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As we close in on the last quarter of 2020, I imagine many of us are ready to see the end of this intense and challenging year. I feel grateful for the grounding and support of the astrological community. Our ability to make sense of life unfolding, to see the higher meaning of the cycles of life, and to support each other through the process is invaluable.

We finish off 2020 with some great Free Talks and on December 20th we will have an OPA Live panel on “2021: The Year Ahead.” Be sure to check the updated schedule of FREE PRESENTATIONS FOR MEMBERS on the last page of the magazine (or on OPA’s website).

Many of you have already enjoyed our wonderful SATELLITE PROGRAMS with regional speakers presenting pertinent astrology in local languages. Our webinars in Spanish and Norwegian were a great success, and so was the South Africa offering in English. Next coming up: U.K. on October 24 (English), and Israel on November 17 (Hebrew).

The 2021 VIRTUAL OPA CONFERENCE

It’s exciting to be in planning stages for our next 2021 Virtual Conference, “Astrology & The Great Awakening,” to be held from April 22-27, 2021. Although our Zion retreat conference morphed online out of necessity this past April, many of us appreciated the value and joy of virtual conference. More of us are able to attend in this format, and through skillful use of Zoom, we can still feel strongly connected to each other. We received overwhelming positive reviews of the Zion immersion tracks and lectures, and absolutely no complaints about the food, the A/C levels, or the hardness of the beds!

Part II of the Conference will begin the week of June 12th and will include Consulting Skills, Peer Groups, Astronomy for Astrologers and a newly designed program, Writing Workshop for Astrologers. We are hopeful that by spreading the Parts I and II out a bit we add to the feeling of spaciousness that a virtual conference can have — a few hours a day from your own home, sipping tea in your cozy clothes.

As the world as we’ve known it implodes, astrology is drawing a multitude of new seekers. We have a role to play to support individuals to find their path through the complexity of one paradigm ending as a new one begins, and we must do it both skillfully and consciously.

OPA’s mission to enhance the professionalism of astrology lands exactly where we need to be, lighting the way through the stars.

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Welcome to our September 2020 Equinox Issue

by William Sebrans

“…From the moment of my birth
To the instant of my death
There are patterns I must follow
Just as I must breathe each breath.”
…Like the color of my skin
Or the day that I grow old
My life is made of patterns
That can scarcely be controlled”
“Patterns” by Paul Simon

I was barely 13 when these alluring lyrics streamed through the airwaves and ambushed my philosophically virgin ears. A paradoxical blend of 1960s angst, laced with fledgling hints of liberation—they marked a baptism in the astrological lore: the nature of cosmically-ordained patterns...and who am I, who are we – as defined by, and distinct from them?

In college, the freewill vs. determinism debate caught my rebellious fancy, and I determined that no one had a legitimate answer to it, at least here at ground level of Earth Station. Until someone could simply explain Infinity and Eternity, seeking the definitive answer to the freewill question struck me as vain and absurd.

It seemed to me, then and now, that we are relatively free, or not, in relation to the awareness of where we are unconsciously fettered and unfree.

In current time, I note that as we who play at the Round Art—dance to the tunes of what was, what is, and what will be in predictive work — we are ongoingly amazed, validated, stumped, vilified, and humbled as to how all these cosmic algorithms work together to render unto us some condition-al truth of what will be.

The Cosmos is as mischievous as it is miraculous and hands to no mortal flawless chops in the prediction game.

Could there be forces at play that transcend our math, pattern recognition, and rational analysis?

In Chapter 16 of Autobiography of a Yogi, no less a spiritual authority and master astrologer than Sri Yukteswar, Guru to Yogananda, addressed these interwoven questions:

“A child is born on that day and at that hour when the celestial rays are in mathematical harmony with his individual karma. His horoscope is a challenging portrait, revealing his unalterable past and its probable future results. But the natal chart can be rightly interpreted only by men of intuitive wisdom: these are few.

What he has done, he can undo....
He can overcome any limitation, because he created it by his own actions in the first place, and because he has spiritual resources which are not subject to planetary pressure.”

Could it also be true that, not only individuals, but society and nations have a soul that can access spiritual resources not subject to planetary pressure... all the while we astrologers strive to predict our collective fate?

The focus of this issue is on exploring the range of astrological Predictive Techniques, as applied to the proposed U.S Election on Nov 3, 2020.

And not to confuse the terms, we’ll also explore Electoral Astrology techniques: choosing the right moment for a specific event with an article written by Omari Martin.

For predictive techniques, we are pleased to present an excellent chorus of diverse voices and approaches, including

OPA LIVE panel: Oner Doser, Deborah Houlding, Maurice Fernandez, Kenneth Miller, and also writers Nathan Theo Naicker, Zeynep Yalcin, and Ronald Tiggle

Whatever our rational minds may conjure from ardently mapping the wily vectors of Creation’s Intent -- our most reasonable conclusion may well be that any one of us will be right some of the time, and not at others.

Thus, given the limitations of perception in only three or four dimensions, our varied deliberations here in the Transit Lounge invite a tonifying dose of humility, mixed with a generous heaping of curiosity...both of which we offer you in this Equinox issue of the Career Astrologer.
SEPT 22: Libra Equinox

The Sun moves into Libra at the equinox every year. This year is no different, except to say that this year 2020, is a very different year. Does this Air sign have what it takes to balance the extreme energies that are manifesting at this time? As the Sun moves through Libra it will come into so many aspects that are challenging to say the least. Opposing Chiron first, then Mars and then squaring the Capricorn crowd.

Libra loves looking good and avoiding looking bad.

The Sun’s ruler Venus will give us more of a clue…she starts this journey in Leo and ends it in Virgo during this season. This season begins with Venus in Leo at the apex of a Yod (finger of god) involving Jupiter in Capricorn sextile Neptune in Pisces. Perhaps the responsibilities (Jup in Capricorn) and deceptions (Neptune in Pisces) may affect financial matters (Venus) or relationships. We can expect to see people’s survival instincts being triggered as Venus is concerned with worth and money.

By the end of the Sun’s passage through Libra, ruler Venus will be in Virgo then opposing Neptune, trying to reconcile chaos with reason and understanding. Focus will be back on health and wellbeing.

The question of this transit remains: How do we balance all that is going on? How do we weigh up, hold or juggle our health and wellbeing, our financial security, our feeling of loss and grief? Our lives have changed irrevocably since the Aries equinox. This massive time of transformation is birthing itself and we are being asked by Libra to integrate these energies with grace.


Have we developed confidence and skills to get what we want in our lives? Whilst both Mars and Saturn are retrograde, do we now understand the meaning of the word NO? How happily have we been obeying
and following the rules? Have we all taken responsibility for our ways of being? Our boundaries? Mars in Aries can be resistant to reason and logic when emotionally charged and taking a defensive stance. He can be very assertive and feel justified. We do know Mars doesn’t like being told what to do or follow the rules.

As Saturn slowly turns to move forward our thwarted expectation can turn to aggression. Some of us may be at war with ourselves following an ongoing sense of frustration from the situation we are in. It may not be possible to resolve at this point. Only time will tell if we have the capacity to resolve this lesson. Saturn is the master of time. We have so much to learn when these two planets are in aspect to each other. How do we get what we want when we are being stopped by things that are beyond our control? Mars also making a trine to Venus in Leo and the South Node in Sagittarius, tells us it’s time to look at the past and see what choices we made and what we can now do differently.

**OCT 16: NEW MOON – 23 Libra, Opposing Mars Retro, square Pluto in Cap.**

We are all feeling a bit impatient and frustrated with this New Moon energy. How can graceful Libra negotiate with fiery Mars? How can justice be served with Pluto emerging from the underworld? How can we use the trine to the North Node while its ruler Mercury is retrograde in Scorpio?

This is a tricky beginning to this month’s energy, requiring allies with spin skills. Venus in Virgo might just be the answer to some magical communication as she begins to trine Jupiter and opposes Neptune. As we feel ideologically challenged in our lives and personal relationships, **Venus in Virgo** reminds us to keep doing the work; tidy things up and stay strategic and organized.

**OCT 19:** Mercury retro conjunct Juno, opposing Uranus, square Hygeia (9 fixed signs).

**Juno and Mercury in Scorpio are holding hands.** Our thoughts and actions are intense as Mercury, in his retrograde phase now turns to face Juno and talk about what’s really going on behind the scenes. Juno represents matrimony, money and monogamy; in Scorpio she is determined to keep what is hers and defend it. All of us are feeling this as our collective thoughts turn back and remember the death, grief and the immense losses of the past months. The cost of everything financially, mentally, emotionally and spiritually of all our previous choices will now be front of mind.

**Hygeia the goddess of health** and wellbeing is in Leo and square to both Juno and Mercury while opposing Uranus in Taurus. Fixed opinions hold their ground.

There could now be drama and action about a cure or cause of the Corona Virus (crown). Is it a pill or a vaccine? or is it a micro-chip to further change life as we knew it?

Uranus is all about invention and innovation while it transits Taurus which concerns the body and all things natural, perhaps all sorts of possibilities are suddenly about to be revealed?
We will have to re-think them and re-assess everything that is being presented as Mercury in Scorpio retrograde will make sure to do the in-depth research and investigation.

**NOV 13/14: MARS turns Direct 15 Aries – New Moon @ 23 Scorpio.**

The **New Moon in Scorpio** is an intense new beginning.

Scorpio’s modern ruler Pluto is making a sextile to both personal lights. The traditional ruler of Scorpio, Mars, is turning direct on his very long journey through his natural placement of fiery Aries.

The flames are being ignited in a powerful burst of energy; like the volcano about to erupt and change the world forever. Mars can move mountains on his way forward. Many things are being uncovered and coming to the surface. The light is now showing what was hidden in the dark.

This is a year like no other in living memory. The frustrations and volatility we have all felt are about to be given an outlet. Let’s hope the lessons we have learnt will remind us to choose wisely when we finally go for what we want.

**DEC 14: SOLAR ECLIPSE @ 23 Sagittarius (semi Sextile Pluto @ 23 Cap).**

This eclipse in Sagittarius is asking us to point our arrow directly into the future. Skill, strategy and action are all necessary to move forward into this new and very different world we are now living in.

This is a time of great change and everything is moving very fast. Our job is to stay focused on the possibilities that are visible on the horizon. With **Saturn at final degree of Capricorn** for the last time we will be wanting desperately to get some sense of control back in our lives. Rising to the challenge and lighting our future flame is most important. Mercury at 20 degrees Sagittarius is tucked between the South Node and the Sun and Moon as they trine Mars at 20 degree Aries. This is our opportunity to speak out, tell our story and share our truth.

**SONNET 15:**

*When I consider everything that grows*

When I consider everything that grows
Holds in perfection but a little moment,
That this huge stage presenteth nought but shows
Whereon the stars in secret influence comment;
When I perceive that men as plants increase,
Cheered and check’d even by the selfsame sky,
Vaunt in their youthful sap, at height decrease,
And wear their brave state out of memory;
Then the conceit of this inconstant stay
Sets you most rich in youth before my sight,
Where wasteful Time debateth with Decay
To change your day of youth to sullied night;
And all in war with Time for love of you,
As he takes from you, I engraft you new.

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We asked some of the leading astrologers in their field to analyze the complex astrological matrix for the heated upcoming 2020 US Election. This collaborative exercise is conducted with a maturity that embraces both a deep understanding of our craft, as well as our limitations. Our OPA LIVE panel members were asked to focus more exclusively on one or two methods of choice, and to derive their conclusion from the result of that technique only.

There are otherwise many factors and charts to compute in order to gain a greater perspective on a mundane process. Then consider that even if we were to combine ten techniques and dozens of charts, at some point it would be ultimately up to the astrologer’s own personal call to determine the nature of the outcome. Furthermore, there exists the possibility that unexpected circumstances could challenge the analysis, such as whether Mercury going Direct on Election Day, for example, might generate logistical problems by delaying the counting (to a day, or more,) in ways that would alter the reading.

So, with an effort to analyze results accurately and remain neutral in the analysis, this remains a speculative decision. We speak of greater odds rather than absolute results.

Some astrologers will proudly compile their list of accurate predictions, and fairly so; yet, more often than not, they will not speak about the several occasions where they missed the mark. With humility, we put our masterful skills to practice, while acknowledging that we still continue to learn.

Embodying a generous spirit, we take this opportunity to envision a wholesome future for the United States and for the entire world in which it plays a part.

We look to welcome to the helm servant leaders with enlightened perspectives, those whose governance will be guided by a moral conscience, a sincere devotion to their role, a genuine care for all the diverse layers of society, and who offer practical approaches that can harmonize our legitimate drive for human progress with a sacred care for Nature.

Following a traumatic year of a global pandemic that has deeply impacted the global village on material, psychological, and spiritual levels, we hold the vision for leaders who can galvanize healing and hope by the authentic solutions they bring. Amen and Aho!

We are delighted to be working with such a diverse and skilled panel. OPA Members can read the four articles and listen to the LIVE event that occurred on September 20.

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Predicting Presidential Elections via Profection and Firdaria

by Öner Döşer

The predictive techniques of traditional astrology make a great contribution to astrology, with a high degree of accuracy. Profections and Firdaria are the most important of them.

Profection Technique

Profection, one of the oldest prediction techniques of Traditional Astrology, was initially studied by Manilius in 15 BC. It is an efficient and practical technique that is easy to understand and to apply, and to help us determine a specific date, both in past and future. It is applied to the natal chart without erecting a new one (like Solar Return, Secondary Progression or Solar Arc). You do not need an Ephemeris. The only thing you need to know is the age of the native on a given date. This information helps you make some general interpretations based on the native's age and also on specific life events in certain months or days within the same year. Profections are used for making monthly and daily predictions, not only annual ones. See Profection wheel at right.

Yearly profections: Beginning from the Ascendant as the 1st year of life, go to the next house/sign for every year to understand the native's conditions year to year. The ruler of the house/sign we arrive at for the year will be the Lord of the Year (LOY). After determining the LOY, observe where it is placed in the Solar Return (SR).

Monthly profections: Beginning from house/sign which corresponds to the year you need, (the year you need is the one indicated in Yearly Profection) go the next house/sign for every month to understand the native's conditions month by month until his new year is completed. Planetary placement and the Lord of that house/sign will indicate the native's circumstances. The house and month where the LOY are found, indicates when the promise of the year is fulfilled.

Daily profections: Because there are 12 houses/signs in the natal chart and 30 days in a month, each house equals 2.5 days. Beginning from the house determined, count 1 house/sign for every 2.5 days. It is easier to double it and use 2 houses=5 days.

The profection technique can be used together with other prediction techniques. The easiest technique to work with is the Transits. Additionally, it may also be used with other traditional prediction techniques like Solar Return and Firdaria. Although they look different, these techniques are related to each other and bring parallel results, validating the prediction. It is also a good idea to consider how the transits are aspecting the natal planets, because it indicates how this particular twelve-year cycle differs from any previous or future ones.

Firdaria Technique

Firdaria is a planetary period system presented by the Persian astrologer Abu Mashar. There is no other source for firdarias before him.

The predictive method named Firdaria gives you the ability to see the whole course of the native's life and to write his or her biography without even knowing the individual. In Firdaria periods, the life of a person is segmented by yearly periods that are ruled by a planet. These are called "ruling periods" where the planet corresponding with that period of the person's life will determine the nature of events and orientation.

These ruling periods can also be subdivided into seven shorter "sub-periods". As a result, each firdaria has a longer-term primary lord and a shorter-term secondary lord. The two lords determine the nature and quality of the period, with the themes of the primary lord being emphasized. When the longer term and shorter-term lords are in contact in the nativity, the

Profections are used for making monthly and daily predictions, not only annual ones.
themes of that particular contract are emphasized. The influence of the period is based on the houses where the lords are found and the ones that they rule. For evaluating the characteristics of a Firdaria period, we need to investigate the house positions, dignities, and rulership.

Firdaria periods follow a simple order, with a slight difference in diurnal and nocturnal charts. Then the Chaldean Order is followed, in the order of the planets from slowest to the fastest: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury and Moon.

When we reached the end of this order, we start again with Saturn. In addition to the 7 periods ruled by the seven traditional planets, there are also Nodal periods. Each planet in the figure is associated with a number. These numbers indicate so many years:

**Total of 75 years life span:**
- Saturn 11 years, Jupiter 12 years, Mars 7 years, North Node 3 years, South Node 2 years, Sun 10 years, Venus 8 years, Mercury 13 years and the Moon 9 years.

Each long period is divided into 7 equal periods. The first short period is ruled by the planet which also rules the long period and followed by periods in Chaldean order. In Table 1, above right, you may see the subperiod rulers based on Bonatti’s method.

To begin, we should determine if the horoscope is diurnal or nocturnal depending on whether the Sun in the natal chart is below the horizon (nocturnal chart) or above the horizon (diurnal chart).

In diurnal horoscopes begin the attribution from the Sun. In nocturnal horoscopes begin the attribution from the Moon. In both cases you should always proceed in clockwise direction. The number of the years of the Firdaria is 75 in total. If you live more than 75 years, you simply start from the beginning again.

The first step requires that we identify the main and sub period firdaria periods and rulers to understand their role in the natal chart. These planets will manifest their natal promise during the period they rule. Considering the universal nature of the Firdaria ruler, look at the natal position, and based on its position and strength in the natal chart, determine what it may bring in this period. See if and how the two rulers aspect each other and the aspects they make to the other planets in the natal chart.

**Transits**

Transits are not particularly associated with causality of events in an individual’s life, but rather act as triggers of underlying causes. Transits are generally not used as they are in modern astrology as the sole or primary predictive tool. They are considered as modifiers and the final technique to be used in predictive astrology.1 My master, Robert Zoller, suggests that we use transits to observe their effects on the rulers of specific periods, such as year, month, day ruler of the profected chart or main and sub-rulers of Firdaria.

**Start with the Natal chart**

Before dealing with timing techniques and time lords, we need to analyze the horoscope. Any prediction can only operate within the confines of the natal promise. Traditional predictive techniques help us determine when the promises of the natal chart may be realized. First of all, we must know what each planet and the two Nodes are doing in the natal chart. Prediction is impossible without natal chart analysis. Through delineation techniques, we determine the potential of the native and life events. Once that is covered, we can begin predicting when these potentials events will take place.

**House system and 5 degree-rule**

In the Hellenistic period, Profections were used with Whole Sign houses. We also see this in Bonatti’s work. Later astrologers worked Profections with house cusps such as Alchabitius etc. (e.g., Robert Zoller). I will use Placidus houses in this article since it is the most common house system. I also will use the outer planets Uranus, Neptune, Pluto and Chiron which are used in modern times. If a planet or a Lunar Node is 5 degrees within a house cusp, we consider that it is also influencing the following house. For the luminaries, namely the Sun and the Moon, I widen the orb from 5 to 8 degrees.

**Comparing the Natal charts of US Election candidates: Trump and Biden**

Before looking at the current time’s influences, by comparing the charts of Trump and Biden, we clearly see that Trump’s chart is stronger.
Trump has the fixed star Regulus conjunct Ascendant; the Sun which is the ruler of the Ascendant is with three benefic fixed stars including Bellatrix and in conjunction with North Node; Mars is also angular (very close to ASC) and has a wide conjunction with Regulus; Moon is also angular although afflicted by a South Node conjunction. MC conjunct the fixed stars Capulus and Algol, two malefic fixed stars that may signify falling from the grace, but also gives him passion to show himself to the outer world to gain power.

Three planets are powerfully placed in benefic 11th house, including the ruler of the MC, namely Venus. As the ruler of the Ascendant, the Sun falls in the 10th house in Trump's chart, close to the 11th, in conjunction with benefic North Node, unafflicted, and supported by Jupiter by trine aspect. The Sun placed very powerfully in Trump's chart presents him the opportunity to be on the stage all the time. In Biden's chart, many important planets are placed in the 12th house, including the ruler of the MC, Mercury. Neptune, Saturn and Uranus are angular, but those last two are placed in the house of opponents which is not that benefic for the native himself. In Biden's chart, the ruler of the Ascendant, Jupiter falls in the 8th house, which is considered a malefic house although it is succedent and has mediocre power. Jupiter is exalted in Cancer, but it is in retrograde motion. Jupiter is not afflicted by the malefic planets, supported by Venus by trine which is weakly placed in the 12th, detriment in Scorpio and combust by the Sun. So, support to Jupiter is very weak. The Sun is also weakly placed in the 12th, although its ruler Mars has dignity by rulership on the 12th house cusp.

DONALD TRUMP

Donald Trump turned 74 on June 14, 2020 – This corresponds with a 3rd house Profection, until 14 June 2021. Communication and travel will be important for the native for his 74 years of age. We see Libra on the house cusp, Jupiter is close to the house cusp so can be considered in the 3rd. Benefic Jupiter gives the native (Trump) good luck for this age of his life. Jupiter has honor by triplicity, afflicted by malefic Saturn by square, but it will be a lesser affliction since there is a mutual reception between these two planets by exaltation. Reception mitigates the malice of the square aspect and will help the native to realize Jupiter's benefic nature, (what time specifically-November?) although there will be some problems at the beginning. Help and assistance will come from his children and/or his creativity and financial support from other people since Jupiter rules the 5th and the 8th houses of the chart.

The Lord of the Year indicates the area where the native's life will focus on. The Lord of the Year is Venus as the sign ruler of the 3rd house in Libra, which is also
Lastly, the Lord of the day is Mercury with 2nd house by daily profection. Mercury is in conjunction with Alhena which is a fixed star called the "Proudly Marching One" by the Arabs (Brady). Mercury is unafflicted in the natal chart, powerfully placed in the 11th house and transiting Uranus which is the planet of surprises sextiles Mercury during the Election Day. This position may indicate his victory.

On the other hand, the square from transiting Mercury retrograde to Natal Saturn is problematic which can be intrigued, although not exact on the day of the Election. This may indicate that Democrats may object to the results after the Election, if Trump wins.

We can also start Profection from the 10th house to assess career development. Profected 10th house for 14 June 2020 to 14 June 2021 comes to the 12th house of the Natal chart and makes the Sun the Lord of the Profected 10th house. The Sun placed in the 10th and effective on the 11th house matters as it is very close to the house cusp, conjunct benefic North Node, making a trine with benefic Jupiter, and is unafflicted. These are powerful significators for a traditional astrologer which indicates the native has very strong chances to win the Election. Natal Sun/Uranus conjunction indicates a surprise winner, as in 2016. Nowadays, Trump seems behind Biden, but as we know very well, he is a man of surprises!

Firdaria Table for Trump

The time ruler is the South Node between June 14th, 2019 to June 13th, 2021 which is considered malefic in nature. In traditional astrology, the South Node is considered as the significator of loss or release. It is in conjunction with the Moon which is the ruler of the 11th house. In the 2016 Presidential Election, his Firdaria time ruler was the North Node, which is benefic in nature, and which is considered as significator of victory and gain—placed
in the 10th house in conjunction with the Sun as the ruler of the Ascendant and thus indicating victory for Trump. It will be a surprising result as it is also in conjunction with Uranus.

So, for this election, will the South Node-Moon conjunction be significator of loss for Trump? At first glance, we might say “yes!” But on the other side, it may indicate that someone from Trump's social circle or a friend will suffer loss or be released from power, not Trump himself, since it is not the ruler of the native. Also, the Moon indicates female figures in general, suggesting a lady in Trump's life can experience loss. On Election Day, Trump will be very close to a Nodal return transit. This will be a very fateful day for Trump. The North Node on his Sun-North Node conjunction gives him a fateful opportunity to win.

JOE BIDEN
The Profected Ascendant for Biden at age 77 will be in the 6th house until November 20th, 2020. The 6th house is related with service, employees and sickness. Venus is the Lord of the Year. She is placed in the 12th house, which is a cadent and weak house and Venus is in detriment in Scorpio and combust by the Sun. The 12th house is related to sorrow, imprisonment, institutions, sickness, self-undoing and hidden enemies. These are the indicators and nature of the difficulties he may experience in this period.

On the other hand, Venus is occidental which means she will rise after the Sun, which is a powerful placement, and she also makes a trine with benefic Jupiter. The Moon, which is the exalted ruler of the 6th house is in a good position in the 5th house and in Taurus which is her exaltation. The Moon opposes Mars, although within a wide orb (12 degree), so it is not a very strong opposition. The Moon is in the 6th sign from the Ascendant, so health matters should be considered this year. On the day of the Election, Venus, the Lord of the Year, does not receive any significant aspect from the transiting planets.

By monthly profection, the Ascendant comes to the 5th house between October 20th and November 20th, 2020. Mars (ruler of 5th house Aries), the Lord of the Month, is placed in the 12th house, which is cadent and weak house. It is under Sun beams albeit not afflicted by being combust, but indicates weakness for the planet. Mars is in Scorpio where he is very powerful and oriental indicating strength. Mars will be transited by the Sun on the day of Election which gives him power.

By daily profection, the Ascendant comes to the 11th house which is a benefic house. The Lord of the Day is Venus, as already mentioned, the afflictions are greater than the support it provides. The 12th house placements do not signify someone who will win the Election!
From a career standpoint, **Profected 10th house ruler** for 77 years of age for Biden is the 3rd house of the Natal chart which includes the South Node, and means loss in general. Saturn is the profected 10th house Lord for this age of the Native which is angular, has honor by triplicity, oriental, direct, unafflicted by any of other malefics (Mars and South Node). But, the 7th house placement of Saturn is not very good, as this house indicates opponents. Saturn will be transited by the Moon during the Election Day which actually indicates the opponent of the Native, becoming an advantage for Trump.

### Firdaria Table for Biden

The firdaria rulers for the time between September 28, 2020 and March 3rd 2022 are Sun and Mercury. This can be a successful time for someone whose Sun is placed powerfully in his/her chart, if the natal chart promises success. According to traditional astrology, the Sun promises success and recognition if it is angular, if it is placed in the 10th or 11th houses or if it is the ruler of these houses. It has to be unafflicted by the malefics and getting the support of the benefics also brings advantages. In Baden’s chart, the Sun is placed in the 12th house which is the weakest of the house of the chart. On the other side, Sun conjuncts Venus and makes a trine with Jupiter which are supportive aspects. The Sun is not afflicted by the malefics (Mars is in the same sign, but with an orb of 15 degrees). Most of the conditions are good except for the Sun’s placement in the 12th.

**Mercury, the sub-period ruler**, is also in the 12th house, afflicted by the Sun by being combust and afflicted by Mars due to its conjunction. Mercury is oriental which is not good for him since it is getting closer to the Sun. The sub-period ruler’s placement is not very helpful. The Sun and Mercury do not receive effective transits around the Election Day. In general, Biden is not in a firdaria period which helps him to win the election.

On Election Day, Biden’s Jupiter, which is the main significator of his chart as the ruler of the Ascendant, receives a powerful opposition from the transits of the Jupiter-Saturn-Pluto conjunction. Although it is not used by the traditional astrologers, I will also consider the composite chart of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to see if the chart is powerful, and it gets supporting transits on the day of the Election. As you see in their composite chart (shown on p. 31), Jupiter is in the 10th house making a trine with Venus in the 2nd house and on Election Day transiting Mercury triggers this benefic trine.
The transiting Jupiter-Saturn-Pluto conjunction squares Moon-Venus opposition of the composite chart which indicates problems between Biden and Harris, possibly arising from shared sources, profits and financial matters.

Transiting Mars will be activating this aspect shortly after the Election. Transiting Sun is triggering and supporting the Mercury-Sun conjunction which is placed in the 3rd house of communication. Quite good! But the opposition between transiting Uranus and these two planets may indicate some communication problems with foreign countries and foreign officials.

Conclusion: The composite chart of Biden-Harris is stronger than the Natal chart of Biden alone. This is a good omen for him to get more successful results in this Election. But it may not be enough to beat Trump!

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EXTRAORDINARY CYCLES HAVE ALIGNED TO MAKE THE YEAR 2020 PARTICULARLY INTENSE AND CHALLENGING, DOWNRIGHT EXACERBATING, EVEN.

These are cycles of great societal change that have generated crippling doubt in the existing systems, and in the status quo. The first phase of these transits will shift when two of these big planetary players, Jupiter and Saturn, move into Aquarius within two days of each other in December, marking a new direction at both the personal and collective levels for the citizenry. Jupiter/Saturn conjunction years are known to represent critical milestones in our lives: people make impactful decisions during that year, whether this occurs through breakthroughs or losses. It is a time when fate and free-will collide and new templates for our lives are being designed and established.

On a political level, this commonly translates into a change of leadership, not only in leaders per se, but in ruling parties, as well. Following, is a list of attention-worthy outcomes at times when the US elections took place in Jupiter/Saturn conjunction years:

THE JUPITER/SATURN CYCLE AND US ELECTIONS

- 1920 election (Jupiter/Saturn cycle at 26 Virgo) – Warren Harding (Republican) wins following 2 term (Democrat) Woodrow Wilson.
- 1960 election (Jupiter/Saturn cycle at 25 Capricorn) – JFK (Democrat) wins following 2 terms by (Republican) Eisenhower.
- 1980 election (Jupiter/Saturn cycle at 3 Libra) – Ronald Reagan (Republican) wins following 1 term by (Republican) Jimmy Carter.
- 2000 election (Jupiter/Saturn cycle at 23 Taurus) – George W. Bush (Republican) wins following 2 term (Democrat) Bill Clinton.

1900 Election
(a year prior to the 1901 Jupiter/Saturn cycle at 13 Capricorn). William McKinley (Republican) wins a second term – however, important events mark this election year:
- McKinley is himself born during a Jupiter/Saturn conjunction in Capricorn (with Jupiter in Aquarius), which may have supported his re-election.
- However, even though McKinley wins a second term, he is assassinated in September 1901 on the eve of the actual Jupiter/Saturn conjunction.

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1940 Election
Franklin Roosevelt (Democrat) wins a 3rd term of presidency, (and will subsequently win a 4th term in 1944, before passing in 1945).

The Jupiter/Saturn conjunction was at 12 Taurus in 1940, so it can be argued that since FDR was himself born under a Jupiter/Saturn conjunction in Taurus, this conjunction supported the continuation of his reign rather than prompt a shift in party and leader.

With Jupiter and Saturn coming into conjunction just before December 21, 2020, six weeks after the election and starting a new cycle of conjunctions in Air signs, there is a statistically high probability of a shift in leadership and ruling party, concurrent with the nature of this cycle in the United States.

Beyond the Jupiter/Saturn context, let us examine the charts of the individual candidates for presidency and vice presidency.

ADDITIONAL NOTABLE TRANSITS OF ELECTION DAY

- Mercury turns direct on election day @ 25 Libra
- Mars is close to station direct at 15 Aries (turns direct on Nov 13)
- Mars opposes Saturn of the US chart.
- The Moon conjuncts the North Node transit at 20 Gemini (exact around 10pm, Washington)
- Jupiter conjuncts Pluto (and Pallas) @ 22 Capricorn (exact on Nov 12)

DONALD TRUMP

When Donald Trump won the 2016 election, I immediately looked at the transits for 2020, and was fairly convinced he would be a 2-term president. In the throes of precarious planetary alignments, November 3 represents a ray of light for him: having the
transiting Moon and a Nodal return right on his natal eclipse Sun in the 10th house, come across as an easy confirmation of victory. But that was at a time when we did not know who would run as a Democratic candidate to compare charts with.

The person to offset that “guaranteed victory” for Trump astrologically, was not Biden at first sight, but Kamala Harris, who herself has a Nodal return on her Gemini Ascendant. In other words, an opponent would need to have an equally strategic power spot around the 20-degree Gemini to stand a chance against Trump. She does.

Trump is still under the intensely heavy weight of transiting Pluto with Saturn and Jupiter opposing his natal Saturn/Venus in Cancer. November will be his third and last pass.

The first Pluto opposition was in January 2020 in the thick of his impeachment which tainted his presidency. Then, between March and July 2020, both Covid-19 and George Floyd’s protests prompted the most unexpected twist in his presidency, causing confusion, frequent change of position, and further polarization. Specifically, in July 2020, with Pluto’s exact opposition to his natal Saturn, Trump sends federal agents to quell protestors in Portland, OR—a move that proved very controversial. The last Pluto opposition to his Saturn will be mid November 2020, right after the elections.

Transiting Uranus in Taurus, in his 9th house squares his natal 12th house Pluto, manifesting in both blessings and curses. On the challenging side, a struggling Covid-19 plagued economy (Taurus) begets an attempt for quick fixes (Uranus) that so far fail to deliver true solution and credibility. On a positive side, this transit reflects his foreign policy (9th house) breakthrough as a facilitator of a surprising diplomatic accord between Israel, the Emirates, and Bahrain.

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double edge sword that brings both glory and “blood.” It can represent both victory and adversity.

It must be noted that his transit chart for election day is not particularly prominent and glaring and gives him a disadvantage when compared to Trump.

Biden’s strongest astrological argument is in his Solar Arc (SA) chart, where we see SA Jupiter conjunct his Sun/North Node and Venus/North Node midpoint at 14 Libra = a strong indication for recognition of leadership. His SA MC also aligns with natal Saturn on Royal fixed stars Antares and Aldebaran, showing an edge and the possibility for leadership/authority.

MIKE PENCE

Mike Pence is the one candidate for whom we do not have a birth time, limiting our scope of analysis. Notwithstanding, a 16 degrees Gemini Sun shows, like Trump, a strong North Node and Moon transit activation on election day.

KAMALA HARRIS

Kamala Harris’s chart shows particularly strong alignments, including a Nodal return this period of time, with the transiting Moon on her Ascendant angle. As mentioned earlier, this poses a challenge to Trump’s prominence.

Additionally, Harris born on an exact Full Moon, which directs by Solar Arcs exactly on her 24 Gemini/Sagittarius Ascendant and Nodal axis on election day, catapulting her to greater call of destiny and prominence during this period of her life—the extent of which we cannot be sure at this point.

Further, SA North Node lands exactly on her natal Mars, demonstrating character and power in the course of a battle.

COMPOSITE CHART – BIDEN HARRIS

Biden and Kamala Harris have a compelling Composite Midpoint chart with Jupiter in Gemini in the 10th house, activated by the Moon and Nodes on election day. Jupiter in Gemini is known to appeal to ethnic diversities and to foster education.

Most notably, they will have a Composite Solar Return on Election day, and a Composite Lunar return on Inauguration day (Jan 20, 2021 @ 12pm).
Videos of OPA live presentations are available.
MARS ACTIVATIONS ON ELECTION DAY

Transiting Mars retrograde stationary at 15 Aries opposes the USA chart Saturn (leader) at 14 Libra.

Transiting Mars squares Eric Trump’s Sun, opposes Donald Junior’s Pluto, and opposes Ivanka Trump’s Saturn – all signatures for upsets regarding their father. This could show contentious and volatile atmosphere.

Biden’s natal Mars is transited by the Sun of the day.

Kamala Harris’s Mars is activated by Solar Arcs.

These dynamics bring us again to the need to set our intentions for a civilized election process, transparency, and honor. May the most deserving and worthy president and administration for the United States ultimately prevail.

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THE BOOK OF AIR

The Art of Paying Attention

BY STEVEN FORREST

The feeling of knowing that the new Beatles record was released, or the next Harry Potter book is out, accompanies the joy of holding the Book of Air. This volume is the third in Steven Forrest’s series on the elements, following the Book of Fire and the Book of Earth. This is the first of the volumes that is written and not transcribed from previous talks and workshops, except for one chapter.

Steven points out that Air is the human element, lacking a single animal symbol. That Air is the element closest to the human soul. The pathway he describes in this book to make full use of Air is:

Air is what connects our hearts and our minds to the world around us…Air links the internal realities of consciousness to the external realities of the objective world.

First you learn how to Gemini, then you learn how to Libra, and then you learn how to Aquarius.

The book takes off from there with his teachings on this not always understood element. He writes from his background as an evolutionary astrologer which maintains that you always have the right chart for what you need to do in this lifetime. The planetary symbolism shows the karmic traps and the remedies.

Steven gives extensive descriptions and new ideas on the three Air signs. He gives the reader the handouts from his seminar on Air in his apprentice program. This is a useful summary full of keywords and inspiring quotes.

Steven is honest with his dilemma of writing this series. He wants each book to stand alone and does not want to assume that the reader understands all the terms he uses. He also does not want to repeat what he has written so skillfully in the previous books. So, there is some repetition, but not too much. For example, he wrote much on Mercury in the Book of Earth. Mercury is a major player in this book so he chose to refer readers to the former book and just mention and not repeat his description on Mercury retrograde cycle. He has the same issue with Venus and Saturn. He adds new material on Uranus and on complex aspect patterns. He gives the reader permission to skip ahead and tells us to slow down when we see the word Air or Uranus to be sure to read the new text. He is clear in telling us what is repeated and what is rewritten and what is new, such as the chapter on planets entering Libra and the 7th house. There is a whole chapter on the eight-year Venus cycle and how to use it in looking at your life.

The Afterword is a discussion on astrology as a profession. Steven promotes the importance of storytelling. He says how important it is that an astrologer be heard and be helpful, not just be right. Steven gives us the benefit of his experience as a working astrologer and offers his wisdom and great advice to those who already are, or who desire to be, working in the field.

Steven writes with wit, humility, honesty, and humor. He speaks of his chart to give an example of seeing the world the way his Mercury perceives it. His self-disclosures are lovely and prove his point about the power of telling a story. He charms us with the caring phrase “faithful reader”. He is generous in his referrals to, and quotes from, other astrologers. And, his psychology is spot on.

We eagerly await the Book of Water while feeling sad that there are only four elements and that will be the last in the series. Buy this book to add to your reference library. It is a five star plus book that you will use until it is threadbare.
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In this article, I will examine two predictive techniques that can function independently but can also be combined for more comprehensive analysis of a year in a person's life: Profections and the Solar Returns. We will apply these techniques to the U.S. Presidential candidates. The chart for the yearly return of the Sun was called “Solar Revolution” in Hellenistic astrology, and today we call it as the Solar Return. This chart is calculated for the precise time the Sun position in our chart returns every year to the exact position by degree and minute. This chart gives us insight into the upcoming solar cycle which naturally extends for one year on or very close to our birthday.

From Hellenistic sources, we know the Solar Return was not used as a standalone chart the way we might use it today. Instead, it was used as an adjunct to the annual profections from the natal chart. Profection is one of the techniques used to establish the ‘divisions of the times’ in the Hellenistic tradition. I use the Whole Sign house system and omit outer planets.

Integrating Profections, the Solar Return, and the Natal Chart

There are three Hellenistic authors who specifically mention the combined use of profections with the solar return — Vettius Valens, Hephaisio of Thebes, and Paulus Alexandrinus.

Dorotheus tells us that “when a native is born, the lord of the year is the lord of the house profection in which the native was born.” This means that the lord of the first year of a newborn’s life is the ruler of the sign on the Ascendant.

How To Profect?

Annual Profections

Profect one house/sign per year. (See graphic of Profection Wheel per year on following page.)

Monthly Profections

Profect one house per month beginning at the annual profected house.

One of the fundamental concepts in Hellenistic astrology is ‘sect,’ which is the distinction between day and night charts. A chart where the Sun is in the upper hemisphere is diurnal, and vice versa. Sect is a qualitative factor that alters the benefic or malefic character of a planet in the chart.

Candidates for the 2020 US elections Trump and Biden have both diurnal charts led by the sect light Sun. Jupiter and Saturn are assigned to the diurnal sect. That is, Jupiter becomes more benefic and Saturn becomes less malefic as they are of the sect in a day chart. Venus becomes less benefic and Mars becomes more malefic as they are contrary to the sect.

Mercury joins the nocturnal sect by setting after the Sun in Trump’s chart and joins the diurnal sect by setting before the Sun in Biden’s chart.

To determine if the topic and year will be favourable or problematic, we analyze the nature, location, and condition of the lord of the house.
Every twelve years, the profection returns to the rising sign, but every 12th year is not exactly the same. You need to consider condition of your year lord on your birthday. The Profected Ascendant Lord, then, becomes active and significant as it appears in both its natal configuration and its simultaneous Solar Return placement. Its condition, sign, place and aspects on each birthday will be different. You need to use the Solar Return to clarify the potential of your time lord that year. The profected house and its year lord indicate what portion of the life, contracted for in the nativity, has come up for review in each solar year.

2020 US Election

The 2020 Profection year themes for Trump and Biden will be similar to those of in 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, as those years represent a full 12-sign zodiacal cycle. Each man will experience the activation of the same place and ruler this year as in 12-year increments before, even though their solar returns and the transits are inevitably different each of these years.

For Trump these years refer to a 3rd-House profection year, and so the themes of this house are activated during his 74th birthday for the whole year (June 14, 2020). The 3rd House in general relates to all vehicles through which information, knowledge, or familiarity is expressed. These include media that make thoughts familiar to others: contracts, documents, computers, applications, mobile phones, magazines, books or media that make one’s physical presence known to others, as well as siblings, transportation.

The Lord of the Year is VENUS. Transits to the Lord of the year, Venus, those by Venus, and those through the profected...
sign Libra, will be important until his next birthday. Nataly, Jupiter is also located in the profected sign. Planets in your profected house also influence your year. According to Vettius Valens, Jupiter signifies “justice, authorities, honours.”

As Jupiter is nataly in the profected sign of Libra, Trump shows confidence and optimism, despite existing anxiety – he is projecting a message of success. Jupiter shows the enormity of the expectation and how important for him to succeed. To have Jupiter, a benefic planet in the profected sign is positive, even if there are negative indicators.

For Biden these years refer to a 6th House protection year now (from Nov 2019) and moving into 7th-House protection year just after the election (Nov 20, 2020). So, he will start to experience the themes of the new profected house from his new Solar Return on Nov. 20th.

The Lord of the Year is also VENUS. Since the Moon is in the profected house, it will also have influence over the year.

Time Lord Transits

The transits through the profected sign are important.

Transits to your time lord become more sensitive and likely to trigger main events. Transits from your time lord are more important in this birthday year.

In Trump’s chart, the transiting year lord, Venus, conjuncted natal Mercury in 12th House on August, 15 2020, the day his brother Robert died. Transiting Saturn was opposing his natal Venus and Mars was squaring it from the 8th House. The 3rd house Profection is also related to siblings. Mercury is also associated with siblings. President Trump described Robert as not only his brother but his “best friend”. The cause of Robert Trump’s death has not been revealed, which is not surprising as this is significant of 12th House emphasis.

The transiting Venus conjoining planets can be the symbolic trigger for events. It is important to note the transits of the year lord in the natal chart.

**Venus and Mercury’s (Rx) transits in the sign of Libra (profected for Trump) on November 3, 2020** will trigger Venus and Mercury-related themes in his profected house. Venus's ingress into the profected sign of Libra on October 27, 2020, by transit, will trigger Venus-related themes.

On the other hand, there is significant 12th House energy, which tells a different story, suggesting a possibility of being hospitalized or spending time in isolation. For someone who enjoyed the limelight as much as he did, this won’t be a pleasant year. His secrets may be revealed.

**Donald Trump’s 2020 Solar Return**

We should read Solar Return (SR) chart as a chart in its own right, and the second time in relation to the natal chart. To understand how the year will turn out, we need to give special attention to solar position of the annual profected time lord.

His year lord Venus is also nataly the ruler of the Midheaven in Taurus. In his SR, Venus is in Gemini, retrograde in 12th House. This placement brings 12th House issues to the fore again. Venus is in worse condition than its natal indication. The SR ascendant (25 Cancer) falls in his natal 12th House too.

The SR Moon in Pisces can lend himself to wishful thinking and an imaginative approach to reality. Will he get what he dreams about?

A positive indicator is his SR ASC conjunct partile his natal Venus at 25 Cancer, his year lord.

With SR Aries on the Midheaven, he will want to put over a public image of decisiveness and self-reliance. His goals for the year will be concerned with establishing his independence, and he will want to aim towards acting more independently. MC ruler Mars conjoining Moon in SR, giving rise to adversities and possible violence. The Black Lives Matter movement and protests to the killing of George Floyd began a few weeks before Trump’s birthday and gained momentum on his SR. By Moon-Mars conjunction, public anger is in the forefront. Moon in Pisces gives great sensitivity and vulnerability as well.

Just before his birthday, his tweets were censored by Twitter. Twitter has hidden a tweet by Donald Trump from his profile, saying it violates rules about glorifying violence. This is like a snapshot of the potential events that he needs to face in his SR year.

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**Monthly Profection - Trump**

If we use monthly Profections (starting from the 3rd house for 2020 Trump) we notice that this publication was released shortly after he moved into a fourth place (house) protection month. Ruler of his fourth house is Mars and Mars conjoining Moon in the 9th House of his SR. This captures a hidden story written by a female family member made him angry, and Trump family sued to block the publication of the book, because the book includes extensive private information. Her sister criticized him in a secretly recorded audio too.

**Monthly profections for US elections:**

Trump will be having **seventh place (house) profection month** during the 2020 United States presidential election on November 3, 2020. If he is
reelected and able to be inaugurated on January 20, 2021, he will be having tenth place profected month.

How do we interpret these profected months? Does knowing them help draw any possible predictive conclusions?

**JOE BIDEN**

Biden’s profected house will change just 17 days after the election! The month before the birthday can be a difficult one. He will reach the *apoklima* (closing cycle), of his Sun position. Monthly profected house will be also 12th House of the profected house. According to the Helenistic idea of *apoklima*, the issue of transition is complicated.

The profection cycle repeats itself every twelve years, which means the same houses and rulers will be reactivated every twelve years. When the cycle repeats itself, there can be similar themes that come up in a person’s life, which arise from the activation of the same house and the ruler. The transits and the condition of the year lord in SR will not be the same every twelve years thus the quality of the year.

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The planets in the sign and the ruler become activated, in this case, his natal Saturn and profected house ruler Mercury. Mercury is in 12th House in his chart. Biden has a day chart (Sun in upper hemisphere); Saturn, placed in his profected 7th house, will not be as problematic as it would have been in a night chart, but the ruler of the profected house is in 12th. The house where the lord of the year is located also becomes significant in describing themes that will arise during the course of a given year. The activated year lord is in poor position in the 12th house in the natal chart.

Joe Biden was considered one of the potentially strongest candidates for 1988 presidential campaign but he withdrew from the race on September 23, 1987 because of accusations of plagiarism.

He became Barack Obama’s Vice President in 2008. When Biden moved into a first house profection year, thus activating the Jupiter in Cancer in the eighth place and in that year his son Beau Biden died on May, 30 2015 from brain cancer.
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On April 25, 2019 Biden announced his 2020 campaign for the presidency. He turned seventy-six on November 20, 2018, thus moved into a fifth house profection year. The year lord Mars is in its own sign but Mars is assigned to the nocturnal sect. Mars becomes more malefic as contrary to the sect in a day chart. In addition to that, Mars, the malefic of the sect is in the twelfth.

Shifting the focus now to the Solar Return chart for 2020, we find that the Solar Return Ascendant 11 degrees Scorpio falls in Biden’s natal 12th House. At his 78th birthday his Ascendant will profect to Gemini, the sign on his 7th House cusp. The year lord Mercury in his SR is conjunct his natal Mars in Scorpio. Scorpio is often connected with the theme of transformation by a deeply emotional experience. Natally, Saturn is in the profected sign. Saturn in the 7th House represents enemies who are authority figures.

His rivalry with Trump will truly challenge him and may even defeat him, at times. He will be having a seventh house profection month (November 20-December19, 2020). Year lord Mercury is in Scorpio and in the 12th House. This may cause communication problems.

KAMALA HARRIS

Biden announced Kamala Harris as his vice presidential running mate for the 2020 election on August 11, 2020. Harris will move into an Aquarius profection year in October 2020, and her natal Saturn will be once again activated as the lord of the year.

On November 3, 2020, shortly after her next Solar Return, she will be having ninth place profection month. Natally, Saturn is in the 9th, the sign it rules. Both of them are contrary to the sect as it is a nocturnal chart (Sun in lower hemisphere).

Harris will move into an Aquarius profection year in October 2020, and her natal Saturn will be once again activated as the lord of the year.

SR MC is also conjunct partile his natal Saturn. On the day of the election, transiting Saturn in her 8th House also squares both natal Moon and Sun and becomes apex of a T-square, suggesting stress and challenge.

CONCLUSION

Combining Annual Profections with transits and solar returns can be a powerful tool for identifying important periods. In this article, I examined the charts of Trump, Biden, and Harris for US Election to better understand the climate of the election.

I’m not reaching a conclusion on a winner but will let the readers use these delineations to estimate who has better chances of winning the election.

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While most western astrologers are familiar with Secondary and Tertiary Progressions as well as Solar Arcs as predictive techniques, I would like to present in this article an adjustment that will make a significant difference in the calculation and may prove to deliver more accurate results.

According to L. Edward Johndro and Cyril Fagan, astrologers have been calculating the Secondary Progress Chart and Solar Arc Directions incorrectly. My own analysis agrees with their conclusion and I encourage readers to test these adjustments through their own experience. The discrepancy between the two techniques to calculate the Progression though small, accumulates at the rate of 1 day per year of life. So, by the time you are 60 years old, progressed aspects (both secondary and tertiary) and Solar Arc directions which appear to be exact are actually coming due 60 days too early. Fagan notes, the correction should be used independently of which zodiac you prefer. Also, he notes, the progressed Moon aspects can be off by as much as 3 months and if mundane charts are done on countries several hundred years old, the progressed Moon may be off as much as 7 or more degrees. For example, the USA was born in 1776, Secondary Progressions and Solar Arc Directions Suns computed for 2020 would be 244 days off and the secondary progressed Moon would be off by 9 degrees. Many years ago, the Church of Light conducted extensive statistical analyses of Secondary Progressions and found that the Progressed Moon may not be a reliable timer of events. They used the standard method of calculating Secondary Progressions (1 solar day = 365.24 days) which Johndro and Fagan have argued against. The reason why the standard method of equating a solar day = year is incorrect according to them is that its diurnal rotation of 361 degrees cannot be accurately equated to 365.24 days. They used instead what is referred to as the Bija method which equates 1 solar day to 366.24 days. They found that when the Progressed Moon is progressed this way, it becomes a reliable timer of events. See an example demonstrating this on following pages. The correction should also be applied to Tertiary Progressions.

Although Johndro recommended that a sidereal day should be equated to a year rather than a solar day 91 years ago, the Bija correction method is not widely known. Currently, most notable astrology software programs provide an option for Bija corrected progressions or an option to add your own progression (AstroDeluxe, and Platinum, Horoscope 2020 from the Church of Light, Janus, Kepler 8, Nova Chart Wheels, Sirius 1.2+, Solar Fire, and Win*Star).

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Fractals can be defined as infinitely complex patterns that are self-similar across different scales. This means that the whole pattern is contained in every part. They are created through a simple mathematical formula that is recursive on different scales.

An example of an astrological fractal is 1 day = 365.24 days. In astrology, we have two types of days, a sidereal day and a slightly longer solar day. Johndro recommended that astrologers equate a sidereal day = 1 year rather than the standard method of equating a solar day= 1 year. An example of this type of fractal is the equating of the 360-degree diurnal rotation of a sidereal day with the 360-degree revolution of the Sun's apparent motion through the tropical zodiac in 365.24 days. In this system of progressions, the transiting Sun returns to its natal place on the exact day and time that the progressed MC returns to its natal place in 365.24 days. In astrology, the Sun's return to its natal place is known as the Solar Return. In contrast, the Standard method equates the 361-degree diurnal rotation of a solar day with the 360-degree revolution of the Sun's apparent motion through the tropical zodiac in 365.24 days. This last statement is suspect because astrologers know that from one solar day to the next, the MC at noon will move at the rate of the transiting Sun. In this case, the transiting Sun will complete its solar revolution 1 degree before the progressed date completes its 361 degrees of diurnal rotation.

The Hermetic Principle tells us that a day can be equated to a year. But Fractal Theory enables us to determine whether a sidereal day or a solar day can be mathematically equated to a year. Because by its definition, a fractal is a precise mathematical function that maintains its proportionality when calculated on different scales. Later in this article, I use the principle of fractal theory to rescale a solar day to the correct number of days while maintaining its correct proportional relationship with a sidereal day and sidereal time. The key problem with the standard method of calculating Secondary Progressions is that its 361-degree diurnal rotation of a solar day can't be accurately equated to 365.24 days. Upon reflection, I now realize that Fractal Theory is a mathematical expression of the law of correspondence.

Since Fractals are self-similar across different scales, using fractal theory appropriately will enable astrologers to potentially develop an infinite number of progression formulas in addition to the standard Secondary and Tertiary progressions that are currently widely used.

What do Secondary Progressions represent? They are proportional periods of time based on astronomical phenomena. The progressed horoscope may be taken to represent the possibilities of individual growth within limits of the potential mapped by the natal chart.

Relationship Between Sidereal day and Solar day.

The standard method of calculating a secondary progressed chart assumes that a solar day = 365.24 days. The Bija corrected method for calculating secondary progressions assumes that a sidereal day = 365.24 days and a solar day = 366.24 days. Which one provides better results?

A solar day can be defined as the time taken for the Sun to move from the Midheaven on one day to the Midheaven on the next day - that is 24 hrs. (clock time). A sidereal day can be defined as the interval between two successive transits...
of the first point of Aries over the upper meridian or Midheaven of any place. A sidereal day consists of one complete 360-degree diurnal rotation. A sidereal day lasts 23 hours and 56 minutes 4.09 seconds of solar time, about 3' 56" less than a solar day. Thus, a solar day is slightly longer than a sidereal day of 24 sidereal hours.

So, if, for example, 1 degree of Aries is on the Midheaven in 24 hours of sidereal time that same degree of the zodiac (1 degree of Aries) would appear on the Midheaven again. In other words, one diurnal rotation in a Sidereal day is 360 degrees of the zodiac and based on a day for a year, this equates to 365.24 days vs. 361 degrees of diurnal rotation in a solar day which equates 366.24 days based on a day for a year (see the calculation shown above right).

We can use the principle of fractals to scale a solar day in proportion to a sidereal day. This rescaling enables us to use a regular ephemeris which is calculated in solar days. In the calculations below, I show that since a solar day has a diurnal rotation of 361 degrees to maintain its proportionate relationship to a sidereal day that has a diurnal rotation of 360 degrees it is equal to 366.24 days per year versus 365.24 days.

The ratio of a sidereal day to a solar day used by astrological software manufacturers is .997269566. It is based on the following ratio of these values:

\[ \frac{365.24}{366.24} = .997269566 \]

This ratio gives a solar day = 365.24199074074051 x 361/0.997269566 = 366.241992 days.

Therefore one progressed solar day = 366.24 calendar days, not 365.24 days. Thus, when a person is one year old, the current calendar day for the progressed day will be 1 day past the birthday and when they are two years old, the current calendar date for the progressed birth date will be 2 days past the birth date ….. at 50 years old the current calendar date for the progressed birth date will be 50 days past the birth date. Table 2, below, reflects these correct values.

In contrast, by setting the progressed day equal to the birthday, the progression is forced to become due one day too soon. This can be observed by comparing the progressed calendar dates between Table 1 and Table 2. Also, compare the underlined line in Tables 1 and 2 to see the error between the two tables.

**How to Calculate Secondary Progressions**

The standard method of computing Secondary progressions equates 1 Solar day = 365.24 days. So, if you want to calculate the progress chart for someone born March 21st 2001 at 12 PM for their 10th birthday. You would count ahead 10 days to March 31, 2001, and compute the progressed chart for 12 pm for their place of birth. The progressed chart would be equated to the birth date (March 21) in the current calendar year of March 21, 2011 using the standard method. The correct calendar date would be March 31, 2011, ten days later as shown in Table 2. Table 1 equates 1 solar day = 365.24 calendar days whereas Table 2 equates 1 solar day = 366.24 calendar days. See the underlined and italicized line in Tables 1 and 2 to see the error between the two tables.

The error that astrologers have been making is setting a solar day=365.24 days when it is really equal to 366.24 due to its longer diurnal rotation. Although these corrections are small for each day, they accumulate at the rate of 1 day per calendar year.

Although these corrections are small for each day, they accumulate at the rate of 1 day per calendar year. Thus, by the time you are 30 years old, your progressions will be coming due @ 30 days too early based on this perspective. In this case, the Secondary Progressed Sun using a solar day = a year would be off @ 5 minutes in ecliptic...
At age 60, the errors for the progressed Sun would be twice as large as the previous values for age 30.

values for age 30. Since the progressed MC moves at the same rate as the progressed Sun, the error for the progressed MC would be the same as the progressed Sun.

Since the average daily motion of the Moon is 13.2 degrees, by age 30 the secondary progressed Moon would have an average error of approximately 1 degree 6 minutes (5’ x 13.2).

How Well Do Bija Corrected Progressions Work in Practice?

When I tested the bija corrected progressions (Q1), in one case, my prediction came due to the day. For example, when I was promoted in 1988 using the standard method of computing, Prog MC was conjunct my Natal Sun on June 18 (43 days too early) when I was @ 42.5 years old but my actual promotion was July 31 (Figure 3).

When I applied the correction, my Prog MC was conjunct my natal Sun on July 31, the exact day my promotion became official (Figure 4).

Other events also matched up closely. For example, I got married on Oct 8, 2005...

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My progressed Venus (ruler of my 7th house of marriage) trined the MC on Oct 12 within a 1° orb and within 4 days of the wedding. Using the standard method (Q2), it would have been exact on Aug 12 (61 days too early) when I was nearing age 60 (Figure 6). The standard method produced the exact errors Johndro’s method predicted. Progressions become due too soon and the error increases 1 day per year with age.

**Standard Progression Options (Q2) and Bija Corrected Options (Q1) in Astrological Software.**

Some Astrology Programs have 2 options for calculating the progress chart. The standard method is commonly referred to as “Q2” and the bija correction method is referred to as “Q1” in Solar Fire. The standard “Q2” which has been traditionally used by most astrologers equates 1 solar day to 365.24 days. The “Q1” bija correction method equates 1 sidereal day to 365.24 days. When you change this option, any progressed charts or dynamic reports involving progressions that are subsequently calculated will use the newly selected progression day type. It is possible to determine which progression day type has been used in a progressed chart by checking whether the chart type in the chart details text — this includes either Q1 or Q2 in its name. Similarly, it is possible to determine which rate was used in a dynamic report by looking at the list of selected events in the report header. This contains a description of the progression type, method, and rate.

Click on “Preferences”, “Edit Settings” “Progs/Dirns” (SA in Long), “Progression Day Type” select Bija(Q1) and Click ok. This automatically adjusts Solar Arcs directions too.

How to Set Bija Corrected Secondary and Tertiary Progressions in Kepler 8 and Sirius 1.2 or more

In Kepler 8 or Sirius 2 – Click on “Progressed Chart”, “Select Progress Chart Desired”, “Number of days in a year or month” The dialog box below will appear on the screen. When you click on the bija corrected dialog box the field will automatically populate with the value 366.24201362.

Final Thoughts

While more extensive research would be in order to further demonstrate the importance and accuracy of the Bija correction method, I hope that this brief introduction to this approach gives you enough substance to explore it further. As more evidence grows to support Bija’s method and adjustment, we can hope for more accurate results and better astrology. If you are working with a natal chart with a reasonably accurate birth time, you can expect results similar to those I achieved.

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In this article, I have focused on understanding the interplay of power dynamics in the charts of Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris as they relate to those of Donald Trump, and what this means for the 2020 Presidential election, and beyond.

I have focused primarily on dasa analysis, with relevant transit analysis incorporated where necessary.

**Joe Biden: Prominence**

The Sun is an important indicator of leadership capacity in government. Biden’s Sun is the tenth house ruler in the first house, indicating *Simhasana Yoga* (king-maker) through means of establishment leadership, making him a good moderate pull for the Democratic party. The penetrating vision of the Scorpio Sun gives a leadership style that is strategic and sensitized to what is priority in society.

The Sun forms a yoga with Venus, meaning that they participate together. As both the day (Friday) and hour ruler, Venus is a powerhouse in this chart. Therefore, important events in life will be connected to the Sun-Venus yoga, which holds the key to the fame and recognition.

This Sun-Venus yoga indicates his ambitions benefit through the support of women he doesn’t have intimate relationships with. His sister has played a critical role in his election campaigns since his high school days. Choosing a woman running mate is also a no-brainer. As his success is supported by them, they too grow in their public platform.

The Sun-Venus yoga encounters the gaze of Saturn from the seventh house (an opposition), increasing the likelihood of sorrow in relationships (especially the first marriage). It also manifests as a determination to work for the protection of women’s rights and other forms of relationship freedoms. Due to both the Saturn and Sun associations with Venus, he should nevertheless be careful with public relations with women, for then these will be his strength and the more power he will have. This Venus-Sun yoga is therefore the source of his popularity, for good or for ill, and can turn the tables of power.

As the Sun rules the natural fifth house (Leo) and is exalted in the natural first house...
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The Leo Venus archetype features very strongly in her public image. Leo is a harsh and uncompromising sign in Vedic astrology, that is, -- focused on law and maintenance of order. Her role and prominence in the law civil service is indeed notable. The Mars in the third house of communication and the Sun-Mercury yoga in the sixth house of battles further confirm her success in public administration and law.

Biden and Harris

Whereas the Sun shows potential for leadership in government, Saturn should be strong to show a good running mate or follower. The relative strengths and determinations of Saturn and the Sun in the chart indicate how Kamala will approach her supportive role to Biden as well as emerge as a leader in her own right, respectively.

Her chart features a sign exchange between Leo Venus and Libra Sun, effectively meaning these planets give very strong results, too. Venus in the fourth house has directional strength in Vedic astrology, and being the ruler of the first house in a binding relationship to the Sun, shines through in her powerful public persona. So, Venus, Saturn, and the Sun are all powerfully determined in her chart, the very same planets supportive of Biden’s power dynamic too.

It is interesting to note that Joe Biden has a strong Venus-Sun yoga in his first house, and Kamala has a strong Venus-Sun yoga involving the first house ruler. It would appear that their ticket is very strongly Soli-Venus.

Biden’s Complicated Ascendant

Biden is born with a sign-exchange connection between Libra Mars in the twelfth house and Scorpio Venus in the first house. This means that he was born with Scorpio on the first house, but the effective sign on the first house acts more and more like Libra over time, making the Venus influence all the stronger there with age. In his youth, the Scorpio Venus was prevalent more with sports achievements, and the Mars-Mercury influence was problematic (he suffered from a strong stutter). But at some point, this exchange will be triggered, and he will go through a change of life direction and will overcome the debilitating stutter of his youth too.

Since the two signs cover the first house and the twelfth house, this exchange will be activated at the time of his first marriage, because marriage is seen in the twelfth house in Vedic Astrology.
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seventh house is the necessary condition, but the twelfth house is the sufficient condition for marriage.

Actually, what is happening is that the marriage and then violent loss of his first wife has caused the energies of these two signs to operate in a state of flux inside him, and thence the results of the first house and twelfth house become combined. It is as if two rays of different coloured light join to form a third colour. This mingling of the first and twelfth houses reinforces the Sun-Venus yoga of being a leader as a supporting member or perfect “right-hand man,” a role he fulfilled for Obama, and one he will fulfill for Kamala also.

Shortly before he won his Senate seat in 1973, his daughter and first wife died. Shortly before considering running against Trump in 2015, his son Beau died. So, the mingling of the signs and house significations of the first and the twelfth house continue, because part of his dynamics of power unfortunately involve encountering loss along the way. So, the Trump administration was cunning to attack his other son Hunter - because this is in essence Biden’s weak spot, as it triggers and emphasizes the twelfth house energy. This is why he needs a strong woman running mate, to activate the first house Venus, strengthening the first house power dynamic, and bringing much-needed balance and vigour to an otherwise lethargic and retiring performance.

Biden Presidential Runs

Previously we concluded that Jupiter, Venus, the Sun, and Saturn play important roles in Biden’s power dynamics. Let’s investigate them working in his Presidential runs.

He announced his run for President in June 1987, in a Mars-Venus-Saturn dasa period. While the Venus-Saturn connection is supportive, the Venus-Mars is not. Mars is the first house ruler placed in the twelfth house, showing premature or unsustainable dynamics due to some Mars-Mercury problem. Allegations of plagiarism, both in his campaign speeches and back when he was in law school, led him to end his campaign.

He announced his run for President again in January 2007, in a Jupiter-Jupiter-Saturn period. Support comes from the ninth house Jupiter, which means it is due to some previous good karma that is being experienced in this life as a blessing of opportunity. Supportive Saturn has a third-house planetary aspect (sectile) onto the Jupiter, which shows that a partnership with a capable communicator with a strong Saturn is the form this blessing will take. Barack Obama, a known orator, has Capricorn Saturn in the first house.

Biden announced his run for President in April 2019, in a Jupiter-Moon-Venus period. Again, the influence of Jupiter support continues. In addition, with the Moon in the sixth house of enemies and the Venus minor supporting period active, we can see that choosing a woman support or running mate from amongst previous rivals is likely. He chose his previous biggest opponent, Kamala Harris, to be his running mate.

Biden and Prominence

Jupiter as the fifth house ruler, plays an important role in giving Biden access to personal power and authority, with supporting roles from the Sun, Venus, and Saturn. Let us look at his major Jupiter period (Sep 2006 - Sep 2022).

In this period, we will expect to see him reach his personal power height, especially in the middle third of the period (September 2011 - September 2016). The period before September 2011 will be a buildup, and the period after September 2016 will be a cooldown. So currently he is in the cooldown period of his personal power manifesting in the world. This seems to not support him gaining higher positions of power in 2020.

The association of Jupiter with Venus (who is effectively the first house ruler at this age), by a sign aspect as well as a planetary aspect from the ninth house of bhāgya (good fortune), gives support for authority because of good karma performed in the past. In Vedic Astrology, the ninth house shows the past, the first house shows the present, and the fifth house shows the future. The Jupiter-Venus period (Aug 2014 - Apr 2017) is therefore a personal high. This is because Venus is giving the results of the tenth house ruler the Sun in this period. He is playing the political game at this time. He made his return to the Senate in March 2017 at the end of this period.

During the Jupiter-Sun period (Apr 2017 - Jan 2018) we expect to see the results of Venus in the first house, which is popularity and a lot of self-promotion. During this period, his public profile was everywhere, making statements on social media and news channels about the politics of the day - in effect, presenting the face of the Sun to the public.

In the Jupiter-Moon period (Jan 2018 - May 2019), we expect health to deteriorate, especially mental health. At a physical level, a sixth house Moon poses some challenging dynamics. The Moon in the sixth or eighth house is a trigger for disease, as well as any planets in the fourth house from the Moon. The sixth house in association with Mars can show sudden or accidental issues, as well as problems with the head (as his sixth house is Aries and Mars also rules the first house).

In his Mars-Moon period (Feb 1988 - Sep 1988), he underwent surgery on two separate occasions for the removal of brain aneurisms. From November 2021 with the advent of his Aries period for six years, we expect deterioration of the health and head functions, with an acute period manifesting May-Sep 2022. Therefore, should Biden win the Presidency, whoever he has chosen as a Vice President will need to increasingly take on the reins of power from November 2021, onward. His health charts show this stress setting in from August 2021 already.

It would be a good idea for his campaign to prioritize his health as these issues sustain into the Jupiter-Mars period (May 2019 - May
2020) where an increased toll on the body and mind is exacerbated by conflict or competition. Aries and Mars energy functions better in youth. Since Aries is the debilitation sign of Saturn, planets in Aries and Mars become quite malefic with old age. An Aries planet or Mars period in old age causes a lot of stress on the body-mind system because the impetus of such periods require high energy and fast processing, which typically are very taxing for older bodies and minds.

Biden is now in a Jupiter-Rāhu period (May 2019 - Sep 2022). Having the disruptive and separatist Rāhu (North Node) in his tenth house shows favour to political opponents. Rāhu in the tenth house Leo indicates political scandal as a cause for concern that can undermine his ability to become or stay “king.”

His opponent, Donald Trump is born at a solar eclipse (the very definition of a supreme-powers). Rāhu in the tenth house Leo indicates political scandal as a cause for concern that can undermine his ability to become or stay “king.” Donald Trump is in a Jupiter-Saturn period (Dec 2018 - July 2021). So, he will likely continue to enjoy his position, due to the influence of Saturn activated for him during this time. It is likely that he will be re-elected.

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Donald Trump

Donald Trump is enjoying a minor personal-power Leo period (Jun 2020 - Dec 2020), which is supported by his Saturn-Venus yoga in the twelfth house. This Saturn-Venus yoga in the twelfth house is the real source of his power. One the one hand, it shows that so long as he is married, it is difficult to defeat him. Saturn in Cancer gives power due to the fear or sorrow prevalent in the public. These feelings of insecurity in the collective are used to garner one’s personal power base. Venus, in his case, guarantees it, since Venus is the exaltation ruler of Saturn, simply increasing this powerbase.

An alternative interpretation of this Saturn in his chart points to a foreign power base (twelfth house). The tenth house ruler Venus in the twelfth house shows a power base that is hidden or foreign or is maintained through marriage (or all three together). Everyone is so caught up with Trump on social media, but the real source to pay attention to is his wife, about whom curiously not much is talked about or known.

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If he remains President, there will be external geopolitical factors that challenge
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the robustness of the economy. Therefore, it would be prudent for the US leadership to bolster local economic mechanisms as soon as possible, to be able to withstand or offset the external pressures that will come. The US Treasury and Congressional committees on finance and similar bodies need strong leadership at this time. Mercury in his chart is in its own sign, so ultimately it is controlled by Rāhu as per the rules of Vedic Astrology. So, the disruptive and separatist energy which he carries will fully manifest during this period through the financial and trading sector.

One “saving grace” is that the disruption he appears to have caused through economic policy with foreign countries, may actually be what keeps the US afloat as the rest of the world takes a dive at this time. Essentially, it would seem that he has perhaps chaotically removed the US from the very global institutions and global treaties that are going to suffer the most disorder. That would be a positive slant to the interpretation. These will become the defining themes if he takes a second term of office.

2020 Election Conclusions

As mentioned previously, if Biden and Harris win the White House in 2020, then from November 2021 and especially from May-Sep 2022, Kamala Harris needs to be prepared to step into the top seat. Looking at Biden’s charts for health, the deterioration begins to increase from August 2021.

Given that Biden is in a disruptive Jupiter-Rāhu period from May 2019 until September 2022, I don’t expect him to win in this election due to the dominance of Rāhu in his chart and the superior strength of Rāhu in the chart of his opponent. His running mate Kamala Harris will offset this much, as her exalted Rāhu will assist with the media on the campaign trail, but this won’t be able to help Biden in the crucial presidential debates. Biden should do more (prepared and scripted) media interviews as the spontaneous Mercury-Mars yoga can work against him now.

Given the other powerful factors in her chart, and the fact that Biden is excellent at supporting those in power, Kamala would benefit a lot personally during this time, and would be a very strong candidate in 2024. She will then be in a Rāhu-Venus period, powerfully activating both her strong Rāhu and Venus placed in phenomenal strength in Leo. She would be an extremely formidable candidate or opponent in 2024.

MARS Day ruler of the Election

All recent US Presidential elections occur on Tuesdays, so Mars is a very important factor that cannot be ignored. For the rest of the year 2020, Mars will be transiting sidereal Aries, but with retrograde time in sidereal Pisces. Mars went into sidereal Aries on August 16, 2020, within 24 hours after Donald Trump’s brother died. Mars is the natural significator of brothers in Vedic astrology, so this shows that Mars is still strong in his chart.

It will dip back into sidereal Pisces from Oct 04, 2020 – Dec 23, 2020 and will, thereafter, transit sidereal Aries again until Feb 21, 2021. Aries is the ninth house for Trump and strengthens his conservative base with Mars being placed in the first house Leo. For Biden, Aries is the health-sensitive sixth house as described previously where the Mars-Moon energy didn’t work in his favour, historically. The sign exchange between

Pisces Mars and Scorpio Ketu (South Node) on election day points to underhanded power grab dynamics at play.

When we talk about connection into the public, it is the Moon that matters. On election day, the transiting Pisces Mars will be in the positive fifth house from Trump’s natal Moon, and in the unsupported twelfth house from Biden’s Moon. This doesn’t necessarily mean that Biden will lose, but it does indicate that voter turnout can be a problem.

Saturn moved into Trump’s sixth house Capricorn in January 2020, and he has been battling enemies, most notably the impeachment process and China (Capricorn rising chart). The planetary aspect of Saturn on his third, eighth, and twelfth houses shows an overcoming of his enemies, especially the older they are. Saturn can win against older enemies. Unfortunately, his primary election oppo-

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PREDICTIVE TECHNIQUES and the US ELECTIONS

CHART DATA USED IN THIS ARTICLE

Joseph R. Biden Jr, 20 November 1942, 08:26 am, Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA. (Rectified +/- 30sec from A-rated time of 08:30 am).

Kamala Devi Harris, 20 October 1964, 09:13 pm, Oakland, California, USA. (Rectified +/- 30sec from AA-rated time of 9.28 pm).

Donald J. Trump, 14 June 1946, 10:55 am, Jamaica, New York, USA. (Minor adjustment from AA-rated birth time of 10:54 am).

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The diachronic role of Eclipses as an important tool in astrological forecasting

Eclipses are one of the most potent astrological phenomena. An eclipse chart brings a New or Full Moon in proximity with the lunar Nodal Axis, making it particularly personal and important in our development.

How to use an Eclipse Chart as a forecasting tool – The Lizzie Borden Case

While more extensive research is required to reach more established conclusions, I would like to share a compelling example that suggests an undeniable importance to the eclipse charts: The Lizzie Borden Case.

Background of events

“Born on July 19, 1860, in Fall River, Massachusetts, Lizzie Borden and her sister, Emma, lived with their father, Andrew Borden, and stepmother, Abby (Durfee Gray) Borden, into adulthood. The relationship between the Borden sisters and their stepmother, Abby Borden, was distant. They greeted her as “Mrs. Borden” and worried that Abby Borden’s family sought to gain access to their father’s money.

On August 4, 1892, Andrew and Abby Borden were found murdered in their home. Lizzie was tried and acquitted for the axe murders.”¹

“Months before the murders, in May 1892 Andrew, believing that pigeons in the barn were attracting local children to hunt them, killed the pigeons with a hatchet. Lizzie had recently built a roost for the pigeons and was upset at their deaths. Tension had been growing in the family in the months leading to the murders, especially over Andrew’s gifts of real estate to various branches of Abby’s family. After their stepmother’s sister received a house, the sisters had demanded and received a rental property (the home they had lived in until their mother died) which they purchased from their father for $1; a few weeks before the murders, they sold the property back to their father for $5,000 (equivalent to $133,000 in 2016). The night before the murders, John Vinnicum Morse, the brother of Lizzie and Emma’s deceased mother, visited and was invited to stay for a few days to discuss business matters with Andrew. Some writers have speculated that their conversation, particularly about property transfer, may have aggravated an already tense situation.”²

Lizzy Borden Natal Chart - Two tense aspects

The following two difficult configurations in the Lizzie Borden chart³ are noteworthy:

Mars in the 4th House in opposition to the Sun in the 10th /11th House.
- A tendency for power struggles and defensive stances.
- Possible reaction to the father figure and any forms of authority.
- Possible display of aggression when the person feels threatened.

Moon in the 11th House in Square to Pluto in the 8th House.
- Deep, intense, and complex emotional world.
- Death of the mother that affects the person’s emotional well-being.
- Emotional charge and psychological tension on issues related to inheritances, loans, financial support from others

The Lizzy Borden Case Solar Eclipse – Tension is palpable

Approximately 4 months prior to the murders, a Total Solar Eclipse occurred on April 26, 1892. The Eclipse takes place in the sign of Taurus and its overall tone is quite “electrified” with the Sun and the Moon being in an opposition to the planet Uranus.

Emma & Lizzie Borden
Sun in opposition to Uranus causes rebellion, reaction, and unconformity while its opposition to the Moon creates emotional tension and anxiousness.

It is an eclipse which potentially can bring events that are sudden and unexpected.

Mars square to Mercury brings anger and irritability in communications and discussions, resulting in debates. It denotes an assertive stance in the case of purchasing or selling or when checking contracts and legal documents. (Mercury is Rx).

How the eclipse falls on the natal chart

The eclipse falls on Lizzie’s 8th house and is tightly conjunct her natal Pluto in the sign of Taurus. Pluto is associated with wealth, complex emotions and passion, and transformative life and death experiences. It is a planet that relates to inner value and power, and is also associated with death. The eclipse in the sign of Taurus is associated with and relates to decisions and actions about possessions and material security.

The eclipse also activates the challenging Moon square to Pluto aspect, stirring memories of loss of her mother, and also bringing to the fore issues relating to women and inheritances.

The eclipse-Uranus configuration activates the 2nd house – 8th house axis in Lizzie’s natal chart with issues relating to her self-worth, resources, and other people’s money and inheritances.

On the day of the eclipse, we also have a Mars Return in the 4th House. The influence of this Mars return (that is square to Mercury) intensifies adversities in family dynamics, particularly as it involves the natal Sun opposition.

Interpretation of the Eclipse:

The Eclipse is not only influential for the actual time it takes place, but can have a longer lasting effect of several months, or some say, even years.

We can expect from these alignments strong changes and concerns regarding her resources and money management, as well as potential disagreements, or even power struggles and ruptures, with the family.

It is an eclipse that, in its themes and its astrological symbolism, compellingly describes:

• The emotional turmoil that Lizzie felt for quite a period after the eclipse’s occurrence,
• The prevailing issues that troubled her, relating to the inheritances
• The crisis that ensued in house and in family.

What is the role of the astrologer in interpreting eclipses?

The previous case study used a dramatic event with the intention to assess the role of an eclipse in events that are facts and cannot be disputed.
Of course, this does not mean that all eclipses must lead to such extreme outcomes. On the contrary, many times eclipses help us move forward and evolve by clearing our way and opening new chapters, bringing new people and situations in our lives.

So, we as astrologers, must not only assess the eclipse’s effect on the individual, but we have to conscientiously apply utmost care how we interpret the eclipse and how we convey the interpretation to the client.

We look at the house and sign where the eclipse takes place in our charts, but also other alignments in the eclipse chart. (In Lizzy’s case, the Mars return was not immediately connected to the eclipse).

Remember, the effect of an eclipse may not always be easy, convenient, or desirable for a person, but in most cases, it precipitates an effect that can be profitably integrated.

In planning ahead, it is recommended to avoid eclipse seasons for important medical or other delicate procedures since eclipses have an unpredictable and unstable influence.

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Book Review
Review by Arlan Wise

CHIRON HEALER AND WHOLEMAKER
by Zane Stein

Chiron is Zane Stein’s life work. He wrote one of the first books on Chiron in 1988. He founded the Association for Studying Chiron. This new book compiles information from his never-ending research and curiosity and tells us what he has discovered. He brings in new names and definitions for Chiron: Bridge, Doorway, Stepping Stone, Wholemaker, the Keeper of the Keys, The Sacred Centaur of the Stars.

His first book, Essence and Application, A view from Chiron, was full of practical advice. It described how to delineate Chiron in signs, houses, and in aspect to other planets. It is an important book to read. This new work goes into much more depth and offers new material from many different angles.

He begins the book with the psychology of how a wound is created, how a fear response is conditioned and stored in emotional memory. He tells us that Chiron shows us where the wound is, where the break occurred, and what one must do to be able to heal and become whole. Zane states that Chiron also repairs ancestral wounds besides the ones set up in childhood.

Chapter One is an article that was published in the Mountain Astrologer on Chiron and the essence of nurturing. He gives an excellent description of a case study of multiple personalities in which he showcases Chiron.

He then goes on to describe the astronomy of Chiron. Zane explains why it is classified as both a minor planet and a comet. He compares Chiron to Pluto, both having connections to sex and death, but with the difference that Pluto transforms and Chiron transmutes.

In the following chapters he discusses Chiron in the charts of artists, including the Monty Python crew, talks of Chiron’s place in healing disease, and how Chiron can help you find the right healer. There is a full section on the mythology of Chiron. Then he describes how to utilize Chiron and heal the wounds we carry.

Zane discusses the Chiron return, having lived beyond his so that he can speak from experience. He does revive the chapters of Chiron in the signs, houses, and aspects, this time including minor aspects. He talks of Chiron’s transits and progressions, the Nodes of Chiron, how to use Chiron in Horary, and in assessing relationships.

He ends the book with an extensive section on the other Centaurs and includes websites where one can find an ephemeris of Centaurs.

This is a very complete book. Zane Stein has matured and his experience shows in his writing. This is more than a book on Chiron. He teaches astronomy and gives very good explanations of astrological concepts. He documents his statements and gives the birth data for his examples at the end of each chapter.

Zane Stein gives us his own birth information. He is a Gemini. We see this in the book which is packed full of information and answers to questions that drove his Gemini mind. This is the kind of book that has you stop reading and picking up the ephemeris to see what happened in your life as he describes crucial Chiron times. You see who were the Chiron figures in your life and identify your mentors, guides, and teachers.

I can’t recommend this book enough. It will be one you will refer to for your whole life. It is a five-star book. *****
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For the third column in OPA’s forensic astrology series, I was presented with five MYSTERY CHARTS pertaining to a single violent event. It was revealed that the victim had been beaten to death at the time indicated by the event chart, but no other details were provided. This exercise aims to help demonstrate how astrological charts could be interpreted in a real-life situation with very little background information to go on.

MYSTERY CHARTS
- A tragic event – Chart 1
- Victim of tragic event – Chart 2
- Suspect 1 male – Chart 3
- Suspect 2 female – Chart 4
- Death of Suspect 2 – Chart 5

**QUESTIONS for the MYSTERY CHARTS**

- Why was Victim (chart 2) assaulted on Tragic event (chart 1) – She was found beaten and died of her wounds shortly after. Was it an accident or premeditated?
- Was Suspect 1, 2, or both, the perpetrators?
- What possible motives?
- Suspect 2 was found hung (chart 5 - no time available). Was it suicide or murder?

**Event Chart**
This event chart shows the planetary alignments when the victim was murdered. Here, the victim is signified by the ruler of the Ascendant (Mercury), while the person of interest (POI) is signified by the ruler of the descendant (Jupiter). Both the victim (Mercury) and the POI (Jupiter) are sitting tightly conjunct in the 5th house at 24 and 23 degrees, respectively. While this cannot be confirmed, it would be plausible to suggest that both people were having fun, drinking and/or partying/celebrating when the event occurred. Neptune sits prominently in the 10th house of this chart, ruling the 12th through Pisces, which seems to emphasize Neptunian themes that may be inherent in this 5th house placement. However, it is also notable that the 5th house is the house traditionally associated with sex, children, and romance.

The 7th house being ruled by Sagittarius, a double-bodied sign, can indicate that more than one POI is involved. For now, however, we will refer to our POI(s) as a single individual. Pluto also sits in the 7th house describing the individual in question. Generally, this is not a positive placement as it indicates the potentially ruthless, violent, and obsessive nature of the individual. According to forensic astrologer Caroline Luley, Pluto generally changes the course of events through outside factors including violence. In the 7th, it can also indicate that the POI was perceived as safe and secure and may have been yearning for a risky lifestyle choice.

Because the Moon is always a co-significator of our victim, we would also need to...
consider its placement. In this event chart, the Moon sits in the 2nd house; however, it is also tightly conjunct Saturn, the greater malefic, which rules the 8th house of death through Capricorn. The influence of Saturn conjunct the victim’s co-significator can show a restriction and may imply that they may have been under the control of an authoritative influence. These conjunctions to the victim’s significators by both Saturn and Jupiter (the POI) seem to imply dark potentials.

With the Moon in the 2nd house in the sign of Cancer, there may have been concerns regarding the victim’s moveable possessions (i.e., belongings or money). There is also a “foundation of life” quality associated with the 2nd house which could show that this was a major concern for the victim. Along with this 2nd house theme of foundation comes the 2nd-house association with esteem. As John Frawley notes, the 2nd house is associated with the subject’s “self-esteem, self-valuing, and also esteem for the partner: esteem, or value, seen as a transferable thing.”

If money was not a direct concern in this case (Moon in 2nd), it does appear that the victim’s emotional (Moon) esteem or value (2nd house) may have been challenged or restricted (Saturn). In general, this conjunction could also indicate a hardening (Saturn) of emotional (Moon) factors, which may have also been a factor precipitating this case.

As mentioned, Jupiter (the POI) and Mercury (the victim) are sitting closely together in the 5th house. However, they are both also in the sign of Leo and being dispossessed by the Sun in the 4th house. This disposer can indicate what was motivating both people at the time of this event. In this chart, the Sun sitting in the 4th house shows that familial or home concerns may have been motivating our victim and POI.

The Sun in Leo is powerful in its sign of rulership, but its shadow side can present itself as arrogant, pompous, patronizing, and competitive. Ego is also associated with the Sun and Leo and, as a result, this placement can express an intolerance to disrespect. Leo also has a desire to be appreciated and loved—and, at its most negative, may find this attention through shallow, sexual encounters.

There seems to be numerous testimonies pointing towards children and the family environment in this chart. For instance, both our victim and the POI fall in the 5th house of fatherhood, sex, and children and are both being dispossessed by the Sun in Leo—the planet and sign associated with children through the concept of creation—in the 4th house of home and family. There is clearly no way of confirming this without additional details surrounding the case, but it is interesting, nonetheless.

The Sun in this chart is also quincunx Uranus in the 10th house at 2-degree orb. The quincunx aspect can indicate instability and imbalance and, combined with the energy of Uranus, can potentially point to volatile and unexpected influences affecting the individuals involved.

Mars and Uranus are widely conjunct near the zenith of this chart at a 9-degree orb. Together these planets often portend unexpected accidents, aggression and/or injuries. Interestingly, the Moon (victim) in the 2nd house is trine both Mars and Uranus, falling almost exactly on the Mars-Uranus midpoint. This seems like it could indicate an explosive and unpredictable event—not necessarily one that was premeditated with intent. Mars is also widely square Pluto at a 7 degree orb which could also indicate the presence of a deep, obsessive and/or power-oriented (Pluto) aggression (Mars).

Because of the explosive aggression indicated by a lethal beating, Mars would be important to examine. In this chart, Mars is in Pisces in the 11th house. However, Mars in Pisces tends to express itself in unique ways. Sue Tompkins describes this planet’s aggression as “diffused and free-floating” with the ability to light “on anyone or anything.” Along with other indicators, this does not seem to indicate a pre-meditated act—but more so a crime of passion, being triggered by explosive emotions and Leonine ego and pride. The Ascendant, which represents our victim’s vitality and physical body is also square both Uranus and Mars (at 3 and 6 degree orbs).

A few other important placements should be noted—mainly that Jupiter (the POI) and Mercury (the victim) are also both square the Nodes. This seems to indicate that the wheels of fate had been set in motion. Please do not interpret this as the victim or murderer were fated to encounter this event. It may simply be understood as planetary alignments providing a critical moment where life-changing decisions may be made.

In considering the 7th house ruler (Jupiter) in combination with the fact that Capricorn rules the 8th, we see themes involving drowning, bleeding out, and potential liver problems (Jupiter/Sagittarius) as well as the idea of bones and the skeletal system (fractures). Taken together, these two factors could, very well, point to a lethal beating, potentially motivated by alcohol or drugs.

While in this case we have our suspect’s natal chart for further analysis, in a situation where the POI is unknown, the sign on the 7th house cusp and its ruler could potentially provide information regarding their identity. In this case, Sagittarius (a double-bodied sign) provides the possibility of two suspects being involved, but it can also describe their physical appearance and personality.

In this sign, the suspect may be described as well-proportioned, tall and/or overweight, strong and well-set with an oval visage, high forehead and large body. In a literal manner, they may also be associated with Sagittarian careers or themes, like higher learning, publishing, or travel. Likewise, the victim may also be tall and thin with an upturned nose and clear complexion.

In terms of aspect patterns, this chart has an interesting grand trine between the Moon-Saturn (victim/restraint) conjunction in the 2nd house, Mars (aggression and assertion) in the 11th, and Juno in Scorpio in the 6th. A trine shows an easy flow of energy that encourages action to play out swiftly.

In Greek mythology, Juno (also known as Hera) was married to Zeus (Jupiter) and considered the patron goddess of marriage. She was known for her fidelity and loyalty to her husband, but their marriage was borne out of obligation and it often turned
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combative when Juno was forced to face the constant infidelities of Zeus. According to Demetra George, this asteroid bears an energy like that of Libra and Scorpio, acting on the polarities of intimacy and manipulation. While she is associated with the concept of relatedness, she also holds strong association with relationship pathologies such as infidelity, jealousy, betrayal, power games, and subtle manipulation. In the sign of Scorpio, this can show a deep need to bond with the partner – but at its most negative, can express itself in jealousy and sexual power games and manipulation. In the 6th, Demetra George states it can show that there is a “constructive” aspect to the relationship based mainly on routine and day-to-day life.

Interestingly, Ceres also falls in the 1st house of the victim in this chart, once again bringing up parenting and mothering themes through its traditional mythology. However, Ceres can also express herself as rejection, abandonment, control over children, death and dying. These asteroid placements add an interesting archetypal layer to the details of this event.

Natal Charts

Victim

I was provided with the natal chart of three individuals – the victim and that of a male and female suspect. Interestingly, in this case, having a double-bodied sign (Sagittarius) on the Descendant of the event chart accurately indicated that there were, indeed, two suspects involved.

If a forensic astrologer were working directly with the victim’s family or using information provided by news reports, they would be privy to information detailing the connection between the victim and the POI. Indeed, homicide is the least likely crime to be committed by a stranger. For the sake of this exercise, using Occam’s razor, we can reasonably assume that the suspects and victim knew each other in some way.

We can look at these charts (both alone and together) to gauge how these individuals may have interacted. Let us start by briefly examining our victim.

According to the information provided, our female victim is an Aquarius Sun with a fiery Leo Moon and an earthy Taurus Rising. With the exclusion of the Moon, her personal planets all fall in the traditionally Saturn-ruled signs of Capricorn and Aquarius. Based on this information, we can assume that the victim was a progressive, freedom-oriented individual, who may appear partially detached yet reliable. However, her Moon in Leo suggests a deep-seated need for appreciation and the tendency to dramatize emotions. This Sun-Moon opposition can create competitive tensions, with the individual aiming to find their self-worth through competition with a real or imagined “other.” This seems more likely when considering her exalted Mars and natal, 2-degree Sun-Saturn conjunction. Regardless, there is a charming, pleasant quality to be had with the Sun-Venus conjunction. With both Venus and Mars in the 9th house of Capricorn, despite the victim’s progressive nature (Aquarius placements), she is likely attracted (Venus) to the traditional elements and wisdoms of life (Capricorn/9th) – as well as to individuals who embody these principles.

Scorpio on the 7th house cusp bears similar themes for interpretation. According to Marion D. March and Joan McEvers, these natives may attract someone who tries to “take them over” or who may throw them aside at a whim. With a fixed Taurus/Scorpio angle, however, it is likely this individual was interested in marriage with someone who would put them before all else. With Pluto in the 5th, we see potential power issues in the realms of romance and children, and this planet is also exactly conjunct her Dark Moon Lilith. The victim has a natal, fixed T-Square between Neptune in the 6th, her

With Neptune as the apex planet of the T-Square, the individual likely has difficulties bringing personal Neptunian themes (idealism, dreams, projections, and illusion) into conscious awareness.

Chart 2: Female Victim
Mercury-South Node-Jupiter conjunction in the 10th, and her Moon-North Node conjunction in the 4th. Bil Tierney suggests that the apex planet of a T-Square shows a planetary energy that the native has difficulty incorporating into the awareness of the opposition without resulting in the imbalance/disharmony implied by the square. These issues, he states, are usually expressed through relationships.

In this case, with Neptune as the apex planet of the T-Square, the individual likely has difficulties bringing personal Neptunian themes (idealism, dreams, projections, and illusion) into conscious awareness. With Mercury (mental processing) and Jupiter (expansion, growth, miracles) at one end of the opposition with the Moon (instincts/emotions) at the other, it may suggest that the victim may have had difficulties recognizing legitimate Neptunian effects on her emotions and thoughts. The empty point opposite the apex of the T-Square (Neptune) falls at 13 degrees Taurus in the 12th house. As such, 12th house areas of life (spirituality, the subconscious) may have provided her an opportunity to work through the complex energies denoted by her chart.

Suspect 1 (Male)

According to his natal chart, Suspect 1 is a dreamy Pisces Sun, a fiery Sagittarius Moon and an earthy Capricorn Rising. In examining the suspect's natal chart, we see that fire and air dominate his personal planets. While water can aid in softening the passion and dominance shown by air signs, oftentimes it can also create a volatile individual capable of lashing out (fire) when they perceive insensitivities (water) to their being.

With his many Pisces placements and a Sagittarius Moon, Jupiterian energy is strong in this chart; however, Jupiter is in the sign of Aries which can suggest a crusading or pioneering attitude toward expansion and the possibility of over-the-top behavior. With the Sun in Pisces, this individual may feel a sense of self-sacrifice or martyrdom coupled with a weak sense of boundaries. This seems to be emphasized by the exact Sun-Chiron conjunction at 14 degrees of Pisces.

This Sun-Chiron conjunction is important because it is the strongest (and tightest) major aspect in this chart. This aspect seems to inherently imply deep wounding to his individuality and sense of self.

According to Reinhardt, for those with this placement: "Our sense of being at the creative center of our own world falters, and we may seek to make someone else the centre of our universe." Indeed, those with this placement may be extremely charismatic and well-liked but are unable to recognize and/or believe it for themselves. This interpretation fits very well with other themes in this chart tightly opposing Pluto in the 8th house.

Additionally, the suspect's Chiron is conjunct Mars at 10 degrees Pisces (4-degree orb) and trining Neptune at 17 degrees of Scorpio (3-degree). A Mars-Chiron placement can express itself as a fear of confrontation or a tendency to sub-consciously push down anger. However, it may also point to a merciless and ruthless element that innately understands how to take down an opponent and break down the confidence of an enemy. The Neptune contact seems to emphasize the issues with boundaries already associated with the sign of Pisces. Reinhardt notes that "limits, exclusiveness and boundaries may be feared, and [the native] might become angry, depressed, or confused when challenged with situations that do not respect the world of imagination which [they] cherish." She also emphasizes the increased possibility of alcohol and/or drug use.

There is an element of wistfulness and romanticism inherent in the sign of Pisces, which is coupled with the emotional (Moon) Sagittarian need for freedom and
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experience. Both these signs, however, have been known to express a tendency for idealism and wearing rose-colored glasses. With a Mercury in Pisces, this individual may be highly intuitive when it comes to others and will likely learn best in an intuitive manner. The exact opposition between Mercury and Uranus shows the potential for a fast, lightning-speed brilliance but also potential erraticism and an inconsistency of ideas which may be unappealing to social groups and peers.

With an Aries Venus, he may be attracted to the damsel in distress, seeing himself as a savior for his romantic partners. However, his Mars in Pisces shows that he may also unconsciously “drift” into situations without fully considering their implications. He may also be prone to easily ignited, free-floating violence, which can be exacerbated by drugs and alcohol. Still, this is a seductive placement. Combined with a Sagittarius Moon (that desires variety and experience, bravely going after what one desires), and an exact Sun-Chiron conjunction (seeking to find a mirror in another). At their worst, romantically, these aspects suggest the possibility of infidelity and/or multiple partners.

It should be noted that this suspect’s natal Mars is exactly conjunct transiting Mars in the event chart, strongly suggesting a direct involvement in the event.

Suspect 2 (Female)

In examining the chart of the second suspect (a female), we see that she has a 29-degree Leo Sun coupled with a fiery Leo moon and a Cancer ascendant. Her Leo placements indicate a warm and loyal personality that may be prone to dramatic or prideful displays. Generally, someone with this type of prominent Leo energy may require recognition and want to be the “best” at something – whatever that something may be. However, her Mercury and Venus in Virgo show an analytical side that may be attracted to those who are overlooked by others. Her Leo Mars demonstrates the potential for a fiery, strong aggression that may be inspired by the superiority of others. With Jupiter in Virgo, we get the sense of a conscientious individual; however, one that can be fraught with worries. Saturn is also in its fall in Aries, which Sue Thompkins describes as a “stop-go” situation where the individual naturally expects opposition to their plans. However, at its highest expression, it may have the ability to curb Aries’ aggressive tendencies.

In this chart, Pluto is conjunct both Mercury and Venus, showing the capability for deep (and potentially obsessive) thought processes, as well as the ability for passionate love. A fear of loss and betrayal may be a motivator behind social interactions and attachments.

Brief Synastry
Victim with Male Suspect

When examining the synastry of the victim and male suspect, a few things stand out. Should these individuals have been acquainted, there would be a few interesting dynamics occurring. Firstly, the man’s Sun is quincunx the victim’s Moon, showing that her emotional instincts clash with his very being. He likely doesn’t understand whatsoever the emotional responses that she puts forth. On the flipside, however, with her Sun sextiling his Moon, she likely has a positive effect on his emotional nature, making him feel nurtured and cared for. With his Sun trining her Neptune, any relationship between these two would likely feel very sacred for the victim; however, this same Sun opposite her Pluto may illuminate the Plutonian energy within her, and this passion may distort her perception of who he really is. His Moon is also squaring her Pluto, showing the potential for her to be rather insensitive when it comes to matters of his heart. However, this may not be without reason. Her Ascendant and Venus both square his Saturn. This can indicate a repression of her self-expression and responses to love. Overall, however, with so many of her planets falling into his 1st house, there is likely a strong attraction and/or strong approval of each other’s

Chart 4: Suspect 2 Female

Generally, someone with this type of prominent Leo energy may require recognition and want to be the “best” at something – whatever that something may be.
while the relationship between these individuals is not revealed, there does seem to be some potential for romantic involvement at play. Still however, her Pluto sitting opposite his Mars shows the possibility of power struggles which can explode at a moment’s notice.

Male Suspect with Female Suspect

When examining the relationship between the two suspects, there are a few things of note. Firstly, the female suspect’s Sun trines the male suspect’s Venus while opposing his Saturn (both at a 2-degree orb). The Sun tends to illuminate things in a literal way, and she likely incited feelings of pleasure, fondness, structure and authority within him. Her Ascendant trines his natal Sun/Chiron conjunction at a 1-degree orb – a placement denoting both healing and attraction on his part. However, her Moon is also exactly square his Neptune, a placement that can cause them to misread each other’s signals and is difficult to manage without conscious awareness. However, each finds their ideal mate (and shadow side) in the other, with their reversed natal ASC/DSC signs. His North Node is also widely conjunct her Ascendant, which likely contributes to the power of this connection, while her Neptune is also tightly conjunct his MC, bringing potential themes of idealism, confusion, and scandal to the 10th house public realm.

When transposing the houses, we see that the female suspect’s prominent Leo/Virgo placements fall directly into the male suspect’s 8th house. While this is known as the modern house of sex, it also holds themes of death and ownership. This type of heavy 8th house activation can indicate an intense, inexplicable attraction, but it may also indicate the desire to want to “own” another person – this seems likely with the female suspect’s Pluto falling here as well.

Female Suspect and Victim

At the same time, the victim’s planets transpose most strongly onto the female suspect’s 8th house – again, bringing up themes of control and obsessive tendencies between them. Interestingly, the victim’s Moon also sits exactly on the female suspect’s North Node.

Transits Overview

By transposing the event chart onto the natal chart of each individual, we can also examine how the planetary transits were affecting these individuals at the time of the event.

Victim

Our victim was heavily under Neptunian influences, with Neptune crossing over multiple planets in her 10th house and squaring its natal position. With Neptune in the 10th, the victim may have felt unsure of where she was going in life and what she should be doing. Because Neptune is a slow-moving planet, this is something she had likely been feeling for a while. Unfortunately, as Robert Hand notes, this is a time where one must take special precautions to avoid deceiving others or being deceived themselves.

In particular, this victim was experiencing Neptune widely conjunct her natal Saturn (at a 10-degree orb) while also closely conjunct her natal Jupiter and Mercury (at 3 and 5-degrees respectively). It was also opposite her natal Moon. For the sake of brevity, we can assume that this individual’s rational thinking was not at an all-time high. She may have been experiencing strange moods or obsessions or have been letting emotions override her mental state (Neptune-Moon). She may have been overly confident in the wrong types of people or situations (Neptune-Jupiter) or simply showing potentials for self-deceit (Neptune-Mercury). Regardless, there was probably a foggy, trusting quality influencing many of her decisions at this time.

At the time of the victim’s murder, transiting Mars was also opposite her natal Pluto at a 1-degree orb. To use the words of Rob Hand, on its most basic level, this transit can indicate “severe interpersonal power struggles.” He notes that this influence may cause the native or others around them to behave in a ruthless, aggressive manner and may even indicate acts of violence. Considering what occurred, this transit seems important to interpret further. To gain a better perspective, we can use Bernadette Brady’s transit grid system.

Because the victim’s natal Mars and Pluto are in the 9th and 5th houses, we can assume that the event was precipitated by issues in these areas – in particular, a desire for experience, travel, or learning (9th house) and/or related to children or romance (5th house). These precursors would, theoretically, cause a change in her 11th house realm (Mars transiting natal 11th house) – indicating perhaps the meeting of new people or a social group or team work (11th house) or an event involving the children of others (11th as the 5th from the 7th). The ultimate effect of this transit would be felt in the natal houses ruled by these signs. In this case, the victim’s 7th and 12th house are ruled by Mars, which could indicate a relationship either being formed or broken (the 7th) and the victim feeling alone, isolated or without power (12th house).

Male Suspect

When examining the natal chart of our male suspect, we see that he was experiencing prominent Pluto transits at the time of this event. These include transiting Pluto square his natal Sun-Chiron-Mars...
opposing natal Pluto in the 2nd/8th house axis. At the time of this event, Pluto was transiting the suspect’s 11th house, indicating a potential dissatisfaction with people and ideas that he once felt were important. He may have been looking for intense, emotional encounters in the social realm, and this transit often brings the type of people who can easily change the course of your life. Hand notes that Pluto opposite the Sun can often bring about major crises—and under extreme conditions, it can “release its energy in a single explosive burst as an injury or physical assault.” Pluto square the suspect’s Mars only increases the intensity of this already powerful aspect and can add an extra “egotistical” layer to its expression. The square to his natal Pluto can indicate a time of regeneration and transformation but may also show power struggles when obstacles attempt to impede this change.

Now, going deeper into these transits, we see that the suspect’s natal Pluto is located in his 8th house, indicating that a situation regarding security, death/rebirth, or a simple desire for change incited events involving a new group of people or other people’s children (transiting Pluto in the 11th house), and ultimately resulted in changes to the suspect’s public persona or social standing (10th house ruled by Pluto/Scorpio)

Female Suspect
Let’s move on to the second suspect—the female. At the time of this event, the female suspect had been experiencing an interesting variety of transits. These include transiting Uranus opposite her natal Sun (2-degree orb), transiting Neptune opposite her natal Mars (1-degree orb), transiting Mars opposite her natal Jupiter (2-degree orb), and transiting Pluto exactly squaring her natal Venus. Hand says transiting Uranus opposite the Sun can bring about a number of events that cause the native to question their individuality and personhood—and because the Sun is a predominantly masculine energy, it can also show unexpected events involving males in particular. Mars opposite Jupiter can either be very good or very bad—but it can sometimes encourage people to bite off more than they can chew. Neptune’s influence on her natal Mars can also show the possibility of deceitful actions, either from her or from others.

With Pluto transiting over the 5th, the female suspect was likely desiring a depth of experience, and these transits can bring about intense love affairs that can seem karmic or fated to those involved. Indeed, this would feel even stronger with transiting Pluto also squaring her natal Venus at the same time. Still, however, Pluto can also bring about difficulties and may provoke jealousy and possessiveness. This transit deserves a closer look.

An issue at home (natal Pluto in the 4th) or in the familiar environment (natal Venus in the 3rd) would have instigated a concern involving children, lovers or creativity (Pluto transiting the 5th). It would be felt in the 5th house of romance, children, and creativity, (Pluto ruling the 5th), in the 4th house of home, perchance signaling the finality of the event (Venus ruling intercepted Libra in the 4th), and/or the formation of a new social group or events involving other people’s children (Venus ruling the 11th house).

DEATH OF SUSPECT 2 – (Chart 5)
Seven years following the victim’s murder, the female suspect was found hung. I was asked whether the male suspect was involved in her death or whether it was suicide. Here is a chart showing the time she was found—No exact time of the actual event was recorded, so we are using a Solar Chart (Sun on Ascendant).

In this chart, the female suspect would be represented by Saturn in the 9th (because Capricorn is on the Ascendant). The other person, if there was one involved, would be indicated by the Moon in the 11th house.

Generally, the Moon is a co-significator for our victim (in this case, the female suspect), so the fact that the other person is indicated by the Moon is interesting.

Chart 5: Death of Suspect 2
POI, seems to indicate that this event was likely a suicide.

CONCLUSIONS

For those who are still with me, congratulations; it’s been a long one. But now, let us try to sum up what we have gathered thus far.

First, we have three people involved in this event: a female victim who was beaten to death and two suspects (a male and a female). In the case of homicide, it is statistically more likely that these individuals know each other in some way; however, the details of the relationship are unknown.

Throughout our analysis, we saw themes of partnership, romance, family, and children. For instance, this was shown by the placement of the significators of our victim and POI in the event chart (5th house) being dispossessed by the Sun in Leo in the 4th house. We also saw Ceres in the 1st house of the victim and Mars, Saturn and Juno involved in a powerful grand trine.

Based on the natal charts, we can assume we are dealing with a victim who is relatively independent, perhaps a bit stubborn, with a dramatic emotional style. Her natal T-Square implies she has difficulties bringing Neptunian energies to consciousness – and we also know that she was experiencing heavy Neptunian influences at the time of this event.

Our male suspect is a watery Pisces with an impressive amount of fiery energy hidden behind a serious, Capricorn mask. He may be wounded (exact Sun-Chiron conjunction), easily swayed and idealistic – but he has no trouble going after what he wants. There are a few synastry aspects that could speak to a stable relationship between our victim and male suspect, but according to our analysis, he may have been looking for a lifestyle change when these events occurred. At the time of the murder, the suspect’s progressed Venus was exactly conjunct his natal Descendant, while transiting Mars was exactly conjunct his natal Mars. There are also some indicators that drugs and/or alcohol may have been involved.

Our female suspect is a fiery, confident woman with a strong practical, analytical side. There is strong attraction seen in the synastry of these two suspects, and they would likely feel that their relationship is fated in some sense. At the time of this murder, the female suspect was experiencing strong Plutonian energy over her 5th house of romance, while Pluto was also firmly squaring her natal Venus. In the deeper transit analysis, themes of relationship formation and breakup keep reappearing.

While I don’t have chart indications that this crime was premeditated, the male suspect comes across as possessing a volatile temper, activated by his Mars return at the time of the event.

Now, while there is no way of confirming this information yet, I derive from these charts interactions that these people may have been in the midst of some type of love triangle or that the male was being torn between the two women in a social group. While I don’t have chart indications that this crime was premeditated, the male suspect comes across as possessing a volatile temper, activated by his Mars return at the time of the event. If a conflict did erupt within a romantic relationship between the victim and the male suspect, the victim with a 4th house Moon and highly fixed energy likely wouldn’t be keen on change.

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What truly happened on that summer night in July 2003?
MYSTERY SOLVED
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Cover artist

Amélie Gebhard

When OPA asked me to design a cover for this issue and told me the topic, I immediately had an inner image in mind: the Old Masters gathered around a table discussing current human events. So, we are observing a moment from a parallel universe, and wouldn’t we like to listen? It was important for me to take two more levels into the round: God’s will and the free will of man. Which symbols did I find for it? Find out, and maybe you will pick up one or the other sentence of the conversation. When do you ever have the opportunity to meet so much concentrated knowledge at one table?

I have lived in Berlin since 1990 and have been able to read many faces in my professional life as a make-up artist. At the Astrologie Zentrum, Berlin, I studied psychological astrology with Markus Jehle. The beginning of my training marked a turning point in my personal development. Because, in addition to the great joy of studying, I feel that I have finally arrived where I feel at home — personally, professionally, and spiritually. My vocation is not only astrology, but also the visual realization of astrological content. In my monthly new moon column for a German magazine, I am allowed to do both: write about the current transits and create an illustration for them. One day, I would like to publish an illustrated book of the Sabian symbols.

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Claudius Ptolemy
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French actress Marie Trintignant (victim) died on August 1, 2003, three days after she was beaten to death by her boyfriend Bertrand Cantat (male suspect), front singer of famous music group “Noir Desir.” Her death followed a violent dispute that initially rendered her comatose in the early hours of July 27, 2003. The tragedy shook France to the core as the two prominent celebrities were cast for a dramatic role they never chose for themselves. The events set alight renewed activism in protest of violence against women.

The couple were together in Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, where Marie was involved in a movie production, impersonating the main role in the movie Colette, une Femme Libre (Colette, a Liberated Woman). Synchronistically, the author Colette after which the movie was made, was born on January 28, 1873, and died on August 3, 1954—within days of Marie’s birth and death dates.

On the evening of July 26, 2003, during a festive party and alcohol consumption following a long production day, the two are seen arguing, with Bertrand seemingly agitated as Marie does not reply to his questions. They return to their hotel room around 11PM, where, as it was later revealed, Bertrand flies into an all-consuming rage resulting in, a couple of hours later around 1:00 AM July 27, Marie comatose following 19 blows. Her injuries included a pulverized nose, the rupture of her two optic nerves, and cerebral lesions that caused a brain hemorrhage.

Bertrand had caught a text message on her phone from her ex-husband, father of her four daughters. He interprets that as a sign of fundamental treason since, in their passionate and symbiotic romance, they had promised each other to cut ties to absolute minimum contact with their respective exes, if only to discuss child-care arrangements. Bertrand did the same with his ex-wife and mother of his two children, Kristzina Rady (female suspect), whom he left for Marie 10 months prior—a week after she gave birth to their baby daughter (Sept 16, 2002)—severing their 11 years of marriage.

According to Bertrand, it was Marie who imposed these conditions, and yet, she did not follow suit as the text from her ex-husband, a film producer, suggested. Bertrand claimed that he lost it, it was an accident; she was the one who first got physical, and he retaliated by slapping her 4 times, with his rings causing the greater injuries. Following Marie’s loss of consciousness, Bertrand lays her body on the bed under covers with a cold press on her face. A while later, he calls her ex-husband, sharing with him that they had a bad fight, as he apologizes profusely about the late hour call. The ex, surprised by this call, tries to calm him down, claiming Marie is above petty fights and will not hold it against him. Then, he proceeds to call her brother who comes on site and sees the silhouette of his sister lying under covers in a dark room—he sees her bruised but breathing. The two men speak for hours without calling for help, until around 7:15AM, when her brother notices blood on her lip and finally calls an ambulance.

Bertrand is sent back to the hotel where he ingests pills, attempting to commit suicide. He is taken to the hospital to have his stomach pumped, tainting subsequent toxicology reports about his drug and alcohol intoxication levels throughout the evening.
Marie is flown back to France for a last chance surgery. She dies from the consequences of the brain hemorrhage on August 1.

Bertrand’s ex-wife Krisztina (female suspect 2) runs to his rescue from France, where she takes his defense and testifies at the Lithuanian trial that he never ever was violent and was an exemplary father during their 11 year marriage. Bertrand Cantat is convicted in Lithuania for fatally beating his girlfriend and is sentenced to eight years in prison. He is granted conditional release 4 years later, in 2007, and goes back to live with Krisztina and their children in France.

Krisztina, an art director and theatre actress of Hungarian origins, is found by their son Milo around 12:00 PM on January 10, 2010, hanged in a room adjacent to where Bertrand was still sleeping, a suicide note next to her. Later, her parents alleged intense physical and psychological abuse and threats of suicide by Bertrand if she were to leave him. “I almost lost a tooth this time,” she reported to her mother in a call preceding her death.

CONCLUSION

Using Forensic astrology techniques, Britanie Leclair accurately uncovered the main themes of the events through the chart analysis, with the little information that was made available to her. She accurately defined the personalities of the three people involved, and identified the circumstances leading up to the tragedy: the initially festive evening, the victim’s “home” place which was in this case, her hotel room, the fact that suspect 1 was the person most likely to have offended, that they were romantically involved, and the fact that the death was not premeditated.

Her reference to children coming through the charts is interesting in the light that the couple had both separated from partners who were parents to their children, and that connection to these exes in relation to their children was the reason that prompted the jealous rage.

With gratitude to Britanie for taking on this challenge and demonstrating the value of astrological analysis in forensic investigation.

All’s Well That Ends Well
Act One, Scene 1 -- Mars Rx makes his appearance

HELENA. Monsieur Parolles, you were born under a charitable star.

PAROLLES. Under Mars, I.

HELENA. I especially think, under Mars.

PAROLLES. Why under Mars?

HELENA. The wars hath so kept you under that you must needs be born under Mars.

PAROLLES. When he was predominant.

HELENA. When he was retrograde, I think, rather.

PAROLLES. Why think you so?

HELENA. You go so much backward when you fight.

PAROLLES. That’s for advantage.

HELENA. So is running away, when fear proposes the safety: but the composition that your valour and fear makes in you is a virtue of a good wing, and I like the wear well. (l.i)
Evidence-based Astrology

12 TIPS

Column by Robert Currey

Every astrologer is a researcher. We are all attuned to seeing patterns in human behaviour and how it correlates with planetary movements. We keep track of our observations. As we continue to test them, more examples of the pattern appear and eventually our records become data.

This ‘trial and error’ process is how astrology evolved over the last four thousand years. Over the millennia some theories were dropped. The most outstanding cascaded down through generations of stargazers. We are blessed to inherit this collective wisdom.

But now we are reaching a crunch point. For the last 400 years science has been catching up with our technology and now they are racing ahead. They have a competitive advantage: the scientific method. This means observing, measuring, testing, analysing, modifying the hypothesis and retesting in a systematic way. This loop is enhanced by independent sceptical criticism.

Why bother with this formal procedure when we can do it in our heads and it still works brilliantly? Several reasons:

1. Personal experience.
   Unless you’ve had the magical experience of reading charts for clients, your research will be like searching for a black cat on a dark night wearing sunglasses. This explains why sceptics fail to find any correlation even when it is staring them in the face. When I investigated three experiments where sceptics failed to find support for astrology, I discovered highly significant evidence. (Currey 2011, 2017 & 2020)

2. Keep to established claims.
   Astrology has a magnificent canon that has evolved over thousands of years. If you test well-established claims, you start with a hypothesis. Why try to discover something new, when our basic claims need to be tested and replicated? But if you must deviate into uncharted territory, your experiment will be treated as descriptive or exploratory. This means, your results must have a very low p-value\(^1\) and with a high effect size. Ideally, it should also be consistent and be validated by a second sample.

3. Check for and acknowledge existing research.
   Your research is never in isolation. You are part of a much larger process and you should acknowledge, compare, credit or criticise previous studies that relate to your experiment.
4. Seek useful results.
Sceptics like to challenge astrologers by asking them to match charts with individuals in blind tests. These, ‘Vernon Clarke tests’, as they are known, are of no value to practicing astrologers. Consultants want to know how best to apply orbs, whether midpoints work, what chart features are prominent in certain professions, how Moon phase impacts behaviour, when and how are couples best matched, which Zodiac works best for which situation and the impact of the elements in a chart. These are all typical of studies published in Correlation Journal.

5. Find large homogenous samples.
You need samples of at least 100 people—ideally with times of birth from a consistent identifiable group. A sample group of doctors is not homogenous, there are too many types. Limit your selection to a speciality such as cardiologists who are at the top of their field. To avoid any criticism of sampling bias your subject selection should keep within clear boundaries. When you reach your conclusion, keep in mind what works for one sample may not apply to all related groups. For example, a theme that works for Supreme Court justices in the USA may not apply to average lawyers in Finland. So, your conclusion should modestly reflect this.

6. Resist cherry-picking.
Go to any astrology conference and you will see astrologers displaying the charts of carefully selected celebrities who happen to fit their theories. This is usually interesting, but one or two samples is at best anecdotal evidence and not objective evidence. Selecting charts is often necessary for a qualitative study but not for a quantitative study. Even with larger samples, confirmation bias can play tricks in our mind to favour supportive examples or ignore outliers that refute our hypothesis.

7. Use multi-factor themes.
Contrary to what the astrology cookbooks claim, consultant astrologers rarely interpret charts using isolated single factors. This is why a test based on Sun signs alone is not going to fly unless you get a huge homogenous sample. When reading a chart, astrologers consciously and unconsciously weigh up factors and identify themes. Most of our themes don’t follow a set of repeatable rules and some don’t translate into research. For example, counting planets in a sign or house is haphazard as some planets, such as Saturn and Uranus, can have the opposite effect to each other in the same sign. The elements are good for testing samples. But when you divide humans into four categories, you are only going to get general interpretations. For example, fire tends towards extroversion and earth towards introversion. However, I have found that the most powerful and consistent research method is to follow the natal technique of mutual reception. This is a relationship between two planets where the first is in the ruling sign of the second and the second is in the ruling sign of the first. This is considered the equivalent of a conjunction between the two planets. An example is Mercury in Aries or the 1st house, Mars in Gemini or the 3rd house and Mercury conjunct Mars. Using modern and ancient rulers, this can create up to 88 possible themes with up to 5 configurations in each theme. (Currey 2020)

8. Results are meaningless without a control group.
Testing astrology produces more natural, astronomical, social and psychological artefacts than any other field. Artefacts are artificial non-astrological effects such as the complex orbits of the planets or irregular birth patterns or the timing of academic years. A control group should reveal and cancel out any artefacts by responding in the same way. The ideal control group is...
9. Use and abuse of p values.

The p-value measures the probability that a result is random. It is the required measure for a quantitative study. But a p-value only provides one dimension. If you have a low p value, you cannot tell if it was from a large study with a weak effect (such as those of the Gauquelin) or a small study with a strong effect. The number of subjects (N) and the effect size (ES) usually measured by Cohen's d are also key to understanding the result. P-values have become controversial in recent years. This is partly because science students, lecturers and funded researchers are under pressure to demonstrate statistical significance. This is quantified by a p-value into small units to raise the p value into statistical insignificance. This unethical cover-up is, of course, counter to the first goal of research which is to generate measurable and testable data.

10. Keep planets and techniques to a minimum.

If you use multiple celestial objects combined with several techniques as well as conventional methods, you will generate huge number of results. Since 1 in 20 of them will be significant and 1 in 100 will be highly significant by chance alone, you have created a p-hackers paradise and will not be taken seriously. If you are using many variables, it may be that you are applying intuition (some would say divination or psi) in the way you select issues for the client. This can be very helpful in a consultation, but this approach cannot be tested in an objective repeatable way.

11. Use plenty of graphics.

Tables, graphs and illustrations help explain your results and add interest to your study.

12. Publish your results.

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Working With CHILDREN’S CHARTS

Column by
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PART THREE Learning in the Time of Corona

In previous segments of this column, we examined the importance of working ethically with parents and children, and how a basic understanding of developmental cycles in astrology can help authority figures to prioritise areas of importance. I had intended, in this segment, to be focused on how parents can support their children’s education but, of course, things have changed rather drastically in the past few months.

As might be expected with Uranus in Taurus, revolution came first to those structures we thought would never change. In fact, quarantine has forced me to re-think the structure of this column, and even inspired me to re-write three of the four parts I had submitted in advance. So much for all my careful planning!

Instead of lamenting the need for change, let us focus on how we can make the changes work for us. In particular, let’s look at how astrologers can support parents as they struggle with their changing roles. Allowing parents to reflect on their own astrological development will assist them with empathising with their offspring.

Taking Stock

The past few months in quarantine has seen an exponential increase in online meetings (including astrological consultations) as well as contactless opportunities for learning. The medical profession, online companies with the resources to provide delivery, and technology companies such as Zoom and gaming platforms are booming. These developments appear to be the good news.

The bad news, of course, is that the loss of businesses, such as in the hospitality industry has led to severe unemployment and a more prominent imbalance between the haves and the have-nots. There is, also, the not-so-small problem of the temporary termination of public education. Many families are affected by employment cuts and are, consequently, forced to accept different levels of family responsibilities which, of course, extend to home-educating their children with little to no guidance.

Schools provide the skills and knowledge required to cultivate success in adult life. At least, this is what our parents and teachers told us. Passing exams, they said, were our ticket to wealth and happiness. However, it has now been recognised that the importance of exams pales in comparison to the diverse ways the pandemic has stressed people’s lives.

When schools closed and the world started collapsing into itself, children all over the world let out a collective cheer. The children I had spoken to were looking forward to days of waking up when they liked, not wearing their school uniforms (although I was reliably informed that many children did choose to keep wearing their uniforms at home), playing on social media sites and eating whenever and whatever they liked. By contrast, parents despaired. How would they cope with having their offspring around them 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with absolutely no where to go? The impact of this became clearer as lockdown dragged on with no end in sight.

Despite the initial excitement of former pupils, the novelty of staying home all day quickly wore off as pupils realised they were no longer allowed to see their friends. The only people former students saw were their siblings who became their classmates and their parents who became their teachers. Families were forced to get to know each other, to learn the importance of respecting space and feelings and most of all to learn how to tolerate individual needs and wants. The biggest difference of course was that children were no longer taught by year group which brought its own challenges and opportunities.

Astrologers can help parents to understand their own cycles of development by concentrating on Saturn, and the major hard transits to its natal position. Once the parents have Saturn under control, they can understand their child’s Saturn. Then they can have some fun with Jupiter. Before we take a look at Saturn through the signs,

Families were forced to get to know each other, to learn the importance of respecting space and feelings and most of all to learn how to tolerate individual needs and wants.
Adolescents are stuck between the need to do their own thing and the frustration of being unable to be emotionally or financially independent from their parents. When children are young, they are easier to manage because they haven't reached the stage of their lives when they are ready to be independent. Adolescents are stuck between the need to do their own thing and the frustration of being unable to be emotionally or financially independent from their parents. Up until a few years ago, this was blamed on 'raging hormones'. But now, we know something else is happening.

The adolescent brain is developing at an incredible rate. It used to be thought that only the brains of babies developed at such speed. What is now understood about the brain of an adolescent is that it is essentially re-wiring itself. It is an incredibly wonderful opportunity for parents to help their children develop new skills and hobbies, to take them to explore a different culture and learn a new language (virtually, of course). Keep them busy (and off their phones good luck with that! wink) and help them develop the habits of a lifetime. Because what is also now understood is that this sudden burst of brain development only lasts for a couple of years during those early teen years, and then the brain becomes more “fixed”, essentially locking in any bad habits that will become incredibly hard to break in the future. By the way, if you have a client with addiction issues, look at this stage of their lives. Understanding the root of the addiction can provide an opportunity to work towards resolving the underlying causes.

**BY SIGN**

Here are a few suggestions you can give to parents as they struggle with their teaching role, based on their Saturn's position:

**ARIES**

*Strengths:* Physical activity, self reliance, assertion, self-discipline.

*Challenges:* Difficult to please, impatience, austere.

Saturn in Aries can find it difficult to work with others and can also unintentionally (or intentionally) start competition between their children that leads to unnecessary drama. It is important to be aware of the individual needs of children and to know when enough is enough.

**TAURUS**

*Strengths:* Patience, methodical, realistic, economical, nature-loving.

*Challenges:* Materialistic, slow moving, stubborn/resistance to change.

Saturn in Taurus can find it difficult to keep up with the pace of faster learning styles that may be present in their children. While they plod through instructions, children get fidgety and cause problems. It is important to recognise that even their own children can have different values to theirs.

**GEMINI**

*Strengths:* Clever, systematic, observant, versatility.

*Challenges:* Pedantic, critical, too focused on facts and figures.

Saturn in Gemini has a fear of not knowing the answer, which can lead them to...
saying anything just to appear they know what they are talking about. It is important to be aware that children enjoy searching for their own answers.

**CANCER**

**Strengths:** Protective, helpful, shrewd, perseverant.

**Challenges:** Hiding feelings, comparing self to others, feeling sorry for one’s self.

Saturn in Cancer can be insecure in coping with the powerful emotions children are capable of expressing. Working through past trauma and developing positive mechanisms to help children work through difficulties should be a priority.

**LEO**

**Strengths:** Self assured, responsible, good-hearted.

**Challenges:** Defensive when criticised, self-conscious, demanding.

Saturn in Leo can find it difficult to be ‘on stage’ if they feel less than perfect. Unfortunately, in a home classroom, very often no one can be on top form all the time. It is important to realise that while often no one can be on top form all the time. It is important to realise that while they may be an effective teacher if the temptation to give the ‘answers’ can be avoided. Children tend to enjoy learning through exploration so serving as the observant guide rather than the leader will allow children the right kind of freedom.

**VIRGO**

**Strengths:** Health conscious, attentive, discretion, efficient.

**Challenges:** Pedantic, impossible expectations, worrying too much.

Saturn in Virgo can often get caught up in how to teach that they forget how much they actually enjoy it. It is important to put as much fun into learning as you can without worrying over the progress of your children’s work.

**LIBRA**

**Strengths:** Loyalty, diplomacy, well-mannered, cooperative.

**Challenges:** Indecision, unrealistic, over-commitment.

Saturn in Libra can find it difficult to decide what it is they want their children to achieve. They tend to think pushing children towards a target will make them seem mean. However, children do need guidance and direction—and just the right amount of politeness to encourage them.

**SCORPIO**

**Strengths:** Persistent, intriguing, insightful.

**Challenges:** Overly ambitious, focusing on the weakness of others.

Saturn in Scorpio can find it difficult to step back and allow independent learning. Children doing their own research can seem threatening to the teaching style because children stray too far away from the lesson objectives. It is important to learn to relax in the home classroom and not try so hard to keep things under absolute control.

**SAGITTARIUS**

**Strengths:** Fearlessness, earnestness, honesty, philosophical.

**Challenges:** Tactlessness, too academic, hypocritical.

Saturn in Sagittarius has the potential to be an effective teacher if the temptation to give the ‘answers’ can be avoided. Children tend to enjoy learning through exploration so serving as the observant guide rather than the leader will allow children the right kind of freedom.

**CAPRICORN**

**Strengths:** Disciplined, industrious, self-controlled.

**Challenges:** Ruthless, suspicious of others, too concerned with status.

Saturn in Capricorn tends to focus more on the outcome rather than the process of learning. It is important to celebrate achievements, but it is equally important to examine mistakes and setbacks. Being comfortable with making changes and amendments should be a part of every home classroom repertoire.

**AQUARIUS**

**Strengths:** Open-minded, friendly, genuine, impartial.

**Challenges:** Clinical, refusal to follow rules, indifference.

Saturn in Aquarius can create so many rules and amendments to ensure equality and freedom that the red tape becomes frustrating to all concerned. Allowing children to express their individuality—even if it is different to yours—will create lively and interesting learning experiences.

**PISCES**

**Strengths:** Humbleness, easygoing, imaginative.

**Challenges:** Fear of failure, fretful, disorderly.

Saturn in Pisces has to work towards becoming more organised. Unused resources tend to get lost, out of order or even become completely ineffective. Try sticking to a routine that works for all concerned and always give pupils to help with tidying up.

Everyone on the planet has had to learn how to cope with social distancing, with the grief of losing loved ones through death and isolation, and with being terrorised by newspaper headlines predicting more widespread viral destruction. It really has become a strange, new world where an old-fashioned education is exactly as it sounds.

**Takeaway Points**

1. Lockdown, as miserable as it is, has provided parents with the opportunity to understand how their children learn and astrology can be an incredibly useful resource.
2. Encourage parents to understand their Saturn by sign, house, aspect and transit.
3. Recognise that adolescence is not just about maturing physically, but neurologically too.
4. Help your family and friends with children in these difficult times by offering to read a bedtime story, to teach a new skill, or just to spend virtual time with a struggling family. Look after each other and remember, a little astrology can be a big help.

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Your family: Married with two daughters – lots of food, talking, laughing and noise.

Religious background and conditioning? Well, with a Moon in Sag in the 9th house square Jupiter… I was born Presbyterian, took lessons at Catholic school, my stepfamily were Mormon so attended that church for many years, became Rastafarian at 13, Buddhist at 16, married a Muslim but have been an atheist most of my adult life.

Spiritual orientation – Do you follow any specific practice? Not specifically, but I am interested in nature’s cycles (and all the good and bad they bring).

In your estimation, what’s your least desirable trait, and then, the most exalted thing about you? Exaggerating a trillion times and always being able to see the positive way forward.

You never tried… Hmmm, that is too hard to answer.

You can’t refuse… feeding people.

What is playtime for you? What constitutes re-creation for you and resurrects your spirit? Children of all ages are a source of joy for me and always have been.

Your animal totem? Dolphin

Your superstition? With strong Virgo and 6th house, I used to have several. However, I have always been intrigued with the reasoning behind superstitions and have found they usually have a good common-sense source behind them.

Your Chinese sign and element? Earth monkey

Your favorite place on earth? If that’s too limiting, then share three. The blue grotto in Capri, Italy – it is like being in the middle of a sapphire. Parts of New Zealand where you can hear the wind travelling across the land and mountains, and London for its diversity and architecture, but mostly it’s heartbeat.

What would you define is an important evolutionary lesson for you in this life? I feel my purpose and learning in this life is to teach, practice and research astrology.

We read you came from a mixed lineage background: Maori and European.

How has this ethnic/cultural mix affected your outlook and way of moving through the world? In so many ways. My Maori lineage is an integral part of who I am and where I come from, how I perceive life, the planet and the cosmos. Initially in my language there was no ‘I’ or ‘me’ - only ‘we’ and ‘us’ which I really like…

You seem to be an ongoing learner. What are you studying at this time, and why? There never seems to be enough time to learn all the things I want to. I think when I have achieved what I want to, I will learn traditional and Vedic astrology. One day I would like to learn many other things outside astrology like French cooking, how to plaster a wall, languages… the list is endless.

Your chart data: 03 August, 21:35, Invercargill, New Zealand

What chart placements/aspects have turned out to be clear gifts in your life and which do you associate with as being more challenge/stress points? (and they could be the same). Yes, I often think the blessings in our chart can also be our curses. Probably not being born 20 minutes later is a good thing (for everyone else ha ha) but having Pisces rising (and echoed by Moon-Neptune) I think
makes me more forgiving and have a lot of empathy for many people and many things, mostly social injustice. However, I do pick up a lot of vibes around me which can be taxing. It is also helpful to have Saturn as the handle of my bucket – ensures I do the best that I can and give 100% to anything I commit to.

YOUR PRACTICE

Where do currently you live and practice? London, UK

How long have you been practicing – How did it start? I started learning astrology in 1987 in Christchurch, New Zealand. It all started with finding an advert in the phone book (remember those) and booked a consultation. Five minutes into the consultation I asked if I could learn this amazing art – classes were starting the next week and I never looked back.

Your Astrology teachers, formal and informal? My first teacher was a psychotherapist, so my first three years training was in psychological astrology and much of this was experiential. I am fortunate to have had this foundation. However, whilst I was doing my undergraduate degree in sociology, I was thrilled when I discovered mundane astrology, and this has become a huge passion of mine. I also enjoy reading other astrologers work and feel I learn a tremendous amount from my students and clients.

Your Astrology heroes/heroines? Oh dear… there are so many! Andre Barbault for sure but I also have many friends in astrology I would also call my astrology heroes. People like Frank Clifford, Sue Tompkins, Wade Caves, Darby Costello, Lynn Bell, Liz Greene, Roy Gillett and Nick Campion are just brilliant.


Do you have a focus in astrology – style, methodology, application, teaching? Mundane astrology, research into astrology and birth, Covid-19 and astrology webinars I am currently holding at present, my book on unaspected planets…. Often that Jupiter in Virgo in the 6th house likes to work in many areas and fields. I also like to advocate for ethics within the astrological industry and to encourage sound methodological practice within astrological research.

What do you feel is your most notable and significant accomplishment/s to date in your astrology career? I am not sure I have reached that as yet but it was quite special to receive the Charles Harvey Award for exceptional service to astrology in 2014.

What made it possible for you to become a full-time astrologer? Keeping my foot in other businesses and work such as property development and teaching sociology but certainly having a supportive and encouraging partner who was very involved in bringing up our children.

What is the great thing and the difficult thing about being an astrologer? I feel very privileged to be an astrologer irrespective of the reputation of astrology in the mainstream. But I am not sure I would ever want astrology in the mainstream...

What are your future ambitions and visions in the field of astrology? I would like to form bridges between other fields and astrology, for example, astrology and psychology when looking at the implications of the birth experience or explore economic cycles and sociological theory with mundane astrology. There are many more...

What inspires you to be an OPA member? There is a need for OPA in ensuring astrologers can be the best we can be in our practice. In a field that is not regulated, I think it is essential to have self-regulatory bodies which can continue to help us improve our practice.

Any advice for those who would like to become professional astrologers? It is not always easy to start, and it can be an isolating profession, however, the rewards certainly outweigh the cons. My advice would be to have good training (and supervision) and to keep learning and developing our craft.

Can you tell us more about your track at the 2021 Virtual OPA Conference? The track is on CHIRON (natally and by transit) and exploring the wounds and healing gifts offered by this minor planet. I find it fascinating how Chiron can provide some interesting insights into where, when and how our wounds manifest in our life but also the key to unlock them. I have witnessed this with clients over the years and want to share my observations with (and learn from) others.

Thank you!
THE USA CIRCLES IN MOTION
THE EARLY 2020s
by Elizabeth Rozan

On July 4, 2020, the United States turned 244 years old. In the process of celebrating differently in this year of unprecedented challenges, questions emerged: How is the USA aligning with destiny? Is there any hope, or are we doomed to a deconstructed world, puzzled by fast-mutating viruses, with the world economy devastating the order, all liberties shattered, the world left to function in a robotic state reminiscent of 1950s Sci Fi TV shows? Sometimes what we’re living through feels like a nightmarish version of Invaders from Mars. The astrology is instructive in exploring these questions, and offers a reassuring way to capture something that feels normal.

PROMINENT RADIX DETAIL
The second step is to get a feel for the energy or potential of the chart. What stands out right away is the placement of the Moon in Aquarius at the top of the chart. This is one reason why this time resonates, as it depicts a quality that the US is known for—the people. Additionally, the interplay between prominent Moon at the MC, Uranus on the ASC, and reflective retrograde chart ruler Mercury, blinks like a colorful neon sign. By its placement in Aquarius, the Moon relates to Uranus, Uranus in Gemini relates to Mercury, and Mercury in Cancer relates back to the Moon. The Moon is associated with the mood of the people,

THE CHART
The first step to assessing is to find the base chart. The website Astrodienst lists 14 possibilities for the USA chart. I have chosen a variation on #9—one with 7 Gemini 35 rising, timed for 2:14:15 am. (See chart below.)

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thoughts of family and home, commodities that address family and home, and politics related to women and the common people who run the homes. Uranus is associated with disruptive energy that pushes for change. Progressive thought, invention or innovation in business, and the radical element in politics are ways of describing Uranian energy. Mercury is associated with thoughts, curiosity of science, literary business, and the communication arm of politics—ideas as presented by the press. American ingenuity is one phrase that comes to mind. With a fearless “can do” attitude, the excitability is palpable in this configuration. The US identifies as a home, a refuge for all—progressive, inventive, and radical approaches define the American way, with its reputation for ingenuity and rugged individualism. This is underscored by Uranus positioned at the ASC, suggesting, according to Noel Tyl, a major new start, a relocation. In this case, the new start might be considered the founding of the nation.

With a preponderance of Cardinal Air, there is the suggestion of an intellectual and relational focus. The chart contains two planets exalted, Jupiter and Saturn. These strong players pull the energies together in a circular motion: Jupiter is bundled with Venus, Sun and Rx Mercury in Cancer, and these form a square to Saturn. Saturn forms a trine with the Moon and Uranus. Uranus is bundled with Mars. Mars is square to Neptune, which is situated close to Saturn. The Cancerian energies are opposed to retrograde Pluto in Capricorn. The Lunar Nodes toggle between Leo (North) and Aquarius (South)—individual creativity vs. the common good of the people. There is symbolic play of the associated slogan: out of the many, one, and conversely, egoic attachment awakening to wisdom.

The alignment of the radix placements with Fixed Stars fine-tunes celestial navigation. In this chart, the Ascendant is parallel to the fixed royal star Aldebaran, which promises great success, as long as integrity is maintained without compromise. There are a few other strong connections too: the Moon is parallel Sirius, suggesting an urge to make the mundane sacred; Uranus is parallel to the fixed star Zosma, suggesting a movement away from persecution; the Sun is conjoined with the fixed star Canopus, suggesting a spirited focus that forges new paths and methods, and Jupiter is conjoined to the fixed star Alhena, suggesting an expansion towards a mission. The planetary placements underscore the inherent sacred mission that the US is known for—the quest for freedom. History shows where the nation has succeeded and where it remains challenged, and the ever-constant movement of the planets continues the story.

**DESTINY UNFOLDING**

“Your soul knows the geography of your destiny. Your soul alone has the map of your future...”

The third step is to consider the unfolding of destiny. There are a number of lenses through which clues, colors, and data are provided. Destiny can be envisioned as a circle. The circle is not stagnant: As the potential it holds comes to life, it evolves into a spiral, forever moving in a direction propelled by the invisible dynamics of the planets. These circles are layered, forming a multidimensional fractal of experience. The planetary energies are multivalent in meaning.

1. **THE VIMSHOTTARI DASA/BHUPTI SYSTEM**

Based on the Moon placement in the radix chart, this system is a subdivision of 120 years, according to a certain order, with each planet, Sun through Saturn plus the Lunar Nodes, actively in charge for a specified number of years. Each date change suggests a shift in focus, as symbolized by the Dasa ruler.

The grid shown below shows the time frame for the Mars Dasa which the USA entered on May 8, 2014, along with a brief keyword description of what can be expected. Mars works quickly through all the subdivisions in 7 years.

The action of Mars is obvious. At the time of this writing, Mars is moving within the Sun Bhakti. The image that comes to mind is one of boots to the ground, questioning who is in charge. Through the Fall of 2020, and into the Spring of 2021, Mars will stand with the Moon, driving action through emotion.

### DASA BHUKTI DESCRIPTION

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2. **SOLAR ARC DIRECTIONS**

This system advances all planets by the pace of the Sun, which is approximately one degree per year. The applying aspect can be felt in advance within 2 degrees/2 years, with pressure increasing as exactitude is reached. Upcoming Directions are:

- **August 2, 2020:** Directed Pluto just entered the sign of Libra. This is an energy shift into better balance and increased cooperation.
- **March 9, 2023:** Directed Uranus = Radix MC. This involves adjustments to the public domain, changes in public standing, changes in every department of life involving the people.
- **April 25, 2024:** Directed Saturn = Radix Mars. This suggests necessary controls to guide the action.

3. **SECONDARY PROGRESSIONS**

Progressions equate a day after birth with one year of life. They function in the background preparing to fire up as the circles align. (See chart following page.)

- **Progressed Venus moved into Taurus** at the height of the pandemic on April 10, 2020, and is moving toward an opposition to Progressed Saturn. All the won-

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USA CIRCLES IN MOTION

ders of Venus bless the restrictive assemblies, in an attempt to bring balance to the effort.

- The Progressed Moon, which is an indicator of development, sentiment, and national security, will come to the natal Pluto placement at 27 CP 33 on April 10 2021, with the Progressed Nodal Axis not far away at 26+. This is a reiterative passage over the planetary South Nodes of Jupiter, Pluto and Saturn, the very planets that have been in tight conjunction throughout 2020. A zealous emotional intensity, an obsession over systemic overload will be felt. This, too, feels obvious: enough already with the pressures of the home life, the restraints, the homeschooling, the Zoom, the food prices, the restricted opportunities for self-care. Practical solutions will be sought.

4.) SOLAR RETURN

The Solar Return chart (birthday chart) on the following page shows the annual transit chart for the exact time when the Sun returns to the natal position. This year, it occurred on July 4, 2020 2:04:14 AM EDT in Washington, DC. This chart reveals a 3rd house Sun with Mercury, in sextile relationship to the 12 TA 04 Ascendant, with Uranus 3 degrees earlier, and ruler Venus in Gemini. The message is about values, resources, food, security. With the Sun widely opposing the 2020 trio of Saturn-Pluto-Jupiter straddling the 24 CP 48 degree MC, an undercurrent theme relates to what we are communicating about who we are vs. how we are seen. With Saturn at the MC and Uranus at the ASC angles, the tensions of the upcoming Saturn-Uranus square are moving in to consciousness. Labor trends, government systems, and controls are up against radical activism, progressive elements, new technology. We are feeling the struggle between the traditions vs. the innovations; the old and the new, and what we must let go of in order to move forward in evolution.

5.) TRANSITS

The transits are the more immediate active energies in the present. There are many energies at play. Saturn (controls), Pluto (political power struggles), and Jupiter (extravagance) have taken center stage in 2020. Their trifacta winning has been the world wide spread of the Covid-19 virus, the economic shake-up, and the racial/social justice crisis merging with transiting Neptune's square to the US Mars, the mighty trident up in arms. Confusion, exhaustion, and foggy deception bordering on brainwashing the sleepy masses has put national play, pastime, and children into lockdown. It feels like Mars is coming in to the rescue, with its long transit in Aries (June 28, 2020 – January 6, 2021). By mid-August 2020 and again during November, transiting Mars will make an opposition from the 11th house.
(local government) to the US natal Saturn at 14 + Libra which will be exact in early September when Mars stations retrograde. This alignment fuels a square to natal Pluto in early January when direct.

This alignment also activates the opposition with Progressed Mars at 17 + Libra, the Directed Moon at 20 + Libra. Mars-Saturn is clashing action with controls; Mars-Moon is a strong “let-it-rip” drive to fulfill a need. Mars-Pluto energy is extreme force, persuasion and control of the effort. Mars is the God of War. Mars moves to win. But there is art to winning, with diplomacy, cooperation, awareness of common interests leading the way to build relationships and create harmony to balance all the stored aggression.

Just when Mars moves into Taurus, in January, 2021, he joins forces with Uranus, sparking things up for the square to Saturn at 7 + Aquarius on February 19, 2021, which will occur close to the natal Lunar Node axis. Mars-Uranus is an edgy test of nerves, the urge to act, to overturn the table, regardless of the delicacies in place. Uranus-Saturn creates a tension between the progressive innovations and the conventional familiarity.

6.) PLANETARY CYCLE CHARTS

Cycle charts are calculated for the moment when the planet moves into North Declination (+oo oo). The interpretation of these charts is narrowly confined to the planet, the things ruled by the planet, and the aspects the planet forms, as well as that planet’s motion around the chart. The cycle charts are in effect for an orbital cycle, with Mars cycle in effect for 2 years, Jupiter for 12, Saturn for 30. The slower moving transpersonal planet charts are in effect for half orbits, while the planet travels in North Declination: Uranus for 41 years, Neptune for 82 years, and Pluto for 122 years.³

The current Mars cycle chart, below left, began July 11, 2020 at 9:48 AM EDT. Mars, involved with action, mechanics, manufacturing, and the military/armed forces, is situated at 7 + Aries in the 8th house of finances of others, public safety/crime, death rates, foreign debts, taxes, insurance penalties, mayors/governors. Aspects include conjunction to Moon (the people) and to Chiron (wounds/healing/daring), and square to ruler Mercury (communication). From the previous section about the Dasa system, recall that the Mars Dasa is in play until May 8, 2021. Again, Mars manifests very specifically and obviously.

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The planets are taking strong positions, with

- Tr. Saturn=Pluto-Jupiter through 2020; an upcoming sign change of two of these three (Saturn and Jupiter)
- Transiting Mars involving natal Saturn and Pluto.
- 3rd House Sun for 2020-21 (Solar Return)
- Progressed Venus-Saturn and Pr. Moon-Pluto activity through 2021; Directed Moon and Progressed Mars through 2021
- 8th house Mars cycle chart through 2022

There is always movement in the sky, but this is a power-packed period that raises many questions as we live in a period of uncertainty.

Cosmic cycles reflect the evolution of humankind, and as applied to the USA, they reflect the growth and development of the country, which is home to approximately 331 million people. That’s quite a crowd. The energy being poked and prodded to continue along the destiny path of the United States describes archetypal principals that resonate with the collective unconscious and simultaneously with each individual who makes up the collective in various domains of thought, business, and politics. One sign of hope is that the duty and responsibility of the people contributing to this destiny rests in the hands of the people.

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- The Saturn cycle chart began on February 16, 1997 at 0:26 AM EST.
- The Uranus cycle chart began on January 27, 2012 at 10:34 PM EST.
- The Neptune cycle chart began on March 7, 1944 at 11:15 AM EWT.
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10. 2020 data per: https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/us-population/#:~:text=the%20United%20States%202020%20population/year%20according%20to%20UN%20data.

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The Light and the Gloom of our Aquarian Future

We are seeing glimpses of how the Aquarian Age will work. Societal activities have transitioned into the virtual world of the internet. Since Saturn ingressed into Aquarius in late March, virtual life has further amplified with the migration of businesses into an online platform to follow the imposed consensual social distancing.

It seems that the pandemic has put humanity at the crossroad of no return, for better and for worse. The recent planetary retrograde period throughout summer showed that in many countries, some breathing room was given to resume normal activities. Despite the apparent freedom, the psychological disarray is still ruminating within the collective psyche. With Mars making its way to a critical aspect with the retrograde planets, the volatile energy is going to push people closer to the edge. Will there be a breakthrough or a further breakdown?

Are we going to return to ‘Business-As-Usual’ and react to issues by doubling down on our orthodox ‘fix-it and get-rid-of-it’ methodology with more sophisticated technology? Or do we respond by chartering a new path through pausing and determining whether we have done so far has worked?

What kind of Aquarian Age are we envisioning as individuals and global community?

As we progress through the final quarter of 2020 and into early 2021, many creative and innovative potential solutions will emerge. This is when Mars enters his Retrograde cycle in Aries. Mars will make three square aspect passes to Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto beginning on August 4th 2020 and completing his journey on January 23rd 2021, when he makes the third final square to Jupiter. It is a critical time, but it is also a time when innovative ideas are put into practical actions. We know when the Saturn-Jupiter conjunction in Aquarius happens December 21, 2020, the entire framework of societal normalcy is bound to shift into a new paradigm. A sense of the old normal will undergo some form of death for a new normal to show up.

The modern ruler of Aquarius, Uranus, now in Taurus, will make a critical square aspect throughout 2021 with both Saturn and Jupiter. The message from the heavens for the best potential outcome is about integrating our human systems into the natural earth-conscious systems. We need to create greater harmony between our lifestyle and well-being with our environment. A lifestyle that is more than just the absence of symptoms. One that is inclusive, collaborative and interconnected rather than exclusive, mechanistic and individualistic. Charles Eisenstein explains this succinctly,

“There is an alternative to the germ theory of disease that holds germs to be part of a larger process. … Sometimes called ‘terrain theory,’ it says that germs are more symptom than cause of disease. As one meme explains it: ‘Your fish is sick. Germ theory: isolate the fish. Terrain theory: clean the tank.’" 

As far as humanity's tank is concerned, cleaning and resetting is way overdue. Both Saturn and Jupiter had to conjoin Pluto in Capricorn prior to their conjunction in Aquarius so that the old ways of being would be converted into fertilizer catalyzing a brighter and more promising future.

Human consciousness must shift from anthropocentrism to eco-centrism. Anthropocentrism means human centered, experiencing the world as mechanical and positioning humans above nature. Eco-centrism is ecologically centered, experiencing the world as inclusive, collaborative, and interconnected. Just as the Age of Enlightenment and Science had shifted our worldview from geocentrism to heliocentrism in history, are we about to take on another unprecedented paradigm shift in the coming decade?

Astrology, as a study and as a community of seekers, has the potential of pioneering the birth of this new paradigm.

Aquarius represents the pinnacle of human creative potential that can potentially give birth to an enlightened society. Aquarius is the ambassador for Astrology, cultivating eagle-eye insights, elevating the standards of our human systems and living experience as we generate progress toward a more creatively conscious civilization.

With Astrology, we can improve the standards of our life by having greater perspective about where and how we can invest our resources of time, effort, energy and nurture the dormant potential to thrive.

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We can make strategic hypotheses about the possibilities that could happen in the future through understanding the patterns of the planetary positions. We can decipher the cosmic riddles and live more peacefully with our environment. Astrology is not pseudoscience or conjured sorcery. It is a sophisticated system that makes us aware of ourselves within a cosmic context.

The ancients knew this as alchemy, a study that is important for remembrance of the Spirit of Science. It is no wonder that MIT had placed a statue called, “The Alchemist” sculpted by Jaume Plensa (2010) in front of the dome where the most brilliant thinkers of the world gathered to solve global needs. The presence of this artwork reminds us that the Spirit of Science pervades all nature and reflects the very same creative potential within us. According to Otto Schaumer, the Alchemist is part scientist, part philosopher and most grand of it all, the Alchemist is part magician. These are all the qualities that are imbued in the essence of Astrology.

In his talk, Schaumer spoke about an ecological divide as the separation of self and nature, social divide as the separation of self and others, and spiritual divide as the separation of the current self and the potential self. I found the archetype of the Alchemist alluring because it is exactly the scientist that resolves the ecological divide, the philosopher that resolves the social divide and the magician that resolves the spiritual divide. We as astrologers are modern day alchemists. We have the potential to resolve the divides and reconnect our humanity to a holistic system that works in harmony with nature that includes both the Earth and the Sky.

According to Nicholas Campion, it can be argued that Astrology began as a study as soon as human beings made conscious attempts to measure, record, and predict seasonal changes by reference to astronomical cycles. The most obvious and most predictable celestial bodies in our solar system would be the Moon and the Sun. It is no surprise that with the gift of the discerning mind, the early humans used these celestial bodies to create a system of knowledge to decipher the environment they lived in.

By the 3rd millennium BC, ancient civilization had become sophisticated regarding the other celestial bodies and intentionally created their temples in alignment to the heliacal risings of the stars. The intention of ancient civilization is clear – to embody and integrate the sky into the earth, and vice versa, using the physical alignment to access the Spirit through the application of astrology.

Now the question persists – Are our practices of astrology in modern times living up to such expectations?

Astrology as Consciousness Engineering

My central premise lies on the point that astrology can shift human consciousness from anthropocentricism into eco-centrism, presenting humans as an integral part of nature and not above it.

Humanity needs to recognize the wonder of who we are all along – the interconnected Self, the ecological Self, and the universal Self; to go beyond the limited physical or psychological identity. Astrology is a technology for consciousness engineering as we engage in both empirical and symbolic (abstract) studies to explore the physical and psychological conditioning of the chart, as well as the essential natural expression of the person. It is like developing a mapping system or a specific manual on how to live life. By knowing the blockages and latent in the chart, astrology provides a blueprint of how to reconfigure a human being to become fully conscious and their unique creative potential is realized. This is a concept of Sacred Activism introduced by a visionary, Andrew Harvey.

“If we point individuals to an inner compass that reins in their passion, there is hope for real solutions and inspired creativity. All that we need is already there, in the currency of people, and it only needs to be tapped into.”

The gist for Astrology as Consciousness Engineering is to deliver the natural order and essential expression of the chart. Here are some suggestions about a more holistic approach:

- **Discussing probability instead of rigid predictions.** If we overly rely on our cookbooks and past experiences, we cannot allow the future to truly reveal itself. We are narrowing the probabilities based on our current views instead of opening infinite options of the uncharted future.

- **Shifting from Germ Theory to Terrain Theory.** Provide a holistic approach to address the problem. Avoid focusing on symptoms, but on sourcing the problem.

- **Endeavoring to reconnect to the Stars and Earth** and create opportunities for oneself to directly experience the laws of nature rather than relying only on theories, ideologies, and philosophies. Go out and look at the night sky. Learn from direct experience.

- **Allowing for the mystical experience in astrology in addition to the empirical approach.** The current paradigm of our culture tends to be obsessed with physical and empirical proof, which puts us at risk of watering down the essence of astrology, and missing out on the mysteries and the unexplored. Astrologers can benefit from overcoming the fear of being ridiculed.

In adopting a few of these approaches, we can create an environment for truth seekers who are not confined to the likes of scientists only, philosophers only, or spiritual enthusiasts only. Astrology in its essence is an interdisciplinary study and requires the integration of different bodies of knowledge as we learn the complexity of life through it. Astrologers can contribute to the world by opening possibilities of the future and present the wonder of the universe at work through our understanding of the symbolic language of the cosmic clock.

In transforming ourselves, we are becoming custodians and midwives in assisting others to discover their own interconnected self.

Through such amalgamation, we can resolve the ecological divide, the social divide, and the spiritual divide holistically. This is another possibility of how an Aquarian Age can manifest.

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ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY
Choosing the best date for an event or procedure.

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Electional Astrology
For those who may be unfamiliar with Electional Astrology, its primary aim is to identify the best date and time to start a project or event, such as starting a business, buying or selling a house, getting married or divorced, and scheduling surgery in non-emergency situations.

The following guidelines are from March & McEvers (1994) and Rechter (1975). Collectively, they are the fruit of my experience.

First, the cardinal rule for Electional Astrology is that there should not be any square aspects from the Moon (Rechter, 1975). Additionally, a Void-of-course Moon should be avoided, unless there is some derived benefit from it. Please note that the Moon is the fastest moving planetary body and it never turns retrograde. Because of this, a separating square aspect from the Moon would never perfect and hence would not carry as much weight. To extend the concept of void-of-course, this same type of condition for Venus regarding marriage, and for Mars regarding war, fighting, or filing a lawsuit, should be avoided.

When referring to aspects, only Ptolemaic aspects which are applying count for consideration. The Ptolemaic aspects are the conjunction (0°), sextile (30°), square (90°), trine (120°), and opposition (180°).

In addition, steer clear of a missed Moon aspect (March & McEvers, 1994). A missed Moon aspect occurs when the planet the Moon is approaching, transits into the next zodiac sign before the Moon arrives to form the aspect. For example, if the transiting Moon is at 15 Sagittarius forming a trine aspect to the Sun at 29° Leo 56', the Sun will move to 0° Virgo 00' before the Moon reaches the 29th degree of Sagittarius.

Second, the planetary ruler of the activity or event should be fortified or made as strong as possible given the conditions of the chart. For example, Mercury rules written communication, and its placement by sign, house position, and the applying aspects it makes would potentially fortify or depress the energy of the planet. Thus, if the event in question would be about a date to publish a book, Mercury would be the ruler of the activity. Cardinal signs, Fixed signs, and Mutable signs make a difference. For example, Cardinal signs are best for new ventures requiring steamp and effort or quick action and promotion, but sustained efforts do not fare well. For Fixed signs, lasting quality is notable here, particularly for a business or marriage, but not for temporary situations because they would drag out and be difficult to finish. For Mutable signs, easy in and easy out should be kept in mind and are best for short-lived events. The Rising sign should be taken into account as a supporting feature.

Third, it is best to generally keep Saturn out of the angles which are the first, fourth, seventh, and tenth houses. A totally acceptable exception to placing Saturn in the fourth house, an angular house, would be for the construction of a new building or structure. Saturn rules building materials and construction. This restriction would also apply to Mars and Uranus based on the nature of the activity or event. Again, the exception to this would be if one of these planets were the planetary ruler for the activity or event to be undertaken. For the former, Mars in the first house for an athletic event could be favorable. It is ideal to have the Sun, Moon, Venus, and Jupiter above the horizon.

Fourth, “the critical degrees 0° and 29° should be avoided” (Hampar, 2005, p. 5). “An angle or planet in either of these degrees operates at a disadvantage. The person or matter represented is either premature or too late” (Hampar, 2005, p. 5). It is best to avoid 0° 00’ to 2° 59' and 27° 00’ to 29° 59’ on the Ascendant of the election. Again, the person or matter represented is either premature or too late. There are more rules to follow for this branch of astrology and several books are available.

Fifth, Declinations should be considered because a printed chart will not show if any planets are parallel or contra-parallel. A parallel connection between two planets speaks of them sharing the same declination, and it acts like a conjunction. A contra-parallel is like an opposition. You can find information on what declination a planet is with most astrology software.

Declinations reflect the North or South latitude of the planet from Earth’s celestial equator. KT Boehrer (1994, p. 5) provides basic rules for the use of declination, which are as follows:
• The Sun is the only celestial body in every chart that is always found in the true degree of declination corresponding to its longitudinal position by sign and degree along the ecliptic.
• Planets and asteroids are often found in a degree of declination that is far from the Sun’s longitudinal position along the ecliptic when found in the degree of declination occupied by the planet.
• A planet or asteroid with a very eccentric orbit may be found in a longitudinal aspect while throwing parallels to planets in very different longitudinal signs and degrees due to its declination. This may be of marked importance in understanding conditions and forecasting events.
• Planets found at a declination that exceeds the maximum declination of the Sun at 23 degrees 28 minutes North or South declination are called Out of Bounds. They are beyond the boundary of the Sun.

Finally, the election chart for an event should be looked at in relation to the natal chart of the individual person or the birth chart of the business. Create a bi-wheel with the natal or birth chart in the inner wheel and the transits identified in the election chart should be placed in the outer wheel. An election chart is a transit chart. Use the house cusps of the natal or birth chart. Most astrology software programs will perform this function. Analyze the chart to identify all major aspects in the election chart and how those planetary placements form major aspects to planets in the natal chart. Remember, there is no such thing as a perfect chart.

Planetary Hours
In the author’s opinion, it seems that planetary hours have fallen out of favor with modern day astrologers—I would suggest to apply them. The following two paragraphs come from “Electional Astrology” by Vivien Robson.

The astrological day begins at the exact moment of local sunrise, and the night begins at local sunset. The time between sunrise and sunset is divided into twelve equal parts, each of which is called one Planetary Hour. Similarly, the time from sunset to the following sunrise is also divided into twelve equal parts which constitute the Planetary Hours of the night. The rulership of the planetary hours depends upon the days of the week of which there are seven which correspond to the seven ancient planets.

• Sunday is ruled by the Sun.
• Monday is ruled by the Moon.
• Tuesday is ruled by Mars.
• Wednesday is ruled by Mercury.
• Thursday is ruled by Jupiter.
• Friday is ruled by Venus.
• Saturday is ruled by Saturn.

The first planetary hour starting from sunrise on any day is ruled by the planet ruling the day itself (Robson, 1972). The succeeding hours are ruled by the planets in definite and fixed succession, known as the Chaldean order, which is as follows: Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, and the Moon (Robson, 1972). On a Sunday, the first hour from sunrise is ruled by the Sun; the next hour is ruled by Venus, the next by Mercury, and etc.

For example, Friday is ruled by Venus. On Friday, September 23, 2016, sunrise occurred at 6:39 am CDT and sunset occurred at 6:47 pm CDT. The difference between sunrise and sunset on this day is 12 hours and 8 minutes. The time difference when divided by 12 gives us equal parts of 1 hour and 40 seconds. Therefore, the first planetary hour of this day is ruled by Venus. The second planetary hour is Mercury, which begins at 8:19 am. The third planetary hour is the Moon, which begins at 9:59 am. This same pattern can be repeated until sunset.

Selecting the Mercury hour on a day and time when an important letter or email needs to be sent could help the event and lend itself to manifestation of the desired outcome.

PROSPERO:
By my prescience I find my zenith doth depend upon a most auspicious star, whose influence if now I court not, but omit, my fortunes will ever after droop.

The Tempest: Act 1 Scene 2 ...
Electoral Astrology Applied

The election chart that follows is one of a business-owner client who sought the assistance of a professional astrologer after opening the business on the day and time specified in the chart. This is the chart for the opening of a metaphysical bookstore.

Attention was also given to planetary declinations. See table at right.

BUSINESS OPENING - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006 AT 10:00 AM CST IN CHICAGO, IL

1) Are there any square aspects from the Moon?

Yes, the Moon, which in election charts represents the public, squares the Sun and Pluto. The square with the Sun, which represents the business, is separating by one degree, but because the aspect is between the Sun and the Moon it is counted. The Sun rules the 7th house of business partnerships. Pluto rules the Midheaven. The public did not support the business as expected and this had an unfavorable effect on the public standing or reputation of the business.

2) Are the Sun, Moon, Venus, and Jupiter above the horizon?

Yes, the Sun, Moon, Venus, and Jupiter are above the horizon. According to March & McEvers (1994), most electional charts benefit by having these planets above the horizon.

3) Is the ruler of the chart well placed by zodiacal sign and house position?

The business is a metaphysical bookstore. The ruler of the chart by the owners was considered Uranus as Aquarius is on the Ascendant. Uranus can be found in the 1st house and is in mutual reception with Neptune. Therefore, they are working together as a team. Inventory is a possession (2nd house) of the business and restocking was elusive (Neptune) and unexpected (Uranus).

4) Are there favorable aspects to the Ascendant and Midheaven?

No, there are unfavorable aspects to the Ascendant or Midheaven. Saturn makes an exact square to the Midheaven. Unfortunately, Saturn is at a station point changing directions. The owners did work to maintain the public image of the business, particularly as inventory decreased and was not restocked as it was in the beginning. They rented some of the space to local groups as meeting space. On one occasion, a famous and well-known spiritual teacher, psychologist, and author was invited as a special guest for an event planned by the owners to reinvigorate the business. Chiron, the wounded healer, conjoins the Ascendant. Speaking of the Ascendant, it is 2 degrees of Aquarius. It may have been too soon to start the business.

5) Are any malefics found in the angles of the chart?

Yes, the planet Saturn in Leo is accidentally exalted in the 7th house. It forms a trine aspect to Pluto in Sagittarius ruler of the 10th house that it squares. The work to maintain the business was done in vain (Saturn in Leo with the Sun as the dispositor), and the owners may have undermined their own efforts.

6) Are there other aspects worth mentioning?

Yes, Venus, the lesser benefic, is in Capricorn and by declination, it is out of bounds. This is not good. Venus rules possessions and unions of all kinds, which would include the relationship with suppliers and vendors. In Capricorn, the suppliers and vendors may have been strictly business and less willing to agree to modifying business terms, such as extending payment due dates. With Venus out of bounds, it seems that the owners may have been more enamored with the idea of managing a metaphysical bookstore, and may not...
have paid attention to how the industry was changing considering the big box bookstore model and books being sold on Amazon.

**Final Question: Was this business successful?**

No! The business closed within a couple of years of opening. It is believed that the owners, who were not astrologers, saw the Sagittarius stellium of Jupiter, Mars, Mercury, the Sun, and Pluto as a good omen. Most of the attention was probably given to Jupiter, Mars, and Mercury in the 10th house. The owners consulted with a professional after the fact not before!

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**EXAMPLE OF PLANETARY HOUR LORD CALCULATIONS**

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Sunset = 4:20 pm CST  
Difference = 9 hours 11 minutes (551 minutes)

551 minutes divided by 12 = 45.916 minutes or **45 minutes and 55 seconds per planet**

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**King Lear: Act I Scene 2**

Gloucester shows his eagerness to blame his good son’s seemingly treacherous behavior on the stars:

“These late eclipses in the sun and moon portend no good to us: though the wisdom of nature can reason it thus and thus, yet nature finds itself scourged by the sequent effects: love cools, friendship falls off, brothers divide, in cities, mutinies; in countries, discord; in palaces, treason; and the bond crack’d ‘twixt son and father. This villain of mine comes under the prediction; there’s son against father: the King falls from bias of nature; there’s father against child. We have seen the best of our time. Machinations, hollowness, treachery, and all ruinous disorders follow us disquietly to our graves...”

After the rather long list of these ill effects, his wicked son responds:

“This is the excellent foppery of the world, that, when we are sick in fortune—often the surfeit of our own behavior—we make guilty of our disasters the sun, the moon, and the stars, as if we were villains by necessity; fools by heavenly compulsion; knaves, thieves, and treachers by spherical predominance; drunkards, liars, and adulterers by an enforced obedience of planetary influence; and all that we are evil in, by a divine thrusting on, an admirable evasion of whore-master man, to lay his goatish disposition to the charge of a star!”
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