pension fund
- Russia. Start of a new trial over Russian billionaire Chodorkovsky. He is accused in theft and legalization of oil for \$25 millions.
  - Russia. Moscow: a band, that was acting several years under the leadership of Israeli citizen, is put under arrest which falsify long-term underground tickets, US dollars, paintings, police and prosecutor certificates, etc. Damage exceeds \$ 5 millions. Equipment and \$ 3 millions are withdrawn.



- 4 Russia. Moscow: a pirated copy production and distribution network is liquidated; damage is about \$ 14 millions
  - 7 The canvas are found that were stolen 20 years ago
- T8 9 Norway. A canvas is stolen in the value of 2.4 millions Euro
  - 11 Norway. A canvas that was stolen is found
  - Russia. Voronezh: jeweller's is robbed for \$ 2.3 millions
  - Ukraine. Vinnitza: Post is robbed for \$ 5 000
  - Russia. Kuzbass: takeover of a bank; invader is killed, hostages are set free
  - Russia. Volgograd: highly secret money-laundering group is arrested; damage exceeds \$ 100 millions; this is a rare event for Russia
  - 13 Start of a new international military operation against Somalia pirates
  - Ukraine. The verdict of guilty is brought on "Elite-Centre" the greatest swindle in construction sphere in the country: they resold flats twice and thrice, 2000 people dam-

# aged

- T4 18 Russia. Nalchik: Start of a trial over gangster group of 58 people. They are accused in 35 murderings, hundreds suffered. Special building was constructed for the trial
  - 19 USA. Owner of auditing firm, accessory of Medoff is arrested
  - Special case: one of the twins is registered by 3 observation cameras during a robbery of 5 millions Euro; but both are released since it was not proved who of them was at the

# place

- France: 3 years old girl is kidnapped for the 3 time. Firstly, by her Russian mother and taken to Russia, then by her French father and taken to France. This event, as in the previous cases, is widely discussed on TV. Interpol seeks the girl. Note, that she was kidnapped by her father on September 22, viz. in the vicinity of the Focus T7 (!)
- T5 25 Russia. Moscow: hold-up of collector car for about \$300 000, 2 collectors are killed
  - Great Britain: for the first time the British police agreed on extradition of 2 Russians
- TB 2 Russia. Moscow: start of legal proceedings on "Shadow (Night) Governor" of Petersburg; the preceding is put off till April 8. He was arrested in Petersburg by a team of 60 policemen that specially came at 2 planes from Moscow, half a year before.
  - 6 Ukraine. Kiev: a robber shot in cashier, but run away without taking money
  - 6 Moscow: 3 armed men attacked collectors; the latter repulsed: 3 wounded, 1 robber detained
  - 7 Russia. Rostov: raiders' attack (50 persons) is repelled who tried to seize an oil refinery
  - Russia. Ingushetia: with the use of rangers and armoured car a band of counterfeiter is arrested in 5 places with a high quality equipment, Russian Roubles and USD
  - 10 Russia. Novorossiysk: hold-up of collector car for \$ 300 000; I collector is killed
  - 13 Hungary. Mother of the kidnapped girl is arrested (See March 21)

# 3.2. Violation of frontiers and military operations

#### **Frontiers**

- T3 Ukraine: Parliament dismisses Foreign Minister for inadequate policy (including consent on transfer of part of Ukrainian continental shelf to Rumania)
  - 5 Norway detains Russian trawler
- 8 GB/Argentine wrangle as to Antarctic shelf: Argentine declared its claims (GB earlier)
- T<sub>4</sub> 16 Lebanon firstly opened its embassy in Syria
  - 18 Egypt opened its border with Gaza for 2 days
  - It is announced by Ministry of Defence of the USA that two weeks ago (viz. at T<sub>3</sub>)
- Chinese patrol boat attacked US ship (in neutral waters re to USA, in territorial waters, re to China)
- T<sub>5</sub> 25 EU adopts bio parameters for obtaining visas
  - 26 Russia bans import of chicken-meat from 3 US enterprises
  - 29 Switzerland joins Schengen Agreement (re to airports)



- TB 1 Czechia stops granting visas for work
  - 7 Georgia detains Russian ship

# Military tests, manoeuvres, wars

- T<sub>3</sub> 5 Russia-NATO council functioning is restored to a full scale
  - 8 Iran launches new long-range missile
- T8 II President declares that the time has come when France must be integrated in NATO
- T4 17 President announces new rearmament plan for Russian army: increase in alertness, etc.
  - 17 Russia. New regiment of S-400 (Triumph) is set on duty
  - 17 Czechia: PM recalls the legislation as to allocation of USA antimissile rockets
  - Declaration as to the First international manoeuvres of ODKB in Kazakhstan
  - 17 USA. Successive test of antimissile rocket
  - 18 French Parliament adopts the decision to join NATO
  - 18 Declaration: peacemaking forces in Pridnestrovie (between Ukraine and Moldova) will

#### be disband

- 20 Russia had formed the military bases in Abkhazia and S. Ossetia
- T5 24 Spiegel: European experts conclude that the Georgia-Russian conflict of 2008 was started by President of Georgia who planned the aggression
  - 27 Israel tests its own antimissile rocket system
  - 30 Georgia: it would modernize its army to be ready for efficient military operations
  - 30 Georgia sends its soldiers to Afghanistan
- TB I Albania and Croatia have become official members of NATO
  - 2 President of Kirghizia signs the decree on closing of US base "Manas"
  - 3 Cambodia and Thailand: armed conflict
  - 3 Starting of International exercise "Black Sea For"
  - 4 NATO, declaration: 5000 soldiers more will be sent to Afghanistan
  - 4 France has become official member of NATO
  - 4 NATO-Russia council: official commencement of work
- 6 Russia. Armavir: to journalists the newest long-range (6000 km) radar station is presented
  - 9 Russia will sell Byelorussia the newest air defence system
  - 10 Russia. Successful testing of "Topol" ballistic missile for prolongation of lifetime

# Military operations and terrorism in the countries reacting to the comet HB's Foci from 1997 (Apart from the events that pertain to other factors - AT, etc.)

#### Israel

- PG 26 2 Israeli fighters were intercepting a civil plane with failed radio station
- T<sub>3</sub> Israeli planes were destroying Gaza-Egypt tunnels by bombing
- Notorious AT: bulldozer crushed everything without distinction: cars, bus, etc. Terror-
- ist is killed, 2 W. Notice that similar events took place at July (T6) and September (T7) Foci
  - 8 Ex-president is accused in raping
  - 8 For the third time in a week Israeli planes were bombing Gaza-Egypt tunnels and de-
- pots
- 8 Israeli police revealed 12 gangsters who were trading girls for prostitution
- T4 19 Official accusation in raping is put against Ex-president
  - 21 West Bank: anti-Israeli demonstrations, clashes with police
  - Large-scale AT (mine-strewn car) is prevented
- T<sub>5</sub> 24 Anti-Israeli demonstrations, clashes with police, several wounded
  - 27 Israel tests its own antimissile rocket system



### North Korea

- T8 9 N. Korea declares full alertness with respect to USA S. Korea exercise
  - N. Korea declares that it would launch a satellite
- T5 26 N. Korea declares that it is ready to launch a communication satellite. Sharp critical reaction of S. Korea, Japan and USA which consider this as a long-range missile test; they threat to intercept this missile: US destroyers go to N. Korea, S. Korean forces are put to
- N. Korea declares that any attempt to intercept its rocket will be treated as declaration of war three-stage rocket
- TB 5 N. Korea announces that it orbited a satellite. S. Korea, Japan and USA think that it has sank in the Pacific Ocean, and that it is a long-range missile test that conflicts with the resolution of Security Council. Japan demands the Security Council to consider this test
  - 6 The Security Council session on N. Korea (SC NK) ends without result
- The SC NK ends without result once again. Japan enters new sanctions against N. Korea
  - The SC NK accepts a statement that blames N. Korea
  - 15 N. Korea expels IAEA's inspectors

#### Northern Ireland

- T<sub>3</sub> 8 Shelling of barracks, 2 V, 4 W. Last time such an impertinent event took place in 1997 (at first manifestations of HB's Foci) when British soldier was killed. All Britain is shocked
- T8 15 Demonstrations have transformed into mass disorders
- T5 31 Series of ATs, dozens of cars are burnt. Such disorders were not seen since 1997

#### Kosovo

- PG 26 Int. Tribunal of former Yugoslavia discharges Serbian Ex-president
- T<sub>4</sub> 20 Spain withdraws its peacemakers from Kosovo
- T<sub>5</sub> 24 Discussion of situation in Kosovo at the Security Council resulted in charges and offences

# Afghanistan

- T3 I US AF attacked Taliban on the territory of Pakistan, 15 V
- T<sub>5</sub> 27 Moscow: actions of NATO cause anxiety re to insufficient counteraction to drug traffic
  - USA declares that 4000 more soldiers would be sent to Afghanistan
  - 29 Russia declares that it is ready to take part in establishing order in Afghanistan

#### Iran

- PG 25 Iran announces completion of the atomic power plant in Bushehr presenting a stumbling-block for the international community, and start of test of the 1<sup>st</sup> reactor
- The USA accuses Iran in support of terrorism. A session of Security Council is completed by a scandal between the representatives of Iran and USA
- T<sub>3</sub> I One of Al Qaeda leaders is arrested in Iran
  - 3 Intensification of Russia-USA haggle re to counter-missile system and Iran
- T8 8 Iran launched a new long-range missile
  - Obama prolonged the term of economic sanctions against Iran
- T4 20 Obama declares about possibility of radical change of relations between the USA and Iran

Iraq



- T8 8 USA approved withdrawal of 12 000 soldiers from Iraq in 6 months
  - 11 Former Foreign Secretary Tarik Asiz is sentenced to 15 years
  - Journalist who was throwing shoes in Bush is sentenced to 3 years
- T<sub>5</sub> 30 Great Britain starts official withdraw of its troops from Iraq

# 3.3. Collisions in politics and social life (Loss of relations, disturbances, revolutions) London Summit 2009, G20

- TB 2 Absence of preliminary agreement between the participants. President of France threats to leave Summit if strict regulation measures would not be accepted; the USA and UK are for issuing money, Europe for greater control Mass protest actions of anti-globalists. 170 protesters are arrested (on April 2 and 3). Thousands of protesters loot offices, shops, etc. An attempt to storm the embassy of the USA
- G20 ends with a compromise. \$ 5 000 billions would be allotted to saving of world economics

# Sixties anniversary of NATO, Summit NATO 60

- TB 2 Strasbourg. Police disperses anti-NATO protesters.
  - Opening of the Summit. 35 000 policemen are collected. France, for 2 days, suspends the Schengen Agreement. Police disperses anti-NATO protesters: 300 people are arrested. No word is said re to joining Ukraine or Georgia. Nobody recalls that the only collective mili-

tary NATO operation was in Yugoslavia (at the Focus of comet HB!), without UNO's mandate

4 Police disperses anti-NATO protesters; 20 wounded

#### Revolutions, coup d'etat

- T<sub>3</sub> 2 Guinea-Bissau: disorders; President and Joint Staff commander are killed by militaries
  - 7 PM of Palestine resigns
- T8 16 Militaries occupy the residence of President of Madagascar
- T<sub>3</sub> 17 Coup d'etat: president asks for international help
  - 18 Madagascar membership in African Union is suspended
  - 19 Emir of Kuwait dissolves Parliament
- T<sub>5</sub> 24 Czech Parliament firstly votes of no-confidence to Government
  - Czech PM resigns "The emergency on supranational scale": the EU temporarily remains without the head.
- TB 2 Malaysia PM resigns
- 2 Russia. Medvedev: "I do not want to have any relations with Saakashvili (Pres. of Georgia)"
  - 6 EU suspends relations with Mauritania
  - 7 Peru. Ex-President is sentenced to 25 years
  - 7 Cuba. Diplomatic "revolution": Raul Castro receives (5 days) official US delegation
  - 8 Russia. deputy Director of Foreign Office department is arrested
  - 9 Bolivia. President goes on hunger-strike due to hold-up of elections
  - 19 Ukraine. Schismatics have captured an Orthodox Temple

Chain reaction: the PMs of Latvia, Hungary, Czechia, Malaysia

#### Thailand

- TB 8 Bangkok. 40 000 people in protest action
  - 10 Protest actions during the Summit of ASEAN
- Summit of ASEAN is cancelled due to the protests. Clashes with police; protesters attacked the hotel where the Summit was conducted; participants of Summit were evacuated in helicopters
  - Bangkok. State of emergency. Protest actions do not calm down. Clashes with police: protesters have snatch away armed cars. The state on the brink of the 3<sup>rd</sup> coup d'etat a

year



- Clashes with police, 100 wounded
- 19 State of emergency is continued

# Georgia

- TB 6 Tbilisi: police breaks up the protest action
- 9 Tbilisi: dozens of thousands have stood up on a permanent protest action for resignation of

the president. Such mass actions were not seen for more than 2 years

- 10 Opposition transfer to acts of civil disobedience
- Tbilisi: "Vegetable revolution": protesters throw carrot and cabbage to the president's residence as to an "apprehensive hare"

#### Moldova

- TB 7 Kishinev: several hundreds of rioters reject the results of parliamentary election before the result of poll is obtained. With the preliminary saved stones the rioters attacked police, smashed the parliament and President's administration and put them to fire (documents, furniture and office automation are burnt). The Rumanian flag is installed over the Parliament. President accuses the rioters in an attempt of coup d'etat. It is said that Rumanian citizen participated in riots. Moldova recalls its ambassador from Romania and establishes visas for this country
  - Romanian ambassador is declared persona non grata. President accuses Romania in organization of the riots. European observers acknowledge the legality of the elections. New protest action: 118 are detained. During these days 200 are wounded
  - 9 President: Office of Public Prosecutor will bring a suit against the rioters (or rectors of Universities whose students were among rioters) for the damage (around \$ 27 millions). The International observers have acknowledged the legacy of election.

# Political and social scandals, resignations, arrests

- PG 26 Georgia. A canvas of famous painter Pirosmani is withdrawn from museum without a permission and brought to president's office
  - GB firstly acknowledges a practice of extraditing of suspected in terrorism to the USA
- T3 2 Paris. A scandal at Christi's with bronze rat and rabbit being stolen in 19 century from Emperor's residence: Chinese buyer said that he would not pay since they should be returned
- 3 Opposition accuses president in sleaze for accepting the Georgian order (for help in war)
  - 4 Rumanian officer and Bulgarian businessman are accused in selling NATO secrets
- 4 Firstly in its history: the International Tribunal issues an arrest warrant for President of Sudan
  - 4 League of Arab States condemns the decision re to President of Sudan
  - 4 Sudan bans functioning of 6 humanitarian organizations on its territory
- 6 New York. A scandal at auction with Gandhi's belongings after the price reached \$ 2 millions:
  - India demands to return them; the belongings are arrested
- T8 9 Ukraine. Sevastopol: a scandal at the official exhibition devoted to famine in Ukraine in 1933: of 6 photos 4 are made in the USA and in Russia in 30-ies
- Germany demands the USA to extradite Demianuk Nazi criminal (re to murdering of 29000)
- Ukraine. Parliamentary commission demands to put mayor of the capital to psychiatric test
  - 13 Web: a boom in Wiki and forums re to American descent of Obama
  - Ukraine. Two officials are detained in the Capital with a record bribe
- T<sub>4</sub> I<sub>7</sub> Swiss swimmer is deprived of the world record due to her costume
  - Russia. A scandal in a Regional capital (Tver) children theatre with a nude heroine





Ukraine. Secret service, as organizer of the exhibition devoted to famine in Ukraine (See 19 above), confesses to falsification of photos

Russia. Far East: "by mistake" a great part of a registered forest reserve is sold for resi-19 dences

- Thailand: collision between USA and Russian foreign offices re to But accused in arms traffic
  - Russia: 350 people became unlegalized due to an error of immigration service in 2004 2006
  - Ukraine. Simpheropol: deputy crashes several eggs on the head of the mayor 19
  - Cameroon. Start of the Pope's African tour; a scandal with his expressing a doubt as to use 19

contraceptive devices in struggle against AIDS while he was flying over a worst infected region

- Ukraine. At anniversary of Mazepa a famous Ukrainian military leader of 18th century the Official powers organized celebrations and (on March 24, viz. at T5) instituted an order -Cross of Mazepa. As he was anothematized in those years as perjurer, opposition organized actions of protest; in Sevastopol the eggs were thrown at his portrait.
  - Angola. Luanda: an entrance jam of stadium before Pope's appeal: at least 2 V, 20 W
  - Germany. Forged circulation of Die Zeit is distributed in 90 cities free of charge; it declares 22 abolition of money, dissolution of NATO, etc.
- **T**5 Estonia. By the appeal (after the January court decision), anti-Nazi and anti-nationalistic 24 political organization "Night Watch" is justified unexpectedly
  - IAEA's board of governors has failed to elect general director 26
  - Latvia. Officials close the only Russian-speaking radio station 26
- Poland. Valensa declares that he would abdicate his Nobel title and emigrate if the lie re to his collaboration with police would not stop
- TB Ukraine. President proposes to correct Constitution. In response, Parliament sets the earliest term for Presidential election. President rejects it and appeals to Constitution Court. Opposition blocks the Parliament for a week with the demand to the PM to form anti-crisis plan or to resign
- USA. Arkansas University says Obama no with Ph.D. and recommends to continue research
- Governor Rick Perry signs House Concurrent Resolution 50 in support of the state of Texas rights for independence under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution
- UNO Conference on Racism. Some countries have ignored it (USA, Israel, Germany), some left the conference in protest

# Demos, riots, Strikes

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- PG Bangladesh. Renewing of disorders in all large cities: armed collisions with police. 50 V 26
  - Martinique. Disorders, pogroms, collisions with police due to growth of prices 26
  - Greece. Athens: new disorders, protesters attack police, use Molotov's cocktail 27
- Germany. Hamburg: clashes of fans between themselves and with police, W  $T_3$
- - Greece: clashes of fans between themselves and with police, W
- T8 Kenya: disorders, collisions with police II
  - Greece. Athens: anarchists organized disorders, damaged more than 40 shops 13
  - Pakistan. Actions of civil disobedience, clashes with police 15
  - Georgia. Tbilisi: demos with the demand for President to resign 15
  - Bulgaria. Police organized mass acts of protests 15
- $T_4$ UEFA cup: disorders, arrests 16
  - Latvia. Riga: march of legionary of SS; 3 anti-Nazi protesters are arrested 16
  - France. "Black Thursday": nation-wide strike that hold a record in number of cities and 19 participants (more than 3 millions people)
  - Venezuela: mass protests against governmental control over airports, ports and roads

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- Ukraine. Kiev: large group of people in camouflage has destroyed a protester's tent-city on the central square of the Capital, several wounded. Police was indifferent
  - France. Paris: night riots, 300 persons arrested, 6 policemen W. For many years such disorders were unseen in the centre of the Capital
- T5 22 Sudan. Darfur: intertribal clash, 30 V
  - Russia. Pervouralsk: jam at a disco, 4V, 8 W
  - Belgium. Brussels: anti-NATO demos, clashes with police, 400 are arrested
  - Georgia: arrests of opposition (7 people) are started
  - Russia. Pervouralsk: day of mourning for victims of disco
- 26-27 Ukraine. Anti-President and anti-Government meetings in Capital and all regional centres
- Greece. Police breaks up demo and tent-city of firemen with tear-gas and sound grenades
  - Thailand. Mass anti-government demo
  - Turkey. Clashes during elections, 6 V
  - 30 Cote-d'Ivoire. Clashes of fans with police, 19 V (minimum)
  - Russia. Rostov: 20 mines, in protest, refuse to leave the mine Protests against Summit G20 in London:
- TB 30 London. 5 antiglobalists are arrested on suspicion of bomb explosion
- Mass demos of protest, the largest over the preceding years. Banks, offices, restaurants and pubs are closed. Clashes with police: London in "state of siege".
  - London. Clashes with police, hundreds of looted offices, dozens of wounded, 1 victim. An attempt to attack the USA embassy.
  - 2 Greece: nation-wide strike
- 2-3 Ukraine. Token meeting of opposition in Kiev, 20 000 people, with the demand to accept anti-crisis plan; the Parliament is also blocked for indefinite term with the same demand
  - 6 Turkey. Anti-US and anti-Obama demos
  - 9 Iraq. Anti-US demos
  - 19 Georgia. Women prisoners go on hunger-strike

#### 3.4. Economical collisions

Unprecedented measures of State and International control over the banks and economics that firstly have been undertaken at T7 are now developing over the Spring Foci.

The economic mortgage crisis reached a critical stage around September 2008. In response to the developing crisis and as a financial rescue plan, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, or 'bailout act' for short, passed the US Senate in October 2008. The act authorized the United States Treasury Department to issue the amount of US\$ 700 billion to be used to stimulate the US economy and save banks from bankruptcy. Similar actions were taken by other countries and many banks around the world were nationalized. While the number of foreclosures in the US sky-rocketed, factories were shut down and the unemployment rate exploded, the bankers continued to pet themselves on the back by allowing themselves huge bonuses for a job 'well done'. While Obama openly criticized this immoral behavior in the US (AIG and Fanny May bonuses) and took counter measures by means of taxation (90% on bonuses), in other countries bankers received milder criticism. As a result the public opinion and public outrage over the handling of the economic crisis changed significantly leading to protests and riots at the G20 summit in London. At the G20 summit, plans were made to restructure the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Financial Stability Forum (FSF) and the World Bank. Some of the international coordinated measures included control over hedge funds and banning on tax havens. UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced that an additional US\$ 1.1 trillion dollar would be issued, largely benefited to the IMF, to stimulate the world economy. A Swiss banking scandal disclosed in a US lawsuit, called for the lifting of the Swiss bank secrecy laws. Liechtenstein and Andorra soon followed to announce that it will lift its bank secrecy laws and other countries like Austria and Luxembourg have announced to 'relax' banking secrecy. A



remarkable turning point at this G20 meeting was that it was decided that the USA would lose its leading and dominating role in the G20. At the same time the United Nations pledged for a new world reserve currency as a replacement for the US dollar. In an interview on March 12, Bilderberger chairman Etienne Davignon announced that the Bilderberger group at the summit in Athens in June 2009 will taker further actions to conquer the crisis. The Bilderberger conference could "improve understanding" on future action, in the same way it helped create the euro in the 1990s, he said. According to Davignon, the EU will meet with drastic changes and will never be the same after the global financial crisis started in September 2008.

- PG 24 Asia: stock prices have fallen to a 5year old level
  - Dow Jones has fallen to a level of 1997

End of February: almost in all developed countries the banks are checked as to use of credits

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- Opening of the extraordinary Summit of EU
- Summit of EU rejects the Chair's (PM of Czechia) proposal for 190 billion Euro help to the Eastern European countries
- "A destructive hurricane had covered the world stock exchanges over the last day".

  The stock prices have fallen to 6 (Europe, Asia) and 13 (USA) years old levels
- 3 AIG announces about astronomical damages
- 4 General Director of AIG brings an action against AIG re to wheeler-dealer finance
- 6 Record in fall of US bank shares
- T8 9 Tokyo: the lowest, in 26 years, level of Nikkei (by January totals)
  - 9 Lloyds TSB has passed over State control (75%)
  - Damascus: the stock exchange has opened after 40-year intermission
  - Forbes publishes statistics of reduction of billionaires' capitals: up to several times
  - 13 Switzerland (and 5 more countries) will soften the law re to bank secrecy
  - Russia turns down the use of 3-year budget
- T4 6-12 Start of new scandal with AIG re to bonuses (\$ 218 millions) for high-rank administration after a support. Obama is indignant at their value, Secretary of the Treasury is going to block them
  - Barack Obama changes his policy towards former 'axis of evil country' Iran
  - 18 FED plans to inject another 1 trillion dollars into the American economy
  - 19 After a declaration of Federal Reserve re to issue, a series of currencies has jumped
  - an "ultimatum" to AIG to return bonuses; Fannie May is also to give large bonuses
  - 19 Economic Cooperation Organization puts Switzerland in the list of) offshore
  - 19 EU Summit on Crisis and Climate Change
  - 19 Copper price gained maximum in 4 months
  - 19 Russia: Central bank takes back the licences from two big banks
- The most slump fall of indices in 9 years after the FRS issued \$ 1 150 billions; as well, this caused rise of oil prises (max in 3 months, over \$50 a barrel)
  - 19 Russia. Government accepts anti-crisis program
  - 20 IMF publishes the gloomiest prognosis in its history; no economical recovery till 2010
  - 20 USA. The Congress passes the tax law on bonuses
  - French protectionism threatens to split EU integration after Renault shifts car production from Slovenia back to Paris.
  - 20 United Nations Panel calls for a new World Reserve Currency, scrapping the dollar
  - GB. unprecedented shortage of salaries in BBC
- T5 24 China. The Head of the Central bank calls upon to create a world currency instead of \$
  - 24, 30 WB forecasts a second wave of non-returning of payments and lowering of stock prices
  - USA. Hearing of AIG and bonuses in the Congress
  - Euro crash, Ukraine on the brink of total financial meltdown, 16 billion dollars loan required from the IMF
  - 26 USA accuses China in aggressive doctrine, in response, China issues a Note
  - 26 Oil prices reach 4-month maximum





- G20 protesters rally against the way governments handle the economic crisis.
- Jo Dismiss of General directors of Renault-Citroen, GM and dozens of thousands of workers
  - Russia refuses Belarus in \$ 3 billion credit.
- TB I New Head of GM declares that a bankruptcy may take place even in June
- China, actually, announces "war to \$": it extends the list of countries for non-\$ swapping
  - Russia. For fraud, the directors of two banks are arrested
  - 4 EU. European Central bank: record rate decrease in its history
  - 9 Ukraine. 100 of 1500 amnestied refuse to accept it due to unemployment and lack of dwelling
- Ukraine. A woman makes an attempt of self-immolation because bank does not return deposit

# European Gas Crisis (continuation of T1, T2)

- T3 3-4 Secret service agents' invasion in the Main office of Neftegas (main importing and transporting gas corporation) was counteracted by MPs. The mutual accusations of the highest State authorities is estimated as "New gas scandal" and new phase of struggle between the President and PM. Court and Prosecutor discuss this invasion and legacy of customs clearance for 10 billions of cub.m of stored gas which belongs to foreign company.
  - PM of Russia expresses concern re to gas transit. Russia threats to stop gas supply to Ukraine if the latter would not pay for the delivered gas until March 7.

    Ukraine transfer the payment for the supplied gas
- T8 10 Ukraine asks Russia for a credit on \$ 5 billions
  - Ukraine. Search of the Deputy Head of the Secrete Service in the air port after returning from Switzerland for illegal drugs, currency, etc. is associated with customs clearance of gas
  - Russia declares that it would not fine Ukraine for the unconsumed (against the contract)
- To 23 Brussels. International conference on modernization of Ukrainian gas transporting system excludes Russia from negotiations and signing of memorandum. Putin declares that it makes no sense to consider the problems of transportation of Russian gas without Russia. If Russia's interests are ignored, it will make respective conclusions
- 24 President of Russia puts off the planned consultations between the PMs of Russia and Ukraine Moscow: the info is distributed that Ukraine cannot figure on \$ 5 billions Russian credit
- Putin: Russia is not a raw materials-producing appendage; if Russia is not asked whether it will deliver extra gas through Ukraine, we will reconsider our relations with partners
  - 29 The first delivery of Russian liquefied gas in Japan
- TB 31 Medvedev: how can we give credit to Ukraine if it excludes Russia from discussions on gas?





# Saptarishis Astrology's Astro News

This issue we launch a new section of Astro News that focuses on the latest events in the world of global astrology. Here only extremely significant news will be covered that helps in spreading true & good astrology. So if you have an event or a conference of international level you can send in a well drafted Press Release to <a href="mailto:astrology.com">astronews@saptarishisastrology.com</a>. This section will not be a regular feature and only very significant events will be reported here, also it will not be under the editorship of the publisher of this magazine. Ms Carole Schumacher from US will be the editorial head of this section. Volunteer Reporters can join in the team by writing to <a href="mailto:astronews@saptarishisastrology.com">astronews@saptarishisastrology.com</a>



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We've seen forums and blogs, but know, Traditional Astrology has its own radio station called WTARadio "Traditional Astrology Radio" which will kick-off on Monday the 25th of May at 6:00 PM Atlantic and Eastern time, 5:00 PM Central time, live.

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#### WTA Radio Schedule

You would find some of the hottest names in international astrology on David's Show. Check out their broadcast schedule and don't miss it out.

June 1st. - Aquarius - Mr. Robert Schmidt from Project Hindsight, will share his insight on Hellenistic Astrology, about himself, and his upcoming book, *Definitions and Foundations*. This promises to be an insightful interview.

June 8th. - Windy Has Stormy Eyes - Ms. Carolyn Egan from WeatherSage, will inform us of the upcoming

weather events, astrometeorology, and her lessons on astrometeorology.

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June 15th. - I'm so excited - Ben Dykes shares with us his upcoming projects, and his new translations, which promise to have us all at the edge of our seats.

June 22 - Primary Directions with Rumen Kolev: Come discover an ancient technique of prediction, Primary Directions. How the ancients used them and the importance in traditional astrology.

June 29 - SolarFire with Madelyn Hills-Dineen: What's new, and what needs to be added to SolarFire to satisfy the appetite of us traditional astrologers. Your chance to share your views, express your concerns and thank SolarFire for a job well done.

July 6th. - Do you believe in Magic? Co-host Christopher Warnock from Renaissance Astrology, will talk about Astrological Magic, and what the ancients had to say.



# Worldwide Group Research - Institute Of Scientific Jyotish

# Press Release Submitted by ISJyotish

The Institute of Scientific Jyotish (isjyotish.com) was founded by astrologer Ernst Wilhelm in 2009 for the purpose of statistically testing astrological techniques and astronomical calculations. It is Ernst Wilhelm's goal to generate data that will help astrologers be decisive in their selection of techniques and in their calculations, so many of which are controversial. It is also our hope that these statistics will help astrology to be respected as a mathematical and principled science and not only an intuitive art. Clear cut testing is what is needed for

astrology to earn respect for the super science that it is. The average astrologer is more reliable in his predictions than is the average doctor with the correct diagnoses of disease or the weatherman in his forecasts, however, astrology is still not considered a science as is medicine and meteorology largely due to their not being any solid numerical proof of the merits of astrology. Astrology is sorely lacking in statistics and so the creation of isjyotish.com.

Through taking birth data and short questioners it is the goal of ISJyotish to determine which astrological techniques and calculations yield better results. While astrologers have always worked hard to test their techniques, the astrologer

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working hand in hand with clients and working with charts is always somewhat influenced by their preconceived ideas as well as their perceptions. Preconceived ideas can skew the results of any test as it makes one blind to other possibilities, while an astrologer's perceptive ability often takes him or her into the realmost intuition - beyond statistics. For statistical

study, the unbiased and unperceptive "mind" of a CPU will really show the worth of a technique. The CPU does not have the ability to make a "silk purse out of a sow's ear," as the astrologer's intuition often does with a weak technique.

There are computer generated reports which are quite satisfying, however, these reports are all character and psychologically centered and really not as accurate as people believe. For example, one study was made in astrology where several students at a university were given a psychological profile generated from their horoscope. The students all agreed that the reading was more or less accurate. They were then asked to pass their test to the person next to them – lo and behold, everyone had the same report! The point is, psychological we can all relate to very similar things. For this reason, psychological and character reports, while quite useful in some respects, do nothing to prove astrology as a science. We are all, after all human and so possessed of similar psychology and character to some degree. It is the many events and the myriad details in our lives that make us completely different from our neighbor. It is these things which must be tested.

We are testing astrological techniques and calculations in two ways:

First, by having people enter their birth data and answer a simple list of questions. This first step will help us build up ground data and each such test will not just have a right or wrong answer, but also a control - a control being something considered important to any scientific testing and something always lacking in other astrological tests. Such tests take only 2-3 minutes to complete as we do not want to place a large burden of time upon those who which to participate in a test.

Second, by generating reports that can be viewed with different calculation options so that the astrologer can see which option they find more accurate. This second part will only be implemented after we have performed several tests via the first step.

ISJyotish is currently in its first phase and we welcome you to visit our site, www.isjyotish.com to participate in a test or to read the results of completed tests. The first tests which are underway at this time are very simple tests, considering only one astrological detail at a time. As astrologers, we all know that in the horoscope there are always many influencing factors, but we still thought it was important to begin with these simple tests. As tests progress they will be more complex and take into account many astrological factors simultaneously. Eventually we hope to build an artificial intelligence unit capable of actually making concrete and not only psychological statements from a horoscope. At that point we will begin the second phase of generating reports that astrologers can view with different calculations options, such as different ayanamsas, so that they can see which option yields better results.

To do these things we need everyone's help to participate in the tests so that we can generate the necessary data and test the necessary techniques and calculations. Tests are short and fast and we do not keep any personal information that may be linked back to you.







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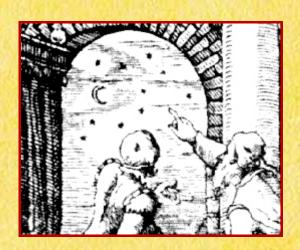
where he works as a journalist and writer. He worked for twenty years with the most popular daily of his town, Il Mattino. He worked for five years at the CNR (National Research Council). He has been dealing with astrology since 1970. He has published over 50 books, most of them bestsellers in Italy as well as abroad. In 1990 he founded the quarterly Ricerca '90, which has been publishing since then. He has been doing statistical researches from the very beginning of his interest in astrology. At the beginning of the 90s, he obtained very brilliant results with researches on astral heredity on a sample of over 75,000 subjects. He has held seminars, courses and lectures in different universities in Italy and abroad, and in several culture clubs. He is deeply interested in informatics. Astrologically speaking, he followed the school of André Barbault. He founded the school of Active Astrologu.

# Active Astrology - 2

Where Should We Domificate The Solar Return?

By

Ciro Discepolo, Italy



What is the place for where the Solar Return is cast? The place of birth or the place where the native actually is on the very moment of the Solar Return?

I find that this question is strongly idle and rhetorical; but since somebody raised the issue, I'll try to give a well-structured answer, supported by astrological evidences. Since Astrology exists, it has always put in connection a time and a place in which something was born. There's a very old saying: every rising thing may be born under a good or a bad star. The horoscope, i.e. the map of the natal sky, is the snapshot of the sky as it is on the moment of the birth - a photo taken in the place where the happy event is taking place.

Somebody might object that the snapshot should be taken in the place of conception;



but it would be mistaken, because the astrology that all of us practice is the astrology built up on the relationship birth/sky. Still, anybody could start learning today a new astrology, an astrology that grasps the terrestrial and celestial links of the moment of conception, supposing that the moment of conception can be determined precisely.

So let us stick to the ultra-millenary astrology that we have been using for all our life. This astrology theorizes that the celestial *imprinting* that we receive on the moment of our birth fixes our person like a picture on a photograph plate, whose crystals of silver would be "responsible of", or the would be "in connection with", all our life.

Those who do not believe in this, do not believe in astrology. Now, we know that there are many cycles working in astrology. Great masters have used and are still using them; such as André Barbault (who applies them especially in *World Astrology*), Reinhold Ebertin, John Addey and many others. Your birthday is the start of a new cycle of life that is going to last for one year. There is no reason why this cycle - an extremely important cycle for your life should be domificated for the place where you used to be thirty years ago, but where today you aren't any longer. Some wonder: why should the Sun pass exactly over the Sun of birth? Well, the Sun of birth was in the sky, not on the Earth! And if you wish to recreate the same terrestrial-celestial situation of the birth, you should domificate exactly like at your birthtime, and all the Solar Returns would be the same!

That's why, dear Reader, I tell you that you domificate for the place where you are spending your birthday, and not for your birthplace. In order to induce you to a meditated reflection that confirms this matter of fact, firs of all I have told you my personal opinion; secondarily I'll let you know what great astrologers think about that; and thirdly, I'll show you some practical cases, quite striking ones. Eventually, those who still doubt are invited to read the example of Mata Hari, that I've written in the book I transiti, published by Armenia Editore. It is an exceptionally clear example that cannot leave the least doubt in the Readers' mind. I accept any challenge. If anybody shows me the contrary of what I write there, I'll change my mind on the Solar Returns.

Nonetheless in this case somebody else should be able to explain to me how come all the Aimed Solar Returns that I have studied and practiced over thousands of people have always worked.

What the great astrologers think on this subject:

Tommaso Palamidessi, in his book Astrologia Mondiale does not express clearly, but when he puts two Solar Returns as an example, he uses that of Benito Mussolini and that of Aldo Moro - both domificated for the place where they spent their respective birthday.

H. J. Gouchon, a great astrologer of the last century, in his Dictionnaire Astrologique, ed. Dervy-Livres, at page 535 writes so: "... It mums be noticed yet (for the beginners) that the position of the planets always remains the same in any part of the world where the native may be; only domification may change. Often certain people move on the day of their birthday in order to attain a better position of the Houses."

André Barbault, in his Practical treatise of astrology, ed. Morin, 1967, gives his opinion: "What is a Solar Return? It is simply the classical astral chart, cast for a certain year and for the

place in which the native is on the day of his/her astronomical birthday, that is today, on the moment of the return of the Sun on its natal position.".

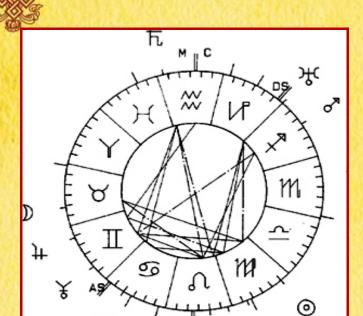
Still Barbault in his book L'astrologia e la previsione dell'avvenire, Armenia editore: Tradition is not formal concerning the place for where the chart itself must be cast: the place of birth or the place of the anniversary. Modern astrologers have unanimously adopted the latter version."

And above all Alexandre Volguine, the "father" of the Solar Returns, in his book La Technique des Révolutions Solaires, Dervy-Livres, new edition of June 1972, page 22: "Before starting the exposition of the technique of interpretation of Solar Returns, the subject of the following chapter, we must call the astrologers' attention to the necessity of casting the yearly charts not for the place of birth, but for the place in which the subject is at the moment of his/her anniversary.

Let us examine now some practical cases that prove - to those who don't stick to their mala fide - that the SR must be cast for the place of the birthday and not for the place of the birth.

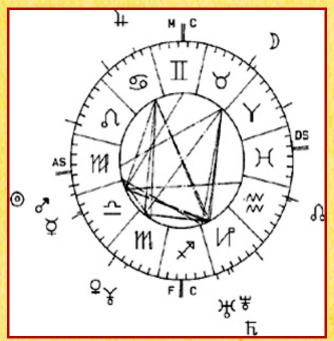
Case # 1. The case of Greta Garbo. The great Swedish actress spent the last times of her life retired in a flat in New York, where she died on the 15th of April 1990. You can see her birth chart further on.

You can also see the two Solar Returns: one cast for her place of birth, the other one cast for the place where Greta Garbo spent her last birthday (1989, New York). As you can see, the SR of Stockholm, taken for the year in which the over-eighty years old diva died, has got a nasty conjunction in the first House of the Return, but it also shows an Ascendant lying in the 5th House radix - nothing to do with a death! I would like to remind my Readers what they can find in several other parts of this book: the position of the Ascendant of SR compared with the natal Houses is by far the most important piece of information that you can receive; you might as well stop here, and use it to write the nine-column head on the first page of the "newspaper" of that year of the native. On the contrary, the SR of Greta Garbo for the year 1989, cast for New York, shows an Ascendant in the 12th House, which points to another important way of my reading the Solar returns: the Ascendant of SR lying in the twelfth house of the natal chart is the worst thing that may happen to a native.

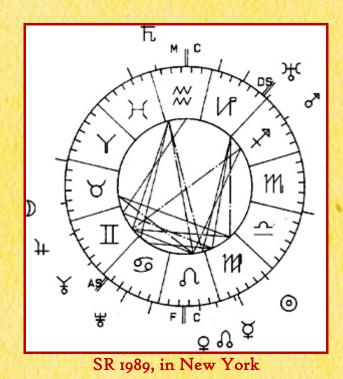


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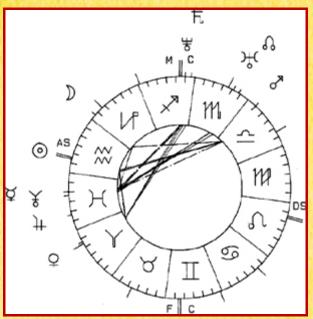
SR 1989, in Stockholm



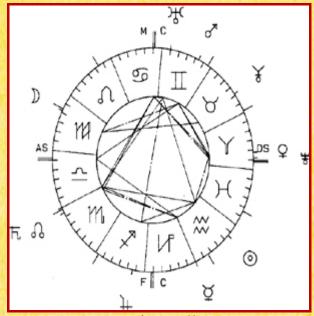
Case # 2. Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, was born in Hodgenville (longitude 5.43W, latitude 37.33N). He was killed on the 14th of April, 1865. We can take it almost for granted that he had spent the day of his birthday on the White House, in Washington, considering that by those times people travelled very little, and for little distances. You can see his birth map and the two returns of 1865 further on (he was born on the 12th of February 1809 at 6:54 am). The SR cast for his birthplace gives an Ascendant in

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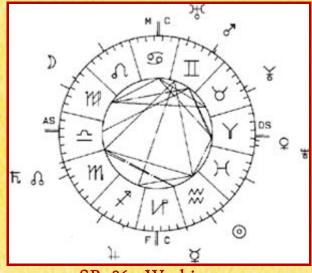
the 7th House, while the SR cast for Washington gives an Ascendant of SR in the natal 8th House (with a Venus conjunct to the Descendant there cannot be any 7th House of "mortal act of terrorism"). I believe that any other comment is useless.



Natal Chart



SR 1865, Hodgenville



SR 1865, Washington







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council (another one is foreseen for July

2009).

Mariagrazia Pelaia (Milano, 1964): Poet,

# The Astrological Language Of The Goddess By Mariagrazia Pelaia, Italy

The Lithuanian archeologist Marija Gimbutas devoted her life to the study of Neolithic Europe, deciphering its culture on the basis of archeological findings and, above all, the recurrent symbolic patterns generating its abundant iconography (in caves, burial places and megalithic cult and living sites; and especially small sculptures, vases and objects of daily use).

Marija Gimbutas researched her major work, The Language of the Goddess (1989), between 1975 and 1985, surprisingly the same period proclaimed by the United Nations as the "Women's Decade." At the beginning of her work, most of the slow-moving planets were concentrated in feminine signs (Pluto in Libra, Neptune in Sagittarius, Saturn in Cancer and Jupiter in Pisces; only Uranus was in a masculine sign, Scorpio). In 1981 Uranus entered Sagittarius, making the slowest triad all feminine. In the same year, Jupiter and Saturn were both in Libra, affirming that the astral year was indeed "in the pink." When in 1983-84 Pluto entered Scorpio and Neptune entered Capricorn (both masculine signs), Gimbutas had already finished her work.

The decade 1975-85 was a golden age for the study and progress of the feminine world, from the political to the familial. In every environment, women not only struggled for

the acknowledgment of important rights (work, health, etc.), but reached their goals (in Italy, for example, divorce and abortion became legal, thanks to a referendum vote).

While the planetary level of the feminine universe began to pulse with initiative, this woman analyzed the remains of a culture prevalent in Europe between 7000 and 3500 B.C., thus initially conceived during the Age of Cancer. The main cult that emerges from the lively decorated stones centered around an aquatic Bird-Goddess, or a Snake-Goddess, a water and moon being, mistress of change, art, animals and life-death-rebirth cycles.

In 1989, the year *The Language of the Goddess* was published, a powerful alliance of three planets in Capricorn (Neptune, Uranus and Saturn) greeted the publication of a work that suggests to an astrologer following Lisa Morpurgo's method that her logic theories work [Lisa Morpurgo is a great Italian reformer of astrology, who deciphered the code inscribed in the zodiac, according to logical procedures and not accepting symbol interpretations just because "ipse dixit", by "ipse" meaning Tradition]. For example the dialectic law, implying that a concentration of planets in a sign can result in its switch to the opposite pole, in this case to the sign of Cancer (the opposite of Capricorn). Here the Moon permits Saturn to take back Athena's matriarchal clothes after her dutiful service as a lost star in a still very "authoritarian" patriarchal system.

Basing her work on both archeological and mythological research, Gimbutas brought to light a pre-patriarchal and pre-Indo-European culture in Neolithic Europe. Her detailed analysis of the drawing patterns on a great number of handmade objects highlights a culture organized around a cult of a Mother Goddess who is the Creatrix: the Universe is her body and all living things within her participate in her divinity. Most interesting from an astrological point of view is that recurrent symbols and patterns show surprising similarities to the zodiac symbols connected with feminine planets, especially those of the zodiac reformed by Morpurgo.

It is feasible that, during the Age of Moon, the memory (a lunar function par excellence) of a feminine alternative became all the more urgent, to the point that it turned a fascinating possibility into a documented historical reality (although without a written record).

The Great Goddess described by Gimbutas is often pictured as a Bird Goddess, whose accompanying symbols are the letter "V" and the chevron (double V). Every woman astrologer (I generalize here, using the female gender with playful license) immediately notices a correspondence rich in suggestion: between letter "V," a simplified shape for the vulva and the pubic triangle (also for the beak of a bird, faithful companion of the Neolithic Goddess), and the planet associated with the female genitals, Venus.

(Is it by chance that in the Italian language the initial letter of Venus, vulva and vagina - that is, Venere, vulva, vagina - remains a "V" today? I also mention the possibility that the term "Italia" derives from 'osco', an old Italic language, (V)Italia, that is, "land rich in calves": let's remember that one of Venus' homes is the sign of Taurus).

Another symbolic correspondence to the "dolce pianeto che d'amar conforta" (Dante's term for Venus in the Divine Comedy: "the sweet planet who encourages loving") is to art works, and to the Neolithic Goddess featured in many drawing patterns as "Dispenser of the Arts"

Spinning, weaving, metallurgy, flint carving, musical instruments). In her Taurus home, Venus is associated with love for animals and nature, and the Neolithic Goddess shows also an iconographic connection that justifies her nicknames: "Mistress of Wild Animals" and "Mistress of Mountains." In this capacity she expresses the idea of the bio-geological unity of Nature (Nature = Moon, according to Morpurgo's astrological school). In her Cancer home, Venus indeed allies with Moon (exalted in this sign): the Lady of Tides presides over everything aquatic, with cyclical and spiral symbols appearing as the most typical for the Goddess, connected to birth and fertility, with death not considered as The End, but as a passage to the next cycle, and the same is true for her astrological counterpart, that is The Moon.

To the Moon we can also relate the mysterious pattern of the triple line and the power of three, an idea probably deriving from the triangle, that is, as a stylized pattern of the pubis, identified as the center of creative power of the Goddess. Triplicity is, furthermore, a typical representation of moon phases: waxing, full and waning. Also well known are the divine triads, favored epiphanies of Goddesses in the mythologies of the entire world, especially the Greek. Robert Graves defines the participants of this female trinity as Maiden, Woman and Crone, each presiding over a phase of life, birth-fertility-death, a cycle destined to be continuously repeated, evoking the idea of a perpetual regeneration. In Woman, Natalie Angier reports that the uterus is composed of three different types of tissue (myometrium, serosa and endometrium), after which she states the following: "Our body likes the number three, and thus the endometrium is also composed of a three-layered mucous membrane." In addition to its familiar roles, this female organ of "triple structure" is given a new function by Margie Profet (evolutionary biologist, winner of the renowned Macarthur Fellowship, an independent scientist with a radical political commitment). She asks why women menstruate, why they bleed, and why they have developed this endometrial cycle of death and regeneration. According to her, menstruation is a defense against pathogens that might introduce themselves into the woman's body along with sperm: "Our endometrium must die, to let us live".

A possible point of connection between scientific knowledge (in this case, biological) and the social sciences (here, mythology) is astrology: the Moon is indeed mistress of a cyclic system, that is, a peculiar vision of time in which past, present and future are contemporary. In other words, the cycle life-death-life (recurrently described in Clarissa Pinkola Estes' Women Who Run With Wolves, a milestone in the recovery of feminine creative symbols) is waiting for the forthcoming discovery of the hypothetical planet representing it: X-Proserpine.

Before going on, a digression. The association often made by traditional astrologers between astrology and Uranus (in natural opposition to the Moon) is, in my opinion, the result of a real misunderstanding. Uranus, concentrated in the present and on the immediate and practical action, has nothing to do with the wise science of cycles nor with synchronic correspondences among celestial signs and earthly happenings. Certainly, the well-known phenomenon of zodiacal dialectic (for example, the law that compels the "exploitation" of an opposing symbolic sector; for example, Publishing Industry/Capricorn, which lives out of Literature/Cancer) is responsible for the Uranusian acquisition of lunar knowledge for commercial purposes (astrologers, or aspiring astrologers, often operate for purely pragmatic goals, obsess on new techniques, and have been first in line in the use of the computer to get

faster working results and greater profit). Astrology is indeed governed by the Moon, apparently whimsical and showing resistance, one time allowing you marvelous results and the next upsetting you completely. In my opinion, Moon is a brilliant self-defense from Uranus's desire of gains (implying the blind specialization of Virgo, a sign in which Uranus is exalted). The coexistence of past-present-future expressed in Moon symbols reminds us of a holistic mentality, very far from the current prevailing scientific mentality of our shining solar system, so easily projected on the arrow-ray of linear time.

Let's go back to planet X-Proserpine for the most astonishing discovery in the iconographic connection to the Neolithic Goddess that an astrologer following Morpurgo's theories could make: A bull's mantle decorated with a multitude of "x" shapes, featured on a Cyprian vase (XIII-XII B.C.) (Fig. 419, p. 271 in *The Language of the Goddess*, paperback, Harper-Collins, 1991). Gimbutas considers "x" to be a connection of two "v" shapes (one upright, one inverted), thus stressing the symbols of feminine creative power connected to X as a planet. In astrological language, this is a stressing of Venus' symbols - in Morpurgo's astrological slang, Proserpine, whose glyph as the first undiscovered transplutonian planet is indeed an "X." In this very old iconographic connection to a distant Neolithic cult we find a symbol chosen by Morpurgo "by chance" to identify the planet Proserpine, whose primary domicile is in the astrological sign of Taurus, the same sign opening the matriarchal zodiac of her system B. The symbols associated with Proserpine, as a natural opponent of Pluto, are those of the uterus and feminine creative principle (which is why this planet has remained hidden,

apparently not working, even today, like the feminine half of human kind symbolically associated with her). I can imagine that her discovery will be accompanied by a feminine creative explosion on a planetary scale. We could say that this is partly happening; for example, in the strong spiritual and artistic movement connected to the Reawakening of the Goddess, particularly alive in the U.S., which promotes a reconstruction of the artistic universe, reviled by destructive and de-constructive actions of XX century artistic movements refer here to Riane Eisler's work, Sacred Pleasure). Let's hope that news regarding the discovery of a transplutonian planet, heard of but

still unproven, will turn out to be the anticipatory signs of her real sighting.

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Another depiction possibly explaining the choice of a bull (in zodiac terms, Taurus), and originally probably of a cow, as symbol of regeneration associated with the uterus, is the skull, which is surprisingly similar to the anatomy of the female reproductive organ (Fig. 411, p. 265 in The Language of the Goddess, paperback, Harper-Collins, 1991). Astrologically, one of the attributions Morpurgo has made for Proserpine, based on a corresponding function for opposing Pluto (associated with the testicles and male generative power), is with the uterus and the ovaries - that is, female generative power. Therefore, either the Neolithic cultures had an archetypal sensitivity similar to that of Lisa Morpurgo's new astrological vision, or they owned in its fullness a zodiac system recovered by the Italian astrologer with the energy and will of her untamable and obstinate logic.

My hypothesis is that the astrological knowledge rooted in the Neolithic Age is linked to its figurative obsession with the spiral, a symbol of becoming, transformation, and the cyclic, and often connected to the snake (a symbol of wisdom). The same spiral pattern lies beneath

the symbols of the zodiac code deciphered by Lisa Morpurgo, DNA structure, the shape of the galaxy, and the mandala patterns of sub consciousness. In my opinion, astrology is the feminine knowledge tout court (disguised in the vulgar feature of divinatory art, this science attracts mostly women, as either consultants or researchers), which has miraculously survived censorship and denigration throughout a patriarchal age lasting a few thousand years. This tenacity might explain the inexplicable rage of the more conservative parts of the scientific-patriarchal establishment directed at it (not by chance, the feminine art/science of astrology was kicked out of the European universities during Mars' age, the XVI-XVIII centuries).

As I intend to explore in a separate paper, there is a strong resonance between zodiac symbols and the lunar cult of the White Goddess, as reconstructed by Robert Graves in his 1958 book *The White Goddess*, and seen, as with x-ray vision, in the myths and literatures of ancient Celtic and Mediterranean civilizations.

Gimbutas writes, "We are familiar with animal processions as symbols of cyclic time through the omnipresence of the astrological zodiac. The zodiac as we know it is very ancient, but the tradition of animal whirls and processions which stimulate the motions of time is older still."

She continues, "Animals portrayed as marching in a row of five or more, or whirling around a center, are known from Old European vase paintings, Minoan engravings on seals, and bas-reliefs in Maltese temples... Female animals appear next to male... The doubling of sexes probably doubles their force." This doubling brings to mind the complex zodiac system designating our solar system; it implies two systems (logically connected by analogy and dialectic), A and B, one patriarchal and the other matriarchal, each formed by superimposing one over the other, a mutual insemination of one male and one female zodiac.

The Neolithic ancestor of the Zodiac (from Greek, Zodion, probably "animal track"), and the sexually differentiated representation of animal couples that forms its base, are vivid images by which to translate the superimposed male and female Zodiacs as reconstructed by Morpurgo. This distant Neolithic reminder provokes a fascinating hypothesis: the Zodiac we inherited is the damaged wreck of a once perfect and fully functional device, or at least of a whole body of knowledge that has been lost, leaving here and there puzzling traces, left possibly by persecuted initiates.

"In vase painting, animals may belong to a whirl which is part of a larger whirling design," writes Marija Gimbutas in Language of the Goddess. She later details, "This frieze is the inner circle of a large four-corner composition with smaller circles placed at each of the cardinal points." In this Neolithic mandala we find a charming connection among the zoological-zodiacal reminders and the quaternary pattern of the planetary systems.

Recurrent and obsessive patterns of Neolithic art are opposing spirals (featuring moon crescents and snake heads) and vortexes organized within quadrangular frames. According to Gimbutas, spirals are "intended to stimulate the process of becoming," and "whirling signs seem to ensure a smooth transition from one phase to the next." To what else do the vortexes of the exaltation process allude, if not to the starting up of a vital process including a whole planetary system?

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You can say that in the Neolithic age they celebrated the laevo-gyrous and dextro-gyrous motions according to which life is organized in the universe, elegantly featured in the deciphered zodiac graphics where uroborical circularity lays implicit and invisible, as the dumb score of a forgotten symphony.

Many drawings and objects found to derive from the Neolithic age are very similar to the quadripartite planetary pattern of Morpurgo's zodiac system. A dish decorated by a double laevo-gyrous and dextro-gyrous vortex is visually reminiscent of the vortex of the exaltation system, only differing in that Morpurgo initially proposed a matriarchal dextro-gyrous system (B system), but this proved untrue, and also B system appears to be a laevo-gyrous system, similarly to ours. This dish could suggest other areas to be investigated in this regard. (An idea: a quadripartite dextro-gyrous system opposed to the laevo-gyrous system that is ours. Award-winning theoretical physicist Edward Witten has recently proposed an eleven-dimensioned universe). Other Neolithic images include quadripartite drawings featuring an inner circle surrounded by four smaller circles containing symbols. One of them is the double seed - two detached and opposed hemispheres, very similar to a Zodiac split into two dialectic halves. Considering these Neolithic images in connection with Morpurgo's "zodiacal fiction" is rewarding: the discovery of a logic thread hung between Cancer Age and the Moon Age (the last one in zodiacal timing) could be the sign of a rebirth and a renewal for selenic, or Moon-related, astrological science.

By the way, the word science reminds me that I kept for last an analysis of the astrological symbols of Saturn, which also left visible traces in the ornamental inventory and the sacred and funeral customs of the Neolithic civilization that was settled in Old Europe before the arrival of Indo-Europeans. I left it for last because in our traditional patriarchal zodiac Saturn is considered a male planet, even though it is exalted in the sign of the feminine alternative par excellence, Libra. I will here take into consideration Saturn as a planetary alternative to Sun, thus becoming Athena, leading star of the B feminine system.

With Saturn we leave the sexually characterized symbology of Proserpine and Pluto, and find an anatomic association with bones and teeth, the more durable and strongest components of our bodies. Similarly, the Sun does not symbolize any part of the male genital apparatus, being nevertheless its psychological quintessence, equivalent in properties to our cardiac muscle. Statuettes known as "Stiff Nudes," included in funerary inventories, were carved in bone. And bones feature in the Goddess symbols recorded by Gimbutas, who defines her as "Killer-Regeneratrix," characterized by a "close link between the grave type, Old Hag, dry bones, and the death of nature in winter." Entries to tombs were usually aligned to the lunar station at Winter Solstice. Nevertheless, these symbols are always connected to rebirth symbols. The mythical "la Loba" of a Mexican tale wonderfully depicted by Pinkola Estes (Women Who Run With Wolves), comes to mind. She dredges a river looking for bones, especially wolf bones; after completing a skeleton she blows on it and brings it back to life. The burning skull of Vassilissa, depositary of Slavic wisdom and insight, a treasury guarded by the terrible Baba Yaga, also comes to mind.

Saturnine bones in both Neolithic archeo-mythology and human folklore are hence true companions of the Goddess; in their archetypal representation we can recognize the transformation of Saturn into "Saturnia" of zodiac B systems.

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Another saturnine symbol recurring in the Neolithic culture of old Europe is stone: standing stones, circles of stones, fertility stones, menhirs, and so on. Particularly, circles of stones, or henges, in the Anglo-Scottish and Celtic cultural areas, as well as Norse areas, are always connected to water, either because they include a spring in the center or because they are in some way connected to water sources. The saturnine symbol of stone is associated with the most feminine element, water, traditionally governed by Moon, cosmic alchemist of all liquid things. It looks as if Saturn (ia) left a trace of her true nature in the pre-patriarchal culture.

If we consider that the Great Neolithic Goddess is always the same in her various incarnations as Bird Goddess, Snake Goddess, Dispenser of Life and Death, Killer-Regeneratrix, etc., we notice that these are all characters assigned to the Greek Athena, goddess of wisdom accompanied by an owl and a snake. The symbology of snake is multifaceted - vital power, fertility symbol, epitome of the celebration of the life cult on Earth. As Gimbutas states, "The Goddess in all her manifestations was a symbol of the unity of all life in Nature. Her power was in water and stone... Hence the holistic and mythopoetic perception of the sacredness and mystery of all there is on Earth."

Further, "This culture [that is, the Neolithic] took keen delight in the natural wonders of this world. Its people did not produce lethal weapons or build forts... This was a long-lasting period of remarkable creativity and stability, an age free of strife. Their culture was a culture of art."

In this old historical record we find the anticipation of the Libra alternative, with her peace and love totems opposed to the prevailing zodiac culture of Aries, based on war and hate, which has haunted this last section of the long history of our planet. But this is already a matter for another essay, where I will explore this dialectic through the lenses of a brilliant American sociologist, Riane Eisler, whose new theories of "societies of dominance" opposed to "societies of partnership" are very similar to the zodiacal dialectic formed by the sign of Aries opposed to the sign of Libra.

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