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Place the Emphasis on Thought-Cell Activity - Not the Planets

Elbert Benjamine

Even those who understand and practice Hermetic Astrology tend to encourage the impression that a birthchart and its progressed aspects portray events that are inevitable. I believe this is due to placing the emphasis on the astrological forces involved and not on the activity of the inner-plane (unconscious) thought-structure (mapped by the birthchart) where it belongs.

Astrological forces do not determine our behaviour, nor do they determine the events attracted into our lives. Both what we do, and the events and situations that come into our lives, are determined by the thought-cell activity taking place in our unconscious mind, or soul. And if the behaviour, and the events that come into the life, are the result of the soul's thought-cell activity, why place the chief emphasis on the planets?

In looking at a chart we will have a far clearer picture if we consider it a map of the activities within the inner-plane structure. An individual's birthchart is a map of their inner-plane (unconscious) thought-cell activity. The chart indicates the normal state of activity of the thought-cells, their harmony and discord, and their associations with various departments of life (the houses) and with each other (the aspects). Now, when a progressed aspect releases planetary energy of a specific type, the thought-cells mapped by the planets involved in the aspect have more energy to work with and therefore become more active (the planets indicate the type of energy and the aspect indicates the kind of harmony and discord); and this activity influences both the behaviour of the individual and the external environmental conditions, including the events, that then come into the life. But neither the behaviour nor the events are a direct response to the planetary energies. They are the result of

thought-cell activity; and just what that activity may be is determined not only by their activity as shown at birth, but also by the habits (formed since birth), of responding with alacrity to, and of expressing more freely through, one kind of event rather than another.

We must consider the birthchart, the progressed aspects, and the previous conditioning of the thought-cells now given unusual activity by a progressed aspect, when appraising (even where there is more than one alternative involved) what the thought-cells desire and how energetically they can work to get it. This reveals their potential to work from the inner-plane to induce a particular kind of behaviour and to bring a certain type of event into the life. Therefore, let us place the emphasis, when thinking about astrological energies, on thought-cell activity.

But, even then, we cannot appraise how important, how harmonious, or the particulars of the behaviour and the event; for thought-cell activity can only demonstrate these things through acting upon physical environment. To get the best possible picture of what is going to happen, we must first appraise from the birthchart as precisely as we can, taking into consideration the conditioning and the progressed aspects, what the thought-cells of the soul will desire and how hard they will work to get it. And then we must appraise the physical environment at the time in order to estimate the following three factors:

- 1) The power of physical conditions to resist the efforts of the thought-cells;
- 2) the environment's power to divert the thought-cell activity into other planet-specific events ruled by a house governed by one of the planets involved in the progressed aspect where the facilities for expression are easier;

3) the power of the individual, if he/she is astrologically enlightened, to influence the desires of the thought-cells and afford facility for their desirable (more productive and beneficial) expression.

I believe if we would get into the habit of looking at a chart and its progressed aspects chiefly in terms of thought-cell activity, activity which is given its more special trends through the desires of the thought-cells (and not the planets), we could divorce astrology from its false impression of inevitability much more easily. Because astrology's association with fortune telling is so detrimental, let's put the emphasis on thought-cell activity.

A US Election Retrospective

Dennis Sutton

On election night 2000, with high-discord Mars progressions aggressively driving George W Bush and Al Gore, we were sure to get fireworks. In fact, it turned into a no holds barred political battle, with the presidential contenders fighting for their political lives. The stakes were very high. The electronic media provided a blow-by-blow account of each round, and in the end the Supreme Court hit Gore with a knock out punch. But astrologers are not interested in the media's prejudiced propaganda or politically biased court verdicts. Astrologers are primarily interested in the real behind the scenes stuff - the astrological affects influencing each candidate and how these work out in real-life.

The original Church of Light research into gauging elections, as explained by C C Zain in "Mundane Astrology", pages 269-272, covered a period of 23 years, but it is unlikely that any of the elections researched during this time rivaled the Y2000 US presidential election result in its drama or complexity. This original research sought to determine the various astrological factors, and their order of importance, when

gauging election results. Yet during this time, no election result was determined by the US Supreme Court. More importantly, does this recent Bush-Gore presidential battle provide astrologers with any new research information? In retrospect, the entire election night/month drama was clearly portrayed in all the relevant astrological charts and a competent astrologer would have taken the time to become aware of the various environmental factors that could influence the event (like the potential for the result to be determined by a Supreme Court decision) and then assess if the relevant charts favored these potentialities. In my opinion, the following retrospective is a summary of the most important astrological factors that influenced the trend of the Y2000 US presidential result.

1) Both candidates had remarkably similar progressed charts - see "AHA News and Views", September 2000. Due to their birth times, each had Leo Rising and Aries on the 10th house cusp. This means that Mars rules the house of honour and position (10th) in both charts. The Sun is the planet of politics and on election night Al Gore had progressed Sun square progressed Mars, and George W Bush had progressed Mars square birthchart Sun. These aspects stimulated, in a high-discord manner (square aspect), the power-political (Sun) and the honour-position (10th house) thought-cells in the unconscious minds of both candidates. This progressed Sun-Mars-10th house stimulation was the primary astrological influence on the political event each man was to experience. Other progressions influencing the Sun, Mars and 10th house - whether fortunate or unfortunate - acted as Rallying Forces, influencing for better or worse the trend indicated by the Sun-Mars square aspects.

2) An astrologer simply estimates the volume of power, harmony and discord being received by the thought-cells in the

unconscious mind at any point in time. The birthchart reveals the soul's human-life potential. Birthchart power, harmony and discord (plus conditioning) is weighed up against progressed power, harmony and discord (plus current circumstance). The progressed chart reveals when the birthchart potential can be actualised. In other words, when viewing progressed aspects, the characteristics of the planets and houses involved must be considered relative to both past conditioning and present environment. In the case of Gore vs Bush, each candidate had a progressed square aspect involving the Sun and Mars. Any progressed aspect to the Sun influences the significance, authority and vitality, and any progressed aspect to Mars influences strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy. The Sun is the planet of politics and Mars is the planet of disputes. The real difficulty in both instances was the progressed Sun-Mars discord stimulating birthchart harmony. Al Gore has birthchart Sun forming a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Mars and George W Bush has birthchart Sun forming an opportunity (sextile) aspect with birthchart Mars. This unique astrological factor - when progressed discord stimulates birthchart harmony and when progressed harmony stimulates birthchart discord - has received a great deal of research. (Readers are referred to pages 165-167 of "Progressing the Horoscope" by C C Zain). Briefly, so far as harmony and discord are concerned (except as modified by conditioning), a progressed square aspect between planets that were trine or sextile in the birthchart tends to bring events that have about equal parts benefit and detriment. It needs to be noted that Mars is a discordant planet and one must fight for any advantage that Mars brings. This is why the election turned into *The Gunfight at the Florida Corral*. Both men were fighting for their political careers and even though George Bush won the White House (a benefit), he has also experienced adversity (a delicate political/economic situation?

damaged health?). And while Al Gore lost the political battle and the White House (an adversity), this may have been a fortunate career experience for him. Yet both men have had an unfortunate political experience and each has been politically wounded (Mars) in some way. It seems that the winner of the election cannot be estimated by considering the progressed Sun-Mars square aspect by itself. It simply indicates that whilst it is in operation both men will experience a similar amount of benefit and adversity with their political careers. The birthchart luck possessed by Gore has more harmony than the birthchart opportunity possessed by Bush and the question arises: Was Gore lucky to lose?

3) The potential for the election to be played out in the courts is something that, to my knowledge, no astrologer, psychic or mystical fortune-teller even considered. This student-astrologer was totally unaware that such a circumstance could arise and yet when Mars is activated by progression, the dispute that erupts very often becomes a legal battle requiring a legal decision. The fact that the political battle mapped by the Sun-Mars square aspect became a legal battle has an easy astrological explanation. The hard part was knowing that the US political environment (which is vastly different to that in Australia) allows such a situation to arise. In a legal battle, the 7th house maps the opponent, the 9th house maps the courts and the 10th house maps the verdict. Both Bush and Gore have Aquarius on the 7th house cusp, and on election night both men had powerful progressions to Uranus, the ruler of Aquarius, stimulating their 7th house thought-cells. Uranus is the planet of the sudden and unexpected - it maps an unpredictable element or surprise factor - so the legal turn of events no doubt took both men, and everyone else, by surprise. Al Gore had progressed Mercury conjunct progressed Uranus - a neutral aspect that stimulated birthchart discord (Mercury

square Uranus). George W Bush had progressed Venus forming a luck (trine) aspect with progressed Uranus and progressed Ascendant forming an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Uranus. When the political battle hit the courts, Bush was able to inflict more damage. The progressed Venus-Uranus trine in his chart was a powerful luck factor that limited the amount of damage that Gore could inflict on him.

4) When the courts, ruled by the 9th house, became involved, Gore's chances of victory took a nosedive. He has birthchart Sun in the 9th house. Progressed Sun square progressed Mars added discord to his 9th house thought-cells but even greater adversity was mapped by progressed Neptune in the 3rd house forming a separation (opposition) aspect with birthchart Sun. This particular high-discord progression did not directly influence the election result until the courts became involved. When this occurred, the progressed discord influencing Gore's 9th house thought-cells became apparent. Bush has no planets in the 9th house. Pisces, ruled by Jupiter and Neptune, is on the cusp. Progressed aspects involving these planets did not directly influence the outcome of the election until the courts became involved. While Al Gore had progressed discord influencing his harmonious 9th house, George Bush had progressed harmony influencing his weak 9th house. In his chart, progressed Sun had moved to form a harmonious growth (semisextile) aspect with birthchart Neptune - another situation requiring a delicate estimation where progressed harmony was activating birthchart discord (the Sun is square Neptune in the birthchart). This harmonious Sun-Neptune 9th house progression certainly tipped the scales in Bush's favour. (The fact that the Court's decision went along party lines seems to indicate that justice in the US is open to personal bias, unlike that depicted by Major

Arcanum 8 where, "The eyes of Justice are covered with a bandage to show that she weighs and strikes without taking into account the conventional differences that men establish for themselves." It can also be noted that Pluto is in the 9th house of the US [Gemini Rising] chart where, at times, the Lower-Pluto thought-force has easy access to the justice system).

5) But all things considered, the winning of the Presidency is a 10th house event and it was the various 10th house progressions in the charts of both candidates that determined who would win. Shortly after doing the original article, I realized that I had made a mistake with the assessment of George W's 10th house. What I failed to note was that in his birthchart Taurus is intercepted in the 10th house. This meant that any progressed aspect involving Venus would directly influence his 10th house (honour) thought-cells. In that article I noted that progressed Mercury conjunct birthchart Venus, progressed Venus sextile progressed Mercury and progressed Venus trine progressed Uranus were supportive rallying forces influencing his personal environment. What I failed to realize was that these three high-harmony progressions were directly influencing his 10th house (honour) thought-cells and thus favouring his election chances. In that original article I stated that Al Gore had the better progressed 10th house, but this was incorrect. George W Bush had the better progressed 10th house. (It is interesting to note that both Bush and Gore have Venus and Mars ruling the 10th house in the birthcharts - an amazing chart similarity involving the planets of love and hate). The assessment of George W's 10th house did involve a delicate balancing act where powerful progressed harmony was activating birthchart discord. It seems to me, in retrospect, that progressed MC forming a high-harmony luck (trine) aspect with birthchart Moon was a favourable 10th house influence. This progressed trine

activated a birthchart opposition, so it was a matter of weighing up the birthchart discord potential against the progressed harmony potential, and the harmony at the time of the election seems to have had the higher potential. The Moon rules the "real" people - the masses, and in a popular contest, Moon harmony is always favourable. (When this MC-Moon progressed trine aspect goes out of orb, the discord potential stored in the birthchart opposition will become more apparent). All things considered, George W Bush did have the better progressed 10th house and this did favour his election victory.

6) I should also point out that it is impossible to compare the birthchart potential mapped in two different charts using the astrodyne printout's power, harmony and discord figures. George W Bush does have the more harmonious birthchart - 69.43 harmodynes compared to Al Gore's 16.02 discordynes, but the idea that this means he would win the election is far too simplistic. The devil is in the detail. Gore has the more harmonious Sun (7.85 harmodynes compared to 5.90 discordynes for Bush). Gore has the stronger Sun (10.1 % of the total chart energy compared to 5.9% for Bush). Gore has the more harmonious 10th house (8.46 harmodynes compared to George W's 13.34 discordynes); and Gore has the stronger 10th house (12.5% of the total chart energy compared to Bush's 11.4%). Bush has the more favourable 1st house (35.06 harmodynes compared to Gore's 7.12 discordynes). In the age of personality politics, Bush does present a pleasing personality, and for many voters the personality and appearance guides their voting intentions. Alas, the personality hides the real character. Then there's the careful assessment of the progressed chart to consider. Sincere student-astrologers should realize that an astrological assessment (even one using mathematically accurate astrodyne figures) involves the estimation of

astrological factors where the tendency to over-estimate or under-estimate an influence can easily result in error. (Not to mention the potential for error due to personal bias and rationalization); but there is nothing wrong with making errors - they provide us with the opportunity to learn and improve our skills.

7) While the thought-cells in the unconscious mind have the capacity to influence both the behaviour of an individual, and the external environmental conditions, including the events that come into their life, it is obvious that election results are greatly influenced by the activity taking place in the mundane astrological charts. The confusion and uncertainty generated by the US election result was indicated in the Scorpio lunation chart. Here the Sun-Moon lunation formed an exact square aspect with Neptune - the planet of uncertainty and confusion. Mars conjunct the Ascendant in this chart indicated the anger felt by the electorate and Virgo Rising mapped their critical response to how things unfolded. Jupiter, ruling the 4th house and the Republicans, and Saturn, ruling the Democrats, are both in the 9th house - the courts. Whilst much importance was placed on the Democratic process and the right of the people to have their votes counted, this lunation certainly points to a much more powerful force. The power and activity of the 2nd and 5th houses focuses on the financial sector and Wall Street. Powerful financial, corporate and political groups backed Bush and Gore and either way they were going to win. Lower-Pluto's Aquarian Age democratic process safeguards the power and financial welfare of the privileged. While the Scorpio lunation chart displayed a variety of circumstances associated with the election, it is difficult to see how it actually supported a Republican victory.

8) Transit Saturn trine Neptune in the Saturn cycle on election day turned out as

expected. Saturn rules the Democrats (and the workers) and this aspect did map a huge democrat vote, but its influence needs to be kept in perspective. Even though Gore won the popular vote (as indicated by this aspect), the Electoral College vote is what really matters. It is possible to win more votes and still lose, but things become more complex in a country where one-quarter of the people support one candidate, one-quarter support the other and the other half don't even bother to vote.

9) Finally, whilst not considered as playing a role in the election result, important political events and developments in the US are mapped by the major progressions in the US birthchart. Currently, progressed MC (political developments) has moved to form a prominence (conjunction) aspect with progressed Neptune in the 5th house; and progressed Ascendant (the people) has moved to form a separation (opposition) aspect with birthchart Uranus in the 1st house. The Neptune progression primarily influences the confusion, fraud, claims of illegality and uncertainty that surrounded the Y2000 election result; and the Uranus progression, via the developments that occurred, divided the country into two extreme camps where each hates the other. These powerful progressions indicate that the consequences and repercussions of *The Gunfight at the Florida Corral* are sure to be felt for a long, long time.

10) Our knowledge of astrology revealed that the event experienced by George W Bush and Al Gore would involve the authority, significance and politics (Sun), strife, hectic activity and conflict (Mars), and the honour, position and reputation (10th house). The high-discord square aspect indicated a bitter struggle. Our knowledge of the environment and conditioning at the time of the election indicated a closely fought political battle. It would have been difficult for astrology to foresee the events

in Florida, yet their potential to add to the strife and disputation is clearly shown by the powerful influence of Mars in the charts of both candidates. It would have been difficult for astrology to determine the involvement of the courts and the pivotal role they would play in the election result, yet Mars is often involved in disputes that need to be resolved through the courts. The potential for the courts to become involved has historical precedence, and both candidates had progressed aspects involving the 9th house acting as rallying forces. (Progressed Moon in Gore's chart was parallel birthchart Jupiter, cusp ruler of the 9th house, and progressed Moon in Bush's chart was parallel birthchart Neptune, cusp ruler of the 9th house). The Sun progression indicated the involvement of those in authority and the Supreme Court is the highest authority. Thus, the Sun-Mars progressions in both charts and the various rallying forces all worked out in terms of the planets involved and the houses they rule, but in a manner that would have been difficult to have foreseen in precise detail. George W Bush, with the more harmonious 10th house at the time, won the election battle. The main lesson that student-astrologers can learn from the Y2000 Presidential election is that every aspect of both the political and astrological environments needs to be carefully evaluated when gauging elections.

George W Bush - The Mysterious President

Dennis Sutton

Does any body really know who George W Bush is? The media doesn't seem to have a clue - it keeps watching, waiting and speculating. Did the Republicans market a candidate who doesn't exist? It's hard to believe that a country could elect an "unknown" President. It's even harder to believe that nobody seems to know what makes the most powerful man on planet

Earth tick. Fortunately, Hermetic Astrology will unravel some of the mystery.

George W Bush is a political mystery because he has the Sun, planet of politics, in the house of mystery (12th). This is also the house of secrets, secret interests and clandestine activities, and people with 12th house planets usually have an active secret-life which they keep under wraps. George W also has three planets in the 3rd house. This house rules private thinking - thoughts that don't get public expression. People with planets in the 3rd house keep their private thoughts to themselves. They can chat away for hours and reveal absolutely nothing. Talkative Mercury dominates his chart, but nobody knows what George W's really thinking. He's keeping his secret (political) interests and private thoughts very much to himself. Thus, he presents a mysterious image.

The human-life potential is mapped in the birthchart so what does the birthchart tell us about the struggling human soul named George W Bush?

Mercury in the 1st house, ruling the intellectual urge, dominates his chart. This indicates intellectual cleverness, shrewd decision making and an interest in education. Bush has a talkative personality and he gives himself, and his personal interests, a lot of thought (Mercury in the 1st house conjunct Ascendant). Mercury sextile Moon gives his unconscious mental impressions easy access to his conscious thinking and Mercury sextile Neptune provides idealism and vision. Mercury conjunct Pluto, being the strongest aspect in the chart, is the real driving force behind George W Bush. This powerful conjunction aspect has played a pivotal role in shaping the President's life. Pluto is the planet of groups, cooperation and coercion. Thus, the President's cerebral (thinking) activity, facility of expression and mental interests are influenced by group activities involving

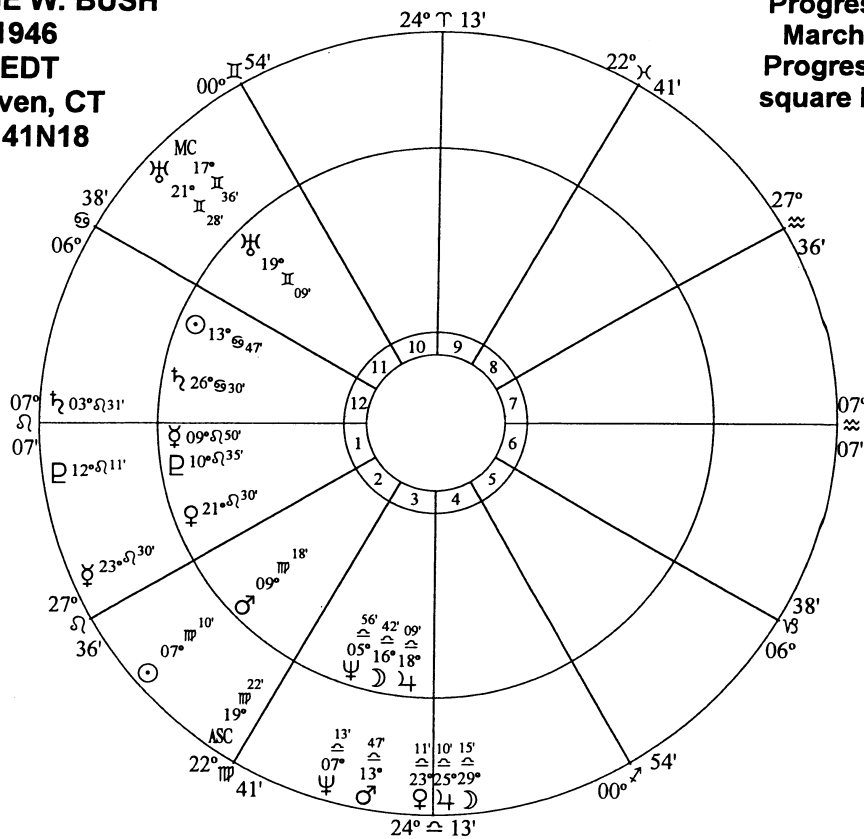
cooperation or coercion. Cooperation of course is the hardest game in town and very few children are taught genuine cooperation skills. Power often confuses control and authority with cooperation. Cooperation skills involve collaboration, teamwork, joint effort, give and take, pulling together, concordance and dialogue. Pluto is the planet of persuasion and Bush has extraordinary persuasion skills. (He persuaded the US electorate to vote for him!) Pluto is also a secretive planet and the world's expert on double-speak and inversion. He takes revealed facts and distorts them to mean something else. The real mystery regarding George W is whether he is Upper-Pluto or Lower-Pluto motivated.

Every experience we have contributes to our creation and all these experiences are planet-specific. We know that Pluto has played a pivotal role in shaping George W Bush and this means the primary experiences shaping his thinking (Mercury) and actions have involved cooperation and coercion with groups. But Pluto, due to its extreme nature, has an upper and lower influence, and this raises the question: Does the Upper-Pluto impulse or the Lower-Pluto impulse motivate George W Bush?

UPPER- PLUTO embraces spiritual behaviours motivated by the "How much can I give?" motive. This birthchart potential is actualised through experiences where the emphasis is placed on altruistic giving. It is a learned (conditioned) behaviour that is reinforced through constant repetition. The Upper-Pluto person's behaviour unifies the group. LOWER PLUTO embraces selfish behaviours motivated by the "How much can I get?" motive. This birthchart potential is actualised through experiences where the emphasis is placed on selfish getting. It too is a learned (conditioned) behaviour that is reinforced through constant repetition. The

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Progressed Mars
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♀	15N58 10S43	♁	46.95	10.1	3.70	11	71.53	10.3	27.60
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Powerful Sun-Mars progressions influence George W. Bush's 4 year presidential term. The Sun is the planet of power and authority - the ability to gain the respect and obedience of others. Mars is the planet of strife, military matters and energetic activity - the ability to take the initiative in a combat situation. Progressed Mars square birthchart Sun maps high-discord stimulation to the Sun (power-significance) and the Mars (aggression-combat) thought-cells in his unconscious mind. The square aspect maps adverse environmental circumstances that will occur beyond his control. The chart presented displays George W's unconscious psychology on March 20th 2002 when progressed Mars square birthchart Sun is perfect. The Sun is in the 12th house (disappointments and secret activities) and Mars is in the 3rd house (education, communication, local transport and neighboring countries). The progressed Sun then forms a prominence (conjunction) aspect with birthchart Mars in May 2003. This aspect is perfect on June 2nd 2004.

Lower-Pluto person's behaviour divides the group.

To quote Elbert Benjamine: "The difference between the Upper-Pluto influence and the Lower-Pluto influence is a difference in attitude. The Upper-Pluto attitude seeks HOW MUCH CAN I GIVE, the Lower-Pluto attitude strives for HOW MUCH CAN I GET. This in turn is the difference between the Divine Soul and the Animal Soul, which are, after all, components of the one unconscious mind, each component energized by motives the opposite of the other". And, to quote Edward Doane: "It is the egotism, selfishness and self-centeredness of individuals that is the real devil (Lower-Pluto). When you realize you have a divine mission to perform, and that to perform this mission you must get on the giving side of life instead of the getting side, then and only then do the first rays of the spiritual sun (Upper-Pluto) illuminate the consciousness and the mysteries of the inner sanctum of the soul become visible".

George W Bush, along with millions of Baby-Boomers, was raised in a "getting" western financial culture. Many of these children were raised by parents who taught them to monetise their self-esteem; and while the financial elite have always financially valued their importance, the Baby-Boomers turned the monetising of status into a lifestyle. The "grab as much as you can for yourself" attitude became their daily approach to life. It became an accepted and highly admired lifestyle and the biologists claim it is perfectly normal, having its roots in the "selfish" genes. (In fact, some right-wing geneticists claim that the ability to make huge amounts of money is a sure sign of genetic superiority!) I don't know if George W was taught as a little boy to monetise his self-worth. I don't know if he was taught to value his status in terms of status symbols. I don't know if he has devoted his life to getting rather than giving. I do know he was raised in a culture that

approved of getting. I do know his aggressive energy is focussed on making money and acquiring possessions (Mars is in the 2nd house of his birthchart). I do know he is an oil millionaire and that he owns a baseball team. (Does anyone know what planet rules the desire to own a baseball team? Is it a modern form of slavery [Neptune] motivated by low self-esteem?) I also don't know what George W gives. I do know that he lives in a culture that encourages giving at the end of all the getting. Philanthropy culture in the US allows a person to get as much as they can for as long as they can and then, in the end, they give it all away. This financial practice is obviously influenced by orthodox religious teachings, and many people are conditioned to believe it is the right thing to do. George W has probably been shaped by Lower-Pluto's "getting" culture.

In George W's birthchart, the Ascendant, Mercury and Pluto are in the Rulership decanate of Leo and his most notable trait is his desire and ability to rule others. He has a powerful love nature which is inclined to express in an extreme manner. His early life was spent in the pursuit of pleasure, but at age 40 this tendency towards excess was moderated greatly. While this decanate gives a desire and ability to rule others, the astrological Sun is the real driving force behind the ability to exercise power and authority, and this is where George W runs into big trouble.

Church of Light Research into "What Makes A Politician?" revealed that the majority of successful politicians had the Sun, Pluto, Uranus, Mercury and Jupiter prominent in their birthcharts. The Sun maps the ability to exercise authority and win the obedience of others. Pluto, the dictator planet, gives the ability to handle groups and large numbers of people. Uranus provides a dynamic personal magnetism that can mesmerize other people, making them do what they normally wouldn't. Mercury,

mapping the intellectual urge, is shrewd and quick thinking. Politicians should be ideas people. And finally, Jupiter provides the good-will factor, where joviality and good-fellowship win patronage and votes.

In astrological work it is very important to understand this factor of prominence, although in most instances it is totally ignored. A planet is considered prominent if it occupies an angular house in the birthchart; aspects the Sun, Moon or Mercury; or forms an aspect within one degree of perfect with another planet. The angular houses, being less dense in their astral composition, permit the easy reception of astral forces. Thus, an astral energy reaches the Earth via an angular house with ease. The body's electromagnetic force is tuned to a Sun, Moon, Mercury frequency. Thus, any planet that aspects the Sun, Moon or Mercury has easy access to the body's electromagnetic forces and the objective consciousness. An aspect within one degree of perfect maps a well-constructed stellar aerial that picks up energy abundantly.

An assessment of George W Bush's birthchart reveals the following planets are prominent: Mercury, Pluto, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus, Mars, Neptune, Moon and Sun. Mercury, Pluto and Venus are in the angular 1st house; Jupiter is square the Sun and conjunct the Moon; Uranus is trine the Moon; Mars is sextile the Sun and semisextile Mercury; Neptune is parallel the Moon and sextile Mercury; the Sun is square the Moon and the Moon is square the Sun. Saturn in the 12th house does not aspect the Sun, Moon or Mercury, and is the weakest planet in the chart.

This assessment reveals that he has all the credentials to be a politician. His problem is that the most important requirement - a prominent Sun - is lacking in power. He thus lacks the dynamic vital force needed to exercise power and authority and has few

outstanding political skills. The astrodynes reveal that the Sun is the third weakest planet. Thus, while he has all of the credentials needed to be a politician, he lacks the capacity to exercise authority and win the obedience of others.

The Sun in the 12th house (disappointments, restrictions, secrets and isolation) forms high-discord obstacle (square) aspects with the Moon and Jupiter. The Sun-Moon square indicates problems in his dealings with the common people, and the Sun-Jupiter square maps problems with bankers, financiers and religious leaders. Sun square Jupiter tends to engage in self-righteous behaviours and George W can be smug, pretentious, "holier than thou" and pompous. These square aspects indicate damaged self-esteem and great difficulty when exercising power and authority. They map serious obstacles that will frustrate his political aspirations. An afflicted Sun tends to over-estimate its capabilities. A weak, discordant Sun is not good for getting your own way, and with the Sun in the 12th house, his political career will be plagued by disappointment. The Sun also forms an opportunity (sextile) aspect with Mars in the 2nd house, and he's admired for his aggressive pursuit of money and possessions. Hopefully, Bush is clever enough to recognize his political limitations (Sun in 12th house).

Venus in the 1st house provides charm and courtesy and George W has a charming personality. Venus is the cusp ruler of the 4th house (his father). The influence of Venus during the election cannot be underestimated. Three high-harmony Venus progressions helped Bush win the Presidency. With Venus ruling his father (4th house), one wonders how many people voted for George W just because he was his father's son. This Venus factor will also give the biologists a chance to determine if political skills are genetically transmitted! From an astrological perspective, George

Bush Sr has much better political skills than his son. George Sr is a dominant Sun person with the Sun in the 10th house forming a grand trine with the Moon, Saturn and Mars. Mercury is his weakest planet! George W is a dominant Mercury person and the Sun is his third weakest planet. George Bush Sr is a power-political person.

This is not the first time that father and son have held the Presidency. John Quincy Adams, the 6th President, was the son of John Adams, the 2nd President. It is interesting to note that John Adams Jr won the 1824 presidential election under bitter and controversial circumstances involving the Electoral College vote! Andrew Jackson, his opponent, felt cheated, and his supporters thwarted the President's every move. John Quincy Adams had a most unhappy Presidency. The 1828 election is described as a "shameful and bitter affair". It was the most acrimonious yet seen! Jackson and Adams again did battle, with Jackson winning. Adams was so bitter he refused to attend the inauguration ceremony.

Saturn, the planet of work and responsibility, is George W's weakest planet. It details an equally weak security urge and is hidden away in the secretive 12th house. Saturn indicates the potential to develop a well-structured organized life; and the ability to evaluate a situation and form a plan. The weak Saturn indicates a poor capacity to shoulder heavy responsibility, but the accompanying stress and strain is kept secret.

Neptune, that vision thing, is also weak, but gains prominence due to its intensity (parallel) aspect with the Moon and its opportunity (sextile) aspect with Mercury. Neptune's idealism wants to make things better. Neptune in the 3rd house of education idealizes his siblings and all the other 3rd house life-matters. It will allow the President to promote his education

schemes. Bush is prone to daydreams and fanciful private thoughts. I think it is safe to say that the only thing Neptune dreams about these days is easy-money.

The Moon, ruling the family life, forms a prominence (conjunction) aspect with Jupiter, planet of religion. This Moon-Jupiter conjunction is George W's second strongest aspect and highlights the prominent role that religion has on his mental attitude and daily life. The conjunction aspect is in the high-harmony 3rd house, ruling education, local travel, close relatives, writing, private thinking (public transport and neighbouring countries). This feature of Bush's astrology explains his natural interest in education. The Moon has a fluctuation influence on the 3rd house life-matters and Jupiter has an abundance influence. Being a high-harmony house, it indicates supportive and pleasant environmental circumstances, but it is important to note that the Moon-Jupiter conjunction does form an obstacle (square) aspect with birthchart Sun. And this high-discord square aspect is George W Bush's biggest political problem.

Jupiter, the planet of religion, has played an influential role in George W's life. It is conjunct the Moon, and his mental attitude (Moon) is powerfully influenced by his religious convictions (Jupiter). He had a personal religious experience that changed his life, and his personal view is that religion changes people's lives - not government programs; and with Jupiter having more astrodyne power than the Sun, we can say that his religious convictions run deeper than his political convictions. Yet with Jupiter square the Sun, his religious convictions will have an adverse (obstacle) influence on his political convictions. In the lead article of the Winter edition of the "Church of Light Quarterly", C C Zain wrote: "And the fact concerning important changes in the social structure, by which people can be benefited, is that the only way

they can be brought to pass is through politics". Yet George W, with the Moon and Jupiter in Libra - the sign of social justice - seems to think that beneficial social change can be brought about through religion. Square aspects to the Sun map adverse environmental circumstances that undermine the political power and authority. This particular feature of his unconscious mental make-up maps an important psychological dilemma and it will be interesting to observe this political-religious conflict unfold.

Uranus, the change agent, is in the 11th house, and George W is prone to experience radical change through his friends. Uranus is high in harmony and his radical friends do have a beneficial influence on his life. With most of his mind energies focussed in the personal sector, George W is really a very private person. The Sun in Cancer and the Moon in Libra makes him a people-pleaser. Cancer pleases people because it fears ridicule, and Libra pleases people because it doesn't like to hurt their feelings. The Moon is in the second decanate of Libra - the decanate of Independence, and Bush, a natural exponent of liberty, rebels against restriction (mapped by the Sun and Saturn in the 12th house). He will also attack any powerful opposition to his (religious) views. Bush will reach his highest potential by fighting crystallized conservatism. The Sun is in the second decanate of Cancer - the decanate of Revelation, and George W has strong emotions and a personal struggle with sensual desires. He is also very mediumistic, possessing a natural aptitude for communion with those living in the invisible world. The Sun is in the 12th house, ruling invisible forces, inner-plane activities and astral entities. If he does not engage in destructive forms of mediumship, he can be led, impressed and guided by those living on the spirit side of life. It is important to note that George W is very mediumistic, but the outstanding psychic influence in his life is Pluto.

Pluto rules the inner-plane and all the entities that reside there. The unconscious mind, or soul, residing on this plane, has constant contact with these entities and the thought vibrations of Pluto have easy access to the nerve currents. Pluto tunes the nervous system on the thoughts radiated by intelligences of either plane. With Mercury conjunct Pluto, the "subtle force" common to Pluto has easy access to the conscious thinking. Mercury rules the conscious thoughts and the nerve currents. People with Mercury conjunct Pluto (and this includes Bill Clinton) have the ability to tune in on inner-plane information and forces. If the thoughts are noble and constructive, contact is made with those having similar thoughts on the inner-plane, but if the thoughts are selfish and destructive, contact is made with those having similar destructive thoughts. The aspect also brings the person into contact with groups who either share his thoughts and ideas or who force him to do what they want. George W is easily influenced by the thoughts of those groups (on both planes of existence) who have similar aspirations as himself. But more importantly, these groups can force (coerce) him to do their bidding. The question arises: What is the spiritual vibratory rate of George W Bush? This can only be judged by assessing his behaviour, actions, life and beliefs. Readers can draw their own conclusions. His spiritual level will in turn parallel the spiritual level of the groups he contacts and the US electorate. The electorate tends to get the leader who reflects its wants and needs. Powerful groups were involved in George W's political campaign and election, and he is the front man for these groups. He is their voice.

To quote Elbert Benjamine: "Investigation into a great amount of data indicates that invasion of the nervous system by the thoughts and forces of another, either those on the physical plane or those on the inner plane, more frequently occurs when there is

a progressed aspect to Pluto in operation, than when there is a progressed aspect to any other planet, or than occurs from all the other progressed aspects combined. And it happens under harmonious progressed aspects to Pluto only less frequently than under discordant Pluto progressions. Psychic invasion all too frequently is attempted under progressed aspects to Pluto, as well as more external methods of coercion". (George W's Mercury-Pluto conjunction aspect makes him prone to such invasion. He currently has progressed MC forming an intensity (parallel) aspect with birthchart and progressed Pluto).

It is our thoughts and feelings, rather than the facts of the case, which tune us in on astral levels and astral entities. Sometimes nervous discord enables inner-plane intelligences to inject their thoughts into people's minds, even though such thoughts are quite illogical. There are those on the inner plane who endeavour to stir up strife, just as there are those so inclined on the external plane. At times our ideas can become twisted and distorted. "Strange ideas" can be rightfully attributed to nerves, for our nerves tune us in on astral levels where strange ideas flourish.

In conclusion, the character that is George Bush was really shaped by his early home-life environment. This usually caters to the potential mapped by the dominant planets in the birthchart. Mercury conjunct Pluto highlights group activity, cooperation and coercion. Maybe he was a psychological bully who terrorized his mother morning, noon and night! Maybe he sought isolation and seclusion (12th house). With the Sun and Saturn in the 12th house, we can speculate that restriction and disappointment in his early life had a profound influence on his conditioning. We do know he grew up in a political environment, that he was conditioned by his father's politics, and that he entered politics quite late in life. We know he experienced an orthodox religious

awakening, but it was his early-life experiences with intelligence, self-esteem, caring, religion, safety, cooperation, coercion, fantasy, aggression, affection and non-conformity that really shaped George W Bush into the man he is. The birthchart simply mapped a potential that the environment actualised.

George Bush - The Next 4 Years

The acrimonious (Mars) circumstances under which George W Bush won the US Presidency are sure to linger and I can safely say that his Presidency will be a bitter, political battle. During the entire four years he has powerful Sun-Mars progressions. Progressed Mars square birthchart Sun peaks in March 2002, and before it finishes, progressed Sun forms a prominence (conjunction) aspect with birthchart Mars. These two planets form a sextile aspect in the birthchart. The Sun in the 12th house (disappointments), is cusp ruler of the 1st house (health and personal affairs) and the 2nd house (finances). It forms obstacle square aspects with the Moon (the "real" people) and Jupiter (the financial elite, bankers and religion). Mars in the 2nd house (personal finances and possessions) is cusp ruler of the 10th house (honour). Mars forms an agitation (sesquisquare) aspect with birthchart MC (honour and publicity). The current high-discord square aspect involving Mars indicates that the aggressive thought-cell group in George W's unconscious mind is receiving a discordant supply of aggressive energy and the 'strife' events it energetically works for will parallel its degree of discord. Mars is the planet of weapons, military matters, defence strategies, the generals and the strategic missile defence program, and George W's Mars thought-cells are sure to stir up strife on the national and international stage.

(Progressed aspects start, peak and finish at different times. Each tends to map its own event and each stimulates aspect-specific

thought-cells which work to attract events that correspond to the way they feel. Mars progressions have a three-year time frame. Sun, Venus, MC and Ascendant progressions have a two-year time frame. Allow Mercury a 14-month time frame due to its fast motion. The date indicated for each major progression is its peak date. The birth data is presumed to be accurate).

Sun progressions stimulate the thought-cells that influence the vitality, significance and authority. Mars progressions stimulate the thought-cells that influence strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy - George W will be rushed off his feet! The high-discord Sun progression will undermine his authority, making it difficult for him to do and get what he wants. Sun discord brings bitter criticism and self-esteem abuse. With the Sun in the 12th house, disappointment and restriction will plague the President. Mars indicates a fight, and Bush is marching to the beat of battle drums. As Mars is in the 3rd house, and ruler of the 10th, this criticism will largely arise from his handling of the 3rd house mundane agenda. This includes education, public transport, roads, telephone and postal services, print media and relations with neighbouring countries. George W can get into strife over what he says on the phone. Mars aspects are fighting aspects, and with Mars active it is a foregone conclusion that Bush will fight with someone. The question is who? Will it be his brother, Mexico, Canada, the religious right, the gun lobby, the press, a media baron or some world leader? Under Mars progressions things move fast. Can Bush keep up with the fast changing world? The Sun in the 12th house is sure to adopt an isolationist policy, which will anger other world leaders, and with the Sun and Mars ruling the 1st and 2nd houses, a personal (health/financial) crisis can occur. With the Sun in the 12th house, Bush has powerful secret enemies, and with progressed Mars square the Sun, these enemies can do a lot of damage. Powerful secret political enemies

are working behind the scenes to undermine his authority; and with Mars active, George W will get hot under the collar. When the aggression thought-cell group is adversely stimulated, the behaviour can be harsh, insensitive, angry, belligerent, destructive, antagonistic, vengeful, combative and war-like. This temporary Sun-Mars progressed discord is activating birthchart harmony, and this means that while Bush will experience much political adversity, he will also make some gains. He will also put on a brave face.

Currently (January 2001) Bush is getting beneficial support from progressed MC trine birthchart Moon. This aspect peaks on April 15th 2001. Harmonious MC progressions have a favourable influence on the honour, business and publicity. On the other hand, progressed Ascendant square birthchart Uranus maps a personal obstacle. This aspect peaks on December 15th 2001. Progressed aspects involving the Ascendant influence the health, personality and personal affairs. Uranus is the high nervous tension planet. Progressed aspects to Uranus stimulate the thought-cells that influence sudden changes through a human change-agent. Uranus is in the 11th house (Congress and friends). It rules the 7th house (his wife and foreign powers) and the 8th house (taxes and death.) This means the change-agent will most likely be a friend, Congress, his wife or a foreign power. Ascendant discord indicates George W needs to protect his health. 7th house discord maps poor relations with foreign powers. Uranus maps an extreme approach to foreign affairs. (What will US foreign policy be? Will Israel and Palestine fight it out? Will Libya and Iraq remain isolated? And what about China - the Great Atheist that the Religious Right hates; and the Balkans?) Uranus, ruling George W's 7th house, will adopt an extremist approach to rogue countries, and the rogue counties will adopt an extremist approach to the US. With Uranus driving Bush's foreign policy, expect extreme

developments with US international relations. 8th house discord maps tax problems. (With Progressed Venus trine progressed Uranus, Bush promised big tax cuts. This progressed square aspect maps obstacles hindering their introduction. Uranus is in the house of Congress). Progressed Mars square birthchart Sun peaks on March 20th 2002.

On April 9th 2002 progressed Sun semisextile progressed Neptune is at its peak. Neptune is in the 3rd house, and the aspect favours the 3rd house education agenda. Neptune will promote utopian educational schemes. Progressed Mercury forms a luck (trine) aspect with birthchart MC on August 13th 2002. Progressed aspects to Mercury stimulate the thought-cells that influence the mental interests, the facility of expression and increase the cerebral activity. Progressed aspects to the MC influence the honour, business and publicity. At this time the education agenda is favoured and George W gets good publicity.

Progressed MC trine birthchart Jupiter is very fortunate, even though it activates a birthchart opposition. This aspect is perfect on October 15th 2002. Progressed aspects to Jupiter stimulate the thought-cells that influence abundance, joviality and optimism. Jupiter, the religious planet, is in the 3rd house (education and trade with neighbouring countries) and is cusp ruler of the 5th house (his daughters and the baseball team) and the 9th house (religion, law and trade). With the Sun, Mars and Jupiter all stimulated, the political battles will involve the religious right, the Catholic Church, other religious issues, abortion, the RU486 abortion pill, the right to life, the right to death and the death penalty, etc, etc.

Progressed Venus opposition birthchart MC maps bad personal publicity. This aspect is perfect on April 28th 2003. Progressed aspects involving Venus stimulate the thought-cells that influence the emotions,

social relations and artistic appreciation. At this time Bush will be very sensitive to criticism. His social/love life will have an adverse influence on his reputation, and his career and reputation will have an adverse influence on his loved ones. When a planet forms an opposition with the MC and moves into the 4th house, it often indicates a change in the home life. Venus is cusp-ruler of the 4th house - his father. Progressed MC conjunct birthchart Uranus maps sensational publicity. Uranus is the exposé planet. This aspect is perfect on October 28th 2003. Uranus in the 11th house indicates extraordinary developments involving Congress, a friend, his wife or a foreign power. Congress will be in a radical, rebellious mood. At this time expect sensational developments on the national and international stage. In this day and age God permits anything.

On May 25th 2003 progressed Sun forms a prominence (conjunction) aspect with birthchart Mars. The aspect is perfect on June 2nd 2004 and everyday is a political battle for George W. This Mars stimulation will bring strife, haste and increased expenditure of energy into prominence. The conjunction in the 2nd house will focus on George W's personal finances and possessions. Mars is the planet of accidents, infections, violent assaults and fires. As his entire four year Presidency will be influenced by Mars energy, the less he is exposed to danger the better. Alas, under Mars progressions people are motivated by wild impulses - they take risks and behave recklessly. (Mars also rules alcohol, and under high-discord Mars progressions people often escape from the stressful strife into a chemically induced state of inebriation).

As leader of the world's most powerful country, George W's actions will in some way influence everybody's life. He might be a mystery, but the astrological energies influencing his Presidency still remain the

biggest mystery of all. During his presidential term, birthchart and progressed Sun, planet of power, will form powerful progressed aspects with birthchart and progressed Mars, planet of war; and that's a big secret that only you and I know about.

PS: Let's have no doubts, Aquarian Age politics is a dog-eat-dog game where you get the other guy before he gets you. During 2004 in George W's birthchart, progressed Sun moves to form a prominence (conjunction) aspect with birthchart Mars. This indicates, if he runs for a second term, that the 2004 election campaign will be another acrimonious, bitter and controversial battle. Fasten your seat belts - it looks like it's gonna be another wild, bumpy ride!



Y2001 Sun Cycle Chart

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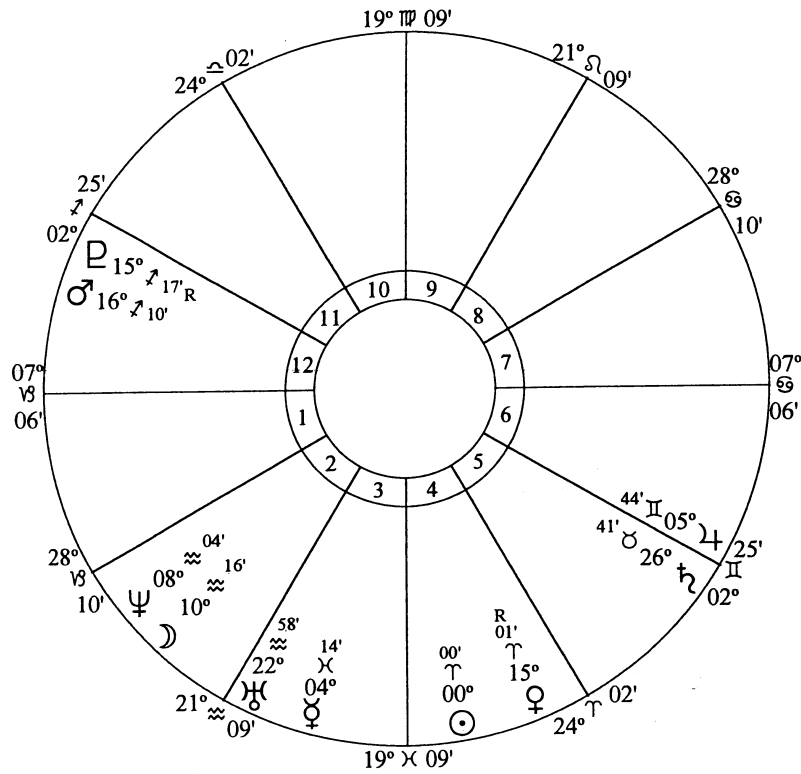
In these fast-changing times it is almost impossible to keep track of the current mundane agenda. The media bombards us with so many inconsequential news items that the important national and international news is often lost amidst the meaningless gossip. Today's sensational news report is replaced by tomorrow's even more sensational headlines. (I recently heard a report where research into twins has confirmed that the potential to be bitten by a mosquito is genetic!) Observation reveals that political, economic, violence, conflict and tragedy news dominates the electronic and print media, but the informed comment is often just wild speculation.

The Sun cycle chart is a general event chart. The planets in this chart detail a planet-specific influence on each area (house) of the mundane agenda. The major Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto events are mapped in their respective cycle charts. The Sun enters Aries at 1.31pm, GMT on March 20, 2001. This converts to

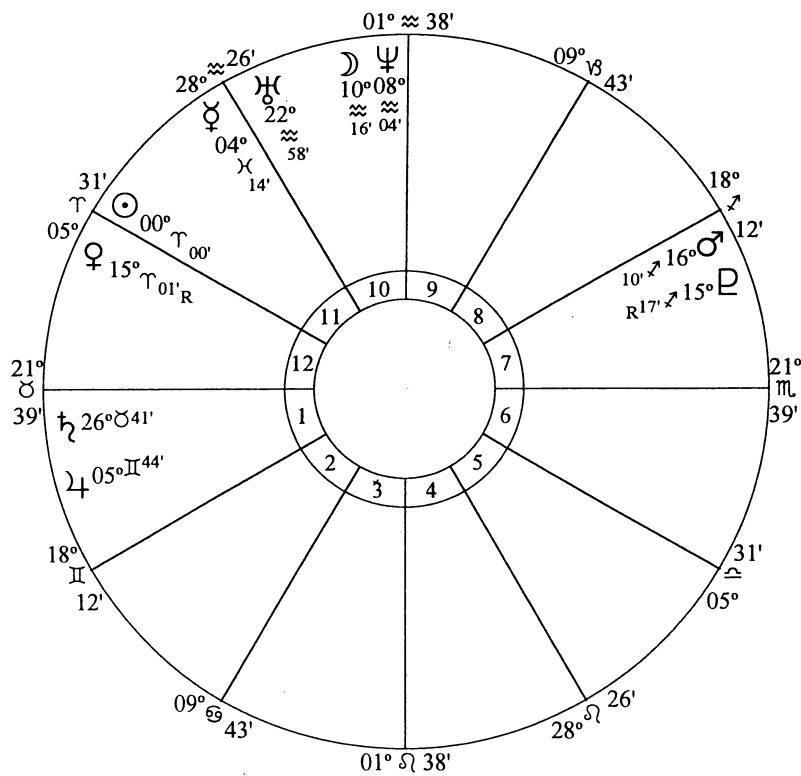
11.31pm AEST on the same day at Canberra (149E08; 35S17); and 8.31am EST on the same day at Washington (77W01; 38N53). The strongest aspects in both charts are Moon conjunct Neptune, Venus trine Mars and Pluto, and Mars conjunct Pluto. The Sun is semisquare the Moon - the "real" people, and sextile Jupiter and Saturn - the financial and business sectors. It is important to understand that a new mundane agenda doesn't commence with this new Sun cycle. It simply maps new trends and influences affecting the current agenda. The mundane agenda is moving in a direction and the astrological energy pattern mapped in the Sun cycle chart details the astrological affects influencing this agenda from March 21, 2000 to March 20, 2002. This means that the mundane astrologer should have a thorough knowledge of the current mundane agenda.

2001 is election year in Australia. There will be a Federal election and several state elections. Thus, politics will dominate the mundane agenda. In the Sun cycle chart at Canberra, the Sun is in the 4th house, and the 4th house mundane agenda (homes, farms, the farming and rural sectors, land rights, buildings, the development of natural resources, weather and Labour Party) will be vitalized by politics and political developments. Venus also in the 4th house adds a feminine influence. A woman (Pauline Hanson) will have a prominent influence on the 4th house agenda. Whether the Sun here supports the Labour Party (and One Nation) in the upcoming Federal election remains to be seen, but the rural sector (and Pauline Hanson) will certainly play an influential role. The Sun is sextile Saturn in the 5th house. Saturn, the planet of hardship, decrease, downsizing, slow-downs, worry and anxiety, has a loss influence on the 5th house agenda (the share market, speculation, entertainment, schools, sport, children, young people and the birth rate). The stock market will fall, but there are plans to build new schools. The Sun is

Y2001 SUN CYCLE CHART – CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA



Y2001 SUN CYCLE CHART – WASHINGTON, USA



sextile Jupiter in the 6th house. Jupiter, the planet of abundance, increase, affluence, expanded activity, hope and optimism, has a beneficial influence on the 6th house agenda (the work force, working conditions, trade unions, the public service, sickness, drugs, food and small animals.) Jupiter here supports the workers, improves their workplace conditions, and benefits the trade unions. Jupiter square Mercury, cusp ruler of the 10th house (employers), does not favour employer-employee workplace relations.

Neptune and the Moon are in the 2nd house. Neptune, the planet of schemes, fraud, inflation, uncertainty and confusion, will have a chaotic influence on the 2nd house agenda (the economy, finances, \$A, the banks, prices and wages). Uncertainty grips the financial market, and there are inflationary pressures. The Moon conjunct Neptune indicates petrol prices will be a prominent (election) issue for the people all year. Alas, this conjunction also indicates great public confusion. Neptune will promote a wave of white-collar crime and fraud. The Moon, planet of daily affairs, groceries, gossip and the "real" people, has a fluctuation influence on Australia's economy and finances. \$A will be up and down like a yo-yo. The Moon rules the 8th house (taxes) so the people should financially benefit from the taxes they have already paid. (Taxation matters will not be a big issue this year, although the amount of tax collected will fluctuate). The Moon-Neptune conjunction will promise utopian financial schemes to benefit the people - unbelievable financial promises at election time.

Uranus and Mercury are in the 3rd house. Uranus, the planet of discovery, invention, gadgetry, technology, extreme developments and sensational exposés, has a radical influence on the 3rd house agenda (the print media, roads, railways, public transport, education, communications, the public's

thinking and relations with neighbouring countries). The communication's revolution continues, the press takes radical action and the daily newspaper goes through a radical change. Radical actions by, and sensational exposes about, a media baron. Uranus also maps violent unrest, protests and anarchy in a neighbouring country (Indonesia?). Mercury, the planet of thinking and talking, has a controversial influence on the 3rd house agenda. News reports by journalists and writers will stir up a lot of controversy.

Mars and Pluto are in the 12th house. Mars, the planet of violence, fires, accidents, the police, combat and strife will have a hostile influence on the 12th house agenda (crime, jails, hospitals, nursing homes, asylums, detention centres, volunteer work, ASIO, sorrow and secrecy.) 2001 is the year of the volunteer. Strife, fires and violence will erupt in the refugee detention centres and jails. A wave of violent crime. Pluto, the planet of groups, coercion, compulsory cooperation, crime, mobs and crowds, will have a drastic influence on the 12th house agenda. This Mars-Pluto conjunction will bring the 12th house agenda, in particular the refugee detention centre and nursing home issues, into prominence. Mars, the planet of disputes, always has a strife and violence influence.

With Capricorn ruling the 1st house, the Australian people will be in a rather serious, practical frame of mind, and with Saturn in the 5th house, we won't be having much fun. Saturn's thrift and economy will influence our behaviour (Saturn is cusp ruler of 2nd house.) Virgo ruling the 10th house maps a critical attitude towards the administration - especially by the press (Mercury in 3rd house). This year international developments will have a fluctuation influence on our currency (Moon ruling the 7th house is in the 2nd).

The Washington Sun cycle chart has the Sun in the 11th house and Congress will play a

pivotal role during this astrological year. Mercury, also in the 11th house, maps very controversial announcements by Congress. Saturn (pessimism) and Jupiter (optimism) are in the 1st house, where they will have a loss and abundance influence, respectively, on the American people. Saturn rules the Democrats, farmers, miners, workers, the poor and elderly. Jupiter rules the Republicans, the religious right, the bankers, financiers, professionals and wealthy. Saturn there indicates that large numbers of people will suffer heavy losses and poverty, while Jupiter indicates that large numbers of people will suffer heavy gains and affluence. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer. More importantly, Saturn, planet of security, in the 1st house, puts national security high on the domestic agenda.

The Moon, Neptune and Uranus, in the dominant and high-harmony 10th house, detail the astrological affects influencing the administration and business. Neptune maps an idealistic, but confused influence - the administration will be in a state of confusion. Neptune is the planet of fraud, uncertainty and broken promises. The Moon maps novelty and variation and the administration's reputation will fluctuate. The Moon is the planet of gossip. With the Moon conjunct Neptune, the administration will announce utopian schemes to benefit the people, but Neptune just likes to daydream. Uranus, planet of change, maps a radical, but bizarre influence on the 10th house agenda and there will be major changes within the administration. Uranus is the exposé planet. Confusion, fluctuation and high-tech radical change will influence the business sector. Uranus and Neptune will have a radical and idealistic influence on the President and his administration, but Neptune's utopian schemes rarely yield what they promise. A vague idealism permeates Washington.

Mars and Pluto are in the 7th house and the US will antagonize the international

community. This Mars-Pluto conjunction will bring coercion, military matters, defence programs, the National missile defence system, the army and its generals into prominence. Mars indicates hostile relations with a foreign power (or powers) and a hostile reaction to America's defence strategy. Pluto rules groups, and groups of countries will gang up on the US. Pluto is also the terrorism planet. Mars and Pluto indicate terrorist attacks on the US. The US will respond by taking violent action. Between March 20, 2001 and March 20, 2002 the USA and Mars will stir up a lot of strife on the international stage.

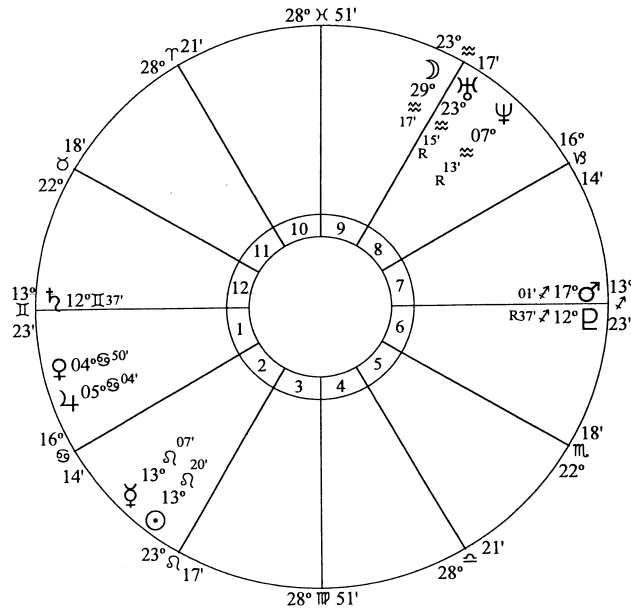


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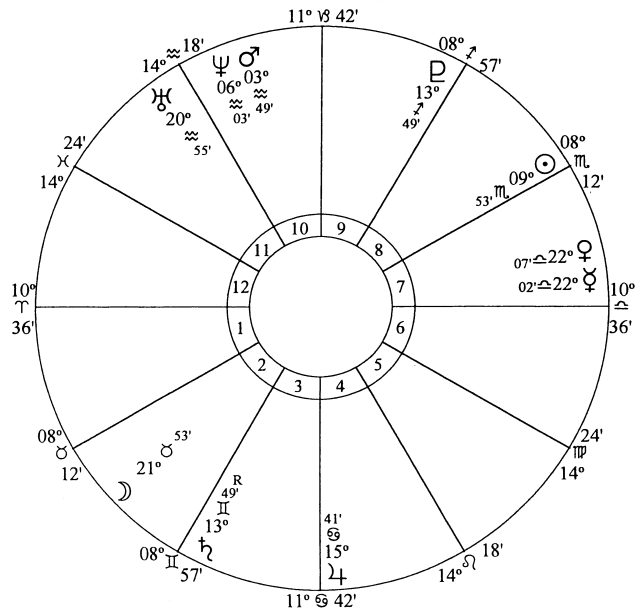
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There are three (3) Mars conjunctions during this astrological year. Mars forms a conjunction aspect with Pluto at 11.45am GMT on March 18th 2001; a conjunction with Neptune at 12.44pm GMT on November 5th 2001; and a conjunction with Uranus at 7.07pm GMT on November 26th 2001. Each conjunction will bring strife, hostilities, accidents, fires, disputes and military matters into prominence around the date indicated. Pluto, the planet of coercion, cooperation, groups and terrorism, adds a drastic element to the strife and violence around March 18th 2001. Mass murders and terrorist attacks are common Mars-Pluto events. At Canberra, the Mars-Pluto conjunction is in the 1st house and the drastic violence will impact directly on the Australian people. At Washington, the conjunction is in the 9th house and the mob unrest and violence flares at the trade talks - anti-trade globalisation protests. Neptune, the planet of idealism, schemes, drugs, oil, inflation, chaos, uncertainty and movie stars, adds a confusing element to the strife and violence around November 5th, 2001. Drug wars, oil disputes, aviation disputes and plane crashes are common Mars-Neptune events. At Canberra, the Mars-Neptune

SATURN OPPOSITION PLUTO – August 6th 2001, CANBERRA



SATURN OPPOSITION PLUTO – November 2nd 2001 - CANBERRA



conjunction is in the 7th house and the strife and confusion involves a foreign power. At Washington, the conjunction is in the 3rd house and the strife and confusion involves a neighbouring country. There's a spate of local airplane accidents. Uranus, planet of anarchy, unrest, racial violence, strikes, protests and demonstrations, will add a radical element to the strife and violence around November 26th, 2001. Racial violence, radical protests and violent unrest are common Mars-Uranus events. At Canberra, the conjunction is in the 4th house and there's violent unrest in the farming and rural sectors. Land-rights demonstrations and violent weather are also indicated. At Washington, the conjunction is in the 11th house and Congress is marching to the beat of war drums. Congress will take violent, radical action.

On May 6th, 2001 at 10.40am GMT Jupiter forms a high-discord opposition aspect with Pluto. This converts to 8.40pm AEST at Canberra and 5.40am EST at Washington on the same day. At Canberra Jupiter is in the 6th house (the workforce and illness) and Pluto is in the 12th house (crime, detention centres and nursing homes.) Jupiter is the planet of finances, currency values, monetary policy and banks. Pluto is the planet of drastic situations, coercion, corruption and groups. This 6th house-12th house opposition indicates a drastic financial crisis for the hospital system and nursing homes. At Washington Jupiter is in the 1st house (domestic affairs) and Pluto is in the 7th house (foreign affairs). This 1st house-7th house opposition indicates a drastic financial situation. The drastic action taken by foreign powers has an adverse impact on America's finances and currency value. These aspect-specific events will occur around May 6th 2001.

Of more importance are the three Saturn-Pluto oppositions in August and December 2001 and May 2002. Saturn will be

opposition Pluto in the sky for around 15 months starting in May 2001 and finishing in August 2002. Saturn is the planet of greed and Pluto is the planet whose selfish ruthlessness grabs what it can for him/herself, and the aspect will enable the Lower-Pluto forces to create widespread economic inequalities. The destructiveness of greed and selfishness will have an adverse influence on international developments, globalisation and the Internet. Huge numbers of people (Pluto) will suffer hardship due to natural disasters (Saturn). The entire period will be subject to drastic weather conditions. Lower-Pluto will have an adverse influence on work and employment and Saturn's insecurity will force countries (and people) to take drastic action. Worldwide unrest due to the fear and insecurity generated by globalisation, corrupt governments and economic inequality. Whether the current batch of dictators will fall from power remains to be seen, although the aspect does favour violent unrest, kidnappings, drastic actions by terrorist groups, and a wave of terrorist attacks. The events and conditions initiated by these high-discord Saturn-Pluto opposition aspects will simply highlight the destructive consequences of greed and selfishness on a national and international level.

Saturn is the planet of security, safety, selfishness, loss, hardship, economy, thrift, fear, insecurity, economic contraction, cut-backs, down-sizing, economic slow-downs, recessions, depressions, poverty, unemployment, bad weather, natural disasters, careful planning, foresight, the sense of consequence, tradition, orthodoxy, conservatism, land, homes, buildings, crops, basic utilities, diseases in general, public health measures, the farming sector, mining sector and elderly. Pluto is the planet of groups, cooperation, coercion, (compulsory cooperation,) corruption, ruthless selfishness, mobs, mass murder,

kidnappings, terrorism, terrorist attacks, dictators, dictatorial power, commissions, bureaus, committees, division, disunity, splits within groups, inversion, the distortion and suppression of facts, drastic measures, pressure tactics, bully-boy tactics, spirituality, invisible intelligences, the “get what you can for yourself at any cost” attitude and the “blame the victim” mentality.

The first Saturn-Pluto opposition is perfect on August 5th, 2001 at 5.02pm GMT. This converts to 3.02am AEST on August 6th at Canberra; and 12.02pm EST at Washington on the same day (August 5th). At Canberra Saturn in the 12th house forms an exact conjunction with the Ascendant, and Pluto in the 6th house forms an exact opposition with the Ascendant. Saturn indicates a powerful fear and insecurity influence on the people (although the good-guys, Venus and Jupiter, are also in the 1st house?) Pluto maps an adverse influence affecting the workforce, working conditions and illness. Public health and illness will be a drastic issue. Saturn indicates that fear, insecurity, sorrow and disappointment are having a powerful psychic influence on many sections of the Australian community. It is important to note that the Sun-Mercury conjunction in the 2nd house forms an exact sextile aspect with Saturn and an exact trine aspect with Pluto. This interception of the Saturn-Pluto opposition by the Sun and Mercury can be viewed as a highly beneficial influence that can relieve a lot of the loss and distress mapped by the opposition aspect. It indicates that the government (Sun) will take financial initiatives (2nd house) to relieve the hardship and distress caused by Saturn and Pluto.

At Washington, Saturn, in the 8th house (taxes and death), and Pluto, in the 2nd house (finances, wages, prices and \$US), has a high-discord impact on the economy and financial sector. Saturn has a loss influence on taxes and reduces the amount of revenue

raised. Pluto has a coercive influence on financial policy. This high-discord opposition aspect maps a drastic financial situation. The Sun-Mercury conjunction in the 10th house (the President and his administration) intercepts the Saturn-Pluto opposition, and government action can relieve (solve?) the financial problems caused by Saturn and Pluto.

The second Saturn-Pluto opposition is perfect on November 2nd, 2000 at 6.08am GMT. This converts to 4.08pm AEST at Canberra, and 1.08am EST at Washington, on the same day. At Canberra, Saturn in the 3rd house (communications, roads, railways, public transport, the print media, education, the public mind and neighbouring countries) is opposition Pluto in the 9th house (trade, law, court cases, religion, radio, television, the internet, universities and tourism). (This aspect will influence the Federal election). Saturn maps a loss influence on the 3rd house agenda. Pluto has a drastic, coercive influence on the 9th house agenda. Education appears to be the issue. Pluto also maps an adverse influence on tourism. The media barons who own newspapers and television stations will have drastic problems concerning their monopoly practices and scope of control.

At Washington, Saturn, the planet of conservatism and security, in the 10th house (the administration and business) is opposition Pluto, the planet of crowds and groups, in the 4th house (homes, farms, the farming and rural sectors, land issues, buildings, the development of natural resources, the weather and Democrats). Saturn indicates a hard-line and conservative attitude by the administration, a loss and disappointment influence on the 10th house agenda, and a selfish and hard-line President. Saturn maps a slow down in government activity and delays to the President's plans. There are major divisions within the administration, and Pluto in the 4th house puts the farming sector at odds

with government policy. Expect the farming and rural sectors to take drastic action, along with environmental and anti-globalisation groups who are out in force attacking the administration's policies. Huge crowds of people will demonstrate against the administration's conservative and hard-line actions. The business and housing sectors can experience a drastic slow-down, and drastic weather conditions can have a widespread loss influence.

The third Saturn-Pluto opposition aspect occurs on May 26th, 2002 and will be presented and evaluated in the AHA's News and Views Y2002 mundane assessment.



AHA Library and Bookstore News

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As this is the first Newsletter for the year and the new students, it is an opportune time to write about the bookstore and the library and how they function. The bookstore provides publications and stationary for sale to students and members of the AHA. Such publications are all the course books to the study programs with the Church of Light - several of these courses are directly related to the astrology courses that are running at the Academy. There are also other materials, such as Ephemerides, booklets on decanates, daylight savings times and Ephemerides Handbook. There is a full price list at the end of the Newsletter that will be a guide to those wanting to buy books. Additional books by Hermetic Astrologers are also available by private order to the USA. This is done by email and the books then take about 4-6 weeks to arrive by surface mail. Prices vary due to exchange rates and the cost of postage. Surface mail is chosen to keep the overheads to students and members as low as possible. For orders, a deposit is required to help meet costs and maintain stability in the number of books ordered and sold. As the AHA is a non-

profit organisation, a steady flow of incomings and outgoings is desirable. Orders can be placed in one of three ways - by contacting me by phone or email or, if you are at the Academy, in the order book on the bookstore shelf. This book is checked periodically for orders. Once orders arrive, you will be contacted and arrangements can be made to collect the books.

There is also some Celestial Stationary available for sale - zodiac calendars, zodiacal gift tags, cards and notepaper are available at reasonable prices. These make an unusual twist to accompany a gift, or to write short notes on.

Finally, all payments for books and sundries paid by cheque should be made out to the "Academy of Hermetic Astrology". If paying by cash, please place in an envelope clearly marked with your name, what you've bought and how much is enclosed in the envelope. This then makes it easier to hand to committee members who deal with money, and a receipt will then be given.

The library is an important part of the Academy. There are interesting books and supplementary material available to borrow. Borrowing is based on an honesty and self-serve basis. There is a library borrowing book to register the books and other materials borrowed. One month is the borrowing period over term time for books, etc. Some books we have only one copy of and, for this reason, it is preferred if the book could be returned promptly for others to borrow and read. There is a problem in terms of access to the library, particularly for those who no longer come to class at the Academy. If you wish to borrow or return books, I can be contacted, and a mutually convenient time can be made to do that. Periodically, reminders are sent out to those who appear to have books well overdue. I send these reminders out based on the book not being signed in as being returned to the

library. If you have returned the book and forgotten to sign the book in, please let me know, to avoid confusion.

If you wish to reserve a book, please ring me and let me know. There is a box for reserved books in the library. The book can be picked up from there or other arrangements can be made.

It's the time of year to order Ephemerides. There are a few copies of 1900-2000 in the bookstore for sale. One or two have minor faults and are on sale for a reduced price. At present there are no 2000-2010 Ephemerides available. There will be a list for students to place their name if they wish to order either of these. For graduates and members, I can be contacted as below. The order will be placed in mid April at the end of Term 1. The prices are about \$77-00 for the 1900-2000 version and about \$30-00 for the ten year version.

As there are a number of new students, I wanted to bring to attention the number of "Church of Light Quarterly's" available to borrow. These are valuable in terms of short reading. It is possible to pick up snippets of knowledge in one short article, taking only a small amount of time to read. This is worth considering when pressed for time.

Work has started on developing a Public Chart Resource Book. This is a project embracing the charts of as many diverse and notable people as can be managed. If anyone has birth data that is interesting, could you please send this to me. I also require the source of the data, e.g.: sited from a birth certificate, or from a biography, etc. The more varied the characters, the better.

The following three articles by Julia and Karen were previously published in the "Valley View" Newspaper.

The Moody Moon

With the obvious exception of the Sun, the Moon is the planet most visible to us earthly inhabitants.

Most people have at least a passing interest in the astronomical state of the Moon: whether it is waxing, growing larger and lighter in the sky as it moves towards the Full Moon, or waning on its journey back towards the darkness of the New Moon.

Much mythology surrounds these easily observed phases of the Moon. The most common example is the increased amount of so-called 'lunacy' that has long thought to be associated with the time of the Full Moon.

Astrologically speaking, the Moon rules, among other things, our Mentality - our ever-changing moods. It is not surprising, therefore, that our moods are affected not only by the phase of the Moon, but by the zodiac sign in which the Moon is placed.

The Moon moves quickly through the signs of the zodiac. While the Sun changes sign approximately monthly, the Moon remains in each sign for a mere couple of days.

Careful observation of our moods can reveal interesting associations with the zodiac. Following are some of the ways the Moon can affect our moods when in the different signs:

- Aries: mental initiative, a time for starting projects and taking the lead.
- Taurus: practical, material matters, such as decorating or landscaping (or fine dining!) take precedence.

- Gemini: increased communication: talking, thinking and the urge to study are stimulated.
- Cancer: thoughts may become sentimental and focus on the needs of the family.
- Leo: a more confident, attention seeking, and generous mentality.
- Virgo: thoughts become analytical and cleaning frenzies may occur!
- Libra: sociability, artistic appreciation (and interest in clothes and beauty products) may increase.
- Scorpio: a more intense frame of mind - resourceful, determined and focused.
- Sagittarius: playful, optimistic, travel-oriented and philosophical.
- Capricorn: a serious mind set; a time of ambition and career advancement.
- Aquarius: altruism, innovation and radical changes come to the fore now.
- Pisces: a time for daydreaming and increased sensitivity and mysticism.

Why not watch your behaviour and notice these (sometimes subtle) effects for yourself?!

The Chromatic Zodiac

We shall explore colours and their links with the planets and the zodiac signs; connections that can help you improve your frame of mind.

Feeling confused? Perhaps you are writing an essay or letter and your thoughts are restless and jumbled. Or maybe your memory is a bit unreliable at the moment. These are symptomatic of discordant Mercury, the planet that rules our Intellectual Urge.

Mercury - which is found in everybody's astrological birthchart, as are all the planets - wants to think, learn, write, talk and read. People with a prominent Mercury love these

activities and are often drawn to teaching, journalism or interpreting.

We all have times, however, when our intellect lets us down. Indecision, absent-mindedness and nervousness can result. What can you do to refocus? Selective use of colour can help.

Mercury is associated with violet and the zodiac signs it rules, Gemini and Virgo, correspond to light and dark violet respectively. Wearing clothes of a violet hue will support Mercury in its intellectual endeavours and help you to express yourself.

Placing objects of this colour on your desk can also be beneficial, as it will help stimulate decisiveness, comprehension and clear thinking. Or try making notes with a purple pen or drinking from a purple mug to reinforce the optimistic and tolerant planet, Jupiter, if you are suffering from writers block! If mental stress is due to emotional problems, a dose of blue colour (corresponding to down-to-earth Saturn) may be helpful.

Yellow is the colour of Venus, the planet that rules our Social Urge and desire to give and receive affection. Libra and Taurus, which are ruled by Venus, are accordingly linked with light and dark yellow.

Venus seeks fun, pleasure and companionship. It turns our attention to romance, poetry and music. Venusian people tend to be neat and attractive, have an eye for art and beauty, and are attracted to occupations such as interior decorating, floristry and fashion.

If you are planning a social occasion, such as a dinner party, touches of yellow will facilitate friendly, charming and affectionate behaviour among your guests. Likewise, a touch of violet might lead to animated and perceptive discussion.

It is hard to feel blue when gazing upon a bed of daffodils, or when you see wattles blooming against a clear sky in Spring. So, if you are feeling worried or fearful, surround yourself with yellow - or wear some copper jewellery - which is also ruled by Venus. It will boost feelings of joy and mirth and thereby lift your mood.

Go to an art gallery or garden soon and add some (astrological) colour to your day!

Love Trumps Fear

We are going to take a closer look at Saturn, the planet that influences fear and anxiety, and how its influence can be controlled astrologically.

Astrology is based on the birthchart - a map of the heavens for the precise time, place and date of a person's birth, which provides a map of their unconscious mind.

Everyone has Saturn placed somewhere in this chart. This planet is oft discussed (perhaps you have heard of the "Saturn Return"?), because it can be associated with pain and suffering.

In Hermetic Astrology, Saturn corresponds to the Security Urge, expressing as the desire for safety and protection. A Hermetic birthchart quantifies the relative strengths, harmony and discord of all the planets, each corresponding to a different subconscious psychological urge.

People with a powerful Saturn in their birthchart have a highly developed Security Urge, which aims to prevent hardship and avoid loss. They have a strong desire to work, to earn and save money, to insure their health and property against damage etc. However, such issues would be relatively unimportant to a person with a weak birthchart Saturn. They may be more inclined to take risks during their lifetime.

Saturn expressing constructively promotes cautious, methodical and practical behaviour. Its best quality is to be systematic. Expressed destructively, however, it results in fear, anxiety and selfishness. It can lead to depression, sadness and physical and emotional losses.

What can be done if your Saturn is behaving badly?

One strategy is to convert the energy and consciously express the best of Saturn. Engage your mind in systematic tasks such as tidying a room, doing the dishes, turning chaos into order. It may take perseverance and practice, but it can be done and the feelings of sadness and fear will eventually dissipate.

Another method is to call on Venus, the planet ruling our Social Urge and our desire to give and receive affection, as a mental 'antidote'.

Venus thinking that is friendly, charming and joyful is the natural antidote for destructive Saturn thinking that is fearful and depressed. Go out and socialise with friends and leave your worries at home. Love, friendship and beauty really do conquer fear!

Additional methods to aid in stressful and depressing times requires knowledge of your particular birthchart, but such knowledge can be invaluable.



Venus Event

Our next Venus event will be the Winter Solstice celebration, which will be held at Julia's house on Friday 22 June at 7:30 pm.

Please bring a plate of food and also something to drink (to be shared).

Study Groups

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The Tarot study group, which is full, is working well, with four willing students who are understanding more and more each week about the Universe.

The Astrology study group has become very small and we welcome anyone who would like to come along. We discuss everything there is to discuss about Astrology, and specifically your own chart. It is helpful to one's personal development to hear a different interpretation of aspects and conditions in their chart and your chart.

Future Seminars

If anyone has any ideas for topics for future seminars to be run by the Academy, please let us know.

Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for suitable Astrology articles for inclusion in upcoming editions of the Newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest, whether it be an astrological "story" of something happening in your own life, something you have read, or perhaps something humorous, please submit it for editing. All are welcome!

AHA Bookstore Pricelist - March 2001

All new format Church of Light course books	\$ 25.00
All older format Church of Light course books	\$ 22.00
"Astrology - Superstition or Science?"	\$ 2.00
"Hollywood - Movie Makers and Stars" - Vol I (older version)	\$ 25.00
"Hollywood - Movie Makers and the Stars" - Vol I	\$ 12.00
"Hollywood - Movie Superstars" - Vol II	\$ 12.00
"Hollywood - Singers, Dancers and Comedians" - Vol III	\$ 12.00
"When Will People Marry?"	\$ 22.00
"Aquarian Review"	\$ 2.00
"Raphael's Ephemerides -1999"	\$ 10.00
"Decanates of the Zodiac"	\$ 7.00
"Rosicrucian Ephemerides" - 1900-2000	\$ 77.00
2000-2010	\$ 25.00
"Daylight Savings Time in Australia"	\$ 7.00
"Blending Astrology, Numerology and Tarot" - D C Doane	\$ 40.00
Zodiac Birthday Calendars	\$ 5.00
Calendars (Aries to Aries / March to March), showing Moon phases and changing signs of the planets	\$ 7.00
"Astrological Factors of Outstanding Lives"	\$ 15.00} ea or
	\$ 25.00} set of 2
"Church of Light Reader"	\$ 17.00
"What's in a Name" - David Braumann	\$ 12.00
Ephemerides Handbook	\$ 6.00
"An Introduction to Scientific Astrology"	\$ 12.00
"The Birthchart - Psychological and Environmental Correspondence"	\$ 12.00
<u>Celestial Stationary:</u>	
Packs of Notepaper	\$ 1.00 ea
Gift tags	.50c pack of 12
Cards	.50c ea