



Last Month at the ASA - Judy Collins

Astrology of the ...Stars

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On Friday night, our Education Director, Judy Collins, began by asking, "What would a chart of a famous person look like? Would it be full of benefic aspects? What would you look for in the chart to denote fame? And what unexpected aspects may lead to notoriety?"

Destiny Sowing Destiny Reaping

The first thing to note is the placement of the planets. If most of the planets are on the east (rising), the person is working on Destiny Sowing. If most of the planets are on the west side of the chart, the person is working on Destiny Reaping. Note whether the majority of the planets are above (outer world) or below (inner personal growth) the horizon. Configurations are very important, mainly T-squares, grand trines and grand crosses. Check for planets at the degree of the Nodes and at critical degrees. The critical degrees are 0, 13 and 26 of cardinal signs; 4 and 17 of mutable signs; 9 and 21 of fixed signs; and any planet or cusp at 29 degrees of any sign. The Lords of Karma at 15 degrees of fixed signs show a fated chart, especially difficult if the Nodes or Ascendant are also at 15 degrees.

Most important in the chart is the closest applying aspect. This differentiates the chart from others, which may have the same natal aspects and tells the soul's intent for this lifetime. It is the most powerful energy

you have and the energy you put out into the Universe to be compatible with what your soul intended.

For famous people, transit hits of the out worldly planets - Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto - will be particularly dominant at the time of their making news.

President Bush

For example, beginning with President Bush, who was born on 7/6/46 at 7:26 a.m. in New Haven, CT, Judy noted that he is in the Destiny Rising category, with all of his planets on the east side of his chart. He also has Taurus intercepted in the 10th house, denoting that his main career will be later in his life. With Venus, ruler of Taurus, at a critical degree and also at the degree of the Nodes, he was destined to be famous. When President Bush was elected, transiting Saturn was squaring his natal Venus in the 10th house. This aspect gave the natal promise, since Saturn is your promise, or what you need to work on.

Alan Greenspan

Next we looked at the chart of the man who Judy considers to be the most powerful in the United States, Alan Greenspan. Born on 3/6/26 in New York, he was first appointed as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on 8/11/87. With Mercury at 0 degrees Aries (a critical degree), what he says affects the world. Anyone with Mercury at 0 degrees Aries has the potential to pass on information to the world, which would be listened to and highly regarded.

John Ashcroft

Moving on to John Ashcroft, who was born on 5/9/42 in Chicago, IL, Judy pointed out that at the time of his confirmation, the Lords of Karma were rising, with the Moon at 15 degrees of Taurus and the Mid-Heaven at the degree of the Nodes, which shows a fated appointment. John also has Venus at a critical degree and Uranus at 29 degrees. His Saturn is at 24 degrees Taurus, so that he is also progressing into his second Saturn return.

Robert Downey, Jr.

Looking now for famous people with notorious problems, we find Robert Downey, Jr., born on 4/4/65 in New York. He was one of the 1980's Brat Pack, making teen-age movies. His closest applying aspect is Moon opposing Neptune, showing that he was and has well obsessed easily into drugs alcohol. Other people jeopardized his emotional being; he is easily led astray, and as a result, has a poor self-image. Neptune in the 4th house and Moon in the 10th speak to problems while growing up. Robert's Nodes are at 15 degrees Sagittarius and Gemini, close to his Sun at 14 degrees Aries. Mars, Uranus and Pluto all Retrograde in the 2nd house opposing Saturn in the 8th house, again have to do with his peace of mind and a poor self-image. There are many aspects

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regarding his arrests, with the Sun at 15 degrees Taurus denoting Karma coming to roost. Transiting Saturn and Solar Arc Saturn being on his Sun for the last few years have wreaked havoc in his life, while teaching him his Karmic lessons. Other aspects show he may be falling in love with one of his stars!

Steve Case and AOL

Judy went on to compare the charts of Steve Case, CEO of AOL and the AOL chart. Steve was born on 8/21/58 in Honolulu, HI. The recent merger of Time/Warner and AOL is the largest in the world. Steve's aspect of Mars inconjunct Saturn, although it could be a little cruel, shows that he can adjust and will be a survivor. With no oppositions, he can easily get his own way. Transiting Pluto is presently squaring Steve's natal Mercury conjunct Pluto. His Sun is at 28 degrees Leo, which is Regulus, a fixed "royal" star, showing Steve can be a "king".

The AOL chart, 9/16/96, in Reston, VA, has a grand trine of Mars, Pluto and Saturn, denoting powerful energy. The Nodes at 8 degrees Libra, another fixed star, denote becoming famous fast, while Jupiter at the degree of the Nodes rules the 9th house, which is the Internet. Also, the AOL's Sun is at Steve's Nodes, and Steve's Moon at 29 degrees Scorpio squares the AOL Sun, Mercury, and Pluto. The closest applying aspect, Mars trine Saturn, is a wonderful business aspect.

Pope John Paul 11

Moving on from controversial people, we come to one of the world's most beloved famous people, Pope John Paul II, born on 5/18/20 in Poland. He became Pope on 10/16/78. The birth data for the Vatican City is 6/7/29. Pope John Paul is yet another

soul who has Nodes at the degree of the Lords of Karma - 15 degrees of Scorpio/Taurus - and has come in to change humanity. He also has Venus at 15 degrees Taurus, and Venus rules his Libra Ascendant. Neptune at 8 degrees Leo 59 qualifies as a critical 9-degree aspect, ruling religion and philosophy. Saturn at 4 degrees Virgo is another critical degree. The Ascendant on the Vatican chart is also 4 degrees Virgo, and the Mid-heaven is 29 degrees Taurus (both critical degrees), and Saturn will hit the Vatican Mid-heaven shortly. The Pope has suffered many physical crises in the past year with transiting Saturn being in Taurus.

All planets in the Pope's chart are above the horizon except Uranus, which opposes Saturn and squares the Moon, a very powerful T-square. His closest applying aspect is also Saturn opposing Uranus. Pope John Paul was born on the day of an Eclipse, another very powerful sign, and now transiting Saturn will be going over that Eclipse degree. His soul had a strong desire to be an important, powerful person. Look for Uranus, Mercury, Venus aspects to show the sudden end of things either death or retirement. John Paul may be the first Pope to retire. He has no aspects to Mars Retrograde. Sun in the 8th house denotes public death, meaning that the whole world will know when it happens, either death or retirement.

Ricky Martin

Judy takes us now to the fun stuff. Enter Ricky Martin, born on 12/24/71 in Hato Rey, PR, at 5:00 p.m. He is a dynamic, powerful personality. He has a grand trine of Venus in Aquarius in the 8th house, trine Saturn Retrograde in Gemini in the 12th, trine Pluto in Libra in the 4th. His Saturn return is activating this trine. With Venus in Aquarius, he loves everyone with an unbounded love. With Pisces on the 10th, he attracts everyone. With Mars

and the Moon at 29 degrees Pisces, he feels what he wants to portray. His closest aspect is Venus trine Pluto, a very magnetic aspect, bringing big things for his career this coming year.

Sean Connery

Sean Connery, another soul who appeals to everyone, was born on 8/25/30 in Edinburgh, Scotland, at 6:05 p.m. The recent Eclipse on his Ascendant has yet to show its effects. Sean also has a dynamic, powerful T-square - Venus in Libra in the 9th house opposing Uranus in Aries in the 2nd, squaring Jupiter in Cancer in the 7th. Venus/Uranus is a big attraction factor. With 18 degrees Scorpio on the Mid-heaven, he personifies 007 James Bond, the cool killer. He also has the Venus/Pluto connection needed to have magnetism. Mercury at 29 degrees Virgo describes the perfection shown by James Bond, but with a Neptune/Sun aspect that hides traits, we may never know the real Sean Connery.

Tom and Nicole

Continuing on now into the "Hot Newsmakers" category, we look at the relationship between Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. Tom was born on 7/3/62 in Syracuse, NY. His closest aspect is Mercury sextile Venus. This gives

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harmony between the mind and feelings, but is apt to be superficial. Tom has a T-square of Venus in Leo in the 11th house opposing Saturn Retrograde and the South Node in Aquarius in the 5th squaring Neptune in Scorpio in the 2nd. The Nodes are at a critical degree. Also, transiting Saturn is conjunct his Mars.

Nicole was born on 6/20/67 in Honolulu, HI. She has a grand trine of Jupiter, Saturn and Moon, with Jupiter at the degree of the Nodes. She also

has a T-square of Mars opposing Saturn squaring Mercury. But the important thing is that her Neptune at 22 degrees Scorpio opposes Tom's natal Mars; her Mercury was eclipsed, and Saturn is opposing her Neptune.

This is surely a conflict about his Scientology religion and her Catholic upbringing. Money is an issue, since he filed for divorce just before their 10-year anniversary, which would have made it a long-term marriage, and thus is avoiding long-term spousal support.

Concluding by answering her

opening questions, Judy tells us that the soul who chooses fame may have different intents for fame in this life, but his chart will have a "fated" appearance with difficult aspects and configurations. "Fate", along with the person's hard work, will bring fame. Luck has a hand in the travel down the road to fame, but the soul always guides the person down this road.

Once again, Judy has given us much enlightened information, helping us along our own road of life. Thank you, Judy!

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