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Taurus:

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Margaret Dissinger

We're going to take this new Solar Year, from the Vernal Equinox Through the Winter Solstice to move through the decanates of this sign: Taurus. If the reader wants to make any sense at all from this and the subsequent articles, please begin by reading Chapter 3, of Course 7, *Spiritual Astrology*, by C.C. Zain, and add to that, the information on Arcanum



XIV, "The Alchemist," from Course 6, *The Sacred Tarot*, also by Zain. Thus, armed with the basics, the reader will have a better

frame of reference for what follows. The focus here is from the Introduc-

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- Taurus reminds us that paying attention to the physical is an important key for developing spirituality.
- – Nishan Panwar "They say that love is more important than money, have you ever tried paying your bills with a hug?" What does Taurus say about this?
- Venus, ruler of Taurus, reminds us of what love has to do with wealth.
- 2021—Sun Cycle Chart for the United States. Get ready!

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The second sign of the zodiac is Taurus, which translates as "the bull" (Merriam-Webster, 2021). According to Hickey (1992), Taurus is ruled by the planet, Venus. It is a fixed, earth sign, ex-

pressing the negative (receptive) aspects of Venus' rulership. The key phrase for Taurus is "I Have." Taurus extends from April 21st through May 21st of each year.

Before entering upon an explanation of Zain's in-

terpretation of The Story of the Golden Calf, which forms the bulk of his explanation of the astrological symbolism of the zodiacal sign of Taurus, it is worthwhile to describe the general characteristics of Venus, the

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Editorial

The Gender of Loving Peace...

By Margaret Joscher, President

"I like it better here where I can just sit quietly and smell the flowers."

— Munro Leaf, *The Story of Ferdinand*

In this Spring issue we begin our examination of Taurus the Bull, the second sign in the Zodiac and ruled by the planet Venus. After consuming a steady diet of Western mythologies and religions, as a student astrologer I was surprised to learn of Taurus's rulership. Surely the bull, revered as a symbol of virility, power and fertility in Western culture, would be ruled by Mars. The bull as a deity was represented in ancient Sumerian, Babylonian, Egyptian, Greek, and Roman religions. In Mithraism, a Roman mystery religion popular with soldiers, the temples depicted scenes of Mithras overpowering and slaughtering a bull. The wonderful Minoan frescoes at Knossos in Crete show scenes of acrobats leaping over the backs of bulls. We still see that heritage today in the form of modern bullfighting.

The Ox in the Chinese Zodiac is considered dependable, strong, patient and determined; qualities more in keeping with the bull as a draft or working animal but also in line with Taurus as a fixed and receptive Earth sign. Oxen, though, are commonly castrated to ensure placidity and make them easier to control.

And then there was Ferdinand. *The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf, was published in 1936 and made into an animated film by Walt Disney in 1938. Ferdinand the Bull would rather smell flowers than fight in the bullring. Because Ferdinand preferred peace over fighting was released soon after the start of the Spanish Civil War and with Europe on the verge of conflict, this popular children's tale was analyzed relentlessly – it was fascist or anti-fascist or subversive pacifism and so on. The book was banned in Spain and Germany. Some fretted that Ferdinand's passivity would turn young boys into sissies. There it was – the idea that loving peace and beauty was not a good message for men and certainly not in keeping with Western standards of masculinity. A later short story by Ernest Hemingway in 1951 would extend the discussion of gender and masculinity since his bull was not named Ferdinand, loved to fight and died courageously in the bullring.

Today we still struggle with gender stereotypes, although we are more than ever aware of them and seek to change them. We are learning to accept all the diverse expressions of gender. As astrologers we know that a person with a prominent Mars will tend to be direct, courageous, and reckless regardless of gender. A person with a prominent Venus will tend to be affable, sociable, and easy-going. I only have to walk into my Taurus neighbor's home to be surrounded by comfort and beauty carefully curated for the season or holiday. Taurus may be a bull, but it is a gentle giant enthralled with the wonders of nature.





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tion to this chapter, the first 4-5 pages on the Constellation Taurus itself; and what it represents to us as we search for deeper meaning, the spiritual meaning of Taurus, the second sign and the first earth sign of the natural zodiac.

Zain begins by giving us the story of Moses and the Golden Calf. Remembering that Arcanum XIV is The Alchemist, we can see how the metaphor of the sacrificial burning of that calf into its base element of gold plays right into spiritual values. The Laws of God are broken, but instead of retribution and death, the spiritual gold attained through the sacrifice of all the golden objects are gifted back to the Israelites in a beverage: "...it was burnt with the fire of spirit, ground to powder in the mortar of compassion, and strewn on the life-giving water from the nearby river of affection. It was neither ignored, nor despised, nor coveted; but was made of spiritual use; for after thus converting this symbol, constructed of material possessions into that which could no longer be worshiped, it was given to the children of Israel in their drink." This is the purity of the Love of Spirit which the God of Moses gave to his children. Venus, ruler of Taurus, if applied to spiritual values, suggests that by using the alchemical principles of converting energy, wealth, possessions, power into more spiritual gold, the values of practicing kindness, honesty, true affection, generosity, love of family and humanity, and of course: the practice of Contributing Our Utmost to Universal Welfare.

The truest riches of this life begin in our personal journey toward self-knowledge. Our greatest riches are our own natural

talents: knowing what they are; developing them to the best of our abilities; using them to improve ourselves; using our energies to help others. Knowledge Is Power. Shakespeare says in King Lear, "To Thine Own Self Be True." The tool we have to know ourselves is in our natal horoscope. Knowing and understanding this tool is a very important step in self-actualization, the search for authenticity. What are the strengths shown? What are the challenges? Where does all the power reside? How may I turn any discord into the neutral energy needed to become the best manifestation of these energies possible in order to fulfill my part in the Divine Plan? To do this brings joy and success which may be used for the benefit of others; to do less brings distress and despair, selfishness and depression.

Taurus represents true love and affection, finding bliss in life, looking for that which brings happiness to the soul. Music, art, sculpture, love, children are all manifestations of Venus. Service to others brings such joy, great feelings of worthiness, and the true power of selfless love. Best of all service opens the door of spiritual values. Ask this question: "What is it I have that is of value that I am hesitant to share?" The answer may lead in many directions. Perhaps it is love. Maybe it is the ability to make others laugh. Is there a talent waiting for us to develop? Perhaps painting, singing, writing, teaching, or simply sharing a smile, a phone call, or a cup of coffee with someone we suspect may need a boost.

Then there is time. Time has great spiritual value when shared. Taking time to share ourselves with another is a great

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way to pay love forward. Encouraging others to improve themselves is like adding gold to their lives. Our goal to freely educate others of the facts about astrology, alchemy, and magic is a fundamental part of our teachings. Knowledge is Power. The on-line classes, workshops, and services provided by our organization has the potential to help us accomplish our mission to educate all those who wish to learn this Hermetic Philosophy. Sharing it freely is a labor of the highest love.

The final admonition given in this section of Course 7 has to do with our physical bodies. Our last solar year has been one fraught with fear and confusion because of a very small and deadly virus. We have masked, socially distanced, prayed, quarantined, crept out early or late for essentials...feel free to add what else. At first many ate their feelings; but eventually it seems many others have taken this chance to become healthier. We must love and build these physical bodies to have success in building our spiritual bodies. "A physical body which is neglected detracts from the ability of the individual to do constructive work; hampers his efforts to contribute values to society." Zain then says that our attention to our own physical wellbeing "...gives time and strength for soul development, or other power

[which] may be turned to spiritual advantage"

As of this writing many of us are still waiting for the vaccine, while we wonder about its efficacy for the new mutations. It's a new world and a new way of life; however, consider the benefits. We have many new students following us because of our mentorship program, Zoom, and other sharing platforms. We have amazing opportunities to invite others to join us as we learn the basics, and are then able to gain deeper knowledge in more advanced classes now on-line. Please join us there, and invite others! Spread this Gold in order for us to grow together in Spirit and in Love.

Physical Life and Its Opportunities
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Spiritual Aspirations Be Ignored. Learn,
therefore, to

*Render Unto Caesar the Things Which Be
Caesar's and Unto God the Things Which be
God's.*

So Shall It Be

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*"Your task is not to seek for
love, but merely to seek and
find all the barriers within
yourself that you have built
against it."*

—Rumi

"Money can buy you a fine dog, but only love can make him wag his tail."

—Kinky Friedman

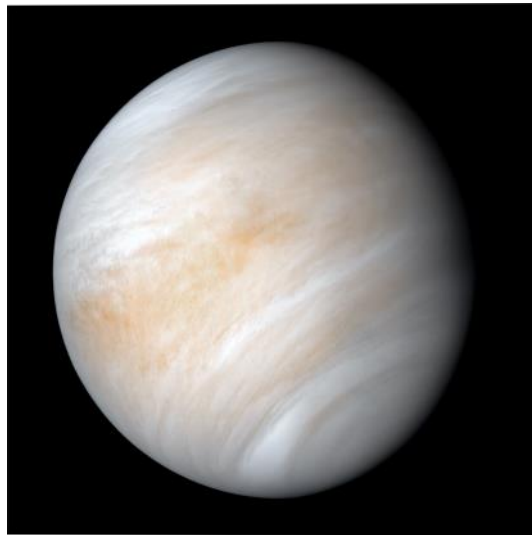


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planet which traditionally holds rulership over this sign. If you wish to understand the influence of Venus, a very informative avenue is to consider its physical appearance, its physical properties, and its periodic movements in the heavens.

If you have a moment, pull up a photograph of Venus and gaze in wonder at its soft, delicate, otherworldly beauty. The planet is wrapped in a mysterious swirl of white and yellow clouds, which form ever-shifting bands of movement and grace. Likewise, Venus is the goddess of beauty, adorned in rich raiments which fall every so lightly on her soft, immortal skin.



warmth, affection, kindness, and focus on love and relationships.

The periodic movements (i.e., rotation and revolution) of Venus are also remarkable. NASA (2019) reports that a day on Venus takes 243 Earth days, lasting longer than its 225 Earth day year! Venus is also one of only two planets in the solar system to rotate East to West, such that

the sun rises in the West and sets in the East (the other is Uranus). This eccentric, extraordinary behavior is well suited to the planet that rules the arts, artists being known for their unconventional, unpredictable behavior and manner of thought, which ever presses

forward the envelope of discovery and innovation in this field.

We can further regard the uniquely long day of Venus as a sign of the sunny, bright, optimistic disposition of those under her influence. Venus literally enjoys the longest day of any planet; in the same way, Venusians are typically cheery, optimistic, exuberant, and ebullient.

Having described the general influence of Venus, the planet that rules the zodiacal sign Taurus, we can now turn our attention to The Story of the Golden Calf, the tale which Zain most completely analyzes

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“...wealth, station, power, and other physical possessions, all can be converted, as [Moses] converted the golden calf, into a means of creating spiritual values.”

— C. C. Zain

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Venus is also the hottest of the planets—hotter even than Mercury—though the latter is closer to the Sun. NASA (2019) explains that owing to Venus’ thick atmosphere, the planet experiences a runaway greenhouse effect, causing surface temperatures to soar to nearly 900 °F! In fact, the temperature on Venus is so extreme that even lead will melt on its surface, a fact that plays well into Venus’ alchemical role as the antidote to the heavy, morose influence of Saturn, the alchemical ruler of that metal (Zain, 1995). And just as Venus is known for possessing the greatest physical warmth in the solar system, those under her influence are also known for their emotional

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as a metaphor for the message and meaning of the celestial bull.

The Story of the Golden Calf is depicted in Exodus 32. The basic plot of the story is that while Moses is on Mount Sinai, receiving instructions and the Ten Commandments from God, the Israelites left behind with Aaron, Moses' brother, become restless. Even though Moses had led them out of servitude and bondage in Egypt, the memories of the people were short-lived, and in Moses' absence, they implored Aaron to "make them gods" (Exodus 32:1). Aaron collected the gold earrings of the stiff-necked people, melted them down and fashioned a golden calf for the people to worship. Aaron then designed an altar in front of the golden calf, and the people sacrificed burnt offerings to their new god. God informs Moses of this development, after which Moses descends from Mt. Sinai with two tablets upon which is written the testimony of his visitation with the Lord. As he enters the camp, he hears singing and merriment. He discovers the people worshipping, bowing down to, and dancing gaily around the golden calf. In his anger, he casts down the two tablets, shattering them. He then takes the golden calf, incinerates it, pulverizes it to a powder, and forces the people to drink it. Finally, he gathers together those who are loyal to the Lord (i.e., the God of Israel) and commands them to slay their unfaithful brother and sisters. According to Exodus 32: 28 "about three thousand men" were so smitten that day.

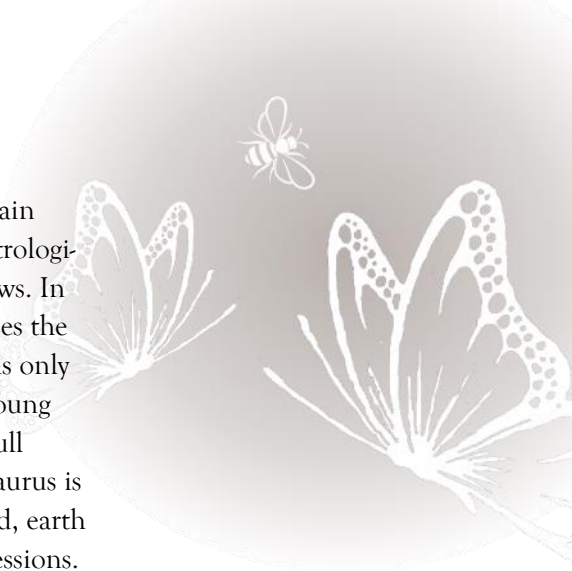
As is typical with allegories, there are many manners in which this account can

be understood and interpreted. Zain examines the story through an astrological lens, which is detailed as follows. In this case, the golden calf symbolizes the zodiacal sign, Taurus. As Taurus is only the second sign of the zodiac, a young calf is depicted, as opposed to a full grown bull. The key phrase for Taurus is "I Have," indicating that this fixed, earth sign has to do with material possessions. The Story of the Golden Calf, then, is an admonition to properly apply and regard material wealth, within the context of spiritual growth.

Every single one of us has a golden calf. Every one of us is at times an Israelite, bowing down and worshipping some or another material attachment, whether it be our job, our home, our car, our money, our name, or our fame. Every one of us is guilty at some point or another of falling short of perfect spiritual focus. For me, there is no shame in this. We are, after all, human. If we were perfect, we would not need to be engaged in The Cycle of Necessity, learning, growing, honing and perfecting our inner selves through our experience in this physical plane.

The Story of the Golden Calf is a stark reminder to adhere to the leading text of this sign, which is stated as follows: Physical Life and Its Opportunities Should Not be Slighted; Neither Should Spiritual Aspirations Be Ignored. Learn, therefore, to "Render Unto Caesar the Things Which be Caesar's and Unto God the Things which be God's." Just as the Ten Commandments were written on two tablets, and can be categorized into two main groupings (Baker, 2021),

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"Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul."

— *Democritus*



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the first set addressing a human being's relationship with God, and the second set addressing her relationship with other people, so also we must apply the practicality of Taurus and ensure that we are properly ordering spiritual and material needs in our lives.

Zain explains in this section, as well as extensively in *Spiritual Alchemy* (1995), that it is not so much the material possession as it is our relationship to it that determines its effect on our character. For example, if we own an expensive, valuable edition of The Holy Bible, and if we are impressed rather with its casings than the spiritual teachings within it, then the spiritual impact of that item could well be negative upon our consciousness. Conversely, even the pursuit and achievement of vast wealth could conceivably have a positive spiritual effect on our psyches, if the money is earned through methods that enable and empower people, and the true and authentic motivation for pursuing that wealth is the enrichment and betterment of our world. The determination of the real metal from the dross, then, has to do with the impact of that object on the consciousness of the possessor. As interpreted by Zain, the ultimate intention of The Story of the Golden Calf is to describe the proper relationship of the spiritually-minded seeker with her material possessions. If she fixates upon those possessions and pursues them for their own sake, she is guilty of worshipping the golden calf. If, however, she pursues ownership of the exact same items, but does it with the consciousness of wanting to serve others and enrich her capacity to do so, it has a completely different effect on

her consciousness, raising and elevating her spiritually.

I suppose the final question for each of us is, then: "How will I worship today?"

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Mundane Astrology: America

The March 2021 Sun Cycle Chart

Dennis Sutton, Hermetician



In 2021 corporate, economic and political think tanks assess and analyze past and present data and current trends to forecast the future. Hermetic astrology does it another way. It applies the science of mundane astrology to various astrological charts. These mundane – global – charts are forecast models that operate in a here and now environmental setting; and their assessment permits a general event forecast which clearly reveals that national and international affairs travel an astrological timeline – as above, so below.

If you have a casual interest in mundane – global – astrology, you can enhance your knowledge with Brotherhood of Light course 13 – *Mundane Astrology*. It's a complex study and easy to misunderstand, but in 2021 the science provides forecasts that serve no useful purpose. It's a no brainer that reliable information pertaining to your own future would be useful and that comes from your progressed chart not a mundane astrology chart.

Fact-check: The prerequisite in all branches of astrology including mundane astrology is – KNOW the PLANETS.

America 2021

The situation in America in 2021 can be viewed as a response to harmonious and discordant astrological energies expressing in an environmental setting; and the current state of affairs sets the scene for future trends and developments as the nation responds to an ever changing astrological environment.

The difficulty and danger imposed or inflicted by current circumstance is a plot device that propels a country's narrative until it's vanquished or suppressed; and on January 20, 2021 Joe Biden took the helm of a crisis-ravaged nation riddled with difficulties and dangers.

Two months later on March 20, 2021 at 9.37a.m. GMT, the Sun entered Aries signaling the start of the astrological year; and America's Sun cycle chart reveals by the house positions of the planets the special trend given its mundane affairs from March 20, 2021 to March 20, 2022 with its difficulties and problems on March 19, 2021 – the coronavirus pandemic, recessed economic conditions, rancorous political division, reactionary conservatism, truth decay, mistrust, income, health and educational inequality, entrenched racism, racial violence, climate change and disrupted schooling etc. – defining the chart's environmental setting.

The Washington Sun cycle chart has the Sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune in

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ASTROLOGY is the science of the influence of the heavenly bodies as they affect the world, nations, cities, communities and other groups of people. Any organization of individuals functioning under a common governing authority constitutes an entity. As such it attracts to itself fortunate and unfortunate events in a manner quite similar to that in which like events are attracted into the life of man.”

— C. C. Zain,
Mundane Astrology



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house 1 (the people, their health and disposition) so the chart's outstanding focus is America's covid-19 health crisis.

The Sun there (conjunction Venus) has politics, leadership, Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, women and soft power playing lead roles in the fight against covid.

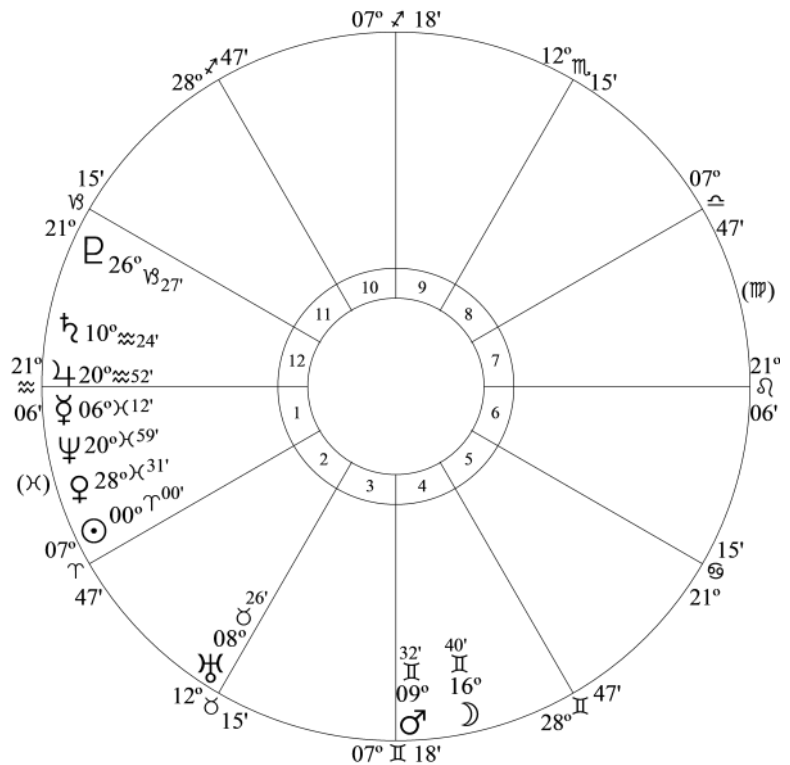
Warm and affable Venus soothes covid's hardship and suffering with love songs and pleasant social events; and her charm and affection calms violent disagreement and fosters pleasant, friendly relations.

Mercury is a discord hot-spot

Mercury in house 1 puts the focus on science, scientists, the press, free-speech and First Amendment but he's square (obstacle) Mars in house 4 (the GOP) and the Midheaven (publicity and disrepute). This discord hot-spot forecasts attacks on science, hasty judgments, freedom-of-speech controversies, bitter criticism, prolonged disagreement and verbal wrangling between policy makers, the GOP and administration that hinders efforts to overcome the health crisis.

Mercury is cusp ruler of house 5 (schools, children and students) so the mental

Sun Cycle, Washington DC March 20, 2021 4:37 AM EST (38N53; 77W01)



health of students and children is a major issue.

In America's chart Mars – planet of strife, conflict, disputation and hate – is in house 1 (the people) and the country's politics in 2021 is one big rage fest involving two teams that loathe and despise each other. One half of the nation has bonded on its hatred of Donald Trump and the GOP and the other half has bonded on its hatred of the Democrats. And in 2021 the political division and rancor will take its toll on the nation's mental health.

Mercury in house 1 of America's Sun cycle chart forecasts an epidemic of nervous breakdowns; and while Mars in house 4 could see the Republican Party blow itself up, the Mercury-Mars-Midheaven T-square

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"SUN—
In thought, politics. In business,
executive work and
administration. In politics, bosses
and the ruling class."

"...what the year holds in general
in each of the twelve departments
of life may be read from the
twelve houses of the Sun Cycle
chart. It thus serves the purpose of
a natal chart for the year, for the
place where erected, and should
be read in all details almost
precisely as if it were a person's
birth chart. The only difference in
such reading is that, because it
relates to national or municipal
affairs, some of the houses attain
a peculiar significance."

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puts the focus on destructive weather events (house 4), climate change, (house 4) the science of climate change (Mercury) and push-back to the science by the GOP (house 4) and business (Midheaven).

Neptune, welcome to dreamland

Neptune in house 1 – planet of schemes, drugs, painkillers, narcotics and the pharmaceutical companies that make vaccines – forecasts schemes to benefit the public's health, chaos with vaccine rollouts and widespread confusion.

Neptune, the planet of make believe, mystical folly and delusion, is square Moon – planet of feelings, hunches and unreasoned judgments – the cusp ruler of house 6 (sickness, drugs and medicines) in house 4.

A delusion is an idiosyncratic belief or impression that's maintained despite it being contradicted by reality or rational argument. It's symptomatic of a mental disorder, and with Neptune square Moon in the 2021 Sun cycle, the delusion epidemic that infected many Americans in 2020 will morph into a major mental health crisis in 2021.

In America's Sun cycle chart, the two mental planets – Moon and Mercury – are involved in high-discord square aspects that directly impact house 1, so the mental health of many Americans will be stress-tested in 2021.

In America's chart in April 2021, progressed ascendant (the people's health and wellbeing) moves to form a high-discord square aspect with progressed Neptune. It forecasts major problems: phase 2 of the opioid-painkiller crisis that claimed so many lives in 2017-2019; and the after-

math of the 2020 covid-economic crisis and delusion epidemic in terms of mental health and drugs. The aspect reaches peak power in July 2022.

Neptune in house 1 of America's Sun cycle chart puts the spotlight on the Neptune cycle, and it's very active in 2021. Neptune is the planet of visionary schemes, corporations, marketing, stocks/shares, bubbles, fraud, scams, inflation, aviation, oil, films and dramatic art. He's a skilled pretender and prone to massive exaggeration and good and bad events involving his mundane agenda will regularly lead the news queue in 2021.

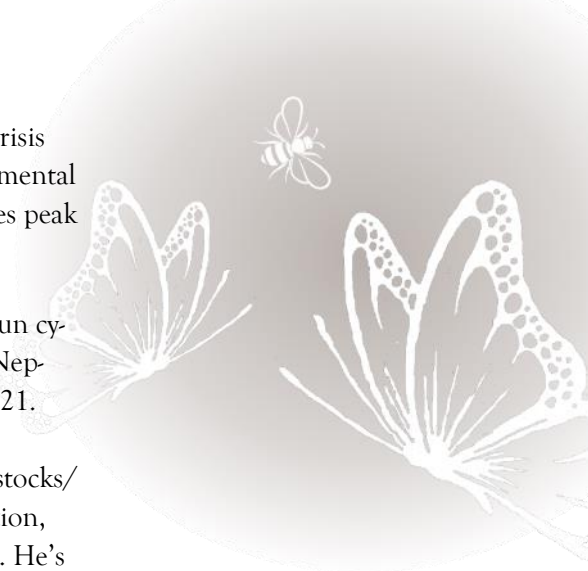
In America's Neptune cycle chart, Neptune is in house 5 (entertainment, amusement, movies, speculation, the (unreal) stock market, gaming, sport, athletes, children, teenagers, schools and colleges) and Mars, Saturn and Uranus are in house 1 (public health issues). In 2021 progressed Neptune transits house 11 (Congress).

Restriction and isolation

In America's Sun cycle chart, Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto are in house 12 (unemployment, relief, hospitals, secret enemies, espionage and crime). It's very active, and the restriction and isolation it signs for can easily result in sensory deprivation and emotional health problems.

Jupiter – planet of finances, religion, commerce, higher prices, hope and obesity – there (conjunction ascendant and trine Moon) forecasts financial assistance for the unemployed, spending on hospitals and relief for families. But in times of stress Jupiter overeats and seeks solace in food so America's obesity epidemic is likely to worsen.

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"...individuals are thinking units within the body of the community. The community birth chart indicates the character of the community as a functioning whole."

— C. C. Zain,
Mundane Astrology



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With Jupiter (religion) conjunction Saturn (covid-19) in the sky throughout 2020 a [Pew Research Center survey](#) published in January 2021 reported that nearly one-in-three Americans (28%) say the coronavirus pandemic bolstered their religious faith. And with Jupiter in close conjunction with the ascendant in America's 2021 Sun cycle chart restriction and isolation will see religion playing a prominent role in the lives of many Americans.

"A nation, or a section of the country, responds so pronouncedly to Cycles and current astronomical positions, that even when the birth chart of the nation is known, these should receive special consideration. But...if reliance had to be placed upon only one type of influence...far greater precision could be obtained through...Major Progressions, Minor Progressions and Transits, than through the use of Cycles and current astronomical positions."

— C. C. Zain,
Mundane Astrology

Jupiter provides a ray of hope – a miracle or two would be helpful – but in 2021 with Jupiter in the sky away on leave his optimism is on the wane.

Saturn – planet of disease, pandemics, poverty, suffering and hardship – is in house 12 so his pain and despair will be felt by hospital workers. The hospital system will be stress-tested. He forecasts high unemployment and more people dependent upon relief with his focus on a more economical approach to relief and its proper distribution.

Saturn is the planet of security. In your birth chart he defines your security urge. Security is all about feeling safe and nations have massive security systems to keep their citizens safe. Police (house 6), soldiers (house 6) and spies (house 12) are trained and employed to keep you safe.

Fact-check: More people equal more sickness and disease (Saturn) and a need for more doctors (Mars), more drugs (Neptune) and now digital medicines (Uranus-house 6). In 2021 sickness and disease (Saturn-house 6) is a trillion dollar industry (Jupiter) and the drug companies (Neptune) are keeping more and more people breathing.

Saturn – the planet of orthodoxy, conservatism, recession, economy, cost-cutting, lower prices, pessimism, fear, safeguards, security measures, tariffs, protectionism, farmers, land, weather, storms, floods, droughts and despair – is very active in his cycle chart in 2021. So, good and bad news stories involving his mundane agenda will regularly lead the news queue.

In America's Saturn cycle chart Saturn (covid-19) is in house 5 and social activity, entertainment, speculation, sport, sex, children and schools were the matters most impacted by the pandemic. Pluto is in house 1 (the public's health and wellbeing); the Sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune are in house 3 (transportation, newspapers and the public's state of mind.); and the Moon is in house 8 (death). In 2021 progressed Saturn transits house 3.

Pluto – planet of crime – in house 12 scripts a non-stop crime show with more and more people ending up behind bars. He's the planet of inversion, misinformation, division and coercive control and division is used as a political strategy by some politicians. In 2020 America experienced a golden age of misinformation; and in 2021 Lower-Pluto is playing on your ignorance and twisting facts to mean what they don't so you had better watch out.

Saturn is square Uranus

Saturn in house 12 is square Uranus – planet of unforeseen events, disruption, social unrest and technology – in house 2 (finances, the people's money, prices, wages, economic policy and banks).

House 2 – the economic situation – is a discord hot-spot. Uranus there forecasts

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disturbed financial conditions, economic disorder and protests over prices and wage reforms. Disruptive Uranus easily upsets the perfect Saturn plan; and Mars – the cusp ruler of house 2 – forecasts financial rows and disputes.

In 2021, Saturn square Uranus in the Sun cycle chart goes global with Saturn square Uranus in the sky. This high-discord in-sky aspect forecasts economic disruption, high unemployment, vaccine shortages, rampant selfishness, vaccine nationalism, unexpected delays, virus variants, civil unrest, protests, unreasonable behavior, racism, right-wing extremism, a reckoning for reactionary conservatism, restrictions, a loss of liberty, discontentment, an air of doom and gloom, extreme weather events and anti-coal protests.

Saturn usually plays it safe, but when he's square Uranus he'll throw caution to the wind. In 2020, with Saturn square Uranus in the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction chart, your safety was threatened by the coronavirus and irresponsible human actors (Uranus) who wouldn't follow the precautionary measures needed to contain its spread.

Saturn is not a pleasant planet – the coronavirus pandemic proved that – and in 2021 the social and psychological toll of the covid crisis will be more obvious; and historical evidence reveals that past pandemics have led to social upheaval, and Saturn square Uranus in the sky in 2021-22 sets the scene for global social disorder.

In October 2020 an [IMF investigation](#) involving 133 countries from 2001 to 2018 found that unrest surged about 14 months after the onset of disease, reach-

ing a peak after 24 months: And the more unequal a society, the more upheaval it experienced. The fund warned of a vicious circle in which civil unrest further increases hardship which, in turn, feeds more discontentment and protest.

Uranus – feel the tension – plays a leading role in America's story, and in 2021 his high tension astral frequencies are disturbing the thought processes of millions of people. He gives the thumbs up to the unconventional life, but in 2021 his weird extremism easily goes off the rails. His 'nutty' eccentricity is inclined to believe and trust in conspiracy theories (Neptune-house 12) that provide ridiculous explanations for this, that and the other.

Two in-sky Saturn-Uranus square aspects reach peak power on June 14, 2021 (at 10.08pm GMT) and December 24, 2021 (at 7.14am GMT).

Mars conjunction Pluto

On March 3, 2021, just before the 2021 Sun cycle reaches its use-by date, Mars in the sky moves to form a conjunction aspect with Pluto. It forecasts an escalation in global tensions and drastic international developments.

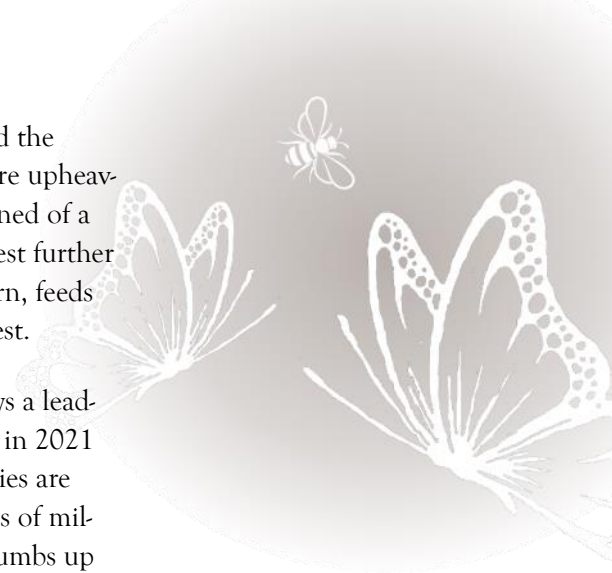
In America's Mars-Pluto conjunction chart, Mars and Pluto (and Saturn) are in house 1, so there's powerful focus on events involving the American people and their health and welfare. If the covid crisis hasn't been controlled by March 2022 the virus or a mutation will come roaring back. And hot on the heels of the Mars-Pluto conjunction – on April 5, 2022 – comes the in-sky aspect that triggered the

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“When two planets in the sky come together, forming the conjunction aspect, it signifies that the things on earth ruled by these two planets also have come together in such a manner as to influence world affairs, national affairs and the affairs of cities.”

— C. C. Zain

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first wave of coronavirus around the world – Mars conjunction Saturn.

So, America’s challenge in 2021 is to bring the coronavirus under control and get social and economic activity back to some kind of normal. Success requires high numbers of vaccinations, mask wearing and other preventative measures. Effective vaccines and successful vaccination drives are crucial. Virus mutations

are a dangerous unknown. What if a fast spreading new variant escapes the current batch of vaccines?

The Sun cycle has a 12 month time frame and the major events and developments it scripts are easy to track in real-time. Just remember that most of the news given media attention is irrelevant in the scheme of things.



“Thought cells receiving a new supply of energy from the temporary stellar aerals of progressions are stimulated into unusual activity.

Working from their four-dimensional plane this unusual activity attracts events into the life.

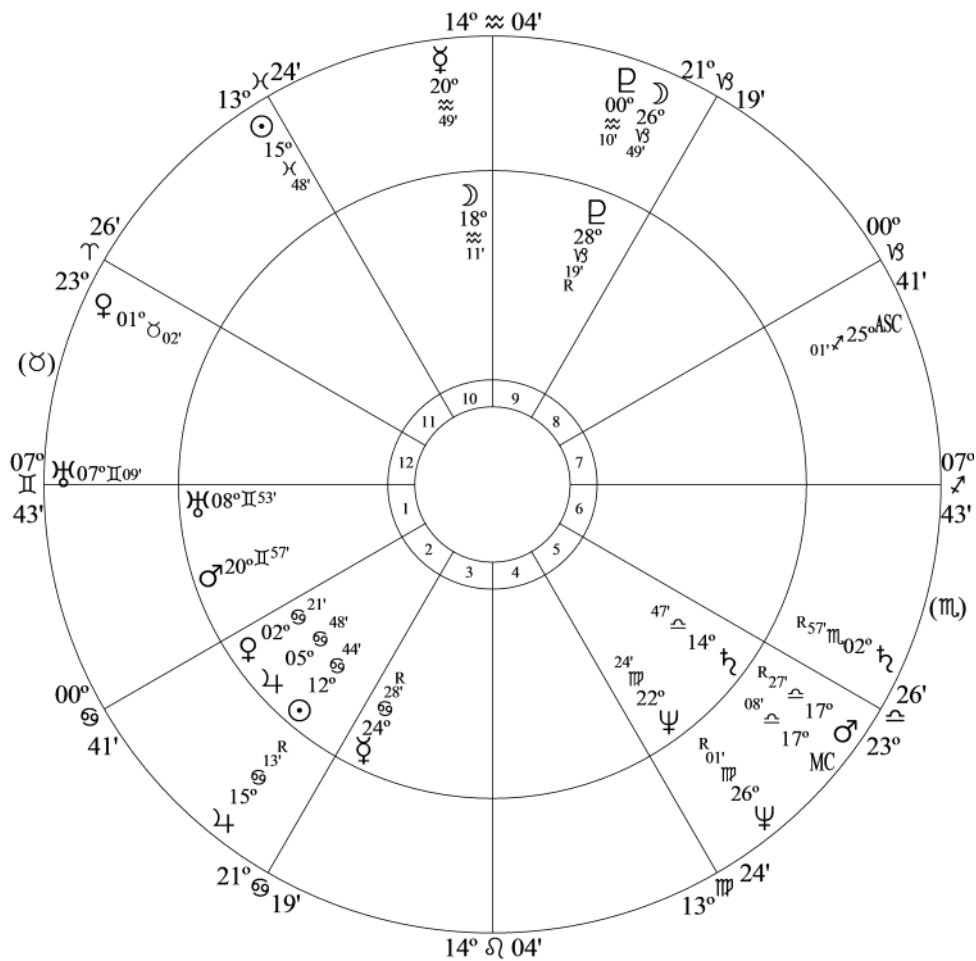
According to the original composition of the thought cells and the discord or harmony of the energy added to them as mapped by the progressed aspect, do they feel beneficent or malignant.”

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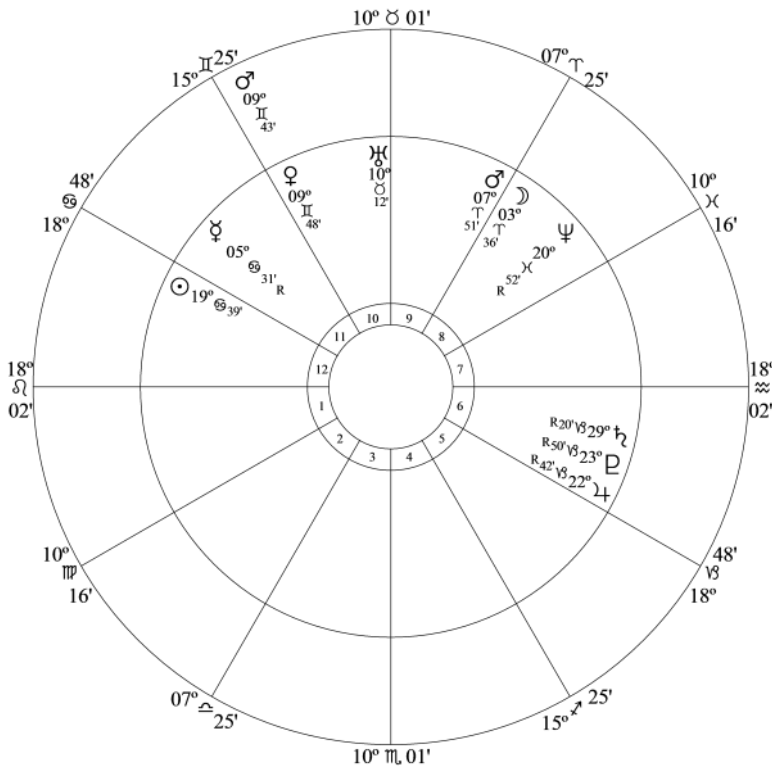
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2021 USA and Cycle Charts



USA Chart

July 4, 1776, 2:14:43 a.m. LMT Philadelphia Pennsylvania, 39N57 08; 75W09 51
Progressed to March 20, 2021 using Standard Progression Rate



Mars Cycle, Washington DC

July 11, 2020, 7:19 AM EDT (12:19 GMT) Progressed to March 20, 2021
 Capitol Building, 38N53 24; 77W00 34 Data Source: Table of Planetary Phenomena 2nd Edition

"MARS-

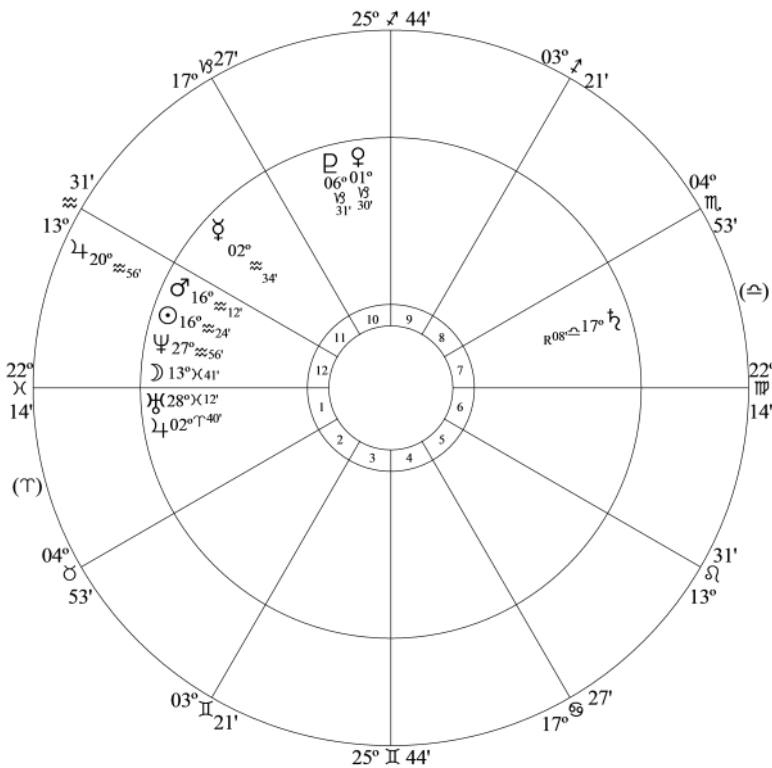
In thought, mechanics. In business, manufacturing and the military profession. In politics, militarism.

"JUPITER-

In thought, religion and philosophy. In business, finances and commerce. In politics, capitalism."

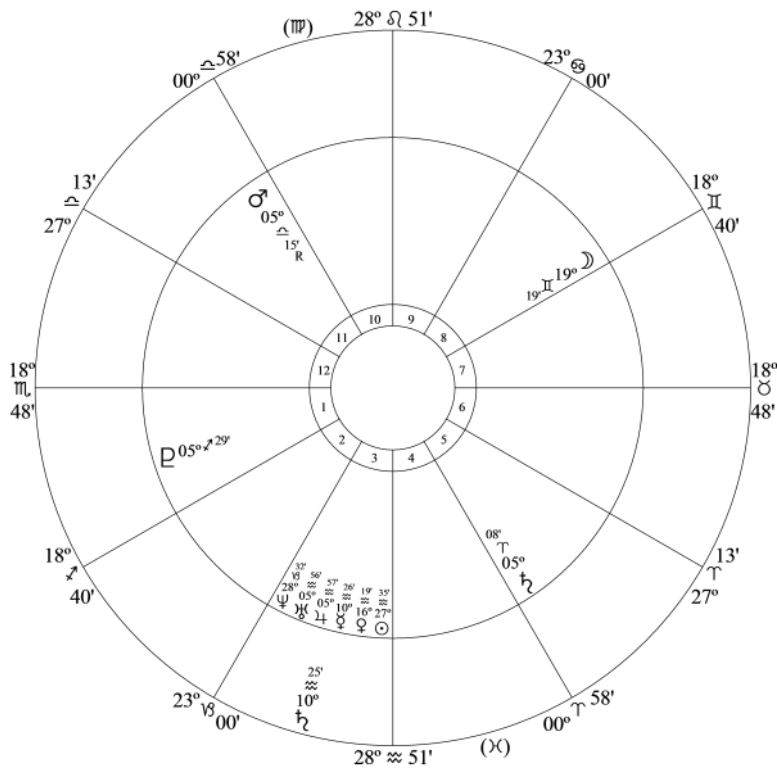
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Jupiter Cycle, Washington DC

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Saturn Cycle, Washington DC

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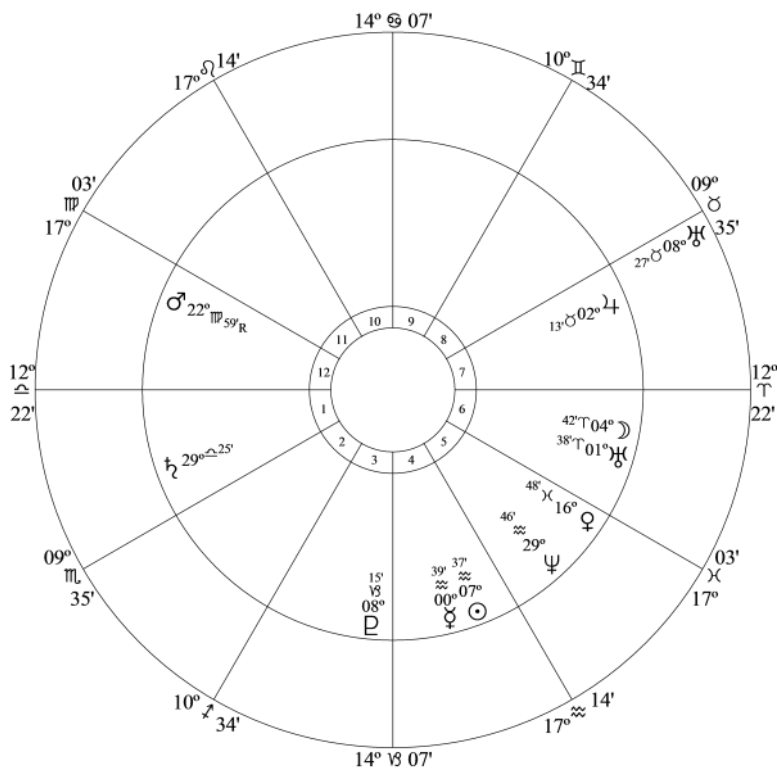
In thought, orthodoxy. In business, land and basic utilities. In politics, conservatism, the farmer and the miner.

"URANUS-

In thought, the occult and ultra progressive. In business, invention and unusual methods. In politics, the radical element."

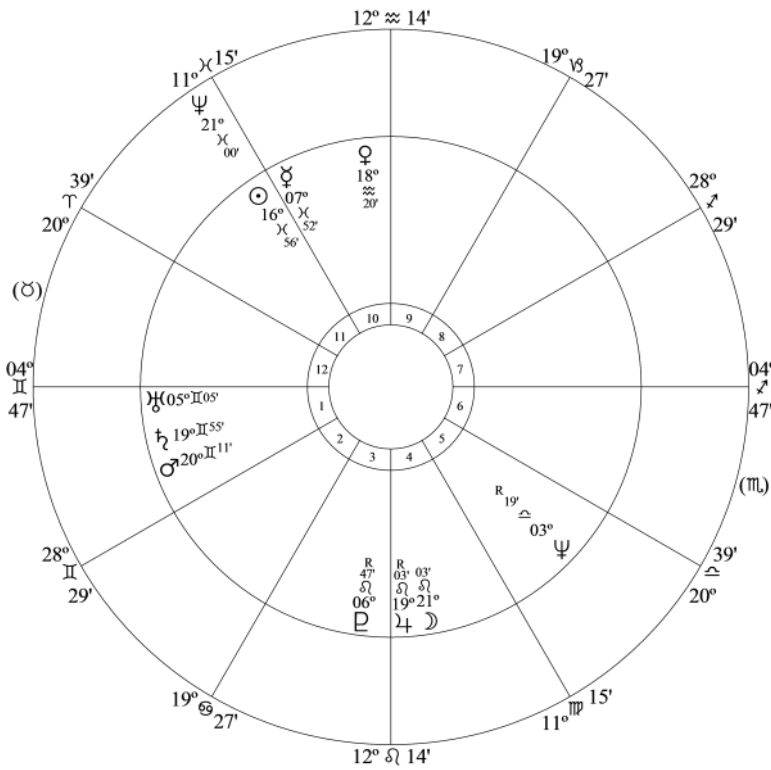
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Uranus Cycle, Washington DC

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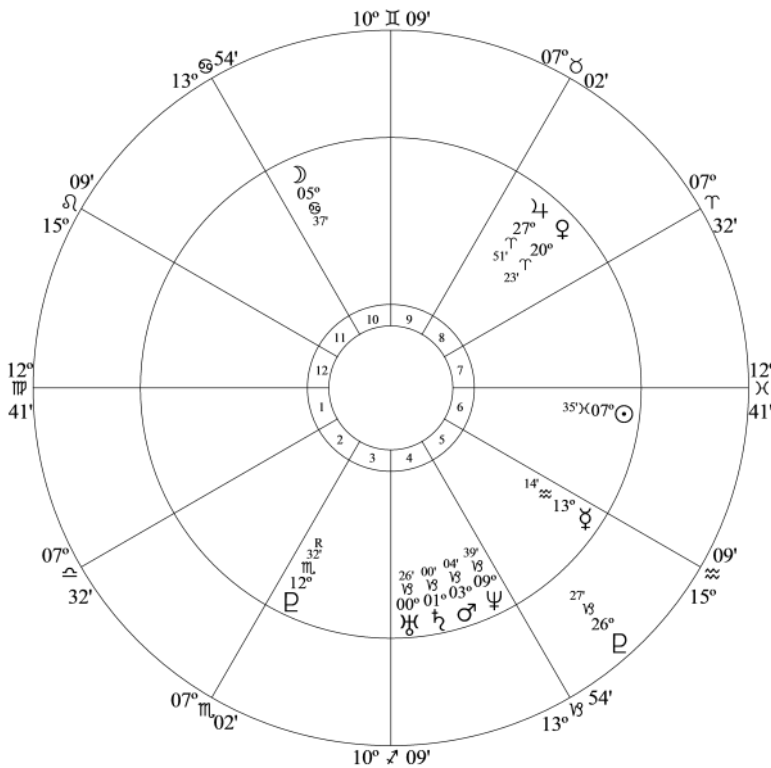
Neptune Cycle, Washington DC

March 7, 1944, 11:06 AM EWT (15:06 GMT) Progressed to March 20, 2021
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“NEPTUNE–

In thought, the mystical and psychic. In business, promotion and stock companies. In politics, the ideal.



Pluto Cycle, Washington DC

February 26, 1988, 6:18 PM EST (23:18 GMT) Progressed to March 20, 2021
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“PLUTO–

In thought, spirituality or inversion [turning upside down], and the influence of invisible intelligences. In business, group activity, either for the selfish advantage of the group or for universal good. In politics, compulsory cooperation.”

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Stellarian Stories

Paul Bergner

By Radine Ramsey

Paul Bergner has a special relationship with his daughter, Lilikoi, who is now eight years old and in third grade. They were thrown into a homeschooling situation last March when in-person schools in Oregon were closed due to the pandemic.

The schools were completely unprepared for the Covid-19 school closures and only offered one weekly 30-minute meeting with the teacher and a suggested daily routine along with some informal resources. As a result, Bergner's routine shifted from a 30-hour week in his office to being a primary home-school teacher.

Their home-schooling experience was amazing and rich for Bergner. "First of all, I got to spend so much more time with my daughter, really getting to know her," he says. "And then I got to tailor a real-life education built around her own talents, inclinations, and interests."

Lilikoi was already an advanced reader, reading three grades above her third grade level. His goal was for her to keep reading things that interested her, some books at her advanced level, and then some kids' mystery books at her grade level. In addition, they studied math lessons from an online source assigned by her school.

All work and no play would not have been much fun for Lilikoi, so physical education was also part of every day. Bergner is a former high-level soccer player, and with his guidance Lilikoi greatly improved her own soccer skills. There was also sword fighting, wrestling, and daily outings on her bike or scooter.

Bergner's curriculum also included education about nature, various stories about animal and bird behavior, and a 1,000-piece puzzle of the Evolutionary Tree of Life. Because their home is surrounded by woods, the forest location provided opportunities for plant identification, tree climbing, feeding and watching birds, and exploring the patterns of squirrel "highways" through the trees from branch to branch.

And there was also room for artistic endeavors. Bergner and Lilikoi spent a part of each day, sometimes many hours, drawing, painting and assembling Lego creations. He tried to be flexible and sensitive to her interests and did his best not to interrupt her creative flow, even if it interfered with their generic schedule.

One important thing missing from the program, especially for a child of her Lilikoi's age, was free play with a peer group of her friends. They solved this problem

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"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do.

Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."

– Ella Fitzgerald

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by scheduling Zoom playdates with her friends. Last fall, the public school online courses were much more robust and com-



prehensive, and Lilikoi participated in those as well. She was also enrolled in twice a week outdoor school that was social distanced and masked.

Paul is married to Tania Neubauer, who is a naturopathic physician. They were engaged in 2010 and legally married the next year but did not have their formal wedding ceremony until 2015. Lilikoi was three years old at that time and served as their flower girl.

In the early 2000's, Tania had a dream that she and Paul married, had a child together, and lived in a mossy-roofed house at the top of a forested hill above a river. Although she had heard Paul speak about medical herbalism at various conferences, she had never actually met him. They were introduced a few years later, and moved to Boulder, Colorado after their marriage where their prophesied Lilikoi was born. After a move to Portland where they lived for five years, in

January 2018 they moved to the mossy-roofed house Tania had seen in her dream, which was at the top of a ridge of a forested hill rising 1,000 feet above the Willamette River.

Paul and Tania are both medical herbalists and naturalists. With their complementary skills, they share a commitment to helping each other in their life work. Together, they help to supervise the teaching clinic at the Colorado School of Herbalism and have trained more than 200 herbalist/nutritionists with more than 3,000 clinic cases since 2010. (Bergner founded the school as the North American Institute of Medical Herbalism in 2002. It was renamed after he retired as the School's Director in 2012.) Paul provides feedback on herbs



and nutrition, while Tania adds her knowledge of diagnosis and "red flag" symptoms warranting referral and lab work gained from her experience as a doctor in several centers which offer care for the medically underserved.

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"We are stars wrapped in skin - The light you are seeking has always been within."

— Rumi



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Bergner knows he is fortunate to have such a formidable partner in Tania. After her graduation from medical school, she worked as a primary care physician in a hospital and clinic in rural Nicaragua. She and Paul take groups of North American herbalists to this same clinic to offer service to the community while their students gain experience in the primary care use of medicinal herbs. While in Nicaragua, Tania became fluent in Spanish and since returning to the U.S. in 2008 has continued to work in several clinics for underserved Spanish speaking patients.



“At higher altitudes, people with more melanin content in their skin have lower levels of Vitamin D because their skin does not produce as much in response to sunlight.”

“A recent article in the Journal of the National Medical Association speculated that Vitamin D deficiency is ‘likely a significant factor’ behind disproportionately high COVID-19 cases and deaths among the US Black and Latino populations.”

“An analysis of data from 4962 participants in the National Health and Nutrition Examination found that 1982 (39.92%) were vitamin D deficient, defined as a blood level lower than 20 nmol/L. Vitamin D deficiency was greater in certain subpopulations, such as people with obesity or type 1 and type 2 diabetes - all 3 of which have been associated with worse COVID-19 outcomes.” (Rubin, 2021).

In addition to Vitamin D, Bergner also recommends ZACES. ZACES is the acronym for the micronutrients essential to the immune system: zinc, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, vitamin E, and selenium. He believes that many Americans don’t

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*“There is a light seed grain
inside. You fill it with yourself,
or it dies.”
—Rumi*

With regards to the Covid-19 crisis, Bergner believes that if you were only going to take just one supplement, it should be Vitamin D. Vitamin D supports immunity and puts the brakes on systemic inflammation.

Most of us are familiar with Dr. Fauci, the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Fauci has become quite the celebrity, and even he has said he takes a Vitamin D supplement.

Checking to see if you have a Vitamin D deficiency certainly sounds like a prudent idea. Blood tests for Vitamin D can run as little as \$50 and are covered by most insurance plans. [See below for more information about Vitamin D].

“Most people get their Vitamin D from exposure to sunlight. People in the United States get the majority of their Vitamin D from fortified food such as milk, orange juice and cereals.”

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have sufficient amounts of zinc, and especially Vitamin C. He adds “You do not need to take huge amounts of these as if they were drugs, just the normal amounts in standard supplements.”

Paul Bergner has been a member of the Church of Light since 1986 and presented information about his new insights into Medical Astrology at the last convention in 2019. We look forward to

hearing more from him about health, naturopathic medicine, and Lilikoi.



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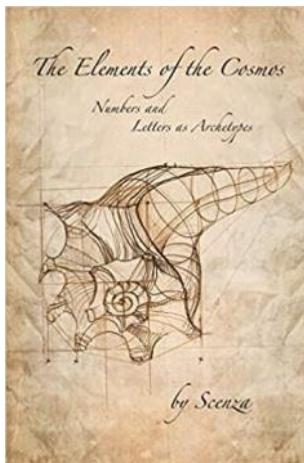
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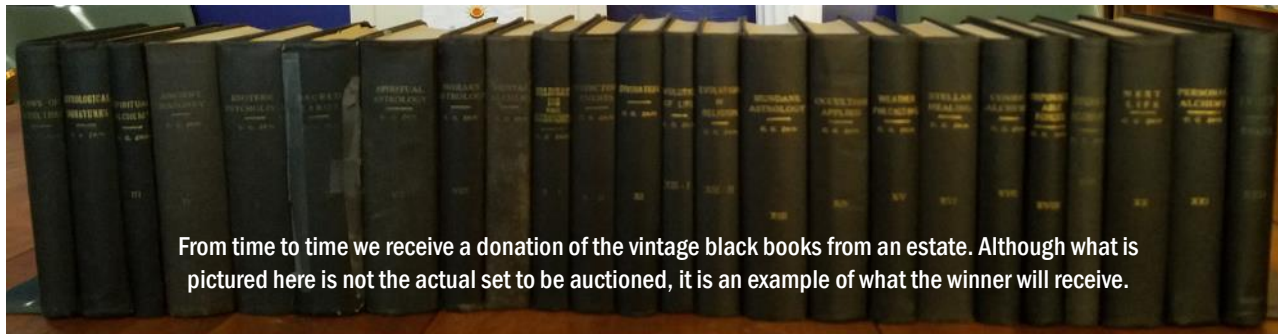
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