

# Kray Brothers – *Partners in Crime*

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**R**eginald and Ronald Kray were identical twin brothers and the foremost organized crime leaders in London's East End during the 1950s and 60s. They were involved in protection rackets, hijacking, armed robbery, and arson, through which they acquired several clubs and other properties. The leader was Ronald, who was bisexual and became increasingly mentally ill. Ronald had a homosexual relationship with at least one Member of Parliament, so the press and police left them alone until members of "the firm," as the gang was called, murdered several people. Even then, gathering evidence against them took several years, as nobody was willing to testify against them. Finally, in 1968, Scotland Yard arrested the Kray brothers, hoping that witnesses would be willing to come forward once they were no under threat of violence. The ploy worked, and on March 5, 1969 the twins each received life imprisonment, with a minimum of 30 years before they became eligible for parole. Charlie received 10 years for his part in the murders. Ronnie died certified insane; Reggie died soon after being freed; and Charlie died in prison.

Reginald was born on October 24, 1933 at 8:00 PM UT; his twin Ronald was born 10 minutes later at 8:10 PM

UT. There is no time for Charles, who was born in 1927. The twins were born at Hoxton, UK (lat. 51 N 32, long. 00 E 04) in London's East End, a district long known for poverty and crime.

The Krays began their criminal careers at age 16, becoming enforcers and extortionists for the head of an organized crime empire; later they took over the empire by force. From the proceeds of their gang activities, they led a life of luxury in or out of jail. When free they were killers, but were regarded as Robin Hood-style anti-heroes who behaved like gentlemen. They were violent bullies who would beat or slash people for the fun of it. Reggie once told a cousin that killing gave him a nice feeling. Acts of violence proved to be their undoing.

They became professional boxers at the age of 17 and were quite good at it, but were sent into the Army, where they spent most of their two-year National Service obligation in the base lockup for insubordination. They deserted, were recaptured, and court-martialed in May, 1953. They were civilians again at age 20, and since their criminal records precluded becoming professional boxers, they became the leaders of a gang of mobsters.

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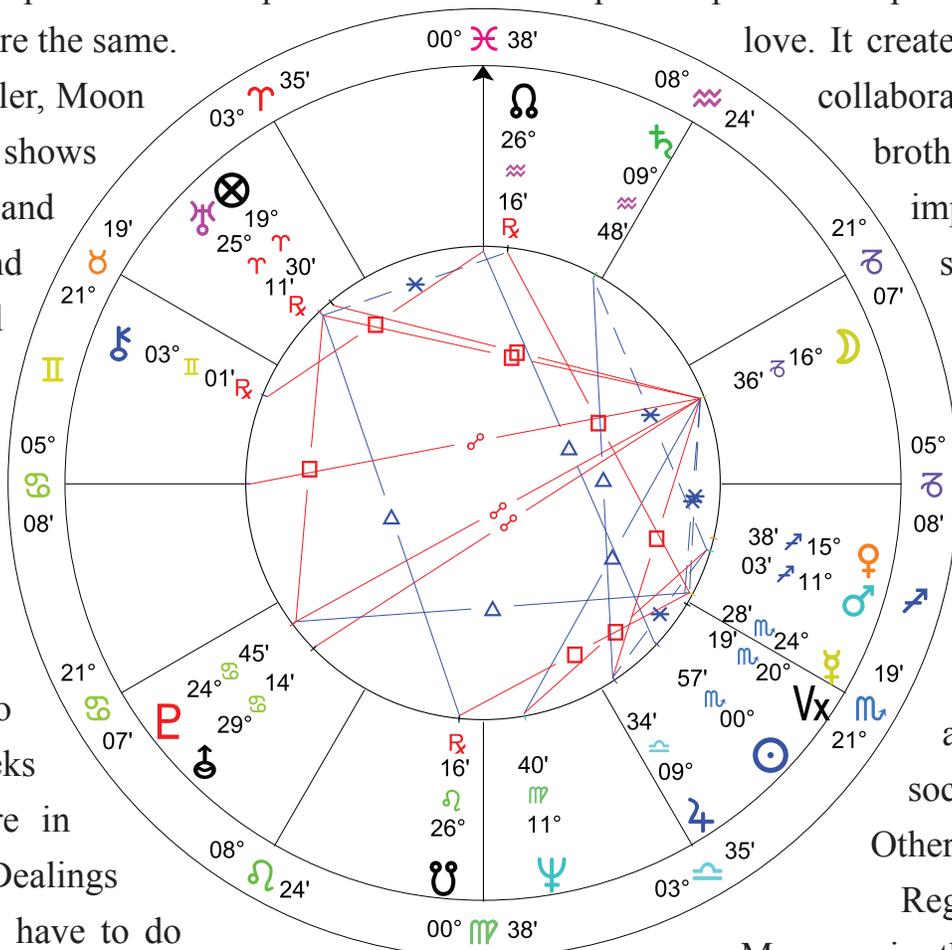
Reggie Kray and his two brothers ruled London's underworld. Reginald has 5° 16' Cancer Asc. His MC at 0° 47' Pisces is agreeable, adaptable, discreet but persuasive. Ronald has 7° 24' Cancer Asc. His MC at 3°25' Pisces bestows eminence in art and a mind given to extraordinary flights of fancy; he ended up in Broadmoor Prison's insane asylum. His promises were greater than his accomplishments; his MC degree is one of sudden destruction and persecution. Cancer rising gives active emotions, high sensitivity, impressionability, and receptivity. Both loved dear old mom; Cancer gives a strong maternal instinct. The will is influenced by feeling; the nature is impulsive. Other planets between them are the same.

The chart ruler, Moon in the 7th house, shows a need for love and affection and brings fateful partnerships. The Moon in detriment and sextile the Vertex is emotionally sensitive to others and seeks a mother figure in relationships. Dealings with the public have to do with business. Saturn solstice the Vertex shows excessive worry, regret over

past mistakes and misfortune. These reactions can result in neurotic or psychotic tendencies leading to prison or a mental institution. Regretting the past can become a cancerous growth.

Reginald was straight, Ronald a homosexual. Ronald has Mercury in the 5th; Reginald has Mercury in the 6th, both at 24° Scorpio conjunct the Vertex. Mercury is also trine Pluto at 24° 46' Cancer and square Uranus at 25° 11' Aries – violence, the mania of destruction to others. Uranus square Pluto denotes trouble with the opposite sex. Mercury conjunct the Vertex is unrestrained sexual expression and preoccupation with peculiar problems of

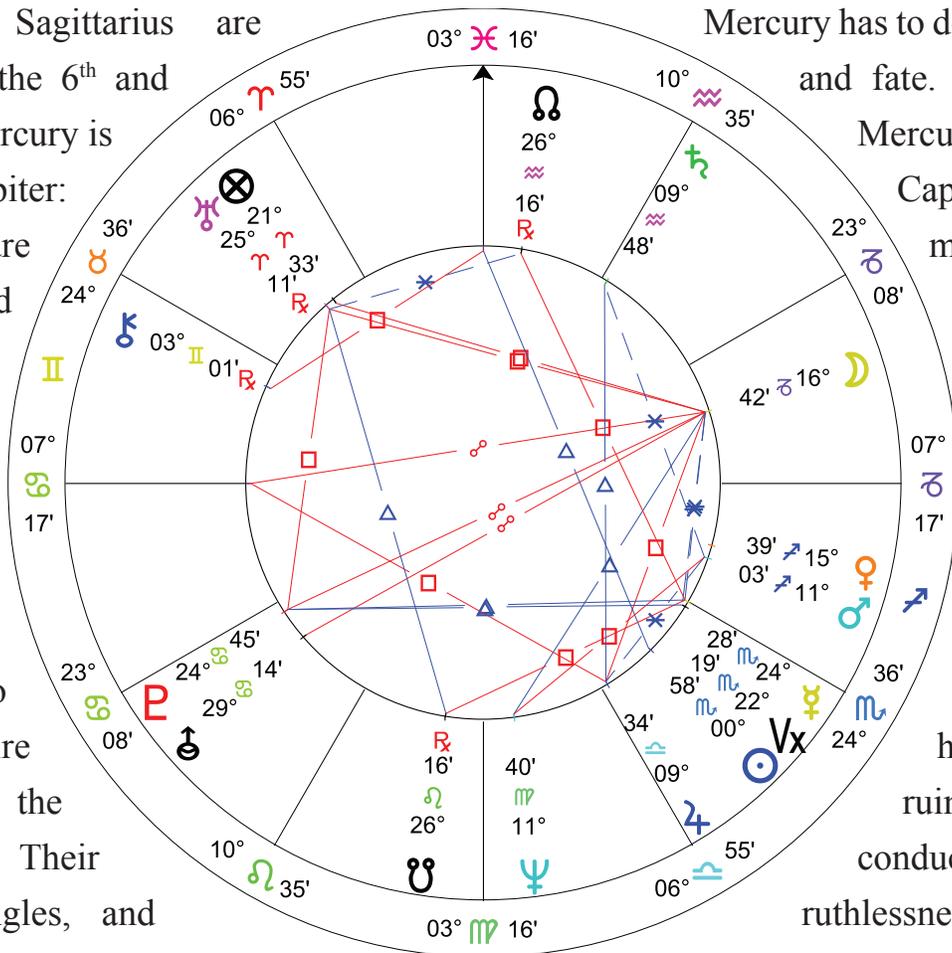
love. It creates teamwork and collaboration between brothers who are impatient and self-centered. Mercury squaring the nodes: conflict with mental expression and communication, and meeting with social disapproval. Others disliked them. Reginald has Mercury in the 6th house of health, affecting the small intestines.



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Gemini and Sagittarius are intercepted in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> houses; Mercury is semi-square Jupiter: their ideas are exaggerated and grandiose, lack common sense, and are impatient and self-centered. Mars/Asc. = 24° Virgo gives a desire to dominate the environment. Their ascendants, angles, and vertexes are 2 degrees different, so that the planets are in the same houses except for Saturn and Mercury. Saturn rules the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> houses, and the Moon rules the Asc. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> house. Emotions are chained to past memories.

Reginald's Moon is 16° 42' Capricorn, and Ronald's Moon is 16° 36' Capricorn. The Moon in Capricorn seeks money and power. Neptune in the 4<sup>th</sup> house rules the MC. Neptune squaring Venus and Mars is lack of good taste and a poorly developed sense of reality, and a desire to harm others. Mercury ruling the 4<sup>th</sup> house at 24° Scorpio and Neptune in the 4<sup>th</sup> show alcoholism in the family; also the family was poor. Vertex conjunct Mercury and square the nodes shows peculiar acquaintances or contacts. The Vertex in Scorpio conjunct



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Mercury has to do with evil deeds and fate. Vertex conjunct Mercury and opposing Caput Algol, the most evil star, gives an evil reputation and a strong desire to gain wealth and power.

Anti-Vertex conjunct the 12<sup>th</sup> house: they can be ruined by their own conduct. Violence, ruthlessness and murderous tendencies; this configuration

disposed them toward a tragic end. Vertex at 20°-22° Scorpio shows low morality and extremes; attracts gangsters, criminals, and manipulators; deals with the underworld. Jupiter/Saturn midpoint at 9° 41' Sagittarius is conjunct Antares, an evil star, which is very violent, having to do with stabbing; it is headstrong, rash, cruel and treacherous to others as well as to themselves, causing arrest and danger of violent death. Uranus/Pluto midpoint is 9° 58' Gemini, conjunct Aldebaran: self-destruction and notoriety connected with pain or the cause of pain. Mars square Neptune is treachery, deceit, dishonesty, and is very cunning. Vertex quincunx Uranus increases emotional excitability. Uranus Rx manifests as rebellion, does not face up to responsibilities.

Moon opposing Pluto responds swiftly to opportunities, can be abusive, has dormant tendencies toward cruelty, corruption and violence; can erupt without warning. Transpluto square the Sun: ruthless tactics, bullies, the ego demands domination. Uranus square Transpluto gives revolutionary ideas, fanaticism, and unreliable conduct; attracts unreliable friends and has an emotional need for change.

Jupiter square the Asc. brings legal problems. Mars conjunct Venus and square Neptune: deception, corruption, and embezzlement; the Krays were unpredictable gangsters. Chiron square the MC and IC: they caused much hurt and self-undoing. Moon and Mercury are out of bounds; they seek to justify themselves. Venus and Jupiter are in mutual reception; the brothers wanted popularity.

The Sun at 0° 58' Scorpio square Transpluto is stubborn, obnoxious, and insensitive; it gives charisma. Zero degrees of a fixed sign gives homicide and meanness; can exhibit a 30-year cycle. Reggie's first wife, Frances, killed herself with drugs in June, 1997; his second wife was Roberta.

Charlie, the older brother and infamous gangster, died at age 73; he served 12 years.

Ronald died at Broadmoor Mental Hospital on March 17, 1995, of a massive heart attack at the age of 62. Ronald had a negative attitude toward life, mental and emotional stress, and craving for drugs and alcohol. Mars/Uranus midpoint is conjunct the 8<sup>th</sup> house;

this is the rhythm of the heart, a struggle for survival. Transiting Neptune conjunct the 8<sup>th</sup> house: paralysis of the hepatic arteries from alcoholism.

Reginald died on Oct. 1, 2000 of asphyxiation; he died peacefully in his sleep from inoperable cancer of the bladder. The brothers were buried alongside each other, and their life story was made into a movie.