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Mad Magazine used to do it. Why not me? Pluto in Capricorn, opposite Cancer, means lower fertility, less food, more deaths than births. The food riots of summer, 2009, will be brought about by this spring's oil price hikes. Already, an early taste of Pluto in Capricorn. Who will be the first to find these notes?

Politicians & Astrology

Be an Astrological Patriot!

Neptune, Neptune, Neptune & did I mention, Neptune? ... but I don't want to bore my readers.

In a politician's chart, look first for hard aspects from Neptune to his personal planets. Some examples:

Barak Obama: Mercury square Neptune. Sun square Neptune. Jupiter (not a personal planet) square Neptune.

Tony Blair: Neptune square Mercury. Squares to Neptune are aspects of delusion. One paints rosy pictures. One fools himself. The deluded politician sees the world as better than it is. In Tony's case, those delusions got manipulated into a war by someone with a different agenda. But, happily, Tony is still so deluded as to not know.

Maybe we should call Neptunian squares the Sucker Aspect. When Plutonians manipulate deluded Neptunians, the people in Neptune's charge (in Tony's case, British subjects) become victims. A Brazilian electrician's horrible death on a tube platform comes to mind.

Bill Clinton: Neptune conjunct Mars. Conjunctions are an inability to sense reality. In this case, as it's in his first house, everyone thinks you're not doing the right thing, because, well, maybe you're not.

Richard Nixon: Neptune opposite Mercury. Oppositions to Neptune are outright deceit. Lies. You lie because you are lied to, you lie in equal measure.

Pluto is power for its own sake. Beware the politician with Pluto in the first house who lacks oppositions in his chart. He will run roughshod over everyone & everything, since, by definition, he knows no opposition: **George W. Bush.**

Hillary Clinton: Mars-Pluto conjunct, with Saturn making a stellium. Mars & Sun are in mutual reception as well as widely square.

John McCain: Sun/Neptune conjunct: The swindler. And don't they all claim to be "straight talkers"! Neptune-Venus conjunct. Neptune opposite Saturn. Pluto in the 10th.

This is too easy. Name a prominent politician, look for his Neptune. Then look for his Pluto.

So let's look at some more. Your heroes, or mine? Could Neptune rule clay feet?

Ronald Reagan: Neptune opposite Mercury/Uranus. Widely opposite Mars.

Jimmy Carter: Neptune/Node/Venus conjunct, opposite Mars. Lust in his heart.

Mike Huckabee: Stellium in Leo: Uranus, Jupiter, Pluto, Mars, Venus.

Ron Paul: Neptune/Mercury conjunct, opposite Saturn

Mike Gravel: Uranus conjunct Mars, Neptune square Mercury.

Hard Neptune aspects do not make people bad. They do make them different.

And just for the fun of it:

Bobby Kennedy: Pluto/Mars square. Pluto/Jupiter opposition.

Franklin Roosevelt: Stellium in Taurus: Saturn, Neptune, Jupiter, square Sun & Mercury in Aquarius.

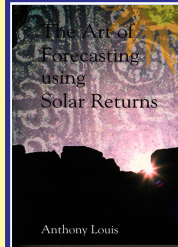
Abraham Lincoln: Neptune conjunct Saturn (by far the best configuration for Neptune), square a Mercury/Pluto conjunction.

Mao Tse-tung: Neptune/Pluto conjunct, opposite Mercury.

A client walks in the door, you find Neptunian aspects, this is not what you should think of him. He's an ordinary working stiff.

Political office attracts the dishonest as well as those who crave power for its own sake. Astrology can easily unmask both. Then we can decide if we like them.

BOOK OF THE MONTH!



THE ART OF FORECASTING USING SOLAR RETURNS - Anthony Louis.

As with his previous books on Horary, Louis carefully studies the ancient writers - in this case, **Jean-Baptiste Morin**, adds a

thorough study of a modern master, **Alexander Volguine**, and then surveys the best of modern authors - **Shea, Merriman, Penfield & Eschelmann** among them. The result is far beyond any other book. \$40.00

Horoscopes of Latin America - Marc Penfield, AFA, \$27.95
Raman's New Millennium 50 Year Ephemeris, UBSPD, \$35.00



Françoise Schneider-Gauquelin

June 19, 1929 - August 10, 2007

News arrived on June 24, 2008. See the notice on the **CURA** forum, as well as the tribute on the **Astrologer's Memorial**.

On the AQUARIAN AGE

Part 11:

The Aquarian Age & Climate Change

When the Age changes, everything changes with it. For the DIY crowd out there, this is how you will know if your Theory of Ages is any good or not. (If all you can point to is religion, your theory flunks. Sorry about that.)

Sensitive weather recording instruments, i.e., thermometers, barometers, etc., were in widespread use by the mid-19th century. They captured a useful Piscean Age baseline.

That the climate is now changing is not in any doubt. (continued, page 2)

Climate Change, Aquarius, etc.

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Why it is changing is. The leading culprit is a buildup of **carbon dioxide**. The question is where it's coming from. The consensus view is that we're burning too much fossil fuel.

The alternative view is the Earth is warming for mysterious reasons of its own & in the process, vast amounts of CO₂ are being released from the world's oceans. (**Alexander Cockburn**). In support of this theory is the fact that, while human production of CO₂ varies with the overall world economy (to say nothing of localized wartime enhancements), CO₂ buildup in the atmosphere has been remarkably steady.

While it's an argument for another time, another season, the first thing to remember about science & scientists is that Scientific Truth, while it exists, can be difficult for mere humans to discover. Having repudiated both metaphysics & astrology (itself a form of metaphysics), Science often has a difficult time getting the details right. Whereas ego-based opinions, based on misunderstandings of physical facts, are much easier to come by. How can we know the difference between the two? Simple. Wrong ideas get thrown out & replaced by more wrong ideas. Conceptual frameworks exist for a reason. You renounce them at your own risk.

This is not to say that the fossil-fuel crowd is correct, or that naysayers like Cockburn are correct, or that I am correct. The person who is most likely to be correct is the one who makes the best use of the oldest conceptual framework. In this regard, astrology is older than the "ice age" framework, presuming I am using it properly, which is not for me to decide.

But enough preamble.

The Piscean Age was wet. So very wet that we have no idea what any other kind of climate could be.

Wet is cold, but wet is also a form of ballast. In a wet world, temperatures do not rise very much, nor do they sink very low. Fluctuations, from one extreme to the next, are gradual. The rate at which energies, stored in water, can be released, is regulated.

In a wet world, climate is moderate to cool. There are few great storms. What is wet tends to stay wet. What is dry tends to stay dry. What is frozen tends to stay frozen. It's Goldilocks in the House of the Three Bears: Not too hot, not too cold, just right.

In Pisces, wetness made no major inroads (i.e., no permanent loss of land to floods - as it would be expected in, say Cancer), and Piscean water was benign overall, unlike the insidious, fixed Scorpio. Microorganisms found the Goldilocks Age to be just perfect. This is why plagues were such a major feature of the Piscean Age. Why there were so many. Why each was so very unique.

The Aquarian Age is different. It is **DRY**.

So you've got a load of damp laundry. Going to take time for it to dry. Unlike art in Paris, the Earth's climate did not magically wake up one morning in 1913 like a drunk from his bender. Drying the world out has taken, so far, nearly a full century. But note well: The power of a wet world to transmit Piscean, waterborne plagues ended abruptly in 1913, and this despite the filth, the carnage, the exhaustion, of the war itself. Also note well: The great **Spanish Flu**, of March 1918 to June 1920, was due to an **airborne** virus. Air, as in, Aquarius. This was the first great influenza. We have had many since, though, to date, none as virulent.

So what happens as the world dries? It is as if we move from the seaside, to a location deep inside a large continent. From Miami to **Siberia**, or **Death Valley**.

Temperatures become extreme. Hotter in summer. Colder in winter.

Storms become more powerful. There's no longer a lot of water around to absorb raw weather energies. We get the full effect.

Overall, high temperatures get higher. Why is this? Because a large part of the Piscean water ballast was frozen. This frozen water is irreplaceable. High temperatures melt it, and once it's melted, it is gone forever. Once that happens, temperature swings become even more extreme.

How hot will things get? Or how cold? Nearly a full century into Aquarius, the **north Polar ice cap** is almost gone. Large **ice shelves** in Antarctica are breaking apart & will soon be gone. The ice sheets covering **Greenland** & Antarctica will take more time before they finally disappear. But on a planet that has a surface 2/3rds covered by water & which is wrapped, top to bottom, in a thick layer of air, it will never be as unpleasant here as, say, Mars.

Like as not, increasing amounts of weather energy will create new patterns, new dynamics. Paradoxically these will be fueled by the vast new amounts of water (formerly ice) that is becoming available. Lots more water in an overall dry environment would seem to indicate more intense storms, more intense hurricanes. Will these be powerful enough burst open the deserts of western Sahara? Arabia?

Aquarius may make coastal living inadvisable, but, on the other hand, reservoirs can be built to handle the inland's erratic, torrential downpours, such as the ones that ravaged the upper Midwest in June, 2008. As the world changes, man changes with it.

Since Aquarius is the Age of Man, by the end of the age man will come to control the weather, one way or another, for good or ill. Man already anticipates this outcome (**acid rain** is still a local phenomenon), which is another reason why he thinks he's already guilty.

Find the right context, understand the details. **Science** has it exactly backwards.

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