

The 21-22 Scorpio Arc and the eclipse of Nov. 13, 2012

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When I saw that the upcoming eclipse of Nov. 13, 2012 would be at 21 Scorpio (rounded up to 22), my first observation was that there are a number of people connected to the Obama US presidential campaign who have that degree arc prominent in their charts.

Joe Biden, vice president of the United States, has natal Mercury in 21 Scorpio.ⁱ

Valerie Jarrett,ⁱⁱ who is considered to be Obama's second in command, has the Sun at 21 Scorpio, and Mercury at 22 Scorpio, and the eclipse will be prominent in her solar return for the coming year.ⁱⁱⁱ

David Axelrod, the head of President Obama's campaign, has his natal Saturn at 21 Scorpio.^{iv}

Hillary Clinton, Obama's secretary of state, has natal Mercury at 21 Scorpio.^v Though her birth time is conflicting, the one most commonly used also gives her 21 Scorpio rising. The degree is in a tight square in her natal chart with Saturn in 21 Leo

David Plouffe, manager of President Obama's 2008 campaign and senior adviser, Neptune at 22 Scorpio 38 Rx.^{vi} He also has a pre-natal eclipse at 18 Taurus.

US President Obama doesn't have 21 Scorpio prominent, but his Ascendant/Descendant axis is at 18 Aquarius/18 Leo^{vii}, within three degrees of this eclipse; the axis is closer to the "mate" eclipse that follows on May 10, 2013, at 19 Taurus.

To be sure, both Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, the Republican candidates running against Obama at the time of this writing, have the solstice point of the eclipse prominent in their birth charts: 8 Aquarius. Romney has Venus at 8 Aquarius;^{viii} Ryan has the Sun at 9 Aquarius 01.^{ix} In addition, the eclipse chart for the Washington DC location, with 27 Taurus on the Ascendant, is in conjunction with Romney's Moon/Jupiter natal conjunction.

An eclipse in a Scorpionic degree falling in the Moon decanate speaks to me of secrets (Scorpio) being made known to the public (Moon).

Eclipses on Mercury can mean ramifications from communication efforts. Vice President Biden is well known for communication mishaps from time to time, and he was criticized for his debate performance with challenger Paul Ryan. Hillary Clinton has been in the middle of a communications debacle dealing with the Sept. 11 terror attack on the US embassy in Libya. Both of these situations transpired in the months leading up to the November eclipse.

I hesitate to say whether the proliferation of 21 Scorpio in Obama's close associates has implications about the election. Eclipses can have both fortunate and challenging manifestations. I do think, though, that the charts of people who surround a candidate can be more revealing than the charts of the actual candidates themselves, where it is frequently the person with the worst aspects who wins.

FACT SHEET ON THE ECLIPSE AND 21-22 SCORPIO ARC

The eclipse itself. This eclipse is part of the 15N-15S Saros cycle (NASA 133/138). This means, among other things, that its mate eclipse will occur May 10, 2013 at 19 Taurus. The November eclipse will occur with **Mars** in 27 degrees of Sagittarius—the degree of the Galactic Center and pertaining to world events—**and out of bounds by declination**. In addition, the eclipse chart for Washington DC features 27 Taurus rising—in conjunction with the South node of the nodal axis at 26 Taurus.

Fixed Star association. The longitude of this eclipse is tied in with Unuk, otherwise known as Alpha Serpentis. It is thought to have a Mars/Saturn influence.

Decanate and Dwad: The 22nd degree of Scorpio falls in the Moon decanate, and the Cancer-Leo dwad (20 degrees equals the Cancer dwad, 22.5 equals the Leo dwad.)

Solstice Point: 8 Aquarius

Some areas affected by eclipse: **Iran**, with Uranus in 20 Scorpio, 4th house. (Based on chart of April 1, 1979, 3:00 PM, Tehran, Iran, as cited in **The Book of World Horoscopes** by Nicholas Campion.) **North Korea** with Chiron at 20 Scorpio. (Based on Sept. 9, 1948 chart for P'yongyang, North Korea, 12 PM) **Palestine**, with the Sun at 22 Scorpio 52. (Based on a chart of Nov. 15, 1988, Jerusalem, Israel, 2:40 AM) **Russia**, with Pluto at 21 Scorpio, 4th house. (Based on a chart for Dec. 8, 1991, Moscow, Russia, 7:45 PM) **China**, with Venus at 19 Scorpio 27. (Based on a chart for Oct. 1, 1949, Peking, China, 3:15 PM) **Israel** (using May 15, 1948 chart for 00:00 in Tel Aviv) has the Sun at 23 Taurus 59, within orb of the November eclipse. **The City of Los Angeles**, with Jupiter at 21 Scorpio. (Based on a chart for Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles, CA, 9:11 AM)

Other associations with 21-22 Scorpio.

- 1) In December, 1991, when **transiting Pluto** was at 21 Scorpio with Venus also transiting that degree in late December, the Soviet Union collapsed. On December 25 of that year, Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as president of the Soviet Union, from which most republics had already seceded, anticipating the dissolution of the 73-year-old state. On Dec. 26, the Cold War ended when the Supreme Soviet met and formally dissolved the Soviet Union.
- 2) Throughout 1979, when **transiting Uranus** ranged from 17- 21 Scorpio, the country of Iran was prominent. The Islamic Republic of Iran was proclaimed on April 1, 1979 (as mentioned above) The Iranian hostage crisis erupted on Nov. 4, 1979, when 52 Americans were taken hostage following an attack on the American embassy in Iran.

Previous eclipses: The eclipse of November 13, 1993 was also at 21 Scorpio. The US that year had seen the first bombing of the World Trade Center in February 26, 1993 (though this event was better

symbolized by an eclipse in May at 00 Gemini, appropriate that the sign of the twins was connected to the Twin Towers), and was still in the midst of the Savings and Loan debacle, with the United States Senate Ethics Committee issuing a stern censure of California Senator Alan Cranston for his dealings with savings-and-loan executive Charles Keating. It is interesting that the United States is still concerned with terrorism and financial problems akin to those in 1993.

I believe that an eclipse's effects can occur three months before the actual date of the eclipse, which would be the 2012 New Moon on Aug. 17 at 24 Leo; and three months after the actual date of the eclipse, which would be the New Moon at 21 Aquarius on Feb. 10, 2013.

POTENTIAL THEMES

Theme One: Radiation, chemicals, nuclear implications

In November, 1993, with the eclipse also at 21 Scorpio, in London, the Marine dumping of radioactive waste was outlawed. I mention this because there have been other associations of radiation, chemicals and nuclear incidents with the 21-22 Scorpio arc. A few:

- 1) On Dec. 2, 1942, at 3:30 PM,^x Enrico Fermi switched on the first atomic pile in Chicago as part of the wartime Manhattan Project, declaring "The chain reaction has begun." **Mars** was at 21 Scorpio 04.
- 2) On Dec. 3, 1984, a methol isocyanate leak at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, let to a deadly explosion at 0:22 AM, with 3800 people killed. It was the worst industrial accident on record. **Saturn** was at 21 Scorpio 37.
- 3) On Nov. 11, 1963, two accidents occurred in Japan: the first was a coal mine explosion in Miike, Japan that killed 457 people and hospitalized 839 with carbon monoxide poisoning. The second was a three-train disaster in Yokohama that killed 160. **Mercury** was at 21 Scorpio 37, in conjunction with the **Sun** at 17 Scorpio 59, the **Black Moon Lilith** at 22 Scorpio 53, and **Neptune** at 15 Scorpio 29.
- 4) It should be noted that the US Environmental Protection Agency began operations on Dec. 2, 1970, when **transiting Jupiter** was at 21 Scorpio 36.
- 5) On Aug.10, 1993, a rare collision of three ships occurred in the Tampa Bay area, spilling 336,000 gallons of fuel . **Pluto** was at 22 Scorpio 44, in conjunction with the trans-Neptunian **Cupido** at 22 Scorpio 17.
- 6) On Oct.22, 2006 at 8:10 AM in Gurdon, Arkansas, a train carrying flammable liquids derailed, with 200 residents evacuating. **Jupiter** was at 22 Scorpio 51 in conjunction with **Mercury** at 22 Scorpio 49.

The degree is also associated with *violence*, and the violence in the Middle East—specifically the attack on the US Embassy in Libya—is already in keeping with a terrorism that is associated with the 21st degree of Scorpio. On Sept. 5, 1972, terrorists broke into the apartments of Israeli Olympic team members and later killed them during the games in Munich, Germany. The **Black Moon Lilith** was at 21 Scorpio 13, opposing the trans-Neptunian **Hades** at 22 Taurus 04, aligned with the **Midheaven** of the event at 20 Taurus 50.

Also related to terrorism: George Metesky,^{xi} known as the “Mad Bomber” planted the first of 30 bombs around New York City on Nov. 16, 1940 in Manhattan’s Con Edison building. His **converse solar arc Mars** was at 22 Scorpio 53.

It should be noted, though, that the 22nd degree of Scorpio can show up when violence ends. On April 9, 1865, Robert E. Lee^{xii} surrendered, ending the American Civil War. At the time, Lee had a **converse solar arc Jupiter** at 22 Scorpio 45. His opposing general, Ulysses S. Grant,^{xiii} had a **converse solar arc Neptune** at 22 Scorpio.

Theme Two: Hail-Mary passes

Actions that have little chance of succeeding (known as “Hail-Mary” passes) also have some kind of relevance to the 21-22 Scorpio arc, especially when such actions actually succeed.

On Nov. 23, 1984, Boston College’s Doug Flutie^{xiv} executed one of the most famous plays in American college football, throwing a game-winning 48-yard Hail Mary pass to defeat the University of Miami in the last few minutes of the game. Flutie’s **secondary progressed Sun** was at 21 Scorpio 32, in conjunction with his **secondary progressed Venus** at 19 Scorpio 01 retrograde.

While Flutie literally made a Hail Mary pass, others have made similar risky steps. Microsoft CEO Bill Gates^{xv} took leave of Harvard University in November, 1973, to begin what was registered as Microsoft the following year. In 1975, Gates was under a **progressed New Moon lunation** influence which had been exact on Feb 8, 1972 at 21 Scorpio 20, in conjunction with his **natal Saturn** of 21 Scorpio 35.

Peg Phillips^{xvi} was a retired accountant who had first taken acting lessons when she was 65 years old. In 1990, at the age of 72, she had a part on the TV show *Northern Exposure*, and became a regular on that show. At the time, her **solar arc Venus** was at 22 Scorpio 23, aligned with her **natal Mars** at 22 Scorpio 41.

Elvis Presley^{xvii} began his rise to rock’n’roll fame on July 19, 1954, when his first recording played in Memphis, starting a huge surge of fans. At the time, Elvis’ **converse solar arc Ascendant** was at 22 Scorpio 26.

Theme Three: Success of women

Possibly because of its Moon decanate placement, the 21-22nd degree arc of Scorpio has also turned up in some major successes for women.

- 1) Margaret Thatcher^{xviii} became prime minister of Great Britain on May 4, 1979, when her **converse solar arc Jupiter** was at 22 Scorpio 13, opposing her **converse solar arc Pluto** at 22 Taurus 28. (Solar arc directions always retain the natal aspects; Thatcher was born with a Jupiter/Pluto opposition at 14 Capricorn/14 Cancer.)
- 2) On Nov. 1, 1992, the Church of England voted to ordain women as priests. **Pluto** was at 22 Scorpio 44, in conjunction with the **Sun** at 19 Scorpio.

- 3) On Nov. 3, 1992, Carol Moseley-Braun^{xix} was elected to the US Senate, becoming the first black woman to do so. On that date, **Pluto** was at 22 Scorpio **trining Mars at 23 Cancer 43 and squaring Chiron at 22 Leo 38**. Moseley-Braun had a **solar arc Neptune** at 22 Scorpio at the time.
- 4) Madeleine Albright^{xx} was nominated to be the first female US Secretary of State on Dec. 5, 1996, with her **secondary progressed Mars** at 21 Scorpio 21.
- 5) A once-in-a-lifetime discovery occurred on Nov. 30, 1974, when the fossilized remains of a female human ancestor named Lucy were found in Ethiopia. **Mars** was at 22 Scorpio 52, opposing **Hades**, the trans-Neptunian signifying things hidden and decayed, at 22 Taurus 58.

Natal placements between 21 and 22 Scorpio:

Hillary Clinton, US first lady/senator/presidential candidate, **Mercury, 12th house (based on speculative birth time)**

Josef Fritzl, kidnapper/rapist, kidnapped daughter and imprisoned her for 24 years, beating her and siring 7 children with her including one that died from lack of medical attention, **Jupiter (opposing Venus at 21 Taurus)**

Bill Cosby, actor, comedian, **Mars, 7th house**

Robert Albert Bloch, American writer of science and weird fiction, wrote screen play for Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," **Ascendant (squaring Uranus at 22 Aquarius)**

Condoleeza Rice, US secretary of state under George W. Bush, **Sun/Midheaven conjunction**

Bill Wilson, co-founder, Alcoholics Anonymous, **Uranus, 2nd house (in conjunction with Mercury in 20 degrees Scorpio)**

Alexandra David-Neel, French explorer, scholar, mystic, author and first western woman to enter Lhasa Tibet, **Mercury, 2nd house, which stationed direct on the day of her birth**

Brendan Behan, Irish playwright, member of Irish Republican Army, **Mercury, 10th house**

David Bowie, British rock star, **Jupiter, 9th house**

Helen Douglas, US congresswoman, **Mercury Rx, 9th house**

Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to Barack Obama, **Sun (time unknown)**

David Axelrod, campaign advisor to Barack Obama, **Saturn (time unknown)**

Joe Biden, vice president of the United States, **Mercury, 12th house**

Natal placements between 22-23 Scorpio:

Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer/transcendentalist, **Neptune, 2nd house**

Jonas Salk, developer of polio vaccine, **Mercury retrograde, 1st house (conjunct Mars at 20 Scorpio)**

Joan Kennedy, former wife of the late US Senator Ted Kennedy, **Mars, 3rd house**

Anne Rice, author, *Interview with the Vampire* and other books, **Venus, time unknown**

Matt Damon, actor, author, **Venus, 9th house and out of bounds by declination**

Sonny Bono, actor/congressman, **Jupiter, 2nd house**

Frances Hunter, love child of US Senator John Edwards and his mistress Rielle Hunter, **Moon, 7th house, out of bounds by declination**

George Steinbrenner, owner, New York Yankees, chairman/Ceo of American Ship Building, **Midheaven**

Mata Hari, WWI spy, prostitute, **Jupiter, 1st house**

David Plouffe, advisor to US President Barack Obama, **Neptune (time unknown)**

THE SYMBOL SYSTEMS AND 21-22 SCORPIO ARC

Sabian^{xxi}: 21 Scorpio: A soldier derelict in duty

Sabian: 22 Scorpio: Hunters starting out for ducks.

Charubel^{xxii}: 21 Scorpio: A man in the midst of a lot of children at play.

Charubel: 22 Scorpio: A man holding a fowl by the neck in the act of strangling it.

Sepharial: 21 Scorpio: A buffalo standing on an eminence pawing the ground and snorting. A degree of Independence.

Sepharial: 22 Scorpio: A cataract falling from one rocky ledge to another. It is a degree of compulsion.

Kozminsky^{xxiii}: 21 Scorpio: A double-headed giant, in his right hand a great club, in his left a tree- roots and foliage.

Kozminsky: 22 Scorpio: A tax-gatherer demanding dues from a poor poet. It is a symbol of gathering.

DAYS TO WATCH FOR POTENTIAL ECLIPSE MANIFESTATIONS

Nov. 21 – When Mercury will be retrograde and transiting the 21st degree of Scorpio.

Dec. 4 – When Mercury is direct and transiting the 21st degree of Scorpio.

Dec. 9-10 – When Venus transits 21-22 Scorpio.

Second half of January 2013 and entire month of February – When the North Node will be transiting 21-22 Scorpio. On Feb. 3-4, 2013, the Moon will be in Scorpio also, emphasizing the North Node position.

Feb. 10, 2013 – When the New Moon will be at 21 Aquarius, squaring the eclipse point of 21 Scorpio.

May 10, 2013 – The ~~mate~~ eclipse at 19 Taurus.

ⁱ Joe Biden, Nov. 20, 1942, 8:30 AM, Scranton, Pa. RR: A, from memory

ⁱⁱ Not related to the eclipse, but another feature of Jarrett's chart is that she has her natal Saturn at 3 Sagittarius, and on election day, Mercury will station at 4 Sagittarius. (Joe Biden has a 3 Sagittarius ascendant, and Barack Obama's natal Moon is at 3 Gemini.)

ⁱⁱⁱ Valerie Jarrett, Nov. 14, 1956, Shiraz, Iran, time unknown. Date from wikipedia

^{iv} David Axelrod, Feb. 22, 1955, Stuyvesant Town, NY, time unknown. Source:Wikipedia.

^v Hillary Clinton, Oct. 26, 1947, 8:00 AM, Chicago, Illinois. RR: DD, conflicting

^{vi} David Plouffe May 27, 1967, Wilmington, Delaware, time unknown. Source: Wikipedia

^{vii} Barack Obama, Aug.4, 1961, 7:24 PM, Honolulu, Hawaii. RR: AA, BC/BR in hand

^{viii} Mitt Romney, March 12, 1947, 9:51 AM, Detroit, Mich. RR: A, from memory

^{ix} Paul Ryan, Jan. 29, 1970, 2:37 AM, Janesville, Wisconsin. RR: AA, BC/BR in hand

^x Nick Kollerstrom and Mike O'Neill, **The Eureka Effect**, London: 1996, The Urania Trust, p.9

^{xi} George Metesky, Nov. 2, 1903, New York City assumed to be place of birth, time unknown, data from Wikipedia

^{xii} Robert E. Lee, Jan. 19, 1807, Stratford, Va, time unknown. RR: X

^{xiii} Ulysses S. Grant, April 27, 1822, 5:47 AM, Point Pleasant, Ohio. RR: A, from memory

^{xiv} Doug Flutie, Oct. 23 1962, 3:30 AM, Baltimore, Md. RR: A, from memory

^{xv} Bill Gates, Oct. 28 1955, 9:15 PM, Seattle Washington. RR: B. It should be noted that this first time was taken from a biography of Gates. Since that time, Lois Rodden had said that Gates himself gave astrologer Cindy Rempel a time of "10 PM" .

^{xvi} Peg Phillips, Sept. 20, 1918, Everett, Washington, time unknown. Source: Wikipedia

^{xvii} Elvis Presley, Jan. 8, 1935, 4:35 AM, Tupelo, Miss. RR: AA, BC in hand

^{xviii} Margaret Thatcher, Oct. 13, 1925, 9:00 AM, Grantham, England. RR: A, from memory

^{xix} Carol Moseley Braun, Aug. 16, 1947, Chicago, Illinois, time unknown. Source: Wikipedia

^{xx} Madeleine Albright, May 15, 1937, Prague, Czech Republic, time unknown. Source: Wikipedia

^{xxi} Diana E. Roche, **The Sabian Symbols: A Screen of Prophecy**. Victoria, Canada: Trafford Publishing, 1998.

^{xxii} _____ **The Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized: A set by Charubel, a set by Sefharial**. Abington Maryland, Astrology Classics, 2004. (First published in 1898; now available at astroamerica.com)

^{xxiii} Isidore Kozminsky, **Zodiacal Symbology and its Planetary Power**. Washington, DC: American Federation of Astrologers (no publication date given)