

Sidereal Mundane Astrology

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Chapter 1

SIDEREAL MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

Mundane astrology is the astrology of the world, rather than of the individual. It is likely the oldest form of astrology – that which prophesied concerning the land, the nation, and the community, of wars and woes and the weather.

Personal astrology – the astrology of the individual – came later, as ego-differentiation became more distinct in human psychology and culture. Even then, personal astrology seems to have arisen originally on behalf of the monarch, deemed one with the land: At first, it was an extension of mundane astrology.

Despite this antiquity and even primacy in astrology’s history, few books on mundane astrology have emerged in the last century, and those have had little new to contribute. Mundane forecasts have long been standard features of astrology magazines, though rarely having much to show for themselves in terms of insight and accuracy – rarely reaching even the level of informed political observation.

Better tools are available, though. Most astrologers have overlooked these tools for half a century, primarily because they do not know they exist. This present report presents these tools with an eye to making them accessible to all interested astrologers.

UNVEILING NEW TOOLS

In the May, June, and July 1957 issues of *American Astrology Magazine*, astrologer Donald A. Bradley (writing under his usual pen name, Garth Allen) published an article series titled “Unveiling a New Tool.” These articles introduced **Sidereal solar and lunar ingress charts** and demonstrated their value in identifying natural disasters and other categories of major events with unprecedented power and clarity. I use the word “unprecedented” quite mindfully: Nothing previously recorded in astrology’s history ever produced results as accurate and reliable as these.

For example, of several interrelated astrological tools discussed in the present report, a single technique, called the **Capsolar Quotidian**, accurately marked the time, place, and nature of **98%** of the major events studied herein. Getting 98% accuracy in mundane astrology is unprecedented by **any** combination of methods.¹

Additionally, the methods given here are straightforward: Sidereal mundane astrology in practice consists of little more than determining which planets are most dominant for the year, quarter, month, week, day, and hour of an event by seeing **which planets closely conjoin the angles** of the relevant chart for a given time period and place.

¹ To say this more completely: In that minority of cases where the Capsolar Quotidian had nothing to say, a secondary (companion) technique, called the Cansolar Quotidian, accounted for most of the rest. Together, they accounted for 96% of the events studied. Of the 4% remaining, half were described correctly by a transiting planet conjunct a Capsolar angle, so the *Capsolar Quotidian with gap-backup* accounted for 98% of all the events. These terms are explained in Chapter 2, and full documentation of the “CapQ’s” efficacy is given in Appendices C and D.

ASTROLOGY OF THE COLLECTIVE

Mundane astrology captures the tone of mass consciousness. Its interpretations are symbolically consistent with what we see in personal astrology, though cruder, more direct, and free of most nuance. Mass consciousness responds to the lowest common denominator of collective response, which usually means a simple, direct assessment of planet meaning: In mundane astrology it is easy to see that there truly are “good planets” and “bad planets.”

- Bad things happen when the “bad” planets (Mars and Saturn) are on the angles.
- Good things happen when the “good” planets (Venus and Jupiter) are on the angles.
- Dramatic changes, disruptions, and shifts occur when Uranus and Pluto are on the angles.
- Exceptions to these generalizations occur, though rarely.

Notice the intuitive simplicity, rather than philosophical subtlety: By “bad events” we mean events that people generally call bad, uncomfortable, painful, and unhappy. By “good events,” we mean occurrences that humans in the collective call good, fun, pleasant, and happy. Good events feel good. Bad events feel bad.

I recognize that this is not a trendy approach. For most of the last century, the Western astrological community has sought to get away from exactly this kind of black-and-white, good luck vs. bad luck, win-or-lose thinking. Within personal astrology, I feel the same way: Greater scope, power, and fulfillment arise for individuals when we view astrological indications in nuanced, non-binary ways. However, in viewing mass-mind phenomena, individualized personal distinctions have little voice: The experiences and responses mirrored and mapped by mundane astrological patterns are those which are common to all members of a community, nation, or species, not those that represent emerging individuality.

Mundane astrology is the astrology of the collective.

CLARITY OF PLANET SYMBOLISM

Bradley, in his pioneering 1957 study, focused primarily on history’s worst disasters in terms of loss of life and general damage. He solidly demonstrated that these tragic, often devastating events occurred when Saturn and Mars were the strongest planets (*i.e.*, on the horoscopic angles) of the Sidereal solar and lunar ingress charts and their progressions.

That was the start.

“Bad events” are easier to map astrologically than “good events.” Astrological researchers have long known this to be the case in personal astrology, and it is just as true in mundane astrology. I suspect this is because human nature resists hurtful experiences and undertakings more than it resists pleasurable experiences and undertakings. Despite a tendency most of us have to occasionally undercut our happiness, we nonetheless prefer being happy to being unhappy. It takes much less of a nudge for us to embrace pleasure than to embrace pain. Consequently, we manifest “bad events” when there is a much stronger build-up of compelling forces within us, sufficient to overwhelm our resistance¹ and force the issue. This stronger build-up of compelling forces is reflected in strong, usually unambiguous and inescapably clear astrological patterns that are far more useful for the astrological researcher. Bad events filter out most complexity.

¹ Our resistance to a particular type of experience of often **the actual cause** of a major crisis. Where we do not resist inner impulses, they do not build up to a crisis level of necessity to manifest. Resisted psychological shifts tend to externalize, as a way for deeper levels of our minds to draw our attention to some point of experience.

This is true in personal astrology and mundane astrology alike.

Therefore, the earliest discoveries in Sidereal mundane astrology were that bad things tend to happen when Mars, Saturn, and Neptune are the most active planets. These three planets are distinct from each other, though the first level of their analysis is simply, “This is going to be (what people generally would call) bad.”

Saturn especially dominates for significant loss of life and property, Mars for the fiery, destructive, and violent, and Neptune for circumstances that stir mass hysteria, confusion, disorientation, and uncertainty. Most major disasters combine all of these factors (and, in fact, charts for those events tend to combine all three of these planets).

Early research showed that Uranus tends to show for explosions, and for other events analogous to explosions. Pluto dominates for events that stun the senses and halt the mind, truly devastating and catastrophic events that give a “no going back” sense.

There is more to these planets than these simple phrases. However, we gain easy access to those other levels by thinking of fiery violence with Mars, loss with Saturn, hysteria and confusion for Neptune, explosions for Uranus, and senses-staggering “no going back” devastation with Pluto.

A weakness in Bradley’s original research, which remains a weakness with the present study, is that the events examined are primarily “worst of the worst” disasters.¹ I have tried to broaden the scope of events examined somewhat, though most of the examples are disasters. This limits our ability to test the premise that Jupiter and Venus, astrology’s classic benefics, would dominate the charts of happy events.

Even with these limits, though, we have been able to observe a trend: Venus and Jupiter are much less active in “bad event” charts than are the malefic Mars and Saturn.² Also, Venus is a signature planet for love, peace, and celebration, as Jupiter is for victory, bounty, and festivities.

In disaster charts, Venus and Jupiter appear infrequently unless in combination with destructive planets. One common pattern is that **Venus in combination with Saturn or Pluto** is prominent in charts for *love + death*: events of profound loss and mourning. This is exactly the way we expect Venus to manifest for tragedy. Jupiter, though dominant overall for no category of disaster studied, does often define the setting of an event and introduce some of the most philosophical and ideological nuances we see in these charts, *e.g.*, issues of idealism or bigotry, contexts of religion or festivity; and Jupiter, after all is the most philosophical and ideological of the planets.

HINDSIGHT vs. FORESIGHT

This report works in hindsight: I examine events that already have occurred. The correlation of astrological factors to these events is clear, working from known principles. After examining the evidence, I believe you will conclude that the fit of astrological patterns to these events is staggeringly accurate, using methods that minimize our opportunities for fudging and excuses.³

¹ Research projects are currently underway, and others planned, to address this gap.

² See Appendix E for a simple demonstration of this fact.

³ I am sensitive to the trend, or at least appearance, of astrologers fudging or “explaining away” any discrepancies between horoscopes and outcomes. I have endeavored not to do that. However, I am fiercely curious about how these astrological methods work. In the face of seeming discrepancies, I often will push and probe and (yes) speculate about whether a seeming discrepancy is actually a “fit.” I ask that my readers not take these as excuses – and, in fact, that you not excuse any seeming shortfalls in the system – and that you join me in my curiosity to look further, to improve our knowledge of how to use these tools.

Foresight is another matter. Numerous dates, in the course of a year, have astrological factors similar to those for disasters, but no disasters occur. One of our challenges is to filter actual events from potential events.

When a major event occurs, we can accurately describe its conditions nearly all the time. How, though, do we determine when an event will occur?

On my Sidereal web forum, *www.Solunars.net*, we have been working, week-by-week, to address this very question by experimentation. Admittedly, we are far better at hindsight than at foresight, although that is changing. One limitation is that, although the system here explored is straightforward, we do not yet have all of the technical tools, nor human time resources, to apply it effectively. For the system to flourish, we need many people taking up regional specialization, actively monitoring certain geographic areas. This could be assisted by better computer tools, though there is currently no indication that these improved tools will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, more people monitoring more areas would make a big difference.

As an example, consider one 24-hour period the weekend of October 26, 2013. Three separate tragedies occurred with strikingly similar themes, spread across a 2,400-mile range. All involved violence, deaths of four or five people, and primarily involved children.

A Mars-Neptune opposition recently had hovered in space for several days but, by that weekend, had moved out of close orb. However, various Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses had brought this aspect into prominence. Various discussions on *Solunars.net* had mentioned this Mars-Neptune aspect, a ferocious pairing that occurs for fires, shooting massacres, violent natural events, assassinations, and, generally, any events that stir surging adrenaline combined with heightened emotion to the point of hysteria; in short, panic. Although the aspect itself had passed, it was exact in solar and lunar ingress charts still covering the period in question. In any of the ingresses where Mars and Neptune were in close aspect and on the angles, Mars-Neptune would be a defining factor. The late October events showed this.

To focus the timing even more, this was the weekend when transiting Mars opposed the Moon's position in the "master chart" of 2013, the Sun's ingress into Sidereal Capricorn (called the Capsolar). This transit is not location-specific: The whole world would be expected to feel it. This transit alerted us to expect volatile activity on or near October 26.¹

The Phoenix event. On Saturday morning, October 26, police found "a horrific scene... where five people and two dogs were dead of gunshot wounds" (CNN). This death toll includes the shooter, who had fled to an adjacent apartment and killed himself.

For Phoenix, the Sun's Libra ingress (one week earlier) had the 1° Mars-Neptune opposition along the MC/IC at the longitude of central Arizona. I had cited this on *Solunars.net* as a worrisome, highly volatile band of longitude. For Phoenix, Mars was 2° from the IC. The "master chart of the month" (Caplunar) had Mars-Neptune on the horizon (Mars 1° from the Ascendant). The "chart of the week" leading up to the killing (Arilunar) had the 1° Mars-Neptune opposition angular (Neptune 0°09' from the Ascendant). Transiting Mars then conjoined the IC of Phoenix' "master chart of the year" (Capsolar) and exactly opposed Capsolar Moon. Saturn intersected the "daily angles" (the Cansolar Quotidian) for the date.

The Bronx & Brooklyn events. On Friday evening, October 25, 2013, just before 8 PM, in a **Bronx** apartment where power had been turned off for non-payment of thousands of dollars of utility bills, a family was providing light with candles. These started a fire. The 25-year-old mother

¹ Technical terms used below are explained in the next chapter. They should be plain enough on first sight to make the intended point below.

and two daughters (one 4 years, one 4 months) survived. Three boys (ages 5, 2, and 4 months) died. Then, on Saturday evening, October 26, an event occurred in **Brooklyn** that CNN described in ghastly Mars-Neptune language: An apartment “turned into a grisly scene of carnage” when a mother (age 37) and her four children (ages 9 to 1) were stabbed to death (multiple stab wounds to their upper bodies – including the infant).

Even though these two events occurred 2,400 miles from Phoenix, Mars-Neptune also was involved in these events. The Moon’s Cancer ingress from a day earlier placed Mars-Neptune near the New York angles. What drew attention especially to New York, though, is that transiting Saturn crossed the exact degree of the “daily chart” (Capsolar Quotidian). Additionally, transiting Pluto was 0°00’ – zero minutes! – from the Capsolar’s Descendant. These last two events, alone, signaled a high-impact, deadly environment for New York for a (roughly) 48-hour period.

Had an astrologer been specifically monitoring the Phoenix and New York areas, using the techniques in this book and readily available astrology software, these events were completely predictable. One could not have missed the significance if one had been applying the simplest principles. The limiting factor was having enough eyes actually looking.

That is, had we been watching Phoenix and New York City astrologically, we could have determined a 24-to-48-hour period in which events would have happened exactly matching the circumstances of these tragedies. Could we have stopped these sad events? Probably not: There was no available information to link these energies to specific individuals. Nonetheless, documenting how the system works is the first step to bringing sufficient public attention to tools that, surely, in the end, will be able to save vast numbers of lives.

HUMILITY

Humility in the face of the scope and complexity of the universe is essential for astrological researchers and practitioners. We must live in a continuing awareness that the world is infinitely more complex than any systems we employ to explain it. When present, such humility is our saving grace.

Techniques described in the remainder of this book **routinely** produce amazing results: strikingly accurate, elegant, and precise with a reliability that can stagger a mind unaccustomed to such results.

But they are not perfect. They are occasionally flawed. A planet creeps into the picture that seems contrary to the event. An ingress chart intervenes that seems to be telling an entirely different story.

This should not surprise us: The universe tells many concurrent stories. A single event is not the whole of what is happening in a given location. Additionally, a single story has many subplots, and all of its major themes reasonably will show in our astrological maps.

Nonetheless, the major event – the headline, so to speak – should be clear from the charts, as the reality dominating the **overall** experience of people gathered in a given time and place.

I am no longer surprised to see Jupiter prominent in at least one important map for a major disaster. In fact, I sometimes wonder why we do not see it more often. In times of widespread crisis, stories of human generosity, kindness, and assistance are often as important as the death, loss, looting, and other survival-fuelled selfishness. Nonetheless, I would not expect Jupiter to be the primary message – no more than a subplot – in the overall picture of a tragic event.

The **essential nature** of an event should be clear from the stack of charts that describe it. Nearly always, the techniques demonstrated in this book meet that expectation.

USING THIS BOOK

This book is not for astrological beginners. You need to have a solid foundation in astrological basics first. This book then introduces new, further concepts distinctive to the subject of Sidereal mundane astrology, provides hundreds of examples, and offers interpretative tools and guidelines to make the methods practical.

Interpretations of planetary angularity and aspects are given in Appendices A and B. Consult these if an interpretive allusion is unclear. However, the book will be more enjoyable and useful if you already understand the symbolism and typical, practical manifestations of individual planets and planet pairs.

Keep an open mind: I expect you will encounter new ideas and new approaches in this book. (Were this not the case, why write the book?) A great adventure awaits you if you bring genuine interest and an open mind to what lies before you.

Keep your sense of wonder! An ironic discovery I have made in writing this book and sharing pieces of it with others is that... uninterrupted amazing accuracy is boring. People genuinely interested in the subject go numb after a few pages of sameness. The “sameness” in this case is that one chart after another describes events in highly accurate astrological terms. (Not perfect: just amazing.) However, our intellects are hard-wired to look for differences, variation, and irregularity. After a couple of chapters of “here’s the event, here are the charts: see, they fit pretty well,” it is sometimes difficult **for me** to stay alert and to remember that astrology, in modern times, has never before been able to produce results like this. One must make a point of keeping awake one’s innate sense of curiosity and wonder.

Donald Bradley’s original research and discoveries opened wide, beautiful vistas showing the intimate relationship of the cosmos to events on Earth. In the decades since, we have learned many further things. However, we still have much more to learn.

Curiosity, passion, wonder, humility, and perseverance: These will get us through.

EVOLUTION OF LEARNING

This book is offered at no charge, as a free digital publication. This also allows rapid deployment of corrections, amendments, and additions. I will announce any updates on *Soluanrs.net* and on the site where you downloaded this.

I appreciate corrigenda and feedback. I will deploy updated versions (but also supplemental papers on particular topics) as research progresses.

Chapter 2

DEFINITIONS

Let us start by defining some of the technical terms distinctive to Sidereal mundane astrology, and a few other important terms and concepts that are less likely to be familiar to most astrologers.

Ingress

In non-technical English, *ingress* means a point of entry. In astrology, it is a technical term for the event of the Sun, Moon, or other astronomical body first entering a zodiacal sign. (*Ingress* also means the horoscope for this event; *i.e.*, it is a shortened form of “ingress chart.”)

The Sun’s entry into a new sign is a *solar ingress*. The Moon’s entry into a new sign is a *lunar ingress*.

In this book, *ingress* **always** means a solar or lunar ingress in the Sidereal zodiac.

Cardinal Ingress

The ingress of the Sun or Moon into one of the cardinal¹ signs of the zodiac: Aries, Cancer, Libra, or Capricorn.

The Sun’s ingresses into these signs are called, respectively, **Arisolar**, **Cansolar**, **Libsolar**, and **Capsolar**. The Moon’s cardinal ingresses are similarly terms **Arilunar**, **Canlunar**, **Liblunar**, and **Caplunar**. These terms will be used constantly throughout this book.

Hereafter, by “ingress” I always mean “Cardinal ingress.”

Quotidian

In non-technical English, *quotidian* means “daily.” As a technical astrological term, it refers to a particular form of Secondary Progressions.

Secondary Progressions (in common use among most astrologers) are based on the theory that **one day** of planetary motion corresponds to **one year** of life. When a natal horoscope is progressed, for example, to the beginning of the 50th year of life, the planet positions are identical to those at the start of the 50th day of life (that is, 49 days after birth, at the exact time that one was born: 49 periods after birth of exactly 24 hours each).

Historically, most astrologers have missed or ignored the fact that the Midheaven and other horoscope angles move through the entire circle of the zodiac (plus about 1°) every day. This means that the progressed Midheaven also should move through about 361° every 365¼ days, or just under 1° per day. This is the Quotidian progression method.

In Sidereal mundane astrology, this technique is basic to precise timing of mundane events.

¹ Sidereal astrologers normally call these the Rim signs. However, that term has never become common when speaking of solar and lunar ingresses. I will stick with the more common usage of “Cardinal.”

Some additional technical information may be of interest to some readers, though not essential to understanding material in this book:

Two rates of secondary progressions are in use among Sidereal astrologers, based on two different definitions of “day.” A *sidereal day* is the time it takes the Midheaven to return to the exact same longitude; that is, the time for Earth to make one complete rotation on its axis. It may surprise some readers that this is not what we normally call “a day”; for example, it is slightly shorter than the time between noon on one day and noon on the next day. This is because, during those roughly 24 hours, Earth has continued to move in its orbit about the Sun so that the Sun’s celestial longitude is about 1° further along in the zodiac. Earth has to rotate about 1° more before a sundial would show that it was again noon. Although the Sun’s variable speed throughout the year makes this small increment also vary, it remains at approximately 1°; and its average (“mean”) value is used to calculate the length of a day on which our clocks are based. This *mean solar day* is about 0^h03^m56^s longer than the sidereal day.

The two rates of secondary progression arise from equating one or the other of these two types of day to one *sidereal year*.¹ These two rates are called **Q1** and **Q2**.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q1}: 1 \text{ sidereal day} &= 1 \text{ sidereal year} \\ \mathbf{Q2}: 1 \text{ mean solar day} &= 1 \text{ sidereal year}\end{aligned}$$

The method used throughout this book (which is that used by Donald Bradley in his original research into Sidereal ingresses) is the **Q2**. Since the accumulated difference between the Q1 and Q2 angles is only about 1° per year, and since we are dealing with charts that last for no more than a year, the distinction does not matter much. Nonetheless, in making our case, it is important to define our methods. The Q2 is the secondary progression rate used in this book.

With this book, I introduce two new terms to more easily (compactly and understandably) refer to the quotidian progression of the Capsolar and Cansolar maps. The Capsolar Q2 Quotidian I call the **CapQ**. The Cansolar Q2 Quotidian I call the **CanQ**.

Angularity

Basic to the methods of Sidereal mundane astrology – as to the rest of Sidereal astrology more broadly and, actually, to astrology in general – is the concept of **angularity**.

Over time, historic Tropical astrology came to use this term in reference to the “angular houses,” meaning the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th houses of a horoscope. This is not how the term is used in this book, or in Sidereal astrology overall.

By “angularity,” we mean **proximity to the angles** of the horoscope. The angles are the cusps of the traditional angular houses: the Ascendant (Asc), Descendant (Dsc), Midheaven (MC), and Lower Heaven (IC). “Proximity” is bilateral – either side – and not connected to a house system as such.

The region **broadly centered** on the angles is called the **foreground**. Just as an object in the foreground of a picture dominates attention, or that downstage action especially holds attention on a stage, “foreground” in astrology means “the most front and center,” dominant, attention-grabbing part of a horoscope (“where the action is”). Though sometimes interpreted in terms of the strength of planets, foreground placement more likely determines **expressibility**.

¹ The time required for the Earth to orbit the Sun, as measured in a precession-free framework. Its length varies. In 2000, its length was 365.256363 days.

In any case, our work with Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses and their progressions will focus almost exclusively on the foreground areas, and especially the tighter zones called the **immediate foreground**, vaguely meaning a very few degrees from the angles. (I normally use “immediate foreground” to mean about 2°-3° from the angles.)

The non-foreground areas have been divided, categorized, and assessed variously over time. During some periods of Sidereal astrology’s evolution, these have been subdivided into “midleground” and “background” areas – midstage and upstage, so to speak, *i.e.*, areas (respectively) of moderate and minimal expressibility. However, for the present book, I will not make these gradient distinctions: the practical division will be “foreground” and “everything else.” Primarily (unless the Moon is involved), we will ignore everything in the “everything else” category.¹

Most broadly, “angular” means much the same thing as “foreground”: proximity to the Ascendant, Descendant, MC, or IC. However, other points need to be included that, for convenience, we can call lesser angles, or minor angles.

Four of these appear as squares (90° aspects) to the angles; and, indeed, in the source literature of Sidereal mundane astrology, they are called simply the squares to the Ascendant and Midheaven. Throughout this book, I usually refer to them thus, as the terms most likely to communicate to most astrologers.

As a technical clarification, though, these are not aspects to the angles. They are actually **other angles**. The bullet points below can be skipped by the more casual reader, but will be of interest to the more technical reader.

- The ecliptical squares to the Ascendant are always the *highest* and *lowest* points of the ecliptic at any given moment. (The MC and IC are merely the most southern and northern – not the highest and lowest.) By “highest” and “lowest,” I mean in pure altitude above or below the horizon. They are also the points of the ecliptic intersected by great circles at right angles to the ecliptic and passing exactly through the Zenith – the literal highest point in the sky (“straight up”) and Nadir – literally the lowest point in the sky (“straight down”). They are, therefore, the actual celestial longitudes of the Zenith and Nadir. They are also the points where a planet of zero latitude (such as the Sun) is highest and lowest in the sky. Therefore, they are correctly called **Zenith** or **Nadir**, and I reserve these terms for them.
- If the Zenith and Nadir are measured in Right Ascension (measurement along the celestial equator) instead of celestial longitude (which is measured along the ecliptic), they are simply the MC and IC.
- The ecliptical squares to the Midheaven are the celestial longitudes of the Eastpoint and Westpoint of the horizon. Remember that by the longitude of a planet (or other point), we mean that point of the ecliptic intersected by a great circle, at right angles to the ecliptic, passing through the point. The Eastpoint is a location on the celestial sphere where the horizon, celestial equator, and prime vertical all intersect. The distance between the me-

¹ As a digression: It is quite possible that there is no single “expressibility” or “angularity” curve, but that the curve looks different in varying situations because of layered phenomenon. For example, there may be a simple “angularity curve” basic to nature, that peaks at the four angles and troughs half-way between them; and a separate curve, involving specific human psychological phenomena, that skews the troughs to a different part of the quadrants. This would explain the different trough results that have shown in different types of studies, despite the consistency of the peaks showing at the angles themselves. (It also, at this point, remains highly speculative, and is in no sense a stable conclusion on the matter.)

ridian and the Eastpoint is exactly 90° , whether measured along the horizon, the equator, or the prime vertical, and it proves to be a powerful, significant point.¹ The Eastpoint is not, however, 90° from the Midheaven in longitude; yet, dropping a great circle through the Eastpoint, at right angles to the ecliptic, marks a longitude 90° from that of the Midheaven. Therefore, **the ecliptical squares to the Midheaven** always mark the **celestial longitude** of the Eastpoint and Westpoint.

- Experience (fortified by small pilot studies) indicate that squares to the meridian (MC/IC) also need to be measured in **right ascension (RA)**, or distance along the celestial equator, rather than along the ecliptic. These squares are not easy to see in a conventional horoscope without adding a marker. The marker is what astrologers came to **call** the Eastpoint. In practice, it is very convenient to call this marker the Eastpoint, and call the EP's longitude "the square to the Midheaven." To calculate this marker (hereafter simply called "the Eastpoint"), find the celestial longitude of a point on the ecliptic 90° from the Midheaven in RA. This is the same as the Midheaven 6 hours later in Sidereal Time. (Most astrology computer programs calculate this automatically, either under the name "Eastpoint" or the regrettable and misleading term "Equatorial Ascendant.")
- It is important to understand that the Eastpoint thus calculated has **no zodiacal significance of any kind**. You cannot, for example, assume that transits to it are exact when the transiting planet has the same ecliptical (zodiacal) longitude. Planets with $0^\circ 00'$ celestial latitude (which always includes the Sun) will be 90° from the MC in RA when they hit this longitude, but a planet with *any* celestial latitude will not. This Eastpoint, therefore, is an invitation to look further – examining the Right Ascension the planet. It will be misleading to take an ecliptical conjunction to the Eastpoint or Westpoint at face value.²

This last point introduces the most technically challenging topic of this present book. Unlike the above bullet points, you will not be able to skip the next chapter and still understand the remainder of the book. That is, the discussion of nearly all sample charts will be difficult, and many significant examples will not be comprehensible at all, if **the essential premises and language** of the next chapter, on "The Mundoscope," is not understood.

¹ The Westpoint is exactly opposite the Eastpoint. Everything said here is applicable to the Westpoint, though at the western extreme of the horizon instead of the eastern.

² In this book, I will include the Eastpoint in example charts only when it is relevant, *i.e.*, when a planet is on the Eastpoint or Westpoint. This is a move to reduce unnecessary visual clutter and otherwise reduce confusion.

Chapter 3

THE MUNDOSCOPE

In most of astrology's modern history, astrologers have worked primarily with **one** reference circle: the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the circle formed by the plane of Earth's orbit about the Sun. It is the center of the wider band called the zodiac. For most purposes, "ecliptical" and "zodiacal" mean the same thing. "Celestial longitude" is the technical name for ecliptical longitude.

Most astrologers of the last few centuries have varied from this **one** reference circle only occasionally and not always knowing that they were doing so. For example, astrologers who work with the **declination** of planets are using the **celestial equator**, rather than the ecliptic, for measurement. (The celestial equator is the circle formed by the plane of Earth's equator.) The "up-down" (latitude-like) mate to celestial longitude (measured along the ecliptic) is **celestial latitude**. Declination is the "up-down" (or latitude-like) mate of the celestial equatorial measurement **Right Ascension**, mentioned briefly above.

CIRCLE	HORIZONTAL	VERTICAL
Ecliptic	Celestial Longitude	Celestial Latitude
Celestial Equator	Right Ascension	Declination

The main points to take away from the above paragraphs are that most modern astrologers primarily work with only one measuring circle, though sometimes they work with a second measuring circle. Mostly, most astrologers think only in terms of relationships in the zodiac.

The next important point – the core point of this chapter – is that **astrology operates in multiple measuring circles**. This complicates the practice of astrology a little, though not as much as one might think at first. That is, one need not constantly crosscheck every imaginable thing across multiple reference circles, doubling or tripling the work. Rather, the astrologer needs to know which **few, specific points** need crosschecking against an alternative reference circle – an alternative perspective from which to view exactly how the planets are disposed.

For example, as mentioned in the technical bullet points in the previous chapter, the point in a horoscope called the Eastpoint is really a marker for a measurement in Right Ascension. It is not an ecliptical point. It has no ecliptical value. When it looks (from a standard horoscope) as if a planet is conjoined to the Eastpoint (or its opposite, the Westpoint), this alerts us to stop and look at the Right Ascension (RA) of the Eastpoint and the planet to find out for sure.

Before the easy accessibility of personal computers and quality astrological software, these calculations were intimidating to many astrologers, and there remains an air of intimidation about them. However, with computer resources now available, the above calculation is trivial, and only takes a few seconds to check. Even astrologers who think of themselves as less technical can embrace this simple calculation comfortably if using most popular astrology software.

Somewhat more challenging – because it is not built into most software – is the topic of this section, the **mundoscope**. However, we have ways to make the calculations easy. In any case, you must understand the **concept** of the mundoscope to understand most of this present book.

Mundane vs. Ecliptical

“Mundane” is used in two different ways by astrologers. This is somewhat regrettable, but we can live with it.

“Mundane” (from the Latin *mundus*, “the world”) is used in the title of this book to mean “astrology of the world” in contrast to “astrology of the individual” – natural phenomena, socio-political and other areas descriptive of effect on the masses rather than just on an individual.

“Mundane” is also used to mean “pertaining to the **local** framework of [a particular place on] Earth, rather than the purely celestial.” For example, the fact that Jupiter and Uranus are conjunct in space is true no matter where on Earth you are located. In contrast, the fact that the Jupiter-Uranus conjunction is rising (at a specific moment in time) is true only for certain locations on earth. That is, the rising is a **mundane** (local) matter, not a celestial matter.

In this second sense of “mundane,” houses are the most common mundane phenomenon most astrologers commonly use. However, astrologers historically have assessed houses (a mundane phenomenon) as if they were celestial. That is, astrologers have assessed whether a planet is in a given house purely by celestial (ecliptical) longitude, even though the house systems they have used are based on local (mundane, non-celestial, non-zodiacal) theories.¹

I could go house system by house system – making this section unnecessarily technical and digressive – to prove this point decisively. However, if you understand the math of the matter, you already know that the above statement is correct, whether you are using Placidus, Campanus, Koch, Regiomontanus, or any of dozens of other theoretical systems.

Houses are only used as an example, here. I actually have nothing relevant to say about houses *per se*, and reference them here only as **the most familiar example of a mundane phenomenon known to most astrologers**.

Consider something similar: the rising of a planet. If a planet is **exactly** on the ecliptic (no celestial latitude north or south), it will rise at the same moment that its zodiacal position rises. Otherwise, it will rise a bit sooner or a bit later. For example, when I was born on October 10, 1954, 4:13 AM, Rochester, IN, Pluto was at 2°06' Leo and had a celestial latitude of 9°55' North. Because of this, my Pluto neither rose, set, culminated, nor anticulminated when the corresponding angle was 2°06' Leo. Rather, at my birthplace:

my Pluto ROSE when the Ascendant was	27°40' Cancer
my Pluto CULMINATED when the MC was	5°52' Leo
my Pluto SET when the Descendant was	23°18' Leo
my Pluto ANTICULMINATED when the IC was	5°52' Leo

This makes a very significant difference, as you can see!

Pluto is the worst “offender,” because its orbit is the most inclined to the ecliptic; that is, it can reach the most extreme celestial latitude of any planet. However, the effect often will be significant for the Moon, Mercury, and Venus, in particular. (The Sun is immune to this effect, and Uranus is rarely an issue.)

This variance increases with the interaction of (1) an increase in geographical latitude and (2) an increase in the planet’s celestial latitude.

¹ The exception, of course, is the Equal House system – equal 30° divisions of the zodiac measured from the Ascendant or other point. This, and similar systems based on equal division of the ecliptic, are exempt from the above criticism, as is the Porphyry system which is purely ecliptical.

Many astrologers consider it important to know whether a planet is above or below the horizon, or east or west of the meridian. Yet, as the above shows, they often would be wrong.

Enter the Mundoscope

Cyril Fagan, in the early 1940s, considered two facts:

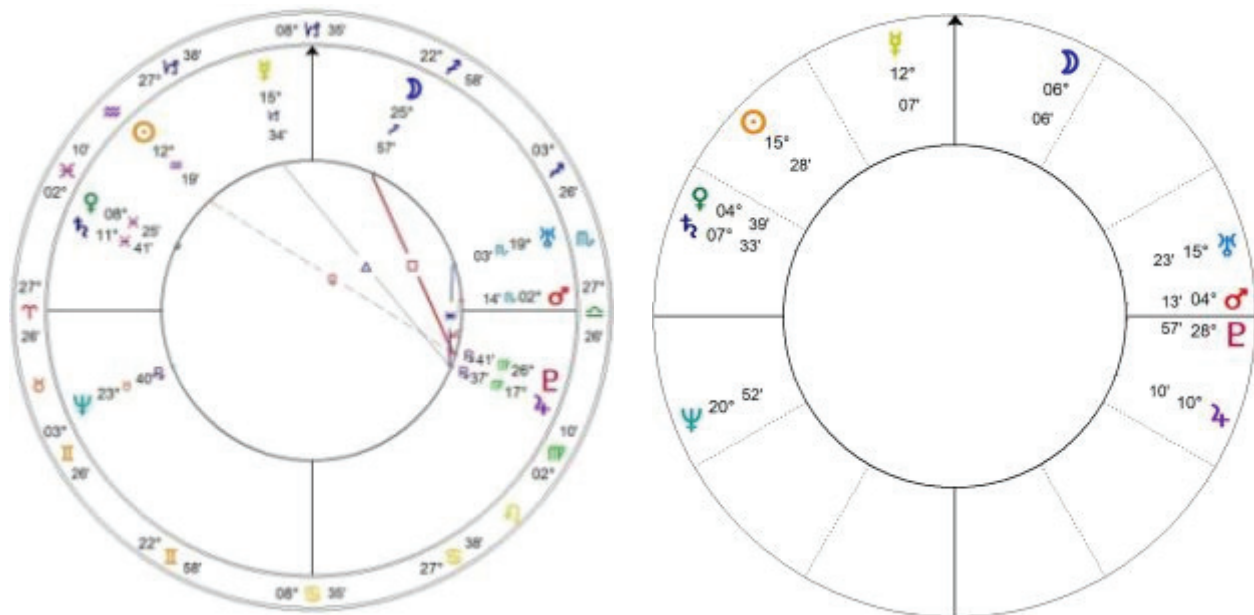
1. Zodiacal longitude is not the whole story on where a planet is positioned locally.
2. Mundane (local) astrological factors appear to work better when measured mundanely (locally) instead of celestially.

There remained only the issue of **which frame of reference** to use to measure this effect. Fagan's conclusion was that the most suitable measuring circle is the **prime vertical**, a great circle that rises due east, passes directly overhead, sets due west, and passes directly underfoot; that is, it passes through the Eastpoint, Zenith, Westpoint, and Nadir. It also is always at right angles to both the horizon (basis of the Ascendant-Descendant) and meridian (basis of the MC-IC), thereby serving as the perfect **third circle** to finish defining mundane positions.

Fagan then introduced a way of displaying planet positions in **prime vertical (PV) longitude**. Placed side-by-side with a natal chart, it gives different information, and is primarily useful in showing how close a planet is to the horizon and meridian, *i.e.*, whether or not it is foreground. The mundoscope also shows a planet's true position in Campanus houses (since the Campanus house system is based on equal division of the prime vertical).

The **mundoscope** is simply a map of prime vertical longitudes. Many popular astrology programs will calculate PV longitudes. Not all of them allow you to display the results easily, at least not without creating a custom display format. This is easy to overcome. Also, these software features likely will improve over time.

As a practical example, here are the horoscope and mundoscope for George Washington: general, president, and identified by history as the father of a nation. He was born February 22, 1732 in Popes Creek Landing, VA. According to the family Bible, he was born at 10:00 AM.



Washington's horoscope speaks suitably, in several ways, to his roles in life and history. So far as angularity is concerned, it is easy to see from the standard horoscope that Mars is a few degrees above the Descendant and Mercury is not too far from the Midheaven.

However, the second chart – Washington's mundoscope – puts a different twist on these facts. Most dramatically, it shows us that Pluto – seemingly far below the horizon from the horoscope – is actually only $1^{\circ}03'$ below the Descendant² and (if we are to trust the stated even-hour birth time) is his most angular planet.

Mars is confirmed as being close to the angle, and is better quantified as being exactly $4^{\circ}13'$ above the horizon. Mercury, on the other hand, does not appear quite so close to the Midheaven as in the horoscope. It does not stand as a foreground planet. (It is not horribly weak, yet it does not stand as the most significant, expressive planetary energy of the horoscope.)

You can compare the Mars and Pluto distances in PV longitude to simple altitude – the most basic measurement of how far a planet is from the horizon. For bodies close to the horizon, these will always be pretty close to the distance shown in the mundoscope. In Washington's case, Mars' altitude was $+3^{\circ}49'$, and Pluto's was $-1^{\circ}02'$. Both are close to what the mundoscope tells us, and could be used effectively as a quick-and-dirty substitute.

The main point is to look at planetary angularity mundanely, not ecliptically.

Mundane Aspects

Read aspects from the horoscope. Read angularity from the mundoscope.

At least, that is the general rule. There are exceptions. Because astrologers have examined and debated this question for decades, further remarks are warranted.

For over half a century, astrologers familiar with the mundoscope have questioned whether natal aspects should be read from this form of the chart. The simplest and most certain answer is an indirect answer: Ecliptical aspects in the standard horoscope are unquestionably valid, and are a confirmable foundation of most approaches to astrology. Nonetheless, this leaves the separate question of whether the mundoscope aspects (rightly called **mundane aspects**) are also valid. If they are, it complicates astrology significantly (though that is insufficient cause to neglect them if they appear to be of value.)

My answer is no, mundoscope aspects are not valid – other than in one special circumstance detailed below.

This answer comes from decades of examining mundoscopes, including the mundoscopes of the occasional “tough” chart that does not seem as easy to understand or to conform to the circumstance of someone's life. (Admit it: We all see this sort of chart occasionally.) The “trouble” charts would seem to be a perfect resource with which to explore this question, on the premise that mundane aspects, if valid, would disclose things not visible in the horoscope. However, this tends not to be the case. Occasionally one sees an aspect that makes one's heart skip a beat but, overall, introducing an additional set of aspects is not supportable when looking at real lives.

Take Washington as an example. It is tempting to cheer on the mundoscope's introduction a Moon square to a Jupiter-Saturn opposition. The Jupiter-Saturn opposition alone – a distinctly political aspect that, among other things, often leverages success from sacrifice and sustained effort – exists in the horoscope, though more widely. And the Moon-Jupiter square is the mark of a patriot, nationalist, and gentleman, among other things.

² For display purposes, the mundoscope is divided into 12 equal sections of the prime vertical. Pluto is shown as $28^{\circ}57'$ within the 6th house, and the Descendant would be $30^{\circ}00'$ of the 6th house (or $0^{\circ}00'$ of the 7th).

Of course, the Sidereal astrologer already has most of the latter through the Moon's placement in Sagittarius (just as the Tropical astrologer can be content that anything that would be shown by a Moon-Saturn aspect is available from the Tropical Capricorn Moon). Bottom line, the close planetary aspects of the mundoscope do not add anything important to "telling Washington's story" that we cannot already see in the conventional horoscope.

Everyone should, of course, feel at liberty to experiment with this on your own. My answer is that this is not a fruitful avenue of exploration.

The Exception

One seeming exception is relevant to the present study of Sidereal mundane charts. The exception is this: **Close mundane aspects seem valid between planets in the foreground of Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses.**

I say "seeming exception" because this may be a different phenomenon from aspects as we know them. For example, the fact that two (or more) planets are foreground in an ingress means that there is a certain connection between them. We will see cases where merely the **concurrent angularity** of Saturn and the Sun in an ingress – even if there is no direct connection between them – coincides with the death of a head of state. The simple, separate messages of "there is a loss" and "events concern the head of state" merge into the event. Many of the examples that **seem** to be mundane aspects may simply be concurrent angularity.

Still, there are many instances where actual mundane aspects seem to give the right planet **groupings** for understanding an event. For example, in an ingress chart for a declaration of war that altered international relations, Mercury, Venus, Mars, and Pluto were foreground. Though a "tending to war" theme exists in this planetary foursome, by no means is it direct or transparent. (For example, Venus foreground would tend to peace, as it does in maps for the ending of wars.) In this case, the picture becomes clear and direct when we note that these four planets are grouped as a foreground Mercury-Mars mundane square ("declaration of war") and a foreground Venus-Pluto mundane square ("dramatic, decisive alterations of relationships"). The mundane aspects between the foreground planets provide these groupings.

These may be legitimate aspects, yet weak enough that they only emerge in certain scenarios. Or, something else may be operative: For example, planets in close mundane aspect are comparable distances from the angles. Perhaps this puts them in some other relationship to each other.

In any case, my practice in this book will be to rely on the horoscope for aspects **except** that close mundoscope aspects between foreground planets will be noted. As always, the reader is encouraged to draw his or her own conclusions on this matter.

Static Charts vs. Transits

Another distinction is drawn between (on the one hand) planets in a static chart – for example, planets within a natal horoscope or a specific ingress – and (on the other hand) planets transiting angles. These appear to be different types of phenomena, responding to different rules.

Within a Static Chart

Proximity to the horizon (Asc and Dsc) and meridian (MC and IC) needs to be measured mundanely. The optimal way to do this appears to be the mundoscope.

Ecliptical squares to the Ascendant and Midheaven are valid. As mentioned previously, these are ecliptical conjunctions with other angles. (We measure their mundane conjunctions differently.) In fact, these are very strong factors in Sidereal ingress charts.

Conjunctions with the Eastpoint-Westpoint must be measured in Right Ascension (RA). The EP and WP are on the horoscope only as markers to alert us to a possible equatorial aspect.

Transits to Ingress Angles

Transits to ingress or progressed ingress angles should be taken ecliptically. Despite the occasional exciting example to the contrary, this principle is borne out convincingly by the vast array of mundane events we have seen over time (including the hundreds presented in this book).

The exception is the Eastpoint axis, which, as mentioned above, is not an actual ecliptical point, but merely a marker alerting us to a possible RA contact.

Since these transiting aspects (both to ingress “natal” angles and their progressed angles) behave so differently, we might ask: Why? I have only conjecture, though it is a simple theory:

1. It makes sense that angularity within a static chart should be measured mundanely (since we actually want to answer the question, “At this moment, at this place, how close was the planet to the horizon or meridian?”).
2. However, once the chart exists, the angles appear to respond as ecliptical points – points in the zodiac susceptible to transit.

Theory aside, this distinction matches my experience, and it is important in this book not to present an overly complicated theory that allows too many exceptions or too large of a fudge factor. Therefore, I take the simple path of simple of the most consistently supportable rules.

Midpoints & Angularity

Midpoints are the points halfway (midway) between two planets. Some systems of astrology (in particular, Uranian Astrology and Cosmobiology) use midpoints extensively for astrological analysis. I do not recommend extensive use of midpoints in examining Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses. However, for one particular situation, a narrow use of midpoints is important.

This situation is **when two planets are equidistant on either side of the angles**. For example, two planets may be (say) 7° either side of an ingress chart’s angles. Both are foreground, though not closely so: at first, they appear not to be very important. However, their midpoint is 0° from the angle, making them important **together** in a way that they would not be alone.

Interpretively, this acts as if the two planets were on the angles and in aspect. Effectively, the chart is capturing a moment when the two planets are as strong (as angular) as they will be **as a distinctive pair**, rather than as individual planets.

The two planets need not be equidistant on either side of the **same** angle: Mercury could be (say) 4° *past* the Ascendant and Mars 4° *before* the IC, and the chart still represents their peak of expressiveness as a two-planet unit.

Notice, though, that these midpoints to the angles form in the mundoscope. Or, to be more exact and complete, we measure them in the framework in which their angularity exists. Thus, we measure a square to the Ascendant ecliptically, so we also measure midpoints of planets square the Ascendant measured ecliptically. The same is true of conjunctions with quotidian angles, which we measure in celestial longitude. However, we measure proximity to the horizon (Asc/Dsc) and meridian (MC/IC) in an ingress chart in prime vertical longitude (the mundoscope), so we also measure midpoints of these contacts in PV longitude.

Orbs of midpoint contacts to angles should be limited to 1°.

Many examples of this appear in the chapters following. Thus, we have three main factors to use in interpreting Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses:

1. Planetary angularity: the fact that a specific planet is angular.
2. Close conjunctions, oppositions, and squares (ecliptical or mundane) between foreground planets.
3. Midpoints of foreground planets to the angles.

Language

Astrological writers – being writers! – employ various synonymous descriptors to distinguish ecliptical measurements from mundane measurements. I am among those writers guilty of enjoying language diversity.

In this book, I will variously describe ecliptical measurements as ecliptical, zodiacal, or *in eclipto*. I will variously describe mundane measurements as mundane or *in mundo*.

Unless stated otherwise, angularity within an ingress (or other static chart) will be a mundane measurement, not ecliptical. Similarly, unless state otherwise, transits to an ingress chart's angles or to a quotidian angle will be expressed ecliptically, not mundanely.

Chapter 4

WORKING PRINCIPLES

Here follow the general working principles of Sidereal mundane astrology. Techniques are of three types:

1. Longer-term, consisting of **solar ingresses** for a year, half year, or quarter.
2. Middle-term, consisting of **lunar ingresses** for a month, fortnight, or week.
3. Short-term **daily techniques**, consisting of transits to solar ingress angles and, especially, the Capsolar and Cansolar Quotidian progressions.

Daily indicators are the most likely to accurately and reliably describe and time an event. One-week charts are the next most likely. Middle-term charts are generally more expressive and reliable than longer-term charts, though longer-term charts are in force for longer periods. A general rule that continues to prove itself is that **the shorter the period covered by a chart, the likelier it will accurately describe and time an event.**

General Principles

0. Sidereal solar and lunar cardinal ingresses are the foundation techniques of Sidereal mundane astrology. Their influence is distinguished for a given location by planetary contact with their angles for that location.
1. Capricorn ingresses are the “master charts” of the year (Capsolar) and month (Caplunar).
 - a. Next in importance are the Cancer ingresses.
 - b. Least important are the Aries and Libra ingresses, except within their immediate quarters.
2. **Sidereal solar ingresses** describe the main **conditions and events** of a specific location for the year (or lesser period) of their duration, *e.g.*, the Capsolar for the entire year. (However, the Capsolar *per se* often will not describe all of the main events of the year.¹)
3. **Sidereal lunar ingresses** describe the main **conditions and events** of the month (or part of a month) of their duration.
4. **Transits to solar ingress angles.** Angles of all four solar ingresses are responsive to transits.² In particular, Capsolar and Cansolar angles are so sensitive to transits that these alone often date the exact major events of a given year.³

¹ These **events** appear more clearly through (a) the lunar ingresses and (b) transits and progressions of the solar ingresses. The Capsolar, covering an entire year, cannot reasonably show, on its face, every important event of the year. Nonetheless, it does accurately describe the prevailing psychological conditions for a given location.

² Transits to solar ingress angles by traditionally malefic planets coincide with tragic events (the easiest to study).

³ Bradley observed in 1957, “The angular cusps of the Sun’s Cancer ingress appear to be almost as sensitive to transits as the angles of the Capsolar chart, particularly where natural disasters, earthquakes, tidal waves, tornadoes, and the like, are concerned.” I concur.

5. **Quotidian progressions of solar ingresses.** Contacts to the quotidian progressed angles of the Capsolar prove to be the single best timing device for major mundane events.
 - a. Alone, the Capsolar Quotidian timed and accurately described nearly 100% of all significant events studied.
 - b. The Cansolar Quotidian is also potent for the entire 12 months following the Sun's Cancer ingress, supporting and completing that of the Capsolar.
 - c. If a transit to a Capsolar ingress angle contradicts a transit to its quotidian angle, the quotidian wins. They do not coexist, merge, or balance each other. The quotidian simply overwhelms the transit to the static Capsolar angle.
6. **Mundosopes.** Calculate the angularity of planets within an ingress chart mundanely, not in terms of the zodiac. However, transits to ingress angles (including quotidian angles) appear to be most accurately measured ecliptically (*i.e.*, simple zodiacal conjunction).

Further on Solar Ingresses

All four solar ingresses are effective for 12 months (an entire sidereal year). However, they are not all of equal strength. The distinctions are complicated. The following rules of thumb provide guidance in weighing them.

1. **The Capsolar** is effective at full strength for 12 months. It is the master chart of the year.
 - a. Capsolars are slightly stronger in the first half of the Sidereal year and, especially, in the first quarter of the year; *i.e.*, the Capsolar's message is clearest when it is "the only voice singing" (when it is not overlapped by a half-year or quarter-year solar ingress).
2. **The Cansolar** is similarly effective for 12 months, though secondary to the Capsolar.
 - a. It has greater reliability for the first six months following its inception and, especially, for the first three months (before the Libsolar overlaps it).
 - b. Its transits and progressions remain highly effective for 12 months.
3. **The Arisolar and Libsolar** are most useful for describing the three months immediately following their inception. Bradley called them, "clinchers and timers, helping to narrow down the periods in which a series of stresses are most likely to precipitate as the event."
 - a. All four solar ingresses have distinctive stature and high reliability within their respective quarters.
 - b. The Capsolar is slightly more reliable qualitatively and quantitatively than the quarter-year solar ingresses, even during their respective quarters.
 - c. It is not necessary for the Aries or Libra ingress to show an event already shown in the Capsolar.
 - d. Transits to Arisolar and Libsolar angles are effective, apparently for 12 months, which may be useful in identifying or reinforcing "hot spots" during the year.¹
4. All four ingresses "have their say" in events that have an obvious **build up** over time. For sudden, singular events (such as natural disasters), this will be apparent only rarely. However, if human motivation and behavior are involved, a build-up of tension or other circumstances often appears in successive charts leading to the date of the event.

¹ Chapter 23 reports a study of Arisolars for major events occurring immediately after the Aries ingress occurs in mid-April.

Further on Lunar Ingresses

In contrast to the solar ingresses, the four lunar ingresses each month are not individually effective for four weeks each. The following rules of thumb provide guidance in weighing them.

1. **The Caplunar** (“master chart of the month”) is effective at full strength for four weeks.
 - a. Caplunars are qualitatively better in the first half of the Sidereal month and, especially, in the first week.
2. **The Canlunar** is effective for two weeks (the last half of a sidereal month), and especially for the one week following its inception.
3. **The Arilunar and Liblunar** each are effective for one week. Like the Arisolar and Libsolar ingresses, they may be used as “clinchers and timers.”
 - a. For their respective weeks, the Arilunar and Liblunar are in no sense weaker than the Caplunar and Canlunar. All four lunar ingresses have distinctive stature and very high reliability for one week each.
 - b. The **lunar ingress of the week** (whether a Caplunar, Arilunar, Canlunar, or Liblunar) is the most responsive, descriptive, and accurate tool in our arsenal other than the Capsolar Quotidian.
 - c. It is not necessary for the Arilunar or Liblunar to show an event already shown in the Caplunar.
4. All four ingresses “have their say” in events with an obvious **build up** over time. For sudden, singular events (such as natural disasters), this generally will not show. However, if human motivation is involved, a build-up often appears in several successive charts leading to the date of an event (just as ongoing thoughts, feelings, and actions build up to an event – such as a shooting – within an individual).

Not Demi- & Quarti-Ingresses

Sidereal astrologers are accustomed to relying on the **Sidereal Lunar Return (SLR)** as a primary prediction tool for an individual. This is a chart calculated every four weeks for the exact return of transiting Moon to its natal longitude.

We also are accustomed to calculating a Demi-Lunar Return for the Moon’s opposition to natal Moon. This occurs halfway through the month and, for the two weeks following, has power nearly equal to that of the main Lunar Return. Sometimes, a Quarti-Lunar will be calculated, having authority for a one-week period, although these *week* charts are also very *weak* charts.

In other words, the full Lunar Return applies to four weeks; the Demi-Lunar to two weeks (the last half of the lunar month); and the Quarti-Lunars to one week each, until the next SLR or Demi. The same pattern applies to Solar Returns, for quarters of the year.

When Bradley discovered the relative strength of the solar and lunar cardinal ingresses, it was tempting to interpret them in the same way. That is, since the Capricorn ingress was so decisively the “master chart” of the year or month in question, it was tempting to think of the Cancer ingresses as demi-returns, and the Aries and Libra ingresses as quarti-returns. However, this model appears not to apply to the ingresses. While the relative **strength** of the cardinal solar ingresses is comparable to that of the full, demi, and quarter personal return charts, the opposite is true of the lunar ingresses, where the “chart of the week” often is the most vocal of all. Furthermore, the **duration** of the solar ingresses is different from that of solar return charts: Even though some of the ingresses are less important than others, the four cardinal solar ingresses are all “live” charts for 12 months.

Bradley wrote of this (specifically concerning the solar ingresses) as follows.

Moreover, we are certain that each chart is influential for the full cycle it inaugurates. This need not be viewed as a complication so far as the art of delineation is concerned, for we have reason to believe that for general purposes the work involved in religiously casting all possible charts in a sequence is often more bother than it is worth.

He commented further concerning lunar ingresses:

Although weekly “stepping up” is characteristic of lunars..., do not get the impression that a single chart for a given week is not wholly self-contained, for there is sufficient proof that **each wheel is radical in itself** [*emphasis added*]. ...It is always worthwhile, in fact, advisable, to study a given event in the light of the “chain of charts” leading up to it, with emphasis on the Capricorn and Cancer charts, in that order. Still, the immediate lunar is usually so lucid, alone considered, that prior links in the chain may be thought of as auxiliaries or backdrops.

Orbs

Spectacular description and timing of mundane events primarily will show by planets falling within 1°-2° of quotidian angles.

For ingress charts, distances from the angles often will be wider, though the most dramatic events coincide with contacts within 2°-3° of the angles. In studying evolving political behaviors from month to month, it is common to see planets within this narrow range contributing to the general tone **and** primed to emerge as events. Other planets (even as far as 10° from the horizon and meridian *in mundo*) add supplemental information (when we examine a specific event) or contribute to the overall psychological or thematic tone (when we examine evolving behavioral patterns that do not necessarily emerge as events). However, planets at these greater distances from the angles are insufficient to signal major events alone.

Dormant Charts

Compared to other astrological approaches, the methodology of Sidereal Mundane Astrology is crisp, precise, and direct. Limiting our attention to **only**

- planets in the foreground and, especially, those within tight orb of the angles, and
- close-orb conjunctions, oppositions, and squares

adds elegant simplicity **and** produces the best results.

However, this straightforward system becomes more complex due to the many different charts (variously characterizing the year, half-year, quarter, month, fortnight, week, and day). I refer to all of the time-applicable charts for an event as the **stack** of that event. Do we have to analyze every chart in the stack? Do we consider and incorporate every foreground planet and every foreground ecliptical and mundane aspect in half a dozen or more separate charts?

No, we do not. Even amidst the complexity of the universe, the method of judgment is simpler than that. Elsewhere in this book, I discuss strategies for navigating the charts in the stack in a practical way. All such strategies begin with filtering away charts that have nothing to say.

If a chart has nothing to say... then it has nothing to say. We skip it, behaving as if it never existed in the first place. This may seem completely obvious to you, though the point has caused many Sidereal researchers more than a little anxiety until realizing how simple the matter is.

For example, a new Caplunar ingress – the “master chart of the month” – occurred one day before President Kennedy was shot and killed. This chart had no planets close to the angles for

either Dallas or Washington. It gave us a great big goose egg, nada, zilch. One can get anxious that the “master chart” had nothing to say; or one can simply note that the universe was not using that particular avenue of communication. No message is... no message. That particular voice is temporarily silent in the chorus. Skip it. Move on.

I call a solar or lunar ingress that has nothing to say for a given location **dormant**. Dormancy is based in having no planets within a close orb of angularity, based on the idea that a significant mundane event concentrates a particular type of planetary energy on a particular geographical location. The chart has to link the energy to a **particular place**. Here is my working rule:

An ingress chart is dormant unless it has at least one planet within 3° of an angle (or 2°-3° of a minor angle¹). A quotidian chart is dormant unless it has at least one planet within 2° of an angle.

Dormant charts may actually have something to contribute in describing an event, in the sense that they describe broader psychological trends in a geographic area. They may play a supportive, supplemental role when the essential timing and character of an event is already clear.

However, the more conservative point of practice is to ignore them. In this book, I will not rely on dormant charts to assess whether a particular type of event will occur at a particular place, at a particular time.

Some factors of an ingress chart are not geography-specific. They apply to all parts of the globe equally. Primarily, these are Moon aspects

- especially in a solar ingress, or
- formed by progressed Moon in the CapQ or CanQ, or
- formed by transits to the ingress or progressed Moon

Because these apply to the whole world, they also apply to the location of a specific event.

¹ Though endeavoring not to create rules that are overly complicated, this “2°-3° of a minor angle” remark probably deserves some clarification. In practice, I have found the useful “dormancy” cutoff for minor angles to be 2° if only a solitary planet is involved, but 3° if two or more planets are in tight aspect in that 2°-3° range. Several examples will be evident in the chapters following.

Chapter 5

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AS EGO-CENTER

Donald Bradley's research in the 1950s concentrated mostly on natural disasters. He cast ingress charts for the location of an event. Generally, this is the most logical, productive approach.

However, for the purposes of mundane astrology, a nation's capital acts as the ego-hub of the nation. A country may be fully expressed through its millions of citizen-cells, yet its ego-center is in its capital. Experience shows that, most of the time, "as goes the capital, so goes the nation."

This has become a larger issue in recent decades, especially with the 24-hour news cycle pumped out through multiple channels. No longer are there many truly **local** events. Significant events in the United States, for example, become **national** events within minutes-to-hours. Often these local events show even better astrologically for the capital.

Obviously, Washington (for example) is most involved if an event (no matter where it occurs) is targeted at the government, or if it requires government response. Therefore, it is no surprise that the Boston Marathon bombing, Oklahoma City federal building bombing, assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., Columbine massacre, and Moon landing showed dramatically through ingress charts calculated for Washington. In some cases, this paralleled the chart indications for the location; and, in some cases, the Washington charts bore most of the weight of the event and the local indications were slight. For example, the Boston Marathon bombing and Sandy Hook killings were weakly shown for Boston and Newtown, but dramatically and precisely shown for Washington: Astrologically, they were truly national, rather than local, events.

These events make sense.

Harder to digest, though witnessed ever more frequently with the passage of time, are events like the Yarnell Hill fire in June 2013, which had the most firefighters killed in a wildland fire in 80 years. Bradley's original 1957 report was rich in showing that fires are among the best-shown disasters, clearly linked to the ingress charts and, especially, the quotidians for the location of the fire; and, indeed, this fire was shown by the various charts for that part of Arizona. However, the fire showed **even better** in the lunar ingresses and quotidians for Washington, DC! In fact, on www.Solunars.org, I characterized the lunar ingresses in advance as fire-prone and expected the outbreak of fire (or a violent event with mournful loss of life) in Washington. Instead, these indications centered on the day when the Arizona fire broke loose into front-and-center national news. Ingresses and quotidians for the egocentric national capital showed what was absorbing the national attention.

Some of my most public errors in Sidereal mundane astrology have arisen from forgetting this fact: As time passes, major local events are *de facto* major national events. As goes Washington, so goes the nation.

For the most part, in the chapters following, I will examine events for their actual location. For some events, though, it will be necessary to examine them as if they occurred at the capital.

Chapter 6

VOLCANOES

Beginning with this chapter, we will explore the Sidereal solar and lunar ingress charts for many different types of events, beginning with natural disasters and then extending into human-initiated events.

I have included all of the events that Garth Allen (Donald A. Bradley) used as examples in his 1957 report, “Unveiling a New Tool – Entering a New Era in Mundane Forecasting.” However, I have calculated the charts anew and examined them anew, including examining the full range of charts for a given event – annual, monthly, and daily. I also have added many other events, especially (but not exclusively) from the years since Bradley’s death in 1974.

We begin with three significant volcano eruptions – one ancient and, therefore, of great interest – and two from the late 19th and early 20th century that were critical in Bradley’s original discovery of the importance of Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses.

MT. VESUVIUS ERUPTION & THE DESTRUCTION OF POMPEII

79 Aug 24, 1:19 PM LMT, Pompeii, Italy

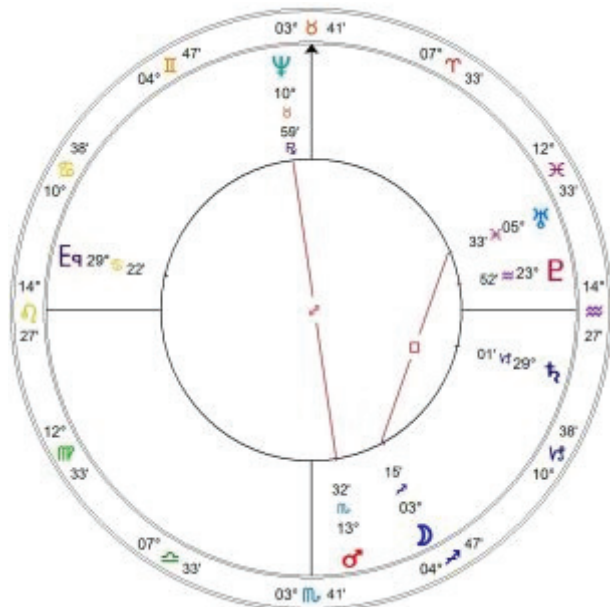
On August 24, 79 CE, Mount Vesuvius began a catastrophic two-day eruption that buried the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum, killing about 16,000 people. According to Pliny the Younger, an eyewitness of the eruption, it began “in the ninth hour,” which (since sunrise occurred at 5:19 AM LMT that day) would have begun at 1:19 PM LMT.

The initial blast, which hurled flame, ash, and fumes more than 20 miles into the air and expelled vast amounts of lava and pumice, is unleashed an estimated 100,000 times the amount of thermal energy of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar occurred on December 20, 78.

- Saturn is 0°11' from the Westpoint (measured in Right Ascension).
- Mars squares the Ascendant (0°55') and closely opposes Neptune (more widely foreground).
- Although Pluto appears to be almost 10° above the horizon ecliptically, the mundoscope discloses that it is only 2°08' above the Descendant mundanely.
- For sudden, eruptive events in general, the Moon closely squares Uranus. However, this applies to the whole world, not only the area of Mt. Vesuvius.



In every point, it is an astonishing chart: Saturn, Pluto, Mars, and Neptune (with a dash of Uranus) for the fiery, explosive volcanic eruption that buried two cities for 1,500 years.

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Uranus is $1^{\circ}18'$ from the IC. No other planets are in the immediate foreground (though Mars and Jupiter are in the more distant foreground).

Month: Caplunar {0 Neutral}

The July 29 Caplunar seems uninvolved in the main incident. It is almost dormant: its only angular planet is Mercury, $2^{\circ}52'$ from the Midheaven, which perhaps alludes to the eyewitness account (the equivalent of 1st Century reporters) that brought knowledge of this event to us down through 20 centuries of history.

Fortnight: Canlunar {+1 Good}

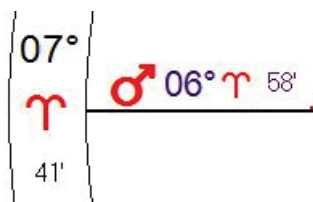
On the other hand, the August 11 Canlunar features explosive Uranus dominant by conjoining the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}21'$).

Week: Liblunar {0 Neutral}

The Canlunar was stronger than the “ingress of the week” Liblunar. Yet, even this seven-day chart had the Moon exactly rising ($0^{\circ}04'$) and, more importantly, Mars 5° from the Descendant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

For an event that spread 80 feet of molten lava across two cities, the final trigger is Mars con-
junct the CapQ Ascendant: Mars at $6^{\circ}58'$ Aries is $0^{\circ}43'$ from the quotidian Ascendant for the time Mt. Vesuvius erupted.



Summary

- **Year:** Saturn, Mars, Pluto (Neptune). *Mars-Neptune, Moon-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Uranus.
- **Month:** Mercury.
 - **Fortnight:** Uranus.
 - **Week:** Moon (Mars).
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars.



KRAKATOA ERUPTION

1883 Aug 27, 3:00 AM GMT, 6S06, 105E25

History's most impactful volcanic eruption – and one of its deadliest – obliterated two-thirds of the Indonesian island of Krakatoa, hurling enough sulfur dioxide into the upper atmosphere to lower global temperatures more than 2° F. for five years (also producing history's most spectacular sunsets). Shockwaves rocked ships as far away as South Africa. Atmospheric disturbance from the blast was so immense that the force circled Earth several times before dispersing.

Over 36,000 people died from the volcanic eruption and its consequent tsunamis. Krakatoa's explosion, heard more than 3,000 miles away, likely was history's loudest sound.

Year: Capsolar {-2 Very Bad}

An unafflicted Venus on the IC is the only foreground planet, and is not descriptive of the event. (Although the close Moon-Uranus opposition is descriptive of this explosive event and its impact on the world in general, Jupiter's close square to Moon-Uranus is not.)

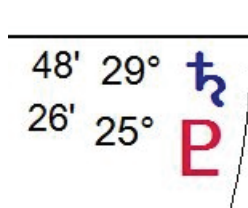
Quarter: Cansolar

The Cansolar is dormant for the location of Krakatoa, although it has factors that affected the whole world. For a fiery, explosive event with planetwide impact, we find a virtually precise (0°04') Moon-Mars opposition with Mars tightly flanked by Saturn and Pluto. Moon and Mars are a short distance from the Saturn/Pluto midpoint.

Pluto	7°44' Taurus
Sa/Pl	10°27' Taurus
Mars	10°44' Taurus
Moon	10°48' Scorpio
Saturn	13°10' Taurus

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar has Saturn 0°12' from the Descendant *in mundo*. Pluto is only 4°32' below the Descendant.



Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

As the “chart of the week,” the August 22 Arilunar told a clear story of fiery explosiveness:

- Uranus is setting (1°32').
- Mars is about 4½° from the IC.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {-1 Bad}

By the day of the eruption, transiting Saturn had squared the Capsolar Ascendant and moved 2°08' past it, and then came to within 2°04' (applying) of the Capsolar Midheaven. In other words, it was about 2° from each, or 0°02' from their midpoint (the time of maximum effect on each). This coincided with the eruption.

The CapQ Ascendant squared Capsolar Sun, though this does not seem to contribute anything additional to the timing of the event. It also was 0°50' from square transiting Jupiter, which seems contrary to the symbolism of the event. Because the quotidian always trumps transits to the Capsolar angles, we cannot take credit for the Saturn transits and have to judge this a misfire.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Much sharper for daily timing, though, are the Cansolar Quotidian angles. The CanQ Midheaven (9°53' Gemini) is within 1°07' of transiting Mars (8°46' Gemini).

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Venus. [*Not descriptive of the event.*]
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*) Moon-Mars + Saturn/Pluto.
- **Month:** Saturn (Pluto).
 - **Week:** Uranus (Mars).
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn (*transit to Capsolar*). Sun, Jupiter (*CapQ*). [*Misfire*]
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars.

**MT. PELEE ERUPTION**

1902 May 8, 11:57 GMT, 14N49, 61W10

Though less world-impacting than the Krakatoa explosion, Mt. Pelée's eruption in 1902 was easily the worst volcanic disaster of the 20th Century, and the second worst in modern times.

About 30,000 people died almost instantly six minutes after the volcano expelled super-heated gasses and vaporized matter with a temperature of about 2,000° F. This cloud hit the town of St. Pierre on Martinique and flash-ignited the entire town and all of its population (except for two people who were almost bizarrely kept safe by their location).

A culmination of the gradual build-up of activity beginning two and a half weeks earlier, Mt. Pelée erupted again on May 30 (just as forcefully as the May 8 eruption), wiping out what little remained of St. Pierre, and then continued to erupt periodically for three years. After July 1905, it lay quiet for 24 years.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Mars is 0°08' from square the Midheaven. Though several other planets are in the foreground, only Mercury (2° below the Ascendant) joins Mars in the immediate foreground.

Quarter: Arisolar

The Arisolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Exactly as with the Krakatoa eruption, Saturn is precisely setting ($0^{\circ}03'$). Other planets were foreground – the Moon is $0^{\circ}06'$ from the Westpoint in RA, and Mars is about 5° from the Midheaven – but Saturn owned the show.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

Two days before the eruption, the Moon entered Aries.

- Mars is $1^{\circ}37'$ from the Eastpoint.
- The Sun is 2° below the Ascendant.¹
- Saturn is foreground, but widely so (about 7° from the Midheaven *in mundo*).

Saturn's angularity introduces an added interesting detail, though: a foreground Mars-Saturn mundane square ($2^{\circ}04'$).

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good}

- Transiting Mars is $1^{\circ}43'$ from the Capsolar IC.
- Transiting Saturn is $2^{\circ}01'$ from the Capsolar Ascendant (much as with Krakatoa).

No planets were on the CapQ angles. Bradley, in his original 1957 report, noted similarities between the astrological patterns for the Krakatoa and Martinique disasters:

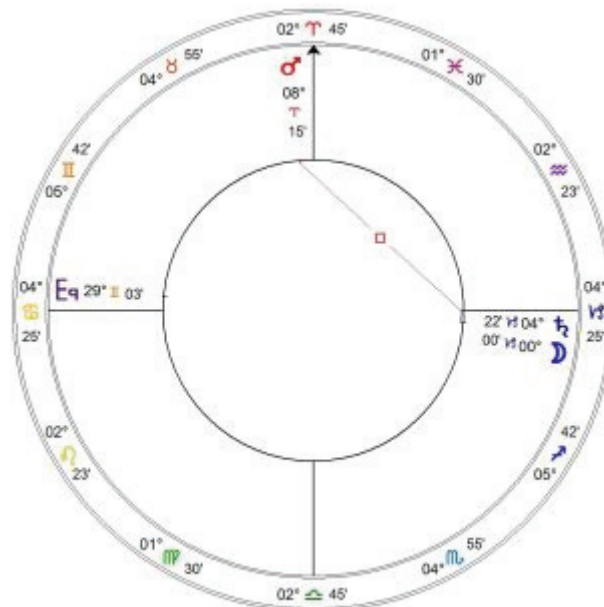
At the very minute of the [Caplunar] in both cases, Saturn was exactly on the western horizon of the volcanoes... The other half of the story is the Sun's Capricorn ingress charts for the years in question. Transiting Saturn, on the very dates of the eruptions, was on the angular cusp in the Capsolar maps – on the Ascendant of Mount Pelee and on the Midheaven of Krakatau!

Hour: Event Chart

At the 11:57 time of the eruption, Pluto was exactly (exactly!) rising and Uranus exactly (exactly!) setting. They formed a $0^{\circ}09'$ mundane opposition across the horizon. Pluto rose and Uranus set at exactly 11:57 AM.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars &c.
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Month:** Saturn, Moon (Mars).
 - **Week:** Mars, Sun (Saturn). *Mars-Saturn.*



¹ The relevance of this will become clearer when we study major fires in Chapter 11.

- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Saturn (*transits to Capsolar*).
- **Hour:** Pluto, Uranus. *Uranus-Pluto*.



OVERVIEW OF VOLCANO ERUPTIONS

+**Saturn** + **Mars** (+Uranus)

Saturn, planet of death and destruction, is a major player in all three events, especially showing in the relevant lunar ingress charts for the eruptions.

Equally, we find the fiery, destructive **Mars**, especially marking the day of the eruptions by its conjunction with the Capsolar ingress or quotidian angles. Mars also marks annual and weekly trends.

Secondarily, explosive **Uranus** marked the quarter and fortnight of Vesuvius, the week of Krakatoa, and the hour of Pelée.

Chapter 7

EARTHQUAKES

GENROKU EARTHQUAKE

1703 Dec 31, 2:00 AM LMT, near Edo (35N41'22", 139E41'30")

Between 5,000 and 10,000 people died in this earthquake and its consequent tsunami near modern Tokyo, an early signal of Japan's tectonic instability.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Pluto squares the Midheaven (0°15'). The year was primed for a high-impact event.

Unlike patterns in the last century, where Pluto recurs on the angles year after year for some locations, this was a novel event for the Edo area. Pluto was not even widely foreground for the two prior years, though it did recur in the years following (widely in 1704, then more closely in 1705) for the long period of starting anew.

Half year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Mercury is the strongest planet in the Cansolar. Jupiter and Pluto are more widely foreground, and closely linked by aspect, an pattern known for economic devastation.¹

- Mercury on Eastpoint (0°33')
- Jupiter culminates (4°29')
- Pluto rising (6°39')
 - Jupiter-Pluto square (1°04')
 - Mercury-Pluto conjunction (2°40' *in mundo*).
- Moon conjunct Sun (2°15').

Quarter: Libsolar {+1 Good}

A typical arrangement of planets for loss of home and loved ones combined with economic ruin. The Libsolar's weakness is that two of the three foreground planets are benefics and, while they are appropriate in this context and under these conditions, the simplest reading would be that this is a positive event. Therefore, I am scoring this as Good, not as Very Good.

- Venus square Ascendant (0°07').
- Pluto on Eastpoint (1°24').
- Jupiter culminates (4°15').
 - Jupiter-Pluto square (1°49').

¹ Were Jupiter a stronger presence, I would degrade this chart to a +1. However, the shared secondary roles of Jupiter and Pluto warrant this interpretation, in my opinion.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar is simple: Saturn is 1°43' from the IC. The only other foreground planet is Neptune, 7°05' from the same angle.

Week: Canlunar {+1 Good}

Saturn also dominates the chart of the week, the Canlunar, by exactly squaring the Ascendant (0°59'). This is weakened only by a mundane square between Moon and Jupiter (2°49') which are more distantly foreground.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good} & Quotidian {-1 Bad}

- Transiting Pluto still squares the Capsolar MC (1°41').
- Transiting Mars squares the Capsolar Ascendant (1°27').
- Transiting Uranus squares Capsolar Moon (0°55').

These are all entirely appropriate, though only the Mars transit is truly a daily timer.

In the CapQ, Pluto just misses the 2° orb window, and Jupiter slips in (square the Ascendant 1°25'). More exactly, progressed Capsolar Moon squares the Ascendant (0°06'), but is not in orb of the Jupiter.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transits to the Cansolar angles repeat the Jupiter-Pluto themes from earlier charts: Transiting Jupiter conjoins the Cansolar MC (0°43') and transiting Pluto conjoins the Cansolar Ascendant (0°59'). This likely refers to a “transformed economy” (meaning, in this case, its devastation).

Much more to the point is the Cansolar Quotidian. The Cansolar’s progressed Moon has reached 3°20' Cancer, 0°38' from conjunct ingress Uranus and a little more than a degree from the CanQ Westpoint. More neutrally, transiting Sun conjoins the CanQ Ascendant (0°16').

Summary

- **Year:** Pluto
 - **Half year:** Mercury, Jupiter (Pluto). *Sun-Moon, Mercury-Pluto, Jupiter-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Venus, Pluto (Jupiter). *Jupiter-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Saturn (Neptune).
 - **Week (Canlunar):** Saturn (Moon, Jupiter). *Moon-Jupiter.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto, Mars, *Moon-Uranus (transit to Capsolar).* Moon, Jupiter (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Pluto, Jupiter (*transit to Cansolar*). Moon, Sun, *Moon-Uranus (CanQ).*

**1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE**

1906 Apr 18, 5:12 AM PST, San Francisco, CA (37N46, 122W25)

This was the worst earthquake in U.S. history and one of the country’s worst disasters of any type. At least 3,000 people died. More than 80% of San Francisco was destroyed by the earth-

quake and, especially, by the resulting fires. Between half and three-fourths of the city's 410,000 residents became homeless. Property losses, in today's dollars, likely exceeded \$10 billion.

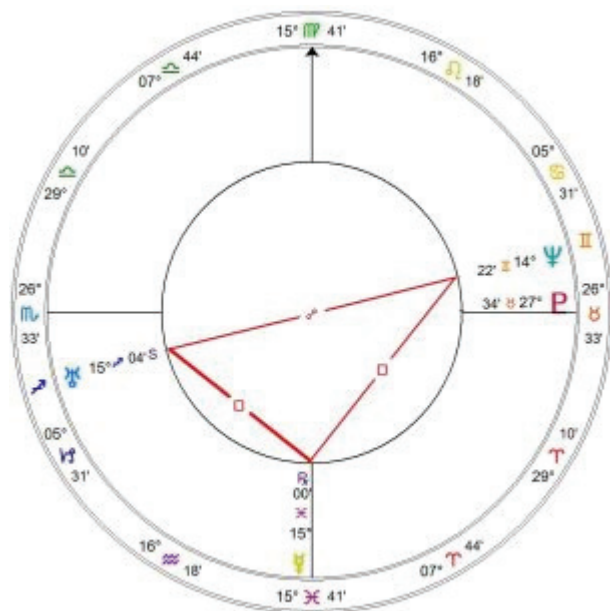
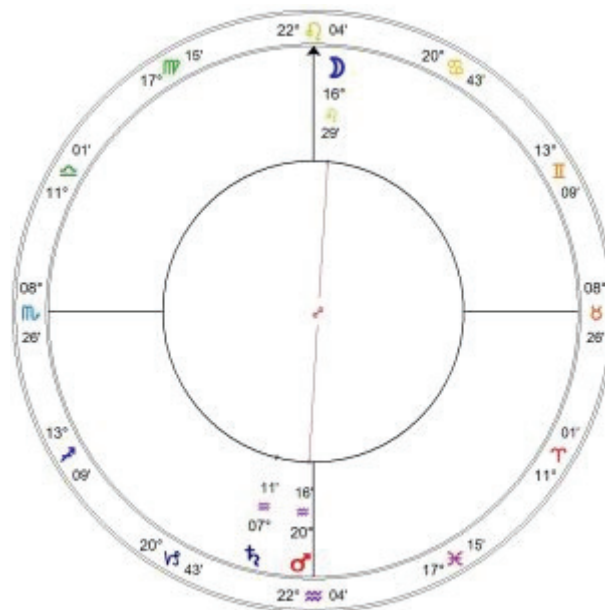
Nearly all of the actual death and destruction resulted from the fires that burned out of control for four days.

In his original 1957 report, Donald Bradley introduced this event primarily to show one chart, the stunning Capsolar Quotidian. However, for this "worst of its kind" disaster, the entire stack of charts is worth examination.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar got things off to a very strong, symbolically apt start:

- Saturn is $1^{\circ}15'$ from square to the Ascendant.
- Mars is $1^{\circ}34'$ from the IC *in mundo*.
- A Moon-Mars opposition is forming, still several degrees from exact.



Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Five days before the earthquake, the Sun entered Sidereal Aries. The three outer planets took an exceptionally strong role in this "chart of the week," in combination with Mercury.

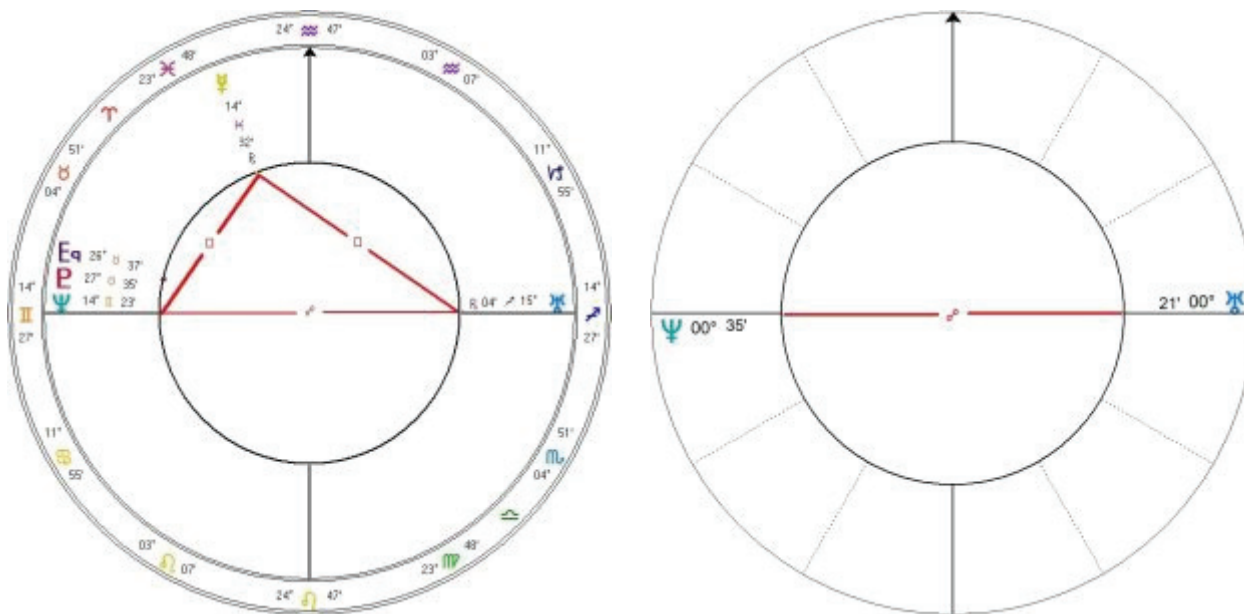
- The "shake, rattle, and roll" Uranus-Neptune opposition is partile, with Uranus stationary. Uranus ($0^{\circ}37'$) and Neptune ($1^{\circ}19'$) square the Midheaven.
- Pluto is $3^{\circ}19'$ below the Descendant, supplementing the primary indicators.
- Mercury is on the IC ($1^{\circ}01'$). Its involvement (including a mundane square to Pluto) reflects the extensive disruption of transit and communication.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar, three days before the quake, is substantially a tighter, more mathematically precise version of as the Arisolar.

- Uranus and Neptune are opposed ($0^{\circ}41'$) right across the horizon, partile square Mercury.
 - Uranus is setting ($0^{\circ}21'$), Neptune is rising ($0^{\circ}35'$), and Mercury squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}05'$).
- Pluto is $1^{\circ}36'$ from the Eastpoint (in RA).

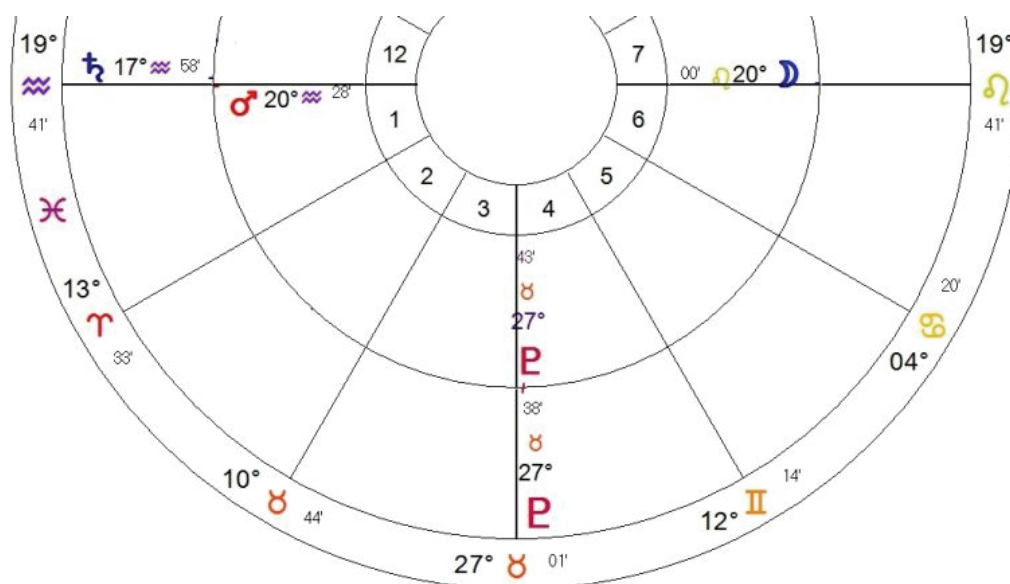
The companion mundoscope makes the precision of the Uranus and Neptune angular contacts even clearer. The whole chart is devastating – just as the quake was to San Francisco.



Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar Quotidian for the 1906 San Francisco quake deserves the description *piece de resistance*, especially considering the fires and the devastation of 80% of the city.

- Progressed Capsolar (CapQ) Moon opposes Capsolar (0°16') and CapQ (0°28') Mars.
 - These are within 1° of the CapQ horizon.
- Transiting Saturn is 1°43' from the CapQ Ascendant.
- Transiting and Capsolar Plutos are within 1° of the CapQ IC.



Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the quake, Uranus and Neptune were in partile opposition just off the San Francisco meridian. In comparison to the 5:12 PM quake time, Uranus culminated at 5:04 PM, and Neptune anticulminated at 5:01 PM.

Summary

- **Year:** Saturn, Mars.
 - **Quarter:** Uranus, Neptune, Mercury (Pluto). *Mercury-Pluto, Uranus-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Mercury, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. *Mercury-Uranus-Neptune.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Moon, Mars, Saturn, Pluto. *Moon-Mars.*
- **Hour:** Uranus, Neptune. *Uranus-Neptune.*



1915 AVEZZANO EARTHQUAKE

1915 January 13, 8:00 AM CET, Avezzano, Italy

This devastating central Italy earthquake killed 32,000 people, including 96% of the population of Avezzano plus others in surrounding areas. It leveled the whole of Avezzano nearly to a building. Shaking was felt throughout central Italy, including in Rome, 70 miles away.

Rescue efforts were minimal and delayed. The first reports received in Rome did not indicate that serious damage had occurred, so the government initially paid little attention. Rescue workers on site became fatigued and disillusioned long before the job was finished. Eventually, Rome realized the seriousness and mobilized rescue and relief efforts.

Bradley was interested in this example especially because it showed the operation of a Capsolar to the very last day of its term, before the next Capsolar succeeded it.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The January 14, 1914 Capsolar – which occurred 364 days before the quake – featured Saturn 0°14' from the Ascendant *in mundo*.

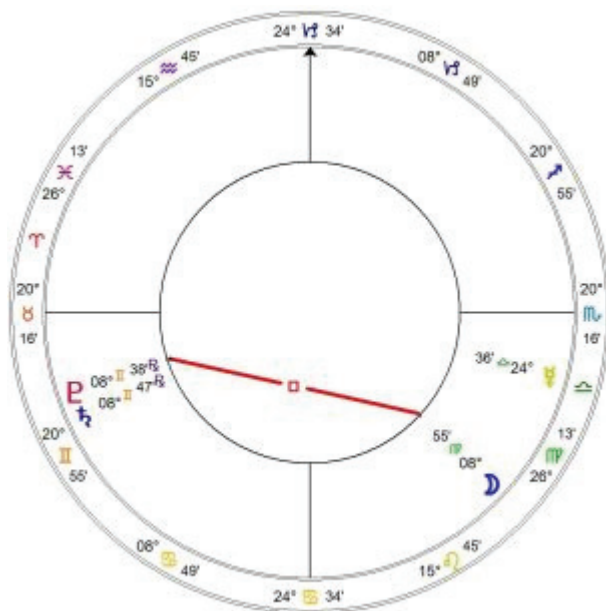
Half year: Cansolar

The Cansolar is dormant. However, it does have Moon square Uranus within 1°31', affecting the whole world (including Avezzano). This aspect is characteristic of shock, surprise, and disruption requiring rapid learning and adaptation.

Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

Mercury squares the Midheaven within 0°02'. By itself, this is a nearly meaningless placement. Possibly, it shows the type of planning and logistics that were required in the aftermath.

However, this placement links the Libsolar to the city of Avezzano and unlocks the otherwise dormant potential of the chart, including the Moon's half-degree square to a 0°09' Saturn-Pluto conjunction. This aspect structure is quite apt for a catastrophic disaster with profound feelings of irrevocable loss. The rest of the world felt the aspect more globally through the recent start of



World War I. For Avezzano, though, it had a more direct, personal impact.¹

Month: Caplunar {-1 Bad}

The Caplunar is mixed and ultimately unsatisfying. On the side of astrology, Uranus squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}17'$).

However, Jupiter is $0^{\circ}32'$ from the IC, which hardly reflects the deaths of 32,000 people, widespread devastation, and delays and shortages in relief efforts.

Fortnight: Canlunar {-2 Very Bad}

Yet, Jupiter was angular again – this time at the Midheaven within $0^{\circ}45'$ – in the Canlunar that marked the last half of the month.

Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good}

Partial redemption for the lunar ingresses shows in the January 9 Liblunar, the “chart of the week.”

- Neptune sets ($2^{\circ}18'$).
- Uranus rises ($4^{\circ}53'$).
- Yet, even in this chart, Jupiter squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}46'$).

We need to admit that, for this particular quake, Jupiter is a significant part of the astrological profile – for reasons unclear to me. I post the truth and take my lumps: The lunar ingresses seem to have let us down this time, though they are being so persistent that one wonders whether they are insisting on a meaning I do not see.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Looping back 360° to essentially the same angles as when the Capsolar set up a year earlier, the CapQ Ascendant is $19^{\circ}44'$ Taurus, $1^{\circ}23'$ from Capsolar Saturn.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

As a secondary “master chart” of the year, the Cansolar often is useful in timing the day of an event. In this case, transiting Neptune at $5^{\circ}42'$ Cancer is within a degree of the Cansolar IC at $6^{\circ}11'$ Cancer.

Additionally, the CanQ Midheaven was $4^{\circ}27'$ Cancer, exactly conjunct Cansolar Neptune ($4^{\circ}15'$ Cancer) and within 2° of transiting Neptune. We have, in these contacts, a clear mark of

¹ The connection to the angular Mercury is much more obvious than appears at a glance. Libsolar Mercury semi-squares $9^{\circ}36'$ Virgo, meaning that it is within 1° of semi-square/sesqui-square the Moon-Saturn-Pluto trio. Though the 45° aspect series is generally ignored in this book (in order to better highlight the simplicity of the Sidereal mundane astrology methods), I do consider these to be valid aspects.

confusion, uncertainty, and panic. Additionally, transiting Mercury was 3°15' Capricorn, so various Mercury-Neptune combinations were part of the mix.

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the quake, a Mercury-Neptune opposition splayed itself across the horizon at Avezzano. We do not have an exact time for the quake, only that it happened about 8:00 AM. Mercury rose at 8:06 AM, and Neptune at 8:01.

Summary

- **Year:** Saturn.
 - **Half-year:** (*Dormant.*) *Moon-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Mercury. *Moon-Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Uranus, Jupiter.
 - **Fortnight:** Jupiter.
 - **Week:** Neptune, Jupiter (Uranus).
- **Day (CapQ):** Saturn.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Neptune, Mercury, *Mercury-Neptune (CanQ)*.
- **Hour:** Mercury, Neptune. *Mercury-Neptune.*



GREAT KANTO EARTHQUAKE (1923 Tokyo Earthquake)

1923 Sep 1, 11:59 AM JST, Tokyo, Japan (35N42, 139E46)

Striking widely across the Kanto plane (where the Genroku quake had struck 220 years earlier), this was the worst earthquake in Japan's history, devastating Tokyo, Yokohama, and other regional cities. Altogether, about 143,000 people died.

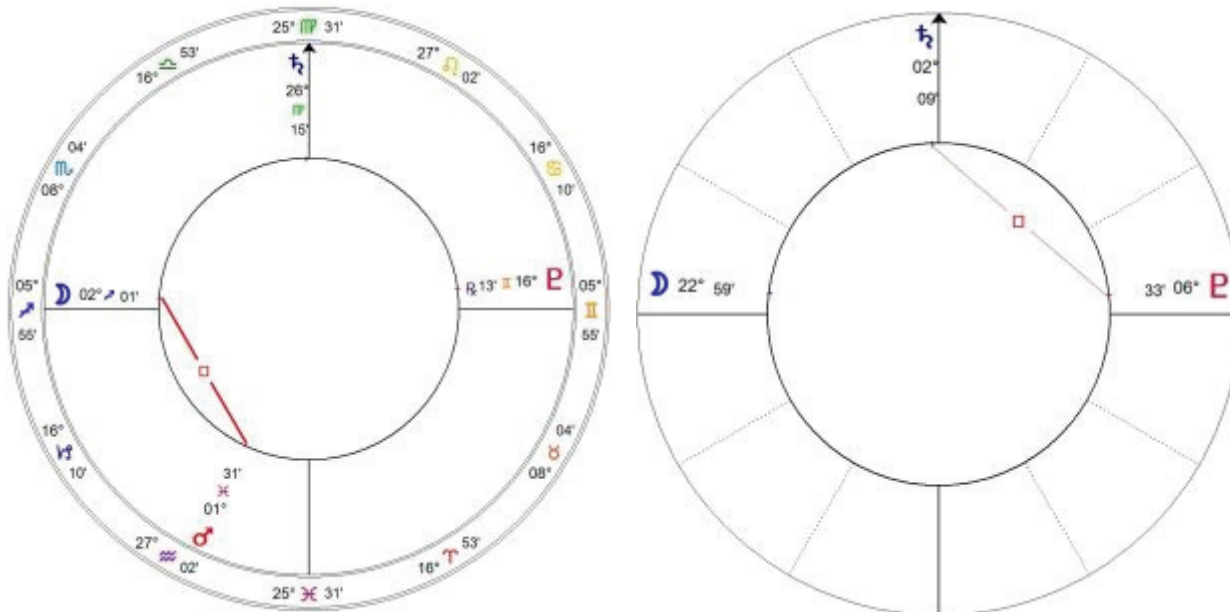
Although the epicenter was at 35N06, 139E30, the greatest damage was in Tokyo; and, as a national level event, there would be a tendency, in any case, for Tokyo to be the astrological hub of influences. Therefore, I have calculated the charts for the capital city.

As the quake hit at noon, people were cooking food over open flame across the city. Consequently, numerous fires broke out quickly spread. The fires were responsible for as much of the death and destruction as the quake itself. (Mars was angular exactly when the earthquake struck.)

Also, a typhoon hit Tokyo Bay concurrent with the earthquake. The storm and quake may have been mechanistically connected. However, the charts below are not consistent with hurricane conditions (see Chapter 10), though they **are** highly consistent with earthquake conditions.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Here is the Capsolar, given both as a horoscope and as a mundoscope for comparison.



- Saturn is 2°09' from the Capsolar Midheaven *in mundo*.
- Moon and Pluto are also foreground, though more widely.
 - Saturn squares Pluto (mundane) in the foreground, though rather widely. (They are, in any case, concurrently foreground.)
- The Moon squares Mars (0°30').

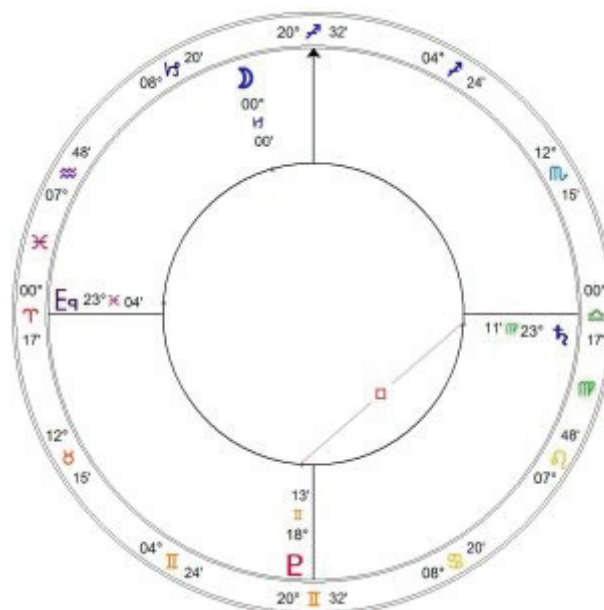
Quarter: Cansolar

The Cansolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

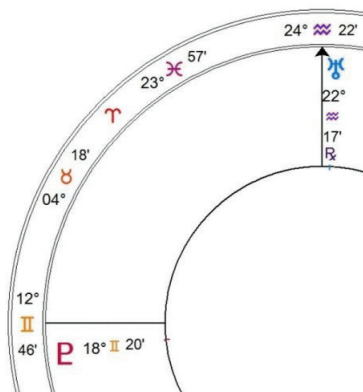
Saturn, Pluto, and the Moon are again the main features of the August 23 Caplunar.

- Moon squares the Ascendant (0°17').
- Saturn sets (1°48' *in mundo*) and conjoins the Westpoint (1°00' in RA).
- Pluto is 4°36' from the IC.
 - The foreground Saturn and Pluto again are square *in mundo*, but much closer (2°48') than in the Capsolar.



Week: Arilunar {+1 Good}

A different earthquake pattern shows in the Arilunar, which occurred the day before the quake. Uranus is at the Midheaven (2°09') and Pluto more widely in the rising foreground (7°).



Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {-2 Very Bad}

Transiting Saturn conjoins the Capsolar Midheaven within $1^{\circ}29'$.

However, planets within 2° of the Capsolar Quotidian include a mixture of Venuses and the Sun. This is a poor indicator of the event.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {-2 Very Bad}

Nor does the Cansolar Quotidian improve the picture with ingress Sun and transiting Jupiter angular. (It seems to me too much of a stretch to associate this with the safety of the Emperor and Empress, who were in Nikko, in the mountains 90 miles north of Tokyo, and not, at that time, resident on the Kanto plane.)

The best daily timing we have, therefore, is the Arilunar: the quake occurred the day after the “chart of the week” set up.

Hour: Event Chart

When the quake began at 11:58 AM, Mars was $0^{\circ}17'$ from square the Ascendant. Mars was the trigger of the hour.

Summary

- **Year:** Saturn (Moon, Pluto). *Moon-Mars, Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** (Dormant.)
- **Month:** Moon, Saturn (Pluto). *Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Uranus (Pluto).
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn (*transit to Capsolar*). Sun, Venus (*CapQ*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Sun, Jupiter.
- **Hour:** Mars.



1933 LONG BEACH EARTHQUAKE

1933 March 10, 5:55 PM PST, Long Beach, CA (epicenter 33N38, 118W00)

Modern earthquake preparedness in California began in the immediate aftermath of the magnitude 6.4 Long Beach earthquake of 1933. Compared to other major earthquakes, the death toll

was small (120 people died), with about \$50 million in property damage (equivalent to \$900 million in 2013) across the southern Los Angeles/Long Beach area.

Year: Capsolar {0 Neutral}

The Capsolar, on its face, was insufficiently descriptive of this event. Its only foreground planet is the Moon, $2^{\circ}54'$ from the Midheaven in Cancer and unaspected.

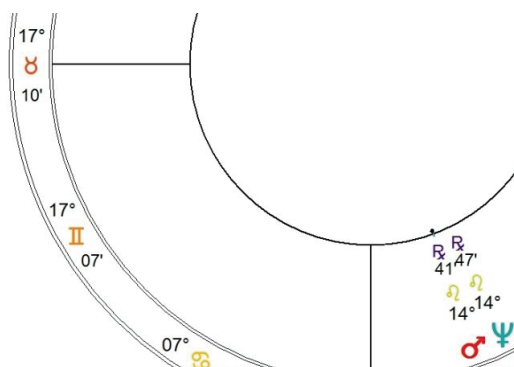
Because the Capsolar is not dormant, we normally would have no need to reference the prior Cansolar except as a supplement or support. Nonetheless, the Cansolar remains a valid annual chart and, in this case, features Saturn square the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}26'$).

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

The Canlunar four days before the quake features a nearly exact ($0^{\circ}06'$) Mars-Neptune conjunction square the Ascendant, suggesting rushing adrenaline and panic.



Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The CapQ times the event quite accurately. Its Midheaven ($26^{\circ}18'$ Virgo) opposes transiting Uranus ($27^{\circ}41'$ Pisces) and squares transiting Pluto ($27^{\circ}32'$ Gemini). The highlighted Uranus-Pluto square is only $0^{\circ}09'$ wide.

Day: Cansolar Transits {+2 Very Good}

Additionally, the Cansolar contributes to the timing: Transiting Saturn is $1^{\circ}06'$ from the Cansolar Descendant at the time of the quake.

Summary

- **Year:** Moon.
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** Mars, Neptune. *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Uranus, Pluto. *Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn (*transit to Cansolar*).



1949 OLYMPIA EARTHQUAKE

1949 Apr 13, 11:55:42 AM PST, Olympia area (epicenter 47N06, 122W42)

Bradley referred to this as a Seattle-area quake. The epicenter was between Olympia and Tacoma. I have used Olympia's coordinates (47N02, 122W54) in the calculations following.

Although 7.1 in magnitude, and the largest recorded earthquake in the Puget Sound area, the effects were more psychological than physical. Eight people died. Shaking reached across Washington and to adjacent areas (as far east as Montana).

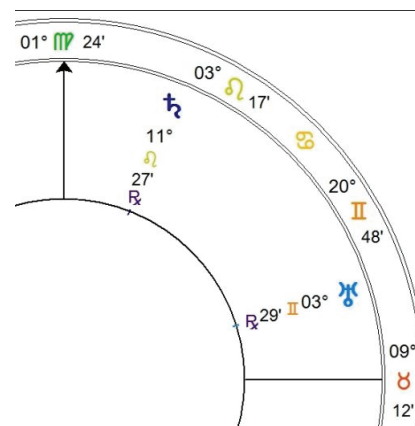
Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Setting the tone for other charts in the stack, the Capsolar (which is also the chart of the quarter) features:

- Saturn squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}10'$).
- Uranus squares the Midheaven ($2^{\circ}29'$).

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The Uranus theme continues in the Caplunar, where Uranus is $2^{\circ}08'$ from the Descendant and half a degree from square Venus. (Venus squares the Ascendant within $1^{\circ}01'$.)



Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

Two weeks later, the Canlunar raised the anxiety bar with a rising Neptune opposite several setting planets, including Mercury, Mars, Venus, and the Sun. Neptune itself is $2^{\circ}10'$ from the horizon. Neptune's ecliptical and mundane aspects to Venus and Mars are strongest.

Neptune (and especially Mars-Neptune) seems most appropriate for a big quake that frayed nerves across a vast geographic area. (Compare this to the Long Beach earthquake.) Against this, we have another week of this lunar month with Venus' protection softening the blow.²

² When following the building of an event from week to week, it is common to see benefics on the angles during the lead-up, and then absent in the final week of the event. I interpret this as the benefics providing a measure of protection ("not now") during the lead-in weeks, and then the protection disappearing at the end. I think that is happening here with Venus' strength in the Caplunar and Canlunar, but not the Liblunar.

Week: Liblunar {+1 Good}

The “ingress of the week” – the Liblunar, occurring less than a day before the earthquake – mirrors the Capsolar in part by having Saturn again square the Ascendant (orb $2^{\circ}26'$, about the same as in the Capsolar). The Liblunar’s major contribution, though, may be that it does **not** have Venus foreground.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Absent anything significant from the Capsolar Quotidian, the prevailing Cansolar formidably provided precision daily timing of this substantially Saturn-Uranus driven earthquake.

- Transiting Saturn conjoined the Cansolar Eastpoint ($0^{\circ}30'$).
- In the CanQ, transiting and ingress Uranus ($3^{\circ}10'$ and $4^{\circ}01'$ Gemini, respectively) conjoined the Ascendant ($3^{\circ}47'$ Gemini). Concurrently, transiting Saturn was $1^{\circ}57'$ from the CanQ IC.

Hour: Event Chart

When the quake struck at 11:56 AM, Mars was $1^{\circ}43'$ west of the Midheaven and Pluto was $1^{\circ}46'$ below the Ascendant. Their average positions marked the local angles within $0^{\circ}01'$.

Summary

- **Year:** Saturn, Uranus.
- **Month:** Uranus, Venus. *Venus-Uranus.*
 - **Fortnight:** Neptune, Mars, Venus, Sun (Mercury), *and multiple aspect pairings.*
 - **Week:** Saturn.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn (*transit to Cansolar*). Uranus, Saturn (*CapQ*).
- **Hour:** Mars, Pluto. *Mars/Pluto.*

**1952 TEHACHAPI EARTHQUAKE**

1952 Jul 21, 4:52 AM PDT, Tehachapi, CA (epicenter 35N00, 119W01)

California’s largest earthquake in 80 years (at magnitude 7.3) was more intense than the San Francisco quake but far less costly in human lives and property damage. Twelve people died, 18 were injured, and \$40 million in damage occurred.

Aftershocks also were highly destructive, including one a month later that caused two further deaths and another \$20 million in property damage.

Year: Capsolar {0 Mixed}

The 1952 Capsolar for the epicenter has Uranus 4° from the Midheaven. However, much closer – within half a degree – it displayed Jupiter on the Descendant. I think we must conclude that the Capsolar does not *per se* show this earthquake on its face, though it serves as an accurate basis for later timing.

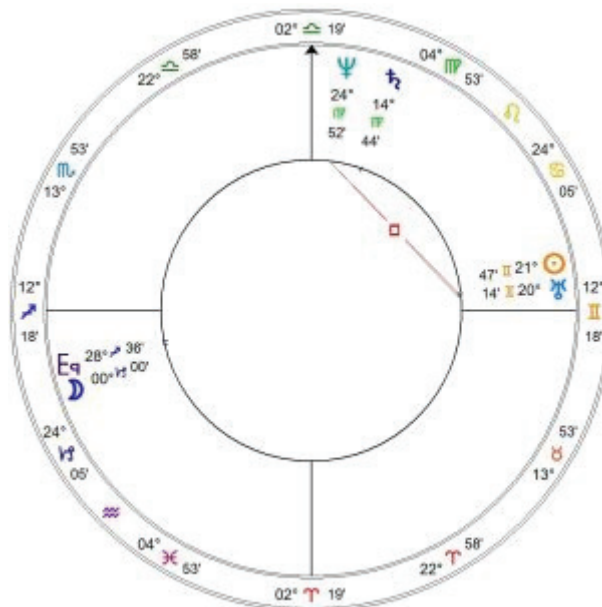
Quarter: Cansolar

The Cansolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The malefic magic began when the Moon entered Capricorn two weeks before the quake:

- Saturn squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}26'$).
- The Moon conjoins the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}57'$ in RA).
- Neptune and Sun-Uranus are more widely foreground (7° - 9° from the angles *in mundo*).



Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

When the earthquake struck, the July 14 Arilunar was still the “chart of the week.” (The Moon did not enter Cancer until a couple of hours later). The Arilunar has Mars $0^{\circ}24'$ from the Descendant, in close mundane square to the Sun $1^{\circ}19'$ from the IC.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Neptune and Uranus conjoin the CapQ angles:

- Ingress Neptune is $0^{\circ}24'$ from the CapQ Descendant.
- Ingress and transiting Uranuses are both within 2° from the CapQ IC.
 - The $19^{\circ}11'$ Gemini midpoint of these Uranuses is only $0^{\circ}03'$ from the angle.

Hour: Event Chart

As the earthquake began at 4:52 AM, Uranus was within a degree of the Ascendant, rising exactly at the quake’s epicenter at 4:56 AM.

Summary

- **Year:** Jupiter (Uranus).
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Month:** Saturn, Moon. *Sun-Uranus.*
 - **Week:** Mars, Sun. *Sun-Mars.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Neptune, Uranus.
- **Hour:** Uranus.

NOTE: The severe, costly August 22 aftershock occurred with Uranus and Neptune on the CanQ angles, the same pattern shown in the CapQ for the original quake. Furthermore, transiting Mars exactly opposed progressed Cansolar Moon (*i.e.*, the CanQ Moon).



KAMCHATKA EARTHQUAKE

1952 Nov 4, 16:58 UT, 52N45, 159E30

This 9.0 quake is the fourth most severe earthquake on record, with tsunamis reaching as far as Chile and New Zealand. No casualties are reported, although the tsunami impact on Hawaii caused about a million dollars in damage (about \$8.8 million in 2013 dollars).

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant.

Half-year: Cansolar {0 Neutral}

Occurring almost the minute of sunrise, the Cansolar has Sun rising (0°47'). Venus and Uranus are also foreground, though much wider. I do not see that this chart contributes to describing the quake, though it offers nothing contradictory. (It seems indifferent to the matter.)

Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

In contrast, the Libsolar – the solar ingress for the quarter, occurring less than three weeks before the quake – shows a sudden spike in activity for the region.

- Mercury squares the Ascendant (0°44').
- Uranus squares the MC (1°52').
- Saturn anticulminates (4°05').
 - Saturn-Uranus square (0°22').
- Pluto rises (6°37').
 - Saturn-Pluto square (2°32' *in mundo*).
- Neptune anticulminates (7°21').
 - Neptune-Pluto square (0°44' *in mundo*).
 - Uranus-Neptune square (3°02').
 - Saturn-Neptune conjunction (2°50').
- Sun anticulminates (9°23')
 - Sun-Neptune square (2°03' *in mundo*).
 - Sun-Pluto square (2°46' *in mundo*).

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Mercury is the primary theme of the month. Squaring the Ascendant within 0°19' at the epicenter, it is the closest, strongest planet in the Capsolar.

However, this close angularity awakens the chart to activity, allowing one strong mundane aspect to have its voice: Pluto is 4°14' above the Ascendant and the Sun 3°52' east of the IC. This places them in 0°22' mundane square.

Mercury also squares the rising Pluto (2°09').

Week: Arilunar {+1 Good}

Sun square Pluto repeats in the Arilunar in much the same way, though this time a closely angular Jupiter paves the way. Jupiter is 1°32' from the Descendant.

This opens the chart for the region. Pluto (5°30' west of the MC) and Sun (5°10' above the Ascendant) form a 0°20' mundane square, an aspect seen in in the Caplunar of three of history's four worst earthquakes, and (as we have just seen) in the quarter, month, and week charts for this particular quake.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

At the time of the quake, Mars (1°08') and Uranus (0°13') squared the Capsolar Midheaven for the epicenter.

In the CapQ, transiting Sun is barely within a 2° orb of the Westpoint. This probably would not have been worth mentioning had an angular Sun not been present at three of history's five worst earthquakes, and already angular for the half-year, quarter, month, and week of this one.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Neptune squares the Capsolar Ascendant (0°55').

In the Cansolar Quotidian, ingress Saturn is 0°07' from the quotidian Ascendant.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Half-year:** Sun (Venus, Uranus).
 - **Quarter:** Mercury, Uranus (Saturn, Pluto, Neptune, Sun). *Saturn-Uranus-Neptune, Sun-Neptune-Pluto, Saturn-Neptune-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Mercury (Sun, Pluto). *Sun-Pluto, Mercury-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Jupiter (Sun, Pluto). *Sun-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Uranus, *Mars-Uranus (transits to Capsolar).* Sun (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Saturn (*CanQ*).



1957 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE

1957 Mar 22, 11:45 AM PST, San Francisco, CA (37N46, 122W25)

This quake received attention because it occurred in 1957 while Bradley was writing his original report. Today it is best known as the 1957 Daly City Earthquake. (Modern assessment also places the epicenter of the 1906 San Francisco quake just off the California coast at Daly City.)

However, the 1957 quake was much milder than that of 1906, being only 5.3 in magnitude. No deaths occurred, structural damage was small, and a local highway was temporarily closed.

Year: Capsolar {0 Mixed}

The Capsolar does not lead the charge in anticipating this earthquake. It has a mixture of planets close to the angle, some indicative of such an event and some not. (The most angular is Mercury.) However, it will serve us later for the final timing of the day.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar quickly got down to business picking up the Capsolar's slack!

- Neptune is 0°01' from the Westpoint in RA.
- Mars rises (0°43').

Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

The March 11 Canlunar repeated the violent theme and intensified its violence.

- Pluto squares the Midheaven (0°47').
- Mars culminates (1°53').
 - Mars squares Pluto 2°22'.

Week: Liblunar {+1 Good}

The “chart of the week” features keeps the malefic pattern rolling:

- Saturn is 0°52' from the IC.
- Venus sets (2°44').
 - Venus squares Saturn *in mundo* (3°36').

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn, at the time of the quake, was 1°34' from exact square to the Capsolar Quotidian Ascendant.

(A Venus-Jupiter opposition exactly squared the San Francisco Capsolar Ascendant. However, transits to the ingress angles yield to the Quotidian indications.)

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the quake, Venus was near the Midheaven 0°07' from Jupiter on the IC. This is highly atypical. (Please note that this is not a distinctly Sidereal technique – it is just the event chart for the time of the quake.)

The quake occurred at 11:45 AM. Venus culminated at 11:57 AM. Jupiter anticulminated a minute later.

Summary

- **Year:** [*Mixture of planets. Seems uninvolved.*]
- **Month:** Neptune, Mars.
 - **Fortnight:** Pluto, Mars. *Mars-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Saturn, Venus. *Venus-Saturn.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Saturn.
- **Hour:** Venus, Jupiter.



GREAT CHILEAN EARTHQUAKE

1960 May 22, 3:11 PM AST, 38S14, 73W03

The most powerful earthquake ever recorded, rated 9.5 on the moment magnitude scale struck near Lumaco, Chile, causing an unknown number of deaths (variously estimated as between 2,200 and 6,000), and damages estimated as between \$400 million and \$800 million (\$3.1-\$6.3 billion in 2013 dollars). Tsunami waves exceeded 80 feet in height locally, and reached across the Pacific as far as Japan, Australia, and the Aleutians.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Forceful, violent disruption was the expectation set by the Capsolar for that general region.

- Mars rises (0°23').
- Pluto culminates (2°58').
 - Mars-Pluto square (2°21' *in mundo*).
- Jupiter rises (6°57').
- Moon-Neptune square (0°16').

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Under the Arisolar, the expectation of high-casualty tragedy increased with the Arisolar. Though I have no specific information on this detail, I would also expect a slowing or crippling of communication and transportation channels.

- Saturn rises (1°56')
- Mercury antikulminates (0°26').
 - Mercury-Saturn square (2°22' *in mundo*).

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Sealing the building pattern, the Caplunar repeated the Pluto theme from the Capsolar, and added a Sun-Pluto aspect, which is present in the Caplunar for three of the four worst earthquakes ever recorded.

- Pluto (stationary) antikulminates (2°33').
- Sun rises (3°59').
 - Sun-Pluto square (1°26' *in mundo*).
- Mercury rises (6°40').
 - Sun-Mercury conjunction (2°35').

Week: Arilunar

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Jupiter conjoins the Capsolar Ascendant (1°13'). Transiting Mercury squares the Capsolar Midheaven (1°21').

However, this is overruled by the contrary message of the CapQ, in which transiting Saturn is 1°26' from the Midheaven, conjunct ingress Mercury, which is 0°36' from the angle.

Day: Cansolar Transits {+2 Very Good} & Quotidian {-1 Very Good}

Transiting Uranus squares Cansolar Midheaven ($0^{\circ}33'$), a clean hit.

However, the CanQ is somewhat ambiguous and perhaps counter indicative. Transiting Mercury conjoins the CanQ Ascendant ($1^{\circ}56'$), and ingress Venus squares it ($0^{\circ}42'$). Mercury squares Venus.

Hour: Event Chart

The minute the quake struck, Mars was $1^{\circ}24'$ from the Descendant at the epicenter, setting exactly at 3:18 PM, seven minutes later.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars, Pluto (Jupiter). *Moon-Neptune, Mars-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Mercury, Saturn. *Mercury-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Pluto (Sun, Mercury). *Sun-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mercury, Jupiter (*transit to Capsolar*). Mercury, Saturn, *Mercury-Saturn (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*). Mercury, Venus, *Mercury-Venus (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Mars.

**GREAT ALASKAN EARTHQUAKE**

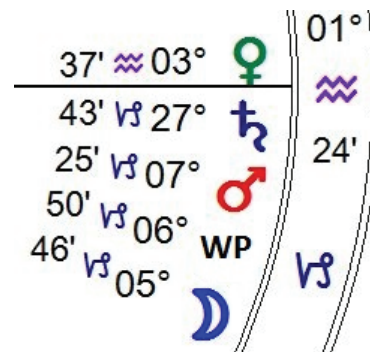
1964 Mar 27, 5:36 PM AST, near Prince William Sound (61N03, 147E29)

Four years after the worst earthquake known to history struck Chile, its new runner-up hit Alaska. Dubbed the “Good Friday” earthquake (since it fell two days before Easter), this 9.2 quake remains the second worst on record. Due to the sparse population of the area, deaths were limited to 143. Property damage was over \$310 million (\$2.3 billion in 2013 dollars). Tsunamis were responsible for most of the deaths and damage, and reached as far as California, Hawaii, and Japan. Aftershocks continued for months, including many exceeding 6.2 magnitude.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

A harsh, violent Capsolar set the tone for the year.

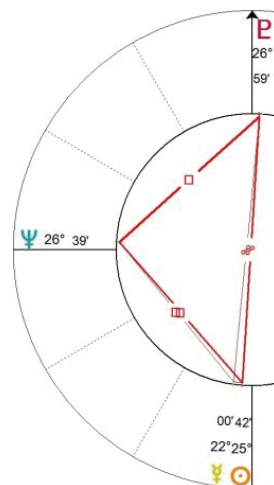
- Mars on Westpoint ($0^{\circ}52'$).
- Moon on Westpoint ($0^{\circ}43'$).
 - Moon/Mars midpoint on WP ($0^{\circ}05'$ in RA).
 - Moon-Mars conjunction ($1^{\circ}39'$).
- Venus setting ($0^{\circ}31'$).
- Saturn setting ($3^{\circ}52'$).
- Pluto rising ($4^{\circ}27'$).
 - Saturn/Pluto midpoint on horizon ($0^{\circ}18'$).



Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Continuing the disruptive trend, the Caplunar especially highlights Pluto themes with an intense foreground Sun-Neptune-Pluto T-square, with a side of Mercury.

- Pluto culminates (3°01').
- Neptune rises (3°21').
- Sun anticulminates (4°18').
 - Neptune-Pluto square (0°20' *in mundo*).
 - Sun-Neptune square (0°57' *in mundo*).
 - Sun-Pluto opposition (1°17' *in mundo*).
- Mercury anticulminates (8°00').
 - Mercury-Pluto opposition (2°52').
 - Sun-Mercury conjunction (3°25').

**Week: Canlunar**

The Canlunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

The Capsolar's Moon-Mars conjunction, already so important by its midpoint being the Westpoint, has progressed to partile: Moon and Mars are 0°42' apart in the CanQ.

Angularities are less cooperative. There is two: Capsolar Jupiter is 1°28' from square the CapQ Midheaven, and transiting Sun is 1°55' from the Descendant.

The Moon-Mars progression is quite a potent indicator. On balance, this deserves a +1 score.

Day: Cansolar Transits {-1 Bad} & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Jupiter marks the Cansolar for the day also, by transiting 1°42' from the Cansolar Ascendant. Transiting Neptune then dominates the CanQ, sitting 1°16' from its Ascendant.

Hour: Event Chart

As the quake struck, Pluto was 2° from the Descendant, even though, by celestial longitude, it appeared to be more than a quarter of the zodiac away! (This is one more high-latitude reminder of why we need to religiously check the mundo-scope, especially where Pluto is concerned.)

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Summary

- **Year:** Mars, Moon, Venus, (Saturn, Pluto). *Moon-Mars, Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Neptune (Sun, Mercury). *Sun-Neptune-Pluto, Mercury-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CapQ):** Sun, Jupiter. *Moon-Mars.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Jupiter (*transits to Cansolar*). Neptune (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Pluto.



SUMATRA-ANDAMAN EARTHQUAKE

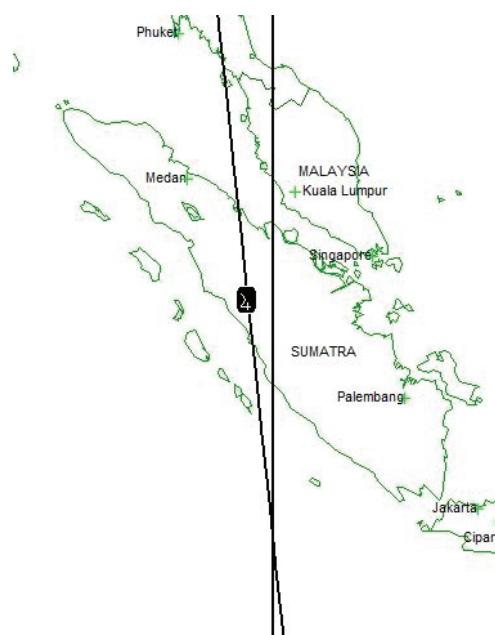
2004 Dec 26, 0:58:53 UT, 3N18'58", 95E51'14"

Forty years later, the Indian Ocean floor near Sumatra was rocked by what remains the third worst earthquake on record, with a magnitude of approximately 9.2, and the most catastrophic tsunami. Casualties from the consequent tsunami were enormous, estimated as at least 228,000 deaths, over half of them in Indonesia. Over \$14 billion in humanitarian assistance subsequently poured into the area. (about \$17 billion in 2013 dollars).

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

As the astrological year began, indications were faint of the pending holocaust, and the Capsolar is nearly dormant. For the epicenter, Jupiter was 1°58' from square the Midheaven. In the mundoscope, Jupiter and Pluto were 4°11' and 5°10' from the angles respectively, and in partile mundane square.

Normally, I would accept a Capsolar such as this either as not yet showing the event disaster, or as showing it in a minor way (mostly pertaining to economics); but, while the angularity was not tight for the earthquake's epicenter, it was most definitely close enough for the area where much of the devastating impact occurred. See the map at right where the Jupiter and Pluto lines pass through Malaysia and Sumatra, then intersect nearby.



Half year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Perhaps no more frightening and violent force exists than that which astrology mirrors with a close Mars-Neptune aspect. This aspect dominated the Cansolar. Added to this, for a seismic shift so powerful that it literally shook the entire earth and triggered secondary earthquakes over 7,000 miles away, the Moon is closely conjunct Saturn, an aspect relevant to the entire world.

- Mars on Eastpoint (0°47') and rising (1°50').
- Neptune on Westpoint (1°12') and setting (2°11').
 - Mars-Neptune opposition (0°04').
- Mercury square Ascendant (1°55').
- Moon-Saturn conjunction (2°10').

Quarter: Libsolar

The Libsolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

No one could mistake the meaning of the Caplunar. Whether viewed as a horoscope or mundoscope, the message is identical, although the mundoscope shows it slightly better:

- Moon culminates (0°28').
- Saturn antikulminates (0°54').
 - Moon-Saturn opposition (0°26' *in mundo*).

Moon-Saturn aspects signify hardship, sacrifice, loss, sadness, and, yes, death – whether by marking the start of a war, a murderous shooting rampage, or – as in the worst earthquakes and hurricanes in history – through natural disaster. (This is the second layer at which we have seen Moon-Saturn for this event. It will not be the last.)

Week: Arilunar

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

From the Cansolar to the Caplunar to the Capsolar Quotidian, the astrological indications are mathematically precise and symbolically apt. Observe these two patterns in the CapQ.

CapQ MC	4°23' Taurus
t. Mars	5°27'
i. Uranus	5°59' Aquarius
CapQ Moon	18°45' Libra
t. Neptune	18°51' Capricorn

I suggest that you turn to Appendix B and read the interpretive sections on Moon-Neptune and Mars-Uranus aspects to put this in perspective.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Our third occurrence of a Moon-Saturn aspect for this event is in the Cansolar Quotidian. Progressed Cansolar Moon exactly conjoined the Cansolar Sun just in time for them to intersect with transiting Saturn and then slip under the arm of the Cansolar's quotidian angle. The Moon-Saturn aspect was exact within a minute of arc!

i. Sun	0°00' Cancer
CanQ Desc	0°17' Cancer
CanQ Sun	0°25' Cancer
t. Saturn	0°35' Cancer
CanQ Moon	0°36' Cancer

Hour: Event Chart

When the quake struck at 0:59 UT and lasted a staggering 10 minutes. When the earth began rumbling, Saturn was 3°10' above the Descendant. It set exactly at 1:12 UT, so it had moved within a 1° orb during the time when the earth was still shaking.

- **Year:** Jupiter (Pluto). *Jupiter-Pluto.*
 - **Half-year:** Mars, Neptune, Mercury. *Moon-Saturn, Mars-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** (Dormant.)
- **Month:** Moon, Saturn. *Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Week:** (Dormant.)
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars, Uranus. *Moon-Neptune, Mars-Uranus.*
- **Day (CanQ):** Sun, Moon, Saturn. *Sun-Moon-Saturn.*
- **Hour:** Saturn.

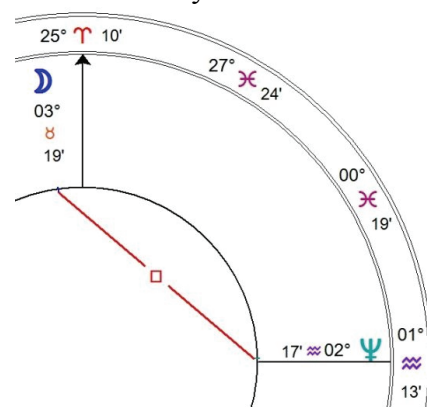


TOHOKU EARTHQUAKE

2011 Mar 11, 14:46:24 JST, 39N19'19", 142E22'08"

At magnitude 9.0, this was Japan's most powerful earthquake ever, the fifth most powerful earthquake ever recorded, and the most expensive disaster known in the history of the world. The earthquake, occurring 43 miles off the Japanese coast, actually scooted the main island of Japan eight feet further east.

In addition to the earthquake, tsunamis (reaching up to six miles inland and topping 130 feet in height) caused a large death toll and vast damage. Official estimates are that almost 16,000 people died and another 6,000 were injured, with another 2,600 missing. Four hundred thousand buildings collapsed partly or entirely. Roads, bridges, and other infrastructure collapsed in places, electrical power was lost, and millions suffered food and water shortages. The World Bank estimated the total cost of the damage at \$235 billion.



And, of course, this is the earthquake that put the word "Fukushima" in the world's vocabulary. Meltdowns occurred in three reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. At the time of this writing, two and a half years later, cleanup from those reactors is still ongoing.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Neptune, the mythological force of earthquakes and tsunamis (not to mention the emotional tsunamis of mass confusion and panic) dominated the 2011 Capsolar for Japan. At the quake's epicenter, Neptune is 0°52' above the horizon and only 1°02' from square the Moon, which is also in the upper foreground.

Month: Caplunar {-2 Very Bad}

The Caplunar does not tell the quakes's story. Its features Venus 1°51' from the Ascendant, conjunct a widely foreground Moon, typical of ingresses that displace an event to a later week.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

And the chart of the week – the March 8 Arilunar – brings us right back on track with Neptune 0°28' from the Westpoint, supported by Mars 2°38' from the Descendant.



Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

Daily timing is unsatisfying for the epicenter. In fact, the one feature of the Capsolar Quotidian is transiting Jupiter 1°39' from the Descendant.

However, if we view matter **from Tokyo**, to see the impact on the entire country, things appear quite different. Pluto is the dominant factor, being 0°22' from square the Ascendant.

Hour: Event Chart

At 2:46 PM JST when the quake struck, Venus was exactly square the Midheaven. This is both puzzling and atypical. (Please note that this is not a distinctly Sidereal technique. It is just the event chart for the quake.)

Summary

- **Year:** Neptune (Moon). *Moon-Neptune*.
- **Month:** Venus (Moon). *Moon-Venus*.
 - **Week:** Neptune, Mars.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Jupiter (*for Tohuko*). Pluto (*for Tokyo*).
- **Hour:** Venus.



OVERVIEW OF EARTHQUAKES

+Saturn +Neptune +Uranus (+ Mars + Pluto)

Earthquakes have held astrologers' attention for thousands of years. As the examples demonstrate, Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses describe and time quakes with high reliability. The diversity of the particular astrological manifestations (involvement of all three primary malefics plus the "break it loose and shake it up" duo of Uranus and Pluto) reflects the diverse phenomena accompanying these natural disasters.

Primarily, three broad categories of earthquakes exist from astrology's point of view.

1. Earthquakes primarily driven by **Saturn and Uranus**. These are straightforward "shake and break" seismic shifts, commonly marked by large losses of property and human life.
2. **Neptune** quakes, which may or may not be serious. The main point is that they rattle people's nerves and stir anxiety or panic. (One secondary Neptunian effect of earthquakes is that many people get seasick from the recurring ground instability of after-shocks.) It is worth remembering that, to the ancients, Neptune was god of earthquakes.
3. **Mars** most characterizes quakes with serious damage, especially involving fires.

These types overlap. It is common to find the planetary indicators overlapping to paint a broad portrait of diverse destruction. In general, though, we can distinguish the various planetary contributions clearly enough: Mars for fire and broad destruction, Saturn for high costs in property and lives, Uranus for rupturing and breaking, Neptune for panic and confusion, and Pluto for the most devastating blows.

Taking this understanding back to the examples above, we can make a few observations.

- **Saturn** was angular in the Capsolar of most of the sample earthquakes. Often, Saturn showed in the lunar ingresses and daily charts as well, though her Capsolar presence is most consistent. (Saturn was angular in one of the lunar or daily charts – and usually **both** a lunar ingress and a daily chart – in all but two examples.)
- **Neptune** was active for all but three of the 13 examples, though rarely in the Capsolar. In most cases, Neptune timed at least two stack-levels of an earthquake, in a mixture of lunar, daily, and hourly indicators. **Neptune with Mars** is common, and is characteristic of fires, panic, and other real, continuing danger after the quake. **Neptune with Mercury** indicates wide confusion, disorientation, and the impairment of transportation and communication routes.
- **Uranus** is active for nine of the 13 examples, generally in a lunar ingress or daily chart. Uranus seems a **secondary** characteristic of quakes, always appearing with Saturn or Neptune taking the lead. Yet, Uranus is extremely important to the idea of earthquakes.
- **Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus alone** generally are sufficient to mark any earthquake. However, two other planets become involved often enough to warrant mention.
- **Mars**, is active in every quake but one. Mars is nearly always in a lunar ingress (whether for the month, fortnight, or week) or a daily or hourly indicator.
- **Pluto** only appears in longer-term ingress charts for the most severe or devastating of quakes. However, it will appear as a daily or hourly factor in lesser quakes simply to indicate a jolt, rupture, or hard smack.

Chapter 8

COALMINE DISASTERS

From a list published by the U.S. government's Bureau of Mines, Bradley obtained the date and place of the 126 worst coal mine accidents in American history.

He cast all the "pertinent ingresses" for each of the 126 events. From the context of this in his 1957 report, "all the pertinent ingresses" appears to mean the four Sidereal cardinal lunar ingresses (Caplunar, Arilunar, Canlunar, and Liblunar) preceding each of these events, or 504 charts at all. (Remember, this was decades before the personal computer existed. Though he had an adding machine to help mechanize the math, he mostly calculated each of these charts by hand from an ephemeris and Table of Houses.)

In these lunar ingress charts, **Saturn has a statistically significant greater frequency to be closely conjunct an angle.** Saturn corresponds, in mundane astrology, to significant loss of life and property or other financial loss. It also is associated specifically with mining and, in general, "wealth from the earth," including the black, ancient, valuable fossil fuel called coal.

In examining these four lunar ingresses for each of these accidents, Bradley drew some general conclusions.

- The Caplunars and Canlunars were much stronger than the Arilunars and Liblunars overall. The Capricorn and Cancer ingresses displayed "a special badness" in comparison.
- Nonetheless, the Arilunars and Liblunars held their own if the disaster happened in the week immediately following the ingress. As Bradley summarized, the immediate ingress adequately described the mining disaster "without need for a supporting Capricorn or Cancer pattern."

For example, counting only the immediately prior cardinal lunar ingress (whatever it was), Saturn fell within 100' (1°40') of the ingress' horizon or meridian 14 times out of 126. By pure chance, Saturn (or any other planet) should fall that close to one of the four main angles only one time out of 27 (about 3% of the time). For 126 charts, Saturn would have only been that close to the angle 4.7 times out of 126, rather than 14 times. In fact, the odds against Saturn landing within 1°40' of the angles 14 times out of 126 is close to 100,000-to-1 (a z-score of 4.36). This is a very high score, since 20-to-1 odds are the common threshold for showing a statistical anomaly.

This brings to light one of the differences between astrological research and astrological practice. The practicing astrologer might look at this and say, "Saturn was on the lunar ingress angle only 11% for these disasters. That doesn't seem like much, and it certainly doesn't help me much in predicting."

However, that 11% is significantly more than the roughly 3% of the time that Saturn would be expected to be so close. The value of this statistical measurement is that it tells us that "pure chance" or coincidence is not a good enough explanation for the **very high** 11% occurrence. Along with other similar findings, it provides a validation for the astrological method.

To the practicing astrologer, we offer help through other means. The single lunar ingress of a week in question is far from the only methodology we have for mundane predictions. The larger framework of astrological tools, used systematically and intelligently, will provide a higher percentage of right answers.

I might also point out that, even if only these 14 mining disasters had been predicted in advance, hundreds of lives could have been saved. No other available methods (astrological or non-astrological) were able to predict even those 14 events.

MONONGAH MINE DISASTER

1907 December 5, Monongah, WV

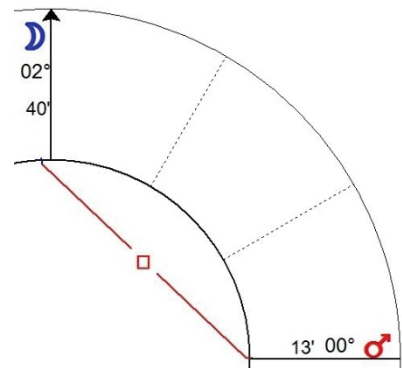
Even today, this ranks as the worst mining disaster in American history. At least 362 (and perhaps as many as 500) men and boys died, leaving behind hundreds of widows and over a thousand orphans.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

A violent year was set in motion in the Monongah region with the Capsolar.

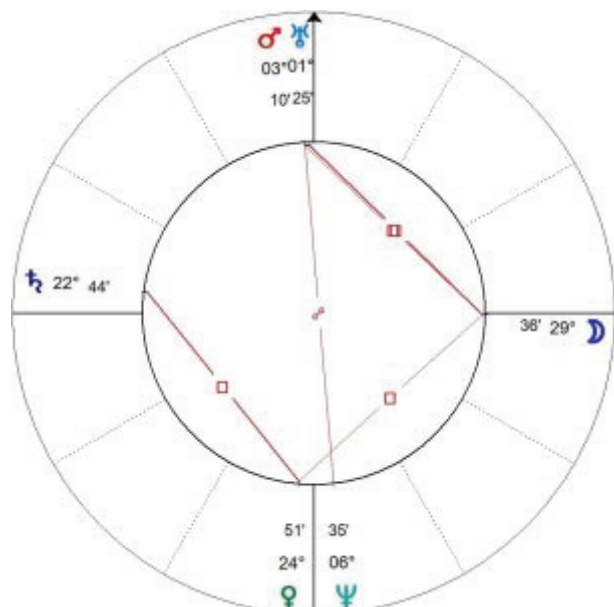
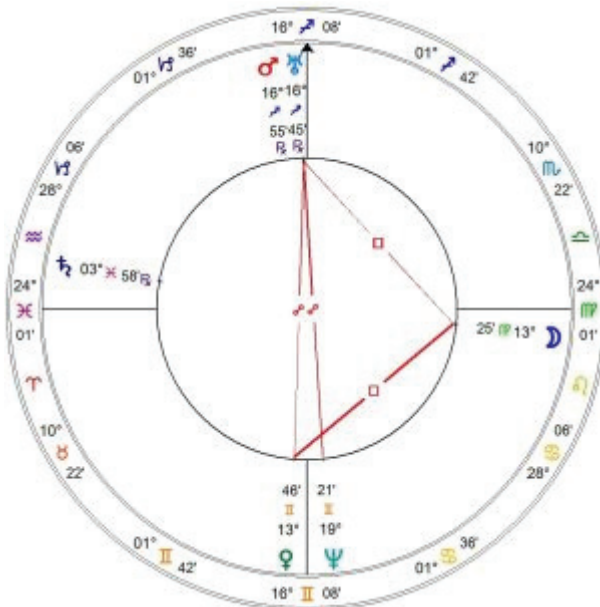
- Mars sets ($0^{\circ}13'$).
- The Moon culminates ($2^{\circ}40'$).
 - A Moon-Mars mundane square ($2^{\circ}27'$) falls exactly on the angle.

Here is the mundoscope of the Capsolar.



Half Year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The July 16 Cansolar was even more explosive than the Capsolar.



- The Moon sets ($0^{\circ}24'$ below the Descendant).
- Uranus ($1^{\circ}25'$) and Mars ($3^{\circ}10'$) culminate.
 - Mars and Uranus are in $0^{\circ}10'$ ecliptical conjunction.
 - Moon-Uranus form a $1^{\circ}49'$ foreground mundane square.
 - Ecliptically, the Moon squares Venus ($0^{\circ}11'$) and Mars-Uranus (just over 3°).

- Venus, Neptune, and Saturn are more widely foreground. This introduces important mundane aspects:
 - Venus squares Saturn ($2^{\circ}09'$).
 - Mars opposes Neptune ($3^{\circ}25'$).

Quarter: Libsolar {0 Mixed}

The Libsolar, is a weaker chart from the perspective of showing pure disaster. However, it speaks more to the personal elements of the tragedy through a strong, afflicted Venus.

These personal tragedy elements appeared much more clearly in the Cansolar. Therefore the Libsolar is primarily useful in refining the timing by giving a compatible, if not nearly so vivid, companion symbolism.

- Venus conjoins the Westpoint ($0^{\circ}44'$), and is the strongest force in the chart.
- Mars is foreground, but distantly (9°).
 - The closely angular Venus is afflicted by a partile square from Mars ($0^{\circ}27'$).
- Mercury sets ($3^{\circ}01'$).

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Fortnight: Canlunar {+1 Good}

The Canlunar begins to warm things up with Mars square the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}22'$); but a moderately foreground Jupiter (6° above the horizon) may have deflected the disastrous consequences from the Canlunar's week.

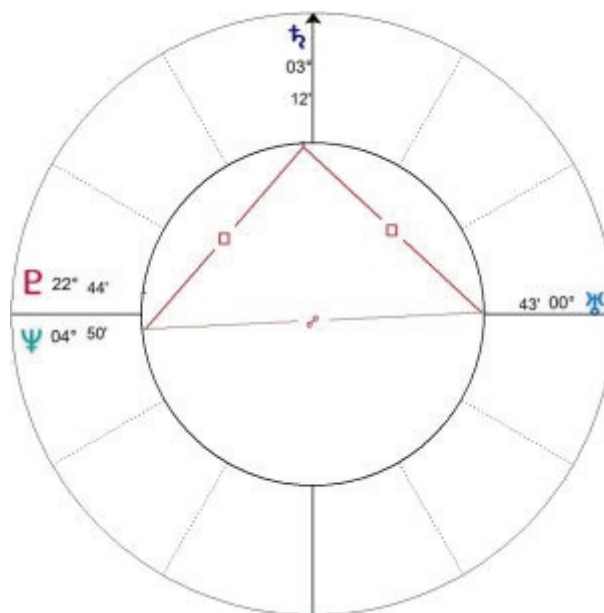
Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good}

Then, four days before the mine collapse, the Moon entered Sidereal Libra. Mundanely,

- Uranus sets ($0^{\circ}43'$).
- Saturn culminates ($3^{\circ}12'$).
- Neptune rises ($4^{\circ}50'$).
 - Saturn squares Neptune ($1^{\circ}38'$).
- Pluto is more distantly foreground.

Saturn, of course, corresponds to loss of life, property, and income. Uranus shows the explosion, and sudden rupture of the rock. Neptune on ingress angles always signals hysteria (positive or negative: extreme excitement, and what we casually call “insanity” of a crowd), and, therefore, joins Saturn as one of the most common planets prominent for mass calamity.

The close foreground Saturn-Neptune mundane square is a token of extreme grief, loss, and consequent emotional turbulence. Cyril Fagan summarized the concurrent angularity of these planets as “deep tragedy, accompanied by wailings and lamentations.”



Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

On the day of the mine disaster, the Capsolar Quotidian featured:

- Pluto (both ingress and transiting) within about a degree of the IC. At noon on the day of the accident, their midpoint is 0°14' from the angle.
- Also at noon, transiting Saturn only a quarter degree from the CapQ Eastpoint.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

- Transiting Uranus remained within 1°30' of the Cansolar Midheaven.
- Transiting Mars is within 2° of the CanQ Descendant.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars, Moon. *Moon-Mars*.
 - **Half-year:** Moon, Uranus, Mars. *Moon-Mars-Uranus, Venus-Saturn, Mars-Neptune*.
 - **Quarter:** Venus (Mercury, Mars). *Venus-Mars*.
- **Month:** (*Dormant*.)
 - **Fortnight:** Mars. (Jupiter.)
 - **Week:** Uranus. (*Saturn-Neptune*.)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto. Saturn.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars, Uranus.

**SENGHENYDD COLLIERY DISASTER**

1913 October 14, Senghenydd, UK

Monongah is America's worst coalmine accident ever. The Senghenydd Colliery disaster, in which 439 died, is the worst coalmine disaster ever in Great Britain.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

The 1913 Capsolar has mixed messages. Several planets are near the angles, mostly destructive but not entirely. Of these, though, the only one within 3° is Uranus, which squares the Capsolar Midheaven within 0°32'.

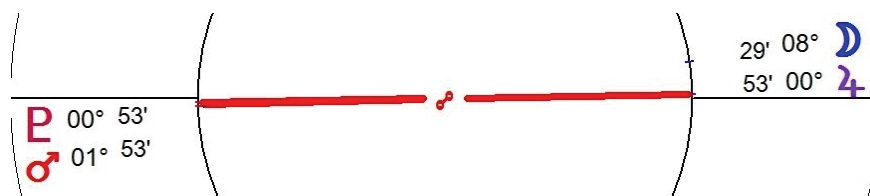
Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Things became much gloomier with the Cansolar, which, however, was not a wholly malevolent-seeming chart.

- Saturn sets (0°34').
- Venus and Pluto hover nearby, both a bit too far from the angle to stir excitement, until one notices that Venus (6°11' below the Descendant) and Pluto (7°12' above it) have their midpoint only 0°30' from the angle and only 0°02' from the setting Saturn.
- On the other side of the scale, Jupiter is 0°39' from the Eastpoint.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Jupiter continues to insinuate itself into what are otherwise the most brutal of charts. In the Caplunar, the heavy planet is setting, tightly linked to a rising Mars-Pluto conjunction. The Caplunar's mundoscope shows just how tightly connected they are, the Jupiter-Pluto mundane opposition being exact to the minute of arc!



This is hardly a benign Jupiter. It is heavily affronted by Mars and Pluto. The mundane aspects among Mars, Jupiter, and Pluto (all partile) are far from a “fair weather” forecast.

Mars-Pluto, of course, is explosive, destructive, and deadly. Jupiter, by its aspects, shows the devastating costs – pure financial ruin – of the mine and all involved.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

For a disaster where the cause of hundreds of deaths was a combination of explosion and severely noxious gases, the CapQ shows:

- Transiting Neptune on the degree of the Midheaven.
- Transiting Sun on the degree of the Ascendant.

Without a time for the disaster, we cannot calculate exact orbs; but, for noon on October 14, Neptune was 0°00' from the CapQ Midheaven, and the Sun was 0°44' from the CapQ Ascendant (where it stayed for weeks).

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {0 Mixed}

Transiting Mars is less than 2° from square the Cansolar Midheaven.

However, transiting Jupiter conjoined the CanQ Midheaven. Concurrently, the Quotidian Ascendant is within a degree of square Cansolar Neptune.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Uranus.
 - **Quarter:** Saturn. Jupiter. (*Venus-Pluto.*)
- **Month:** Pluto, Jupiter, Mars. *Mars-Jupiter-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Neptune, Sun.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars (*transit to Cansolar*). Jupiter, Neptune (*CanQ*).



COURRIERES MINE DISASTER

1906 March 10, 6:45 AM¹, Courrieres, France (50N26, 2E50)

From Britain's worst, we move to Europe's worst coalmine disaster ever, with more than double the death toll: 1,099 died in the Courrieres Mine disaster including many children.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

In the prior Cansolar, though, Uranus squares the Midheaven (0°55'). Venus also is exactly angular, 0°18' from the Descendant, with Jupiter and Pluto 6° on either side (their midpoint being half a degree from the Descendant and almost precisely conjunct Venus).

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

The Canlunar, the “chart of the week,” is quite expressive and direct.

- Pluto is **stationary** and square the Ascendant (0°35').
- Venus sets (1°35').
 - Venus squares Pluto (0°27').

Pluto describes the catastrophic cave-in. Venus-Pluto aspects, like those of Venus and Saturn, routinely signify tragic death and mourning.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

By simple transit to the Capsolar angles, Mars on the Eastpoint (0°59') ruled the day.

Furthermore, the CapQ Midheaven is 1°02' from Capsolar Mars. Capsolar Venus was about the same distance from the CapQ Descendant.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Uranus, Venus. *(Jupiter-Pluto).*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** Pluto, Venus. *Venus-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Venus. *Venus-Mars.*



¹ Historic records state the time as “shortly after 6:30.”

BENXIHU COLLIERY DISASTER

1942 Apr 26, Benxi, Liaoning, China (41N18, 123E46)

Finally, we examine the worst coalmine accident recorded in the history of the world. In the Benxi Colliery disaster, 1,540 people died.

No time is available for the collapse, so I am using local noon as a “working time.”

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Besides Mercury, 0°48' from square the Ascendant, the most angular planet in the 1942 Capsolar for Binxi is Saturn, 1°50' from the Westpoint. Furthermore, Saturn is half a degree from square Venus, an aspect common in fires and other catastrophes that tragically claim human life.

Other planets dance around the foreground zone, but the main core of the chart is this: Saturn angular and exactly square Venus.

Quarter: Arisolar

The Arisolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

In the master chart of the month, Mars is 0°12' from the Descendant. Other planets hover in the broad neighborhood of the foreground, with only Mars in this super-close range.

Week: Canlunar

The Canlunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

We do not have a time available for the mine disaster. At local noon, the CapQ IC was 6°29' Taurus, which is within 2° of transiting Uranus and Saturn.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Saturn. *Venus-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Month:** Mars.
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (CapQ):** Uranus, Saturn. *Saturn-Uranus.*



OVERVIEW OF COALMINE DISASTERS

+Mars +Saturn +Uranus (+ Neptune +Pluto, Venus-Saturn / Venus-Pluto)

Coalmine disasters have astrological patterns that resemble, in many respects, those of earthquakes. There is certainly an emphasis on **Saturn** for the obvious reasons of death and economic loss, and because Saturn is the planet traditionally related to mining, “hidden treasure” overall,

and especially the black, valuable treasure called coal. Yet also, a strong presence of **Mars and Uranus** exists for the violent damage, land shifts, collapses, and explosions typical in such collapses. Finally, **Neptune** speaks especially to the asphyxiation on coal dust, carbon monoxide, and other lethal air pollutants that often cause the greatest number of deaths.

In these four specific examples (each the worst of its kind), **Mars** is the most active planet. It is active for the year, half year, quarter, fortnight, and day of the Monongah disaster, and is quite active in the other events, especially outside of the solar ingresses. **Uranus** is prominent in all of the examples. **Saturn** is a prominent feature in all but one of the examples.

Pluto had a strong hand in these record-setting events, catastrophic to human life.

Venus prominent and in aspect to Saturn or Pluto was present in each cases.

Chapter 9

THE WEATHER STUDIES

After Donald Bradley reported his initial (early 1957) experiments with Sidereal ingresses, he naturally continued his investigations. In the September 1957 issue of *American Astrology Magazine*, he reported on Caplunar ingresses for the 12 heaviest rainfall dates ever recorded for New York City. Jupiter, lord of thunderstorms and bountiful rains, tended to fall near the Caplunar angles for these record-setting cloudbursts. Jupiter's frequency on the Caplunar angles for these events was many times more than normal expectation would allow purely by chance.

Nor was the phenomenon unique to weather in Manhattan.

These dozen maximum precipitation events provided a strong showing for a very small pilot, sufficient to attract attention from serious weather scientists. A grant issued from the National Science Foundation, administered by New York University, to continue this and related weather studies. When the team computer-crunched 90 years of U.S. rainfall records from every reporting station in the country, this "Jupiter effect" was resoundingly replicated: In Caplunars for the dates and places of nearly 50,000 maximum precipitation events, Jupiter's presence on the Caplunar angles was almost incomprehensibly frequent, exceeding normal expectation by a staggering 15 standard deviations. (I say "staggering" because there may not be a z-score table that counts this high: The odds against such a result occurring purely by chance are effectively 0%.)¹

From that research project, several papers saw print in scientific journals and became part of the evolving science of meteorology. The **published** findings referred only to non-zodiacal phenomena, not to Caplunars; but it is worth acknowledging these published papers to show the level and importance of the work. They include:

"The Lunar Synodical Period & Precipitation in the United States"

by Glenn W. Brier (U.S. Weather Bureau) & Donald A. Bradley (New York University), 1964

Journal of the Atmospheric Sciences, Vol. 21, No. 4, pp. 386-395

"Lunar Synodical Period and Widespread Precipitation"

by Donald A. Bradley, Max A. Woodbury, Glenn W. Brier

Science, September 7, 1962, Vol. 137, No. 3532, pp. 748-749

"Tidal Components in Hurricane Development"

by Donald A. Bradley

Nature, October 10, 1964, Vol. 204, No. 4954, pp. 136-138

Further studies, concerning precipitation and Caplunars, remained unpublished in professional journals. Eventually, in 1968 when the professional reputations of his colleagues were no longer an issue, Bradley published a summary report in *American Astrology Magazine* under the title, "Crashing the Atmospheric Barrier," using his pen name Garth Allen. After reviewing the

¹ Naturally, these results depend on knowing the correct placement of Sidereal 0° Capricorn. They lend considerable support to claims concerning the authenticity of the Sidereal zodiac.

effect of lunar phase and celestial latitude on precipitation in Part I, Bradley moved on to the Caplunar effect in Part II.

THE STUDIES & THE RESULTS

Bradley's 12-item New York City pilot study expanded to include rainfall data for 1,202 consecutive sidereal months. During those nine decades (1871-1960), whenever Jupiter was in a zone from 1° east to 10° west of the Caplunar Midheaven, New York City received an average of 41.3% more rainfall than normal.

This one factor "worked" 74% of the time: Jupiter only occupied that zone 35 times in the 90 years studied, and 26 of those 35 times rainfall was greater than the 90-year median. In the remaining nine instances when rainfall was *below* the median, "none... were very much below average," according to Bradley.

Next, the study expanded to include the entire continental United States. As Bradley explained, they calculated Jupiter's meridian distance in the Caplunars "preceding the 12 dates of heaviest rainfall at each of thousands of rain-recording stations strewn across the nation – a total of 49,576 precipitation maxima."

Not only does Jupiter prefer the upper-culminating region, but a striking 90° wave in its distribution exists!

...the peaks are in the angular-cusp regions basic in any horoscope. Jupiter plays out his classical Pluvius role when near the Ascendant, Nadir [IC] and Descendant as well. When the quadrants are superposed, with exacting probabilities taken account of, the violation of "normalcy" reaches the jarring figure of close to 15 standard deviations. Three SD's would do, and four would suffice to establish the effect as a fact of nature, as an existing anomaly.

To express 15 standard deviations as odds against it all being coincidental would be a rather silly exercise in writing strings of zeroes; in fact, the probability function hasn't even been calculated for levels beyond the sixth or seventh SD. As one noted mathematician stated openly at a professional seminar convened to discuss this very matter, "Ratios this size mean that it is not a statistical fact we are dealing with, but a physical law."

Jupiter was not "the whole story," though. The Moon was also pro-precipitation in lunar ingresses, though only when within orb of conjunction with the IC. Bradley continued,

Of even more importance is the performance of Venus, which turned out to be quite as conducive to rain as Jupiter. In fact, when Venus' meridian distance is plotted in the same way Jupiter's was... one sharp peak occurs which crests exactly at the very degree on the Midheaven.

A diagram plotting "Venus and Jupiter moving totals along the uppermost third of the Caplunar charts" documented this, combining Venus and Jupiter placements around the MC. The spike is precise and decisive.

An interesting side issue, that Bradley called "the biggest surprise of all," was that the Sidereal Time of Caplunars most pro-precipitation was exactly the RA of the Galactic Center.

Chapter 10

HURRICANES

GALVESTON HURRICANE

1900 Sep 8, 7:45 PM CST, Galveston, TX

More than a century after it occurred, this remains the deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history, and one of the costliest in property damage. Galveston was practically obliterated. Around 8,000 people died (though some estimates go as high as 12,000).

I follow Bradley's lead in using 7:45 PM as the optimal time to examine. This is about the time that the storm reached its "peak of fury."

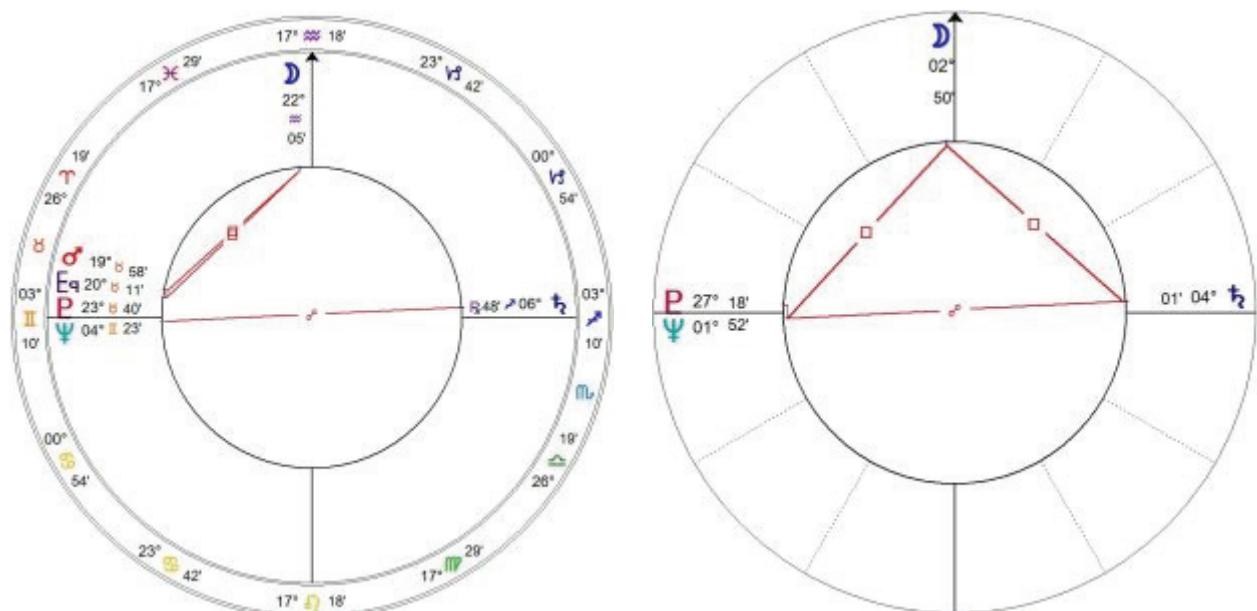
Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The 1900 Capsolar for Galveston features Saturn square the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}18'$), in platic opposition to Neptune.

Mercury and the Moon also are broadly foreground – Mercury about 5° below the Descendant and the Moon 8° above the Ascendant. (This tightens the Moon-Saturn opposition to $3^{\circ}00'$).

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Although more timing from a solar ingress is unnecessary, the Cansolar repeated the Capsolar's symbolism and stepped it up a couple of notches.



- Neptune again opposes Saturn, this time across the horizon.
- The Aquarius (“water bringer”) Moon culminates.
 - The Moon has close foreground mundane squares to Saturn (1°11') and Neptune (1°08'), being only 0°03' from their midpoint.¹
- Pluto rises (2°42').
 - The Moon squares Pluto ecliptically (1°35').
 - The Neptune/Pluto midpoint is 0°25' from the horizon.
- Mars is on the Eastpoint (0°14' orb in Right Ascension).

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The Caplunar is dormant for our usual purposes of describing specific events. However, with Venus in the upper foreground (5° from the MC) and the Moon in the lower foreground (9° off the IC), it has a separate message to communicate. Venus near a Caplunar angle (especially the MC) and the Moon near the Caplunar IC both correlate, at a very high level of statistical significance, with one characteristic of a hurricane: massive rainfall.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good}

When the hurricane hit, Saturn (returned nearly to her Capsolar longitude) was 5°07' Sagittarius opposite Neptune at 5°45' Gemini. Their partile opposition squares the 5°33' Pisces Capsolar Midheaven. (Their midpoint is 0°07' from the Midheaven.)

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

- t. Saturn conjoins Cansolar Descendant (1°57'), with t. Mercury on the IC.
- In the CanQ, ingress Mercury is 1°36' from the Ascendant.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Saturn. (*Saturn-Neptune, Moon-Saturn.*)
 - **Quarter:** Neptune, Moon, Mars, Pluto (Saturn). *Moon-Saturn-Neptune. Neptune-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Venus (Moon). [*Rainfall.*]
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn, Neptune. *Saturn-Neptune.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn, Mercury (*transits to Cansolar*). Mercury (*CanQ*).



HURRICANE ANDREW

1992 August 24, 4:40 EDT, Homestead, FL

The savage (165 mph winds) Hurricane Andrew caused its most extensive damage in Florida, so I have selected its first Florida landfall as the event. Notice that the astrological profile for this

¹ In his 1957 report, Bradley wrote at length about this Cansolar. In reference to “the symbolically perfect Saturn-Neptune opposition,” he opined that, “nothing in astrology could better describe the vengeance of Poseidon!”

hurricane does not fit most of the usual characteristics of a hurricane: Only its violence and devastation are evident in these first-hit charts. Neptune and the rainmaking benefics are not present. Some of these weaknesses are resolved by also examining the charts for Washington, DC.

Year: Capsolar

For Florida, ecliptically Saturn is $0^{\circ}03'$ from the Ascendant, and Pluto less than a degree from the MC – impressive to see at a first glance. However, this is not the right way to measure angularity in a static chart. Calculating more carefully we find:

- Saturn rising ($0^{\circ}23'$).
- Moon anticulminating ($3^{\circ}17'$).
 - Moon square Saturn ($2^{\circ}54'$ *in mundo*).
- Pluto culminating ($5^{\circ}23'$).
 - Moon opposite Pluto ($2^{\circ}06'$ *in mundo*). {Score: +2 Very Good}

For Washington, we have a comparably destructive pattern, with a small shift in the emphasis of the same energies. Notice that the Sun now becomes involved, and that Pluto leads.

- Pluto culminates ($1^{\circ}42'$).
- Saturn rises ($2^{\circ}49'$).
 - Saturn squares Pluto ($1^{\circ}07'$ *in mundo*).
- Moon anticulminates ($2^{\circ}04'$).
 - Moon opposite Pluto ($2^{\circ}20'$).
 - Moon/Pluto midpoint is $0^{\circ}11'$ from the meridian.
 - Moon-Saturn midpoint is $0^{\circ}23'$ from the angles.
- Sun rises ($6^{\circ}11'$). {Score: +2 Very Good}

Quarter: Cansolar

- Sun on Westpoint ($1^{\circ}33'$).
- Uranus rising ($3^{\circ}15'$).
- Neptune rising ($4^{\circ}06'$),
 - Uranus conjunct Neptune ($0^{\circ}51'$ *in mundo*)

Another pattern, involving the non-angular Moon, combines further indications of violence with close involvement of Mercury. I have been tracking the possibility that Mercury means “wind,” and this chart adds weight to that strong possibility. (In the list below, Mars’ aspect to Pluto is worth noticing, though it is less connected to the other planets.)

Saturn	$22^{\circ}02'$ Capricorn	
Mercury	$22^{\circ}27'$ Cancer	
Moon	$23^{\circ}50'$ Capricorn	
Pluto	$25^{\circ}34'$ Libra	
Mars	$28^{\circ}35'$ Aries	{Score: +2 Very Good}

For Washington, in addition to the lunar aspects just listed, we have essentially the same planets but with Uranus-Neptune not quite as close. This is consistent with what we have seen with quarterly solar ingresses: the effect for the event locale is stronger than that for the capital.

- Sun on the Westpoint ($1^{\circ}53'$).
- Uranus rises ($6^{\circ}31'$).

- Neptune rises ($6^{\circ}45'$).
 - Uranus conjunct Neptune ($0^{\circ}14'$ *in mundo*). {Score: +2 Very Good}

Month: Caplunar

For Florida, this Caplunar has no signs of precipitation. The planets are all dry planets. However, the scope of loss and devastation – centered on an ecliptical **and** mundane T-square of Sun, Saturn, and Pluto – is humbling. {Score: +2 Very Good}

- Pluto sets ($0^{\circ}59'$).
- Saturn culminates ($1^{\circ}32'$).
 - Saturn squares Pluto ($2^{\circ}31'$ *in mundo*).
 - Saturn/Pluto midpoint is $0^{\circ}16'$ from the angles.
- Sun anticulminates ($3^{\circ}04'$).
 - Sun-Pluto squares ($1^{\circ}24'$).
 - Sun/Saturn midpoint is $0^{\circ}46'$ from the angles.
- Mars sets much more distantly ($8^{\circ}29'$).

For Washington, the Caplunar pulls no punches for violence: {Score: +2 Very Good}

- Pluto squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}21'$) & sets ($2^{\circ}45'$).
- Mars rises ($1^{\circ}27'$).
- Sun anticulminates ($1^{\circ}42'$).
 - Sun sq. Mars ($0^{\circ}15'$ *in mundo*).
 - Sun sq. Pluto ($1^{\circ}03'$ *in mundo*).
 - Mars op. Pluto ($1^{\circ}18'$ *in mundo*).
- Saturn culminates ($7^{\circ}55'$).]



Week: Arilunar

For Florida,

- Sun squares Ascendant ($0^{\circ}15'$).
- Pluto is distantly foreground ($9^{\circ}10'$). {Score: 0 Neutral}

For Washington, the Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits

For Florida, transiting Pluto conjoins the Capsolar Midheaven ($1^{\circ}12'$). {Score: +1 Good}

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

For Florida,

- t. Sun conjoins CanQ Westpoint ($0^{\circ}20'$).
- p. Mars squares CanQ Ascendant ($0^{\circ}46'$).
- p. Moon squares Cansolar Pluto ($0^{\circ}29'$) & t. Pluto ($0^{\circ}36'$). {Score: +2 Very Good}

However, it is **for Washington** that the Cansolar Quotidian really comes alive. The CanQ Ascendant had reached 27°45' Capricorn, directly involved in the malefic T-square of the original ingress. Progressed Moon had reached 25°05' Capricorn. The main contacts, then, were:

- CanQ Moon square Cansolar Pluto (0°29') and transiting Pluto (0°36').
- CanQ Ascendant square transiting Pluto (2°06').
- CanQ Ascendant square Cansolar Mars (0°50').
- Ingress Mars (28°35' Aries) and Saturn (22°02' Capricorn) bounded the original T-square. Their midpoint is 25°19', only 0°14' from CanQ Moon and (on the other side) 0°15' from Cansolar Pluto. This tied the whole package together – due to the progressed Cansolar Mars, which then rotated to the quotidian angles. {Score: +2 Very Good}

Summary for Florida

- **Year:** Saturn, Moon (Pluto). *Moon-Pluto, Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** Sun (Uranus, Neptune). *Moon-Mercury-Saturn-Pluto, Uranus-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Sun, Saturn (Mars). *Sun-Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Sun (Pluto).
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Sun, Mars. *Moon-Pluto.*

Summary for Washington

- **Year:** Pluto, Moon, Saturn (Sun). *Moon-Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Sun (Uranus, Neptune). *Moon-Mercury-Saturn-Pluto. Uranus-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Mars, Sun (Saturn). *Sun-Mars-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, Pluto. *Moon-Pluto.*



HURRICANE KATRINA

2005 Aug 29, about 7:00 AM, New Orleans, LA

A tragedy fresh in recent memory, Hurricane Katrina was the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history and one of the deadliest (with \$81 billion in property damage). Over 1,800 people died, 85% of them in Louisiana and most of the rest in Mississippi.

Although Hurricane Katrina crossed a wide swath of the Gulf coast, it is remembered especially for the decimation of New Orleans. Therefore, I have taken the time (about 7:00 AM on August 29) that Katrina made landfall in New Orleans as the event time. Although the mayor ordered mandatory citywide evacuation the previous morning, New Orleans was not adequately evacuated and over 1,500 people died when the hurricane struck and, especially, when the city's levee system failed and 80% of the city was flooded. Failures in response by state and Federal government leaders and agencies contributed further to the tragedy.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

New Orleans was in for a disruptive year, according to the 2005 Capsolar.

- The Moon squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}59'$).
- Uranus culminates ($3^{\circ}22'$) and Pluto sets ($4^{\circ}09'$) *in mundo*.
 - Their average position is only $0^{\circ}23'$ from the angles.
 - The Moon squares Pluto ($1^{\circ}56'$).

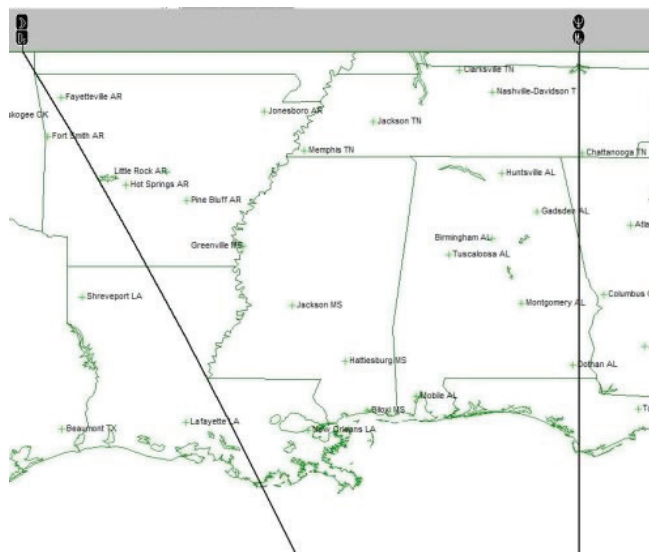
A partile Sun-Saturn opposition sweeps starkly across the body of the Capsolar, far in the background for New Orleans. However... we will see this Sun-Saturn pair again later.

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Although the Cansolar for New Orleans displayed correct symbolism for the event, it was less impressive on the closeness of relevant planets to the angles.

- The Moon is setting ($3^{\circ}27'$).
- Neptune culminates ($6^{\circ}39'$).
- Mercury is $8\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ from the IC and opposes Neptune ($1^{\circ}53'$ *in mundo*; a little wider ecliptically).

These portray the flood of water, the tsunami of emotion, the raw powers of nature unleashed, and the misdirection and confusion – but not as strongly as we might like. However, these lunar and Neptunian concentrations were spread across the wider area of the storm's impact. Here is a map of where the Cansolar Moon and Neptune angularities fell.



Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

At first – as with the Galveston hurricane – the Caplunar appears to be very wrong.

- Jupiter is exactly rising, only $0^{\circ}39'$ below the Ascendant.
- The Moon is in the lower foreground.

However, Jupiter is not shining in this Caplunar as the preserver, but, rather, as Pluvius, the rainmaker. Jupiter is lord of the storm. No mundane astrology fact is documented better than that Jupiter on a Caplunar angle brings massive amounts of rain.

The Moon does this also, but only – as in the current chart – when on the Caplunar IC.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

Within the second week of this rainy Caplunar, our attention is brought back to the violence, confusion, loss of life and property, and all-round chaos of the event by the August 23 “chart of the week,” the Arilunar. Mercury, Mars, and Neptune are in a tight T-square exactly on the New Orleans angles, with Saturn participating from the fringe:

- Mars squares the MC ($0^{\circ}40'$).
- Mercury culminates ($0^{\circ}59'$).

- Neptune anticulminates ($2^{\circ}45'$).
 - Mars squares Neptune *in mundo* ($1^{\circ}05'$) and ecliptically ($2^{\circ}04'$).
 - Mars squares Mercury ($1^{\circ}28'$).
 - Mercury opposes Neptune (3°).
- Saturn is about 8° from the MC.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Uranus had transited across the Capsolar Midheaven over the course of the year, and remained within $1^{\circ}18'$ of the angle. Similarly, transiting Pluto was within a 2° orb of conjunct the Descendant for many of the areas struck by Katrina, though not for New Orleans directly.

At 7:00 AM, as the storm began to affect New Orleans directly, the CapQ Midheaven reached 0° Libra, squaring the Sun-Saturn opposition in the Capsolar. This has two important meanings.

1. The destruction and loss of life and property is characteristic of a strong Saturn influence.
2. Katrina victims suffered from the virtual immobility of state and Federal government resources that might have come to their aid: Saturn's influence on the prominent Sun represents this **government lockdown and failure**.

Mercury conjoined Venus in the Capsolar. They came to the CapQ Ascendant just before Katrina made landfall, drawing the media's unwavering attention for days.

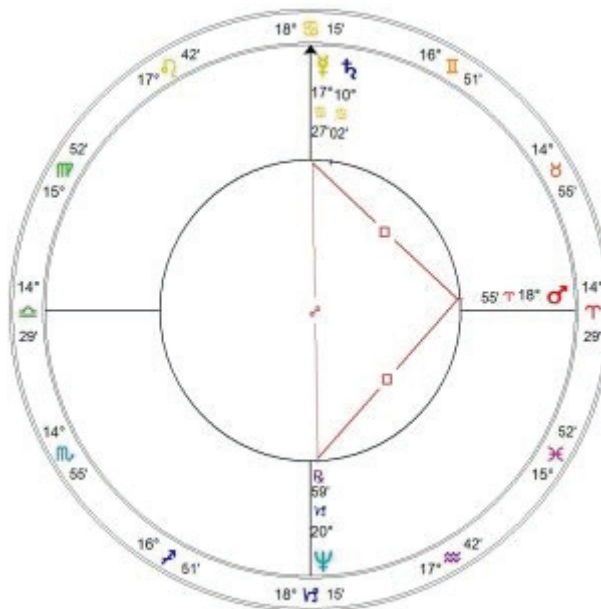
Day: Cansolar Transits {+2 Very Good}

- Transiting Mars was $0^{\circ}02'$ in RA from the Cansolar Eastpoint in the hour when New Orleans began to feel the effects of the hurricane.
- At $21^{\circ}20'$ Aries, Mars also squared the culminating Cansolar Neptune ($21^{\circ}59'$ Capricorn) and transiting Neptune ($20^{\circ}50'$ Capricorn). Mars' square was $0^{\circ}04'$ from their midpoint.

In a personal horoscope, a Mars transit to Neptune typically shows emotional storming and acute vulnerability, when circumstances – often seeming like an attack – strike out at the weakest parts of one's psyche. This seems an accurate description of the effect of Hurricane Katrina on the city that quickly became The Big Uneasy.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Uranus, Pluto
 - **Quarter:** Moon, Neptune. *Mercury-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Jupiter. Moon. [*Rainfall.*]
 - **Week:** Mercury, Mars, Neptune (Saturn). *Mercury-Mars-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Uranus, Pluto (*transits to Capsolar*). Sun, Saturn. *Sun-Saturn, Mercury-Venus (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars. *Mars-Neptune (transits to Cansolar).*





HURRICANE SANDY

2012 October 28, 7:00-PM EST, New York, NY

“Superstorm Sandy” was the second-costliest hurricane in U.S. history and the physically largest Atlantic hurricane ever measured. Less than 300 died in the U.S. and dozens of other countries (the United States and Haiti absorbing most of the deaths), but property damage is valued at \$68 billion (of which 95% was in the U.S.). In this country, the storm, known especially for its pounding impact on New York and New Jersey, reached inward as far as Wisconsin and, at one time, probably covered more than a fourth of the country.

Despite widespread impact, Sandy is known best for its impact on New York City and neighboring areas of New Jersey. Though a “birth time” for the event is hard to pin down for a hurricane that lasted for almost two weeks, I think the critical timing – the point where psychological impact is most concentrated and people clearly began to feel the storm’s presence – was 7:00 PM on October 27 when New York City shut down its subway system and other public transit.

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant.

Half-Year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

- Neptune rises ($1^{\circ}07'$ *in mundo*, though it looks several degrees off by celestial longitude).
- Jupiter squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}16'$).
- Venus is about 6° from the IC.

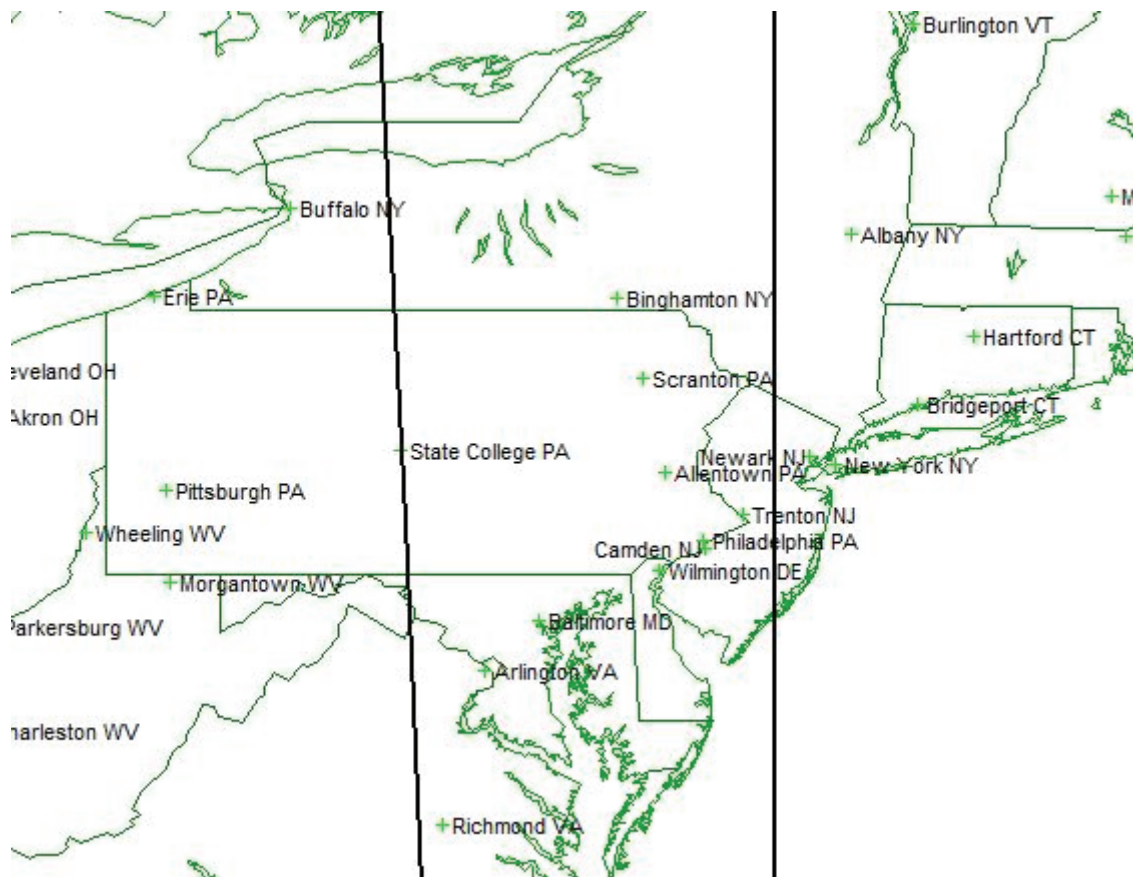
Jupiter angular is the mark of massive rainfall, a basic characteristic of hurricanes (and Venus is another “wet” planet). This chart shows Neptune psychological and environmental circumstances amidst a torrential downpour. Poseidon was indeed on a rampage.

Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

- Pluto culminates ($0^{\circ}54'$).
- Uranus rises ($2^{\circ}55'$).
 - Uranus squares Pluto (mundane) within $1^{\circ}22'$.

Pluto speaks to the devastating power and, quite simply, to the record-breaking scope. Uranus-Pluto is obvious enough; though I might remark that this aspect, which in political terms often is described as “tearing down existing structures,” manifest that phrase rather literally with Hurricane Sandy!

Because the scope of the hurricane was so far reaching, the following diagram may be of interest. It shows the areas bounded by the Uranus rising (left) and Pluto culminating (right) lines.



Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The October 21 Caplunar has Mars square the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}55'$) for New York City – the **violence** of the storm. Beyond that, Venus, Jupiter, and Neptune – wet, wet, and wet – all are foreground (but not very closely).

Week: Arilunar

The October 28 Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

At 7:00 PM on October 28, when MTA shut down public transportation in New York City, the CapQ Ascendant was $11^{\circ}35'$ Sagittarius, applying to conjoin transiting Pluto ($0^{\circ}52'$).

Furthermore, the CapQ Midheaven was $6^{\circ}01'$ Libra, applying to conjoin transiting Saturn ($1^{\circ}50'$).

These orbs are close enough to qualify as legitimate “hits” for the event. Saturn and Pluto on the CapQ angles describe very well a catastrophic disaster with profound and irrevocable losses. Notice, though, that this also means that on October 29 and 30, when the storm was hitting hardest, Pluto and Saturn were **exactly** on the angles. Furthermore, from October 27 to October 31, first Pluto and then Saturn were within 2° of the angles: This effectively defines the period of the storm’s impact on the area.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Additionally, the Cansolar Midheaven was 22°15' Scorpio and Mars 20°49' Scorpio opposite Jupiter at 20°28' Taurus. This Mars-Jupiter aspect matches the violent, ferocious fury of Zeus. Over the next few days, damage-driving Mars crossed and remained in orb of the Midheaven.

Hour: Event Chart

One must laugh at the precision: In selecting the exact minute that the Manhattan buses and subway trains were halted, we find Mercury setting, partile square to Neptune. (Mercury exactly set a few minutes earlier, at 6:47 PM.)

Nothing could better describe shutting down the NYC public transit system amidst the madness and flurry of preparing for the building storm.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Half-year:** Neptune, Jupiter.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Uranus. *Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Mars (Venus, Jupiter, Neptune).
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CapQ):** Pluto, Saturn. (*Saturn-Pluto.*)
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars.
- **Hour:** Mercury, Neptune. *Mercury-Neptune.*



TYPHOON HAIYAN

2013 Nov 8, 4:30 AM AWST, Manila, Philippines

Typhoon Haiyan was the single strongest storm to touch land that has ever been recorded. Sustained winds clocked at 195 mph, with gusts over 230 mph. At least 3,600 have been confirmed dead, with estimates that the death toll is actually as high as 10,000. The storm destroyed 70-80% of the structures in its path. One veteran reporter said the land looked like the aftermath of a tsunami, not a hurricane. Regional power and communication networks collapsed and transportation routes were impaired, including hundreds of flights cancelled and thousands of sea travelers stranded in ports. Floodwaters were as high as 10 feet in some areas.

The time selected is for landfall in the Philippines, with charts calculated for the capital, Manila. Jupiter's presence for the voluminous rain is striking, especially in combination with the other planets indicating the storm's violence.

Year: Capsolar {0 Neutral}

- Mercury rising (1°29').
- Sun rising (2°42') and on Eastpoint (2°58', the other side).
 - Sun conjunct Mercury (1°14' *in mundo*).
- Saturn culminating (9°53').
- Moon square Jupiter (0°05'). [*affecting the whole world for a year*]

Half-year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

- Mars on Westpoint (0°48').
- Jupiter on Westpoint (1°38').
 - Mars conjunct Jupiter (2°04' *in mundo*, 2°15' *in eclipto*).
 - Mars/Jupiter midpoint on WP (0°25' in RA).
- Uranus (stationary) on IC (8°38').
 - Jupiter square Uranus (0°55').
 - Mars square Uranus (3°00' *in mundo*).

Quarter: Libsolar {+1 Good}

- Jupiter setting (1°36').
- Sun culminating (2°57').

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

- Sun setting (2°11').
- Jupiter square Ascendant (2°56').
 - Sun- square Jupiter (0°13').
- Pluto culminating (4°11').
- Uranus rising (4°36').
 - Uranus square Pluto (0°15' *in mundo*).

Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

- Neptune on Eastpoint (0°27') & rising (2°25').
- Mars setting (5°57').
 - Mars opposite Neptune (3°20' *in mundo*).

At right, notice how the Mars setting and Neptune rising lines slice across the Philippines, with Neptune nearly marking the path of the hurricane.

**Week: Liblunar**

(Dormant.)

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good}

- t. Mercury conj. Capsolar MC (1°21').
- t. Jupiter (stationary) conj. Capsolar Descendant (1°39').

Day: Cansolar Transits {-1 Bad} & **Quotidian** {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Venus conjoined the Cansolar Eastpoint (0°55'). However, the deadlier Cansolar Quotidian supersedes this unfitting placement:

- i. Sun on CanQ IC (1°03').
- t. Saturn conj. CanQ Moon (0°15').
- t. Sun conj. CanQ Moon (0°57').
 - Sun/Saturn midpoint is 0°21' from CanQ Moon.

Summary

- **Year:** Mercury, Sun (Saturn). *Moon-Jupiter, Sun-Mercury.*
 - **Half-year:** Mars, Jupiter (Uranus). *Mars-Jupiter, Jupiter-Uranus, Mars-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Sun, Jupiter.
- **Month:** Sun, Jupiter (Pluto, Uranus). *Sun-Jupiter, Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Fortnight:** Neptune (Mars). *Mars-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mercury, Jupiter *(transits to Capsolar).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Venus *(transit to Cansolar).* Sun, *Moon-Saturn, Sun-Moon (CanQ).*



OVERVIEW OF HURRICANES

+ **Mars** +**Neptune** +**Saturn** +**Pluto** (+Rain planets)

All five events had strong concentration of malefic planets. **Mars**, expressive of destructive force, was active in every hurricane studied. **Neptune, Saturn, and Pluto** were active in all but one each. Together, these planets represent ferocious, devastating, disorienting destructive force.

There are hints that **Mercury** may be related to wind. Mercury was active in all of the hurricanes except Andrew, and in other events where wind was a significant factor. While this is too little data on which to base a conclusion, I mention it as an avenue for investigation.

Classic benefic planets were on the angles of the Caplunar in all cases but one (Andrew). These specific planets (and specifically in the Caplunar) are expected for the mammoth amount of precipitation basic to the thundercloud-driven meteorological phenomenon of hurricanes. Other hurricanes should be checked for this (to the extent that they can be localized to particular spots: they usually cover vast stretches of terrain).

Aside from precipitation-prone Venus in the Caplunar, Venus and Uranus were the least involved planets, and appear not to be part of the hurricane profile.

Chapter 11

FIRES

The transit of Mars in the immediate foreground of the Capsolar quotidian is undoubtedly one of the chief indicators of disasters, particularly of the fiery and explosive type. The record of past performance by this one configuration is so amazing that henceforth mundane forecasts published for advance periods will hardly be complete without a description of the geographical area to be affected by such influences. ...[In three sample events] viz. the Bombay waterfront holocaust of 1944, the Ohio prison fire of 1930, and the Texas school disaster of 1937... the closeness of Mars to an angular point in each of these cases... alone would be justification for listing the circumstances as another astrological certainty.

– Donald A. Bradley

Transiting Mars is rarely on quotidian angles. This is because Mars' average daily motion is only a little slower than the average rate of quotidian angle motion. As Bradley observed, this astronomical rarity makes its "high incidence in disaster statistics even more provocative."

...for most localities, Mars can make only two contacts with the angular cusps in a year's time. In some regions, it is possible to have three actual contacts with the angles before the sidereal year expires. When Mars is within orb of such cuspal conjunctions, the general area is dangerously exposed to the likelihood of serious fires and appalling public tragedies. The closer the contact, the greater the danger. And if malefics hound the angles of the current Lunar ingress figures, or the quotidian transit is reinforced by a similar adverse pattern in the static framework of the Solar ingresses, the possibility of a conflagration of some sort becomes a virtual inevitability.



IROQUOIS THEATER FIRE

1903 Dec 30, 3:15 PM CST, Chicago, IL

After more than a century, this has remained on the books as America's deadliest theater fire and deadliest single-building fire. Officially, 605 died, although many bodies were removed before the counting began.

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant.

Half-Year: Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Cansolar is a destructive chart that fits reasonably well a major fire except for the absence of a Mars presence. It shows Jupiter rising as the focal point of a Jupiter-Uranus-Pluto T-square and a foreground, afflicted Venus.

- Uranus squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}10'$).
- Pluto squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}19'$).
 - Their midpoint is $0^{\circ}05'$ from the Ascendant.
- Jupiter rises ($2^{\circ}03'$).
 - Jupiter squares Uranus ($0^{\circ}50'$) and Pluto ($3^{\circ}19'$).

Jupiter is generally present for major fires only when they occur as part of major festivities, celebrations, or entertainment venues – like this one. Additionally, we certainly may call it an affronted, impacted (if not out-ad-out afflicted) Jupiter.

Mundanelly, the Uranus-Pluto opposition squares Venus in the foreground.

- Venus sets ($5^{\circ}23'$).
 - Venus squares Uranus mundanelly ($1^{\circ}53'$).
 - Venus squares Pluto mundanelly ($3^{\circ}56'$).

Quarter: Libsolar {+1 Good}

The Libsolar features the fiery Sun setting ($1^{\circ}01'$).

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

Two days before the inferno, the Moon entered Aries. For Chicago, Mars is $0^{\circ}34'$ below, and Saturn $2^{\circ}42'$ above, the Ascendant. They share a $3^{\circ}16'$ Mars-Saturn mundane conjunction.



Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Capsolar Neptune is $0^{\circ}20'$ from the CapQ IC. Transiting Neptune is within 2° of square the Ascendant.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {-1 Bad}

Transiting Pluto remains (barely) within 2° of square the Cansolar Ascendant. Transiting Uranus is $1^{\circ}02'$ from the Cansolar Midheaven.

However, Cansolar Venus is $0^{\circ}28'$ from the CanQ Eastpoint. Though it alludes, in a general way, to the entertainment venue (the theater), an unafflicted angular Venus is not typical of this sort of event.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Half-year:** Uranus, Pluto, Jupiter. *Jupiter-Uranus-Pluto, Venus-Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Sun.

- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** Mars, Saturn. *Mars-Saturn.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Neptune.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus, Pluto (*transit to Cansolar*). Venus (*CanQ*).



COCOANUT GROVE NIGHTCLUB FIRE

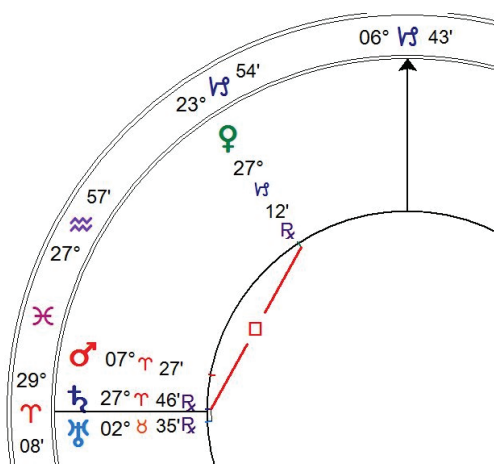
1942 November 28, 10:15 PM EWT, Boston, MA

America's deadliest nightclub fire, and the second deadliest single-building fire, resulted in 492 deaths and several hundred more people injured.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

- Mars squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}44'$).
- Saturn ($1^{\circ}19'$) and Uranus ($2^{\circ}10'$) are rising.
- Venus squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}56'$).
 - Interestingly, she is in the 28th degree of Capricorn, the traditional exaltation degree of Mars.
 - Venus squares the rising Saturn ($0^{\circ}34'$).

Venus-Saturn pairings are among the most common aspects at the time of major fires. Both in personal (return) charts and in mundane (ingress) charts, Venus-Saturn commonly appears in the foreground for tragic events when there is cause for grieving – great love coexisting with great loss.¹ For the Cocoanut Grove fire, Venus-Saturn certainly also meant **spoiling the fun** and **“the party's over.”**



This Venus-Saturn symbolism recurred on the night of the fire. When the fire broke out, Venus opposite Saturn (within $0^{\circ}04'$) was the most important aspect in the sky.

¹ In theory, it also would reflect disfigurement, though I do not have data for testing whether it is significantly more common for fires with the highest disfigurement of survivors.

Half-Year: Cansolar {-1 Bad}

The Cansolar does not help describe this event.

- Jupiter anticulminates (1°50').
- Mercury anticulminates (2°21').
 - Mercury conjoins Jupiter ecliptically (1°44').
 - Mercury/Jupiter midpoint is 0°16' from the IC mundanely.
- The Moon squares Uranus (1°14') and Saturn (3°34').

Mercury-Jupiter is the primary mark of the chart. Jupiter's demonstrated connection to entertainment venues is insufficient to redeem this chart. The Moon-Saturn aspect (operative for the whole world, including Boston) is worth noting, though it is not even the strongest detail in its category: Moon square Uranus (more typical of explosions than fires) is much closer.

Quarter: Libsolar

The Libsolar is dormant.

Caplunar & Canlunar

The Caplunar and Canlunar are both dormant.²

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The CapQ Ascendant squares the important transiting Venus-Saturn opposition:

CapQ Asc	14°04' Aquarius
t. Saturn	15°19' Taurus
t. Venus	15°23' Scorpio

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Mars is 0°14' from the CanQ Eastpoint. Additionally, that Moon-Saturn square from the Cansolar returned to catch our attention: Although progressed Cansolar Moon had, only half a day earlier, left the 1° orb of square Cansolar Saturn, the role was taken up by transiting Saturn – in fact, by the transiting Venus-Saturn opposition. Compare the Venus-Saturn positions immediately above with the progressed Cansolar Moon position of 15°37' Leo.

Secondary Mundane Techniques (Day)

While the October 17 **Libsolar** did not, on its face, show the fire, it serves as a good example of the principle that angles of all four solar ingresses remain sensitive to transits. Transiting Mars (24°32' Libra) was opposite the Libsolar Ascendant (23°43' Aries).

Furthermore, the Libsolar Quotidian ("LibQ") MC was 15°00' Aquarius, meaning that it also engaged the important transiting Venus-Saturn opposition – with smaller orbs than the CapQ.

Finally, transiting Neptune was within 2° of square the LibQ Ascendant.

² A note for researchers: The Caplunar had a 0°24' Mars-Pluto square. The midpoint of Mars and Pluto was 28°31' Leo, only 0°08' from the Caplunar Ascendant. Though this was likely a legitimate astrological signature for the event, I do not wish to claim it so while making the basic case for these generally simple, direct ingresses.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars. Saturn. Uranus. *Venus-Saturn.*
 - **Half-year:** (*Not part of describing this event.*)
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CapQ):** Venus, Saturn. *Venus-Saturn.*
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars. *Moon-Venus-Saturn.*



CONWAY THEATER FIRE

1876 Dec 5, 11:17 PM LMT, Brooklyn, NY

At least 278 died in the Conway Theater fire, the third worst theater or nightclub fire in U.S. history.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Brooklyn's 1876 Capsolar featured a Venus-Saturn pattern that we find repeatedly in fires. Venus and Saturn are conjunct on the Midheaven, with Venus (coincidentally?) once more in the exact exaltation degree of Mars.

However, the Capsolar includes even strongest factors. Pluto's angularity and connection to Venus are stronger, and Uranus joins them. Venus is 0°02' from the Uranus-Pluto midpoint.)

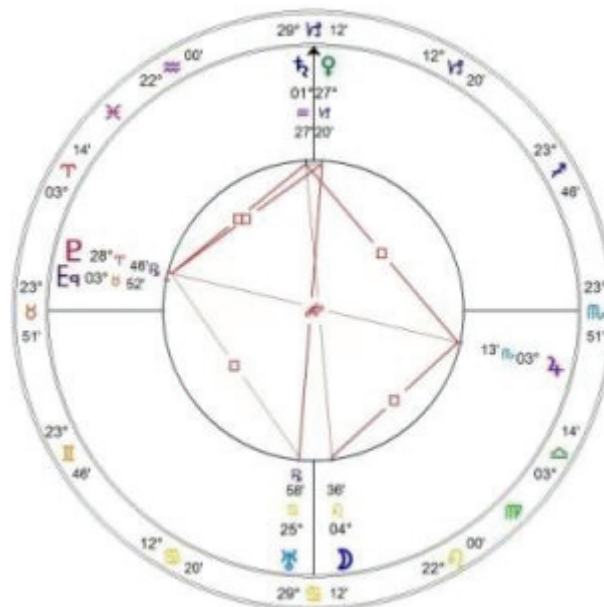
- Pluto squares the MC (0°26').
- Venus conjoins the MC (2°15').
 - Venus square Pluto (1°26').
- Uranus conjunct IC (5°07').
 - Venus opposite Uranus (1°22').
 - Uranus square Pluto (2°48').

Venus-Pluto is an aspect characteristic of severing emotional relationships with finality. Therefore, in mundane astrology, it often is a mark of tragic loss of life.

A further sign of loss and sadness is Moon opposite Saturn (3°09'). However, we also must consider a Jupiter presence: Jupiter is 0°26' from the Westpoint and closely square both Moon and Saturn (0°11' from their midpoint).

Half-Year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Neptune is the most angular planet (square the Midheaven within 1°13'). It pairs especially with Jupiter, 3°20' below the Descendant. This is not the last time that we will see Jupiter and Neptune marking a major event in a theater.



Mars and Pluto are more peripherally foreground (8° - 9° from the angles). Though both provide appropriate symbolism, I would not put much attention on them except in the way that Mars combines with other foreground planets in mundane aspects:

- Mars squares Neptune ($3^{\circ}41'$).
- Mars squares Jupiter ($4^{\circ}33'$).
 - Therefore, Mars is $0^{\circ}26'$ from the Jupiter/Neptune midpoint in the mundoscope.

Finally and importantly, the Moon squares Mars ($0^{\circ}51'$) and conjoins Neptune ($3^{\circ}50'$).

Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

- Pluto squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}06'$).
- Uranus anticulminates ($1^{\circ}55'$).
 - Uranus squares Pluto ($0^{\circ}19'$).

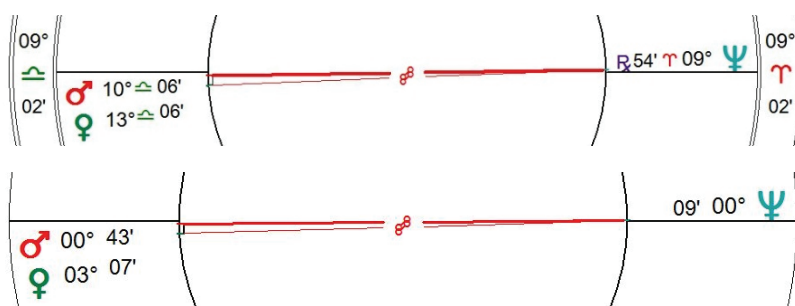
This chart does not speak directly to the issue of fire. Neither Mars, Neptune, nor Saturn is foreground. Neither of the main aspects for major fires is present. However, the chart does speak of surprise, shocking disruption, and loss – all matters characteristic of prominent Uranus-Pluto combinations: We speak of Uranus-Pluto metaphorically “tearing down existing structures” – and, sometimes (as in this case), that happens literally.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Neptune is $0^{\circ}17'$ from the Eastpoint.³ Mercury ($1^{\circ}23'$) and the incendiary Sun ($5^{\circ}37'$) are also foreground.

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

A day and a half before the fire, the Moon entered Cancer. The Canlunar is dominated by Mars rising in combination with the panic and mob-madness (and, yes, the smoke) of Neptune. Here is the ugly ingress map as both a horoscope and a mundoscope.



Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto hovers within $1^{\circ}00'$ of square to the Capsolar Midheaven.

In the CapQ for the night of the fire, though Mars was not as closely conjunct the CapQ angle as we might prefer (Mars was 4° past the CapQ Descendant), Capsolar Neptune was exactly rising ($0^{\circ}10'$).

³ Pluto appears to be closely conjunct the Ascendant but, in fact, is more than 15° below the horizon.

Hour: Event Chart

Saturn was 0°01' from the Westpoint, marking the exact moment the conflagration began.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Pluto, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn (Uranus). *Venus-Saturn, Venus-Uranus-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter-Saturn.*
 - **Half-year:** Neptune (Jupiter). *Moon-Mars, Moon-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Uranus, *Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Neptune.
 - **Week:** Mars, Neptune (Venus). *Mars-Neptune (Venus-Mars, Venus-Neptune).*
- **Day:** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Neptune (*CapQ*).
- **Hour:** Saturn.



TRIANGLE SHIRTWAIST CO. FIRE

March 25, 1911, 4:40 PM, New York NY

One of New York City's worst industrial disasters ever, and one of the historically most significant fires in this country, the Triangle Shirtwaist led to significant labor reforms. However bad "sweatshop" working conditions are today, they would have been much worse – including more deadly – had it not been for national reaction to this event.

At least 145 employees died (most of them women). Another 71 were injured. Deaths might have been preventable except that factory management had locked the stairwell doors and other exits to reduce theft and other security purposes: nobody could leave without inspection of their purses. (This was common at the time.)

Simply put, many people could not get out of the burning building – except for those who jumped to certain death from the upper floors.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

Second most striking of the charts for this event is the Cansolar from eight months earlier. It does not have the classic characteristics of a Sidereal ingress for fires, though it does accurately describe some of the main characteristics of the event. It certainly shows "an accident waiting to happen;" it just doesn't happen to show the accident itself.

A string of interacting planets stretches across the Eastpoint-Westpoint access:

- Uranus is 1°33' from the Eastpoint.
- Mercury is 1°29' from the Westpoint
- The Sun is 1°44' from the Westpoint & 2°00' from square the MC,
- Neptune is 2°54' from the Westpoint.

For this deadliest of “flash fires,” where one major cause of death was excessive management controls, we have sound symbolism in the closest aspect, a 0°15' Sun-Uranus opposition. Other close aspects include Mercury opposite Uranus (2°58') and conjunct Neptune (1°03').

That is, we have all the flash, but none of the fire – all the cause without a direct sign of the calamity – an accident waiting to happen, without the actual accident showing... so far.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is a dormant chart.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

With fires more than other phenomena, we sometimes see events where nothing in the annual and monthly charts shows the event – until volatile, fast-igniting daily indications such as transits to the Capsolar ingress or quotidian angles.

We find that in this case. At the time the fire started, the CapQ Descendant was 15°39' Capricorn. Transiting Mars was 0°20' earlier at 15°19' Capricorn⁴, a degree known for 2,700 years before this fire as the Fall of Jupiter, the least jovian degree of the zodiac.

The Capsolar's progressed Moon had reached 0°34' Cancer, opposite the progressed Sun at 0°12' Capricorn. The effect was concentrated on that particular day because the CapQ Eastpoint was 0°00' Cancer at the time the fire broke out. This had three effects:

1. The Full Moon shows a crisis point, or concentration of attention marking a turning point.
2. The Moon was angular in the CapQ. We have seen this in many examples of disasters drawing the public's sympathies, especially because women or children are involved.
3. The Sun was angular, characteristic of still another tragedy where management decisions were a major cause of deaths. Also, the Sun shows often enough for major fires that it appears to be inherently incendiary in the same sense as Mars.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

This Sun theme echoed in the CanQ with its single angularity: Transiting Sun on the West-point within 1°15'.

Hour: Event Chart

Nothing was angular at the time the fire began. However, the Moon was exactly triggering a potentially deadly pattern that deserves to be mentioned.

t. Saturn	11°44' Aries
t. Moon	13°00' Capricorn
Mars/Saturn	13°31'
t. Mars	15°19' Capricorn

⁴ Transiting Jupiter was 0°03' from square the Capsolar Midheaven. However, when there is conflict between the CapQ and transits to the Capsolar angles, the former takes the lead (to the point of ignoring the simple transits).

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** (*Dormant.*)
- **Year (Cansolar):** Uranus, Mercury, Sun. *Sun-Uranus, Mercury-Neptune (Mercury-Uranus).*
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars, Sun, Moon. *Sun-Moon.*
- **Day (CanQ):** Sun.
- **Hour:** *Moon = Mars/Saturn.*



GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Sep 2, 1666, 0:15 AM, London, England

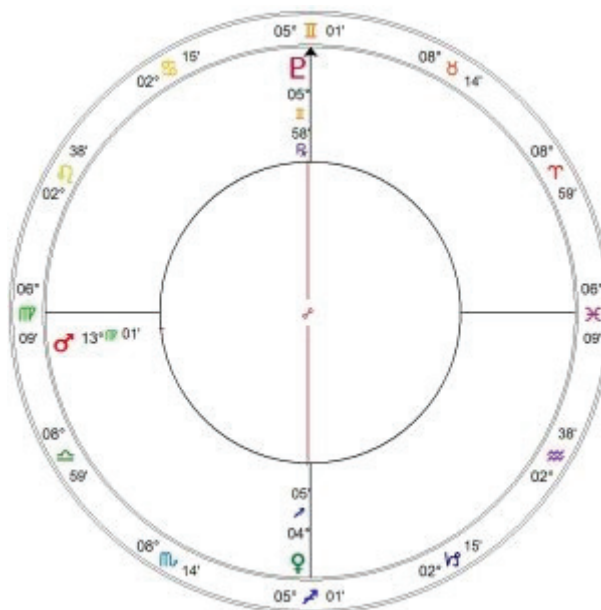
This three-day fire devoured the heart of one of the world's great cities, which, at the time, was also the hub of vast global territories. Although the death toll was small (only six deaths were ever confirmed⁵), 13,000 homes and most city buildings were destroyed. The economic impact on the city was as severe as the vast social problems caused by the city's destabilization.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Primarily, the fire's astrological indicators are in the weekly and daily charts. There were no long-term causative factors building for this fire other than an unusually dry year. The Great London Fire also distinguishes itself from most other fires by the almost total absence of Neptune influences. Another distinction from most large fires is the intense involvement of Pluto, a measurement of the scope of devastation the city of London suffered.

This begins in the Capsolar, with a close Venus-Pluto opposition across the meridian and a more distantly rising Mars. Notice that, in this case, Venus-Pluto does not refer to mind-stunning death *per se*, as there were few deaths despite the gutting of most of historic London. It does speak, however, to the scope of damage to families and lives: Nearly 90% of the city's residents lost their homes, for example.

Pluto is 1°25' from the MC and Venus 1°04' from the IC *in mundo*. Their midpoint is 0°12' from the meridian. Their opposition is 1°53' wide. Mars is 4°47' below the Ascendant, square Pluto mundanely (within 1°22').



⁵ This does not count lynchings and other violent acts against foreigners wrongly thought to have caused the fire.

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Pluto again dominates, being 0°48' from the Midheaven. However, this time Pluto joins Jupiter, which is on the Descendant (0°13') and mundanely square Pluto (0°35').

The exact reason for the Jupiter involvement is unclear. It may relate to the incredibly low number of deaths, or Jupiter-Pluto may signal the vast economic and social impact of the fire's aftermath.

Month: Caplunar {0 Neutral}

Lunar ingresses built toward the event slowly. The Caplunar has the Sun on the Eastpoint (1°14') and Mercury rising (1°57'). It is also the time that Neptune was closest to 0° Capricorn, so that Capsolar Moon conjoins Neptune within 0°02'.

Despite some technical elements of the fire profile being present, though, this chart simply does not distinguish fire as more likely than other kinds of event.

Fortnight: Canlunar {0 Mixed}

Indications are mixed: Jupiter and Mercury (each within 1° of the angle) are closely opposed across the horizon. Venus also sets and closely opposes Jupiter. On the other hand, Pluto is on the IC, square Mercury and Jupiter. Nothing in this chart clearly screams “fire.”

Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good}

With the Liblunar and quotidians – the weekly and daily charts – we zero in on the event.

The Liblunar has Saturn setting (2°34') and Pluto rising (3°07'). These two planets mark dramatic tragedies with profound feelings of loss. The Sun is 3°13' from the IC, in partile square with Saturn (0°39').

Neptune makes its only angular appearance (8° above the Descendant), which is supplemental at best.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars squares the CapQ Midheaven (0°54').⁶

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

As with the CapQ, transiting Mars squares the CanQ Midheaven (1°40'). The Midheavens of the two quotidians are exactly opposite.

Hour: Event Chart

“Shortly after midnight” is the best timing information we have for the start of the fire. It is worth noting, therefore, that transiting Saturn set in the west at 12:09 AM. Neptune set at 12:40.

⁶ Transiting Jupiter conjoins the Capsolar Descendant. However, in the case of contradictions, the quotidians always trump mere transits to the solar ingress angles.

Summary

- **Year:** Pluto, Venus (Mars). *Venus-Pluto, Mars-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Jupiter. *Jupiter-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Sun, Mercury. *Moon-Neptune.*
 - **Fortnight:** Jupiter, Mercury, Venus, Pluto. *Mercury-Jupiter, Venus-Jupiter, Mercury-Pluto, Jupiter-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Saturn, Pluto, Sun (Neptune). *Sun-Saturn.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars.
- **Hour:** Saturn.



GREAT CHICAGO FIRE

Oct 8, 1871, 9:00 PM, Chicago, IL

Far worse than the London fire in immediate effect, the Great Chicago Fire also burned for three days until changing weather conditions helped firefighters bring it under control. One of the 19th century's greatest disasters, it left 200-300 people dead, rendered about a third of Chicago's 300,000 residents homeless, and caused \$222 million (\$4.2 billion in today's dollars) worth of damages.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar has as clear a statement of the fire and destruction of Chicago as we could want. However, that is not all that it has.

The closest planets to an angle are a pair known together for sweetness and pleasantries, reminding us that there is more to a year than a single event – even an event of this magnitude:

- Mercury squares the MC (0°10').
- Venus squares the MC (1°00').
 - Mercury conjunct Venus (1°07').

The destruction shows clearly, though:

- Saturn rises (3°35').
- Mars squares the Ascendant (2°43').
 - Mars squares Saturn (0°53').

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Six months later, the quarterly solar ingress places Mars precisely on the Midheaven. It is a good mundane chart, though not without its complications.

- Mars culminates (0°11').
- Jupiter on Westpoint (0°09').
 - Mars square Jupiter (2°16' ecliptically, 0°02' in RA!)
- Moon opposes Saturn (1°53').

Mars mere minutes from the MC plus a Moon-Saturn opposition tell the story well. Only the equally angular Jupiter raises an eyebrow, and I resist the slippery temptation slope of joking that Jupiter put the “great” in the “great Chicago fire.” Rather, the emphasis here is on the Mars-Jupiter aspect, always boisterous and always costly.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Canlunar {+1 Good}

In the Canlunar, Uranus squares the Ascendant (1°18'). This is much more typical of explosions than simple blazes, though I think we can credit some shock and surprise to an event that levelled much of the city and paved the way for the largest urban renewal project in U.S. history.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Speaking of shock, surprise, and urban renewal, transiting Uranus squared the Capsolar Mid-heaven (1°42').

The Capsolar Quotidian, in contrast, is a busy chart with numerous factors stumbling over each other. Primarily, it is a collision of Uranus and Neptune, with a further occurrence of the exact Sun-Moon aspects that are unusually common for fires. Observe:

i. Neptune	26°09' Pisces
CapQ Asc	27°17' Virgo
Ne/Ne	28°02' Pisces
Asc/MC	29°08'
t. Neptune	29°55' Pisces
i. Sun	0°00' Capricorn
CapQ Moon	0°15' Libra
CapQ Sun	0°45' Capricorn
CapQ MC	1°00' Cancer
i. Uranus	1°41' Cancer

In summary (one cannot take a list like this and say “in brief”), we have the following angularities:

CapQ Sun on IC	0°15'
i. Uranus on MC	0°41'
Ne/Ne midpoint on Dsc	0°45'
CapQ Moon square MC	0°45'
i. Sun on IC	1°00'
t. Neptune square MC	1°05'
i. Neptune on Dsc	1°08'

We also have the following aspects from this chart (somewhat simplified):

t. Neptune square ingress Sun	0°05'
t. Neptune opposite CapQ Moon	0°20'
CapQ Moon square ingress Sun	0°15'

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

When the fire began, transiting Sun at 22°26' Virgo was conjunct the Cansolar Midheaven and 1°17' past conjunction with the culminating Cansolar Mars.

Nevertheless, the real action came from the Cansolar Quotidian:

- **CanQ Midheaven** (13°38' Sagittarius) is 1°14' *separating* from Cansolar Saturn.
- **CanQ Ascendant** (19°44' Pisces) is 1°25' *applying* to oppose Cansolar Mars.
 - Their orbs average to 0°06'. The fire began within about an hour of the maximum intensity of the Mars and Saturn crossings taken together.
- **CanQ Moon** (13°18' Gemini) is exactly on the CanQ IC, and 0°54' from opposite Saturn.

Summary

- **Year:** Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn. *Mars-Saturn, Mercury-Venus.*
- **Quarter:** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter, Moon-Saturn.*
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** Uranus.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Uranus (*transit to Capsolar*). Sun, Uranus, Neptune, Moon, *Sun-Neptune, Moon-Neptune, Moon-Saturn (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Sun (*transit to Cansolar*). Mars, Saturn, Moon, *Moon-Saturn, Mars-Saturn (CanQ).*

**OHIO STATE PENITENTIARY FIRE**

1930 Apr 21, 9:00 PM EST, Columbus, OH

In his 1957 report, Bradley wrote,

... the horrible Ohio prison fire of 1930 was very clearly depicted in every ingress chart applying to the date and locality, but the Capsolar chart does it so spectacularly, and dates the tragedy so exactly, the other maps seem to be but verification of the pattern.

He was referring to the fire at Ohio State Penitentiary in Columbus, in which 322 inmates died and 150 more were seriously injured. To date, it remains the deadliest prison fire in U.S. history.⁷ Many of the deaths are attributed to the armed lockdown by prison guards supplemented by 500 soldiers from nearby Ft. Hayes and plus a National Guard troop: This prevented prisoners from escaping the prison, of course, but also prevented them from escaping the fire.

Bradley was also referring specifically of the Capsolar Quotidian. The Capsolar itself was dormant; but the CapQ, discussed below, nearly tells the whole story by itself.

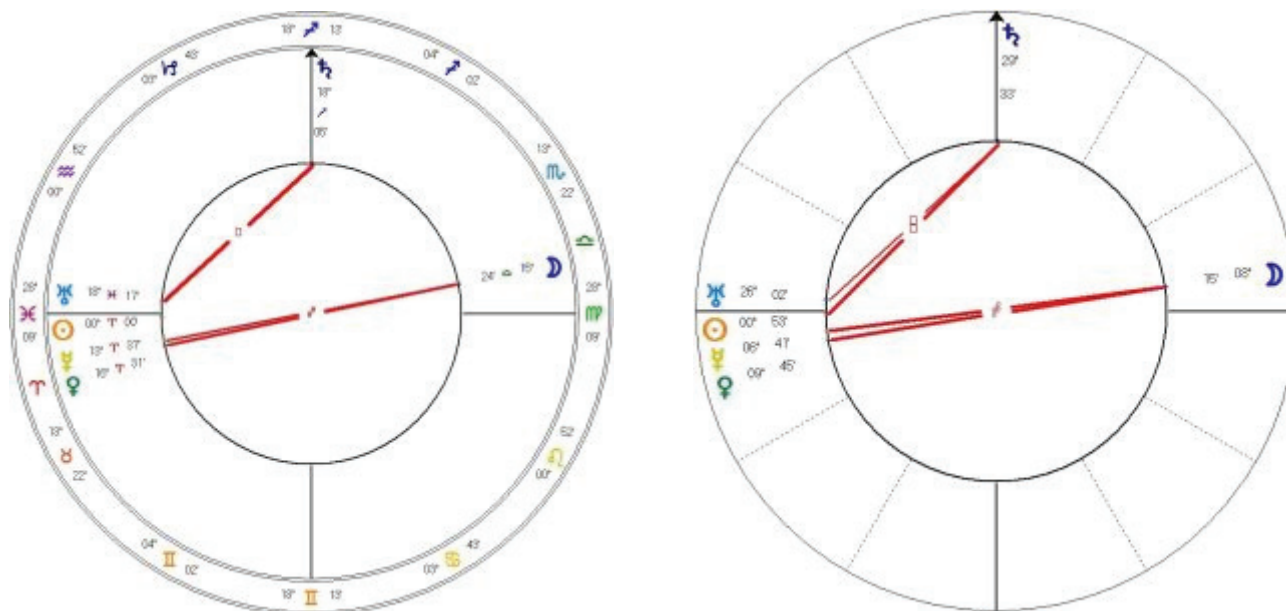
Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is dormant. In the prior Cansolar, a 0°22' Moon-Neptune square marks the angles: The Moon is 0°43' from the Eastpoint, and Neptune about 5° from the Midheaven.

⁷ The best time data I can find is “on the night of the 21st.” Therefore, I am adopting a 9:00 PM working time.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Saturn conjoins the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}27'$) in the prevailing solar ingress of the quarter. Here are the horoscope and mundoscope for the Arisolar.



As the mundoscope makes clear, not only Saturn but also the Sun is in the immediate foreground ($0^{\circ}53'$ from the Ascendant). They also form a $1^{\circ}20'$ mundane square. Their average position is $0^{\circ}13'$ from the angles.

Saturn alone is sufficient for significant loss of life, and the Sun appears to be incendiary. However, joining them adds a further element mentioned previously: A foreground Sun commonly coincides with “strong government” conditions (more active rulership by governing forces). Many of the deaths in this fire arose specifically from guards and military reinforcement throwing the prison into lockdown. “Administrative lockdown” is a meaningful rendering of this fiercely authoritarian Sun-Saturn union.

Several other planets are foreground, though not closely. Most notable of these is Uranus, about 4° above the Ascendant. The Saturn-Uranus mundane square, among other things, dramatizes the tension of *freedom* vs. *no freedom* that was psychologically active in the event.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

This simple, eloquent ingress occurred the day before the fire. Mars rises ($2^{\circ}45'$) and also squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}29'$).

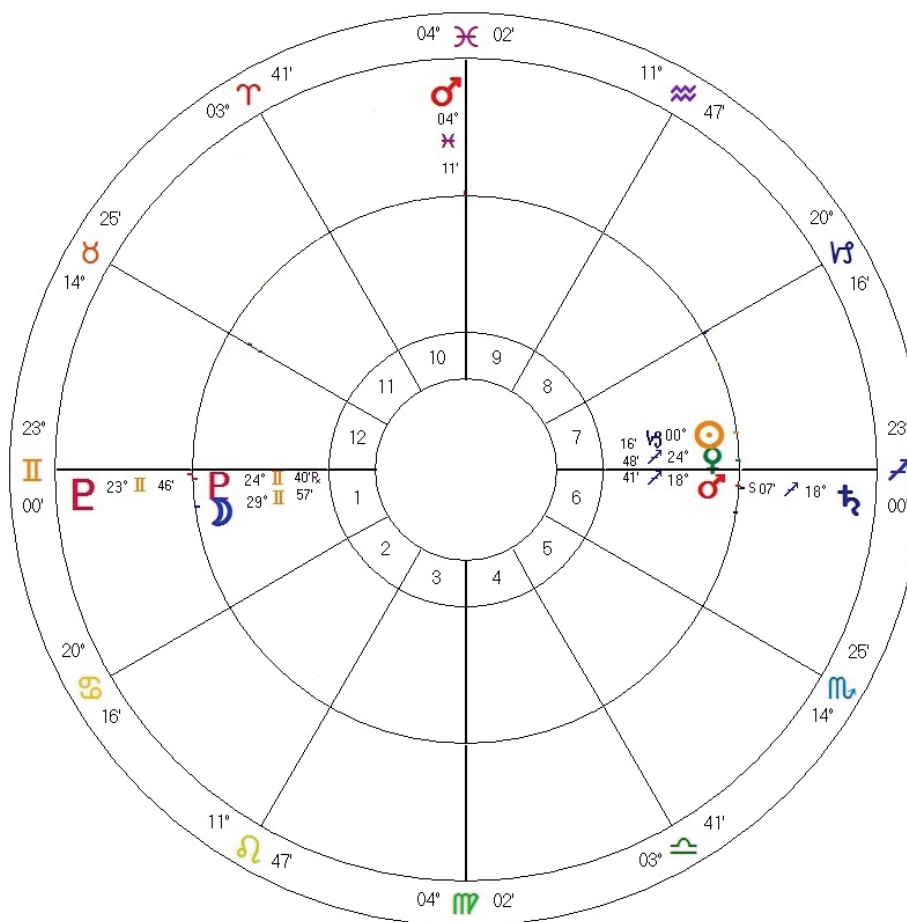
Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

This is an extraordinary chart! A lengthy analysis and discussion could be written on this one quotidian map. Here are the bullet points:

- Transiting Mars conjoins the CapQ MC ($0^{\circ}09'$).
- Transiting Pluto conjoins the CapQ Ascendant ($0^{\circ}46'$).
- An exact Venus-Pluto opposition from the Capsolar is across the horizon within 2° .

- Transiting Saturn is **stationary** 0°32' from conjunct Capsolar Mars, near (but not exactly on) the CapQ Descendant.
- As in the Triangle example, progressed Moon was opposite Capsolar and progressed Capsolar Suns (0°03' and 0°19', respectively).

Behold the worst prison fire in American history.⁸



Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

The Cansolar Quotidian is a complicated chart, simply because the main factors have over 30 separate aspects all squeezed within less than 5°. Here are the main factors that support the fire:

i. Mars	13°44' Leo
p. Mars	14°12' Leo
p. Moon	14°44' Scorpio
CanQ Asc	15°17' Leo

Complexities arise (of both tabulation and interpretation) when the Cansolar's Venus-Jupiter conjunction (centered on 14°24' Taurus) is interwoven with these. (Cansolar Jupiter had even progressed to 13°44' Taurus, squaring Cansolar Mars to the minute of arc.)

⁸ Transiting Jupiter was square the Capsolar Ascendant within 0°19'. However, one of our working principles is that, if transits to an ingress angle are contradicted by transits to its Quotidian angles, the Quotidian wins.

Perhaps it will suffice to say that very exact factors show the fire in this secondary chart, and other (highly benefic) factors interweave with them. The latter are harder to reconcile to the fire.

Hour: Event Chart

Neptune was near the Midheaven when the fire began. History records the round-hour time of 9:00 PM for the event. Neptune culminated at 8:47 PM.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Moon (Neptune). *Moon-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Sun (Uranus). *Sun-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Mars.
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars, Pluto. *Sun-Moon, Venus-Pluto, Mars-Pluto.*
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, Moon, *Moon-Mars (plus a mix of Venus-Jupiter).*
- **Hour:** Neptune.



NEW LONDON SCHOOL FIRE

1937 Mar 18, 3:05 PM CST, New London, TX (32N14, 94W56)

The deadliest school disaster in U.S. history resulted in 300 dead teaches and students when a natural gas leak ignited into an explosion that destroyed the school.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar

The Capsolar and prior Cansolar (and even the intervening Libsolar) are dormant.

Month: Caplunar {-2 Very Bad}

The Caplunar did not contribute to describing this particular event. Jupiter is square the Ascendant within 0°15', with Venus 0°57' below the Ascendant,⁹ contrary indications to what we are seeking.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

With the “chart of the week” Arilunar we get our first active contribution to the event.

- Neptune rises (0°41'), adding to the general wringing emotion and gruesome grieving.
- Neptune opposes a more widely foreground Mercury (2°52'), suggesting confusion and disorientation.

⁹ Venus easily could be implicated as “death of dear ones.” However, paired with the exactly angular Jupiter, we would have to interpret this chart as the mark of a festival, wedding, or other grand celebration. This was not the case. (One is not inclined to credit the large number of funerals that resulted as a proliferation of religious rites.)

- The Sun and Saturn are widely foreground (about 6° from the Descendant), 0°47' from exact mutual mundane conjunction.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Whatever these techniques lacked in pre-identifying the year and month, they more than made up for when it came to focusing on the date and hour.

With the Capsolar Midheaven at 1°12' Virgo, transiting Saturn was 1°42' Pisces, 0°30' from the year chart's angles. It was dead on!

Then the Capsolar Quotidian produced the following:

CapQ MC	6°28' Scorpio
t. Mars	7°47' Scorpio
i. Moon	21°00' Capricorn
CapQ Asc	21°12' Capricorn
Event Asc	21°33' Cancer

Incidentally, the prior Libsolar's Ascendant was 1°15' Virgo, almost exactly the CapQ Midheaven, so it, too, received Saturn's transit. All four solar ingresses are responsive to transits for a full year, though transits to the Libsolar are minor compared to the Capsolar and Cansolar. However, given the dormant Capsolar, the Libsolar's voice may have been speaking a bit more loudly. In any case, the Saturn transit to its Descendant is of interest.

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the explosion, Uranus was about 2° from the Midheaven. (It actually crossed the MC nine minutes earlier, at 2:56 PM.)

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Quarter (Libsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Month:** *(Undescriptive of event: Venus-Jupiter)*
 - **Week:** Neptune. Mercury-Neptune, Sun-Saturn.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn *(transit to Capsolar)*. Mars, Moon *(CapQ)*.
- **Hour:** Uranus.



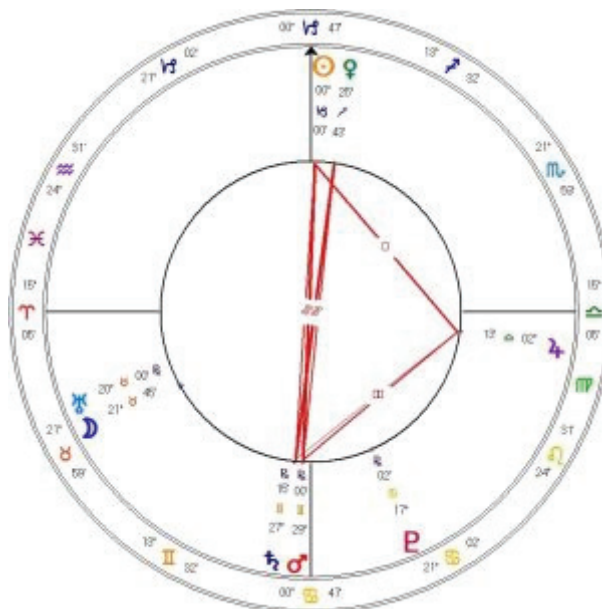
WINECOFF HOTEL FIRE

December 7, 1946, 3:15 AM EST, Atlanta, GA

Continuing our search for historic “worsts,” the deadliest hotel fire in U.S. history was the Winecoff in Atlanta: 121 died and 65 more were injured. The fire department was called nearly half an hour after the fire was discovered, and the hotel's internal fire alarms remained silent; consequently, although fire trucks arrived within 30 seconds of the call, people were already jumping from the upper floors of the 15-storey hotel.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

- Mars (1°58') and Saturn (6°10') are on the IC and conjunct (1°45').
- The Sun is 1°22' from the MC and 1°00' from opposite Mars (0°36' *in mundo*).
- Pluto squares the Ascendant (1°57').
- Saturn is also within 1°32' of exact opposition to comparably-foreground Venus. They form a foreground mundane T-square with Jupiter. These “support” planets disclose a subplot of destruction of a luxury hospitality setting.
- Moon conjoins Uranus (1°45').

**Half-Year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}**

Neptune sets (1°16'), the only planet in the immediate foreground. As usual, this shows the smoke, confusion, and panic.

Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

Indications are somewhat mixed, though the strongest factors are clearly descriptive.

- Saturn squares the Ascendant (0°32').
- The Sun squares the Midheaven (0°19').
- Jupiter is 1°24' below the Descendant, Mercury 2°17' above. They appear contrary to the tone of the event.
- Mars is 4°41' above the Descendant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar shows the Sun 0°16' from the IC. Recall that the Sun also is within 2° of the Capsolar MC and within half a degree of square the Libsolar MC.

This fire is one of the best examples of the Sun's inherent relationship to fires. Whether this is due to some specific behavioral component, or because the Sun is an inherently fiery planet, is not yet clear. What is clear is the Sun's frequent presence in these charts for the worst fires.

Week: Arilunar {+1 Good}

An Arilunar two days before the fire (see at right) has Uranus on the Midheaven in partile (0°42') opposition to Mars near the IC. Uranus has the closer orb: It is 2°38' from square the Ascendant, which is closer than the Mars or Uranus proximity to the meridian (about 4°).

Oh, and this chart is a further example of a foreground Sun, 3°52' from the IC.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn at 14°38' Cancer is 0°27' from square the Capsolar Ascendant for Atlanta.

Then, on the morning of the fire, the Capsolar Quotidian repeated the Mars-Uranus pattern from the Arilunar and brought it into sharper focus:

- Transiting Uranus (0°23' from the CapQ IC) is opposite Mars (2°03' from the CapQ MC).
- Capsolar Uranus is 0°04' from square the CapQ Ascendant.
- Transiting Sun is 0°36' from square the CapQ Ascendant, opposing ingress Uranus.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {0 Mixed}

Transiting Neptune is 0°13' from the Cansolar Descendant.

However, the Cansolar Quotidian is not representative of the event: An unafflicted ingress Venus is 0°25' from the Ascendant.

We also have a lunar influence: Progressed Cansolar Moon is square the CanQ MC (0°47'), and ingress Moon is less than 2° from the CanQ Westpoint. This is not contrary to the signature for fires. (In fact, the Moon tends to be a factor in some categories of fires. See the “Overview of Fires” at the end of this chapter.) Venus is commonly strong for this type of event when she is simultaneously afflicted, especially by Saturn or Pluto.

But an unafflicted Venus on the angle does not appear to be descriptive of the hotel fire.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars, Sun, Pluto (Saturn). *Sun-Mars, Mars-Saturn. (Venus-Jupiter-Saturn.)*
 - **Half-year:** Neptune.
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Sun (Mercury, Jupiter, Mars).
- **Month:** Sun.
 - **Week:** Uranus, Mars (Sun). *Mars-Uranus.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn (*transit to Capsolar*). Uranus, Mars, Sun (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Venus, Moon (*CanQ*).



FIRES SINCE 1950

All fires examined above (except the city conflagrations for London and Chicago) are events included by Bradley in his original study. Since the 1950s, many significant fires have occurred, especially in the years following Bradley's death in 1974. Here follows a brisker examination of some the largest fires in the world subsequent to 1957.

NITEROI CIRCUS FIRE

Dec 17, 1961, afternoon, Niteroi, Brazil

Over 500 died (about 70% of them children), and more than 800 were injured in this tent fire for a sold-out performance of the Gran Circus Norte-Americano. It remains Brazil's most devastating fire.

Year: Solar Ingresses. All three relevant solar ingresses were dormant – for the year, the half year, and the quarter. Only lunar aspects (applicable to all the Earth) were active, and these were of the correct type: The Cansolar has a 0°37' Moon-Mars conjunction, minutes from square Venus (which is 0°01' from the Moon-Mars midpoint), and Pluto about 4° away. The configuration would be perfect if it were on an angle. It is highlighted only by the exact Moon aspect.

This sets the wider astrological context for the operation of the monthly and daily charts.

Month: Caplunar. Moon (1°58' west) and Saturn (1°37' east) of MC, their midpoint being 0°11' from the angle. {+1 *Good*}

Day: CanQ. Transiting Neptune (sq. Asc 0°22'). Ingress Uranus (sq. MC 0°21'). {+1 *Good*}

APOLLO 1 FIRE

1967 Jan 27, 6:31 PM EST, Cape Canaveral, FL

Three U.S. astronauts died in a fire that occurred during tests of Apollo 1.

Year: Capsolar. Uranus (Asc 1°32'). Saturn (Dsc 2°07'). Saturn opposite Uranus (0°30' *in mundo*). Pluto (sq. MC 1°53'). Moon (Dsc 8°44'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Month: Caplunar. *Dormant.*

Week: Canlunar. Mars (sq. Asc 1°19'). Moon (Dsc 2°20'). Moon sq, Mars (0°09'). Jupiter (Dsc 2°50'). Moon conj. Jupiter (0°30' *in mundo*). Sun (EP 2°32'). {+1 *Good*}

Day: Capsolar Transits. Transiting Uranus conj. Capsolar Ascendant (1°21'). For Washington, t. Saturn conj. Capsolar Descendant (0°03'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian. Seems counter indicative: Transiting Venus sq. CanQ Ascendant (1°20'). For Washington, Venus transited Capsolar MC, sq. CanQ Ascendant. {-2 *Very Bad*}

L'INNOVATION DEPARTMENT STORE FIRE

May 22, 1967, 1:30 PM CET, Brussels, Belgium

Many officials believe this Cold War era fire in Belgium was a terrorist attack on the United States. (The department store had just launched a special event selling American products; and the charts do support a terrorist attack.) Over 300 people died.

Year: Capricorn. Neptune (Asc 1°37'). Moon (IC 0°48'). Moon-Neptune mundane square (3°25'). NB: The prior Cansolar also had Neptune angular (EP 1°54'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Quarter: Arisolar. Saturn (IC 1°59'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Month: Caplunar. Sun (Asc 0°48'), Mercury (Asc 1°32'), Mars (WP 1°36'), Pluto (Dsc 1°48'). Foreground mundane aspects included Sun-Mercury 2°20', Sun-Pluto 1°00', Mercury-Mars 2°28', Mercury-Pluto 3°20'. {+2 *Very Good*}

Fortnight: Canlunar. Pluto (sq. Asc 0°42'). Mars (MC 4°22'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Week: Liblunar. Uranus (IC 0°32'). {+1 *Good*}

Day: Capsolar. Transiting Neptune 1°30' from Capsolar Ascendant {+1 *Good*}. The CapQ has ingress Mars (sq. MC 0°29'), and transiting Pluto opposite progressed Capsolar Moon (0°32'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar. Transiting Neptune 1°06' from Cansolar IC. Transiting Sun square Cansolar Ascendant (0°23'). The CanQ features especially progressed Moon at 0°20' Cancer, halfway between Cansolar Sun (0°00' Cancer) and progressed Cansolar Sun (0°48' Cancer). {+1 *Good*}

CINEMA REX FIRE

Aug 19, 1978, evening, Abadan, Iran

Islamist militants eventually were determined to be the cause of the Cinema Rex fire in which at least 425 died. (Other sources give numbers closer to 500.) This is comparable to the Cocoanut Grove fire. At the time it occurred, this was the highest death toll from any terrorist attack; now, it has dropped to No. 3.

Year: Capsolar. Uranus (Asc 1°45'). Saturn (MC 7°). {+2 *Very Good*}

Quarter: Cansolar. Sun (sq. Asc 2°09'). Moon conj. Neptune 0°34'. {+1 *Good*}

Month: Caplunar. Saturn (MC 1°21'). Sun (sq. Asc 1°23'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: CapQ. Ascendant square transiting Venus (0°37') and transiting Pluto (2°07'). (Their midpoint is 0°45' from square the Ascendant. Venus is also 0°08' from the Mars-Pluto midpoint, 2½° from conjunct each.) Transiting Jupiter (sq. MC 1°18'). {0 *Mixed*}

Day: CanQ. Saturn (MC 1°25'). Sun (sq. Asc 1°50'). Mercury (sq. Asc 0°30'). {+2 *Very Good*}

DURUNKAH FIRE

Nov 2, 1994, 6:30 AM, Durunkah, Egypt

This may be the weirdest fire of modern times: the city-devastating conflagration caused and spread by the rain! Unquenchable burning fuel was spread throughout a city by “the heaviest rains in half a century.” As summarized in the *Los Angeles Times*:

A hellish flood of burning fuel and storm waters swept through a small town in southern Egypt on Wednesday, engulfing houses in a watery inferno that with other flash flooding left at least 226 people dead... two fuel storage tanks in the southern village of Durunka were crushed by a collapsing bridge and set ablaze, sending a fiery flood sweeping through the streets... the heaviest rains in half a century pounded the Egyptian desert and the Nile Valley.

To this, the *New York Times* added:

...an explosion and floods sent blazing fuel racing through the streets of a small village... The main bridge leading to the fuel complex collapsed at about 6:30 A.M. Twelve hours later, fires continued to burn.

Month: Caplunar. Pluto (Asc 0°45'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Week: Canlunar. Jupiter (IC 0°48'), supporting what can only be called catastrophic rains. Other planets are widely in the vicinity (including Venus-Pluto each 9° from the IC on opposite sides, their midpoint being 0°20' from the angle). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Capsolar. Transiting Saturn (sq. Capsolar Ascendant 0°22'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar. Transiting Mars (sq. Cansolar Ascendant 1°12'). CanQ MC opposite ingress Mars (1°50') and square ingress Venus (0°50'), with transiting Saturn on CanQ EP (2°05') and opposite the Venus. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: This fire-that-was-a-flood began with a collapsing of a bridge as Mars crossed the Midheaven and Jupiter crossed the Eastpoint.

FRIENDSHIP THEATER FIRE

Dec 8, 1994, 6:20 PM, Karamay, China

A Chinese state theater hosted 1,000 children and their teachers. Of these, 325 died (including 288 children) when fire broke out and everyone was ordered to remain seated until after Communist Party officials had safely exited.

Quarter: Libsolar. Mars (sq. MC 0°13'). Moon (sq. Asc 2°24'). Uranus and Neptune conjoined in the foreground, but more distant from the angles (supplemental). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: CanQ. Transiting Mars is a little farther from the angle (2°20') than our working rules advise. This is worth mentioning, though, because of the precise T-square at the time of the fire:

Pluto	4°08' Scorpio
Moon	4°11' Aquarius

Mars 4°18' Leo
Jupiter 5°06' Scorpio {+1 *Good*}

Hour: Event Chart. This is noteworthy because of the circumstances that reportedly led to the hundreds of deaths. The fire began near sunset, with Mercury 0°26' from the Descendant, Sun 2° above the Descendant, and Pluto 4° above the Descendant. Ordering the teachers and students to remain seated until the party leaders had safely exited is a stark example of “government asserting power” (or “it’s all about those in power”), a characteristic that we see repeatedly with an angular Sun.

BAKU METRO FIRE

Oct 28, 1995, 6:00 PM, Baku, Azerbaijan

During the evening rush hour, fire broke out on a subway train with five fully loaded cars. Over 300 died, and 265 more were injured.

Year: Cansolar. Pluto (sq. Asc 0°22'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Quarter: Libsolar. Mercury (Dsc 0°43') but unaspected, to set a transportation theme. {+1 *Good*}

Week: Liblunar. Moon (sq. Asc 0°40'). Uranus (0°53' above Dsc), Neptune (2°00' below Dsc). Moon square Uranus-Neptune (within 2°; 0°05' from their midpoint). Mercury (4°55' IC).¹⁰ {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: CapQ. Mercury (MC 1°03') for “something to do with transportation.” This and the Liblunar are precise though minor charts, mostly just “checking off the Mercury box on the checklist” for a travel-related incident. {+1 *Good*}

Day: Cansolar. In the CanQ, Cansolar Mercury (0°23' Asc), Cansolar Saturn (1°42' MC). Transiting Pluto remained within 1°11' of square the Cansolar Ascendant. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: Event Chart. Uranus and Neptune straddle the Midheaven. The start of the fire was approximately 6:00 PM. Uranus culminated at 6:10 PM. Neptune culminated at 5:53 PM.

Observation: This does not show a fire event, but is more consistent with charts for collisions or explosions (see Chapter 13). It was a fire, however. The cause of the fire remains uncertain: It could have been an electrical malfunction or intentional sabotage. In the absence of a solar presence (“human intentionality”), I suspect it was the former.

LUOYANG CHRISTMAS FIRE

Dec 25, 2000, 9:35 PM, Luoyang, China

Holiday shoppers, construction works, and nightclub patrons – 309 people overall – died in a shopping center blaze on Christmas night.

Year: Capsolar. Dormant in terms of angularity: nothing to link it explicitly to the location. However, a 2°23' Moon-Saturn conjunction (valid for the whole world) sets the right backdrop.

Quarter: Libsolar. The Libsolar also was dormant, with no planets closer than about 5° from the angles. Those two (widely) foreground planets, though, were Moon and Mars in 2°42' square (an aspect valid for the whole world, including Luoyang).

Month: Caplunar. A mixture of indications of tragedy and festivities. Saturn (1°25') and Mercury (0°53') square the Ascendant. (They oppose each other 2°18'; their midpoint is 0°16')

¹⁰ The dormant Canlunar was substantially the same chart, but with angularities more distant and unconcentrated.

from the angle.) The Sun is 1°19' from the Midheaven, yet also 2° from opposite Jupiter (which is 2°26' from the IC). Uranus is more widely foreground (5° above the Ascendant), significant primarily for the 2°08' Jupiter-Uranus mundane square in the foreground.¹¹ {+1 *Good*}

Day: CapQ. Ingress Mars (1°20' WP, and 1°27' on the other side from sq. MC). Ingress Pluto (0°53' IC). Transiting Pluto 1°07' (sq. Asc). {+2 *Very Good*}

YCUÁ BOLAÑOS MARKET FIRE

Aug 1, 2004, 11:25 AM AST, Asunción, Paraguay

A fire that triggered two explosions on the ground floor of a three-storey building led to almost 400 deaths and 500 additional injuries in a busy Paraguay public market.

Year: Capsolar. Saturn (2°34' IC, sq. Asc 2°19'). Mars (7°18' Asc). {+2 *Very Good*}

Quarter: Cansolar. A misleading chart. Venus is 0°50' from the IC, less than half a degree from mundane square with Jupiter (0°21' Dsc). Pluto is also foreground, but not close (5° off the Midheaven). The Moon conjoins Saturn within 2°08' (though this applies to the whole world and not specifically to Asuncion, Paraguay). The Capsolar took the lead on this one, not the Cansolar. {-2 *Very Bad*}

Day: CapQ. Progressed Capsolar Moon is 0°01' from the CapQ Ascendant. This is worth mentioning because it is impeccably close, though this planet does not vividly describe a fire *per se*. However, among fires, the Moon is common for those that occur in large public spaces where large numbers of people converge – like a busy open market. {0 *Neutral*}

Hour: Event Chart. Neptune was within 0°23' of square the Ascendant when the fire began.

LAME HORSE NIGHTCLUB FIRE

Dec 5, 2009, 1:08 AM YEKT, Perm, Russia

According to the *World Almanac* summary, indoor pyrotechnics ignited decorations made of dry twigs in the ceiling of the Lame Horse nightclub, where 156 deaths results from “fire, thick smoke, and a stampede of patrons rushing for the lone exit.”

Year: Capsolar. Jupiter (sq. Asc 1°59'). Although this is not indicative of a fire *per se*, major fires with a strong Jupiter element are nearly always part of a celebration or large entertainment event such as a club or theater. Jupiter contributed to the state of mind that would plan the mega-event where the fire occurred. {+1 *Good*}

Quarter: Libsolar. A New Moon straddles the horizon mundanely (Sun 1°06' above, Moon 1°11' below the Ascendant). Ecliptically, it is only 1°15' wide. Have you noticed how many close or exact Sun-Moon conjunctions or oppositions are present in the ingress charts and quotidians for major fires? By the date of the fire, progressed Libsolar Moon was at 0°32' Libra, in partile conjunction with the Sun.

Besides that, Mars is the only foreground planet, though not closely. {+1 *Good*}

Week: Arilunar. A complicated mixture of smoke and flame indications with celebrant party indications. Neptune (1°01' IC), Jupiter (2°29' IC on the other side), Mars (6°18' MC). The Moon is 5½° below the Descendant, forming a mundane Moon-Mars-Jupiter T-square, of which the closest aspect is the 0°49' Moon-Mars square. Venus (0°57' EP). {+2 *Very Good*}

¹¹ The Canlunar, technically dormant with no planet closer than 8° from the angles, has Moon and Mars as its two (widely) foreground planets, 0°02' from exact mundane square and 0°38' from exact ecliptical square. Such lunar aspects are always important.

Day: CapQ. Transiting Saturn ($1^{\circ}29'$ Asc). Transiting Pluto (sq. Asc just outside the 2° orb); and, in any case, Pluto squares the angular Saturn within $0^{\circ}55'$. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: CanQ. The only angularity is ingress Mercury on the Descendant. Of greater interest, progressed Moon had reached $29^{\circ}27'$ Aries, $0^{\circ}23'$ from square transiting Neptune. {+1 *Good*}

Hour: Event Chart. When the fire broke out at 1:08 AM, the Sun was within 1° of the IC, and Uranus 3° above the Descendant. The Sun was exactly on the angle at 1:05 AM.

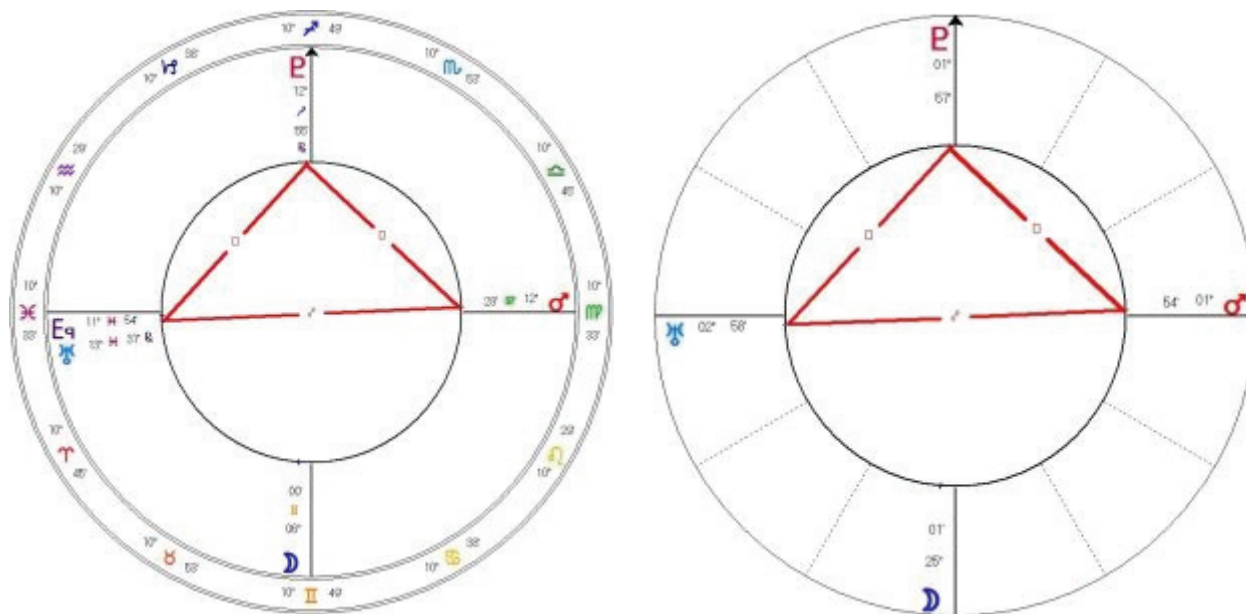
KISS NIGHTCLUB FIRE

2013 Jan 27, 2:00 AM BRST, Santa Maria, Brazil, 29S41, 53W48

Brazil's second most devastating fire ever (second only to the Niteroi blaze) killed at least 242 people and injured as many as 200 others. This was a disaster of excess: Fire marshals cleared the building for 1,000 occupants, and at least 2,000 were present on this occasion when outdoor pyrotechnics were used illegally inside the club.

History's three deadliest nightclub fires ever are the Cocoanut Grove, Luoyang, and Kiss fires, all of which are examined in this present chapter.

Year: Cansolar. Most severe of all the maps was the Cansolar ingress from six months earlier. As the Capsolar was dormant, the prior Cansolar did all of the heavy lifting: A Mars-Uranus-Pluto T-square dominated the angles, with Mars the most angular of the three (on the Westpoint within $0^{\circ}35'$). Mars, Uranus, and Pluto are in mundane T-square contained within $1^{\circ}04'$, with the Mars-Pluto square being only $0^{\circ}03'$ wide. {+2 *Very Good*}



Month: Caplunar. Neptune (Dsc $0^{\circ}05'$): panic and mob madness (and, by itself, a primary indicator of a fire). Jupiter is widely foreground (8°), probably just reinforcing the “entertainment venue” theme. {+1 *Good*}

Week: Canlunar. Neptune (sq. Asc $1^{\circ}24'$). Jupiter (is $3^{\circ}00'$). Jupiter-Neptune points to a boisterous nightclub environment and the madness of their **excessively** overflowing numbers. {+1 *Good*}

Day: Capsolar. In the CapQ, ingress Mars is $1^{\circ}18'$ from the Westpoint. {+2 *Very Good*}

Transits to the Capsolar angles were more neutral but unmistakable: With the Capsolar Midheaven being 12°27' Aries, a nearly exact Full Moon that night placed the Sun at 12°30' Capricorn and the Moon at 12°40' Cancer for the approximate time the fire began. Primarily, I read this as drawing very significant attention to the location (and, just by the lunar phase, enhancing the bacchanal spirit that fed the overflowing crowd). Additionally, it is a further example of the Sun-Moon aspect theme for major fires. {+1 *Good*}

Day: Cansolar. Transiting Uranus is 0°02' from the Cansolar Ascendant.

In the CanQ, Cansolar Moon had progressed to 12°31' Sagittarius, 0°03' from square Cansolar Mars, and 0°23' from opposite Cansolar Pluto. Furthermore, the CanQ Ascendant was exactly conjunct Saturn (0°21'). Saturn also squared transiting Venus at 27°40' Sagittarius: Venus-Saturn aspects are one signature of fires, especially nightclub fires. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: Event Chart. Reports time the start of the fire as between 2:00 and 2:30 AM. At 2:00 AM, Mars was exactly on the IC. Neptune crossed the IC at 2:25 AM.



OVERVIEW OF FIRES

+Mars + Neptune + Saturn (+Pluto +Sun).

+Mars-Neptune +Venus-Saturn +Sun-Moon

-Venus -Jupiter

Major fires are the product of the primary malefics, **Mars, Saturn, and Neptune**. All three are strongly involved, though in different proportions. **Mars**, obviously, is the chief mover, and its relationship to fires is one of the easiest tenets of Sidereal mundane astrology to demonstrate. **Neptune** relates to fire nearly as intimately as Mars – perhaps in the sense that smoke is the natural companion of flame, or that magnified, terrified emotion is natural human reaction to fires. **Saturn**, as usual, is prominent in all categories of death and other tragedy.

Mars-Neptune and **Venus-Saturn** aspects are the two most common for fires. We see these pairings repeatedly emphasized in solar and lunar ingresses for fires.

Mars lights the match. He is present so reliably that one almost wonders if there could be flame without Mars. Of the examples in this chapter, only two did not have an active Mars presence: One (a terrorist attack) was a Saturn-driven event. The other event, likely an electrical systems failure, was Uranus-driven.

Especially, Mars usually signals fires in an “up close and personal” way through the more immediate, shorter-term charts. (Occasionally Mars on a quotidian angle or transiting the angle of a Capsolar is the **only** factor triggering a major fire.) Only two of these sample events have Mars present *only* in the yearly chart (Capsolar): All others show Mars active in the lunar and daily charts: In particular, Mars provided the **daily** timing – through crossing a quotidian angle or making an exact transit to a Capsolar angle – 75% of the time.

Neptune was active in nearly all of the sample fires discussed above, though (unlike Mars) it was across a range of types of charts from the annual down to the event charts signaling the minute the fires started. In two instances, Neptune was angular **only** in the event chart, showing the immediate panic. In two more, it was angular only in the solar ingress governing the year or half-year. For the remaining instances (about 40% of our samples), Neptune was angular in one of the lunar ingresses or the daily timing charts.

Saturn is active in all but one of the sample charts – making it slightly more common even than Mars. (Saturn is prominent for all categories of tragedy.) Saturn signaled a **day** of tragedy more than half the time, often in combination with Venus, Mars, or Pluto (but capable of carrying the entire weight herself).

When we strip Mars, Saturn, and Neptune from the list of active factors in these example fires, we see the interplay of other planetary forces as well, particularizing individual events.

Pluto is active in about two-thirds of these fires. Especially noteworthy are the many times that Pluto appeared at the last minute to give a high-impact trigger to the actual event through a transit to a Capsolar angle or Quotidian.

The Sun also is active in about two-thirds of all the fires. This is not expected from traditional astrological teachings. Although the Sun itself is one great ball of fire, the astrological (symbolic and psychological) reasons for this behavior are not entirely clear. Possibly, there are particular solar characteristics of these fires not yet distinguished. {If so, then both the Winecoff Hotel and the Triangle fires would have these in common.¹²} The Sun was rarely angular at the year level (Capsolar or Cansolar), though increasingly so at the quarter, monthly, and (especially) daily levels.

Additionally, **Sun-Moon aspects** occur in many of the fires, including four that had exact progressed (CapQ) Sun-Moon conjunctions or oppositions at the time of the fire (plus another fire that had an exact Sun-Moon opposition square the Capsolar meridian).¹³ In later chapters, other events with partile Sun-Moon aspects will include fires, even when the fire is not the primary characteristic of the event.

Venus was angular for only a few of the fires. Nearly all of those were nightclubs or theaters.

Jupiter is even rarer in the foreground for fires. Primarily, it marks locations and events centered around festivities, celebration, and entertainment. In one case, the fire was accompanying by record-breaking rainfall.

The Moon is not part of the signature of fire *per se*, though it was surprisingly active, appearing on angles for nearly half of the fires. Half of those were children's events, or events where many children were present and caught in the fire. Most of the rest were in open public spaces where large numbers of people converge and mingle (a circus, large department store, crowded holiday shopping, a busy open market, a rush-hour subway).

¹² In several of them, decisions by solar figures – of the government or management, for example – significantly contributed to the death toll and enhanced the tragedy. Broadly, when examining a wide range of tragedies, the Sun tends to be absent for natural disasters and more likely present for events caused by human choices and actions (whereas the Moon is much the opposite: especially active for the unfurling of nature herself).

¹³ The Moon is within 1° (either side) of conjunct or opposite the Sun 4/360 of the time, or about 1% of the time. That four or five of these instances occurred in 17 examples is highly anomalous.

Chapter 12

BOMBS

WALL STREET BOMBING

1920 Sep 16, 12:01 PM, New York, NY (40N42, 74W01)

A lunchtime explosion in New York City's financial district hurled a quarter-ton of shrapnel that killed 39 people, injured about 400 more, and caused over \$2 million in damage (\$23 million in 2013 dollars).

The delivery system was a horse-drawn wagon – with the horse still attached – packed with 500 pounds of cast-iron and 100 pounds of dynamite (on a timer). Though the crime remains unsolved and responsibility for the actions unclaimed, the most likely culprits were Italian anti-capitalist anarchists who had set off a series of explosions months earlier.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

- Saturn rises ($1^{\circ}50'$ *in mundo*).
- Venus squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}11'$).
 - Venus squares Saturn ($1^{\circ}28'$).

This was an inauspicious, loss-laden start for the year.

Quarter: Cansolar {0 Mixed}

- Jupiter squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}20'$).
- The Moon squares Mars ($0^{\circ}46'$).

These are mixed indications. The Moon-Mars square is quite on target, though.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Mars conjoins the Descendant ($1^{\circ}25'$). Force and fire are expected (and delivered).

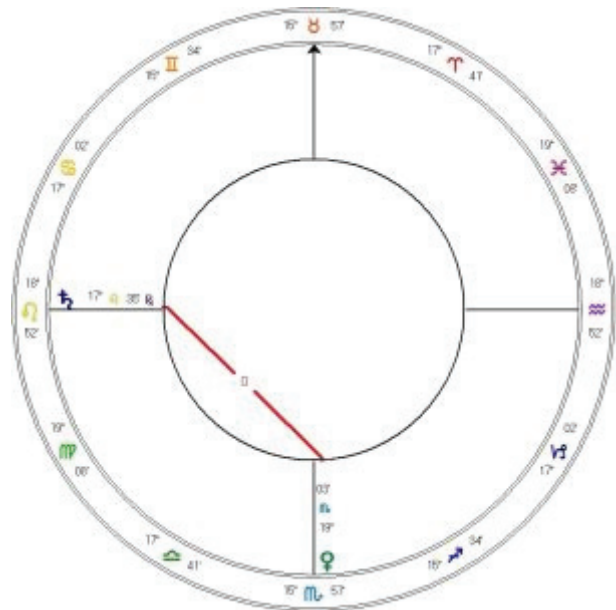
Canlunar & Liblunar

The Canlunar and Liblunar are both dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars ($14^{\circ}04'$ Scorpio) is $1^{\circ}52'$ from the Capsolar IC for the explosion.

In the CapQ, the Ascendant ($7^{\circ}53'$ Taurus) is lodged between squares to Capsolar Uranus ($6^{\circ}07'$ Aquarius) and transiting Uranus ($9^{\circ}16'$ Aquarius), within 2° of each. The Uranus/Uranus midpoint is $7^{\circ}38'$ Aquarius, only $0^{\circ}15'$ from the CapQ angle.



Hour: Event Chart

At the “one minute past noon” hour when the bomb exploded, the one planet close to the angles was Mars, just over 2° from square the Midheaven. Its exact square was nine minutes earlier, at 11:52 AM.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Venus, Saturn. *Venus-Saturn.*
 - **Half-year:** Jupiter. *Moon-Mars.*
- **Month:** Mars.
 - **Fortnight:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars (*transit to Capsolar*). Uranus (*CapQ*).
- **Hour:** Mars.



BATH SCHOOL DISASTER

1927 May 18, 8:45 AM, Bath, MI

The Bath School disaster earns the undesirable distinction of the deadliest mass murder in a school in U.S. history. Six adults and 38 children died. At least 58 others were injured. This pre-meditated act was carefully planned over many months by Andrew Kehoe who had killed his wife (who had advanced tuberculosis) a couple of days earlier, explosively laid waste to his farm, and blew up much of the local school before killing himself.

He had intended to destroy the entire school, not just half of it: a second timed explosion under the school's other wing did not detonate. Both the successful and unsuccessful bombs consisted of 500 pounds of dynamite plus pyrotol, a cheap incendiary explosive used by farmers for various purposes in the 1920s). After the Bath School disaster, pyrotol was outlawed.

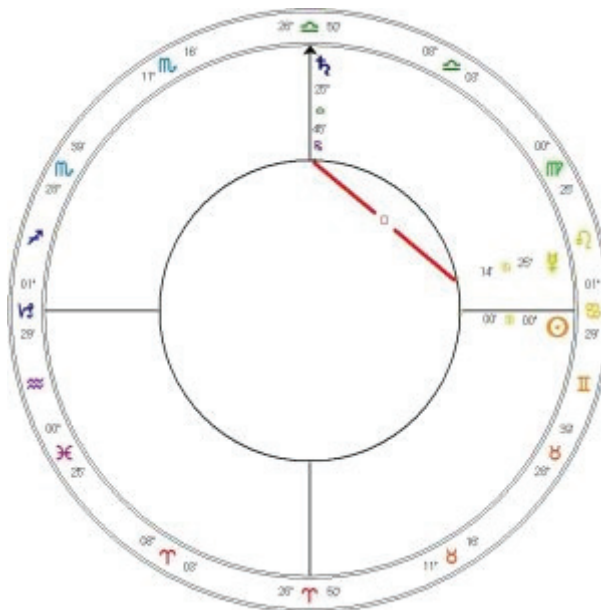
Year: Capsolar & Cansolar

{+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

However, the prior Cansolar shows pending loss and tragedy, including patterns that intensified the psychological weight under which Andrew Kehoe suffered for many months.

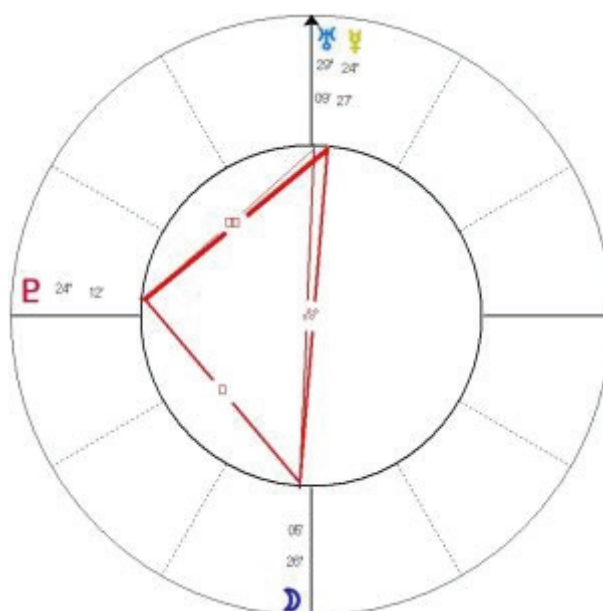
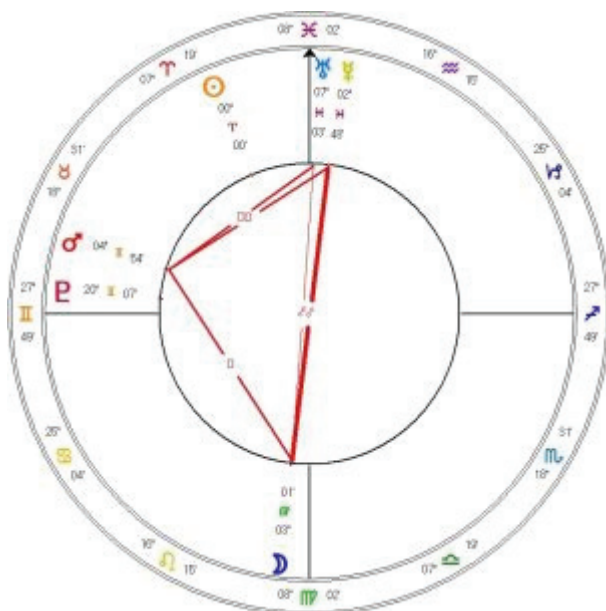
- Saturn culminates ($0^\circ 52'$).
- Sun sets ($0^\circ 56'$).
 - Sun squares Saturn mundanely ($0^\circ 04'$).
- Mercury squares the MC ($1^\circ 36'$).
 - Mercury squares Saturn ($0^\circ 41'$).



Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

As “chart of the week,” the Arilunar is nearly perfect. Only Mars being angular would have improved it; and, even then, explosive Uranus within a degree of the Midheaven is square Mars within 2° . In addition to the destructive angular planets, angular Moon is common for events involving children, and other aspects suggest a school environment. Even though the Uranus-Pluto mundane square is a bit too wide for my tastes (and overwhelmed by the number of closer aspects), the co-angularity of Uranus and Pluto adds the “bring down the house” theme, as we see repeatedly. Here are the salient points.

- Uranus culminates ($0^\circ 51'$).
- Sun squares the Ascendant ($2^\circ 11'$).
- Moon anticulminates ($3^\circ 55'$).
- Mercury culminates ($5^\circ 33'$).
- Pluto rises ($5^\circ 48'$).
 - Moon opposite Mercury ($0^\circ 13'$).
 - Mercury square Pluto mundanely ($0^\circ 15'$).
 - Moon square Pluto mundanely ($1^\circ 53'$).
 - Uranus square Mars ($2^\circ 09'$).
 - Moon opposite Uranus mundanely ($3^\circ 03'$).



Month: Caplunar {0 Mixed}

Pluto squares the Midheaven ($0^\circ 32'$), suggesting a mind-stunning incident. On the other hand, Jupiter squares the Ascendant ($1^\circ 29'$), which is contrary to the nature of the event. In the stack of lunar ingresses, this chart is not yet signaling the event under consideration.

Notice how, in many of these events, Jupiter is present in the early stages and then disappears (in successor charts) at the point where a destructive event actually occurs – as if Jupiter does not exactly prevent a tragedy but, so far as possible, displaces it to a different time period.

Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

No such protection from Jupiter is present in the Cansolar, which shows Saturn 2°29' past the IC and 2°23' shy of square the Ascendant – in orb to both of them, and only 0°03' from its point of maximum relation to both of the angles.

Week: Liblunar {+1 Good}

Although the Liblunar has right planets in the right places – especially a close, explosive Mars-Pluto conjunction – most of them are too far from the angles for us to rely on them as primary contributors to the event's symbolism. In fact, the Liblunar would have been dormant for Bath but for the Moon's close square to the Ascendant, which (1) linked the ingress' otherwise volatile message to the region and (2) is the planet most characteristic of tragic events involving children. Mars also is quite close to an angle. The other (more distant) involved planets are familiar from earlier charts in the stack.

- Moon square Ascendant (1°01').
- Mars sets (3°02').
- Pluto sets (7°06').
 - Mars conjoins Pluto (1°50').
- Sun (7°57') and Mercury (5°14') anticulminate.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

CapQ Midheaven (21°46' Gemini) is minutes from both transiting and ingress Pluto, and only 0°02' from their midpoint. Additionally, ingress Mercury is exactly on the IC, part of the Mercury-Pluto opposition from the Capsolar.¹

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {0 Mixed}

CanQ signals are mixed. Contrary to the nature of the event, ingress Venus is 0°40' from the CanQ Eastpoint. On the other hand, progressed Cansolar Moon at 28°09' Virgo is opposite progressed Cansolar Mars within 0°21' (and still within a degree of Mars at the time of the Cansolar ingress).

Hour: Event Chart

At 8:45 AM when the explosives ignited, Mars was in the exact degree of the Ascendant. It conjoins Pluto. However, Jupiter also was in the degree of the Midheaven. This would appear to be representative of the state of mind of the perpetrator, Andrew Kehoe, who felt he had lost everything and was prepared to finish the ruination he evidently felt the world had handed him.

Mars rose exactly at 8:43. Jupiter culminated at 8:49. Pluto had risen earlier, at 8:33.

¹ Transiting Venus conjoined the Capsolar Ascendant at the time of the explosion. However, in case of conflict, the quotidian always trumps transits to the ingress angles.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Saturn, Sun, Mercury. *Sun-Saturn, Mercury-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** Uranus (Sun, Moon, Mercury, Pluto). *Moon-Mercury-Pluto, Moon-Mercury-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Jupiter.
 - **Fortnight:** Saturn.
 - **Week:** Moon, Mars (Pluto). *Mars-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Pluto, Mercury. *Mercury-Pluto.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Venus. *Moon-Mars.*
- **Hour:** Mars. *Mars-Jupiter-Pluto.*



OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING

1995 Apr 19, 9:02 AM CDT, Oklahoma City, OK (35N28'22", 97W31'01")

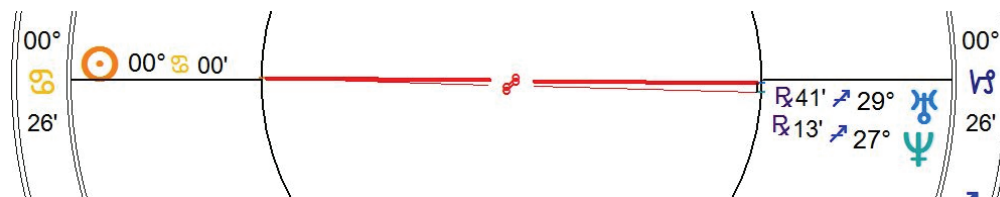
Prior to the 9/11 attacks half a dozen years later, the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was the worst act of terrorism on American soil in the history of the United States. Death claimed 168 people, and more than 680 others were injured. Damages (which included the destruction or serious damage to over 300 nearby buildings totaled about \$652 million (just over \$1 billion in 2013 dollars).

Timothy McVeigh, in retaliation for the government's actions in the Waco and Ruby Ridge sieges a few years earlier, selected the Waco anniversary for his attack. He filled a rental truck with explosives, parked it in front of the Federal building, and detonated it.

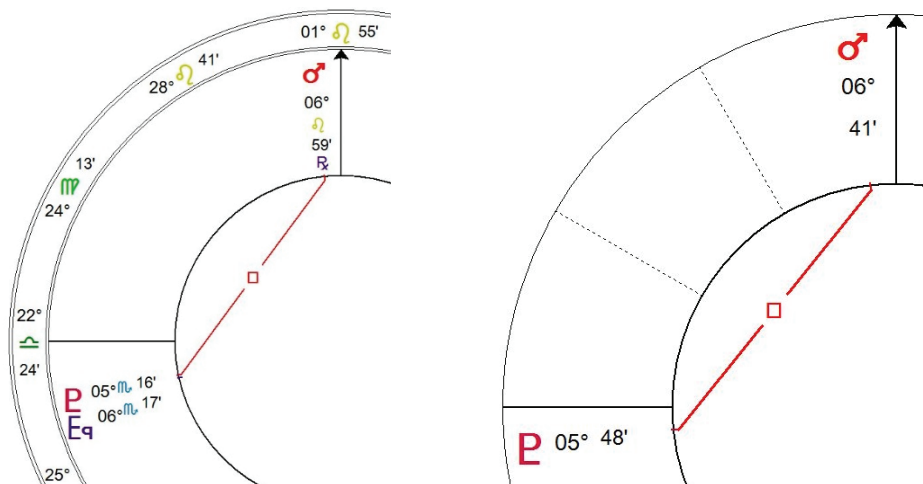
This event has value as an example in its own right, as an event in Oklahoma City, and additional value when examined for Washington, DC. The first justification for this is that McVeigh's attack aimed specifically at the U.S. government, and struck at a government building with strong symbolic import. The second justification is that this instantly became a national-level event. Below are analyses of charts for both Oklahoma City and Washington.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar

For Oklahoma City, the Capsolar is dormant. However, the secondary "master chart of the year," the Cansolar from the prior July, spoke plenty! As you can see from the illustration below, the Sun is exactly rising – a symbol of the Federal government – opposed within $0^{\circ}16'19''$ by Uranus and, more widely, by Neptune: sudden, explosive confrontation of government authority with elements of stealth, deception, and plenty of confusion. {+2 *Very Good*}



For Washington, Pluto is $1^{\circ}47'$ from the Eastpoint (in RA). Mars is in the upper foreground, square the rising Pluto. Mundanely, the square is partile; ecliptically, it is nearly so. Being set at the nation's capital, this is a chart for violent, explosive, unprecedented political insurrection. {+2 *Very Good*}



Quarter: Arisolar

For Oklahoma City, Mars at $20^{\circ}01'$ Cancer squares the $20^{\circ}52'$ Libra Ascendant. As we shall see below, Mars follows through as the most commonly recurring planet in the Oklahoma City charts for this event. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Sun's Aries ingress has:

- Jupiter square the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}34'$).
- Venus conjunct Saturn ($0^{\circ}46'$), 6° - 8° from the IC. As usual, we read Venus **strong and afflicted** as meaning weeping for loss.

Ecliptically, this chart looks more impressive than its mundane actuality. For example, it appears (on first impression) that Pluto is within a degree of the Ascendant, whereas it actually is $7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ away. However, that $0^{\circ}27'$ ecliptical Pluto-Ascendant conjunction also means that **transiting Pluto** is at once within half a degree of conjunct the Arisolar Ascendant, since such transits are measured in celestial longitude. {+1 *Good*}

Month: Caplunar

For Oklahoma City, the most angular planet is Venus, $0^{\circ}56'$ from square to the Midheaven. She is part of a foreground Venus-Pluto square (less than 2° mundanely; wider ecliptically). Supporting this, the more widely foreground planets hit exactly the right theme: a stationary Mars is 7° above the Descendant with Uranus 5° above the Ascendant. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Caplunar did not show the event. It is a highly auspicious chart, with Jupiter in the degree of the Midheaven and Venus 3° from the Ascendant. Although matters gradually built toward a climax in Oklahoma, Washington was taken by surprise. {-2 *Very Bad*}

Fortnight: Canlunar

For Oklahoma City, the April 8 Canlunar is only a mild reinforcement. One might say, "folks are starting to sneak around."

- A 0°46' Moon-Neptune opposition squares the Midheaven within 1½°.
- A foreground Sun-Uranus mundane square (1°33'), about 5° from the angles, supplements the sense that rebellious things are starting to happen.
- The Moon joins this Sun-Uranus in a mundane T-square. Interpret this as a culminating Sun at the Moon/Uranus midpoint (0°18'): Populist rebellion confronting government.
- Mars is barely foreground, 9½° below the Ascendant.

The whole is reasonably representative of an insidious and violent populist revolt against government. {+1 *Good*}

For Washington, though, the April Canlunar is much simpler: Mars squares the Midheaven within 0°41'. Bingo! {+2 *Very Good*}

Week: Liblunar

For Oklahoma City, the Liblunar is dormant.

In Washington, everything comes to a head in this Liblunar:

- Mars squares the Ascendant (1°02').
- Neptune culminates (2°23').
- Neptune at the Midheaven is in partile square to the Sun, Moon, and Mercury. Ecliptically, Neptune at the MC anchors a T-square with the two luminaries, as shown below.

Moon	0°00' Libra	
Sun	0°22' Aries	
Neptune	0°50' Capricorn	
Mercury	1°25' Aries	
Liblunar MC	1°58' Capricorn	{+2 <i>Very Good</i> }

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Oklahoma City, transiting Uranus has advanced to within 1°22' of square the Capsolar Ascendant. {+2 *Very Good*}

In the CapQ, ingress Neptune is 0°22' from the Ascendant, describing the local panic and confusion, although it does not describe the violence itself. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, we see an unmistakable aggressive, violent pattern. At the time of the explosion in Oklahoma City, transiting Mars (22°06' Cancer) was only 0°18' from square the Washington, DC Capsolar Ascendant (22°24' Libra). This was the attack: No chart at the event site said this any better than this one master chart of the year for the nation's capital.

Transiting Mars is also in partile conjunction with the Washington CapQ Descendant (21°34' Capricorn). That the same Mars – the exact same 22°06' Cancer position – was square the Washington Capsolar Ascendant, opposite the Washington CapQ Ascendant, and exactly on the Oklahoma City lower meridian at the time of the explosion is remarkable. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

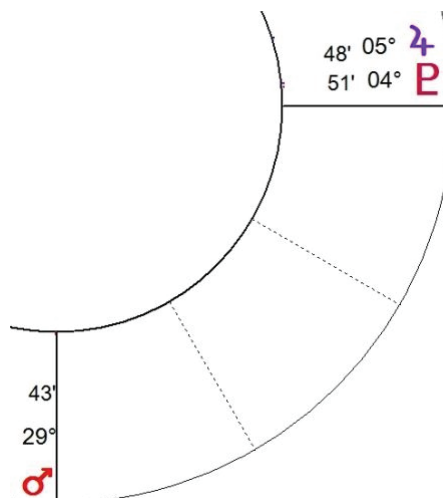
For Oklahoma City, the Cansolar really drives home the Neptune theme for the day, both by simple transit to its angles and by its quotidian.

First, transiting Neptune (0°51' Capricorn) is exactly conjunct the Canlunar Descendant (0°26' Capricorn). This also placed the angular Neptune exactly opposite the Cansolar Sun, which, of course, is 0°00' Cancer.

Then the CanQ Ascendant reached 27°01' Pisces. This exactly squares Cansolar Neptune (27°12' Sagittarius). To ice the figurative Cansolar cake, progressed Cansolar Moon is 29°42' Libra, 1°00' from exact conjunction with Cansolar Pluto. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: Event Chart

As the bomb exploded, Mars was 0°17' from the IC, with a partile mundane Jupiter-Pluto conjunction about 5° above the Descendant, as shown in this mundoscope at right. Altogether, it speaks of anti-authoritarian (anti-institutional, anti-establishment) violence.



Summary for Oklahoma City

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Sun, Uranus (Neptune). *Sun-Uranus-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Mars.
- **Month:** Venus (Uranus, Mars). *Venus-Pluto.*
 - **Fortnight:** Moon, Neptune. *Moon-Neptune, Moon-Sun-Uranus.*
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Uranus *(transit to Capsolar).* Neptune *(CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune, *Sun-Neptune (transit to Cansolar).* Neptune, *Moon-Pluto (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Mars.

Summary for Washington

- **Year (Capsolar):** Pluto (Mars). *Mars-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter (Pluto). *Venus-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Jupiter, Venus.
 - **Fortnight:** Mars.
 - **Week:** Mars, Neptune, Sun, Moon, Mercury. *Sun-Moon-Mercury-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars *(transit to Capsolar).* Mars. *(CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** *Moon-Pluto (CanQ).*

In further summary, for Washington, DC:

- The Capsolar described violent, explosive, unprecedented political insurrection. A Mars transit to its angle timed the day of the event.
- The Canlunar had Mars exactly on an angle.
- The Liblunar highlighted panic, confusion, and violence.
- The CapQ (in exact lock step with the transit to the Capsolar angles) timed the event with Mars exactly on an angle.

This line-up is worth noting:

CapQ Asc (DC)	21°30' Capricorn
t. Mars	22°06' Cancer
Capsolar Asc (DC)	22°24' Libra
Event chart MC (OK)	23°04' Capricorn
Arisolar Mars	20°01' Cancer
Arisolar Asc (OK)	20°52' Libra
Canlunar Mars	19°47' Cancer
Canlunar MC (DC)	20°28' Libra
Liblunar Asc (DC)	20°24' Aries
Liblunar Mars	21°06' Cancer

Charts drawn for Washington, DC showed the event spectacularly, for reasons stated previously. Our challenge, then, had we been watching this at the time, would have been to identify where in the country the event might center. The Cansolar would have given a serious lead: Notice, in the map below, showing where planets were exactly angular at the time of the Cansolar, the Sun and Uranus lines close together and Neptune just slightly to the left of them.



Similar maps for other ingresses in the stack would help narrow it further. This is all a bit tedious – there are many charts to assess and balance, and a large, wide country to monitor – but the more important point is that **it can be done**. We know how. The U.S. government, with the human and computer resources, and supplemental background intelligence, available to, say, the Department of Homeland Security, could track and assess this information very easily.



BOSTON MARATHON EXPLOSION

2013 Apr 15, 2:49:43 PM EDT, Boston, MA (42N20'58", 71W04'42")

When news broke of the that two explosions had occurred in Boston, near the finish line of the city's annual marathon, I was originally (wrongly) minimized how important the story would be. Initially, it was only thought that 20-30 people had been injured. I took a hasty look at the mundane charts, noticed Neptune angular at the time of the explosion, and recognized the pattern for an event causing panic and confusion but not *necessarily* much more. I checked the "master charts," *i.e.*, the Capsolar, Caplunar, and CapQ, plus the new Arisolar, and concluded, "It doesn't look like a major event."

That is how it looked for Boston, the site of the incident. One error was in not yet understanding how important the Washington, DC maps are for national events. The Boston Marathon explosion was the event that drove home to me the need to assess national level events from the perspective of the nation's capital.

I was in an ideal place to know what the mundane astrological situation was for Washington. On *Solunars.net*, I already had noted that April 15 had Uranus and Pluto on a quotidian angle. Idealistically, I predicted that this would bring a significant, against-the-odds breakthrough in issues on which Congress then was gridlocked. That did not happen at all; but our nation's leaders nonetheless had to deal with something just as surprising and explosive – in Boston.

Two brothers, who described themselves as holding extremist Islamic beliefs, decided that the U.S. government had to answer for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – which they believed were anti-Islam *per se*. They built pressure cooker bombs that they could donate from a distance. Consequently, three people died and 264 others were injured (including 14 people who required amputations). There was, however, only token property damage beyond broken windows.

Below, I will examine the event for Boston and Washington, comparing the two.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar

For Boston, the Capsolar is dormant. The prevailing Cansolar has Neptune 2°50' above the Ascendant with no other planets foreground. {+1 Good}

For Washington, the year is dominated by a Venus-Pluto conjunction square Uranus, with the Pluto leg 1°23' from the Westpoint (measured in Right Ascension). The Sun is 2°24' below the Descendant.

Pluto on a Capsolar angle for Washington is no big deal: It happens almost every year since 1938, and especially since 1950. In 2013, the distinctive factor was its aspects to Uranus and Venus. In any case, the angular Pluto and Sun are the main features of the chart, indicative of a strike against those in power. {+1 Good}

Quarter: Arisolar

For Boston, the Arisolar shows Saturn 1°46' from the IC *in mundo*. This is more exact than Saturn's square (just under 3°) to the Arisolar horizon **for Washington**. (Washington also has Venus within 3° of the Midheaven.) {*Boston*: +2 Very Good. *DC*: 0 Mixed.}

Month: Caplunar

For Boston, the Caplunar has the right contacts, but you have to dig a bit for them. Here are the main factors:

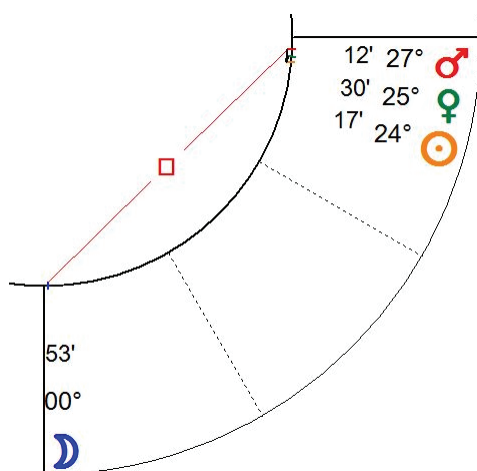
- The Moon is $0^{\circ}16'$ from square the Ascendant.
- Mars is $7^{\circ}09'$, and Venus $8^{\circ}52'$, below the Descendant.
 - Moon squares Mars mundanely ($1^{\circ}48'$). Moon square Venus is $3^{\circ}31'$.

Certainly, the Moon-Mars square is appropriate to the violence and injury, especially in the context of a large public gathering. Though Mars is not very close to the angle, the precisely angular Moon anchors the relevance of this aspect. Against the *simple accuracy* of this chart stands only the concurrent presence of the wider Moon-Venus square. {+1 Good}

Relocating the Caplunar to Washington retains the one partile angular contact while tightening another, and generally balances the symbolism better:

- The Moon is $0^{\circ}53'$ from the IC.
- Mars is $2^{\circ}48'$ below the Descendant and Venus $4^{\circ}30'$ below.
 - A Moon-Mars foreground mundane square has an orb of $3^{\circ}48'$. (The Moon-Venus mundane square no longer exists.)

Here is the mundoscope of the Caplunar for Washington. {+2 Very Good}



Week: Arilunar

For Boston, the Arilunar is dormant.

For Washington, however, Saturn ($14^{\circ}35'$ Libra) squares the Ascendant ($14^{\circ}42'$ Cancer) within $0^{\circ}07'$. {+2 Very Good}

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Boston, there were no transits to the Capsolar angles or its quotidian angles.

For Washington, the picture is quite different!

- Transiting Mars ($0^{\circ}59'$) and Sun ($1^{\circ}29'$) square the Capsolar Ascendant for Washington.
- Transiting Pluto squares the Capsolar Midheaven within $1^{\circ}15'$.
- The CapQ Ascendant $14^{\circ}26'$ Virgo is within $0^{\circ}08'$ of transiting Uranus and $0^{\circ}28'$ of square Capsolar Pluto. Transiting Pluto is within $0^{\circ}53'$ of the IC.

This CapQ could not be much better for a radical assault on the American government. {+2 Very Good}

Considering that Bradley's original research on Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses disclosed the single strongest timing device to be transits to a Capsolar Quotidian angle, it is remarkable that transiting Uranus was 0°06' from the CapQ Descendant and transiting Pluto 0°53' from the CapQ IC. These are astrological characteristics of revolutionary ideas and actions.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian

For Boston, the CanQ Ascendant was 7°05' Scorpio, 0°42' from square Cansolar Neptune, an appropriate indication of the immediate effect of the bombs going off. {+1 Good}

For Washington, the CanQ did not describe the event. In fact, it described quite the opposite, with transiting Jupiter (19°33' Taurus) conjunct Cansolar Venus (18°50' Taurus), both within a degree of the CanQ's Westpoint (18°58' Scorpio). At best, these placements describe a day of festivities, which, however, were occurring in Boston, not in Washington.² {-2 Very Bad}

Hour: Event Chart

When the bombs went off at 2:49 PM, Neptune was on the Boston Descendant. (It set exactly at 2:56 PM.) Though only showing the immediate period of a few minutes surrounding the explosions, it does indicate excitement, panic, and confusion.

Also, there is a partile Sun-Mars conjunction in Aries (0°30' wide), which the Moon triggers by exact sextile. Between the athletic event (the Boston Marathon), the explosion, and the bloody damage and death, Sun conjunct Mars in Aries that marked the day.

Summary in Boston

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Neptune.
 - **Quarter:** Saturn.
- **Month:** Moon (Mars, Venus). *Moon-Mars.*
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune.
- **Hour:** Neptune. *Sun-Mars.*

Summary in Washington

- **Year (Capsolar):** Pluto, Sun. *Venus-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Venus.
- **Month:** Moon, Mars (Venus). *Moon-Mars.*
 - **Week:** Saturn.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Sun, Pluto. *Sun-Mars (transits to Capsolar). Uranus, Pluto. Uranus-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Venus, Jupiter. *Venus-Jupiter.*



² The main point is that the Capsolar transits and quotidian had already pegged the event. The CanQ is secondary.

OVERVIEW OF BOMB EVENTS

+Mars + Uranus +Venus afflicted (+Saturn +Neptune)

All of these events involved the planting of bombs that subsequently caused significant damage and loss of life. These have much in common astrologically, and some differences according to their different circumstances. For example, the last two were specifically terrorist events with political motivation, and the charts show that fact as loudly as any other detail.

In particular, in addition to the distinctive signature for this type of event, these charts give us wonderful examples of the ways each planet manifests itself in mundane events overall: Each planet finds a distinctive voice in these events.

- **Mars** dominated all the events, especially in the lunar and daily maps. Usually, he was joined by Uranus (a pairing every astrologer will recognize as a mark of violent explosion); otherwise, he was paired with Pluto. In each of these events, Mars was the most distinctive, persistent voice among the planets.
- Explosive **Uranus** was nearly as strong a player as Mars. In the politically charged Oklahoma and Boston events (anti-government terrorist attacks), Uranus was paired with Pluto, as radical and disruptive a pair as can be found.
- **Venus** was strong and afflicted (paired with Saturn or Pluto) for all the events except one.¹
- **Saturn** set in motion the Wall Street and Bath events, and is a major factor in the Boston event. It was not a factor in Oklahoma, except for its connection to Venus.
- **Neptune** is quite involved in the Oklahoma and Boston events – terrorism that actually caused terror and confusion – though something of a late and secondary factor. For example, in Oklahoma City, Neptune was more involved at every level, and especially appeared (by three different routes) in timing the day of the blast. In Boston, it showed the year, day, and hour. Therefore, it is not part of the explosive events themselves, so much as the panic and confusion immediately surrounding them.
- **Pluto** does not stand out as a distinctive factor except in isolated ways: It is active supportively active in certain combinations, but not by itself.²
- **The Sun** was involved when the real target was the U.S. Government.

¹ Venus was strong and paired with Saturn in the Wall Street Capsolar and Oklahoma City and Boston Arisolars for Washington, and with Pluto in the Oklahoma City Caplunar and Boston Marathon Capsolar. Only Bath was an exception: Venus was strong and unafflicted, though joined with an exact progressed Moon-Mars aspect.

² Pluto was distinctly strong for the Bath incident. Otherwise, it was active only through its multiple combinations with Mars and Uranus, and twice where a progressed Moon-Pluto aspect triggered a final event.

Chapter 13

VEHICLE EXPLOSIONS & COLLISIONS

SINKING OF THE TITANIC

1912 Apr 14, 11:40 PM LMT, Atlantic Ocean near Newfoundland (41N43'55", 49W56'48")

Although possibly the most famous ocean liner disaster of all time, the sinking of the Titanic is the sixth deadliest peacetime maritime disaster on record. Of its roughly 2,200 passengers and crew, more than 1,500 died and just over 700 survived.

Owned by J.P. Morgan (who was originally intending to be aboard), the ship's First Class section housed some of the wealthiest and most socially distinguished people of the age. About two-thirds of the First Class passengers survived, whereas only one-fourth of the remaining passengers and crew survived. Having more comforts and amenities than most opulent hotels, Titanic deserved the description "luxury liner" in every sense.

Near the end of her initial voyage, though, the Titanic grazed an iceberg near Newfoundland. This forced small openings (altogether about 13 square feet in area) on her starboard side, which initiated cascading events leading to her filling with water and eventually sinking. The collision occurred at 11:40 PM ship's time, which appears to have been Local Mean Time (LMT). Evacuations began. Over two and a half hours later, at 2:20 AM (a few minutes after Uranus rose at the site), the ship broke in two and sank with more than half its occupants still on board. Around 4:00 AM, the liner Carpathia arrived and brought aboard roughly 700 survivors.

Nearly all of the 1,500 deaths occurred from extreme cold. The waters were below freezing. At such temperatures (28° F.), people die from exposure within 15 minutes (and in as little as two minutes). This is important to the astrological investigator, because the astrological markers are not consistent with drowning: They are more consistent with death from extreme cold.

Year: Capsolar {0 Neutral}

The Capsolar does not help describe the event. For the coordinates of the collision, it more portrays the festivities underway aboard the luxury liner. Venus is within 0°41' of the IC, part of a foreground Moon-Venus-Jupiter conjunction that includes a 1°58' Moon-Jupiter conjunction.

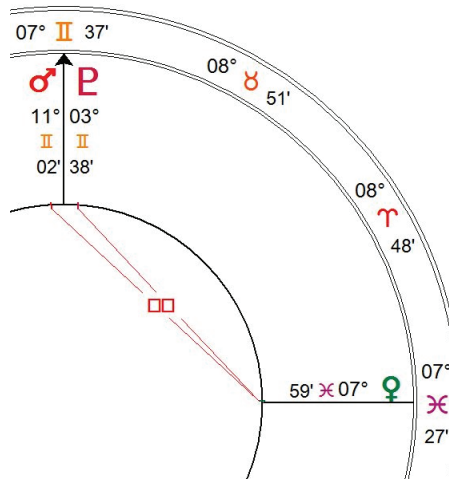
However, the prior Capsolar featured Saturn 0°05' from square the Midheaven for the longitude of the collision. (The Capsolar regained its lead role by progression, as discussed below.)

Quarter: Arisolar {+1 Good}

The Sun entered Sidereal Aries only a day before the Titanic vs. iceberg collision. The resulting Arisolar ingress is both luxurious and severely tragic at the event's geographic coordinates.

- Venus is the planet closest to an angle, being **one minute** from the Descendant.
- Mars and Pluto straddle the Midheaven. Mars is 3°35' east and Pluto 4°24' west of the MC *in mundo*.

- The Mars-Pluto midpoint is $0^{\circ}24'$ from the Midheaven in PV longitude.
- Both Mars and Pluto are in moderate-orbed square to the setting Venus. Venus square Mars is $3^{\circ}03'$ wide. Venus square Pluto is $4^{\circ}21'$ wide.



Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The April 9 Caplunar had one angular planet: Saturn $1^{\circ}42'$ from square the Midheaven.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

For the coordinates of the collision, the CapQ Descendant ($2^{\circ}20'$ Taurus) is only $0^{\circ}04'$ from Capsolar Mars ($2^{\circ}24'$ Taurus).¹

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

The CanQ Ascendant ($5^{\circ}36'$ Capricorn) was $1^{\circ}32'$ from ingress Uranus.

Hour: Event Chart

At the reported time of the collision,

- The Moon was $0^{\circ}31'$ from square the Ascendant.
- Neptune was $1^{\circ}39'$ from square the Midheaven.
- Pluto was $3^{\circ}38'$ below the Descendant and $1^{\circ}02'$ from square the Moon.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Venus. *Moon-Jupiter*.
- **Year (Cansolar):** Saturn.
 - **Quarter:** Venus (Mars, Pluto). *Mars-Pluto (Venus-Mars, Venus-Pluto)*.
- **Month:** Saturn.

¹ Transiting Jupiter is $0^{\circ}27'$ from square the Capsolar Ascendant. However, quotidian contacts outrank transits to the ingress angles. The same Jupiter was also $1^{\circ}15'$ from an exact transit to the Cansolar Descendant, though, in this case, transiting Saturn also was within orb of square the Cansolar MC, so that signals were mixed.

- **Day (CapQ):** Mars.
- **Day (CanQ):** Uranus.
- **Hour:** Moon, Neptune (Pluto). *Moon-Pluto.*



GREAT NASHVILLE TRAIN WRECK

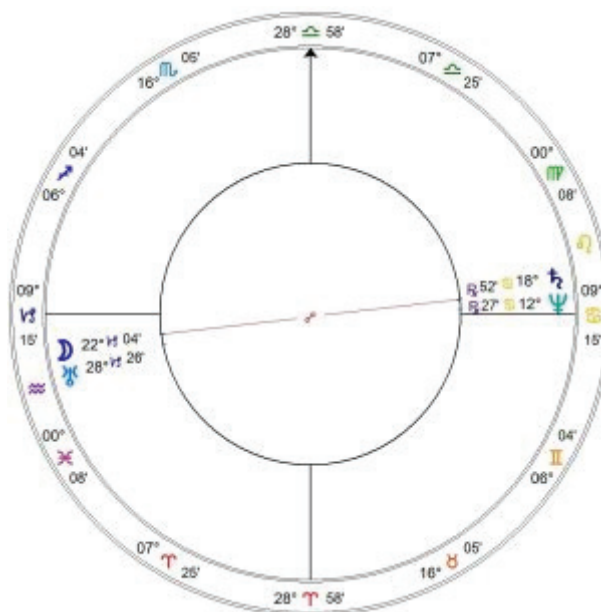
1918 July 9, 7:20 AM CWT, Nashville, TN

Still regarded as the worst train wreck in U.S. history, at least 101 died and 171 were injured when two trains collided head-on at over 100 mph.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Though not specific regarding the type of tragic event that would occur, Nashville's 1918 Capsolar gives plenty of warning for the year ahead:

- Uranus squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}32'$).
- Neptune sets ($1^{\circ}59'$ *in mundo*), widely conjunct Saturn ($6^{\circ}53'$ from setting).
- The Moon is in the rising foreground, $5^{\circ}03'$ from the Ascendant.
 - This adds a foreground mundane Moon-Saturn opposition ($1^{\circ}50'$), along with a wider Moon-Neptune opposition. (Moon also opposes Saturn ecliptically, but more widely.)



Overall, the chart shows a tragic-tending year – especially with the reinforced Moon-Saturn theme – and events of a sudden and explosive nature. Here is the Capsolar.

Quarter: Arisolar {-1 Bad}

This quarterly solar ingress is a complicated chart, hard to assess in a straightforward “hit-miss” way. Here are the salient points:

- Uranus is $1^{\circ}09'$ above the Ascendant.
- Venus is $3^{\circ}21'$ below the Ascendant and $2^{\circ}40'$ from the Eastpoint.
- Jupiter is $3^{\circ}30'$ east of the IC.
- The foreground Moon and Jupiter are conjunct within $2^{\circ}47'$. The Moon also squares Venus within $0^{\circ}13'$ (emphasizing a $2^{\circ}34'$ Venus-Jupiter square).
- The foreground Jupiter and Uranus form a close ($2^{\circ}31'$) mundane square.

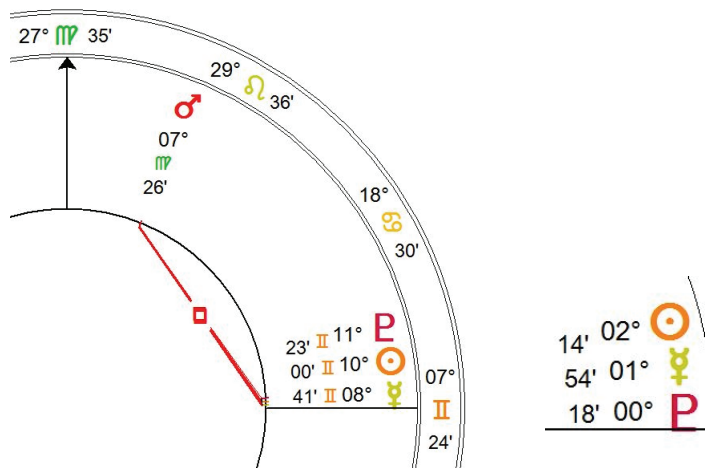
If we take the simplest assessment – noting that only Uranus is within 3° of an angle, and corresponds to sudden, explosive events – then we take away an impression of a Uranian event, but probably one that is positive, celebratory, even triumphant. If such conditions prevailed in

the Nashville area during the second quarter of 1918, it at least is not the sort of event that most prominently happened there on July 9. This is an unsatisfactory chart.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

However, the June 25 Caplunar shows a prominent and afflicted Mercury, the characteristic mark of a vehicular accident. Although the ordinary horoscope of the Caplunar looks impressive, it is only when we take an extra step – checking the mundoscope – that we see the whole picture.

- Mars is only $0^{\circ}02'$ from square the Ascendant, defining the chart.
- Pluto is $0^{\circ}18'$ above the Descendant.
- Mercury is $1^{\circ}54'$ above the Descendant.
 - Mercury squares Mars $1^{\circ}15'$.
 - A Mercury-Sun-Pluto triple mundane conjunction has Mercury conjunct Pluto $1^{\circ}36'$, Mercury conjunct Sun $0^{\circ}20'$, and Sun conjunct Pluto $1^{\circ}56'$.

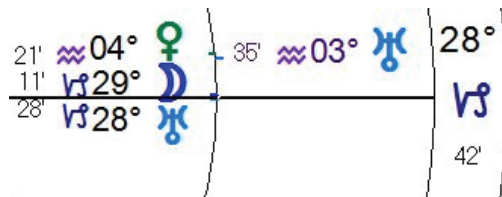


Week: Canlunar

The Canlunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Uranus' fulfilled its explosive promise in the Capsolar exactly on July 9. Progressed Capsolar Moon reached $29^{\circ}11'$ Capricorn, within $0^{\circ}47'$ of conjunct ingress Uranus at $28^{\circ}28'$ Capricorn. Then, the CapQ Ascendant rotated to $28^{\circ}42'$ Cancer, exactly triggering it.



Hour: Event Chart

Neptune rose at 7:17 AM, nearly the exact minute of the error-driven collision.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Uranus, Neptune (Moon, Saturn). *Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** Uranus, Venus (Jupiter). *Moon-Venus-Jupiter, Jupiter-Uranus.* [Complex & unsatisfying.]
- **Month:** Mars, Pluto, Mercury, Sun. *Mercury-Mars, Sun-Mercury-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** (Dormant.)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Uranus, Moon. *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Hour:** Neptune.



THE HINDENBURG EXPLOSION

1937 May 6, 7:25 PM EDT, Lakehurst Naval Air Station, NJ (40N01, 74W19)

Almost archetypal of explosive disasters, the German dirigible Hindenburg caught fire and explosively burst into flame while docking at a New Jersey air station. Of 97 passengers and crew, 35 died.

Through my entire astrological life, the Hindenburg disaster has been my main mental picture when thinking of Mars-Uranus aspects: big, catastrophic explosions with lots of fire and force. When I first examined the Sidereal ingress charts for the event, I was not disappointed.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

However, the prior Cansolar featured Saturn 0°03' from the Westpoint. The astrological tone of the region remained one of pending tragic loss.

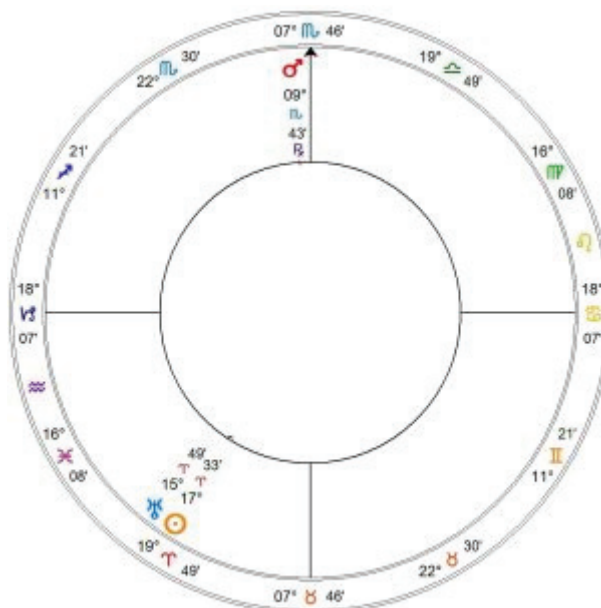
Quarter: Arisolar

The Arisolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Mars is 3°56' from the Midheaven *in mundo*, an indication of fire and general destruction. This Mars was more powerful than usual, being near its station (daily motion only 0°02').

Most angular, though, is a Sun-Uranus conjunction closely square the Ascendant. Uranus itself (2°18' from square the Ascendant) is quite appropriate for the explosive rupture and generally sudden event. The Sun's much closer presence (0°34') is harder to substantiate; it may simply be anchoring the chart to the location and further strengthening Uranus. (The Sun tends not to be prominent for vehicular explosions *per se*.)



Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Mars-Uranus is easy to recognize as the combination of sudden, rapturous explosions and fireballs. A nonangular opposition of Mars (10°43' Libra) and Uranus (stationary at 11°45' Aries) was in the Capsolar. By May 6, this was even closer, as Mars had progressed to 10°53' Libra.

With this setup, the CapQ Midheaven, on the evening of May 6, had rotated to 11°06' Capricorn, igniting the explosive pattern.

Mars-Uranus!

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Addressing more specifically the “transportation accident” aspect, the CanQ brought Mercury-Mars to the angles. Here are the data necessary to see the various orbs:

CanQ EP	19°48' Gemini
i. Mars	19°57' Gemini
CanQ Mars	20°29' Gemini
i. Mercury	21°14' Gemini
CanQ MC	22°15' Pisces
CanQ Mercury	22°55' Gemini

Hour: Event Chart

- Uranus set six minutes before the explosion, at 7:19 PM.
- Mercury is 1°15' from the Westpoint, being exactly angular five minutes earlier.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Saturn.
 - **Quarter:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Month:** Sun, Uranus, Mars. *Sun-Uranus.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Uranus. *Mars-Uranus.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars, Mercury. *Mercury-Mars.*
- **Hour:** Uranus. Mercury.

**SHUTTLE CHALLENGER EXPLOSION**

1986 Jan 28, 11:39:13 AM EST, Cape Canaveral, FL

Seventy-three seconds after launch, the Challenger exploded midair before a national television audience, instantly killing all seven of the crew. The event was additionally poignant because one crewmember was New Hampshire high school teacher Christa McAuliffe, who captured the nation's imagination and heart as the (intended) first schoolteacher in space.

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar was dormant – inexpressive in terms of angularity. However, for the whole world, the Moon squared Uranus ($1^{\circ}20'$), characteristic of explosions and other surprises.

Year: Cansolar

The prior Cansolar was also dormant!

Year: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

The October 17 Libsolar (the only operative solar ingress at the time) features Mercury $0^{\circ}02'$ from the Descendant. Besides providing the characteristic Mercury theme for vehicular disasters, this “qualifies” the ingress as readable. Its only other foreground planet is Pluto, $8^{\circ}23'$ above the same angle. Mundanely, a Moon-Uranus conjunction is only $0^{\circ}08'$ wide for Cape Canaveral, though more than 2° wide ecliptically; *i.e.*, the conjunction is distinctive to the location. This set the pattern reiterated by the strong Moon-Uranus aspect in the Capsolar three months later.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Canlunar {+1 Good}

Neptune squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}10'$) and conjoins the IC ($1^{\circ}26'$). (Oops!)

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good} **& Quotidians** {-2 Very Bad}

Transits to the Capsolar were dramatic.

- Transiting Pluto conjoins the Capsolar IC ($0^{\circ}44'$)
- Transiting Sun squares the Capsolar Midheaven ($0^{\circ}24'$).
 - The Sun squared Pluto on the Capsolar angles ($1^{\circ}08'$).
 - Also, the Sun/Pluto midpoint was $0^{\circ}10'$ from the Capsolar meridian.
- Transiting Uranus squares Capsolar Moon ($0^{\circ}39'$).

However, the Capsolar Quotidian a contrary message. The CapQ Descendant conjoined transiting Jupiter ($0^{\circ}11'$). Its Midheaven squared Capsolar Jupiter ($0^{\circ}17'$).²

Hour: Event {+2 Very Good}

At the time of the explosion, the Ascendant squared Mercury ($0^{\circ}37'$) and the Sun ($1^{\circ}43'$), making Mercury the one planet partile on an angle at the time of the event.

In turn, Mercury squared Pluto ($1^{\circ}12'$), and Sun squared Pluto on the other side ($1^{\circ}08'$), so that Pluto was only $0^{\circ}02'$ from the Sun/Mercury midpoint **and** connected (through Mercury) to the Ascendant at the time of the explosion:

² I view this as likely an accurate indicator, because the Challenger launch was such a concentrated moment of shared national pride. However, to maintain arms-length objectivity for the study, I need to rank this as a failure.

Mercury	11°35' Capricorn
Ascendant	12°12' Aries
Su/Me	12°45' Capricorn
Pluto	12°47' Libra
Sun	13°55' Capricorn

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.) Moon-Uranus.*
- **Year (prior Cansolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (prior Libsolar):** Mercury (Pluto). *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** Neptune.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto, Sun, *Sun-Pluto, Moon-Uranus (transit to Capsolar).* Jupiter *(CapQ).*
- **Hour:** Mercury (Sun). *Sun-Mercury-Pluto.*



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL

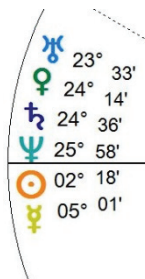
1989 March 24, 12:04 AM YST, Prince William Sound, AK (60N50, 146W52)

Until the Deepwater Horizon spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, the Exxon Valdez oil spill was the largest oil spill in U.S. territorial waters, and arguably the most devastating non-nuclear devastation of the environment by humans.

Consequent to failed equipment and the error of overworked crew, the tanker Valdez struck a reef in Prince William Sound, Alaska, creating a rupture that, over the next few days, poured 11 million gallons of crude oil into the sound. In time, this spilled oil spread to impact 1,300 miles of coastline, and was highly destructive to regional ocean life and, less directly, to the broader local ecology and adjacent fishing-and-hunting-dependent human culture.

Year: Capsolar

For the coordinates of the accident, the 1989 Capsolar had all but two planets clustered in a 23° zone centered on the Ascendant. However, of all those planets, the closest to the angle was a rising Sun, squared ecliptically by a half-degree Moon-Mars conjunction. Mundanely, that Sun also was conjunct Mercury. Immediately above the horizon Neptune, Saturn, Venus, and Uranus were in tight mundane conjunction. Here is the Capsolar's mundoscope. {+2 *Very Good*}



For Washington, there is a different emphasis. The Capsolar has Pluto $0^{\circ}21'$ from the Descendant, with Mercury $2^{\circ}30'$ from the Midheaven. This close Mercury-Pluto mundane square on the Capsolar angles indicated a transportation crisis of unprecedented scope, among other “face the music” circumstances. {+2 *Very Good*}

Month: Caplunar

For Alaska, no planets are angular. The chart is dormant.

For Washington,

- Mercury squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}40'$).
- Jupiter squares the MC ($0^{\circ}28'$).
- Mars conjoins Jupiter in the more distant foreground ($2^{\circ}13'$ *in mundo*).

Other than the Mercury theme, the relevance of this chart from Washington’s perspective is ambiguous. It may not be connected directly to the incident (notice the absence of an angular Pluto, the unique signature of this event for Washington.) It may refer to substantial financial damage to vested parties. {0 *Neutral*}

Fortnight: Canlunar

For Alaska, Saturn, Neptune, and Uranus are dominant. These planets perfectly describe billions of dollars of ecological and other damage arising out of an explosive rupture and toxic chemical spill. However, in this high latitude, only the mundoscope reveals the full story:

- Saturn and Neptune are conjunct ($0^{\circ}06'$) on one side of the Descendant.
- Explosive, disruptive Uranus-Pluto are conjunct ($0^{\circ}23'$) on the other side.
- The Saturn-Neptune conjunction mundanely opposes the Moon. {+2 *Very Good*}



For Washington, Pluto squares the Ascendant within $0^{\circ}11'$. {+2 *Very Good*}

Week: Liblunar

For Alaska, the Liblunar (occurring less than an hour before the collision) appeared, at first, to continue the trend, with Pluto 3° from the Ascendant in longitude. However, a quick mundoscope check clarifies that Pluto is more than 10° above the Ascendant and not foreground at all. The real culprit of the Liblunar is Mars, $0^{\circ}47'$ from square the Midheaven. {+2 *Good*}

For Washington, the Liblunar has Pluto $2^{\circ}06'$ *in mundo* from the Midheaven. Clearly, Pluto is the token of how news of this incident impacted Washington and the nation. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Alaska, Mars ($13^{\circ}21'$ Taurus) was a third of a degree from the Capsolar IC ($12^{\circ}52'$ Taurus). Understand: This means that the Valdez travelled across the line of longitude where Mars transited the Capsolar IC, and, at that point in its journey, met catastrophe. {+2 *Very Good*}

The CapQ is equally expressive. In addition to the mandatory Mercury for a transportation accident (Capsolar Mercury is $0^{\circ}14'$ from the CapQ Midheaven), transiting Uranus is less than a degree from the CapQ Descendant.³ {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, transiting Pluto hovers within 2° of square the Midheaven (as it did most of the year). {+1 *Good*} The CapQ for Washington has Capsolar Sun exactly square the Midheaven, Capsolar Mars just outside a 2° orb of the Midheaven, and (for unclear reasons) transiting Moon exactly crossing the CapQ IC at the moment of impact. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar Quotidian

For Alaska, the CanQ Ascendant was $19^{\circ}51'$ Cancer, square transiting Pluto ($20^{\circ}13'$ Libra). Additionally, transiting Saturn was $0^{\circ}33'$ from the CanQ Westpoint. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the CanQ Ascendant squares ingress Saturn ($1^{\circ}41'$). For the transportation theme, transiting Mercury is $0^{\circ}15'$ from the CanQ Westpoint in RA. {+2 *Very Good*}

Summary for Alaska

- **Year (Capsolar):** Sun (Neptune, Saturn, Venus, Uranus). *Sun-Moon-Mars, Sun-Mercury*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Pluto, Sun.
- **Month: (Dormant.)**
 - **Fortnight:** Saturn, Neptune, Uranus, Pluto. *Saturn-Neptune, Uranus-Pluto. Moon-Saturn-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** Mars.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars (*transit to Capsolar*). Mercury, Uranus (*CapQ*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Pluto, Saturn.

Summary for Washington

- **Year (Capsolar):** Pluto, Mercury. *Mercury-Pluto.*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Saturn, Uranus. *Saturn-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Mercury, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter.*
 - **Fortnight:** Pluto.
 - **Week:** Pluto.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Mars (*CapQ*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Saturn.



SHUTTLE COLUMBIA DISASTER

2003 Feb 1, 8:00:18 AM CST, Houston, TX

America's first space shuttle, after 27 successful missions, disintegrated during reentry, killing all seven crewmembers. The disintegration occurred within a very few minutes, as the shuttle

³ The meaning of Uranus' simultaneous $0^{\circ}03'$ conjunction with Capsolar Venus is unclear. Several theoretical interpretations are possible centered on spoliation of local habitat alone; and other theoretical ideas arise. Nonetheless, my trying to pin down exactly what this means would be speculative.

flew over at least three states before effectively ceasing to exist somewhere over Texas. Especially because the exact location is unavailable to me, the ideal location for the event appears to be Mission Control in nearby Houston where, in fact, the charts are quite eloquent.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

- Uranus anticulminates (1°08').
- Mars squares the Midheaven (0°27').
 - Mars squares Uranus (1°53').
 - Moon opposes Pluto (1°00').

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

A classic chart for tragic deaths. Saturn and Pluto alone show the disintegration. Saturn and Pluto with Venus turned it into a heartfelt tragedy.

- Venus anticulminates (0°13').
- Saturn culminates (2°45').
 - Venus opposes Saturn (2°27').
- Pluto anticulminates (5°56').
 - Saturn opposes Pluto (3°11' *in mundo*).

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Uranus conjoined the Capsolar IC (0°30').

In the Capsolar Quotidian, though, the pattern was much more powerful and pointed:

- CapQ Eastpoint conjoined ingress Pluto (1°02') and transiting Pluto (1°33').
- CapQ Westpoint conjoined CapQ Moon (0°17').
 - CapQ Moon had progressed to oppose Pluto (0°25').
- CapQ Ascendant conjoined ingress Venus (1°31')

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Progressed Mars was on the CanQ Descendant (1°03').

Hour: Event {+2 Very Good}

Mars and Uranus were close to the angles in Houston at the time of the disintegration. For Houston, Mars culminated a few minutes later at 8:09 AM, just after Uranus rose at 8:07 AM.

Summary

- **Year:** Uranus, Mars. *Moon-Mars, Mars-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Venus, Saturn (Pluto). *Venus-Saturn, Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Uranus (*transit to Capsolar*). Moon, Venus, Pluto, *Moon-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars.
- **Hour:** Mars, Uranus. *Mars-Uranus.*



LAC-MÉGANTIC TRAIN DERAILMENT

2013 July 6, 1:15 AM EDT, Lac-Mégantic, Quebec

Canada's deadliest train disaster in a century and a half occurred when a driverless train, pulling 72 cars filled with crude oil, went out of control and derailed. The death toll, originally uncertain, now has settled at 42 to 47 people. The blast destroyed more than 30 buildings at the town's core.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {0 Mixed}

No planet is sufficiently close to an angle. The Capsolar is dormant.
In the prevailing Cansolar we find:

- Neptune rises ($1^{\circ}56'$).
- Jupiter squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}41'$).

Even if it were not for the Jupiter, this does not feel quite right to me: the Neptune feels off (and Neptune is rare for explosions of this type). Whatever experiences this Cancer ingress had mapped for the town in the 11 months preceding, it is not descriptive of this train derailment.

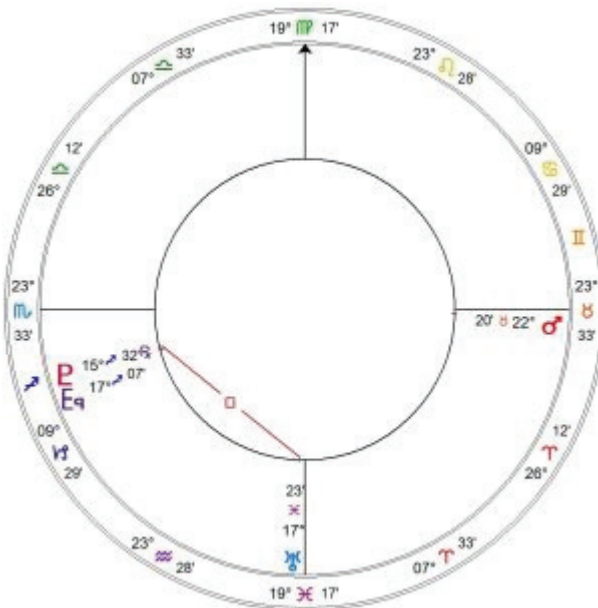
Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

On the other hand, the Arisolar nails it: Saturn is $1^{\circ}37'$ from the IC.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar is striking!

- Mars sets ($0^{\circ}45'$),
- Pluto is on the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}59'$ in RA).
- Uranus anticulminates ($2^{\circ}19'$).
 - Mars squares Uranus *in mundo* ($1^{\circ}34'$).
 - Uranus squares Pluto ($1^{\circ}51'$).



Week: Arilunar

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn squares the Capsolar Ascendant (1°06'). To give the mandatory transportation theme, transiting Mercury squares the Capsolar Midheaven (0°48'). Then, in the CapQ:

- Capsolar Pluto squares the Midheaven (0°50').
 - Transiting Pluto also was within the 2° orb.
- CapQ Venus is on the Eastpoint (0°13').
 - This Venus conjoins Pluto (1°01').

Venus-Pluto is a common aspect for mind-numbing grievous loss (as in grieving the dead and having a large section of your town decimated).

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Neptune is 1°56' from the CanQ Eastpoint. Furthermore, transiting Uranus (17°32' Pisces) is square the progressed (CanQ) Moon, which has reached 17°57' Gemini.

Hour: Event Chart

At the stated 1:15 AM time of the explosion, Saturn – which ecliptically appeared to be about 6° from the Descendant – was, in fact, 0°01' from the Descendant. Additionally, Mercury was 3° past the local IC, and in 2°47' mundane square to Saturn.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Neptune, Jupiter.
 - **Quarter:** Saturn.
- **Month:** Mars, Pluto, Uranus. *Mars-Uranus, Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn, Mercury *(transit to Capsolar).* Pluto, Venus, *Venus-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Neptune. *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Hour:** Saturn, Mercury. *Mercury-Saturn.*

**OVERVIEW OF VEHICLE EXPLOSIONS & COLLISIONS**

+Mars +Mercury +Saturn +Uranus +Pluto
 –Jupiter –Venus –Neptune (–Sun –Moon)

Mars, Mercury, Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto define these events. Each of these planets played a significant role in at least six of these eight events.¹

Mars was a prominent player in all but one of the example events. Mars had a significant hand in defining the month, week, and day, working through the lunar ingresses and day charts. Mars was rarely prominent in a relevant solar ingress. That Mars was the critical element defining the **day** of the Titanic's sinking, the Hindenburg explosion, the Exxon Valdez rupture, and the Columbia disaster and the **week** of the Nashville and Lac-Mégantic train disasters and the Hindenburg explosion is striking!

Additionally, Mars' combinations with other planets were telling. In half of these examples, Mars was prominent and paired with Uranus. In a slightly overlapping half, he was prominent in combination with Mercury. In the remaining cases, he was strong and combined with Pluto.

For this category of explosions and collisions, **Uranus** also is a consistent factor, taking a prominent role in all but one of the sample events. Most of the time, the foreground Uranus was in close aspect to other planets (luminaries, Mercury, or harsh planets such as Saturn and Mars).

Mercury does not dominate disaster charts in general; yet, in this particular category of **vehicular** collisions and explosions, Mercury is a key factor. In every example given here except two – the Titanic and the Challenger – Mercury was a significant player. We will see much the same behavior in later explosive examples, which, while not exactly transit accidents, involve commerce and modes of transportation such as ships.

A token appearance of Mercury on an angle is sufficient to engage this transportation theme. However, each time this happened in the sample charts, Mercury shared angularity honors with another, harsher descriptive planet such as Saturn or Uranus. Most often, Mercury was prominent and engaged in close aspects with Mars, Saturn, Uranus, or Pluto.

Saturn, which is prominent in all categories of disasters, is a major factor in all but two of these incidents. Generally, Saturn takes the long-arm approach, appearing primarily through the solar ingresses to characterize the year or quarter of the event. In half the cases, Saturn also was involved in the shorter-term (lunar and daily) charts.

Pluto was prominent as often as Uranus, failing to make its mark only on the ferociously Mars-Uranus-themed Hindenburg incident.²

Jupiter was not active except for the “national pride” Challenger event. **Neptune, Venus,** and **the luminaries** were rarely involved. The one eye-catcher in this list is Neptune, which is prominent in most categories of disaster; yet the present category contains sudden, explosive, impactful events that startled and stunned, rather than leaving a state of persistent high anxiety.

¹ I am treating the Valdez incident for Alaska and Washington as separate events. There is no inherent connection between how the charts appear in these two locations separated by four time zones. Each has a distinctive message.

² We find clues to Pluto's role by observing that it dominates almost every chart, at every level, for the Exxon Valdez incident **for Washington**, though it barely touched the same event for the Alaska accident site. Pluto has a “face the music” quality, confronting the living with a view of consequences. This seems to be Pluto's role in Washington for the Valdez incident and a few other examples scattered through this book.

Chapter 14

OTHER EXPLOSIONS

HALIFAX EXPLOSION

1917 Dec 6, 9:04:35 AM AST, Halifax, NS (44N39, 63W36)

Before the nuclear age, the largest explosion caused by human beings occurred in Halifax harbor in the bitter winter of 1917. The French cargo ship Mont Blanc collided with another ship. Tanks of benzene stowed on the main deck caught fire and, soon after, ignited the Mont Blanc's large cargo of munitions.

About 2,000 people died. Another 9,000 were injured, and 25,000 became homeless in freezing weather. The blast vaporized every building within half a mile, with near total destruction reaching over a mile and a half inland. The explosion, consequent fires, and a tsunami wiped out nearby communities.

The Mont Blanc was destroyed, scraps of her hull thrown 1,000 feet into the air by a blast wave moving 2,200 mph at temperatures in excess of 9,000° F. The shock wave and the vast amount of water vaporized by the heat briefly exposed Halifax harbor's floor. One of Mont Blanc's guns was hurled three and a half miles north and her anchor two miles south.

This is not a great astrological example, however. The charts have compromises. Solar ingresses were not helpful at all except in daily timing. The explosive and other destructive indications would have been sufficient in their own right were it not for the very strong presence of Jupiter throughout. Nonetheless, this was one of Donald Bradley's original handpicked examples and a significant, worthy event for examination on its own. I include it more for what we can learn than from as a showpiece of astrological perfection.

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant, though it has, in the background, a harsh, malefic concentration of force and frenzy (related to transportation and commerce) that later would ripen by quotidian:

Mars	10°10' Capricorn
Neptune	10°11' Cancer
Mercury	10°30' Capricorn

Half year: Cansolar

The Cansolar also is dormant.

Quarter: Libsolar {0 Mixed}

The immediate quarterly solar ingress, the October 17 Libsolar, has exactly the same angles (within a few minutes) as the Capsolar. The Libsolar began the process of describing the inferno of Halifax Harbor, but not without sending mixed messages:

- Mars squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}45'$) and is opposite Uranus ($1^{\circ}13'$).
- Jupiter squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}35'$) and conjoins the Westpoint ($1^{\circ}25'$ in the opposite direction).

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Then, on November 19, the Moon entered Capricorn:

- Saturn conjoins the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}31'$ mundanely).
- Neptune squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}39'$).
- Uranus is more widely in the foreground ($6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$).

Week: Canlunar {-1 Bad}

Mixed indications appear in the weekly lunar ingress, the December 2 Canlunar:

- Uranus squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}21'$).
- Mars is in the upper foreground, but nearly 10° from the angle.
- The Sun is $1^{\circ}23'$ from the Eastpoint.
- The Sun ($1^{\circ}58'$) and Jupiter ($1^{\circ}43'$) square the MC. The Sun-Jupiter midpoint ($14^{\circ}14'$ Leo) is a mere $0^{\circ}07'$ from the Canlunar MC.

Therefore, we have to regard this Canlunar as showing primarily a Sun-Jupiter incident. I am unaware of anything about the incident that warrants this description. Despite the highly appropriate, explosive angular Uranus, the chart is primarily a misfire and unsatisfying.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

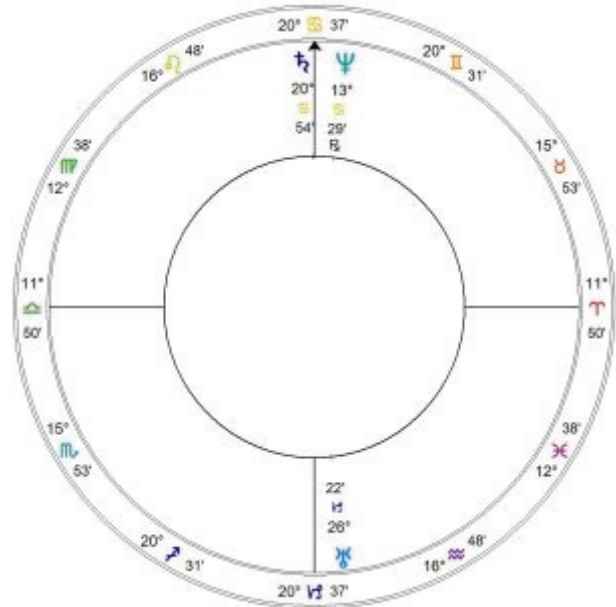
Transiting Sun crossed the Capsolar Eastpoint within 1° . This drew attention to the location and serves as a further example of the Sun's frequent presence for fires.

On December 6, the CapQ Midheaven advanced to $8^{\circ}00'$ Cancer, aligning within about 2° with the Capsolar's Mercury-Mars-Neptune trio (see above under "Year: Capsolar").

This is an imperfect example: The planet closest to an angle is Jupiter, less than a degree from the Descendant. Jupiter is afflicted by a $0^{\circ}51'$ square from Saturn, so it certainly indicates such things as financial loss and hardship. However, transiting Venus ($7^{\circ}22'$ Capricorn) is also angular (on the CapQ IC) and unafflicted. Frankly, this seems like far too much benefic energy.

The CapQ is right on target with the way it brings Mercury, Mars, and Neptune together to the angles. The afflicted angular Jupiter fits. However, the dual benefics on its angles are inconsistent with the horrible event.

Even with these symbolism problems, though, we have the clear message of the Mercury-Mars-Neptune trio brought to the angles, and Saturn precisely culminating in the Caplunar (supported by Neptune). Amidst the many voices in the astrological chorus, the critical indicators came to prominence at the right time.



Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The Cansolar has a Halifax Midheaven of 25°57' Cancer. At the time of the explosion, Uranus had retrograded to 26°46' Capricorn, within 0°49' of the Cansolar meridian. Uranus is characteristic of explosions and other sudden eruptions.

The Cansolar Quotidian was uninvolved except for an angular Sun (echoing the Sun's transit to the Capsolar angles).

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the explosion, Pluto was 1°49' below the Descendant and Mercury 1°49' below the Ascendant. That is, the explosion occurred **at the exact moment** half-way between Pluto's setting (8:54) and Mercury's rising (9:15). Mercury-Pluto aspects in mundane astrology coincide with major collisions, whether of information, communication, or vehicles.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Half-year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter, Mars. *Mars-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Saturn, Neptune (Uranus).
 - **Week:** Sun, Jupiter, Uranus. *Sun-Jupiter.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun (*transit to Capsolar*). Jupiter, Venus, *Mercury-Mars-Neptune (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*). Sun (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Pluto, Mercury. *Mercury-Pluto.*



MUMBAI HARBOR EXPLOSION

1944 April 14, 4:04 PM IDT, Mumbai, India (18N57'10", 72E50'42")

In its basic story, the explosion at the Victory Dock in Mumbai Harbor much resembles the Halifax scenario. It occurred during the second World War, not the first, on a hot and sultry Indian day instead of a frigid Canadian winter morn. Fire broke out on the SS Fort Stikine laden with cotton and 1,400 of explosives. An initial explosion devastated the entire area around the dock, causing hundreds of deaths and massive destruction.

Then it got worse! The initial explosion caused hundreds more “looky-loos” to flood the docks to see what had happened. (An exact Moon-Neptune square occurred during this “rush and mob the docks” period.) As Uranus crossed the local Midheaven, a second explosion occurred, much larger than the first, eradicating all on the docks.

Although official estimates have settled at around 800 deaths, it was never possible to count the actual numbers, which likely were closer to 1,300. Another 2,500 were injured. Thirteen ships were destroyed and many others damaged. Fires burned in Mumbai for a week. Dock cleanup took most of a year.

Property damage was more than a billion 1944 dollars – nearly \$15 billion in 2013 dollars.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is dormant for Mumbai.

In the prior Cansolar, Uranus is 0°39' from the Westpoint, suitably explosive for the event. Something less clear, though, is the meaning of the exact Venus-Uranus square (0°15') in the Cansolar foreground. While this is hardly the first time that Venus-Uranus shows for explosive incidents, the exact shade of Venus-Uranus meaning is not clear to me. Nonetheless, the Cansolar is a satisfying chart.

Quarter: Arisolar {+1 Good}

The Sun entered Aries only hours before the explosion, exactly at sunrise (with the Sun half a degree above the horizon). Once more, the Sun dominates the scene of a raging fire.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Saturn squares the Midheaven of the harbor within 0°04'.

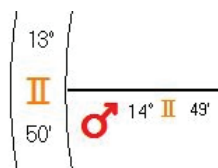
More broadly, we see an ensemble of malefic indicators: Mars widely conjoins Saturn. A Sun-Mercury-Neptune opposition is focused on a widely foreground Sun. Even Uranus sneaks into the edge of the foreground zone. Mundanely (and to a lesser extent zodiacally), these all are interrelated and thematically accurate. The exact Saturn contact to the Meridian anchored the event to the time and place of this holocaust.

Canlunar & Liblunar

The Canlunar and Liblunar are both dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

In the CapQ, we find precision timing of the event. The CapQ Ascendant is in partile conjunction with transiting Mars. This chart, foremost, shows the force and the fire!



Additionally, thematically correct transits to the original Capsolar ingress angles reflect the local crisis and the looky-loo mob:

i. MC	6°52' Sagittarius
i. Asc	7°11' Pisces
t. Moon	7°31' Sagittarius
t. Neptune	8°20' Virgo

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Uranus conjoins the Cansolar Westpoint (0°52').

In the CanQ, the same transiting Uranus conjoins the Midheaven (0°18'). Cansolar Uranus also was within the 2° orb.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** (*Dormant.*)
- **Year (Cansolar):** Uranus (Venus). *Venus-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Sun.
- **Month:** Saturn (Sun).
 - **Fortnight:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Moon, Neptune, *Moon-Neptune (transit to Capsolar).* Mars (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*). Uranus (*CanQ*).



CLEVELAND EAST OHIO GAS EXPLOSION

October 21, 1944, 2:30 PM, Cleveland, OH

Liquefied natural gas ignited in Cleveland sewers one autumn afternoon, causing underground explosions that blew manhole covers. Half an hour later, an aboveground tank exploded which took out the entire tank farm and triggered increased explosions from the sewers to the point where fire shot up into homes from their drains, swallowing the homes in flame.

An estimated 135 people died. Six hundred became homeless. Much of east Cleveland was destroyed. Property damage estimates were \$7-\$15 million (\$93-\$200 million in 2013 dollars).

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

On its face, the Capsolar did not seem too volatile – unless (as the earlier examples of major fires suggest) we regard the exactly angular Sun as incendiary.

Half-year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

What was demure in the Capsolar is full frontal in the Sun's Cancer ingress.

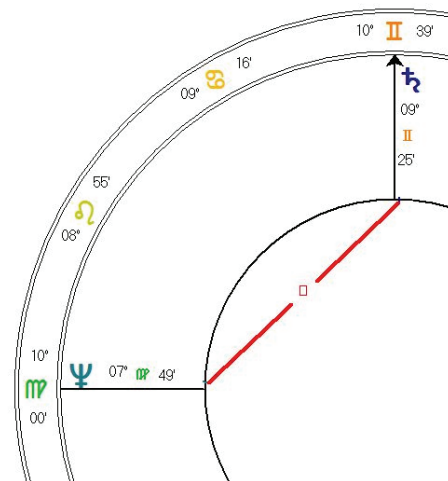
Saturn is 1°20' from the Midheaven *in mundo*, in close mundane and ecliptical square to Neptune 2°31' from the Ascendant.

Quarter: Libsolar {+1 Good}

The October 17 Libsolar added little to the description of the event:

- Mercury rises (1°59'): the event was newsworthy.
- The Moon is on the Eastpoint (2°14').
- The Sun is on the Eastpoint (2°05').
 - The Sun and Moon are conjunct (2°39'). (Remember how often the Sun and Moon were conjunct or opposed for major fires in an earlier chapter?)

Overall, these placements infer that something is happening. They do not zero in very tightly on exactly what that “significant something” might be, although fire is one of the options.



Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The chart of the month set things moving in the right direction:

- Mercury squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}17'$).
- Explosive Uranus rises ($3^{\circ}38'$).
 - Rising Uranus squares Jupiter, which is not itself angular ($0^{\circ}22'$).

Fortnight: Canlunar {+1 Good}

The Sun is $0^{\circ}43'$ from the Midheaven, reiterating the solar theme already inaugurated in the Capsolar and Libsolar.

Week: Liblunar

The Liblunar is dormant. However, angularity aside, the Sun and Moon are conjunct within $0^{\circ}13'$. This is still another chart where a significant fire accompanies an exact Sun-Moon conjunction or opposition.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

By far the clearest single indication for the explosion is in the CapQ. Its Midheaven is $12^{\circ}01'$ Aries. Transiting Mars ($11^{\circ}08'$ Libra) was $0^{\circ}53'$ from the IC. That Midheaven also was in reach of a square by Capsolar Pluto ($13^{\circ}56'$ Cancer).

Transiting Sun and Mercury were conjoined ($0^{\circ}04'$) about 1° from the Capsolar Eastpoint.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Neptune ($10^{\circ}53'$ Virgo) is $0^{\circ}53'$ from the Cansolar Ascendant and $0^{\circ}02'$ from the Cansolar Eastpoint.

More to the point (given the amount of damage and cost of life) was the CanQ: Transiting Saturn is on its Westpoint ($0^{\circ}39'$).

Hour: Event Chart

When the first explosion erupted at 2:30 PM, Pluto was 5° above the Descendant, setting exactly at 2:57 PM... just in time to signal the second explosion at about 3:00 PM.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Sun.
 - **Half-year:** Saturn, Neptune. *Saturn-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Mercury, Sun, Moon. *Sun-Moon.*
- **Month:** Mercury, Uranus. *Jupiter-Uranus.*
 - **Fortnight:** Sun.
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun, Mercury (*transits to Capsolar*). Mars, Pluto (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Saturn (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Pluto.



TEXAS CITY DISASTER

1947 April 16, 9:12 AM CST, Texas City, TX

A third event, similar to those in Halifax and Mumbai, occurred in Texas City, TX. Its usual sobriquet is the deadliest industrial accident in U.S. history.

Fire started aboard the SS Grandcamp docked in Texas City's harbor. With 2,300 tons of ammonium nitrate aboard, an explosion became inevitable: Its blast force caused 15-foot waves 10 miles off the Texas shore. In Galveston (also 10 miles away), people were knocked to their knees. Windows shattered 40 miles away in Houston. Secondary blasts followed the first, igniting fires and triggering explosions in other docked ships and a nearby oil-storage facility.

Over 800 died, including all but one member of the city's fire department. Another 5,000 people were injured. A thousand buildings were destroyed to the ground. Property damage totaled about \$100 million (about a billion 2013 dollars).

Year: Capsolar

For Texas City, the Capsolar is direct:

- Mars squares the Midheaven (0°53').
- Mercury is on the Westpoint (1°09').
- Sun (5°19'), Saturn (7°15'), and Neptune (9°51') are more distantly foreground.
 - Sun conjoins Mars (2°09').
 - Mars (2°00') and Mercury (1°26') square Neptune mundanely.
 - Moon squares Saturn (2°21').

Notice how this resembles the Halifax disaster, which, even though not exactly a “travel accident,” involved docked commercial ships and had Mars and Neptune in tandem with a prominent Mercury. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, Saturn is on the Eastpoint (1°39'), squaring a foreground Moon (2°21'). Additionally, although Pluto is too widely angular to be exciting by itself, it does share interesting mundane aspects with the Moon (3°08') and Saturn (3°01'). {+2 *Very Good*}

Quarter: Arisolar

For Texas City, Pluto (strengthened further by an opposition to a foreground Moon) is square the Midheaven (0°42'). {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Arisolar seems a clear failure, showing only Jupiter foreground (1°43' from the IC). {-2 *Very Bad*}

Month: Caplunar

For Texas City:

- Neptune squares the Ascendant (1°36').
- Mercury and Mars conjoin at the Midheaven. Mercury is 0°11' from the MC, Mars 4°28' away. Their mundane conjunction is 4°17' wide (the ecliptical one a little wider).

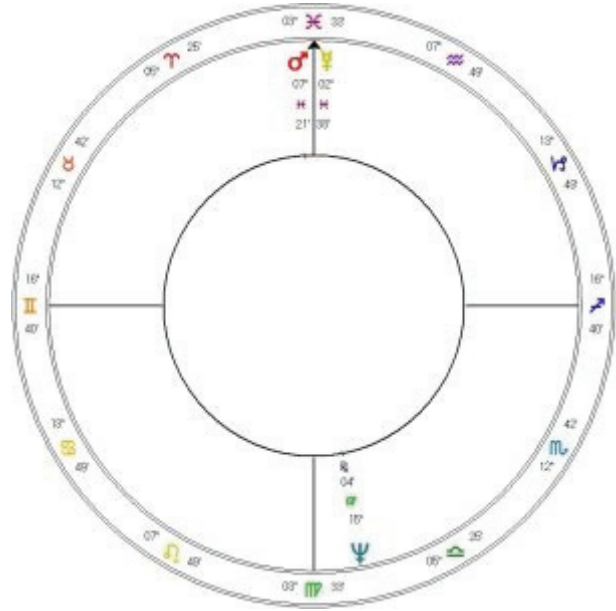
This is highly descriptive of the event, and highlights the same three planets central to describing the Halifax disaster. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, Saturn is $1^{\circ}06'$ below the Ascendant, which is sufficient for a general showing. Details, perhaps, can be filled in by the wider angularities of Sun, Moon, Pluto, and Neptune, including a partile foreground Sun-Pluto mundane square ($0^{\circ}42'$) and mundane Moon-Neptune square ($0^{\circ}14'$). {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Texas City, the timing of the day was anticlimactic. A single planet, Mercury, crossed a CapQ angle ($0^{\circ}43'$ from the IC) at the time of the explosion. Granted, Mercury is conjunct Mars within 3° , but Mars itself is not involved as we might like for a clearer showing. However, progressed Capsolar Moon is square Saturn ($0^{\circ}43'$), which, though applicable to the whole world, does accurately coincide with this event. {+1 *Good*}

As often occurs, daily timing for **Washington, DC** was most descriptive. In addition to transiting Pluto being within $1^{\circ}22'$ of square to the Capsolar Midheaven, the CapQ showed Capsolar Saturn on the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}55'$), transiting Saturn square the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}44'$), and the progressed Moon square Saturn ($0^{\circ}43'$). {+2 *Very Good*}



Day: Cansolar Quotidian

For Texas City, Cansolar Mars squares the CanQ Ascendant within $0^{\circ}32'$. {+1 *Good*}

Hour: Event Chart

At 9:12 AM when the first explosion occurred, Uranus was rising in Texas City. It had risen exactly at 9:00, with the Moon only half a degree *in mundo* from the Midheaven, in close mundane square to Uranus.

Summary for Texas City

- **Year (Capsolar):** Mars, Mercury (Sun, Saturn). *Sun-Mars, Mercury-Neptune, Mars-Neptune. Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto (Moon). *Moon-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Mercury, Neptune (Mars). *Mercury-Mars.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Mercury. *Moon-Saturn*
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars.
- **Hour:** Uranus.

Summary for Washington

- **Year (Capsolar):** Saturn (Moon). *Moon-Saturn, Moon-Pluto, Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter.

- **Month:** Saturn. *Sun-Pluto, Moon-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Saturn, *Moon-Saturn (CapQ).*



SOUTH AMBOY EXPLOSION

May 19, 1950, 8:21 PM, South Amboy, NJ

Smaller and scope but similar in nature was the destructive explosion of 467 tons of ammunition at the Pennsylvania Railroad docks in South Amboy, raining thousands of deadly antipersonnel bombs down upon the town. While this alone damaged nearly every building in town (pop. 9,000), things worsened two days later when a chemical plant fire ignited a hundred drums of phosphorous resulting in a second blast that (among other things) triggered many of the previously undetonated mines.

Thirty-six people died, though (due to incineration) only four bodies were ever recovered. Another 350 were injured.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

South Amboy opened 1950 with an emotionally tense and intense Capsolar:

- Venus is the most angular planet ($1^{\circ}47'$ from the MC).
- Moon and Pluto are also foreground, but more distant: $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and 7° respectively.
 - Ecliptically, a Venus-Pluto opposition ($0^{\circ}51'$) dominates the chart.

One would expect, from this, dramatic and climactic Venus events. The events could have been in the form of extraordinary and moving weddings, or a breaking down social barriers of intimacy. However, the more common manifestation of Venus-Pluto in mundane charts is final, stark severing of connection, as in death.

This set the background tone of the year for the South Amboy area

Quarter: Arisolar

The Arisolar is dormant with respect to angularity. However, a partile Moon-Mars opposition ($0^{\circ}45'$) conveys an incendiary message.

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

Explosive Uranus takes the lead in the Caplunar... almost. Actually, the closest planet to an angle is the Moon, $1^{\circ}40'$ from the Eastpoint; but the second closest is Uranus $3^{\circ}05'$ below the Descendant.

Week: Arilunar

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto is $0^{\circ}11'$ from the Capsolar IC.

However, the real telltale indicator is transiting Mars $0^{\circ}21'$ from the CapQ Ascendant.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Uranus is $0^{\circ}27'$ from the Cansolar Descendant.

Transiting and Cansolar Plutos fall within $0^{\circ}09'$ and $0^{\circ}12'$ (respectively) of square the CanQ Ascendant ($21^{\circ}41'$ Libra).

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Venus (Moon, Pluto). *Venus-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*) *Moon-Mars.*
- **Month:** Moon, Uranus.
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transits to Capsolar*). Mars (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*). Pluto (*CanQ*).



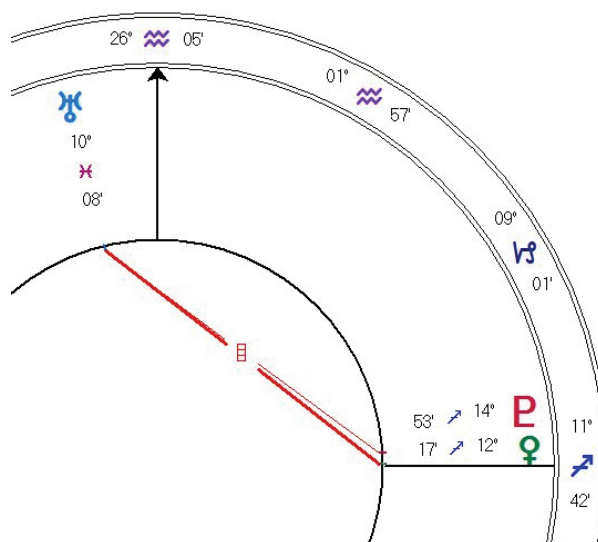
WEST FERTILIZER PLANT EXPLOSION

2013 Apr 17, 7:50:38 PM CDT, West, TX ($31^{\circ}N48'57''$, $97^{\circ}W05'17''$)

Fire triggered a massive ammonium nitrate explosion at a fertilizer plant. Firefighters, who responded to a call at 7:29 PM and were on site about 20 minutes later when the blast occurred, accounted for nearly all of the 15 deaths. Another 160 people were injured, and about the same number of buildings were damaged or destroyed. The cause of the initial remains undetermined.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is hardly unpleasant for West, although it does show a pattern of emotional separation. Venus is partile conjunct the Descendant ($0^{\circ}37'$ mundanely), in close conjunction with Pluto ($4^{\circ}59'$ from the Descendant) and square Uranus ($1^{\circ}34'$ square the Ascendant).



Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

The April 14 Arisolar, three days before the explosion, is definitely more explosive!

- Uranus is 1°22' from the Midheaven and square Pluto.
- Pluto is 0°33' from square the Midheaven.

Furthermore, the ongoing fiery Sun-Mars conjunction in Aries (which was within a 1° orb for nine days, as Sun and Mars moved through the zodiac at similar speeds) was within wide orb of a square to the Ascendant.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

The Arilunar built on the already-strong Uranus pattern of the Capsolar and Arisolar.

- Uranus culminates (2°00').
- The Sun (1°11') and Mars (2°49') square the Ascendant.
 - Sun and Mars are conjunct (1°48').
- Pluto is a distant 6°17' from the Descendant.
 - Uranus squares Pluto (1°22').

As a point of comparison, the Arilunar Ascendant for Washington, DC is 14°42' Cancer, exactly square Saturn at 14°35' Libra. It was a bad week in Washington: This Arilunar covered both the West Fertilizer Plant explosion and the Boston Marathon bombings. Until this point, a few days before the explosion, none of the charts for Washington pointed to the West event. The Boston Marathon bombing two days earlier absorbed all the focus.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

Transiting Mercury at 11°02' Pisces squares the Capsolar Ascendant and conjoins (within 0°06') Capsolar Uranus. Absent evidence of a distinctive mercurial cause for the explosion, this probably just means that the nation's news resources suddenly focused on West. *{+1 Good}*

As with the Arilunar, the daily timing indicators **for Washington** deserve our attention. The 0°00' transiting Sun-Mars conjunction is 0°43' from square the Capsolar Ascendant, and transiting Pluto conjoins its Westpoint (0°29'). Furthermore, the CapQ Ascendant (16°15' Virgo) squares transiting Pluto (0°24') and opposes transiting Uranus (1°32'). *{+2 Very Good}*

Day: Cansolar Transits & Progressions

However tepid the Capsolar transits were for West, the Cansolar more than made up for it. At the time of the explosion, transiting Saturn was 0°06' from square the Cansolar Ascendant.

We would expect a strong Saturn presence for this event, as the property damage was massive. We have not seen it elsewhere in the chart stack until now.

Another factor of importance – affecting surrounding events as well, including the Boston Marathon bombing, violence in Bangalore, and the Bangladesh industrial accident in Savar – was a **progressed Mars-Pluto square** in the Cansolar. For the West explosion and all of these other events, this Mars-Pluto square was at 0°00' orb. This also tied in with other events of the

time, such as the inability of Congress to pass a major gun control bill, and packages of ricin delivered by mail to the White House and at least two U.S. Senators.

Finally, for a startling and unexpected explosion, on April 17 the progressed Cansolar Moon is 15°15' Gemini, 0°34' from square transiting Uranus. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Other Timing Factors

Although we usually do not bother checking the Arisolar Quotidians (to simplify procedure by ignoring non-primary techniques), it is hard to ignore the “AriQ” this time. Three days after the Sun entered Sidereal Aries, the Arisolar Quotidian Ascendant had reached 0°20' Cancer. In the Arisolar, the Sun and Mars had been in partile conjunction in the first degree of Aries, their average longitude (midpoint) being 0°22' Aries – only 0°02' from square the AriQ horizon.

Hour: Event Chart

The fire department was first called at 7:29 PM for a small fire at the fertilizer plant. However, the large explosion did not ignite until 7:51 PM. At that minute, the Sun-Mars conjunction – having peaked at 0°00' orb – was in maximum relationship to the angles:

t. MC	4°47' Cancer
t. Asc	2°19' Libra
<i>Midpoint of angles</i>	3°33'
t. Sun & Mars	3°14' Aries

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Venus, Uranus (Pluto). *Venus-Pluto, Venus-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Uranus (Sun, Mars). *Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** Uranus, Sun, Mars (Pluto). *Sun-Mars, Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mercury. *Mercury-Uranus.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn (*transit to Cansolar*). *Mars-Pluto, Moon-Uranus (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Sun, Mars. *Sun-Mars.*



CHERNOBYL

1986 Apr 26, 1:23:45 AM BADT, Chernobyl, Ukraine

The explosion at the nuclear plant in Chernobyl, Ukraine, is the worst nuclear power plant accident in history and one of the most important geopolitical events of the last century. Officially, 31 died from the incident, though this only considers the immediate deaths. Long-term effects, including accelerated cancers directly caused by the incident, likely have already reached into the thousands and, by some estimates, eventually will reach into the low millions.

During routine testing at the plant, a large power surge caused an explosion in a reactor's core. Radioactive fuel and core materials were ejected into the atmosphere and triggered a fire. Smoke from the fire increased the spread of radioactive materials. Eventually, radioactive material spread from the site to reach across the western Soviet Union and all of Europe but Spain and

Portugal. The total amount of radioactive material from this accident was about 400 times the volume released by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is dormant for Chernobyl. At first glance, Pluto appears to be close to the Ascendant: This is deceptive. Though ecliptically less than 3° from the Ascendant, Pluto (measured mundanely) is 12° above the horizon.

Uranus squares the Moon within 1°10'. This is not foreground in the Ukraine, and affects the whole world – as did news of this event. The Moon-Uranus square is actually the strongest factor in the Capsolar for this event's location and, among other obvious meanings, it reflects the “wake-up call” that Chernobyl came to embody.

With a dormant Capsolar, we direct our attention to the prior Cansolar, the influence of which flows on through the six months following the Capsolar. The Sun's Cancer ingress shows:

- Mars (1°50') and the Sun (2°20') are on the Eastpoint
- Jupiter is setting (2°51').
- Mercury is rising (4°16').

Again, Pluto superficially appears to be foreground when the Cansolar angles are examined ecliptically. In fact, this event would make one of the better arguments for measuring angularity ecliptically instead of mundanely (but the premise simply does not stand up overall). In this case, Pluto is mundanely 11° from the IC.

The strongest indications of the event are in the Sun-Mars conjunction on the Cansolar Eastpoint. Additionally, we see Jupiter in the immediate foreground, which, at first, seems anomalous; however, it is not the last time we will see a Jupiter presence for this event.

Quarter: Arisolar {-2 Very Bad}

The **Arisolar** repeats the Jupiter theme: the king of the gods is only 1°24' from the IC. Venus is more distantly foreground.

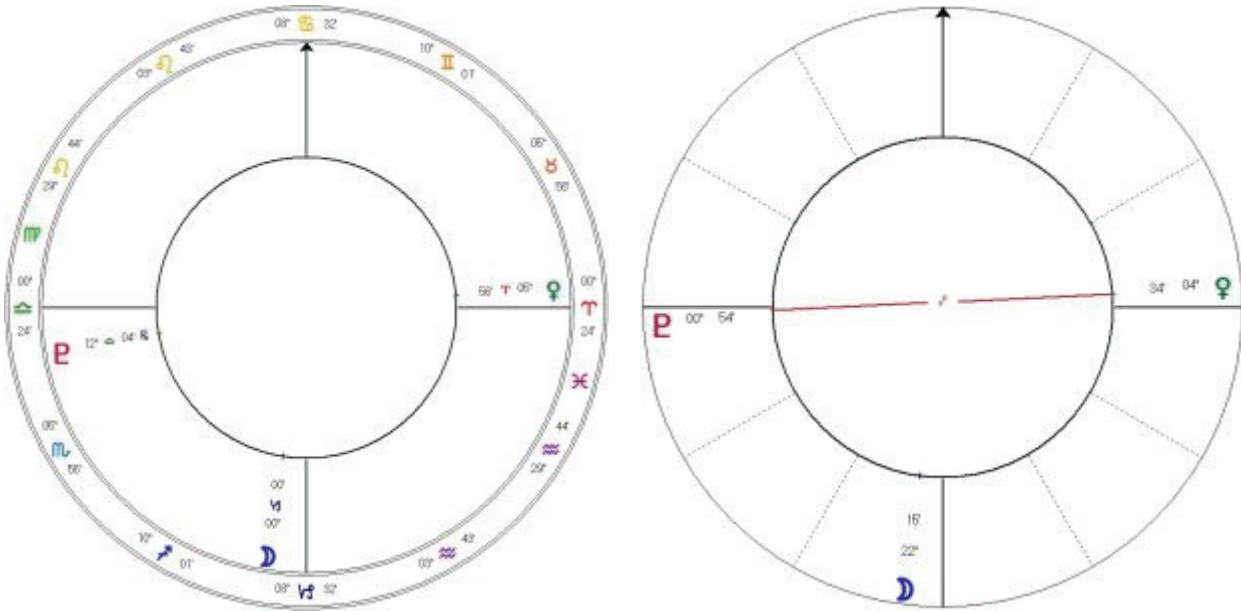
Perhaps, therefore, Jupiter's symbolism is significant after all, in the sense of, “This could have been **so** much worse!” In any case, it is a characteristic of all relevant *solar* ingresses for this event.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

With the Caplunar, things begin to get more serious!

Reversing the optical illusion of the Capsolar, Pluto, at first glance, appears to be well below the horizon in the Caplunar. Actually, it rises almost exactly.

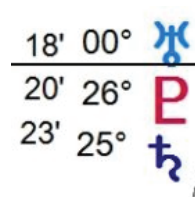
- Pluto rises (0°54').
- Moon square Ascendant (0°24').
- Venus sets (4°34').
 - Venus opposite Pluto (mundane) 3°40'.



Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

The April 17 Canlunar accelerates matters significantly. This Canlunar is one of the most expressive charts we have for the Chernobyl incident.

- Uranus 0°18' above Descendant
- Pluto 3°40' below Descendant.
- Saturn 4°37' below Descendant.
 - Saturn conjunct Pluto (mundane) 0°57'.
 - Uranus conjunct Pluto (mundane) 3°58'.



Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good}

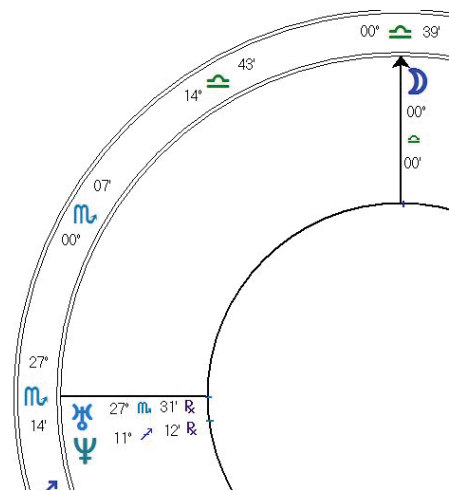
The April 24 Liblunar (the chart of the week) continues the Uranus and Moon symbolism.

- Moon 0°51' from MC.
- Uranus 0°18' from Ascendant.
 - Moon square Uranus (mundane) 1°09'.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn conjoins the CapQ Midheaven within 0°32'. In fact, the Saturn pattern is more nuanced than this simple, lucid, impressive fact. Observe:

i. Saturn	12°00' Scorpio
CapQ MC	13°31' Scorpio
t. Saturn	14°03' Scorpio



The midpoint of these two Saturn positions is 13°01' Scorpio. From the perspective of a Side-real astrologer, April 26 was the most likely day for a bad thing to happen in Chernobyl in 1986.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Even more impressive is the CanQ. As with the CapQ, transiting Saturn is on an angle: The CanQ's 15°30' Taurus Ascendant is 1°27' from opposite transiting Saturn. Stronger and more dramatically, though, transiting Pluto squares the CanQ Midheaven.

t. Sun	10°49' Aries
CanQ MC	11°18' Capricorn
t. Pluto	11°27' Libra

Progressed Cansolar Moon had reached 0°10' Cancer, placing it in exact conjunction with the Sun-Mars conjunction that, by progression, had become nearly exact. The subtleties of these aspects are reflected in the following positions:

i. Sun	0°00' Cancer
p. Moon	0°10' Cancer
i. Mars	0°17' Cancer
p. Sun	0°44' Cancer
p. Mars	0°47' Cancer

Lunar (including progressed lunar) aspects of this sort are applicable to all parts of the world, not just to one location; and, during the days of the Chernobyl crisis, the entire world was most definitely involved in the pulse-quickenning drama.

This accident, threatening the world with consequences of nuclear fire, arose from a fire and explosion that resulted from a rupture in the reactor vessel, which in turn resulted from power surges during systems tests. Plenty of Mars keywords and themes exist in this basic description. Moreover, where fires are concerned, observe that this is one more example of a Sun-Moon conjunction or opposition at the time of a major fire.

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the initial explosion, Uranus crossed the Ascendant. (It exactly rose four minutes earlier, at 1:20 AM.) Uranus was previously **exactly** on the horizon for the Canlunar and Liblunar ingresses. As in other events, it signifies a sudden rupturing or splitting open.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.) Moon-Uranus.*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Sun, Mars (Jupiter, Mercury). *Sun-Mars.*
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter (Venus).
- **Month:** Pluto, Moon.
 - **Fortnight:** Uranus (Pluto, Saturn). *Saturn-Pluto (Uranus-Pluto).*
 - **Week:** Uranus, Moon. *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Saturn.
- **Day (CanQ):** Pluto, Sun, Saturn. *Sun-Pluto, Moon-Sun, Moon-Mars.*
- **Hour:** Uranus.



SAVAR, BANGLADESH BUILDING COLLAPSE

2013 Apr 24, 8:45 AM BST, Savar, Bangladesh

History's deadliest unintended structural collapse left 1,129 dead and 2,515 injured when an eight-storey industrial building spontaneously caved in. Cracks were discovered in the building the day before, yet, against warnings to stay clear, employers ordered garment workers to return to work. (Even though this is not an actual explosion, I am including it here as the best fit.)

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+1 Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

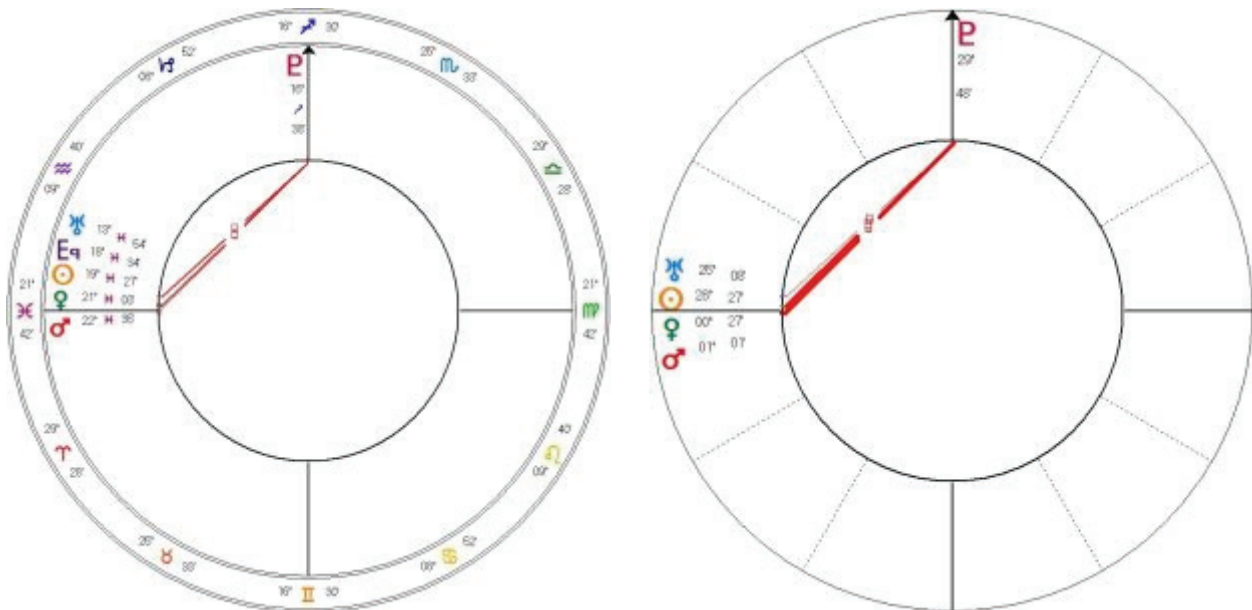
In the prevailing Cansolar, Neptune is $0^{\circ}21'$ from the angle, descriptive of panic and surrounding hysteria. Although Neptune is uncommon for explosions (except in a support role), this building collapse is a bit different, and did create more commotion in the rush-hour streets.

Quarter: Arisolar

The Arisolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

When the Arisolar came into being April 14, the April 3 Caplunar already was in force – and the Caplunar has to be seen to be believed! So here it is, both as horoscope and mundoscope.



These charts speak for themselves, saying far more at a glance than would any extended commentary. Examine the charts first, and then compare to the following salient bullet points.

- Pluto conjoins the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}10'$).
- Venus rises ($0^{\circ}27'$). Mars rises ($1^{\circ}02'$).
- Therefore, Pluto forms very close angular mundane squares to Venus ($0^{\circ}37'$) and Mars ($1^{\circ}12'$). Venus-Pluto aspects are common for tragic loss of life of the sort that stuns the sensibilities. Mars-Pluto aspects indicate violent unleashing of force.

- The Sun rises (1°32'), and is even closer to the Eastpoint (0°50' in RA). This Sun is in close (1°22') mundane square to Pluto.
- Uranus, already implicated by aspecting Pluto in the zodiac (2°54'), is more widely foreground, being about 5° above the Ascendant.

The whole is devastating and heart breaking. Pluto's precise culmination, mundane aspects to Venus, Mars, and the Sun, and mundane and ecliptical squares to Uranus are the sort of exact indicators one might make up as a theoretical textbook example.

For comparison: The Venus-Pluto square, which is the single strongest factor in this Caplunar, was also present in the foreground for prevailing lunar ingresses of such events as the Oklahoma City bombing, 9/11 attacks, and numerous fires and mine collapses.

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

Pluto is 1°28' from the Westpoint. Supplementing this, Uranus and the Moon are also foreground (4°-5° from the angles). By this point, the Uranus-Pluto square is less than 2° wide.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The CapQ angles brought planets symbolic of **unprecedented, catastrophic, structural collapse** to the angles.

- Transiting Uranus is 0°15' from the Ascendant.
- Ingress Pluto is 0°24' from square the Ascendant.
 - Transiting Pluto also is within the 2° orb.
- The Pluto-impacted Capsolar Venus is 0°14' from the Midheaven

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Neptune is within 1°50' of the Cansolar Descendant, appropriate for the confusion and hysteria from having the very floor and walls crumble around one, and the madness in the street and surrounding area as the building collapsed.

However, the Cansolar Quotidian gives mixed signals. Contradictory to the nature of the event, ingress Jupiter is within 1° of square the CanQ Midheaven. On the other hand, transiting Uranus (15°03' Pisces) closely squared progressed Cansolar Moon (15°29' Gemini). Progressed Capsolar or Cansolar Moon aspecting Uranus is typical for other "collapse" events.

` Given the power and clarity of the CapQ, the CanQ is not needed to describe the event. Nonetheless, this chart has to be judged, at best, an imperfect example.

Hour: Event Chart

At the reported time of the collapse, Neptune was 1°21' from square the Ascendant, and Jupiter was within a degree of the Westpoint. Although the Neptune contact is quite appropriate, the Jupiter does not seem to be accurately descriptive.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Half-year:** Neptune.
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*)

- **Month:** Pluto, Sun, Venus, Mars (Uranus). *Venus-Mars-Pluto, Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Pluto (Moon, Uranus). *Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Uranus, Pluto, Venus. *Uranus-Pluto, Venus-Pluto.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Jupiter, *Moon-Uranus (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Neptune, Jupiter.



OVERVIEW OF OTHER EXPLOSIONS

+Mars +Saturn +Uranus +Pluto (+Venus-Pluto)

These charts are a bit of a goulash of mixed leftovers, though they do share violent, life-obliterating explosiveness. What do these events have in common astrologically?

Overall, the most destructive and explosive planets were the most prevalent. **Mars, Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto** were foreground and active in every (or nearly every) one of these events. In contrast (as with earlier explosions we have seen), **Neptune** played a much lesser role, and is more a condiment than a main course – the craziness and confusion surrounding some of these events. I do not consider it part of the formula for this sort of event *per se*.

The other planets had no consistent role, except that **Venus**, by her aspects more than her close angularity, often stood out for the overall tragedy and loss of life. **Venus-Pluto aspects** were prominent in three of these events. In contrast, there were no examples of the Venus-Saturn aspects we commonly see with major fires.

Chapter 15

IMPACT EVENTS

TUNGUSKA

1908 Jun 30, 7:14 AM KRAT, Tunguska, Russia (60N55, 101E57)

On a clear Siberian summer morning, an explosion occurred a thousand times as powerful as the Hiroshima bomb, levelling 80 million trees yet, due to the isolation, causing no human deaths.

One witness saw “the sky split in two and fire appeared high and wide over the forest,” its shockwave wind being unbearably hot – from 40 miles away. Another saw “a wonder... it became mighty bright... as if there was a second sun.” A third witness wrote of, “some strangely bright (impossible to look at) bluish-white heavenly body, which for 10 minutes moved downwards [and] appeared as a ‘pipe,’ *i.e.*, a cylinder,” turning into billowing smoke as it neared the ground.

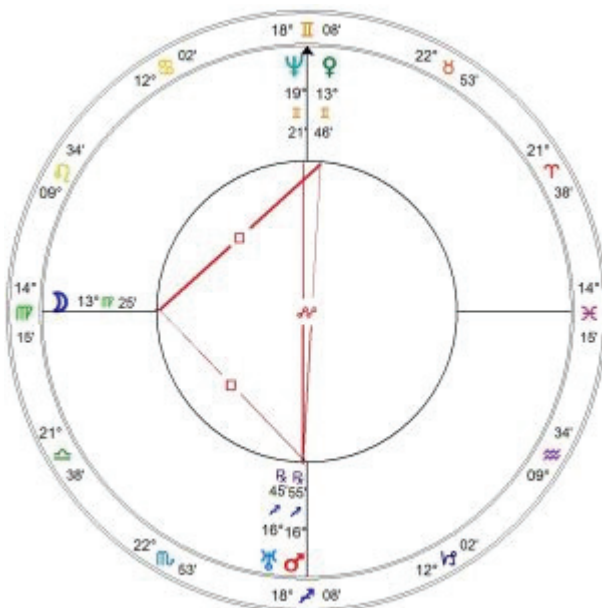
Many others spoke of a column of bluish light streaking across the sky, bright as the Sun. All reported multiple shock waves, often hurling them to the ground, accompanied by loud sounds, ferociously hot wind, and shaking of the earth.

What happened? The prevailing scientific theory is that an asteroid or comet penetrated Earth’s atmosphere and exploded a few miles above ground. Other competing theories exist.

The Tunguska incident is one of history's great unsolved mysteries. To my mind, given the amount of scientific debate, a question still remains: What in the world happened?

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar is dormant. We turn, therefore, to the Cansolar – the secondary “master chart of the year” – from nearly a year earlier. It displays a striking, explosive pattern.



- Mars is 0°51' and Uranus 1°42' from the IC *in mundo*, and 0°10' from exact conjunction.
- Neptune is 1°28' from the Midheaven, and within 3° of opposition to the Mars-Uranus.
- The Moon is 3°47' above the Ascendant, in close mundane square to the Mars-Uranus and closer ecliptical square (0°21') to a more widely foreground Venus.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

- Saturn squares the Ascendant (0°03')
- Mercury squares the Ascendant (1°43')
 - Mercury conjoins Saturn (1°40')

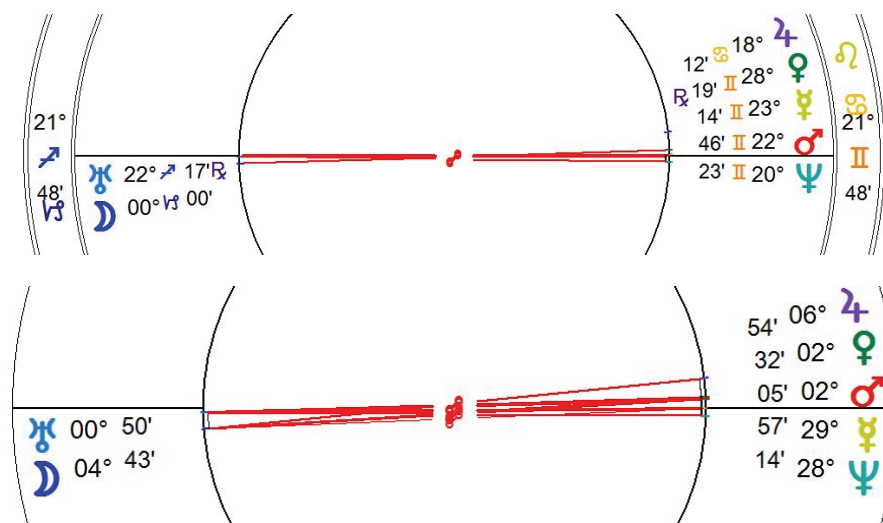
I will have more to say about this prominent afflicted Mercury later.

- Neptune is 2°36' above the Descendant
- Uranus is 5°42' below the Ascendant
 - Uranus opposes Neptune 3°06' *in mundo*.

Uranus and Neptune are opposed across the horizon, Neptune being closer to the angle than Uranus. For the idea of “explosion,” we would want to see Uranus closer to the angle than Neptune. In a sparsely populated area, there was not a lot of human presence to register confusion, disorientation, and excitement as a **primary** manifestation of the event, and Neptune is rarely active for sudden, stunning, or explosive events. Yet, as we will see, this planet pair dominates every event in this category, usually with Neptune in the lead, suggesting that the interpretive emphasis should be more the ideas of... strangeness and exotic mystery.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

However, the truly extraordinary chart of the set is the June 16 Caplunar. Here is the chart in both horoscope and mundoscope forms.



- Mercury (0°03'), Neptune (1°46'), Mars (2°05'), and Venus (2°32') set.
- Uranus (0°50') and the Moon (4°43') rise.
- Jupiter also sets (6°54').

The splay of Uranus, Neptune, and Mars across the horizon gives the immediate impression of something explosive and violent with a surrealistic or otherworldly quality. This sharpens and becomes more distinct in the mundoscope, which clarifies that Uranus-Neptune is not the focus; rather, it is Uranus and Mercury, each within a degree of the angle (and Mercury only 0°03' from the Descendant). Although seven planets are foreground (falling within 10° of the horizon in Prime Vertical longitude), only Uranus and Mercury curl their toes around the front edge of the stage.

Aspects among these planets are abundant. Listing only the very closest, we see:

- 0°28' Mercury-Mars conjunction (ecliptical)
- 0°28' Venus-Mars conjunction (mundane)
- 0°29' Mars-Uranus opposition (ecliptical)
- 0°53' Mercury-Uranus opposition (mundane)
- 1°42' Venus-Uranus opposition (mundane)
- 1°43' Mercury-Neptune conjunction (mundane)
- 1°54' Uranus-Neptune opposition (ecliptical)

Why would Mercury be so dominant a planet for this event? I give one interpretation below, a little later into the unfolding of the astrological puzzle.

Week: Arilunar {-2 Very Bad}

The Arilunar seems not to take part in telling the story of this event. Its single close angularity is Jupiter, 2°59' below the Ascendant.¹

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

In addition to capturing transiting Moon's opposition to Capsolar Sun, the CapQ Midheaven squares transiting Mars' opposition to Capsolar Mercury. (The aspect to progressed Capsolar Mercury is even closer.)

In fact, Capsolar Mercury (0°20' Capricorn) is **to the minute of arc** the midpoint between transiting Mars (1°20' Cancer) and the CapQ Midheaven (29°20' Pisces).

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn for the impact event is at 16°18' Pisces, partile square the Mars-Uranus conjunction on the Cansolar IC (and only 2' out of the recommended 2° orb for a transit to the Cansolar angle). Also, transiting Sun squares Cansolar Ascendant within 0°05'.

Furthermore, the CanQ Descendant (4°56' Pisces) is only 0°58' from Cansolar Saturn (3°58' Pisces).

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the incident, Mars squared the Midheaven for the impact site within 0°10'. It was exact one minute earlier, at 7:13 AM.

The closest aspects are a Mercury-Uranus opposition (0°08' wide), as part of a partile Uranus-Neptune opposition. The Moon is in close, but not partile, conjunction with Mars.

¹ In this case, one might point out that, despite the damage to trees and the natural setting in general, no human lives were lost, and damage to property was negligible.

Conclusions

So... what happened?

These charts are rich with prominent angularities and aspects of Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune... and Mercury.

Contrary to the current prevailing theory, I do not think an asteroid or meteorite struck the earth. That central presence of Mercury 0°03' from the Caplunar horizon, angular with Saturn in the Arisolar, and transited by Mars on the CapQ angles seems inescapable. With Mercury's exact aspects, and with the other aspects in the supporting charts, we have exactly the astrological pattern that we expect to see for a major transportation accident.

Since there were no automobiles or trains moving through the region...

Since there were no airplanes flying through Siberia in 1908...

Since a midflight collision of birds could not possibly have caused such an explosion...

The most reasonable, conservative conclusion, in my humble opinion, is that this was the crash landing of an extraterrestrial vehicle (popularly called a "flying saucer"), powered by nuclear or more powerful engines, the rupture of which would have caused this devastating explosion.

Submitted for your consideration.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Mars, Uranus, Neptune. *Mars-Uranus-Neptune, Moon-Mars-Uranus, Moon-Venus.*
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Mercury, Neptune (Uranus). *Mercury-Saturn, Uranus-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Mercury, Uranus, Neptune, Mars, Venus. *Mercury-Mars, Mercury-Uranus, Mercury-Neptune, Venus-Mars, Venus-Uranus, Mars-Uranus, Uranus-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** Jupiter.
- **Day (CapQ):** Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars. *Mercury-Mars.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Sun (*transit to Cansolar*). Saturn (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Mars.



REISADALEN METEOR IMPACT

2006 Jun 7, 2:13:15 AM, near Nordreisa, Norway

Above the Arctic Circle, in the Reisadalen Valley in northeastern Norway, a meteor (first seen as a fireball streaking across the sky) struck a mountainside near Kautokein.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

At the very least, an exciting, boisterous year could be expected for northern Norway:

- Jupiter rises (0°48').
- Mars sets (3°16').
 - Jupiter opposes Mars (0°03').
- Neptune squares Ascendant (2°04').
 - Jupiter and Mars each square Neptune within about 1°.

Fire, thrill, excitement... and ultimately no harm.

Quarter: Arisolar {+1 Good}

The April 15 Arisolar had similarities to the Capsolar, including a much more widely foreground Jupiter (8° above the horizon) square Neptune. Overall, though, it was not a strong chart, Neptune (1°46' from square the Ascendant) being its only distinctive mark.

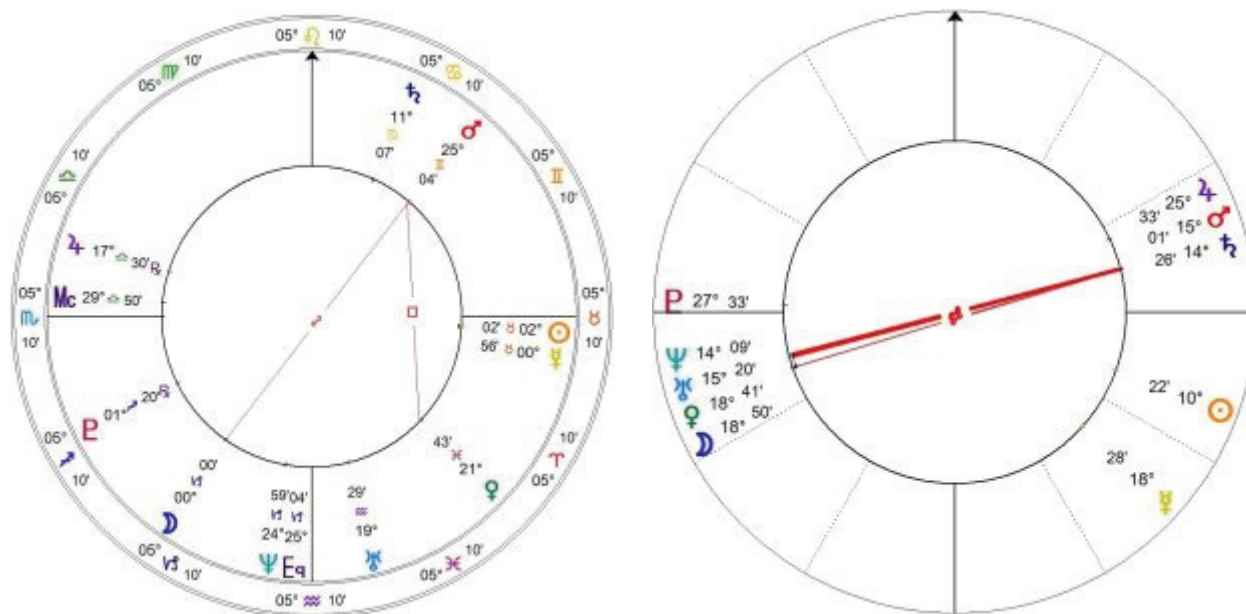
Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

At the extreme latitude of nearly 70° North, house **cusps** do not exist (during many parts of each day) in any house system except those (such as the Zenith or Equal House system) that are ecliptic-based. Thus, many of the charts in this example cannot be displayed in the usual way.

However, while Campanus **cusps** (for example) do not exist, the Campanus houses themselves – being segments of space – **do** exist. In fact, they are exactly what the mundoscope portrays. We can show the charts by mundoscope where it is impossible to draw them as horoscopes and, sometimes, there are major surprises.

Take, for example, the May 18 Caplunar, which has 5°10' Scorpio rising and – do not miss this! – 29°50' Libra on the Midheaven. Yes, the Ascendant and Midheaven are less than 6° apart in the zodiac, even though they are 90° apart along the prime vertical.

Here is this interesting Caplunar, drawn as a horoscope using the Equal House system, and as a mundoscope. The latter reflects the true planetary angularity.



Furthermore, local space is so distorted at that latitude that only the mundoscope can accurately portray planets' correct relationships to the angles. The Sun **appears** (by longitude) to be 3° below the Descendant, yet sunset was about an hour earlier. In contrast, Pluto at 1°20' Sagittarius appears to be about one sign below the Ascendant but, in fact, Pluto's Prime Vertical longitude – its mundoscope position – reveals that it is closely rising, within 2°27' of the Ascendant.

Neptune is conjunct the Eastpoint **within 0°01'** in RA (for the nearest population center of Nordreisa, which I have used as the basis for these charts), despite being 80° in longitude from the Ascendant.

Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

Uranus squares the Midheaven within $0^{\circ}12'$.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars ($7^{\circ}07'$ Cancer) is $2^{\circ}05'$ from conjunct the CapQ Ascendant ($9^{\circ}12'$ Cancer), not quite within the desired orb. (However, the longitude and latitude used are approximations.)

Transiting Saturn ($12^{\circ}48'$ Cancer) is $0^{\circ}03'$ from conjunct the CapQ Moon ($12^{\circ}46'$ Cancer).

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Sun squares the Cansolar Ascendant ($1^{\circ}41'$). This has no obvious significance.

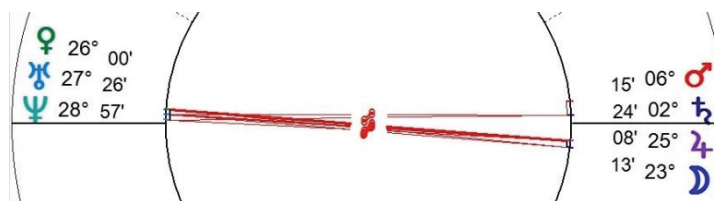
In the CanQ, Cansolar Saturn ($5^{\circ}17'$ Cancer) squares the quotidian Midheaven ($3^{\circ}43'$ Aries). Additionally, progressed (CanQ) Moon has reached $15^{\circ}13'$ Scorpio, square Cansolar Uranus within $0^{\circ}20'$.

Hour: Event Chart {+2 Very Good}

At the time of impact, a Venus-Jupiter opposition squared the Ascendant in nearby Nordreisa. The streaking of the meteor through the sky was a beautiful sight:

Venus	$15^{\circ}06'$ Aries
Jupiter	$15^{\circ}25'$ Libra
Ascendant	$16^{\circ}05'$ Cancer

However, the event chart, on closer examination, displays astounding characteristics remarkably like those of the Tunguska event – yet only discernible in the mundoscope.



Saturn sets within $2^{\circ}24'$ in mundane conjunct with Mars $6^{\circ}15'$ above the Descendant. Neptune is $1^{\circ}03'$ on the other side of the Ascendant (so that their average is only $0^{\circ}40'$ from the horizon). Uranus also is rising ($2^{\circ}34'$ above the horizon), and only $1^{\circ}31'$ from exact mundane conjunction with Neptune – despite the fact that they are nearly one whole sign apart in the zodiac. This is the only way that the Uranus-Neptune aspects that dominated the Tunguska event could have been present for an event on earth in 2006.

Of course (as the above mundoscope shows), most of the planets are foreground; but Neptune, Uranus, and Saturn are the closest, and define the event.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Jupiter, Neptune, Mars. *Mars-Jupiter, Mars-Neptune, Jupiter-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Neptune.
- **Month:** Neptune, Pluto.
 - **Fortnight:** Uranus.
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars. *Moon-Saturn.*

- **Day (Cansolar):** Sun (*transit to Cansolar*). Saturn, Moon-Uranus (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Saturn, Uranus, Neptune (Moon, Venus, Mars, Jupiter). *Moon-Jupiter, Venus-Uranus-Neptune, Jupiter-Uranus, Saturn-Neptune, Uranus-Neptune (Mars-Saturn, Jupiter-Neptune)*



CHELYABINSK METEOR EXPLOSION

2013 Feb 15, 9:20:26 AM YEKT, Chelyabinsk, Russia (55N10, 61E24)

An asteroid penetrated Earth's atmosphere as a meteor, exploding 14 miles above the Urals with the force of a 300 megaton bomb. Reported phenomena were remarkably like those of the Tunguska event: the meteor was brighter than the recently risen Sun and productive of intense heat and a high-impact wave of force (although the atmosphere absorbed most of the explosion's force).

According to official figures, there were no casualties, 1,491 people were injured, and 7,200 buildings became damaged. Most injuries were from broken glass and exposure to cold.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The January 15 Capsolar for the epicenter shows Saturn conjunct the Ascendant within 1°27'. Neptune is 4°43' from the IC.

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The Caplunar shows Uranus, Moon, and Venus all about 3° from the angles mundanely. This conforms only slightly to the expected signature for this sort of event, and perhaps falls more in the vein a visual spectacle, much like fireworks.

- Moon sets (2°02' below the Descendant).
- Uranus conjoins the Midheaven (2°48').
- Venus sets (3°58' above the Descendant).
 - Venus squares Uranus (mundanely) within 1°11'.

Week: Arilunar

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn is 1°18' from the Capsolar Ascendant. Transiting Sun is within 1°27' of the Capsolar IC (the most apparent effect of which was to draw significant attention to the area).

In the Capsolar Quotidian, Capsolar Neptune squares the Ascendant within 0°36', just enough to bring a bit of drama into everyone's life for the day (and add the Neptune component that seems standard fare for these impact events).

Considering that the most widely reported consequence of the event was mass confusion, plus exposure to extreme cold from broken windows during sub-zero weather, Neptune and Saturn seem right on target.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

This theme repeated in the CanQ. Transiting Neptune had returned to within 0°06' of Cansolar Neptune, and both were just a little more than 1° from square the CanQ Midheaven. For more attention grabbing, Cansolar Sun (and, even more so, its progressed position) conjoined the CanQ Descendant, squared by transiting Moon at the time of the incident.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** Saturn (Neptune).
- **Month:** Uranus, Moon (Venus). *Venus-Uranus.*
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn, Sun (*transits to Capsolar*). Neptune *CapQ*.
- **Day (CanQ):** Neptune, Sun.



OVERVIEW OF IMPACT EVENTS

+Neptune +Uranus (+Mars +Saturn)

These three impact events are all characterized primarily by **Neptune and Uranus**, with support from Mars and Saturn. Neptune and Uranus together characterize the strange and foreign – the mystery of space and all the balance of science and fantasy engulfing it. In more simple mundane astrological terms, they characterize circumstances of extreme mass excitement, confusion, or even panic combined with sudden explosiveness.

Of the two, **Neptune leads**, dominating almost every level of the event description – solar, lunar, and daily – and Uranus tags along.

An ongoing Uranus-Neptune opposition dominates the Tunguska event at the annual, quarterly, and monthly levels, and then Mars and Saturn seal the actual day of impact. Reisdalen occurred when no Uranus-Neptune aspect was in space, yet at such a high (arctic) latitude that a Uranus-Neptune mundane conjunction could exist on the Ascendant at the time of the event. Chelyabinsk incorporated the two planets separately, having Neptune prominent at every level except the monthly, and then featuring Uranus on the Midheaven of the Caplunar (and a double-dose of Neptune to time the day).

Chapter 16

DEATHS OF U.S. PRESIDENTS

Mundane astrology is far more than the analysis and prediction of natural disasters. These are the easiest sorts of events to study – they routinely produce the clearest indication – and yet there is more to the subject, especially in political, economic, and other governmental terms.

Donald Bradley, in his original report on Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses, briefly addressed the question of whether they portray socio-political events such as “wars, revolutions, deaths of public leaders, economic crises, and the like” in one terse sentence: “The answer is an unqualified, resounding Yes.”

After a warning to those who rushed into print on such matters with lazy research based on isolated cases, he promised “complete reports on the ingress statistics pertaining to such subjects as outbreaks of war, assassinations, changes of administration and governmental coups, and financial panics.”

Unfortunately, these reports were not forthcoming. However, we do have his summary conclusions on one such topic, the deaths of national leaders:

The Sun is extremely emblematic of authority and political figureheads. So it is no surprise that Sun-Saturn angular formations in the ingresses, often supported by an ominous Neptune, are characteristic of charts spanning periods marked by the deaths of national leaders. It is startling to observe how effectively the planet Mars becomes intertwined in the pattern in cases of assassinations as contrasted with natural demise.

This gives enough hints of what might be found that we can take on the task ourselves by studying the astrological factors existing when eight United States Presidents died in office. To this, I have appended a few similar events for comparison and contrast.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

DEATH: April 4, 1841, 12:30 AM, Washington, DC (from pneumonia)

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

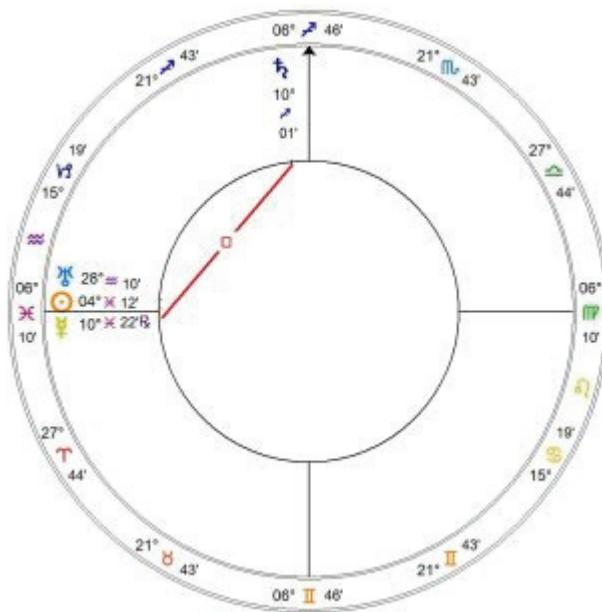
The Capsolar is dormant.

In the prior Cansolar, the Sun is setting ($0^{\circ}57'$) opposite a rising Moon ($3^{\circ}47'$ below Ascendant). Neptune is on the Eastpoint ($2^{\circ}23'$).

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

- Sun rising ($0^{\circ}55'$).
- Mercury ($1^{\circ}12'$) and Uranus ($3^{\circ}05'$) also just above the Ascendant mundanely (even though Mercury appeared, by pure longitude, to be several degrees below the horizon).
 - Sun conjunct Mercury ($0^{\circ}17'$) and Uranus ($2^{\circ}10'$) mundanely.

- Saturn at the Midheaven ($6^{\circ}47'$).
 - Mercury square Saturn $0^{\circ}21'$ ecliptically.



Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

Mars rising ($2^{\circ}15'$ above the Ascendant), Neptune on the IC ($5^{\circ}16'$ west of the IC).

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Neptune is $0^{\circ}17'$ from the Eastpoint.¹

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

- Transiting Neptune squares the Cansolar MC ($0^{\circ}02'$).
- Transiting Mars squares the CanQ MC ($0^{\circ}34'$).

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of death (reported as 12:30 AM), Saturn was $2^{\circ}09'$ below the Ascendant and Pluto $4^{\circ}57'$ from the IC. Both were exactly angular soon after (at 12:41 AM and 12:47 AM, respectively).

Summary

- **Year (Cansolar):** Sun, Neptune, Moon. *Sun-Moon.*
- **Month:** Sun, Mercury, Uranus (Saturn). *Sun-Mercury-Uranus, Mercury-Saturn.*
 - **Week:** Mars, Neptune.
- **Day (CapQ):** Neptune.

¹ Transiting Jupiter was $0^{\circ}03'$ from the Capsolar Descendant. However, the CapQ trumps transits to the Capsolar angles when they seriously disagree.

- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Mars (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Saturn (Pluto).



ZACHARY TAYLOR

DEATH: July 9, 1850, 10:35 AM, Washington, DC (cause contested; conventionally attributed to an unclearly identified health affliction, possibly cholera or acute gastroenteritis)

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

- Jupiter rises ($0^{\circ}51'$).
- Mars culminates ($2^{\circ}14'$).
 - Mars squares Jupiter $3^{\circ}05'$ *in mundo* (a little wider *in eclipto*).
- Away from the angles, the Moon is $3^{\circ}46'$ from the Sun (which squares Uranus $0^{\circ}13'$).

Generally, I would not think of Mars-Jupiter as setting up this type of event; but I need to think again, since the aspect was prominent at the deaths of three presidents and the shooting of another. At the very least, it is not antithetical to such events. Mars, of course, is itself quite appropriate. I regard this chart as only beginning to show the pattern of the year, and not yet showing it in full.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Indications were quite straightforward by the time the Arisolar arrived:

- Mars culminates ($1^{\circ}14'$).
- Saturn sets ($1^{\circ}10'$).
 - Mars squares Saturn $0^{\circ}04'$ (*mundanely*) or $0^{\circ}38'$ (*ecliptically*).
- Moon conjoins Pluto ($0^{\circ}24'$) and Uranus ($1^{\circ}47'$).

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

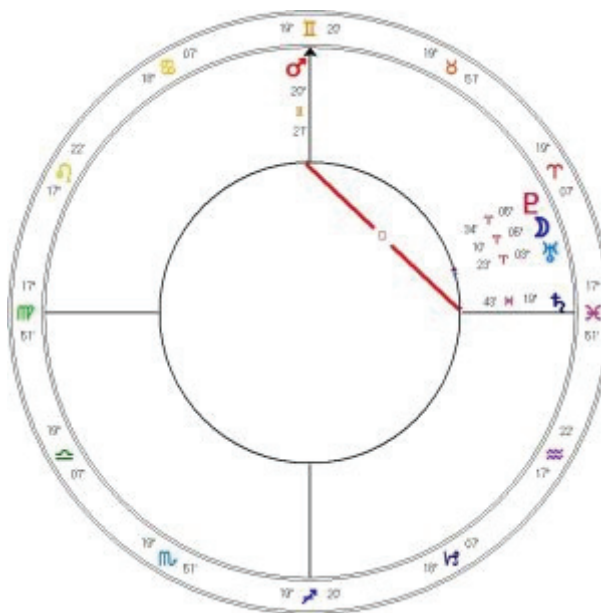
Moon at the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}56'$), squared by Saturn ($2^{\circ}50'$). Uranus and Pluto were widely foreground (supplemental).

Week: Arilunar

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Neptune conjoins the CapQ Ascendant ($0^{\circ}59'$). Capsolar Mars is $2^{\circ}10'$ from the IC. Also (though not within tight orb of an angle), transiting Mars is exactly opposite for foreground Capsolar Neptune. These double, bidirectional Mars-Neptune contacts are consistent with



both the gastroenteritis and poisoning theories of death; and, more generally, Mars-Neptune aspects are emerging from this data as a common part of the signature of presidential deaths.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars is $1^{\circ}22'$ from the Cansolar IC. Transiting Mercury is within 1° of the Cansolar Ascendant.

Although the CanQ had no planets on the angles, progressed Moon was $0^{\circ}54'$ from square Cansolar Neptune. (This was not quite within 1° orb of aspect by transiting Mars.)

Summary

- **Year:** Jupiter, Mars. *Mars-Jupiter, Sun-Moon-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Saturn. *Moon-Pluto, Mars-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Moon. *Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CapQ):** Neptune, Mars. *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mercury, Mars (*transit to Cansolar*). *Moon-Neptune (CanQ).*



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

DEATH: April 15, 1865, 7:22 AM, Washington, DC (from murder by gunshot)

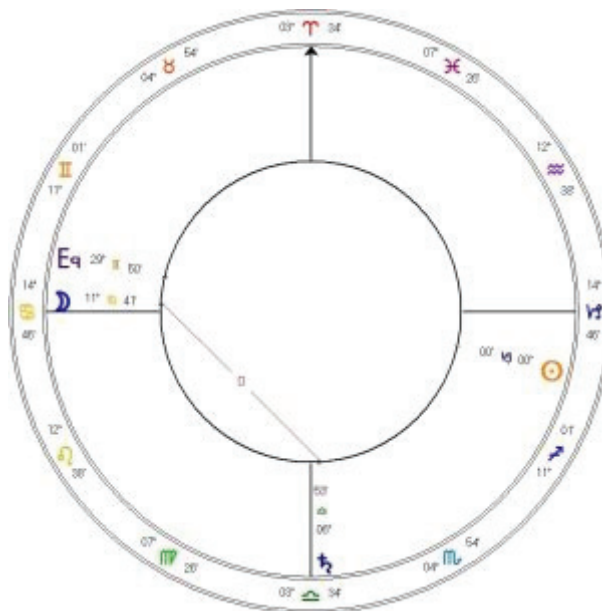
Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Moon-Saturn square on the angles, with the Sun $0^{\circ}10'$ from the Westpoint. (The Moon is $0^{\circ}33'$ from the Ascendant, Saturn $4^{\circ}36'$ from the IC *in mundo*.)

Quarter: Arisolar {+1 Good}

Occurring three days before the murder, this is a complicated chart. The main points are:

- Venus squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}43'$).
- Pluto culminates ($1^{\circ}53'$).
- Moon (widely foreground) opposes Pluto (also $1^{\circ}53'$ wide).
- Mercury is also in the mix, especially through a $0^{\circ}06'$ Mercury-Pluto conjunction and a foreground Moon-Mercury opposition.



On the one hand, it does not show the specific elements characteristic of a president's death (Sun + malefics). On the other hand, and among other indications, it does broadly describe powerful emotions associated with loss through death or other separation.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

A triple conjunction of Sun, Mercury, and Neptune on the IC, with a 0°03' Mars-Uranus conjunction setting, opposite Jupiter: A complicated and symbolically apt chart, though with many simultaneous messages flying about.

Only the Mercury and Neptune are in the **immediate** foreground. Their midpoint is on the IC (0°27' *in mundo*, 0°08' *in eclipto*). This is a classic “death of president” chart, with Mercury-Neptune adding the “What happens now?” sense of confusion (and possibly other elements such as plotting and subterfuge). Mars-Uranus provides the “startling and explosive” bombshell element (plus the act of violence itself). The Mars-Jupiter-Uranus combinations bespeak elements of insurrection, especially against an ideology.

Fortnight: Canlunar {+1 Good}

Venus is 2°32' from the MC on one side, and Pluto 2°10' on the other. They form an acceptable but unexciting foreground mundane conjunction but – more precisely – their midpoint is only 0°11' from the Midheaven. This is “death of a beloved figure” symbolism.

Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good}

This repeats the Mercury-Pluto theme (conjunct 1°24', with Mercury square the Ascendant 1°41'; thus, Mercury 0°08' from its peak relationship to both Pluto and the Ascendant).

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transits to the Capsolar angles were remarkable:

Sun	2°41' Aries
Midheaven	3°34' Aries
Saturn	4°16' Libra

The Sun/Saturn midpoint is at 3°28', or 0°06' from the angle.

The CanQ Eastpoint (5°07' Libra) conjoins transiting and Capsolar Saturns (average longitude: 5°35' Libra). Transiting Sun squares the CapQ MC (1°28'). Progressed Capsolar Sun (0°15' Capricorn) is 0°58' from the CapQ IC.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars is 1°39' from the Cansolar IC and 0°14' from square the exactly rising Cansolar Neptune. (Mars squares transiting Neptune within 0°33'.)

In the CanQ, the same Mars-Neptune pattern that draped the Cansolar angles appears again:

t. Mars	15°16' Gemini
i. Neptune	15°30' Pisces
t. Neptune	15°49' Pisces
CanQ MC	16°04' Virgo

Hour: Event Chart

Lincoln died with Pluto 0°38' from square the Midheaven.

Summary

- **Year:** Sun, Moon (Saturn). *Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** Venus, Pluto (Moon, Mercury). *Moon-Mercury-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Mercury, Neptune (Sun). *Mars-Uranus-Jupiter.*
 - **Fortnight:** Venus, Pluto. *Venus/Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Mercury. *Mercury-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun, Saturn, *Sun-Saturn (transits to Capsolar).* Saturn, Sun (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars, Neptune (*transits to Cansolar*). Mars, Neptune, *Mars-Neptune (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Pluto.



JAMES A. GARFIELD

DEATH: September 19, 1881, 10:20 PM, Jersey Shore (from heart attack and other organ failure following a gunshot attack on July 2, 1881, 9:30 AM, Washington, DC). All charts are calculated for Washington, DC, not the location of the event.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

Though not directly showing the President's death, this chart has a 2° Moon-Mars opposition, indicative of violence such as assassination. (The only tightly angular planet is Venus.)

Quarter: Arisolar (shooting) {0 Neutral}

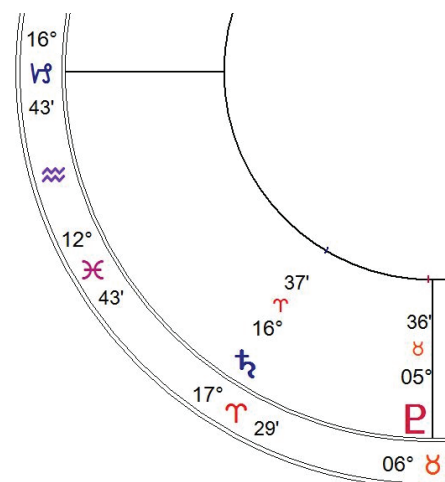
A nondescript chart, its only planet in the immediate foreground being Mercury (0°17' from the Descendant). This does not appear to contribute anything useful concerning the event.

Month: Caplunar (shooting) {+1 Good}

Things began to change with the Caplunar. Rising within 1°29', the Sun indicates a presidential event.² The Moon is 1°31' from square Mars, echoing part of the message of the Capsolar. Pluto is broadly foreground (8°29' above the horizon).

Week: Canlunar (shooting) {+2 Very Good}

The lunar ingress immediately before the shooting (shown at right) has Saturn square the Ascendant (0°06') plus Pluto on the IC (2°59' *in mundo*).



² The rising Sun at 0°20' Gemini was exactly semisquare Saturn at 15°19' Aries – exact to within 0°01' of arc. I consider this a valid aspect. Although, in this book, we limit ourselves to the 90° series of aspects, this symbolically precise and mathematically exact aspect warrants a footnote.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian (shooting) {+1 Good}

- Transiting Venus on the IC (1°02').
- Ingress Pluto on the IC (2°00').
 - Transiting Venus conjunct ingress Pluto (0°58').

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian (shooting) {+1 Good}

Transiting Saturn squares the Cansolar Midheaven (0°19'). Neptune remains within 1°48' of its Eastpoint. Mars just sneaks into a 2° orb of square to its Midheaven (2°00').

In the CanQ, a mixed collection of planets sits on the angles. Ingress Saturn is 0°04' from square the CanQ Midheaven. Transiting Jupiter and transiting Neptune are each 1°13' from the CanQ Ascendant – on either side of it, so that their midpoint is 0°00' from the angle.

Hour: Event Chart

Uranus was less than 2° from the Ascendant at the reported shooting time of 9:30 AM. (It rose exactly at 9:39 AM.)

Quarter: Cansolar (death) {+2 Very Good}

Occurring less than a fortnight after the shooting, the Cansolar in force at the time of President Garfield's death has Mars conjunct Neptune (0°37') within 2° of the Midheaven on one side, and Jupiter just over 2° away on the other side.

Month: Caplunar (death) {+2 Very Good}

While several planets cluster around the angles, only one is partile: Pluto is 0°46' from the Descendant for Washington.

Week: Canlunar (death) {+2 Very Good}

Occurring two days before Garfield's death, the Canlunar shows Saturn square the Ascendant (0°03'). Pluto is on the IC (1°29') in mundane square to setting Venus (3°49'), a mark both of his death (Pluto is closer) and the outpouring of public affection which led up to that day. (The square is 2°20' wide.)

Day: Capsolar Quotidian (death) {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto (6°08' Taurus) conjoins the CapQ Ascendant within 0°58'. Transiting Saturn is conjoins the CapQ Eastpoint (0°32' in RA).

Hour: Event Chart

Mars rose along the Jersey Shore at 10:20 PM when President Garfield died. (It rose exactly at 10:29 PM.)

Summary (shooting)

- **Year:** Venus. *Moon-Mars*.
 - **Quarter:** Mercury.

- **Month:** Sun.
 - **Week:** Saturn, Pluto.
- **Day (CapQ):** Venus, Pluto. *Venus-Pluto*.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn, Neptune, Mars (*transits to Cansolar*). Saturn, Jupiter, Neptune (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Uranus.

Summary (death)

- **Year:** Venus. *Moon-Mars*.
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Neptune, Jupiter. *Mars-Neptune*.
- **Month:** Pluto.
 - **Week:** Saturn, Pluto (Venus). *Venus-Pluto*.
- **Day (CapQ):** Saturn, Pluto.
- **Hour:** Mars.



WILLIAM MCKINLEY

DEATH: September 14, 1901, 2:15 AM, Buffalo, NY (from gangrene consequent to gunshot attack on September 6, 1901). Charts are for Washington, DC, not the location of the event.

Year: Capsolar {0 Neutral}

Contributing nothing to the story of this assassination, the Capsolar has only Mercury within close proximity to the angles. (The Sun is more distantly angular.)

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

However, the Cansolar ingress kicks things into high gear:

- Mars rises ($0^{\circ}22'$ *in mundo*).
- Neptune culminates ($2^{\circ}23'$).
 - Mars squares Neptune ($1^{\circ}43'$).

Month: Caplunar (shooting & death)

{+2 Very Good}

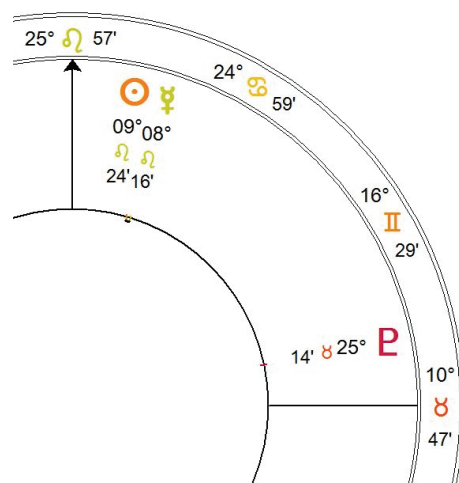
- Pluto squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}43'$).
- Sun ($1^{\circ}23'$) and Mercury ($2^{\circ}31'$) square the Ascendant.

Week: Arilunar (shooting)

The Arilunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian (shooting) {+1 Good}

Indications are mixed, though mostly on target.



- Transiting Neptune rises (0°49').
- Transiting Uranus conjoins the Westpoint (0°16') and squares ingress Mars (0°25').
- Transiting Jupiter sets (1°07').³

Week: Canlunar (death) {-1 Bad}

Between the dates of President McKinley's shooting and death, the Moon entered Cancer. However, the Canlunar is not a helpful chart. For Washington, it has a culminating Moon (1°43') square a rising Venus (0°56') *In mundo*, the square was only 0°47' wide. We must characterize the chart as unsatisfactory.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian (death) {+2 Very Good}

CapQ Ascendant opposes ingress Saturn (0°36') and the **stationary** transiting Saturn (1°03'). CapQ Midheaven squares transiting Pluto (0°18').

Day: Cansolar Transits (death) {+1 Good}

Transiting Neptune (8°00' Gemini) conjoins the Cansolar Midheaven (0°47') and squares the rising Cansolar Mars (0°14'). Only the presence of transiting Jupiter (1°24' from the Cansolar IC) weakens the impact of this chart.

Hour: Event Chart (death)

For the 2:15 AM reported death time, Mars was square the Ascendant by about 1°. It was exactly on the Nadir five minutes later.

Summary (shooting)

- **Year:** Mercury.
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Neptune. *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Sun, Mercury.
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CapQ):** Neptune, Uranus (Jupiter). *Uranus-Mars.*

Summary (death)

- **Year:** Mercury.
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Neptune. *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Sun, Mercury.
 - **Week:** Moon, Venus. *Moon-Venus.* [*Contrary to the nature of the event.*]
- **Day (CapQ):** Saturn. Pluto.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune, Jupiter. *Neptune-Mars.*
- **Hour:** Mars.

³ The Jupiter/Neptune midpoint is 0°09' from the horizon. Enough Jupiter-Neptune combinations have been present in this set of charts for me to propose a closer investigation of the aspect as a future project. Jupiter-Neptune introduces themes of faith, philosophy, and ideology (whether well placed or misplaced), and in this case the murderer reported he had been instructed by God to save his political party by killing McKinley.



WARREN G. HARDING

DEATH: August 2, 1923, 7:35 PM, San Francisco, CA (from complications of pneumonia, cardiac disease, and general deteriorating health). Charts are for Washington, DC, not the location of the event.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

- The Moon is setting ($0^{\circ}43'$ *in mundo*).
 - Mars squares the Moon ($0^{\circ}30'$).
- Venus squares the MC ($0^{\circ}32'$).
- Uranus conjoins the MC ($2^{\circ}39'$).
 - Venus squares Uranus ($0^{\circ}30'$).

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Neptune on the IC ($1^{\circ}04'$) characterizes the sort of withering and weakening that Pres. Harding experienced. At the time of his death, Neptune had advanced to within $0^{\circ}08'$ of the IC.

Month: Caplunar {-1 Bad}

A surprising chart: The Moon culminates ($0^{\circ}17'$) opposite Venus on the IC ($4^{\circ}06'$), with Jupiter $1^{\circ}01'$ above the Descendant. Mercury ($0^{\circ}40'$) and Mars ($2^{\circ}02'$) square the Ascendant.

This does not look like the chart for a presidential death. It more resembles a chart for a public celebration for some martial victory.

The chart is unsatisfactory. Relocating it to San Francisco does not improve it.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

Uranus is the only planet within 2° of the CapQ angles ($0^{\circ}16'$ from square the Ascendant). Uranus is not part of the standard signature of presidential deaths, though a token of surprise is appropriate.

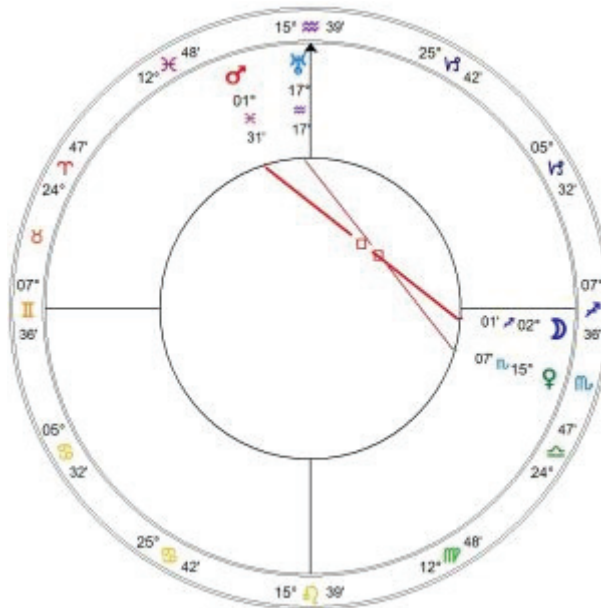
Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Neptune is $0^{\circ}07'$ from the Cansolar IC. This is fitting (see remarks above with respect to the Cansolar itself).

The CanQ has progressed Moon exactly on the IC ($0^{\circ}05'$), unaspected. It is not clear what significance this might have had.

Hour: Event Chart

As President Harding died, Neptune was exactly setting in San Francisco.



General Observations

Overall, this is a mediocre example event. The astrological indications are accurate enough in most cases, though there is no involvement of the Sun, too much of the benefics, and a bit too much uncertainty.

Nonetheless, including the Harding example preserves the integrity of the data set. Furthermore, such mediocre (or worse!) examples give us the chance to learn something new.

Summary

- **Year:** Moon, Venus, Uranus. *Moon-Mars, Venus-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Neptune.
- **Month:** Moon, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars (Venus). *Moon-Venus.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Uranus.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Moon (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Neptune.

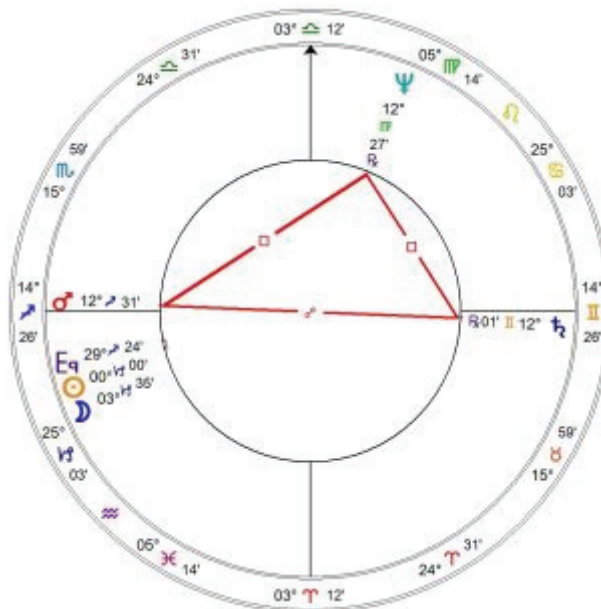


FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

DEATH: April 12, 1945, 3:35 PM, Warm Springs, GA (from cerebral hemorrhage)

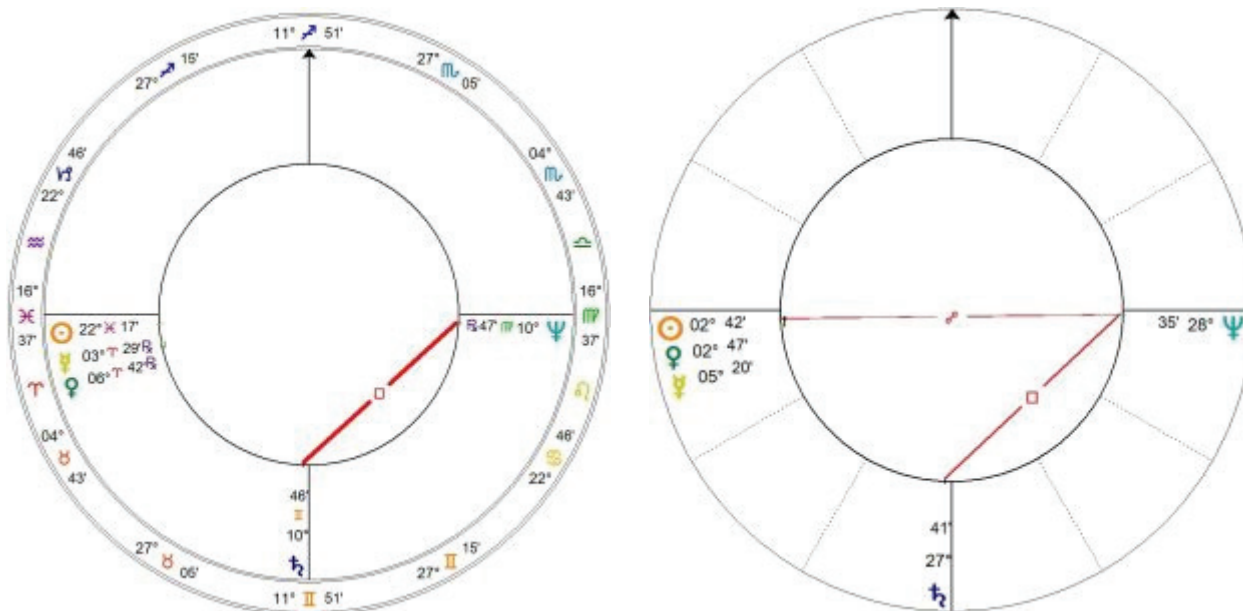
Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

So much happened in 1945, we hardly expect the Capsolar to reflect it all. Nonetheless, one immediately notices the partile T-square of Mars, Saturn, and Neptune – all exact aspects within half a degree. Sometime during the year, we would expect this configuration to have its voice. For example, in the Capsolar itself, this trio of malefics dominated the horizon in Moscow. They also fell across the horizon, within a couple of degrees, in Warm Springs, GA where President Roosevelt died, and where the presidential Sun was within a degree of the Eastpoint. In this static ingress chart, the location of the death actually draws more attention than does Washington.



Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

The Caplunar is precise and direct: For Washington, Saturn is on the IC (2°19'). Neptune sets (1°25'), square the Saturn within 0°01'. The Sun rises within 2°42', easily strong enough to draw attention to presidential matters.



Week: Arilunar {+1 Good}

The Moon entered Aries late morning on April 12, a few hours before President Roosevelt died. For Warm Springs, its strongest feature is Mars 2°42' from the Midheaven, in 2°11' mundane square to a foreground Saturn 5°53' below the Ascendant.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

For Washington:

- Transiting Saturn is on the Eastpoint (1°09').
- Cansolar Sun is rising (0°38').
- Transiting Sun (0°45') and Mercury (0°30') square the Ascendant.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars, Saturn, Neptune, Sun. *Mars-Saturn-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Saturn, Neptune, Sun. *Saturn-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** Mars (Saturn). *Mars-Saturn.*
- **Day (CanQ):** Saturn, Sun, Mercury.



JOHN F. KENNEDY

DEATH: November 22, 1963, 12:30 PM, Dallas, TX (from murder by gunshot). Charts are all for Washington, DC unless stated otherwise.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

For Washington, the Capsolar had a single angular planet: Pluto 2°05' from the Eastpoint. An angular Pluto is routine in Washington Capsolars, though it does fit the event.

In Dallas, Mars is 1°02' from the Eastpoint. Uranus is 2°35' below the Ascendant.⁴

Half-year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

- Saturn squares the Midheaven (1°21').
- The Moon squares Pluto (0°06').
- Secondly, Uranus is rising (4°27').

The themes are flowing in the right direction for a tragic event involving loss of life, stunning the sensibilities, and with an element of explosiveness or even revolution.

Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

The Liblunar's basic message is revolution: Pluto squares the Midheaven (0°59'). Pluto also is conjunct (0°47' *in mundo*) a more widely foreground Uranus. By the date of the assassination, Pluto had advanced to within 0°14' of exact square to the Midheaven.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar (one day before the event) is dormant. It has no planets in the immediate foreground⁵ in either Washington or Dallas.⁶

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good} & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Mars (26°18' Scorpio) squares the Capsolar Ascendant (1°13').

The CapQ Westpoint conjoins Capsolar Sun, adding the requisite solar element to the mix.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn conjoins the Cansolar Westpoint (0°27'). Transiting Sun squares the Cansolar Ascendant (1°22'). For death of a head of state, this is perfect. The CanQ displayed abundant markers for revolutionary events, a stunned public, and massive news coverage:

t. Mercury	15°31' Scorpio
t. Uranus	15°35' Leo
CanQ Asc	15°43' Scorpio
i. Pluto	16°06' Leo
i. Moon	16°12' Taurus

⁴ The solar ingresses were reasonably good for Dallas. In addition to the Capsolar just mentioned, the Cansolar had Neptune widely square the Ascendant (2°40') and the Libsolar had Mars 0°56' from the IC.

⁵ As a research observation: The recently discovered minor planet Sedna was 0°49' from the Descendant ecliptically and 4°19' *in mundo*. It is not yet known whether Sedna is a valid astrological factor, or, if so, what effect it has.

⁶ It is interesting to examine this chart for other parts of the world to register the impact of Kennedy's assassination elsewhere. Some examples: Neptune set on a line passing through the former French Indochina, passing exactly through Saigon. Saturn was exactly on the Midheaven in Beijing. The Moon exactly rose (and Saturn widely rose) in Moscow. (This discourages me from any theories that propose a USSR involvement in the event.)

Hour: Event Chart

At 12:30 PM, when Lee Harvey Oswald shot President Kennedy, Saturn was 0°18' above the Dallas Ascendant, having risen a minute earlier at 12:29 PM.

Summary

- **Year:** Pluto.
 - **Half-year:** Saturn (Uranus). *Moon-Pluto*.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto. *Uranus-Pluto*.
- **Month:** (*Dormant*.)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars (*transit to Capsolar*). Sun (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn, Sun (*transits to Cansolar*). Uranus, Pluto, Mercury, Moon, *Moon-Mercury-Uranus-Pluto (CanQ)*.
- **Hour:** Saturn.



RICHARD M. NIXON'S RESIGNATION

RESIGNATION: August 9, 1974, 12:00 PM, Washington, DC. (He announced his resignation the previous evening in a televised address.)⁷

Although this was not a death in office, it does show a president, and the presidency, in crisis. Contrasting these charts to those for the earlier examples in this chapter proves illuminating.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Pluto is 0°31' from the IC *in mundo*. Mercury is 1°24' from the Descendant, and in a foreground mundane square to Pluto (1°55'). In Donald Bradley's earlier book on solar and lunar returns, he wrote the following about Mercury-Pluto aspects in such charts:

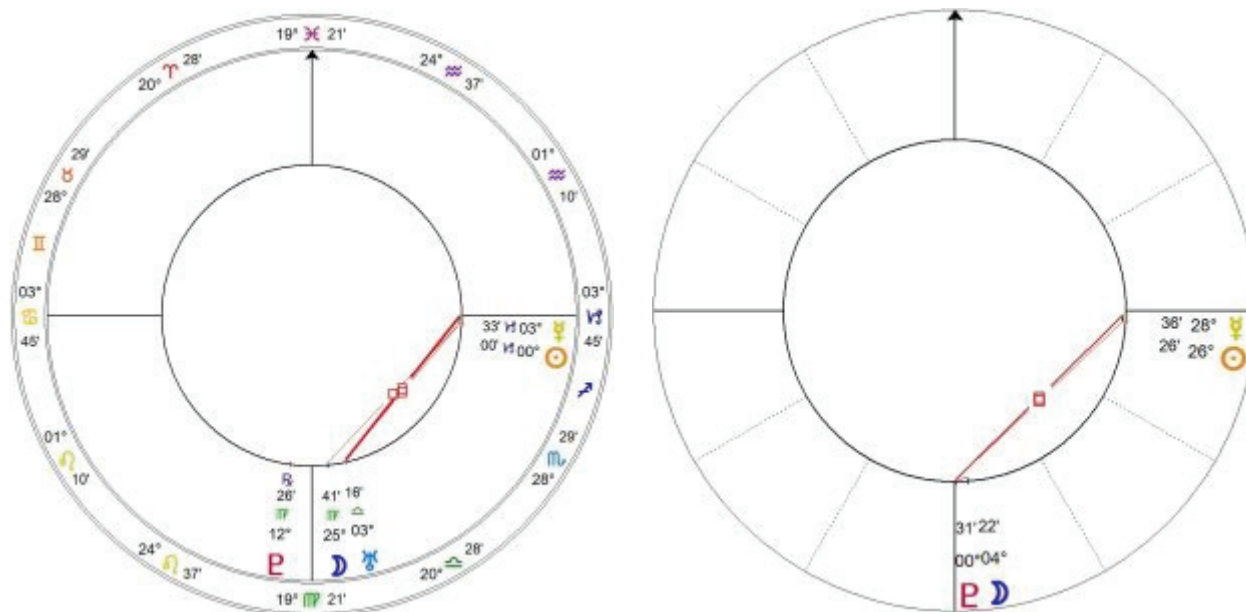
Circumstances cause great nervous tension... may be backed up against the wall of convention or written law, and must "fight his way out" of the predicament. Crises arise which tax his patience, force him to "face the music," and declare openly his stand on matters. Under terrific nervous pressure, he may be forced to sign his name, as with regard to a loyalty-oath... the astrological index of "being given the third degree."

Could any description better fit Nixon's (and the nation's) experience of the first seven months of 1974? I think that it could not. These words describe the congressional pursuit of the Watergate investigation, and Nixon's eventual "face the music" broadcast and public statement.

To round out the picture, notice that the Sun is in the foreground, conjunct Mercury and in mundane square to Pluto within about 4°. This is not just a "face the music" crisis, it is one that involves action centered around a head of state, an aspect of the fall of a monarch. And, if we needed any more emphasis on Pluto's intense connection, observe that it is in mundane conjunction with the Moon – something not evident except in the mundoscope. With Pluto's orb to the

⁷ My memory says this began at 9:00 PM Eastern Time. As I can find no record of the actual time of the broadcast, I am using 9:00 PM as a reasonable estimate.

Sun being $4^{\circ}05'$ on one side, and to the Moon $3^{\circ}51'$ on the other side, the midpoint of Sun/Moon influence is only $0^{\circ}07'$ from conjunct Pluto!



The horoscope of the Capsolar also adds powerful aspect information. Uranus is $0^{\circ}29'$ from square the Ascendant, and $0^{\circ}17'$ from square Mercury. This resembles the Mercury-Pluto aspect, but with a different emphasis: It speaks of discovery and disclosure of truth. Uranus also squares the foreground Sun.

Notice, however, that this Capsolar is distinctive from similar maps for presidential deaths: Though Pluto and Uranus are involved with the foreground Sun for removal, Saturn is absent from the picture. (It was not absent from Nixon's personal charts.)

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Sun's Cancer ingress has several planets (good, bad, and political) in the general vicinity of the angles, but not close enough to anchor our attention. The one exception⁸ is Pluto, planet of final and decisive separations and removals, which is a mere $0^{\circ}34'$ from square the Ascendant and $1^{\circ}17'$ from square Mercury. This repeats the "face the music" Mercury-Pluto symbolism from the Capsolar.

Month: Caplunar

The August 1 Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

Between the time Nixon addressed the nation on August 8, and the time he actually left office on August 9, the Moon entered Aries. The new Arilunar has Neptune square the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}12'$) and Mars on the IC ($0^{\circ}54'$). Mars and Neptune closely square each other ($1^{\circ}07'$).

By this point, the charts have started resembling those of a presidential assassination.

⁸ That is, no other planet is within 3° of the angles and, after Mercury, none is closer than $5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

At the time of Nixon's resignation, transiting Saturn at 18°59' Gemini square the Capsolar Midheaven (0°27' for addressing the nation; 0°22' for the hour his resignation was official and he departed the White House).

The CapQ Midheaven, in the hour when Nixon informed the nation of his resignation, was 14°21' Aries, with ingress Mars at 13°43' Aries. Furthermore, the Capsolar's progressed Moon had reached 2°58' Libra, exactly setting off the pattern of Capsolar Uranus, Mercury, and Ascendant.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto is 0°03' from exact square to the Cansolar Ascendant.

The CanQ Ascendant at the time of actual resignation (noon on August 9) was exactly 0°00' Cancer (using the coordinates of the White House), bringing to the fore a partile square of the 0°00' Cansolar Sun to Cansolar Uranus (29°22' Virgo) and, even closer, transiting Uranus (29°53' Virgo). At the time of Nixon's resignation announcement on August 8, the CanQ Ascendant was 29°30' Gemini, favoring the Uranus contact.

Hour: Event Chart

Richard Nixon's resignation became effective at noon on August 9. Uranus was 0°35' above the Ascendant at the White House, in partile square to Venus. Uranus exactly rose at 11:57 AM.

Summary

- **Year:** Pluto, Mercury, Uranus, Sun. *Mercury-Uranus, Mercury-Pluto (Sun-Pluto, Moon-Pluto).*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto. *Mercury-Pluto.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** Neptune, Mars. *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn *(transit to Capsolar).* Mars, *Moon-Mercury-Uranus (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Pluto *(transit to Cansolar).* Sun, Uranus, *Sun-Uranus (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Uranus.

**RONALD REAGAN SHOOTING**

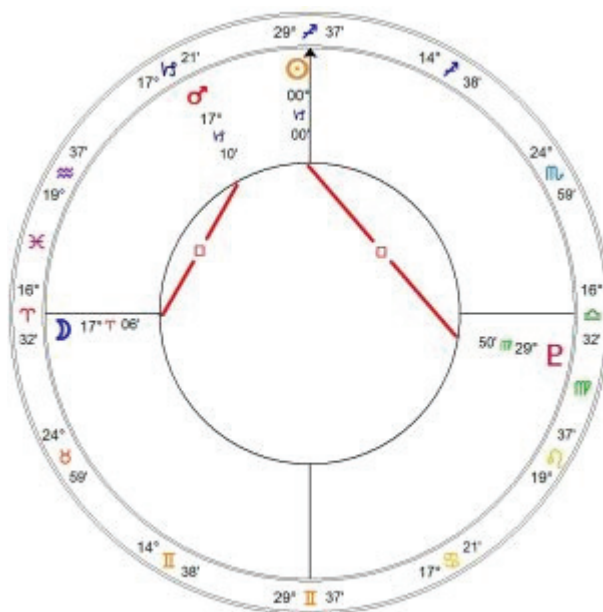
SHOT: March 30, 1981, 2:27 PM, Washington, DC.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

In 1991, the Capsolar occurred at sundial noon in Washington. For what nearly became the eighth death of a U.S. President in office, the Sun is less than a degree from the Midheaven, characteristic of matters centered on the head of state.

Mars squares the Ascendant (0°38'), and the rising Moon (0°04'). The culminating Sun is only 0°10' from square Pluto (which, in turn, is only 0°13' from square the Midheaven). Furthermore, the mundoscope discloses that Pluto also is setting. With the Moon 5°01' below the As-

cendant and Pluto 6°16' above the Descendant, the Capsolar features a foreground 1°15' Moon-Pluto mundane opposition.



Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto remains square the Midheaven (0°45').

In the CapQ, transiting Mars conjoins the Midheaven (0°25'). Allowing our standard 2° orb, the quotidian was busy and complicated, though the ultimate message is simple:

- Mars culminates exactly.
- Two Suns (and the Capsolar's Sun-Pluto square) are on angles.
- Sun and Mars trigger a mix of Jupiter and Saturn.

These match every astrological expectation of a chart for an attempt to assassinate the President of the United States – which failed.

Summary

- **Year:** Sun, Moon, Mars, Pluto. *Sun-Pluto, Moon-Mars, Moon-Pluto.*
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Mars, Sun, Pluto, &c. (*CapQ*).



GANDHI'S MURDER

SHOT: January 30, 1948, 5:12 PM IST, New Delhi, India.

Because they are interesting in their own right, and to contrast *de facto*, natural leaders to the previous examples of elected leaders, I now offer as examples the murders of Gandhi and King, two astonishingly powerful forces of peace.

Gandhi's assassination marked the start of widespread violence across India and profound grief there and around the world.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Potentially affecting all parts of the globe, the 1948 Capsolar had a partile opposition of the Moon and Mars (0°25' applying). Any year where the Capsolar has this sort of aspect, we anticipate singularly newsworthy violence and bloodshed. For New Delhi specifically, a stationary Neptune (daily motion 0'00") squares the Midheaven (orb 0°54'), marking the region as vulnerable to extreme events causing public hysteria and confusion.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

By the time the Capsolar occurred, the region already was primed for violence. The Caplunar, four days earlier, has Mars exactly rising at New Delhi (0°34').

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

Two weeks later, the Moon's Cancer ingress heightened the indications of tragedy. With Neptune angular in the Capsolar and Mars in the Caplunar, the January 25 Canlunar placed Saturn exactly on the Ascendant (0°51').

Angular Neptune, Mars, and Saturn constituted a "malefic grand slam."

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & **Quotidian** {+2 Very Good}

Neptune had moved only 0°04' between the Capsolar and the murder, so the Capsolar had an appropriate transit to its angles: Neptune square the Midheaven within 0°50'.

The Capsolar Quotidian was less obvious. Its strongest factor is one that did not link the event distinctly to India: On the day of an act of violence felt worldwide, the progressed Capsolar Moon had reached 13°12' Aquarius, only 0°06' from opposite Mars, equally exact in all parts of the globe. For New Delhi specifically, transiting Sun was within 1° of square the CapQ Ascendant for this event centered not on a president or earthly monarch but, nonetheless, around a most revered leader of the new, emerging India.

Summary

- **Year:** Neptune. *Moon-Mars*.
- **Month:** Mars.
 - **Week:** Saturn.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Neptune (*transit to Capsolar*). Sun, *Moon-Mars (CapQ)*.



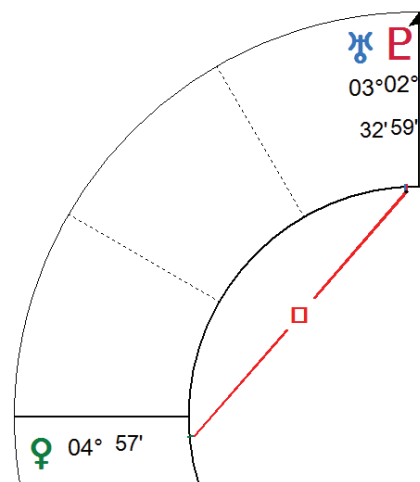
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S MURDER

SHOT: April 4, 1968, 6:01 PM CST, Memphis, TN.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar

For Memphis, the Capsolar is dormant. The prior Cansolar, though, had Neptune $2^{\circ}31'$ from the IC, which at least set the general tone for the aftermath. *{+1 Good}*

For Washington, the Capsolar (shown here) was much more dramatic. Arguably, 1968 was the most difficult, disruptive, violent year in modern American history, and the Capsolar reflected this. Uranus and Pluto are conjunct at the Midheaven (mundane conjunction $0^{\circ}33'$). They connect to Venus (quite appropriate for the multiple foreign and domestic issues and events of the year, including two era-defining assassinations). *{+2 Very Good}*



Month: Caplunar

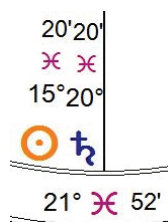
For Memphis, Jupiter is $2^{\circ}08'$ from the Midheaven, Neptune more widely rising.

Although Jupiter-Neptune has been active in maps for the assassinations of other leaders, and also symbolizes powerful ideological forces at play, this does not feel, to me, like a murder map. I am more inclined to think of it as marking the rally the prior day, and King's memorable "I've been to the mountaintop" speech – a nearly archetypal phrase, well-represented by Jupiter in Leo at the Midheaven. *{+1 Good}*

For Washington, the Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Arilunar

For Memphis, the death itself is shown by the Arilunar. Saturn and the Sun are foreground, in wide conjunction, with Saturn $0^{\circ}44'$ from the IC *in mundo*. *{+2 Very Good}*



For Washington, Mars is $2^{\circ}32'$ from the IC. This marks both the assassination (of nationwide impact) and the riots that followed. *{+2 Very Good}*

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Memphis, the CapQ Midheaven exactly squared the Capsolar's partile Mars-Jupiter. Mars, of course, immediately makes sense for a shooting. Mars-Jupiter, though a bit atypical, was an active factor in the shooting of four U.S. Presidents. Most likely ideological (including political) issues are themed in these cases. *{+1 Good}*

Additionally, CapQ Moon at $29^{\circ}27'$ Gemini was in orb of opposition to Capsolar Sun.

For Washington, transiting Uranus is $0^{\circ}04'$ from the Capsolar Midheaven, opposite transiting Mercury ($0^{\circ}08'$) on the Capsolar IC. However, the CapQ has ingress Venus on the Midheaven (unafflicted), which does not appear representative of the event. {-2 *Very Bad*}

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

For Memphis, transiting Jupiter is $1^{\circ}43'$ past the conjunction, and transiting Neptune $1^{\circ}36'$ past the square, to the Cansolar Ascendant. Jupiter and Neptune are only $0^{\circ}07'$ from exact square, an aspect that matured a few days after the shooting. The significance of this aspect appears to be that it marks one of the peak waves of ideological passion to sweep through the civil rights movement. {+2 *Very Good*}

The CanQ was more precisely directed to the shooting, though. Transiting Mars is square the Memphis CanQ Midheaven ($1^{\circ}43'$), with ingress Neptune $0^{\circ}52'$ from the Descendant.

Similarly, **for Washington** the CanQ had ingress Neptune $0^{\circ}07'$ from the Westpoint. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: Event Chart

When King was shot at 6:01 PM, Saturn was conjunct the Sun within $0^{\circ}04'$, near the Descendant and with the Sun only $0^{\circ}30'$ from the Westpoint: “The King is dead.”

Summary (for Memphis)

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Neptune.
- **Month:** Jupiter (Neptune).
 - **Week:** Saturn (Sun). *(Sun-Saturn.)*
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter, Sun-Moon.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Jupiter, Neptune, *Jupiter-Neptune (transit to Cansolar).* Mars, Neptune *(CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Sun, Saturn. *Sun-Saturn.*

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Uranus, Pluto. *Venus-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** Mars.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Uranus, Mercury, *Mercury-Uranus (transit to Capsolar).* Venus, *Sun-Moon (CapQ).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Neptune.



PERSONAL EVENTS vs. WORLD EVENTS

One topic that receives ongoing speculation, observation, and discussion is whether we can expect interconnection between an individual's horoscope and the mundane charts when that individual is the centerpiece of a public event.

Gandhi's natal chart⁹ showed his assassination as a **personal** event. The mundane charts decisively showed characteristic marks of this sort of **mundane (world)** event at the right time and place. Are the two connected?

I conclude that the connection is tenuous at best. However, indications are mixed and complicated. I present the facts for your inspection.

Gandhi's natal Neptune, at 25°30' Pisces, was within 1° of the Capsolar Ascendant. This appears to link his natal Neptune to the public events, although this would not help us in prediction: Numerous events or behaviors were possible from Gandhi that would have expressed his Neptune. It is interesting, though, that **transiting** Neptune also exactly contacted a Capsolar angle. Gandhi's personal experience would have thematically resembled the public's experience.

The Capsolar Moon-Mars opposition, which is so important in timing this event not only for India but for the world, does not aspect anything in Gandhi's natal chart.

None of Gandhi's natal planets is highlighted by the Caplunar. However, the Canlunar has Gandhi's natal Moon rising (27°23' Cancer), his Pluto at the Midheaven (1°00'), and his natal Venus on the IC (0°14'). This may simply be due to Saturn (rising in the Canlunar) aspecting Gandhi's natal T-square of Venus-Mars / Jupiter-Pluto / Moon.

None of Gandhi's planets fell on the Capsolar Quotidian for the day of his murder.

When I check this with other examples in the present category, I find that these events produce substantially the same results. On those few occasions when we find a link between an individual's natal planets and a current lunar ingress or quotidian chart, it appears to be a coincidental link, formed by the concurrent angularity of a descriptive planet on the ingress or Q angles at the same time that the planet (I think separately) is transiting the natal planet.

For example, Nixon had been undergoing a Pluto transit to his Jupiter **and** Pluto was square the Ascendant of the Cansolar a few weeks before his resignation. Therefore, Nixon's Jupiter (aspected by Pluto) was going to be near the Cansolar angles also, much like the situation of Gandhi's Moon and transiting Saturn.

What helps sort this out is the difference between the Quotidians (which require very close – under 2° – contacts to the angles) and the lunar ingresses (which have a more generous tolerance for angularity). It is easy enough to find examples of an individual's natal planets “near the angles” when the rules are looser (as with the Cansolar and Nixon's Jupiter), but one rarely finds this with the tighter-orbed Quotidians. For example, Nixon's resignation was marked by Mars exactly on the IC of the CapQ, but none of Nixon's natal planets is within a degree or two of the angles to suggest that the event is about **him specifically**. The CanQ has a transiting Sun-Uranus square exactly on the angles, but nothing from Nixon's chart close enough to single him out.

The public (the world) had its event – and Nixon had his. The two happened to be the same event, though Nixon's experience of the event was his own.

Nixon's personal Sidereal Lunar Return had Mars exactly setting, squared by Neptune and both assaulting Nixon's rising Venus. He felt betrayed, turned on by friends, eviscerated with regard to something he profoundly loved, and effectively murdered. The Quotidian of Nixon's personal Sidereal Solar Return had Saturn exactly on the Descendant for the day, minutes from conjoining his natal Pluto and opposing his Mars. These **personal** chart factors revealed his personal experience, just as the mundane charts (the Sidereal solar and lunar ingresses) were revelatory of the event unfolding in the world at large. Ingeniously, the two have no particular connection to each other: They are **incidentally** linked.

⁹ October 2, 1869, 2:45 AM LMT, Porbandar, India (21N38, 69E36).

I say “ingeniously” because I think this demonstrates the infinitely clever way that the world actually works – how each of us exists within the larger context of mass circumstance. The key is that each of us lives our own life, unfolds our own story, pursues our own path consistent with our own nature, the circumstances through which we navigate, and the choices we make in that navigation. Concurrently, patterns unfold in mass mind.

Whether we serve as an individual piece in any particular “big picture” chess game is complicated by the inherent complexity and vastness of the universe. The driving force of these decisions, though, rests in choices we each make while telling (enacting) the stories of our own lives.



OVERVIEW OF PRESIDENTIAL CRISES

+Sun +Mars +Saturn +Neptune (+Pluto)

Simplicity marks the pattern for this category of charts. All are marked by the presence and interaction of **the Sun** and **the three malefics, Mars, Saturn, and Neptune**.

Of these 11 events, Sun and Mars each appear in 10 cases, and Saturn and Neptune in nine each. Mars, Saturn, and Neptune appear at many levels of the timing stack, from the annual to the daily. In nearly every case, **all three malefics** are directly involved in the pattern.

Yet, the Sun is fundamental to the signature, in the same way that Mercury is basic to transportation disasters.¹⁰ The Sun can appear at any level, and need only appear one time in an event profile in order to meet the criterion. Even this flitting type of solar presence is relatively unique among categories of events examined.¹¹

Mars is heavily engaged with the solar ingresses in particular. Mars also is active in timing the day; yet, in a way that is unusual in the profiles of event types previously examined (where Mars most often acts as a trigger, a final match tossed into the fuel tank), Mars is consistently present at the *solar ingress* level for presidential deaths. In the examples given here, Mars is

1. in the immediate foreground of a solar ingress in every instance except Harding,
2. implicated in the daily timing in most of them, and
3. only rarely involved at the lunar ingress level.

Saturn clearly distinguishes itself as associated with death: It is present in each of these examples except for Reagan and Nixon – the two who did not die.

Mars-Neptune combinations alone appear in nine of these 11 cases, sufficient to label Mars-Neptune a distinctive part of the signature. **Mars-Jupiter** aspects are not nearly as common, but, appearing in about half the cases (all of them assassinations), may represent a political or other ideological theme that, at worst, is not at odds with assassination attempts.

Pluto lags only a little behind the Sun and three malefics. Pluto played a part in six cases. Among those Presidents who died in office, Pluto distinguished the assassinations (Lincoln, Gar-

¹⁰ Of these 11 events, the only one for which the Sun did not make a foreground appearance was the death of Warren G. Harding, an event that has more than a few astrological “problems.”

¹¹ The only other event category seen thus far is really a sub-category: For bombings, the Sun is involved when the government itself is the real target. This violent strike against the central government of the nation has obvious similarities to assassination attempts aimed at the President.

field, McKinley, and Kennedy, plus the attempt on Reagan). The only other name on the Pluto list is Richard Nixon, for a different type of event.

Aspects were very active in these astrologically rich charts. For example, close **Moon-Mars aspects** were in the Capsolars for Garfield's death, Reagan's shooting, and Gandhi's assassination. **Moon-Pluto aspects** were in one of the solar ingresses for the shooting of Lincoln (Arisolar), Kennedy (Cansolar), and Reagan (Capsolar).

Chapter 17

BRITAIN'S ROYALS

As a further example of socio-political implications of these charts, we can examine a series of diverse major events affecting the British royal family, the House of Windsor, over the last century. The abdication of King Edward VIII, the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, the wedding of Charles and Diana, and Princess Diana's death and funeral provide a range of events with profound emotional importance for much of the world.

All of these events are examined from the geographic perspective of London, as having great general import for the entire nation.

ABDICATION OF KING EDWARD VIII

DATE: December 11, 1936 for the evening radio broadcast¹ of the abdicated king. (Edward had signed the abdication instrument the day before, and had passed through various formalities through the day on the 11th. The radio broadcast was the centerpiece of the public event.)

Year: Capsolar {0 Neutral}

Mars squares the Ascendant (1°26'). That is the only outstanding feature of the chart for London, and does not seem descriptive of the event (or of its contrary).

Interestingly, none of the solar ingresses had anything to offer for this event.

Cansolar & Libsolar

The Cansolar and Libsolar are dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good }

Neptune is conjunct the Midheaven (1°59'), opposite a stationary Saturn 5° from the IC. However, the closest planet to an angle is the Sun, 0°19' above the Ascendant, which places this event in the same category as Richard Nixon's resignation as President and other events centered around a monarch or other head of state.

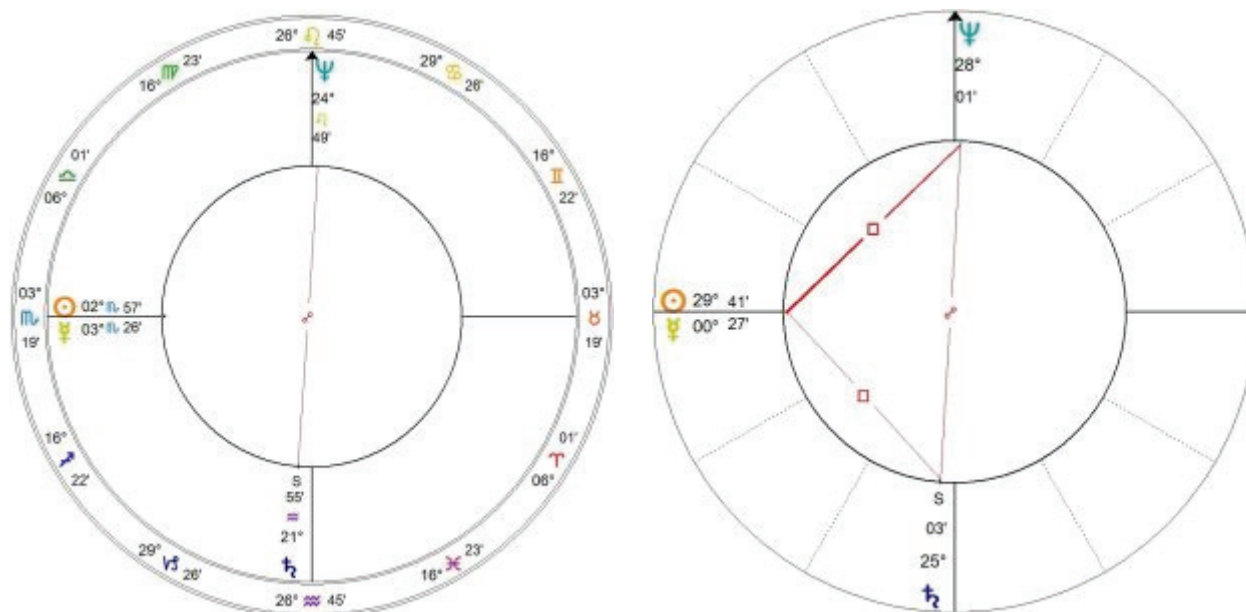
Mercury is 0°27' below the Ascendant. The rising Sun and Mercury characterize one of the most memorable public communications ever from a king.

Nearly a decade before Donald Bradley began researching Sidereal solar and lunar ingress charts, he wrote the defining work on Sidereal solar and lunar returns. In that work, he called a prominent Saturn-Neptune aspect, a "real throne-toppler," remarking that, "Among its paramount keywords is 'removal.'" He said that it "surely takes first prize for forcing resignations,

¹ Even though the speech itself is documented extensively, I have been unable to find a time for the broadcast. I have used 7:00 PM as an estimate in the general range. (This was well into the evening for many, inasmuch as the Sun set that day at 3:45 PM.)

abdications, exiles, deportations, and firings from jobs.” Clearly, that is exactly the interpretation warranted in this Sidereal lunar ingress as well!

Below is the ingress as both horoscope and mundoscope. Note how clearly all the interlocking indications show among the foreground planets in the mundoscope. Important foreground mundane aspects include Sun conjunct Mercury ($0^{\circ}46'$; or $0^{\circ}29'$ ecliptically), Sun square Neptune ($1^{\circ}40'$), Mercury square Neptune ($2^{\circ}26'$), and Neptune opposite Saturn ($3^{\circ}58'$, but a degree closer ecliptically).

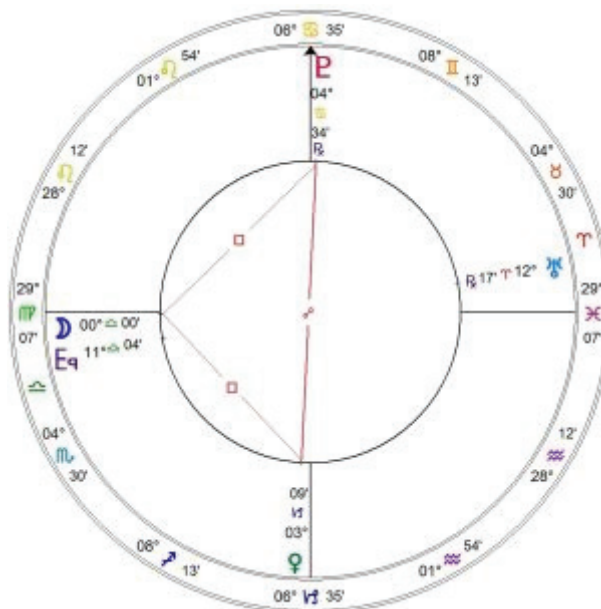


Fortnight: Canlunar

The Canlunar is dormant.

Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good }

The “chart of the week” showed the abdication as well, and from a different perspective. Pluto at the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}37'$ *in mundo*) is a “thrown-toppler” in its own right. Here it interconnects with Venus and a rising Moon, dramatic signs of the most famous “woman I love” speech in modern history. Additionally, Uranus on the Westpoint ($1^{\circ}20'$) reflects the shock and separation surrounding the event.



Notes on daily timing

The abdication was a process, not a single moment in time. I have focused on the time of Prince Edward’s radio speech as the most culturally significant moment. However, he signed the formal instrument of abdication the day prior, which was a day of many legalities in England and in the governments of the Commonwealth nations. Although no planets transits the ingress or

quotidian angles of the Capsolar or Cansolar for the hour of the broadcast, on the four days preceding Uranus was within 2° of the CapQ Descendant.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars.
 - **Half-year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Month:** Sun, Mercury, Neptune (Saturn). *Sun-Mercury-Neptune, Saturn-Neptune.*
 - **Fortnight:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** Pluto, Venus, Moon, Uranus. *Moon-Venus-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Uranus.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S CORONATION

DATE: June 2, 1953, Westminster Abbey ($51^\circ 29' 58''$ N, $0^\circ 07' 39''$ W), with various stages throughout the day. This event was also a technological threshold, because it was the first world-scale event broadcast on television. (It was filmed in black and white for the BBC, in color for posterity, and even filmed with new, experimental 3D technology.)

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Jupiter is exactly on the Eastpoint ($0^\circ 16'$ in RA). Additionally, Venus and Mars, almost in partile conjunction, square the Ascendant.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Similar to the Capsolar: Jupiter was $1^\circ 38'$ from square the Mid-heaven.

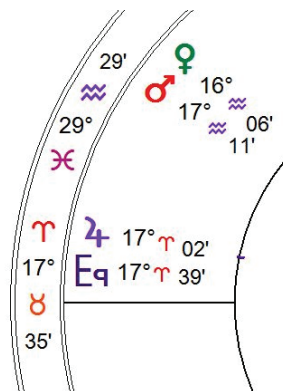
Month: Caplunar {0 Neutral}

Not an impressive chart. Mercury and Mars are rising. Outside of military processions and pageantry, if any Mercury-Mars events occurred in the course of the ceremonies, they occurred outside the public eye. Possibly, though, the Caplunar is not a part of the timing of this event, especially because the solar ingresses (Capsolar and Arisolar) are so actively involved.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good} & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Sun was precisely on the Capsolar Ascendant. For example, at local noon (to pick an arbitrary midday time) the Sun was at $17^\circ 30'$ Taurus, just $0^\circ 05'$ from the Capsolar Ascendant for London. Marks of royalty and dignity abound in these charts.

In the CapQ, although nothing was on the angles, the secondary progression of the Capsolar had a most important indication affecting the whole world. Progressed Moon had reached $21^\circ 14'$ Sagittarius, in partile opposition to Capsolar Uranus. This is strikingly apt for the broadcast and other media technological thresholds first used for this event.



Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

In the CanQ, as in the CapQ, progressed Moon was the star. Nothing conjoined the angles; however, progressed Cansolar Moon at 12°04' Taurus was 0°35' from exact conjunction with transiting Jupiter.

Summary

- **Year:** Jupiter (Venus, Mars). *Venus-Mars.*
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter.
- **Month:** Mercury, Mars.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun (*transit to Capsolar*). *Moon-Uranus (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** *Moon-Jupiter (CanQ).*

**WEDDING OF CHARLES & DIANA**

DATE: The storybook wedding of the century climaxed July 29, 1981, 11:28 AM BST, at St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Regardless of how the marriage endured, the wedding itself was a spectacle in which much of the world participated.

Year: Capsolar

Among several other small themes woven into the 1981 Master Chart of the Year for London, one factor appears repeatedly in the charts following: a partile Jupiter-Saturn conjunction which, in the Capsolar, is foreground and only 0°27' wide.

This aspect, anciently thought to be the joining of the two most distant planets in our solar system, partakes of royalty and other traditional institutions – elements of finance (and business or contractual relationships in general), religion, and good old fashioned politics, all of which comingled in the event.

This aspect is worth mentioning because it will dominate the entire series of charts we are about to examine. However, it is 4½° from the angles and, in fact, no planet is close enough to qualify this ingress as active. The Capsolar is dormant, and we expect it to yield easily to the Cansolar. Before looking at the Cansolar, though, let us digress a bit out of sequence and examine the chart of the month, the Moon's Capricorn ingress.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

What an extraordinary chart for a royal wedding! First, a Sun-Moon opposition (only 0°02' wide) arcs across the horizon, an aspect commonly themed to marital union and a veri-

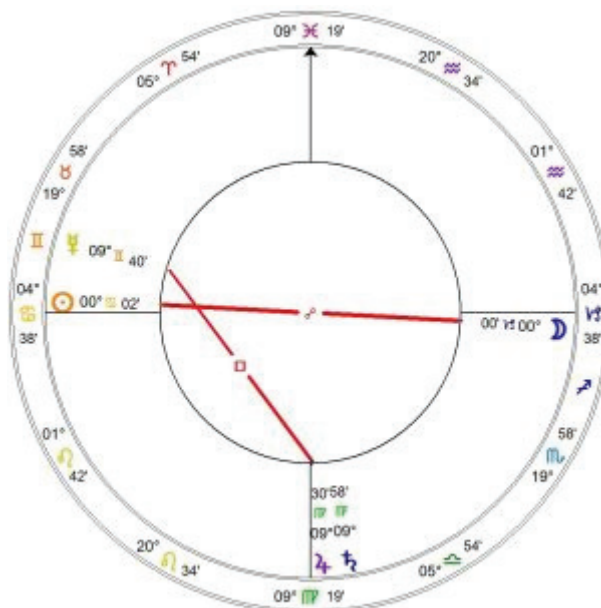
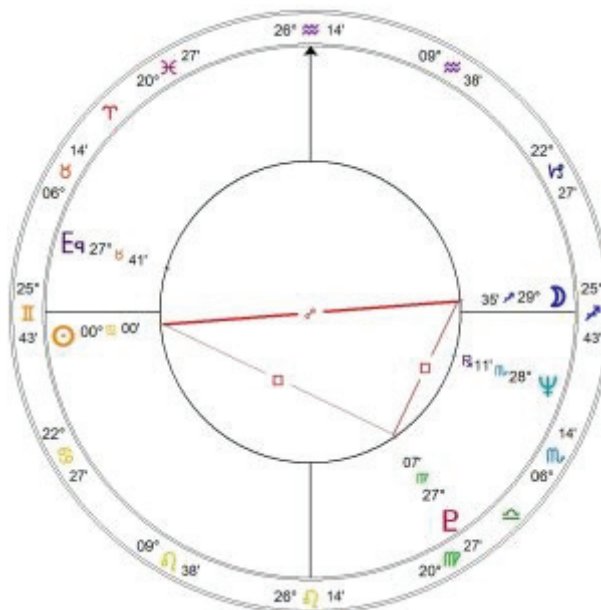


table archetypal representation of a prince taking the hand of a princess. Additionally, the partile Jupiter-Saturn conjunction ($0^{\circ}28'$ wide) is exactly on the IC, a mark of royalty and traditional institutions. The Jupiter-Saturn aspect even squares Mercury (which, therefore, is also exactly square the MC); and, astrological indications of the wedding itself aside, this event was every bit a news media event around the world.

The planets closest to the angles are Jupiter, $1^{\circ}02'$ from the IC, and Mercury $0^{\circ}21'$ from square the Midheaven.

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Notice that the Caplunar has the Sun at $0^{\circ}02'$ Cancer. It is no surprise, therefore, that the Canlunar chart has nearly the same angles, meaning that the Sun-Moon opposition (here $0^{\circ}25'$ wide) still splays across the horizon (though not as close). Jupiter and Saturn are not foreground, and Pluto's square to the Sun-Moon takes on greater importance, as Pluto now squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}24'$). Finally, Neptune is $0^{\circ}37'$ from the Westpoint.



Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

The “chart of the week” keeps the Jupiter-Saturn momentum going: Jupiter is $2^{\circ}21'$, and Saturn $3^{\circ}25'$, above the Descendant. Venus is more widely in the setting foreground.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

As the nuptials were pronounced complete, transiting Sun ($11^{\circ}43'$ Cancer) was only $0^{\circ}21'$ from the Capsolar Ascendant ($11^{\circ}22'$ Cancer).

In the CapQ, ingress Neptune ($29^{\circ}05'$ Scorpio) conjoined the Ascendant ($29^{\circ}36'$ Scorpio). Transiting Neptune was also within 2° of the Ascendant. Besides the usual Neptune indications of “crowd hysteria” (here manifesting as a positive, happy phenomenon for a change), Neptune is also the fairy tale planet presiding over the definitive modern fairy tale wedding. Meanwhile, Mercury, $1^{\circ}00'$ from the CapQ Westpoint, coincides with extensive worldwide press attention.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto and Neptune continued to abide within 2° of square the Cansolar Ascendant and Midheaven, respectively.

Then, in the CanQ, we have the final Jupiter-Saturn seal on the royal wedding. A CanQ Midheaven of $9^{\circ}27'$ Pisces exactly opposed Cansolar Jupiter ($0^{\circ}03'$) and Saturn ($0^{\circ}31'$). Furthermore, progressed (CanQ) Moon is only $0^{\circ}02'$ from opposite the Sun.

Hour: Event Chart

Oh, perhaps that was not the **final** Jupiter-Saturn seal; for the wedding was completed at 11:28 AM with Jupiter and Saturn about 5° above the Ascendant. (They had risen at 11:02 and

10:56, respectively.) However, the exact mark of the wedding's culmination was the Moon's culmination: Being less than a degree from the Midheaven at the climactic moment, the Gemini Moon exactly culminated at 11:31 AM.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** Sun, Moon, Pluto, Neptune. *Sun-Moon-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Sun, Moon, Mercury, Jupiter, Saturn. *Sun-Moon, Mercury-Jupiter-Saturn.*
 - **Week:** Jupiter, Saturn (Venus). *Jupiter-Saturn.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun (*transit to Capsolar*). Neptune, Mercury (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune, Pluto (*transits to Cansolar*). *Jupiter-Saturn, Sun-Moon CanQ*.
- **Hour:** Moon (*Jupiter-Saturn*).



PRINCESS DIANA'S DEATH

Originally, I thought that Diana's funeral (which, like her wedding and Elizabeth's coronation, drew a worldwide audience) would be the more important event astrologically. However, the event more important to the English people, according to Sidereal mundane astrology, was her death on August 31, 1997, 1:50 AM, Paris, France. (The funeral was September 6, London.)

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant.

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

- Mercury rising (0°14').
- Sun conjunct Eastpoint (0°36').
- Neptune square MC (0°39').
- Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus are also foreground, but much more widely.

Though the chart is not spectacular, it begins to highlight some of the right planetary energies. Consulting only planets less than 1° from an angle, we see planets consistent with an event for royalty (Sun), a transportation incident (Mercury), and something sponsoring both extreme mass-emotion and an aura of mystery or cover-up.

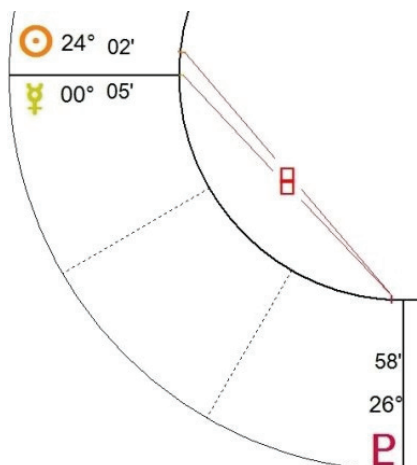
We need a great deal more than this. At least what the chart shows is on the right track.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Canlunar (death) {+2 Very Good}

The lunar ingress that accurately captured the event of death is the Canlunar of August 29. Mercury rises closely (0°05' from the Ascendant *in mundo*), and Pluto is near the IC (3°02').



While the shocking vehicular death is shown by the Mercury-Pluto pair on the angles and their $3^{\circ}07'$ mundane square, Pluto also closely squares ($2^{\circ}56'$) the Sun mundanely.¹ This configuration is symbolically apt for the death of royalty.

In fact, the Sun-Mercury midpoint in the mundoscope is $27^{\circ}04'$, or square Pluto within $0^{\circ}06'$.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian (death) {+2 Very Good}

At Diana's death, transiting Pluto squared the London Capsolar Ascendant within $0^{\circ}36'$, a mark of dramatic impact and separation.

In the Capsolar Quotidian, two clear themes emerge. The first two items below refer to the much-beloved Princess of Wales being foremost in people's minds. The second is a clear note of tragedy.

- Capsolar Venus is $0^{\circ}13'$ from the Midheaven.
- Transiting Venus is $1^{\circ}17'$ from the Descendant.
- Transiting Saturn ($24^{\circ}56'$ Pisces) conjoints the CapQ (*i.e.*, secondary progressed) Moon ($25^{\circ}48'$ Pisces).

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian (death) {+1 Good}

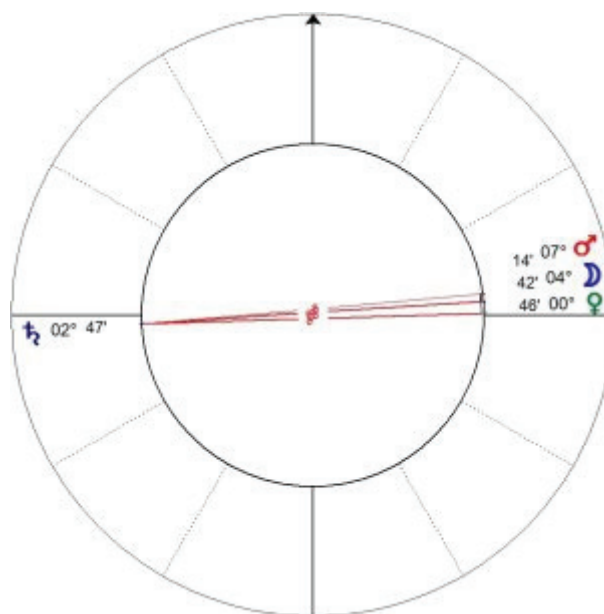
Transiting Neptune squares the Cansolar Midheaven ($0^{\circ}27'$). However, the signals are mixed, since transiting Jupiter is $0^{\circ}47'$ from the Cansolar Descendant.

The CanQ has only the neutral (though thematically accurate) contact of transiting Mercury to the Eastpoint, and Cansolar Moon $0^{\circ}09'$ from square the Ascendant.

Week: Liblunar (funeral) {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar Quotidian for Diana's funeral was unremarkable. Astrological timing of the event came from a remarkable Liblunar, which set up a few hours earlier as the new "chart of the week." As you can see in the mundoscope at right, Saturn is rising in close opposition to an exactly setting Venus (and, to a lesser extent, the Moon). This is a classic chart for the funeral of someone beloved, whether in a personal lunar return or a mundane chart such as this.

Notice the Moon/Venus midpoint at $2^{\circ}44'$, only $0^{\circ}03'$ from opposite Saturn. The focus is on Venus first, then on the Moon and Venus together, and then their connections to Saturn.



¹ For Paris, the Sun is $0^{\circ}17'$ from the Eastpoint.

Day: Capsolar Transits (funeral) {+1 Good}

Transiting Pluto remained within 0°41' of square the Capsolar Ascendant.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian (funeral) {+2 Very Good}

As with the date of death, transiting Neptune squares the Cansolar Midheaven, now by 0°34'. The Cansolar Quotidian has progressed Cansolar Moon in the degree of the IC.

Summary (death)

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** Mercury, Sun, Neptune.
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Week:** Mercury, Pluto, Sun. *Mercury-Pluto, Sun-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Venus (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune, Jupiter (*transit to Cansolar*). Mercury, Moon (*CanQ*).

Summary (funeral)

- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Fortnight:** Mercury, Pluto, Sun. *Mercury-Pluto, Sun-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Venus, Saturn, Moon, Mars. *Moon-Venus-Saturn.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Moon (*CanQ*).

**OVERVIEW OF ROYALTY EVENTS**

These events are highly diverse. All that they have in common is that they affected one particular family. The events themselves run the gamut of the height of joy and celebration to the depths of grief (with a slice of bittersweet in the middle).

One thing they tend to have in common – like other examples affecting heads of state – is that the royal **Sun** is involved, whether for a coronation, abdication, or royal wedding.

The rest is much what we would expect: Jupiter appears only for a coronation and a wedding. Saturn only for a wedding (which was more of a political and business merger) and a funeral. And Venus for everything (except, ironically, the wedding) because the British love their royals.

And Mercury for everything, because, after all, it is all news and worth talking about.

Chapter 18

WARS & PEACE

In 1959, Brigadier R.C. Firebrace wrote and published *Wars in the Sidereal*, the only prior book on Sidereal mundane astrology. As Rupert Gleadow summarized in his Foreword:

The evidence here presented will enable the reader to decide for himself the question: Was it possible to predict the beginning and end of the two wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45 with the techniques now available in the Sidereal Zodiac? This booklet shows that it was – at least that is the conclusion to which most readers will probably come – and the method is made clear, though no actual rules are given in the text. Equally striking evidence in the Tropical Zodiac has yet to be produced...

Firebrace studied the beginning and ending of World War I and World War II for Great Britain, using two sets of methods: (1) Sidereal Solar and Lunar Returns for the natal horoscope for Great Britain, and (2) Sidereal Solar and Lunar ingresses. He used the 1801 map for Great Britain, and his work appears to validate it.

For the present book, I have taken the same events Brig. Firebrace studied as the initial set of events for examining the commencement of war and commencement of peace – from a time when wars had specific beginnings and endings. I have then added further related events.

GREAT BRITAIN ENTERS WW I

1914 Aug 4, London, England

Great Britain entered World War I on August 4, 1914,¹ following the events cascading from the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo on June 28, and Austria-Hungary's declaration of war on Serbia on July 28.

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar for London is dormant. Nonetheless, it may be of interest to note its closest angularities, since these echo in later charts. The foreground planets portray a difficult year marked by surprise and change: Saturn rises (3°32'), and Uranus is 6°46' east of the Midheaven.

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The July 16 Cansolar was not overtly a war map, but did show rapidly changing conditions: The Moon was rising (widely) in Aries, with Uranus square the London Ascendant **within 0°01'** and square the Moon within 1°31'.

¹ There is no specific time of day for this event, so I am using local noon. The exact time of day only affects the quotidian charts, and then only a small amount.

Moon-Uranus, therefore, is the clear theme. Historically, Moon-Uranus aspects have marked sudden, explosive, eruptive, shifting conditions (including numerous surprise attacks). When we see this aspect in personal charts (such as a personal solar return), we expect circumstances to shift with lighting-like suddenness, requiring new learning and new responses. This surely is an apt description of England's entry into World War I.

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

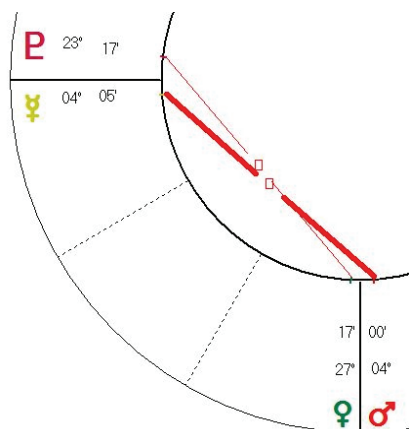
A new Caplunar on August 4 came late to the party. A momentum to war was already in motion, set in play during the prior month's lunar ingresses, which did not expire until midway through August 4. At most, with Jupiter exactly square the Ascendant, the new Caplunar shows enthusiastic nationalism.

However, the prior Caplunar, from July 8, shows building events with an exact (0°43') Mercury-Neptune conjunction rising (the Mercury being only 2°19' above the Ascendant *in mundo*). Uranus was widely foreground.

Fortnight: Canlunar {+1 Good}

The July 22 Canlunar has Pluto square the Midheaven (1°22') and on the Westpoint (1°04').

Week: Liblunar {+2 Very Good}



Then the July 29 Liblunar offered Venus and Mars straddling the IC with a rising Mercury in mundane square to Mars. Pluto is more distantly in the rising foreground. **This Liblunar is the Declaration of War chart**, under which conditions were set in motion that mandated the automatic declaration of war August 4.

Notice that, even though Venus and Mars (peace and war) are comparably distant from the angles in this chart (and Venus a little closer), the mundane aspects are **Mercury square Mars** ("declaration of war") and **Venus square Pluto** ("dramatic change in relationships"). These are exceptionally descriptive of the circumstances of the event.

War began after Germany invaded Belgium to create a path to France. Germany's military mobilization began July 30, one day after the Liblunar occurred. France and Russia immediately declared war on Germany. England issued an ultimatum demanding Germany withdraw. When a deadline expired, a declaration of war came into effect.¹

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Uranus exactly squared the CapQ Ascendant. Uranus was the main trigger planet for this event overall.

¹ It is worthwhile examining this Liblunar for each national capital involved: the meaning of the events were different in each place. **BERLIN:** Neptune is 0°17' from the Ascendant, Pluto 0°37' from the EP. **PARIS:** Mars is 0°27' from the IC. Pluto (widely foreground) is 0°23' from exact mundane square to Venus. **ST. PETERSBURG:** Jupiter is 1°28' above the Descendant, in 0°24' mundane square to the Moon, which is 1°52' west of the IC.

Day: Cansolar Transits {+1 Good}

In parallel to the CapQ indications, transiting Uranus remained in partile (0°42') square to the Cansolar Ascendant.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** Uranus (Moon). *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Mercury (Neptune, Uranus). *Mercury-Neptune.*
 - **Fortnight:** Pluto.
 - **Week:** Venus, Mars, Mercury (Pluto). *Mercury-Mars, Venus-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Uranus.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*).

**ARMISTICE & CEASEFIRE**

1918 November 11, 11:00 AM GMT, London, England

An armistice with Germany, effectively ending World War I, was signed on November 11, 1918, at 5:05 AM in Compiegne, France. It arranged for a ceasefire as of 11:00 AM GMT on that day (“the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”), almost the exact minute of a peaceful Moon-Venus square. Here follow the ingresses and quotidians for London.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

A year of hardship, sacrifice, and loss (England’s last year in WW I) was marked by a 3°12' Moon-Saturn opposition along the meridian. (The Moon is 0°33' from the Midheaven. Saturn is 4°19' from the IC.)

NOTE: For Washington, DC Venus is 0°46' from the Eastpoint (and square Jupiter) for eventual peace. The chart overall showed both the hardship of the final year of war and the arrival of victory: The angles have a nearly exact T-square of Moon 1°55' above the Ascendant, Jupiter 0°16' east of the IC, and Saturn 0°16' above the Descendant. The Jupiter/Saturn average position (midpoint is 0°00' from the angles. The Moon/Saturn midpoint is 0°33' from Jupiter. Additionally, there is a 0°12' mundane Venus-Uranus conjunction in the rising foreground.

Half-year: Cansolar {0 Neutral}

The Cansolar has the Sun 0°34' from the IC.

Quarter: Libsolar

The Libsolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Victory was the mark of the November 9 Caplunar. This was Donald Bradley’s showpiece example for Sidereal lunar ingresses for a positive event because of the way that the Jupiter ris-

ing line spread almost exactly across the Western Front in France, marking a cessation of hostilities. In the illustration below, the line to the right marks where Jupiter was rising at the time of this Caplunar; the line to the left marks Pluto rising. London falls roughly in the middle of those two lines.



In London, Pluto was $0^{\circ}43'$ above the Ascendant and Jupiter $2^{\circ}16'$ below. That is, the Jupiter/Pluto midpoint was $0^{\circ}47'$ from the Ascendant *in mundo*. The meaning is clear: a singular turning point marked by victory.

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} 19^{\circ} \\ \text{II} \\ 26' \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{P} \ 12^{\circ} \text{II} \ 50' \text{R} \\ \text{J} \ 22^{\circ} \text{II} \ 09' \text{R} \end{array} \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{P} \ 29^{\circ} \ 17' \\ \text{J} \ 02^{\circ} \ 16' \end{array} \right)$$

The immediately prior Caplunar is also of great interest. Occurring October 13, 1918, and covering the month during which the Armistice began to be actively negotiated, the chart for London features:

- Venus square the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}56'$).
 - Venus square a widely foreground Pluto ($2^{\circ}16'$).
- Neptune on the Westpoint ($0^{\circ}11'$).
- Jupiter 4° above the Descendant in $1^{\circ}00'$ mundane opposition to the Moon, which is 5° below the Ascendant.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Venus, bringer of peace, squares the Capsolar Midheaven ($0^{\circ}30'$). Transiting Sun is on the Capsolar Westpoint ($1^{\circ}14'$).

As shown in the CapQ, Uranus, which began the war, also ended it: The quotidian Ascendant for the moment the ceasefire became effective was $0^{\circ}41'$ from transiting Uranus.

Furthermore, the progressed Capsolar Moon conjoined Capsolar Venus within $0^{\circ}02'$. This progressed Moon conjunction highlights the planet known for bringing peace. That transiting

Saturn opposed the progressed Moon by $0^{\circ}19'$ is a bittersweet acknowledgement of all who had been lost to death along the way.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Uranus squares the Cansolar Ascendant ($1^{\circ}25'$).

More powerfully, and echoing the CapQ angularity exactly, the CanQ Midheaven at $0^{\circ}07'$ Taurus squares transiting Uranus within a measly $0^{\circ}05'$.

Summary

- **Year:** Moon (Saturn). *Moon-Saturn*.
 - **Half-year:** Sun.
 - **Quarter:** (*Dormant*.)
- **Month:** Pluto, Jupiter. *Jupiter-Pluto*.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Venus, Sun (*transit to Capsolar*). Uranus, *Moon-Venus (CapQ)*.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*). Uranus (*CanQ*).



GREAT BRITAIN ENTERS WORLD WAR II

1939 September 1, London, England

Following Germany's invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939, England declared war on Germany on September 3.¹

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant for London. Nothing is sufficiently angular to focus an event on London specifically. However, the ingress does have one significant feature affecting the whole world: the Moon is conjunct Mars within $1^{\circ}03'$.

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Neptune rises ($2^{\circ}29'$) for the July 17 Cansolar.

Furthermore, a close Moon-Mars pairing also appears: an opposition within $0^{\circ}06'$, with Pluto and Saturn added to the mix within a degree. It is quite a severe chart from lunar aspects alone, and affairs in the world clearly reflected this severity:

Saturn	$6^{\circ}43'$ Aries
Pluto	$6^{\circ}58'$ Cancer
Moon	$7^{\circ}11'$ Cancer
Mars	$7^{\circ}17'$ Capricorn

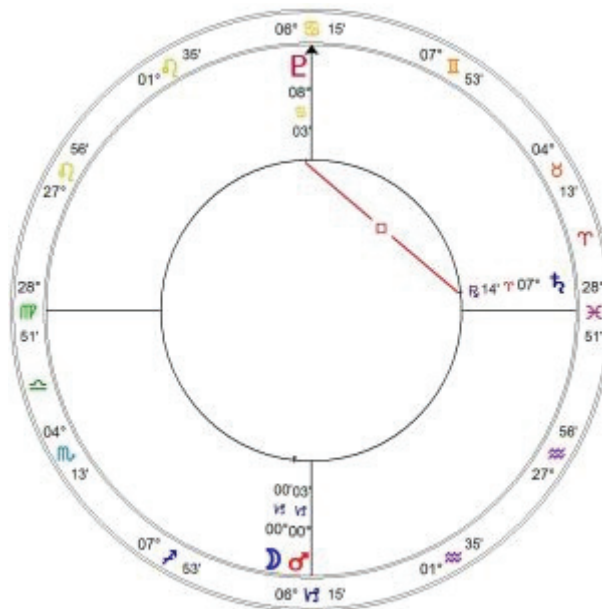
¹ In the absence of an exact time for the declaration of war, I am using BST noon.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Much the same scheme is present in the August 26 Caplunar, though now the critical planets dominate the angles. For the third time, Moon and Mars are in partile major aspect, this time only 0°03' from exact conjunction. Pluto squares Saturn (0°49') closer to the angles.

Week: Arilunar {+2 Very Good}

In the Arilunar, for the fourth time (out of four charts), the Moon and Mars are in partile (0°41') aspect. Mercury square Uranus (1°00') dominates London's angles, with Uranus square the MC (1°00') and Mercury 5° from the IC.

**Day: Capsolar Quotidian** {+1 Good}

Timing was not with Mars as we might have expected. Rather, Uranus again is the instigator.

On September 1, when Hitler invaded Poland, the focus most definitely was on Mars. The London CapQ Midheaven at 28° Capricorn (the exaltation degree of Mars) was exactly square an opposition between transiting Uranus (28° Aries) and Capsolar Mars (28° Libra); but this had moved on, beyond the 2° orb, by September 3.

At noon on September 3, the CapQ Midheaven was 29°57' Capricorn, with transiting Uranus at 28°03' Aries square Mercury at 29°50' Cancer, repeating the pattern of the Arilunar that came into force the same day.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Also on September 3, the CanQ Eastpoint was 8° Libra. Both transiting and Cansolar Saturns were within orb of the Westpoint, bringing the Cansolar's close Moon-Mars-Saturn-Pluto T-Square into active play.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*) *Moon-Mars.*
 - **Quarter:** Neptune. *Moon-Mars-Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Saturn, Pluto, Mars, Moon. *Moon-Mars-Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Uranus (Mercury). *Mercury-Uranus, Moon-Mars.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Mercury, Uranus. *Mercury-Uranus.*
- **Day (CanQ):** Saturn.



VICTORY IN EUROPE

1945 May 7, London, England

April 30, 1945 marked the military defeat of the Third Reich and Hitler's suicide. Victory in Europe was formalized (and subsequently celebrated) on May 7 when the military surrender was signed at Reims, France. (Berlin signed it a day later, on May 8.)

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

The Cansolar, as far back as the previous July, foretold the likelihood that the war would end with England victorious. The Ascendant (6°57' Scorpio) was square Mars (8°49' Leo) and Jupiter (4°09' Leo); this Mars-Jupiter conjunction (with its midpoint at 6°29' Leo, half a degree from exact square to the Ascendant) is the most direct astrological symbolism for a military victory.

Supplementing this is a Moon-Uranus conjunction (0°35') affecting the whole world.

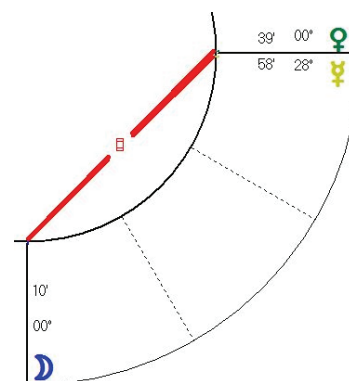
Quarter: Arisolar {+1 Good}

Uranus rose exactly (0°17') in the April 14 Arisolar.² (Notice how Uranus has been a primary feature of the timing charts for both the beginning and end of both World War I and World War II for England.)

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Venus (0°39') and Mercury (1°02') are conjunct on the Descendant of the May 3 Caplunar, marking an **agreement of peace**. The Moon is on the IC (0°10'). Mundane aspects include Moon square Venus (0°29'), Moon square Mercury (1°12'), and Mercury conjunct Venus (1°41'). It does not get much better than this for a peace treaty!

Here is the mundoscope.



Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good}

On May 7, transiting Venus, **stationary direct** at 23° Pisces (the sign of her exaltation) squared the London Capsolar Midheaven, a satisfying contact for the occasion. Venus was the mundane planetary force of the day for England.

This was not a flitting or minor transit, as we might usually expect from one of the fastest planets. Due to her station, Venus was in about the same degree, squaring the London Capsolar Midheaven, from just before the fall of Berlin through the signing of the surrender.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Similarly, the CanQ Midheaven was 23° Gemini, so it caught the square of that same exalted, stationary Venus. Of all the days that Venus was in partile orb of squaring the Capsolar Midheaven, this was the one day she also squared the Cansolar Quotidian MC.

² Ecliptically, Pluto looked like it was within 2° of the IC, but mundanely it was much further away. The exact convergence of Uranus and Pluto on the angles occurred near Paris.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter, Moon-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Uranus.
- **Month:** Moon, Venus, Mercury. *Moon-Mercury-Venus.*
- **Day (Capsolar transit):** Venus.
- **Day (CanQ):** Venus.



VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC

1945 August 15, London, England

Japan surrendered to the allies in the afternoon of August 15, 1945. England celebrates this day as VJ Day.³

The Capsolar is the same as for Victory in Europe. I shall begin, therefore, with the solar ingress that reflected the quarter of the year.

Year: Capsolar

The Capsolar is dormant.

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The July 16 Cansolar indicates victory in a very straightforward fashion: Jupiter is mundanely 0°37' from the Descendant.

This token of victory is accompanied by secondary indications of mass excitement – Neptune less than 4° from the angle – and an indication of a turning point – Pluto 7½° below the horizon. However, the one loud, clear message is Jupiter about half a degree from an angle. Here is the Cansolar mundoscope.

44'	03°	♄
37'	00°	♃
36'	22°	♅

Lunar Ingresses

The Caplunar, Canlunar, and Liblunar are all dormant for London. The primary timing of the entire period is from the victory-blaring Cansolar.

Day: Capsolar Transits {-2 Very Bad} & Quotidian {0 Neutral}

Transits to the Capsolar did not give a victory message, though: Saturn (25°20' Gemini) was a little more than 1° from the Capsolar IC.

Nor did the Capsolar Quotidian resolve this any better: Its symbolism was neutral, with progressed Capsolar Moon (11°47' Capricorn) square the CapQ Ascendant (11°09' Libra).

³ In contrast, the formal surrender was signed September 2, the date that the United States celebrates as VJ Day.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

This time, the Cansolar served us much better. Its 4°05' Sagittarius Midheaven exactly squared transiting Jupiter at 4°05' Virgo.⁴

Also interesting was the Cansolar Quotidian. Its 1° Taurus Ascendant was conjunct Cansolar Mars (1°33' Taurus). Its 1° Cancer IC was within a degree of the Cansolar Sun. Natal Mars and Sun on the angles in a personal chart would suggest strength and a showing of virility and assertion. In an ingress, we interpret the “natal” (or ingress) positions similarly placed much the same way. This is an aspect of military strength and imperial pride.

Summary

- **Year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn (*transit to Capsolar*). Moon (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Jupiter (*transit to Cansolar*). Sun, Mars, *Sun-Mars (CanQ)*.



PEARL HARBOR

1941 Dec 7, 7:48 AM HST, Pearl Harbor Naval Station, HI 21N21, 157W56

Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor Naval Station, christened “a date which will live in infamy,” was the immediate trigger that launched America's entry into World War II. A majority of Americans were aligned with remaining out of the war, and this sentiment changed overnight. Washington declared war on Japan came the following day.

American deaths totaled about 2,400, with another 1,200 wounded. In contrast, only 64 Japanese soldiers died. The attack sunk six American ships, damaged 13 others, and destroyed nearly 200 planes. All this occurred within an hour and a half.

The attack had distinctive significance in at least three locations: Pearl Harbor itself, Washington, and Tokyo.

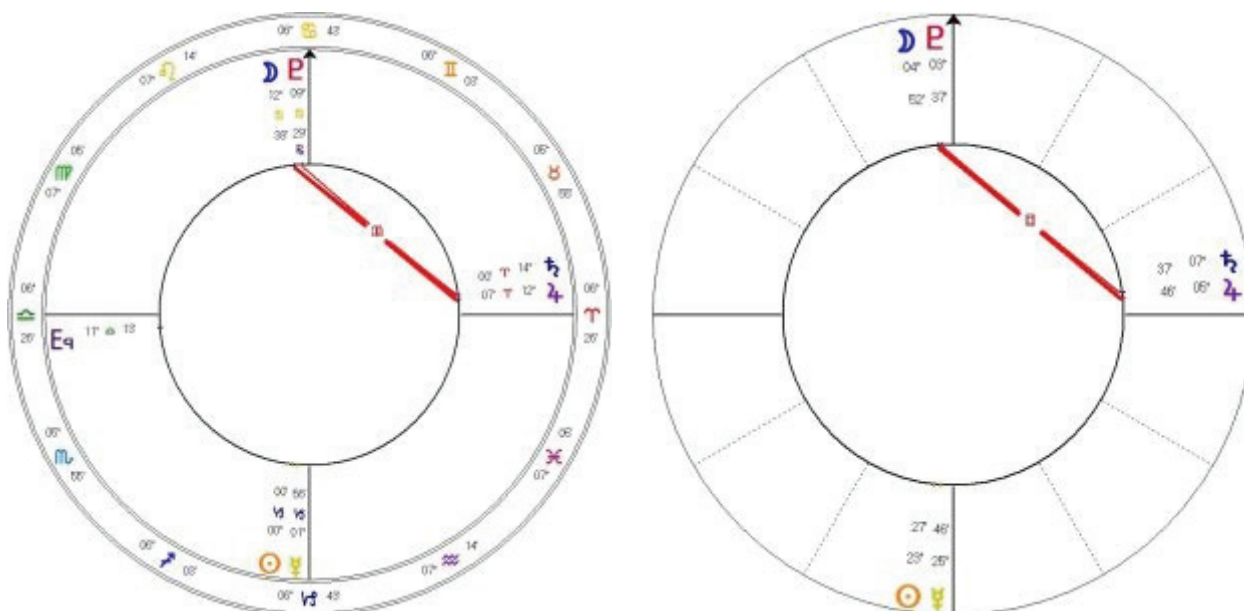
Year: Capsolar (Pearl Harbor) {+1 Good}

Pluto crested the 1941 Capsolar for Pearl Harbor, with Jupiter on the Westpoint. The very busy chart comes into clearer focus when viewed as a mundoscope, disclosing:

- Pluto (3°37') and Moon (4°52') on the MC.
 - Moon-Pluto mundane conjunction (1°15').
- Jupiter on the Westpoint (1°15' in RA) and Descendant (5°46').
- Saturn setting (7°37').
- Other mundane aspects among these four planets include:
 - Moon square Jupiter 0°54'
 - Jupiter conjunct Saturn 1°51'

⁴ This was Jupiter's longitude at noon, which is used here as a representative time. It may have been a few minutes away from the exact square.

- Jupiter square Pluto 2°09'
- Moon square Saturn 2°45'
- Saturn square Pluto 4°00'
- Sun (6°33') and Mercury (4°14') on the IC
 - Sun conjunct Mercury *in mundo* (2°19').



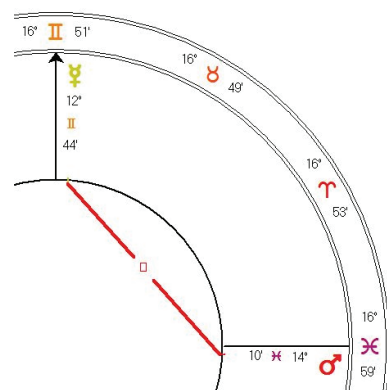
Moon-Pluto aspects, especially in the foreground, are characteristic of events that stun the senses, halting the mind with their intensity. The practical focus of this chart, though, is in the Jupiter-Pluto square. Often a Moon-Jupiter-Pluto aspect such as this would be an omen of extreme prosperity, an invitation (for example) to speculate in a way that would completely reinvent one's life. That "stunning change of fortune" can go the other way, of course, though normally it is extremely positive. This cannot reasonably be interpreted as the chart of a battle we lost, even at the start of a war that eventually we won. The aspect smacks, instead, of imperialism and an assault against our standing and power, even an effort to overthrow our authority. Jupiter-Pluto cries out for what today has come to be called regime change.

Clearly, something major was in store for Hawaii in 1941. Although the Capsolar usually will not catch all the fine points (having an entire year to represent), it does point us broadly in the right direction.

Half-year: Cansolar (Pearl Harbor) {+2 Very Good}

Nearly as powerful as the Capsolar, the Cansolar especially characterizes the last half of the Sidereal year. For 1941, its message is simple and stark: Mars is setting (2°43' *in mundo*) in close (1°26') square to Mercury, which is 4½° off the Midheaven.

Mars shows the military assault. As we shall see in other attack maps, Mercury especially shows an air assault.



Quarter: Libsolar (Pearl Harbor)

The Libsolar is dormant.

Month: Caplunar (Pearl Harbor) {-2 Very Bad}

The November 22 Caplunar does not appear to participate in this event. In fact, it appears to carry the opposite message: Venus and the Moon rise together, Venus being less than half a degree above the horizon and the Moon a degree and a half below. This is still a map of a peaceful time, not a map of war.

Week: Canlunar (Pearl Harbor) {+1 Good}

The “chart of the week” set up just before midnight on December 6, the night before. It says little: Only Mercury is closely foreground, being a mere 0°04' from the IC. This is accurate and repeats part of the message of the Cansolar, but does nothing to show the scope of the event.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian (Pearl Harbor) {+2 Very Good}

Capsolar Neptune conjoins the CapQ Ascendant (1°02') for the time of the attack. Neptune accurately described the madness and confusion (and massive, thick smoke) of the day.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian (Pearl Harbor) {+2 Very Good}

Even the CanQ had its say for this event:

i. Saturn	2°03' Taurus
CanQ Asc	2°43' Aquarius
t. Uranus	3°43' Taurus

Notice that the Saturn/Uranus midpoint is 2°53' Taurus, only 0°10' from the CanQ angle.

Also, for the third time, we find Mercury on an angle, 1°36' from the CanQ Midheaven.

Finally, progressed Cansolar Moon at 10°50' Aries squares Cansolar Pluto (1°08' separating) and transiting Pluto (0°49' applying). That places is within 0°10' of exactly hitting their midpoint at 10°40' Cancer, the point in its strongest relationship to both Plutos at the same time.

Hour: Event Chart (Pearl Harbor)

Mars was 1½° from the IC at 7:48 AM when the attack began. It crossed the IC at 7:54 AM.

Summary

- **Year:** Jupiter (Moon, Mercury, Pluto). *Moon-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter, Moon-Saturn, Saturn-Pluto, Jupiter-Saturn, Sun-Mercury.*
 - **Half-year:** Mars, Mercury. *Mercury-Mars.*
 - **Quarter:** (Dormant.)
- **Month:** Moon, Venus. [*Not yet showing the event.*]
 - **Week:** Mercury.
- **Day (CapQ):** Neptune.
- **Day (CanQ):** Saturn, Uranus, Mercury. *Moon-Pluto, Saturn-Uranus.*
- **Hour:** Mars.



Year: Capsolar (Washington) {+2 Very Good}

For Washington, DC, these charts partly give the same message as for Pearl Harbor, and partly give a different message.

For example, the Capsolar is a very different chart, marked by a rising Venus 2° from the Ascendant. Additionally, the Sun and Mercury square the Midheaven. For most of 1941, a national debate centered on whether or not to enter the war, and those in favor of peace – of remaining out of the war – were in the majority. Pearl Harbor changed all of that, but the Venus-dominated Capsolar correctly represents most of the year.

Half-year: Cansolar (Washington)

The Cansolar is dormant for Washington.

Quarter: Libsolar (Washington) {0 Neutral}

The Sun conjoins the Midheaven (1°20') for Washington, unaspected. It is unclear whether this refers to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Normally an angular Sun such as this indicates matters affecting the President or other central governing authority, and implies great strength and visibility wielded by that authority. The Sun takes no part *per se* in the astrological signature for the beginning of war, rarely making any appearance at all in ingresses for these events. I think one cannot even read this as the great authority of Pres. Roosevelt since, despite his eloquent leadership, the event carried its own momentum.

Month: Caplunar (Washington) {+1 Good}

Pluto squares the Caplunar Ascendant within 1°32', suggesting a high-impact event. Nothing else is in the immediate foreground.

The Moon, Mercury, and Venus are more widely foreground. The one close aspect to come out of this is the Moon-Mercury mundane square within 0°53'.

Week: Canlunar (Washington) {+2 Very Good}

In the “chart of the week” Canlunar,

- Saturn squares the Midheaven (0°08').
- Uranus is on the Westpoint (0°32').

A bad week is shown, themed by loss of life or property and by things sudden and explosive.

Day: CapQ {+1 Good} & CanQ (Washington) {+2 Very Good}

With the Quotidian timing for the actual day, we encounter the Jupiter problem I mentioned previously.

At the time of the attack, a Sun opposed Jupiter (1°15') in the heavens. Mars trined the Sun (0°17') and sextiled Jupiter (0°58'). This Sun-Jupiter aspect dominated the quotidian charts of **both** the Capsolar and Cansolar for Washington, DC, plus the “natal” Cansolar horizon:

Cansolar Asc	20°28' Scorpio
t. Sun	21°20' Scorpio
CanQ Asc	21°48' Taurus
CapQ MC	22°12' Leo
t. Jupiter	22°35' Taurus

Especially with the added input of Mars, many things about this configuration appear to mark December 7 for the nation as a whole. We hear of the country rallying at once, with fervor and passionate commitment. Sun-Jupiter, fuelled and focused by Mars, certainly matches the national story that we tell others and ourselves about that dark hour and the rising of the American heroic ideal at its best.

Nor was this the whole story. A wider range of emotions swept through the nation's collective soul on that day. The other extreme is reflected by the CanQ Eastpoint having ingress Saturn on one side (0°38'), and transiting Uranus on the other side (0°38'), reiterating the Canlunar's clear message.

As in Hawaii (and the rest of the world), the CanQ has the matured Moon-Pluto squares.

It seems clear from history that powerful factions in Washington considered December 7 their lucky day, providing all the motivation they needed to move the nation into active participation in World War II. Whether this justifies what, for all intents and purposes, is a configuration of heroic triumph, victory, and celebration, on a day or military defeat is a question I personally am unable to answer.

Summary

- **Year:** Venus, Sun, Mercury.
 - **Half-year:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Quarter:** Sun.
- **Month:** Pluto. *Moon-Mercury &c.*
 - **Week:** Saturn, Uranus.
- **Day (CapQ):** Sun, Jupiter.
- **Day (CanQ):** Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus. *Moon-Pluto, Saturn-Uranus.*



Year: Capsolar (Tokyo) {+2 Very Good}

And how did this all look from the point of view of the invading nation; that is, from the perspective of Tokyo?

The Capsolar is straightforward. For a year when Japan was already at war, and in which it planned and executed an attack on a United States territory, the 1941 Capsolar features Mars square the Ascendant (1°53').

Half-year: Cansolar (Tokyo) {+1 Good}

Venus rises (1°23'). Pluto is on the Eastpoint (2°24') and square the Moon (an aspect affecting the whole world, but focused more on Tokyo due to Pluto's angularity). The Venus angularity by itself seems absurdly peaceful in the face of Japan's behavior during that six-month period, though the addition of Pluto shows abrupt shifts and separations.

If Venus and Pluto actually were in aspect, this would be an excellent indication of war. I am less comfortable calling this a “hit” when each is angular alone. This seems to me more of a peace map than a war map.⁵ However, in any case, it certainly shows a time of decisive change and reorientation involving matters of relationship.

Quarter: Libsolar (Tokyo) {+2 Very Good}

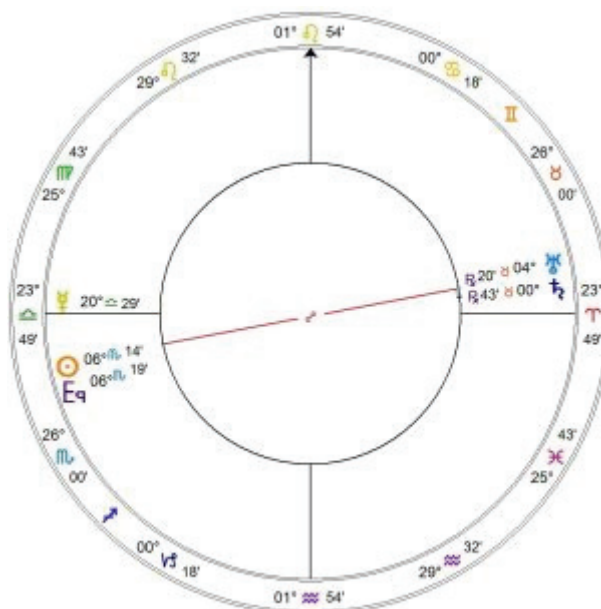
The Libsolar is much more interesting for Tokyo than it was for the United States.

- Uranus (2°18') and Saturn (4°14') conjoin the MC.
 - Saturn conjoins Uranus (1°56' *in mundo*). (The ecliptical orb is slightly larger.)
- Venus is 5°29' from the IC.
 - The Venus/Saturn midpoint is 0°38' from the angle.

Month: Caplunar (Tokyo) {+2 Very Good}

Saturn-Uranus is prominent once more in the Caplunar, although the Sun is stronger. This is an impressive chart with regard to imperial will, endurance, and resourcefulness, willing to go the long haul (all Sun-driven Saturn-Uranus traits). Observe:

- Sun conjoins the Eastpoint (0°06').
- Saturn squares the Midheaven (0°49').
- Uranus conjoins the Westpoint (2°01').
 - Sun opposes Uranus (1°54').
 - Saturn conjoins Uranus (3°37').
- Mercury rises (3°57').



Week: Canlunar (Tokyo)

The Canlunar is dormant for Tokyo.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian (Tokyo) {+2 Very Good}

At the time of the attack, Mercury was still within 2° of the Tokyo Capsolar IC, and within a degree of conjunct Capsolar Mars. (Mercury was much closer to the angle for the attack.)

However, the CapQ speaks louder:

- Transiting Pluto conjoins the Ascendant (0°16').
- Ingress Jupiter squares the Ascendant (0°12' on the other side).
 - The Jupiter and Pluto contacts to the angle average a 0°02' orb. Transiting Pluto squares Capsolar Jupiter within 0°28'.
- Capsolar and CapQ Sun and Mercury are variously square the Midheaven and on the Westpoint with less than a 2° orb.

⁵ I am unclear what the cultural consensus was in Japan at the time concerning further war. I suspect it was a complex matter. I would appreciate any of my readers enlightening me on this point.

Altogether, these speak of a decisive, impactful, “no looking back” event (Pluto), imperial in nature, with elements of intention, planning, and execution. Jupiter-Pluto could produce potentially opposite results – it only shows decisive, impactful, paradigm redefining events in Jupiter categories of experience, and could be either a “king maker” or a “king breaker,” for example – and, in this case, seems to show critical decisions displaying Japan’s confidence and strength, and its victory in this battle.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidians (Tokyo) {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto had advanced to within $0^{\circ}14'$ of conjunct the Tokyo Cansolar Eastpoint (as measured in Right Ascension).

However, the CanQ is the amazing timing chart. Not only does it show the victory and exaltation of a Sun-Jupiter opposition across the horizon (and Neptune on the Midheaven for one of the more successful sneak attacks in history), it also ties into matters in the United States impeccably – because the $21^{\circ}29'$ Scorpio Ascendant is exactly opposite (to the degree) the CanQ Ascendant for Washington.

As already mentioned for the other two locations, the CanQ Moon at $10^{\circ}50'$ Aries squares both Cansolar and transiting Pluto.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars.
 - **Half-year:** Venus, Pluto.
 - **Quarter:** Uranus (Saturn, Venus). *Saturn-Uranus, Venus-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Sun, Saturn, Uranus (Mercury). *Sun-Uranus, Saturn-Uranus.*
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mercury, *Mercury-Mars (transits to Capsolar).* Jupiter, Pluto, Sun, Mercury, *Jupiter-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Pluto (*transit to Cansolar*). Sun, Jupiter, Neptune, *Moon-Pluto (CanQ).*



HIROSHIMA

1945 Aug 6, 8:16:17 AM JST, Hiroshima, Japan

A single weapon, used only twice by one nation against another, so stunned, sobered, and even frightened the world that the world’s nations sought never to see it used again. A dance of diplomacy called the Cold War lasted four decades.

All of this began when the United States detonated an atomic bomb a third of a mile above Hiroshima, Japan, instantly slaying about 80,000 people and levelling everything within a one-mile radius. Three days later, the second and last use of the weapon was against Nagasaki, and nearly the same number died.

As we have seen in many examples, national-level events commonly show best for the nation’s capital. In this present example, the difference is remarkable: The event shows best for Tokyo, not for the longitude and latitude of the devastated city of Hiroshima.

Year: Capsolar

For Tokyo,

- Uranus culminates ($1^{\circ}42'$).
- Venus sets ($3^{\circ}29'$).
 - Uranus squares Venus ($0^{\circ}16'$).

Uranus, less than 2° from the Midheaven, is distinctly representative of this event. Secondly, the Venus-Uranus aspect, which appear in maps both for declarations of war and resolutions that bring peace, anticipated the change-of-relationship status that would come about with the end of the war. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, DC, the Capsolar is dormant. No planets were closer to the angles than about 4° , so the chart, at most, shows prevailing background conditions rather than pinpointing new events.

Nonetheless, the chart is worthy of study for portraying the horrible toll on the world in general in that year. For all parts of the globe, we find:

Saturn	$12^{\circ}01'$ Gemini
Neptune	$12^{\circ}27'$ Virgo
Mars	$12^{\circ}31'$ Sagittarius

These planets and their aspects symbolically portray the worst atrocities of humanity and inhumanity alike. However, for our present purposes – examining one specific event – we pass by the chart and move on to its mid-summer successor.

Quarter: Cansolar

The July 17 Cansolar **for Tokyo** is powerfully descriptive.

- Mars squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}20'$).
- Mercury squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}21'$).

To make clearer the precision of this chart: Both the Ascendant/Midheaven midpoint and the Mercury/Mars midpoint are $13^{\circ}45'$ Gemini. That is, the respective orbs of these two planets averaged to 0. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, covering the quarter of the year in which Japan surrendered, ending the long and costly war with an Allied victory, the Cansolar has as its only closely angular planet Jupiter, $1^{\circ}20'$ from square the Ascendant. This is an unequivocal indication of victory. {+2 *Very Good*}

Month: Caplunar (Tokyo)

For Tokyo, this chart seems counter-indicative. The two planets close to an angle are Jupiter, $1^{\circ}24'$ below the Descendant, and Neptune $3^{\circ}56'$ above the Descendant. While Neptune fits, Neptune with Jupiter does not fit: it is the wrong kind of hysteria; and, furthermore, Jupiter is stronger. One might argue that Japan was looking for a way out of the war and was handed one, but

surely no one believes that they welcomed this at the enormous cost of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.⁶ {-1 Bad}

For Washington, reminiscent of the Cansolar for Tokyo, the Caplunar has:

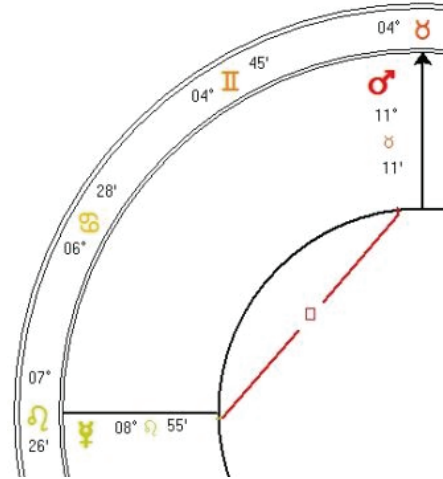
- Mars square the Ascendant (0°59').
- Mercury rising (1°11').
 - Mars square Mercury (1°35'). {+2 Very Good}

Week: Arilunar (Tokyo)

For Tokyo, the Arilunar, the “chart of the week,” snapped the expected symbolism into play. It resembles the Cansolar and the Washington Caplunar. {+2 Very Good}

- Mars conjoins the Midheaven (0°14').
- Mercury conjoins the Eastpoint (0°50' in RA).
 - Mercury squares Mars (2°16').

For Washington, Neptune squares the Ascendant 1°15'. Although it was not necessary for the Arilunar to add anything further, this indication of uncertainty and strong mass reaction is hardly inappropriate. (The Moon is also 3° from the IC.) {+1 Good}



Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Tokyo, transiting Mars is 2°01' from the Capsolar Midheaven, 0°21' from conjunct the culminating Capsolar Uranus, and 0°37' from square the Capsolar Venus. {+1 Good}

However, in the CapQ, Capsolar Mercury is 0°20' from the MC and transiting Venus 0°27' from square to the Ascendant. These are the aspects of a petition for peace, which did not occur on this particular day (unless one counts the **ongoing** behind the scenes efforts by the Japanese to arrange for a favorable surrender through the Soviet Union). Although I believe the Hiroshima event did set in motion stronger efforts within Japan to bring about peace, absent a strong record of those efforts we need to score this chart as a miss. {-1 Bad}

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

For Tokyo, transiting Mars is 0°06' from the CanQ Midheaven and 0°29' from conjunct Cansolar Venus (which is 0°23' from the MC). It substantially duplicates Mars' transits to the Capsolar except for the Uranus involvement.

Hour: Event Chart

At the exact time the bomb dropped, Uranus at 22°31' Taurus was 0°19' *in mundo* from the Midheaven over Hiroshima. Other aspects make this chart a worthy study, including the 0°12' Moon-Saturn conjunction.

⁶ The angular Jupiter was 0°29' from semi-square Pluto. Although I am not adding the complexity of the 45° aspect series while presenting these charts, I do consider it an effective aspect, which may be of interest to researchers and does put a different spin on the tone of this chart.

Summary for Tokyo

- **Year:** Uranus (Venus). *Venus-Uranus*.
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Mercury. *Mercury-Mars*.
- **Month:** Jupiter (Neptune). [*Contrary to event?*]
 - **Week:** Mercury, Mars. *Mercury-Mars*.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, *Mars-Uranus*, *Mars-Venus* (transits to *Capsolar*). Mercury, Venus, *Mercury-Venus* (*CapQ*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, *Mars-Venus*.
- **Hour:** Uranus.

Summary for Washington

- **Year:** (*Dormant*.)
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter.
- **Month:** Mercury, Mars. *Mercury-Mars*.
 - **Week:** Neptune (Moon).



OVERVIEW OF WARS & PEACE

WAR: +Mars +Mercury +Saturn (+Uranus +Pluto) –Venus (*if unafflicted*) –Neptune.

+Mercury-Mars +Venus-Mars +Venus-Pluto +Moon-Saturn.

PEACE: +Venus +Jupiter –Mars –Saturn -Neptune. +Moon-Venus (+Uranus).

These charts reinforce some of the most ancient of astrological ideas: that Mars makes war, Venus brings peace, and Jupiter delivers victory. They also have new things to teach us.

Mars and **Mercury** are the most active planets for declarations or acts of war. Similarly, **Mercury-Mars aspects** mark every inauguration of hostilities studied, and none of the peace actions. Mars is no surprise, of course, though Mercury may be less evident to some readers. Besides the mechanics of war “declarations,” and the easily shown relationship of Mercury to attacks made by air (at Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima, the 9/11 attacks, and the Bay of Pigs invasion, for example), there are ancient associations of Mercury with bravery and youth. Military undertakings also require planning, strategy, and logistics for deployment. On reflection, it is unclear how one could wage war without the resources and means of Mercury.

Thus, Mercury dominated the Caplunars of Tokyo for the bombing of Pearl Harbor and Washington for the bombing of Hiroshima: the location of the planner and attackers. Yet it also marked the daily charts for the attacked sites.

Mars, abundantly present for war, is essentially absent for peace except where the peace is won by (say) a final, decisive combat. In contrast, **Venus** is rarely strong at the beginning of wars (unless it is strong and afflicted), and is abundantly present (by angularity and Moon-Venus aspects) for the dawn of peace.

Venus aspects to Mars in particular, and less frequently to Pluto or Saturn, coincide with the start of war. Aspecting Uranus and Pluto, Venus signifies substantial changes (of diverse kinds) in the relationships between nations.

Jupiter primarily shows for significant victories. This is not invariable – or the matter is complicated by other, concurrent factors – but, for the most part, Jupiter in the domain of war signifies victory in a battle or the war.¹ Jupiter also was involved in every peace event examined: the 1918 Armistice, VE Day, and (especially) VJ Day.

Saturn was active (by angularity and Moon-Saturn aspects) in all of the war-initiating events (likely as a promise of death, hardship, and sacrifice). In contrast, Saturn was essentially absent for peace. Also, for maps for the start of war, there was plenty of activity from **Uranus** and (for daily and other short-term charts) **Pluto**.

In contrast, for the events studied, **Neptune** is not a significant part of the formula for the start of wars. I suspect this is because the cultural pattern of going to war during the WW I and WW II eras did not dwell on uncertainty and anxiety, but quickly committed to decisive certainty. Also, Neptune was substantially absent for the peace maps studied.

¹ One must always keep in mind the legend of an ancient oracle who advised a king that, if the king invaded a neighboring land, there would be a great victory. He forgot to say that it would be for the invaded country.

Chapter 19

OTHER WARLIKE ACTIONS

BAY OF PIGS INVASION

1961 April 17, 1:00 AM EST, Bay of Pigs, Cuba (22N04, 81W02)

Year: Capsolar

For Cuba, Pluto squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}22'$). Uranus is setting ($2^{\circ}56'$). While descriptive of high impact and surprise, the absence of Mars compromises the chart's accuracy. However, a close, foreground Venus-Pluto opposition reinforces the war-tone. $\{+1 \text{ Good}\}$

For Washington, the focus changes. Uranus sets ($1^{\circ}04'$). Venus (opposed by Pluto) squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}23'$). Under this Capsolar, President Kennedy came to office (an event shown well by this chart) and international relationships began to alter significantly (of which Bay of Pigs is a leading example). $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Quarter: Arisolar

For Cuba, Pluto is $1^{\circ}50'$ below the Descendant *in mundo*. This reinforces the essential message of the Capsolar. $\{+1 \text{ Good}\}$

For Washington, the Arisolar is incomprehensible without the mundoscope. Predictably, Pluto is much closer to the Descendant *in mundo* than longitude suggests, being $2^{\circ}35'$ above the horizon. Less predictably, Venus – which, by longitude, is over 20° below the Ascendant – has unusually high celestial latitude (6N35) and turns out to be only $4^{\circ}32'$ below Ascendant (and Mercury 2° below it). This means that a mundane Venus-Pluto opposition ($1^{\circ}58'$) dominates the Arisolar. $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$



Month: Caplunar

For Cuba, the message remains consistent: Pluto is the most angular planet. However, it is $4^{\circ}20'$ below the Ascendant, too wide to focus an event on this particular place. For Cuba, this Caplunar is dormant.

For Washington, Pluto is more impactful, being $0^{\circ}57'$ from square the Midheaven. $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Week: Arilunar

For Cuba, the Arilunar is dormant. *{+1 Good}*

For Washington, where the planning and deployment originated, Mercury is on the IC (0°58'). *{+1 Good}*

Day: Capsolar Quotidian

For Cuba, transiting Pluto is on the CapQ IC (0°28'), with Capsolar Pluto 1°35' on the other side of the same angle. (Their midpoint is 0°33' from the angle.) Pluto, therefore, has been present and central at every level of these charts except the Arilunar. *{+2 Very Good}*

Washington Capsolar: For Washington, the CapQ Ascendant is 8°03' Gemini, conjunct Capsolar Mars (1°05'). Capsolar Venus on the CapQ Midheaven (0°03') is heavily engaged with aspects to Pluto. Venus-Mars and Venus-Pluto pairings are typical in war maps. *{+2 Very Good}*

Although Quotidian contacts appear to be measured best in longitude, it is worth noting that transiting Pluto is only 0°20' from opposite ingress Venus as measured in RA (a valid way to measure their positions in relation to the Midheaven axis). This observation may be of more interest to technical researchers than to the typical reader or practitioner. The ecliptical Venus-Pluto opposition is sufficient to tip the culminating Venus into a war configuration; the following Right Ascension positions are interesting, though, and highlight the complexity of the pattern:

341°59'	CapQ MC
342°20'	Capsolar Venus
342°35'	CapQ Venus
342°40'	opposite transiting Pluto (RA 162°40')

Day: Cansolar Quotidian

For Washington, the CanQ Midheaven (24°56' Aries) is 0°17' from Cansolar Mars and 0°34' from square Cansolar Uranus.¹ *{+2 Very Good}*

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of the attack, Mars was within a degree of the Descendant for the Bay of Pigs. Saturn and Neptune were more widely foreground, and in exact mundane square to each other.

The attack was initiated at 1:00 AM. Mars exactly set at 12:56 AM,

Summary for Cuba

- **Year:** Pluto, Uranus. *Venus-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto.
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (CapQ):** Pluto.
- **Hour:** Mars.

¹ Cansolar Mars is 0°17' on one side of the MC, and progressed Cansolar Mars 0°14' on the other side. This placed their average longitude less than 0°02' from the angle.

Summary for Washington

- **Year:** Uranus, Venus. *Venus-Pluto*.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto (Venus). *Venus-Pluto*.
- **Month:** Pluto.
 - **Week:** Mercury.
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars, Venus. *Venus-Mars, Venus-Pluto*.
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, Uranus.



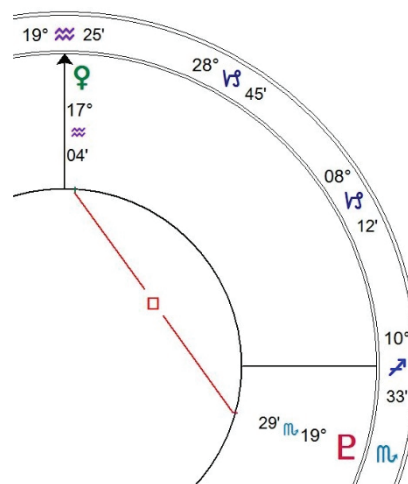
9/11

2001 Sep 11, 8:46 AM EDT, New York, NY (World Trade Center: 40N42'42", 74W00'45")

Year: Capsolar

For New York City, the Capsolar is dormant.

For Washington, DC, Pluto squares the Midheaven within 0°04'! Venus is a secondary angular planet (2°53' from the MC) and squares Pluto (2°25'). Pluto indicates events that are separating, extreme, outside the odds of probability, and potentially catastrophic. Venus-Pluto aspects are common both in situations where there is extreme loss of life (of the kind that stuns the sensibilities), and situations where extreme shifts in international relations exist, *e.g.*, a prelude to war. {+2 Very Good}



Quarter: Cansolar

The Cansolar, in most respects, is the defining chart of this event, brilliantly displaying devastating, violent destruction, massive loss of life and property damage, and tear-ripping emotional stories.

Mars and Pluto are conjunct on the Descendant opposite Venus, Saturn, and (more distantly) the Moon on the Ascendant. Uranus is near, but not exactly on, the Midheaven.

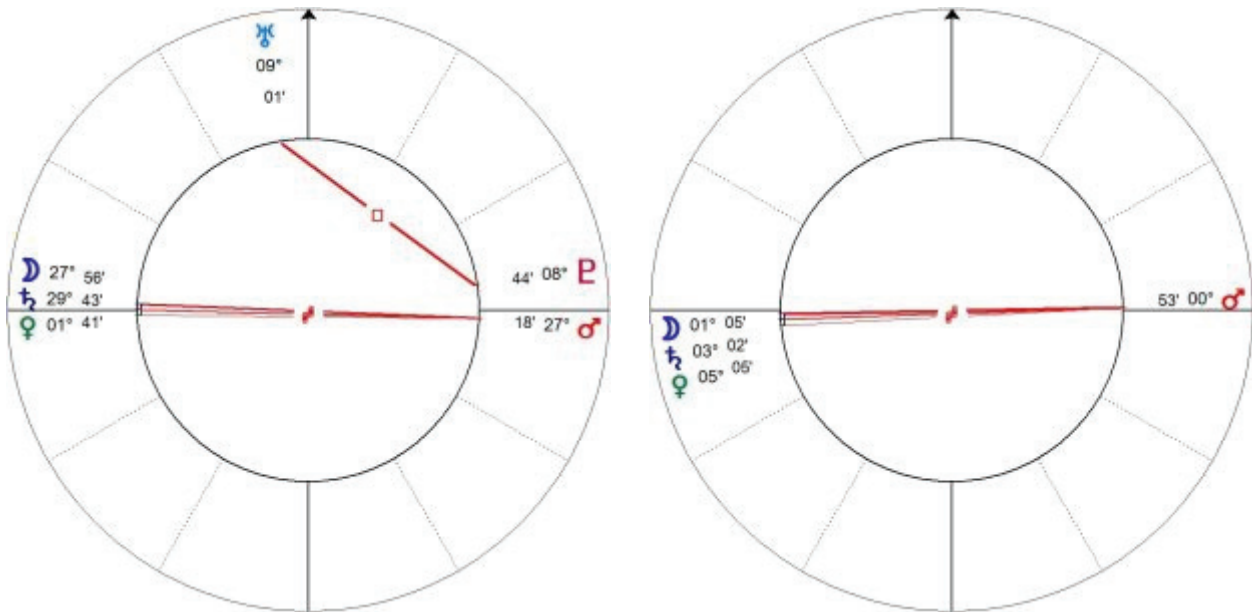
Perhaps the best way to show the relative strength of these factors in both Manhattan and Washington is to tabulate the planets and respective Ascendants in numerical order:

Moon	12°11' Taurus
DC Asc	13°53' Taurus
Saturn	16°01' Taurus
Venus	18°00' Taurus
Pluto	18°08' Scorpio
NY Asc	18°35' Taurus
Mars	20°24' Scorpio

In the zodiac, the one partile aspect is Venus opposite Pluto (0°08'). The other close ecliptical aspects among the foreground planets are:

- Venus conjunct Saturn ($1^{\circ}59'$)
- Saturn opposite Pluto ($2^{\circ}07'$)
- Mars conjunct Pluto ($2^{\circ}16'$)
- Venus opposite Mars ($2^{\circ}24'$)

The emphases are different (and, I think, more accurate) when we examine the charts as mundoscopes. Here are the mundoscopes for the Cansolar, first for the World Trade Center (left) and then for Washington, DC (right).



For New York, the closest planet to the angle (and the only one within 1°) is Saturn, $0^{\circ}17'$ from the horizon. The one partile mundane aspect is Moon opposite Mars ($0^{\circ}38'$). Though farther from the angles, the closeness of the Uranus-Pluto foreground mundane square ($0^{\circ}18'$) draws our attention: More than a decade before Uranus and Pluto were again square each other in the zodiac, this mundane square showed the radical spirit tearing down iconic structures.

The other close foreground mundane aspects include:

- Moon conjunct Saturn ($1^{\circ}47'$)
- Venus conjunct Saturn ($1^{\circ}58'$)
- Mars opposite Saturn ($2^{\circ}25'$) $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

For Washington, the closest planet to the angle (and the only one within 1°) is Mars. The one partile mundane aspect (as in NYC) is Moon opposite Mars (in Washington, only $0^{\circ}12'$ wide). The other close foreground mundane aspects include:

- Moon conjunct Saturn ($1^{\circ}57'$)
- Venus conjunct Saturn ($2^{\circ}03'$)
- Mars opposite Saturn ($2^{\circ}09'$) $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Although the aspect mix is (other than Uranus-Pluto) substantially the same, I see important distinctions between the pictures for these two cities. The closest planets to the angles being Saturn for New York and Mars for Washington, we immediately recall the magnitude of loss in New York

in contrast to the greater call to war in Washington. Thinking further, we note that what was attacked in New York were institutions of American financial strength (Saturn), while near Washington the attack was on the supreme symbol of military strength (the Pentagon).

Month: Caplunar

For New York, the Caplunar is dormant.

For Washington, we have a strong, and seemingly counter-indicative, factor dominating the chart: Jupiter is $1^{\circ} 17'$ from the IC, and the only planet foreground. Either we need to consider the Caplunar as not part of the mix of factors describing the 9/11 attacks, or we need to ask who in Washington considered the attacks to be a major victory or success. (Think back to the Washington, DC charts for Pearl Harbor for a comparison.) $\{-2 \text{ Very Bad}\}$

Week: Arilunar

For New York, the Moon is $2^{\circ} 27'$ from the Descendant. $\{+1 \text{ Good}\}$

For Washington, the Moon is only $0^{\circ} 23'$ from the angle. Lunar events commonly engage the public's sympathies deeply, being the kind of events that prompt people to say, "Our hearts go out to them." This is certainly one aspect of the greater story of 9/11. $\{+1 \text{ Good}\}$

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

In New York, transiting Sun conjoins the Capsolar IC ($1^{\circ} 24'$). The meaning of this is not immediately obvious, unless it is a statement that the attack is upon the U.S. government. (This is not as obvious an interpretation for New York as for Washington.) The same symbolism repeats in the CapQ, though, where Capsolar Sun is within a degree of the CapQ Ascendant. $\{0 \text{ Neutral}\}$

The CapQ Midheaven squares Capsolar Uranus ($1^{\circ} 34'$) and transiting Venus ($0^{\circ} 34'$). Venus opposes Capsolar Uranus within $1^{\circ} 00'$. Venus-Uranus combinations appear in maps for the start of a war ("change of relationship," or change in peace status). Overall, the daily timing indicators for New York City seem related to the event only minimally. $\{+1 \text{ Good}\}$

However, the real nailing in place of this truly national event was in Saturn's transits to the Capsolar Pluto and **Washington, DC** Midheaven:

t. Pluto	$17^{\circ} 53'$ Scorpio
DC MC	$19^{\circ} 25'$ Aquarius
i. Pluto	$19^{\circ} 29'$ Scorpio
t. Saturn	$20^{\circ} 00'$ Taurus

The Washington CapQ MC ($20^{\circ} 03'$ Libra) is conjunct Capsolar Mars ($1^{\circ} 51'$) and progressed Capsolar Mars ($1^{\circ} 28'$). Capsolar Mercury conjoins the CapQ Eastpoint ($1^{\circ} 10'$). $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

For New York, transiting Pluto remains within $0^{\circ} 43'$ of the Cansolar Descendant, and Saturn is transiting $1^{\circ} 24'$ from the Cansolar Ascendant. Against this, transiting Venus is $0^{\circ} 20'$ from the Cansolar IC. (This coangularity with Pluto is a variety of Venus-Pluto aspect.) $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

For Washington, transiting Jupiter is $1^{\circ} 09'$ from the CanQ Eastpoint. (See my prior remarks under the Caplunar concerning Jupiter and this event for Washington.) $\{-2 \text{ Very Bad}\}$

Hour: Event Chart

Just as the first plane struck the World Trade Center at 8:46 AM, Mercury rose in lower Manhattan. (Its exact rising time was 8:49 AM.) As we have seen previously, Mercury is routinely present for air attacks and for acts of war in general. Additionally, this reflects the way every news outlet and medium in the nation suddenly sprang to life.

Summary (for New York)

- **Year:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Venus, Moon, Mars. *Moon-Mars-Saturn, Venus-Mars-Saturn, Mars-Saturn-Pluto, Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** Moon.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun *(transit to Capsolar)*. Venus, Sun, Uranus, *Venus-Uranus. (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Pluto, Saturn, Venus, *Saturn-Pluto, Venus-Pluto (transits to Cansolar).*
- **Hour:** Mercury.

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Pluto (Venus). *Venus-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Moon, Saturn. *Moon-Mars-Saturn, Venus-Mars-Saturn, Mars-Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Jupiter.
 - **Week:** Moon.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn, Pluto, *Saturn-Pluto (transit to Capsolar)*. Mars, Mercury *(CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Jupiter *(transit to Cansolar).*



BENGHAZI U.S. CONSULATE ATTACK

2012 Sep 11, 10:00 PM EET, Benghazi, Libya

Year: Capsolar

For Benghazi, the 2012 Capsolar had Jupiter ($1^{\circ}06'$) and Saturn ($0^{\circ}57'$) square the Ascendant. (Their midpoint is $0^{\circ}05'$ from the angle.) This Jupiter-Saturn opposition, which is intensely political, marked strong economic swings and exacerbated political tensions in other parts of the world. This is a very broad paintbrush providing only the first strokes on the Libya incident. *{0 Mixed}*

Matters looked quite different from the perspective of the United States. **For Washington, DC** the Capsolar is quite volatile. In the mundoscope, we see a close foreground mundane T-square of Moon, Mars, Uranus, and Pluto. Additionally, Mercury is exactly on the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}33'$), the only planet in the *immediate* foreground: This seems fitting for circumstances highlighting the life and death of an ambassador – even as Mercury is ambassador of the gods. *{+2 Very Good}*

Quarter: Cansolar

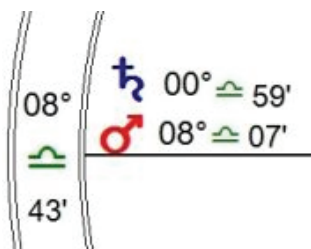
On the other hand, the Cansolar is quite dramatic and descriptive.

- Mars squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}02'$).
- The Moon rises ($2^{\circ}40'$).
- Pluto sets ($4^{\circ}37'$).
 - Mars squares Pluto ($0^{\circ}27'$).
 - Mars opposes Uranus ($1^{\circ}09'$).
 - Uranus completes the T-square by squaring Pluto ($0^{\circ}42'$).

These planets and their combinations show a sudden, explosive, destructive, and violent assault. The Moon near the Ascendant is not closely involved with the other planets, yet, by itself, shows a popular, or mass-mind, uprising such as the wave of people that hit the embassy. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, Neptune is exactly rising ($0^{\circ}44'$) and Venus is on the IC ($0^{\circ}07'$). While Neptune itself is sufficient to show the confusion in Washington (President Obama later said that nobody in Washington really knew what was going on for three days), the perception was of cover-up. Venus' involvement seems (to me) to indicate betrayed alliances. An air of scandal hung over this event until the Cansolar completely expired a year later. {+1 *Good*}

Month: Caplunar



For Benghazi, the Caplunar is brutal. Occurring August 28, it has Mars rising ($0^{\circ}29'$) and Saturn more widely foreground. Saturn also squares the Moon ($0^{\circ}59'$).

Mars exactly rising makes the strongest statement. {+2 *Very Good*}

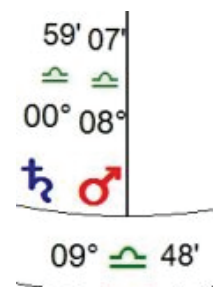
In Washington, the Caplunar repeats the symbolism of the same chart for Libya: Mars is conjunct the IC within $1^{\circ}56'$. {+2 *Very Good*}

Week: Canlunar

Less than three hours before the attack, the Moon entered Cancer.

For Benghazi, the Canlunar features several relevant planets foreground, though most are not *closely* foreground. The leader is Uranus, $2^{\circ}44'$ below the Ascendant and a mere $0^{\circ}16'$ from square Pluto. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Canlunar is dormant.



Day: Capsolar Quotidian

For Benghazi, the Capsolar Quotidian shows only one planet close to the angles: Transiting Jupiter is $1^{\circ}45'$ from the CapQ IC. This may seem strange until one recalls that this is how things looked to the inhabitants of Benghazi, Libya. From the point of view of the Libyans raiding the U.S. Consulate, this event was a notable victory.

Progressed Moon ($0^{\circ}05'$ Libra) squares the Sun. This probably refers to the fires when the attackers set the consulate ablaze. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar Transits

For Benghazi, transiting Pluto conjoins the Cansolar Descendant ($1^{\circ}37'$), transiting Uranus squares the horizon ($1^{\circ}53'$), and transiting Sun conjoins the IC (within $0^{\circ}13'$ at the time the attack began). {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, transiting Mars conjoins the CanQ Westpoint (0°49'). Transiting Venus conjoins the CanQ IC (1°01'). As we have seen in the Wars & Peace chapter, Venus and Mars together form a bellicose combination. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: Event Chart

As the attack began, Mars was 1°23' from the Westpoint in Benghazi, having crossed the angle exactly six minutes earlier than the reported start time of 10:00 PM.

Summary (for Benghazi)

- **Year:** Jupiter, Saturn. *Jupiter-Saturn.*
 - **Quarter:** Mars, Moon (Pluto). *Mars-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Mars (Saturn). *Moon-Saturn.*
 - **Week:** Uranus. *Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Jupiter. *Sun-Moon.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Sun, Pluto, Uranus.
- **Hour:** Mars.

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Mercury (Moon, Mars, Uranus, Pluto). *Moon-Mars-Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Neptune, Venus. *Venus-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Mars.
 - **Week:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, Venus. *Venus-Mars.*



OVERVIEW OF OTHER WARLIKE ACTIONS

These events are all war-like. They differ from events in the War & Peace chapter because they were surprise attacks outside of a formally engaged war. On examination, we find that they have clear similarities to the war events from the WW I and WW II eras, and some distinct differences.

With two locations for each of three events, we effectively have six distinguishable events.

Mars plays the strongest role,² being easily the strongest planetary energy for these events.

On the other hand, **Mercury** is not a strong factor. It makes one token appearance in each event – nothing more. Mercury-Mars aspects, which are prominent in formal war inaugurations, are completely absent in the present set of attack charts.

Venus is nearly as common on the angles as Mars – yet, in every case, she is heavily modified by aspects. Most often, she is afflicted by conflictual Mars or Pluto, perhaps the two aspects most common for the outbreak of wars (and, it seems, of war-like activity), or marked by aspects with Uranus or Pluto showing sudden, dramatic changes in relationships. In none of these examples did Venus appear as herself, unmodified.

² For Bay of Pigs, it appeared only in the charts for Washington, not those for Cuba, though it was quite active in the charts for the attack sites in the other events.

Pluto appeared about as often as Mars, and more often than Venus. This is a stronger presence for Pluto than in the earlier, more formal model of beginning and ending wars. These events were abrupt, staggering, out of the blue – even reality altering by the intensity of their impact. Half the Pluto angularities are in quotidian charts or transits to solar ingress angles – that is, they marked the day of the event. Pluto delivered the actual impact.

As with the prior war events, **Neptune** is barely involved – almost totally absent – and likely for the same reasons. This is true even though two of these events were covert, sneaking attacks.

Saturn and Uranus were moderately involved: There were surprises, explosions, deaths, and destruction in all of these events but, when angular, they were support players at best.

The Moon appeared little, **Jupiter** less, and **the Sun** barely made an appearance.

Aspects between foreground planets were of great importance in describing these events, especially **Venus aspects**. These events produced numerous foreground **Venus-Pluto** and **Venus-Mars** aspects the foreground. Similarly, the close, foreground **Mars aspects** included several **Mars-Pluto** aspects (all in the solar ingresses) and **Mars-Uranus** aspects, and a couple of important **Mars-Saturn** aspects.

It seems clear which planets were bonding in aspect to map these events.

Chapter 20

POPULIST UPRISINGS, RIOTS, MOVEMENTS & SUPPRESSIONS

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

1776 Jul 4, 12:15 PM LMT, Philadelphia, PA (39N56'58", 75W08'01")

Most mundane astrologers think of the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence as a birth event – the birth chart of the United States. However, it is also an event, or, more correctly, a coordinated series of events climaxing in a historic collective decision on one specific day.

I have used the time of day that corresponds to the most likely U.S. birth chart; however, this time is controversial. It makes no difference, though, to the exploration below.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

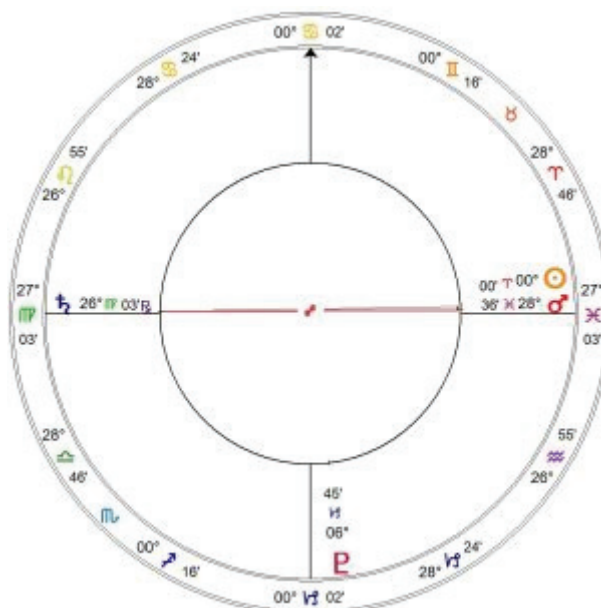
On January 11, 1776, the Sun entered Sidereal Capricorn. For Philadelphia, the Moon and Neptune are rising in wide conjunction: The Moon is 0°08' below the Ascendant, and Neptune 4°43' above.

Historically, Moon-Neptune combinations have coincided with strong emotional waves of populism. For example, Neptune's recent transit conjoining the United States' natal Moon coincided with the period when both Tea Party and Occupy uprisings were in full swing. This resembles the sort of populist wave that sparked in Britain's 13 American colonies in 1776. The center of this storm became Philadelphia, where the Moon rose exactly.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Tensions heated further as the year progressed. Beginning in April and May, Rhode Island renounced allegiance to the British crown, and the Second Continental Congress was planned and convened, culminating (within the second quarter of the Sidereal year) in a formal declaration of independence from England.

The April 10 Arisolar is quite bold in its declaration of these trends. It features a close Mars-Saturn opposition splayed across the horizon. This map speaks of willingness – even eagerness – for war, a demand for sovereignty and autonomy, and a desire to sever relationships with the crown.



Salient factors in the Arisolar are:

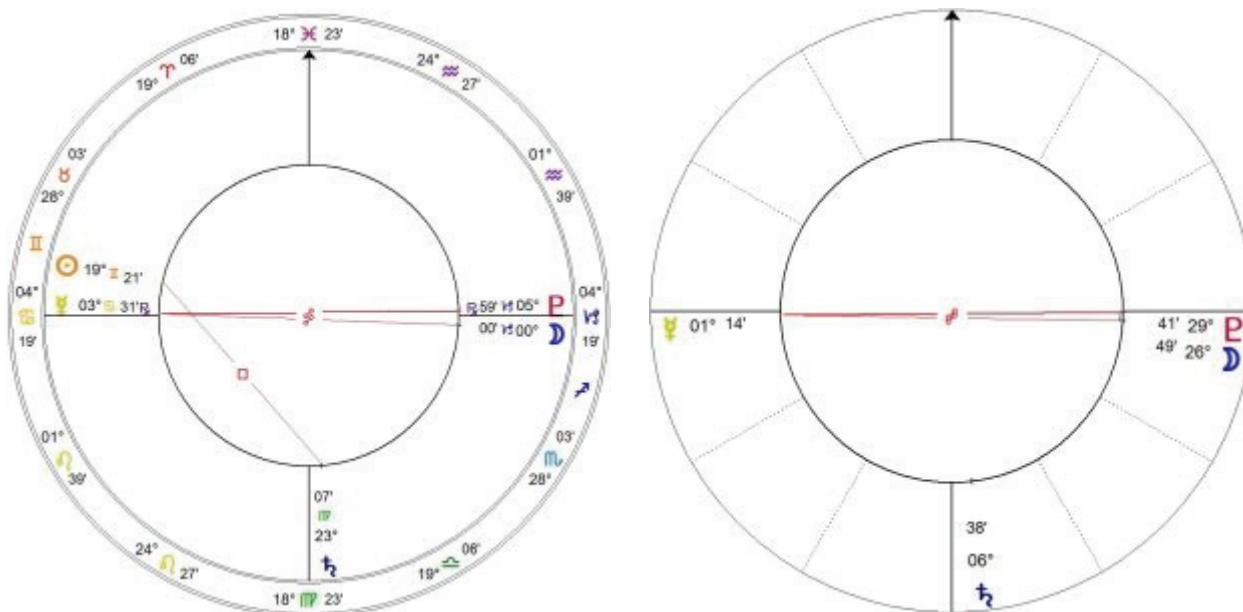
- Sun square Midheaven ($0^{\circ}02'$).
- Mars setting ($1^{\circ}19'$) and square the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}26'$).
- Saturn rising ($1^{\circ}50'$).
- Pluto on the IC ($7^{\circ}23'$).
 - Sun conjunct Mars $1^{\circ}24'$.
 - Mars opposite Saturn $2^{\circ}33'$.
 - Sun opposite Saturn $3^{\circ}57'$.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

On July 2, the Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia to draft a declaration of independence from England. The same day, the Moon entered Sidereal Capricorn. Mercury closely opposed Pluto across the horizon. Mundanely, it is even more remarkable: Pluto is only $0^{\circ}19'$ from the Descendant for this act of severing forever their relationship to their birth country.

Add the foreground Moon's involvement and a widely foreground Saturn, and the simple picture is even clearer: more separative, more expressive of pent-up frustrations, with a powerful wave of lunar populism.

The Sun, square the Midheaven, is more complex to explain. It seems to have layered meanings. For example, from the point of view of the colonies, it is an expression of a will for autonomous self-determination. However, there is another side: The prominent Sun (as we have seen previously) commonly means "something about the head of state," *i.e.*, King George; and the concurrent presence of the Sun and Saturn on the angles is consistent with maps for the deaths of U.S. Presidents. Although a death was not on the menu in the middle of 1776, the declaration of independence was the denouncing and overthrowing of a monarch who, up until that point, was the lawful king of all convened.



In summary, the Capsolar features:

- Pluto setting ($0^{\circ}19'$).
- Sun square the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}58'$).

- Mercury rising (1°14').
- Moon setting (3°11').
 - Mercury opposite Pluto (1°33' mundane).
 - Moon conjunct Pluto (2°52' mundane).
- Saturn widely foreground (6°38' from the IC).

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Like so many of these charts, the Capsolar Quotidian speaks for itself:

t. Mars	29°37' Taurus
t. Neptune	0°48' Virgo
CapQ MC	0° 51' Sagittarius

Additionally, transiting Jupiter was 0°28' from square progressed Capsolar Moon (14°44' Virgo). This likely inspired a surge of confidence and the beginning of a new nationalism.

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The CanQ has the most peaceful war-minded hell-raising pattern I can imagine – which, actually, is what the Declaration of Independence initially accomplished. It is complicated, though: I leave it to my readers to sort out the subtleties:

i. Mars	10°05' Virgo
CanQ Asc	10°08' Gemini
p. Mars	10°39' Virgo
t. Venus	11°14' Gemini
i. Saturn	11°47' Virgo

Summary

- **Year:** Moon (Neptune).
 - **Quarter:** Sun, Mars, Saturn (Pluto). *Sun-Mars-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Pluto, Sun, Mercury, Moon (Saturn). *Mercury-Pluto, Moon-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Neptune. *Mars-Neptune, Moon-Jupiter.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Venus, Mars, Saturn. *Venus-Mars-Saturn.*



LUDLOW MASSACRE

1914 Apr 20, 7:00 AM MST, Ludlow, CO

In September 1913, a strike by Colorado coal miners began, which lasted 15 months. In the adversarial relationship between the miners and mine owners, the latter had the backing of Colorado's governor and, therefore, of its militia. Many skirmishes occurred, of which the deadliest and most impactful was the Ludlow massacre about half way through the strike.

Colorado National Guard members joined guards employed by the mine owners to attack a tent community of about 1,200 striking coal miners and their families. In the daylong fight, 19 to 25 people died in the mining community, about half of whom were children burned and suffocated

when their tent was set on fire. Four of the attackers died. In the aftermath, the miners retaliated by a 10-day campaign of attacking other mines and causing as much property damage as possible. The main victory, though, is that this event forced an important and effective national reassessment of labor laws (including child labor laws)

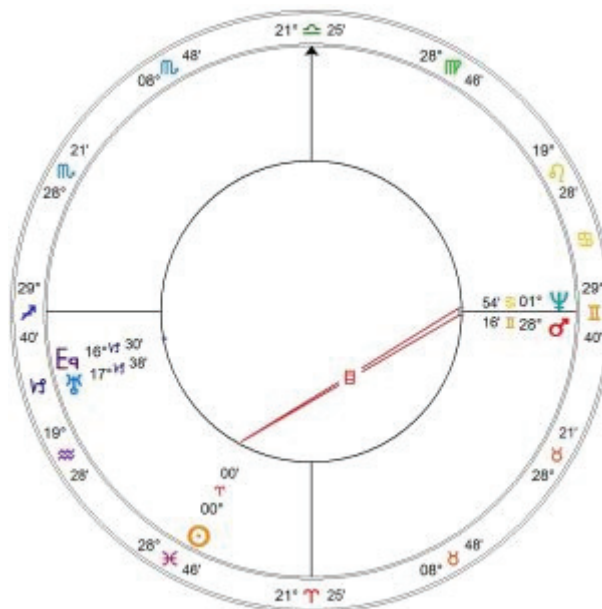
We only know that the attack began “in the morning” and fierce fighting occurred throughout the day. As sunrise was 5:22 AM, I have estimated 7:00 AM as about the time when the assault was underway. It ended around sunset (a bit after 6:00 PM) when a train halted on the tracks between the National Guard and the mining community, allowing many to escape.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The Sun squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}48'$). Pluto and Mars also hover near the Descendant, but widely – the main point is the Sun’s prominence. In brief, this ingress infers an event such as strong government intrusion or intervention, with the likelihood of it being of a Mars-Pluto nature: In this case, the Sun represents the Colorado state forces and the mining management.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

The Arisolar six days before the massacre could not have been clearer. Mars ($0^{\circ}57'$) and Neptune ($1^{\circ}13'$) conjoin the Descendant, only $0^{\circ}16'$ from exact mundane conjunction. This shows the conflict and death by violence plus the fires. The Sun squares the Ascendant within $0^{\circ}20'$ (also squaring the center of the Mars-Neptune conjunction), indicating ‘government’ action. Uranus is on the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}19'$ in RA) for the elements of rebellion and surprise.



Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The April 16 Caplunar seems to be uninvolved in the event; in fact, it seems quite contrary to it. Its main features are:

- Uranus conjunct the IC ($2^{\circ}22'$)
- Jupiter conjunct the IC ($4^{\circ}19'$)
- Venus square the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}34'$)
 - Venus mundane square to Jupiter ($0^{\circ}06'$)
 - Venus square Uranus ($0^{\circ}58'$)
- The Moon is opposite Mars ($0^{\circ}30'$) and Neptune ($1^{\circ}55'$). All three square the Sun.

The close Moon aspects are highly descriptive of this event, though (since they are away from the angles) geographically inspecific. They cannot carry the whole weight of the event themselves, but do pair with the Uranus angularity to set a proper tone.

Were it not for the Moon aspects, we would have to interpret this chart as buoyant and happy. With the Moon aspects, it is clearly the map of a painful, unhappy event.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars and Neptune squared the Capsolar Midheaven for Ludlow. This is exactly on target. The symbolism is repeated in the Capsolar Quotidian:

- The CapQ Midheaven (at the early morning hour we are using) was 1°52' Capricorn, with transiting Mars at 1°05' and Neptune at 1°56' Cancer. As with the Arisolar angularity of the Mars-Neptune conjunction, this is laser-keen accuracy.
- Transiting Uranus is within a degree of square the CapQ Ascendant.
- Transiting Sun is a few minutes from the CapQ Eastpoint, and Capsolar Sun within orb of the Midheaven, for this state-led attack on the strikers.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Pluto conjoins the Cansolar Midheaven (1°13'). For unclear reasons, Mercury was exactly conjunct the CanQ Midheaven.

General Observations: Mars-Neptune

A close Mars-Neptune played a recurring role in this event, present at almost every level of the stack. In fact, it was explicitly present in every level except the Capsolar – and, even for that chart, it was present by transit and progression.

For fires, physical and emotional violence, and general panic, no aspect provides a better fit.

In the Arisolar, Mars and Neptune (square the Sun) were conjoined mere minutes from the Descendant. Mars and Neptune closely opposed the Moon in the Caplunar. Then, to mark the day of the attack, the Mars-Neptune conjunction both squared the Capsolar Midheaven and opposed the Capsolar Quotidian Midheaven.

Clearly, this one aspect (especially with its combinations with the Sun) most defined the event.

Summary

- **Year:** Sun.
 - **Quarter:** Sun, Mars, Neptune, Uranus. *Sun-Mars-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Uranus, Venus (Jupiter). *Venus-Jupiter, Venus-Uranus, Moon-Mars-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Neptune, *Mars-Neptune (transits to Capsolar).* Mars, Neptune, *Mars-Neptune, Uranus, Sun (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Pluto (*transit to Cansolar*). Mercury (*CanQ*).



SELMA MARCH (“BLOODY SUNDAY”)

1965 March 7, Selma, AL

This watershed moment in the American civil rights movement of the 1960s was the first of three marches by peaceful Black voting rights activists and their supporters. These events gave the word “Selma” political and emotional force that continues today as a symbol of personal rights and liberties. As recently as 2013, Pres. Obama spoke of the spirit of individual equality having “guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall” in his second inaugural address.¹

In 1965, in the first of three attempts to march from Selma to Montgomery, state and local police armed with clubs and tear gas halted and attacked 600 marchers. The local sheriff had deputized all adult white males in Dallas County, Alabama: This impromptu army ordered the marchers to disperse and, this failing, attacked. Hundreds were beaten, at least 17 were seriously injured, and many were jailed.

A second march two days later, with over four times the participants, also was halted. However, a third march a week after that, on March 16, was escorted by 2,000 U.S. Army soldiers and 1,900 federalized Alabama National Guard members: This group reached the Alabama capitol in Montgomery as planned. Yet, it seems, it was images of those first 600 peaceful marchers being attacked and beaten bloody, broadcast on national television, that turned the psychological tide of the civil rights movement – and also that earned the event the moniker, “Bloody Sunday.”

Year: Capsolar

Selma’s Capsolar shows both hardship and powerful blows struck for freedom.

- Saturn rises (2°59').
- Moon is on the IC (3°16').
 - Moon square Saturn (mundane, 0°17').

This Moon-Saturn aspect defines the times for the Selma area. However, with that Moon angular, there also were powerful “changing of the times” aspects focused on Selma and, more broadly, operative for the entire world:

- Moon square Uranus (1°47').
- Moon square Pluto (3°23'). {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Moon (square Uranus and Pluto) squares the Ascendant (0°25'). Uranus is setting (1°46'), with Saturn rising more widely than in Selma. The tone is less one of resistance, and more one of radical change – an appropriate distinction for Washington. {+2 *Very Good*}

Month: Caplunar

A close Jupiter-Neptune opposition – only 0°13' wide – dominates the Caplunar. Aside from times when Jupiter-Neptune has shown for entertainment phenomena and political maneuverings, it also has shown in numerous religious-themed events. While religious conviction was certainly strong on both sides of this conflict, the aspect shows something broader: powerful inspiration, faith, and idealism, expressed through the massing of the multitudes – both the marchers and those

¹ The Seneca Falls (NY) Convention July 19-20, 1848 began at 11:00 AM. Neptune dominated the Capsolar and Cansolar angles. The former had a partile Moon-Pluto conjunction. Jupiter transited square CapQ Moon for the start.

who met and resisted them – a passionate and devout ideological divide.

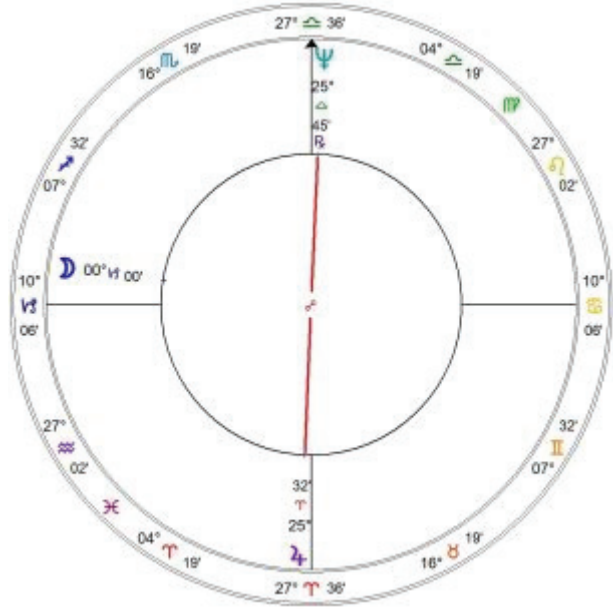
As an expression of inspiration, faith, and idealism in this particular context, we might term Jupiter-Neptune the “we shall overcome” aspect of compelling surreal optimism.

Mundanelly, the Moon (about $5\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ above the horizon) is in close mundane square to the Jupiter-Neptune opposition. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Caplunar is not obviously representative of the event. Venus (unaspected) is within 1° of the Eastpoint. {-1 *Bad*}

Week: Arilunar

For Selma, the Arilunar repeats the Caplunar, but more precisely: Jupiter and Neptune are opposed within about 1° of longitude, or $0^\circ 11'$ mundanelly, within a degree of the horizon. {+2 *Very Good*}



For Washington, the Eastpoint brings the same Jupiter-Neptune opposition to a different angle. Furthermore, the Ascendant exactly squares Saturn and, more generally, the Venus-Saturn conjunction. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

A Venus-Saturn conjunction transits the Capsolar Eastpoint. Transiting Uranus is within 2° of square the Capsolar Midheaven and $0^\circ 09'$ from square the angular Capsolar Moon. These aspects are consistent with hardship, sacrifice, and striking a powerful blow for freedom and equality.

The CapQ angles did not contribute. Progressed (CapQ) Moon, however, triggered a conjunction of transiting Pluto and Capsolar Uranus:

i. Uranus	20°18' Leo	
p. Moon	20°37' Taurus	
t. Pluto	20°44' Leo	{+2 <i>Very Good</i> }

For Washington, Uranus not only transits Capsolar Moon but also the Descendant ($0^\circ 17'$). Transiting Mars exactly squares the Capsolar Midheaven. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar Transits

For Washington, the Cansolar Ascendant was $26^\circ 19'$ Cancer, meaning that it squares the transiting Jupiter-Neptune square. {+2 *Very Good*}

Summary (for Selma)

- **Year:** Saturn, Moon. *Moon-Saturn, Moon-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Jupiter, Neptune (Moon). *Moon-Jupiter-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** Jupiter, Neptune. *Jupiter-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar transits):** Venus, Saturn, Uranus. *Venus-Saturn, Moon-Uranus.*
- **Day (CapQ):** *Moon-Uranus-Pluto.*

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Moon, Uranus (Saturn). *Moon-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Venus.
 - **Week:** Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune (Venus). *Jupiter-Neptune, Venus-Saturn.*
- **Day (Capsolar transits):** Mars, Uranus. *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Day (CapQ):** *Moon-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Jupiter, Neptune. *Jupiter-Neptune.*



STONEWALL RIOTS

1969 Jun 28, 1:20 AM EDT, Greenwich Village, New York, NY (40N43'42", 74W00'12")

A police raid in a Greenwich Village bar triggered events that, through two nights of rioting, ignited gay solidarity and, soon after, the beginning of the organized gay pride movement. Nobody died, nobody was seriously hurt, but there was a bit of property damage, especially to the Stonewall Inn. One witness wrote that the tone during much of the eruption was “jubilant chaos.”

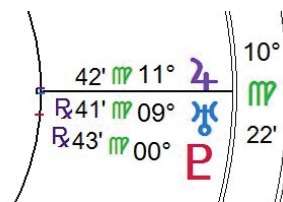
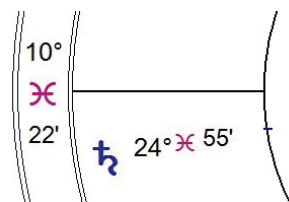
Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

From the start, 1969 was primed for social revolution. In the Capsolar ingress for the Greenwich Village section of New York City:

- Uranus sets (0°23').
- Jupiter sets (1°48').
- Pluto is on the Westpoint (0°52' in RA).

The dominant aspect is a Jupiter-Uranus conjunction (2°01' ecliptically and 1°25' *in mundo*), a combination of counter-culture force and liberty-centered ideology. Pluto specifically reinforces such elements as confrontation between mainstream and counter-establishment sensibilities.

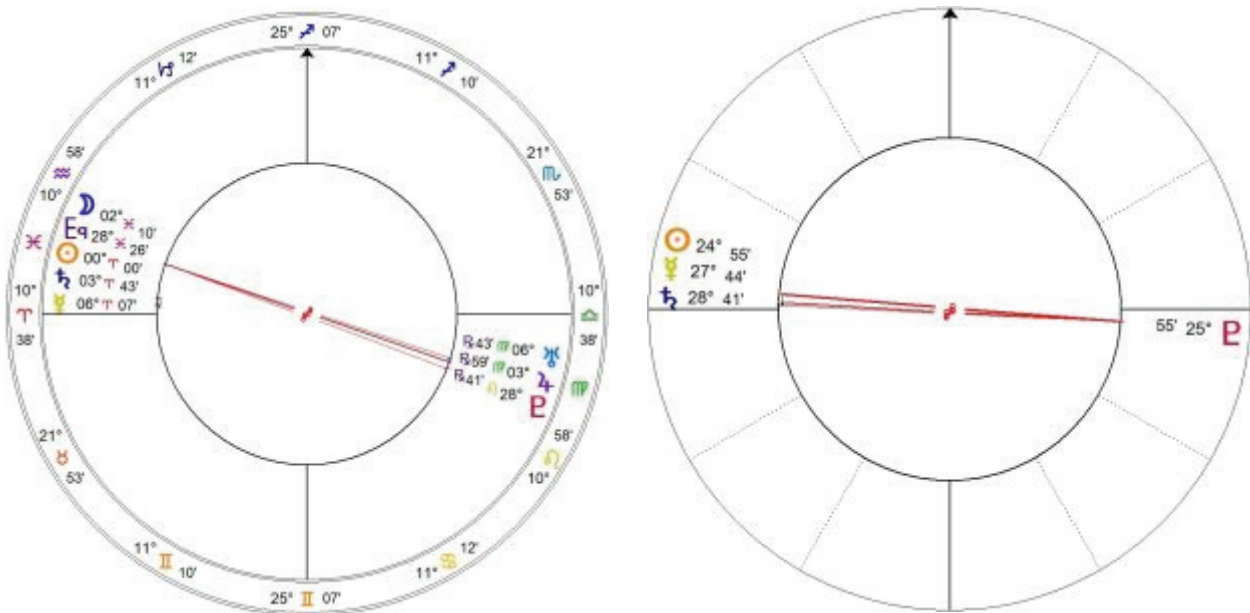
A peripherally foreground Saturn (9°) adds a theme of restriction and hardship that other charts for this event reiterate. One might expect this particular factor to be stronger, since it was an act of government intervention (a police action) in a cultural context of suppression that increased pressures until the lid blew. That stronger presence appeared in the second quarter of the Sidereal year.



Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Substantially the same symbolism dominates this Capsolar and the April 14 Arisolar, though with different emphasis. In the Aries ingress, we see:

- Squeezed close to the Ascendant are Saturn ($1^{\circ}19'$) and Mercury ($2^{\circ}16'$) in partile ($0^{\circ}57'$) mundane conjunction.
- Pluto is much closer to the horizon than it seems in the horoscope, sitting $4^{\circ}05'$ below the Descendant in $1^{\circ}00'$ mundane opposition to the rising Sun ($5^{\circ}05'$ above the Ascendant).
- Pluto opposes Mercury ($1^{\circ}49'$) and Saturn ($2^{\circ}46'$), both *in mundo*.
- The Sun is on the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}29'$). Its foreground conjunction with Saturn ($3^{\circ}43'$) further enhances Saturn's strength and adds an element of suppressive government force (police).
- The Moon is opposite Jupiter ($1^{\circ}49'$)² and, more widely, Uranus ($4^{\circ}33'$) and Pluto ($3^{\circ}29'$). The Uranus/Pluto midpoint at $2^{\circ}42'$ Virgo is $0^{\circ}32'$ from exact opposition to the Moon.



Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

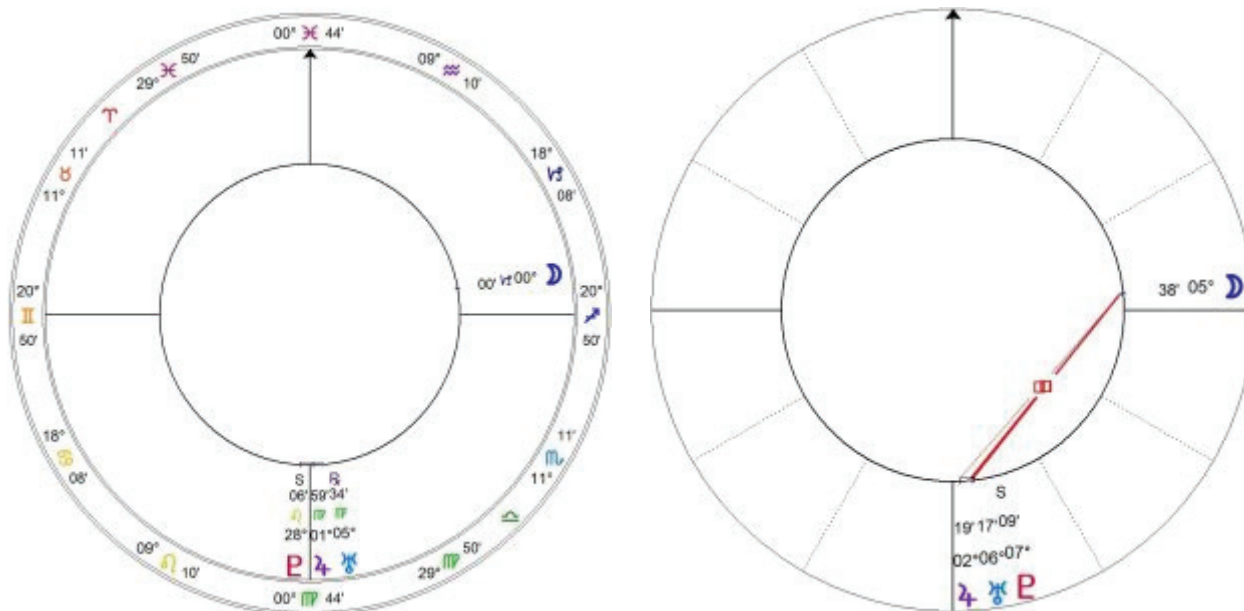
Continuing the trend, the same three planets – Jupiter, Uranus, and Pluto – dominate the June 3 Caplunar. Additionally, Pluto is stationary.

Horoscope and mundoscope for the Caplunar appear below.

Because of Pluto's significant latitude ($15^{\circ}N38'$), it is the farthest from the angle. *In mundo*, Jupiter is $2^{\circ}18'$ west of the IC, Uranus $6^{\circ}17'$ west, and Pluto $7^{\circ}09'$ west.

Furthermore, the Moon is $5^{\circ}38'$ above the Descendant. By itself, the foreground Moon shows powerful populist sentiment rising, and collective emotional force – often breaking through into collective “herd” action. In this case, the Moon also is in close mundane square to Uranus ($0^{\circ}39'$) and Pluto ($1^{\circ}25'$), and slightly wider square to Jupiter ($3^{\circ}19'$).

² A Moon-Jupiter aspect also was prominent in the charts for Selma and Seneca Falls. See the aspect interpretations in Appendix B for a discussion of the core meanings.



Fortnight: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

The June 17 Cansolar repeats much of the above.

- The Moon conjoins the Eastpoint (0°32': populist wave).
- Venus squares the Ascendant (0°28'), probably related to the themes of the event: drag queens congregated in a bar; love, pleasure, and culture as centerpiece issues.
- Suppressive Saturn is widely foreground.
- Away from the angles, the Sun squares Jupiter, Pluto, and Uranus.

Week: Liblunar {+1 Good}

Pressure then increased under the June 24 Liblunar. The only planet in the immediate foreground is Saturn, 2°26' above the Descendant. The Moon is widely foreground (7½° above the horizon). This repeats their angularity, and reverses their relative importance, from the Canlunar.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {0 Neutral}

Despite this striking setup, timing of the actual day is not strong. No planet transited the Capsolar angles within 2° except the Sun, 1°39' past exact square to the Ascendant at the time of the raid. This describes the police actions (*i.e.*, intervention by “the man”). It does not say much else about the pivotal events set in motion.³

Similarly, no planets occupied the CapQ angles except Mercury, which had barely entered a 2° orb (and would be more involved the next day). However, progressed Capsolar Moon (16°45' Scorpio) was just past the square to Capsolar Venus (0°13') and applying to the square to progressed Venus (0°17'); that is, 0°02' from their midpoint.

³ One might wish to argue that this riot raised the profile on the word “pride.” However, that would be more appropriate for the events during the following night, when the Sun had moved on, out of aspect.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Cansolar Neptune is within 1°27' of the CanQ Eastpoint. Neptune incites to riot, *i.e.*, brings a mob mentality and what, in many respects, was more of a public circus and flamboyant (albeit tense) “coming out” event than a parade of violence.

Hour: Event Chart

At 1:20 AM when the NYPD raided the Stonewall, Pluto was 2°04' above the Descendant. It exactly set at 1:31, when circumstances were becoming volatile.

Summary

- **Year:** Uranus, Pluto, Jupiter (Saturn). *Jupiter-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Mercury (Pluto, Sun). *Mercury-Saturn-Pluto, Sun-Saturn-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter, Moon-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Jupiter (Moon, Uranus, Pluto). *Moon-Jupiter-Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Fortnight:** Moon, Venus (Saturn).
 - **Week:** Saturn (Moon).
- **Day (Capsolar):** Sun (*transit to Capsolar*). Mercury, *Moon-Venus (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Pluto.



CSA SIEGE

1985 Apr 19, Elijah, MO

The Covenant, the Sword, and the Arm of the Lord (CSA) evolved from an Elijah, MO Baptist congregation into a politically far-right, survivalist, Christian Identity paramilitary organization. In 1985, the FBI listed them as the No. 2 most dangerous domestic terrorist organization, and undertook to dismantle them.

From a law enforcement perspective, this was one of the most successful efforts ever undertaken. New tactics and procedures (based on the idea of “a blockade without a deadline”) resulted in a successful operation with no deaths and no injuries and, eventually, a negotiated surrender. Unfortunately, when the ATF later applied this model at Ruby Ridge and Waco, they were much less successful. Three hundred federal agents infiltrated Elijah as tourists, and then quietly surrounded the CSA compound early on April 19.

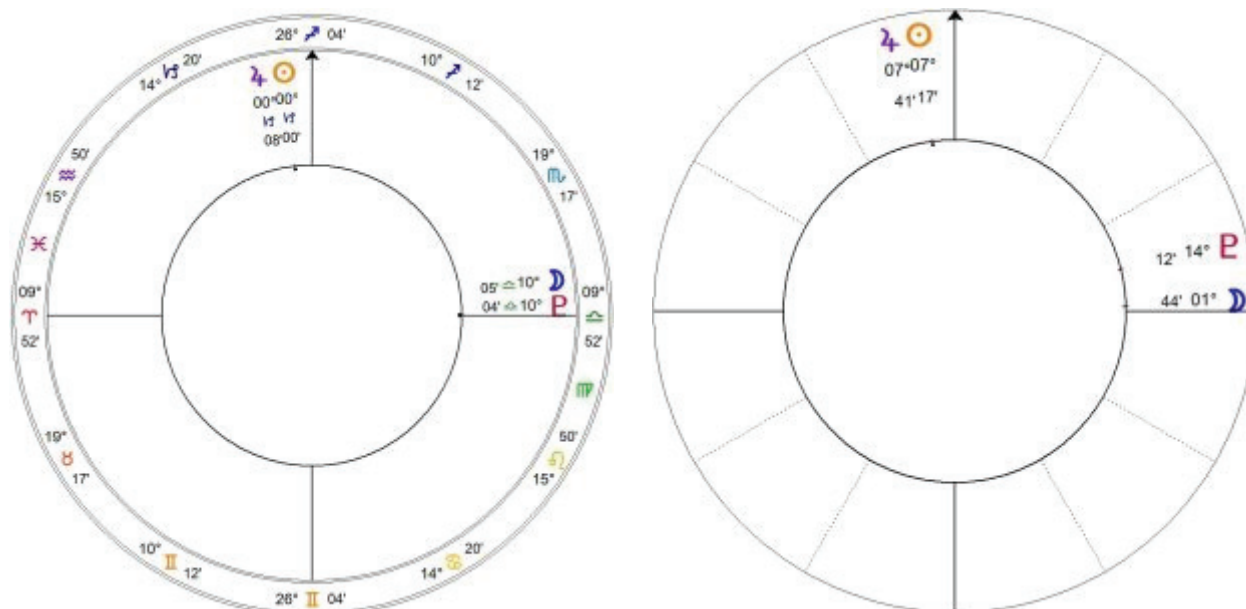
Because events occurred across four days, I have not been able to identify a “most significant” time to use. The agents first took position early in the day (presumably about the time anglers would head out on a lake) and waited for several hours, so a midday time on April 19 seems about right. I have used noon on the first day as the anchor time for the charts below.

Year: Capsolar

For Elijah, a 0°01' Moon-Pluto conjunction is in the exact degree of the Descendant. However, ecliptical conjunctions with an angle do not appear to be the correct way of measuring angularity in a static chart, so we need to check the mundoscope for a more accurate picture. By this means,

we confirm that the Moon is foreground, less than 2° from the angle (though Pluto is far above the horizon). This Moon position solidly links the Moon and its aspects to the location of Elijah, MO.

Additionally, a Sun-Jupiter conjunction ($0^\circ 08'$) is more widely in the foreground. These planets are appropriate for both a government intervention (Sun) and avoiding death and injury (Jupiter). {+2 *Very Good*}



For Washington, the same Moon-Pluto $0^\circ 01'$ conjunction is less than half a degree from square the $10^\circ 30'$ Capricorn Midheaven. Saturn is $1^\circ 48'$ above the Descendant, only $0^\circ 16'$ from exact mundane conjunction with a very foreground Pluto.

The main difference between the Washington and Elijah Capsolars is that Moon-Pluto is paired with Jupiter in Elijah and with Saturn in Washington. No doubt, a different outcome would have resulted if these had been reversed. {+2 *Very Good*}

Quarter: Arisolar

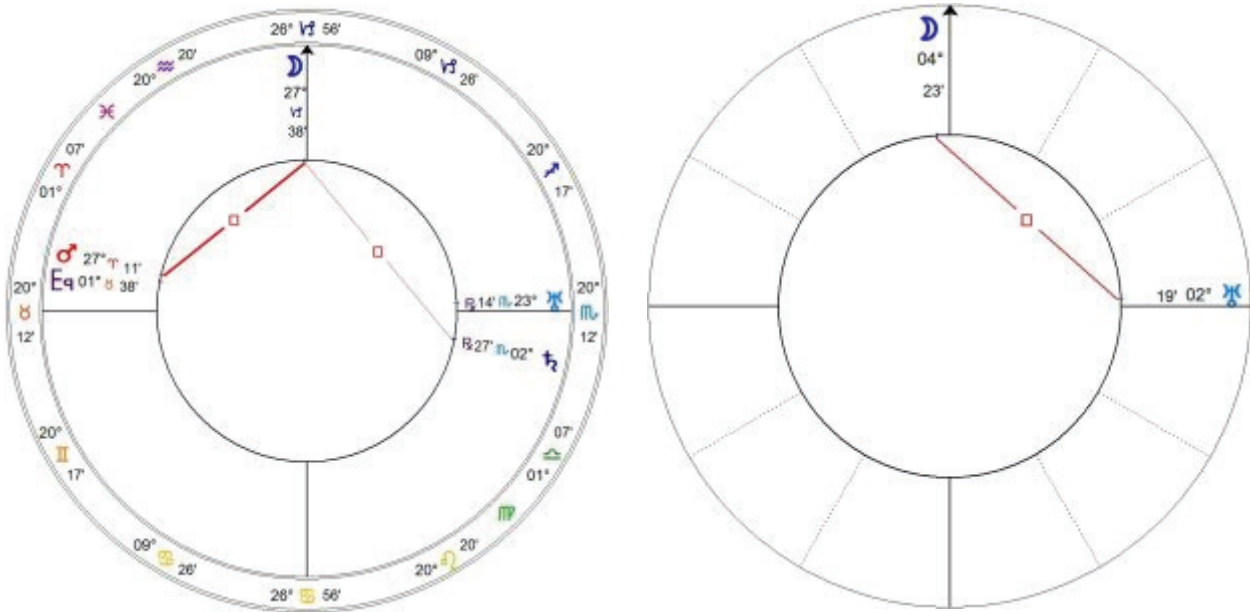
For Elijah, the Arisolar certainly bespeaks “siege.” Its great weakness is in its strength: The Arisolar is far more violent than the circumstances seem to warrant. The ingress can be understood best by examining the mundoscope below: Pluto ($0^\circ 53'$) and Saturn ($2^\circ 36'$) are just above the Descendant in close ($1^\circ 43'$) mundane conjunction. Mars is $3^\circ 12'$ above the Ascendant.



Furthermore, a close ($0^\circ 27'$) ecliptical square exists between the rising Mars ($27^\circ 11'$ Aries) and the Moon ($27^\circ 38'$ Capricorn). This Moon is in the exact exaltation degree of Mars, arguably the most martial degree of the zodiac.

This enormous amount of force seems disproportionate to a peaceful resolution without loss of life. However, the mere massing of 300 armed agents in a small Ozark community – a true military siege – may be consistent with the force of the chart. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the Arisolar has emphatic military themes. The Moon (in Mars' exaltation degree and $0^{\circ}27'$ from square Mars) widely conjoins the Midheaven ($4^{\circ}23'$). Mars, therefore, squares the $26^{\circ}56'$ Capricorn Midheaven ($0^{\circ}14'$). Uranus sets ($2^{\circ}19'$), square the Moon ($2^{\circ}04'$ *in mundo*). Finally, Saturn is on the Westpoint ($0^{\circ}36'$). Recognizing the absence of deaths and injuries, this striking chart nonetheless brims with military planning, precision, mobilization, and innovation. {+2 *Very Good*}



Month: Caplunar

For Elijah, two planets dominate the Caplunar. Mars squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}06'$), and Jupiter rises ($2^{\circ}50'$). These are descriptive both of the massive military presence and the “no deaths, no injuries” outcome. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, Uranus is $1^{\circ}23'$ from the Midheaven, repeating a key feature of the Arisolar. There was no short supply of resourcefulness, innovation, and “breaking through old ways of doing things” in this operation: It was a month for, “Let’s try something new.” {+1 *Good*}

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Elijah, transiting Pluto conjoins the Descendant ($0^{\circ}56'$). Also, for the day the siege began (using noon as a reference point), progressed Capsolar Moon squares the CapQ Ascendant within half a degree, Capsolar Sun and Jupiter are a half-degree from the CapQ Westpoint. Transiting Sun is 1° from the Midheaven. These express different aspects of a religious-themed populist movement, government intervention, and peaceful conclusion. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, transiting Mars is $1^{\circ}03'$ from the Capsolar Ascendant, transiting Saturn $0^{\circ}45'$ from its Descendant, and transiting Pluto $1^{\circ}33'$ from square its Midheaven.⁴

⁴ The Mars aspect moved closer over four days of the siege. By the time the CSA leadership surrendered on the fourth day, Mars had crossed the Ascendant, opposed Capsolar Saturn, and opposed transiting Saturn.

The CapQ Midheaven was 19° Aries (the exaltation degree of the Sun) on the day the siege began. Transiting Jupiter at 19°11' Capricorn squared this, consistent with the government's likely feeling about the siege: a victorious operation with no casualties. Although this quotidian does not contradict the transits to the angles (since a successful outcome is not in conflict with mobilizing for a raid in the first place), it does swing the vote away from the violence implied in the transits to the Capsolar angles, and toward a kinder, gentler outcome. {+2 *Very Good*}

Summary (for Elijah)

- **Year:** Moon (Sun, Jupiter). *Moon-Pluto, Sun-Jupiter.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Saturn, Mars. *Moon-Mars, Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Jupiter, Mars.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Moon, Sun, Jupiter (*CapQ*).

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Moon, Pluto, Saturn. *Moon-Pluto, Saturn-Pluto.*
 - **Quarter:** Moon, Mars, Uranus, Saturn. *Moon-Mars, Moon-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Uranus.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Saturn, Pluto (*transits to Capsolar*). Jupiter (*CapQ*).



WACO SIEGE

1993 Apr 19, 11:30 AM CDT, Waco, TX

On the 51st day of a (primarily) nonviolent siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, TX, fires ignited burning the compound and most within it. The entire siege resulted in 86 deaths (four were ATF agents; the rest were Branch Davidians) and 16 wounded federal agents.

Branch Davidians are Seventh Day Adventists who “branched off” in the 1950s, devout in the belief that they live in the “End Times” of final judgment. Religious leader David Koresh took this further. What seems originally to have been a tight religious community, awaiting the unfolding of prophesied events, developed into a paramilitary “Army of God” to prepare for a final battle – including the gathering of a large arsenal of weapons.

Reports of illegal stockpiling of weapons (and, perhaps, Koresh's less actionable claim of entitlement to 140 wives) drew federal law enforcement attention. ATF, supported by the FBI and Texas National Guard, surrounded the Waco compound February 28, employing the patient tactics that had succeeded in the CSA siege. After seven weeks, the U.S. Attorney General, in response to rumors of accelerating child endangerment (and with an eye to the \$50 million that the siege had cost thus far) authorized a direct assault to force the inhabitants out of the compound with tear gas. This assault is the April 19 event.

Inside the compound, three fires ignited simultaneously. Both sides later claimed that the other had started them. The fires spread quickly, devouring the complex and killing all but nine inhabitants, including all the children.

The fire, broadcast live by TV crews, drew strong national response.

Year: Capsolar

For Waco, Saturn squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}39'$). The Moon squares Uranus, Neptune, and Mercury within 2° . *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, Pluto is $0^{\circ}07'$ from the Westpoint and $3^{\circ}09'$ from the Descendant. This is accurate symbolism, but not unusual for Washington (where Pluto is always angular in a Capsolar over the last half century). *{+1 Good}*

Quarter: Arisolar

This siege occurred immediately after the Sun entered Aries.

For Waco, Pluto is $0^{\circ}26'$ below the Arisolar Descendant. Saturn is barely foreground, which probably would not have been important at all except that Saturn squares Pluto within 3° , a foreground square involving a planet less than a degree from the angle. *{+2 Very Good}*

The **Washington** Arisolar did not contribute to the event. In fact, with only Venus angular (square the Ascendant and well-aspected), it described a contrary type of event. *{-2 Very Bad}*

Month: Caplunar

For Waco, Saturn is $1^{\circ}42'$ from the Westpoint, matching the theme of the Capsolar. Since Saturn and Pluto remain in square, and Pluto is peripherally foreground ($6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ from the IC), it complements the Saturn-Pluto pattern in the Arisolar. *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, the Caplunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Waco, the CapQ Descendant is $22^{\circ}29'$ Capricorn, within $0^{\circ}44'$ of Capsolar Saturn. *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, transiting Pluto conjoins the Capsolar Westpoint ($0^{\circ}06'$) and squares the Capsolar MC ($1^{\circ}12'$). More poignantly, at the time of the siege, transiting Saturn was only $1^{\circ}04'$ from the CapQ Westpoint. *{+2 Very Good}*

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

For Waco, transiting Jupiter conjoins the Cansolar Midheaven ($1^{\circ}46'$), which is contrary to the nature of the event unless we lean heavily on the religious and other ideological themes.

However, the CanQ has one strong indicator of the right type: Progressed Cansolar Moon conjoins transiting Saturn ($0^{\circ}48'$). *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, transiting Mars conjoins the Cansolar Westpoint ($0^{\circ}09'$). Transiting Sun conjoins the Cansolar IC ($0^{\circ}58'$). Thus, the government-led military style assault is clear, as are the fires. However, Jupiter squares the Cansolar Ascendant ($0^{\circ}13'$), which seems counter-indicative: This operation went about as bad (*i.e.*, contrary to intent and plans) as it could have gone.

Yet the CanQ for Washington redeems the matter a bit. Essentially, it is the same chart without the Jupiter. Rotated approximately a quarter circle, it places transiting Mars square the Ascendant and transiting Sun square the Midheaven; and, of course, it has the Saturn transit to progressed Moon mentioned immediately above. This is a further case of the quotidian trumping transits to the solar ingress angles. *{+2 Very Good}*

Summary (for Waco)

- **Year:** Saturn.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto. *Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Saturn. *Saturn-Pluto.*
- **Day (CapQ):** Saturn.
- **Day (CanQ):** *Moon-Saturn.*

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Pluto.
 - **Quarter:** Venus. [*Contrary symbolism.*]
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Saturn (*CapQ*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, Sun, *Moon-Saturn.*



OVERVIEW OF UPRISINGS, RIOTS & SUPPRESSIONS

+Pluto +Sun +Saturn (+Moon +Mars) +Moon-Pluto +Mars-Neptune +Saturn-Pluto
–Venus (–Neptune)

These few events are distinguished from the other categories because they share a characteristic of some group of people placed at odds with their own government. In some cases, they challenged the government and placed themselves at odds with it; in other cases, the government took a stand against them. Although other specific events (examined previously) also have this characteristic, they were part of a category sharing different characteristics. (Consider, for example, the Oklahoma City incident, which was included among explosions.)

It is extremely gratifying, therefore, to observe that the Sun is as prominent in these charts as in events concerning royalty or the deaths and other crises of presidents. In many ways, the Sun is the exact topic under discussion. In other ways, the topic is not the government, but its people – the Moon.

Pluto, the Sun, and Saturn are the three planets dominating the relevant charts for this collection of events. Not only is Pluto angular more than any other planet, there also are several prominent Moon-Pluto aspects. These three planets center on ideas connected to

- the central governing power itself,
- the restriction and suppression it sometimes can foster, and
- overthrowing its bounds.

The Moon and Mars form a second tier of prominent planets in these events. The Moon corresponds to the collective will of the people, and to the uprising of waves of populism that propel a movement. Mars, of course, represents the violence.

Venus is almost completely absent. **Neptune** is infrequent for these (as it is for wars).

Among aspects, we see recurrence, across events, of three: **Moon-Pluto**, **Mars-Neptune** (for the bloodiest of the batch), and **Saturn-Pluto**.

Chapter 21

SHOOTING MASSACRES

COLUMBINE MASSACRE

1999 Apr 20, 11:19 AM MDT, Columbine, CO

America's deadliest massacre on a high school campus has given its name to a class of successor high school shootings, each routinely referenced as "another Columbine." Fifteen people died (including the two perpetrators, Harris and Klebold, by suicide) and another 27 were injured; yet this relatively small death toll is overwhelmed both by the magnitude and complexity of the assault and, especially, by the national psychological impact.

Besides guns, the young men prepared propane bombs for the school cafeteria (these originally failed to detonate), car bombs, and about a hundred other explosive devices. The assault lasted 49 minutes. Motives continue to be debated, though it is clear that this was a revenge-and-suicide assault, partly in retaliation for how Harris and Klebold had been treated by others in the school.

Year: Capsolar

For Columbine, Uranus (0°21') and Venus (2°17') are on the IC, in close conjunction. Although this event was surprising and explosive (Uranus), the prominent and unafflicted Venus does not seem consistent with the event. Yet, as we shall see, an angular Venus (generally absent for shooting massacres) is practically the signature of this particular massacre. {+1 Good}

For Washington, we see the perennial angularity of Pluto, this time square the Midheaven (0°56'). It is accurate for an event that stunned the nation's sensibilities, though routine for Washington Capsolars. {+1 Good}

Quarter: Arisolar

For Columbine, the Arisolar reiterated the Capsolar's message: Uranus squares the Ascendant (0°36') and Venus is on the Westpoint (1°45'). {+1 Good}

For Washington, the Arisolar had little useful to add. Only Mercury was in the immediate foreground, with a partile Venus-Pluto mundane opposition distantly foreground. {+1 Good}

Month: Caplunar

For Columbine:

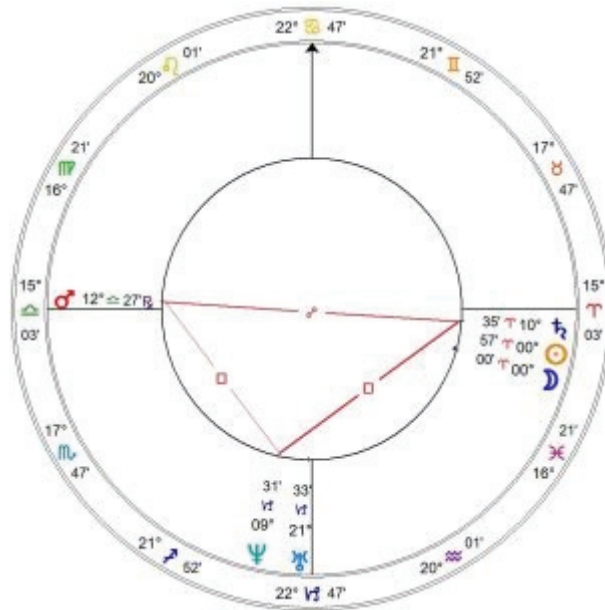
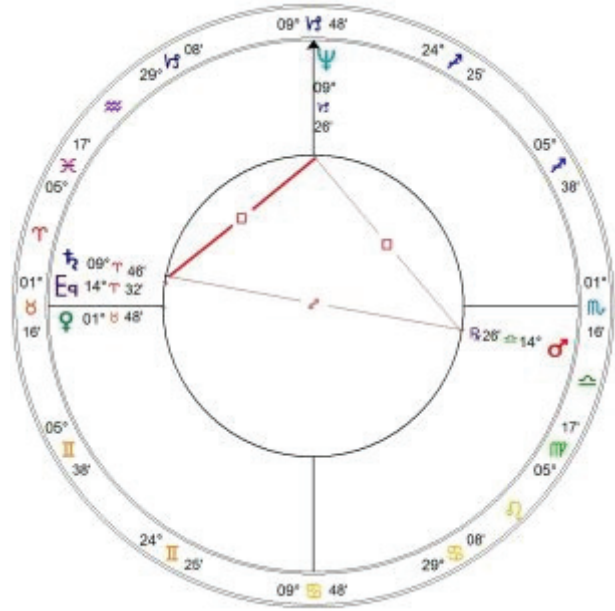
- Saturn squares the MC (0°02').
- Neptune culminates (0°48' *in mundo*).
 - Saturn squares Neptune (0°20').
- Mars is on the Westpoint (0°30' in RA).
- Venus rises (0°50' *in mundo*).
 - Neptune squares Venus (0°02' *in mundo*).

This time, in the context of a chart that is otherwise ferociously malefic, Venus' presence and aspects start to make sense in terms of a wide range of teenage psychological issues, social needs and feelings, and especially disillusionment. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, Pluto sets ($2^{\circ}13'$). Mercury squares the Ascendant. ($2^{\circ}31'$) {+1 *Good*}

Week: Arilunar

For Columbine, the April 15 Arilunar shows Mars opposite Saturn across the horizon, and both square Neptune. To add explosive power, Uranus is the most angular planet, $1^{\circ}04'$ from the IC and in mundane square to Mars and Saturn. Consistent with many other charts involving incendiaries, the Moon conjoins the Sun ($0^{\circ}57'$). {+2 *Very Good*}



For Washington, the Arilunar has Pluto rising ($0^{\circ}37'$) in mundane opposition ($2^{\circ}06'$) to Venus setting ($2^{\circ}43'$). This marks the national shock over tragic loss of children's lives. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

If the Capsolar itself had confusing indications for the event, there is neither ambiguity nor uncertainty in the message of the Capsolar's transits. At the time the shooting began:

Neptune	$9^{\circ}34'$ Capricorn
Capsolar Asc	$10^{\circ}23'$ Libra
Mars	$10^{\circ}51'$ Libra
Saturn	$11^{\circ}23'$ Aries

Mars is 0°28' from this Ascendant, 0°19' from exact opposition to Saturn (which is 0°47' from the Descendant). Neptune squares the Ascendant (0°49'). This tragic concentration of purely malefic force is one of the most extraordinary mundane charts I have ever seen. {+2 *Very Good*}

The CapQ is less impressive than these transits to the Capsolar, although it does hit the mark squarely: The CapQ Eastpoint conjoins transiting Uranus (0°42'). Its Ascendant squares Capsolar Saturn (1°09'). {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, a Venus-Pluto opposition dominates, as in the Arilunar. Transiting Pluto squares the Midheaven (0°24'), Venus squares the Midheaven (0°58'), and the Venus-Pluto opposition is 0°34'. {+2 *Very Good*}

Day: Cansolar Quotidian

For Columbine, the CanQ is misleading: Transiting Jupiter is 0°51' from square the quotidian Midheaven. However, there is one mark in its favor: Transiting Uranus squares the 22°20' Aries progressed Cansolar Moon. (This aspect appears for various explosions, collapses, surprise attacks, explosive fires, etc.)¹ {-1 *Bad*}

For Washington, ingress Uranus conjoins the 16°57' Midheaven (0°16'). Ingress Pluto conjoins the CanQ Descendant (1°23'). As at Columbine, transiting Uranus squares CanQ Moon. {+2 *Very Good*}

Hour: Event Chart

A horoscope for the time the attack began displays splendid mathematical precision of its contacts – though unclarity in its symbolism. A 0°25' Moon-Mercury square is mere minutes of arc from the Midheaven and Eastpoint. Mercury culminated precisely at 11:22 AM, three minutes after the attacks began. Best guess at the meaning of all of this Mercury: Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold had a detailed plan that they executed with military-like precision beginning at the time of this abundance of Mercury energy.

Summary (for Columbine)

- **Year:** Uranus, Venus. *Venus-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Uranus, Venus.
- **Month:** Saturn, Neptune, Mars, Venus. *Venus-Neptune, Saturn-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** Uranus, Mars, Saturn. *Mars-Saturn-Neptune, Mars-Saturn-Uranus, Moon-Sun.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, Saturn, Neptune (*transits to Capsolar*). Uranus, Saturn (*CapQ*).
- **Day (CanQ):** Jupiter. *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Hour:** Moon, Mercury. *Moon-Mercury.*

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Pluto.
 - **Quarter:** Mercury. (*Venus-Pluto.*)

¹ As the Capsolar's daily timings pegged the event so precisely, the secondary Cansolar was not needed to say anything further. This Jupiter could have been connected to the number of explosive devices that failed, with hundreds of lives thus saved; of the selfless generosity of those who attempted to save others; or to completely unrelated matters.

- **Month:** Pluto (Mercury).
 - **Week:** Pluto, Venus. *Venus-Pluto, Moon-Sun.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Venus, Pluto. *Venus-Pluto (transit to Capsolar).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Uranus, Pluto. *Moon-Uranus.*



VIRGINIA TECH MASSACRE

2007 Apr 16, 7:15 AM EDT, Blacksburg, VA (37N14, 80W25)

This deadliest shooting incident by one individual in U.S. history left 33 dead and 23 injured. It also ranks second only to the Bath School disaster (discussed in Chapter 12) as America's deadliest mass murder at a school.

After his first wave of shooting, a mentally ill student, who had ranted in his suicide note against "rich kids" and "debauchery," mailed a manifesto to NBC News expressing hatred of the wealthy and posturing himself as an oppressed savior. He then returned to a second wave of killings before taking his own life.

Year: Capsolar

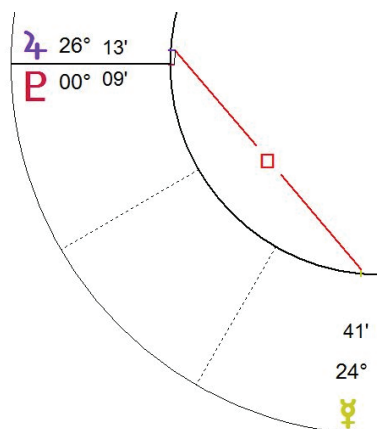
For Blacksburg, Pluto conjoins the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}55'$ in RA), and potentially explosive Uranus squares the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}37'$). Yet, more obvious and more characterizing is the close Moon-Jupiter conjunction rising. Mundanely, Jupiter is $1^{\circ}06'$, and the Moon $1^{\circ}45'$, below the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}39'$ from exact mundane conjunct). This seems contrary to the symbolism of the event.² {0 Mixed}

For Washington, the Moon ($0^{\circ}14'$) and Jupiter ($0^{\circ}41'$) are rising even closer to the Ascendant. Uranus still squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}47'$). Now, though, squaring the Midheaven is a conjunction of Mars ($0^{\circ}07'$) and Pluto ($1^{\circ}14'$). Whatever the Moon-Jupiter implications are in this Year Chart, the Mars-Pluto portends dramatic, explosive violence. {+1 Good}

Quarter: Arisolar

For Blacksburg, Pluto rises ($0^{\circ}09'$), which tags the type of event. Somewhat more widely in the foreground, Mercury and Jupiter form a $1^{\circ}32'$ mundane square about 4° - 5° from the angles, perhaps identifying the academic environment. {+1 Good}

For Washington, Pluto is farther from the angle, but still close enough ($1^{\circ}52'$) to own the chart. The Moon sneaks within a 3° orb of square the Ascendant.



² Moon-Jupiter clearly expresses the shooter's declared motivations. This probably makes the Caplunar an unequivocal "win," deserving an a +2 score. However, in practice, the dominant Moon-Jupiter prominence would not have helped us predict the event. On the premise that it is better to make my case by underscoring (rather than overscoring) controversial charts, I leave this one ranked "mixed."

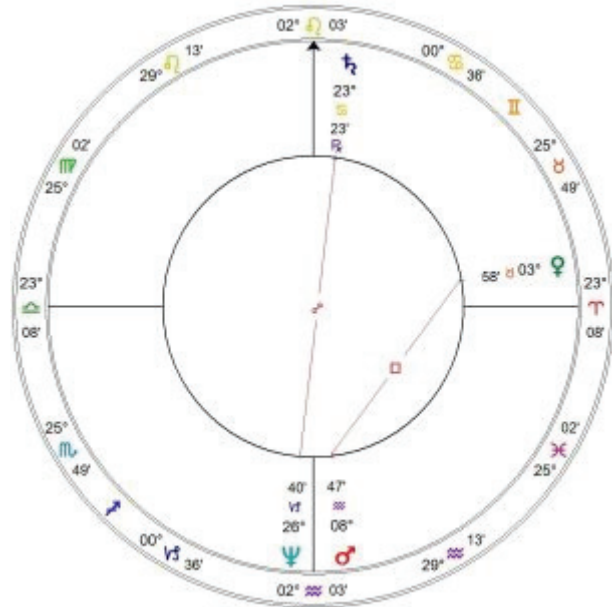
Month: Caplunar

For Blacksburg, we find a typical scenario in such charts: a preponderance of malefics plus Venus. Saturn takes the lead, with Venus close behind.

- Saturn squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}15'$).
- Venus squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}55'$).
- Neptune conjoins the IC ($5^{\circ}23'$).
- Mars conjoins the IC ($7^{\circ}30'$).
 - The Mars/Neptune midpoint is $1^{\circ}04'$ from the IC. *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, the emphasis is a little different, though the chart is substantially the same.

- Neptune squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}31'$).
- Saturn squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}46'$).
 - The Saturn/Neptune midpoint ($25^{\circ}02'$ Libra) is $0^{\circ}07'$ from the Ascendant.
- Venus squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}37'$).
- Mars is $3^{\circ}54'$ from the IC. *{+1 Good}*



Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

For Blacksburg, transiting Mars squares the Capsolar Ascendant ($1^{\circ}42'$) and the rising Capsolar Moon ($0^{\circ}16'$). In the CapQ, Capsolar Pluto conjoins the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}36'$).

However, the CapQ (progressed) Moon is conjunct Jupiter ($0^{\circ}08'$), stamping this date (for all parts of the world) as somehow linked to Moon-Jupiter. *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, transiting Pluto (which is only $0^{\circ}01'$ from conjunct the exactly angular Capsolar Mars) squares the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}06'$).

In the Capsolar Quotidian, transiting Pluto and Capsolar Mars conjoin the Midheaven, respectively $0^{\circ}12'$ and $0^{\circ}07'$ on either side it. Also (as for all parts of the world), the Moon-Jupiter progression is part of the mix in some unexplained way. (See my earlier footnote addressing this.) *{+2 Very Good}*

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

For Blacksburg, transiting Neptune is $1^{\circ}11'$ from the Cansolar Westpoint. That transit went on for weeks; but, more immediately, the CanQ Midheaven ($27^{\circ}43'$ Capricorn, the exaltation degree of Mars) conjoins transiting Neptune ($1^{\circ}02'$), and the CanQ Ascendant ($19^{\circ}53'$ Taurus) squares Cansolar Uranus ($0^{\circ}18'$). *{+2 Very Good}*

For Washington, the CanQ has ingress Mars $0^{\circ}37'$ from the IC (so far, so good) and transiting Jupiter $0^{\circ}15'$ from the Descendant (oops!). However, this also forms a specie of Mars-Jupiter aspect or co-angularity, and Mars-Jupiter aspects have been active in many murders and other shootings we have examined, including the shooting of four U.S. Presidents and Martin Luther King, Jr. *{+1 Good}*

Summary (for Blacksburg)

- **Year:** Moon, Jupiter, Pluto, Uranus. *Moon-Jupiter.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto (Mercury, Jupiter). *Mercury-Jupiter.*
- **Month:** Saturn, Venus (Neptune, Mars). *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, *Moon-Mars (transits to Capsolar).* Pluto, *Moon-Jupiter (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Neptune, Uranus (*CanQ*).

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Mars, Moon, Jupiter, Uranus, Pluto. *Mars-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter.*
 - **Quarter:** Pluto (Moon).
- **Month:** Neptune, Saturn, Venus, Mars. *Saturn-Neptune.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto, *Mars-Pluto (transit to Capsolar).* Mars, Pluto, *Mars-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter (CapQ).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter.*



OSLO ATTACKS

2011 Jul 22, 3:25:22 PM CEDT, Oslo, Norway

An attack on the Norwegian government, and Norway's deadliest attack since World War II, began with a car bomb outside the Prime Minister's office in Norway, and continued two hours later at a summer camp, on the island of Utøya, run by the Norwegian Labour Party.

Both attacks were ideologically motivated: The shooter, Anders Breivik, was both schizophrenic and fiercely anti-Islamic, claiming that his actions (and the accompanying manifesto) were a wake-up call concerning Muslim immigration into Europe.

Altogether, 77 died (69 of them at the camp) and at least 319 were injured.

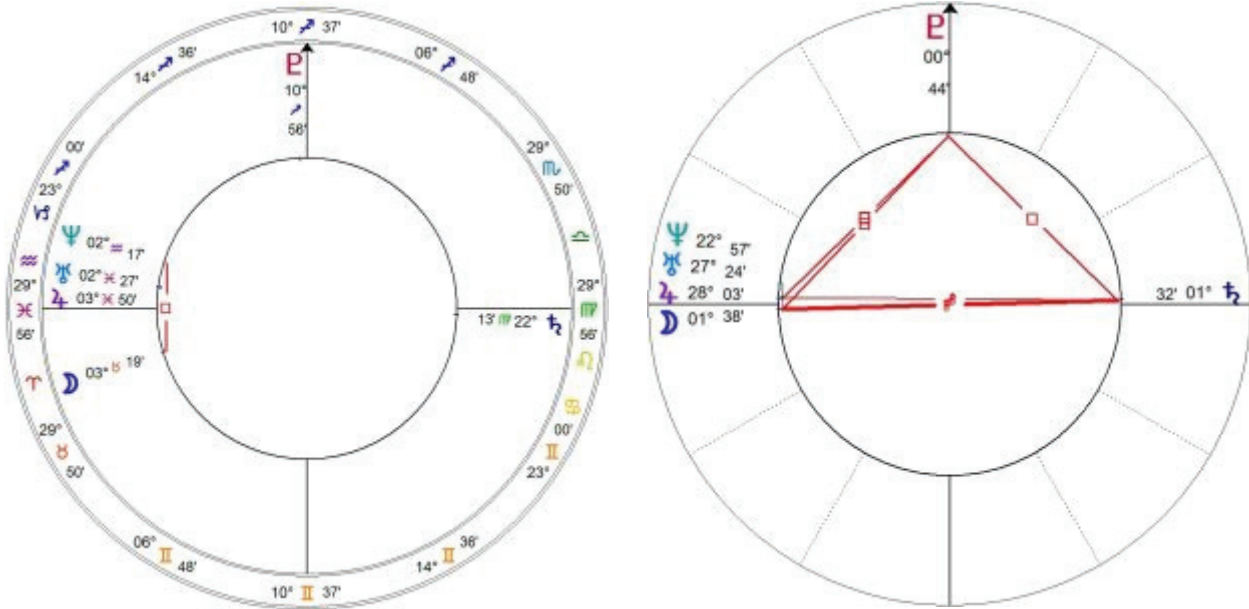
Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Few charts dramatize, as much as does the 2011 Oslo Capsolar, the need to use the mundoscope for viewing these ingresses.

A simple glance at the Capsolar horoscope on the next page shows Pluto in the degree of the Midheaven (zodiacal conjunction 0°19'), and the (seemingly wider) proximity of Saturn to the Descendant. What you cannot tell from the face of the Capsolar horoscope, though, is that the Moon – more than **two entire signs** below the Ascendant in longitude – was almost exactly on the Ascendant, ready to rise in the east. This is a combination of the Moon's 3° of celestial latitude and the 60° North geographic latitude of Oslo.

This is all made clear when comparing the Capsolar's horoscope to its mundoscope.

Pluto on the Midheaven is not, by itself, sufficient to explain the terrorist assault on the government. The symbolism is correct – perfect, in fact – but, for Oslo as for Washington, Pluto returns to roughly the same relationship to the Midheaven (but rotated 90°) from year to year. This means that Oslo nearly always will have Pluto on a Capsolar angle, and will have it on the Midheaven every four years. In practice, this means that, to trigger a significant event, something **additional** is needed, such as Pluto's interaction with other planets.



As the Capsolar mundoscope shows elegantly, Pluto was bodily $0^{\circ}44'$ from the Midheaven, in partile square to a $0^{\circ}06'$ (one-tenth of a degree!) Moon-Saturn opposition across the horizon. This Moon-Saturn-Pluto T-square is entirely appropriate for an attack on the government and populace that include the shooting deaths of over five dozen people at a children's summer camp.

Three more planets are foreground: Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune. Jupiter is the strongest of these, and reflects the religious-themed and other ideological motivations of the attacks. Uranus connects to the others by many individual aspects that flesh out the details, including a close mundane Uranus-Pluto square, Saturn-Uranus opposition, and partile Jupiter-Uranus conjunction, all in the foreground. These aspects describe the event elegantly. Almost none of this shows except in the mundoscope.

Quarter: Cansolar {0 Neutral, Mixed}

Discernible only in the mundoscope (due to the distortion of the ecliptic at the high geographic latitude of Oslo), the Cansolar features:

- Sun setting ($0^{\circ}44'$)
- Venus setting ($1^{\circ}14'$)
- Moon rising ($2^{\circ}05'$)
 - Sun opposite Moon ($1^{\circ}21'$) mundanely³
 - Sun conjunct Venus ($1^{\circ}58'$) mundanely
 - Moon opposite Venus ($3^{\circ}21'$) mundanely
- Mercury setting ($5^{\circ}50'$).
- Neptune rising ($8^{\circ}05'$).
 - Mercury opposite Neptune ($2^{\circ}15'$) mundanely.

This does not describe the event very well. Although a case could be made for one aspect or another, the simple assessment is that this does not seem to tell the story of the event.

³ Ecliptically they are 150° apart! The compression of the ecliptic near the horizon squeezes the Moon back an entire sign. (The Moon's latitude of $4N36$.)

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Saturn is within 3° of the Caplunar Ascendant mundanely. The main story of this chart is told by Saturn's angularity and its close foreground square to Venus (which is 1° from square the Ascendant). This marks tragedy, loss of life, and the particular Love + Loss feelings distinctive to Venus-Saturn aspects. The details are:

- Venus squares the Ascendant (1°00').
- Saturn rises (2°43').
 - Venus squares Saturn (2°31').
- The Sun culminates (4°34').
- Uranus and the Moon are more widely foreground.
 - Mundanely, Venus squares Uranus (0°54').
 - Mundanely, Sun opposes Moon (2°39').

Besides the Venus-Saturn message, the foreground Sun is consistent with having the government in the cross hairs. Venus square Uranus is consistent with the surprise attack and the cultural shift Breivik claimed he wanted to foster.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto continues to conjoin the Capsolar Midheaven, and is within 0°05' at the time the shootings began. Uranus is 1°01' from square the Midheaven.

However, the real show-stealer was the Capsolar Quotidian. For the start of the attacks, Saturn (16°48' Virgo) squared the CapQ Midheaven (16°07' Gemini).

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {-2 Very Bad}

The Cansolar, which failed us as a static chart, continues the trend by transit and progression. As the attacks began, transiting Venus (27°38' Gemini) conjoined the Cansolar Descendant (0°08'). Venus is highlighted by an exact aspect with the Moon (27°22' Pisces), but is unafflicted. While an angular Venus is common enough for events involving the deaths of “dear ones,” it would be an affront to clean astrological symbolism to credit this chart as anything but a failure.

The CanQ has nothing to contribute.

Hour: Event Chart

A horoscope for the moment of the first assault is intensely ideological. It is not the chart of a bombing as such, though it would pass easily for the chart of intellectual posturing and “sending a message” with a marked ideological thrust.

Neptune is within a degree of the IC (0°49'), opposite Mercury near the Midheaven. Jupiter was setting within 1°17', and the Jupiter-Neptune mundane square was 2°06' wide.

Summary

- **Year:** Pluto, Saturn, Moon, Jupiter (Uranus, Neptune). *Moon-Saturn-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter, Jupiter-Uranus-Pluto, Saturn-Uranus, Moon-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Sun, Venus, Moon (Mercury, Neptune). *Sun-Moon-Venus, Mercury-Neptune.*

- **Month:** Venus, Saturn (Sun, Moon, Uranus). *Venus-Uranus, Venus-Saturn, Sun-Moon.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto, Uranus (*transits to Capsolar*). Saturn (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Venus, Moon, *Moon-Venus (transit to Cansolar)*.
- **Hour:** Neptune, Jupiter (Mercury). *Jupiter-Neptune (Mercury-Neptune).*



“DARK KNIGHT” MASSACRE

2012 Jul 20, 12:38 AM MDT, Aurora, CO (39N42'21", 104W49'14")

During a midnight opening performance of the new movie “The Dark Knight Rises,” a lone figure, dressed in combat gear and makeup seemingly inspired by the movie character, the Joker, unleashed tear gas and began shooting people in the audience. Twelve people died (ages 6 to 51), and another 70 were injured.

On *Solunars.net*, I previously had flagged the Denver area as a region that likely would be in the news and under a national spotlight. This is an excellent example of the need for greater human (and other) resources to follow-up in various locales. Had I stopped to look further than an astro-map for the whole country, I would have seen Saturn’s involvement in the same chart plus the severity of the Canlunar. From this, an accurate prediction of some detail could have been made.

Year: Capsolar {1 Good}

Venus and Neptune rise together in the Capsolar. Mundanely, Venus is 0°37' below the Ascendant, Neptune is 1°31' above, and their mundane conjunction is within 2°08'. Possibly this draws attention to matters of recreation.

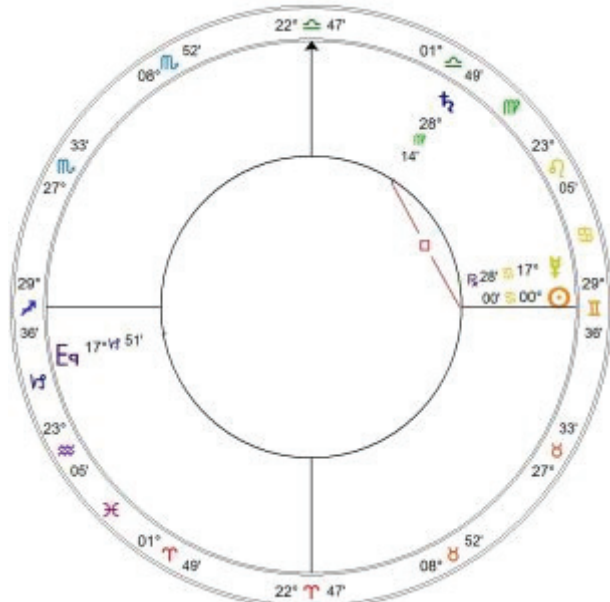
Venus-Neptune aspects recur in shooting massacres. It may be that the examples available all involve a certain character type. In any case, we will see this planet pair again in the present event.

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

On the other hand, the Cansolar, just four days before the shooting, has clear hallmarks of tragedy. Saturn squares the Ascendant (1°22'), which also means that it is closely square the Sun, 0°16' above the Descendant for Aurora. Mercury is 1°24' from the Westpoint.

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The Caplunar is not the best chart for this event. It does have the panic, hysteria, and absurdity of Neptune setting (0°45'). It also has Jupiter square the Ascendant (1°34'). Jupiter-Neptune keeps the focus on recreational and entertainment themes (it was all about the movies!); in fact, Jupiter-Neptune involvement in tragic events is nearly always at an entertainment venue or connected to an overt religious theme.

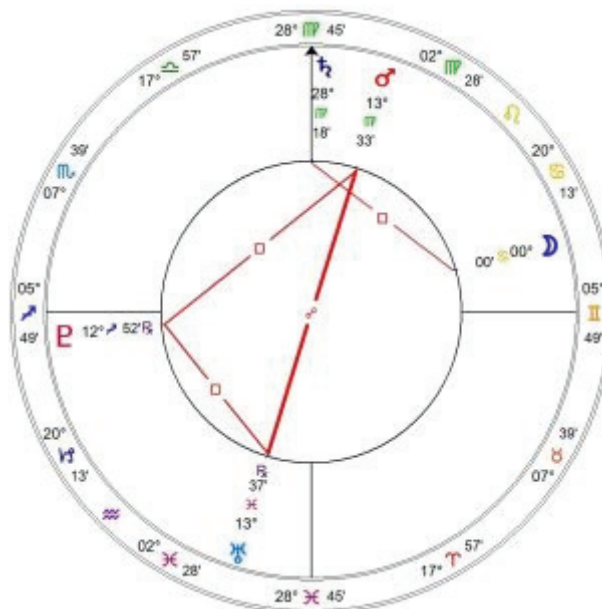


Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

On the other hand, the “chart of the week” is excruciatingly malignant and violent.

- Saturn conjoins the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}44'$ *in mundo*) and squares the Moon ($1^{\circ}42'$).
- Pluto rises ($2^{\circ}33'$ *in mundo*). The foreground Saturn-Pluto mundane square ($1^{\circ}49'$) is characteristic of harsh, dramatic tragedies. (Remember the Cansolar for the 9/11 attacks?)
- This rising Pluto is in partile square to the $0^{\circ}04'$ Mars-Uranus opposition, drawing the full force of that aspect structure into Pluto’s expected pattern of expression. To “harsh, dramatic tragedy” we now add “startling, explosive violence.”

Earlier charts loaded the gun. This Canlunar pulled the trigger.



Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Neptune ($7^{\circ}43'$ Aquarius) conjoins the Capsolar Ascendant ($8^{\circ}30'$ Aquarius) within $0^{\circ}47'$. The appropriateness of this is obvious. What is less obvious at first is the meaning of transiting Venus ($20^{\circ}47'$ Taurus) conjoining within $0^{\circ}28'$ the Capsolar IC ($20^{\circ}19'$ Taurus).

Venus-Neptune aspects are fairly common in the present category of shooting massacres. It appears to be the form that “afflicted Venus” takes for this type of event. I do not know why, or what exact distinction of this sort of event has to do with Venus-Neptune *per se* (although I have suspicious, stated above). I record the facts, hoping they contain something for us to learn later.

In any case, this Venus-Neptune presence is somehow important to the way the cosmos was expressing itself through the Denver area on that day, for the aspect doubled up: The Capsolar for the region already had a Venus-Neptune conjunction on the Ascendant.

More to the point of stark simplicity are the Capsolar’s progressions.

- The CapQ Ascendant conjoins Capsolar Mars ($1^{\circ}58'$).
- Progressed Capsolar Moon ($28^{\circ}01'$ Virgo) is $0^{\circ}21'$ from conjunct transiting Saturn.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+1 Good}

Transiting Saturn squares the Cansolar Ascendant ($1^{\circ}15'$).

The CanQ has only transiting Sun angular, on the Descendant.

Hour: Event Chart

At the time the shooting broke out, Saturn was within 1° of the Westpoint ($0^{\circ}41'$ in RA), and within 2° of square the Midheaven. The violent, explosive Mars-Uranus-Pluto T-square was the dominant aspect pattern, though not foreground.

Summary

- **Year:** Venus, Neptune. *Venus-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Saturn, Sun, Mercury. *Sun-Saturn.*
- **Month:** Neptune, Jupiter. *Jupiter-Neptune.*
 - **Week:** Saturn, Pluto. *Moon-Saturn, Mars-Uranus-Pluto.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Neptune, Venus, *Venus-Saturn (transits to Capsolar).* Mars, *Moon-Saturn (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Saturn (*transit to Cansolar*). Sun (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Saturn.



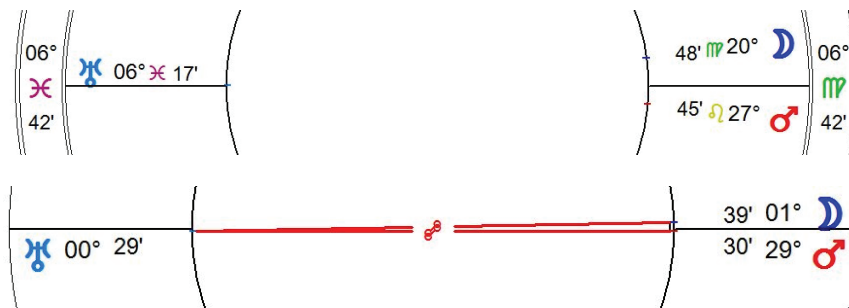
OAK CREEK SIKH TEMPLE SHOOTINGS

2012 Aug 5, 10:25 AM CDT, Oak Creek, WI (42N54'29", 87W54'39")

A white supremacist with U.S. military training opened fire in a Sikh temple in a Milwaukee suburb. Seven died, including the shooter. Four others were wounded.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Oak Creek and the surrounding area were under brutal influences for the year. The Capsolar, from a glance at the horoscope, shows Uranus exactly on the Ascendant. It requires the mundoscope, though, to show how close the Moon and Mars also were to the horizon.



Mars is as close to the horizon as Uranus – 0°30' and 0°29', respectively – and the Moon is 1°39' above. Resultant foreground mundane aspects include Mars-Uranus (0°59'), Moon-Uranus (1°10'), and Moon-Mars (2°09').

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Besides the Capsolar, the other main ingress charts seem to speak more to the spotlight and publicity elements and local panic. For example, the Cansolar has Neptune square the Midheaven (1°26') and Mercury setting (3°52').

Looking more widely in the foreground, we catch Jupiter almost 8° from the IC, but within 1°42' of mundane square to Neptune. This is common in events with a distinct religious theme.

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

The July 31 Caplunar has exactly – exactly! – the same angles as the Cansolar: 9° Scorpio on the Midheaven and 18° Capricorn rising. One consequence of this is that Neptune is again square the Midheaven (1°34'). Instead of Mercury, the Sun is setting (2°03'). Jupiter is no longer even distantly foreground.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn conjoins the progressed Capsolar Moon (as it did for the slightly earlier Dark Knight massacre in Aurora, CO). Both conjoin the CapQ Eastpoint at 28°18' Virgo.

The main trigger, though, is Mars, 1°02' from square the CapQ Midheaven.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {-2 Good}

Transiting Sun conjoins the Cansolar Descendant (0°14'). Neptune continues to square the Midheaven. The CanQ Ascendant squares ingress Venus.

These do not appear to be strongly involved in timing the event, which the Capsolar Quotidian already pinned very well.

Hour: Event Chart

As the shooting began, Pluto was precisely on the IC. (Its distance, as shown in the mundo-scope, was 0°05', much less than the angle rotates in one minute of time.) Even closer, Uranus was 0°01' from the Westpoint in RA!

Summary

- **Year:** Mars, Uranus, Moon. *Moon-Mars-Uranus.*
 - **Quarter:** Neptune (Mercury). *Jupiter-Neptune.*
- **Month:** Neptune, Sun.
- **Day (CapQ):** Mars, Moon, Saturn. *Moon-Saturn.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Sun, Neptune (*transits to Cansolar*). Venus (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Uranus, Pluto. *Uranus-Pluto.*

**SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MASSACRE**

2012 Dec 14, 9:35 AM EST, Newtown, CT (41N25'12", 73W16'42")

After the Virginia Tech shootings, the killing at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT is the second deadliest single-person shooting in American history. However, in terms of national emotional impact, it is a much more significant event, ranking perhaps with Columbine in mass-mind importance.

Counting the shooter and his mother, 28 people died. Twenty of these were elementary school children. Two other people were wounded.

The first 911 call was placed at 9:41 AM. When this news first broke, I noted that Mars rose

at 9:18, so that the shooting likely was closer to that earlier time. Eventually the timing was narrowed to the 9:30-9:35 AM range. Based on this, I have selected 9:35 as the critical time.

Year: Capsolar

For Newtown, the Capsolar itself did not show the event on its face. The East Coast had been operating under a Capsolar featuring Jupiter opposite Saturn across the horizon, seesawing between extremes throughout the year. Especially, economic cycling had driven Election Year politics as the opposition settled on Washington, DC.

In Newtown, the strongest chart factors primarily draw attention – set a spotlight, so to speak – on the Newtown area: The closest angular contacts are the Moon square the Midheaven and the Sun square the Ascendant. Here is the full breakdown. {0 *Neutral*}

- The Moon squares the Midheaven (1°26').
- Sun squares the Ascendant (1°44').
- Jupiter rises (3°10').
- Saturn sets (3°24').
- The foreground Jupiter-Saturn opposition is 0°14' wide *in mundo*.

For Washington, the strongest angularity is Mercury, 0°33' from the Midheaven. A mundane Moon-Mars-Uranus-Pluto T-square is in the foreground, but not closely. {+1 *Good*}

Half-year: Cansolar

For Newtown, the Cansolar is counter-indicative of the event: Jupiter squares the Ascendant (0°24'). Neptune is 1°28' from the Ascendant. This chart seems not to be involved in describing the event. {-1 *Bad*}

For Washington, Neptune rises (0°44'), with Venus on the IC (0°07'). (It is the same chart we saw for the Aurora “Dark Knight” killings and other late 2012 events.) {+1 *Good*}

Quarter: Libsolar

For Newtown, we begin to see emerging events with the October 17 Libsolar. Pluto culminates (2°20') and Uranus rises (3°31'). This puts Uranus and Pluto in a 1°07' mundane square in the Libsolar foreground. Additionally (though applicable to the whole world), Moon squares Neptune within 1°13'. {+2 *Very Good*}

For Washington, the angularity is closer: Uranus is only 0°34' *in mundo* from the Ascendant, and Pluto 1°16' from square the Ascendant. The Moon-Neptune square, of course, is independent of location. {+2 *Very Good*}

Month: Caplunar

In Newtown, the Caplunar is dormant.

In Washington, however, Saturn conjoins the IC (0°44'). For this event of national impact, the strong, clear showing is for Washington, not for Connecticut. {+2 *Very Good*}

Fortnight: Canlunar

In Newtown, the December 2 Canlunar is a tragically accurate chart. {+2 *Very Good*}

- Saturn squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}04'$).
- Neptune squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}03'$).

For Washington also, Saturn also squared the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}48'$). $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Week: Liblunar

For Newtown, the December 9 Liblunar ties the bow on it with a rising Pluto:

- Pluto rises ($0^{\circ}54'$).
- Uranus squares the Ascendant ($1^{\circ}00'$).
- The Moon is distantly foreground ($7^{\circ}05'$). $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

For Washington, the Moon conjoins the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}51'$), and Pluto conjoins the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}34'$). Since they are on opposite sides of the angles, their mundane square is wide at $3^{\circ}25'$. $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

In Newtown, the only planet transiting a CapQ angle is Mercury, $0^{\circ}19'$ from square the Ascendant. Most likely, this is the attraction of the news media to that spot on that day, much as we have seen in other events.

In Washington, transiting Mars squares the Capsolar Ascendant ($1^{\circ}39'$) and Neptune conjoins the CapQ Ascendant ($0^{\circ}14'$).

Most important **for both locations**, the Capsolar progressed Moon ($3^{\circ}43'$ Libra) is $0^{\circ}27'$ from exact conjunction with transiting Saturn. Several newsworthy shootings occurred in the several weeks that the Moon was partile conjunct Saturn: Sandy Hook was one of these. $\{+2 \text{ Very Good}\}$

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

In Newtown, as with the Capsolar, Mercury is the only planet concentrating attention, being just within 2° of the CanQ Eastpoint. $\{0 \text{ Neutral}\}$

In Washington, transiting Neptune is $1^{\circ}39'$ from the Cansolar Ascendant. Mercury adds a further “news event” note by squaring the CanQ Midheaven ($1^{\circ}54'$). $\{+1 \text{ Good}\}$

Summary (for Newtown)

- **Year:** Moon, Sun.
 - **Half-year:** Jupiter, Neptune. [*counter-indicative*]
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Uranus. *Uranus-Pluto, Moon-Neptune.*
- **Month:** (*Dormant.*)
 - **Fortnight:** Saturn, Neptune.
 - **Week:** Pluto, Uranus.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mercury. *Moon-Saturn.*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mercury.

Summary (for Washington)

- **Year:** Mercury. *Moon-Mars-Uranus-Pluto.*
 - **Half-year:** Venus, Neptune. *Venus-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Uranus, Pluto. *Uranus-Pluto, Moon-Neptune.*

- **Month:** Saturn.
 - **Fortnight:** Saturn.
 - **Week:** Moon, Pluto. *Moon-Pluto*.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars (*transit to Capsolar*). Neptune, *Moon-Saturn (CapQ)*.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Mercury (*CanQ*).



WESTGATE SHOPPING MALL SHOOTING

2013 Sep 21, 12:00 PM BAT, Westlands, Nairobi, Kenya (1S15'25", 36E48'12")

Al-Shabaab, an Islamist group retaliating for Kenyan military activity in Somalia, seized a Nairobi shopping mall for four five days beginning at, or a little after, noon on September 21. Over that time, 72 people died (mostly civilians in the mall) and more than 200 others were wounded.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Saturn was 2°55' below the Ascendant in the Year Chart for Nairobi. This is consistent with a high death toll and economic loss.

Possibly the weakly foreground (8°52') Sun reflected that this was targeted at the government, though this is a secondary effect).

Quarter: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Cansolar clearly portrays the radical political nature of the assault.

- Pluto is square Ascendant (0°24') and on IC (1°09').
- Uranus is setting (2°18') and stationary,
 - Uranus squares Pluto (0°19' *in mundo*)
- Jupiter (4°12'), Mars (6°39'), and Mercury (5°12') more widely foreground, culminating.
 - Mercury/Mars midpoint is 0°44' from MC *in mundo*.
 - Mercury/Jupiter midpoint is 0°30' from MC *in mundo*.
 - Mars is conjunct Jupiter (2°15').
- Mercury squares Uranus (1°21').

Month: Caplunar {0 Neutral}

Nearly dormant, the Caplunar features only the Sun, 2°59' above the Ascendant. Atypical for this sort of event, it likely alludes to the attack targeting the government and, of course, the corresponding governmental response.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Saturn is conjunct the Capsolar Ascendant (0°40').

In the CapQ, we find the political, the practical, and the emotional impact of the event:

- t. Uranus on MC (0°05').
- t. Pluto on Descendant (0°06').
 - Pluto/Uranus average is 0°01' from the angles.

- Progressed Venus (0°49')⁴ and Capsolar Pluto (0°57') on the Descendant.
 - Venus/Pluto midpoint is 0°08' from the angle.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Pluto is 0°21' from the Cansolar IC. Transiting Uranus is 0°42' from the Cansolar Descendant.

Summary

- **Year:** Saturn.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto, Uranus (Jupiter, Mercury, Mars). *Uranus-Pluto, Mercury-Mars-Jupiter, Mercury-Uranus.*
- **Month:** Sun.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Saturn (*transit to Capsolar*). Uranus, Pluto, Venus, *Uranus-Pluto, Venus-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Pluto, Uranus (*transit to Cansolar*).



OVERVIEW OF SHOOTING MASSACRES

+Saturn +Pluto (+Mars +Uranus +Neptune) -Sun -Venus

Saturn and **Pluto** (backed by **Mars**, **Uranus**, and **Neptune**) are the lead planets for these stark, senses-staggering, violent tragedies.

Saturn and **Pluto** take the lead, though. These events evidently are more about the death than the violence.⁵ Each is active in every example (although Pluto appears only in the Washington charts for Columbine – not for Colorado). Saturn was active for every level of the stack, though especially for lunar ingresses and daily charts. Half the Pluto hits were for the week or day.

Neptune, **Mars**, and **Uranus** were the next most consistently present. Panic and general emotional excitement was the second-most represented phenomenon, followed by the actual planets of violence. Neptune and Mars only appeared in the annual and semi-annual charts if they also were solidly represented farther down the stack: Neptune was strongest in the monthly, fortnight, and daily charts, and Mars especially ruled the daily charts. Uranus, on the other hand, was especially strong in the solar ingresses (for the year or the quarter).

The Sun is almost completely absent.

Venus appears to be nearly as active as Mars until we notice that half the charts in which she is active are for Columbine. Acknowledging and setting aside her distinctive relationship to the Columbine event, she is otherwise one of the least-active planets for these events.

Regarding aspects, for the close, foreground **Mars aspects** one-third are **Mars-Neptune aspects**, another third are **Mars-Saturn aspects**, and the rest divide between Uranus and Pluto (and one Moon-Mars aspect).

⁴ Capsolar Venus is within the 2° orb, but farther away (1°40' from the angle).

⁵ A confirmation of this: Nearly half of the highlighted Moon aspects in these charts were with Saturn.

As with most categories of tragedies involving loss of life, we see more close Venus foreground harsh aspects than close Venus angularities. A variation in the present group is that there were somewhat more **Venus-Neptune aspects** than we are used to seeing. The meaning of this is not yet clear.

Chapter 22

SPACE MISSIONS

FIRST ARTIFICIAL SATELLITE LAUNCH

Launched 1957 Oct 4, 19:28:34 UT

Sputnik, the first artificial satellite launched into space, arguably began the space age.

This was a tremendous image boost for the Soviet Union as well. By the way, I have calculated all of these charts for Moscow or Washington (according to the country involved), treating these as national, rather than localized, events. Consequently, national image.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Moscow's 1957 Capsolar had all the right planets – mostly not very close to the angles – with one of them close enough to anchor the event as significant: the Sun is 2°03' below the Descendant. Moscow surely considered this event a heroic triumph.

Supplementing this, Mercury is 5°08' below the Descendant, and Uranus 7°06' below the Ascendant *in mundo*. Besides being the perfect planets for inaugurating the era of space flight (and, simply, significant groundbreaking technological advances especially in communications), the average placement of Mercury and Uranus is 0°59' from the horizon.

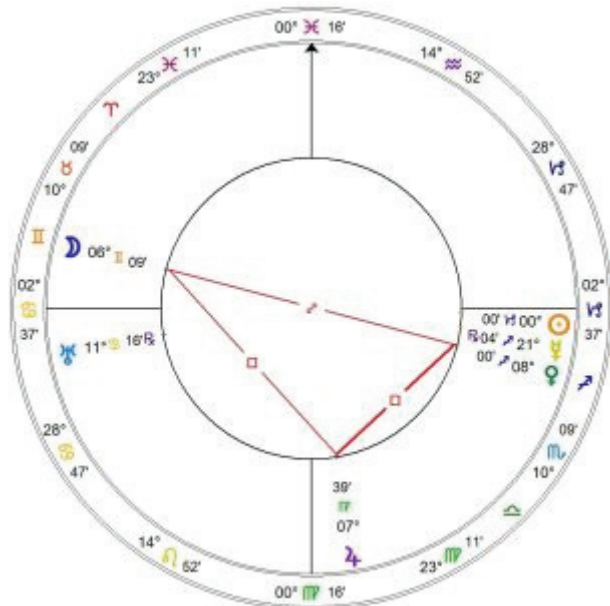
A broader positive indicator was present, but affecting the whole world: a T-square of the benefics with the Moon (in technological, flight-themed Gemini):

Moon	6°09' Gemini
Jupiter	7°39' Virgo
Venus	8°00' Sagittarius

Quarter: Cansolar {+1 Good}

Pluto is 2°00' from the IC. While this is on-target for significant, unprecedented events, Saturn is in (distant, weak) reach of angularity, being 1°59' from the Westpoint.

Other Cansolar aspects are interesting, particularly the close Mercury-Uranus conjunction; but this is not foreground for Moscow.



Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+1 Good}

Although it affects the entire world – and, despite Cold War competition, this launch was a victory for all humankind – the only factors emerging in the CapQ are transits to the progressed Moon. At the time of the launch, the Sun (17°09' Virgo) and Jupiter (17°48' Virgo) were in partile conjunction in one of the constellations most connected to the advance of technology, learning, and communication. Within 1°, they squared progressed Capsolar Moon (16°53' Gemini).

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

That Sun-Jupiter conjunction was localized (and more precise) through the Cansolar, which, for Moscow, has the Ascendant at 17°54' Gemini, 0°06' from Jupiter and within a degree of the Sun. This was one of the Soviet Union's proudest and most triumphant moments.

Additionally, transiting Pluto was 1°21' from the Moscow Cansolar IC.

And, lest there be any doubt where the Champaign corks were popping that night, transiting Venus (29°41' Libra), at the time of the launch, was 1°52' from the CanQ IC (1°41' Scorpio), with transiting Moon at 2°29' Aquarius squaring the quotidian meridian. (The Moon/Venus midpoint is 0°32' from the CanQ angle.)

Hour: Event Chart

Nothing marked the angles for the time of launch. The previously mentioned Sun-Jupiter conjunction (0°39') was the strongest factor in the chart.

Sidereal astrologers will have big smiles on seeing that the space age began for earnest with the Moon in Aquarius and the Sun well aspected in Virgo.

Summary

- **Year:** Sun (Mercury, Uranus). *Mercury-Uranus*.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto (Saturn).
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (CapQ):** *Sun-Jupiter square Moon (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Sun, Jupiter (Pluto), *Sun-Jupiter (transits to Cansolar).* Moon, Venus, *Moon-Venus (CanQ).*



FIRST HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT

Launched 1961 Apr 12, 6:07 UT

Yuri Gagarin, aboard the Vostok 1, was the first human launched into orbit.

Year: Capsolar {+1 Good}

Though the Capsolar speaks of flight, it speaks even more of competition or even of a military

outlook: Mars conjoins the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}18'$ in RA). This close angularity “qualifies” the chart as reflecting an event significant to Moscow.

Beyond that, we have the moderately foreground Mercury (setting $5^{\circ}12'$), and the more widely setting Sun ($7^{\circ}18'$) and Saturn ($9^{\circ}18'$). Overall, the chart is reasonably accurate if the Cold War circumstances are factored in. (For context, note that the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba by the United States was five days later.) However, other than the (highly appropriate) secondary Mercury indications, it is not a chart of technological advance.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Mercury is the main indicator in the Caplunar, as well, being $1^{\circ}46'$ from the IC.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+2 Very Good} & **Quotidian** {+1 Good}

Transiting Jupiter conjoins the Capsolar Descendant ($0^{\circ}36'$). This was a significant victory for Moscow. The CapQ plays the “military flight” theme, which is accurate enough:

- Capsolar Mars is $1^{\circ}55'$ from the Midheaven.
- Transiting Mercury squares the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}41'$)
 - Mercury square Mars ($0^{\circ}14'$).

Day: Cansolar Transits {+1 Good} & **Quotidian** {+2 Very Good}

A Moon-Neptune opposition ($0^{\circ}44'$), about 2° from square the Moscow Ascendant, dominated the 1960 Cansolar. This has several possible meanings, including Cold War distrust exacerbated by President Kennedy’s election; yet also there is a sense in which spaceflight is Neptunian – afloat in the æthyr as in the womb, the wonder of fantasy meeting vision.

In any case, by the time of the launch, the Neptune factor had been “doubled down.” Transiting Neptune and ingress Neptune were 4° apart, with their midpoint, $14^{\circ}13'$ Libra, only $0^{\circ}42'$ from the Cansolar Ascendant. As if the original Cansolar lunar influence were not enough, transiting Moon squared the Cansolar Midheaven within $1^{\circ}20'$ at launch.

The Cansolar Quotidian was pointed in its message: The CanQ Midheaven conjoined Cansolar Pluto ($0^{\circ}10'$) and transiting Pluto ($1^{\circ}28'$) for this unprecedented event.

Summary

- **Year:** Mars (Mercury, Sun, Saturn). *Sun-Saturn*.
- **Month:** Mercury.
- **Day (Capsolar):** Jupiter (*transit to Capsolar*). Mercury, Mars, *Mercury-Mars (CapQ)*.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Moon, Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Pluto (*CanQ*).



FREEDOM 7

Launched 1961 May 5, 14:34:13 UT

Alan Shepard was America’s first astronaut in space, launched into suborbital flight aboard the Freedom 7.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

Uranus sets (1°04') and Venus squares the Midheaven (1°13') for this wild rollercoaster ride.

Under this same Capsolar, the Bay of Pigs invasion occurred (the chart speaks of changes in foreign relations) and the nation expressed excitement and youth-pride over the inauguration of its new president. With the same spirit, the chart reflects America's first success in space.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Pluto is 2°35' from the Descendant (a fact only viewable in the mundoscope), with Venus (4°33') and Mercury (6°55') below the Ascendant. Pluto characterizes any precedent-braking "first." The other planets and their aspects add the flight theme and describe the context of Cold War foreign relations.

Month: Caplunar {+2 Very Good}

Again, Pluto makes the case for a "first": It squares the Midheaven (0°57').

Fortnight: Canlunar {-2 Very Bad}

The Canlunar is not descriptive of the event. Saturn squares the Midheaven (0°06'). Although the foreground Sun (3°09' from the IC) can show national pride, in combination with Saturn (which it also squared within 2°13') it shows the opposite.

Week: Liblunar

The Liblunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

The CapQ shows a big win – a success!

i. Jupiter	23°04' Sagittarius
p. Jupiter	23°06' Sagittarius
t. Moon	23°29' Sagittarius
CapQ Asc	23°53' Gemini

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Jupiter (12°19' Capricorn) is 0°06' from square the Cansolar Ascendant (which also means it squares Cansolar Neptune 0°08' and Cansolar Moon 0°36' – because that Moon-Neptune opposition, mentioned previously, is exactly on the Cansolar horizon for Washington).

The CanQ added an appropriate token: Its Midheaven squares transiting Pluto (1°16').

Hour: Event Chart

None of these lift-offs seem timed to any astrological angularity. (NASA seems to have had other space elements in mind when performing their calculations.) In this case, the Moon has just set, though it remains within 1½° of the horizon.

Summary

- **Year:** Uranus, Venus.
 - **Quarter:** Pluto (Venus, Mercury). *Venus-Pluto, Mercury-Venus, Mercury-Pluto.*
- **Month:** Pluto.
 - **Fortnight:** Saturn, Sun. *Sun-Saturn.*
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (CapQ):** Moon, Jupiter.
- **Day (Cansolar):** Jupiter (*transit to Cansolar*). Pluto (*CanQ*).
- **Hour:** Moon.



FRIENDSHIP 7

Launched 1962 Feb 20, 14:47:39 UT

John Glenn, aboard the Friendship 7, became the first American to orbit Earth.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {-2 Very Bad}

The Capsolar is dormant (though marked by a background Moon-Mercury-Jupiter-Neptune T-square affecting the whole world, and characterizing idyllic hopes with a twist of Mercury).

The prior Cansolar was not an optimistic chart, however. It really does not describe this event. Marked by a close Sun-Saturn opposition across the horizon (and a more distantly rising Jupiter), and a partile Moon-Mars conjunction near Pluto, it is more characteristic of pending violence and Cold War tensions.¹

Month: Caplunar

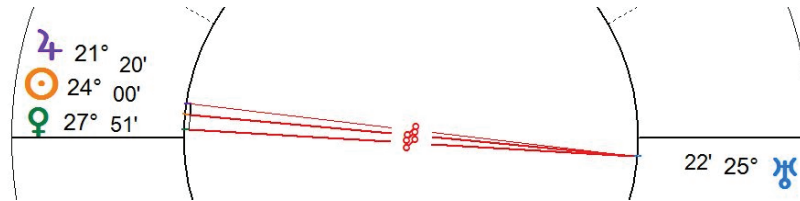
The Caplunar is dormant.

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

The Canlunar speaks of an opportunity for national celebration. Primarily characterizing it are a rising Venus (2°09') and a close Venus-Uranus opposition across the horizon (2°29' *in mundo*). Uranus is 4°38' below the Descendant. Additionally, the Sun (6°00') and Jupiter (8°40') are more widely in the rising foreground, with several aspects to show for it:

- Sun opposite Uranus (1°11')
- Sun conjunct Jupiter (2°40' *in mundo*)
- Sun conjunct Venus (3°51' *in mundo*)
- Venus/Jupiter = Sun (0°35') and Uranus (0°47'), both *in mundo* (but also close ecliptically)

¹ I am intrigued how many charts from 1961 already were showing patterns characteristic of the assassination of a head of state. Some of them – like this one – are quite precise in their indications. One cannot easily ignore the possibility that events were already being set in motion more than a year ahead of time.



Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Only the Moon transited a Capsolar angle, being conjunct the IC at lift-off. Notice also a nerve-jangling aspect: transiting Mars (20°20' Capricorn) square the Capsolar Moon (20°41' Aries).

CapQ Midheaven (26°31' Pisces) squares ingress Venus (26°59' Sagittarius) within half a degree. This is the primary indicator. Additionally, ingress Mars is on the Westpoint (1°38' in RA).

Day: Cansolar Transits {+1 Good}

Transiting Mars is on the Cansolar Eastpoint (1°02'). We have seen a lot of Mars presence in this particular event, usually in ways that characterize extreme adrenaline activity. On the other hand, the military and competitive implications warrant consideration.

Hour: Event Chart

Lift-off occurred with a number of planets in the region of the horizon (or square to it). The closest is Mercury, planet of flight, 1°52' from square the Ascendant.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Sun, Saturn (Jupiter). *Sun-Saturn, Moon-Mars.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
 - **Week:** Venus, Uranus (Sun, Jupiter). *Venus-Uranus, Sun-Uranus, Sun-Jupiter, (Sun-Venus), Su = Ur = Ve/Ju.*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Moon, *Moon-Mars (transit to Capsolar).* Venus, Mars (*CapQ*).
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars (*transit to Cansolar*).
- **Hour:** Mercury.



FIRST WOMAN IN SPACE

Launched 1963 Jun 16, 9:29:52 UT

Valentina Tereshkova, piloting the Vostok 6, was the first woman in space.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar is dormant – which is a shame, because ecliptically it appears to have a striking indication for the event of the first woman in space: Venus 0°01' from the Ascendant! However, mundanely, that Venus is 4° above the horizon, leaving the chart without any planets sufficiently close to the angles to anchor an event to Moscow.

The prior Cansolar shows routine indications of success and celebration: Jupiter is 0°35' from the Westpoint in RA. There is also a Sun-Moon opposition only 2°42' from exact.

Quarter: Arisolar {+2 Very Good}

Feminine symbolism easily marks the Arisolar, however:

- Venus squares the Ascendant (0°25').
- The Moon is rising (3°28').
- The Moon squares Jupiter (3°53').

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits {+1 Good} & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars squares the Capsolar Ascendant (1°51'). Also, transiting Sun squares Capsolar Moon (0°14'). Both of these are thematically accurate enough, but neither is strikingly on-target.

However, the Capricorn Quotidian delivers another remarkable blending of the planet of success and the planet of precedent-breaking “firsts.” Observe the following lineup.

t. Pluto	15°29' Leo
CapQ MC	16°01' Aquarius
Ju/Pl midpoint	16°29'
Pl/Pl midpoint	16°35'
i. Jupiter	17°28' Aquarius
i. Pluto	17°41' Leo

Day: Cansolar Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Cansolar Uranus conjoins the CanQ Ascendant (0°29').

Hour: Event Chart

At the time of life-off, the Sun was precisely on the Moscow Midheaven – it was local noon. Of at least equal interest, though, for this first occasion of a woman soaring into outer space, is the 0°14' Moon-Jupiter conjunction.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Jupiter. *Sun-Moon.*
 - **Quarter:** Venus (Moon). *Moon-Jupiter.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mars, *Sun-Moon (transit to Capsolar).* Jupiter, Pluto, *Jupiter-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (CanQ):** Uranus.
- **Hour:** Sun. *Moon-Jupiter.*



FIRST SPACEWALK

Launched 1965 Mar 18, 7:00:00 UT

Alexei Leonov, orbiting in the Voskhod 2, undertook humanity's first walk in space, a ten-minute excursion that he described as "like a seagull with its wings outstretched, soaring high above the Earth." There were dangers and brief complications which, had they not been resolved, would have cost him his life.

Year: Capsolar & Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

The Capsolar is dormant.

The prior Cansolar describes the event elegantly, though. Mercury is $1^{\circ}14'$ below, and Uranus $3^{\circ}24'$ above, the Descendant. Mercury with Uranus refers to multiple relevant themes, including flight, technology, space exploration, and the like.

Against this, we have Saturn $3^{\circ}37'$ below the Ascendant, which may relate to the difficulties and near-disaster Leonov experienced on first trying to reenter his ship.

I am not sure that people who were not then alive can appreciate the excitement and wonder of this event. Today, it is routine (just as open-heart surgery is routine – something else that had not yet been undertaken in 1965). When the first spacewalks occurred, though, they were remarkable achievements inspiring awe.

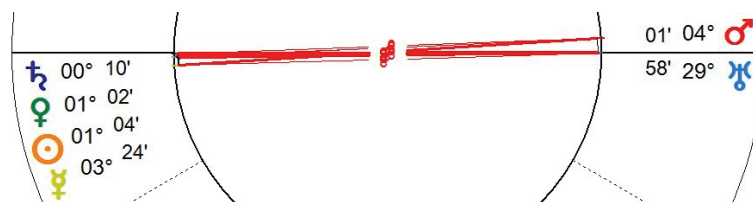
Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

Mars is $1^{\circ}35'$ from the IC. The other foreground planets are the Moon ($4^{\circ}28'$ from the Descendant) and Pluto ($6^{\circ}16'$ from the IC), which are $1^{\circ}48'$ from exact mundane square.

Individually, these three planets are descriptive, and have appeared frequently in these charts. Their combinations are not as obviously descriptive, though it is difficult to complain too loudly about these given the accuracy of the planets themselves. The event was dangerous (aside from the other Mars themes mentioned previously) and was unprecedented. As for the Moon – that was the target of all of these flights – going to the Moon! By the time all of these events are analyzed, we shall see that the Moon's importance in the whole of human space efforts through 1969 will be astrologically confirmed.

Week: Canlunar {+2 Very Good}

More remarkable than the Caplunar, though, was the "chart of the week" Canlunar. Examine the diagram below, then compare to the tabulation following. (I list only the closest aspects.)



- Uranus setting (0°02').
- Saturn rising (0°10').
 - Saturn-Uranus opposition (0°12' *in mundo*).
- Venus rising (1°02').
 - Venus-Saturn conjunction (0°52' *in mundo*).
 - Venus-Uranus opposition (1°04' *in mundo*).
- Sun rising (1°04').
 - Sun-Venus conjunction (0°02' *in mundo*).
 - Sun-Saturn conjunction (0°54' *in mundo*).
 - Sun-Uranus opposition (1°06' *in mundo*).
- Mercury rising (3°24').
 - Mercury-Venus conjunction (2°22' *in mundo*).
 - Sun-Mercury conjunction (2°20' *in mundo*).
- Mars setting (4°01').
 - Mercury-Mars conjunction (0°37' *in mundo*).

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

For liftoff, transiting Mercury conjoins the Capsolar Midheaven (0°09'). Transiting Uranus also had come within 0°33' of square Capsolar Moon.

The Capricorn Quotidian, though, is truly startling. Besides transiting Venus being conjunct CapQ Descendant (0°36'), CapQ Moon has

1. reached Capsolar Uranus and Pluto,
2. been triggered by transiting Mars, and then
3. come exactly to the quotidian angles.

Here are positions for the time of liftoff.

i. Uranus	20°18' Leo
CapQ EP	20°20' Leo
t. Pluto	20°27' Leo
CapQ Moon	21°03' Taurus
t. Mars	21°05' Leo
i. Pluto	21°54' Leo
CapQ MC	22°41' Taurus

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Transiting Mars is 0°26' (in RA) from the Cansolar Westpoint.

In the CanQ, a different side of the story shows, disclosing some of the logistical and practical problems, the success of the mission, and perhaps elements of surrealism and vision:

- p. Mercury on MC (1°33').
- p. Neptune square MC (1°32').
 - p. Mercury-Neptune square (0°01').
- i. Jupiter on WP (0°28')
- t. Jupiter on WP (1°33')
 - Ju/Ju midpoint 0°32'
- t. Neptune on EP (1°12')

Hour: Event Chart

The Jupiter-Neptune “surrealism and vision” aspect was active at the time the mission began. At liftoff, Jupiter was on the Eastpoint within 2°25' on one side, with Neptune 0°20' on the other side. Neptune was the stronger.

Summary

- **Year (Capsolar):** *(Dormant.)*
- **Year (Cansolar):** Mercury, Uranus, Saturn.
- **Month:** Mars (Moon, Pluto). *Moon-Pluto.*
 - **Week:** Uranus, Saturn, Venus, Sun (Mercury, Mars). *Sun-Venus-Saturn-Uranus, Mercury-Mars, (Sun-Mercury).*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Mercury, *Moon-Uranus (transits to Capsolar).* Moon, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Pluto, *Moon-Mars, Moon-Uranus, Moon-Pluto (CapQ).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Mars (*transit to Cansolar*). Jupiter, Mercury, Neptune, *Mercury-Neptune (Jupiter-Neptune) (CanQ).*
- **Hour:** Neptune (Jupiter). *Jupiter-Neptune.*



APOLLO 8

Launched 1968 Dec 21, 12:51:00 UT. Entered lunar orbit 1968 Dec 23, 21:49:52 UT.

Apollo 8 was the first mission on which humans orbited the Moon.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

We have seen this Capsolar before: 1968 was a remarkable year with many dramatic events overhauling culture and otherwise redefining the world. A remarkable Capsolar depicted it:

- Pluto is on the MC (2°59').
- Uranus is on the MC (3°32').
- Venus rises (4°57').
 - Uranus conjoins Pluto (0°33' *in mundo*).
 - Venus squares Uranus (1°25' *in mundo*).
 - Venus squares Pluto (1°58' *in mundo*).

Half-year: Cansolar {+2 Very Good}

Midyear, the Cansolar signaled a significant success with Jupiter 2°45' from the Midheaven. Neptune rising (1°02') shows cultural redefinition on one hand, and some areas of that Jupiterian success on the other hand. Jupiter and Neptune were in close (1°43') mundane square.

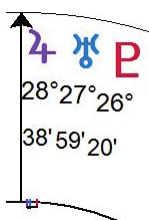
Quarter: Libsolar {+2 Very Good}

Success is shown again – with a tighter orb – in the Libsolar, which has Jupiter 0°18' from the Midheaven.

Uranus, Pluto, and (widely) Mars are also foreground, though the most important is Pluto, which conjoins Jupiter within $0^{\circ}45'$.

Month: Caplunar

The Caplunar, which occurred an hour before liftoff is dormant. The Liblunar that covered the week leading up to the hour of liftoff has Jupiter conjunct Uranus within $0^{\circ}20'$ – the triumph of space age technology – within 2° of the Midheaven (Pluto being only another degree away).



Day: Capsolar Transits

Transiting Pluto conjoins the Capsolar Midheaven ($1^{\circ}22'$).

Day: Cansolar Transits

One counter-indicative aspect appears in the Cansolar: Transiting Saturn is $0^{\circ}36'$ from conjunct Cansolar Moon. This does not describe the Apollo 8 mission. Nothing in the CanQ overrules this.

Day (Lunar Orbit): Capsolar Transits

Two and a half days after liftoff, Apollo 8 pulled into lunar orbit. At the moment they entered orbit, the Midheaven in Washington, DC was $11^{\circ}50'$ Aquarius. This is significant because the 1968 Capsolar had Mars $10^{\circ}22'$ Aquarius opposite Jupiter $10^{\circ}38'$ Leo.

Furthermore, the Capsolar Quotidian for that moment had Midheaven $10^{\circ}13'$ Leo, placing Capsolar Jupiter a third of a degree from the Midheaven opposite Capsolar Mars ($0^{\circ}03'$ from the IC).

Summary

- **Year:** Pluto, Uranus (Venus). *Uranus-Pluto, Venus-Uranus, Venus-Pluto.*
 - **Half-year:** Jupiter, Neptune. *Jupiter-Neptune.*
 - **Quarter:** Jupiter (Uranus, Pluto). *Jupiter-Pluto.*
- **Month:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Capsolar):** Pluto *(transit to Capsolar).*
- **Day (Cansolar):** Moon-Saturn *(transit to Cansolar).*
- **Day (CapQ, Lunar Orbit):** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter.*



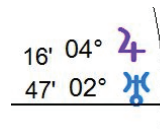
MOON LANDING

Launched 1969 Jul 16, 13:32:00 UT. Moon landing 1969 Jul 20, 20:17:40 UT.

As most people will remember, the Apollo 11 mission brought Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the surface of the Moon where humanity took its first step on extraterrestrial soil.

Year: Capsolar {+2 Very Good}

The triumph of space age technology is shown by Uranus (2°47') and Jupiter (4°16') foreground. They are conjoined within 1°29' mundanely, or 2°01' ecliptically.



Quarter: Arisolar {-2 Very Bad}

The Arisolar does not accurately portray the event. It reflects technical and transportation difficulties likely resulting in failure.

Mercury (0°32') and Saturn (1°23') are conjunct the Ascendant, and in partile mundane conjunction. Other aspects do show the extraordinary happening: Sun 2°28' above the east, Pluto 2°35' below the west, and a Sun-Pluto 0°38' mundane opposition. Yet, taken together, this would appear the chart of a major transportation disaster, some catastrophic problem. That is not what happened.

These potentially terrible problems likely were avoided because this chart became irrelevant only a few hours after liftoff, when the Capsolar succeeded it.

Month: Caplunar {+1 Good}

Similarly, the Caplunar is a rough-looking chart.

The planet closest to an angle is Mercury, 0°08' from square the Midheaven. (Yes, this was a “transportation” event, the longest transportation event in human history.)

Additionally, Mars is 0°33' from the Ascendant. Mars has been common in these charts – the journey is extremely dangerous, and, of course, there are military and other considerations. Taken as a whole, this would seem to be either the Caplunar of a significant transportation accident or of a military assault. Despite the appropriateness of each of the two angular planets, I am not sure we can justify it as either. The ingress is a modest success at best.

Week: Canlunar

The Canlunar is dormant.

Day: Capsolar Transits & Quotidian {+2 Very Good}

Jupiter (5°49' Virgo) and Uranus (6°14' Virgo) conjoined each other and the Capsolar Descendant (5°07' Virgo). Perfect!

Furthermore, the CapQ Ascendant for liftoff was 6°13' Virgo, so they exactly conjoined that also! (Uranus was 0°01' from the CapQ Ascendant for Washington, DC for liftoff of humanity's first mission to land on a non-terrestrial body.) Concurrently, CapQ Moon was 0°25' from square CapQ Venus, a signal of celebration.

Day: Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

Transiting Mars was square the Cansolar Midheaven (0°50').

The CanQ Midheaven (half a day before the new Cansolar would occur) conjoined ingress Jupiter (1°31'). Its Ascendant is 1°25' from ingress Neptune. This was certainly a moment that concentrated humanity's farthest reaching hopes and anticipations.

Hour: Event Chart

Liftoff occurred with Mars on the IC. (Mars' exact antikulmination was 4 minutes earlier.)

Quarter (Moon Landing): Cansolar

Soon after Apollo 11 lifted off, the Sun entered the constellation Cancer – the constellation that astrologers consider “home” to the Moon (and, for that matter, the Sun-sign of astronaut Neil Armstrong). When the Sun entered Cancer, not only was the Moon itself **also** in Cancer, but the Moon at 27°15' Cancer was conjunct the Descendant, which was 27°33' Cancer.

That is a lot of Moon symbolism!

Measured more exactly, the Moon is 2°14' above the Descendant. In simple language, this Cansolar is **all about the Moon**. Venus is also foreground (more widely: 6°38'). The themes of celebration we have seen in earlier breakthrough events are also showing for this one.

PS – Notice that this chart supplants the highly inaccurate and disaster-prone Arisolar.

Day (Moon Landing): Capsolar Transits & Quotidian

Jupiter conjoins Uranus within 0°04' for the Moon landing. They remain less than 1½° from the Capsolar Descendant.

Furthermore, the CapQ Ascendant has moved from transiting Uranus (at takeoff) to Capsolar Uranus (for the Moon landing). The contact is only 0°03' wide.

Day (Moon Landing): Cansolar Transits & Quotidian

In the CanQ, Cansolar Venus is on the IC (0°32'). Cansolar Neptune squares the CanQ Ascendant (1°31').

Summary

- **Year:** Uranus (Jupiter). *Jupiter-Uranus*.
 - **Quarter (liftoff):** Mercury, Saturn, Sun, Pluto. *Mercury-Saturn, Sun-Pluto*.
 - **Quarter (Moon landing):** Moon (Venus).
- **Month:** Mercury, Mars.
 - **Week:** *(Dormant.)*
- **Day (Capsolar, liftoff):** Jupiter, Uranus, *Jupiter-Uranus (transits to Capsolar)*. Jupiter, Uranus, *Jupiter-Uranus, Moon-Venus (CapQ)*.
- **Day (Cansolar, liftoff):** Mars *(transit to Cansolar)*. Jupiter, Neptune, *Jupiter-Neptune (CanQ)*.
- **Hour:** Mars.
- **Day (Capsolar, Moon landing):** Jupiter, Uranus, *Jupiter-Uranus (transits to Capsolar)*. Uranus, *Moon-Venus (CapQ)*.
- **Day (Cansolar, Moon landing):** Venus, Neptune *(CanQ)*.



OVERVIEW OF SPACE MISSIONS

+Jupiter +Pluto +Moon (+Mars +Uranus)
–Saturn –Neptune

Jupiter takes the lead in these events that were celebrated as great victories of nation and of the human race as a whole. Jupiter was active in all but one of these eight events, and in 16 separate charts (five of which were for the Moon landing). Two-thirds of its appearances were in the day charts – quotidian crossings or transits to solar ingress angles – again suggesting that Jupiter was felt not in the preparation or the intent, but in the celebration of success.

Pluto, planet of the unprecedented, nearly tied Jupiter in prominence, also active in all but one event and in 13 separate charts. Unlike Jupiter, Pluto only marked the day of an event about half the time, and spent most of the other half marking the quarter or month – the midterm periods leading to an event.

For a program ultimately aimed at reaching the Moon, the third most important planet in these events was **the Moon**. Although she only was active in nine charts, these also covered every event but one (ironically missing the Apollo 8 mission which first orbited, but did not land on, the Moon). Most Moon appearances were in charts for daily timing, and the rest for midterm timing.

Several planets were active in all but two of these events. Of these, **Mars and Uranus** were most active, each appearing in 13 individual charts. Mars nearly always marked the day of an event. Uranus was angular in the annual maps a third of the time, and marked the day about half the time.

Mercury is hard to characterize in these maps. No planet appeared for fewer individual events. Yet he appeared in twice as many individual charts as the two planets he tied for last place. Apparently, Mercury was picky about what events to mark with his presence (first human space flight, first orbit, first spacewalk, and the Moon landing).

Saturn and Neptune were the least represented, each appearing for only four events. Of these, Saturn was out-and-out the least represented: Neptune actually seemed to have an active hand in the later events such as the first spacewalk and Apollo 8 and 11 missions, primarily in combination with Jupiter.

No aspects stood out sufficiently to mark them as part of the profile for this type of event. **Sun-Saturn aspects** appeared for four separate events, especially early in our space efforts (Gagarin, Shepard, Glenn, and the first spacewalk) and probably reflected hardship and various “startup” difficulties. **Venus-Uranus aspects** seemed to enhance the sense of wonder for three events (Glenn’s flight, the first spacewalk, Apollo 8). **Jupiter-Neptune aspects** appeared for three events late in the program (first spacewalk, Apollo 8, Apollo 11) and likely showed greater involvement of the public’s imagination, vision, and hopes.

Chapter 23

AN ARISOLAR STUDY

Many significant events in American history have occurred in the few days immediately following the Arisolar ingress in mid-April. These events stand out even more because most of them involved direct assaults against the U.S. government.

They provide an excellent data set for exploring two important clusters of questions:

1. What is the exact relationship of a lesser quarterly solar ingress (such as the Arisolar) to the Master Chart of the year, the Capsolar? (Will significant events always or usually show in the lesser ingress? Are they necessarily shown in the Master Ingress? If shown in both, is there any distinction of clarity or strength of the relevant factors?)
2. What distinctions can we see between the location of the event vs. the nation's capital, Washington, DC? (Will the event more likely show in one vs. the other? Are there distinctions to draw between one or the other?)

For this study, I will examine ten events (already examined at length in earlier chapters) between April 15 and April 20 in various years from 1865 to 2013. All involve some form of direct political conflict with the U.S. government (most often as strikes against that government).¹ The ten events are:

1. Lincoln's death
2. Ludlow Massacre
3. Texas City Disaster
4. Bay of Pigs invasion
5. CSA Siege
6. Waco siege
7. Oklahoma City bombing
8. Columbine shooting
9. Virginia Tech massacre
10. Boston Marathon bombing

Test 1: Distinguish Arisolar for Washington vs. Event Locale

I calculated the Arisolar ingress immediately before each of these events for both Washington, DC and the event locale. For each of these, I have assessed whether the Arisolar showed the event.

¹ The list could have been longer if I had used a broader definition. I have excluded events that occurred before the United States government was established. I also excluded events because they do not have the same sort of political implications or federal conflict that these ten events share (*e.g.*, the 2013 West Fertilizer Plant explosion, the 2010 Deep Water Horizon blowout in the Gulf of Mexico, and the 1957 Fox Islands earthquake).

I have rated each event on a 5-point scale, where 0 is neutral (no clear indication, or contradictory indications that negate each other); scores of +1 and +2 are given, respectively, for a clear (symbolically accurate) showing of the event, and a superior, decisive showing of the event. Scores of -1 and -2 are given if the chart (at a moderate or extreme level) indicates an opposite type of event. To give each score a catch phrase:

1. Very disappointing
2. Disappointing
3. Inconclusive
4. Satisfactory
5. Extremely satisfactory

Lincoln's Death (Score: +1)

Lincoln died in Washington, DC, so there is only one chart locale to examine.

Pluto conjunct the Midheaven *in mundo*. Venus at Zenith. The event was reasonably shown by the culminating Pluto and by Moon closely opposite a 0°02' Mercury-Pluto conjunction.

Ludlow Massacre (Score: +2 locale, 0 Washington)

Ludlow: Mars (0°57') and Neptune (1°13') conjunct Descendant (0°16' from mundane conjunction). Sun square Ascendant (0°20') and Mars-Neptune.

Washington: Moon-Saturn (1°46' wide) opposition broadly foreground, but Jupiter closer. Confusing indicators appear, that are not fully explained by saying the government forces had a technical victory.

Texas City Disaster (Score: +2 locale, -2 Washington)

Texas City: Pluto square MC (0°42'), reinforced by a 4° Moon-Pluto opposition.

Washington: Jupiter 1°43' from the IC. This chart is a clear failure.

Bay of Pigs Invasion (Score: +1 locale, +2 Washington)

Bay of Pigs: Pluto 1°50' from Descendant *in mundo*.

Washington: Pluto 2°35' above Descendant, *in mundo*. Venus 4°32' below Ascendant (and Mercury 2° below). Venus opposite Pluto (mundane) 1°58'.

Both of these are very strong charts that would have been stronger with Saturn or Neptune to indicate failure and embarrassment.

CSA Siege (Score: +2 locale, +2 Washington)

Elijah: Pluto (0°53') and Saturn (2°36') are just above the Descendant, only 1°43' from mundane conjunction. Mars is 3°12' above the Ascendant. This chart shows an enormous amount of force and actually is imprecise in that sense because of the peaceful resolution without loss of life. However, I am giving it full points because the massing of hundreds of armed agents in this small Ozark community is consistent with the force of the chart.

Washington: Moon-Mars square (27') with Moon (in the exaltation degree of Mars) widely on the Midheaven (4°23' *in mundo*), and Mars square the MC within 0°14'. Uranus is 2°19' above the Descendant, with a 2°04' Moon-Uranus mundane square. Saturn is 0°36' from the Westpoint in RA. Only the absence of deaths and injuries compromises the accuracy of this striking chart, brimming with military precision, mobilization, and innovation.

Waco siege (Score: +2 locale, -2 Washington)

Waco: Pluto 0°26' from Descendant *in mundo*. Saturn is peripherally foreground, and Saturn squares Pluto in the foreground within 2°54'.

Washington: Venus square Ascendant (1°03'). Quite the opposite of how this hit the nation and its government, and inconsistent with over 80 deaths.

Oklahoma City bombing (Score: +2 locale, +1 Washington)

Oklahoma City: Mars square Ascendant (0°08').

Washington: Though Pluto is ecliptically within 1° of the Ascendant, this is not the reliable basis for determining angular proximity in these ingress charts. Mundanely Pluto was 7½° from the horizon. Venus and Saturn were conjoined 6°-8° from the IC. The defining angular planet was Jupiter, 1°50' from the Eastpoint in RA. This contradicts the nature of the event. (Since the Jupiter is weakly afflicted, I am discounting the score less)

Columbine massacre (Score: +1 locale, +1 Washington)

Columbine: Uranus squares the Ascendant (0°36'). Venus is on the Westpoint 1°45' (in RA). This shows explosive shock and surprise; but Venus, alone and without adverse combination, is not representative of the 15 deaths and two dozen injured, or of the incident in general. The close Mars-Saturn opposition (more widely square Neptune) was away from the angles.

Washington: As with Oklahoma City, Pluto is rising partile by ecliptic longitude. However, bodily, it is 6°26' above the Ascendant. This does put it in partile mundane opposition to Venus 5°30' below the Descendant (a strikingly apt aspect), though both are too far from the angles to truly center on DC. Closest to an angle is Mercury, 1°48' from the IC. A mixture of right symbolism and weak precision.

Virginia Tech massacre (Score: +1 locale, +2 Washington)

Blacksburg: Pluto 0°09' from the Ascendant and Moon 0°45' from square the Ascendant. Though Jupiter appears to be rising closely, it is wider than the rest, nearly 4° above the horizon (as Mercury is just past 5° from the IC *in mundo*: This does give the interesting detail of a Mercury-Jupiter mundane square in the foreground, less than 2° wide – possibly emphasizing the academic setting). One weakness of this chart is the absence of a pronounced Mars.

Washington: Pluto is 1°52' above the Ascendant, and Jupiter 5½° away. The Moon squeaks into a 3° orb of square the Ascendant. Right symbolism (except for the absence of Mars involvement).

Boston Marathon bombing (Score: +2 locale, 0 Washington)

Boston: Saturn is 1°45' from the IC *in mundo*.

Washington: Saturn is 2°55' from square the Ascendant. Venus is 2°55' from the MC, with Sun and Mars more distantly foreground (7°-8° out). Contradictory symbolism and, at best, it is not as sharp as the chart for Boston.

Test 1: Conclusions

In 90% of these cases – every example except Columbine – the Arisolar for the event locale showed the significant violent events occurring in the days immediately following the Arilunar; and even Columbine portrayed a related theme. In more than half of these cases (6 of 10), the

Arisolar showed the event exceptionally well (score +2), and, in the other half, the showing was entirely satisfactory (+1). **This is a strong showing for the Arisolar at the location of the event.**

In just over half of these examples (6 out of 10), the Arisolar for Washington, DC showed the events satisfactorily. However, in the other half, it was inconclusive or worse. In 20% of the events it was disappointing. **This is a poor showing for the Arisolar for the U.S. capital.**

In 3 of these 10 cases, the locale and Washington charts received a tie score (+1 or +2). Of the remaining 7 cases, the score for the locale Arisolar was superior to that of the Washington Arisolar in all but two cases (71%). In all but one of those five remaining cases, the score disparity was because the locale Arisolar performed very well (score +2), while the Washington Arisolar performed poorly (score 0 to -2).

Overall, the locale Arisolar scores average 1.6 (very satisfactory). All the scores are +1 or +2.

Overall, the Washington Arisolar scores average 0.5 (inconclusive-to-satisfactory). The scores range widely from -2 to +2.

Test 2: Distinguish Capsolar vs. Arisolar (Both Locales)

I have calculated the Capsolar ingress immediately before each of these events for both Washington, DC, and the event locale. Using the same 5-point scale as before, for each of these (and for each location) I have assessed the Capsolar itself, transits to its angles for the event, and its quotidian. This allows for distinct scores that can be compared to the Arisolar results.

In the caption of each event, the two scores for each location are, first, that of the Capsolar itself and, second, the score of the transits to ingress and Quotidian angles, taken together, to time the event.

Lincoln's death (Score: +2/+2)

Lincoln died in Washington, DC, so there is only one location to examine.

Capsolar: Moon-Saturn square on the angles, with the Sun 0°10' from the Westpoint. (The Moon was 0°33' above the Ascendant, Saturn 4°36' west of the IC.)

Transits to Capsolar angles: An opposition of Sun (2°41' Aries) to Saturn (4°16' Libra) along the Capsolar Midheaven (3°34' Aries). The Sun-Saturn midpoint was at 3°28', 6' from the angle.

Quotidian: Transiting Saturn 0°13' from the Eastpoint in RA. Ingress Sun 0°58' from the IC.

Ludlow Massacre (Score: locale +2/+2, Washington -2/+2)

Ludlow Capsolar: Sun square Midheaven 0°48'. Pluto is 7°13' below the Descendant and Mars 9°54' above it, neither close enough to signal an event (but taken into consideration because the partile Sun angularity already signals an event, and these provide more details). Mars and Pluto positions average 1°20' from the Descendant.

Transits to Angles: None.

Quotidian: Mars (0°52') and Neptune (0°01') conjunct the IC. Mars-Neptune 0°51' orb.

Washington Capsolar: Jupiter rising (1°17'), Neptune setting (2°59'), Jupiter opposite Neptune within 2°. Moon square Midheaven 1°41'. Sun and Uranus are more widely in the foreground. Complex factors potentially showing political maneuvering in the face of populist resistance; but, since this was not really a Federal action, these factors seem mostly inaccurate.

Transits to Angles: Jupiter conjunct Eastpoint 0°51' in RA. However, per our working rules, this is trumped by the Quotidian, and completely ignored.

Quotidian: Saturn 0°50' from the Ascendant.

Texas City disaster (Score: locale +2/0, Washington +2/+2)

Texas City Capsolar: Mars square Midheaven (0°53'). Mercury on Westpoint (1°09'). Sun and Saturn are broadly in the foreground as supplemental data.

Transits to Angles: None.

Quotidian: Ingress Mercury on IC (0°43').

Washington Capsolar: Saturn on Eastpoint (1°39' in RA), and squared (2°21') by a foreground Moon. (Pluto is too widely angular to be exciting by itself, but it does make some interesting mundane aspects to Moon and Saturn.)

Transits to Angles: Pluto square Midheaven 1°22'.

Quotidian: Ingress Saturn on Midheaven (0°55'). Transiting Saturn square Ascendant 1°44'. Progressed Moon square Saturn (0°43').

Bay of Pigs (Score: locale +1/+2, Washington +2/+2)

Bay of Pigs Capsolar: Pluto square Midheaven (0°22'). Uranus 2°56' below Descendant. High score for the impact, though the absence of Mars weakens it.

Transits to Angles: None

Quotidian: Transiting Pluto on IC (0°28'), ingress Pluto 1°35'. (Their midpoint is 0°33' from the angle.) As with the Capsolar itself, this is impressive, yet for a military invasion I will not give a 5 in the absence of Mars involvement.

Washington Capsolar: Uranus is 1°04' from the Descendant. Venus (opposed by Pluto) squares the Midheaven 1°23'. Under this Capsolar, President Kennedy came to office, which is well shown, and international relationships were significantly altered (of which Bay of Pigs was a leading example). The Bay of Pigs failure (and Kennedy's ambivalence) is consistent with war actions under a peace map.

Transits to Angles: None.

Quotidian: Ingress Mars is 1°01' from the Ascendant. Ingress Venus is 0°03' from the Midheaven. Although Quotidian contacts appear to be best measured in longitude, it is worth noting that transiting Pluto is only 0°20' from opposite ingress Venus as measured in RA (a valid way to measure their positions in relation to the Midheaven).

CSA Siege (Score: locale +2/+2, Washington +2/+2)

Elijah Capsolar: A 0°01' Moon-Pluto is a quarter degree from the Descendant, but only ecliptically. Nonetheless, it is anchored mundanely by the Moon being within 2° (1°44') of the Descendant in PV longitude. Additionally, there is a Sun-Jupiter conjunction within 0°08', more widely in the foreground (appropriate both for a government intervention that successfully avoided death or injury).

Transits to Angles: Pluto conjunct Descendant 0°55'.

Quotidian: For midday, progressed Capsolar Moon is within half a degree of square the Ascendant, ingress Sun-Jupiter are a half-degree from the Westpoint, and transiting Sun is 1° from the Midheaven.

Washington Capsolar: The Moon (0°25') and Pluto (0°26') are square the Midheaven (and only 0°01' from conjunction). Saturn is 1°48' above the Descendant, in 16' mundane conjunction with Pluto, 2°04' above the Descendant.

Transits to Angles: Transiting Mars is 1°03' from the Ascendant, and transiting Saturn 0°45' above the Descendant. Pluto remains within 1°33' of square the Midheaven.

Quotidian: Transiting Jupiter square Midheaven. This is consistent with the government's

feeling about the resolution: a successful (victorious) operation and no casualties. In this instance, I do not see the Quotidian contact contradicting the transits to the angles but, rather, telling a different part of the story.

Waco siege (Score: locale +2/+2, Washington +1/+2)

Waco Capsolar: Saturn square Ascendant $1^{\circ}39'$.

Transits to Angles: None.

Quotidian: Capsolar Saturn on Descendant ($0^{\circ}46'$).

Washington Capsolar: Pluto on Westpoint ($0^{\circ}07'$), and 3° from the Descendant *in mundo*. This is accurate symbolism, but not unusual for Washington (where Pluto is always angular), so I have scored it less than a 5.

Transits to Angles: Pluto remains $0^{\circ}06'$ from Westpoint.

Quotidian: Transiting Saturn $1^{\circ}04'$ from the Westpoint in RA.

Oklahoma City bombing (Score: locale 0/+2, Washington +2/+2)

Oklahoma City Capsolar: Nothing was sufficiently foreground in Oklahoma City to characterize an event for that location.

Transits to Angles: Uranus was $1^{\circ}22'$ from square the Capsolar Ascendant. Mercury was $1^{\circ}12'$ from square the Midheaven.

Quotidian: Ingress Neptune was $0^{\circ}22'$ from the Quotidian Ascendant. (Transiting Neptune was just outside the 2° orb.)

Washington Capsolar: Pluto on the Eastpoint ($1^{\circ}47'$ in RA) and partile square a more widely foreground Mars.

Transits to Angles: Mars square Ascendant ($0^{\circ}18'$).

Quotidian: Transiting Mars on Descendant ($0^{\circ}32'$).

Columbine shooting (Score: locale +1/+3, Washington +1/+2)

Columbine Capsolar: Uranus $0^{\circ}21'$ from the IC, less than 2° from conjunct Venus. Though this event was surprising, this is insufficiently descriptive to be satisfying.

Transits to Angles: Mars opposite Saturn across the horizon: Mars $0^{\circ}28'$ from the Ascendant, $0^{\circ}19'$ from exact opposition to Saturn $0^{\circ}47'$ from the Descendant. Additionally, Neptune squares the Ascendant $0^{\circ}49'$ but is not in orb of aspect to Mars or Saturn. (This is one of the most extraordinary mundane charts ever, and deserves a +3 on our +2 scale.)

Quotidian: Nothing.

Washington Capsolar: Pluto square the Midheaven ($0^{\circ}56'$). Accurate for an event that stunned the nation's senses, though totally routine for Washington Capsolars.

Transits to Angles: A Venus-Pluto opposition dominates: Pluto is $0^{\circ}24'$ from square the Midheaven, Venus is $0^{\circ}58'$ from square the Midheaven, and the Venus-Pluto opposition is $0^{\circ}34'$.

Quotidian: Nothing. (The Venus-Pluto opposition is just outside the 2° orb we are using.)

Virginia Tech massacre (Score: locale 0/+2, Washington +1/+2)

Blacksburg Capsolar: Pluto is $1^{\circ}55'$ from the Eastpoint; yet, more obvious and more characterizing is the close Moon-Jupiter conjunction rising. Mundanely, Jupiter is $1^{\circ}06'$, and the Moon $1^{\circ}45'$ below the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}39'$ from exact mundane conjunct, and about 3° from an exact ecliptical conjunction.) This is contrary to the symbolism of the event. Only potentially explosive Uranus square the Ascendant ($2^{\circ}37'$) keeps this from scoring a 1.

Transits to Angles: Mars $1^{\circ}38'$ from square the Ascendant (and only $0^{\circ}12'$ from square the rising Capsolar Moon).

Quotidian: Capsolar Pluto conjunct the Midheaven ($1^{\circ}32'$).

Washington Capsolar: The Moon ($0^{\circ}14'$) and Jupiter ($0^{\circ}47'$) are still rising, and Uranus squares the Ascendant ($0^{\circ}47'$); but now Mars ($0^{\circ}07'$) and Pluto ($1^{\circ}14'$) are conjoined square the Midheaven.

Transits to Angles: Pluto squares the Midheaven $0^{\circ}06'$ (and is only $0^{\circ}01'$ from conjunct Capsolar Mars).

Quotidian: Transiting Pluto ($0^{\circ}12'$) and Capsolar Mars ($0^{\circ}11'$) are conjunct the Midheaven. And the *progressed* Capsolar Mars conjoins the MC **exactly** ($0^{\circ}00'$).

Boston Marathon bombing (Score: locale 0/0, Washington +1/+2)

Boston Capsolar: Nothing.

Transits to Angles: None.

Quotidian: None.

Washington Capsolar: Pluto on Westpoint ($1^{\circ}23'$). Sun $2^{\circ}24'$ below the Descendant. Considering the near universality of Pluto on a Washington Capsolar angle, this does not rate strongly.

Transits to Angles: Mars ($0^{\circ}59'$) and Sun ($1^{\circ}29'$) square the Ascendant. Pluto conjunct Westpoint ($0^{\circ}30'$ in RA).

Quotidian: Transiting Uranus on Descendant ($0^{\circ}06'$). Transiting Pluto conjunct IC ($0^{\circ}53'$). Capsolar Pluto square Ascendant ($0^{\circ}26'$).

Test 2: Conclusions

In 70% (7 out of 10) of these cases, the Capsolar calculated for the event locale showed the event satisfactorily. This is a **fair** showing for the Capsolar at the event location.

In 90% (9 out of the 10 cases), the event was satisfactorily showed by the Capsolar for Washington, DC. This is a **excellent** showing for the Capsolar for Washington. The Capsolars for Washington overall showed better (more consistently good) results than those for the locale ingress.

In 4 of these 10 cases, the locale and Washington charts received a tie score. In the remaining cases, the Washington ingress was the better chart four times out of six.

When it comes to timing the day, transits to Capsolar ingress and quotidian angles for Washington marked the day of the event with perfect scores, **2.0 points** on average, meaning that all 10 events earned +2 points. The same ingress and quotidian angular contacts did well for the event location too, but not as well as for Washington: The average score for event location was **1.7 points**. (Two events did not show in the locale daily timing at all.)

The event locale showed the timing to the day in 8 out of 10 instances (80%), while the same charts for Washington showed the timing to the day 100% of the time.

Broader Conclusions

The Capsolar Quotidian for Washington, DC is decisively the single best descriptor of these events. When combined with transits to the Capsolar angles (per the simple rules stated near the beginning of this book), they behave perfectly. (Perfectly!)

More broadly, the two best average scores were for daily timing (2.0 Washington, 1.7 locale). The next highest score was the Arisolar for locale (1.6), followed by the Capsolar for both locations (1.2). The worst showing was the Arisolar for Washington (0.5), a thoroughly mediocre showing.

I am inclined to draw some conclusions and derive working guidelines, from these numbers.

First – exactly as Bradley said in original 1957 report – the most impressive charts are the daily timing charts: transits to the Capsolar angles and, especially, angular contacts to the Capsolar Quotidian. These were very strong for both locations, and perfect for Washington. (For these events, the Washington quotidians **did** identify each national level event, regardless of where it showed, while the quotidians for the location **usually** identified the event.

Second, I think we have not given sufficient attention in the past to the Arisolar (and, presumably, the Libsolar) being **short-term charts**. In action, they have more of a sense of immediacy, of concentrating events in a narrower period, than the Capsolar. Most of the time, they feel much like a Caplunar (monthly chart) in this respect. Having a narrower time field than the Capsolar, they can be more expressive of individual events.

What is startling – not previously suspected – is that these shorter term solar ingress charts are quite powerful for the locale of the event, but not for Washington. “Local in time, local in place” seems to be their theme. More bluntly: **the Arisolar for the event locale was clearly superior to the Capsolar for either location**, while the Arisolar for Washington was effectively worthless (unreliable) for events outside of Washington.

There is no measurable difference between the overall performance of the Capsolar for Washington and the Capsolar for locale. There is a dramatic difference between the overall performance of the Arisolar for Washington and the Arisolar for locale.

The event that showed best was the CSA siege – perfect +2 all across. Close to it was Lincoln’s death. The worst showing among these specific techniques was for the Boston Marathon bombing, which barely showed at all except for Boston Arisolar and the exact timing in Washington.

Appendix A

ANGULAR PLANETS

IN MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

SUN

Most often, the Sun concentrates attention on a head of state, the government in general, or other local ego-hubs of authority (*e.g.*, “management”). As Bradley summarized, “The Sun is extremely emblematic of authority and political figureheads.”

We find the Sun involved for increased (possibly excessive) government or executive intervention. Government is front-and-center in people’s awareness. Depending on aspects and conditions, we see everything from the establishment of a strong, centralized, controlling government, to a people’s revolt against what they regard as excessive control.¹

More generally, the Sun corresponds to intentional human action. For example, the Sun is most likely foreground for human-caused events in contrast to natural disasters. (For natural disasters, it can show for consequential government involvement.²)

Specific categories where we have observed an angular Sun include diverse events (deaths, other crises, celebrations) centered on:

- Presidents (including deaths & other crises)
- Royalty
- Any other heads of state
- A cultural hero with a standing resembling that of a head of state

Other types of events where these principles manifest include:

- **Uprisings & suppressions.** Signifying the central governing power, either asserting its authority or as the target of resistance. Saturn and Pluto join in describing these events.
- **Other attacks against a government.** The Sun is only involved in bombing events, for example, when the real target is the government.

The Sun is also incendiary, being second only to the malefic trio (Mars, Neptune, and Saturn) for **major fires**. Possibly, particular solar characteristics (not yet distinguished) mark these fires.³ In the examples listed below, the Sun is rarely angular at the year level (Capsolar or),

¹ When nations undergo significant governmental change, as has happened in the aftermath of Arab Spring, we often can watch these factors in play as the Sun takes its place in the foreground of major return charts.)

² A striking exception is that three of history’s four worst earthquakes have solar input. I suspect this is because strong government intervention was required in all three cases. Hurricane Katrina is another example where the government’s intervention – or, in this case, failure to effectively intervene – was a big part of the story.

³ In several of them, decisions by solar figures – of the government or management, for example – significantly contributed to the death toll and enhanced the tragedy. Broadly, when examining a wide range of tragedies, the Sun

though increasingly so at the quarter, monthly, and (especially) daily levels.

However, the Sun does not resemble Mars in most themes of violence. For example, an angular Sun is almost completely absent in our examples of “warlike events,” shooting massacres, and vehicular explosions and collisions.

EXAMPLES

Events pertaining to royalty, other head of state, leader: William H. Harrison death (*year, month*). Abraham Lincoln death (*year, month, day*). James A. Garfield shooting (*month*). William McKinley shooting & death (*month*). Warren G. Harding death (*SF CapQ*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year, month, day*). John F. Kennedy death (*day x2*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year, day*). Ronald Reagan shooting (*year, day*). Gandhi murder (*day*). Martin Luther King murder (*week, hour*). Edward VIII abdication (*month*). Elizabeth II coronation (*day*). Charles & Diana wedding (*quarter, month, day*). Princess Diana’s death (*quarter, week*) & funeral (*fortnight*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter, month*).

Attacks on/by government &c.: Oklahoma City bombing for OK (*Year*) & Washington (*week*). Boston Marathon bombing for Washington (*year, day*). Pearl Harbor for Washington (*year, quarter, day x2*). 9/11 for NYC (*day*). Benghazi consulate attack (*day*). Ludlow massacre (*year, quarter, day*). Stonewall riots (*quarter, day*). Waco siege for Washington (*day*). 2011 Oslo attacks (*quarter, month*). **Related:** CSA siege for Elijah (*year, day*) & Washington (*day*). Hurricane Katrina (*day*).

National pride events (space, war &c.): End of WWI for Britain (*half year, day*). VJ Day for Britain (*CanQ*). Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (*month, day x2*). Sputnik launch (*year, day x2*). Alan Shepard flight (*fortnight*). 1st woman in space (*hour*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Fires & fiery events: Iroquois Theater (*quarter*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*year, day x2*). Great Fire of London (*month, week*). Great Chicago Fire (*day x2*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*quarter*). Winecoff Hotel (*year, quarter, month, week, day*). L’Innovation Department Store (*month, day*). Cinema Rex (*quarter, month, day*). Durunkah (*hour*). Luoyang Christmas (*month*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*quarter, hour*). Kiss Nightclub (*day*). Apollo 1 fire (*week*). Challenger explosion (*day, hour*). Bath School disaster (*year, quarter*). Hindenburg explosion (*month*). Halifax explosion (*week, day*). Mumbai Harbor explosion (*quarter, month*). Cleveland east Ohio gas explosion (*year, quarter, fortnight, day*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*quarter, week*). Chernobyl (*year, day*). Krakatoa eruption (*CapQ*). Mt. Pelee eruption (*week*). Lampedusa boat fire (*month, day*).

Earthquakes: Genroku earthquake (*day*). Great Kanto earthquake (*day x2*). Great Chilean earthquake (*month, day*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*month, day*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*day*). Kamchatka earthquake (*half year, quarter, month, week, day*). Olympia earthquake (*fortnight*). Tehachapi earthquake (*week*).

Impact events: Tunguska (*day x2*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*day*). Chelyabinsk meteor explosion (*day x2*).

Other events: Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*day*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida (*quarter, month, week, day*) & Washington (*year, quarter, month*). Typhoon Haiyan (*year, quarter, month, day*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*year*). Savar building collapse (*month*). “Dark Knight” shooting (*quarter, day*). Sikh temple shooting (*month, day*). Sandy Hook massacre (*year*). Westgate Shopping Mall massacre (*month*).

tends to be absent for natural disasters and more likely present for events caused by human choices and actions (whereas the Moon is much the opposite: especially active for the unfurling of nature herself).

MOON

A foreground Moon represents powerful response by the people (the masses), in contrast to the solar themes of strong government presence. In particular, this can commonly take the form of the collective will of the people surging upward powerfully from mass mind, often manifesting as populist uprisings and a mass embracing of a focus or issue.

We especially see events where the public is moved emotionally, where (more than with the usual disaster or crisis story) one is inclined to say, “Our heart goes out to them” – whether for a happy or unhappy event. As part of this, there is a tendency for children (and, to a lesser extent, women) to be highlighted in the news when the Moon is the primary signal of current trends. These events are often “human interest” media bonanzas. (Consider a school fire, another school exploded, a gun assault on a summer camp, multiple murders at a school, fires in a circus and a nursery: These are all in the list of events below.)

As one example, the Moon is foreground for a surprising number of major fires, even though it is not part of the signature of fire *per se*. On closer examination, we see that half of these were events involving children. Most of the rest were in public spaces where large numbers of people converge and mingle (a circus, large department store, crowded holiday shopping, a busy open market, a rush-hour subway).

In general, though, the Moon is not involved with vehicle collisions and explosions, or explosions of other types, or military assaults outside of formally declared war.

When on the IC of a Caplunar, the Moon corresponds to unusually wet periods.

In many cases, the Moon seems simply to draw public attention to an area, much as Mercury signals that a place will be “in the news.” This is likely because the events in a Moon-dominated location will strongly draw our response.

In theory, an angular Moon would indicate the need for rapid adaptation and conforming to circumstances; however, this is only discernible in a few of the events listed below.

OBSERVATION: The deaths of three U.S. Presidents, King Edward’s abdication, and the Charles and Diana wedding seem to be examples of people in general feeling strongly for those involved. Possibly this is related to the natural disasters, though it is difficult to distinguish great disasters where people do not feel strongly for the victims; so this may be a difficult premise to prove. Notice, though, that – in dramatic contrast to the Sun – many natural disasters are included in the list of Moon events, alongside the many “people events.”

EXAMPLES

Natural disasters: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*week*). Mt. Pelée eruption (*month*). 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*day*). Genroku earthquake (*week, day x2*). Great Kanto earthquake (*year, month*). Long Beach earthquake (*year*). Tehachapi earthquake (*month*). Tohoku earthquake (*Capsolar*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*year*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*month, day*). Monongah mine disaster (*year, half year*). Galveston hurricane (*quarter, month*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*year*). Hurricane Katrina (*quarter, month, day*). Tunguska (*day*). Chelyabinsk meteor explosion (*month*).

People events: William H. Harrison death (*year*). Zachary Taylor death (*month*). Abraham Lincoln death (*year, quarter*). Warren G. Harding death (*year, month*). John F. Kennedy death (*day*). Ronald Reagan shooting (*year*). Edward VIII abdication (*week*). Charles & Diana wedding (*quarter, month, hour*). Princess Diana’s death (*day*) & funeral (*day*).

Political events: Oklahoma City bombing for K (*fortnight*) & Washington (*week*). Boston Marathon bombing for Boston & Washington (*month*). Britain entered WW I (*Cansolar*). England’s final year in WWI (*year*). Britain enters WW II (*month*). Last year of WW I + Armistice for U.S. (*year*). VE Day for Britain (*month*). VJ Day for Britain (*day*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*). 9/11 for NYC & Washington

(*quarter, week*). Benghazi consulate attack (*quarter*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*year, month*). Stonewall riots (*month, fortnight, week*). CSA siege for Elijah (*year, day*) & Washington (*year, quarter*).

Other tragedies: Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*day*). Great Chicago Fire (*day x2*). Ohio State Penitentiary fire (*year, day*). New London school fire (*day*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*day*). Niteroi Circus fire (*month*). L’Innovation Department Store fire (*year*). Durunkah fire (*quarter*). Baku Metro fire (*week*). Ycuá Bolaños market fire (*day*). Lame Horse Nightclub fire (*quarter, week*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*day*). Apollo 1 fire (*week*). Bath School disaster (*quarter, week*). Titanic sinking (*hour*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*year, day*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*day, hour*). Cleveland east Ohio gas explosion (*quarter*). South Amboy explosion (*year, month*). Chernobyl (*month, week*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*year, month*) & Washington (*year*). Columbine massacre (*hour*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg (*year*) & Washington (*year, quarter*). 2011 Oslo attacks (*quarter, month, day*). Sikh temple shooting (*year, day*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown (*year*) & Washington (*week*). Trayvon Martin killed (*Capsolar*).

Space Missions: Sputnik launch (*day x2*). Yuri Gagarin launch (*day*). Alan Shepard flight (*day, hour*). John Glenn flight (*day*). 1st woman in space (*quarter*). 1st spacewalk (*month, day*). Moon landing (*quarter*).

MERCURY

Typical Mercury themes are evident. When afflicted, a prominent Mercury is the key signature of vehicular accidents and other “travel tragedies.” Also, expect other obvious themes of commerce, communication, technology, etc.

As a variation on the transportation theme, major attacks from the air have had a dominant Mercury with appropriate other planets combined. More broadly, Mercury and Mars are the most active planets for declarations or inaugurations of war. However, Mercury is not a strong factor for warlike attacks outside of actual war (what I have termed “other warlike events”).

Evidence is accumulating that Mercury relates to wind. This conclusion may be premature; yet, nearly every hurricane and wind-driven event studied has a prominent Mercury in its stack.

In many events, Mercury simply means that the news media mobilizes. Special broadcasts, “media events,” events that interrupt normal broadcasts for news reports (especially if they take over the airwaves for a long stretch): These are all Mercurial. For smaller events, therefore, Mercury simply means, “Here is where the news media will put its attention today.”

EXAMPLE

Transportation tragedies: Baku Metro fire (*quarter, week, day x2*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Mabone Street train wreck (*half year, hour*). Hindenburg explosion (*day, hour*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Alaska (*day*) & Washington (*year*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*day, hour*). Challenger explosion (*year, hour*). Tunguska (*quarter, month, day*). Soldotna air taxi crash (*month, day*). **Related:** Halifax explosion (*hour*). Texas City disaster (*year, month, day*). 2013 Santa Monica airport private jet crash (*day x2*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*half year, quarter, day*).

Air attacks: Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*year, half year, week, day*) & Tokyo (*month, day*). Hiroshima bombing for Japan (*quarter, week, day*) & Washington (*month*). Bay of Pigs invasion for Washington (*week*). 9/11 for NYC (*hour*) & Washington (*day*).

Space missions: Yuri Gagarin launch (*year, month, day*). John Glenn flight (*hour*). 1st spacewalk (*year, week, day x2*). Moon landing (*month*).

Wind disasters: Galveston hurricane (*day*). Hurricane Katrina (*week*). Hurricane Sandy (*day*). Typhoon Haiyan (*year, day*). Great Fire of London (*month, fortnight*).

Other people events (individuals): William H. Harrison death (*month*). Zachary Taylor death (*day*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*quarter, month, week*). James A. Garfield shooting (*quarter*). William McKinley shooting (*year, month*). Warren G. Harding death (*month*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*day*).

John F. Kennedy death (*day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year*). Martin Luther King murder for Washington (*day*). Edward VIII abdication (*month*). Elizabeth II coronation (*month*). Charles & Diana wedding (*month, day*). Princess Diana's death (*quarter, week, day*) & funeral (*fortnight*).

Significant documents, declarations, treaties: Britain entered WW I (*month, week*). Britain enters WW II (*week, day*). VE Day for Britain (*month*). Pearl Harbor for Washington (*year*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*month*).

Political events: Stonewall riots (*quarter, day*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*week*). Benghazi consulate attack for Washington (*year*).

Misc. events: Volcanoes & earthquakes: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*month*). Mt. Pelée eruption (*year*). Genroku earthquake (*half-year*). 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*quarter, month*). Avezzano earthquake (*quarter, hour*). Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter, month*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*half year*). **Fires:** Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*year*). Great Chicago Fire (*year*). L'Innovation Department Store fire (*month*). Cinema Rex fire (*day*). Durunkah fire (*hour*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Lame Horse Nightclub fire (*day*). **Explosions:** Bath School disaster (*year, quarter, day*). Cleveland east Ohio gas explosion (*quarter, month, day*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*day*). **Killings:** Ludlow massacre (*day*). Columbine massacre for Columbine (*hour*) & Washington (*quarter, month*). "Dark Knight" shooting (*quarter*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown (*day x2*) & Washington (*year, day*).

VENUS

Venus brings peace. By angularity and Moon-Venus aspects, she is abundantly active for the dawn of peace.

More generally, Venus aspects affect relationships and especially partnerships. In the arena of mundane astrology, this means international relations, our connection to allies and enemies. She is rarely present for the beginning of wars or warlike actions, except when in aspect with Mars or Pluto (the most common aspects for the start of war) or with Uranus and Pluto (for sudden, dramatic changes in relationships).

Venus also brings love, and brings to mind those who are much beloved. She also sponsors general causes for celebration.

Her role in tragic events arises from the same principle: She fuels intense feelings for those we love. Especially when prominent in aspect with Saturn or Pluto, Venus manifests powerful love combined with loss, manifesting as grieving. Therefore, a strong **afflicted** Venus is common for fire, coalmine disasters, bombings, and other explosions with significant loss of life. However, Venus is rarely foreground for shooting massacres, uprisings and suppressions, and vehicular explosions and collisions.

Her best-documented effect, though, is her link to periods of maximum precipitation, with a strength comparable to that of Jupiter.

EXAMPLES

Love: Edward VIII abdication (*week*). *Hollingsworth v. Perry* & Prop 8 decisions (*transit to Capsolar + Uranus, Pluto*).

Peace & other celebrations: End of WWI for Britain (*day*). End of WW I for U.S. (*year*). WW I peace negotiations began (*Caplunar*). U.S. last year of not entering WW II (*Capsolar*). VE Day for Britain (*month, day x2*). Oslo Accords agreed for Oslo (*year, week*) & Jerusalem (*day*). Titanic final night (*year, quarter*). Queen Elizabeth II coronation (*year*). Sputnik launch (*day*). Alan Shepard flight (*year, quarter*). John Glenn flight (*week, day*). 1st woman in space (*quarter*). 1st spacewalk (*week, day*). Moon landing (*quarter, day*).

Other changes in relationships: Britain entered WW I (*week*). U.S. entered WW I (*week*). Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (*half year*). Hiroshima bomb + end of WW II for Japan (*year, day*). Bay of Pigs

invasion for Washington (*year, quarter, day*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*day*). Oklahoma City bombing (*month*).¹ 9/11 for NYC (*quarter, day x2*) & Washington (*year*). Benghazi consulate attack for Washington (*quarter, day*). Stonewall riots (*fortnight*).

Beloved figures & tragic mourning: Abraham Lincoln death (*quarter, fortnight*). James A. Garfield shooting (*year, day*) & death (*year, week*). Warren G. Harding death (*year, month*). Martin Luther King death for Washington (*day*). Princess Diana's death (*day*). Titanic sinking (*year, quarter*). Monongah mine disaster (*quarter*). Courrieres mine disaster (*year, week, day*). Wall Street bombing (*year + Saturn*). Boston Marathon bombing for Washington (*quarter + Saturn' month*). Halifax explosion (*day*). South Amboy explosion (*year*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*Venus + Pluto*). Savar building collapse (*month, day*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*month, day*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*quarter, day*). Columbine massacre for Columbine (*year, quarter, month*) & Washington (*week, day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg & Washington (*month*). 2011 Oslo attacks (*quarter, month, day*). "Dark Knight" shooting (*year, day*). Sikh temple shooting (*day*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*half year*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*day*).

Fires: Iroquois Theater fire (*day*). Cocoanut Grove Nightclub fire (*day*). Conway Theater fire (*year, week*). Great Fire of London (*year, fortnight*). Great Chicago Fire (*year*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*day*). Cinema Rex (*day*). Durunkah (*day*). Ycuá Bolaños market fire (*quarter*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*week*). Bath School disaster (*day*).

Precipitation: Galveston hurricane (*month*). Hurricane Sandy (*month*). Typhoon Haiyan (*day*).

Other (Unsorted): Great Kanto earthquake (*day*). Genroku earthquake (*quarter*). Olympia earthquake (*month, fortnight*). 1957 San Francisco earthquake (*week, hour*). Tohoku earthquake (*month, hour*). Great Chilean earthquake (*day*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*year*). Tunguska (*month*). "Bloody Sunday" for Selma (*day*) & Washington (*month, week*).

MARS

Mars is foreground for a wide range of general martial events, including fires, other violent explosions, earthquakes, violent accidents, high profile deaths by inflammatory illness or (more commonly) by violence (including especially notorious shooting incidents where many people are killed), the inauguration of war, and the causing of great violence and damage in the name of war (including terrorism events).

Specifically, the examples in this book show Mars present for the following types of events:

- **Volcano eruptions**, especially marking the day, but also longer trends.
- **Earthquakes** with fires and broad destruction. For the 134 greatest earthquakes 1900-1950, Mars fell within 2° of ingress angles five times oftener than would occur by chance, and CapQ angles three times oftener.
- **Coalmine disasters**. Perhaps the most active planet, especially outside solar ingresses.
- **Fires**. Mars' link to disastrous fires is one of the easiest of Sidereal mundane astrology's tenets to demonstrate. Especially, Mars usually signals fires through the daily and other shorter shorter-term charts (occasionally triggering a major fire **only** from conjoining a quotidian angle or an angle of the Capsolar).
- **Shooting massacres**, especially in the daily and other shorter-term charts.
- **Bombs**. Mars is the most distinctive, persistent voice.
- **Vehicle explosions & collisions**. Mars had a significant hand in defining the month,

¹ Though an act of **domestic** terrorism, this chart has all the characteristics of a war map. Venus' foreground ecliptical and mundane square to Pluto and the angularity of a stationary Mars make the tone of the chart clear.

week, and day, working through the lunar ingresses and day charts.

- **Other explosions.** The most explosive, devastating, and destructive of planets – Mars, Saturn, Uranus, and Pluto – are the most prevalent.
- **Presidential deaths & crises.** Mars is the most active planet for these events, though strangely tending away from the lunar ingresses: Its angular presence was almost invariable in the solar ingresses and daily techniques.
- **War & peace.** Mars is abundantly present for war and warlike attacks, and essentially absent for peace (though it may show a final, decisive combat, for example).
- **Impact events.** Mars plays a support role.
- **Uprisings, riots & suppressions** in a support role, specifically showing the violence.

EXAMPLE

Volcanoes: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*year, week, day*). Krakatoa eruption (*week, day*). Mt. Pelée eruption (*year, month, week, day*).

Fires: Iroquois Theater (*week*). Cocoanut Grove Nightclub fire (*year, day*). Conway Theater (*week*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. (*day*). Great Fire of London (*year, day x2*). Great Chicago Fire (*year, quarter, day*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*month, day x2*). New London School (*day*). Winecoff Hotel (*year, quarter, week, day*). L’Innovation Department Store (*month, fortnight, day*). Durunkah (*day, hour*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*day*). Kiss Nightclub (*year, day, hour*). Friendship Theater fire (*quarter, day*). Apollo 1 (*week*). Ludlow massacre (*quarter, day*). Lampedusa boat fire (*day*).

Earthquakes: 1906 San Francisco (*year, day*). Great Kanto (*hour*). Genroku (*day*). Long Beach (*week*). Olympia (*fortnight, hour*). Tehachapi (*week*). 1957 San Francisco (*month, fortnight*). Tohuko (*week*). Great Chilean Earthquake (*year, hour*). Great Alaskan Earthquake (*year*). Sumatra-Andaman (*half year, day*). Kamchatka (*day*).

Hurricanes: Galveston (*quarter*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*month, day*). Hurricane Katrina (*week, day*). Hurricane Sandy (*month, day*). Typhoon Haiyan (*half year, fortnight*).

Vehicular Accidents: Titanic sinking (*quarter, day*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Mabone Street train wreck (*day*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Alaska (*week, day*) & Washington (*day*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*year, day, hour*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*month*). 2013 Santa Monica airport private jet crash (*day x2*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*year, day, hour*).

Mine disasters: Monongah mine disaster (*year, half year, fortnight, day*). Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*month, day*). Courrieres mine disaster (*day*). Benxihu Colliery disaster (*month*).

Other violent explosions: Wall Street bombing (*month, day, hour*). Bath School disaster (*week, hour*). Oklahoma City bombing for OK (*quarter, month, hour*) & Washington (*year, fortnight, week, day*). Boston Marathon bombing for Washington (*month, day*). Hindenburg explosion (*month, day x2*). Halifax explosion (*quarter*). Mumbai Harbor explosion (*day*). Cleveland east Ohio gas explosion (*day*). Texas City disaster (*year, month, day*). South Amboy explosion (*day*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*quarter, week*). Chernobyl (*year*). Hiroshima bombing for Japan (*quarter, week, day x2*) & Washington (*month*). **Related:** Savar building collapse (*month*). Tunguska (*year, month, day, hour*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*year, day, hour*).

Deaths: William H. Harrison death (*week, day*). Zachary Taylor death (*year, quarter, day x2*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*day*). James A. Garfield shooting (*day*) & death (*quarter, hour*). William McKinley shooting & death (*quarter, hour*). Warren G. Harding death (*month*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year, week*). John F. Kennedy murder (*day*). Gandhi murder (*month*). Martin Luther King murder for Memphis (*day x2*) & Washington (*week*).

Other shooting incidents: Ronald Reagan shooting (*year, day*). Waco siege for Waco (*year, month, day*) & Washington (*day*). Columbine massacre (*month, week, day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg (*month, day*) & Washington (*year, month, day x2*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*day*). Sikh temple shooting (*year, day*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*day*).

War: France entered WW I (*Liblunar*). Britain entered WW I (*week*). U.S. entered WW I (*week*). Britain entered WW II (*month*). VE Day for Britain (*year*). VJ Day for Britain (*CanQ*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*half year, hour*) & Tokyo (*year*). USA last year in WW II + Hiroshima (*Capsolar*). Bay of Pigs invasion for Cuba (*day*) & Washington (*day x2*). 9/11 for NYC (*quarter*) & Washington (*quarter, day*). Benghazi consulate attack for Libya (*quarter, month, day*) & Washington (*year, month, day*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter, day*).

Space missions: Yuri Gagarin launch (*year, day*). John Glenn flight (*day x2*). 1st woman in space (*day*). 1st spacewalk (*month, week, day x2*). Apollo 8 lunar orbit (*day*). Moon landing (*month*). Apollo XI liftoff (*day, hour*).

Other events: Richard M. Nixon resignation (*week, day*). Edward VIII abdication (*year*). Elizabeth II coronation (*year, month*). CSA siege for Elijah (*quarter, month*) & Washington (*quarter, day*). “Bloody Sunday” for Washington (*day*). Detroit filed for bankruptcy (*Cansolar + Jupiter*).

JUPITER

Jupiter speaks of victories, prosperity, and cause for celebration. It shines in events involving royalty, aristocracy, and diplomacy, and for events that fuel abundant national pride.

Jupiter shows major victories, *e.g.*, military victories and major athletic competitions.² In war and other warlike aggression, Jupiter rarely shows except for a victory (whether in a single battle or in the war). Jupiter also was prominent for every peace event examined.

Rainfall excesses coincide with Jupiter prominent.³ This reaches from “above average precipitation” to record-breaking cloudbursts and flooding. In the same sense of abundance, we find Jupiter (particularly in combination with Neptune) signaling overflowing excess – not always with desirable consequences.⁴ In an otherwise malignant series of charts, Jupiter often plays no role other than to mark the venue of an event as an entertainment or celebration setting.

Jupiter stands as an ideological force, motivating ideological and political positions. An afflicted prominent Jupiter often shows an assault against the prevailing paradigm, or ideological positions run rampant. A variation of this is its presence for events with a clear religious theme, or for inspirational movements (*e.g.*, civil liberties movements).

Whereas Jupiter generally signals prosperity, an afflicted Jupiter coincides with economic damage, including destructive spending.

There is **no category of destructive event** (other than in relation to excessive rain) where Jupiter has emerged as prominent. (There are individual events, but not categories of destructive events.) Noticeably, Jupiter is absent from major fires (except for those at entertainment venues, celebrations, and other festivities), explosions, and vehicular collisions. In general, Jupiter signifies good events, not bad; however, it does not block bad things from happening. (One planet does not erase the effect of another.) It may deflect or defer a disaster, or ameliorate the effects, but will not block painful, destructive events.⁵ Most of the time when it is prominent for

² A colleague has begun a study of major athletic competitions. I hope to see the results published soon. Already it is evident that Jupiter marks significant wins and Saturn marks significant losses. This involves not only the final score but also gambling wins and celebrations vs. gambling losses and disappointment in the respective cities.

³ Technically, this has only been statistically substantiated in the Caplunar.

⁴ I have seen multiple instances where Jupiter marked a building collapsing under its own weight. Considering that Jupiter has the greatest gravitational force of any planet in the solar system, and consistent with the theme of “bursting from stresses beyond its capacity” (which is easy to see in natal astrology, among those with strong Sun-Jupiter aspects in particular), this is worth investigating. I am planning a separate study of major building collapses.

⁵ A follow-up study is planned to examine more closely Jupiter’s role in event-displacement. Anecdotal evidence suggests that, much as a home burglar alarm will not prevent a burglary, but likely will displace it to the unalarmed

a destructive event, there are clear Jupiter themes related (entertainment or festivities, ideological assault, religious or inspirational themes, etc.).

EXAMPLES

Victories: End of WW I (*Caplunar across Western Front*). End of WWI for Britain (*month*). End of WW I for U.S. (*year*). 1918 armistice negotiations began (*month*). VE Day for Britain (*year*). VJ Day for Britain (*quarter, day*). Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (*day x2*). USA victory in WW II + Hiroshima bombing for Washington (*quarter*). Benghazi consulate attack for Libya (*year, day*). CSA siege for Elijah (*Capsolar, Caplunar, CapQ*) & Washington (*CapQ*). Nixon's visit to China (*month*).

Space missions victories: Sputnik launch (*day x2*). Yuri Gagarin launch (*day*). Alan Shepard flight (*day x2*). 1st woman in space (*year, day*). 1st spacewalk (*day, hour*). Apollo 8 lunar orbit (*half year, quarter, day*). Moon landing mission (*year, day x2*). Moon landing (*year, day*).

Royal events: Elizabeth II coronation (*year, quarter*). Charles & Diana wedding (*month, week*). Princess Diana's death (*day*).

Ideological, religious, or inspirational events: Russia entered WW I (*week*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*quarter + Pluto*). 9/11 for Washington (*month, day*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*year*) & Washington (*day x2*). Kanunga Church mass suicide (*half year + Neptune*). "Bloody Sunday" for Selma (*month, week + Neptune*) & Washington (*week, day + Neptune*). Martin Luther King's Memphis speech (*month + Neptune*). Martin Luther King murder (*month, day x2 + Neptune*). Stonewall riots (*year, month*). CSA siege (*year, month, day*). Waco siege for Washington (*day*). Boston Marathon bombing (*day*). 2011 Oslo attacks (*year, hour*). *Hollingsworth v. Perry* & Prop 8 decisions (*day*).

Rainfall: Hurricane Katrina (*month*). Hurricane Sandy (*half year, month*). Typhoon Haiyan (*half year, quarter, month, day*). Durunkah fire (*week, hour*).

Excesses: Detroit filed for bankruptcy (*half year + Mars*). Savar building collapse (*day, hour*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*fortnight + Neptune*).

Festivities or entertainment contexts: Iroquois Theater fire (*half year*). Conway Theater fire (*year, half year*). Cinema Rex fire (*day*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Lame Horse Nightclub fire (*year, week*). "Dark Knight" shooting (*month*).

Possible Contradictions: Earthquakes: Krakatoa eruption (*CapQ*). Genroku earthquake (*half-year, quarter, week, day, all + Pluto*). Avezzano earthquake (*month, fortnight, week*). Great Kanto earthquake (*day*). Tehachapi earthquake (*year*). 1957 San Francisco earthquake (*hour*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*year + Pluto*). Tohuko earthquake for Tohuko (*day*). Kamchatka earthquake (*week*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*day*). **Explosions:** Wall Street bombing (*half year*). Bath School disaster (*month*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*year*). Halifax explosion (*quarter, week, day*). Texas City disaster for Washington (*quarter*). Chernobyl (*year, quarter*). Challenger explosion (*day*). Tunguska (*week*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*year*). **Other disasters:** Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*quarter, month, day*). Great Fire of London (*quarter, fortnight*). Great Chicago Fire (*quarter*). Apollo 1 fire (*week*). **President deaths:** Zachary Taylor death (*year*). James A. Garfield shooting (*day*) & death (*quarter*). William McKinley death (*day*). Warren G. Harding death (*month*). **Other killing events:** Columbine massacre (*day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg (*year, quarter*) & Washington (*year, day*). Sandy Hook massacre (*year, half year*).

house next door, Jupiter and Venus show the least likely times for a destructive event. However, if every house on the street is alarmed, a committed burglar likely will break into one of them anyway; and this seems (anecdotally) to analogize to Jupiter as well.

SATURN

Saturn stands out for all categories of events that involve significant loss of human life and costly property damage. An angular Saturn appears as such in the vast majority of all charts we have examined for disasters and tragedies. Specific areas include:

- **Earthquakes.** Straightforward “shake and break” seismic shifts, typically with significant loss of property and human life. For the 134 greatest earthquakes 1900-1950, Saturn was within 2° of conjunction or square the ingress meridian seven times more often than chance would allow, and of the CapQ three times oftener than chance permits.
- **Fires.** Comparable to Mars in frequency for major fires, probably because of the cost in life and property.
- **Volcanic eruptions,** especially in the lunar ingresses.
- **Coalmine disasters.** Death and economic loss. Also, traditionally, Saturn is associated with mining, “hidden treasure,” and coal. For the 126 worst U.S. coalmine disasters, Bradley reported a statistically significant occurrence of Saturn conjunct an angle within 100' in the immediate lunar ingress.
- **Other “act of God” natural disasters.** For any type of natural disaster not examined here, odds are that Saturn will nonetheless show strongly, as for any instances of hardship, tragedy, and death.
- **Bombs, collisions, & diverse explosions.** Saturn signals the death and destruction.
- **War & other warlike events.** Saturn is active (by angularity and Moon-Saturn aspects) in all of the war-initiating events studied (likely as a promise of death, hardship, and sacrifice). In contrast, Saturn is essentially absent for peace.
- **Uprisings & suppressions.** With Pluto and the Sun, Saturn dominates the charts for this collection of events, contributing to obvious themes of suppression, restriction, containment, and death.
- **Deaths of heads of state** and other prominent leaders. Saturn clearly distinguishes itself as linked with death, being active in each example of a U.S. president dying in office, but not for Nixon (who left without dying) or Reagan (who was shot and lived).
- **Shooting massacres.** Saturn and Pluto lead for these stark, senses-staggering, violent tragedies. (These events evidently are more about the death than the violence.)
- **Losses in general,** from loss of life to loss of major sports events.

Generally, one can pick out the few days of the year that are the worst days for a nation's leaders by picking those dates when Saturn conjoins or squares an angle of the Capsolar or Cansolar Quotidian. Even if there is not a national-level disaster, circumstances will stand out marking it as a day of hard truths, tough decisions, and rough news.

EXAMPLES

Fires: Iroquois Theater (*week*). Cocoanut Grove Nightclub (*year, day*). Conway Theater fire (*year, hour*). Great Fire of London (*week, hour*). Great Chicago Fire (*year, day*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*quarter*). New London school (*day*). Winecoff Hotel (*year, quarter, day*). Niteroi Circus (*month*). L’Innovation Department Store (*quarter*). Cinema Rex (*year, month, day*). Durunkah (*day x2*). Baku Metro (*day*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Ycuá Bolaños market (*year*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*day*). Kiss Nightclub (*day*). Apollo 1 (*year, day*). Bath School disaster (*year, fortnight*).

Earthquakes: 1906 San Francisco (*year, day*). Avezzano (*year, day*). Great Kanto (*year, month, day*). Genroku (*month, week*). Long Beach (*day*). Olympia (*year, week, day x2*). Tehachapi (*month*). 1957

San Francisco (*week, day*). Great Chilean Earthquake (*quarter, day*). Sumatra-Andaman (*month, day, hour*). Kamchatka (*quarter, day*).

Volcano eruptions: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*year*). Krakatoa eruption (*year, transit to Capsolar*). Mt. Pelée eruption (*month, week, day*).

Other disasters: *Mine disasters:* Monongah mine disaster (*day*). Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*quarter*). Courrières mine disaster (*year, day*). Benxihu Colliery disaster (*year, day*). *Hurricanes:* Galveston hurricane (*year, quarter, day x2*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*year, month*). Hurricane Katrina (*week, day*). Hurricane Sandy (*day*). *Vehicle disasters:* Titanic sinking (*year, month*). Mabone Street train wreck (*year, month, day*). Hindenburg explosion (*year*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Alaska (*year, fortnight, day*) & Washington (*year, day*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*month*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*quarter, day, hour*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*year, quarter, day*). *Devastating explosions:* Halifax explosion (*month*). Mumbai Harbor explosion (*month*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*half year, day*). Texas City disaster for Washington (*year, month, day*). *Other explosions:* Wall Street bombing (*year*). Boston Marathon bombing for Boston (*quarter*) & Washington (*quarter, week*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*day*). Chernobyl (*fortnight, day x2*). *Impact events:* Tunguska (*quarter, day*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*day, hour*). Chelyabinsk meteor explosion (*year, day*).

Other hardship, tragedy, & death: USA last year of WW I (*year*). USA last year in WW II + Hiroshima (*year*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*year, day*) & Washington (*year, week*). Detroit filed for bankruptcy (*half year, quarter*).

Presidential & other deaths: William H. Harrison death (*month, hour*). Zachary Taylor death (*quarter*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*year, day*). James A. Garfield shooting (*week, day*) & death (*week, day*). William McKinley death (*day*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year, month, week, day*). John F. Kennedy murder (*half year, day, hour*). Gandhi murder (*week*). Martin Luther King murder (*week, hour*). *Related:* Richard M. Nixon resignation (*day*). Princess Diana funeral (*week*).

Shooting/Killing sprees: Columbine massacre (*month, week, day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg & Washington (*month*). 2011 Oslo attacks (*year, month, day*). “Dark Knight” shooting (*quarter, week, day, hour*). Sikh temple shooting (*day*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown (*fortnight*) & Washington (*month, fortnight*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*year, day*).

Political antagonism: Britain enters WW II (*month, day*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*day*), Washington (*week, day*), & Tokyo (*quarter, month*). 9/11 for NYC & Washington (*quarter, day*). Benghazi consulate attack for Libya (*year, month*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter, month*). Waco siege for Waco (*year, month, day*) & Washington (*day*). CSA siege for Elijah (*quarter*) & Washington (*year, quarter, day*). Stonewall riots (*year, quarter, fortnight, week*).

Other (unsorted): Alan Shepard flight (*fortnight*). 1st spacewalk (*year, week*).

URANUS

Explosions most characterize Uranus’ angular presence: usually literally, sometimes metaphorically. Sudden rupture or eruption, shock, surprise and explosiveness are its unique contributions. Many of these explosive, surprising events involve disclosures and revelations.

In addition to literal explosions, collisions, and collapses, Uranus appears prominently in charts for other destructive events of a similar nature. It also shows for severe fires and surprise violent attacks large and small.

- **Earthquakes.** Uranus is so important to the idea of earthquakes that she is nearly always present, especially the basic “shake and break” seismic shifts. For the 134 greatest earthquakes 1900-1950, Uranus was tightly angular (within 2°) of the ingress meridian three times more often than we would expect from pure chance. (This was true in both the applicable solar and the lunar ingresses.)
- **Volcano eruptions.** Uranus is a secondary factor in these events.

- **Impact events.** Neptune and Uranus characterize these events, mixing the strange and foreign (the mystery of space and the science and fantasy engulfing it) with more basic themes of mass excitement, confusion, and hysteria combined with sudden explosiveness.
- **Shooting massacres.** As a support planet, Uranus contributes shock, surprise, and explosiveness of these events.

Uranus also marks big changes, such as changes in leadership or changes in the status of foreign relationships, including both the beginning and end of wars.

EXAMPLES

Explosions, collisions, collapses: Wall Street bombing (*day*). Bath School disaster (*quarter*). Oklahoma City bombing (*year, month, day*). Boston Marathon bombing for Washington (*day*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*year, quarter, week*). Chernobyl (*fortnight, week, hour*). Savar building collapse (*month, week, day*).

- **Vehicular explosions & collisions:** Titanic sinking (*day*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*year, quarter, day*). Mabone Street train wreck (*year, month, day*). Hindenburg explosion (*month, day, hour*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Alaska (*year, fortnight, day*) & Washington (*year*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*year, day, hour*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*month*). Soldotna air taxi crash (*month, day*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*half year, week*).
- **Large area destruction explosions:** Halifax explosion (*month, week, day*). Mumbai Harbor explosion (*year, day*). Cleveland east Ohio gas explosion (*month*). Texas City disaster (*hour*). South Amboy explosion (*month, day*). Hiroshima bombing (*year, hour*).
- **Coalmine disasters:** Monongah mine disaster (*half year, week, day*). Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*year*). Courrières mine disaster (*year*). Benxihu Colliery disaster (*CapQ*).
- **Earthquakes:** 1906 San Francisco (*year, month, hour*). Avezzano (*month, week*). Great Kanto (*week*). Long Beach (*day*). Olympia (*year, month*). Tehachapi (*year, day, hour*). Great Chilean (*day*). Sumatra-Andaman (*day*). Kamchatka (*half year, quarter, day*).
- **Volcano eruptions:** Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*quarter, fortnight*). Krakatoa eruption (*week*). Pelée eruption (*hour*).
- **Hurricanes:** Hurricane Katrina (*year, day*). Hurricane Sandy (*quarter*).
- **Impact events:** Tunguska (*year, quarter, month*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*week, hour*). Chelyabinsk meteor explosion (*month*).

Fires: Iroquois Theater (*half year, day*). Cocanut Grove Nightclub (*year*). Conway Theater (*year, quarter*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. (*year*). Great Chicago Fire (*week, day*). New London School (*hour*). Winecoff Hotel (*week, day*). Niteroi Circus (*day*). L’Innovation Department Store (*week*). Cinema Rex (*year*). Kiss Nightclub (*year, day*). Baku Metro (*week, hour*). Apollo 1 (*year, day*). Lampedusa boat fire (*year, day*).

Change of war state: Britain entered WW I (*quarter, month, day x2*). End of WWI for Britain (*day x2*). End of WW I for U.S. (*year*). Britain entered WW II (*week, day*). VE Day for Britain (*quarter*). End of WW II for Japan (*year*). Pearl Harbor for Washington (*week, day*) & Tokyo (*quarter, month*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*).

Changes in leadership: William H. Harrison death (*month*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*Caplunar*). James A. Garfield shooting (*hour*). William McKinley murder (*day*). Warren G. Harding death (*year, day*). John F. Kennedy murder (*half year, day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year, day, hour*). Martin Luther King murder for Washington (*year, day*). Edward VIII abdication (*week, day*).

Other sudden, violent attacks: Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*day*). Bay of Pigs invasion for Cuba (*year*) & Washington (*year, day*). 9/11 for NYC (*day*). Benghazi consulate attack (*week, day*). Ludlow massacre (*quarter, day*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*day*) & Washington (*year, day*). Columbine massacre for Columbine (*year, quarter, week, day*) & Washington (*day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg (*year, day*) & Washington (*year*). 2011 Oslo attacks (*year, month, day*). Sikh temple shooting (*year, hour*).

Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown (*quarter, week*) & Washington (*quarter*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter, day x2*).

Social impact events: Stonewall riots (*year, month*). CSA siege for Washington (*quarter, month*). *Hollingsworth v. Perry* & Prop 8 decisions (*day + Venus*).

Space Missions: Alan Shepard flight (*year*). John Glenn flight (*week*). 1st woman in space (*day*). 1st spacewalk (*year, week, day*). Apollo 8 mission (*year, quarter*). Moon landing (*year, day*).

NEPTUNE

Neptune on an angle of an ingress (and, even more acutely, of a quotidian) always signals extreme excitement, whether happy or unhappy. It is the insanity of a crowd, whether at a major sporting event or acting as a mob: madness, panic confusion, and uncertainty. As such – although these circumstances are not inherently tragic – Neptune on an angle is one of the most common planetary themes for mass calamity, rivaling even Saturn.

There is an important difference, though: Saturn's presence goes hand in hand with loss of life and property. Neptune simply indicates the uncertainty, disorientation, and emotional intensity for reasons good or bad – as likely a world-enamoring fairy tale wedding as a frightening, smoky fire or incomprehensible slaughter.

Among specific tragedies listed below, Neptune is involved especially in major fires, other fiery disasters, and earthquakes.⁶ Deaths and resignations of presidents and kings (and other leaders), as well as the start of a major war, stir doubt and uncertainty. Coalmine disasters, hurricanes, shooting massacres, and bombs bring terror and disorientation.

Neptune's role is small, though, for the smaller warlike assaults, populist uprisings and their suppression, vehicular explosions and collisions, and other explosions. These events, which are sudden and surprising, create confusion but of a different kind. When Neptune appears for them, it is more as a condiment – or, especially, a last minute (day or hour) signal of panic and disorientation – than an entrée.

EXAMPLES

Fires & fiery disasters: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*year, hour*). Iroquois Theater (*day*). Conway Theater (*half year, month, week, day*). Great Chicago Fire (*day*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*year, hour*). New London School (*week*). Winecoff Hotel (*half year, day*). Niteroi Circus (*day*). L'Innovation Department Store (*year, day x2*). Baku Metro (*week, day*). Ycuá Bolaños market (*hour*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*week*). Kiss Nightclub (*month, week, hour*). Kanunga Church mass suicide (*week*). Lampedusa boat fire (*month*). Boston Marathon bombing (*year, day, hour*). Halifax explosion (*month*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*half year, day*). Texas City disaster (*month*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*year, day*).

Earthquakes: 1906 San Francisco (*quarter, month, hour*). Avezano (*week, day, hour*). Long Beach (*week*). Olympia (*fortnight*). Tehachapi (*day*). 1957 San Francisco (*month*). Tohuko (*year, week*). Great Alaskan (*month, day*). Sumatra-Andaman (*half year*). Kamchatka (*quarter, day*).

Hurricanes: Galveston hurricane (*quarter, day*). Hurricane Katrina (*quarter, week*). Hurricane Sandy (*half year, month, hour*). Typhoon Haiyan (*fortnight*).

Impact event: Tunguska (*year, quarter, month*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*year, quarter, month, hour*). Chelyabinsk meteor explosion (*year, day x2*).

Leader deaths & removals: William H. Harrison death (*year, week, day x2*). Zachary Taylor death (*day*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*month, day*). James A. Garfield shooting (*day*) & death (*quarter*). William McKinley shooting (*quarter, day*) & death (*quarter, day*). Warren G. Harding death (*quarter*,

⁶ Neptune has a mythological link to earthquakes. The god Poseidon was the “earth-shaker” to the Greeks.

day, hour). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year, month*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*week*). Gandhi murder (*year, day*). Martin Luther King murder for Memphis (*year, month, day*) & Washington (*day*). Edward VIII abdication (*month*). **Related:** Princess Diana's death (*quarter, day*) & funeral (*day*).

Shooting massacres: Ludlow massacre (*quarter, day*). Columbine massacre (*month, day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg (*month, day*) & Washington (*month*). "Dark Knight" shooting (*year, month, day*). Sikh temple shooting (*quarter, month, day*). Oslo attacks (*event*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown (*fortnight*) & Washington (*half year, day x2*).

War begins: Germany started WW I (*week*). Russia entered WW I (*week*). Britain entered WW I (*month*). Britain enters WW II (*quarter*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*day*) & Tokyo (*day*). Hiroshima bombing for Washington (*week*). Benghazi attack for Washington (*quarter*).

Populist uprisings: U.S. Declaration of Independence (*year, day*). Oklahoma City bombing for OK (*year, fortnight, day x2*) & Washington (*week*). "Bloody Sunday" for Selma (*month, week*) & Washington (*week, day*). Stonewall riots (*day*). Seneca Falls Convention (*year, quarter*). 2013 Bangalore bombing (*day*).

Vehicular tragedies: Titanic sinking (*hour*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*year, hour*). Mabone Street train wreck (*year, quarter, day*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*year, fortnight*). Challenger explosion (*week*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*week*).

Space missions: Yuri Gagarin launch (*day*). 1st spacewalk (*day, hour*). Apollo 8 mission (*half year*). Moon mission launch & landing (*day*).

Other events: Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*day x2*). Savar building collapse (*half year, day, hour*). Charles & Diana wedding (*quarter, day x2*). 1918 armistice negotiations began (*month*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*).

PLUTO

Pluto signifies events that stun the senses and halt the mind. Most often, these cause separation or severing of connection, or a confrontation between mainstream and counter-establishment sensibilities.

In the matter of natural disasters, Pluto events tend to be devastating and catastrophic. In the lists below, notice how few major fires are listed compared to other events such as catastrophic earthquakes, devastating volcanic eruptions and hurricanes, unprecedented scale of damage, etc.⁷

Unnatural disasters under Pluto tend to be fiercely political: terrorist attacks, catastrophic destruction, and severing historic relations. Or, if on a smaller scale, they nonetheless stun and grip us with their intensity, whether of tragedy or beauty. Pluto is more likely to appear in military attacks outside of war than for war itself, preferring the abrupt, staggering, "out of the blue" reality-altering events.

Brigadier Firebrace wrote, "Pluto is frequently angular in maps for a turning point." Notice, from the lists below, that these turning points can be the beginning and ending of wars, destruction of a city... or a remarkable wedding. Pluto's list has more events involving deaths of individuals (in contrast to mass death) than any other planet except Saturn, and these deaths are commonly threshold events that signal the end or beginning of an era.

⁷ As a rule, Pluto events tend to be catastrophic when Pluto is angular in the longer-term charts, especially the solar ingresses. When, instead, Pluto only appears in the daily charts (e.g., on a quotidian), the blow is proportionate to the time covered; that is, it tends to be a "hard smack" rather than devastation.

EXAMPLES

Natural disasters:

- **Earthquakes:** 1906 San Francisco (*quarter, month, day*). Great Kanto (*year, month, week*). Genroku (*year, half-year, quarter, day x2*). Long Beach earthquake (*day*). Olympia (*hour*). 1957 San Francisco (*fortnight*). Tohoku for Tokyo (*day*). Great Chilean earthquake (*year, month*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*year, month, hour*).
- **Hurricanes:** Galveston hurricane (*quarter*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*year, month, day*). Hurricane Katrina (*year, day*). Hurricane Sandy (*quarter, day*).
- **Volcanoes:** Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*year*). Mt. Pelée eruption (*hour*).
- **Coalmine disasters:** Monongah mine disaster (*day*). Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*month*). Courrieres mine disaster (*week*).
- **Other:** Reisadalen meteor impact (*month*).

Unnatural disasters:

- **Vehicular disasters:** Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Alaska (*year, fortnight, day*) & Washington (*year, fortnight, week, day*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*month, day*). Challenger explosion (*day, hour*). Columbia disaster (*month, day*).
- **Major explosions:** Halifax (*hour*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*day, hour*). Texas City disaster for Texas (*quarter*) & Washington (*day*). South Amboy explosion (*year, day x2*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*year, quarter, week*). Chernobyl (*month, fortnight, day*).
- **Fires:** Iroquois Theater (*half year, day*). Conway Theater (*year, quarter, day*). Great Fire of London (*year, quarter, fortnight, week*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*day*). Bath School disaster (*quarter, month, week, day*). Winecoff Hotel (*year*). Cinema Rex (*day*). Durunkah (*month, hour*). L’Innovation Department Store (*month, fortnight*). Baku Metro (*year, day*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*day*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*day*). Apollo 1 (*year*). Lampedusa boat fire (*year, day*).
- **Building collapse:** Savar building collapse (*month, week, day*).

Military & political attacks: Bay of Pigs invasion for Cuba (*year, quarter, day*) & Washington (*quarter, month*). 9/11 for NYC (*day*) & Washington (*year, day*). CSA siege for Elijah (*quarter, day*) & Washington (*year, day*). Waco siege for Waco (*quarter*) & Washington (*year, day*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*year, quarter*). Boston Marathon bombing for Washington (*year, day*). Benghazi consulate attack (*quarter, day*).

War-related transitions (other): U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter, month*). Germany started WW I (*week*). Britain entered WW I (*fortnight, week*). U.S. entered WW I (*week*). End of WWI for Britain (*month*). Britain enters WW II (*month*). Pearl Harbor for Washington (*month*) & Tokyo (*half year, day x2*). Oslo Accords agreed (*year*).

Leader deaths & removals: Abraham Lincoln murder (*quarter, fortnight, hour*). James A. Garfield shooting (*week, day*) & death (*month, week, day*). William McKinley shooting (*month*) & death (*month, day*). John F. Kennedy murder (*year, quarter, day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year, quarter, day*). Martin Luther King death for Washington (*year*). **Related:** Ronald Reagan shooting (*year, day*). Edward VIII abdication (*week*). Princess Diana’s death (*week, day*) & funeral (*fortnight, day*).

Killing Tragedies: Ludlow (*day*). Columbine massacre for Washington (*year, month, week, day x2*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg & Washington (*year, quarter, day*). Oslo attacks (*day*). “Dark Knight” shooting (*week*). Sikh temple shooting (*hour*). Sandy Hook for Newtown & Washington (*quarter, week*). Trayvon Martin killed (*Capsolar*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter, day x2*).

Space thresholds: Sputnik launch (*quarter, day*). Yuri Gagarin launch (*day*). Alan Shepard flight (*quarter, month, day*). 1st woman in space (*day*). 1st spacewalk (*month, day*). Apollo 8 mission (*year, quarter, day*).

Other events: Charles & Diana wedding (*quarter, day*). Detroit bankruptcy (*fortnight, week*). Stonewall riots (*year, quarter, month, hour*). *Hollingsworth v. Perry* & Prop 8 decisions (*year, day*).

Appendix B

ASPECTS IN MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

Aspects discussed below are all foreground in the cited ingress and quotidian charts **except** that this will not necessarily be true of Moon aspects. The Moon is of singular importance on its own, comparable to the angles in significance; therefore, I list and discuss examples of Moon aspects even if these are not foreground.

In addition to the interpretations given here that are specific to mundane astrology, these aspects also mean substantially what they mean in personal solar and lunar return charts and, to a lesser extent, natal charts. Mundane astrology substantially generalizes natal astrology to mass mind, a “lowest common denominator” in collective behavior and response. This present Appendix especially shows factors distinctive to mundane astrology; yet the mundane astrologer should tap the whole or his or her knowledge of the psychological manifestations of individual aspects.

MOON ASPECTS

Moon-Sun

Research is insufficient to give a general, all-purpose core meaning to this important aspect. However, a few points stand out starkly.

- **FIRES:** Moon-Sun **connects to fires.** A surprisingly large number of major fires have occurred with partile Sun-Moon aspects – nearly always conjunctions or oppositions – in the relevant ingresses or (especially) by progression. Since a foreground Sun also appears to be fire-inducing, this likely falls under the broad heading of “Moon activating Sun,” the way that the Moon activates any planet (as if the Moon were another angle).
 - Besides incidents where the fire itself was the event, we find this aspect for the Chernobyl incident (started by a fire), the Columbine massacre (started with incendiary explosions), the Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (which started widespread fires), and the Benghazi incident (where the embassy was set afire).
- **OTHER SOLAR THEMES:** Other incidents fall into the general “Moon is activating a solar theme” category. Two U.S. presidents died under this aspect (both nonviolently), Nixon resigned, and Martin Luther King was slain.
- **WEDDINGS:** Most perfectly and archetypally, a Sun-Moon aspect marked the quarter, month, and day of the royal wedding between Charles and Diana. We would expect this to be an important aspect for important weddings. (New Jersey’s opening of same-sex marriage rights in October 2013 reinforces this.)

The relative strength of the Sun and Moon is basic to the ongoing dance of government and “the people” in a locale. However, this will rarely be as evident when the Sun and Moon are in aspect (and thus comparably angular) as when they are not.

Other observed Sun-Moon phenomena from personal (natal, predictive) astrology – such as “distinction, recognition, congratulations, compliments, applause and the pride of achievement,” as Cyril Fagan once summarized – are not evident. However, there may be a broad tendency of these two planets to draw the spotlight to a locale or situation.

EXAMPLES: Genroku earthquake (*half-year*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*day*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*day*). Ohio State Penitentiary fire (*day*). Great Chicago Fire (*day*). L’innovation Department Store fire (*day*). Lane Horse Nightclub fire (*quarter*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*day*). Typhoon Haiyan (*day*). Chernobyl (*day*). Oklahoma City bombing (*fortnight*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*quarter*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*year*). William H. Harrison death (*year*). Zachary Taylor death (*year*). Richard M. Nixon’s resignation (*day*). Martin Luther King murder (*day*). Wedding of Charles & Diana (*quarter, month, day*). New Jersey same-sex marriages begin (*week*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack (*day*). Columbine massacre (*week*). Oslo attacks (*quarter, month*). Sputnik launch (*day*). 1st woman in space (*year, day*).

Moon-Mercury

In theory, this would draw attention: media attention plus spotlight and “human interest” or “popular response” themes. This seems consistent with the events observed (see list below).

We have too few examples to draw more exacting conclusions.

EXAMPLES: Hurricane Andrew (*quarter*). Bath school disaster (*quarter*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*week*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*quarter*). John F. Kennedy murder (*day*). VE Day for Britain (*month*). Pearl Harbor for Washington (*month*). Columbine massacre (*hour*).

Moon-Venus

Broadly, this aspect emphasizes a strong Venus theme as if Venus were exactly angular. In particular, we have observed the following:

- **PEACE:** Venus is abundantly present, by angularity and Moon-Venus aspects, for the dawn of peace.
- **PUBLIC HAPPINESS & CELEBRATION:** The launch of Sputnik, launch of the Apollo 11 Moon mission, and actual Moon landing all had Moon-Venus aspects marking the exact day. Since Venus does not have a “space” theme *per se*, these are likely showing events of public happiness and celebration.

Most other major Moon-Venus events have a related Venus theme that is sufficiently obvious, even when the event itself seems atypical of Venus. For example, the two major fires listed with this aspect occurred in a nightclub and a circus. Edward VIII famously abdicated for love, and Diana’s funeral marked a world turning attention to a beautiful, beloved figure. The Stone-wall riots arose from a demand for rights and acceptance in Venus matters.

In international affairs, we should always anticipate alliances rather than antipathies under this aspect, unless the Moon and Venus are closely afflicted.

EXAMPLES: Tohoku earthquake (*month*). Cocanut Grove Nightclub fire (*day*). Niteroi Circus fire (*half year*). Tunguska (*year*). Warren G. Harding death (*month*). Abdication of King Edward VIII (*week*). Princess Diana’s funeral (*week*). WWI armistice & ceasefire for Britain (*day*). VE Day for Britain (*month*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*). Stonewall riots (*day*). Oslo attacks (*quarter, day*). Sputnik launch (*day*). Apollo 11 liftoff (*day*). Moon landing (*day*).

Moon-Mars

Moon-Mars influence is usually easy to spot: Any year where the Capsolar has this aspect, we anticipate violence, blood, fire, explosions, and destruction often culminating in significant loss of life at locations that bring this strong influence into focus. (The loss of life is likely from Saturn or Pluto. However, Mars pulls the trigger or lights the fuse.)

Particular types of events identified include:

- **PRESIDENTIAL DEATHS/CRISES:** Close Moon-Mars aspects were in the Capsolars for Garfield's death, Harding's death, Reagan's shooting, and Gandhi's assassination.
- **WAR & OTHER ATTACK:** The beginning of war, or of extreme warlike actions, occurs under this influence. This includes domestic military actions (such as the Ludlow and CSA incidents) and extreme acts of violence.
- **FIRES & EXPLOSIONS:** Several major fires studied (including some of the worst fires on record) had this aspect close. The same is true of several major explosions and highly destructive natural disasters, particularly those that were fiery and explosive in nature.

EXAMPLES: *Earthquakes:* Krakatoa eruption (*quarter*). 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*day*). Great Kanto earthquake (*year*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*year, day*). Monongah mine disaster (*year, half year*). *Fires:* Conway Theater (*half year*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*day*). Nite-roi Circus (*half year*). Friendship Theater (*day*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*quarter*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*week*). Kiss Nightclub (*day*). Apollo 1 (*week*). *Accidents & Explosions:* Exxon Valdez oil spill (*year*). South Amboy explosion (*quarter*). Chernobyl (*day*). Tunguska (*year*). Boston Marathon bombing for Boston & Washington (*month*). Bath school disaster (*day*). *Leader deaths &c.:* James A. Garfield murdered (*year*). Warren G. Harding death (*year*). Ronald Reagan shot (*year*). Gandhi murder (*year, day*). *War & Attack:* Britain enters WW II (*year, quarter, month, week*). 9/11 (*quarter*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Washington (*year*). Ludlow massacre (*month*). CSA siege (*quarter*). *Other shooting:* Virginia Tech massacre (*day*). Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*year*). *Space:* John Glenn flight (*year, day*). 1st spacewalk (*day*).

Moon-Jupiter

In a data set heavily dominated by disasters and hurt, Moon-Jupiter aspects appeared for a world-event coronation, two significant Soviet space victories, the month of diplomatic negotiations that ended World War I, and a series of civil rights turning points. Its list, though small, clearly has more positive events than most planet pairs.

Nearly all of these events also contained strong elements of national pride and patriotism, even nationalistic and "our nation and people first" spirit. The space successes, coronation, armistice negotiations, U.S. Declaration of Independence, the various interests fostered and ignited in late 1941, and even (pathetically, in my opinion) the well-behaved national respect behind the Friendship Theater fire deaths, and the motives in the Oslo and Virginia Tech shootings all speak of this. The three major civil rights events on the list also have "victory for our people" (family, clan, tribe) themes. I think this is the most cogent single theme of the Moon-Jupiter aspects.¹

¹ Nationalism and national pride (mixed with power motives) are identified easily in natal astrology as a basic characteristic of strong Moon-Jupiter aspects. The list includes Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels, Augustus, Queen Elizabeth I, Georges Clemenceau, Hugo Chavez, Benjamin Disraeli, Allen Dulles, seven U.S. Presidents including Eisenhower, and several recent presidential candidates.

EXAMPLES: Conway Theater fire (*year*). Friendship Theater fire (*day*). Titanic sinking (*year*). Apollo 1 fire (*week*). Elizabeth II coronation (*day*). 1918 armistice negotiations began (*Caphunar*). End of WW I for U.S. (*year*). Pearl Harbor (*year*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*day*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*month*). Stonewall riots (*quarter, month*). Seneca Falls Convention (*day*). Virginia Tech massacre for Blacksburg & Washington (*year, day*). Oslo attacks (*quarter, month*). Sputnik launch (*day*). 1st woman in space (*quarter, hour*).

Moon-Saturn

Events involving hardship, sacrifice, loss, and sadness. In particular:

- **WAR:** Saturn is active (by angularity and Moon-Saturn aspects) in war-initiating events (likely as a promise of death, hardship, and sacrifice). In contrast, Saturn (by angularity and Moon aspects) is essentially absent for events restoring or establishing peace.
- **SHOOTING MASSACRES:** Saturn, by angularity and Moon aspects, joins Pluto to mark the stark, senses-staggering, violent tragedy of shooting massacres – events that, evidently, are more about the death than the violence.

Additionally, the examples listed below include diverse tragedies similar to those coinciding with Saturn angular: natural disasters, many major fires, environmental disasters, bereavement for widely beloved figures, deprivation and disappointment, destructive assaults by human and nature, and conditions of general hardship primarily focused on alienation and divisiveness, vast property damage, and significant loss of life.

EXAMPLES: Earthquakes: Avezzano (*quarter*). Sumatra-Andaman (*half year, month, day*). **Hurricanes:** Galveston hurricane (*year, quarter*). Hurricane Andrew (*year, quarter*). Typhoon Haiyan (*day*). **Fires:** Cocoanut Grove Nightclub (*day*). Conway Theater (*year*). Great Chicago Fire (*quarter, day x2*). Niteroi Circus (*month*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*year*). Ycuá Bolaños Market (*quarter*). Lampedusa boat fire (*day*). **Explosions & collisions:** Texas City disaster for Texas & Washington (*year, day*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*year*). Mabone Street train wreck (*year*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*fortnight*). 2013 Santa Monica airport private jet crash (*month, fortnight, day*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*day*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*day, hour*). **Deaths (individual):** Zachary Taylor death (*month*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*year*). Princess Diana’s funeral (*week*). **War & attack:** Last year of Britain in WW I (*year*). Last year of WW I for U.S. (*year*). Britain enters WW II (*quarter, month*). Pearl Harbor (*year*). 9/11 (*quarter*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack (*month*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*year*). Waco siege (*day*). **Other shootings:** Oslo attacks (*year*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*week, day*). Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (*day*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown & Washington (*day*). **Other:** Apollo 8 launch (*day*).

Moon-Uranus

Historically, Moon-Uranus aspects have marked sudden, explosive, eruptive, shifting conditions, including numerous surprise attacks. Generally, these seem characterized not only by a sudden and explosive nature but, especially, by rapidly changing conditions that require quick adaptation and reorientation, new learning, and new responses.

Some of the events listed disclosed new technology and new strategic approaches.

I am fascinated that two of the three studied extraterrestrial impact events had close Moon-Uranus aspects.

EXAMPLES: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*year*). Genroku earthquake (*day x2*). Avezzano earthquake (*half year*). Monongah mine disaster (*half year*). Baku Metro fire (*week*). Bath school disaster (*quarter*). Oklahoma City bombing (*fortnight*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*day*). Mabone

Street train wreck (*year*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*day*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*day*). Chernobyl (*year, week*). Savar building collapse (*day*). Challenger explosion (*year x2, day*). Tunguska (*year*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*day*). Zachary Taylor death (*year*). John F. Kennedy murder (*day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*day*). Elizabeth II coronation (*day*). Britain enters WW I (*quarter*). VE Day for Britain (*year*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Washington (*year*). “Bloody Sunday” Selma & Washington (*year, day x2*). Stonewall riots (*quarter, month*). CSA siege for Washington (*quarter*). Columbine massacre (*day*). Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*year*). 1st spacewalk (*day*).

Moon-Neptune

At root, the common denominator is extreme emotional reaction, hysteria, panic, fervor, and mass-mind arousal accompanied by confusion, disorientation, and uncertainty.

Historically, Moon-Neptune combinations have coincided with strong emotional waves of populism. For example, Neptune’s recent transit conjoining the United States’ natal Moon coincided with years when Tea Party and Occupy uprisings were concurrently in full swing.

These are my interpretations of events, based on general knowledge of how Moon-Neptune works in astrology in general. Objectively, we have a narrower range of observations:

- **FIRES:** Numerous major fires (including the two listed with “great” in their name) occurred under Moon-Neptune, characteristic of confusion, panic, and smoke.
- **EMOTIONAL WAVES OF COMMUNITY-WIDE DEVASTATION:** The examples include two explosions, two fires, and a hurricane that wiped out substantial portions of a city, a tanker rupture that effectively ended several local villages, and a military attack that burned a Colorado mining community. When one adds the *psychological* equivalent of, say, the Sandy Hook massacre “wasting” a community, a theme seems clear of **waves (of water, fire, troops, or emotion) swamping a community**. (The **emotional** wave of devastation is probably the common denominator, occurring in all of these examples, in contrast to the physical devastation we see with Pluto.)

I would expect panic over public health crises, toxic exposure, or other contamination exposure to coincide with this aspect. As Donald Bradley observed, regarding the astrology of individuals (in his book *Solar & Lunar Returns*), Moon-Neptune aspects “portend danger from poisonous substances, rancid foods, use of drugs, consumption of liquor and delirium-tremens during the intoxication.” However, I have no examples at hand to study in order to confirm this.² (The Exxon Valdez environmental spoilage is the closest.)

EXAMPLES: Earthquakes & hurricanes: Tohoku earthquake (*year*). Great Chilean earthquake (*year*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*day*). Galveston hurricane (*quarter*). **Fires:** Conway Theater (*half year*). Great Fire of London (*month*). Great Chicago Fire (*day*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*year*). L’innovation Department Store (*year*). Cinema Rex (*quarter*). Baku Metro (*week*). Lame Horse Nightclub (*day*). **Explosions:** Oklahoma City bombing (*fortnight*). Mumbai Harbor explosion (*day*). Texas City disaster for Washington (*month*). **Other:** Mabone Street train wreck

² The 1976 outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease began in late July, soon after the July 16 Cansolar which, for Washington, had Mars exactly square the Ascendant and a 2°29’ Moon-Neptune mundane square in the foreground. In contrast, the April-May 1993 Four Corners Hantavirus outbreak occurred under a Capsolar with a triple Mercury-Uranus-Neptune conjunction on the Midheaven of the four southwest states where it occurred. A worthy future study would involve gathering data of this type of outbreak.

(*day*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*fortnight*). Zachary Taylor death (*day*). Ludlow massacre (*month*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*month*). Oslo attacks (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown & Washington (*quarter*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*).

Moon-Pluto

Events stun the senses and halt the mind with their intensity with Moon-Pluto aspects. These appear, in particular, for:

- **DEATHS & DEPARTURES OF PRESIDENTS & KINGS:** Moon-Pluto aspects were in one of the solar ingresses for the shooting of Lincoln, Kennedy, and Reagan and the death of Taylor; and for the resignation of Nixon and abdication of Edward VIII.
- **UPRISINGS, RIOTS & SUPPRESSIONS:** Along with Saturn and the Sun, Pluto dominates these charts (by angularity and Moon aspects), indicating the overthrowing its bounds of restriction and suppression. We have seen Moon-Pluto aspects especially for breakthrough events in the claiming of civil liberties, though it is not limited to this type of uprising.
- **OTHER STAGGERINGLY INTENSE EVENTS,** including vast destruction from natural disasters, similar devastation and death caused by human action, the inauguration of war, or tragic killings (the three examples of which all involve deaths of children).
- **POSITIVE EVENTS THAT HOLD UNFLINCHING ATTENTION,** such as a royal wedding or wondrous accomplishments.

EXAMPLES: Avezzano earthquake (*quarter*). Galveston hurricane (*quarter*). Hurricane Andrew (*year, quarter, day*). L’innovation Department Store fire (*day*). Friendship Theater fire (*day*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*day*). Bath school disaster (*quarter*). Oklahoma City bombing (*day*). 2013 Bangalore bombing (*day*). Texas City disaster for Texas (*quarter*) & Washington (*year*). Titanic sinking (*hour*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*year, day*). Zachary Taylor death (*quarter*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*quarter*). John F. Kennedy murder (*half year, day*). Richard M. Nixon’s resignation (*year*). Ronald Reagan shot (*year*). Abdication of King Edward VIII (*week*). Wedding of Charles & Diana (*quarter*). Britain enters WW II (*quarter, month*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*year, day*) & Washington/Tokyo (*day*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Washington (*year*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*month*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma & Washington (*year, day*). Stonewall riots (*quarter, month*). Seneca Falls Convention (*year*). CSA siege (*year*). Oslo attacks (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*year, week*). Trayvon Martin killed (*Capsolar, angular*). 1st spacewalk (*month, day*).

SUN ASPECTS

Primarily, Sun aspects to a planet intensify and highlight the expression of that planet. In contrast to the Moon, we do not see as many unique, individual expressions. This intensification principle, therefore, appears to be the main interpretive feature.

Sun-Mercury

No clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples, although the interpretive relevance generally can be recognized case-by-case.

We should remember Donald Bradley’s remarks in *Solar & Lunar Returns* that a Sun-Mercury aspect “naturally reinforces all solar indications – gives them wings, as it were.” In mundane astrology, we have to add, “and gives them headlines.”

EXAMPLES: L'innovation Department Store fire (*month*). Typhoon Haiyan (*year*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*year*). Challenger explosion (*hour* + *Pluto*). William H. Harrison death (*month*). Abdication of King Edward VIII (*month*). Pearl Harbor (*year*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Sun-Venus

No clear common denominators are evident to me in the short list of examples. Such minor themes as come to mind are too speculative on too little data.

EXAMPLES: Oslo attacks (*quarter*). John Glenn flight (*week*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Sun-Mars

Few clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples, although the interpretive relevance generally can be recognized case-by-case. All of the example events are violent in nature, although there is a preexisting bias in this direction from the set of events studied.

The Sun and Mars are both fiery. There is preference in these examples for fiery, explosive events.

EXAMPLES: Tehachapi earthquake (*week*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*year*). Hurricane Andrew for Washington (*month*). Boston Marathon explosion for Boston (*hour*) & Washington (*day*). Texas City disaster (*year*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*week, hour*). Chernobyl (*year*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*year*). VJ Day for Britain (*day*). Ronald Reagan shot (*day*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter*). Ludlow massacre (*quarter*).

Sun-Jupiter

No clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples. Such minor themes as come to mind are too speculative on too little data. Remember that disasters and hurt heavily dominate the data from which these samples are drawn,

As an impression more than an observation, politics seem to egg on these events, and those politics seem often motivated (as politics often are) by issues of economic advantage (simply put: by people with money wanting more money). In no sense does the aspect seem philanthropic or intended to share bounty. (Take this preliminary impression with a grain of salt.)

EXAMPLES: Typhoon Haiyan (*month*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Halifax explosion (*week*). Pearl Harbor for Washington (*day x2*) & Tokyo (*day*). CSA siege (*year*). Ronald Reagan shot (*day*). Sputnik launch (*day x2*). John Glenn flight (*week*).

Sun-Saturn

Primarily, these mark sad events. Even the happy events (such as the four significant space flight victories) occur under difficult, demanding conditions.

In his original 1957 report, Bradley observed, "Sun-Saturn angular formations in the ingress-es, often supported by an ominous Neptune, are characteristic of charts spanning periods marked by the deaths of national leaders." The examples confirm this.

Another event category involves suppressive, restrictive, controlling, or failing government or management involvement, causing or enhancing disaster. "Administrative lockdown" and "government gridlock" are Sun-Saturn key phrases. Consider Hurricane Katrina, some of the fires, and factors that pushed the two populist uprising examples into the open.

Cyril Fagan usefully summarized Sun-Saturn aspects in the foreground as, “an ominous token of hindrances, obstacles, losses, disappointments and the like... personal recognition, but it may be purchased at too great a cost.”

EXAMPLES: *Earthquakes & hurricanes:* Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*day*). Hurricane Andrew (*month*). Hurricane Katrina (*day*). Great Fire of London (*week*). Ohio State Penitentiary fire (*quarter*). New London School fire (*week*). Bath school disaster (*year*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*year*). ***Leader crises:*** Abraham Lincoln murder (*day*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*month*). Ronald Reagan shot (*day*). Martin Luther King murder (*week, hour*). ***Other:*** U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter*). Stonewall riots (*quarter*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*quarter*). Yuri Gagarin flight (*year*). Alan Shepard flight (*fortnight*). John Glenn flight (*year*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Sun-Uranus

No clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples, although the interpretive relevance generally can be recognized case-by-case.

EXAMPLES: Tehachapi earthquake (*month*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*year*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*day*). Oklahoma City bombing (*year, fortnight*). Hindenburg explosion (*month*). William H. Harrison death (*month*). Zachary Taylor death (*year*). Richard M. Nixon’s resignation (*day*). Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (*month*). John Glenn flight (*week*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Sun-Neptune

No clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples, although the interpretive relevance generally can be recognized case-by-case.

EXAMPLES: Olympia earthquake (*fortnight*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*month*). Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter*). Senghenydd Colliery disaster (*day*). Great Chicago Fire (*day*). Oklahoma City bombing for Oklahoma (*year, day*) & Washington (*week*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*month*). Abdication of King Edward VIII (*month*). Ludlow massacre (*quarter*).

Sun-Pluto

Few clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples, although the interpretive relevance generally can be recognized case-by-case.

One pattern that seems evident is the removal of or assault on those in power, or rebellion against existing political views. However, the few examples are sufficiently varied that they may not express a single theme. Bradley’s remark in *Solar & Lunar Returns* that Sun-Pluto “always points to... a disrespect for the law” is evident in many events, from Nixon’s behavior to incidents of civil obedience to the resisted police raid at Stonewall and the automobile speeding that led to Diana’s death.

EXAMPLES: Great Chilean earthquake (*month*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*month*). Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter, month, week*). Hurricane Andrew (*month*). L’innovation Department Store fire (*month*). Friendship Theater fire (*hour*). Texas City disaster for Washington (*month*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Challenger explosion (*day, hour*). Chernobyl (*day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year*). Ronald Reagan shot (*year*). Wedding of Charles & Diana (*quarter*). Princess Diana’s death (*week*) & funeral (*fortnight*). Stonewall riots (*quarter*).

MERCURY ASPECTS

Mercury-Venus

Too few examples are at hand to draw firm conclusions.

This aspect does coincide with treaties, especially agreements of peace. However, other example events fall outside of this simple definition.

In many cases, it often means little more than “good press” or “happy news media.”

EXAMPLES: Hurricane Katrina (*day*). Great Chicago Fire (*year*). VE Day for Britain (*month*). Hiroshima bomb (*day*). Alan Shepard flight (*quarter*).

Mercury-Mars

- Much as with Mercury-Mars in personal astrology, this aspect in mundane astrology coincides with **vehicular accidents** (whether train, car, dirigible, or other), as well as damage to stationary vehicles of commerce (as in harbor disasters).
- It shows for **declarations and acts of war**, essentially marking every inauguration of hostilities studied and none of the peace actions.
- Combining these two themes, Mercury-Mars especially appears for **attacks by air**.
- However, in contrast to formally declared war, Mercury-Mars does not occur with other warlike attacks (though it does appear for destruction from sabotage).

EXAMPLES: Hurricane Katrina (*week*). L’innovation Department Store fire (*month*). Halifax explosion (*day*). Texas City disaster (*month*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Hindenburg explosion (*day*). Tunguska (*month, day*). Britain enters WW I (*week*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*half year*) & Tokyo (*day*). Hiroshima bomb for Tokyo (*quarter, week*) & Washington (*month*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter*). Yuri Gagarin flight (*day*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Mercury-Jupiter

Expect diplomatic success, commercial alliances, and successful conversations and cooperation from this aspect, which shows the world receiving ideas and communications favorably.

In *Solar & Lunar Returns*, Bradley equated this aspect with “big ideas,” and called it a “very propitious aspect where business and one’s income is concerned.” These interpretations bear themselves out in natal astrology, and likely apply in mundane astrology as well. However, we have very few examples on which to base any final opinion of its mundane operation.

EXAMPLES: Great Fire of London (*fortnight*). Nixon’s visit to China (*month*). Wedding of Charles & Diana (*month*). Virginia Tech massacre (*quarter*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter*).

Mercury-Saturn

Few clear common denominators are evident to me in the list of examples, although the interpretive relevance generally can be recognized case-by-case. Two themes that recur are

- restrictions, failures, or calamity relating to transportation, and
- a breakdown in communication.

It seems too general (in a collection of diverse tragedies and disasters) to equate it simply to “bad news,” as astrologers often are wont.

EXAMPLES: Great Chilean earthquake (*quarter, day*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Baku Metro fire (*day*). Bath school disaster (*year*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*hour*). Tunguska (*quarter*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*quarter*). William H. Harrison death (*month*). Wedding of Charles & Diana (*month*). Stonewall riots (*quarter*).

Mercury-Uranus

Discovery, revelation and the disclosure of information mark this aspect.

Aside from the examples below, Mercury-Uranus has popped in at various times during the 2013 leaks of NSA data mining activities. Among Presidential crises, the Mercury-Uranus and Mercury-Pluto aspects were unique to Nixon's resignation, which was uniquely in the "discovery, revelation, and disclosure" category.

Bradley wrote in *Solar & Lunar Returns* concerning Mercury-Uranus, "The period scintillates with intellectual thrills, fascinating discoveries, and new inventive ideas... The native dares to 'speak up,' despite the consequences for possibly ruffling others... Mercury-Uranus is life's stonecutter. This planetary combination bares the truth in bas-relief."

In theory, Mercury-Uranus should mark scientific and technological breakthroughs and announcements that startle and snap people awake, grabbing their attention.

EXAMPLES: 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*month*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*year*). Bath school disaster (*quarter*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*day*). Tunguska (*month*). Soldotna air taxi crash (*month, day*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*half year*). William H. Harrison death (*month*). John F. Kennedy murder (*day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year, day*). Martin Luther King murder for Washington (*year*). Britain enters WW II (*week, day*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter*). Sputnik launch (*year*).

Mercury-Neptune

Confusion, disorientation, and bad (confused) choices mark Mercury-Neptune events, of which Hurricane Katrina is a prime example.

Similarly, for earthquakes, Mercury-Neptune indicates wide confusion plus the impairment of transportation and communication routes. In disasters overall, miscommunication can make things much worse (as in the Avezzano quake).

This confusion often takes the form of wondering, "What's next?", not only in consequence to disasters but in the case of removed (killed, resigned) political leaders, the start of a war, or even the wonder of opening new technology boundaries. Basic to Mercury-Neptune seems to be the question, "So what happens now?"

EXAMPLES: 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*month*). Avezzano earthquake (*hour*). Olympia earthquake (*quarter*). Hurricane Katrina (*quarter, week*). Hurricane Sandy (*hour*). Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (*year*). New London School fire (*week*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*week*). Halifax explosion (*day*). Texas City disaster (*year*). Tunguska (*month*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*month*). King Edward VIII abdication (*month*). Britain enters WW I (*month*). Oslo attacks (*quarter, event*). 1st spacewalk (*day*).

Mercury-Pluto

Mercury-Pluto coincides with major collisions – whether of information, communication, or vehicles. Collisions of ideas are quite common.

The congressional pursuit of the Watergate investigation and Nixon's eventual "face the music" broadcast and public statement are typical of Mercury-Pluto's "come clean" requirement.

Congress impeached President Clinton under a Caplunar with a foreground mundane Mercury-Pluto conjunction³ and a transiting Mercury-Pluto conjunction crossing the Capsolar IC.

Other examples have event-by-event relevance, even when they do not show broad, common themes. Transportation accidents and space flight breakthroughs are both evident, as are the “collision of ideas” erupting in the Declaration of Independence and the Stonewall riots.

EXAMPLES: Genroku earthquake (*half-year*). 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*quarter*). Kamchatka earthquake (*month*). Great Alaskan Earthquake (*month*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*quarter*). Great Fire of London (*fortnight*). L’innovation Department Store fire (*month*). Bath school disaster (*quarter, day*). Great Nashville Train Wreck (*month*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Washington (*year*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*quarter, week*). John F. Kennedy murder (*day*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*year, quarter*). Bill Clinton impeachment (*month, day*). Princess Diana death (*week*) & funeral (*fortnight*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*month*). Stonewall riots (*quarter*). Alan Shepard flight (*quarter*).

VENUS ASPECTS

Venus-Mars

Both the commencement of declared war and the launching of other warlike attacks stand out in the studied events for Venus-Mars aspects.

Other examples below include a series of mournful tragedies for which we normally would expect an afflicted Venus to be foreground (though we usually would expect Venus-Saturn or Venus-Pluto). Venus-Mars is accurate, but of a secondary ranking.

EXAMPLES: Britain entered WW I (*week*). U.S. entered WW I (*week*). Hiroshima bomb (*day x2*). Bay of Pigs for Washington (*day*). 9/11 (*quarter*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Washington (*day*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*day*). Olympia quake (*fortnight*). Monongah mine disaster (*quarter*). Courrieres mine disaster (*day*). Niteroi Circus fire (*half year*). Conway Theater fire (*week*). Titanic sinking (*quarter*). Savar building collapse (*month*). Tunguska (*month*). Elizabeth II coronation (*year*).

Venus-Jupiter

Few events had Venus-Jupiter aspects foreground, and none of them match what we expect from Venus-Jupiter energies. Since the pool of events studied consists primarily of tragedies, this is not really a surprise: the observable phenomenon is that few Venus-Jupiter aspects occurred in a collection of events that mostly are disasters.⁴

³ Ecliptically, Pluto conjoined Venus (0°03') and Mercury squared Jupiter (1°18'). These aspects tell most of the relevant details of the story.

⁴ Of the events catalogued with this aspect, I observe the following: The Great Fire of London was shown by the weekly (Liblunar) and daily charts, and did not need its Venus-Jupiter Canlunar. The Winecoff Hotel fire Capsolar also had Mars and Saturn closely conjunct on the IC, and the Venus-Jupiter aspect (farther from the angles) was part of a Venus-Jupiter-Saturn combination: tragedy amidst luxury. The Ycuá Bolaños Market fire Cansolar was truly mismatched to the event, though the Capsolar already had shown the event. For the Boston Marathon explosion, the Washington, DC CanQ had Venus-Jupiter (it was, after all, a cheerful public festival), and the strong Capsolar daily timing centered on Sun, Mars, Uranus, and Pluto. Finally, the Ludlow Caplunar was a mixed chart, pairing Moon-Mars-Neptune with Venus-Jupiter on the angles: If there is a single “miss” in this set of charts, it is for Ludlow. (Even then, the Capsolar and Arisolar set up the event very well, and the daily charts finished it unambiguously.)

What we expect from Venus-Jupiter are celebrations, victories, festivities, love, weddings, world-witnessed births, and happiness. These events are less likely to make the news, and less likely to display strong astrological signatures. Nonetheless, a study of those places on earth where Venus and Jupiter appear together on, say, lunar ingress angles could prove instructive.

EXAMPLES: Great Fire of London (*fortnight*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*year*). Ycuá Bolaños Market fire (*quarter*). End of WW I for U.S. (*year*). Boston Marathon explosion for Washington (*day*). Ludlow massacre (*month*).

Venus-Saturn

Venus and Saturn in the foreground in close mutual aspect signify **powerful love** coexisting with **severe loss**, as in grief for the loss of loved ones. This generalization holds through the range of examples below, and especially shows frequently for:

- Fires (especially in nightclubs, theaters, or other places of amusement where it also signifies spoiled fun)
- Coalmine disasters (alongside Venus-Pluto)
- War (though Venus-Mars and Venus-Pluto are more common)

These themes join and overlap. Thus, the 9/11 attacks and Oklahoma City bombing were both war-like and signified the same tragic mass death as a collapsing coalmine. The Aurora, CO “Dark Knight” massacre both claimed lives and was in a place of entertainment. Collective grief arises for individuals such as Princess Diana or groups like the peaceful civil rights protestors assaulted in Selma’s “Bloody Sunday.”

Some of Donald Bradley’s words in *Solar & Lunar Returns*, concerning Venus-Saturn, easily apply: “hate or remorse in some way rears its ugly head... loss of friends and popularity... the most soul-distressing disappointments.”

EXAMPLES: Earthquakes: 1957 San Francisco earthquake (*week*). **Mine disasters:** Monongah mine disaster (*half year*). Benxiu colliery disaster (*year*). **Fires & bombs:** Cocanut Grove Nightclub fire (*year, day x2*). Conway Theater fire (*year*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*year*). Durunkah fire (*day*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*day*). Wall Street bombing (*year*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*quarter*). **War & attack:** Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (*quarter*). 9/11 (*quarter*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*day*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*day*) & Washington (*week*). Oslo attacks (*month*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*day*). **Other:** 1st spacewalk (*week*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*month*). Princess Diana’s funeral (*week*).

Venus-Uranus

Several types of events seem typical to Venus-Uranus pairings:

- **WAR & PEACE:** Venus aspects with Uranus and Pluto signify substantial changes (of diverse kinds) in the relationships between nations. Both declared wars and less formal warlike events behave substantially the same. This confirms Brigadier R.C. Firebrace’s generalization that, “An aspect between Venus and Uranus, a dramatic sudden change in relationships, is common in peace and sometimes in war maps.”
- **OOHs & AHHs:** Some Venus-Uranus events, in the fashion of fireworks and roller coasters, produce childlike “oohs” and “ahhs” from people. These include several key space “firsts” (for which the aspect also can be interpreted as a well-aspected Uranus) and the meteorite impact events.

- **LIBERTY IN VENUS MATTERS:** Recent events, under the 2013 Capsolar with Venus conjunct Pluto on one side and square Uranus on the other, have opened the way to greater personal freedom in matters of love and sex. More broadly, “shifting social values” is a Venus-Uranus phrase as well.
- **OTHER SOCIAL/CULTURAL IMPACT:** The 1968 Capsolar for Washington was part of a broad pattern of social impact events occurring in 1968. Similarly, the Columbine massacre (clearly, painfully described by charts more proximate to the event than the Capsolar) had a powerful effect on society in general.⁵ Other events (such as the Oslo killings) were motivated by an intention for a cultural shift or social revolution.
- **WHEN CONNECTED TO SATURN OR PLUTO,** the tragic, loss-of-life themes of Venus-Saturn and Venus-Pluto prevailed. Uranus was the explosive or fiery force.

Three other events, highly disruptive and tragic, do not fit these categories. In each case, subsequent charts in the stack described the event more accurately and the event actually seems to have been delayed until Venus was no longer an active player. (See discussions of the Olympia earthquake, Iroquois Theater fire, and Mumbai Harbor explosions.)

EXAMPLES: Olympia earthquake (*month*). Iroquois Theater fire (*half year*). Conway Theater fire (*year*). Mumbai Harbor explosion (*year*). Mabone Street train wreck (*year*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*year*). Tunguska (*month*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*hour*). Chelyabinsk meteor explosion (*month*). Warren G. Harding death (*month*). Martin Luther King murder for Washington (*year*). End of WW I for U.S. (*year*). Hiroshima bomb + end of WW II (*year*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*). 9/11 for NYC (*day*). Ludlow massacre (*month*). Columbine massacre (*year*). Oslo attacks (*month*). John Glenn flight (*week*). 1st spacewalk (*week*). 1st Moon orbit (*year*). Pope Francis liberalized Church’s approach to sex-themed issues (*year*). *Hollingsworth v. Perry* & Prop 8 decisions (*year*).

Venus-Neptune

Having only a small number of examples makes it difficult to draw firm conclusions. However, one categorical observation is possible:

- **SHOOTING MASSACRES:** Of all the forms of “afflicted Venus” for tragedies involving loss of life, Venus-Neptune appears to be the distinctive form for shooting massacres such as Columbine, the “Dark Knight” killings, and Sandy Hook. I suspect this says something about the psychological motives for the killing sprees.

Besides this, we can expect typical Venus-Neptune themes such as betrayed alliances and diplomatic embarrassment.

EXAMPLES: Olympia earthquake (*fortnight*). Conway Theater fire (*week*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*hour*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Washington (*quarter*). Columbine massacre (*month*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*half year*).

Venus-Pluto

Although I do not consider Pluto a malefic in the classic sense, Venus-Pluto aspects certainly come under the heading of “afflicted Venus” in most cases. At root, there is a general theme of

⁵ Venus’ role in the Columbine massacre is addressed and clarified in my discussion of the event in Chapter 21.

dramatic change in relationships, though the form of this is usually more far-reaching than the usual “elopement and divorce” of natal astrology. “Relationships,” at the international level, refers to foreign relations – the alliances and antipathies between nations.

Outside the realm of governments, the mass-level effect of this aspect often resembles Venus-Saturn, but with greater poignancy. Therefore, Venus-Pluto aspects are common both in situations where there is extreme loss of life (of the kind that stuns the sensibilities), and situations where extreme shifts in international relations exist; for example, a prelude to war.

Positive effects have been observed most often in events that have helped transform and re-define society’s collective attitudes toward love.

Specific areas where Venus-Pluto aspects are common include:

- **COAL MINE DISASTERS & OTHER EXPLOSIONS:** Venus-Pluto, like Venus-Saturn, reflects profound grief and loss. This is one expression of the theme of **severing emotional relationships with finality**: in mundane astrology, Venus-Pluto often marks tragic loss of life, usually of a scope that stuns a community – or a nation.
- **WAR & PEACE:** Venus afflictions, including by Pluto, coincide with the inauguration of war. Aspecting Uranus and Pluto, Venus signifies substantial changes (of diverse kinds) in the relationships between nations, both starting and ending wars. In less formal warlike events (military incursions and attacks), an afflicted Venus is a persistent theme, and Venus-Pluto aspects are the most common astrological expression of this idea.

In the examples below, we see these themes repeatedly. Fires (some of the scope to level a city), coalmine calamities, and bombings and other explosions (again, some of a scope to level much of a city) dominate the list. Two U.S. presidents and perhaps the greatest of civil rights leaders were murdered under this aspect.

For the Columbine massacre, Venus-Pluto marked the quarter of the year, the week, and the day. For America’s Bay of Pigs invasion, it marked the year, the quarter of the year, and the day.

Yet, Venus-Pluto is also a transformative force for love. It coincided with a king stunning the world by abdicating his throne for love; and with two U.S. Supreme Court decisions opening the way for same-sex marriage and a Pope liberalizing the Roman Catholic ministry’s approach to sex-related issues.

EXAMPLES: Mine disasters: Monongah mine disaster (*quarter*). Courrières mine disaster (*week*). **Fires:** Iroquois Theater (*half year*). Conway Theater (*year*). Great Fire of London (*year*). Ohio State Penitentiary (*day*). Cinema Rex (*day*). Durunkah (*week*). **Explosions &c.:** Oklahoma City bombing (*month*). Boston Marathon explosion for Washington (*year*). Titanic sinking (*quarter*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*day*). South Amboy explosion (*year*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*year*). Savar building collapse (*month, day*). **Deaths &c.:** Abraham Lincoln murder (*fortnight*). James A. Garfield shot (*day*) & death (*week*). Martin Luther King murder for Washington (*year*). Abdication of King Edward VIII (*week*). **War & peace:** Britain entered WW I (*week*). France entered WW I (*week*). U.S. entered WW I (*week*). 1918 armistice negotiations began (*month*). Oslo Accords agreed (*year*). Bay of Pigs for Cuba (*year*) & Washington (*year, quarter, day*). 9/11 (*day*). **Killing:** Columbine massacre for Washington (*quarter, week, day*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*day*). **Space:** Alan Shepard flight (*quarter*). 1st Moon orbit (*year*). **Sex liberalization:** *Hollingsworth v. Perry* & Prop 8 decisions (*year*). Pope Francis liberalized church approach to sex-themed issues (*year, day*).

MARS ASPECTS

Mars-Jupiter

- **SHOOTING DEATHS:** When examining various types of shooting/killing events, Mars-Jupiter does not stand out as one of the strongest aspects. However, when examining Mars-Jupiter events, half of them on our list turn out to be killing events: the deaths of three Presidents (two by murder), the attempted murder of another, the killing of Dr. King, and the Virginia Tech and Westgate Shopping Mall killings.
- **ECONOMIC CRISIS:** Another theme, expected and confirmed, is a Mars-Jupiter pattern well known in natal astrology: financial crisis. Usually this arises from aggressive spending, squandering resources, theft, or other “aggressive” Mars behavior. Mars-Jupiter probably appears in some of the disaster maps primarily as indicating severe, adverse economic impact (from a mine collapse or city-wasting fire, for example).
- **HEROIC VICTORY:** We see occasions of heroic victory: indications of real achievement and causes for public celebration, reflected in events such as the winning of a war or first orbiting the Moon.

EXAMPLES: Senghenydd colliery disaster (*month*). Great Chicago Fire (*quarter*). Friendship Theater fire (*day*). Bath school disaster (*hour*). Typhoon Haiyan (*half year*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*year*). Zachary Taylor death (*year*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*month*). James A. Garfield death (*quarter*). Ronald Reagan shot (*day*). Martin Luther King murder (*day*). VE Day for Britain (*year*). Virginia Tech massacre for Washington (*day*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter*). 1st Moon orbit (*day*). Detroit filed for bankruptcy (*quarter*). 2013 U.S. government shutdown & debt struggle (*quarter*).

Mars-Saturn

Collaboration of astrology’s classic Greater and Lesser Malefics confirms its reputation in the harsh, hurtful, and destructive range of events that coincide with these aspects.

Though not so common for formal declarations of war, Mars-Saturn appears for violent war-like attacks and for murderous shooting massacres. The aspects do not seem to specialize in any one type of event but, rather, to incite destruction and hardship where they land together.

In *Solar & Lunar Returns*, Donald Bradley wrote of this aspect, “No more destructive influence can be found... it cannot possibly result in good... ‘Brute force’ is the apt keynote, for it destroys, pillages, and lays waste. Of course, these are the extreme effects... In everyday life of ordinary people, this vicious partnership inclines to accidents, paralysis, delays and obstacles, which cause the native to strike out clumsily and blindly in an effort to ‘save himself and his,’ or avert possible misfortunes which may threaten.”

EXAMPLES: Mt. Pelée eruption (*week*). Iroquois Theater fire (*week*). Great Chicago Fire (*year, day*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*year*). Kazan jetliner crash 2013 (*day*). Zachary Taylor death (*quarter*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year, week*). Ronald Reagan shot (*day*). Princess Diana death (*day*). Britain enters WW II (*quarter, month*). 9/11 (*quarter*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*quarter, day*). Columbine massacre (*week*).

Mars-Uranus

This aspect is explosive! It incites startling, explosive violence. However, while this can be literal, physical explosions (as the examples below prove), it is even more often a psychological

“bombshell” that is unleashed. Specific types of events for which Mars-Uranus aspects are common include:

- **BOMBS:** Literal explosions. Mars joined to Uranus is a pairing every astrologer will recognize as a mark of such violent explosion.
- **VEHICLE EXPLOSIONS & COLLISIONS:** In about half of the events studied, Mars was prominent and paired with Uranus.
- **WARLIKE EVENTS:** Close, foreground Mars-Pluto and Mars-Uranus aspects were among the most common for surprise attacks and explosive aggression.
- **SHOOTING MASSACRES:** Other Mars aspects were more common than Mars-Uranus, but it made its mark, especially with actual physical explosions, surprise attack, and psychologically explosive effects on community and nation.

“Fire + explosion” (physically or psychologically) and “surprise attack” are recurring themes. The Kiss Nightclub fire was started by pyrotechnics. Literal explosions often levelled much of a city with Mars-Uranus impact. Surprise attacks are common. The examples below are educative.

Cyril Fagan captured one of these themes very well in his discussion of Mars and Uranus sharing the foreground together: “...it is a highly explosive transit, being all the more dangerous because it is hardly possible to tell from what source the danger threatens, or its precise nature. All we know is that it will strike with the speed of lightning and where least expected... Those who hold the safety of the nation in their responsible hands should take solemn heed of every configuration between these two celestial bodies and be forearmed.”

EXAMPLES: Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*day*). Kamchatka earthquake (*day*). Monongah mine disaster (*half year*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*week*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*year*). Halifax explosion (*quarter*). Hindenburg explosion (*day*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*year*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*month*). Typhoon Haiyan (*half year*). Tunguska (*year, month*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*month*). William McKinley shot (*day*). Hiroshima bomb (*day*). Bay of Pigs for Washington (*day*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Libya (*quarter*) & Washington (*year*). Columbine massacre (*week*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*week*). Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*year*).

Mars-Neptune

Panic is the key to Mars-Neptune’s nature: surging adrenaline combined with heightened emotion to the point of hysteria. This may be positive or negative – the excitement of a championship sports event or sensational new film as much as the hysterical fear of violence.

It also includes financial panics. A separate study is in progress addressing the astrology of economic crises, and we already know enough to target this classic “panic aspect” as the key to economic panics.

Specific types of incidents where Mars-Neptune aspects are common include:

- **FIRES:** One of the two most common aspects at the time of major fires, and frequently active in solar and lunar ingresses for them.
- **EARTHQUAKES:** Characteristic of accompanying fires, jangled nerves, and other real, continuing danger after the quake.
- **VIOLENT NATURAL EVENTS** such as ferocious hurricanes and explosive volcanic eruptions. The emotion-stirring violence is distinctly Mars-Neptune.
- **PRESIDENTIAL DEATHS/CRISES:** Appears in nine of 11 cases studied, sufficient to label Mars-Neptune a distinctive part of the signature.

- **UPRISINGS, RIOTS & SUPPRESSIONS:** Among aspects, we see recurrence, across events, of Moon-Pluto, Mars-Neptune (for the bloodiest of the batch), and Saturn-Pluto.
- **SHOOTING MASSACRES:** The most common aspect in these horrendous events.

In *Solar & Lunar Returns*, Donald Bradley wrote of Mars-Neptune: “This is another of those ‘killing’ combinations, due to its potency for evil-working in the life. Its keywords are ‘terror’ and ‘betrayal,’ but... these are extremes and not the common expectancy... The native invariably finds himself distraught... has fear-producing premonitions of disaster... While basically toxic in effect, the combination always indicates the peril of pain or death through fire and fumes. Neurotic trends may evidence themselves in the native’s make-up, for his emotional pattern is skewed...” While quite dramatic, this is a fair description of the tone established by Mars-Neptune in mundane astrology as well.

Cyril Fagan described the aspect more generally, in a way that portrays a greater range of possible expressions: “To be involved in a mad scramble of the multitudes, to be caught up in a riot or baton-charge, to have the clothes torn off your back by hundreds of adoring fans, are some of the effects when Mars and Neptune transit together. While most people are terrified by such an experience, others appear to actually enjoy it. Neptune always seems to involve crowds or at least many people in a high degree of emotional excitement...”

EXAMPLES: Mt. Vesuvius eruption (*year*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*half year*). Long Beach earthquake (*week*). Olympia earthquake (*half year*). Monongah mine disaster (*half year*). Hurricane Katrina (*week, day*). Conway Theater fire (*week*). Typhoon Haiyan (*fortnight*). Halifax explosion (*day*). Texas City disaster (*year*). Tunguska (*year*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*year*). Zachary Taylor death (*day*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*day*). James A. Garfield death (*quarter*). William McKinley shot (*quarter*) & death (*quarter, day*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year*). Richard M. Nixon resignation (*week*). U.S. Declaration of Independence (*day*). Ludlow massacre (*quarter, month, day*). Columbine massacre (*week*). Virginia Tech massacre (*month*).

Mars-Pluto

A violent, ferocious, often explosive unleashing of force, manifesting with in several ways, including:

- **BOMBS:** Pluto frequently combines with Mars and Uranus for these events.
- **VEHICLE EXPLOSIONS & COLLISIONS:** In many of these examples, Mars is strong and combined with Pluto.
- **WARLIKE EVENTS:** Close, foreground Mars-Pluto aspects are among the most common aspects.
- **SHOOTING MASSACRES:** Though Mars-Neptune and Mars-Saturn aspects are more common, Mars-Pluto and Mars-Uranus are also common.

Furthermore, Mars-Pluto shows for several major earthquakes and fires. Although it is not common enough to be thought part of the protocol for identifying earthquakes and fires, it carries to them its basic characteristic of a violent, ferocious, and often explosive unleashing of force.

EXAMPLES: 1906 San Francisco quake (*day*). Olympia quake (*hour*). 1957 San Francisco earthquake (*fortnight*). Great Chilean earthquake (*year*). Senghenydd colliery disaster (*month*). Hurricane Andrew for Washington (*month*). Great Fire of London (*year*). Ohio State Penitentiary fire (*day*). Friendship Theater fire (*day*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*day*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*year, day*). Bath school disaster (*week, hour*). Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (*year*). Titanic sinking (*quarter*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*day*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*day*).

Savar building collapse (*month*). James A. Garfield death (*quarter*). U.S. entered WW I (*week*). Britain entered WW II (*quarter, month*). 9/11 (*quarter*). CSA Siege (*quarter*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Libya (*quarter*) & Washington (*year*). Virginia Tech massacre for Washington (*year, day*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*week*). Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (*year*).

PROGRESSED EXAMPLES: Boston Marathon bombing, Savar industrial accident, West Fertilizer Plant explosion, failure to pass gun-control legislation, ricin attacks on White House and some Senators (*CanQ progressions*).

JUPITER ASPECTS

Jupiter-Saturn

In 2012, we saw this aspect angular with strong economic swings and exacerbated political tensions. The essential quality, when Jupiter and Saturn are prominent and in *essentially equal* angularity strength, is a “**seesaw**” effect, various pairs of opposites in comparable strength going back-and-forth in a combat for dominance, but neither getting clear leverage over the other.

The aspect is inherently **political** and **economic** in its themes. We see how closely it cleaves to its familiar meanings in natal astrology with the royal wedding of Charles and Diana, where Jupiter-Saturn was foreground for the *year, month, week, day and hour* charts. (Clearly, this is a defining event for Jupiter-Saturn aspects.) In that event, the aspect (anciently thought to be the joining of the two most distant planets in our solar system), partakes of elements of royalty and other traditional institutions, of finance (and business, contractual relationships in general), religion, and good old-fashioned politics.

In daily and other short-term charts, the aspect is ‘willing’ to mean simply, “good things and bad things both happen.” For example, in the Reagan shooting it meant, “He was shot. He lived.”

EXAMPLES: Conway Theater fire (*year*). Winecoff Hotel fire (*year*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Ronald Reagan shot (*day*). Wedding of Charles & Diana (*year, month, week, day, hour*). Last year of WW I + Armistice for U.S. (*year*). Pearl Harbor (*year*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack (*year*). Sandy Hook massacre (*year*).

Jupiter-Uranus

Too few examples are at hand for us to draw firm conclusions. However, observations can be made from the few available examples.

- We expect this aspect to represent the introduction of **new technology**, or to bring forth new technological vision. Pleasingly, it dominates the charts for the first Moon landing.
- We expect it be prominent for events involving **civil liberties and civil rights**. Pleasingly, it is significant for the Stonewall rights, and has been active during periods when civil rights issues have come to the fore and dominated public awareness for a time.
- The flip side of this (or, rather, the broader symbolic context) is a theme of **ideological rebellion and conflict**. We see violent actions involving political ideological conflict in such events as the Oslo attacks and Lincoln’s assassination.

EXAMPLES: Iroquois Theater fire (*half year*). Luoyang Christmas fire (*month*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*month*). Typhoon Haiyan (*half year*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*day, hour*). Abraham Lincoln murder (*day*). Stonewall riots (*year*). Oslo attacks (*year*). Apollo 11 lift-off (*day*). Moon landing (*year, day*).

Jupiter-Neptune

Several themes coalesce from the examples:

- **ENTERTAINMENT:** Jupiter-Neptune has signaled box office bonanzas and record-breaking movie attendance. When it has been present for events that were not fun, festive, or celebratory, it typically has signaled an entertainment-themed setting.
- **RELIGION, FAITH, INSPIRATION:** Jupiter-Neptune shows in numerous religious-themed events and, more broadly, events of powerful inspiration, faith, and idealism: It is an aspect of surreal optimism. Enactment of more humane laws has occurred under long-term charts, in response to tragic events.
- **BIGOTRY:** Powerful belief on one side of an issue often is matched by powerful opposing belief on the other side. Inspiring civil rights events have occurred under this aspect, and so have bigoted and oppositional positions on religion, race, and other issues. The key, therefore, is **belief-driven motivation and decision making**.
- **INSPIRING SPACE EXPLORATION:** Only the last events in the advance toward the Moon – the first spacewalk, first lunar orbit, and Moon landing – have Jupiter-Neptune themes. They likely represent a higher level of imagination and surreal inspiration.

EXAMPLES: *Entertainment venues:* Lame Horse Nightclub fire (*Arilunar*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*week*). Niteroi Circus fire (*day*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*month*). *Religious venues:* Kanunga Church mass suicide (*week*). Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (*quarter*). *Ideological issues:* Martin Luther King murder (*day*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*month, week*) & Washington (*week, day*). Oslo attacks (*quarter, event*). *Space events:* 1st spacewalk (*day, hour*). 1st Moon orbit (*half year*). Moon landing (*day*). *Other:* Reisadalen meteor impact (*year, hour*). James A. Garfield shooting (*day*) & death (*quarter*). William McKinley shooting (*day*).

Jupiter-Pluto

Too few examples are at hand to draw firm conclusions. However, several sample events do emphasize one clear Jupiter-Pluto pattern, which today we would call regime change, or efforts at regime change. This is a particular expression of a larger theme, a **challenging of existing value systems and ideological paradigms**.

This theme emerges diversely. One event (which also incorporates other Jupiter-Pluto ideas) is the end of World War I, a cease-fire built upon extreme efforts at weakening the enemy governments to the point of crippling their economy (laying the foundation for World War II). Jupiter-Pluto, for example, can signal either rising imperialism or a challenge to rising imperialism.

In other cases, we see a more general challenge to prevailing ideology. Sometimes, in mundane astrology, this takes the form of directly challenging a government’s existence (or at least its values).

Jupiter-Pluto also manifests as a stunning blow to existing economic conditions. Potentially, it could be a huge win and positive transformation of economic conditions. More often, it will show as a crisis. (The coalmine disasters and larger fires likely fall under this heading)

EXAMPLES: Genroku earthquake (*half-year, quarter*). Sumatra-Andaman earthquake (*year*). Senghenydd colliery disaster (*month*). Courrieres mine disaster (*year*). Iroquois Theater fire (*half year*). Great Fire of London (*quarter, fortnight*). Friendship Theater fire (*day*). Bath school disaster (*hour*). WWI armistice & ceasefire for Britain (*month*). Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (*day*). Oslo attacks (*year*). 1st woman in space (*day*). 1st Moon orbit (*half year*).

SATURN ASPECTS

Saturn-Uranus

In mundane astrology, the general tone of Saturn-Uranus aspects is tension, swings between various opposites such as freedom-restriction and liberality-conservatism and, generally, struggle between forces of change and the *status quo*. (Consider, for example, the 2008 and 2012 U.S. elections.) Gridlock is likely unless one side gains advantage.

However, the sample events do not give a clear indication of this. They play the simpler themes of “loss + explosion.” There is insufficient evidence at hand to discern the more nuanced nature of this aspect within ingresses.

EXAMPLES: Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter*). Cocoanut Grove Nightclub fire (*year*). Benxihu colliery disaster (*day*). Apollo 1 fire (*year*). Mabone Street train wreck (*quarter, month, day*). Exxon Valdez oil spill for Washington (*year*). Pearl Harbor for Hawaii (*day*) & Tokyo (*quarter, month*). Columbine massacre (*week*). Oslo attacks (*year*). 1st spacewalk (*week*).

Saturn-Neptune

- **GRIEF & LOSS:** Saturn-Neptune is a token of extreme grief, loss, and consequent emotional turbulence. Cyril Fagan accurately summarized this as “deep tragedy, accompanied by wailings and lamentations.”
- **THRONE TOPPLER:** Donald Bradley, in *Solar & Lunar Returns*, correctly articulated an important Saturn-Neptune theme, that it is “a real throne-toppler,” indicating various forms of removal, and “surely takes first prize for forcing resignations, abdications, exiles, deportations, and firings from jobs.”

EXAMPLES: Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter*). Monongah mine disaster (*week*). Benxihu colliery disaster (*week*). Galveston hurricane (*year, quarter, day*). Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (*half year*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*day*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*hour*). Franklin D. Roosevelt death (*year, month*). King Edward VIII abdication (*month*). Columbine massacre (*month*). Virginia Tech massacre for Washington (*month*).

Saturn-Pluto

From Saturn-Pluto we expect harsh, dramatic tragedies: catastrophic disasters with profound feelings of irrevocable loss. Several of these are on the list of sample events below.

- **UPRISINGS, RIOTS & SUPPRESSIONS:** We see recurrence of Moon-Pluto, Mars-Neptune, and Saturn-Pluto aspects for this category of events.

In practice, events often are less intense. This tends to happen with shorter-term charts: Remember that Pluto tends to indicate catastrophic devastation in longer-term charts (such as solar ingresses), and merely a hard, sharp blow in short-term charts (such as daily methods). This naturally carries through on Saturn-Pluto events as well.

EXAMPLES: Krakatoa eruption (*quarter*). Avezzano earthquake (*quarter*). Great Kanto earthquake (*year, month*). Great Alaskan earthquake (*year*). Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida (*quarter, month*) & Washington (*year, quarter*). Hurricane Sandy (*day*). Lame Horse Nightclub fire (*day*). Texas City disaster for Washington (*year*). Shuttle Columbia disaster (*month*). Chernobyl (*fortnight*). Britain enters WW II (*quarter, month*). Pearl

Harbor for Hawaii (*year*) & Washington (*day*). 9/11 (*quarter, day*). Stonewall riots (*quarter*). CSA siege (*quarter*). Waco siege (*quarter, month*). Oslo attacks (*year*).

OTHER ASPECTS

Uranus-Neptune

Uranus-Neptune aspects only occur at long time intervals. When they do occur, they bring high-impact events. Uranus is inherently explosive and rupturing; Neptune stirs extreme mass reaction. Together, they overflow the bounds of conventional thinking and expectations.

In the context of earthquakes, I have termed this the “shake, rattle, and roll” aspect. This also is not a bad description of its affects in other areas.

- **IMPACT EVENTS:** Uranus-Neptune aspects or co-presence dominates these extraterrestrial events.

Furthermore, Uranus and Neptune in aspect stimulate psycho-spiritual evolution – or at least **very** altered states of consciousness. Their conjunction around 1992 ushered in the full blossoming of the “New Age” movement. Something similar marked the era around 1909, which was (for example) the first year that a person of average income could afford an automobile. The angel Gabriel visited William Wade Harris in 1909, fuelling a new religious wave in Africa. Publication of *The Fundamentals* began the wave of Protestant Fundamentalism in earnest that year; yet Futurism, as well, came into being with the publication of Marinetti’s manifesto. Marx’s *Das Kapital* appeared in English translation, Freud’s tour of the United States began popularizing a different kind of religion called psychoanalysis, and Aleister Crowley first published his periodical, *The Equinox*. In what was then probably the most extreme human penetration into the unknown, William Edgeworth David led the first expedition to reach the South Magnetic Pole, and Robert Peary became the first to reach the North Pole – both in 1909.

EXAMPLES: 1906 San Francisco earthquake (*quarter, month, hour*). Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter*). Tehachapi quake (*day*). Hurricane Andrew for Florida & Washington (*quarter*). Friendship Theater fire (*quarter*). Baku Metro fire (*week*). Oklahoma City bombing (*year*). Tunguska (*year, quarter, month*). Reisadalen meteor impact (*hour*). Oslo Accords agreed (*week*).

Uranus-Pluto

Uranus-Pluto signifies the sort of event that the news media calls a “major shakeup.” It is revolutionary, revising, remapping, anti-establishment, often anti-government, and generally overthrowing. Often we refer to it metaphorically as “tearing down existing structures,” meaning that it embodies a spirit of revolution that dismantles current systems and tears down iconic structures; yet, as many of the examples below show, this aspect often “tears down existing structures” literally, levelling buildings to the ground.

EXAMPLES: Mt. Pelée eruption (*hour*). Long Beach earthquake (*day*). Hurricane Sandy (*quarter*). Iroquois Theater fire (*half year*). Conway Theater fire (*year, quarter*). Kiss Nightclub fire (*year*). Boston Marathon explosion for Washington (*day*). 2013 Bangalore bombing (*day*). Typhoon Haiyan (*month*). Exxon Valdez oil spill (*fortnight*). Lac-Mégantic train derailment (*month*). West Fertilizer Plant explosion (*quarter, week*). Chernobyl (*fortnight*). Savar building collapse (*month, week, day*). John F. Kennedy murder (*quarter, day*). Martin Luther King murder for Washington (*year*). 9/11 for NYC (*quarter*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack (*quarter, week*). Benghazi U.S. consulate attack for Washington (*year*). “Bloody Sunday” for Selma (*year, day*) &

Washington (*day*). Stonewall riots (*day*). Oslo attacks (*year*). “Dark Knight” massacre (*week*). Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (*hour*). Sandy Hook massacre for Newtown (*quarter*) & Washington (*year, quarter*). Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (*quarter, day*). 1st Moon orbit (*year*). Pope Francis liberalized church approach to sex-themed issues (*year + Venus*). New Jersey same-sex marriages begin (*year, half year, quarter, week*).

Neptune-Pluto

Too few examples are available to interpret this definitively. We would expect heightened, surreal, reality-altering emotion to the point of insanity combined with mind-halting, senses-stunning events, inherently decisive and separative in nature. This seems consistent with the examples listed below.

EXAMPLES: Great Alaskan earthquake (*month*). Kamchatka earthquake (*quarter*). Galveston hurricane (*quarter*).

Appendix C

QUANTIFYING THE TECHNIQUES

SCORING

This book examines 126 separate events. A few of these are multiple instances of a single event (for different locations) or proximate, nearly identical events (such as the Apollo 11 launch event vs. the Moon landing).

I have scored each chart (solar ingress, lunar ingress, daily timing, or event chart) on the following five-step scale:

+2	Very Good (Very Satisfactory)
+1	Good (Satisfactory)
0	Neutral (noncommittal or mixed)
-1	Bad (Unsatisfactory)
-2	Very Bad (Very Unsatisfactory)

Most of these scores appear in the present book as part of the discussion of each chart.

Although the individual scores are subjective, treating them in the aggregate removes many kinds of selective perception and lets us see how they rank compared to each other. This allows us to address many types of questions that Sidereal astrologers previously have judged mostly by anecdote and intuition, and to polish our “best practice” recommendations for practical work.

I will begin by examining each individual technique separately. Next, I will examine how they relate to each other in various ways.

OVERVIEW OF TECHNIQUE RELIABILITY

With points assigned according to the table above, we can examine the aggregate reliability of each class of technique and draw some general conclusions. For the 126 events, each technique class had the following total scores:

Solar Ingresses	Lunar Ingresses	Daily Timing
Year: 133	Month: 128	Transits to Capsolar: 84 ¹
Half year: 137	Fortnight: 132	Capsolar Quotidian: 181
Quarter: 139	Week: 143	Cansolar transits & Quotidian: 132

Solar ingress scores range from 133 to 139, the score increasing slightly the narrower the period covered. That is, a quarterly solar ingress is a bit more specific and accurate than the Capsolar.

¹ Daily timing based on the Capsolar was broken out into two parts, transits vs. quotidians, for one examination reported below. Cansolar-based techniques were not bifurcated.

Lunar ingress scores range from 128 to 143, with the scores increasing the narrower the period covered. That is, the weekly lunar ingress is more specific and accurate than the Caplunar.

Until I added the Space Mission charts, the three categories of lunar ingresses were uniformly higher scoring than the solar ingresses. In the Space Mission examples, several events had dormant lunar ingresses that reduced the score. Generally speaking, lunar ingresses are more precise and accurate than the solars, and the daily charts are more precise and accurate than either.

Overall, the best technique is the Capsolar Quotidian. The second best is the Weekly lunar ingress. Each of these is enhanced by its interaction with other techniques.

SOLAR INGRESSES

CAPSOLAR

Of 126 events, 91 remain after excluding 35 dormant Capsolar ingress charts. These 91 Capsolars received the following scores:

Very Good	57 times	63%
Good	21 times	23%
Neutral	12 times	14%
Bad	0 times	0%
Very Bad	1 time	1%

86% of the time, the Capsolar described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way.

Distinction by Half Year

While the Capsolar is the Master Chart of the Year, it is also the immediate return for the first half of the year and the first quarter. Does its efficacy change when other charts overlay it?

Fifty-seven events occurred with the Sun in the half of the zodiac from Capricorn through Gemini (the half year when there is no immediate Cansolar overlaying the Capsolar). In 40 of these events, the Capsolar was non-dormant. Of these 40 events, the Capsolar had the following scores:

Very Good	27 times	67.5%
Good	9 times	22.5%
Neutral	4 times	10%
Bad	0 times	0%
Very Bad	0 times	0%

These scores resemble those for Capsolars taken across the entire year, and are slightly better. For example, 90% of the time (rather than 86%), these Capsolars described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way.

Sixty-nine events occurred with the Sun in the half of the zodiac from Cancer through Sagittarius (the half of the year when an immediate Cansolar overlays the Capsolar). In 51 of these events, the Capsolar was non-dormant. Of these 51 events, the Capsolar had the following scores:

Very Good	30 times	59%
Good	12 times	24%
Neutral	8 times	16%
Bad	0 times	0%
Very Bad	1 time	2%

These scores resemble those for the two previous tabulations, and are slightly poorer. For example, only 83% of the time (rather than 86% or 90%) did these Capsolars describe the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way.

Distinction by Quarter

Does the Capsolar improve further if we also filter out a quarterly solar ingress? Twenty-two events occurred with the Sun in Capricorn, Aquarius, or Pisces (the quarter of the year before the Arisolar overlays the Capsolar with additional information). In 14 of these events, the Capsolar was non-dormant. Of these 14 events, the Capsolar had the following scores:

Very Good	11 times	79%
Good	1 time	7%
Neutral	2 times	14%
Bad	0 times	0%
Very Bad	0 times	0%

Although this is a small sample, it is worth examining for comparison to the prior tabulations. However, we should be more cautious in our conclusions. The total score of *satisfactory* and *very satisfactory* Capsolars is the same as for Capsolars across the whole year (86%), and the percentage in the *very satisfactory* category is much higher than in the more inclusive category. This may lead to the tentative conclusion that the quality and reliability of Capsolar information is discernibly higher in the first three months of the year (when it is also the current Quarter chart) than in the rest of the year.

HALF YEAR CHARTS

A Half Year chart may be a Capsolar or Cansolar, depending on the time of year. Of 126 events, 98 remain after excluding 28 dormant Half Year ingress charts. These 98 solar ingresses received the following scores:

Very Good	58 times	59%
Good	26 times	27%
Neutral	10 times	10%
Bad	3 times	3%
Very Bad	1 time	1%

86% of the time, the non-dormant Half Year chart described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way. This is the same as the Capsolar score.

Distinguishing the two Half Years

Does the Capsolar as a Half Year chart have different accuracy and reliability than the Cansolar as a Half Year chart? Previously, we tallied the Capsolar as a Half Year chart:

Very Good	27 times	67.5%	
Good	9 times	22.5%	(90%)
Neutral	4 times	10%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	0 times	0%	

For the six months when the Sun was in Cancer through Sagittarius, we find 60 events, of which 50 occurred under a non-dormant Cansolar. Of these 50 events, the Cansolar had the following scores:

Very Good	28 times	56%	
Good	14 times	28%	(84%)
Neutral	4 times	8%	
Bad	3 times	6%	
Very Bad	1 times	2%	

Thus, 84% of the time, these Cansolars described the event in a satisfactory or very satisfactory way. This is less reliable than the 90% accuracy of the Capsolar as a Half Year chart.

Is the Cansolar (like the Capsolar) improved if it is treated as only a three-month chart? Thirty-five events occurred with the Sun in Cancer, Leo, or Virgo (the quarter of the year before the Libsolar overlays the Cansolar with additional information). In 32 of these events, the Cansolar was non-dormant. Of these 32 events, the Cansolar had the following scores:

Very Good	18 times	56%	
Good	11 times	34%	(91%)
Neutral	2 times	6%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	1 time	3%	

Although the number in the highest category is unchanged from the previous tally, the total score of *satisfactory* and *very satisfactory* Cansolars is 91%, a distinctly higher score.

QUARTERLY SOLAR INGRESS CHARTS

A Quarterly solar ingress chart may be a Capsolar, Arisolar, Cansolar, or Libsolar, depending on the time of year. Of 126 events, 104 remain after excluding 22 dormant Quarterly solar ingress charts. These 104 Quarterly ingresses received the following scores:

Very Good	62 times	60%
Good	26 times	25%
Neutral	10 times	10%
Bad	1 time	1%
Very Bad	5 time	5%

This produces a score similar to what we have seen previously: 85% of the time, the non-dormant Quarter chart was descriptive of the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way.

Distinguishing Quarters

Is there a difference in how effectively the various Quarter charts operate within their respective quarters? We have previously documented the performance for the Capsolar and Cansolar.

For the Capsolar (14 examples):

Very Good	11 times	79%	
Good	1 time	7%	(86%)
Neutral	2 times	14%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	0 times	0%	

For the Cansolar (32 examples):

Very Good	18 times	56%	(91%)
Good	11 times	34%	
Neutral	2 times	6%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	1 time	3%	

Continuing, we tabulate the same for the Arisolar (39 examples):

Very Good	22 times	56%	(83%)
Good	10 times	26%	
Neutral	2 times	5%	
Bad	1 time	3%	
Very Bad	4 time	10%	

And for the Libsolar (19 examples):

Very Good	11 times	58%	(79%)
Good	4 times	21%	
Neutral	4 times	21%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	0 times	0%	

There is variability. Possibly the variability is not as significant as it superficially appears. Nonetheless, it is noteworthy that the lowest scores are the Arisolar and Libsolar, long regarded as being (1) weaker than the Capsolar and Cansolar and yet (2) having particular authority over their three-month period.

To understand the above figures better, we can assess whether, in the Arisolar and Libsolar quarters, the Capsolar or Cansolar has greater, lesser, or about the same strength as the “ingress of the Quarter.”

Comparing the Capsolar to Quarterly Solar Ingresses

Comparing the Arisolar to the Capsolar (29 events where neither is dormant):

	Capsolar	Arisolar
Very Good	17 times	15 times
Good	10 times	8 times
Neutral	2 times	2 times
Bad	0 times	1 time
Very Bad	0 times	3times

During the Arisolar quarter of the year, the Capsolar is somewhat better (more accurate and reliable) than the Arisolar.

Comparing the Cansolar to the Capsolar as a Quarterly chart (24 events):

	Capsolar	Cansolar
Very Good	16 times	12 times
Good	4 times	9 times
Neutral	4 times	2 times

Bad	0 times	0 times
Very Bad	0 times	1 time

During the Cansolar quarter year, the Capsolar and Cansolar are of similar strength and different scales of reliability: For scores of +1 or +2, the Cansolar has 21 examples and the Capsolar 20. However, for *satisfactory* charts, the Capsolars are far more likely to be *very satisfactory*.

Comparing the Libsolar to the Capsolar (14 events):

	Capsolar	Libsolar
Very Good	8 times	10 times
Good	4 times	2 times
Neutral	2 times	2 times
Bad	0 times	0 times
Very Bad	0 times	0 times

In contrast to the Arisolar and Cansolar quarters, the Libsolar holds its own against the Capsolar, and may even be a little better, as reflected by the slightly larger number of *very satisfactory* scores. However, given the small sample size, we need to be more cautious with conclusions drawn from this particular subset of the data.

Pending more data, I am inclined to view the Libsolar as relating to the Capsolar comparably to the way the Arisolar does.

In prevailing Sidereal theory, the Cansolar has particular authority over the half of the Sidereal year of which the Libsolar is a subset. What is the relative strength of the two techniques during the Libsolar quarter of the year? Comparing the Libsolar to the Cansolar (14 events):

	Cansolar	Libsolar
Very Good	9 times	9 times
Good	3 times	3 times
Neutral	1 time	2 times
Bad	1 time	0 times
Very Bad	0 times	0 times

The performance of the two techniques is substantially the same. However, the small sample size warrants greater caution when drawing conclusions from this particular data subset.

CANSOLAR IMPORTANCE

What is the relative importance of the Cansolar to the Capsolar? Although the Capsolar is widely recognized as the Master Chart of the Year, various observations suggest that the Cansolar is its deputy.

The Cansolar easily demonstrates its value as a six-month chart, calling the shots for major events in the three-to-six months following its mid-July inception. Yet, it also has demonstrated a strong hand in characterizing the time from January to July, after the next Capsolar has occurred.

This raises questions, especially: Do we always need to regard the Cansolar as a second primary full-year chart, considering it in relationship to the Capsolar at all times? The answer appears complicated: The fact that a technique gives meaningful information does not mean it gives **necessary** information. With the Cansolar, three observed facts seem to coexist:

1. The Cansolar is valid for a full 12 months. It accurately describes conditions and events even after the next Capsolar comes into play, although the Cansolar has a special link to the three-to-six months following its inception (*i.e.*, the last half of the Sidereal year).
2. Should the Capsolar have no compelling message – if it is dormant or nearly so – then the Cansolar will rise to fill the vacuum: Its indications will flow transparently through the entire 12-month period.
3. Otherwise, the Cansolar is rarely **necessary** to fully and accurately describe events occurring more than six months after its inception.

Does the quantifiable data available to us substantiate these observations?

Of the 126 events examined in this book, 66 occurred with the Sun in the half of the zodiac from Capricorn through Gemini (the first six months after a new Capsolar). In 20 of these, the Capsolar was dormant. Four other times the Capsolar was non-dormant but had nothing relevant to say (score: 0). The Cansolar scores for these 24 “Capsolar-silent” events are:

Very Good	12 times	50%
Good	8 times	33%
Neutral	2 times	8%
Bad	0 times	0%
Very Bad	1 time	4%
Dormant	1 time	4%

Twenty of these 24 times (83%) the Cansolar described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way. This is essentially the same score as the Cansolar for its own six months (84%).

Do We Lose Information?

In 46 cases occurring in the first half of the Sidereal year, the Capsolar was not dormant. This includes the four Score 0 instances mentioned above, some others where the Cansolar performed better than the Capsolar, and other cases where they were equal or the Capsolar was clearer.

For this group of 46 events, occurring in the January-to-July half of the year, where the Capsolar was non-dormant, I narrowed my question to the following: **If we exclude the Cansolar from the event analysis, do we lose any necessary information? Is the event described less well?**

Of the 46, I found **no** example where we lost anything critical by excluding consideration of the Cansolar. Even when the Cansolar was descriptive, the rest of the charts in the event’s stack capably handled the event description and timing on their own. Specifically:

- The Cansolar was dormant 7 times.
- It contributed nothing (score 0) 13 times.
- It was *disappointing* or *very disappointing* (score -1 or -2) 4 times.

Obviously, there is no need to consult the Cansolar in these cases.

Excluding these 24 instances leaves 22 events. Of these, the Capsolar performed equal to or better than the Cansolar (equal or higher score) all but 5 times. In these 5 cases, the weekly lunar ingress and CapQ gave *very satisfactory* descriptions every time. The Cansolar was not necessary to determine the outcome.

LUNAR INGRESSES

CAPLUNAR

Of 126 events, 97 have non-dormant Caplunars. These 97 Caplunars had the following scores:

Very Good	60 times	62%
Good	22 times	23%
Neutral	6 times	6%
Bad	4 times	4%
Very Bad	5 time	5%

85% of the time, the Caplunar described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way.

Distinction by Fortnight

While the Caplunar is the Master Chart of the Month, it is also the immediate return for the first half of the month and, in particular, for the first week. Does its efficacy change when other charts overlay it?

Fifty-four events occurred with the Moon in the half of the zodiac from Capricorn through Gemini and a non-dormant Caplunar. These 54 Capsolars had the following scores:

Very Good	36 times	67%	
Good	9 times	17%	(84%)
Neutral	2 times	4%	
Bad	3 times	6%	
Very Bad	3 times	6%	

These scores resemble those for Caplunars taken across the entire month, and are slightly better. Although the percentage of these charts that were *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* (84%) is about the same as in the prior tally, the *very satisfactory* percentage is higher.

Forty-three events occurred with the Moon in the half of the zodiac from Cancer through Sagittarius (the half of the month when an immediate Canlunar overlays the Caplunar) and with non-dormant Caplunars. These Caplunars received the following scores:

Very Good	24 times	56%	
Good	12 times	28%	(84%)
Neutral	4 times	9%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	1 time	2%	

84% of the time, these Caplunars match the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way. These scores resemble those for two previous tabulations, and are slightly poorer in that fewer *satisfactory* charts are *very satisfactory*.

Distinction by Week

Does this effect continue if we filter for weekly lunar ingress effects? Twenty-four events occurred with the Moon in Capricorn, Aquarius, or Pisces (the week before the Arilunar overlays the Caplunar) with a non-dormant Caplunar. For these events, the Caplunar had the following scores:

Very Good	16 times	67%	
Good	5 time	21%	(88%)

Neutral	2 times	8%
Bad	1 time	4%
Very Bad	0 times	0%

88% of these Caplunars were rated *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory*. This is a little higher than the prior scores for the Caplunar.

FORTNIGHT CHARTS

A Fortnight chart may be a Caplunar or Canlunar, depending on the time of month. Of 126 events, 96 remain after excluding 30 dormant Fortnight lunar ingress charts. These 96 ingresses received the following scores:

Very Good	64 times	67%
Good	19 times	20%
Neutral	3 times	3%
Bad	5 times	5%
Very Bad	5 time	5%

87% of the time, the non-dormant Fortnight chart described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way. This is similar to the Caplunar score.

Distinguishing the two Fortnights

Does the Caplunar as a Fortnight chart have different accuracy and reliability than the Canlunar as a Fortnight chart? Previously, we tabulated the Caplunar as a Fortnight chart:

Very Good	36 times	67%	
Good	9 times	17%	(84%)
Neutral	2 times	4%	
Bad	3 times	6%	
Very Bad	3 times	6%	

For the two weeks when the Moon was in Cancer through Sagittarius, we find 42 events with a non-dormant Canlunar. Of these 42 events, the Canlunar had the following scores:

Very Good	28 times	67%	
Good	9 times	21%	(88%)
Neutral	1 time	2%	
Bad	2 times	5%	
Very Bad	2 times	5%	

88% of the time, these Canlunars described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way.

Is the Canlunar improved if we treat it as only a one-week chart? Twenty events occurred with the Moon in Cancer, Leo, or Virgo (the week before the Liblunar overlays the Canlunar with additional information) with a non-dormant Cansolar. For these 20 events, the Canlunar had the following scores:

Very Good	15 times	75%	
Good	3 times	15%	(90%)
Neutral	0 times	0%	
Bad	2 times	10%	
Very Bad	0 time	0%	

In 90% of these examples, the Canlunar showed a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* rating when limited to the seven days following its inception.

WEEKLY LUNAR INGRESS CHARTS

A Weekly lunar ingress chart may be a Caplunar, Arilunar, Canlunar, or Liblunar, depending on the time of month. Of 126 events, 93 remain after excluding 33 dormant weekly lunar ingress charts. These 93 weekly ingresses received the following scores:

Very Good	62 times	67%
Good	24 times	26%
Neutral	3 times	3%
Bad	3 times	3%
Very Bad	1 time	1%

93% of these lunar ingresses described the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way. This is the strongest result we have seen yet for any category of solar or lunar ingress.

Distinguishing Weeks

Is there a difference in how effectively the various Week charts operate within their respective periods? Previously, we tabulated this performance for the Caplunar and Canlunar.

For the Caplunar (34 examples):

Very Good	16 times	67%	
Good	5 time	21%	(88%)
Neutral	2 times	8%	
Bad	1 time	4%	
Very Bad	0 times	0%	

For the Canlunar (20 examples):

Very Good	15 times	75%	
Good	3 times	15%	(90%)
Neutral	0 times	0%	
Bad	2 times	10%	
Very Bad	0 time	0%	

Continuing, we tabulate the same for the Arilunar (28 examples):

Very Good	19 times	68%	
Good	8 times	29%	(96%)
Neutral	0 times	0%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	1 time	4%	

We tabulate the same for the Liblunar (21 examples):

Very Good	12 times	57%	
Good	8 times	38%	(95%)
Neutral	1 time	5%	
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	0 times	0%	

As you can see, the Arilunar and Liblunar (for their respective weeks) are in no sense weaker than the Caplunar and Canlunar. They have very close to perfect scores. (This is different from the behavior of the solar ingresses).

After the Capsolar Quotidian, the weekly lunar ingress is the single most responsive, descriptive, accurate tool in our mundane astrology arsenal.

Comparing the Arilunar to the Caplunar

As with the solar ingresses, we can assess whether, in the Moon's Aries and Libra ingress weeks, the Capsolar or Cansolar has greater, lesser, or about the same strength as the weekly chart.

Twenty-two events occurred with the Moon in Aries, Taurus, or Gemini (the Arilunar week each month) and with neither the Caplunar nor the Arilunar dormant. A simple tally gives an overview of the strength of the two charts:

	Caplunar	Arilunar
Very Good	15 times	14 times
Good	2 times	7 times
Neutral	0 times	0 times
Bad	2 times	0 times
Very Bad	3 times	1 time

At a glance, we can see that, during the Arilunar week, the Arilunar is better (more accurate and reliable) than the Caplunar: The Arilunar has 21 *satisfactory* examples and 1 misfire in comparison to the Caplunar's 17 *satisfactory* examples and 5 misfires.

Comparing the Canlunar (as a Weekly chart) to the Caplunar

Fifteen events occurred with the Moon in Cancer, Leo, or Virgo and with neither the Caplunar nor the Canlunar dormant. A simple tally gives an overview of the strength of the two charts:

	Caplunar	Canlunar
Very Good	8 times	11 times
Good	6 times	3 times
Neutral	0 times	0 times
Bad	0 times	2 times
Very Bad	1 time	0 times

These results are comparable. Given the small sample size, we should not sweat the fine distinctions. Going just by these numbers, we would expect the Caplunar and Canlunar both to have a strong, reliable voice during the week in question, with the Canlunar results *maybe* a little more striking. However, in practice, we probably should expect the Canlunar's performance in its week to be comparable to what we find with the Arilunar and Liblunar.

Comparing the Liblunar to the Caplunar

Sixteen events occurred with the Moon in Libra, Scorpio, or Sagittarius (the Liblunar week each month) and with neither the Caplunar nor the Liblunar dormant. A simple tally gives an overview of the strength of the two charts:

	Caplunar	Liblunar
Very Good	8 times	8 times
Good	2 times	7 times
Neutral	4 times	1 times
Bad	1 times	0 times
Very Bad	1 times	0 times

The Liblunar did significantly better than the Caplunar during the Liblunar week, producing 15 satisfactory results vs. 10 for the Caplunar (which, additionally, had two misfires).

Comparing the Liblunar to the Canlunar

In prevailing Sidereal theory, the Canlunar has particular authority over the half of the Sidereal month of which the Liblunar is a subset. What is the relative strength of the two techniques during the Liblunar week?

A measly 10 events occurred with the Moon in Libra, Scorpio, or Sagittarius and with neither the Canlunar nor Liblunar dormant. A simple tally gives an overview of the strength of the two charts:

	Canlunar	Liblunar
Very Good	8 times	5 times
Good	2 times	5 times
Neutral	0 times	0 times
Bad	0 times	0 times
Very Bad	0 times	0 times

Both techniques have all 10 examples scoring +1 or +2. Given the small sample size, I think it best to label their relative performance effectively equal.

Inasmuch as the Arilunar appears to be distinctly stronger (in its week) than the Caplunar, it seems unlikely that the Canlunar is fully equal to the Liblunar in the Liblunar's week. Future research should enable us to address this question with greater specificity and certainty.

DAILY TIMING: TRANSITS & QUOTIDIANS

CAPSOLAR QUOTIDIAN (CapQ)

No technique in Sidereal mundane astrology is as descriptive and accurate as is the Capsolar Quotidian. These 126 events had an aggregate score of 181 points, or 1.6 points per event. It is the only technique studied where the aggregate score averages (rounds off) to a +2 or *very satisfactory*.

Of 126 events, the CapQ received the following scores:

Very Good	85 times	67%
Good	17 times	13%
Neutral	20 times	16%
Bad	2 times	2%
Very Bad	2 time	2%

81% of the time, the CapQ alone was descriptive of the event in a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* way. Two-thirds of the time, it was *very satisfactory*.

If we exclude the neutral events (score: 0), nearly all of which simply had nothing on the angles on the day of an event (effectively a dormant CapQ), we are left with 106 events of which **97% are at least *satisfactory***.

TRANSITS TO CAPSOLAR ANGLES

In contrast, transits to Capsolar angles have a much lower overall score. It is a long-established principle in Sidereal mundane astrology (since Bradley's original 1957 report) that transits to quotidian angles **far outweigh** transits to the original ingress (Capsolar, Cansolar, etc.) angles, to the point that, in the event of any contradiction between them, the transits to the ingress angles are completely ignored as if they do not exist.

For the sake of comparison, I tabulated transits to Capsolar angles and Capsolar Quotidian contacts separately. Of 126 events, transits to Capsolar angles received the following scores:

Very Good	41 times	33%	
Good	23 times	18%	(51%)
Neutral	51 times	40%	
Bad	1 times	1%	
Very Bad	10 times	8%	

As you can see, this is significantly inferior to anything we have seen previously. Only 51% of the events had a *satisfactory* rating or better.

An obvious factor in this result is that 40% of the examples had no transits to the Capsolar angles at all. If we exclude these, we have 75 events remaining, which give the following results:

Very Good	41 times	55%	
Good	23 times	31%	(86%)
Bad	1 times	1%	
Very Bad	10 times	13%	

These numbers are respectable: 86% had *satisfactory* (or better) ratings. The main point of this demonstration is not to show that transits to Capsolar angles are *per se* reliable for Sidereal mundane prediction (not with 40% of events having no indication at all) but that, when transits to angles occur, they accurately describe events more than 80% of the time.

One final assessment is important regarding this technique, though: Because the “best practice” working rule is to ignore any transit contradicted by the CapQ, we can exclude any example where the CapQ has a positive score and the transits a negative score (or vice versa). After this exclusion, we have 61 examples:

Very Good	40 times	66%	
Good	20 times	33%	(99%)
Bad	0 times	0%	
Very Bad	1 time	1%	

These figures – and the 99% *satisfactory* rating they disclose – appear to confirm the “best practice” rule articulated by Bradley and retained in the present work.

CAPSOLAR QUOTIDIANS + CAPSOLAR TRANSITS

Consolidating the CapQ hits with transits to Capsolar angles to give a single Capsolar-based daily timing score, we get the following for the 126 events:

Very Good	95 times	75%
Good	18 times	14%
Neutral	9 times	7%
Bad	2 times	2%
Very Bad	2 time	2%

89% of the events show a *satisfactory* rating or better.

CANSOLAR QUOTIDIANS + CANSOLAR TRANSITS

When we combine Capsolar transits and quotidiens, the 126 events have an aggregate score of 202. Against this, the Cansolar equivalent (transits to Cansolar angles plus the CanQ) only has an aggregate score of 132. The Cansolar-based daily techniques are only two-thirds as strong as the Capsolar-based techniques, though they are worthy in their own right: That score of 132 essentially ties the 133 point score of the Capsolar, the Master Chart of the Year.

Of 126 events, the Cansolar-based daily timing techniques (Cansolar transits + CanQ) receive the following scores:

Very Good	60 times	48%
Good	31 times	25%
Neutral	24 times	20%
Bad	3 times	2%
Very Bad	8 time	6%

73% of the events show a *satisfactory* rating or better. This is not poor performance, though it is significantly poorer than the Capsolar-based daily timing.

COMPLETING THE CAPQ

It seems that the real value of the Cansolar-based techniques, and even of transits to the Capsolar angles, is that **they complete the CapQ**. The Capsolar Quotidian by itself is a strikingly powerful technique, far more effective and reliable than anything mundane astrologers have had previously. With tweaking from these two companion techniques, it becomes nearly perfect.

Consider the following:

The CapQ, by itself, produced a *satisfactory* or *very satisfactory* result in 102 of 126 events, or 81%. Looking only at the 24 events where the CapQ does not satisfy, the Cansolar has a +1 or +2 score in 19 of them (79% of the rest), or a total of 121 out of 126 (96%). Of the five remaining events, transits to the Capsolar angles give a +1 or +2 to three of them, bringing us to 98% of the total: Only two events out of 126 (the Ycua Bolaños market fire and the bombing of Hiroshima viewed from Washington instead of Japan) are not satisfactorily described this way.

However, this is a “20/20 hindsight” assessment. we know the outcome and know what we are looking for. For example, the above approach skips charts that give the wrong answer (-1, -2) and keeps giving them “another bite of the pie” until a secondary technique satisfies. This is a reasonable approach for the purpose of seeing how these techniques interact, and is not a viable approach for prediction. We need to be able to presume we do not know any answer at all.

Therefore, consider the following variation...

- Of the 126 events, the CapQ gave **no answer at all** (a score of 0) 20 times.
- Knowing that the CapQ gave no answer (*i.e.*, did not indicate any particular type of event for that time and place), we then can check the CanQ and Cansolar transits. This provides

an answer in all but 3 events. (Remember, we do not yet know whether the predicted events are correct, just that **something** is shown.)

- Of the three remaining events, transits to the Capsolar angles have something to say about one of them. This leaves only two events missed out of 126.
- Of the 124 events thus identified, we would have been wrong (-1 or -2 score) 4 times based on the CapQ and 1 time based on the Cansolar techniques. That is, we would have had a correct answer (we would have correctly described the nature of an event at a particular time and place) 120 out of 126 times, or 95% of the time.

That is a staggeringly high rate of being right! Nothing in pre-1957 astrology comes close to this kind of accuracy.

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the foregoing analyses, we can draw certain practical conclusions. In addition to confirming the overall efficacy of every technique studied, these examinations suggest the following conclusions.

SOLAR INGRESSES

Capsolars for the first half of the Sidereal year perform slightly better than Capsolars for the entire year (90% vs. 86% accuracy). Capsolars for the second half of the Sidereal year (when a current Cansolar also is active) perform slightly worse (83%). Capsolars for the first quarter have more *very satisfactory* scores than Capsolars for the entire year.

Half Year charts. The Capsolar is much more reliable than the Cansolar as a Half Year chart (90% vs. 84%). Even in the Cansolar's half of the year when both the Capsolar and Cansolar are effective, the Capsolar is stronger.

Quarterly charts. However, as a Quarterly chart, Cansolar accuracy leaps to 91%. All four solar ingresses have distinctive stature and high reliability within their respective quarters: the individual quarters are 80-90% accurate (85% overall).

Capsolar vs. Quarterly charts. The Capsolar is somewhat better (more reliable qualitatively and quantitatively) than the Quarterly solar ingress during their respective quarters.

Capsolar vs. Cansolar. During the first half of the Sidereal year, "best practice" is as follows: (1) The prior Cansolar is always appropriate to consult for supplemental information. (2) If the Capsolar is dormant, the prior Cansolar serves as the primary voice of the second six-month period. (3) In all other cases, it probably is unnecessary to consult the Cansolar. We likely would lose no relevant information by skipping it.

LUNAR INGRESSES

Caplunars for the first half of the Sidereal month have more *very satisfactory* scores than Caplunars for the entire month. Caplunars for the second half of the Sidereal month have fewer. Caplunars for the first week of the month perform slightly better than Caplunars for the whole month (88% vs. 85%).

Weekly lunar ingress charts are extremely reliable (93% overall) – the most responsive, descriptive, and accurate tool in our mundane astrology arsenal other than the Capsolar Quotidian. Each individual week shows an 88-96% accuracy. All four lunar ingresses have distinctive stature and very high reliability for one week each. The Arilunar and Liblunar are in no sense weaker (for their respective weeks) than the Caplunar and Canlunar: they have very nearly perfect scores.

This is different from the behavior of solar ingresses: For the solars, the Capsolar appears superior to the Quarterly ingresses following it. However, for the lunars, the Weekly ingresses are, for their respective weeks, better (stronger, more accurate, more reliable) than the Caplunar.

DAILY TIMING: TRANSITS & QUOTIDIANS

No technique in Sidereal mundane astrology is as descriptive and accurate as is the Capsolar Quotidian: 97% of the non-zero (non-dormant) examples are *satisfactory* or better.

Transits to Capsolar angles. These existed in about half the events studied, and accurately described those events 86% of the time. Counting only those events for which (1) there were transits to Capsolar angles and (2) the CapQ did not contradict their meaning, this score increases to 99%! This appears to confirm our “best practice” rule: For any contradiction between the CapQ and transits to the Capsolar angles, completely ignore the transits to the ingress angles as if they do not exist. Combined, CapQ hits and transits to Capsolar angles give an overall Capsolar-based daily timing score of 89% accuracy.

Cansolar-based daily techniques (transits to Cansolar angles plus the Cansolar Quotidian) are only about two-thirds as strong as the Capsolar-based techniques, though they are worthy in its own right (73% accuracy).

Completing the CapQ. Probably the greatest value of the Cansolar-based techniques and transits to the Capsolar angles is that they complete the CapQ. Consulting these additional techniques when the CapQ was dormant (had nothing on the angles) would have allowed us to assess the nature of an event in advance 95% of the time.

Appendix D

THE CAPSOLAR QUOTIDIAN CASE

This book would have made a powerful case had it concerned itself only with the Capsolar Quotidian (CapQ) and its occasional backup by the Cansolar Quotidian and transits to the Capsolar and Cansolar angles. This Appendix will make that case.

Our goal is to correctly describe the nature, time, and place of an event. **Nature** is based on the symbolism of the planet(s) involved. **Time and place**, of course are dependent on the CapQ (or other chart), calculated for a particular place and time.

Below, for every event examined in this book I list which planets were within 2° of a Capricorn Quotidian angle. When there are no angular planets in the CapQ, I list transits to the angles of the Capsolar, Cansolar, and Cansolar Quotidian (CanQ).

VOLCANOES

- **Mt. Vesuvius (+2):** Mars.
- **Krakatoa (-1):** Sun, Jupiter. ¹
- **Mt. Pelée (+2):** Mars, Saturn (*transits to Capsolar*).

EARTHQUAKES

- **San Francisco earthquake (+2):** Moon, Mars, Saturn, Pluto. *Moon-Mars*.
- **Avezzano earthquake (+2):** Saturn.
- **Great Kanto earthquake (-2):** Sun, Venus.²
- **Long Beach earthquake (+2):** Uranus, Pluto. *Uranus-Pluto*.
- **Olympia earthquake (+2):** Saturn (*transit to Cansolar*). Uranus, Saturn (*CanQ*).
- **Tehachapi earthquake (+2):** Uranus, Neptune.
- **1957 San Francisco earthquake (+2):** Saturn.
- **Tohuko earthquake (+1):** Jupiter (*for Tohuko*). Pluto (*for Tokyo*).

COAL MINE DISASTERS

- **Monongah mine disaster (+2):** Saturn, Pluto.
- **Senghenydd colliery disaster (+2):** Neptune, Sun.
- **Courrieres mine disaster (+2):** Mars, Venus.
- **Benxihu colliery disaster (+2):** Uranus, Saturn. *Saturn-Uranus*.

¹ This was a misfire. The CanQ had Mars angular.

² The CanQ was as bad with Sun and Jupiter. Transiting Saturn conjoined the Capsolar Midheaven but, under our working principles, we are compelled to ignore this if the CapQ contradicts it.

HURRICANES

- **Galveston hurricane (+2):** Saturn, Neptune, *Saturn-Neptune (transits to Capsolar)*. Saturn, Mercury (*transits to Cansolar*). Mercury (*CanQ*).
- **Hurricane Katrina (+1):** Sun, Saturn. *Sun-Saturn, Mercury-Venus*.
- **Hurricane Sandy (+2):** Pluto, Saturn. (*Saturn-Pluto*.)

FIRES

- **Iroquois Theater fire (+2):** Neptune.
- **Cocoanut Grove Nightclub fire (+2):** Venus, Saturn. *Venus-Saturn*.
- **Conway Theater fire (+2):** Neptune.
- **Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire (+2):** Mars, Sun, Moon. *Sun-Moon*.
- **Great Fire of London (+2):** Mars.
- **Great Chicago Fire (+2):** Sun, Uranus, Neptune, Moon, *Sun-Neptune, Moon-Neptune, Moon-Saturn*.
- **Ohio State Penitentiary fire (+2):** Mars, Pluto. *Sun-Moon, Venus-Pluto, Mars-Pluto*.
- **New London School fire (+2):** Mars, Moon.
- **Winecoff Hotel fire (+2):** Uranus, Mars, Sun.
- **Niteroi Circus fire (+1):** Neptune, Uranus (*CanQ*).
- **L’Innovation Department Store fire (+2):** Mars, Pluto.
- **Cinema Rex fire (0):** Venus, Pluto, Jupiter. *Venus-Pluto*.¹
- **Durunkah fire (+2):** Saturn.
- **Friendship Theater fire (+1):** *Moon-Mars-Jupiter-Pluto (CanQ)*.
- **Baku Metro fire (+1):** Mercury.²
- **Luoyang Christmas fire (+2):** Mars, Pluto.
- **Ycuá Bolaños Market fire (0):** Moon.
- **Lame Horse Nightclub fire (+2):** Saturn, Pluto. *Saturn-Pluto*.
- **Kiss Nightclub fire (+2):** Mars.

BOMBS

- **Wall Street bombing (+2):** Uranus.
- **Bath School disaster (+2):** Pluto, Mercury. *Mercury-Pluto*.
- **Oklahoma City bombing (+2):** Neptune.
- **Oklahoma City bombing for Washington (+2):** Mars.
- **Boston Marathon explosion (+1):** Neptune.
- **Boston Marathon explosion for Washington (+2):** Uranus, Pluto. *Uranus-Pluto*.

¹ In the CanQ, for contrast, Saturn, Sun, and Mercury were angular.

² This was primarily a transit incident that happened to be a fire. Mercury made a mandatory appearance.

VEHICLE EXPLOSIONS & COLLISIONS

- **Sinking of the Titanic (+2):** Mars.
- **Great Nashville Tran Wreck (+2):** Uranus, Moon. *Moon-Uranus.*
- **Hindenburg explosion (+2):** Mars, Uranus. *Mars-Uranus.*
- **Exxon Valdez oil spill (+2):** Mercury, Uranus.
- **Exxon Valdez oil spill for Washington (+2):** Mars.
- **Lac-Mégantic train derailment (+2):** Pluto, Venus, *Venus-Pluto.*

OTHER EXPLOSIONS

- **Halifax Harbor explosion (+1):** Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Mars, Neptune. *Mercury-Mars-Neptune.*
- **Mumbai Harbor explosion (+2):** Mars.
- **Cleveland East Ohio gas explosion (+2):** Mars, Pluto.
- **Texas City disaster (+1):** Mercury. *Moon-Saturn.*
- **Texas City disaster for Washington (+2):** Saturn, *Moon-Saturn.*
- **South Amboy explosion (+2):** Mars.
- **West Fertilizer Plant explosion (+2):** Saturn (*transit to Cansolar*). *Mars-Pluto, Moon-Uranus (CanQ).*
- **Chernobyl (+2):** Saturn.
- **Savar building collapse (+2):** Uranus, Pluto, Venus. *Uranus-Pluto, Venus-Pluto.*

IMPACT EVENTS

- **Tunguska (+2):** Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars. *Mercury-Mars.*
- **Reisadalen (+2):** Mars, *Moon-Saturn.*
- **Chelyabinsk (+1):** Neptune.

U.S. PRESIDENT DEATHS etc.

- **William H. Harrison death (+1):** Neptune.
- **Zachary Taylor death (+2):** Neptune, Mars. *Mars-Neptune.*
- **Abraham Lincoln murder (+2):** Saturn, Sun.
- **James A. Garfield shooting (+1):** Venus, Pluto. *Venus-Pluto.*
- **James A. Garfield death (+2):** Saturn, Pluto.
- **William McKinley shooting (+1):** Neptune, Uranus (Jupiter). *Uranus-Mars.*
- **William McKinley death (+2):** Saturn. Pluto.
- **Warren G. Harding death (+1):** Uranus.
- **Franklin D. Roosevelt death (+2):** Saturn, Sun, Mercury (*CanQ*).
- **John F. Kennedy murder (+1):** Sun.¹
- **Richard M. Nixon resignation (+2):** Mars, *Moon-Mercury-Uranus.*
- **Ronald Reagan shot (+2):** Mars, Sun, Pluto, etc.
- **Gandhi murder (+2):** Sun, *Moon-Mars.*
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. murder (+1):** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter, Sun-Moon.*
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. murder for Washington (-2):** Venus, *Sun-Moon.*

¹ The Sun is a core part of the profile for a head of state death, hence +1.

BRITAIN'S ROYALS

- **King Edward VIII abdication (+2):** Uranus.
- **Queen Elizabeth II coronation (+1):** *Moon-Uranus*.
- **Charles & Diana wedding (+2):** Neptune, Mercury.
- **Princess Diana death (+1):** Venus.
- **Princess Diana funeral (+2):** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar*). Neptune (*transit to Cansolar*). Moon (*CanQ*).

WARS & PEACE

- **Great Britain enters WW I (+1):** Uranus.
- **Armistice & Ceasefire (+2):** Uranus, *Moon-Venus*.
- **Great Britain enters WW II (+1):** Mercury, Uranus. *Mercury-Uranus*.
- **Victory in Europe (+2):** Venus (*transit to Capsolar*). Venus (*CanQ*).
- **Victory in the Pacific (0):** Moon.
- **Pearl Harbor (+2):** Neptune.
- **Pearl Harbor for Washington (+1):** *Sun-Mars-Jupiter*.
- **Pearl Harbor for Tokyo (+2):** Jupiter, Pluto, Sun, Mercury, *Jupiter-Pluto*.
- **Hiroshima bombing (-1):** Mercury, Venus, *Mercury-Venus*.
- **Hiroshima bombing for Washington:** (*None.*)

OTHER WARLIKE ACTIONS

- **Bay of Pigs invasion (+2):** Pluto.
- **Bay of Pigs invasion for Washington (+2):** Mars, Venus. *Venus-Mars, Venus-Pluto*.
- **9/11 for New York (+1):** Venus, Sun, Uranus, *Venus-Uranus*.
- **9/11 for Washington (+2):** Mars, Mercury.
- **Benghazi U.S. Consulate attack for Libya (+2):** Jupiter. *Sun-Moon*.
- **Benghazi U.S. Consulate attack for Washington (+2):** Mars, Venus, *Venus-Mars*.

POPULIST UPRISINGS, RIOTS, MOVEMENTS & SUPPRESSIONS

- **U.S. Declaration of Independence (+2):** Mars, Neptune. *Mars-Neptune, Moon-Jupiter*.
- **Ludlow massacre (+2):** Mars, Neptune, *Mars-Neptune*, Uranus, Sun.
- **Selma "Bloody Sunday" march (+2):** *Moon-Uranus-Pluto*.
- **"Bloody Sunday" for Washington (+2):** *Moon-Uranus-Pluto*.¹
- **Stonewall riots (0):** Mercury, *Moon-Venus*.²
- **CSA siege (+2):** Moon, Sun, Jupiter.
- **CSA siege (+2):** Jupiter.
- **Waco siege (+2):** Saturn.
- **Waco siege for Washington (+2):** Saturn.

¹ Transits to Capsolar angles included Mars and Uranus, plus a Uranus transit to the Moon. Cansolar transits included Jupiter-Neptune to the angles.

² The CanQ had Neptune angular.

SHOOTING MASSACRES

- **Columbine massacre (+2):** Uranus, Saturn.
- **Columbine massacre for Washington (+2):** Venus, Pluto, *Venus-Pluto (transit to Cap-solar)*.
- **Virginia Tech massacre (+2):** Pluto, *Moon-Jupiter*.
- **Virginia Tech massacre for Washington (+2):** Mars, Pluto, *Mars-Pluto, Moon-Jupiter*.
- **Oslo attacks (+2):** Saturn.
- **“Dark Knight” massacre (+2):** Mars, *Moon-Saturn*.
- **Oak Creek Sikh temple shootings (+2):** Mars, Moon, Saturn. *Moon-Saturn*.
- **Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre (+2):** Mercury. *Moon-Saturn*.
- **Sandy Hook massacre for Washington (+2):** Neptune. *Moon-Saturn*.
- **Westgate Shopping Mall shooting (+2):** Uranus, Pluto, Venus, *Uranus-Pluto, Venus-Pluto*.

SPACE MISSIONS

- **First artificial satellite launch (+1):** *Sun-Jupiter square Moon*.
- **First human spaceflight (+1):** Mercury, Mars, *Mercury-Mars*.
- **Freedom 7 (+2):** Moon, Jupiter.
- **Friendship 7 (+2):** Venus, Mars.
- **First woman in space (+2):** Jupiter, Pluto, *Jupiter-Pluto*.
- **First spacewalk (+2):** Moon, Venus, Mars, Uranus, Pluto, *Moon-Mars, Moon-Uranus, Moon-Pluto*.
- **Apollo 8 launch:** Pluto (*transit to Capsolar, +1*). *Moon-Saturn (transit to Cansolar, -2)*.
- **Apollo 8 orbit (+2):** Mars, Jupiter. *Mars-Jupiter*.
- **Apollo 11 launch (+2):** Jupiter, Uranus, *Jupiter-Uranus, Moon-Venus*.
- **Moon landing (+2):** Uranus, *Moon-Venus*.

AFTERWORD

These are imperfect.

However, they are very good, and far more perfect than any other technique has ever produced. Additionally, these CapQ angularities are taken out of context of the overall solar and lunar ingress series for each events. Even with this, they perform admirably.

Appendix E

WHITE HATS & BLACK HATS

A simple test will answer the question of whether the charts here included – the vast majority of which are for tragic events – do, in fact support the premise that classic malefic planets show most strongly for bad events, while classic benefic planets show far less.

THE TEST

Of the samples tabulated in this book, I ruled out events for the British royals and for space explanation, plus those events in the War & Peace section that inaugurated peace, *i.e.*, VE Day, VJ Day, and the 1918 Armistice. This left 108 events.

For each chart in these 108 events, I gave one point to a planet if it fell in close orb (immediate foreground) of an angle, or close-orb conjunction, opposition, or square to the Moon. For those cases where a planet was both angular and aspected the Moon, it received only a single point; that is, the Moon was treated as if it were another angle.

Substantially, we had a list of only negative events, although there were a few for which benefic planets would be expected to be strong for other reasons. Nonetheless, the overall expectation is that malefics would fall high on the list, while benefics fell low. The probability of each planet receiving a point are essentially equal, except the Moon (which cannot aspect the Moon) would have almost one-third fewer points by pure chance.

THE RESULTS

Mars	182
Saturn	163
Pluto	159
Uranus	150
Neptune	138
Moon	112 ¹
Sun	110
Mercury	90
Venus	86
Jupiter	86

CONCLUSION

The two classic malefics received the most points. The two classic benefics received the least points. The luminaries are roughly in the middle.

¹ The Moon received 75 points. This has been crudely adjusted to even the odds.

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