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## This week's Russo-Sino Summit

**T**HIS week, leaders of Russia and China are meeting and are expected to announce various trade agreements. It is expected that Iran and India will shortly be in their orbit. For those who have not been paying attention, for the past decade the Chinese have been making deals around the world. The deal with Russia will be one of the biggest yet.

Of particular interest, I have heard of recent Saudi-Iran meetings. Why are the Saudis suddenly important? Consider: Shanghai is emerging as a new financial center. US/European economies are sinking. The US is becoming energy independent due to widespread fracking, and, finally, US military adventurism abroad has turned us into a loose canon.

The upshot is the Saudis need to find a new way of pricing their oil and they need to do it before Russia and China set it for them, and certainly before the next – unavoidable – New-York-generated financial crisis. Energy independence means the Saudis can no longer dictate US policy by manipulating the price

at the pump. (The Saudis have not been pleased with our recent activities.) Hence the sudden Saudi-Iranian overtures. It goes without saying that if Saudi Arabia abandons the petrodollar, the US economy disappears in an instant, as it will be the end of the US dollar as the world's reserve currency. I saw the outlines of this last week but the situation, it seems to me, is even more grave, for Americans at least, than the writers knew, as the Saudis have a gun to their heads.

Previously, both Saddam Hussein, in Iraq, and Muammar Gaddafi, in Libya, had tried to abandon the petrodollar. It is believed by many the US overthrew those governments for this reason alone. Would the US attack the Saudis for the same sin? The Saudis are energy superpowers by comparison to the other two countries, while the pressure to abandon the dollar is greater now than ever before.

**W**HICH means we should look at the Saudi national chart. Well, first problem, there really isn't a chart for Saudi Arabia, since they have never really had a government. They are ruled by the fiat of whatever son or grandson of the founder, **Ibn Saud**, happens *(continued, pg. 8)*

## ASTRO A to Z MED

**Artistic Taste and Ability**, see under separate branches of art, but artistic ability in a general sense is an outcome of the Venus influence. Taurus inclines mainly to colour and sound, Venus to language and form, as in architecture and sculpture. Spica Virginis, the fixed star at 22° Libra, seems to confer some artistic ability. Moon in Pisces is common (Michael Angelo, Schubert, Handel).

**Asceticism**, see **Abstemiousness**, but where there is rigid self denial, the 5th house will probably be heavily affected by Saturn, not necessarily adversely. Scorpio may also be prominent. See the horoscope of **Gandhi** published in *Modern Astrology*, May 1924.

**Bandy Legs** are for some reason especially frequent in natives of Scorpio. Jupiter in this sign square planets in Aquarius seems particularly prone to cause them.

—from **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by Charles Carter. **Buy.**

### ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

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## Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

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**PRIMA HYADUM** *gamma Tauri* 6 ♀ 00

**Notes:** The Hyades consist of six stars situated on the forehead of the Bull and marking the northern eye.

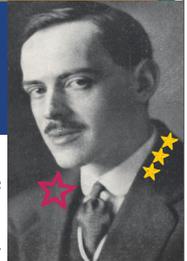
**Influence:** According to Ptolemy they are of the nature of Saturn and Mercury. They give tears, sudden events, violence, fierceness, poisoning, blindness, wounds or injuries to the head by instruments, weapons or fevers, and contradictions of fortune.

**If rising:** Blindness, bad eyes, injuries to the face, wounds, stabs, imprisonment

**If culminating:** Disgrace, ruin, violent death.

**If rising or culminating** with luminaries, make their natives military captains, commanders, colonels of horse and emperors.

**With Sun:** Evil disposition, disturbed mind, failure in study, muddled thinking, misfortune, murderer or murdered, death by blows . . . —from **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**



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1893-1990



# IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

## The Twelfth House

**P**LANETS in the 12th House at birth give habitual disappointment in life, the more so if malefic & slow-moving. When aspected unfavorably by planets elsewhere, they time disappointment, denial, grief or misfortune in life, often a degree of seclusion or withdrawal from others & necessity to be alone.

When there is no planet in the 12th at birth & the ruler of the Sign on the 12th is not afflicted by a malefic, the native faces all disappointments in life without complaint, because he turns to the other side of the 12th House: submission to karmic lessons based on cause & effect, willing obedience to spiritual laws, unquestioning faith & trust and innate awareness of the logic in those two adages: "What can't be cured must be endured" & "The tree that bends doesn't break." Even though there may be a planet in the 12th or the ruler may be in a bad aspect to a malefic, if it is a fast-moving planet it will move out of the house or out of the aspect in time & so shorten the period of disappointment. Also, future aspects to it will more likely register for a shorter time than otherwise. In mutual reception (two planets in each other's Sign) there may be danger of misfortune when afflicted by progressions but the native can step out of the way.

In the course of the average lifetime there will be planets in the 12th House by progression – even though only the Moon as she progresses through all the houses at least twice – and at such times many 12th House effects will register, deeply or not as the case may be. — **All Over The Earth Astrologically**—Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson, 1963. **Buy.**

## March 4, 1789 and elections: Who Wins?

### THE STORY SO FAR

**T**WO weeks ago I stumbled onto March 4, 1789, as the official start of the current government of the United States. This date had not previously been thought to be noteworthy as the initial government was not deemed "complete" until George Washington had been sworn in as the first President on April 30, around 12:40 pm, in New York.

When I saw March 4, I immediately sat up. A couple of years ago I had blundered and presumed Franklin Roosevelt's first inaugural, as the last President to take the oath in March, had taken place on March 21. I was corrected by a reader. Inaugurals had been on March 4th. The date stuck with me.

From my work last year, I also knew the legal day has always begun, and ended, at **noon**, not midnight. Presidential inaugurals have always take place, by law, at **noon** on the day. No other time.

Putting these together, I realized the **Federal government had officially begun at noon on March 4, 1789** and that I could confidently set a chart and read it with intent.

I was astonished the resulting chart, set for a random day in March, had an exact Sun-Saturn conjunction, that they were conjunct the midheaven (by definition), that Cancer, the sign of the people, was rising, and that the Moon, the planet of the people, was in tight square to the Sun-Saturn conjunction.

All of which screamed "astrologically elected chart!"

Searching through Campion, I found the Congress of Confederation had accepted the new Constitution on July 2, 1788, and that on September 13, 1788, they named March 4, 1789, as the day when things would start. Only an astrologer would have picked a quirky date like that, and only an astrologer would have picked one that far in advance.

So far as the question, Were the Founding Fathers astrologers?, the answer is no. They were Masons, which means astrology was one of a variety of tools at their disposal, one they would have used whenever they could, by the way. And which they had clearly not used with the Declaration, which increasingly appears to have been a panicked (botched) job. (Abe Lincoln liked it.)

As to the identity of the astrologer, Kate P suggested Benjamin Franklin. Who had ear-

lier been an almanac maker, which is to imply he knew his way around a chart.

Without astrological guidance, bureaucrats will pick a date 30, 60, or 90 days in the future, or the first of the next year, or if the date had to be in March (this is a stretch) March 25. Which, up to the English calendar reform of 1752, had been the first day of the New Year. For old time's sake, maybe.

The March 4, 1789 chart was so strongly executive-friendly and people-bashing, that I was immediately curious about the few genuinely popular Presidents in our history. **Last week** I picked two of them, Andy Jackson and Ted Roosevelt, and discovered, again to my astonishment, that both men had numerous aspects that tied their charts to the 1789 chart. In particular, to the March 4 Moon, at 11 Gemini. This was unexpected.

### THIS WEEK BUSH VS: GORE

**T**HIS week I am curious. In a Presidential election, **does the candidate with the better aspects to the March 4 chart invariably win?** Let's look at some elections and find out. While I should start with the last election (2012) or the last election when there was no incumbent (2008), Obama has never quite smelled right, so will set him aside. (Born in Chicago. Not Hawaii nor Kenya.)

### 2000 ELECTION

George W. Bush was born on July 6, 1946, 7:26 am EDT, at New Haven, CT. Leo rises, ruling planet Sun is found in Cancer in the 12th. I did not know until I delineated Lincoln's chart, but **12th house placements make for bureaucrats and apparatchiks.** A 12th house chart ruler, combined with Saturn in the same sign, makes for someone who can use the government for his own purposes.

The ruler's Sun in Cancer, someone who takes his job personally ("I'm the decider") and who may use the government to settle family matters (get revenge for an alleged attempt on his daddy's life). For your further amusement, note the Libra 4th house cusp (daddy) is ruled by Venus in Leo in the 1st, which is ruled by the Sun itself. For Junior, avenging his daddy was personal and immediate as well as a matter of pride, as Venus is in proud Leo as well as exposed in the 1st.

The synastry with March 4 is fairly good: 1789 Moon at 11 Gemini is applying to

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Part 69:

## Character and Mind

continued:—

**PISCES.** Kind, romantic, vacillating, very imaginative, psychic, rather muddled, fond of good living, generous, emotional, very talkative, fond of animals, fond of sensationalism.

**Neptune,** sympathetic, peculiar ideas. **Uranus,** fanciful, despondent. **Saturn,** indecisive, lack of hope and courage, sensitive. **Jupiter,** hospitable, philanthropic. **Mars,** satirical, humane, receptive, passionate, timid and bold alternately. **Sun,** hospitable, restless, changeable, lack of initiative, arrogant. **Venus,** hospitable, sympathetic, impressionable, philanthropic, obstinate. **Mercury,** superficial, imitative, too receptive, muddled, little depth. **Moon,** dreamy, inconstant, quiet, easy going, restless, retiring, easily discouraged, lacks common sense or humor, intemperate.

The general influence of the planets is as follows:

**SUN.** Dignified, proud, confident honourable, arrogant, egotistical.

**MOON.** Ambitious, changeable, receptive, imaginative, romantic, sentimental, fond of novelty. Rising in Aries and afflicting Mercury, liar. Afflicted by Venus, untidy, and slovenly.

**MERCURY.** Active, energetic, clever, quick, alert, nimble, cunning, talkative. Takes on the nature of planet in nearest aspect. Aspecting Moon, good at languages. Afflicted by Mars, quick mind but contentious & sarcastic. If in Pisces angular and afflicted by Mars or Sun, fanatic. In good aspect with Jupiter, good judgment. If afflicted by Jupiter, hypocrisy & deceit. If conjunct Saturn, depth of mind. If opposite Moon in angles stupid. If retrograde or combust in Taurus or Capricorn in 6th, 8th or 12th, not aspecting Moon or lord of Asc., simple & rude mind.

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

## Classifications of the Signs of the Zodiac

from The Book of Instructions  
by Al Biruni

**VOICED AND VOICELESS.** Gemini, Virgo and Libra are loud-voiced, of these Gemini is capable of speech; Aries, Taurus and Leo are half-voiced, Capricorn and Aquarius are weak-voiced, while Cancer, Scorpius and Pisces are voiceless. Knowledge as to voice and speech is essential as to whether in a difficulty indications in these signs are harmful or the reverse.

**FERTILE AND BARREN.** Indications of the signs as to families. The watery signs Cancer, Scorpius, Pisces and the hinder half of Capricorn favour large families; Aries, Taurus, Libra, Sagittarius and Aquarius small ones, while the first part of Taurus, Leo, Virgo and the first part of Capricorn indicate sterility. The production of twins is specially in charge of Gemini, but also is favoured by Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces, and sometimes by Aries and Libra and the last part of Capricorn. (The fore part of Capricorn and Scorpius indicate hermaphroditism.) In consequence of what we have said Aries and Libra are described as being of two natures, as are also Capricorn and Sagittarius. Virgo is called mistress of three forms, and Gemini as many-faced, because they denote not only twins but three or more children.

**RELATION TO MARRIAGE.** With regard to marriage, Aries, Taurus, Leo, Capricorn indicate eagerness therefor, for Libra and Sagittarius much the same can be said. With regard to the conduct of women, Taurus, Leo, Scorpius and Aquarius denote reserve and abstinence; Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn corruption and bad conduct, while Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces denote a mean in this regard; of the four Virgo is the most virtuous.

**DARK AND ANXIOUS SIGNS.** Leo, Scorpius and Capricorn are dark and anxious, and there is a suspicion of trouble in Virgo and Libra.

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## Charting the Question

from Horary Astrology, The Art of Astrological Divination,  
by Derek Appleby

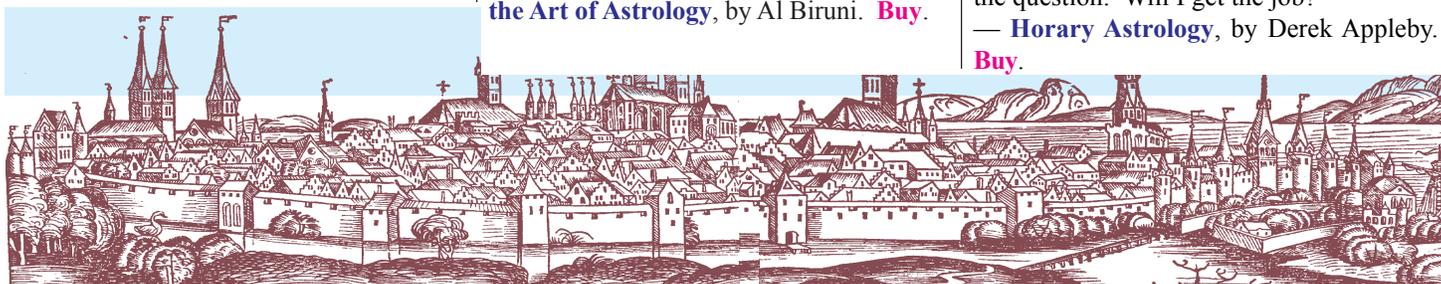
**Q**UITE simply, horary astrology is the art of astrological divination. A question is posed; the astrologer erects a chart for the moment of the question, and then makes a judgement as to the likely outcome of the matter enquired about. Each horary case is a unique challenge. When a question is put in good faith, and the chart conforms to certain conditions so that it is able to be judged, the answer to the question is locked up in the chart somewhere. The astrologer must employ all his skill, all his intuition and imagination, in breaking the code of the heavens and making a judgement. Sometimes the answer is a clear yes or no, but often the matter requires much consideration and concentration before the astrologer feels able to pronounce, if at all; for the heavens hide their secrets with extreme cunning.

### Time and Location

When a question is received by the astrologer, his first task is to draw up a chart for the moment the question was posed. The method used for setting up a horary chart for the birth of a question is the same as for any other birth moment, apart from a few adjustments concerning time and location.

Figure 1 is the chart for a question I asked myself. (One may act as one's own astrologer.) At the time, I was working for a large brewery and was not happy. A friend had recently begun working for another brewery and she seemed very happy. I asked her to tell me if she heard of a vacancy within her company that might suit me. Shortly afterwards she telephoned to say that an internal advertisement had been issued for the sort of job I was looking for. I was most interested, but I did not feel able to reply to an internal advertisement. However, I decided to ask the question: Will I get the job?

— Horary Astrology, by Derek Appleby. **Buy.**



George's Uranus-Node conjunction, indicating he would appear and disappear quickly. 1789 Jupiter at 20 Cancer is midway between George's Sun and Saturn, which is good. George's Sun-Saturn is trine 1789 Saturn-Sun-Mercury, and as the signs are watery, his gut feelings will do fine. No need for intellectuals in the Bush White House.

Bush Mars, at 9 Virgo, is opposite 1789 Saturn, but the orb is 4 degrees. Bush Mercury, Pluto and Venus oppose 1789 Pluto, Venus and Mars, but as the exact degrees are glancing and as the three 1789 planets are cadent, while George's are angular, we do not get the full effect until he is in office. Whereupon we find he does not like our philosophy or religion and that the man is quite unlovable (Venus-Venus opposed).

On a mundane level, George's Sun is in the same house as the 1789 Moon. He can pose as a daddy figure. Also note George's Mars in his 2nd. When we are attacked (Mars), George's solution is to tell us to go shopping (!), which is second house.

Now for the man he defeated.

**A** **L Gore was born on** March 31, 1948, at 12:53 pm, in Washington, DC. As with George, Leo rises. We find the Sun, the chart ruler, in Aries in the 9th. Which, as we have since discovered, is a bookish aggressiveness, in keeping with the ruler's sign and house.

So far as the increasingly important 1789 Moon at 11 Gemini, we find Gore's Uranus at 22 Gemini, a degree further out than George's. Critically, we find AI's Moon at 3 Capricorn, *opposing* the 1789 Moon. Just to keep you centered, here is **Davison** on adverse aspects, Moon to Moon:

The unfavorable aspects suggest conflicting habit patterns and a failure to appreciate each other's instinctive reactions to a problem situation. [Can you say, *disputed election?* — Dave] There may be an instinctive dislike of some of the partner's personality traits.

Elsewhere, Gore's Sun, at 10 Aries, is tightly sextile 1789 Moon at 11 Gemini, but, both planets cadent in their charts, AI doesn't get credit for it. Gore's Mercury, at 17 Pisces, is mid-way between 1789's Sun and Saturn, but, cadent by house, Gore again got little credit for it — and remember, Mercury by itself is not a lot to rely upon.

Most critically, Gore's Pluto, Saturn and Mars oppose 1789 Pluto, Leo to Aquarius. Mars opposes exactly and as these three are angular in Gore's chart, Gore inadvertently highlighted a certain nasty streak in the Fed-

## US Government

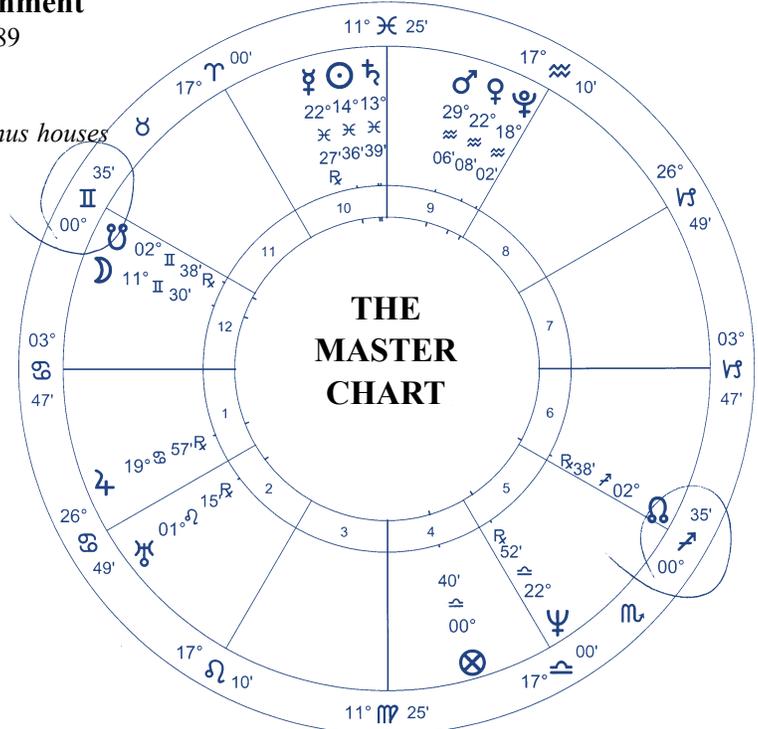
March 4, 1789

Noon

Philly

Regiomontanus houses

Mean node



eral chart that no one wants to deal with. Using house-to-house synastry, the 1789 Aquarius relocates to Gore's 7th house, while Gore's Leo relocates to 1789's 3rd house. Which tells me that while George W. Bush could freely chose to be a war president and attack the world at random, Albert Gore would have blundered us into a real war with a real enemy. Was war unavoidable?

Overall? It was not even close. **The man**

**who was better connected to 1789 won.** In particular, with the 1789 Moon.

Well, okay. How about something hard? How about a non-incumbent election where *both* candidates won? I give you:

## 1960: Kennedy vs: Nixon

**J** **OH**N Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917, at 3:00 pm (EST), in Brookline, Mass. And you're already ahead of me. You have run to the chart and found

## George W. Bush

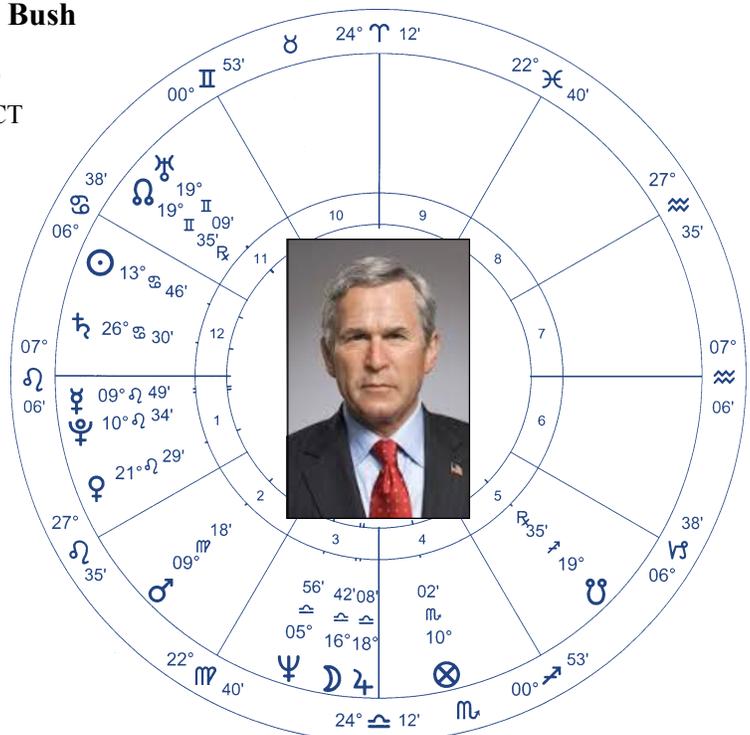
July 6, 1946

7:26 am EDT

New Haven CT

Placidus

Mean node



Kennedy's Sun at 8 Gemini and his Venus just shy of 17 Gemini and have already anointed him the victor. Before we do that, we should note a few other details:

Kennedy's Pluto was exactly conjunct the 1789 ascendant: Cuban missile crisis, Bay of Pigs, Vietnam, and, ultimately, Dallas. The man was unexpectedly dangerous to the country, and the country was dangerous to him.

Kennedy's Mercury and Mars were square to 1789's Pluto and Venus. Which is another aspect of power and stress, as well as, love of power for its own sake. Mars in Taurus, Kennedy, like Andrew Jackson before him, would tend to be a blunt force. And, like Jackson, you could see him coming a mile away. Unlike Jackson, Kennedy grew up a spoiled rich kid, tempered to some extent by WWII. Jackson was battle-hardened.

Most tellingly, Kennedy's Moon, at 17 Virgo, was opposite 1789 Saturn-Sun. Kennedy was probably not the first outsider we've had as a President. We hoped he would be that breath of fresh air, that he would propose radical new things, that he would open things up that had long been closed.

Kennedy had in fact campaigned on the need for the US to be militarily superior to the Soviet Union (which we already were: He and everyone knew it), but once in office he found his Moon, realized the Federal government was a monster and sought to change things.

Only to have that government murder him (as well as his younger brother, Robert), as Oswald-the-culprit was always absurd on the face of it. (Professional assassins do not use long-range weapons on distant targets of high value that are moving away from them, as failure will be fatal. They use brutish, nasty weapons at point-blank range, ensuring success.)

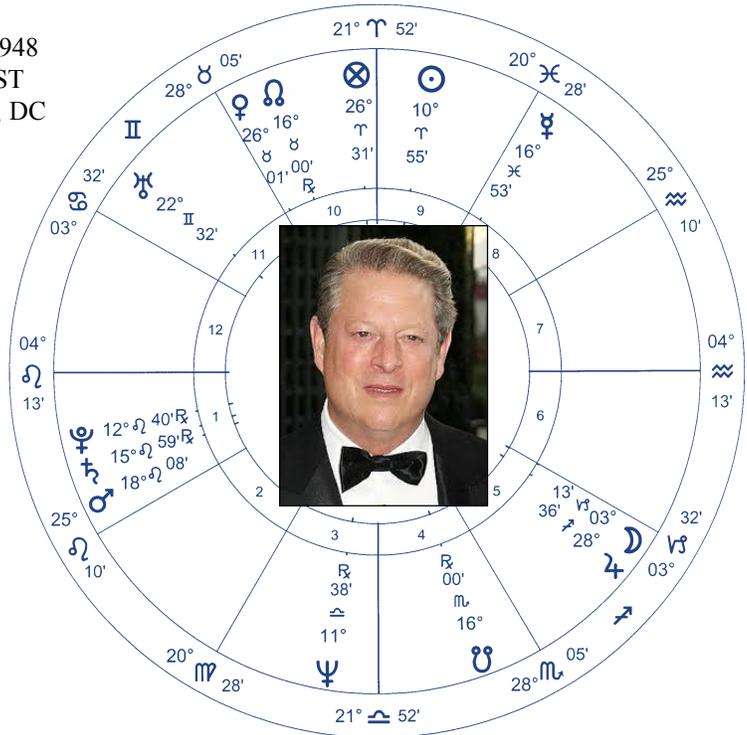
In office, Kennedy was not helped by the sheer speed and acuteness of hearing that Geminis normally possess. He ran far ahead of common sense and paid the price.

Elsewhere you will hear that those with Mars in the 8th often end up prematurely dead. Which is not always true. Why was Kennedy not spared? Look to his Moon, in practical, detailed Virgo. It's in trine to Mercury-Mars, lulling them both to sleep while in a dangerous position. If the Moon had been in *square*, the tension would have kept him on his toes.

**R**ICHARD Nixon, by contrast, had little in common with the 1789 chart. The March 4th Saturn and Sun fell on his 7th house, which made Washington his partner. Immediately we look to the ruler of the 7th, Jupiter, which we find in the vicinity of the 5th house cusp. Which is to say Nixon found the government both creative

### Al Gore

March 31, 1948  
12:53 pm EST  
Washington, DC  
*Placidus*  
*Mean node*



and childish. As the 5th is also entertainment, you will remember that Nixon was the first President to be packaged by the media, in other words, sold as a star.

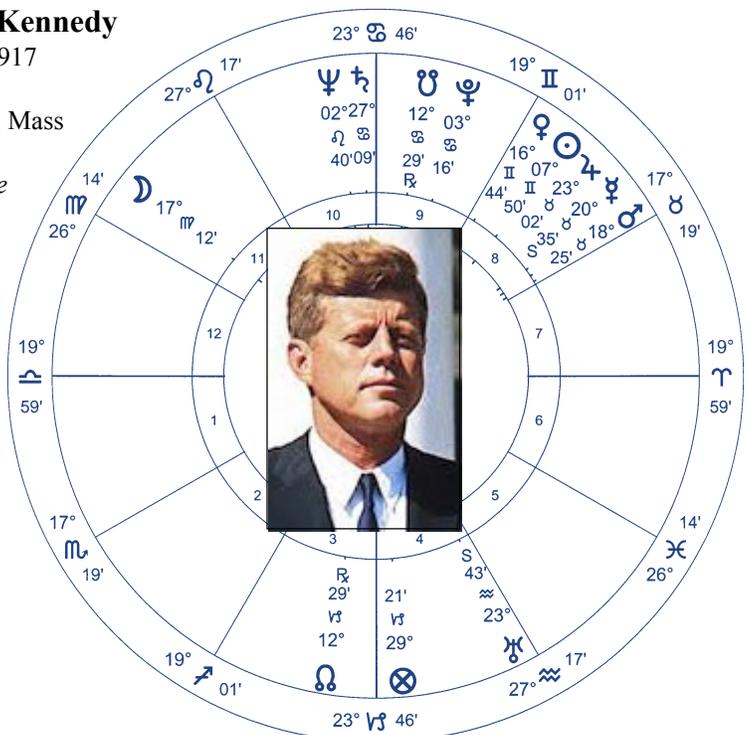
Nixon's Moon, at 20 Aquarius, was conjunct 1789 Pluto and Venus. Nixon understood raw American power and what he could do with it. Unlike Kennedy, who was killed by the government he tried to lead, Nixon was able to wrap the government around his

finger and do a *volte-face* with Red China, as it was known at the time. Nixon himself was largely responsible for previous US hostility to China, from his work in the late 1940's.

The 1789 Moon fell near Nixon's mid-heaven, and as the sign is mobile Gemini, the question becomes, where did he want to take us? This rapidly develops into, Why Nixon? Well, Why Washington? Why Lincoln? Why Franklin Roosevelt? All of whom

### John F. Kennedy

May 29, 1917  
3:00 pm  
Brookline, Mass  
*Placidus*  
*Mean node*



were hired to establish (Washington) or to save us from a genuine revolution and who were discarded when their work was done.

In Nixon's case, it would seem that America eventually wanted a divorce (our Saturn-Sun on his 7th) and did so. All the while wishing we had Kennedy. Note Kennedy's Moon, at 17 Virgo, fell exactly on Dick's ascendant. Kennedy haunted him.

Which implies that Hubert Humphrey, the Democratic candidate who ran against Nixon in 1968, had an even worse synastry with 1789, but that will have to wait. I have one more treat for this week:

**THE 2016 ELECTION**

**B**ACK on April 22 I introduced the next President of the United States and then two weeks later discovered the 1789 chart. So do I still think Jeb Bush will be the man? Let's have a look.

The June-July issue of TMA has just arrived, with Jeb Bush's chart on pg. 67. Bush was born February 11, 1953, at 8:50 pm, in Midland, TX. Of his chart, little relates to 11 Gemini, the US Moon. Jeb's nodes are trine and sextile to it, which is weak. His midheaven is 23 Gemini, which is a wide orb.

As for placements in Pisces, there is Mercury, at 0 Pisces, as well as the 7th house cusp. This looks like a tepid replay of Nixon's chart, no?

Jeb's Uranus, at 15 Cancer, and his Jupiter, at 13 Taurus, are trine and sextile to the 1789 Saturn-Pluto, but these are weak aspects and not personal planets.

Jeb's Sun, at 23 Aquarius, is conjunct 1789 Venus, at 22. He certainly likes us, but he comes with baggage: A very exact Pluto opposition, at 22 Leo. As this is also opposite our own Pluto, at 18 Aquarius, Jeb Bush could be President if there was no better choice. I now have a hard time seeing him in the White House otherwise.

**T**O my surprise, TMA gives two charts for Hillary Clinton: One at 8:02 am, the other at 8:00 pm. The two charts are similar, in that one has Mercury in Scorpio on the ascendant, while the other has 29 Gemini rising, ruled by Mercury. I have traditionally used the 8 am chart, but I haven't the time or the need to sort that out at the moment.

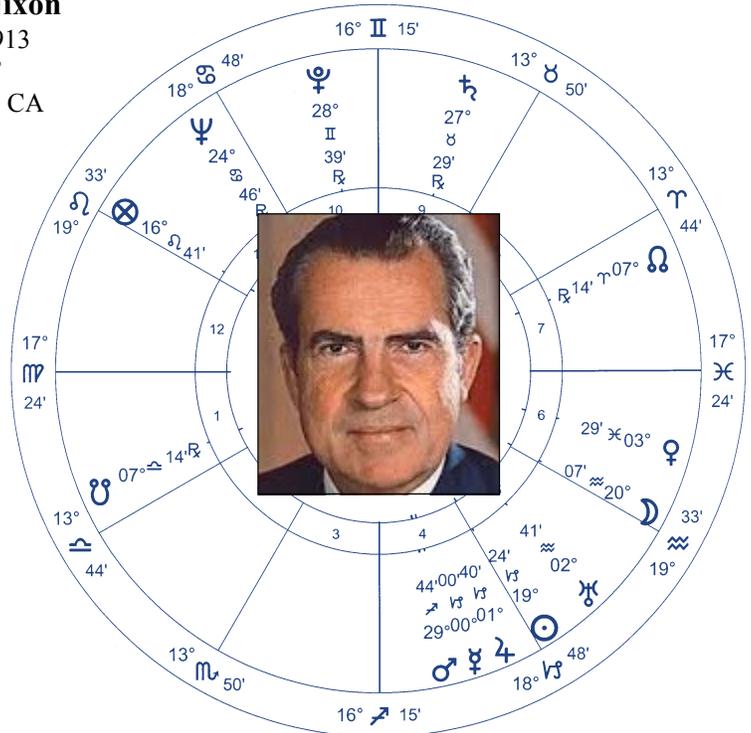
In Gemini, Hillary has only Uranus, at 26, which is very wide. In Pisces, Hill has only the Moon, which is either at 22 or 29. If at 29 it is void. Her success in life would seem to make a void Moon unlikely.

In Cancer, which is the 1789 ascendant, Hill has nothing.

Opposite the US Pluto-Venus-Mars in

**Richard Nixon**

January 9, 1913  
9:35 pm PST  
Yorba Linda, CA  
Placidus  
Mean node



Aquarius, Hillary Clinton has Mars-Pluto-Saturn in Leo. She would be extremely dangerous as a President, but as her chart lacks any good connection to March 4, 1789, she will never be. Sorry.

So who will be the next President? Surprise, surprise:

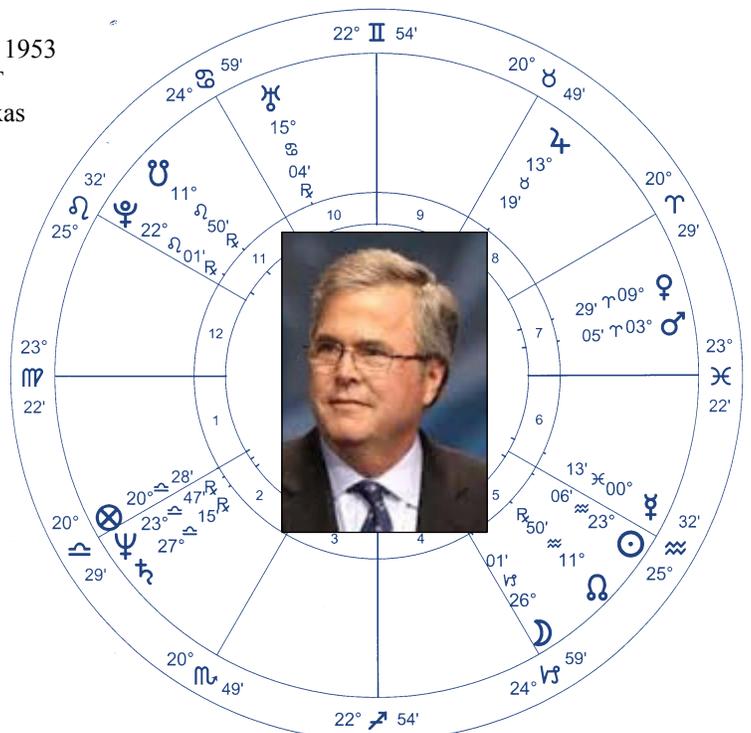
**I**f he wants it, **Rand Paul**. He was born on January 7, 1963, in Pittsburgh, PA, time unknown. Wiki notes he wears

hearing aids in both ears, which is to say that he became deaf as an adult (not as a child), as hearing aids indicate he cannot lip read. Which children learn, but adults rarely do.

Robson and Carter give deafness as Mercury in or ruling 6 or 12, afflicted by Uranus or Saturn. Paul has Saturn and Mercury conjunct in Aquarius, which Saturn rules, which Mercury does not quite. Put them in the 6th house, Virgo will rise,

**Jeb Bush**

February 11, 1953  
8:50 pm CST  
Midland, Texas  
Placidus  
Mean node



with Uranus tight on the ascendant itself. The time would be 8:50 pm.

The resulting chart puts Paul's Moon at 23 Gemini. **Bingo.** Why is the 1789 Moon so critical? Because *we want to believe* what they say. It's *instinctive*. But **Moon in Gemini will never tell the plain truth.** It will always fib. Moon in Gemini are campaign promises that have never been kept and never will be. Yet like Gemini fools, we forget the past and always hope for the future. Does Gemini lie? Yes. *It lies to itself.*

Paul's Jupiter is at 10 Pisces, conjunct the 1789 midheaven, as well as its Saturn-Sun. Another bingo.

Paul's Pluto is at 12 Virgo, retrograde. Opposite 1789 Saturn-Sun. A sign that he will be a dangerous President. And another bingo.

Paul's Sun is at 17 Capricorn. Opposite the 1789 Jupiter, at 20 Cancer. Bingo.

Paul's Mars is at 23 Leo, opposite 1789 Venus, which is the man your mother warned you about. (And did you listen? Of course not!) Bingo.

Paul's Mars is also at the midpoint of 1789's Pluto-Mars conjunction. Which is bingo yet again.

By contrast to Hill and Jeb, Paul will waltz into the White House. Make astrology pay! Make some easy money. Get your bets in now, while the odds are most in your favor.

**W**ITH his Moon as a powerful lure, Rand Paul's placements in Leo and Virgo would make him a deeply divisive President, but he can have the job if he wants it. It looks increasingly like he does. And as Jeremy Clarkson says, *On that bombshell it is time to end . . .*

## Hillary Clinton

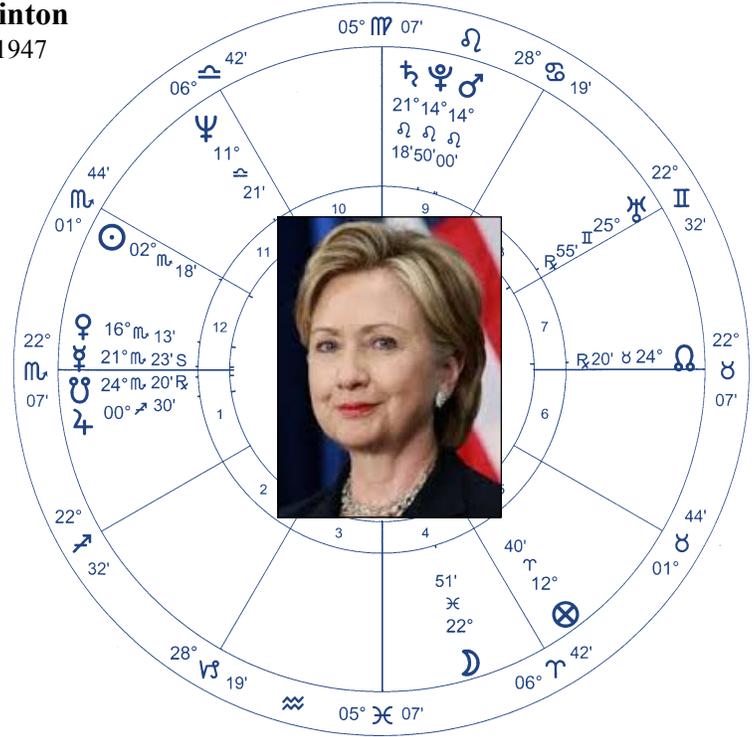
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## Rand Paul

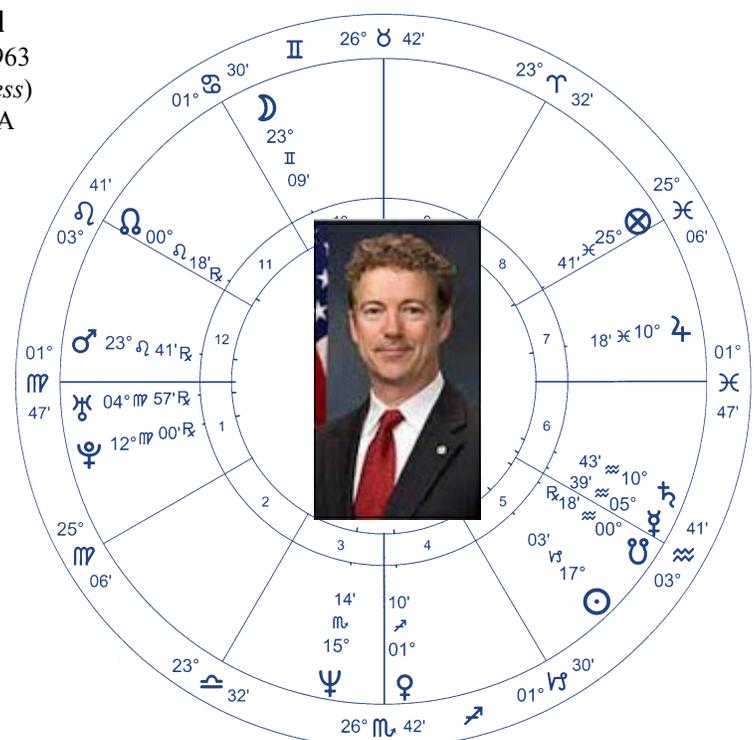
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Mean node



to be in power at the moment. So we must look at Ibn Saud's chart.

Ibn Saud did not found Saudi Arabia so much as restore his family's control over the peninsula. He was born, best we can tell, on August 14, 1876. He may or may not have been born in Riyadh (desert Arabs are particular about their privacy). The date in question has a very tight Uranus-Mars-Sun conjunction in Leo, and an equally tight Jupiter-Pluto opposition, Scorpio to Taurus. Both befitting a conqueror.

Of immediate interest, Ibn Saud had his Moon in Gemini. (See the essay on [pg. 2](#) for more on this remarkable placement.) In effect, Ibn Saud's Moon in Gemini greased the skids for the subsequent US-Saudi relationship, which began with his meeting with Franklin Roosevelt in early 1945.

On the other hand, Ibn Saud's Uranus-Mars-Sun conjunction in Leo tightly opposes the US/March 4, 1789 Pluto-Venus-Mars conjunction in Aquarius. Combine this with favorable lunar contacts and we realize the US-Saudi friendship was always a marriage of convenience. And yes, the March 4, 1789 noon start to the current Federal government seems to work just as well with international relationships as it does with Presidential candidates. I dare you to find me a better chart.

Given that Saturn is squaring major factors in both the Saudi and American charts at the moment, it now appears the US-Saudi relationship is rapidly drawing to a close. If I can figure out the Saudis have a gun to their head, I can only imagine what the crafty Chinese are whispering to them.

One [blog](#) I read suggests the Chinese may set a new arbitrary value to gold at \$10,000 an ounce. (Gold is presently \$1300 an ounce.) From feverish buying over the past two years, China now has a great deal of gold – several thousands of tons, while the vaults in New York are so empty the US needs eight years to return 674 tons to Germany, its rightful owner. Which is 84 tons a year. In the first year of the program, we managed to return [just 5](#). This gold is, or was, German property. The Fed was only storing it.

Note that the price of gold, in dollars, when inverted, is the price of dollars in gold. Increasing the value of gold by a factor of nearly 8 (do the math) reduces the value of the dollar by a precisely equal amount. Go to WalMart, the home of Chinese imports.

## Ibn Saud

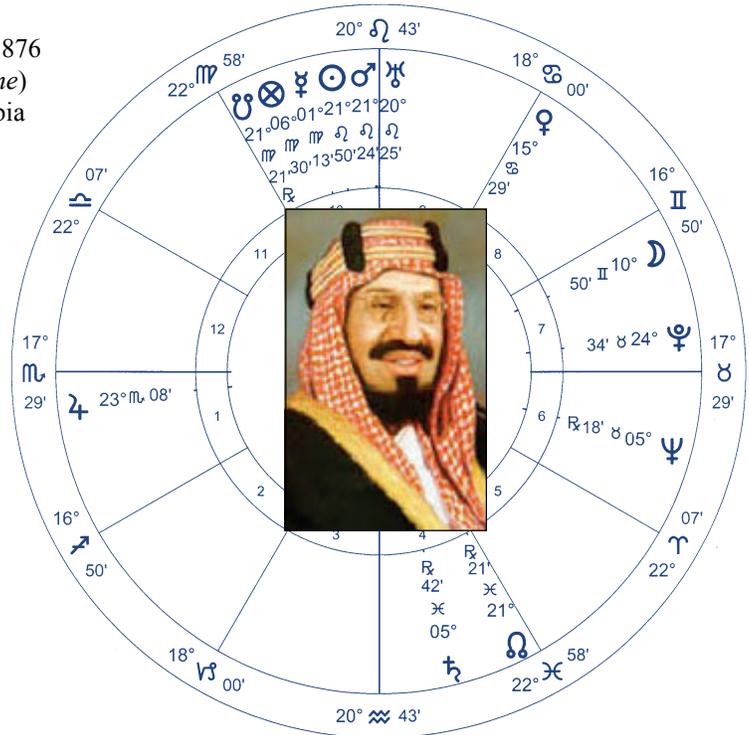
August 14, 1876

Noon (no time)

Riyadh, Arabia

Placidus

Mean node



Find the cheapest thing on the shelf. Multiply its price times 8. Can you afford that? Do you see the scale of the problem, the depth of the trap in front of us?

**E**FFECTIVE US leadership, instead of dwelling on fantasies of power projection, would anticipate problems like this and protect us from them. At the very least, help us to adjust to life's unavoidable little changes. What would those changes be? I know a few of them.

From being the world's customer, buying what we want from whom we want, America will become the world's sweatshop, and in only a year or two at the most. In a free-trade world with no tariffs, it will be a very long time before anyone could possibly underprice us. Sweatshops are miserable, degrading places that pay sub-human wages, but there are still a few among us who know how to unionize. Which means we have exciting times ahead. **Das Kapital**, anyone?

It seems we may no longer have money for the Pentagon. Paradoxically the US weapons industry may boom, at least initially. Well, of course. Prices for US weaponry, the best in the world, will suddenly be 1/8th of what it had been. Cheap enough for any petty thug or bored billionaire to own a submarine or a fleet of drones.

Which, as I think of it, was what happened to the Soviet military after the Soviet Union went bust. It was sold on the cheap. A lot of it was abandoned.

Which poses the question, What will the Saudis do with all their American-made military hardware when America goes bust? Answer: The Saudis will just go right on buying the stuff (at bargain prices, to boot), at least until the Chinese catch up with where we presently are. Which they will, since they've got all the money, and with four times the population, they're going to have all the money for a long time in the future. I would like to think that without the US goading countries into war, the planet would be a more peaceful place, but I am a realist enough to think some other country will take our place. Saudi Arabia or Israel, perhaps.

**S**O far as books, my trade, the simple answer is that books from abroad will quickly disappear from US bookstores. But as the majority of books are American-made, most books should continue to be available as before, at least initially. So far as AstroAmerica is concerned, I expect continued stagnant domestic sales, but strong sales abroad. Or so I hope.