

18-20 CANCER CAPRICORN DEGREE ARC, AND THE ECLIPSE OF JULY 11, 2010

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What does a US Supreme Court ruling, Mary Queen of Scots, Nadya “Octomom” Suleman, Clark Gable, and the Chile earthquake have in common?

They all contain themes of the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn degree axis, which is being highlighted on July 11, 2010, with a solar eclipse at 19 Cancer. Extensive research on this degree axis has turned up a number of charts and events that seem to elaborate on a basic pattern of this axis: *gestation*, in its literal and figurative sense.

The degree axis appears to be prominent in **events between conception and birth; multiple births ; genetics and cellular work; heredity; unusual pre-natal situations; family betrayals; losses; unusual family dynasty situations, unusual parenting situations, and child-like imagination.** These themes could illuminate the meaning of configurations in a chart already tied to this eclipse.

The 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn arc falls at the end of the Scorpio decanate of Cancer and in the Gemini dwad. Most interesting, the 20th degree of Cancer is the *degree of the nodal axis of Pluto*. This Pluto influence can be positive or negative, but it is always intense. I have also found that the 19th degree and 9th degree of any sign frequently function as threshold degrees—similar to the 29th degree of a sign. This is, I think, because those degrees fall at the end of each decanate of a sign. So the eclipse’s effects could highlight matters coming to a close, and already indicated by other transits and progressions in a chart.

You will see a distinct Plutonian element in most of the themes, with a touch of Gemini either as child-like imagination or multiple births. The Gemini influence, besides its rulership over the dwad of 18-20 Cancer, also comes from Castor, a star in the constellation of the Twins¹, which has its celestial longitude at 20 Cancer.

So let me return to the opening riddle.

A previous solar eclipse in 19 Cancer was on July 11, 1972. At that time, the US Supreme Court was deliberating on the famous Roe vs. Wade case that legalized abortion within the United States. The ruling was handed down on Jan. 22, 1973, and at the time,

¹ Thanks to Diana Rosenberg for catching an error on the original posting.

transiting Jupiter was between 17 and 22 degrees of Capricorn, leading up to the day of the decision.² More about that later.

Gestation is not confined to just literal birth. This eclipse degree also occurred on July 11, 1991, and within the month, on August 6, 1991, Tim Berners-Lee announced the World Wide Web project. We all know how that turned out.

Mary, Queen of Scots³ is an example of this degree arc's **unusual family dynasty situations**. She had the **natal Moon** in the 10th house in 19 Capricorn, and out of bounds by declination. Legacy was a major theme of her life, as some considered her to be the rightful Queen of England by legitimate relationship to King Henry VIII. At least one plot was attempted to oust Queen Elizabeth I, Mary's cousin. For Mary's part in these plots, she was executed by Elizabeth. Mary's son, James I, however, succeeded Elizabeth. Did James I finally fulfill the family goal of including England under his Stuart crown as well as Scotland? At least a century later, Queen Anne of Britain⁴ became the last of the Stuart dynasty, despite 18 pregnancies (**gestations again**) and five children, with only one surviving. Queen Anne had **natal Neptune** in 18 Capricorn 09, 3rd house, and attempts to make her brother (3rd house) her heir (**more family dynasty stuff**) didn't succeed after her death.

Nadya Suleman, the famous "Octomom" who, despite six children conceived through fertility treatments, sought fertility treatment again and wound up with eight additional babies (gestation on steroids, if there is such a thing). Suleman has a **natal Sun** at 19 Cancer 15. Her octuplets, born Jan. 26, 2009, have a **Midheaven** of 18 Capricorn, using the birth time for the last baby (10:48 AM). This is obviously a case of **multiple births** that seem to be connected to the degree arc.⁵

And what of Clark Gable? Well, this is complicated. It involves a love child that Gable conceived with actress Loretta Young⁶ while they were making a movie together, during a time when an actress' career would be ruined if she had a child out of wedlock. The whole story is detailed in *Uncommon Knowledge*, a book by Judy Lewis, who is that child (now in her 70s). Young concealed the pregnancy, gave birth to Lewis, and had the infant Lewis put immediately into an orphanage. She then formally adopted her when Lewis was two years old. At the time of Lewis' birth on Nov. 6, 1935, Young had a **solar arc Mars** at 20 Capricorn, and **solar arc Mercury** at 18 Capricorn. Gable⁷ had **solar arc Uranus** at 20 Capricorn 53 opposing **solar arc Pluto** at 20 Cancer 51; natively Gable was born with **Venus** at 19 Capricorn 58. It should also be noted about Gable: He had only one child that is acknowledged to be his, John Clark Gable, who

² A second solar eclipse had taken place on January 4, 1973, in 14 Capricorn.

³ Data for Mary: Dec. 18, 1542, 1:12 PM, Linlithgow, Scotland. RR: AA, quoted BC/BR.

⁴ Data for Anne: Feb. 16, 1665, 11:39 PM, London, England. RR: AA, quoted BC/BR

⁵ Data for Suleman: July 11, 1975, 9:59 PM, Fullerton, CA. RR: AA, BC/BR in hand. Octuplets: Jan. 26, 2009, Kaiser Hospital in Bellflower, California, 10:43 AM – 10:48 AM, Source: news reports.

⁶ Data for Young: Jan. 16, 1913, 3:30 PM, Salt Lake City, Utah. RR: AA, quoted BC by Church of Light.

⁷ Data for Gable: Feb. 1, 1901, 5:30 AM, Cadiz, Ohio. RR: DD, conflicting birth time. If the 5:30 AM birth time is correct, Gable had an Ascendant of 20 Capricorn, somewhat difficult to believe as some of his most famous roles reflect a fire-sign Ascendant such as Sagittarius.

was born after Gable's death to Gable's fifth wife, Kaye Spreckels. He made only one attempt to see Lewis, when she was 16, according to her book.⁸ The background of this story puts it into the **unusual pre-natal situations**, which is also a theme of the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn axis. (It might also fall into **family betrayals**, more understandable if you read Lewis' book.)

The Chile earthquake? While researching this degree, on Feb. 27, 2010, an earthquake engulfed Chile (3:34 AM), with a chart that had 18 Capricorn rising and conjoined with the North Node also at 18 Capricorn. The name of one of the towns at the epicenter? *Concepcion*. (English translation: conception and the town's name honors the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother.)⁹

At the end of the article, there is more information about this eclipse in particular, significant dates connected to it, and people (places, and things) that have the degree arc prominent in their charts.

I'd first like to explore the themes of this July's eclipse degree in more detail. While this discussion focuses on world and society-related events, keep in mind that the themes can be used in personal charts as well. If gestation is the keyword to a degree arc, then you can bring that theme to an eclipse's influence in a horoscope. For example, let's say the eclipse falls on your natal Sun. That alone means that it is going to be a *very* significant time period for you, possibly a turning-point year. You can get a clue from the gestation theme: what are you starting this year? What is seeding in your life? What have you been thinking about for a long time that now requires action? In what house axis in your natal chart does 19 Cancer/19 Capricorn fall? What is the status of those houses within your life?

THEME: Events between conception and birth

Roe vs. Wade, abortion

The controversy over the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade ruling itself in 1973 centers around the issue of when life actually begins.

Interestingly, Norma McCorvey, a.k.a. "Roe", the woman whose case was the basis of the ruling, had a **converse solar arc Pluto** at 19 Cancer 39 and **solar arc Uranus** at 20 Capricorn

⁸ Data for Lewis: Nov. 6, 1935, 8:15 AM, Venice, CA. Source: Biography. Lewis did not have any planets within the degree arc, though it's possible that she had the **secondary progressed Moon** at 20 Capricorn when she finally found out the true story of her birth when she was 23. (The 20 Capricorn Moon would have fallen on her 23rd birthday.) However, she has a very strange midpoint: Ceres/Sedna, at 18 Capricorn. The symbolism of the mother and nurturing (Ceres) and betrayal by a parent (Sedna) were captured in the midpoint's degree arc. Lewis has a web site at www.judy-lewis.com (note that there are TWO dashes between the name) and there are photos of her available on google.com.

⁹ Please note that the Immaculate Conception refers to the Catholic doctrine which states the Blessed Mother of Jesus was herself conceived without original sin. It is sometimes mistakenly thought to mean a virgin birth.

at the time of the court's deliberations.¹⁰ For those who follow asteroids, the asteroid CHILD was at 20 Capricorn 13 on Jan. 22, 1973, the day the decision was announced.

McCorvey said she was a victim of rape, very Plutonian, and then later repudiated that.¹¹ She is now active in the pro-life movement, opposes abortion, and says she was goaded on by an ambitious attorney, Sarah Weddington¹² who had a **converse secondary progressed Sun/South Node conjunction** at 18 Capricorn at the time. (Both McCorvey and Weddington would thus have been affected by the eclipse of July 10, 1972.)¹³

In March 2010, the US Congress passed a controversial health care reform law. Interestingly, the one thing that held up its final passage until the last minute had to do with provisions in it for federally funded abortion, vigorously opposed by some. Even more interesting, the Congressman who led the opposition, Bart Stupak (D., Mich), had a **solar arc Saturn** and **converse solar arc Venus** both at 12 Sagittarius, the solstice point for 18 Capricorn.¹⁴

Also, the State of Colorado will have what is called a "personhood amendment" to the state constitution on the ballot in the November 2010 mid-term elections. The amendment states that the term of "person" is applied to every human being from the beginning of the biological development of the human being. Several other states are moving to have similar amendments on the ballots for the November elections.

The Governor of the State of Florida recently (June 2010) vetoed a bill that the state legislature had passed requiring women to get an ultra-sound prior to abortions, at their own expense, or decline the procedure in writing.

Similar provisions are in other states, and it's interesting that many of them have arisen within the three months prior to this July eclipse.

Birth control

Related somewhat to pre-natal conditions is birth control, which seeks to prevent conception in the first place.

It should be noted that between 1929 and 1931, when **transiting Pluto** was at 18-19 Cancer, and the Great Depression was raging, the birth rate (the number of children born to

¹⁰ Norma Leah McCorvey, a.k.a. Jane Roe; birth data: Sept. 22, 1947, Simmesport, La., time unknown. Wikipedia is the source.

¹¹ See http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2005-02-22-roe_x.htm. McCorvey had appealed to the Supreme Court to overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision, denied in February 2005.

¹² Sarah Weddington birth data; Feb. 5, 1945, Abilene, Texas, time unknown. Source: Wikipedia.

¹³ Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/LAW/01/21/mccorvey.interview/>

¹⁴ Data for Stupak: Feb. 29, 1952, time unknown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Source: Wikipedia

women aged 15-44) began a steep decline and eventually *fell by nearly 20 percent, the lowest replacement level for the first time in American history.*¹⁵

Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, opened the first birth control clinic on Oct. 16, 1916. At the time, she had a **secondary progressed North Node** at 19 Capricorn 46.¹⁶

Gregory Pincus,¹⁷ a leader in hormone research, began research on hormonal contraception on April 25, 1951. At the time, he had a **secondary progressed conjunction** of the trans-Neptunians **Cupido (symbolizing family)** and **Zeus** (which symbolizes energy and impact). He also had a **converse secondary progressed Chiron** at 19 Capricorn 54.

On May 9, 1960, the US FDA gave the contraceptive pill its blessing. On that day, **transiting Saturn** was at 18 Capricorn 18 retrograde.

It is interesting that on June 15, 2010, less than a month from the July 11 eclipse, an announcement came out about upcoming FDA approval of ulipristal, a new “morning-after” pill.

THEME: Genetics, cellular work, heredity

This degree arc seems prominent in the charts of people who have done extensive, groundbreaking work in pre-natal situations, cellular level focus, as well as heredity.

Francis Crick¹⁸ was a British molecular biologist who, with James Watson, co-discovered the structure of the DNA molecule in 1953. Natally, Crick had **Venus** at 19 Cancer 26. In 1953, he had a **secondary progressed Saturn** at 20 Cancer 25, and **solar arc Mercury** at 18 Cancer 48. Even more interesting, on April 25, 1953, close to the New Moon preceding the eclipse at 19 Cancer on **July 11, 1953**, the description of the double helix structure of DNA was first published by Crick and Watson.¹⁹

Stanislav Grof, M.D., one of the founders of transpersonal psychology, and an early researcher in LSD,²⁰ identified in the unconscious of men and women a typical group of experiential patterns he named “perinatal matrixes.” He said these were related to the phases of childbirth and other archetypal subjects, as well as transpersonal aspects of existence. Grof

¹⁵ Source: <http://www.shmoop.com/great-depression/statistics.html>. The whole time period was 1928-1935.

¹⁶ I hesitate to include this, since Sanger’s birth data is loaded with conflicts. The data I’m using is Sept. 14, 1879, 2:30 AM, Corning, New Jersey. RR:C, but since even the year varies so much, “C” is a generous rating.

¹⁷ Data: April 9, 1903, Woodbine, New Jersey, time unknown.

¹⁸ Data: June 8, 1916, Weston Favell, Northamptonshire, England, time unknown. Source: wikipedia

¹⁹ Watson did not have similar positions on the 19 Cancer/Capricorn axis. However, birth times are not available on either Crick or Watson, so there’s no way of knowing if either had angles on that axis.

²⁰ Stanislav Grof birth data: July 1, 1931, 18:50, Prague, Czechoslovakia. Source: Steinbecher, who got it from him, quoting his mother. (RR:A)

was born with **natal Saturn** in 20 Capricorn opposing **natal Pluto** in 20 Cancer (and in the 8th house), which reflects his interest in the perinatal.

Hugo De Vries²¹, the Dutch botanist who independently discovered the Mendelian laws of heredity, had the **natal Moon** at 19 Cancer 03 in the 9th house, opposing **natal Venus** in 17 Capricorn 28.

Jerry Adams²² is an American molecular biologist whose research into genetics led him to be one of the first two scientists to pioneer gene cloning in Australia. His chart shows a **natal Mars/Chiron conjunction** at 19 Cancer, with **natal Mercury** in 20 Cancer.

Murray Barr²³ is a Canadian physician who discovered with a graduate student Ewart Bertram the “Barr body,” an important cell structure. Natally, he had **Mars** at 18 Cancer 49, conjoined with the trans-Neptunian **Zeus** at 20 Cancer 37.

Sir Walter Bodmer²⁴ is a German-born British human geneticist who has developed models for population genetics. His **natal Sun** is at 19 Capricorn 02.

Herbert Boyer²⁵ is a pioneer in molecular biology, and also considered a pioneer in the field of recombinant DNA. He has the **natal Sun** in 18 Cancer 13.

Martin Evans²⁶ of Cardiff University in Wales shared the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for gene-targeting work, which had included isolating embryonic stem cells from mouse blastocysts. In 1981, when he first isolated the cells, he had a **solar arc Ceres** at 18 Capricorn 02.

In late May, 2010, the J. Craig Venter Institute created the first synthetic life form, an organism with a completely synthetic genome. Venter²⁷ doesn't have natal planets in the Cancer/Capricorn range, but he does have a **solar arc Mars** at 18 Capricorn. Interestingly, he has a number of placements at 19- 20 Cardinal, including his Sun (20 Libra), and a **converse solar arc Uranus** (19 Aries). In any event, this accomplishment was announced six weeks before the July 11 eclipse.

Nancy Reagan,²⁸ who actively works on behalf of stem cell research, has a **natal Midheaven** at 18 Cancer 08. The late Christopher Reeve²⁹ also championed stem cell research as a way to help paralyzed people. He had a **natal Uranus** at 18 Cancer 09, in the 11th house. (At

²¹ Data: February 16, 1848, 1:00 LMT, Haarlem, Netherlands. RR: AA, quoted BC/BR by Gauquelin, Vol. 2/3638.

²² Data: June 17, 1940, time and place not known. Source: wikipedia

²³ Data: June 20, 1908, Belmont, Ontario, time unknown. Source: wikipedia

²⁴ Data: Jan. 10, 1936, no other details available. Source: wikipedia

²⁵ Data: July 10, 1936, Derry, Pa., time unknown. Source: wikipedia

²⁶ Data: Jan. 1, 1941, Stroud, Gloucestershire, England, time unknown. Source: wikipedia.

²⁷ Data: Oct. 14, 1946, Salt Lake City, Utah, time unknown. Source: wikipedia

²⁸ Data for Nancy Reagan: July 6, 1921, 1:18 PM, Manhattan, NY. RR: B. Source: biography

²⁹ Data for Reeve: Sept. 25, 1952, 3:12 AM, Manhattan, NY. RR: A. Source: from memory

the time of the accident May 27 1995 that broke his neck and left him paralyzed, he also had a **secondary progressed Mars** at 18 Capricorn 48.)

THEME: Unusual or mysterious pre-natal situations

The degree arc can be associated with unusual situations prior to birth that may have been unusual for the mother or the child, such as a pregnancy that had to be kept secret, or a conception that may not have been known by the father. The Clark Gable-Loretta Young affair previously discussed falls under this theme category.

Robertino Rossellini³⁰ was born prior to the marriage of his mother, actress Ingrid Bergman to his father, Italian director Roberto Rossellini. The event was a huge scandal in the US at the time, where Bergman's fans had idolized her in saintly roles of nuns, Joan of Arc, etc. , and where she was still legally married to her first husband, Peter Lindstrom. Robertino has a **natal Mercury** at 19 Capricorn 03, 5th house.

Another case in point would be Paris Jackson, daughter of the late performer, Michael Jackson and Debbie Rowe. Paris³¹ has a **Midheaven** at 18 Capricorn 04. The child's conception, whether Jackson is her biological father, not to mention an unusual upbringing, can be captured in the Midheaven degree. By all accounts, however, she adored her father.

Russian writer Victoria Fyodorova³² was the daughter of a love match between (the future) American Admiral Jackson Tate³³ and Russian actress/artist Zoya Fyodorova.³⁴ Before Victoria's birth, her dad's reassignment to Russia was cancelled, and her mother was sentenced to eight years in prison for fraternization. Her dad did not know of her birth until 1975 when she contacted him. She'd had an obsessional curiosity about him, even though she was raised by her aunt. Her aunt tried to keep her father a secret from her, fearful of government retaliation. Victoria's situation could certainly be symbolized by a Moon/Pluto natal conjunction in Leo, and 29 Scorpio on the Midheaven, but she also had a **natal Ascendant** of 19 Capricorn 06, opposing **natal Saturn** at 20 Cancer 09. Her mother, Zoya Fyodorova, had **natal Uranus** at 19 Capricorn 52 opposing **natal Neptune** at 18 Cancer 27. Jackson Tate had **solar arc Uranus** at 18 Capricorn 04, at the time that Victoria was conceived.

There are some unusual examples of trauma to the mother during pregnancy, with the child being born un-affected or otherwise healthy.

Carlos Santos was born perfectly normal after a radioactive incident that occurred in Goiania, Brazil in September, 1987, to which his mother was exposed. Santos has **natal Venus**

³⁰ Data: February 2, 1950, 7:00 PM, Rome, Italy. RR: AA, BC/BR in hand by Bordoni

³¹ Data: April 3, 1998, 6:26 AM, Los Angeles, Calif. RR: A. Source: News report

³² Data: Jan. 18, 1946, 8:32 AM, Moscow, Russia. RR: B from biography

³³ Data: Oct. 15, 1898, Tate's Island, Fla. time unknown. Source: <http://www.daggy.name/cop/bkofdead/obits-ta.htm>

³⁴ Data: Dec. 21, 1909, St. Petersburg, Russia, time unknown. Source: fanpix.net.

at 19 Capricorn 03, in the 4th house, conjoined with **natal Uranus** at 16 Capricorn 00, and **natal Neptune** at 17 Capricorn 47.

Jessica Evers-Jones was born healthy after being shot in one leg in utero when her mother was caught in the riots that followed the Rodney King verdict in 1992. Jessica has a **natal Midheaven** of 19 Cancer 04, and the **Uranus/Neptune** conjunction at 18 Capricorn, 3rd house.

Ana Ferreira was a Brazilian baby born to a mother who had to have surgery during the pregnancy for arteritis, an inflammation of the aorta. She was told there was no hope for the fetus, but Ana was born four months later and in perfect condition, with the **natal North Node** at 18 Capricorn 06, 3rd house.

Sean Hood was born in 1992 in Colorado to a mother who was on both birth control and anti-rejection drugs from liver surgery three years earlier for brain seizure problems. Sean had the natal **Neptune/Uranus conjunction**, with Neptune in 18 degrees, Uranus in 17, in Capricorn and both squaring his **natal Moon** at 17 Aries 01.

Test tube babies don't seem to have the degree arc to the extent of other pre-natal conditions, but Alexandra Hall-Ring was an American test tube baby born with the **natal Moon** at 18 Capricorn 07, 5th house, and out of bounds in declination.

An unusual birth recorded in November, 2000, was to a mother who had had an affair with a physician who stabbed her with methotrexate, used to induce miscarriages. The child was born normal, with **natal Venus** at in 19 Capricorn 01, and out of bounds in declination.

I have not included data for most of the above, since I'm not clear on whether they are public figures or not. For anyone interested in pursuing this further, Astrodatabank (now available on line) contains birth data on a wide number of multiple and/or unusual births.

THEME: Multiple births

The degree arc of 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn is prominent in multiple births, with the separation of the ovum certainly an act prior to birth. This may be due to its connection with the fixed star of **Castor**, in the constellation of The Twins. In early 2010, in Chicago, Christ Medical Center delivered four sets of triplets between Jan. 18 and Feb. 7, 2010, with the North Node transiting 19-20 Capricorn during that time frame. An Italian woman, on Jan. 10, 2010, in Benevento, Italy, near Naples (time unknown) gave birth to sextuplets, with **Venus** at 19 Capricorn 45, and the **Sun** at 20 Capricorn 05.

I've already given the example of Nadya Suleman, the "Octomom."

Another example is the case of the Harrison triplets, born in Iowa City, with two conjoined, one of only 13 cases of triplets including Siamese twins. The triplets had a **natal Ascendant** of 20 Cancer 02.

The Garcia triplets born Jan. 8, 2000 to a mother who was 54 years old, have a **natal Sun** at 18 Capricorn 01.

Another unusual case involving multiple births are the Hansen quadruplets, born Oct. 24, 1974, one of only 36 cases in which one egg had split into four, producing identical siblings. They all have **Saturn** at 18 Cancer 09, 1st house.

THEME: Unusual family dynasty situations

In a family dynasty, the birth of a child is much heralded as carrying on the family name. So the degree arc of 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn may be found in the charts of people who, for some reason, are more strongly connected to their family karma, with their births having historical significance. It may be that they are capable (if they choose) of carrying out a family purpose that is tacked on to each generation: Or, in some cases, they may be responsible for finally ending a family situation that had become each generation's unwanted legacy. (An example would be overcoming alcoholism that has plagued generations of a family.)

We have already seen Mary, Queen of Scots as an example of this.

Others with connections to the dynasty concept:

It is interesting that the legend continued for so long that Anastasia,³⁵ the Romanov Grand Duchess who was murdered along with the rest of her family by the Bolsheviks in 1917, had somehow survived. The story was put to rest when all of the bodies of the Romanovs were finally discovered. Yet the puzzle over Anastasia's identity kept alive the Romanov dynasty, aptly indicated by her **natal Moon** in 18 Cancer 02, 11th house, conjoined with her **natal Mercury** at 20 Cancer 08, in the 12th house.

Abdullah II, King of Jordan, has a **natal Ascendant** of 19 Capricorn 52, and continues his father's dynasty. He was also born near the mysterious Feb . 5, 1962 eclipse.³⁶

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.,³⁷ was the brother of US President John Kennedy, first son of Joseph P. Kennedy and designee for political greatness until his untimely death in World War II. He had **natal Venus** at 18 Cancer in the 10th house. (When his brother, John F. Kennedy, was elected president, President Kennedy had a **secondary progressed Sun** at 19 Cancer, conjoined with **secondary progressed Mercury** at 18 Cancer.)³⁸

³⁵ Data for Anastasia: June 18, 1901, 6:00 AM, Peterhof, Russia. RR: B. Source: Biography

³⁶ Abdullah's birth: Jan. 30, 1962, 5:23, Amman, Jordan. RR: A

³⁷ Data for Joe Kennedy Jr.: July 25, 1915, 9:40 AM, Hull, MA. RR: B. Source: Biography

Prince Rez Pahlavi, heir to the Iranian throne before the overthrow of his father, the Shah of Iran, has a **natal Ascendant** at 18 Capricorn.

On Jan. 30, 1889, Archduke Franz Ferdinand³⁹ experienced the suicide of his cousin, Crown Prince Rudolph, which moved the Archduke to the throne of Austria. This is an example of a family/dynasty event with long-reaching consequences. At the time, Ferdinand had a **solar arc Uranus** at 18 Cancer 31, conjoined with his **solar arc Descendant**, as solar arc aspects reflect the natal placements. Ferdinand is best known for his own assassination on June 28, 1914, which ultimately brought about World War I due to a series of European alliances.

Queen Elizabeth II⁴⁰ held her coronation on June 2, 1953, shortly prior to the July 11, 1953 eclipse in 19 Cancer. The Queen's **natal nodal axis** is at 20 Capricorn/Cancer, conjoined to a **natal Ascendant** of 21 Capricorn.

Family history, ancestry

This degree can be prominent when people begin or complete studies of their own family history, especially if Mercury or Saturn is involved, or when major family history events occur. When Alex Haley⁴¹ published his groundbreaking book of his own family dynasty, *Roots*, his **converse secondary progressed Mercury** was at 19 Cancer 07, opposing his **solar arc Moon** at 19 Capricorn 53.

It can carry into the anthropology area as well.

On Nov. 30, 1974, anthropologist Donald Johanson⁴² discovered the remains of a 3.5-million year old woman, "Lucy." At the time, he had **converse secondary progressed Venus** out of bounds by declination, and **solar arc Saturn**, both precisely at 18 Cancer 40. **Transiting Saturn** was at 18 Cancer 05.

Dr. Alfred Wallace,⁴³ the British scientist who helped Darwin develop the theory of evolution, had a **natal Mercury/Venus** conjunction at 20 Capricorn, 3rd house, with **Mercury out of bounds by declination**.

THEME: Betrayal

³⁸ However, this could be misleading. At the time he was elected, his son, John Kennedy Jr., was born, which would be in keeping with the continuation of a dynasty.

³⁹ Data for Ferdinand: Dec. 18, 1863, 7:25 AM, Graz, Austria. RR: B. Source: Biography

⁴⁰ Data for the Queen: April 21, 1926, 2:40 AM, London, England. RR: AA

⁴¹ Data for Haley: Aug. 11, 1921, 4:55 AM, Ithaca, NY. RR: AA, quoted BC/BR

⁴² Data for Johanson: June 28, 1943, 7:15 AM, Chicago, Illinois. RR: AA. Source: BC/BR in hand

⁴³ Data for Wallace: Jan. 8, 1823, Usk, Monmouthshire, Wales. Time unknown. Source: wikipedia

Another theme of this degree arc is ***betrayal of children within the family or within a trusted environment***. What's been in the news lately is the betrayal of children by Catholic priests who engaged in pedophilia, which has brought the Vatican into the issue. It is interesting that it occurs near this 19 Cancer eclipse, and the issue has heated up considerably since the New Moon in April. Even Pope Benedict XVI⁴⁴ is being implicated for allegedly covering up abuse when he was a Cardinal. At this writing, the Pope has a **converse solar arc Moon** at 20 Cancer 44, and his papacy has been challenged for some time over this issue.

The New Moon of this past April (2010) was at 24 Aries, which squared the eclipse of January 15 at 25 Capricorn. It is standard operating procedure for eclipses to always watch the timing when the New Moon squares the eclipse point, usually three months following the eclipse. However, it should also be noted that this same New Moon *squares the eclipse point three months before the eclipse*. Because of that, you have to look at two examples of betrayal of a child by a parent around the time of the April New Moon. In the news, a Tennessee mother put a Russian child she had adopted on a plane by himself to return him as she didn't care to mother him any more. In New York City, a mother abandoned her son, leaving him in St. Patrick's Cathedral with only a note. Fortunately, the child's grandparents now have custody of him.

Sedna

The betrayal theme of this degree arc mirrors the Sedna legend, and it can't be overlooked that Sedna was discovered when the transiting Moon was at 18 Cancer.

On Nov. 13, 2003, the most distant object ever found in our solar system, the planet **Sedna** was discovered by astronomers at Mt. Palomar Observatory (Palomar Mountain, California, 10:32 PM).⁴⁵ **The Moon** was at 18 Cancer 10 and *out of bounds by declination*, as well as conjoining the trans-Neptunian **Vulcanus** at 23 Cancer 03, and the asteroid **Ceres** at 25 Cancer 02. This is significant because the legend of Sedna includes the betrayal of a child by a parent, although the legend varies as to how this happened. Again, the theme has undertones to it that hint of the degree of the node of Pluto, as well as the Scorpio decanate in which 18 Cancer resides.

Frances Hunter,⁴⁶ the love child of US Senator and former VP Candidate John Edwards⁴⁷ and his mistress Rielle Hunter, has a **natal midheaven** at 20 Capricorn 31. Edwards denied for a

⁴⁴ Data for the Pope: April 16, 1927, 4:15 AM, Markt, Germany. RR: AA. Source: Internationales Horoskope by Hans H. Taeger, quoting from his private collection from BC

⁴⁵ Source: Astrodatbank and news reports. Note that Universal Time would put the discovery on Nov. 14, 2003.

⁴⁶ Data for Frances Hunter: Feb. 27, 2008, 9:00 AM, Santa Barbara, California). Frances Hunter was born with a conjunction of Sedna and Ceres at 19 Taurus in the first house. Moreover, she has a very tight square between a Moon in Scorpio and Neptune in Aquarius. Oppositions and squares between the Moon and Neptune show up a lot in the charts of people who are adopted, or whose birth is shrouded in some sort of mystery. The previously mentioned Judy Lewis has a Moon/Neptune opposition.

long time that the child was his, then admitted it on Jan. 21, 2010, when he had a **secondary progressed Uranus** at 20 Cancer 18. One of his aides pretended to the public that he was actually the father. When Edwards finally owned up to being Frances' father, he said he hoped she would forgive him for denying her. An interesting comment, as he had an exact **converse secondary progressed conjunction of the Sun and Sedna**, in 24 degrees of Aries, *the exact degree of the April New Moon, 2010, which is tied to both the July and the previous January solar eclipses*. The legend of Sedna, I repeat, involves betrayal by her father.

A few other extreme betrayals of children by parents:

Sociopath Diana Downs⁴⁸ took her children into the woods on May 19, 1983 and shot all three of them, then tried to blame a shaggy-haired stranger. At the time, her **converse secondary progressed Sun** was at 18 Cancer 14, in opposition to a **converse secondary progressed conjunction of Ceres/Ascendant**.

On Oct. 23, 1989, Charles Stuart⁴⁹ murdered his wife and their unborn child, then tried to pin the blame on a black man. When his story unraveled, he committed suicide by drowning. At the time of the murder, he had a **secondary progressed Mercury** at 20 Capricorn 11.

This betrayal theme can, of course, include child abuse, and murder in extreme cases. It is interesting to note that when this degree arc was eclipsed on July 11, 1991, the monstrous Jeffrey Dahmer⁵⁰ was arrested just 11 days later, on July 22, 1991, and later indicted on 17 murder charges of young men. (Dahmer had a **converse secondary progressed Saturn** at 18 Capricorn 23 at the time, and on the day of his arrest the **transiting nodal axis** was at 18 Capricorn/18 Cancer.) At the time of this writing, another potential monster, **Joran Van der Sloot** is in custody for the murder of a young woman, and suspected of the death of more. In both cases, people were murdered by someone they thought they could trust.

Betrayal of the parent

The degree arc also turns up when there is **betrayal of the parent by the children**.

A good example is actress Bette Davis.⁵¹ In late November, 1985, Davis' daughter wrote an unflattering tell-all book about her mother. At the time, Davis had a **secondary progressed Mars, secondary progressed Venus** and **secondary progressed Zeus** all at 20 Cancer 5, squaring her **secondary progressed Moon** at 18 Aries 50. Davis also had a **secondary progressed Ascendant** at 19 Capricorn 37. (Davis had a **natal Zeus** at 19 Cancer 51.)

⁴⁷ Data for Edwards: June 10, 1953, 7:02 AM, Seneca, SC. RR:C, though I'm not sure why it's a C. The documentation quotes his mother with the 7:02 AM time, and that's usually enough for an A rating. The material in this article about Edwards is not dependent on the angles or the progressed or solar arc Moons.

⁴⁸ Data for Downs: Aug. 7, 1955, 7:35 PM, Phoenix, Arizona. RR: B.

⁴⁹ Data for Stuart: Dec. 18, 1959, 5:16 AM, Boston, Mass. RR: AA. Source: BC quoted

⁵⁰ Data for Dahmer: May 21, 1960, 4:34 PM, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. RR: AA. Source: BC quoted

⁵¹ Data for Davis: April 5, 1908, 9:00 PM, Lowell, Mass. RR: A. Source: Memory

On Jan. 13, 1992, Mia Farrow⁵² discovered that her long-time lover, director Woody Allen,⁵³ was having an affair with her adopted daughter, Soon-Yi Previn, whom Allen later married. At the time, Farrow had a **converse secondary progressed North Node** at 19 Cancer 10 squaring a **secondary progressed Sedna/Hades conjunction** at 21 Aries. Her precessed solar return for Feb. 10, 1992 had **Venus** in 20 Capricorn 17.⁵⁴ Allen had his **converse secondary progressed Ascendant** at 19 Cancer 44, aligned with the **converse secondary progressed South Node** at 17 Cancer 28.

Lizzie Borden⁵⁵ was an American homicide suspect in the death of her father and stepmother, both of whom were found brutally murdered, bludgeoned to death on Aug. 4, 1892. At the time, Lizzie's **secondary progressed Mars** was at 19 Capricorn 19, and out of bounds by progressed declination, and squaring her **secondary progressed Moon** at 19 Libra. However, Lizzie was acquitted of the murder. Lizzie's father, Andrew Jackson Borden, had **solar arc Saturn** at 19 Cancer 02 at the time of his murder. His slain wife, Lizzie's stepmother, had **secondary progressed Saturn** at 20 Cancer 02 retrograde, and **solar arc Zeus** at 20 Cancer 23.

THEME: Loss

This degree arc can sometimes portend loss within a family. However, it doesn't have to be a tragic loss. Sometimes the "loss" can mean the child leaving the family nest to go to college, or to marry. I have seen this in a number of client charts.

That having been said, I can't help but comment on cases that illustrate the "ending" and "threshold" themes of the 19th degree which, as mentioned, I think exist in the 9th and 29th degree of any sign as well. I also believe that certain degrees can permeate through a family's generational line, and coincide with either positive or negative events when the degree reaches "critical mass" in a lineage. This is usually only evident after the fact, and some of the cases mentioned below show such events connected with the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn axis, **which may be prominent in certain lineages.**

To illustrate the permeation, my examples involve tragedy. Please understand they are extreme cases and there were other matters going on in the charts of all concerned at the time of the tragedies.

Gloria Vanderbilt⁵⁶, heiress and fashion designer, lost her son, Carter Cooper,⁵⁷ to suicide on July 22, 1988, when he leaped from the 14th floor balcony of her New York

⁵² Data for Farrow: Feb. 9, 1945, 11:27 AM, Los Angeles, CA. RR: AA. Source: BC in hand

⁵³ Data for Allen: Dec. 1, 1935, 11:55 PM, Bronx, NY. RR: AA. Source: BC in hand

⁵⁴ Unrelated to this article, but Farrow's 1992 solar return (using the precessed Sun) had an exact conjunction of the **Moon** and **Sedna** at 11 Taurus in the 12th house. To reiterate, Sedna's mythology has to do with betrayal by a parent. Much attention at the time centered around whether Soon-Yi Previn regarded Woody Allen as a father.

⁵⁵ Data for Lizzie: July 19, 1860 NS, 9:46 AM, Falls River, Mass. Lizzie also had a **natal conjunction** of Neptune/Sedna in 29 Pisces, in the 7th house, which is the 4th house of the parent using derivative houses.

⁵⁶ Data for Gloria Vanderbilt: Feb. 20, 1924, 9:55 AM, New York, NY. Source: From memory. RR:A

apartment, in her presence. At the time, her **secondary progressed Ascendant** was at 19 Cancer 30, **solar arc Ascendant** was at 19 Cancer 30, opposing her **secondary progressed Moon** at 19 Capricorn 30, her **solar arc Part of Fortune** at 19 Capricorn 37, and her **converse secondary progressed Venus** at 19 Capricorn 52.

Carter Cooper had **natal Venus** at 19 Capricorn 32, and **natal Mercury** at 20 Capricorn 14, and was known to have suffered from depression. (**Transiting Mercury** on the day of Cooper's suicide was at 17 Cancer.)

Interestingly, however, at the age of 10, Gloria was the subject of a custody battle between her own mother, Gloria Morgan-Vanderbilt,⁵⁸ and her aunt. The court ruled against Gloria's mother and ruled that little Gloria—heiress to the Vanderbilt millions—was to live with her aunt. So, in theory, Gloria's mother "lost" her daughter. Eerily, Gloria's mother had a **natal Ascendant** at 19 Cancer 05, and her **solar arc Pluto** at the time the custody trial ended (on Nov. 21, 1934) was at 20 Cancer 56.⁵⁹

Clearly, the 19 Cancer/Capricorn axis had significance within the Vanderbilt lineage.

Though the Kennedy dynasty seems to be tied in to the 18th degree of Aquarius,⁶⁰ the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn has been present in some of their difficulties. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, I once read, had a premonition that her son, John F. Kennedy Jr., would die in a plane crash, and he only took up flying after her death. She had a **natal Pluto** at 18 Cancer, and had she lived to see her son's death, it was in a **secondary progressed** position of 19 Cancer. It should be noted, however, that her natal Pluto may have reflected her intense devotion to her children, and the fact that she lost three children in infancy while married to President Kennedy.

Nonetheless, John Kennedy Jr. had his **natal Mars** at 18 Cancer 30 Rx, affected by **secondary progressed Saturn** at 19 Capricorn 48, conjoining his **secondary progressed Icarus** (an asteroid related to risks, particularly risky flights) at 20 Capricorn when he perished in that plane crash July 16, 1999. In addition, his **converse solar arc Moon** was at 18 Capricorn 40, in conjunction with his **converse solar arc Chiron** at 18 Capricorn 49. These positions tied back to his mother's natal Pluto.

Interestingly, John's uncle, Senator Ted Kennedy, 30 years earlier, in the same location and almost exactly to the day, had driven his car off a bridge, killing the young woman in the car with him. At the time, Ted Kennedy had a **converse solar arc Mars** at 19 Capricorn 55, conjoined with a **solar arc Mercury** at 20 Capricorn 53.

⁵⁷ Data for Carter Cooper: Jan. 27, 1965, 6:07 PM, New York, NY. Source: Bio. RR: B

⁵⁸ Gloria Morgan-Vanderbilt data: Aug 23, 1904, 2:05 AM, Lucerne, Switzerland. Source: Steinbrecher, BC/BR in hand. RR: AA.

⁵⁹ Gloria Morgan-Vanderbilt also had a proliferation of the 25th degree of the Cancer/Capricorn axis. She had a natal Moon/Chiron conjunction at 25 Capricorn, 7th house, and her solar return for 1934 had a Mars/Pluto conjunction at 25 Cancer. She also had a **solar arc Uranus** at 25 Capricorn 23 at the time of the trial.

⁶⁰ See another article on my site on 18 Aquarius that goes into much more detail about this.

THEME: Unusual parenting challenges

This degree seems to come up when there are unusual parenting situations, and the “unusual” part varies considerably.

When Sarah Palin,⁶¹ Alaska governor, became the 2008 Republican nominee for US vice president on Aug. 28, 2008, she had a **converse secondary progressed Mars** at 18 Capricorn 19, in conjunction with **converse secondary progressed Mercury** at 19 Capricorn 56 retrograde. A few months prior to her nomination, Palin gave birth to her fifth child, a son with Down Syndrome. There was a rumor at the time that this was actually the child of her teenage daughter. As it turned out, her daughter Bristol was pregnant with her own child. The Palin family—particularly its children—endured considerable limelight while Gov. Palin’s progressions were hovering around these degrees.

Annie Besant,⁶² co-founder of Theosophy, had **natal Jupiter** in the fourth house at 18 Cancer 04. She wrote a book called *The Laws of Population* advocating birth control. There was such a ruckus about the book that her estranged husband used the case publicity to get custody of their daughter, Mabel.

The widely publicized case of Terri Schiavo in Florida centered around her parents wish to keep her on life support even though she was in a vegetative, though stable, state. Her husband didn’t want her to be kept on life support, and said those had been her stated wishes to him. She was finally disconnected on March 18, 2005, at 1:45 PM. **Transiting Saturn** was at 20 Cancer 24.

Singer Britney Spears⁶³ began a meltdown year in 2007, which included drug rehab, shaving her head, traffic misdemeanors and losing custody of her children. At the time, her **solar arc Neptune** was at 19 Cancer 32.

Benjamin Spock,⁶⁴ whose book on child care became the bible of the parents of the baby boomer generation and encouraged permissiveness, had a **natal Cupido** (a Uranian planet signifying family) at 18 Cancer 25 in the fifth house, and a **natal Midheaven** at 12 Sagittarius, solstice point for 18 Capricorn.⁶⁵

Elian Gonzalez⁶⁶ was at the center of a heated immigration and custody controversy in 2000 involving Cuba and the United States. Gonzalez left Cuba to the US with his mother. His

⁶¹ Data for Palin: Feb. 11, 1964, 9:43 PM, Sandpoint, Idaho. RR: DD

⁶² Data for Besant: Oct. 1, 1847, 5:29 PM. RR: A. Source: from memory

⁶³ Data for Spears: Dec. 21, 1981, 1:30 AM, McComb, MS. RR: A. Source: from memory

⁶⁴ Data for Spock: May 2, 1903, 2:00 AM, New Haven, Connecticut. RR: C. Source: unknown

⁶⁵ A widely circulated story, which is untrue, is that Spock’s son committed suicide. In truth it was his *grandson*, who leapt off the top of the Boston’s Children’s Museum on Dec. 25, 1983. At the time, the senior Spock had a **secondary progressed Chiron** at 19 Capricorn 27.

⁶⁶ Data for Gonzalez: Dec. 6, 1993, 7:22 AM, Cardenas, Cuba. RR: A. Source: from memory

mother did not survive the trip and his father, who had remained in Cuba, wanted his son back. Elian's US relatives wanted him to stay. A district court's ruled that the Miami relatives could not petition for asylum on the boy's behalf and Elian returned to Cuba with his father on June 28, 2000. Elian has a **natal Uranus** at 20 Capricorn 02, and **natal Neptune** at 19 Capricorn.

Rhonda ("Mei Mei") Zhang⁶⁷ was an American adoptee who was kidnapped by her birth mother. She was placed with a foster mother after she was born, and the foster mother was granted legal custody of Rhonda and her birth mother's rights terminated in 1997. However, her birth mother allegedly kidnapped her in 1996, and took her to China. Rhonda has a **natal Neptune/Uranus conjunction** at 18 Capricorn, 5th house.

Jean Harlow,⁶⁸ celebrated film star of the 1930s, who died in her early 20s, had a strange relationship with her mother that some biographers think may have inadvertently led to her death. Always referred to as "The Baby" by her mother, a Christian Scientist, who decided Harlow needed "rest" when she collapsed on a movie set with a gall bladder infection. Hence, medical help was not called in. By the time the MGM studio had an ambulance take Harlow to the hospital, she was beyond help. Harlow had **natal Neptune** at 18 Capricorn 57 retrograde in the 10th house, which would symbolize a film career, but also an odd parental relationship, or a clinging to a parent for reasons not readily apparent.⁶⁹

The tragic case of JonBenet Ramsey,⁷⁰ the little beauty queen who was murdered in Colorado on Christmas Day, 1996, is a crime that has never been solved. One of the few definite things that came out of the story was that JonBenet's mother, Patsy, a former beauty queen herself, was very ambitious for her daughter to win various childhood pageants, which JonBenet had successfully done. Her parents were considered suspects for a long time, before being absolved from any wrongdoing. JonBenet had **natal Saturn** at 20 Capricorn retrograde, in the 9th house, and **natal Venus** at 20 Cancer with Chiron, in the 3rd house.

Both the Harlow and Ramsey cases speak, perhaps, of children whose mothers lived vicariously through them. Harlow's mother saw her as a baby; Ramsey's mother saw her as a grown-up beauty queen.

THEME: Imagination

The degree could have some affinity with the imagination, particularly as it relates to the delights of children. This may owe to the influence of Castor's celestial longitude of 20 Cancer, and the Gemini dwad in which this degree arc falls.

⁶⁷ Data for Zhang: Nov. 4, 1993, 00:13 AM, Cleveland, Ohio. RR: AA. Source: BC in hand.

⁶⁸ Data for Harlow: March 3, 1911, 7:40 PM, Kansas City, MO. RR: AA. Source: BC/BR quoted

⁶⁹ Harlow's Neptune opposed a Mars/Uranus conjunction in the fourth house, further hinting at an unstable parent. Harlow's natal Neptune was in conjunction with the asteroid **Niobe**. Martha Lang-Wescott says that a Neptune/Niobe connection can mean "sorrow in a parent-child relationship particularly because of deception, drug use or irresponsibility, or instances where a parent so idealizes a child that disappointment is inevitable." (Lang-Wescott, Martha. **Angles and Prediction**. Cody, Wyoming: Treehouse Mountain, page 434. Also see treehousemountain.com.)

⁷⁰ Data for Ramsey: Aug 6, 1990, 1:36 AM, Atlanta, Ga. RR: B.

Steven Spielberg's E.T. opened June 11, 1982, and its magical story became one of the highest grossing movies of all time. At the time that it opened, Spielberg⁷¹ had his **converse secondary progressed Moon** at 18 Cancer 35, and out of bounds by progressed declination.

Jim Henson,⁷² puppeteer, artist and creator of The Muppets, had 18 Cancer on his **natal Ascendant**. He launched The Muppets on Oct. 25, 1976 (date of first airing). At the time, his **converse solar arc Mars** was at 19 Cancer 38, in conjunction with his **natal Ascendant** of 18 Cancer 24. (The degree arc turns up in many natal charts of puppeteers.)

Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse, a beloved childhood icon for generations, first made his debut on Jan. 13, 1930 with **transiting Pluto** at 18 Cancer retrograde.

Johnny Depp⁷³, an actor who has had much success acting in roles of childhood stories, has the **natal North Node** at 20 Cancer.

Other similarities with eclipses of July 11, 1991 and July 11 1953

There are some similarities to previous eclipses in the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn degree arc. They are unrelated to the themes discussed in this article, but still reflect the Plutonian influence of the arc.

Weather

There are similar situations going on now that were also going on in 1991, the most recent eclipse on the 19 Cancer/Capricorn arc axis. We are seeing much in the way of natural disasters now, and did then also.⁷⁴ On April 10, a South Atlantic tropical cyclone developed in the Southern hemisphere off the coast of Angola, the first of its kind to be documented by weather satellites. On April 22, a 7.6 earthquake killed 82 in Costa Rica and Panama. And on April 26, 70 tornadoes broke out in the central United States, with the most notable of that day striking Andover, Kansas. And a horrible tropical cyclone hit Bangladesh on April 29, 1991, killing an estimated 138,000 people. On June 15, 1991, in the Philippines, Mount Pinatubo erupted, the second largest terrestrial eruption of the 20th century, with a death toll of 800. Twelve days earlier, on June 3, 1991, Mount Unzen in Kyushu, Japan erupted. In late October, 1991, the so-called 1991 No-Name Storm, an unusual nor'easter formed across Indiana and reached its peak off Atlanta Canada: The storm was a hurricane within an extratropical system, caused about \$208 million in 1991 dollars.

⁷¹ Data for Spielberg: Dec. 18, 1946, 6:16 PM, Cincinnati, Ohio. RR: AA. Source: BC in hand

⁷² Data for Henson: Sept. 24, 1936, 00:10 AM, Greenville, MS. RR: AA. Source: quoted BC/BR

⁷³ Data for Depp: June 9, 1963, 8:44 AM, Owesboro, KY. RR: AA. Source: BC in hand from Steinbrecher

⁷⁴ I am limiting events to the April-October period when the New Moons would have been in aspect to the eclipse of July 11, 1991. There were events outside that parameter that are also worth noting, however.

Other similarities

Following the July 11 1991 eclipse in 19 Cancer, and with the **transiting Nodal axis** at 18 Capricorn/18 Cancer, the Soviet Union officially collapsed August 19, 1991, followed by various countries seceding from the Soviet Union. This is very similar (though on a lesser scale) to the uprising now of specific states in the United States, who are taking positions on federal legislation and laws to which the states object. The economic downturn of some nations and some American states could also be a parallel, most specifically of California, which has/had a larger economy than the now-bankrupt Greece.

We are dealing with Iran and its nuclear weapon capability now; on April 3, 1991, we had the Iraq disarmament crisis. In August of 1953, just after the July 11 1953 eclipse in 19 Cancer, Russia announced it had the hydrogen bomb.

The Sabians and other symbol systems

Do any of the symbol systems support these discussed themes? Or do they contain any meaning that could be applied to events connected with an eclipse in the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn arc?

Blain Bovee combines 19 Cancer and 19 Capricorn in the Sabian symbols. 19 Cancer is “*A priest performing a marriage ceremony.*” 19 Capricorn is “*A child of about five with a huge shopping bag.*”⁷⁵ He points out that the shared motifs are “marrying and synergy: carrying huge responsibilities.” The images of priests and the images of children, of course, can carry a far darker interpretation, such as the betrayal of a child in pedophilia cases. Children with “baggage” can also mean a child of a stage-parent, or a child with responsibilities impressed upon them at an early age.

Charubel⁷⁶ says of 19 Cancer: “*A man with a very old looking book before him. It has the appearance of an ancient record.*” This seems to speak of the degree’s connection to family dynasties, or archaeological discoveries. Or, perhaps, the discovery of crimes from the past, such as what the Catholic Church is dealing with now. Or it could relate to the emphasis in the United States now of the ancient record of the forefathers, the Constitution itself, and the Bill of Rights. Interestingly, on Sept. 22, 1991, following the July 11 1991 eclipse, the Huntington Library made the Dead Sea Scrolls available to the public for the first time.

Of 19 Capricorn, Charubel says: “*A coal pit, the machinery at a standstill, the whole of the planet in a dilapidated condition.*” This is eerily close to the BP oil fiasco in the Gulf of Mexico, and the August 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union after the 19 Cancer eclipse on July 11, 1991. It could reflect the mining disasters that occurred in April, 2010, as we approached

⁷⁵ Bovee, Blain. **The Sabian Symbols and Astrological Analysis.** (Saint Paul: Llewellyn Publications, 2004) p.171

⁷⁶ **The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized: A set by Charubel, a set by Sefarial.** (Abingdon, MD: Astrology Classics, 2004.)

the New Moon of 24 Aries, in square to the Jan. 15 solar eclipse as well as to the July 11 eclipse. Just prior to the July 11 1991 eclipse in this degree, a major collapse of ground in Swaziland trapped 26 miners, who were all safely rescued.

Rounded up to 20 Cancer/20 Capricorn:

The Sabians: 20 Cancer: *"Gondoliers in a serenade."* 20 Capricorn is *"A hidden choir singing."* These symbols, to me, conjur up some kind of deception that is not immediately evident. They seem to speak of diversion tactics, or drowning out another kind of sound. Or of pleas that go unheeded. Or perhaps "singing" can be seen as meaning someone revealing something, or telling some secrets, especially since the choir is hidden. This may have some relation to the BP oil debacle, in that there were a number of remedies for the situation offered by at least one other government in the early days of the crisis. The remedies were apparently ignored by the US government.

Of 20 Capricorn: *"A person ascending a spiral staircase with sunshine at top, within a dark enclosure."* Of 20 Cancer: *"A large building with walls of granite, having a dull or somber appearance."* These descriptions seem to speak of dwellings such as caves, or coal mines, or perhaps the depths of the ocean, appropriate in light of the BP oil disaster. I just glanced at a headline from someone who is investigating the BP oil disaster. The quote: "Beneath the surface, all I can see is oil," i.e., "darkness." I should mention, however, that I feel the BP oil disaster is more connected to the 00 cardinal axis cross, that involves Saturn, Uranus, Pluto and the trans-Neptunian Hades.

The "dark enclosure" is also reflected in Kozminsky's symbol below for 20 Capricorn— "all around is darkness." That to me could be symbolic of the womb itself, and relates to this degree's association with conception, and events prior to birth.

Kozminsky⁷⁷, like Charubel, also sees 19 Cancer as an *"old man sitting alone in semi-darkness with an old book before him, from which emanate bright rays of life."* Again, the "old book," old records, old documents seem to conjur up images of documents such as the US Constitution. Kozminsky sees 19 Capricorn: *A large crab with its claws embedded in a seal.* This emphasis of marine life could also speak of yet another type of casualty in the BP disaster.

Of 20 Cancer, Kozminsky says: *"A wounded Bedouin mounted on his horse in the desert; a symbol of liberty."* The Bedouins are a nomadic Arab tribe. Of 20 Capricorn: *"A girl carrying a bowl of water into which are reflected the rays of the setting sun. All around is darkness."*

Some people and countries that have this degree axis natally

⁷⁷ Kozminsky, Isidore. **Zodiacal Symbolology and its Planetary Powers.** (Washington, DC: American Federation of Astrologers)

Dolly Parton, **Mars/Saturn conjunction 20 Cancer, both retrograde, Mars out of bounds by declination, in the 11th house**

David Lynch, American director and screenwriter (and astro-twin of Dolly Parton), **Mars/Saturn conjunction 20 Cancer, both retrograde, Mars out of bounds by declination, 9th house.**

Tricia Nixon Cox, daughter of US President Richard Nixon, **Saturn at 18 Cancer 06, 1st house**

Clifton Daniel, son of Margaret Truman Daniel, grandson of US President Harry Truman, wrote "Growing up with my grandfather," describing what it meant to be a low achiever in a famous American family, **Mars at 19 Cancer 08.**

Douglas Wilder, first elected black governor in US history (of Virginia in 1989), **Moon 19 Capricorn 01, 5th house and out of bounds in declination**

Eleanor Roosevelt, first lady of US, wife of Franklin D. Roosevelt, **Moon, 19 Cancer 06, 8th house**

Christina Rossetti, poet, author of children's books, **Jupiter, 19 Capricorn 02, 3rd house**

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, wife of Prince Charles of England, **Mercury, 19 Cancer, 12th house**

Elizabeth II, Queen of England, **North Node at 20 Cancer 28, conjoining natal**

Descendant

Mother Teresa, **Neptune, 20 Cancer, 7th house**

Roman Polanski, director, exiled from US following rape conviction, **Midheaven, 19**

Cancer

Peggy Fleming, Olympic gold medal skater, TV commentator, **Mercury, 19 Cancer, 8th house**

Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist, discovered curative use of penicillin,

Ascendant, 19 Cancer 04

Princess Grace of Monaco, **Pluto, 19 Cancer 05, 9th house**

Patty Hearst, heiress, kidnap victim turned radical militant, **Uranus 19 Cancer 05, 11th house**

Peter Hurkos, Dutch psychic, **Neptune 19 Cancer 05, 2nd house**

Thomas Huxley, British zoologist, scientist, advocate of evolutionary theory, **Uranus, 19**

Capricorn 09, 6th house

Robert F. Kennedy, US Attorney General, Senator, **Midheaven 19 Capricorn 04**

Sandy Koufax, American baseball star, **Mercury, 19 Capricorn 07, 10th house, out of**

bounds in declination

Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of Benito, **Midheaven 19 Capricorn 03**

George Patton, World War II general, **Moon, 19 Capricorn 05, 8th house**

Padre Pio, mystic, Catholic saint, stigmatist, **Saturn, 19 Cancer 05, 9th house**

Frank Sinatra Jr., band leader, **Sun, 19 Capricorn 06, 6th house (conj Descendant of 21**

Capricorn 01)

Leopold Stokowski, British-American conductor, violinist, prodigy, **Mars 19 Cancer 07, 5th house and out of bounds by declination**

John Travolta, actor, **Uranus 19 Cancer 06, 12th house**

Barbara Walters, TV journalist, hostess, **Pluto, 19 Cancer 05, 10th house**

Arnold Schwarzenegger, **Ascendant, 19 Cancer 01**

Tiffany Trump, daughter of Donald Trump and Marlo Maples, his 2nd wife,

Uranus/Neptune conjunction, 18 Capricorn

General David H. Petraeus, **Mars 19 Capricorn 22 and out of bounds by declination**, and

Uranus at 18 Cancer 26 Rx (time unknown)

Kirk Douglas, actor, **North Node 20 Capricorn 05, 12th house**

Joseph Lyle Menendez, one of two brothers who murdered their parents, **Sun, 19**

Capricorn, 9th house

Social Security signed into law in US on Aug. 14, 1935 with the North Node in 20

Capricorn 17

US Federal Reserve, Mars Rx, conj Ascendant of 18 Cancer

Association of Research and Enlightenment, Edgar Cayce's foundation, established on

July 7, 1931, with Pluto at 20 Cancer 15.

Iraq, natal Venus at 19 Cancer 47

Republic of Egypt, MC at 19 Capricorn

Saudi Arabia, Saturn at 19 Capricorn

Venezuela, Mercury at 20 Capricorn 02

It should also be noted that US President Barack Obama has a **solar arc Moon** at 20 Cancer 15,⁷⁸ with the trans-Neptunian **Kronos** at 18 Cancer. President Obama's **natal Saturn** is at 25 Capricorn, the exact degree and sign of the Jan. 15 2010 eclipse.

This eclipse and the asteroid Juno

The New Moon solar eclipse at 19 Cancer is forming a conjunction with the asteroid Juno. Martha Lang-Wescott says it represents "the marriage partner and the relationship dynamic.....the fears of what will go wrong with the relationship, and what keeps one from feeling totally secure....Juno can be thought of as a Pluto Marriage Point..indicates what tests the level of commitment and the attitude toward fidelity and marriage."⁷⁹ It is interesting that a long-term marriage like former US VP Al Gore and his wife Tipper has ended after 40 years just prior to this eclipse. Al Gore's **secondary progressed Sun** is at 11 Gemini, which is the solstice point of 19 Cancer. Tipper Gore's **converse secondary progressed Midheaven** is at 20 Capricorn, squaring her **natal Mars** at 20 Libra. Tipper Gore also has **natal Uranus** in the 12th house in 29 Gemini, which would be affected by the influence of the Saturn/Uranus opposition in 00 cardinal.

As a solar eclipse is the alignment of the Moon and the Sun—a representation of the alignment of the male and female principles—this eclipse occurring close to Juno could bring out more issues connected with marriages. In a person's chart, it could bring up relationship issues in the house in which the eclipse falls.

⁷⁸The upcoming eclipse of January, 2011, opposes President Obama's natal Moon, which is at 3 Gemini.

⁷⁹ Lang-Wescott, Martha. **Mechanics of the Future** (Conway, Mass., Treehouse Mountain, 1991) p. 170.

Dates of note for the July 11 eclipse

There are several dates that are tied to the July 11 eclipse.

The first is October 7, 2010, the **New Moon** in 14 Libra. (This degree and sign has infamy within the United States. It was the rising degree, and the degree and sign of Mercury in the chart of the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. It is also the degree of the US **natal Saturn**.) Events connected to the eclipse can occur when the New Moon following the eclipse squares the degree and sign of the eclipse. This always occurs three months following an eclipse.

The other would be Jan. 2, 2011, when **transiting Mars** opposes the eclipse point at 19-20 Capricorn. Normally Mars in conjunction or opposition to the eclipse point can mark a significant day. However, the next eclipse, at 13 Capricorn, will occur on January 4, 2011.

Dietrech Pessin's research shows us that any New Moon can have a two-year span. She found that every 9 months, the lunation phase will either repeat or be close to the degree of every new Moon. These days can be significant.⁸⁰

For this eclipse the following dates are significant:

April 11, 2011: First Quarter Moon at 21 Capricorn 26

July 15, 2011: Full Moon at 22 Capricorn 28

April 13, 2012: Last Quarter Moon at 23 Capricorn 55

One should also be conscious of the **solstice point for 19 Cancer which is 11 Gemini**. Transits to that degree by the transiting Moon could time certain events coinciding with this eclipse. If the 11th degree of Gemini is present in a progressed or directed chart, the eclipse might give it additional meaning.

Here are the previous **solar** eclipses in 19 Cancer and 19 Capricorn. People born close to these times would probably have this degree as their *pre-natal eclipse*.

In 18 Cancer-19 Cancer:

July 11, 1953 – 18 Cancer 30

July 10, 1972 – 18 Cancer 37

July 11, 1991 – 18 Cancer 59

In 18 Capricorn – 19 Capricorn

Jan. 8, 1750 – 18 Capricorn 07

Jan. 8, 1769 – 18 Capricorn 13

Jan. 9, 1834 – 19 Capricorn 18

⁸⁰ Pessin, Dietrech. **Lunar Shadows: The Lost Key to the Timing of Eclipses**. (Boston: Galactic Press, 1997)

Jan. 10, 1796 – 19 Capricorn 50
 Jan. 9, 1777 - 19 Capricorn 51
 Jan. 11, 1861 – 20 Capricorn 58

Uranus/Neptune conjunctions in degree arc

There was a major conjunction of Uranus and Neptune along this degree arc at 18-19 Capricorn during 1993. The specific dates:

February 2, 1993, at 19 Capricorn
 August 20, 1993, at 18 Capricorn Rx
 October 24, 1993, at 18 Capricorn

One must take into account some of the things that happened in 1993 when this degree arc was prominent, as the Uranus/Neptune conjunctions were being formed at the time. Two major events of 1993:

The World Trade Center was bombed for the first time on Feb. 26, 1993, under President Clinton 's watch. Six people were killed and over 1000 injured when a van bomb parked below the North Tower exploded.

On Feb. 28, 1993, agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms raided the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, with a warrant to arrest leader David Koresh on federal firearms violations. Four agents and five Davidians die in the raid and a 51-day standoff begins.⁸¹

The eclipse in personal charts

The analysis of the degree arc in which this eclipse falls can also offer potential ways to use the eclipse in a personal chart. The positive aspects of **gestation, regeneration, new starts,** and **creative ideas** can certainly be applied on a personal level, taking into consideration the house axis in one's natal chart and any planets that may be at 19-20 Cancer/Capricorn/Aries/Libra. I do not use more than a three degree orb for an eclipse, and sometimes think that may be too wide.

Because of the Plutonian nature of the degree, 2nd/8th house matters could come up. Because of the 4th/10th house meaning of the degree axis, matters related to home, especially family could be in focus.

Conclusion

⁸¹ Interestingly, on May 11 1953, Waco was hit by a huge tornado outbreak, just prior to the July 11 1953 eclipse in 18 Cancer.

The events and themes connected to the 18-20 Cancer/Capricorn arc are indication that there can be immense meaning contained in the degrees themselves. While signs, planets, aspects and house positions are still the major interpreters in a chart, the degrees provide detail we might not find anywhere else. As such, they contain secrets all their own, waiting for a harvest that can only be done in light of history.