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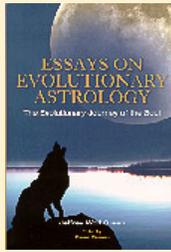
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## New This Week

**E**ssays on Evolutionary Astrology, *The Evolutionary Journey of the Soul*, by Jeffrey Wolf Green. While not quite the intention of the author nor the publisher, this amounts to a convenient one-volume overview of Jeff Green's Evolutionary Astrology, which says that Pluto marks your evolutionary status in some murky fashion. In reading Green, every now and then I think he's hitting on something great and wonderful, but I have never quite been convinced overall.



Green is one of a handful of astrologers whom I have never met, nor met anyone associated with him, which anymore is rare. And I've found what's become of the man: He is now an invalid. I wish him many happy and productive days.

## ALMANACK

for the week (all times GMT)

Notes

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| 26 | 15:36 | ☾ Δ ♃    |          |
| 27 | 19:43 | ☉ Δ ♃    |          |
| 28 | 00:36 | ☾ ✖ ♀    | Void     |
|    | 01:12 | ☾ ☽      |          |
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|    | 23:04 | ☾ □ ♃    | Void     |
| 29 | 04:03 | ♀ ♂ ♀    |          |
|    | 19:52 | ☾    ☉   |          |
| 30 | 06:16 | ☾ ♋      |          |
|    | 18:40 | ● 07♋ 16 | New Moon |
| 31 | 03:10 | ☾ ✖ ♃    |          |
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|    | 06:20 | ☾ ✖ ♂    | Void     |
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|    | 14:42 | ☉ □ ♃    |          |

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## Developments

I got an excited email last week. Michele Bachmann suffers from migraines. And I predicted it! — I did? Yes, came the reply. You did. You (me!) said she hides herself away. Which I did say. This is why I don't do readings for a living. The words I shape with my mouth bear no resemblance to the sounds heard by the ears (or seen by the eyes) of those around me. It's like I'm playing with dynamite. Best I only blow myself up.

Migraines lasting days at a time. What's the difference between that, and, say, epilepsy, if any? In a sane world news of such an affliction would end a presidential bid, but this is not a sane world and Bachmann soldiers bravely on. And will, until she collapses in the middle of a campaign speech.

I am considering offering a medical prognosis of the various candidates. The art of running for office is the art of hiding who you really are. Astrology is the art of stripping 'em naked and marching them through the town square.

Jeff Green does not have a Wiki page, but [Evolutionary Astrology](#) does. Wiki says it reads like an advertisement, which it does, and asks for help cleaning it up. Me, I'd like to see Wiki pages for notable astrologers, like Jeff Green. It's important to preserve our history.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

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**PRAESAEP** 44 M Candri 7 ♂ 30

**Legend:** Praesaepe represents the manger of the asses ridden by Bacchus and Vulcan (see Ascelli).

**Notes:** A coarse extended cluster situated on the head of the Crab. Popularly termed the Beehive, Manger or Crib, and known by the Chinese under the name Tseih She Ke, Exhalation of Piled-up Corpses. With the Ascelli it was the "cloudy spot of Cancer" mentioned by Ptolemy as causing blindness

**Influence:** It is of the nature of Mars and the Moon, and causes disease, disgrace, adventure, insolence, wantonness, brutality, blindness, industry, order & fecundity; and makes its natives fortunate though liable to loss through others, and the founders of large businesses.

**If rising:** Blindness especially of the left eye, ophthalmia, injuries to the face and arms, stabs, violent fevers, wounds in the face and arms . . . — from [Fixed Stars](#), by Vivian Robson

**ASTRO**  
**A to Z**  
**MED**  
FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

**Hayfever.** This malady often begins when the Sun enters Gemini and this sign is often found afflicted in cases of hayfever, as it rules the mucus membranes of all air-passages. Aries and the signs of Saturn are also prominent and it is common to find the Moon in either Capricorn or Aquarius. Mercury is also often in aspect to Saturn or in one of its signs.

Two German cases from *Sterne und Mensch*:

8:45 am, October 5, 1897, 51N 17E, Neptune in Gemini in 8th afflicts Mercury, which is also in aspect to Saturn,

Moon in Aquarius. Sex not stated.

5:00 pm, January 30, 1886, 48°45'N, 8E, Mercury in a sign of Saturn, which afflicts bodies in the 3rd house. Nothing in Gemini but Moon in Sagittarius square Mars. Sex not stated.

Male, 3:18 am, May 4, 1884, London.

Female, 11:18 am, December 31, 1903, London.

— [An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology](#)

Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson  
1893-1990

## IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

Part of:

### My Notebook for the Sun

**I**N an intercepted Sign at birth, the Sun is under restraint in that department (house) in early life and makes better progress as he gets out of the Sign and thus out of bondage. More preparation for life is required if the Sun is held in interception-abeyance so that others are aware of the absence of something essential toward his greater success. This may mean lack of advantages, of opportunity, or of ambition.

Though an intercepted Sign widens the house it is in, enlarging the department, we note that the house remains quiescent if no planet is there, but if the progressing Sun enters the intercepted Sign it means that the native has deliberately sought retirement and privacy for activity aimed at advancement that is in some way allied to developing himself in some larger field. It is quite different from having the Sun in an intercepted Sign at birth, being intentional now. This intent on retirement for reasons of advancement is also shown by the Sun progressing into the 12th.

If the Sun is in mutual reception with the Moon or a planet (each in the other's natural Sign) it gives exchange status so that the Sun is enabled to follow two interests, or to change to another department if he so desires, and especially in order to get around difficulties or out of interception interfering with his progress as a person in his own right. Changes in the life occur thereby and usually for the better. — [Here and There in Astrology](#), 1961

## GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

# Newt Gingrich

*The black and white*

**N**EWTON Gingrich has been around since the 1980's. I never cared for the man, I do not even know his Sun sign. So before I started these notes, I tried to imagine what his chart would look like. Sometimes when I listen to a symphony I try to imagine what its score would look like. Turns out I'm better at imagining scores.

I had thought Newt would be coldly, calculatingly making primary use of his house placements, as that is what I usually see in a chart (Bachmann, Palin, Romney, etc.)

Instead I found that Gingrich's natal chart is based on a single dominant aspect. And it's one that's near and dear to my heart: A full moon. A very tight one at that.

The luminaries have the power, when in opposition, to overwhelm the rest of the chart. This was the case with Isaac Newton, it was the case with Johann Goethe, it was the case with Howard Camping (end of the world May 21, remember?), it was the case with Karl Rove (hi there, big boy!), and it is the case with Mr. Gingrich.

In checking various sources I find Newt's birth to have been a clear-cut affair, as all sources agree: June 17, 1943, 11:45 pm Eastern War Time (EWT, the same as daylight), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Aquarius rising, full Moon birth: Sun in Gemini, Moon in Sagittarius, less than one degree (two hours) from exactly full.

Sun in Gemini is witty, mercurial, two-faced, quick and fleet of foot. With Saturn nearby, it can be serious but would much rather not, as Newt's Sun is pulling rapidly away from the stodgy Saturn.

Moon in Sagittarius is carefree and happy-go-lucky. It wants no responsibilities, and, Sagittarius being mutable, is usually very good at escaping them. Team that up with a two-faced Sun and you have the perfect opportunist. There is no "conscience," the very idea is alien. Such a full moon will play both ends against the middle. Should this turn up in the chart of a political leader, he will invariably polarize everything around him.

And, ever since arriving in Congress in 1979, this is precisely what Gingrich has done. He, more than any other person, single-handedly enabled the Republicans to wrest control of Congress from unsuspecting Democrats. He did so by shamelessly playing both ends against the middle.

I term aspects to the Sun-Moon opposition "helper planets". It is a rare full moon that does not have them.

Gingrich has two: A wide trine and sextile with Mars, giving the opposition even more dynamic energy (which full moons don't really need), and a tighter square with a mutable Neptune, which makes the opposition fuzzy, ill conceived, quixotic, illusory, deceptive. I have previously mentioned the danger of having Neptune prominent in a politician's chart. Newt is a prime example.

Moon in the 11th house, Newt wants to fire up all his friends and associates with his wonderful ideas. Moon in a fire sign, he has a great deal of raw energy. Moon in Sagittarius, there is a never-ending stream of wonderful ideas and proposals. Which, like the Moon itself, come and go with a rapidity that only Sagittarian arrows, flying through space, can match. The results are highly unstable, as we can see from Gingrich's own career.

Moon ruling the 6th house, these endlessly shifting ideas have to do with some sort of service. Jupiter in the 6th, those ideas will be larger than life. Note that Jupiter and the Moon are in mutual reception. Planets in mutual reception tend to fuse their houses together: Eleven and six, friends and service, ideals and service. On the face of it, being a representative is an ideal job.

**D**URING his career Newt has promoted many grandiose, emotionally appealing ideas. In that they are appealing, we can see the influence of the Moon. In that they are large, we can see the influence of Jupiter upon the Moon. In that they all collapsed upon arrival (i.e., contact with reality), we can see the deadly influence of Neptune. Few aspect patterns can be sorted as clearly as this.

I went to Newt's Moon first, putting his Sun aside for a reason. Newt's Sun is ugly.

Vivian Robson, himself a Gemini Sun, writing at the end of his life, put it in these words, "*Gemini is essentially a cold-blooded sign, without affection and without morals. It is a kind of living question mark . . . Mental vivisection is a particularly Geminian habit, and is usually accompanied by extreme, but quite unintentional and unconscious, cruelty. It wants to "see the wheels go round" and is entirely unmindful of the effect of the process upon its victim.*" ([As-](#)  
*(continued, page 4)*)

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This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**. It is now in print.

**Part 49:**

**Sigs and Finance**

continued:—

**Virgo.** Foreign affairs, shipping, health, service. Saturn, religious people and things. Jupiter, investment, literature, secondhand dealing. Richer than parents. Mars, speculation, investment. Venus, speculation, help of partner. Uranus, state or public work. Sun, wealth in middle age.

**Libra.** Business and association with others. Saturn, labour and employment. Jupiter, institutions, partner or wife, inferiors, commerce, science or employment of agents. Mars, loss through inferiors. Venus, loss through marriage.

**Scorpio.** Gain by others' death or losses and by marriage. Saturn, public companies, popular enterprises, life policies. Jupiter, arbitration, mining, unsound speculation. Mars, marriage. Venus, union or secret alliances.

**Sagittarius.** Legacies and speculation. Saturn, investment. Jupiter, marriage, sick relatives, speculation. Mars or Venus, marriage, speculation. Moon, inferiors.

**Capricorn.** Foreign affairs or abroad, investment. Acquisitive. Saturn, speculation and investment. Jupiter, commerce, relative's deaths. Mars, travel. Venus, diplomatic alliances. Neptune, catering on a large scale.

**Aquarius.** Corporations and associations. Saturn, quiet effort. Jupiter, associations, inheritance. Mars, parents or relatives. Venus, inheritance or public affairs.

**Pisces.** Gain from friends. Saturn, disregards money. Jupiter, associations and companies, mining. Neptune, charity.

Cardinal signs give good earning powers but free expenditure and bring success from enterprise and public recognition. Fixed signs tend to hoard up money but give sudden losses. They favour government work. Mutable signs bring gain through service and in the employment of others

—**A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, 1922

**On the Second House of Riches**

from **Christian Astrology Book 3**  
 by **William Lilly**

In every Nativity you are to consider these *Significators*:

First, *the cusp or beginning of the second house, from five degrees before the cusp thereof, until within five degrees of the cusp of the third, the Lord of that house, and how dignified.*

Secondly, *the Lord of the Sign intercepted (if any be so) in the second.*

Thirdly, ☉ [Part of Fortune] and his Lord, and ♃, a general Significator of Wealth. Fourthly, *those Planets, or that Planet who are casually in the second, having ever this consideration before you, That the nearer a Planet is to the cusp of the second, the more evident and apparent are his significations.*

PTOLEMY did only give these directions for enquiring from whom, or by what causes the Native might attain an Estate, lib. 4, cap. 1. Consider, says he, the Planets having dominion of the Sign wherein ☉ is, and what familiarity or aspect they have to ☉, observe the benevolent aspects of the Planets to those Planets and ☉, and also the Planets who are elevated above them, either of the same or contrary quality: when those who govern ☉ are very strong, they greatly increase the Native's Wealth, especially if assisted by ☺ or ☽.

♄ Enriches by Buildings, Navigation, Husbandry. ♃ by Fidelity or Trust, Government, Priesthood, viz. Religion. ♂ by War and conduct of Armies. ♀ by Friends and gifts of Women. ♃ by Oratory, Merchandizing.

When ♄ governs ☉, ♃ casting his good aspect thereunto, he shows Inheritances ... — **Christian Astrology Book 3**, 1647.

HEAD TO HEAD

**Is This You?**



**0°–10° Aquarius rising**  
*The Aquarius decanate*

**Appearance of the first decanate:**

Some Aquarians are tall, slight and good-looking, with a well-shaped straight or aquiline nose and a rather receding chin. When the intercepted sign Pisces contains a planet, then the appearance takes on a Piscean look. The nose is short and the features irregular but pleasing, the figure shorter and often stout. The appearance as well as the character depends on the position of Saturn.

**T**HE first decanate is ruled by Saturn. In a strange way this takes on the quality of the opposite Solar sign, for the disposition is genial but somewhat easily led into sensational experiments. Probably due to the fact that many who have this decanate rising have the whole of Pisces intercepted in the first house. When well aspected there is usually considerable acumen and the life passes pleasantly. Yet the fate largely depends upon the associates. The character is humane and sometimes possesses the capacity to co-operate with others in philanthropic schemes, but only when remarkable ability is indicated elsewhere in the nativity.

— **Man & the Zodiac**, by David Anrias.

**July 31:**  
 1492 – Jews expelled from Spain  
 1976– The Face on Mars photo released



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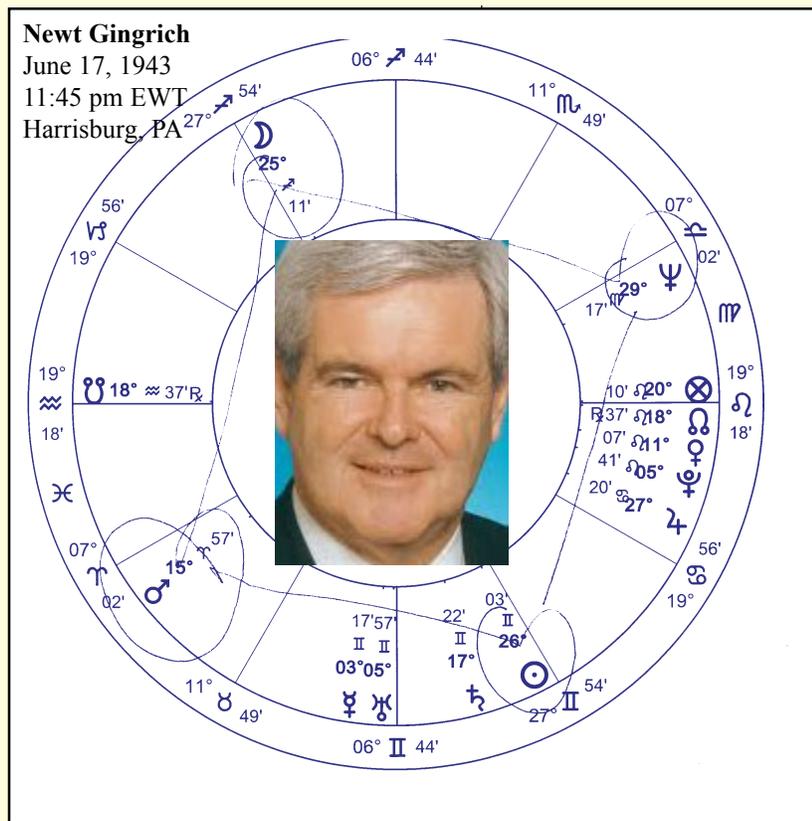
**trology and Sex**, pg. 30) Which, in Gingrich's chart is enhanced by a Moon that willfully stands entirely aside and cheers it on, which is the essence of a full moon. Many years ago, observing Newt's slash-and-burn techniques, I wondered if he was not the re-incarnation of **Maximilien Robespierre**, the revolutionary French fanatic responsible for the **Reign of Terror** which ended with his own death on the guillotine in 1794. I liked that fancy. In its favor, the span of time from Robespierre's death in 1794, and Newt's birth, in 1943, was about right. So was the time Newt spent in France as a teenager. But, alas, Astrology is an exact science and will not be denied. Robespierre's chart does not match up with that of Newt's.

The inhuman beast, Donatien Alphonse François, popularly known as the **Marquis de Sade**, that's another matter: June 2, 1749, 5:00 pm, Paris. Sun and Moon in mutables in tight square, Mars in Aries (as with Newt), Moon is in the 11th in both. Sun shifts from 8 to 5, de Sade's Venus exactly conjunct Newt's Jupiter, de Sade's Part of Fortune becomes Newt's South Node/Ascendant, de Sade's MC becomes Newt's Part of Fortune.

De Sade had a very tight Sun-Moon square in mutables. During the course of a very dynamic life (Sun-Moon square is dynamic), he spent much of his life in prison, where he died. As a result he presumably became very careful of his environment, as many people in it clearly did not like him: This is one way in which a very tight Sun-Moon square can become a very tight Sun-Moon opposition. But I cannot say these two men are the same, as no one except Newt can know that. (For those of you who think lives have to follow in some pre-conceived order, 12th house – 1st house – 2nd house, or Pisces to Aries to Taurus, or Taurus to Aries to Pisces, I tell you flatly there is no such simple formula. Every individual is different.)

**I**N reality there are billions and billions of souls all eagerly seeking (re)birth and it is absurd to insist these two men are one and the same. Great men — and de Sade was that — have friends, family, associates, fans and hangers-on. People for whom de Sade was the greatest and most interesting person they ever met, people who, if they got the chance, would eagerly ape him. With a clear connection to France, Newt might well have been one of them. But will I not apologize for citing Robson and then pairing Newt with de Sade (who was himself active in French revolutionary politics), because that's the level of intensity Newt Gingrich's Sun has.

Newt's Sun in Gemini on the 5th house



cusps, is on the face of it a playboy who wants to know how women "tick". He will, and in fact, has, carried on with two women at once. Sun ruling the 7th, this is the basis of his marriages. Why do his marriages end when his wife becomes ill? Simple. The object of Newt's affection, Venus, is in Leo, ruled by the Sun, in the 6th house of illness. When that object become ill, and in the 6th house with Pluto nearby, Venus will always become ill, Newt no longer wants her. Newt then disposes of his unwanted bed-partner with utter disdain. Per Robson, Sun in Gemini does not comprehend its own cruelty. Moon opposing from the 11th house and Sagittarius never looks back.

In this, Newt's Moon is backed up by all his (11th house) friends, who always think his dalliances and escapades and romances and wives and girlfriends were trivial and in the way (Sun opposed by the Moon) and best got rid of anyway. You have here a portrait of an opportunistic monster. As well as his enablers, who in this case were members of the government of the United States, abusing their great power. Are you still surprised they, led by Newt himself, would attack Bill Clinton for precisely the same crime? What did they care?

Newt has, repeatedly, built himself up into a great position, only to shoot himself in the foot. His Sun and Moon, by signs, are the marks of a hypocrite. And because his Sun and Moon are tightly opposed, a transiting aspect to one becomes a transiting aspect to

the other. When that transiting planet is powerful enough, Newt's games are exposed and his position collapses. I suspect there is no man alive who would be better served by a study of astrology. I am thankful Newt is not bright enough to figure that out.

Such as the reprimand given him on January 21, 1997, with transiting Jupiter and Neptune conjunct at 27° Capricorn, triggered in part by the Sun at 27° Cap, on January 12 and Venus conjunct Newt's Moon/opposed his Sun on January 7. All of which set off not only Newt's full moon axis at 25/26° Sag/Gemini, but also his Jupiter at 27° Cancer.

On the day Newt resigned both his Speakership and his House seat, November 6, 1998, the Moon was in Gemini, Mercury was in Sagittarius opposing itself (i.e., resignation was not his idea), Mars was square his Saturn (stress), Uranus was at 8 Aquarius, which was opposed to the midpoint of his Venus/Pluto conjunction.

**A**ND until this year, that was pretty much it for Newt Gingrich. He dropped out of sight. Earlier this year he returned, like a bad dream, to run for president. He seems to have put his third wife, Callista Bisek, in charge of his campaign. Remembering that Newt's romantic life is opposed to his professional career, you will not be surprised that it was his wife who torpedoed his presidential campaign, leading to the resignations of his entire senior staff. News reports said it was either them

or her. No candidate can overcome an event such as this.

**Callista Bisek Gingrich** was born on March 4, 1966, in Whitehall, Wisconsin. Her birth time is not available (and I'm not in the mood to rectify it), but we hardly need it.

She has a tight Uranus/Pluto conjunction in Pisces opposite Saturn in Virgo. All of which is tightly square to, and a lead weight on, Newt's Saturn. Her Mars is square to Newt's Sun and Moon, which is not so much sexy as it is an endless irritant. Her Venus in Aquarius is opposed to Newt's Pluto in Leo; her Moon in Leo is somewhere in the vicinity of Newt's Venus. Her Moon/Venus opposed means Callista is essentially without love. Her Mars/Saturn conjunct opposed by Uranus/Neptune means her energies are highly repressed (**Oken** said it was like "driving a car with the brakes on") but likely to snap at any time. Newt Gingrich, a fool at relationships, has found himself with more than he can handle. If he is "lucky" his sixth house will give her Moon some disease and he will escape. Mutable Newt, he's always looking to escape.

**N**EWTON Gingrich is an example of someone who should never have been allowed to have become as big and as important as he did. He is an example of what happens in "democracies" when opportunists run unchecked. He would be a persuasive argument in favor of universal astrological education and awareness, except that the ruling classes will never permit any such thing.

As such, Newt Gingrich, the manipulator of America, the polarizer of America, the ultimate destroyer of both America and its government, is a powerful argument in favor of hereditary rule. Because in any system built upon the casual change of leadership (the hallmark of democracies), men such as Gingrich will sooner or later emerge to destroy them, laughing as they do so. (Who are themselves eventually laid low by Mrs. Newt III types.) In the history of governments, there has never been an exception. In a monarchy, a bad king can be got rid of and a new king found. A bad ruling family can be disposed of wholesale. It's a messy, nasty process, but it's been done. The fact that it has been done and the threat that it might be done to them is one of the reasons kings toe the line. Like the Pope, kings cannot quit, they cannot resign. Unlike the Pope, a king's job starts at birth and is a life sentence. He does not aspire, as a child he knows the job will someday be his, he has no choice whatever. As the eldest child in a large family, I sense this quite clearly.

Elected leaders are different. Easy in, easy out, they have no cares and no responsibilities. They live for today. When that day is over, it's someone else's problem. Elected leaders are inherently opportunistic and invariably corrupt.

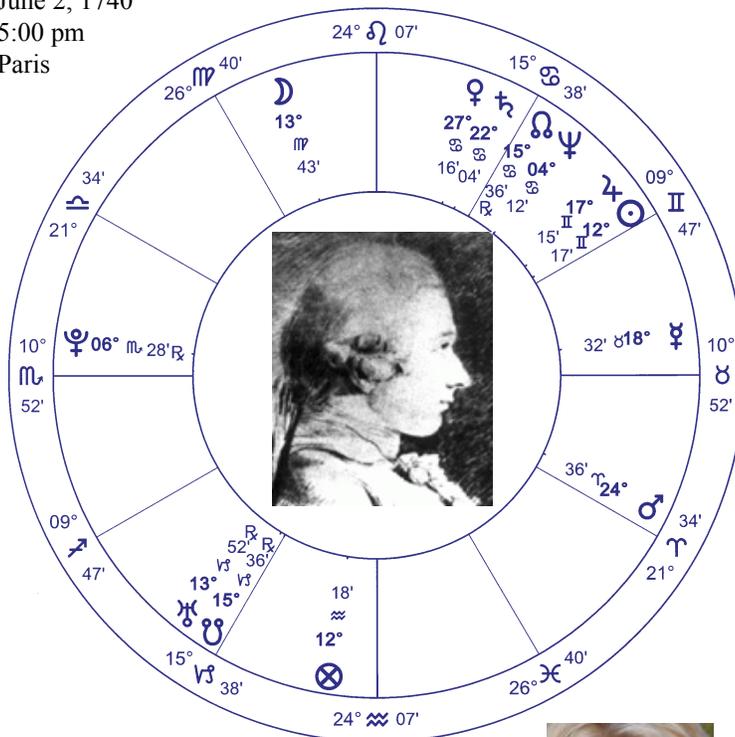
Monarchies beget new monarchies and are therefore more stable than democracies, which either grind themselves into partisan rancor (the French 3rd Republic, most Italian governments) or turn into wildly unstable dictatorships (the Roman Empire, the USA). I myself am tired of voting for the "lesser evil." We need leaders. Not evils.

### Donatien Alphonse François, the Marquis de Sade

June 2, 1740

5:00 pm

Paris



### Callista Bisek Gingrich

March 4, 1966

time unknown

Whitehall, WI



*in pen, aspects to  
Newt's chart*

