

Transit

THE ASTROLOGER'S NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the November issue of *Transit*. Again we have our regulars such as Nick Campion's *Mediawatch* and David Fisher's *Data Section*. Please keep sending your contributions to Nick. Garry Phillipson returns with *The Scrying Game*, looking at the responses he received to his previous article about Saturn, Bush and the USA. And we have a number of other articles that will hopefully grab your interest. There's always space for new contributors to *Transit* so please contact me direct if you would like to offer anything for the next issue. A few snippets to whet your appetite follow below:

The newly formed *Essex Astrological Society* has written to inform you that it meets every second Monday in the month at 7:45pm at The Life-Force Centre, Oxford Road, Colchester. New members welcome at any level. For further information contact Maxine Lewis tel: 01255-423892 or see the website by clicking www.essex-astrological-society.org.uk

November 18th is *Married to a Scorpio Support Day*. Reported recently in *The Reader's Digest* this is "a worldwide day of remembrance to honor all those married to Scorpions and who suffer greatly." This is one of the holidays suggested by the Wellcat website, which have been featured in *USA Today*, *The Los Angeles Times* and several other places. You can reach the website by clicking <http://www.wellcat.com/holiday.html>.

High-tech lasers have been used to unlock the secrets of Stonehenge. The work at the ancient site in Wiltshire has already found two carvings which are invisible to the naked eye. The research by Wessex Archaeology and 3D laser scan firm Archaeoptics began in the summer of 2002. Three stones have been scanned to date, and the investigating team insists a full survey of all eighty three would probably reveal more carvings. The full story can be found by clicking <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/wiltshire/3196284.stm>

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Healing our Image: Association of Professional Astrologers Open Day by Robin Ray

The Sophia Centre is hosting a special day for APA Members and Non Members on Saturday 20th March, 2004 from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm. The day has been designed to help Astrologers to change the image they portray to the general public.

The Sophia Centre, set in the beautiful grounds of Bath Spa University College, is home to the new MA course in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology. Our speakers are specialists in transformation within the private and corporate sectors. Fiona Hayes, Feng Shui consultant will discuss how to maximise your potential and achieve your goals in your astrology business, using simple but powerful techniques and Olivia Stefanino, Executive Business Coach, will discuss how to use the power of language to achieve the impossible, create rapport with your clients and develop professionalism and credibility.

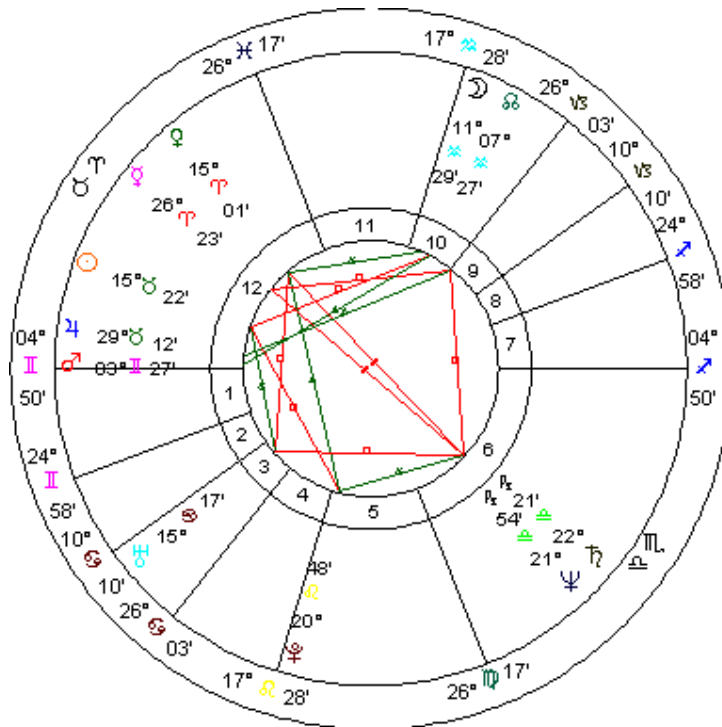
Additionally, our host Nick Champion, Senior Lecturer at Bath Spa University College will introduce the courses offered by the Sophia Centre and give a brief tour of the grounds and facilities.

The cost, including lunch and refreshments will be £25.00 per person. We are expecting this event to be extremely popular and places will be limited. For further details and to book your place, please contact robyn.ray@virgin.net or telephone her on 01273 309 788

You can reach the APA website by clicking <http://www.professionalastrologers.org/>

The Heart of the Matter by Claire Chandler

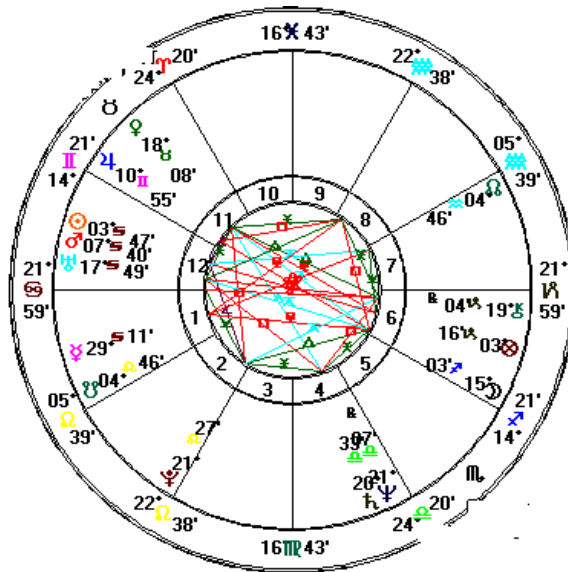
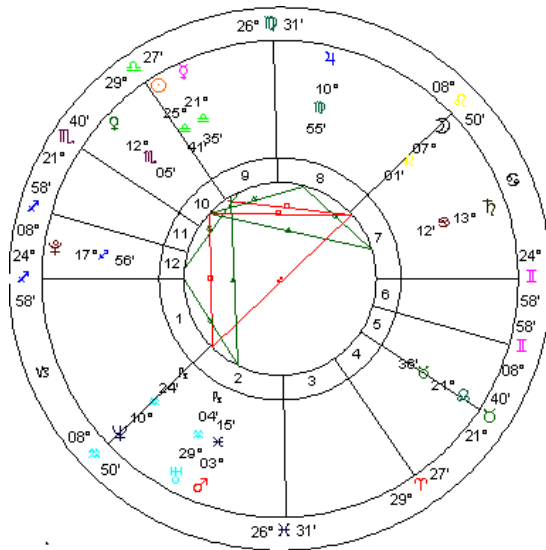
On Sunday 19th October 2003, Tony Blair was taken to hospital with chest pains and an abnormal heart beat; he was later treated at the Hammersmith Hospital in London for ventricular tachycardia, was released after about six hours with a clean bill of health and told to rest for 24 hours. (*Birth data: 6 May 1953, 6:10 am GMT, Edinburgh, Scotland*)



So what can the astrology tell us about this incident? Is there an underlying condition? What triggered the event?

Looking at the transits for that Sunday, we can see Mars acting as a classic trigger. It is square itself and will square the ascendant the next day. Uranus had slipped back into Aquarius and squared his natal Jupiter, the transiting Sun was conjunct his natal Saturn Neptune conjunction and transiting Mercury was opposite his Venus, square his Uranus and quincunx his natal Sun.

Now given that he presented with a heart problem, you would expect more than the average amount of Sun contacts and the absence of them may explain why it wasn't a heart attack. He has a host of long-term transits and progressions but you would expect that from someone who's just taken his country to war. Progressed Sun makes a semi sextile to natal Mars and trines transiting Mars but no one ever put their money on a semi sextile as the principal factor in a situation (*Event chart noon London 19 October 2003 below, progressed chart bottom of page*).



His natal Saturn conjunct Neptune is in the sixth house opposite Mercury in Aries in the twelfth house. Ebertin links these two with illness and oppositions across this axis have an awful reputation with regards to health, especially huge, double intercepted houses like this. The ruler of the sixth is in the twelfth and the ruler of the twelfth is in the twelfth and is also

ruler of the eighth. Saturn rules the 10th and 11th. But this is a man who's constructed an image of being fit, young and healthy? Could it be that something doesn't quite fit?

The sixth house is the illness in a decumbiture chart and the tenth house is the medicine. Mercury rules the sixth and tightly squares the MC/IC, which is ruled by Saturn which is in the sixth and opposite Mercury. Mercury is the chart ruler and is in mutual reception with Mars which is conjunct the Ascendant. Bringing all these significators together, by aspect and by rulership points to the importance of status and other tenth house matters to Blair. Is it a coincidence that he has a health scare when his popularity is falling? And when Jupiter, ruler of twelfth and eighth, is transited by Uranus but also sextiled by progressed Mercury, ruler of sixth?

His progressed MC is at 14 Pisces and is currently square the progressed Moon at 14 Sagittarius. This will move to sextile his natal Sun over the next year and will be picked up by transiting Jupiter over the next six months. Transiting Saturn will pick up his natal Uranus, natal Venus by square and natal Sun by sextile next year. It will also line up with the progressed ascendant and Uranus. Neptune will finish its transit to his Moon but will move to square his Sun, quincunx his Uranus and sextile his Venus. These contacts are more worrying if there is an underlying health problem.

The sudden wave of speculation concerning his leadership of the Labour Party reflects this emphasis on his solar and 10th house energy. As always, those in power need to decide how they measure success and quality of life.

Project Om by Jonathan Goldman and Sound Healers Association

On November 8, 2003 at 8:13 pm (NY Time - 1:13 am GMT) we will have the opportunity to sound together and anchor in new interdimensional energies at a powerful and climactic moment in the Earth's history. It is our great pleasure to co create with you PROJECT OM, a Webcast on World Puja using our Sound, Light and Love to assist in anchoring these new energies for personal and planetary healing and transformation.

At 8:13 PM (New York Time) on November 8, 2003, a geometrically perfect six sided (Star of David) configuration will appear in the sky, linking and balancing the energies of six astrological bodies; the Sun, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Chiron and the Moon. In addition, there will be an eclipse of the full moon at this time. The interaction of this significant planetary alignment at the moment of the eclipse combines to produce a powerful alchemical transformation offering the opportunity for both personal and planetary shifts in consciousness. The name that has been given to this particular energetic window of time is the Harmonic Concordance. It goes from November 5th through the 11th with the peak at 8:13 PM on November 8th!

This Grand Sextile astrological configuration, accompanying a total lunar eclipse, has never before occurred in recorded history. This is an immensely powerful vibrational activation that many throughout the planet see as a major interdimensional gateway fulfilling ancient prophecies from different traditions and ushering in a new activation of energy upon the Earth.

Sound is an extraordinarily powerful vehicle for creating frequency shifts and raising planetary consciousness. By simultaneously toning together a Planetary Healing Sound at 8:13 PM (NY Time) on Nov. 8, 2003, we can create a coherent wave form that will assist the already manifesting transformational energy of the cosmos. For this reason, we are working in

conjunction with World Puja to use the Internet to connect people throughout the planet through Sound, Light and Love.

The Schedule for Project Om is as follows:

8:00 The Harmonic Concordance Webcast begins on World Puja. Information about Project Om is shared.

8:05 We begin preliminary breathing and sounding exercises to clear and attune ourselves.

8:11 We begin to sound a rolling "Om", projecting this sound to assist in planetary activation for this new energy. We will be sounding as the Lunar Eclipse begins at 8:13

8:22 We finish making sound and now meditate in this energy

8:30 We conclude our Webcast.

Because of the enormity of this cosmological event, the Harmonic Concordance, which some are comparing to the Harmonic Convergence and the 11:11, there are literally thousands of websites with differing information about this important time. There are also events occurring throughout the world to help usher in this new energy. There are many perspectives and belief systems available with varying agendas attached to them. Because of this, we do not feel it necessary to provide more information, except to say that projecting Light & Love through Sound together at 8:13 PM NY Time on November 8, 2003 will be particularly beneficial for personal and planetary consciousness activation.

Please join us! There are prophecies that say that if 144,000 sound together, a new era of consciousness may be issued in. Perhaps this is the time!

Our website is at <http://www.healingsounds.com/>

Italian Astrology Congress, Pisa 2003 by Laura Poggiani

Pisa, a magic and esoteric town, offers enough to think of with the miracles of its Cathedral Square, or its the Leaning Tower which seems to challenge the world with its unique structure, indifferent through the centuries to the laws of gravity.

So Pisa was the right place to host such a unique Conference - unique because of the importance of the guests, the originality of material proposed and the sense of harmony that, since from the beginning, unified the group, making it happy to exchange points of views, visit the town and alternate study with fun.

Such an event could certainly not pass unnoticed and in fact, from the first day, the room was filled with the presence of numerous journalists, in search of sensationalism but immediately fascinated by the simplicity, the enthusiasm and above all the professionalism of the speakers. So the congress opened in the beautiful room that in ancient times belonged to a medieval Convent, with the lecture of the great Uranian astrologer Udo Rudolph. He explained the combinations, not at all trivial, relating to the American president John F. Kennedy's murder, including parallels with the premature death of the Swedish Minister Anna Lindh. A spellbound and curious audience was shown the use of the dials and the Planetary Pictures principles of the Hamburg School. Time was allowed for numerous questions from the

audience, about his lecture, allowing him to speak of transcendence, of the separation from the material body and reincarnation.

Next we passed to Lynn Koiner who addressed the subject of retrograde planets in the natal chart and in progressions. Through numerous examples we learned, how to better manage retrograde Mercury or how to deal with the effect and emotional deficiencies of Venus turning direct to retrograde and then in a similar way, the analysis of the planets up to Pluto. What was especially interesting was the analogy of the rising sign, planets in first house and mother's pregnancy before the birth of the subject. Lynn concluded by responding to questions in a friendly, professional and fair way.

Only two speakers in an afternoon may appear too little, but in reality the time flew and meant that the speakers, not constrained by too little time, were able to devote themselves to their audience and dedicate enough time to debate, also giving the space to the journalists who, in the meantime, were also joined reached by some TV crews.

At the end of the first day the choice was unanimous: all decided to supper in a typical restaurant to eat pizza and drink good wine, in perfect Italian style without missing a tour of the beautiful town: at night the Leaning Tower is stupendous and leaves everyone breathless, including those from out of town.

The following morning opened with Laura Poggiani's lecture on S.A.R.S. The chronology of this illness and its developments were analysed in the light of astrology, with an attempt to find answers on why this illness is manifested only in certain areas, and not in others, and above all if it will return again and where. This involved demonstrating the techniques of astrogeography and planetary cycles.

It was then time to change the subject and the next presentation was made by Lietta Catoni, Udo Rudolph's student, who showed how the Uranian astrology can be also extremely useful in an integrated chart analysis, concerning couples. To do this, Lietta uses Davidson's system and took as an example a couple who met on a chat line.

The break came for lunch and the group went to another characteristic place in the historical centre and added to their numbers now the Spanish astrologer Tito Macia whom the journalists immediately asked for forecasts on the destiny of the Pope. Giving a comprehensive summary of his lecture, Macia explained that a serious crisis is probable in the Pope's health around next February and he anticipated the name of the possible new Pontiff.

The group then moved to the Conference room where Macia introduced to those present the fascinating subject of harmonics and showed his program Armon, available on the Internet for free download, through which you get a sort of "astral biorhythm". With numerous examples, he showed the critical days of several graphics, describing the different motivations of health crises and involved his audience who furnished specific dates and were struck by the extremely precise answers provided to their questions. The debate immediately became very involved, involving discussions on the future of Medical astrology and the possibilities in research, above all addressing whether if it's possible to cooperate with doctors so be able to effect real statistics.

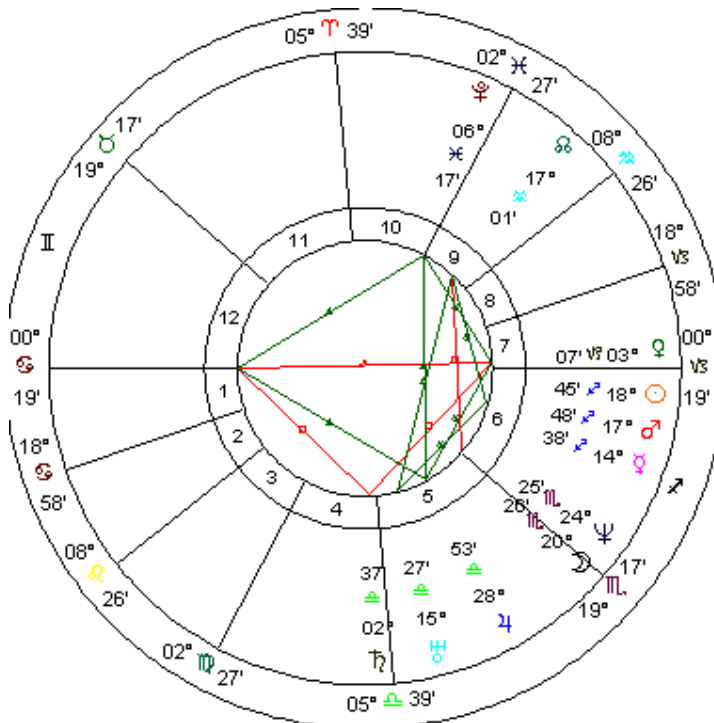
The Conference concluded with general enthusiasm and with the promise to reconvene even more numerous and more enthusiastic, in October 2004.

Data Section by David Fisher

Last time I gave data for Amy Johnson and George Orwell, both of whom were born one hundred years ago. I would like to round off 2003 by giving the data of a composer who was born two hundred years ago and a savant who was born five hundred years ago.



Hector Berlioz first studied medicine, but had already composed some large-scale works before entering the Paris Conservatoire in 1826. He wrote his famous *Symphonie Fantastique* for the Irish Shakespearean actress Harriet Smithson, and they married in 1833. Berlioz's other works include the symphony *Harold en Italie* (1834), the cantata *La Damnation de Faust* (1846) and the operas *Les Troyens* (1856-58) and *Beatrice et Benedict* (1860-62).

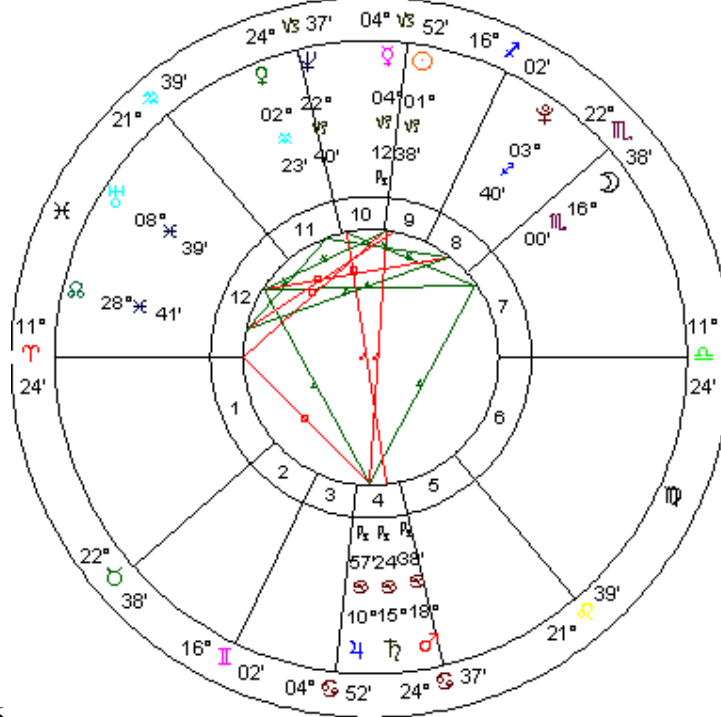


The music of Berlioz is not to everyone's taste. In his own lifetime his "over the top" style was lampooned by cartoonists and he never won the respect he deserved in his own country, although he established a considerable reputation in Germany and Britain. His later years were overshadowed by the deaths of his second wife and son. Berlioz himself died 8 March 1869.

Louis Hector Berlioz: 11 December 1803; Cote St Andre, France (45N11 5E43); 5:00 pm LMT (16:37:08 GMT) *Gauquelin Vol 4 No. 1556*.

Nostradamus or Michel de Nostradame to give him his correct name, became a doctor of medicine in 1529 and established a respectable practice in Agen Lyons and other places. He did not set himself up as a prophet until around 1547. His Centuries, rhymed couplets of predictions, appeared in two collections between 1555 and 1558, and they brought Nostradamus a great reputation despite the enigmatic way in which they were given. King Charles IX of France appointed him his physician in ordinary. Nostradamus correctly

predicted the date of his own death, the night of 1-2 July



1566.

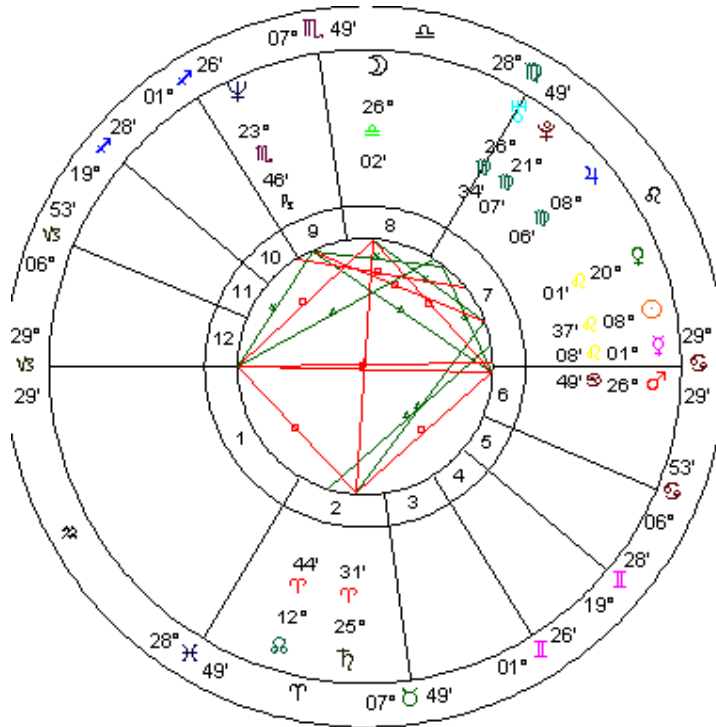
Michel de Nostradamus: 14 December 1503 OS (24 December 1503 NS); St Remy, France (46N46 4E50); 12:14:20 LMT (11:55 GMT). The time appears on a 16th century square horoscope although no horoscope of the great seer was published during his lifetime.

There can be few British comedy series more revered than *Dad's Army*. It ran from



1968 to 1977, totalling 80 episodes (including three Christmas specials). Who can forget the pompous Captain Mainwaring (pronounced Mannering); the upper class Sgt. Wilson; the "old soldier"; Jones, who once fought with Kitchener in the Sudan; the fatalistic Fraser with his cry "We're doomed!"; and "mummy's boy"; Pike? The programme is still being repeated in the 21st century and is probably the best of Jimmy Perry and David Croft's considerable output.

First transmission *Dad's Army*: 31 July 1968; London (51N30 0W10); 8:20 pm BST (19:20 GMT). Source: *Dad's Army: The Complete Scripts* (Orion Books 2003)



Farewell to...

Tennis player **Althea Gibson** (d. 28 September 2003), the first black player to win a Wimbledon singles title, in 1957 and again the following year.

Althea Gibson: 25 August 1927; Silver, South Carolina (33N43 80W17); 9:00 am EST (14:00 GMT). *The Gauquelin Book of American Charts* from birth certificate.

Legendary country and western singer **Johnny Cash** (d. 12 September 2003)

Johnny Cash: 26 February 1932; Kingsland, Arizona (33N54 92W15); 8:09 am CST (14:09 GMT).

Chart given with article by John Frawley in *Astrological Journal* January/February 2001, data presumably from birth certificate.

Footballers & Mars conjunct Pluto Kicking off in the UK by Deborah Houlding

No one in the UK is unaware of the bizarre collection of football-related news items pounding the media at the moment. Other visitors might have been spared the gory details. The synchronicity is remarkable and concerns a number of high profile stories concerning the sordid antics of professional footballers. These include:

A very distressing tale of a 17 year old claiming to have been gang-raped by up to seven footballers, a number of who are premiership players. The dispute is apparently not whether

the event took place, but how many were involved and whether it was consensual - one of the men claiming that this type of sex is just a common occurrence in footballing circles.

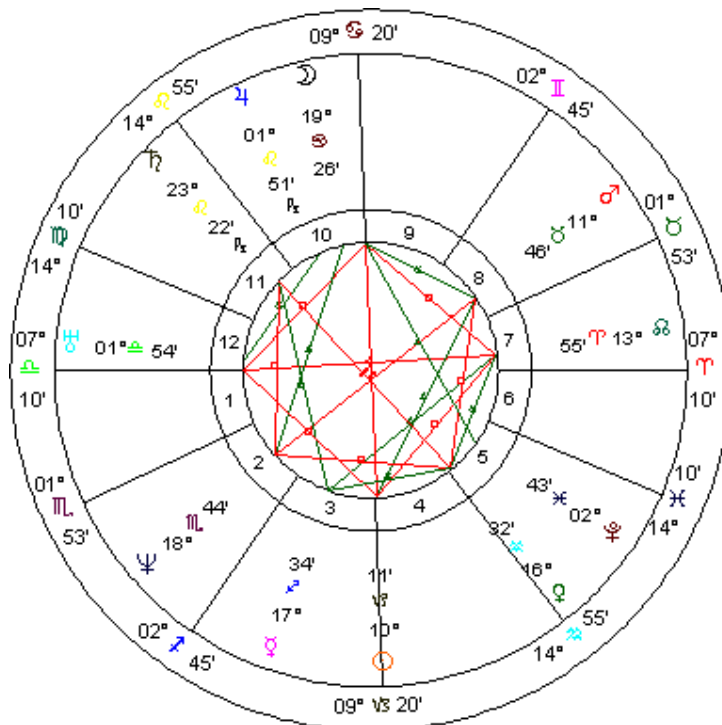
Another, unrelated rape investigation involving a Leeds United player.

Controversy over drugs tests.

Widespread condemnation over the England team's threat to refuse to play at an important international game because the FA suspended a player who didn't take a drug test - and no doubt there will be more international ramifications over that.

On the rape theme, as I write on 21st October, Venus is currently approaching the trine of Mars bringing matters of a sexual nature to the fore. Mars is still very volatile, moving from the disturbing influence of Uranus to the amplifying opposition of Jupiter. In the UK that Mars is particularly vice-ridden when compared to our national chart. It is transiting the 5th house of sport in the 1801 UK chart and closing into the conjunction of Pluto at 2 Pisces 43. (In the 1066 chart Pluto is at 3 Pisces 52 - so in either of these main charts there's a Mars-Pluto conjunction bringing themes of vice and misuse of power).

Also in the 1801 chart: -



Saturn rules the 5th house cusp, with transiting Saturn applying to the conjunction of the 10th house Moon - drawing public attention.

Transiting Neptune is conjunct the 5th house cusp.

Transiting Pluto is exactly conjunct Mercury in the 3rd house of press. There are quite a few other significant contacts worth checking if anyone is interested.

With Pluto on Mercury, there's a heavy undertone to TV soaps and a lot of news stories at the moment. Public controversies and enquiries, political intrigues and investigations. But for the moment Mars conjunct Pluto in the 5th certainly seems to be expressing itself through the world of sport and has found an easy target in our footballers and their self-centred lifestyles. Let's hope Sven hasn't got any remaining undisclosed secrets.

UK 1801 Chart - 1st January 1801 00.00hrs, London, Placidus Houses Source: Book of World Horoscopes Chart # 357

Faculty Day 2004 by Peta High

Faculty Day takes place on Saturday 7th February 2004 at 2.15 pm-6.00 pm at Regent's College Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1.

The Day opens with a welcome by the Faculty President, Clare Martin, D.F.AstroI.S. This is followed by a talk by guest speaker **Darby Costello**, entitled *How Safe is the Water? Navigating the currents of Saturn in Cancer and Uranus in Pisces in our personal lives.*

Following a tea break at 4:00 pm, where attendees may browse the astrological bookshops, view the computer display and, if Faculty students, meet with their tutors, qualifying students will be presented with their awards by Darby Costello.

Tickets for Faculty Day cost £10. Please contact Carole Taylor, Head of Classes at carole.taylor@astrology.org.uk or ring +44 (0) 7000 790143 or write to The Administrator, Faculty of Astrological Studies, BM Box 7470 London WC1N 3XX for further enquiries or to make a booking.

The Scrying Game - When Bush Comes to Shove...This month's deluxe featurette by Garry Phillipson

Previously, in The Scrying Game...

Last time we took note of the impending station of Saturn, just before it reached the Suns of the USA and George W Bush. On 25th October 2003, Saturn stationed before turning retrograde, at 13 degrees 14 minutes of Cancer. The USA's Sun is at 13 degrees 20 minutes of Cancer, and George W Bush's Sun is at 13 degrees 47 minutes of Cancer. (See previous article for note on the USA chart used here.)

So the question was, should we expect to see the full impact of transiting Saturn over those Suns - on the basis that Saturn has reached the Sun's degree? Or would we have to wait until 11th June 2004, when Saturn finally reaches 13 deg 20 mins? Let me just develop the case for the 'same degree is near enough' theory a bit, because I know that it may look a little flaky at first glance. In an interview in 1997, Rob Hand said:

"The word 'partile' in modern English, comes from the Latin 'partilis' which is a direct translation of the Greek word moirikos which means 'according to the degree'. And - this is the interesting point - it doesn't mean within sixty minutes (as moderns would think it means); it means they are in the same degree - or the equivalent degree of the sign, so if you had a

trine from 13.59 to 14.01 that is not partile. If you had a trine from 13.01 to 13.59 that is partile, because they are in the fourteenth degree in both cases.

"So the Greeks, rightly or wrongly, had a quantum view - literally - of the zodiac. The zodiac is made out of a hierarchy of quanta (the actual term is morion; that word means allotment, or lot, as in 'a lot of land' or 'a person's lot in life'. In fact, the word for degree - 'moira' is a derivation of that) and these degrees, these moria are exactly what John Addey accused them of being - little boxes. And the Greeks would have said, 'Yes! We know they're little boxes! This is the way they are supposed to be! Because the universe is not a continuum; it is a series of discontinuous quantities!' Well, guess what folks! That's exactly what physics is telling us."

It doesn't take too big a leap from this, to saying that when a planet gets to the same degree, that should be enough to deliver the major effects of the transit. So this was one point of interest for thoughtful astrologers everywhere: when would the effects of this transit manifest? The other thing to ponder, of course, was: what would actually happen?

Of course it would be hopelessly simplistic to anticipate Bush's forced exit from office just because it happened once before under the transit of Saturn over the US's Sun (in 1974, in the wake of Watergate). But at the same time, surely there should be something in common between the times when this transit has happened in the past. So what has happened before?

Here are the dates of the last 4 instances of this transit (just showing the first 'pass' each time for simplicity's sake - Saturn actually went retrograde over the Sun & then direct again in 1915-16 & 1974-5):

14 July 1886, 29 August 1915, 28 June 1945, 9 August 1974.

In fact I wonder if the Nixon-resigning business is a bit misleading for the 1974 transit. Of course the symbolism is relevant to Nixon; but from 9th August on, Gerald Ford was president. So maybe we should look to him more than to Nixon for the meaning of this transit.

So, here goes. In '74 we have Ford, suddenly thrust into office. He hadn't even been vice-president very long, and became the first president not to have been voted into office (until Bush, but that's another story hmm?). Kissinger was still in place - in many ways he seems to have been the chief subverter and manipulator. Ford had good reason to feel quite isolated at this time, therefore; as if the cabin boy was suddenly made captain, and still had to cope with the rest of the crew.

You'll guess that I'm going with 'isolation' for the Saturn theme here.

Before that, in '45, Truman was in office - had only been there a couple of months, with Roosevelt dying in April. So suddenly Truman has responsibility for decisions about the terms of peace, rebuilding half the world, and whether to use the atomic bomb. And as the negotiation of national boundaries etc began, the alliance between the US and the USSR became increasingly shaky. So maybe this US president would have felt a little more isolated than usual under Saturn's transit, too.

How about 1915? Woodrow Wilson had lost his wife a year previously, and was devastated by that; then his secretary of state, Bryan, resigned two months before the transit. The US was on the verge of being pitched into war against Germany, which Wilson didn't want, but he didn't want to be too soft on Germany either. So can we notch up another instance of an isolated president here? It seems plausible to me, though I'll be the first to say that 'plausible' is definitely the word, not 'overpowering'. I'm hoping that some of *Transit's* erudite readership will pitch in here with a more thorough analysis of the historical factors involved.

1886 is the point where the 'isolation' theory runs into trouble. President Grover Cleveland got married on 2nd June 1886, a little over a month before the transit of Saturn to the US's Sun was exact. At age 49, this was his first marriage. So, now - what do you do with your theory at a moment like this? I could try the line that 'He probably became isolated from the process of government because of the focus on his new bride'. But perhaps a more plausible account was offered by Miss B on the Skyscript forum (<http://www.skyscript.co.uk/forums/index.php>) when (as part of a long thread concerning this very theme) she suggested that the concept of taking on (parental) responsibility might be a more useful way of characterising this transit for the US President. Apparently Cleveland was 28 years older than his wife.

What Actually Happened?

On 24th October, around the time Saturn stationed, George Bush gave a speech to the Australian Parliament, thanking them for their support in the Iraq war. He was jeered by a couple of MPs from the Green Party, and a guy whose father is held in Guantanamo Bay. The three who jeered were all ejected from the building. Bush ad-libbed ironically: 'Boy, I love free speech'.

And, so far as I'm aware, that was the height of it. So I'm chalking this one up as a Saturn transit which almost-but-not-quite happened. Saturn stationed just before reaching the Sun of Bush and the USA. So criticism reaches him, but its power is weak and the critics are soon moving backwards, away from Bush. Looking to the preceding couple of months - polls showed Bush's popularity to be at an all-time low; the enormous deficit his government had created attracted much adverse comment; and a scandal threatened to explode about the fact that someone within the White House had blown the cover of a CIA agent, apparently out of political motivations.

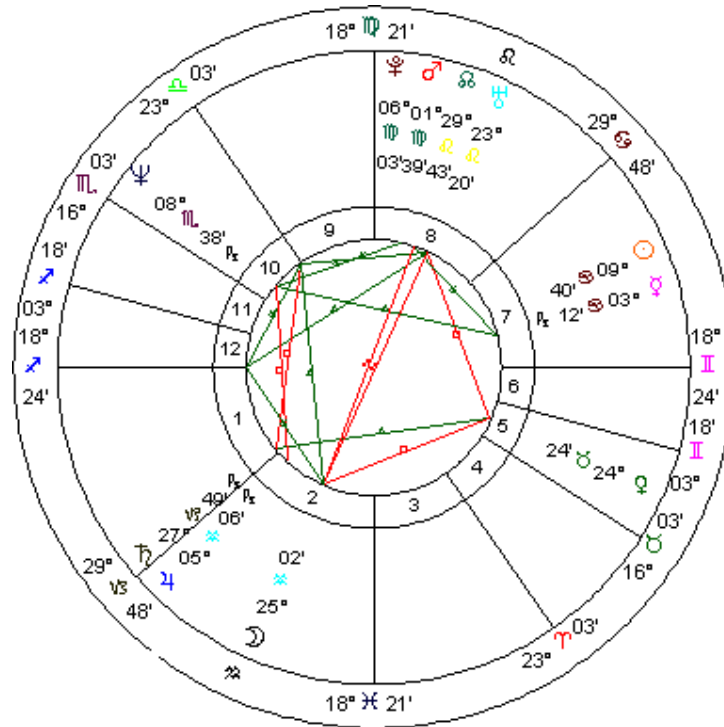
It will be interesting to see whether the actual transit of Saturn over the Sun of Bush and the USA (in June next year) sees one of these incidents taking centre stage. Will we see Bush leaving office with jeers for souvenirs? With both Bush's Sun and Saturn in the 12th of his natal chart, will it be his dealings with the secret service that do him a public disservice?

In conclusion...

I make no apologies for the fact that the astrology here is really basic - just looking at the transit of one planet, Saturn, to the Sun. I think almost any astrologer would expect to be able to discern some underlying theme in the times when Saturn transits a country's Sun. Given that, in this particular case, that transit coincides with the transit of Saturn to the president's Sun, there is reason to monitor the events of next June with particular interest.

My thanks to the members of Skyscript's forum for their input on the issues discussed here.

Diana
- Saint or Sinner? by Judith Levy



----- Diana, Princess of Wales was born Diana Spencer at 7.45pm, 1 July 1961 at Sandringham, England. 52N50 and 000E30. Source; *Diana and her mother, according to Clifford data base*

This is the officially announced version of her birth time and whilst it may not be absolutely accurate it is interesting to note that the ascendant in this chart at 18 degrees of Sagittarius is at this moment of writing being conjoined by Pluto in transit. On Monday October 20th, the U.K. woke up to a news story, which was to have huge repercussions both in the U.K. and globally and pictures of Diana graced every newspaper and television news programme. This gave me the overwhelming feeling that she was back... and with a vengeance!

The *Daily Mirror* claimed that Diana had predicted her own death by murder in October 1991. The paper featured an extract from Paul Burrell's new book illustrating a letter in Diana's handwriting, that she had given to the butler only 10 months before she died in Paris on August 31st 1997 at 0.27 am CET (source *Clifford data base*), in which Diana states that she is entering the most difficult phase of her life and believes that there is a plot to kill her in a car crash. She names her killer but the name is blanked out in the paper for legal reasons and the paper claims that she gave the letter to Burrell as "insurance" for the future.

I have to admit a reluctant admiration for Princess Diana. The rebellious and destabilizing influence that she exerted on the monarchy and British establishment in her lifetime do not seem diminished by her death. It seems, to me that she does not want to go away quietly.

If the Royal family thought that the sweet and gentle, Cancerian sun, non too bright nursery nurse was just the right bride for Charles, because she was pretty,

aristocratic and good breeding material they may have been right. If they also believed that she would cause no trouble, would bow to the will of the saturnine establishment and would be easily mouldable, perhaps a quick look at her chart would have dispelled that belief.

In observation of the official birth chart it is notable that Diana's natal Moon in Aquarius is in exact opposition with Uranus in Leo and forming a T-square with Venus in Taurus, bestowing Diana with a strong will and a somewhat stubborn determination to dictate her own agenda. As Mars trined her natal Mercury on the morning of Oct 20th it seemed that Diana still had plenty to say. The same day, Mars at 3 degrees of Pisces, was also around the opposing midpoint of Diana's natal Mars, Pluto conjunction in Virgo.

This natal planetary placement is flanked by the north node and Uranus and in the eighth house and is another indication of her passionate and sometimes potentially violent nature. Could this also shed some light on the legacy of conspiracy theories and the mysterious underground forces that Paul Burrell claims that the Queen alluded to in her conversation with him at Buckingham Palace?

These stories of plotting and murder still abound today and they continue to destabilise the monarchy and throw the future of Prince Charles and his union with Camilla Parker-Bowles in jeopardy.

Nick Campion in his 1993 book *Born to Reign* (Chapmans, London) claims that Diana was advised on her frequent visits to astrologers in the late eighties to channel her energy into positive activities and that by following in the footsteps of Mother Theresa, aiding landmine victims and those suffering from diseases and terminal illnesses that she was tapping into an religious quality that was central to ancient monarchy. Over the years since her death, countless people have come forward to attest to the joy and light that Diana brought to their lives and her powers of healing.

If we remember back to the days immediately after Diana's death, to the new moon of September 2nd, 1997, transiting Mercury was conjunct her natal Pluto and within 3 degrees of the solar eclipse at 9 Virgo.

As I walked through gardens of Kensington Palace that day on my own pilgrimage and as I passed the teary and emotional people of all races and nationalities, it certainly felt like a saint had left us. The heady scent of flower offerings wafting through Central London and angelic images of Diana portrayed throughout the capital were more reminiscent of Catholic imagery in a Spanish Sanctuary than of a British metropolitan park.

I may never be able to pass through that park again without the image of Diana, Queen of Hearts, the beautiful perfect, all loving and healing goddess, coming into my head, yet as more stories of Diana's life emerge it appears that that image of the princess may be far from the truth.

It is worthy of note that the Sabian symbol for Diana's Venus degree is "a well kept public park".

Is it possible that the effect of transiting Neptune square to Diana's natal Sun for much of the last year has done nothing to clear the confusion over who was the real Diana...Saint or Sinner?

It is a curious fact that she had a close relationship with Mother Theresa and may have modelled herself on her and that the two died within days of each other in the summer of 1997. Last week the Pope announced his intention to accelerate the beatification of Mother Teresa bringing the images of the two women back into the same newspaper pages once again at the same time. Mother Teresa's North Node natively is conjunct Diana's Venus and recently has been transited by a nodal return to Taurus.

As Venus continues its progress through Scorpio moving towards the opposition of Diana's natal Venus, I await further revelations of what the butler saw involving more love, pain, sex and death and wonder if and when the hold of Diana will ever be released and if we will ever allow her to rest in peace beside her beautiful lake.

Mediawatch by Nick Campion

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Not much has happened since the great *Astrology is Rubbish* story died down. Here's one story from the *Daily Telegraph* (London) Oct. 22, 2003, thanks to David Kesten. The story, *Reagan film says Nancy guided him with astrology* was filed by Alec Russell in Washington (22/10/2003). It begins "A two-part television film about Ronald Reagan shows his wife Nancy relying on her astrologer to plan the presidential diary". Of course Reagan had been using astrology for many years. Two of his previous astrologers were Ralph Kraum and James Harvey (an esoteric astrologer) and his inauguration as Governor of California was famously elected in 1967 (For the full story click <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/>)

And here's just a short curiosity from Catriona Mundle: The *Guardian* (23/10.03) published an article entitled *The sound of shooting stars*, by Matthew Genge. Scientists since Halley have dismissed claims from occasional observers that they could hear fireballs as a fizzing and crackling noise as delusional, impossible because of the time sound takes to travel, 5 seconds per mile. More recent investigation of electromagnetic waves found nothing until an Australian scientist, Dr Colin Keay, found that one very low frequency was within the range of human hearing: the VLF radio waves produced when 'hot gaps in fireballs' wake is electrically charged and when it twists and turns it wraps up the Earth's magnetic field lines into a magnetic spaghetti'. Subsequent experiments showed that volunteers with long hair and/or spectacles were very much more sensitive to these noises: hair, glasses and other nearby objects which vibrated acted as transducers, converting the vibration into sound. This is called 'electrophonics'.

Garry Phillipson has been reading *Void Moon* by Michael Connelly. The blurb for the book as given <http://www.twbookmark.com/books/53/0316154067/> here says "...Her superstitious friend who lined up the job says it's the bad-luck void moon having its malignant way...." And now it appears that the book, about a female cat burglar forced to come out of retirement and confront the her nemesis, is being filmed with Al Pacino - due out in 2004.

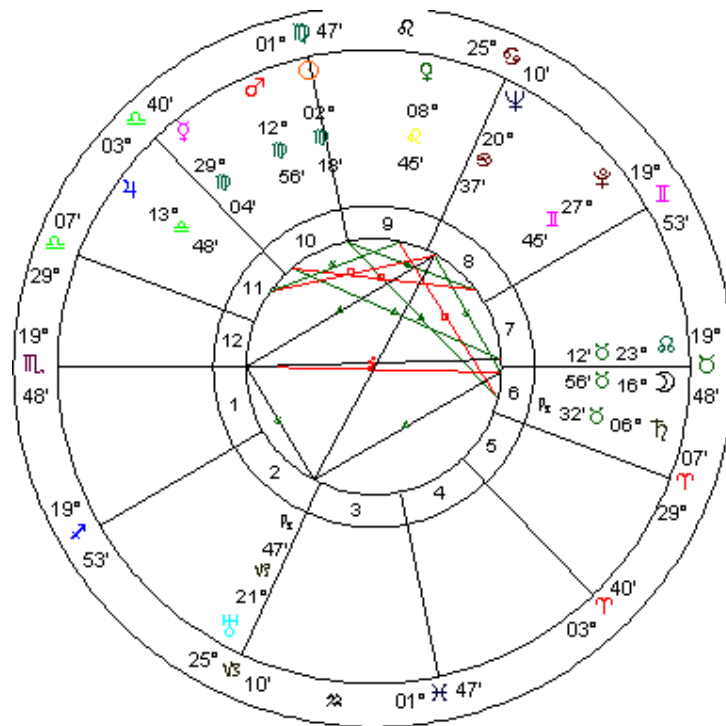
The *Houston Chronicle* carried a story about astrology on October 14th in the Technology section of the Business Section. It begins "Some people can't wait to

check their horoscopes first thing in the morning, while others think it's a bunch of bunk. Either way, this overview of what the stars can tell you is a good place to start if you're curious.” and carries a list of recommended astrological websites. The full story can be read by clicking <http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/tech/weekly/2155404>

Mother Teresa’s Beatification by Kim Farnell and Deborah Houlding

Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II at an open air mass Sunday 19th October at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican in a two hour mass beginning at 10:00 am CEDT. The Roman Catholic Church considers the ceremony the final step before sainthood.

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje (41N35, 21E30) now Republic of Macedonia, in 1910. Her given birth date is usually 27 August but relatives who still live in Skopje emphasise that she was born on 26 of August and baptised August 27 in the Roman Catholic Church in Skopje and that day is counted as her date of birth. See <http://www.mymacedonia.net/links/tereza.htm>



She was born against a backdrop of Uranus in Capricorn opposing Neptune in Cancer, a time subject to revolution of spiritual and visionary ideals. Any strong contact between these two planets, when personalised, can result in what Rob Hand describes as "interest in working with the poor, the sick and the downtrodden to improve their lot in life" and displays difficulty in allowing suffering in the world. (*Planets in Transit*, p.412). Jupiter sits on the square of Neptune, illustrating her ability to magnify these concerns in the eyes of the world.

Mother Teresa died in Kolkata (aged 87) on 5 September 1997, as transiting Neptune opposed its natal position and transiting Saturn opposed natal Jupiter to complete a grand cross fixated on making such idealistic principles manifest in the structured world. Jupiter was exact on the trine of its natal position, depicting the perfect flowering of mass attention upon her work.

Another dominant factor in Mother Teresa's nativity is the Sun-Mars conjunction in Virgo, grounded by the trine of Saturn in Taurus, showing a willingness to fight for her beliefs and endure hostile living conditions with stoic fortitude. She arrived in Calcutta in 1929 as a teaching nun with the Irish order Sisters of Loreto. Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity order in 1949, after what she called an inspiration from God to care for the world's most destitute and sick. With 703 houses in 132 countries, the religious order is considered to be the fastest growing in the Catholic Church. She and her sisters dressed and lived like India's poor, and entered Calcutta's slums to provide care for the sick, the hungry and the dying. She shot to international fame in 1969 after Malcolm Muggeridge made a film about her. In 1979 Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize. By the time she died in 1997 she had become India's most celebrated figure and was given a state funeral. Her beatification, the quickest in modern times, will be followed by her canonisation in two years' time, making her the first Indian citizen to be made a saint by the Catholic church.

The Pope had to approve a single miracle before her beatification. That honour went to Monica Bersa, a woman from a remote village 250 miles north of Calcutta, who claimed a tumour disappeared three years ago after nuns pressed a medallion blessed by Mother Teresa against her stomach. Her doctors insisted her tubercular abdominal cyst had been cured with anti-TB drugs.

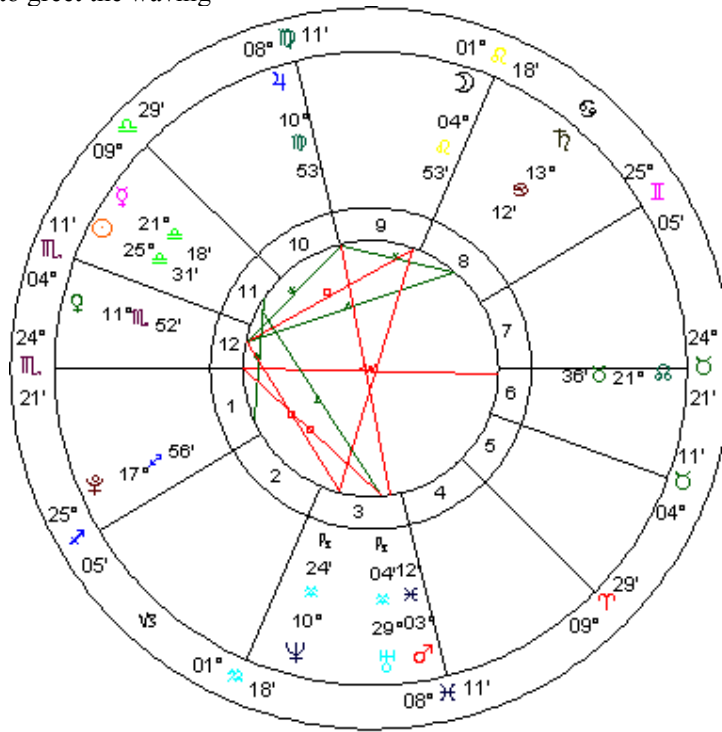
Pope John Paul II proclaimed Mother Teresa blessed in response to the petition pronounced by the Archbishop of Calcutta, Lucas Sirkar. The banner bearing her image on the facade of St Peter's Basilica was immediately unfurled. Her feast day will be September 5th - the date of her death. Only Saint Francis, canonised by Pope Innocent IX one year after his death, has enjoyed such a recognition more rapidly.

The contacts between Jupiter and Venus in a ceremony known as 'beatification' are quite stunning and seem to capture the true spiritual essence of that term. As the mass began, Jupiter culminated on the sextile of Venus, mirroring the Venus-Jupiter sextile in Mother Teresa's nativity, (further highlighted by the 9th house Moon's passage over her natal Venus), and captured in the physical environment by the 43,000 flowers that decorated the esplanade in front of the church. With the culminating Jupiter falling upon Mother Teresa's Sun-Mars conjunction and such a rich profusion of planets and contacts that bring amplification and public attention towards religious matters, the scene was one of phenomenal interest and support by worldwide media and the local community.

Two hours before the Mass began Saint Peter's Square was already filled with people. It is estimated that the crowd was bigger than the Pontifical Prefecture had expected. They had issued 250,000 invitations but over 300,000 attended. A Mass celebrated by the Pope followed the beatification rite with a procession of people in Indian costume carrying flowers and candles to the altar. The esplanade in front of the church, where 100 Cardinals and 100 Bishops were sitting, was decorated with 43,000 flowers. The ceremony also crowned the 25th anniversary celebrations of John Paul II's papacy. Among the VIPs attending were Queen Fabiola of Belgium, President Jacques Chirac's wife Bernadette, and the former presidents of Poland and the Czech Republic, Lech Walesa and Vaclav Havel. But the prestige seats in the

front rows were given to 2,000 down-and-outs who, after the service, were treated to lunch in the Vatican and waited on by diplomats.

A reliquary with drops of Mother Teresa's blood was later presented to the Pope. Indian women in saris and bearing bowls of water and flowers and burning incense danced in front of the altar to traditional Indian music. In his homily, the Pope called Mother Teresa "this courageous woman who I always felt was at my side". Communion was offered to the crowds by dozens of priests and assistants carrying white umbrellas against the sun. At midday, signalled by a peal of bells, the highly charged service blended into that of the Angelus prayer, with the crowds crying out at the conclusion: "Viva Il papa." At the end of the ceremony, the pontiff, still seated on his throne but aboard his new model of Popemobile, was driven round St Peter's Square to greet the waving



crowds.

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