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Dual Inaugurals

As I expect to be asked what the dual inaugurals mean astrologically, some background:

It is claimed that “precedent” dictates that when Inauguration Day falls on a Sunday, that the Oath of Office is given privately on Sunday, with the public ceremony on Monday. The inauguralscholar.com says this has already happened *seven times* on the 20th of January. This is wrong. Inaugurals fall on a Sunday once every 56 years.

There are two tricks to finding other Sunday inaugurals. First, prior to January, 1937, inaugurals were held on March 4th. Second, in finding a pre-FDR Sunday inaugural and then adding/subtracting 56 years to get the next Sunday inaugural, remember that 1900 was not a leap year. The actual dates: 1821, 1877, 1917, 1957, 2013.

Of these, the inaugural of March 4, 1821 was James Monroe’s second. He sought council from the Supreme Court, which indicates this to be a Church/State matter. If the inaugural was held on Sunday, would this interfere in the affairs of religion, one way or another?

This is not an idle question. Religious ceremonies commonly take place on Sunday mornings and can be lengthy. As clergy in Washington, DC, may be expected to pray for the health and well-being of the incoming President, services on that particular Sunday may be longer than usual, with an inaugural mandated by the Constitution for noon on the day.

Which brings up the question of why Presidential terms of office begin and end at noon, rather than at any other time of day.

The answer is that until some point early in the 20th century, the civil day began and ended at noon, which had been the case for several centuries, as you can see in Lilly’s [Christian Astrology](#), pg. 152, with a chart set for 23:45 pm on July 19, 1638, which translates as 11:45 am on July 20. This is why there is “am” (ante-meridian) and “pm” (post meridian), the meridian being the agreed upon moment in time when the date itself changed. The Founding Fathers were merely following long-standing custom.

Which means a new President must be *(continued, page 6)*



Sight (Eye). Visual defects are said to occur when the luminaries are afflicted in or from the nebulous parts of the zodiac. It need hardly be said that the analogical connection between nebulae and clouded sight, upon which this tradition is based, must not be taken as the only foundation of the thesis, which is well supported by facts. The following parts of the zodiac especially have this effect:

8° Gemini-Sagittarius (Aldebaran and Antares).

6° Leo-Aquarius (the Ascelli).

3° Cancer-Capricorn

29° Taurus-Scorpio (the Pleiades - now at 0° Gemini — *Dave*)

It will be noted that not all of these are coincident with notable nebulae. The Pleiades are a star cluster containing very little nebulous matter.

Affliction in the centre of mutable signs is very common.

Strong bad aspects involving these areas and the luminaries, especially if in angles, are very liable to cause serious trouble. — [Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology](#), \$18.95. **Buy.**

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	04:46	☉ ✖ ♄	
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	18:43	♀ □ ♃	
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	17:00	☾ ♂ ♂	Void
	23:28	☾ ♃	

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Vivian Robson's STAR OF THE WEEK

GIEDI alpha Capricorni 03♄57

Notes: A multiple star, yellow, ash, and lilac, situated on the south horn of the Goat. From Al Jady, the Goat. Symbolically called the Slain Kid.

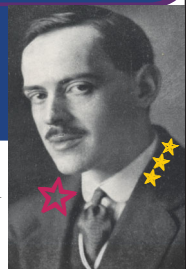
Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Venus and Mars. It gives beneficence, sacrifice and offering.

With Sun: Peculiar events, unexpected losses and gains, sometimes great good fortune.

With Moon: Peculiar and unexpected events, eccentric, public criticism, new and influential friends, valuable gifts, love of respectable women but difficulties and sometimes platonic marriage.

With Mercury: Romantic, psychic, vacillating, bad for gain, many love affairs some of which cause notoriety, may elope with married person.

— from [Fixed Stars](#), by Vivian Robson. **Buy.**



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1893-1990

IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

From the Introduction to Astrological Essays

SATURN was the first child, the wise and elder son who loved his early teachings (and practices each one). He never leaves a task undone and what he starts to do he does with utmost patience which is good advice for you.

Because he's Capricornian, of course we then expect he'd treat his parents kindly for age he does respect. Though often he will marry and be faithful to life's end, he's still at heart Aquarian (his wife's is his best friend).

He measures everything for size (his keyword is I UTILIZE) and has all answers here below (his other keyword is I KNOW). If Saturn in your chart holds sway you will be lonely too but nonetheless you always find that he will give you peace of mind; a big reward for you.

Jupiter accepts the truth his parents would impart, remembering everything from youth and taking it to heart. Where brother Saturn's arguments are based on some polemic, Jupiter counters every word in manner academic. For he is tutor to the blind (he rules the Sagittarian mind): his homily starts out THUS SAITH based on his Pisces trust and faith. Because he takes his own advice he usually marries twice and when he puts it to the test he says they both were of the best. He is in life the optimist wide-branching in his scope whatever betide of woe, to Jupiter we always go and he dispenses hope. — *Astrological Essays*, 1979. **Buy.**

January 22:

1506—Swiss Guards arrive at Vatican.
1879—Zulus defeat British.
1905—Revolution begins, St. Petersburg.
1917—“Peace without victory.” - Wilson

Global Warming and the Aquarian Age

THE world is getting warmer and that's a fact. It is useless to deny it, but it is instructive to examine it in detail. My habitual readers will know that I am skeptical of science, or at any rate, science as it is known and practiced. So let's start there.

What is getting steadily warmer is the air, as measured about 1 to 2 meters off the ground, in shady places. As it is commonly believed the Earth itself is static, any warming or cooling must be therefore be attributed to changes in solar radiation, as received and registered here on the surface.

It is believed the Earth is getting warmer primarily as a result of man-made air pollution. Pollution, such as smoke or smog, makes the air increasingly opaque, which traps sunlight which would otherwise pass through it. Trapped sunlight makes the air warmer, which makes the planet warmer. Enough of this and the Earth, scientists say, will be in danger of turning into Venus, where perpetually polluted skies eventually raised the surface temperature to 863° F / 462° C. Which is a bit on the toasty side.

In support of the dire nature of pollution-induced global warming, we are told of the disappearing polar ice caps. Every year as the planet warms, the ice melts, some of which, as we know, is lost forever.

But then I thought for a moment. Sunlight at the Arctic Circle — when there is sunlight — is essentially parallel to the earth, and, as the sun never rises very far above the horizon and must travel through around 100 miles of air, is therefore weak and never very strong. The Arctic polar ice cap is essentially pack ice, at an average of 3-4 meters thick, which is 13 to 18 feet. As everyone knows, icebergs are nine-tenths submerged (91% to be exact), which means ice that is, say, 15 feet thick is 13 feet, 6 inches submerged.

So if sunshine is now melting ice that had never before been melted, then the air temperature in the Arctic must be very warm indeed!

Indeed. So I went to Wiki's Barrow, Alaska page and looked up the climate data there. Barrow sits on the shore of the Arctic Ocean, temperature records have been main-

tained for over 100 years. Barrow's location is at the edge of a 200 mile flat plain over looking a very flat ocean. There are no hidden valleys or shady areas that would trap pockets of cold air or produce unnaturally warm areas. The temperature in Barrow is the temperature in Barrow. So if the ice offshore is melting at an alarming rate, Barrow itself must be setting record high temperatures.

But if Barrow is suddenly a warm place, I cannot find anyone who will tell me that. Barrow is 71° north. Ninety-five percent of all the earth's land mass is south of it. Here is Wiki, and no, I will not link to it:

Barrow experiences the lowest average temperatures in Alaska. Although it is rare for Barrow to record the lowest temperatures statewide during cold waves, extremely low wind chill and “white out” conditions from blowing snow are very common.

Temperatures remain below freezing from early October through late May. The high temperature is above freezing on an average of only 120 days per year, and there are temperatures at or below 0 °F (-18 °C) on an average of 160 days per year. Freezing temperatures, and snowfall, can occur during any month of the year.

So tell me this: If sunshine at the poles is weak, if a weather station over 110 years old has failed to record significant temperature increases in recent years, if it can in fact freeze and snow on Midsummer Day itself (the summer solstice), if the ice offshore is 9/10ths submerged, extending down over a dozen feet, how, exactly, is it that polluted air is melting the sea ice off Barrow's shore? Is it wind? Average wind speed in Barrow is 12 mph. Kansas winds blow harder.

I do not dispute that polar ice is melting, but it is clearly not melting because of sun-warmed air pollution.

If Arctic ice is melting, it is clearly melting because the water around it is warmer. So we look at **ocean currents** in the Arctic. Attention is immediately drawn to the warm North Atlantic current which runs north off the coast of Norway and then east, parallel to the Siberian coast. This is the only warm

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This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's
A Student's Text-Book of Astrology.

Part 4:

Fundamental Principles

ORBITAL REVOLUTION. All the planets perform two movements simultaneously, viz: revolution around the Sun and rotation upon their own axes, but except in the case of the Earth we are concerned only with their revolution. The path, or *orbit*, of every planet is an ellipse nearly approaching a circle, of which the Sun occupies one of the fixed points or *foci*. No two bodies perform a complete revolution in the same time, and while it takes the earth one year to return to the same point in space, Neptune requires almost 165 years. Therefore it is only after millions of years that the planets all return to any given position with respect to each other, and except in the case of people born at the same time and place no two horoscopes can ever be exactly alike. Owing to these differences in speed there is a continual kaleidoscopic change taking place in the heavens as seen from the earth, one planet overtaking and passing another, and then apparently slowing down, stopping and beginning to move backwards for a time. This apparent backward motion is known as *retrogradation* and is merely an illusion caused by the combined motions of the planet and the earth and their position relative to the Sun. The most familiar example of a similar illusion is furnished by two railway trains moving side by side. From the point of view of a man seated in the slower train he is stationary while the overtaking train is moving forwards. If, however, his train gradually increases in speed, the other will appear to stop, and finally to move backwards as his train gradually draws ahead. The illustration is not quite parallel but will no doubt serve to indicate the principle involved. — *A Student's Text-Book of Astrology*, 1922. Price \$25.95. **Buy.**

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Concerning Daddy

from *Christian Astrology, Book III*,
by William Lilly

The Significators of the Father in every Geniture are:

First, the fourth house; secondly, the Lord thereof; Thirdly, the ☉ in a diurnal Geniture, ☿ in a nocturnal. Fourthly, the Planet or Planets in the fourth are considered. These *Significators* or the most of them strong and fortunate, in good aspect of ♃ or ♀, show the happy condition of the Father after the Child's birth.

If the *Significators* be unfortunate and impeded, they show the dejected and low condition of the Father, and that he is subject to many misfortunes, &c.

If some be strong and others weak, and they tend to a mediocrity, then the Fortune of the Parents are intended or remitted according to the nature of the Planet or Planets occupying the fourth house; and if there be many therein, he that is most dignified shall be preferred in judgment. But these judgments are best drawn from the Father's own Nativity.

If in the fourth house you find fortunate Planets and their Lords in angles or succedents, well disposed, in no aspect to the *Infortunes*, you may judge the condition of the Parents laudable and good: but if the *Significators* be in cadent houses, and unfortunate *stars* in the 4th; or if the Lords of the places before said be afflicted of the *Infortunes*, you may predict, the Parents are subject to many misfortunes: and do you judge the greatness of their happiness or misfortune by the strength or debility of the *Significators*: The Lord of the fourth in Reception with the Lord of the ascendant, or in Δ or ✕ with him, argues a flourishing condition in the Father.

☉ or ♃ in the fourth, argue the Father to be a man of good quality. — *Christian Astrology Book 3*. **Buy.**

The Way to Find the Disease

from *Blagrove*

In the first place by an Almanack take notice, what sign the *Moon* is in, when the Sick first takes their bed, and by what planet or planets she is afflicted, whether of *Saturn* or *Mars* (or *Mercury*, which is much of the nature of Saturn). Then having recourse to the rules elsewhere in this Book under the titles of the *Moon* by *Saturn* or *Mars* afflicted; there you shall find the disease and the cause thereof. The Almanack, which you use herein must be such a one which sets forth the daily motions of the planets: I shall give one or two examples hereof, as follows, A Friend of mine took his bed the 10th day of *October* 1667 at a quarter past one o'clock after noon, the *Moon* being of nine degrees in *Sagittarius* and *Mars* in eight degrees thirty five minutes in *Virgo*, which argues that *Mars* is in platic square to the *Moon*. Now to find the Grief with its cause, you must repair to the place in this book entitled, The Moon in *Sagittarius* of *Mars* oppressed, as in page 65 which shows that the Sick is tormented with a strong fever and choleric passions, &c. occasioned by surfeiting or too much repletion as there more at large appears: the next thing to consider is to know whether the Sick shall live or die, and the time when either death or recovery may be expected: Now in regard that the *Moon* is applying by a friendly Sextile aspect to *Venus* a fortune, and free from combustion and not in that part of the Zodiac called *via combusta* (as shall be shown more at large elsewhere) I concluded that the sick would recover (and so he did); had the *Moon* applied to the *infortunes* ☿ or ♂ and no fortune interposed his friendly Rays, then I should have concluded that the sick would have died of this sickness. — *Astrological Practice of Physick*, by Joseph Blagrove, 1671. **Buy.**



water that reaches the Arctic. But this current steadily sinks as it gets colder, and is eventually a thousand feet below the surface. Which means it is not melting ice a dozen feet below the surface off the Barrow, Alaska, shore.

Yes, I know that things are getting lots warmer in Nuuk, the capital of Greenland, that glaciers are melting and everyone says that winters just aren't what they used to be. Nuuk sits on a peninsula in the Atlantic, it is much further south than Barrow, it has nearby mountains that do all kinds of things to sunshine and wind. Global warming in Nuuk is complex, there are clearly many factors at work. At Barrow there are allegedly only two: Sunshine and air pollution. But while Barrow is just as cold as it ever was, the water offshore is warmer. *Lots warmer.*

Next, permafrost. In the Arctic, permafrost exists as a band of earth between the frost line (the depth at which the Earth never freezes) and a shallow level at the surface which thaws and freezes annually. This surface layer, known as the active layer, can be from 2 to 13 feet deep. The permafrost under it, ground that never thaws, can reach depths of nearly 5000 feet. Due to the difficulty of boring through frozen earth, this is not an area that has been well-studied.

Supposedly atmospheric pollution, at high latitudes in treeless, flat environments, will account for the melting permafrost, but this is no more likely than atmospheric pollution melting sea ice. Warm air simply does not have very high caloric values, by comparison to water, which, hot or cold, is highly efficient with its calories. BTUs and all that.

If the permafrost is thawing, it is likely due to nearby warming Arctic coastal waters, effectively enhancing local watertables that invade it. Wiki's articles on permafrost and the fear many have that it will thaw (releasing huge amounts of methane gas) do not seem to consider the relation of coastal permafrost to the nearby Arctic Ocean.

So far as caloric values are concerned, we next look at El Niño and La Niña, cycles of warm water in the center of the Pacific Ocean that have world-wide climatic impacts. They come in five year cycles, which, as with most cycles, puzzle scientists. They should be dead easy for Astrometeorologists to predict, both in time, as well as severity. They are not considered to be part of global warming because, well, they've been observed since the mid 1870's, if not before.

Also not considered, though of more recent discovery, the existence of hot vents on the floor of the oceans, generally along seis-

mic fractures in the deepest parts. These are considered to be the underwater equivalent of geysers and hot springs, except that, while the air rapidly disperses the heat of geysers, the surrounding water tends to concentrate the heat from undersea vents. Indeed, the whole global-warming-is-due-to-hot-air theory after a while starts to look like pushing on a string. Heat *disperses* in the air. It *concentrates* in water.

In my house I have a boiler. It heats water which runs through pipes to heat exchangers, where fans (wind) transfer the heat from the water to the air, which is pushed through vents into rooms in the house, where the heat further disperses in order to keep us warm. Reversing this process, in other words, heating air in order to heat water, while technically possible, is hugely wasteful of energy and absurd on the face of it. If the physical clay of the Earth is warming because the air surrounding the Earth is heating it, then the Earth is radiating the vast bulk of its heat, simply huge amounts, straight into space. No other conclusion is possible. Where would this huge amount of lost heat come from?

It is **carping to say that great scientific theories** so often fall apart when they are examined closely, but, I regret to report, they so often do fall apart, in fact. If you are easily bored, as I am, you can amuse yourself on rainy days by proving scientific theories to yourself, for your own amusement. It is indeed thrilling to prove that a theory really is true and correct and real. For those who love the world of intellect, there are few things that give as much pure delight. It is as if you are seeing the world itself for the very first time. All the while, marvelling at the scientists who got there ahead of you. You are envious. You want to join them. Knowledge is noble, even sacred.

But, on the other hand, if your investigations seem to contradict commonly held scientific beliefs, you may eventually find yourself on the same path that I have trod. If you do, you will find certain signposts along the way. But all of that would be a digression.

An **alternative hypothesis** to the hot air theory is that *the Earth itself is getting warmer*. Remember that our standards for the Earth's temperature are air-based. Are air-based temperatures a reliable indicator of the Earth's actual temperature? Well, let's think about that. When we want to take a human's temperature, we put the instrument inside the human itself. We then compare the result to a standard table and see if one has become globally warmer or colder. We do not care if the person's skin is warmer

or colder and in fact expect that the skin on one's equatorial forehead will always be warmer than one's Arctic feet, a fact that, except in extreme circumstances, we ignore.

So instead of thermometers in the air, we really need to have them in the earth itself. Or, more specifically, in the Earth's oceans. Thermometers at 1 meter, 10 meters, 100 meters, 1000 meters. Regrettably, few such weather stations exist. If they did, there would need to be decades of observations before conclusions could be drawn.

But one conclusion can be drawn now: Having considered various factors, I can state that *global warming is due to rising ocean temperatures*. Not polluted air. Why is Arctic sea ice melting? Maybe there are hot ocean vents down somewhere at the bottom.

LET us now add astrology. What can it tell us? My theory of astrology says the signs of the zodiac are energies inherent in the Earth which vary according to the placement of the Sun, Moon and planets, as viewed from the Earth in their Tropical positions.

My theory also says that the Sidereal zodiac, based on the Earth's 25,800 year wobble, is the ultimate time-marker, or chronocrator. This cycle is commonly divided into twelve sections of 2150 years each (customarily rounded to 2000 years), known as the Astrological Ages. I am of the opinion that we entered the Age of Aquarius in 1913 and that it is now a century old. I worked this out in detail nearly a decade ago. Later this spring I will present my case.

My theory of the Ages is that they are, essentially, overblown signs. Ages, like signs, are qualified by elements (air, earth, fire, water) and by quality (forms of energy), which are cardinal, fixed and mutable. The Ages have the same planets as rulers, the same planets exalted, the same planets in debility and fall, as do ordinary signs. With all these tools to play with, we can easily find our way among the various Ages.

So, for example, the Age of Pisces, which started around 200 BC and which lasted until not very long ago, was qualified by the element of water. In the Piscean Age we were *wet*. Water, for its part, tends to conserve energy. In a global sense, water functions as a temperature ballast. In the Piscean Age, temperatures were on the whole steady, if a bit cool. Things never got terribly hot, nor did they ever get extremely cold.

The Aquarian Age is an air Age. Air is dry. It lacks moisture. It will tend to dry things out and, once dry, temperatures will fluctuate wildly. If the Piscean Age was a

springtime villa by the beach, the Aquarian Age is Laura Ignalls-Wilder's little house on the prairie.

We can already see the Aquarian Age will produce more extreme temperatures, hot and cold, than the Piscean Age ever did. As a result, we can also say that, once glaciers and polar ice has been melted, the very dryness of the Age will discourage their refreezing. As a result, summers in Aquarius will be hotter than in Pisces, and the winters will be dryer and colder. We have found a marker for global warming. With an Aquarian starting date of 1913, we might well expect leftover Piscean "ballast" to have carried us for a few decades. This ballast now seems to be gone.

But while this explains much, it is passive. The world slowly "runs out of ice." So what! This does not explain why Barrow is as cold as ever, but the ocean offshore is warm. Warm implies changes in the Earth itself. Will the Aquarian Age find or explain that?

Let's look at the ruling planet, Saturn. Lilly describes Saturn (pg. 58 of **Christian Astrology**) as *Cold and Dry*. Which accounts for Aquarian dryness, but not the heat. We are going backwards.

Let's now look at the planet in debility, which is the Sun. Lilly describes him (pg. 70) as *Hot and Dry*, but in Aquarius the Sun is debilitated. Debilitated, he is unable to express himself as he would like. In other words, in the Aquarian Age, the Sun fails to heat us, Saturn actively makes us colder, and both planets make us dry. You want Mercury? Lilly says it has no qualities of its own. It will therefore take on Saturn's.

Which are powerful arguments for a dry, global cooling, in other words, the onset of an iceless "ice age." (Ice ages are in fact technically impossible, but I digress.) It was only 40 years ago that the scientific consensus was that we were, in fact, entering a new ice age. Which would be entirely in keeping with the Aquarian Age itself. What happened?

I am going to go out on a limb and say the Earth did not find this acceptable and so, over the past three or four decades, has found the means to bring more of its internal heat to the surface. It is venting stored heat, primarily through underseas vents.

Which means we should look again at El Niño and La Niña. Current scientific opinion is that these temperature anomalies are surface events. I am postulating they are driven by cyclic superheated vents on the ocean floor far below. There are presumably hot, narrow upward streams, or currents, that snake their way through the waters until, at the surface, they are running parallel to it. Which is part of an enhanced Gaia hypothesis, the theory that the Earth is a conscious being and is capable of looking after itself, one way or another.

Occam's Razor not only says that we must discard frivolous details, but that we must have a minimum number of details that make sense. The pollution theory of global warming is inadequate to explain observed phenomena. The astrological theory contradicts observation, which means there must be some third player. Nothing happens without reason. It is up to us, as sentient apes, to puzzle out the details.

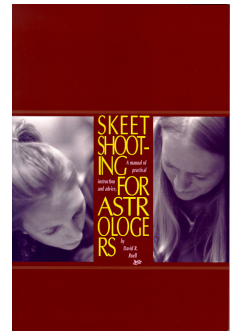
WIKI, for its part, continues to make the juvenile mistake of advocating, rather than reporting. Which, as it turns out, is lots harder than opinion-making. Wiki keeps tabs on all the notable scientists who do not agree with the perceived consensus, that the Earth is getting warmer due to pollution, and terms these men "fringe," regardless of any other factors.

The reason newspapers came up with standards for objectivity is that they were previously guilty of advocating for their owner's whims, William Randolph Hearst's whims chief among them. (Which is how we got ourselves into a war with Spain a long time ago.) When tastes and opinions changed, these papers found themselves out of step with the majority and therefore discredited. Wiki is a young outfit, it has not yet had the pleasure of suffering a major scientific *volte-face*, which may be expected to shatter its smug, know-it-all editors. In non-controversial, well-settled areas, Wiki has become an outstanding reference, but in all other departments of human interest, it is, shamefully, completely worthless.

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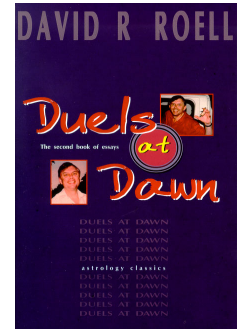
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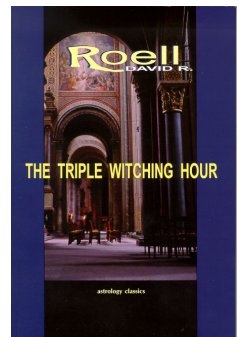
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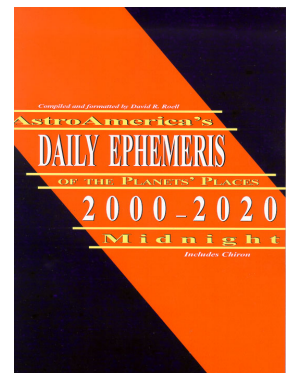
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in office by noon on the day in question. When that day falls on a Sunday, not only will there be Church/State issues, but also sheer scheduling conflicts as well. All self-respecting people were expected to be in church Sunday morning, which left the inaugural in the hands of preachers and their sermons. A private affair was about the best that Monroe could expect on March 4, 1821.

The second Sunday inaugural, March 4, 1877, was for the swearing-in of Rutherford B. Hayes, who had stolen the election from Samuel Tilden. It is said that outgoing President Grant, fearing a popular uprising (by unhappy Democrats!), arranged a secret ceremony on Saturday, March 3, with a public ceremony on Monday, March 5, thus avoiding Sunday the 4th altogether.

A more likely explanation is that Grant surrendered his office a day early to avoid inevitable Sunday scheduling conflicts. A Saturday inaugural is actually a better solution than a rushed Sunday affair, since a sitting President can presumably give up his office in favor of the President-Elect, which is what Grant appears to have done. An outgoing President cannot extend his term of office, not even by a single minute.

The third Sunday inaugural, Wilson's second, on March 4, 1917, and the fourth, Eisenhower's second, on January 20, 1957, were both held privately on Sundays and then both repeated on Mondays, seemingly without fuss. Barack Obama's is now the 5th.

So you want to know about Monday's chart. New York astrologer **Matt Carnicelli** has already had a look at the actual inaugural, set for noon on Sunday, January 20. His consensus was the chart will not bring peace or prosperity, and I agree with him. This was based, at least in part, on the Moon-Mars square on Sunday, Taurus to Aquarius.

Checking Monday's official schedule, I find the oath will be administered at 11:30 am, rather than noon, which is an electoral chart. It will not tell us what Obama's second administration will bring (that's still in Sunday's noon chart), but it will tell us what Obama is hoping for.

The two charts are nearly identical, but there are two critical changes. On Monday, the Moon has changed signs and will be in Gemini, where it will conjunct Jupiter and tightly trine the Sun. Moon trine Sun in a natal chart is generally a pleasure, as it indicates one whose head agrees with and is supported by his heart, but here the specific signs tell a different story. Sun in Aquarius can be rigid and quirky and insular, while

Monday's Second Oath

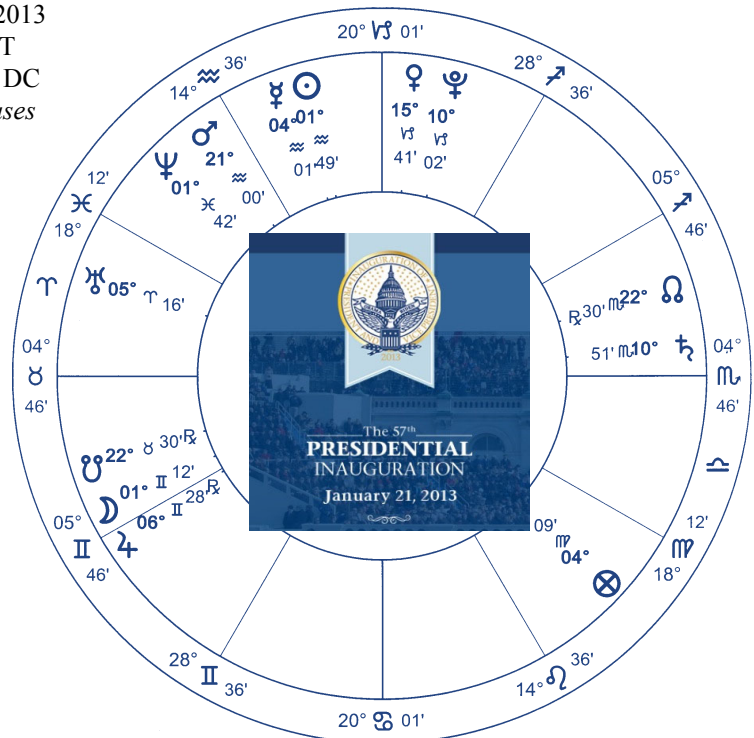
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Placidus houses

mean node



Moon in Gemini can be frivolous and scattered. Sun conjunct Mercury makes one glib (Mercury in Aquarius being a know-it-all, which is to say, a smartass). Moon conjunct Jupiter on the 2nd house cusp are hopes for abundance but, in Gemini, there is talk rather than actions or work. Jupiter retrograde is an aspect of laziness. Will there be more money? For a final answer, we look to the ruler of Gemini, which is Mercury. In Aquarius, Mercury is fixed and so does not feel the need to do anything (Mercury is not known for doing things), and in the 9th house from the 2nd, will offer philosophical excuses for Jupiter's inaction.

Note the Fickle Finger of Fate (yods) that form with Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto, which,

as Fingers focus on the apex planet (Jupiter) means being hit with unexpected expenses for military adventures.

AND Saturn has shifted from late in the 6th, of the military, to the 7th, of open enemies. It is square and mutual reception to Mars in Aquarius in the 11th, which promises a hostile Congress.

Taurus rising in both charts, money remains the administration's primary focus. The chart ruler is Venus, which remains in the 9th, of trade. In Capricorn, disposed by Saturn in Scorpio in the 7th, in Monday's chart we can expect trade results to be generally unfavorable, while in Sunday's chart, the military eats the budget. Saturn's obscure placement in the 6th, no one notices.