

THE SEPT. 13 2015 SOLAR ECLIPSE AT 20 VIRGO

FACT SHEET

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OCCURRENCE: Sept. 13, 2015, solar eclipse at 20 Virgo 10, 2:41 AM EDT, Washington, DC.

DARK OF THE MOON: The Dark of the Moon is the time frame between the Moon's first entrance into Virgo, and when it makes a conjunction to the Sun. The Moon will enter Virgo on Sept. 11 at 9:55 AM (EDT) and the New Moon, as mentioned above, will be Sept. 13, 2:41 AM. The time period is supposed to be good for "doing the impossible." I have not noticed that, but it does seem to be a time when timing itself goes better than it would normally. As with most legends, your mileage may vary.

WHO IT AFFECTS: Everyone, depending on the house axis in which it falls in the natal chart. (The operative word is "axis" if an eclipse falls in your 5th house, the manifestations could have 11th house symbolism.) More specifically, anyone with a natal planet or angle, or progressed planet or angle at 20-21 Virgo or 20-21 Pisces, or at the solstice point of the eclipse of 10 Aries. The experience of the eclipse tends to be heightened if it falls within a degree of the Sun or the Moon in one's natal or progressed charts, or the angles.

There is a fine article in Dell Horoscope's September 2015 issue by Alan Oken, entitled "The Nature of Solar and Lunar Eclipses and their Effects on our Lives." (pp.29-34)

Alan says that eclipses are "liberations from previous circumstances", while acknowledging that this may or may not be to one's liking. (My personal feeling is that the liberating benefits of an eclipse may not be obvious until later.) He also distinguishes between solar and lunar eclipses, noting that solar eclipses "challenge the very essence of a situation", while the lunar eclipse "eclipses the form of a given situation." In other words, a solar eclipse can free you from something (though you may not see it that way at the time), while the lunar eclipse can change the nature of an existing situation.

MORE TIME FRAMES: Events connected to an Eclipse can manifest when a following New Moon squares the Eclipse point. This will happen on Dec. 11, when the New Moon at 19 Sagittarius squares the September eclipse. The "mate" eclipse for the September eclipse will be in March, 2016, at 19 Pisces.

DEGREE SYMBOLS: "A girls' basketball team" (21 Virgo); "A little white lamb, a child, and a Chinese servant" (21 Pisces). Kozminsky calls 21 Virgo "a degree of Finesse," but describes the symbol as "A man burning a will as he triumphantly looks towards another lying on a table." Kozminsky describes 21 Pisces as "A staff adorned with coloured ribbons, standing in a field of violets, (with) butterflies circling around it," and calls it a degree of "Shielding."

THE MERCURY INFLUENCE: Because Virgo is ruled by Mercury, it's good to notice Mercury transits as well as transits and progression to your natal or progressed Mercury, which can be heightened

because of the eclipse. The Mercury transits can contain symbolism that may be highlighted during a Virgo eclipse. Because Mercury is natural ruler of the 6th house, you will hear about matters connected to health, illness and treatments. People can be in a perfectionist mode, too, with Virgo prominent: This can apply to co-workers, who are ruled by the 6th. The 6th house also rules: northwest sections of a house, or city, as well as clothes and small animals.

It is noteworthy that it was Mercury rising in the chart of the destruction of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and in conjunction with the US Saturn, at 14 Libra. In this Sept. 13 eclipse for Washington, Mercury is at 14 Libra and opposing Uranus at 19 Aries along the IC/MC axis.

ASTEROIDS: I've observed that there are at least three asteroids in conjunction with the 20 Virgo New Moon. One is Washingtonia, which is interesting considering that Washington, DC overflows with symbolism connected to Mercury-ruled Virgo.

The other asteroid at 20 Virgo is Ferguson, which has been prominent during racial confrontations and events, and in the charts of civil rights leaders.

The third asteroid of significance is Isis which has to do with, among other things, sibling relationships. It also has to do with things scattered, broken up, and with unsettled boundaries, divisions.

FIXED STAR CONNECTION: Denebola, non-conforming, can mean being õout of stepõ or being out of the main stream of thought, according to Bernadette Brady. It is said to be of the nature of Saturn and Venus.

IMPORTANT DATES CONNECTED TO THIS ECLIPSE: Oct. 30, 2015, when Venus will be transiting 20 Virgo; Oct 27, 2015, when Mars will be transiting 20 Virgo; and Nov. 24-30, when Jupiter will be transiting 20 Virgo.

PREVIOUS ECLIPSES AT 20 VIRGO: There hasn't been a solar eclipse in 20 Virgo since 1700. There have been New Moons (not eclipses) in 20 Virgo on Sept. 13, 1958; Sept. 13, 1977; Sept. 12, 1996.

EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW MOON AT 20 VIRGO:

- 1) The New Moon (not an eclipse) on Sept. 13, 1958 in 20 Virgo coincided with extreme weather conditions, ranging from Hurricane Helene, a Category 4 storm, and a typhoon that killed over 1200 in Japan.
- 2) The Sept. 13 1977 New Moon in 20 Virgo saw the beginning of the food stamp program in the US; and also saw Atari release its first video computer system in North America. Entitlement programs appear to be an issue in the upcoming US presidential campaign. New technology releases have become very common now.
- 3) The Sept. 13 1996 New Moon in 20 Virgo occurred two days after US President Bill Clinton signed a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty signed. It is interesting that the nuclear deal with Iran is now under scrutiny.

SEEDS OF CONTROVERSY. The 20-21:59 degree arc of Virgo does seem to have a connection to controversial matters. Some examples:

- 1) When the Roe vs Wade decision was handed down by the US Supreme Court, at 10 AM on Jan. 22, 1973, the **transiting Moon** was at 20 Virgo. (At the time of this 2015 eclipse, there is controversy surrounding Planned Parenthood's abortion services.)
- 2) On Sept. 11, 2012, militant terrorists attacked the US consulate in Benghazi, Libya, at 9:40 PM. **Mercury** was at 20 Virgo, in conjunction with the **Sun** at 19 Virgo 27. (At the time of this 2015 eclipse, there are questions about Hillary Clinton's role in the Benghazi attack.)
- 3) Edward Liddy was chairman and CEO of AIG when the US government had to rescue it from bankruptcy in September, 2008. At the time, Liddy had a **solar arc Mars** at 20 Virgo 43.
- 4) **Mars** was at 20 Virgo 40 squaring **Uranus** at 20 Gemini when the US conducted its first underwater test of the atomic bomb near the Bikini islands on July 25, 1946. (Again, the nuclear agreement with Iran is a subject of controversy right now.)

There can also be controversy surrounding the death of people when 20 Virgo is involved. The deaths of Princess Grace of Monaco; Diana, Princess of Wales; actor James Dean, and singer Whitney Houston continue to generate questions. Though I haven't examined many other charts for controversial deaths, these four did reflect the presence of the 20-21:59 degree arc of Virgo to a significant extent. Please understand that 20 Virgo is NOT a death/sign degree: However, its antiscion relationship to Aries can sometimes manifest that way. I do find it interesting that it was present at the deaths of two heralded princesses—Grace and Diana, both in car accidents, with cars being the province of Mercury, ruler of Virgo.

- 1) Princess Grace of Monaco died in an automobile accident on Sept. 13, 1982, with her **converse secondary progressed Ascendant** at 20 Virgo. Her **diurnal chart** for that day reflected a **transiting Sun/Zeus** conjunction at 20 Virgo. (Zeus is a trans-Neptunian planet that means, among other things, explosions and heavy machinery, such as the car she was driving.) She died on the day of her Mars return and her **Mars return chart** reflected the **Sun/Zeus conjunction** with the chart's **Ascendant/Midheaven** midpoint also at 20 Virgo.
- 2) When Whitney Houston died on February 11, 2012, **transiting Mars** was at 20 Virgo, in conjunction with her **natal Vertex**. Her **diurnal Ascendant** for that day was 22 Virgo. Her **secondary progressed Mercury Rx** was also at 20 Virgo.
- 3) The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, occurred on Aug. 31, 1997, when her **secondary progressed Midheaven** was at 21 Virgo 46, in conjunction with her **secondary progressed Mars** at 23 Virgo 39; the transiting **North Node** was at 20 Virgo 11.
- 4) Legendary actor James Dean died in a car crash on Sept. 30, 1955. His **secondary progressed Moon** at the time was at 21 Virgo 09, as was **transiting Mars** at 21 Virgo 36. (It should be noted that the New Moon prior to Dean's death was 22 Virgo.)

On the other hand, Author Ernest Hemingway survived **two air plane crashes on the same day (Jan. 23, 1954)** in the Ugandan jungle. He had at the time a **secondary progressed Sun** at 21 Virgo 02, in conjunction with his **natal Mars** at 20 Virgo 33.

THEMES ASSOCIATED WITH 20 VIRGO:

1) Weather unpredictability.

On May 18, 1980 at 8:32 AM PST in Longview, Washington, Mount St. Helens erupted. **Transiting Saturn** was at 20 Virgo, opposing the **Midheaven** and conjuncting **Zeus**, the trans-Neptunian associated with explosions and fire. And on May 22, 1960 at 3:11 PM, the most powerful earthquake on record—9.5—occurred in Valdivia, Chile. The **transiting North Node** was at 21 Virgo 09 at the solstice point of **transiting Mars** at 8 Aries 43, in conjunction with the Descendant of the event chart.

2) Mystical connections:

On the day of the “Miracle of the Sun” witnessed by nearly 70 thousand people in Fatima, Portugal, on Oct. 13 1917 timed at 12 PM, the **transiting Moon** was at 20 Virgo 01 in conjunction with the **trans-Neptunian Poseidon** at 24 Virgo 25.

On Nov. 15, 1966, in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, a building contractor saw a creature that was later dubbed “Mothman” by reporters. At the time of the apparition, there was a **Mars-Pluto conjunction** at 20 Virgo. (Uranus was at 23 Virgo opposing Saturn at 23 Pisces also.)

3) Significant milestones in relationships that have both personal and professional ties:

John Lennon first met Yoko Ono on Nov. 9, 1966, when his **converse secondary progressed Sun** was at 20 Virgo 40. Ono’s **converse secondary progressed Mars** was at 20 Virgo 07 at the time. (It should be noted that **transiting Pluto** was also at 20 Virgo at the time.) And Lennon first met Paul McCartney on July 6, 1957 at 6:48 PM in Liverpool, UK. (Source: Neil Grossman, in NCGR Newsletter, April-May 2007, quoting *The Day John Met Paul*, p. 22.) Lennon’s **converse secondary progressed Mars** and **converse secondary progressed Vertex** were both at 21 Virgo.

Henry Steele Olcott met Madame Helen Blavatsky on Oct. 18, 1874. They would later be co-founders of the Theosophical Society. At the time of the meeting, Olcott’s **secondary progressed Sun** was at 21 Virgo 01.

PEOPLE with 20-21:59 Virgo prominent in their charts:

Serena Williams, tennis champion, **Moon, 6th house**

Prince George of Cambridge, **Midheaven**

Helen Prejean, American nun who has fought against the death penalty, wrote “Dead Man Walking,” **Neptune Rx, time unknown**

Marlon Brando, actor, **Midheaven**

Charles Eduard Jeanneret a.k.a. LeCorbusier, architect, **Venus retrograde, 4th house**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, special Olympics founder, sister of US President John F. Kennedy, **Saturn**, **time unknown**

Benjamin Harrison, US Prez (1887-1893), **Mars, 2nd house (time speculative)**

Hans Jenny, father of cymatics, the study of wave phenomena and sound influence, **Mercury, time unknown**

Whitney Houston, singer/actress, **Vertex, 7th house**

Jason Gould, actor/singer, son of Barbra Streisand and Elliot Gould, **Pluto, 4th house**

Truman Capote, author, **Mercury, 8th house**

Charles I, King of England, later beheaded, **Jupiter, 1st house**

William Henry Harrison, US president, **Moon, 5th house**

Luciano Benetton, founder of Benetton clothing line, **Moon, 5th house**

Mariette Beco, Belgian mystic who witnesses visitations by the Blessed Mother, **Saturn Rx, 7th house, opposing Icarus**

Jay Leno, TV star/host, **Moon, 1st house, conj Mars at 22 Virgo**

Marie-Sara Bourseiller, French female bull fighter, **Moon, 12th house**

Brendan Behan, Irish playwright, member of Irish Republican Army, **North Node, 6th house**

Dean Karnazes, American ultramarathon man, endurance off the charts, **Mercury, time unknown**

Diana Nyad, author/journalist/swimmer who swam 100 miles from Cuba to Key West on her 5th try, **Mercury, time unknown**

Cherif Kouachi, one of 2015 Charlie Hebdo assassins in Paris, **Zeus, time unknown**