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## The messy solution to the Ukrainian mess

**W**HEN the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 (remember the euphoria?), Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to dissolve the Warsaw Pact and let Germany reunite on condition that NATO not expand into Eastern Europe. Which was given to him orally. Mikey, a Pisces I greatly admired at the time, was one of the bigger fools who has ever lived.

The coup in Kiev this past February replaced a corrupt pro-Russian government with an illegitimate, pro-western one. The goal is no longer about expanding NATO, but about dismembering Russia itself. The Ukraine, the heart of old Russia, is the key.

The new Ukrainian government, composed of western neo-Nazi farmers, was supposed to have popular support. Crimea's prompt departure proved otherwise. The industrial eastern half of the country, desiring neither domination by violent farmers, nor a return to Russia, is moving steadily towards succession.

I had speculated the Ukrainians would stage a false-flag Russian attack in order to blackmail US troops, but the Russians have been careful to avoid the trap. Instead, the

government in Kiev, under what appears to be American guidance, has decided to murder its own citizens in an effort to goad the Russians. This past week, this plan failed.

It seems Mr. Putin has taken a lesson from Joe Stalin and the **Warsaw uprising** of August-September 1944. Stalin made the cold-blooded decision that he did not want, did not need, a Polish third party to the mess he already faced with the Germans, and so let the Wehrmacht liquidate the Poles.

It now appears that Russia will let the Ukrainians fight it out amongst themselves. Read a sobering analysis [here](#).

*Won't there be refugees?* Yes, but Russia has faced worse, and in living memory.

*What about the natural gas pipelines?* If Germany wants Russian gas, German troops can be peacekeepers and German engineers can repair the attacks. Germany gets a third of its gas via the Ukraine. Without it, the German economy, and what is left of the European Union, disappears in an instant.

*If the gas is cut off, won't Russia lose money?* Yes it will, but, as above, Russia has seen worse. Russia's solution, the world's solution, lies in a new Russo-Sino alliance, one that will include India, Iran and the Asian Tigers. Which will strand Australia and Japan and further isolate the US.

### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

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	19:17	○ 23♍, 55 Full Moon/Void	
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18	15:31	♀ □ ♀	
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**Arthritis.** This is a typically Saturnian malady, representing the action of an afflictive Saturn when the planets which as a rule endeavour to combat that action, by causing a fever and so eliminating or removing obstruction, are unable to perform their function. The case given below illustrates this condition. Saturn afflicts both lights, in fixed signs and from the 1st house. Sun is also in a fixed sign ruled by Saturn and Jupiter, the planet of free movement, is likewise disposed of by him. Mars and Pluto—the eliminative planets above referred to—are neither in a condition to render assistance. This is also a case of pernicious anæmia. Data are: Female, born at Southampton, February 7, 1889, 3.0 pm. Another case is that of a female born at Detroit, December 27, 1868, 10.45 am. In this map Saturn is either in major aspect to, or disposes of, every body in the map except Uranus and is also exactly square ascendant. It is not surprising that the native also suffered greatly from depression.

— [Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology](#), by C.E. O. Carter. [Buy](#).

## Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

ALCYONE *eta Tauri* 0 II 11

**Legend:** Alcyone represents the Pleiad, daughter of Atlas and Pleione, who became the mother of Hyrieus by Neptune.

**Notes:** A greenish-yellow star and brightest of the Pleiades, situated on the shoulder of the Bull. From early times it has been thought to be the central Sun round which the universe revolves, and was Al Wasat, the Central One, of the Arabs, and Temennu, the Foundation Stone, of the Babylonians, but this idea has been abandoned by astronomers. Alcyone marked the beginning of the 4th ecliptic constellation of Babylonians, and as Amba, the Mother, formed the junction star between the Hindu nakshatras Kritika and Rohini. It is frequently called the Hen.

**Influence:** Of the nature of Mars and the Moon. It causes love, eminence, blindness from fevers, small-pox, and accidents to the face. — [From Fixed Stars](#), by Vivian Robson [Buy](#)



Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

### The compulsion to eat

**T**HERE are many kinds of hungers besides the one that is normal to the body for its replenishment or natural growth, and many hungers have nothing to do with appetite per se. Denial, frustration or other emotional maladjustments often drive people to find solace in eating which appeases and thus silences, at least for a time, the sufferer's emotional pangs.

The cause of this woman's compulsion to eat was unceasing resentment over marital estrangement (but not separation) dating back to 1920 when Saturn the ruler of the marriage-7th moved by age-arc 26:32 to 2:50 Scorpio square the Moon ruler of the Ascendant while the Moon 29 Leo squared the Sun. The Part of Fortune thus in 17:18 Libra squared the marital-7th but in the 4th and they were strangers under one roof. The Sun and Moon in Fixed Signs do not forgive easily.

Natal Mars badly placed by Sign and house, square Saturn-ruler-7th in the home-4th means domestic inharmony. Saturn retrograde in the 4th brings coldness in the family. Estrangement is shown by Neptune's solstice point 19 Cancer conjunct the Ascendant and thus opposition the marital-7th. But there would be no divorce because the divorce planet Uranus is not in the 7th or 10th; not even his solstice point 22 Aquarius, which would also denote divorce. — **The Way of Astrology**, 1967. **Buy.**

Chart discussed was May 20, 1893, 88W27, 42N19, Johndro Birth Locality.

## Two Notable Presidents

**L**AST week I discovered the chart for the US Federal Government, March 4, 1789, at noon. Later in the week there was dispute if it was at Philly or New York, which I am not qualified to judge. So far as the astrology is concerned, there is about 1° between the two towns, so there is about 1° between the two sets of house cusps. As I cannot read a chart to that degree of precision, I will leave this puzzle for my betters.

The government which began on March 4, long ago, has a very strong executive (Sun-Saturn conjunct the MC), while it governs virtual prisoners (Moon in the 12th). This immediately made me think of Presidents who were "of the people" or who fought the against the government and corporate interests.

Leaving aside Franklin Roosevelt, whose intentions seem to have been mixed, two men immediately came to mind:

**Andrew Jackson**, and, **Theodore Roosevelt**. (It seems he hated the name "Teddy." He preferred to be called "Colonel," after his Spanish-American War adventures. Or Theodore.)

**A**NDREW Jackson was born on March 15, 1767, on a plantation either in southern North Carolina, or northern South Carolina, the data is murky. His parents were wealthy immigrants, Presbyterian by faith, who had come from Scotland by way of what is today Northern Ireland.

They, as well as Andrew himself, were slaveholders. Which, one way or another was true of all but four of the first 18 Presidents, including U.S. Grant. (The exceptions: The two Adams, Fillmore and Pierce.)

Jackson is said to have been born in the predawn hours, the exact time is unknown. There has been speculation he had Capricorn rising, I think from his nickname of "Old Hickory," from his hardness of manner. And while that is possible (Saturn rules wood), I came up with a better solution.

Andrew Jackson was a full-moon birth. Sun at 24 Pisces, Moon at 22 Virgo, one month past the eclipses (node at 7 Aquarius). For contrast, Goethe was a full-moon, Sun in Virgo, Moon in Pisces, the reverse of Jackson. Full moons polarize around the *houses occupied*, in the manner of the *signs* in use. So far as skill in judgement, it is essential you learn to place a full moon by house, it will save you much trouble elsewhere.

We have various possibilities. First-seventh polarities have partnerships. The best I have previously seen is the ruler of 7th in the first (Bill Clinton, John Lennon). It might be that 1-7 full moons do not come to public prominence, I do not know.

Third-ninth are intellectual powerhouses, for better or worse: Goethe, Newton, **Howard Camping** (of the last end-of-the-world scare, remember?), myself. Newton and Camping, both Cancer-Capricorn, settled on materialism, one better than the other. Goethe, Virgo-Pisces, was artistic with scientific leanings. While I am nearly as smart as Newton or Goethe, with my 3-9 opposition in Aquarius-Leo, I became a social outcast (the Leo opposing the Aquarian mass, or the Aquarian mass disliking the Leo individual), which is the reason why you won't see me, or the 50 books I publish, at any astro-show, but I digress.

Fourth-tenth, which I have not seen, strike me as hyper-patriots. Karl Rove, born December 25, 1950 in Denver, has a Capricorn-Cancer full moon. To date his birth time is unknown, but I suspect a noon birth.

Fifth-eleventh house full moons are playboys. Newt Gingrich, Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, are such. The Prime Minister's chart is my rectification.

Sixth-twelfth house charts are students (Robert Hand, though not a full moon) or in and out of prisons/institutions. Which can include positions in the government, education or the military. These people are stronger, though often not happier, institutionalized, the underlying polarity keeping them from being happy whether in or out of jail. I would not be surprised if 6-12 did not include a great many unhappily tenured professors.

I have left the 2-8 polarity for last. Which includes Harry Houdini, the illusionist (Moon-Mars, Scorpio-Taurus), Evel Knievel, the stunt-man (Sun-Saturn, Libra-Aries), and Steve Irwin, the famous crocodile hunter (Sun-Pluto, Pisces-Virgo). Each man's profession was to risk death, which is grim.

In our initial analysis of these three, we might say that, Sun opposed by some other planet, or Moon opposed by some other planet, the native's risk taking was essentially unbalanced and that he would come to an untidy end eventually. As each man did.

Harry Houdini died as a result of a blow (Mars) to the stomach.

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**Part 68:**  
**Character and Mind**

continued:—

**CAPRICORN.** Ambitious, quiet, calculating, practical, scientific, melancholy, malicious, sometimes fond of service, diplomatic, suspicious, love of power, reticent, unrelenting, cautious, prudent, persistent, selfish, lustful, economical, often mean. **Neptune,** crafty, subtle, designing, selfish. **Uranus,** acquisitive, restless, romantic. **Saturn,** apprehensive, suspicious, discontented, treacherous. **Jupiter,** autocratic, severe, orthodox. **Mars,** brave, enterprising, tactful, industrious. **Sun,** subtle, reserved, serious, conservative, conventional, self controlled. **Venus,** fickle, irresolute, restricted and ambitious affections. **Mercury,** tactful, suspicious, patient, critical, discontented, scientific, irritable. **Moon,** fond of show or fame, selfish, covetous, very economical, cold, calculating.

**AQUARIUS.** Artistic, idealistic, humane, strong will, frank, open, cheerful, genial, timid, scientific, interested in life rather than form, fixed and strong opinions, good judges of human nature, influence over animals, often break promises, ask advice and do not follow it. **Neptune,** humanitarian, broad minded. **Uranus,** eccentric, impressionable, scientific. **Saturn,** observant, thoughtful, slow in speech and action. **Jupiter,** humane, cheerful, broad and tolerant mind, more philosophical than religious. **Mars,** nervous, clever, hospitable. **Sun,** obedient, cheerful, idealistic, democratic, prudent. **Venus,** faithful, obliging, chaste, romantic, effeminate, timid. **Mercury,** eloquent, observant, humane, refined, intuitive. **Moon,** tolerant, inoffensive, sociable, political and scientific, fantastic imagination.

— **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**

**On Venus**

From: **Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation**, by C.E.O. Carter

**A**N afflicted Venus seems, first & foremost, to be liable to signify an unhappy childhood. For a child has poor, because undeveloped, powers of self-adjustment. Children tend to be either violent & so made unhappy; in the later case timidity is itself an unhappy state of mind. Next, a weak Venus is said to destroy conjugal happiness, making the native unloving, or else the victim of one that is. It is not good for associations with one's daughters or with any young girls. And, despite attempts made nowadays (which are checked at every turn in practical astrology) to deny each planet more than one sign, Venus does rule Taurus and its connection with financial affairs is plain to see; hence its afflictions often manifest in this sphere.

Taken all in all, one is tempted to regard Venus as almost the most important planetary body and the one that alone makes life not only pleasant, but even possible.

Mars, on the other hand, is often dangerous to life. Yet he is a necessary part of the planetary scheme—as, indeed, we must believe to be the case with all the members of our system, difficult though it may be at times to think so. Mercury, with his rulership over the nervous system and its highest development, the brain, really makes man what he is—the thinker—and for that matter even natural intelligence, such as we see in animals and even in certain forms of vegetation, would be impossible without him. Without Venus life could never accommodate itself to its surroundings. Without Mars there would be no such thing as the individual, for, under the Venus influence, all things would tend to merge into one another and an undifferentiate condition would arise.

— **Some Principles of Horoscopic Delineation**, by C.E.O. Carter. **Buy**

**Character & Mental Qualities**

from **A Beginner's Guide to Practical Astrology**, by Vivian Robson

**T**HE ascendant is the front door, and it is through this that the native must always appear. Every thought and act is finally coloured by the rising sign, and rising planet, if there is one. A horoscope with intense energy in the planetary positions and a weak ascendant will indicate weakness on the surface, and will spoil inner strength; while conversely a strong ascendant that is unsupported by the rest of the horoscope will create a false first impression of strength.

Then look to the ruler of the rising sign, which is the chief significator of the native himself. The ruler weak by sign and house or retrograde denotes a hampering influence, and a lack of proper self-expression. Examine the ruler's aspects. Each of these will give the good or bad qualities of the aspecting planets according to the nature of the aspect.

Next take the Moon and its aspects. The Moon is the chief ruler of the personal characteristics and largely governs the habits, instincts, and to some extent the mentality. The planet in closest strong aspect with the Moon, especially if the aspect is separating, will colour the feelings & determine the general quality of the lunar influence.

The deeper aspirations & inner character are ruled by the Sun, which should have next consideration in the same way.

Finally, to determine the intellectual nature of the map study the planet Mercury and its aspects, as well as any planets in the 3rd and 9th houses. Remember that Mercury takes on the nature of the planet in closest strong aspect, especially if separating, and that the influence of this planet gives the prevailing colour to the mind. — **A Beginner's Guide to Practical Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**



**Two Presidents,**  
*continued*

Evel Knievel died as a result of long-standing injuries (Saturn).

Steve Irwin died as the result of a poisoned fish (Pluto).

Andrew Jackson, by contrast, with Sun opposed a careful Virgo Moon, was able to avoid that fate, though his life was filled with death:

Jackson's father died in an accident three weeks before his birth.

Jackson's mother died from cholera.

Jackson's eldest brother Hugh, died from heat exhaustion during the Revolutionary War.

Jackson's other brother, Robert, died before the end of the War. Jackson got his facial scars in the war.

By the age of 14, Andrew Jackson was an orphan. Death stalked him.

During his life he fought numerous duels, killing at least one man, as well as suffering near mortal injuries. At least one of the duels was initiated as a result of stories about his wife. The wife's values are, by definition, from her 2nd house, which is Andy's 8th.

Jackson was a famous military commander. As President he exiled Native Americans to Oklahoma, resulting in deaths of thousands. He notably executed two British subjects, c. 1819, in Florida.

As President he fought against the Second National Bank, killing it. Jackson saw the bank as against the interests of the American people. As we saw last week, the American government of March 4, 1789, has a strong bias towards a national bank, and an equally strong bias against the welfare of the people it rules. Jackson rebelled.

**W**HILE we can give Jackson a 2nd-8th Sun-Moon polarity with either Aquarius or Capricorn rising, further biographical detail leads us to Aquarius.

Andrew Jackson was hugely popular with the people. When he took office, mobs of people swarmed into the White House, wrecking it. In an effort to clear out holdovers from Washington's administration 30 years before, he touched off the spoils system.

If Jackson had Capricorn rising, Saturn would fall in his 5th house, of children. He would be their stern taskmaster.

If Jackson had Aquarius rising, he would be a "man of the people," as Aquarius represents *groups*, in particular, *tribal affiliations*. As chart ruler, Saturn's 5th house then becomes mobs of "children" (Saturn in Gemini), eager for their "reward."

**Andrew Jackson**

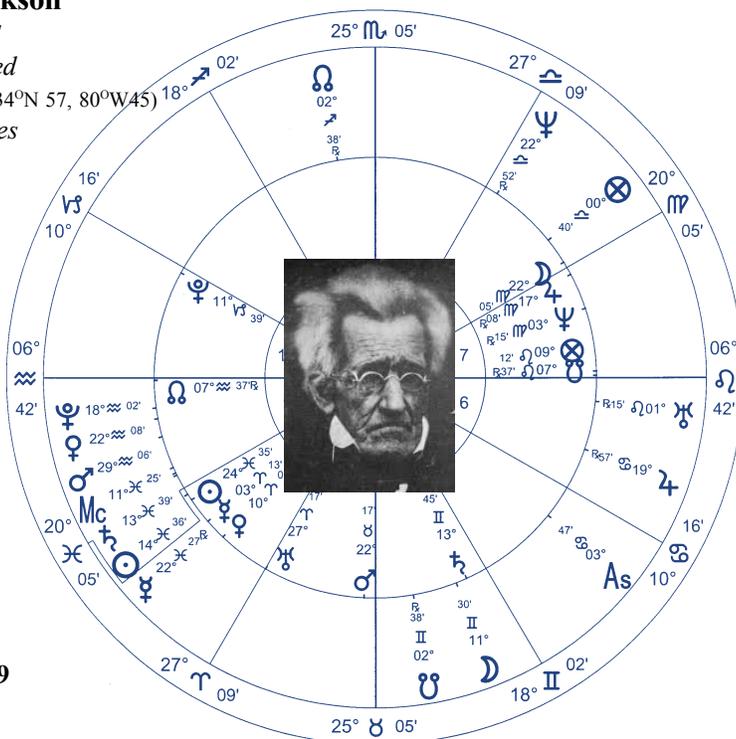
March 15, 1767

4:00 am *rectified*

Waxhall, SC (34°N 57, 80°W45) 18°

*Placidus houses*

*Mean node*



*Outside:*

**March 4, 1789**

**Noon**

**Philly**

I have set the resulting chart for Andrew Jackson at 4:00 am LMT, which is approximate. I like the first house node, giving energy and self-confidence. I also like the 3rd house Mars in Taurus as a source of rather blunt activity. Political leaders, military commanders, need the ability to chop through obstacles, which Mars in the 3rd, especially when it is in Taurus, gives in abundance and which Jackson displayed. South node in the 7th was unlucky for his wife.

**I DO NOT normally bore you** with biwheels, but the synastry between Jackson and the government he fought against, that of March 4, is extraordinary.

Jackson's Sun at 24 Pisces is conjunct March 4 Mercury, at 22 Pisces.

Jackson's Venus, at 10 Aries, is sextile March 4 Moon, at 11 Gemini. Can you say, People love this man?

Jackson's Mars, at 22 Taurus, is square March 4 Venus, at 22 Aquarius. Sex appeal.

Jackson's Saturn, at 13 Gemini, is conjunct March 4 Moon, at 11 Gemini. I fell out of my chair when I saw this. The Moon is the people, Saturn is their leader. This can get messianic very rapidly. There are historical examples that suggest Moon-Saturn can produce very nasty results. Jackson was in office long enough to fall prey to a few of them.

Jackson's Neptune at 3 Virgo squares the March 4 nodes.

Jackson's Jupiter-Moon conjunction, at 17 and 22 Virgo, opposes the March 4 Saturn

(13), Sun (14) and Mercury (22) Pisces. In combination with his Sun, Jackson had a visceral (lunar) understanding of the government and knew what he wanted to do with it. This does not make his actions right – or wrong, but it does make him powerful. As well as endlessly crafty. You do not want a full moon on your case. He will not rest until he has nailed you.

This is the majority of the two charts.

You will want a comparison with the July 4, 1776 chart. Here it is:

Jackson's nodes are opposed to the nodes of 1776. To the degree.

1776 Mars, 22 Gemini, is widely separating from Jackson's Saturn, at 13 Gemini.

1776 Saturn, at 14 Libra, is separating from an opposition to Jackson's Venus, at 10 Aries.

1776 Neptune is conjunct Jackson's Moon, both at 22 Virgo.

1776 Venus and Jupiter, at 3 and 5 Cancer, are square Jackson's Mercury and Venus, at 3 and 10 Aries.

Jackson reacts to both 1776 and 1789 charts, but while 1776 is casual, 1789 is compelling. Your choice.

With a Sun-Moon polarity, Pisces to Virgo, from 2nd to 8th, Andrew Jackson was uniquely qualified to challenge the fundamental nature of the March 4 government, and did so. Mars in Taurus gave him the ability to reduce problems to their fundamentals and then blow them away by brute force. By contrast, Mars in Scorpio is sneaky and you will

not know he has been there until he has doomed you. Mars in Taurus is brutal and obvious.

**T**HE second President is Theodore Roosevelt, who was born on October 27, 1858, in New York. A family member fastidiously documented the event and noted the time of birth as 7:45 pm. Which should be accurate within ten minutes, one way or the other.

The chart is quickly sketched. Jupiter rising gave him a larger-than-life personality, but, curiously, debilitated in Gemini Roosevelt was not known for many purely Geminian traits. By definition Jupiter ruled his 7th house, of his wife. Roosevelt was closely attached to his first wife, Alice, who died of kidney failure two days after the birth of their only child.

Roosevelt's second wife, Edith, had previously been his childhood companion. Which is another way the ruler of the seventh can sneak into the first. Why did he not marry her first? Because Jupiter was retrograde. He overlooked her. Astrology is a simple science.

In his younger days Roosevelt was a student. We immediately look at the chart and find, yes, the expected Sun-Mercury conjunction in Scorpio in the 6th, opposed by the undiscovered Pluto and the very discovered Uranus, both in the 12th, of institutions. Outside but near and in the same sign counts, as I have noted before.

What study was Roosevelt known for? The US naval campaign from the War of 1812. In a mundane chart the 6th house is the military, Scorpio is water with a sting to it (a navy), the opposition to Taurus is war. TR loved the navy. Astrology is a simple science, part 2.

Now for Teddy the dare-devil. Harry Houdini had the Moon in Scorpio in the 8th, with Mars in blunt Taurus in the 2nd. Both Moon and Mars in debility, by the way.

Roosevelt had the Moon in Cancer in the 2nd, with Mars in Capricorn in the 8th, which are both rulership positions. Houdini was a personal dare-devil, risking his physical body (Moon) in the house of death itself (8th).

Roosevelt was the reverse. He takes decisive action to kill things (Mars in 8), all the while keeping his own physical body as safe as can be managed (Moon in 2). Speak softly and carry big sticks, indeed. Like Andrew Jackson, but unlike our other daredevils (Houdini, Knieval, Irwin), Roosevelt died peacefully in bed, and, as with Jackson, with a bullet lodged in his body. With his trusty baseball bat at his side.

Aside from his larger than life Jupiter on

## Theodore Roosevelt

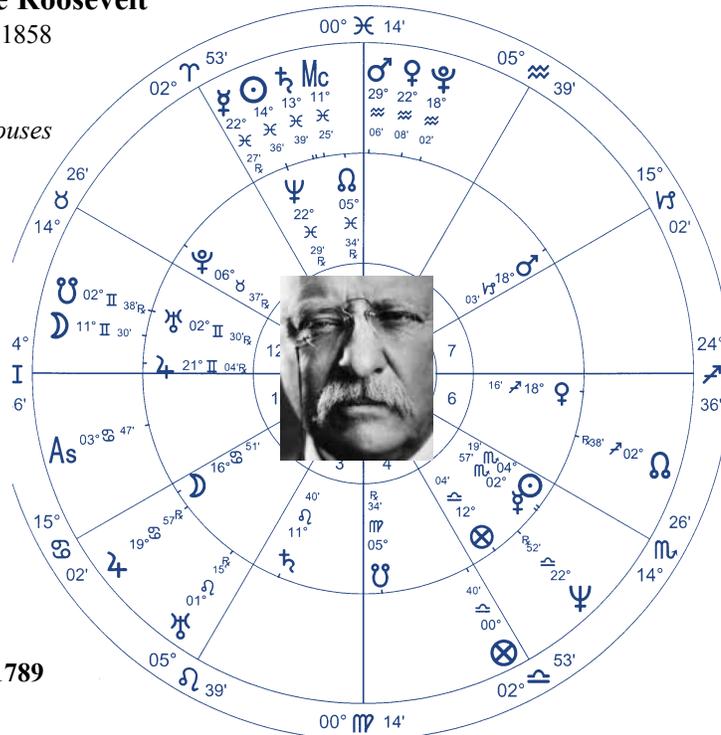
October 27, 1858

7:45 pm

New York

Placidus houses

Mean node



Outside:

March 4, 1789

Noon

Philly

the ascendant, Roosevelt's personality divides into two parts:

The fearless Moon opposite Mars daredevil; and the Sun-Mercury opposite Uranus-Pluto bureaucrat who mastered the Federal government from the inside out.

As governor of New York and then as President, Roosevelt was initially hampered by traditional big-business Republican ideology, but overcame it to be the leader of the Progressive era. Charts with notable oppositions, such as Roosevelt's and Jackson's, frequently overcome many obstacles in life, it is the nature of oppositions to set clear challenges which can be overcome. Squares, by contrast, produce stress which is never resolved and which politicians often used to deceive.

**S**O, noting the raw deal the March 4 government gives the people it rules, the natal charts of Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt tell us that leaders with notable 2nd-8th house polarities are likely to work for the betterment of the citizens of the United States, other factors being equal.

It is especially useful, in a time of prolonged economic crisis, to realize our historical situation. In researching William Jennings Bryan last week, I came across the text of his famous **Cross of Gold** speech, of 1896. Which included the following lines:

There are two ideas of government.

There are those who believe that if you just legislate to make the well-to-do prosperous, that their prosperity will

leak through on those below. The Democratic idea has been that if you legislate to make the masses prosperous their prosperity will find its way up and through every class that rests upon it.

Which, nearly ninety years later, was Ronald Reagan's "Trickle Down" theory.

A few days ago Jesse, of **Jesse's Cafe Americain**, ran the following quote from Rutherford B. Hayes, who had left the Presidency some 15 years before. (He was the Republican who had stolen the office from Samuel Tilden.)

The real difficulty is with the vast wealth and power in the hands of the few and the unscrupulous who represent or control capital. Hundreds of laws of Congress and the state legislatures are in the interest of these men and against the interests of workingmen. These need to be exposed and repealed...

This is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people no longer. It is a government of corporations, by corporations, and for corporations.

If we go back to the very beginning of the country, we note that slavery was used not only to enrich Southern slaveholders, but also to impoverish Northern workers, which is why the anti-slave Republican Party had its origin in Ripon, Wisconsin, not "anti-slave" Bos-

ton or New York, seaports that were rich from hauling Southern cotton to English mills.

The US rapidly industrialized after the Civil War, via a largely immigrant labor force which kept wages down. In 1896 Bryan campaigned for greater coinage of silver specie so that farmers could pay their mortgages. Which is to say the government of the day was failing to produce enough coins to satisfy demand, which resulted in an economy flooded with worthless banknotes, while all early attempts at unionizing were broken up with immigrant labor and militarized police. This is our deep history.

Which is to suggest the post WWII economic boom was an aberration and that, since Ronald Reagan, America has returned to its previous state. Which is this:

**America is a rich country with poor people.** Always has been, and, so long as the March 4, 1789 government stands, will remain so. Which was explicitly given in the mundane text I quoted last week. We are merely grumbling that we find returning to our previous, 19th century poverty to be unpleasant and inconvenient. Well, of course.

For example, there is a great fuss made about our “decaying infrastructure.” The roads, bridges, electric transmission lines, public buildings, national parks, etc., etc., are all running down. Where will we find the money to repair them all?

Answer: We will never find it. We built it half a century ago when we were rich. We are not rich now, and, barring extraordinary circumstances, are unlikely to ever be rich again. Much of our existing infrastructure will be **abandoned**. We will live in ruins. Already **do**.

**T**HE final details. How does TR’s chart compare to the March 4 government?

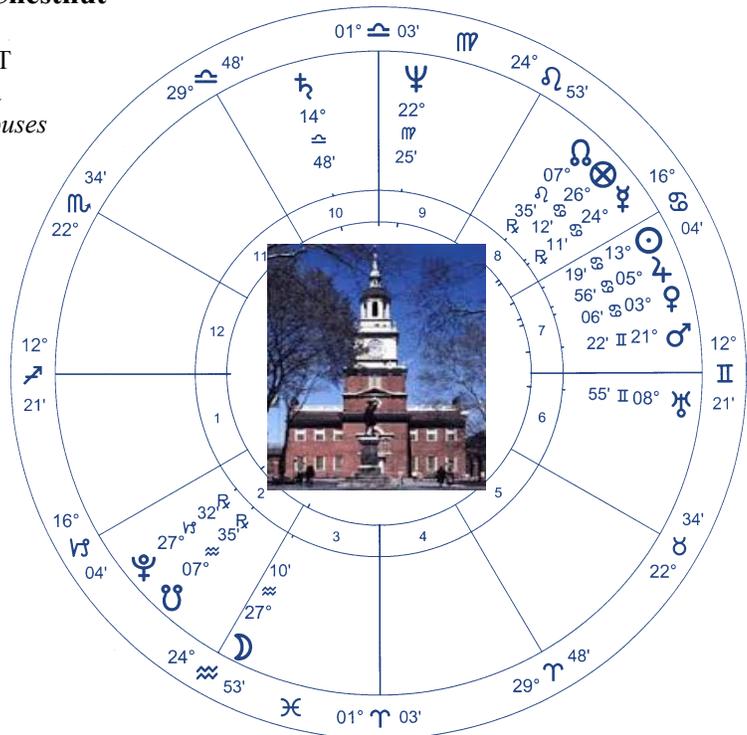
TR’s Jupiter is widely conjunct the March 4 people’s Moon, both in Gemini. When Jupiter is conjunct the people’s Moon, it is not like Saturn conjunct the Moon. Saturn makes for a leader. Jupiter makes for a **big brother**. Someone we admire, someone we want to emulate, but not someone we think of leading us *per se*.

TR’s Jupiter is square March 4’s Saturn, Sun and Mercury; Mercury tightly. This would not be personal to TR, except that he has Jupiter on the ascendant. Both signs mutable, with Jupiter ruling Pisces, Roosevelt felt the Federal government was something he could tinker with, experiment on. Results would not be final, but the effort would be of interest.

Roosevelt’s Moon at 17 Cancer, was conjunct March 4 Jupiter, at 20 Cancer. TR found it easy to associate with Americans, he tried to act in the best interests of all. Don’t take

## The Old Chestnut

July 4, 1776  
5:10 pm LMT  
Philadelphia  
Placidus houses  
Mean node



my word for it. Go consult a good book on synastry. Like **Davidson’s**.

Staying with Roosevelt’s Moon, we find it to be trine to March 4’s Saturn, Sun and Mercury. Which meant he found it easy to manage the government, that it was instinctive (Moon), that his hunches (water signs) were usually right. Which greatly reduces the stress of ruling.

TR’s Saturn, at 11 Leo, was widely opposed to March 4 Pluto (18 Aquarius) and Venus (22 Aquarius). These are unpleasant, but the orb is wide.

TR’s node is at 5 Pisces, in the same sign as March 4’s Saturn-Sun-Mercury, which gives him a vague feeling of being at home in Washington. This is minor.

Also minor was TR’s Sun-Mercury conjunction in early Scorpio. With his Moon and Neptune, there is a weak grand trine in water signs with the US Sun-Saturn-Mercury.

TR’s Venus, at 18 Sag, was sextile March 4 Pluto, as well as square to Saturn-Sun-Mercury. Charles Carter says Venus does best in hard aspects. In conjunction with TR’s Jupiter (opposite), Roosevelt cared for the government he was entrusted to lead and was challenged to do his best.

TR’s Mars at 18 Capricorn was sextile Saturn-Sun-Mercury, which made it easy for him to bend the government to his will, but that same Mars was opposite March 4 Jupiter, which can result in over stimulation and way too much of a good thing. Which was

certainly true of his time in office: One unending whirlwind of activity.

TR also had numerous hits to the 1776 chart, among them:

TR’s Jupiter conjunct 1776 Mars.

TR’s Moon conjunct 1776 Sun.

TR’s Mercury-Sun trine 1776 Venus-Jupiter.

TR’s Mars opposite the 1776 Sun-Mercury midpoint.

TR’s Mars square 1776 Saturn.

Notably absent were any aspects from TR’s chart to the 1776 people’s Moon, at 27 Aquarius. I don’t think you can be a popular leader if your chart does not somehow connect with the nation’s Moon, and if we have a national chart with a Moon which does not connect to its leaders, we have **the wrong national chart**.

**L**OOKING at both 1789 and 1776 charts, the 1776 Declaration chart is surprisingly flabby and, if you take the late afternoon times with the resulting 7th house emphasis, clearly a plea for help. 1776 does not show a strong, independent government. 1789 does. While I find the government it represents to be odious, it is a pleasure to work with a good, strong chart.