

THE TIMING OF PRESIDENTIAL OATHS OF OFFICE GUIDES AMERICA'S DESTINY

Magi Astrology reveals how the chart of the President's term of office describes the nation's fortunes during that time – and why future Presidents MUST be empowered to select within a reasonable range their administrations' dates of inception

INTRODUCTION

We at the Magi Society have heretofore placed great emphasis in our books and Web postings on the astrology of love and money, and so doing have revealed to the world how the stars are there to help us all to navigate successfully these critically important areas of our lives. In so doing we have sought to help people to attain the happiness that naturally attends success in these areas of life, and thus to better the overall human condition. It is, however, now time to turn our attention to a subject that is of critical importance to the wellbeing of the whole of humanity on a collective level, and thereby to each of us individually as a part of that collective. That is the astrology of the world's preeminent military power and economic and cultural driving force: the United States of America.

We have addressed the birth chart of the United States in our first two books, and shown how it beautifully describes how this nation came to assume its current august role in the world. However, while there is much more that we could say on that subject, there is another facet of the nation's astrology that we feel strongly called to make the world aware of, and especially to bring to the attention of America's citizens. That is our purpose here.

Simply put, the Magi Society's prodigious research into mundane or historic astrology has established that the chart of each American president's term of office, set for the date of his (or her) oath of office as president, is astonishingly predictive of the nation's fortunes during the period of any administration. A favorable chart for the president's administration foretells success just as surely as a favorable chart for a marriage or a corporation. Conversely, and most importantly, an *unfavorable* administration chart in the most literal sense bodes trouble, and is in each instance very instructive as to what kind of trouble and how dire it is.

This of course is only what would be expected given what we have shown of the determinative nature of the natalization of any other type of human-created entity, as for example a first meeting between two people (which sets the chart for their overall relationship), a marriage, a business incorporation and so forth. There is, however, one extremely critical difference between the natalization of such entities and that of a president's administration, and that is that people are free to choose when to first meet (unless by happenstance), when to marry, when to start new businesses and so forth, but the birth date of every administration is set by law in the U.S. Constitution. The only exception to this is when the president's death or disability in office, or resignation, or removal by impeachment, occasions the succession of the vice-president to the presidency in midterm, and that isn't subject to choice either; the new president gets the chart that the circumstances present.

This is great so long as the date of the new administration's birth is blessed with a favorable, or at least not greatly unfavorable sky. When this is not the case, however, notwithstanding whatever personal travails face the president in the role of chief executive, when an ill-starred presidency sails the nation into distress, whether by its own blunders and/or

criminality, or by innocent misfortune, *it is the people who suffer*. This situation literally flies in the face of the fundamental purpose for which the United States was founded.

A reading of the Declaration of Independence (America's birth certificate) and of the Constitution makes crystal clear that the studied intention of the nation's founders was to create an entity where *the people themselves are together sovereign*. It follows from this that the state as such exists for the sole and exclusive purpose of being their protector and servant – not, as in all other nations at the time of the founding, and most since, their ruler. In his capacity as chief executive, the president's role is that of protector-and-servant-in-chief – in effect the sovereign public's highest-ranking hired help. In this capacity, the consequences of the success or failure, fortune or misfortune of any president's administration are the people's and therefore the nation's own, because the people *are* the nation.

When the supreme law of the land mandates that each newly elected president should take office on a rigidly fixed calendar date, irrespective of what the sky bodes for the new administration's fortunes, and therefore for the nation's safety and wellbeing, that is a gross disservice to the sovereign public and a flagrant denial of the very protection which the nation was expressly established to provide them. Prior to the advent of Magi Astrology and the research that the Magi Society has undertaken, there was no sound basis on which to draw this conclusion, and therefore the fact that nothing has heretofore been done about it was the result of perfectly innocent ignorance. No one, in government or out, can be justly held to account for not doing what they did not know needed to be done, nor could they be reasonably expected to know. What we are publishing here for the first time changes all of that irreversibly.

As we shall presently demonstrate, in the not far distant future – during the term of the president who will take office in 2021 – the United States faces the prospect of unprecedented calamity – even collapse – if this situation is not changed. The implications of this are no less threatening to all of the free and democratic nations of the world that following the end of World War II have thrived with American support and protection – and to all the rest of the people of the world who aspire to a similar standard of personal liberty and prosperity. In the study that follows, we present with historic examples the proof of how the stars at the time of the president's oath of office reveal the nation's destiny during his or her term – and why it is so imperative that future presidents be constitutionally empowered to select that time.

JUPITER & SATURN ARE THE KEYS TO FORTUNE AND CALAMITY

The keys to a correct evaluation of the potential for good or ill fortune in any mundane or historic astrological chart are Jupiter and Saturn. Their Magi symbolisms say it all: Jupiter symbolizes great good fortune, Divine providence and abundant blessings, whereas Saturn symbolizes tragedy, suffering and loss – in a word, disaster, which literally means ill-starred. While we are on the record as stating that no planet, including Saturn, is bad in a person's natal chart, that is the *only* usage in which Saturn is not a true malefic. In historic astrology, as in transits and synastry, and in marital & financial electional astrology, Saturn exerts a greatly detrimental influence. In contrast, Jupiter exerts a completely positive influence in all astrological usages, and is without question the strongest – and the only completely pure – beneficial influence. Using this understanding, it is possible to see exactly what the upside and downside potential of any historic chart is by looking at what these two bodies are doing in it. The aspects that these two planets form with each other; with the Sun and/or Earth; and also with

Chiron especially, but also the other financial planets (Venus, Neptune & Pluto) are the determining factors in how the nation fares during any American president's term of office.

Here it is necessary to digress briefly to review a fundamental principle of Magi Astrology. That is that the progressions are the single most powerful influence in astrology, and it is always the *applying* planet that exerts influence over the separating planet, except in situations where both planets are applying, as for example in a bi-directional applying aspect, in which case the influences exerted are reciprocal. And the aspects in every nativity, whether of a person or of a human-created entity such as a marriage, a business, a nation – or a presidential administration – create progressions. There are *no* exceptions to this rule.

With this in mind, it is critical to remember that there are two ways in which planetary aspects form progressions. One is by *progressed alignment*, wherein the planets in the progressed chart form aspects with one another. In the progressed alignments only the faster moving bodies form progressions unless both bodies in an applying aspect are approaching each other from opposite directions in any sub-dimension, i. e. geocentric longitude or declination, or heliocentric latitude. In heliocentric longitude all bodies always move in direct motion, making such a situation impossible. Therefore, in the progressed alignments whenever two planets that aspect each other are moving in the same direction, only the faster planet ever makes a progression. However, and most critically, this is *not* the case in the other type of progression, which is the forming of aspects by the progressed planets to the natal planets. Progressions of this type are called *progressed transits*.

The key to understanding how progressed transits work is the fact that the planets in any natal chart are by definition stationary – once any entity has its birth or inception, the positions of the planets in the sky at that moment become fixed in the chart of that entity for eternity. And because the natal planets never move, the relative speed of the various celestial bodies is irrelevant – any planet that moves, as they all do by progression just as they do in the sky, can make a progression to any planet in the natal chart, just as any planet in the sky can transit any natal planet. In this fashion, an applying slow-moving planet can form a progression to a faster one, and unless the two planets are moving in opposite directions in the natal chart or the faster one changes direction by progression, there is no reciprocal influence of both bodies on each other. This fact is of most critical importance when Jupiter and Saturn are in aspect with each other.

The Magi Society is on record in our books that Jupiter overpowers Saturn, and when the playing field is level there is no question of that because the benevolent power in the universe – symbolized by Jupiter – is greater than the malevolent power symbolized by Saturn. If this were not true in the most fundamental sense, this discussion would never take place because the universe would be too inhospitable for any of us to be here either to write or to read it. However, there are times in history when the relative malefic influence is greater than the benefic, and this shows clearly in the nativities of tragic or failed enterprises and endeavors. In these instances typically Saturn has a greater influence than Jupiter by virtue of aspecting and applying to the Sun, Earth, Chiron or other critical bodies when Jupiter does not, and/or of aspecting and applying to Jupiter when the latter planet is separating from Saturn. In the latter situation, Saturn is *overtaking* Jupiter by progression and thereby overpowering Jupiter, symbolizing the overpowering of good fortune by adversity. These are the *only* circumstances under which Saturn ever overpowers Jupiter. If Saturn aspects and is applying to critical bodies not aspected by Jupiter, or which Jupiter is separating from, its overpowering effect on Jupiter's influence is

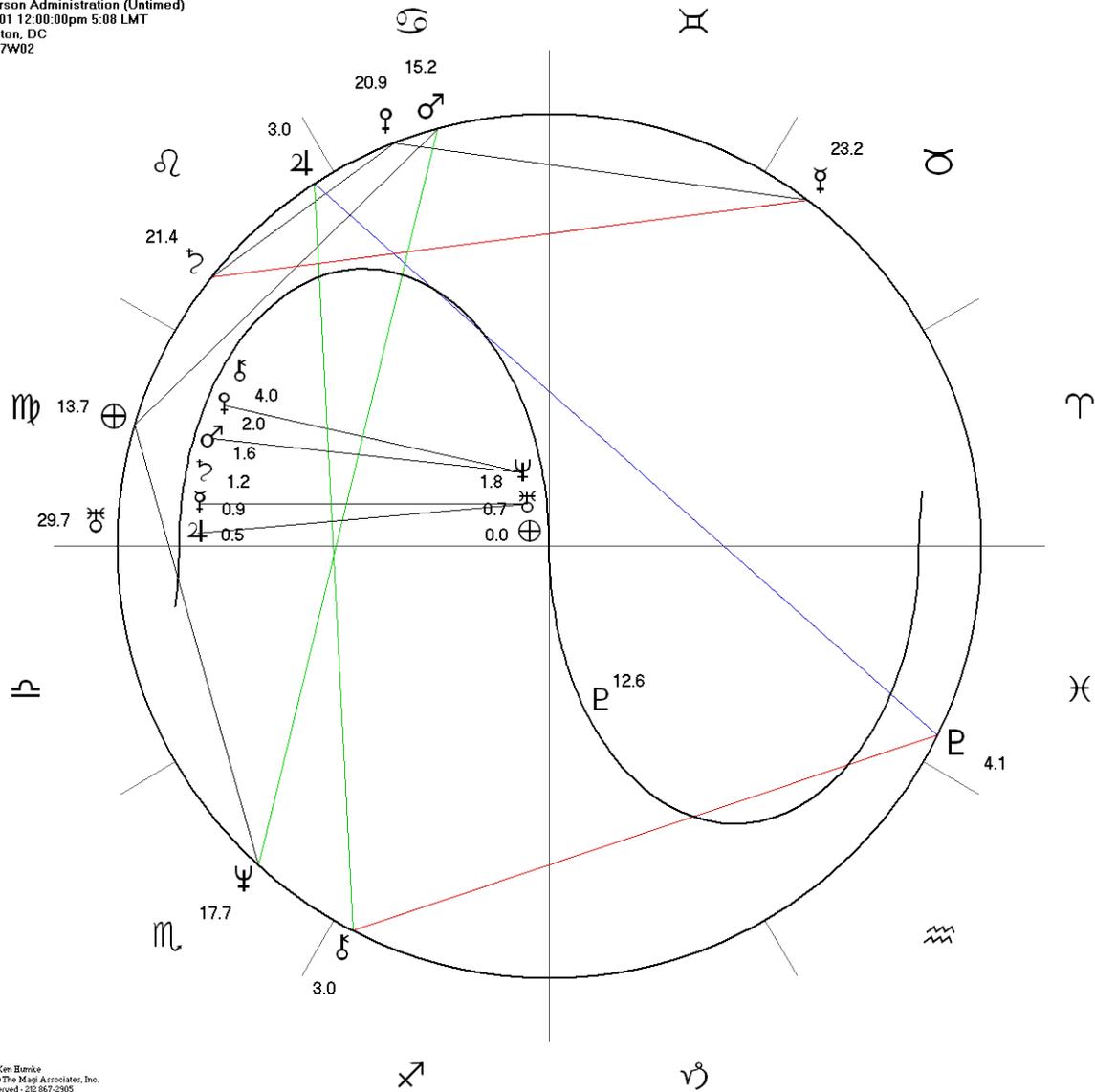
indirect; Saturn must aspect and be overtaking Jupiter to directly overpower it. But do bear in mind that either scenario is sufficient to incline any human venture to failure.

CASE STUDIES IN PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESS & CALAMITY

With the above information as key, it is now appropriate to examine some of the cases that so clearly illustrate our point about how the sky on inauguration day sets a new presidential administration on a trajectory to either success or failure. We wish first to emphasize that this proves true when the variable of the president himself is controlled for, and we place in evidence two presidents who became national icons, and who each presided over two consecutive administrations. In each instance the first term was graced by great success, and the second tarnished by economic depression. These two are Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt, respectively the third and twenty-sixth presidents, whose likenesses today share Mount Rushmore with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will consider first the case of Jefferson.

First Jefferson Administration

Thomas Jefferson's first term of office (March 4, 1801) saw a turning point in American history that decisively launched the nation toward domination of the North American continent and along with it a guaranteed position among the world's premier economic and military powers. This was the Louisiana Purchase, which obtained from France title to a portion of North America sufficient in one fell swoop to double the territorial size of the fledgling United States. This transaction, signed in Paris on May 2, 1803, retroactively effective as of April 30, 1803 and ratified by the U.S. Senate on Oct. 20, 1803, also relieved the nation of any potential military threat from Napoleonic France and set a precedent of a whole other kind in the process. It marked not only the largest single permanent land transfer between two nations, but did so without shedding a single drop of blood, at a cost of about 3 cents an acre. The subsequent Lewis & Clark Expedition, which mapped the new territory and continued on to lay claim to lands all the way to the Pacific, opened the door to transcontinental settlement and the building of the United States that we know today. The chart of this most blessed administration is presented here, as all of our examples in this study will be, in both the geocentric and heliocentric dimensions:



An examination of these two graphics is most instructive as to how Jupiter and Saturn, and the progressions that they do or don't make, drive the fortunes of the nation during the term of an administration. The efficacy of the progressions especially stands out here. Note that in the geocentric chart, Saturn makes turbulent aspects in both sub-dimensions (a square and a contra-parallel – remember that Saturn contra-parallels are turbulent while all others are enhancements) to the financial planet specifically associated with long-term security and with real estate and anything extracted from the ground, that being Neptune. At first glance, this doesn't look good at all, but a closer look shows that in both instances Saturn is separating from Neptune by progression, and its distance from the Sun ensures that it would not reverse direction during the four-year term of the administration. That means that compared to aspects that do make progressions, these two have no teeth.

There is a Super Success Aspect (Jupiter contra-parallel Pluto) in this chart, which considering the administration's accomplishments is no great surprise, and also a Venus-Uranus bi-directional quincunx, but only the latter forms a progression. What this shows is that the

determining factors in this case were not to be found in the geocentric chart, which therefore turns our attention to the heliocentric chart. And it is there that Jupiter's aspects and progressions tell the tale. Jupiter, Pluto and Chiron are synchronized in an isosceles triangle configuration, what we call a Magi Triangle, with Jupiter enhancing and applying to both of the other bodies. The trine to Chiron was exact in the evening of inauguration day, with only an 8.4-hour time orb from noon, the time when inaugurations customarily take place and for which this chart (and all others in this study unless otherwise noted) is set. The power (Pluto) and the glory (Chiron) of the United States were vastly enhanced by what the first Jefferson administration accomplished through this breathtaking peaceful territorial expansion. (Having Jupiter parallel Uranus with both planets making progressions doesn't do any harm in the glory department either.) The Venus-Neptune parallel adds to the favorable picture and denotes the nature of the aggrandizement, but both are separating so there is no progression, whereas Jupiter makes enhancement progressions to both Chiron and Pluto. (It should be noted here that all Jupiter quincunxes are enhancements regardless of the direction of planetary motion so long as Saturn is not the other body.)

Second Jefferson Administration

Jefferson's second administration was nearly as disastrous as the first was blessed. We say nearly, because he still found his way onto Mount Rushmore despite this disaster. For comparison purposes, we know of no groundswell of sentiment to have Herbert Hoover join him there, and it is an apt comparison, because Jefferson is unique among American presidents for directly causing a devastating economic depression during his tenure by bad policy decisions. An examination of how this came about, along with reference to the chart of his second administration during which most of these bad decisions were made and implemented, is both enlightening and sobering.

Fundamental to what could best be called Thomas Jefferson's political psychology was an aversion to despotic government carried to an extreme that seems now to have been nearly paranoid. The rise of Napoleon in France from the ashes of the revolution that Jefferson had at first hailed had served to inspire in him exactly the opposite reaction from what would have been expected of most leaders. Rather than accelerate defense preparations to ward off the threat posed by the Napoleonic Wars in Europe, Jefferson recoiled at the thought that American military officers might take a page from Bonaparte and seize power by force. In his mind a strong military would put the means to do so in their hands, whereas a weak army and navy would best safeguard citizens' freedoms from any such threat. He saw state militias as the optimal solution, as they would be comprised of citizen rather than professional soldiers and would be in each case answerable to the government of their respective states rather than the federal government except during time of war. It was with this in mind that the Second Amendment authorizing the public to be armed was added to the Constitution; Jefferson was far from alone among the founding fathers in his desire to safeguard the citizenry from despotic governance whether of foreign or domestic origin. The militia solution, however, worked better in theory than in practice.

(In deference to their independence from the federal government, the state militias of that era were not required to meet U.S. Army standards of organization, equipment, military competence and professionalism, as are their contemporary National Guard successors. During the subsequent War of 1812, the militias proved to be so ill-trained, undisciplined and

incompetently commanded by mostly political appointees as to be in many cases more of a military liability than an asset. The caliber of today's formidable National Guard units and their highly professional soldiers is the polar opposite of that of their early militia forebears.)

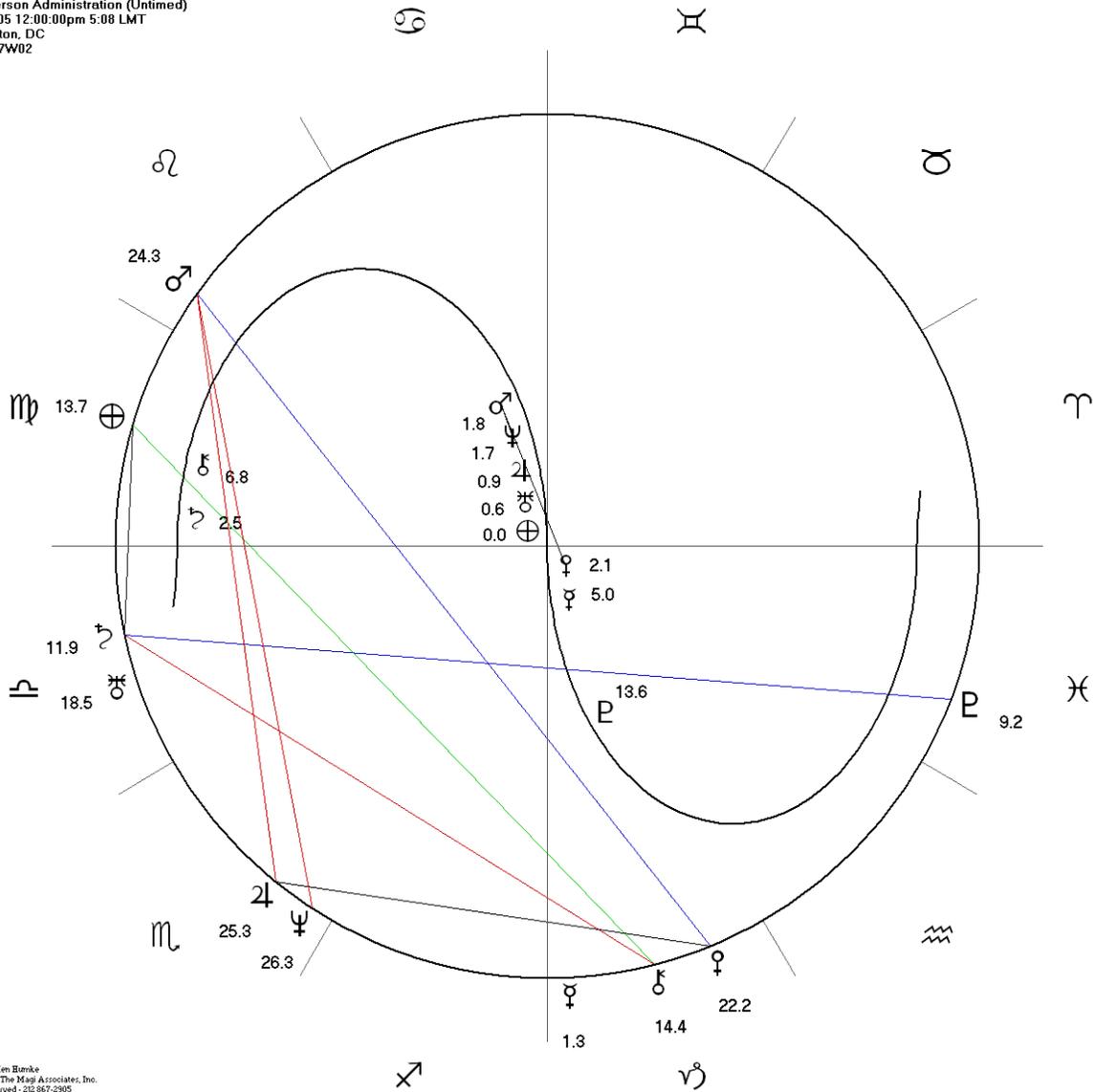
The United States economy, then even more than now, was dependent for its wellbeing on healthy foreign trade. The warring powers Britain and France sought to deny the benefit of this trade to each other, with the side effect that it would also be of necessity denied to the United States. The British, with incontestable naval supremacy over France following their decisive victory at the Battle of Trafalgar (off the Spanish coast, Oct. 21, 1805), became the primary bullies with which the United States had to contend. This situation steadily worsened throughout both of Jefferson's terms and finally culminated in the War of 1812 during the tenure of his successor, James Madison.

Without the powerful blue-water navy that America would have acquired if Jefferson had continued and expanded upon the naval policies of his predecessors George Washington and John Adams, the nation was helpless to stand up to British interference with its seagoing commerce, including impressment of American sailors into the British navy. For this purpose, and for purposes of power projection in general, militias as they were then constituted were simply irrelevant. Having deprived himself of any effective military means to safeguard vital national interests, Jefferson cast about for an alternative, and thought that he had found it in commerce itself. The lesson that he was subsequently taught about the perils of using trade as an instrument of war in lieu of an effective navy cost the nation horrendously.

Jefferson's "solution" to his self-inflicted dilemma was the Embargo Act of 1807, passed by Congress on Dec. 22nd of that year. This act closed all U.S. ports to *any* export shipping in either American or foreign vessels, and imports from Britain were restricted. Jefferson reasoned that by depriving the belligerent nations of American goods he could so damage their economies that they would be obliged to see things his way, and in fact this loss of trade certainly did them no good. However, it totally devastated the U.S. merchant shipping industry, and did so immediately, whereas the European powers were immune to feeling it at all until they had exhausted what was already in the pipeline, and their merchants had the pretext they needed to make a killing by raising prices on what remained. Moreover, American agriculture, at the time the backbone of the economy and employing about 90% of the workforce, was sandbagged by the loss of crucial foreign markets. As to what this meant in human terms, bear in mind that what is now called the "social safety net" for the unemployed and destitute didn't even begin to be woven until Franklin D. Roosevelt's first term (March 4, 1933) in response to the Great Depression of the 20th century.

This policy remained in force until March 1, 1809, three days before Jefferson retired from the presidency to be succeeded by Madison. On that day the United States adopted the Non-intercourse Act, which lifted the trade embargo on nations other than Britain and France but did nothing to resolve the problems with those two super-powers of the day. Such are the perils in international politics of a trade policy of, "If you don't play nice, I'm going to take my marbles and go home."

The question naturally arises from all of this as to what could have inspired a man widely recognized as a true genius, and one who had been so wildly successful in his first term as president, to follow such a disastrous course in his second term. And just as naturally, Magi Astrology reveals the answer to that question, that being found in the chart of the second Jefferson administration:



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Any review of this chart needs to begin with a reprise of one of two excruciatingly relevant planetary interpretations published in the Magi Society's third book, *Magi Astrology: The Key to Success in Love and Money*. The first of those is **Sun and Saturn** (pp. 327-8), and for our purposes here, everything that applies to the Sun in the geocentric chart applies also to the Earth in the heliocentric chart:

Electional Aspect in Matters of Love and Money: Both the enhancement and the Turbulent Aspects are among the worst aspect times for anything to do with love and money; fortunately, they do not last long [*except for the Saturn-Earth parallel], so it is [usually] easy to bide your time and bypass such aspects. Both aspects are a sign of self-destructiveness unique to the Saturn-Sun aspect. Marriages and businesses with any Sun-Saturn aspect are most likely to blow up from internal causes. *This is singularly the worst aspect to have for any endeavor.* Success can come, but at a great price and is rarely

enduring. The more likely outcome is that Saturn somehow makes a relationship or business highly susceptible to disruptions and crises that are rooted primarily from within.

The critical thing to keep in mind when reading this passage in our present context is that while we presented it in the book specifically as it applies to love and money, *this planetary combination functions no differently at all when natalized in any other context apart from a personal natal chart. For our purposes here this specifically includes the inception of a presidential administration.* However, what we did not include in the book, because it was written especially to introduce the public to these concepts and needed not to get into too much complexity, is that the progressions are in all instances key. And while we are on record that applying aspects are more powerful than separating ones, *all* aspects are applying to whatever extent they form progressions, of which the most important are those made by Jupiter and Saturn, which are respectively the best and the worst that it is possible to have. Thus a double-direct aspect of Saturn and a faster body, for example the Earth in the heliocentric chart, is actually much worse if the faster planet is separating and therefore Saturn is applying by progressed transit than if the faster planet is applying and Saturn separating. Likewise, the same aspect formed by Jupiter and the Earth is much better if the Earth is separating and therefore Jupiter is applying by progressed transit than if the Earth is applying and Jupiter separating. However, in all cases any given aspect with a smaller orb in either time or distance has greater power than with a larger orb, other things being equal.

With the above concept in mind, let us now look at what Saturn is doing in this chart, and the first thing that we see in the geocentric graphic is Saturn and the Sun in an applying quincunx aspect. Remember that *all* Saturn quincunxes – and only Saturn quincunxes – are turbulent. As with all quincunxes of the Sun apart from those involving the Moon, with which we are not here concerned, this one is bi-directional, meaning that Saturn and the Sun are applying to each other – most critically, Saturn to the Sun. Moreover, there are no redeeming Jupiter influences on either of these bodies to take the bite out of this aspect. Given that this is so, *this aspect overrides in importance all of the beneficial aspects to be found elsewhere in the chart*, for example the Jupiter-Pluto, Sun-Uranus and triple Mercury-Chiron-Venus parallels and the Mercury-Venus-Uranus conjuncted trine.

Turning for help to the heliocentric chart, we find an even worse situation. Here Saturn is synchronized with the Earth by semi-sextile and Chiron by square and is applying to both by progressed transit, and in the case of Chiron by progressed alignment as well. This entirely overpowers what would otherwise be the considerable benefits of the Earth-Chiron trine. Remember, *any* Saturn aspect to the Sun or Earth is very unfavorable, and when Saturn makes a progression to either, the ill effects are simply prohibitive barring an overriding Jupiter aspect that makes a stronger progression. Now to complete the appalling picture that this chart paints, consider what we wrote in our *Love & Money* book about **Saturn-Chiron** (p. 303):

***Electional Aspect in Matters of Business: Turbulent* – this is one of the worst activations to have for business matters; avoid natalizing this aspect under any circumstances.**

While this aspect is by no means any better as an electional aspect in matters of love, we use the business interpretation here as being most analogous to its usage in the chart of a political entity such as a presidential administration. Taken together with the Earth-Saturn aspect, this

one completely overpowers the benefits of the favorable aspects (i.e. Jupiter conjunct Neptune) and along with the Saturn-Sun quincunx in the geocentric chart reveals an administration astrologically hardwired for catastrophic failure. This stands in perfect counterpoint to the same president's previous administration having been similarly hardwired for outstanding success.

First Theodore Roosevelt Administration

The two administrations of the second president to be considered in this study, who served exactly a century after the first one, paint a similar though less stark picture compared with those of the first. Once again a magnificently world-changing first term was followed by a second term soured by economic depression. However, in this instance the president himself at least didn't sign the depression into law with his own pen. Moreover, the single most monumental event of the first term was the result of an exclusively private rather than public initiative. Another significant difference is that the first term in this instance was occasioned by tragedy, the assassination of William McKinley, which unexpectedly catapulted his vice-president, Theodore Roosevelt, into the White House. TR took the oath of office for his first term on Sept. 14, 1901 at 3:32 PM EST in Buffalo, NY.

That the world-changing event referred to above occurred on TR's watch was a matter of serendipitous happenstance – except that the extraordinary good fortune attendant to it was anticipated in the oath of office chart, as we shall presently see. That event was the Wright brothers' first powered flight of a manned aircraft (Dec. 17, 1903). That this achievement was the work of Americans in the United States not only foretold how the whole world would change, and become vastly more accessible to people the world over. It was also entirely consistent with America becoming the world's preeminent military power in the following years in large part due to the development of military aviation and subsequently aerospace technologies. All of that started just over 100 years ago as this is written, during TR's first presidency.

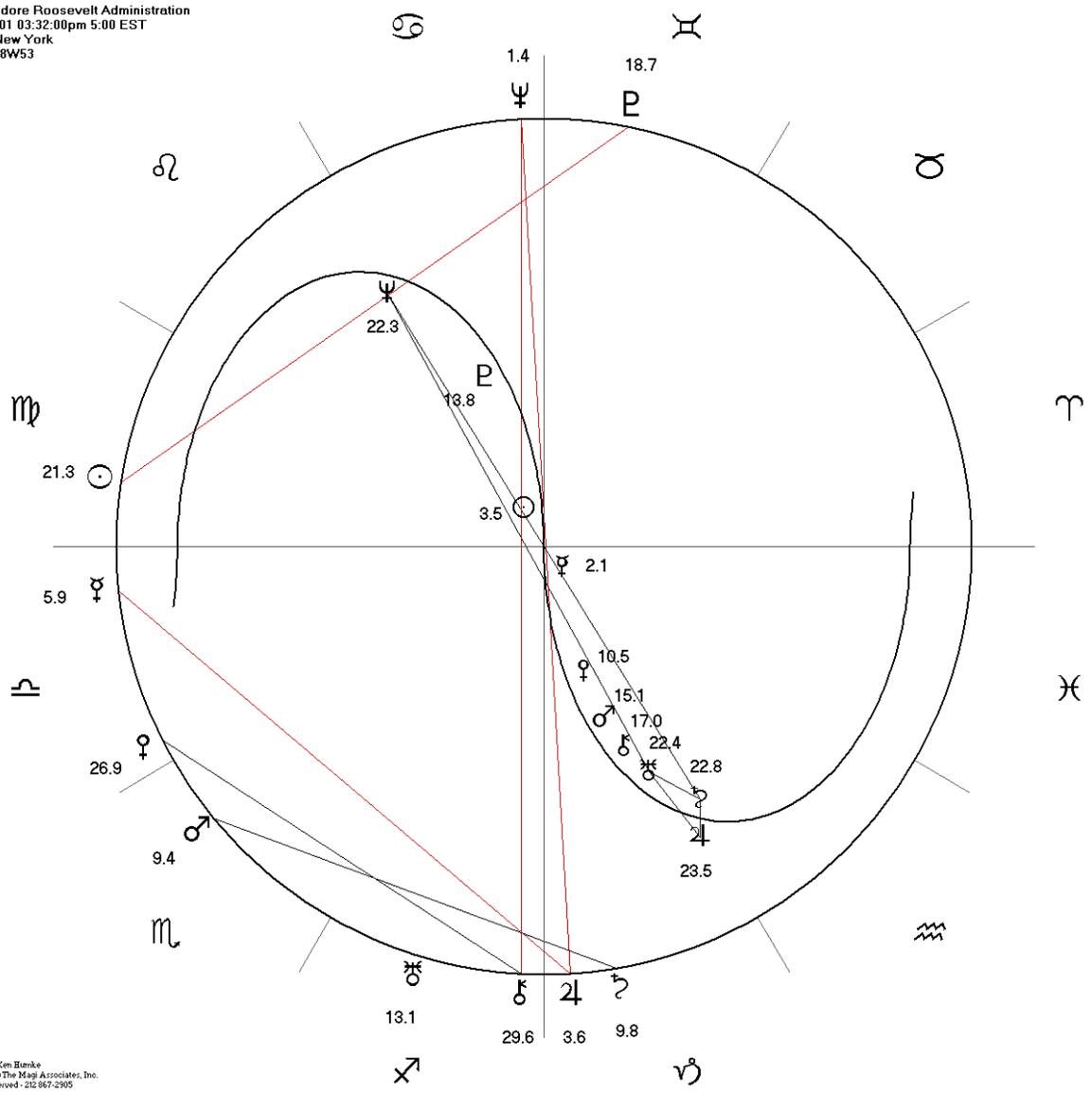
A second event of great consequence likewise unfolded during this administration, and this one TR was up to his neck in, that being the acquisition of the Panama Canal Zone and the start of construction on the canal itself, although it didn't actually open until Aug. 15, 1914, during Woodrow Wilson's first administration. Control over the canal would subsequently have a strategic value as great as if the size of the U.S. fleet had been doubled during the critical years of WWII. Speaking of which, it was under TR, beginning in his first term, that the United States established the policy of building a navy powerful enough to project power massively anywhere around the world and to crush any invasion threat long before it ever reached the nation's shores (the exact reverse of Jefferson's folly in this respect). This policy reached fruition during the Harding administration (March 4, 1921) a generation later when Britain legally accepted naval parity with the United States in the Washington Naval Limitation Treaty (Feb. 6, 1922) – except that because the American fleet was overall newer and therefore more modern, this actually left the U.S. with the world's most potent navy, which has been the case ever since. Taken together with the development of aviation, these initiatives overturned the existing world order virtually to the same extent as the Louisiana Purchase a century earlier and the consequent opening of the American west to settlement and nation building.

TR's first term saw a decisive internal transformation set into motion in the United States as well. This administration saw the first government regulation of businesses engaged in interstate commerce (the Bureau of Corporations) and initiated a policy of enforcing the formerly

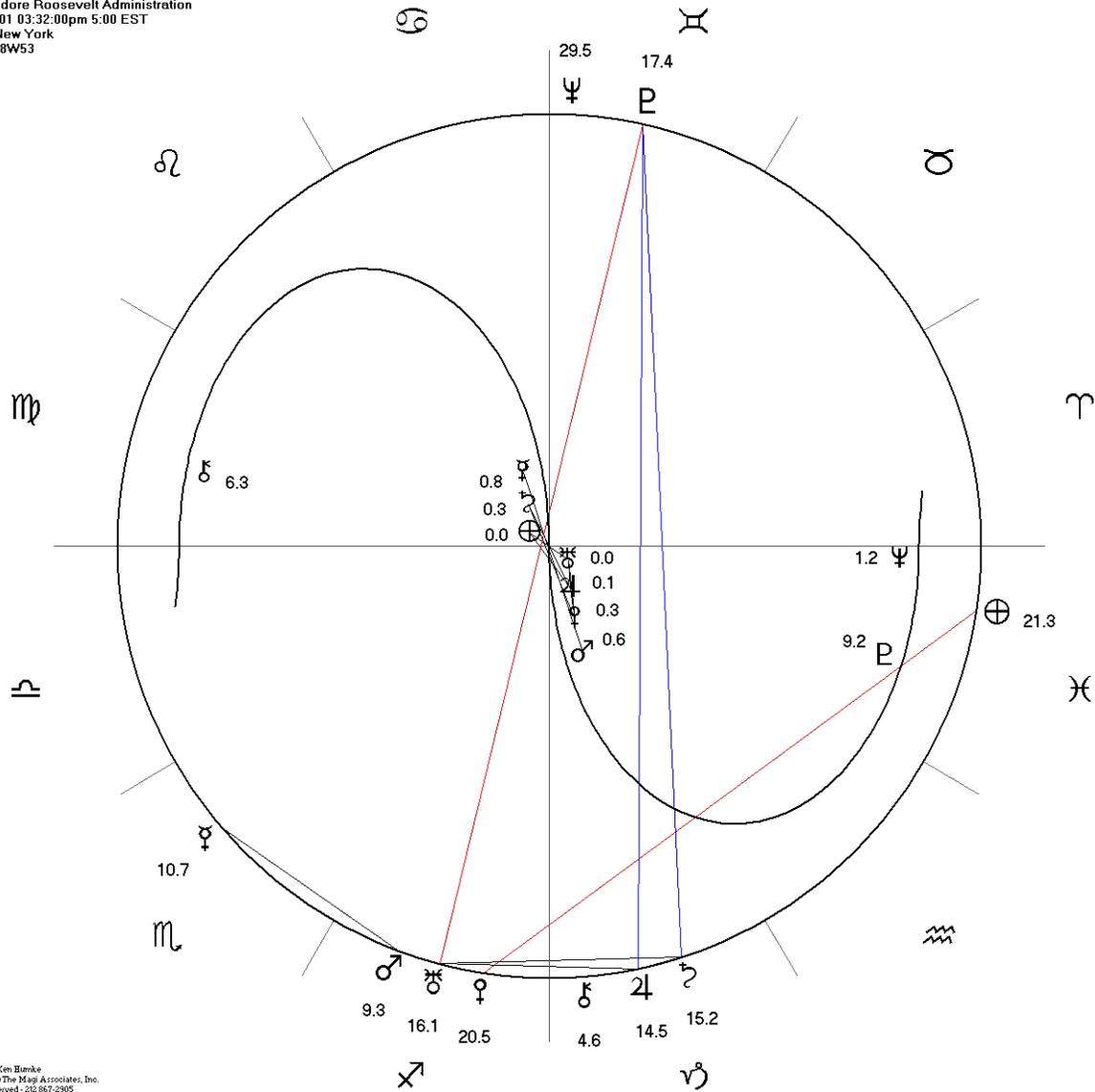
unenforced Sherman Antitrust Act (July 2, 1890) with lawsuits to break up predatory, anti-competitive business monopolies. In 1902, for the first time the government intervened to constructively and fairly resolve a labor dispute, with TR threatening to send the army to operate the nation's coal mines to end an industry-wide strike that threatened to leave the country without heat or energy for manufacturing & transportation during the winter. The result was an arbitration agreement signed off on by both sides that set a precedent for subsequent industrial labor relations and government mediation of disputes on behalf of the public interest.

These actions set a precedent for major accomplishments in the second term in expanding regulation of interstate commerce (empowerment of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate railroad freight rates) and enacting the first consumer protection laws. (These were the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act, both signed into law on June 30, 1906, marking the inception of the Food & Drug Administration as a law enforcement agency.) Environmental protection and resource conservation became a high-priority government policy for the first time; by the end of Roosevelt's second term the amount of land safeguarded in national parks and forests was about six times that when he took office. And this was for the most part accomplished over the vehement objections of the insatiably power-hungry, greedy and corrupt politico-economic elite of the time, for whom the government had previously been a lapdog. So how did such success fall into TR's lap? Well, he did go way out of his way to make it happen, but the sky under which he took office was on his side and empowered him to actually do it, as shown here:

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This chart is an excellent illustration of the decisive influence that Jupiter-Saturn aspects can have over the outcome when something very important is natalized. In the geocentric chart there is a Jupiter-Saturn-Uranus triple parallel, with Saturn separating from Uranus and applying to Jupiter while Jupiter is separating from both. Saturn and Uranus also aspect Neptune by contra-parallel – a clash aspect in the case of Saturn. To the unskilled eye all of this looks like bad news, but a closer look tells a different story. Saturn and Neptune are separating from each other so there is no progression, while the apparent progression of Saturn to Jupiter is in fact not there. The reason for this is that at 22.8 degrees declination, Saturn is at the limit of its range, while Jupiter is Exdek, where Saturn never goes. As a consequence the progression of Saturn to Jupiter is never completed, nor even pursued significantly beyond its natal orb before Saturn reverses direction. However, Jupiter does reverse direction and eventually – in 83.4 years by transit and 103.5 years by alignment – would complete progressions to Saturn. The net result of this is in no way bad at all (to say the least), and is perfectly consistent with the outcome of this

magnificently successful administration, which continues to bear sweet fruit to this day as explained above.

The real story of this administration, however, is told in the heliocentric chart, where there is intense action in both the longitudes and the latitudes. There are two very beneficial triple parallels, Venus-Jupiter-Uranus and Earth-Jupiter-Uranus, along with an extremely explosive Magi Pyramid comprised of Jupiter parallel Venus both contra-latitude Saturn. Jupiter is applying to Venus by progressed transit, while Saturn is applying to both Jupiter and Venus and Jupiter and Venus are applying to Saturn by both progressed alignment and progressed transit. What makes this configuration so explosive is that the Venus and Jupiter aspects with Saturn are contra-latitudes. This type of aspect is unique among all others for its portent to the world as a whole because any time such an aspect is applying, the midpoint of the aspected bodies applies in a parallel aspect to the Earth, culminating at the same moment as the contra-latitude aspect.

What makes this so special and so portentous is the position of the Earth in latitude. Because latitude is measured from the ecliptic, which is the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun, it is in effect measured from the Earth. That means that the Earth occupies the 0-degree position in latitude in *all* charts, and therefore any time a planet or midpoint crosses the ecliptic it not only parallels the Earth in the heliocentric sky, it makes a simultaneous parallel transit to the Earth in all charts of individuals and other natalized entities – it is what we call a Universal Transit. And that is what the Jupiter-Saturn and Venus-Saturn midpoints are doing here. While as noted the planetary crossings of the Ecliptic also create Universal Transits, the midpoint crossings of the Earth created by contra-latitude aspects are even more significant because they involve combined rather than unitary planetary influences. And in this instance the Jupiter-Saturn combined influence is key because of its unique nature.

The Magi Society is on record that Jupiter overpowers Saturn when the two collide and that is generally true; because Jupiter is the more powerful body it has the advantage over Saturn when the two are applying to each other. However, this does not work the same in the case of the two planetary influences combining in their midpoint, which bears much more the character of Saturn than of Jupiter. The reason for this is not difficult to fathom once one considers one of the crucial symbolisms of Jupiter, that being peace. Because of the intrinsically antithetical character of these two bodies, what their combined influences create in their midpoint is an irreconcilable clash. In very simplistic terms, the eternal war between Good and Evil long debated by philosophers and theologians is functionally embodied in this midpoint, and when that midpoint crosses the Earth in latitude, it brings that war in one form or another to the whole world. Therefore by definition there is no peace to be found in this midpoint; moreover all wars necessarily carry the side effects of casualties, suffering and loss – in a word tragedy, which is symbolized by Saturn. And when something such as a marriage, a business – or a presidential administration – is natalized under the Jupiter/Saturn midpoint crossing to the Earth, it is hardwired for tragedy as surely as if Saturn were applying in aspect to the Earth.

Having established this, how then do we account for the enduring success of TR's first presidency echoing down through the generations as it has, and how does this tremendously adverse influence play out? The answer to the first part of this question is simple: There is yet another Jupiter-Saturn aspect in this chart, and it is decisive, that being the conjunction of these two bodies in heliocentric longitude. Here Jupiter is overtaking and thereby overpowering Saturn exactly as the principles of Magi Astrology stipulate. And while the Jupiter/Saturn midpoint crossing to the Earth also holds decisive sway over the entity that was created by this

oath of office, its fingerprints are to be found on its very inception rather than its results. Remember that this administration was literally born of tragedy, with Theodore Roosevelt assuming the presidency upon the death by assassination of his predecessor, William McKinley.

Virtually all those old enough to remember this horrific national trauma are now dead, but there are still many of us who know all too well what such an event does to the nation's soul because we lived through the same thing with the assassination of John F. Kennedy 40 years ago. Cynics have long said that nations have no friends, only interests, but those of us who were old enough at the time to remember can attest that they do have hearts – and those hearts are as subject to being broken by great tragedy as any individual's, as we all discovered in a different way on Sept. 11, 2001. And that is how TR's first administration came into existence.

Having thus accounted for the adversity shown in the Jupiter/Saturn-Earth midpoint crossing, the other important aspects just as readily tell us about the wonderful fruits that issued from this presidency. An aspect that stands out in sharp relief in the geocentric chart is the singleton square of the Sun and Pluto with Pluto applying to the Sun by progressed transit. What we wrote about the turbulent aspect of these two bodies in *Love & Money* (p. 331) will doubtless come to mind for anyone who has read it:

Electional Aspect for Matters of Money: Turbulent – very few business charts with this Turbulent Aspect have noteworthy success. It tends to create an inability to compete, along with unwitting self-destruction. Under no circumstances should you initiate a business venture with this aspect.

On top of this there is the heliocentric Saturn-Pluto quincunx (we also wrote a strongly cautionary interpretation in the book regarding both enhancement and turbulent Saturn-Pluto aspects in both love and money-related electional charts), with Saturn applying to Pluto by both progressed alignment and progressed transit, and to Uranus, which is opposition Pluto, by semi-sextile. This all looks horrible, and it would be but for the aspects of heliocentric Jupiter, which is synchronized in longitude with both Pluto and Uranus in the same way as Saturn and is applying to all of the other synchronized bodies in both types of progression. Here we see demonstrated Jupiter's power in such a planetary synchronization. It also perfectly spells out how the administration's important accomplishments came about.

The conflict of the first TR administration with the business monopolies of the time fits very nicely with the Sun-Pluto square, the Sun here representing the administration and Pluto the monopolies. The heliocentric Saturn-Pluto quincunx suggests that the administration would take actions that would be destructive not only of the predatory monopolies but of big business in general. However, with Jupiter enhancing Pluto while applying to Saturn by conjunction and thus overpowering it, this non-consensual government surgery on the economic centers of power (Pluto) proved to be a great blessing (ruled by Jupiter). Simply put, the forced breakups of the monopolies restored to the American capitalist economy the virtues and benefits of free and fair competition.

The effected corporations were not shut down; their important components were simply divided up so as to become independent of one another with control spread among many more hands, obliging them to improve their products and services and the delivery of the same, and to improve their efficiency in order to compete successfully. The only losers were the robber barons, and because they were compensated for their holdings when they were obliged to sell rather than having them confiscated, even they weren't really victims in any meaningful sense,

while their disempowerment in this way greatly empowered the nation as a whole. Which, by the way, is the essence of what we have here described in the above passage as being the lasting overall legacy of this presidency.

The applying Jupiter enhancement of Pluto fosters this national empowerment on every level described above, while the parallel of Jupiter applying to Venus tells us of the administration's commitment to enforcing honesty and fair play in the nation's economic life – remember that Venus, like Pluto, is a financial planet. We can also find in Jupiter's pending reversal of direction in declination to apply to Neptune in a contra-parallel aspect this administration's legacy of resource conservation and consumer protection regarding food and drugs – bear in mind that everything that comes from the Earth, along with medicine, is symbolized by Neptune. In short, this oath of office chart is a breathtaking representation both of what this administration did for America and of the tragedy from which it arose – and of the great good that can be accomplished when Jupiter directly overpowers Saturn in such a chart.

Second Theodore Roosevelt Administration

Given the extraordinary success of Theodore Roosevelt's first administration, and the momentum it generated for further accomplishment in the second, the obvious question is, what went wrong? Well, the short answer is the whole enterprise right from the beginning. TR himself gets operational credit for that, by way of his announcement in his inaugural address (there wasn't one the first time around because of the circumstances) that he would not seek reelection. No better procedure could be manufactured for a president to morph into a lame duck on his first day in office. Of course, the Constitution has since been amended to do that for all second-term presidents, but that wasn't the case in 1905; then it was TR who did the "honor" unto himself. His political adversaries were thus apprised that they had nothing to fear from him if they could just hang on and ride the storm out for the next four years. This was something that he would live to regret.

Of course in the larger sense TR was merely acting out the predispositions intrinsic to the chart of his second administration, and he continued to do so in concert with events all the way through it. These events likewise can be readily demonstrated to have been consistent with those same inaugural chart predispositions. What they have in common is that they were in their own way as unfortunate as the great accomplishments achieved or set in motion during the first term were dazzling. What could be considered a negative second-term corollary to the inception of aeronautics in the first was the huge earthquake and resulting fire that destroyed most of San Francisco (April 18, 1906). TR had as much personally to do with this act of nature as with the Wright brothers' enterprise, i.e. nothing, but it happened on his watch and he had to deal with the fallout. This event of course had a very adverse ripple economic effect far beyond the devastated region as a result of the immense insurance claims and reconstruction costs soaking up liquidity in the financial markets.

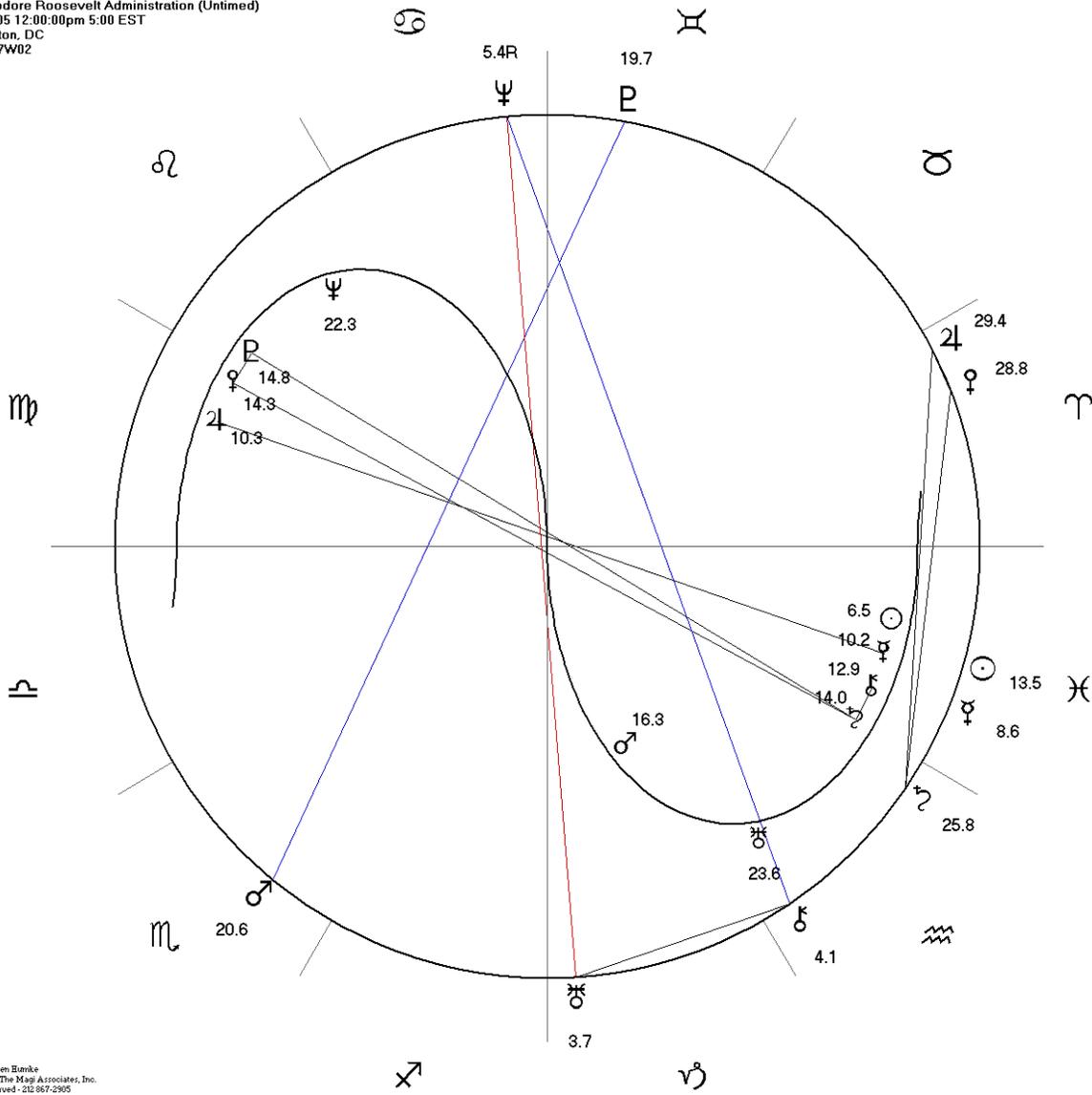
Speaking of the financial markets, the worst of the adverse events besetting TR's second administration was the economic depression that accompanied the Financial Panic of 1907. In this connection please bear in mind what we wrote above about the social safety net for the unemployed and destitute beginning to be woven only during the first term of TR's cousin FDR, more than a quarter-century later. A declining stock market that lasted into November (bottoming on the 15th following a 39% loss by the DJIA) and attendant recession ensued beginning on March 13, 1907. Then when a Wall Street stock speculation scheme unraveled on

Oct. 16, 1907, it triggered a domino effect over the next several days among New York financial institutions subjected to a run on deposits that left the banks with no money to lend. Those investors and institutions that as a result couldn't borrow to cover obligations in excess of their cash resources went under, and only the most aggressive efforts of the financial leadership of the time (principally J. P. Morgan) in concert with the federal, New York State and city governments averted a systemic collapse.

Apart from the body blow to the economy from these events, the fallout included a political food fight between Roosevelt and his detractors among the business community and their political allies over whether his increased regulation of big business or their unethical and predatory business practices were to blame for the crisis. This bitter recrimination orgy didn't really subside for the balance of his presidency. TR's Republican party became literally estranged from itself as a consequence of the fundamental ideological conflict between the reformist wing led by the president, and the much less publicly popular archconservative, big business-supported faction that ruled Congress. Most of the reforms that TR accomplished in his second presidency were products of executive actions that circumvented Congress, with which he had reached a nearly complete impasse, culminating a contentious relationship throughout both terms.

All of this brings us back to the question of what went wrong, and more specifically why so much ill fortune, following the glorious first term. And as noted at the beginning of this section, the chart holds the answer:

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There are other significant chart factors at work here in both dimensions, but they all do so in the context set by Saturn applying to Jupiter in the geocentric chart. Please note that Saturn is aspected in declination by contra-parallel to a Venus-Pluto parallel and by parallel to Chiron. Significantly, all three of these bodies are financial planets. And while Saturn is separating from the Venus-Pluto parallel, it is applying to Chiron, and to Venus in longitude. Regarding the economic depression of that term, Venus rules cash money and easily portable and convertible, i.e. liquid assets; a crisis of liquidity was central to the financial debacle. Likewise, Chiron rules career in a natal chart, so it isn't much of a leap to infer that in this type of chart it relates to employment; Saturn applying to Chiron in this context implies loss (Saturn) of employment (Chiron) on a national scale because this is the chart for the national administration. This makes it analogous to the chart for the reign of a king in ancient astrology; adverse aspects in such a chart bode ill for the ruler's fortunes, and by extension those of his people. Even though under the American system the President is properly servant-and-protector-in-chief rather than ruler, as stated in the opening passages of this article, this principle applies unchanged.

There is a second Jupiter-Saturn aspect in this chart, that being a heliocentric parallel, but since both planets are separating from each other it doesn't change the overall balance of power in the chart. There are some things that do point to areas of success that stem from first term initiatives. The Magi Pyramid of Jupiter parallel Neptune with both contra-latitude Mars, and Jupiter applying by progressed transit to both bodies, attests to the accomplishments of this administration through successful and well-directed (both Jupiter symbolisms) action (Mars) to enhance resource conservation and protect the natural environment, and to safeguard public health, all of which are Neptune symbolisms. This configuration also accounts for the great enhancement (Jupiter at enhancement angles) of American ability to successfully (Jupiter) wage war (Mars) at sea (Neptune) that took place during this period. And the president remained personally very popular and admired by the public, in effect a political Cinderella, shown by the applying geocentric Chiron-Neptune bi-directional quincunx. On another level, the double-direct geocentric Mars-Pluto quincunx symbolizes the militant, even bullying disposition of this administration toward poor emerging nations, particularly in Latin America. For all that though, it was the Saturn-overtaking-Jupiter sextile that drove the nation's destiny while this administration was in office.

First Conclusion

The Sky when the President takes the Oath of Office influences the effect on the nation of any presidency for better or worse more than who becomes president. If that were not so, we should not see the disparity of outcome in the two administrations of each of these presidents. There are many other cases that could have been chosen as examples, and in a book-length study it would be appropriate to present them all. However, we selected these specific administrations because of the equally striking contrast that their respective success and failure makes in each president's pairing. This is consistent with the equivalent contrast between the oath of office charts in each pairing. In cases where the astrological contrast between the charts of a multi-term president's administrations is not so stark, the administrations in question show much less variation in the national experience during each period. That of course is exactly what we would expect. For our purposes here the extreme cases take precedence because it is those that are relevant to our contention that the adversity of the constitutionally mandated 2021 inaugural sky is so extreme that it justifies a constitutional amendment to change the date. Such cases are also

the ones that are relevant to support our companion contention that a highly favorable sky on inauguration day is so beneficial to the nation that incoming administrations should be given constitutional latitude to select that day.

PRESIDENTIAL OATH OF OFFICE CHARTS AND NATIONAL CALAMITY

When the United States has in the past come closest to foreign conquest or internal collapse, it has always been prefigured in the chart of the administration in office at the time. We have for our purposes here selected the three occasions when the American nation has come closest to termination as we know it, each time in a different way. The first instance was the War of 1812; the second (obviously) was the Civil War; and the third was the Great Depression of the 1930s. The nature of the calamity that nearly overcame the nation was different on each occasion, but all are most relevant for our consideration in this context.

It will doubtless occur to many readers that World War II would be a better example than the War of 1812 as far as the threat of conquest, but that is only because so few Americans today know much about their nation's history. The fact is that apart from submarine attacks on coastal shipping, mainland America suffered only a handful of pinprick attacks during WWII and no significant damage from any; there was never at any time a credible threat of invasion of the mainland during that war. There would have been had the United States waited to confront Germany until it had defeated Britain and the Soviet Union, but it didn't and therefore no such imminent threat materialized. As we shall explain below (hopefully opening some eyes), things were a lot different in the War of 1812, which was in all respects handled far worse by the government of the time than was WWII. We will show why that was so.

The Civil War and the Great Depression have in common that the United States was in each case nearly brought down as a result of internal causes, although the Depression was of global scope and so combined internal and external factors, and severely effected the rest of the world as well. Moreover, the opening military action that broke the post-WWI peace took place during the early years of the Depression, that being the Japanese seizure of the Chinese province of Manchuria (1931). The Italian conquest of Ethiopia (1935), the full-scale Japanese invasion of China (1937) and the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) all coincided with the depression itself and prefigured the global war that finally ended it. The Spanish Civil War is especially significant in this regard because Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union turned an internal Spanish conflict into a proxy war between the two totalitarian monstrosities, foreshadowing the eventual Eastern Front bloodbath of WWII. Therefore the depression and the world war that followed are inextricably linked, and in the case of every belligerent including the United States the depression exercised a profound influence over the nation's initial relationship to the war and ultimate role in it.

The Two Madison Administrations & the War of 1812

The War of 1812 pertains to both administrations of the fourth U.S. president, James Madison (March 4, 1809 & March 4, 1813), beginning during the last year of the first and playing out over the first half of the second. While most Americans may have a vague association of that war with the national anthem, penned by an American held on board a British warship during the bombardment of Fort McHenry when the British failed in an attempt to seize

Baltimore, other events of the war are now well known mostly to historians. It would be most therapeutic for the American public to be aware of this history and why it came about. That would be a powerful motivator for the people to insist that their government make the appropriate change to the Constitution, such as we are here proposing, to prevent such things happening again.

So what kind of dire events are we talking about? Do you, the reader, know that despite the mythology that has grown up around early American history, the Vietnam War was *not* the first one that the United States lost? The War of 1812 was, and yes, you read this right, we *did* say lost. In the end, it was possible for Americans to ignore the reality of what happened because no territory permanently changed hands, and because the fighting ended with the Battle of New Orleans (Jan. 8, 1815), in which Andrew Jackson's troops mowed down much of an attacking British army at minimal cost to themselves. However, this battle was fought two weeks after the United States had signed the Treaty of Ghent (Belgium, Dec. 24, 1814), and therefore had no effect whatsoever on the outcome of the war; all the blood shed there was spilled for nothing. That the battle was fought at all was simply an artifact of transatlantic communication at that time consisting exclusively of snail mail carried on slow sailing ships. Those who fought that battle didn't know that the war was already over.

The terms of the peace treaty simply called for a return to the situation prior to the war, along with an amnesty for frontier Indian tribes that had supported Britain. What this meant was that the United States renounced every political and territorial objective for which it had gone to war in the first place. That capitulation included dropping the demand that the British end the practice of impressment of American sailors into their navy (before the war the British Royal Navy had routinely kidnapped American citizens from American ships on the high seas and forced them to serve in its fleet). The British subsequently stopped impressing Americans (not to mention their own citizens) into their naval service only because their final defeat of Napoleon, in concert with the Prussians at the Battle of Waterloo (Belgium, June 18, 1815), from their perspective eliminated the need to do so. So what induced the U.S. government to agree to such an outrageous (not to say humiliating) peace treaty? The answer is simple: military disaster.

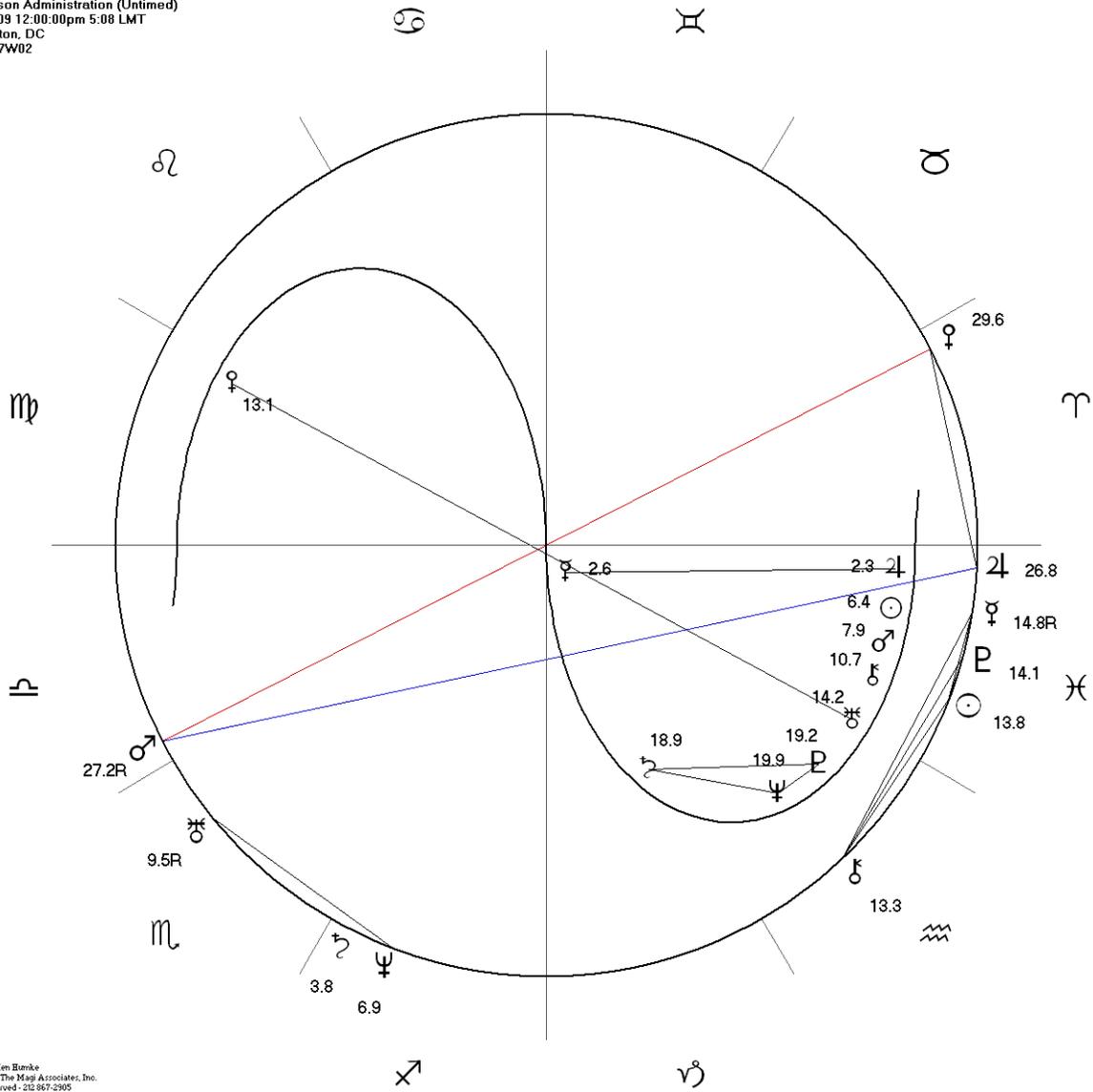
When we speak of the United States suffering military disaster in the War of 1812, we don't use the term lightly. The measure of how badly the U.S. forces fared in that war was definitively taken on Aug. 24, 1814 when a small British amphibious army (about 4,000 strong) routed about 7,500 mostly militia defenders of Washington, DC and took possession of the city, burning all of the important public buildings except for the patent office. That included both the Capitol building and the White House. Think about that. *The intended targets that the Al Qaeda terrorists failed to destroy on Sept. 11, 2001 were taken out by a small British force that simply walked in and burned them. After most of the defending force fell into disorder and ran away.* The invaders left town the next day under orders of their commanders to return to their beachhead at Benedict, MD; the American forces in the area did nothing to expel them and in fact were quite incapable of it.

The repulse of the subsequent attack on Baltimore by the same British force is justly celebrated in *The Star Spangled Banner*, but that doesn't change the fact that this was a war that was fought entirely on American territory apart from some border areas of Canada (then still a British possession) and at sea. The American attempts to invade Canada all failed, and certainly no American army even set foot in Britain, much less burned Parliament & Buckingham Palace. What kind of "victory" does this war sound like now? And the worst part is, it didn't even need to happen.

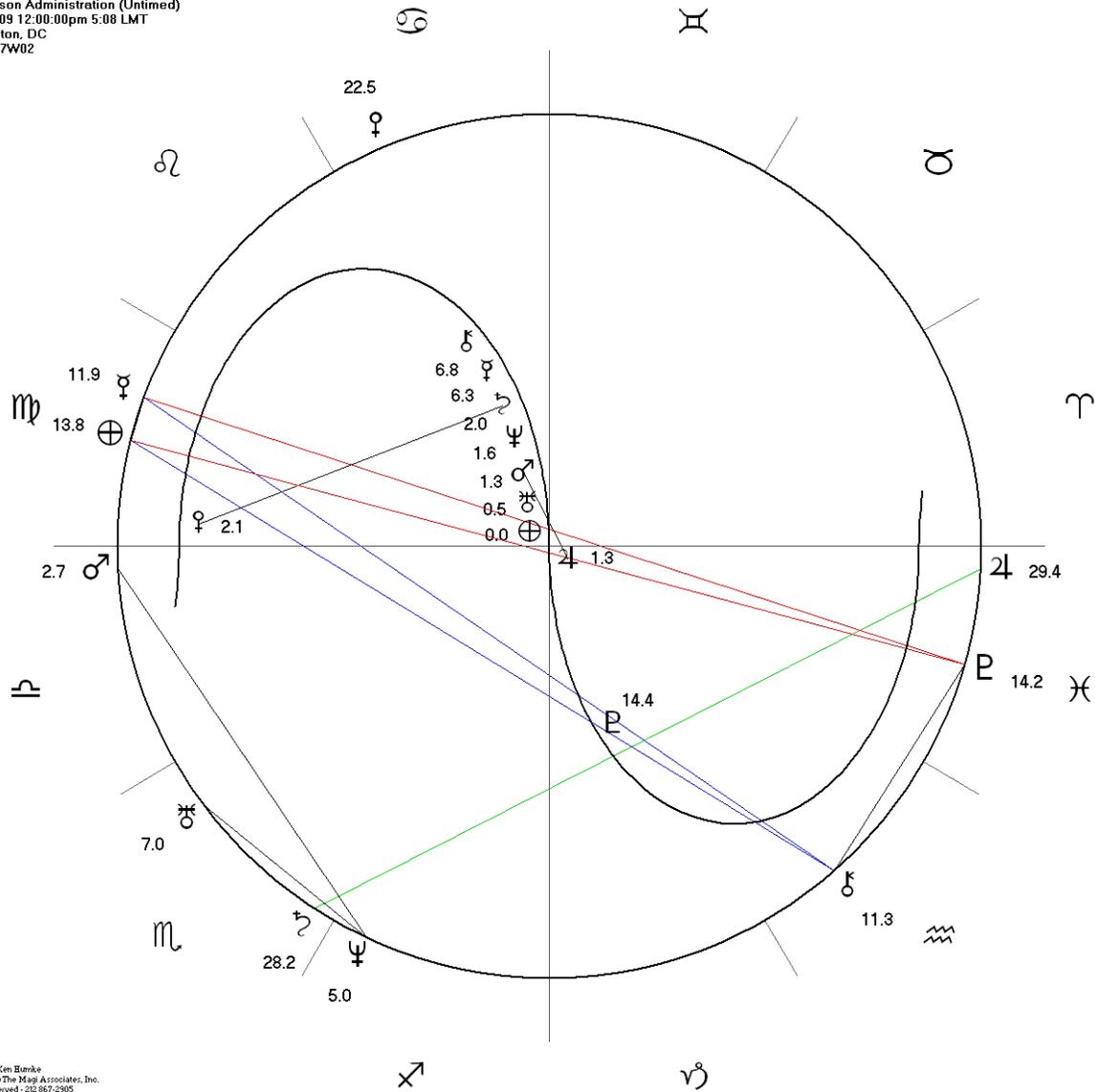
The War of 1812 resulted from the failure of the “peaceful coercion” (read economic warfare) attempts by the Jefferson & Madison administrations to redress the problems with both Britain and France. The situation came to a head when each of the belligerent countries authorized the seizure of neutral ships trading with the other power unless they complied with arbitrary search requirements and paid duties on their cargos. Each also declared neutral ships subject to seizure if they complied with the conditions set by the other belligerent. The first Madison administration had dropped the non-intercourse restrictions on these two countries that were adopted at the end of the second Jefferson administration, but resolved to reimpose them on either country if it failed to follow suit should the other drop its trade restrictions imposed on American ships trading with the other party. Napoleon made a pretense of doing so and the administration was taken in by it; when the British refused to lift their restrictive measures, Madison asked Congress for a declaration of war (June 1, 1812) and signed it on June 18, 1812. Two days before the fateful signature, Britain had belatedly lifted her trade restrictions, and when the news reached Washington the declaration of war could have been honorably rescinded, the stated reason for it having been addressed. It wasn't. Based on results, it should have been (Britain did not declare war in response until Jan. 9, 1813).

Prior to the declaration of hostilities, Congress had debated going to war for seven months, but before and during that time did nothing to provide for the military and financial resources needed to wage it. Given the token peacetime military establishment then maintained by the United States, this was literally begging for disaster. As we've already seen, that's how the nation was rewarded for this flagrant irresponsibility. So how does one account for this idiocy? Not surprisingly, the charts for the two Madison administrations (March 4, 1809 & March 4, 1813, as noted above) tell the tale all too clearly. We will begin by addressing the chart of Madison's first administration:

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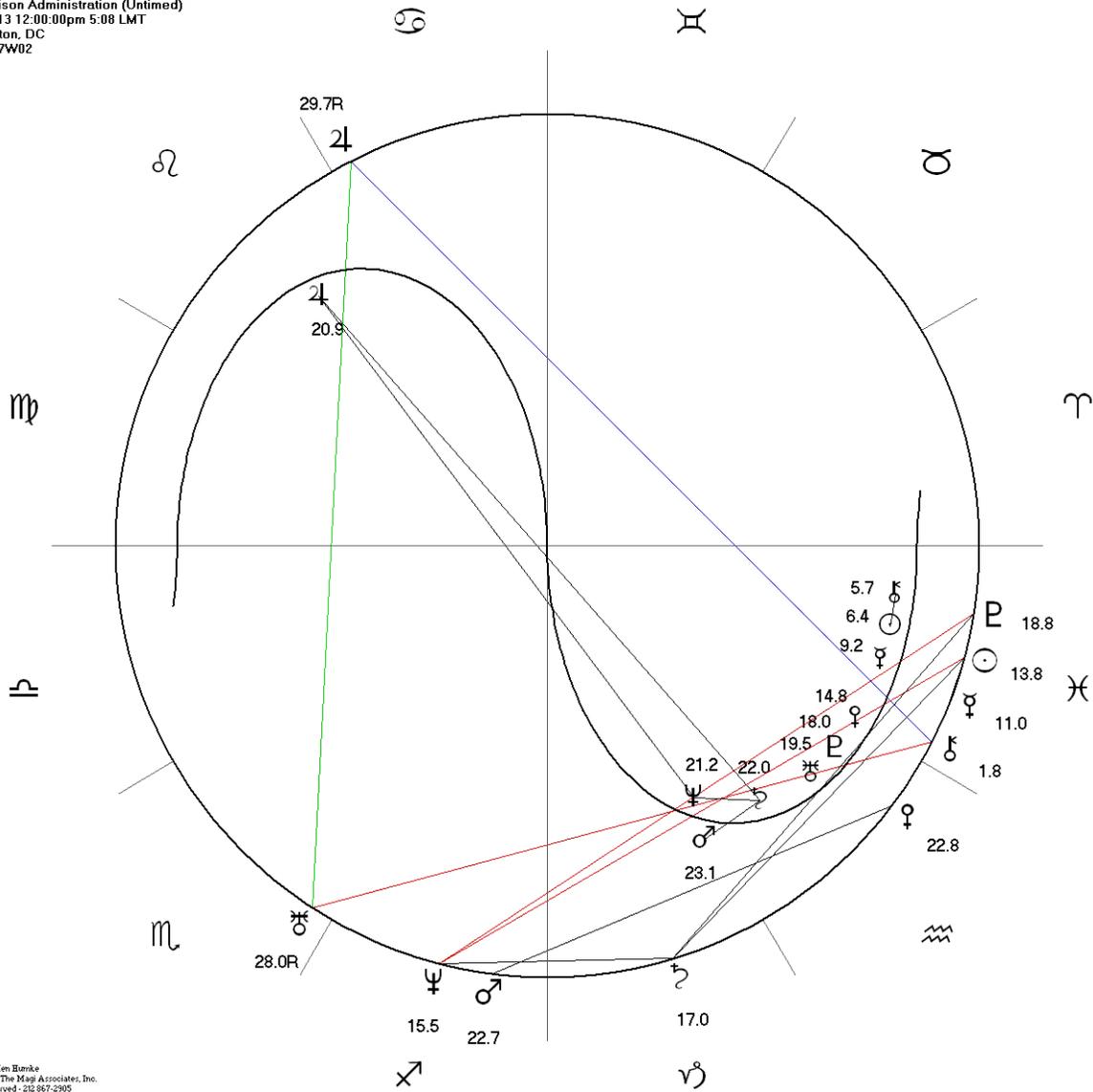
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Once again, Jupiter and Saturn tell the tale. And not at all surprisingly, Saturn holds dominion in this chart over Jupiter, the reason for that being twofold. First, in the geocentric chart, Saturn is applying by progression in a triple-parallel configuration to both Neptune and Pluto in both alignment and transit (Saturn is applying to Neptune in longitude as well, being in eclipse aspect to that planet). This we can read as loss (Saturn) of security (Neptune) and of power (Pluto). That fits the events very well, because being secure and being invaded are mutually exclusive conditions, while the powerful by definition are able to protect themselves from it. And in the heliocentric chart, Saturn is directly suppressing Jupiter's influence by applying to it in a trine by progressed transit. In this usage, that means loss (Saturn) of wisdom (Jupiter) and impairment (Saturn) of sound judgment (Jupiter). Saturn is also applying to Venus in a parallel aspect, here symbolizing denied (Saturn) victory (Venus). With this in mind, please refer to what we wrote above about the relevant American policy decisions of that period, and then consider how this interpretation of Saturn applying to Jupiter compares to those decisions and their results. Then consider how you feel, knowing this, about a future administration

making critical policy decisions on *your* behalf under this type of influence. With this to chew on, we now present the chart of the second Madison administration, during which the foolish policies of the first were brought to their disastrous fruition:

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unfortunate or misguided (both Saturn symbolisms) entity (Earth). Saturn applying to Mars implies misfortune (Saturn) in war (Mars), while applying to Neptune it denotes, as in the previous chart, loss or impairment (both Saturn symbolisms) of comfort and security (both Neptune symbolisms). It also describes the loss (Saturn) of virtually all seaborne trade (ruled by Neptune) to the wartime British blockade. On top of that, Saturn is applying in a parallel aspect by progression in both alignment and transit to Uranus, which rules independence. Because geocentric Jupiter is applying to Uranus in an enhancement aspect, the United States didn't lose its independence, but with this Saturn aspect in the picture it came closer to it than ever before or since.

The First Lincoln Administration & the War Between the States

The War Between the States has to rank as the most devastating calamity ever to befall the United States. Out of a total population at the time (including slaves in the southern and border states) of about 31.5 million, nearly 620,000 died in the war on both sides. Adjusted for population growth, an equivalent loss of life in America today would approach 5.9 million. And that's entirely apart from the physical destruction attendant to the war and the loss of economic output issuing from all the casualties and damage. The ex-Confederate states in fact did not economically begin to catch up to the rest of the country again until the Tennessee Valley Authority of the 1930s and the WWII war production boom of the '40s built a whole new economy in the region. And this was a best-case outcome once war began; the nation would necessarily have broken apart had the Southern states won, because that's what the war was fought over.

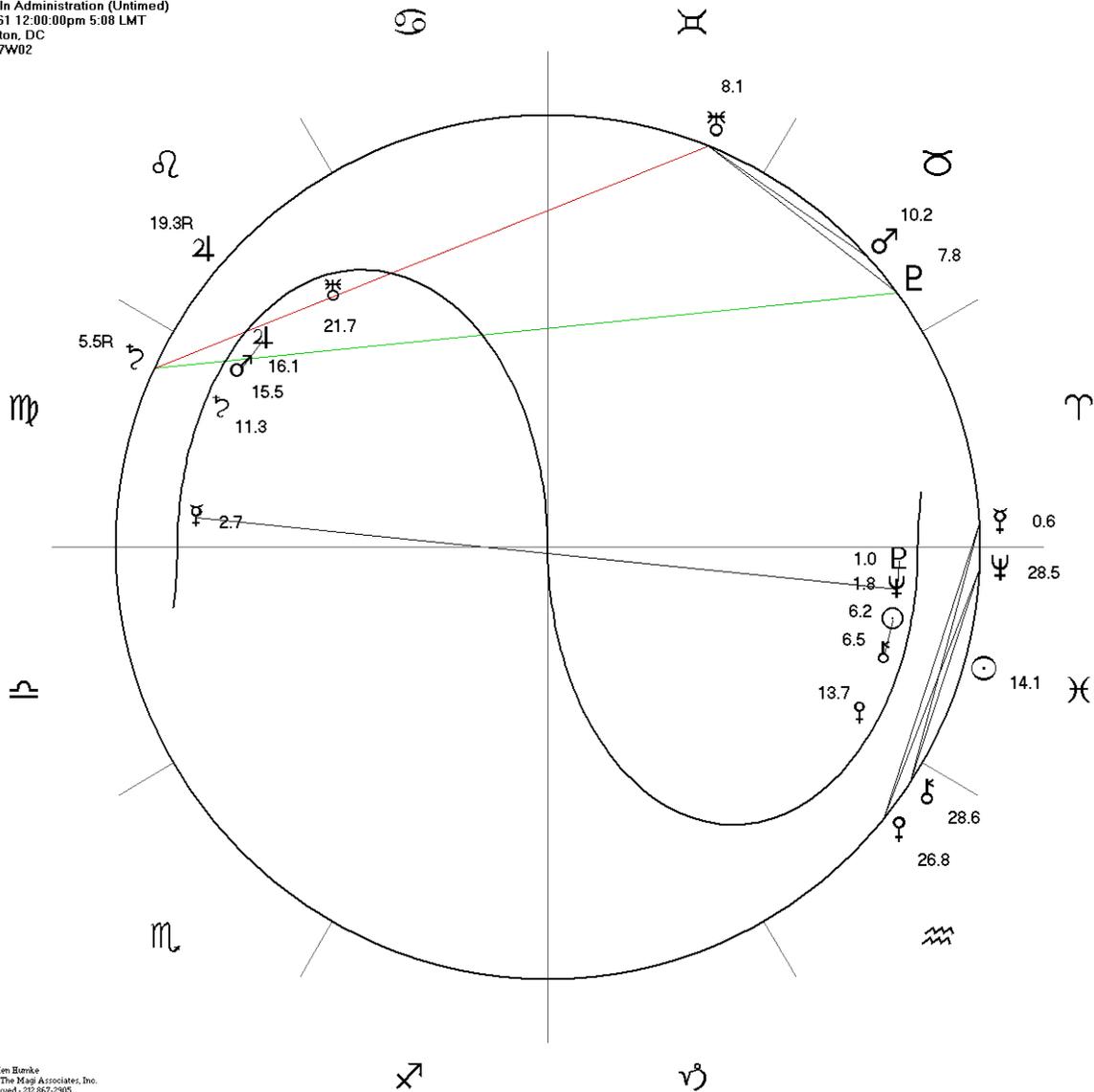
In the event of either a Confederate victory or an uncontested secession, given the precedent for secession that would have been set, further fragmentation of both the North and the South over future internal differences would have been very likely. And the end result? Most likely, the various states would have developed a relationship with one another not unlike that of European nations of the time, which is to say regularly fighting wars along shifting lines of alliance, with the small, poor and weak forced to ally or merge with the large, wealthy and strong in order to survive. Ultimately, alliances of the various states with European powers would likely have resulted, with the nation with the world's strongest navy in those days and therefore the most assured access to North America – Great Britain – in the end very possibly getting back many more colonies than she lost in the War for Independence.

Viewed in this light, confronted with Southern secession it appears that the Lincoln administration had only two options, those being catastrophic (war unto total victory) or even worse (military defeat or capitulation without a fight). That's not to say that a constructive compromise solution to the issue that drove secession, that being black slavery, would have been impossible had attitudes not by that time become so hardened with moral righteousness that a critical mass of people on both sides had lost all respect for those on the other side. Indeed, but for the situation locked into the stars upon Lincoln's inauguration as the 16th American president (March 4, 1861), which was all too perfectly mirrored on the ground, just such a solution comes to mind.

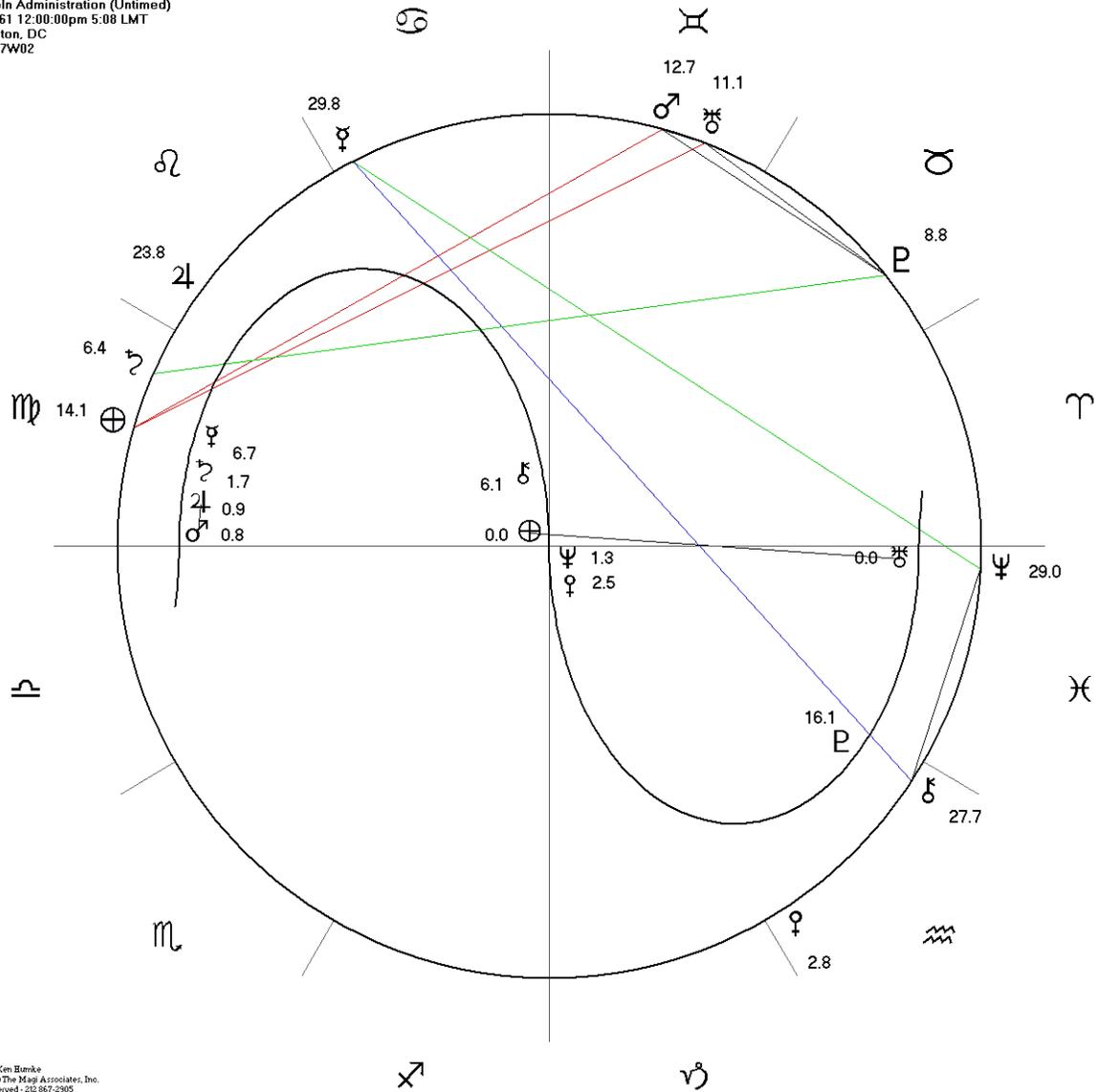
Imagine just for the moment how many lives and how much property could have been spared had the resources allocated to the war (all told about \$5 billion by the North and \$3 billion by the South in the U.S. currency of the time) been put to a totally different use instead. Consider the legal doctrine of eminent domain, which allows the government to acquire private

property through condemnation when necessary to serve an overriding public interest. Then think for a moment about what public interest could possibly meet the criteria of being overriding, if not to avert secession and the catastrophic loss of life and devastation of an entire section of the nation occasioned by this war. It could all have been avoided simply by appropriating the money for the government to buy the slaves – remember, eminent domain requires payment at market value for property acquired through condemnation – and levying the taxes that instead went to pay for the war. Once acquired, the government would have emancipated the slaves, leaving a free workforce in need of jobs, and prospective employers with bulging bank accounts in need of a workforce. From that point, the problem would have solved itself. *This is the kind of everybody wins and nobody loses solution to otherwise intractable problems that can be arrived at when the celestial influence of Jupiter is empowered to work its magic.* It is also exactly the kind of solution that the sky at Lincoln’s first oath of office did not provide for, as we shall now see:

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The first thing to look for is what Jupiter is applying to by progression and at what angle. The answer here is it isn't applying to anything. The second thing to look for is what Saturn is applying to by progression and at what angle, and the answer is that it's applying to Pluto in a heliocentric trine. One of the things that we have addressed in our books regarding this planetary combination is that in a person's natal chart it can represent misjudgment (Saturn) of risk (Pluto). The worst-case manifestation of this is recklessness. Consider that at the outset of the war the zealots on both sides subscribed to the misconception that God was on their side *only* and hated their adversaries as they did, and that all those who disagreed with them were infidels & apostates. These deluded extremists expected on the basis thereof to crush their "cowardly" adversaries in a day. That hardly amounts to a well-considered assessment of risk. Another valid interpretation of this aspect is misguided, selfish & malevolent (all Saturn symbolism) egotism (Pluto). This lack of mutual respect and due consideration led to the "day" in question dragging on for four years, ending only when the South's manpower and material resources were exhausted.

A similar lack of sensibility regarding risk and due consideration for others also shows in the fatalistic writings of many Civil War military commanders on both sides, who held God to be responsible for deciding who lived and died, then ordered their men forward in parade formation to be mowed flat by torrents of concentrated enemy fire. Hence the horrific toll in casualties, which was perfectly consistent with an unwillingness to acknowledge the obvious, namely that industrial weaponry had obsoleted their cherished Napoleonic-era tactics and required a new approach.

This said, the primary nature of any chart is first and foremost to be found in the aspects, if any, to the Sun and/or the Earth. In this instance the subsequent romanticizing (see *Gone with the Wind*, et al) of this tragic period of the nation's history can be seen in Chiron being parallel and applying by progressed transit to the Sun. However, the major action is in the heliocentric chart, which has a Uranus-Mars conjunction applying by progressed transit in a square to the Earth, and Uranus similarly applying to Mars. This is interpreted as massive and famous (both Uranus symbolisms) war (Mars) to the detriment (square) of the entity (in this case the administration and by extension the nation governed by it, symbolized by the Earth).

This configuration complements a four-body geocentric synchronization consisting of Mars conjunct Pluto with both semi-sextile Uranus, and Pluto applying by progressed transit to both, and Uranus to Mars. Saturn trine Pluto and square Uranus completes this picture; fortunately Saturn and the other planets are all mutually separating. Uranus and Pluto applying to Mars denote massive (Uranus) and ruthless (Pluto) war (Mars) for power (Pluto) while the Saturn-Uranus and Saturn-Pluto aspects denote immense (Uranus) and excessive (Pluto) misfortune and tragedy (both Saturn symbolisms). The measure of the utter ruthlessness resorted to can be seen in the terrorist actions against civilian populations carried out by such outlaw Southern partisans as Quantrill's Raiders, and on a much greater scale by the scorched earth campaigns of Union generals William T. Sherman in Georgia and Phillip H. Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Finally, the last significant planetary synchronization is that of geocentric Venus conjunct Chiron semi-sextile Mercury conjunct Neptune, with the Sun conjunct the Venus/Neptune, Neptune/Chiron, Mercury/Chiron and Mercury/Venus midpoints. This points to the romantic (Venus conjunct Chiron) and inspirational (Neptune) words (Mercury) of Lincoln (the person of the president as head of the administration, represented by the Sun in this chart) that did so much to inspire the North to persevere unto total victory despite the horrific cost.

Once again, the sky tells the story and tells it truthfully. We don't contend that the Lincoln administration either by intent or accident created these conditions, but rather that the stars on the day of the administration's inception defined the time of its tenure in these terms and made the nation their captive for its duration. And for better or worse, a different sky when Lincoln took office could have seen history unfold in a whole different way. The point is, knowing all of this as we now do, and given a choice, who in their right mind would choose this sky considering how much better it could have been? That's why it needs to be made possible for an incoming administration to seek competent guidance and make the best choice a reasonable range of eligible dates can offer. And as compelling as all of the above cases are, we have yet more to offer in support of this contention.

The Hoover Administration & the Great Depression

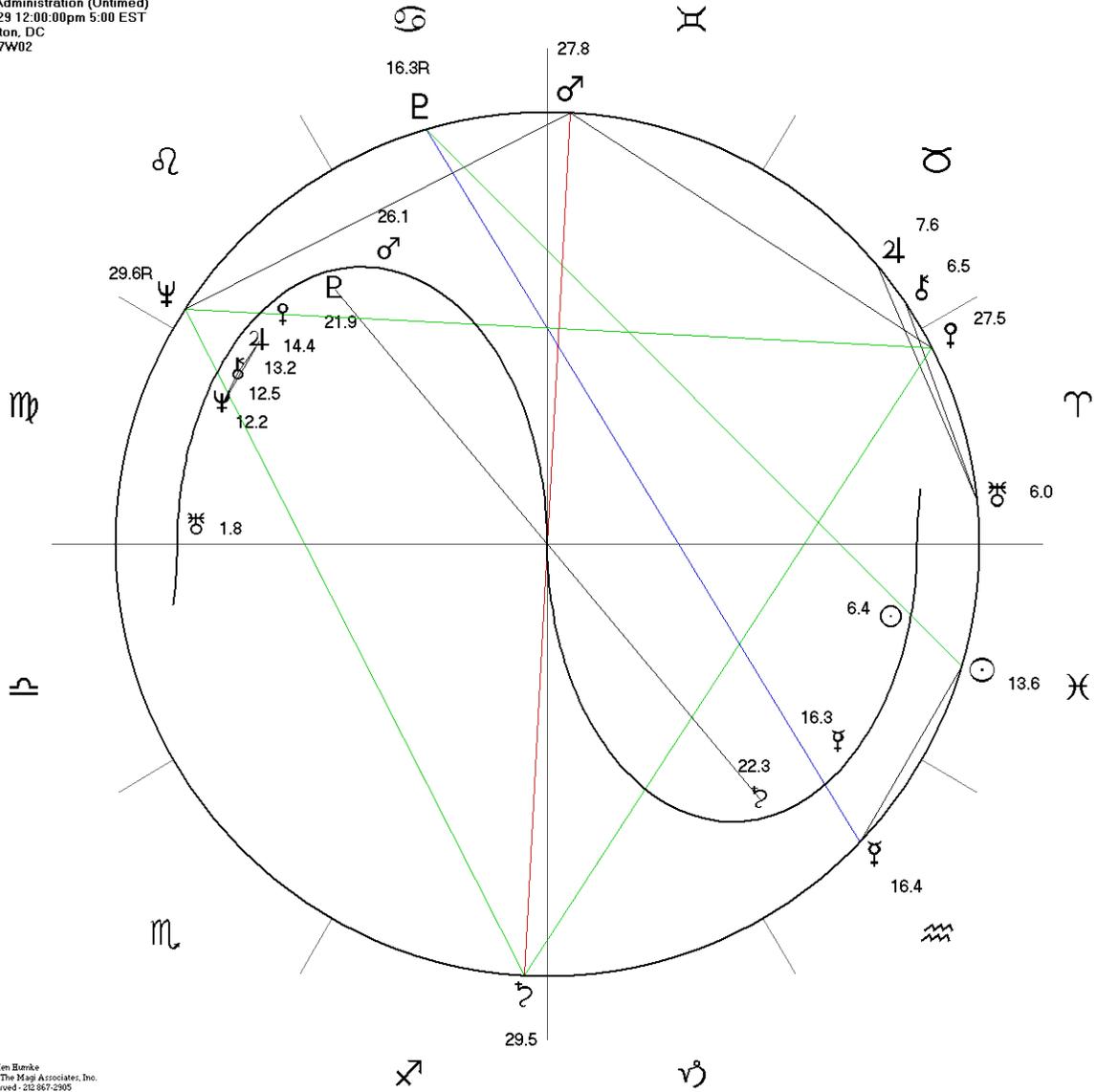
No event since the War Between the States inflicted such severe, widespread and prolonged suffering on the American people as the Great Depression of the 1930s. One simple statistic tells the tale: when Herbert Hoover took the oath of office as the 31st U.S. president on March 4, 1929, unemployment was just over 3%. In his final year in office, 1932, it topped 23%, rising to about 25% the following year when the contraction bottomed under his successor, Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1937, the best year prior to WWII of FDR's three+ terms, it was still above 14%, and that year saw a new contraction that sent it back up to 19% in 1938. This economic cataclysm didn't finally end, despite the most drastic government intervention in the economy in U.S. history by FDR's first two administrations, until the Two Ocean Navy Act (signed July 20, 1940) and the Selective Training and Service Act (signed Sept. 16, 1940) led to the absorption of the huge mass of unemployed into the armed forces and the defense industry.

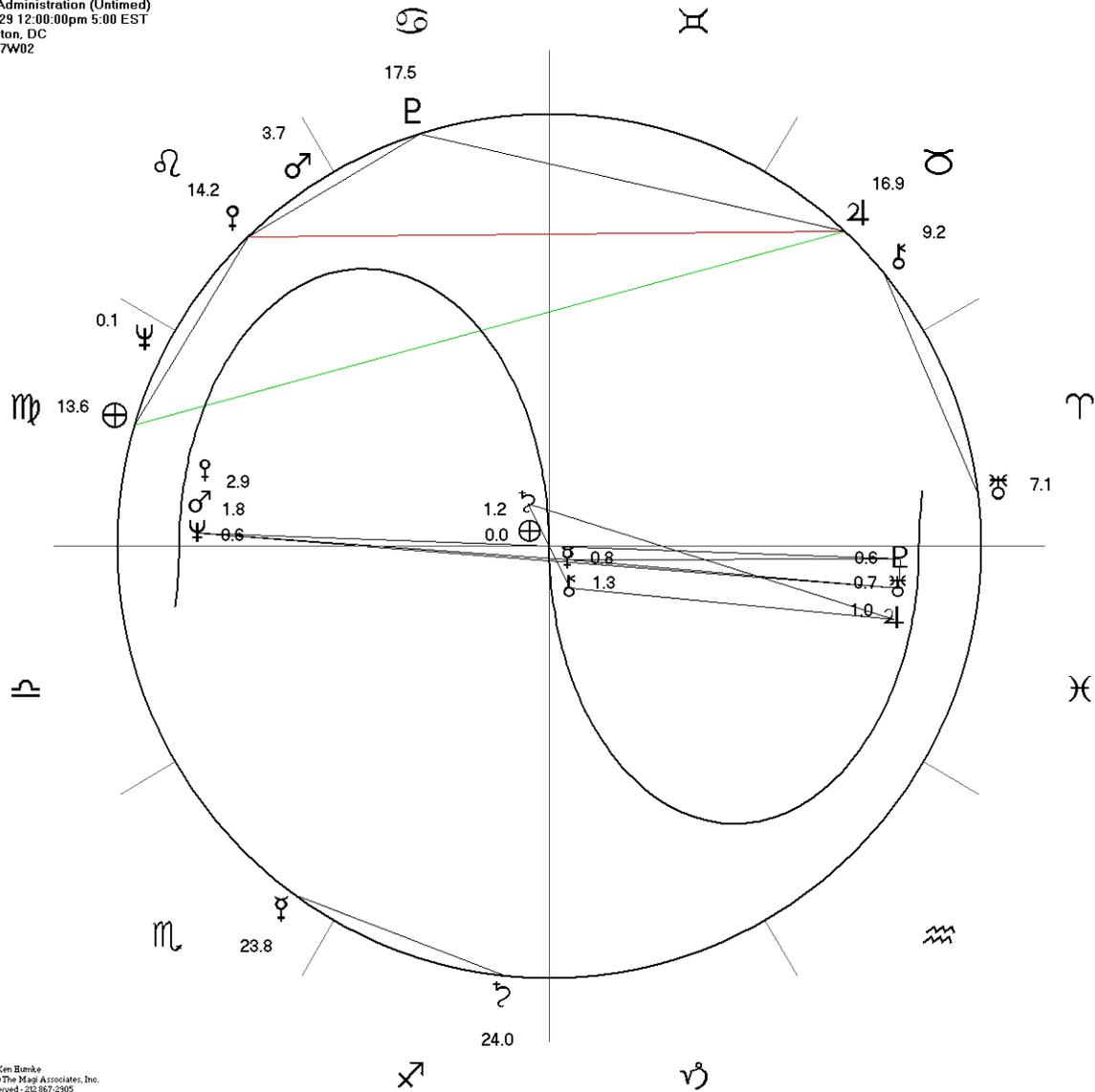
Some other interesting numbers: at the bottom (March 1933), the U.S. economy had contracted by 31% and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (July 8, 1932) by 89% from their respective 1929 highs. The overall economic downturn was subsequently determined by economists to have begun in Aug. 1929, although the stock market crash widely marked as the beginning of the depression occurred on Oct. 29. In the case of the DJIA, the all-time market top to that point, reached on Sept. 4, 1929, would not be surpassed until 1954 – a quarter of a century later.

Beyond the numbers, of course, lies a simple fact: millions upon millions of Americans were left hungry, homeless and destitute by this calamity; for nearly every unemployed adult there were dependent family members who had no livelihood as well. People's savings were only as secure as the banks in which they were deposited, which failed by the thousands, because there was no federal deposit insurance to rescue the customers of failed institutions. Anyone could wake up one day to find that they literally had no money to live on, regardless of their formerly secure employment or profitable businesses and frugal money management. And as we mentioned in the section on the 2nd Jefferson administration above, the social safety net that we count on today to care for the indigent didn't even exist until FDR began to assemble it during his first presidency.

No numbers can convey the agony of a parent with cold, hungry, sick children, no resources and nowhere to turn, never mind that of the children. Although this calamity was the culmination of events beginning with the First World War, it unfolded over Hoover's term of office and the efforts made to contend with it were ineffective, to the extent that they didn't actually make matters worse. It's no wonder that the homeless of the day referred to their encampments collectively as "Hooverville." It's equally no wonder that upon taking office FDR found the social situation so unstable and volatile that he abandoned the platform he had run on and instituted a legislative economic and social revolution, terrified of an armed revolution if tangible positive results were not produced quickly by any means necessary and at any cost. So how did the United States, then as now the wealthiest nation in the world, come to such a pass? The mechanics of the process have been debated by economists and historians ever since. But that's really beside the point, because the stars of the Hoover administration ordained devastating economic disaster. To see how so, check out the chart:

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This chart is deceptive at first in both dimensions if one doesn't know what to look for, because it contains some fabulous aspects that are totally misleading when taken out of context. For example, there is a geocentric Jupiter-Chiron eclipse parallel Neptune, an applying Sun-Pluto trine, a heliocentric Jupiter-Chiron parallel and an Earth-Jupiter trine. Heliocentric Jupiter is also applying to Pluto in a sextile aspect. It's when we look closer that this pretty picture very quickly becomes very ugly.

First, geocentric Jupiter is separating from Chiron in both longitude and declination, and also from Neptune in declination; therefore it isn't actively helping either of these financial planets. Second, there is a geocentric Grand Kite consisting of Saturn trine Venus trine Neptune with Mars opposition Saturn, sextile Venus and Neptune and, like Saturn, conjunct/opposition their midpoint. Saturn is separating from Venus, Mars and the Venus/Neptune midpoint, but it is applying to Neptune – ruler of financial security – by an orb of 0.17 degrees, two days from exact. This means that Saturn completed the progressed alignment to Neptune halfway through Hoover's four-year term. It's progressed transit culminated 3.1 years after he took office. This

is tragically beautiful timing, because by the spring of 1932 when the latter progression ended, Hoover's presidency was burnt toast – much like the U.S. economy at that point.

Even with this, Saturn isn't finished trashing the financial planets in the geocentric chart, as attested to by the applying contra-parallel aspect it makes to Pluto. The one good thing that can be said about this is that Saturn would reverse direction before completing the progression to Pluto by either alignment or transit. However, given the tight aspect to Neptune that completed both progressions during this administration's tenure, it didn't really need to. As it was, this turbulent aspect to Pluto reads from a financial astrological perspective as misfortune (Saturn) assailing (Saturn contra-parallel, a turbulent aspect) big business (Pluto). The record is clear that not a few big businesses (not to mention small ones) collapsed in the Depression, and of those remaining most got smaller – many of them a lot smaller, along with their payrolls.

A close examination of the heliocentric chart only adds to the nastiness. First, the Earth-Jupiter trine isn't doing anything active to counter the effects of the adverse Saturn progressions to geocentric Neptune because Jupiter is separating by progression from the Earth. The crux of the problem here is that the Jupiter-Chiron parallel is mutually separating, while both are contra-latitude Saturn, which is overtaking Jupiter although mutually separating in the aspect to Chiron. This type of situation, where Saturn is applying to a separating Jupiter, is the only one where Saturn overpowers Jupiter, and there's no question that the Saturn influence totally displaced that of Jupiter over the course of this administration's time in office. This can be read in very simple terms as loss (Saturn) of good fortune, Providence and protection (all Jupiter symbolisms). Had they known this, the residents of Hooverville might instead have named their communities Saturn City; it would have been entirely appropriate.

Second Conclusion

Extreme adverse events in American history coincide with extreme adverse planetary aspects creating progressions in the charts of presidential administrations. Such events do not occur in the absence of such highly adverse influences in oath of office charts. This justifies empowering future administrations to select favorable skies under which take office as a necessary and effective preventive measure for the protection of the national safety and wellbeing.

In view of the evidence presented above it is obvious that scheduling the installation of a new president rigidly according to the calendar without regard to the astrological conditions on inauguration day has in the past subjected the United States to military, political and economic cataclysms. Not to act appropriately on this reality to avert future such occurrences irresponsibly and altogether needlessly places the nation – meaning in America the people themselves – at hazard of their lives, health and prosperity, and of losing the personal liberty and human dignity that are intrinsic to being Americans. The nation's very independence and cohesion have come under attack in the past and only been secured at the most grievous cost in lives lost and ruined and treasure consumed in conflict and economic devastation. It is the most fundamental responsibility of government as the servant and protector of the sovereign public to safeguard them from such tragedy. This can be done at negligible cost and inconvenience by enacting a constitutional amendment as we are here proposing, which would empower every newly elected president to take office under stars selected by competent experts to foster the success of the new administration, and with it the safety and prosperity of the nation at large.

THE NATIONAL WELLBEING IS MOST ENHANCED AND SECURE WHEN THE PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE UNDER THE MOST FAVORABLE SKIES

Just as the most devastating cataclysms occur when a president is inaugurated under the most unfavorable skies, the greatest advances in American standing in the world, along with the greatest prosperity, safety and stability at home, coincide with the most favorable skies on inauguration day. And what's most interesting about this is that in these cases, *it is the nation itself, rather than the administration that takes office on such days or the president personally, that benefits the most.* As we shall see, sometimes, because of specific adverse factors in an otherwise highly favorable oath of office chart, there will be severe misfortune of a particular kind to the country, the administration, or the president personally. However, because the president took the oath of office on an otherwise highly favorable day, despite that misfortune events ultimately work out to the nation's advantage. How this is so may become evident only in hindsight, but when the dust settles and the results become clearly evident, that is the pattern that emerges.

The examples of this pattern are every bit as striking as those of the star-crossed presidencies. They are, however, not necessarily the ones that might first come to mind as achieving greatness through conquering staggering adversity, such as the tragic presidency of Lincoln addressed above, or the administrations of FDR dedicated to fighting the headwinds of intractable depression followed by world war to the finish. Rather they are the ones that most enhanced the national wellbeing at the lowest cost to the country, especially in lives. The first administrations of Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt, as shown above, certainly number among these, but there are other such cases that are every bit as dramatic, and they make the case every bit as forcefully. As with the calamitous examples, we are using the most extreme, both because they show the pattern most clearly and because they reveal most starkly the potential for great success that is unique to natalizing any endeavor under the most dramatically favorable skies. They also show how an overall favorable sky for a presidential inauguration ultimately fosters the national wellbeing despite adversities that otherwise have the potential to be devastating.

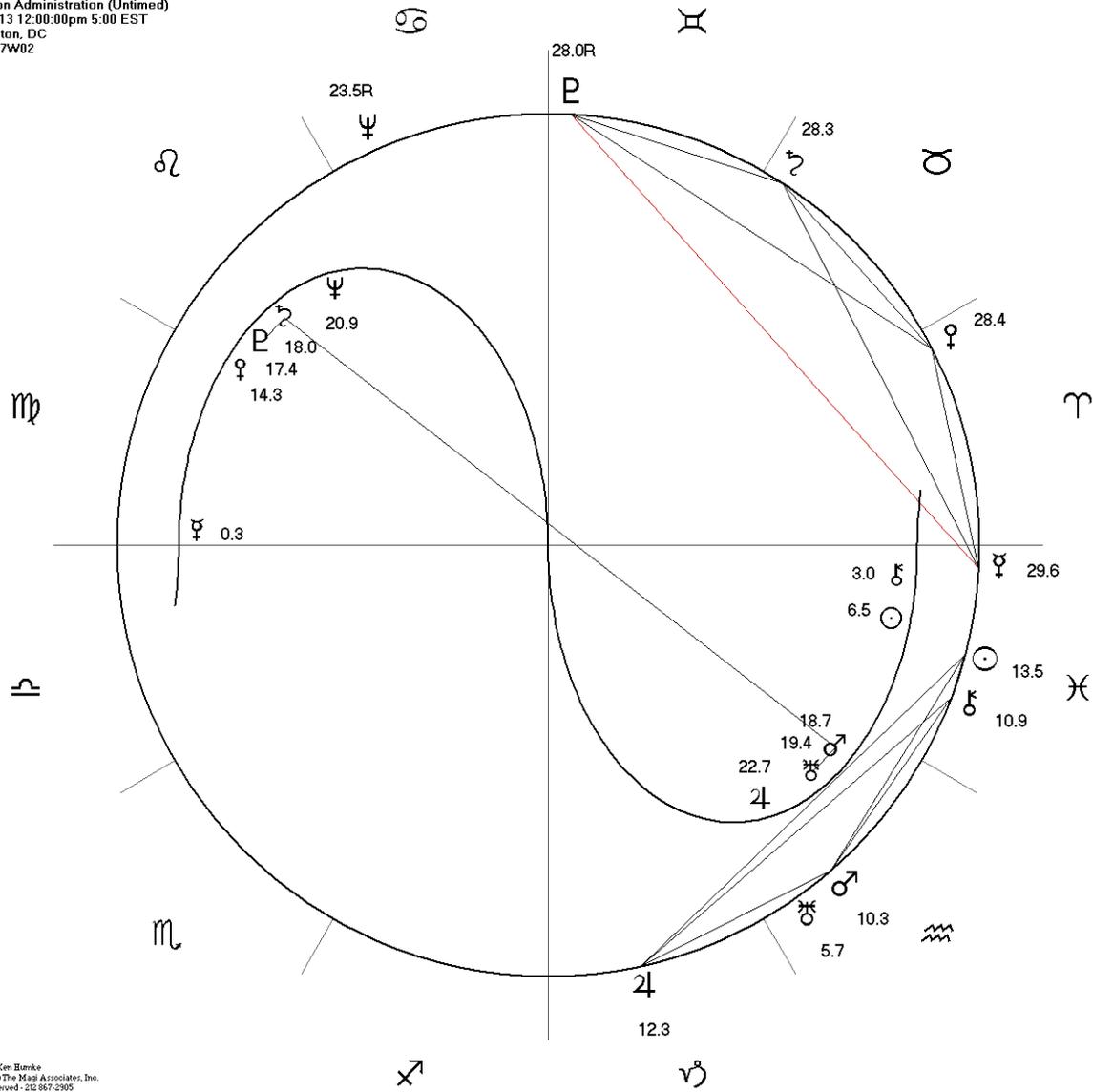
The best examples of this in addition to the ones shown already are those of the two Wilson administrations and the second Reagan administration. The first Wilson and second Reagan administrations are exquisite examples of how a beautiful sky on inauguration day can bring extraordinary blessings to the nation and its people and elevate both to a new level of strength and security. The second Wilson administration is a striking example of how a single flaw in an otherwise highly favorable oath of office natalization can lead to calamity and/or grievous errors of a specific type according to the nature of the flaw, but the nation comes out of the experience triumphant in the end. We have elected to include this specific example here simply because it so perfectly illustrates how Magi Astrology works in all ways exactly as we would expect that it would in this usage, and is therefore of such great (though so far unrecognized) significance to all Americans and to the world as a whole.

The First Wilson Presidency and the Global Ascendancy of the United States

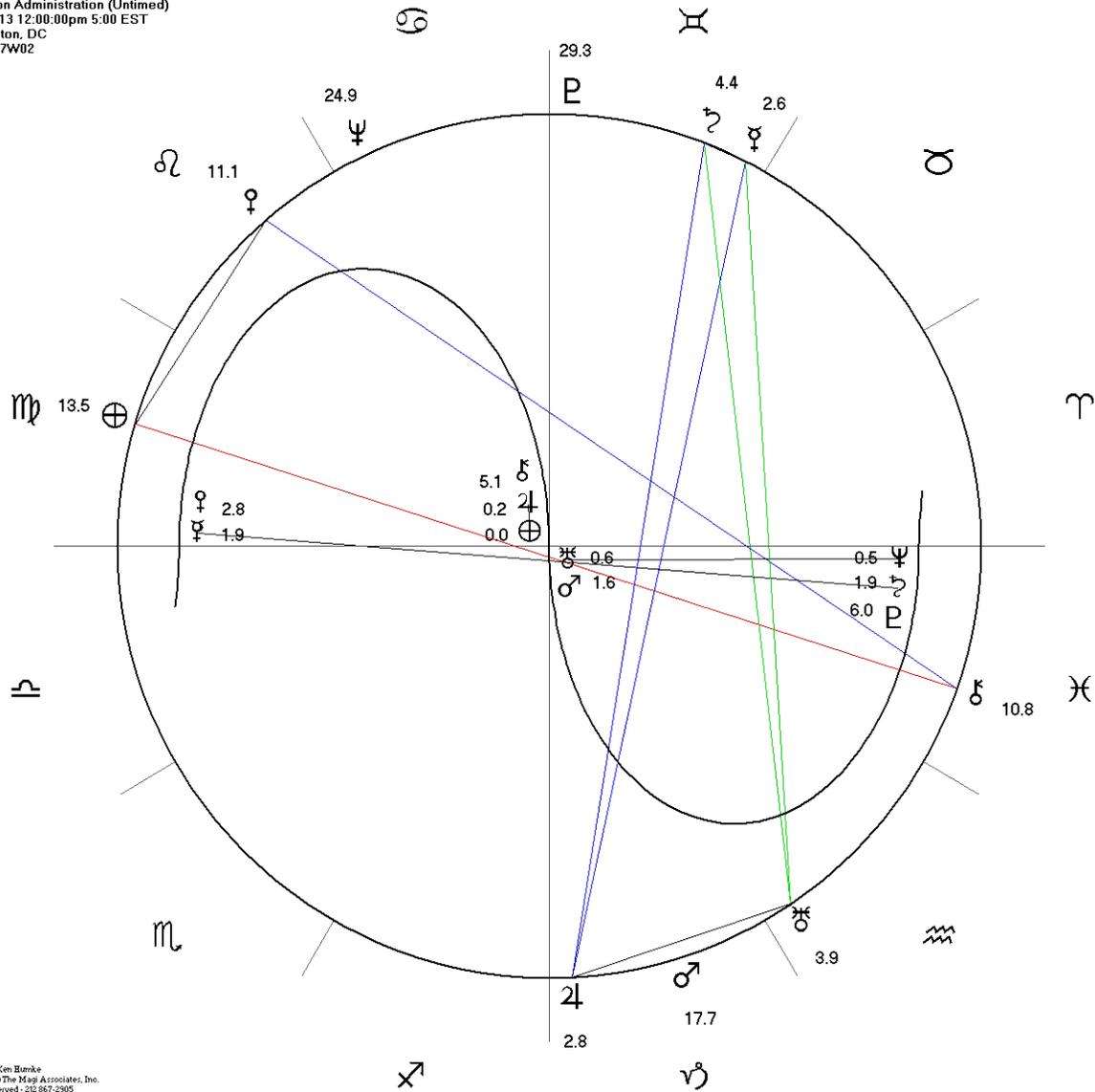
Woodrow Wilson became the 28th U.S. President on March 4, 1913. During his 1st term, the great service done to the United States by the administration was the president's dogged resistance to being drawn into the First World War for the balance of his term after it erupted in Europe during his second year in office. This eventually drove his detractors on this subject, most notably his predecessor Theodore Roosevelt, absolutely to fury. Had TR and Wilson's other critics gotten their way, America would have joined the war much sooner than was eventually the case and thereby been bled white both literally and financially just like the European belligerents. Instead, Wilson's policies kept the nation's young men safe until the loss of manpower forced Britain and France to perfect technologies (i.e. the tank and attack aircraft) and tactics that were effective in offensive action against entrenched foes armed with modern artillery and machine guns. At the same time, these policies made of the United States the world's leading creditor nation while the formerly dominant European powers impoverished themselves financing the war.

During Wilson's two terms America literally displaced Britain as the world's wealthiest nation by selling her and the other allied belligerents materials and lending them money with which to wage the war. However, it was the first term that was decisive in this regard, and Wilson's failure to prepare the nation in advance to enter the war during this period actually worked very much to America's long term advantage, as we shall see in our examination of his second administration below. For the present, let us consider the chart of his first administration and see how the stars fostered the spectacular success of the United States on the world stage at what proved to be a time as pivotal as any in its history:

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The chart of the first Wilson administration shows in the geocentric dimension two Saturn-Pluto aspects, a parallel and a semi-sextile, both of which would appear to be anything but helpful, as we've seen in some of the other charts in this study. We would expect this to mean loss (Saturn) of power or wealth (both Pluto symbolisms), which is the exact opposite of what actually happened. However, on closer examination we see that *in both instances Saturn is separating from Pluto* and therefore makes no progressions to it. Saturn is applying by progression in both alignment and transit to Mars in a contra-parallel aspect, which is perfectly consistent with an administration that resolutely refused either to be drawn into war despite considerable provocation, or to make the military preparations to enter it if necessary. This on the face of it would seem to be a major liability, and taken in isolation from the rest of the chart, it would be. However, the context in which this occurs changes everything, as is also the case with the Saturn-Pluto aspects. The defining aspect in the geocentric chart is the Sun-Jupiter sextile with Jupiter applying by progressed transit to the Sun. This aspect made this administration a blessed and fortunate (both Jupiter symbolisms) entity (Sun).

The synchronization of the Sun and Jupiter with Chiron (conjunct the Sun & sextile Jupiter) and Mars (semi-sextile all three of the other bodies and conjunct the Sun/Jupiter & Jupiter/Chiron midpoints) adds to the power of this very fortunate alignment. There is of course another four-planet alignment in the longitudes, that being Mercury-Venus-Saturn-Pluto. This forms two midpoint crossings (Venus conjunct Mercury/Saturn & Saturn conjunct Venus/Pluto), along with a Mercury/Pluto conjunct Venus/Saturn Magi Quad (conjunction of these two midpoints). This Magi Quad for our purposes here is best read as mental (Mercury) power (Pluto) directed to the control (Saturn) of money (Venus), and the war-avoidance policy of the Wilson administration in this context proved to be a perfect strategy to gain ultimate dominance over the world economy.

What would have been the prohibitive fly in this ointment, Saturn conjunct Venus/Pluto, was nothing of the sort because Saturn was separating by progression from that midpoint, and even though the orb of this midpoint crossing is very tight, *the fact that Saturn is separating is decisive*. Wilson himself was a rigid moralist who abhorred policies based solely on gaining a strategic advantage over other nations, and devoted much effort during his first administration to trying to mediate peace between the warring powers, despite the huge war profits accruing to American business. Nevertheless, it is consistent with Saturn being aligned with Mercury, Venus & Pluto in this way that his policies, based on an entirely different imperative, produced just such an advantage for his own country.

The heliocentric chart only compounds the advantages intrinsic to its geocentric counterpart. Here the critical alignment is Mercury conjunct Saturn with both trine Uranus and quincunx Jupiter, with Saturn separating from the other three bodies by progression and *Jupiter overtaking Saturn* in both alignment and transit. In other words, in this chart Jupiter holds complete dominion over Saturn. This combined with Jupiter applying in a parallel aspect to the Earth and added to the Jupiter-Sun sextile in the geocentric chart makes this an extraordinarily fortunate chart. The result of Wilson taking office under such a sky was that this period in American history set the conditions in place for the United States to become the world's greatest economic power and eventually the most influential of all nations, and it's clear that the nature of the chart rather than Wilson's personal intent was the determining factor.

The Second Wilson Presidency & the Consummation of American Primacy

Wilson's second administration (March 4, 1917) was largely defined by the events and consequences of the First World War, which the United States was compelled by hostile German policy to finally enter just over a month after the inauguration (April 6, 1917). Within this context there was a stream of triumphs and tragedies that taken together profoundly changed the life of the nation in ways both beneficial and adverse, but which led ultimately to today's American economic, military and cultural world primacy. The relatively swift and low cost victory in the war sealed the position of the United States as the world's most important power despite a national reluctance to embrace the role. At the same time, the Wilson administration itself was crippled first by loss of control over Congress during the midterm election, then by the refusal of the Senate to ratify the peace treaty over objections to what Wilson considered the most essential provision. As a direct result of this political defeat and his efforts to reverse it, the president himself suffered a paralytic stroke and became physically an invalid, governing for the

balance of his tenure through the agency of his wife, who supervised his care and controlled others' access to him.

While all this was happening, an influenza epidemic originating in a U.S. Army training camp swept the world, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dead at home and tens of millions worldwide. And to top it all off, two constitutional amendments approved during Wilson's 2nd administration led in the one case to a squalid wave of crime and corruption sweeping the nation for the best part of a generation, and in the other to an exalted and permanent expansion of domestic democracy and human rights. A close examination of these events and then of the oath of office chart provides an astonishing demonstration of the efficacy of Magi Astrology, and why it needs to be taken seriously both by the public and by policymakers. We will start by addressing the war itself.

Despite having maintained only a token peacetime army, the United States under TR and William Howard Taft had built up a very powerful navy and Wilson had continued this policy. Once again fortune was clearly at work. The Army couldn't be deployed immediately but the Navy could, and the circumstances were fortuitous. For a combination of strategic and logistical reasons only a few of the U.S. Navy's battleships were sent to reinforce the British fleet. The destroyers that would normally have operated with the battleships that were not deployed overseas were freed from this duty because short-range subchasers could screen the big ships in coastal waters. These surplus destroyers thus became available to escort merchant convoys.

Britain's Royal Navy had been unable to institute convoys because of a destroyer shortage. That made merchant ships trading with Britain cold meat for the U-boats when Germany instituted an unrestricted submarine blockade of Britain in early 1917, but the American entry into the war changed that overnight. The introduction of convoys combined with mass production of new destroyers and other anti-submarine warfare craft sealed the fate of the German submarine campaign, and with it the German effort to starve Britain into submission and thereby force France to sue for peace also. And on top of that, this sudden abundance of anti-submarine warfare ships made possible the eventual delivery to France of some two million American troops *without the loss of a single one to submarine attack*.

Because of Wilson's refusal to prepare for war during his first term, it took a year to assemble and deploy an effective army while the European belligerents continued to wear each other down, and when it finally arrived in the theater of operations they were all near exhaustion. After halting the final German offensive, it took a new allied offensive campaign only a few weeks to drive Germany to the peace table; much of the American army that was raised for the war never left the States. The effort expended by the forces that did make it over quickly tipped the scales irreversibly in favor of the allied powers at minimal cost compared to the titanic (and proportionately futile) sacrifices of the other belligerents over the previous course of the war.

(Of about 8.54 million combat fatalities overall, the American share was about 126,000, including 14,500 who died in hospital of war wounds. Of a grand total of about 37.5 million casualties of all kinds, only 350,300 – less than 1% – were American. This was of course a horrendous sacrifice when one considers that the American dead in WWI numbered nearly the same as the total force deployed in Iraq as of this writing, at a time when the nation's population was about one third the size that it is today. But in relative terms, the American losses were very light.)

Despite the great military victory, the second Wilson administration endured devastating reverses that would lead most historians reading this to object that if this is a favorable chart, it wasn't worth all that much either to Wilson personally or to his presidency. That is in fact what

led us to the conclusion that it is the *nation* and not the president or his administration that gets the primary benefit of a very favorable oath of office chart. It should be noted that even in the case of Wilson's first administration he suffered terribly in his personal life from the death of his wife of nearly 30 years, Ellen, of Bright's disease (Aug. 6, 1914) at the very outbreak of the European war. However, his remarriage to the widow Edith Galt (Dec. 18, 1915) was to prove fortuitous in the life of the nation during the last 17 months of his second administration.

The first major reverse to befall Wilson during his second administration was the loss of control of Congress to the Republicans during the 1918 midterm election just 6 days before the armistice ended the fighting (Nov. 11, 1918). The second was the refusal of the Senate to ratify the Versailles Treaty (signed June 28, 1919; legally effective Jan. 10, 1920) that formally ended the war. The sticking point was over U.S. membership in the League of Nations, which was established at Wilson's behest as an international body to mediate disputes and keep the peace as a key provision of the treaty. The objections centered on whether the U. S. would be obligated under the treaty to commit the American armed forces to combat at the initiative of the League without Congressional authorization. Wilson and his most ardent Congressional opponents both refused to compromise on amendments that would have secured Senate passage and as a result the treaty was rejected, despite a greater than two-thirds majority that favored passage in some form.

It can be argued with great justification that this helped to set the stage for later disasters culminating in WWII. However, even this actually contributed to enhancing the American position in the world because the Second World War eliminated not only the defeated Axis powers Germany, Italy and Japan, but also Britain and France, as serious competitors to the United States for world economic & military primacy. All of these countries were obliged to seek safety under American protection and only the Soviet Union continued to pose serious competition to the United States for world power, and where that led to we shall address when we consider Ronald Reagan's second oath of office chart.

Apart from these long-term geopolitical effects, the rejection of the Versailles Treaty also set the precedent of the United States refusing to cede any of its sovereignty to any other entity under any conditions, even by implication. In this sense, although devastating for Wilson personally and politically, the rejection of the treaty reinforced the nation's independence at the same time that it reached a new and unprecedented height of power and influence in the world. This failure, however, did unquestionably contribute to the third and most dire reversal of fortune for Wilson personally and for his administration. During a barnstorming tour of the country to arouse public support for the treaty, Wilson physically collapsed (Pueblo, CO, Sept. 25, 1919); after returning to Washington he suffered a stroke (Oct. 2, 1919) that left him paralyzed on his left side. Although he was reported to be unimpaired mentally, the same could not be said of Wilson emotionally.

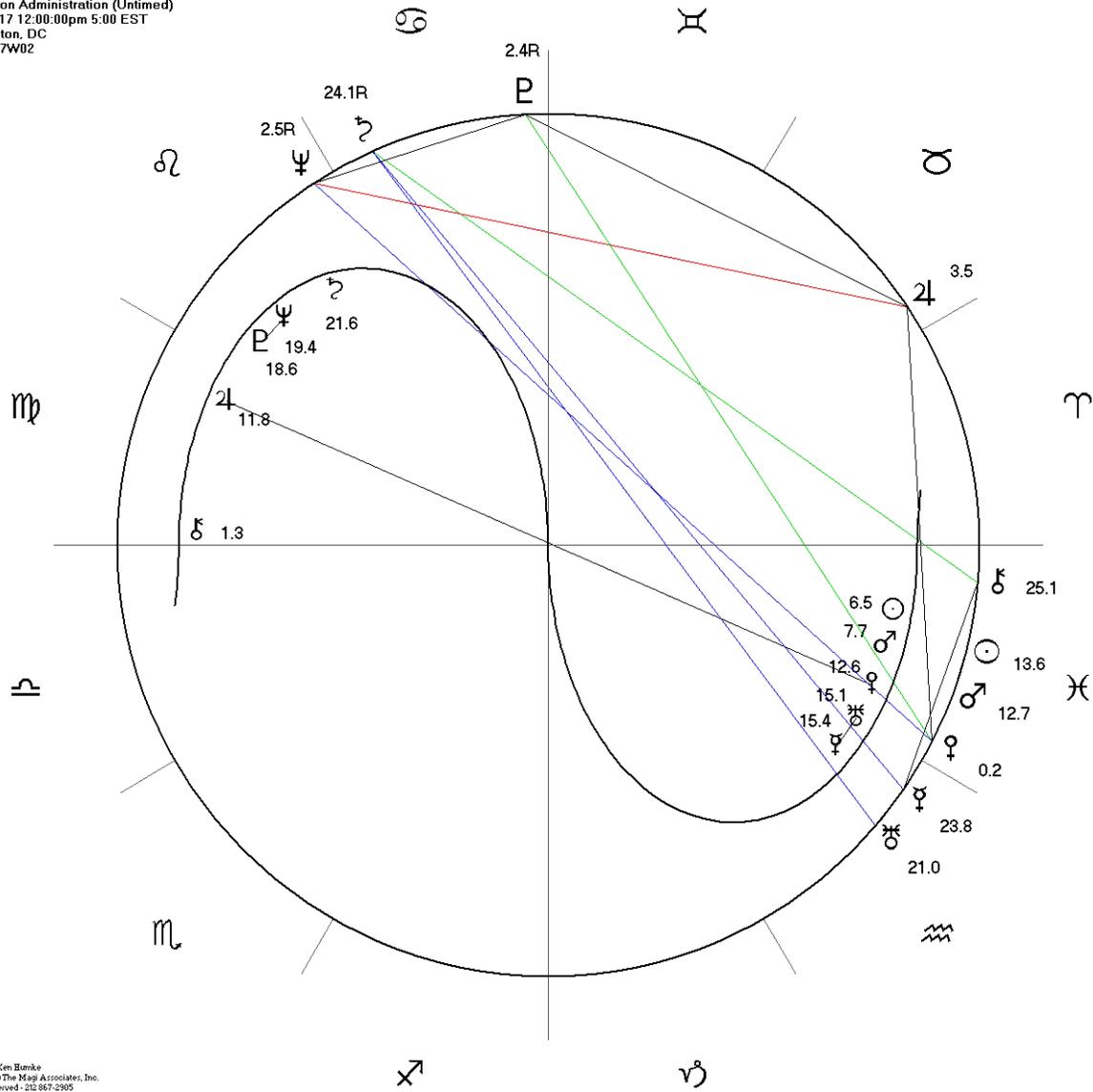
It was in this situation, with the president bedridden for the balance of his tenure, that his wife became his link to the world. In more recent years both Nancy Reagan and Hillary Clinton were accused by their husbands' detractors of running the country from behind the scenes, but Edith Wilson undoubtedly came closer to it than any First Lady before or since. Yet even with an invalid president and no constitutional provision at the time for a vice-presidential succession in such a circumstance, the nation itself didn't suffer to any significant degree. Wilson served out his term from his sickbed with his wife acting as his secretary and effectively chief of staff, and turned over to his successor, Warren Harding, a vastly more powerful and stable country than he had assumed leadership of 8 years previously.

An important footnote to the story of the 2nd Wilson administration is the story of two historic constitutional amendments. One was the height of idiocy among all of the constitutional changes in U.S. history and the only unqualified failure among them, and the other the long overdue delivery of full democratic rights to the previously disenfranchised half of the population. The first case was the XVIII Amendment (passed by Congress Dec. 18, 1917; ratified Jan. 16, 1919 and effective one year later), which enacted national prohibition of alcoholic beverage sales & consumption and ushered in fourteen years of wholesale lawlessness and gang warfare. The second was the XIX amendment (passed by Congress June 4, 1919; ratified Aug. 26, 1920), which granted women the right to vote nationwide.

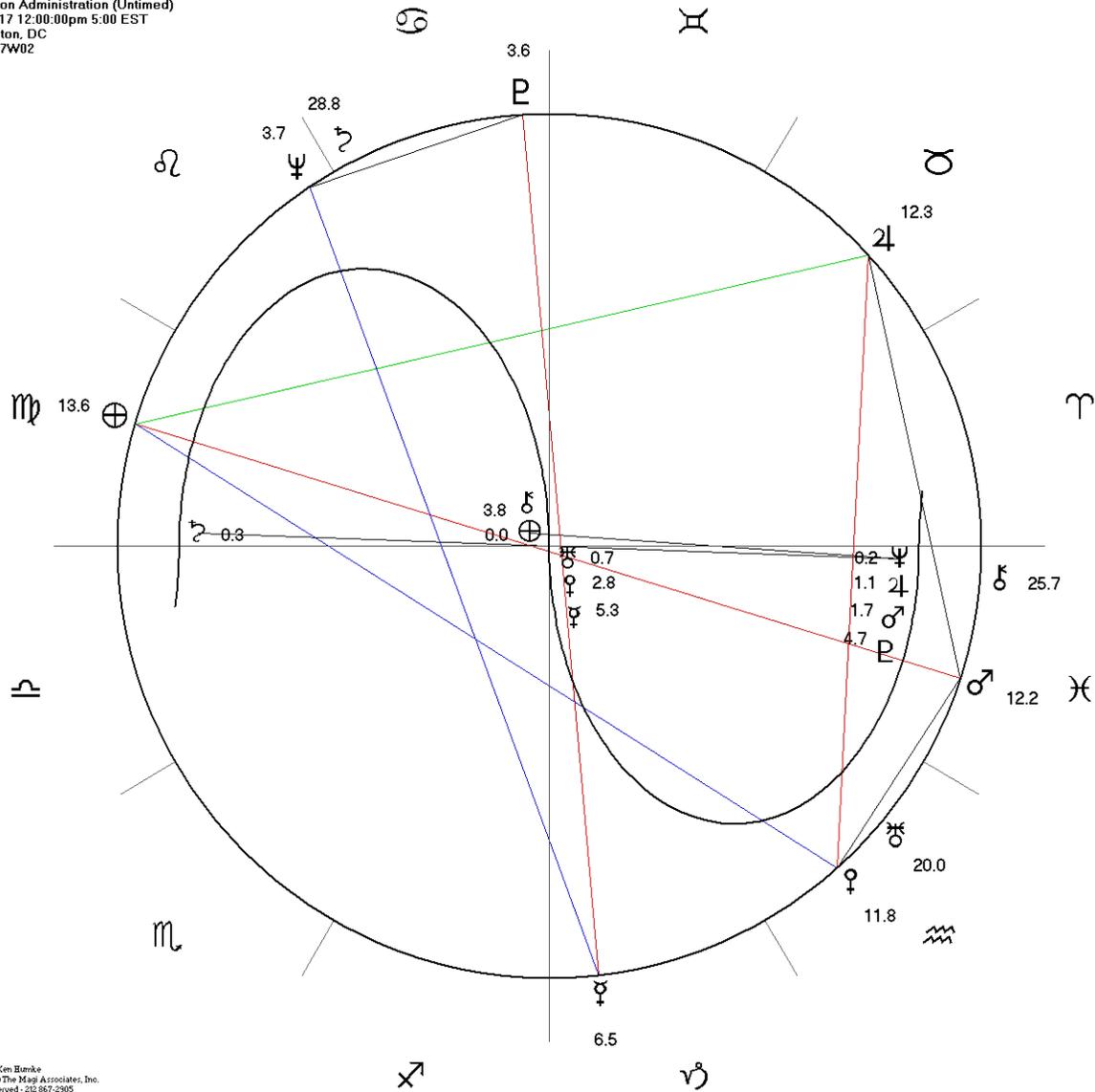
The character of these amendments shows in the charts for their ratification (not shown); in the case of Prohibition, Saturn was applying to the Sun in a quincunx aspect by progression in both alignment & transit, and to the Earth in a semi-sextile aspect by progressed transit. In the case of the XIX Amendment the Sun was just beyond orb of conjunction to Jupiter, with the latter applying to it by progressed transit. The best thing that can be said about the XVIII Amendment is that the XXI Amendment (passed by Congress Feb. 20, 1933; ratified Dec. 5, 1933) repealed it – the only instance so far in American history when a constitutional amendment was repealed. That it was enacted during a presidency with largely favorable stars probably had an influence on the mistake being subsequently corrected instead of stubbornly defended as part of the national canon until it would have completely undermined social stability.

We can thus conclude that the two Wilson administrations left two lasting legacies to the American people. One was the enfranchisement of women for the first time, which by itself would qualify this period as a high point in the nation's history. The second was the attainment of true world leadership. Although the nation at the time refused to embrace the role, only doing so of necessity a generation later during the Second World War, it was at this time that the United States attained to the status it has held since as the leading economic power of the world, and of having the greatest military potential. What a far cry from the foreign policy "accomplishments" of the two hapless Madison administrations! And with Wilson not even thinking along these lines, as we have seen, the *stars* fostered it, as shown below:

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The geocentric chart of the second Wilson administration (March 4, 1917) gives some strong hints as to what this time in the national life was about, but the decisive action in this case occurred in the heliocentric dimension. Nevertheless, there are some very important geocentric configurations, of which the most important are the Sun-Mars eclipse, symbolic literally of an administration (Sun) at war (Mars), and a four-planet longitudinal synchronization of Venus, Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto. Most notably, Venus is trine Pluto with Jupiter sextile both and conjunct their midpoint; Neptune is bi-directionally quincunx Venus, square Jupiter and semi-sextile Pluto.

The Venus-Pluto trine is symbolic of money (Venus) from big business & high finance (both Pluto symbolisms) and as such relates to the wartime prosperity. The Venus-Neptune enhancement suggests the lasting nature of the financial ascendancy; it was at this time that the United States became effectively the world's banker. This is accentuated by both of these aspects applying on both ends by virtue of being bi-directional, which would normally mean that in each instance both planets make transits to each other by progression in addition to forming a

progressed alignment. However, both Neptune and Pluto in this case turned direct before completing the progressed transits to Venus, and the progressed transits of Venus to both of the slower planets culminated right after the progressed alignments – in other words, shortly after the armistice ended the fighting. In the case of Venus-Pluto the progressions lasted 1.7 years, and in the case of Venus-Neptune 1.8 years. It is extremely significant that this was when the political (Pluto) triumphs (Venus) of the Wilson administration culminated and began to unravel. Jupiter would have helped this situation had it been applying to Venus/Pluto, but it was separating from this midpoint crossing and both planets individually and so made no helpful progressions.

The other significant alignment in longitude is Saturn quincunx Mercury eclipse (conjunct & parallel) Uranus and trine Chiron, which is semi-sextile Mercury. Here Saturn is applying to Mercury and Uranus, but crucially it is mutually separating from Chiron and doesn't complete the progression to Uranus by either alignment or transit. The Saturn-Mercury progression completed in alignment a little over 2 months into the term, as did Mercury to Saturn by transit, while by transit Saturn to Mercury took nearly 10 years, completing long after the administration left office. In short, this alignment packed very little power compared to the more favorable Venus-Jupiter-Neptune-Pluto configuration.

Two other geocentric alignments are significant; those are Neptune parallel Pluto with Pluto overtaking Neptune by progressed transit, and Venus contra-parallel Jupiter applying on both ends. Pluto doesn't complete the progressed transit to Neptune, but Neptune would eventually change direction and overtake Pluto by both alignment and transit, although the duration of these progressions is 157.5 years and 179.6 years respectively. In this context this planetary alignment can be read as longevity (Neptune) of power (Pluto). It also can be read as naval (Neptune) empowerment (Pluto), and WWI left Britain financially exhausted to the point where the offer by the successor Harding administration of parity with the United States at much lower force levels established by treaty was irresistible. The Washington Naval Limitation Treaty (the first modern arms control treaty, also signed by Japan, France & Italy on Feb. 6, 1922 as previously noted) accomplished this and formally ended the global naval dominance enjoyed by Britain ever since the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. The greater ability and inclination of the United States to finance the modernization of its fleet during the interwar years in turn led to defacto American naval superiority as a direct result of WWI.

The Venus-Jupiter enhancement aspect in this chart accounts for the high-minded idealism of this administration, which represented the war to the public and the world as a war to “make the world safe for democracy” and to end war per se. This also was evident in Wilson's “Fourteen Points,” which he proposed (Jan. 8, 1918) as the basis of a fair and lasting peace. In the end, this concept was cast aside by the other victorious allied powers in favor of punitive measures against Germany; Wilson hoped to use the League of Nations to correct this but saw any hope of that dashed when the Senate rejected the Versailles Treaty. The fact that the enhancement here is a contra-parallel is important; this enhancement, along with the quincunx enhancement, is not as powerful as the trine, conjunction and parallel. The fact that these latter three aspects are the strongest enhancements is evident from the fact that Saturn at these angles forms enhancements, while it makes the contra-parallel and quincunx turbulent. If this had been a stronger enhancement, Wilson would likely have had a more realistic appreciation of what to expect of his allies and a more viable strategy to secure their cooperation.

As juicy as these geocentric alignments are, it is in the heliocentric dimension that we find the definitive configurations. Foremost among these is a four-body alignment of the Earth, Venus, Mars and Jupiter with an isosceles Magi Triangle of the Earth trine Jupiter, which is

square Venus, which in turn is quincunx the Earth. Mars is opposition the Earth, semi-sextile Venus and sextile Jupiter, which is applying by progressed transit to the Earth although separating from the other two planets. This applying enhancement of Jupiter to the Earth is what made this a time of such elevation of the American position in the world community. It's also what protected the nation from the worst effects of the adverse events of the time, as we shall see below.

One can read this alignment as symbolic of a blessed and protected (both Jupiter symbolisms) entity (Earth) victorious (Venus) in war (Mars); the entity in this case, being a presidential administration, is representative of the nation governed by that administration. Having this fortuitous alignment in the oath of office chart was critical, because the other most critical feature is the contra-latitude aspect of Saturn and Neptune with Neptune applying in a parallel aspect to the Earth. The best thing about this was that Saturn and Neptune were separating from each other and their midpoint separating from the Earth, while Saturn was fully separated from the Earth.

Neptune enhancing the Sun or the Earth is normally a very helpful aspect in any chart, but the exception occurs in the chart of any entity engaged in competitive endeavors, which by definition would have to include any presidential administration. We alluded to this in the interpretation of the Sun-Neptune enhancement published in our *Love & Money* book on p. 330, where we wrote as follows about chartering a corporation under it:

Electional Aspect for Matters of Money: Enhancement – ... Neptune is the most impressionable and least competitive planet, and a corporation born under a Sun-Neptune enhancement will be less willing and less able to compete in the dog-eat-dog world of big business – or even small business.

This explains the unwillingness of the public and Congress to take up the mantle of world leadership that the American triumph in WWI thrust upon the nation. It can be fairly argued that while Japan was a winner in having acquired the German colonies among the Pacific islands by conquest at nominal cost, the United States was the *big* winner and the European allies were actually numbered among the losers when considered on a net rather than a nominal basis. Their decline in power resulting from the horrendous cost of the war in both lives and treasure, and from the physical destruction in the invaded countries such as France, left a vacuum that only America could fill. Wilson clearly saw this, but was unable to persuade his own people of this reality. A Neptunian entity, such as an administration inaugurated under Neptune applying parallel the Earth, is one that abhors conflict such that it can only be motivated to fight a war – just once – in order to end war for good and all. In such a case, even when the administration itself has other plans, the chart for its inception natalizes the public mood for the duration of its term and those plans are primed to fail for lack of public (and therefore congressional) support.

A very strong case is to be made that all of the problems and reverses of the second Wilson administration relate in some way to Neptune. That planet among other things governs health and the practice of medicine and healing; food & drink; and drugs of all kinds whether medicinal or recreational. When combined with Saturn, it relates to problems in those areas.

It is worth noting that the so-called Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918-19 began in the United States in March 1918 at Camp Funston, an Army training center in Kansas. American troops carried the virus with them to Europe and from there it spread around the world. The epidemic struck in three waves, with the second and third being of a mutated virus that was extremely

virulent, with patients typically dying of pneumonia within two days of the first symptoms. About 550,000 died in the United States at a time when the population was little more than one third what it is at present, with a global death toll in the range of 30 million. Put another way, globally this epidemic accounted for more than three times as many deaths as WWI, and it claimed more than four times as many American lives as the war. The fact that the Saturn/Neptune midpoint, which is interpreted in this context as medical (Neptune) misfortune (Saturn) was only 0.02 degrees away from the Earth in latitude when the administration took office, while Saturn had separated from Neptune by only 0.03 degrees, seems to be inescapably related to this global tragedy of American origin.

A second event that seems clearly related to this alignment is Wilson's being partially paralyzed by a stroke with 17 months remaining in his term. In this case the medical misfortune befell the president personally, and it so incapacitated him physically that today a president in such a condition would in all likelihood be declared unable to perform the duties of the office and succeeded by the vice-president. Given the effects as it was, it was especially fortunate that the Saturn-Neptune contra-latitude was no longer applying at the time of Wilson's second inauguration, and this likely accounts for these national and presidential medical catastrophes not having a much more damaging effect on the nation itself than they actually did. The reason that the effects were as bad as they were relates to Neptune applying by progression to the Earth while still under such a strong Saturn influence without any compensating support from Jupiter (in the geocentric chart Jupiter is square Neptune and separating from it).

The final Neptune-related disaster of Wilson's second term was the ratification of the XVIII Amendment to the Constitution. Because Neptune rules everything that people put into their bodies, whether food, drink, medicine or recreational drugs, and it accordingly rules addictions, the prohibition of alcoholic beverage sales & consumption falls under that planet's purview specifically in combination with Saturn. Saturn governs error and deceit, and Neptune naiveté, and the notion that the problem of alcohol addiction and its attendant social ill effects could be cured by legislation banning the product was a textbook case of national self-deception and gullibility. All that was accomplished was the handover of the alcoholic beverage business to the criminal element, which was the only sector of American society to benefit from it. The fact that the Saturn-Neptune and Saturn/Neptune-Earth alignments were dispersing and Jupiter was applying by trine to the Earth in the chart for the administration in office when this was enacted were together responsible for the people and the government eventually wising up and repudiating this foolishness.

The Second Reagan Administration & the End of the Cold War

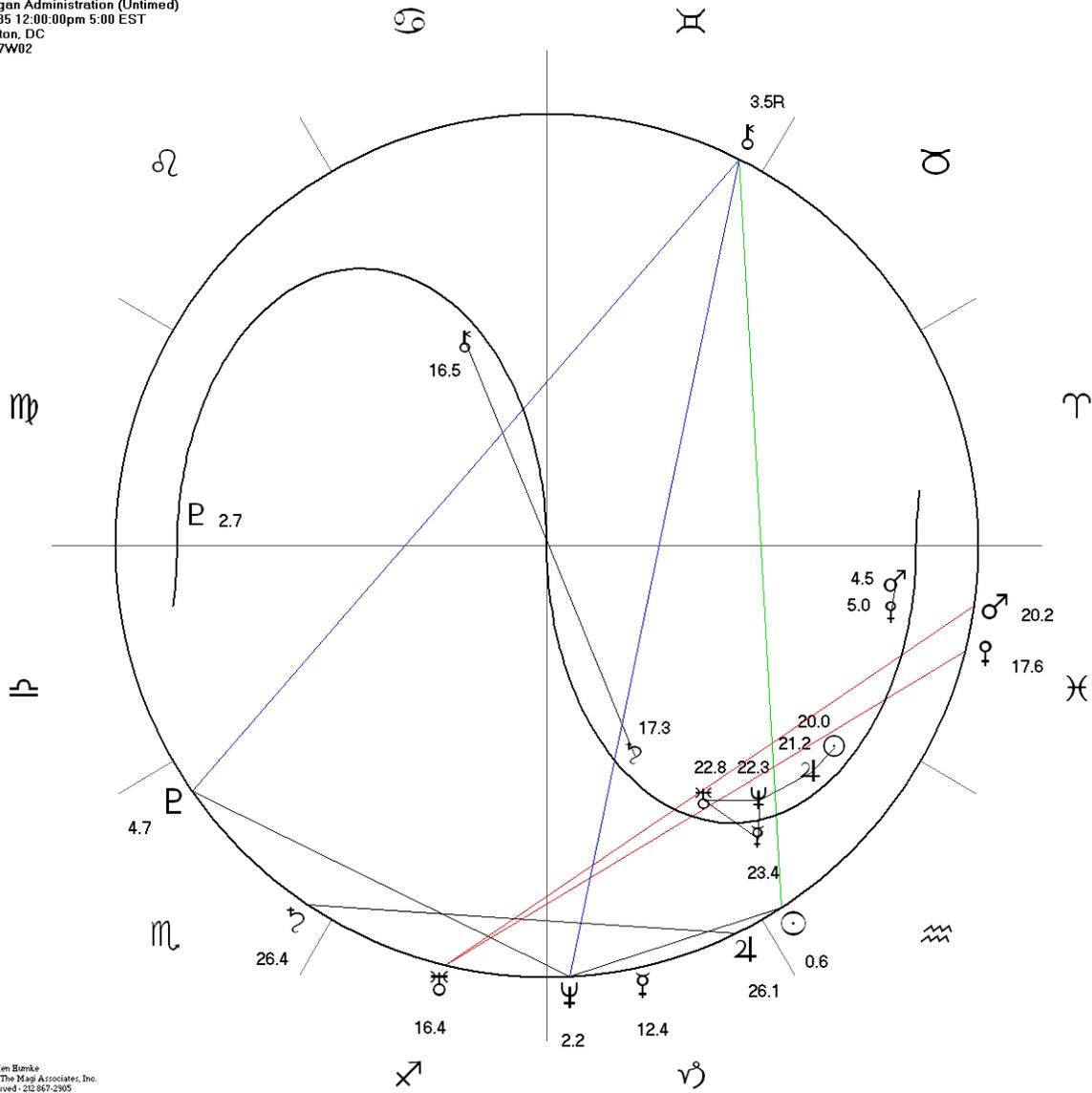
The second Reagan administration actually was begun with two separate oaths of office by the president, the first privately in the White House on Jan. 20, 1985, and the second publicly in the Capitol Rotunda (because of inclement weather) the following day. This was because the 20th fell on Super Bowl Sunday that year, and Reagan announced that he didn't want television coverage of the ceremony to conflict with the game as a favor to football fans nationwide. Because the authority of the office was vested in him by the first oath, it is that one for which the chart of this administration is properly to be cast.

This administration in a different way accomplished a feat on behalf of the national wellbeing comparable to what the two Wilson administrations did during the First World War, by negotiating the Cold War with the Soviet Union to an end under the most favorable

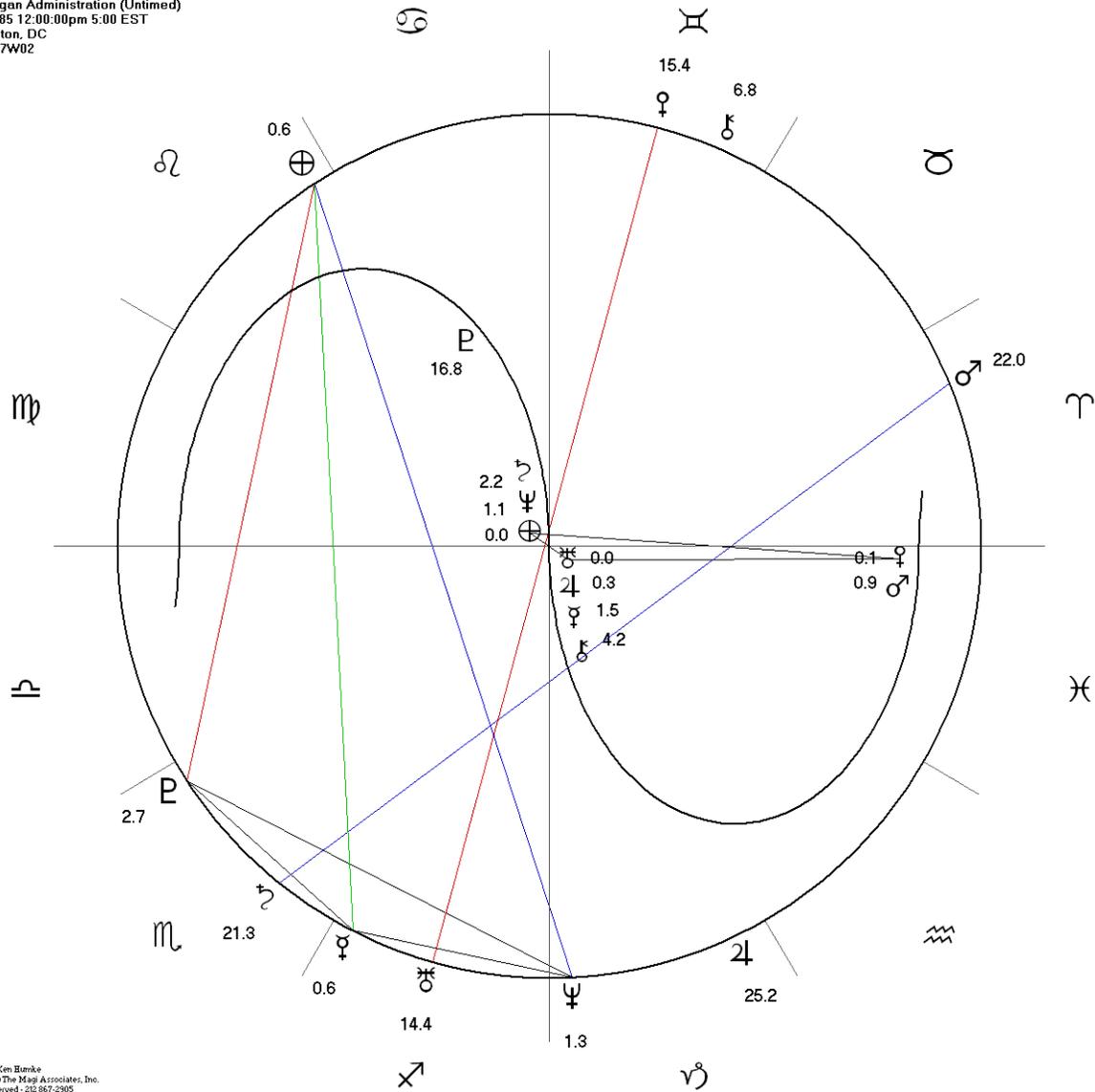
conditions. And better still, it was accomplished without the two parties becoming involved in a shooting war, and therefore without the attendant casualties and destruction. What this meant not only to America but also to the world was that the imminent threat of a civilization-destroying nuclear world war was lifted from over everyone's heads, while the people of most of the former Soviet bloc attained their full freedom during the term of Reagan's successor, George H. W. Bush.

The importance of this for both the United States and the world totally eclipses that of everything else that happened during that time and accordingly will be the primary focus of our treatment of this oath of office chart. However, it is also extremely significant that this happened at the same time that a wave of great prosperity swept over the country, restoring American competitiveness in world markets and public morale following a trough of economic stagnation, high inflation and widespread despair & cynicism issuing from the loss of the Vietnam War and the oil embargoes of the 1970s. As with Wilson's first term, the stars of his second administration were most exquisitely in Reagan's favor to accomplish this, and in much the same way. Let us now see exactly how this was so:

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The most decisive factors in this chart are to be found in the geocentric dimension, where Jupiter is applying by progressed transit to the Sun in a parallel aspect, and overtaking Saturn by progression in both alignment and transit in a sextile aspect. The progressed transit of Jupiter to Saturn culminated in 1.4 years, while the progressed alignment did so in 2 years; the Jupiter progressed transit to the Sun wouldn't complete for 26 years. What this meant, just as in the chart of the first Wilson administration, was that this presidency was a very fortunate and blessed (both Jupiter symbolisms) entity (Sun), and that Jupiter held dominion over Saturn and suppressed its otherwise malefic influence. The role of highly favorable world events that were beyond the capacity of the administration to control was decisive in its success, and this is directly the result of the providential influence of Jupiter in the oath of office chart. Even the adverse events of this period, as we shall see, produced providential results.

The first of these providential events occurred in Moscow on March 11, 1985, less than two months after the inception of Reagan's second administration. That was the election of Mikhail Gorbachev by the Soviet Politburo as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party

following the death the day before of his predecessor, Konstantin Chernenko. Gorbachev's subsequent initiatives to reform the Soviet Union, which he labeled Glasnost (openness) and Perestroika (restructuring), led eventually to the formal repudiation by the Soviet government of Stalinist totalitarianism, which had been the principal bone of contention between the Soviets and the Western powers led by the United States.

Central to this were two events that were tragic in themselves, and in one case horrifically calamitous in both the human and environmental dimensions, but which influenced the policies of the U.S. and Soviet governments in very positive ways. The first of these occurred on Jan. 28, 1986 when the American space shuttle *Challenger* was destroyed shortly after liftoff by a faulty booster rocket igniting the external fuel tank. The second event occurred just less than three months later on April 26, 1986, when a reactor at the Chernobyl, Ukraine nuclear power station was ruptured by a steam explosion and melted down, contaminating a huge region and poisoning tens of thousands in the immediate vicinity.

Stated bluntly, these events forced reconsideration by both governments of the technological hubris that had driven official policy in both countries to varying degrees ever since the Second World War. Specifically, they shined a realistic light respectively on the administration's conviction that the technology of the time was capable of producing a highly effective orbiting national anti-missile defense, and on the corresponding Soviet military dogma that radioactive decontamination sufficient for human habitability following an all-out nuclear war was feasible. Faced with these realities, along with the fact that the internal Soviet changes were dissolving the threat of aggression against the West, the two formerly hostile superpowers arrived over time at the sensible solution to in effect kiss & make up. Relaxed military dispositions and negotiated large-scale reductions in nuclear weapons systems on both sides were the direct result of this change of heart. This kind of win-win resolution of previously intractable conflicts is exactly what the Divine providential influence of Jupiter brings about when given free rein, which is just what it has in this exquisite oath of office chart.

Yet another facet of the Jupiter-Sun enhancement and the suppression of Saturn's adverse influence by Jupiter is the way the Iran-Contra scandal played out. This was an escapade carried out in secret by the National Security Council in 1985 & 1986 wherein American anti-tank & anti-aircraft missiles were sold illegally to Iran, which was then at war with Iraq. Part of the \$48 million sale proceeds was (also illegally) diverted to fund the anti-Sandinista Nicaraguan rebels known as the Contras. The weapons sales were made in an attempt to indirectly ransom Americans kidnapped and held hostage by pro-Iranian Lebanese terrorists, in direct contravention of stated administration policy not to bargain with terrorists. Reagan and his attorney general, Edwin Meese III, disclosed the wrongdoing to the public in a hastily called Nov. 25, 1986 news conference wherein Reagan and Meese maintained that they had only just learned of it.

This pathetic defense amounted to copping to gross dereliction of duty, since it was Reagan's administration and therefore his responsibility to know what his subordinates were doing and to properly supervise them so that the administration behaved within the law. However, despite a great public and media uproar over the disclosure and the firing and prosecution of the responsible officials, calls for Reagan's impeachment fell mostly on deaf ears among the public and attempts in Congress to do so never got off the ground. Reagan's admirers and detractors will have forever to argue over whether this outcome was good or bad for the country, but one thing is indisputable: this is a beautiful example of the protective effect that

Jupiter can have over an entity natalized when its influence is as strong as it is in the chart of this administration.

Another important geocentric chart factor is a yod formed by Neptune sextile Pluto with both quincunx Chiron and both quincunxes bi-directional. Chiron is opposition/conjunct the Neptune/Pluto midpoint and applying to it by an orb of 0.06 degrees with the progressed alignment culminating in 1.4 years. The progressed transit of Chiron to Neptune/Pluto culminated in 2.8 years and that of Neptune/Pluto to Chiron in 2.9 years. This configuration favorably synchronizes three of the four financial planets and is interpreted in this context as long term (Neptune) empowerment (Pluto) of employment (Chiron) and enhancement of power & wealth (both Pluto symbolisms) and of financial security (Neptune) to a charismatic (Chiron) degree. It is also symbolic of this administration being a political (Pluto) Cinderella (Chiron enhancing Neptune & Pluto). This accounts for Reagan's tremendous popularity and his being given credit for the good times of the era. The Sun is also synchronized with Chiron by an applying trine (bodies other than the Moon are always retrograde when trine the Sun, and therefore both bodies make progressed transits to each other as well as a progressed alignment when such an aspect is applying) and with Neptune by semi-sextile. The Sun-Chiron trine confers a magnificent public image that recovered remarkably well from the mud bath of the Iran-Contra scandal.

There is also a Mercury-Uranus-Neptune triple parallel that very elegantly describes the skill with which this president presented his policies to the public and secured widespread support for them. We can read this as highly inspirational (Neptune) communication (Mercury) to the public (Uranus) through broadcasting (Uranus). No one ever did that better than Reagan, nor is anyone likely to for a very long time, if ever. Finally there is a Venus/Mars eclipse square Uranus, which very likely relates to the Iran-Contra mess because of the square to Uranus, but which was overshadowed in its influence by the more positive alignments. We can read this as negative (square) publicity (Uranus) relating to the willingness to go to any lengths to prevail (Venus) in war (Mars), in this case the war being the civil conflict then raging in Nicaragua. Another side of the Mars-Uranus square in particular specifically applies to Iran-Contra. In our *Love & Money* book, p. 322, we wrote as follows about this aspect in an electoral chart related to money:

Electional Aspect in Matters of Money: Turbulent – a harmful aspect to have in any business chart; this aspect creates sudden dramatic changes that are totally unexpected, and often includes an insurrection on the part of employees

The illegal activities carried out within Reagan's National Security Council were certainly not intended by his subordinates to undermine the administration, but they had that exact effect. The consequences of these activities were unintended and unexpected (because they thought they could cover their tracks) and it was the involved employees who were subsequently prosecuted for wrongdoing. While no insurrection against the president was intended, they were well aware that at a minimum his reputation and credibility would suffer severely if their activities were publicly exposed. They also certainly knew that what they were doing was contrary to the law and to published administration policy, which is tantamount to an insurrection against the laws and rules that served to frustrate their intentions, and which they had all sworn to uphold.

The final noteworthy geocentric alignment is a Saturn-Chiron contra-parallel. This turbulent aspect is one of the worst it is possible to have for any venture, but here it has minimal influence because both bodies are separating from each other so that there is no progression. In the context of the heavy domination of the chart by Jupiter, this alignment simply packs no significant punch.

The heliocentric alignments are also very descriptive of this administration's character and the events of its term in power. The Earth is synchronized respectively by square, trine and quincunx to Pluto, Mercury and Neptune, with Neptune sextile Pluto and Mercury semi-sextile both and conjunct their midpoint. This describes an entity (Earth) able to communicate (Mercury) inspirationally (Neptune) and with great power (Pluto), and to successfully disseminate (Earth trine Mercury) a powerful, pro-big business (both Pluto symbolisms) ideological (Neptune) message (Mercury).

The other powerful multi-planet heliocentric alignment is an Earth-Venus-Uranus triple-parallel. This describes among other things a massively (Uranus) victorious (Venus) entity (Earth) and an administration (Earth) with great (Uranus) allure (Venus) to the public (Uranus). The bloodless victory in the Cold War – and make no mistake, it was an unqualified victory because Communist totalitarianism in most of the Soviet bloc was supplanted by democracy and free markets – was perhaps the greatest victory ever in American history, apart from its huge scale precisely *because* it was bloodless and there were no true losers among the formerly opposing nations. And the continued support of the American people in the face of the Iran-Contra scandal is indisputable proof of the public (Uranus) affection (Venus) for this president and by extension his administration (Earth).

The other heliocentric alignments are a Venus-Uranus opposition and a Mars-Saturn quincunx with Saturn applying by progressed transit to Mars. Venus and Uranus aspecting each other at a turbulent angle symbolizes negative (opposition) change (Uranus) in public (Uranus) enchantment (Venus) with this administration, but it also indicates that because Uranus does rule change the downturn would not be permanent. Saturn applying to Mars at a turbulent angle in this chart had much the same influence that it did in the geocentric chart of the first Wilson administration, debilitating any warlike inclinations (ruled by Mars), although in this instance in a less blatant way. (It should be noted that in real terms defense spending under Reagan peaked in 1986 and then began a decline that wasn't reversed until after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.) That in turn cleared the way for Reagan to resolve the longstanding conflict with the Soviet bloc by other means, never mind his having been elected as a defense hawk and having greatly strengthened and modernized the nation's armed forces during both of his terms.

Third Conclusion

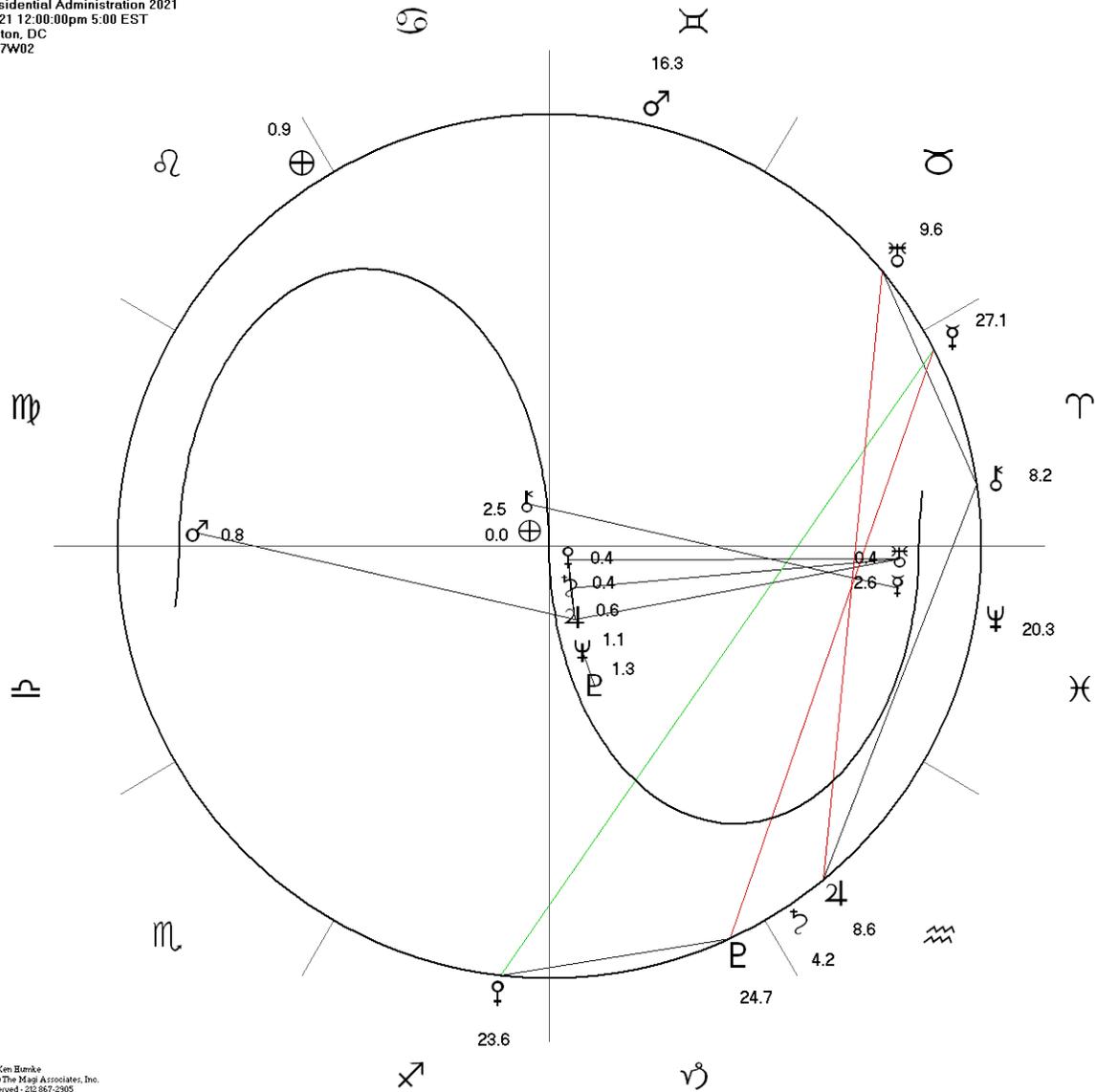
The beneficial effects to the nation of the president taking his oath of office under an exceptionally favorable sky are so profound and dramatic that it is an affront to the people of the United States not to provide by constitutional amendment for it to be done in all practical instances. While the safety of the nation hangs in the balance when the president takes office under a malevolent sky, it is additionally the case that for the best interests of the nation and its people to be served it is imperative that the stars be favorably aligned on such a day to the maximum possible extent.

This means that the Constitution needs to be amended to provide for every newly elected president to choose from within a range of a few weeks the date on which to take office. We have shown here the profound effects on the safety of the nation and the wellbeing of the American people for good or ill when the stars are especially favorable or unfavorable when the president takes office. We will now demonstrate that it is *especially* imperative to the national safety that this constitutional amendment is ratified and effective prior to the inception of the administration that is to take office in 2021 for reasons to be elaborated below.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE OFFICE IN 2021 *MUST DO SO ON A DAY WELL AWAY FROM JAN. 20*

The Astrology of Jan. 20, 2021

Having seen how the president taking office on an astrologically very favorable or very unfavorable day so dramatically influences the life of the nation for good or ill respectively, it is imperative to understand that no president has *ever* taken office on a day so horribly ill-starred as Jan. 20, 2021. Not by a country mile. That day (along with those close around it) is not only worse for natalizing anything than any previous inauguration day, *it is by itself much worse than all of the unfavorable examples presented in this study – the worst of the worst – combined.* The sky of that day, if natalized in the chart of a presidential administration as the Constitution now provides, is a prime setup for a cataclysmic meltdown of the United States as we know it. We now present this chart and explain below why this is so:



Beginning with the geocentric chart where the worst alignments are, the problem emerges upon even the most cursory examination. The Sun, Jupiter and Saturn are clustered together in both longitude and declination with Saturn & Jupiter and Saturn & the Sun (but *not* the Sun & Jupiter) close enough in both sub-dimensions to form planetary eclipses (the Sun & Jupiter do, however, form a parallel). The obvious problem is that Saturn is overtaking Jupiter by progressed transit on both levels. However, it takes a closer look to see that this is actually much worse than it first appears to be.

The progressed transits of Jupiter by Saturn take a long time to play out – 27.1 years in declination and 29.4 years in longitude – lingering far beyond the expiration of the administration’s term of office. However, there are other problematic progressions that complete well within this period, most obviously the Sun parallel Saturn in 1.3 years in transit and 1.5 years in alignment, and the Sun conjunct Saturn in 3 years in transit and 3.4 years in alignment. However, these are of lesser significance than what isn’t so obvious but is easily detected by anyone skilled at using our most advanced professional-level MagiSoft program. Specifically,

this is the synchronization of Saturn in both sub-dimensions with the Sun/Jupiter midpoint. Saturn is eclipse/opposition (because in longitude there are always two midpoints) and applying to this midpoint by progressed transit with the longitudinal progression completing in 1.6 years. The declinational progression completes in 8.2 years, once again well beyond the administration's term of office.

What makes this so awful is the combination of these influences together, along with more bad news of similar type in the heliocentric dimension. It is important here to revisit a critical component of Magi Astrology first presented in this form in the interpretation section of *The Magi Society Ephemeris* on p. 30, that being what we called The Theory of Midpoint Equivalence, which reads as follows:

Every midpoint acts as if it were a planet. All Midpoints influence planets and other midpoints under the same rules as planets themselves. All midpoints are influenced by planets and other midpoints under the same rules as planets themselves.

From our examination of midpoint crossings and Magi Quads in that book, and our other writings on the subject including this one, it should be evident that this is not so much theory as it is demonstrable fact. Where that becomes of critical importance in this context is evident when we consider the symbolisms of the midpoints and how those symbolisms are arrived at. Essentially, the symbolism of any midpoint is a combination of that of each of the planets forming the midpoint, and normally (Saturn's midpoints are an exception) bears similarities to the characteristics of an enhancement aspect between the two planets. We've already visited in this article the consequences of Saturn overtaking Jupiter by progressed transit in a chart such as this, but Saturn overtaking the Sun/Jupiter midpoint in this way bears especially close examination considering the other adverse alignments in this chart.

The short definition of the Sun/Jupiter midpoint is that this is where the entity (Sun) is united with Divine Providence (symbolized by Jupiter). This is so important because this midpoint is to be found in every chart and is where every person or human-created entity (marriage, nation, business – or presidential administration) is at one with the Divine element within its own nature. When the Sun and Jupiter aspect each other by enhancement, that divine element of the nature favorably synchronizes with the entity itself to the immense advantage of that entity. Such an aspect in a birth chart confers wisdom, unselfishness and general good fortune, i.e. luck. This is true in a less personal way of an entity such as a presidential administration. Those characteristics are expressly embodied in the Sun/Jupiter midpoint (and also the Earth/Jupiter midpoint in the heliocentric dimension) in every chart irrespective of whether there is a Sun-Jupiter or Earth-Jupiter enhancement aspect. And it is those elements of the entity's nature that are disrupted and overpowered when placed under the active (i.e. applying) influence of Saturn, irrespective of the specific aspect that Saturn forms.

When the Sun combines with Saturn while Saturn overpowers both Jupiter itself and the Sun/Jupiter midpoint in an important natalization such as this, all the adversity that Saturn can deliver is given free rein in the life of that entity, both in its own actions and in what external events bring to it. In other words, where a Jupiter-enhanced entity free of disrupting active Saturn influences will be wise, generous and fortunate, one that is totally Saturn-dominated and Jupiter-suppressed, such as this one, is hardwired to be foolish to the point of idiotic; selfish and malevolent; and tragically unfortunate. This chart brings to mind Murphy's Law: If it *can* go wrong, it *will*. Except in this case, the built-in misfortune is so disproportionate that the

appropriate corollary to Murphy's Law would read: If it *can't* go wrong, *it will anyway* purely for spite. Taken together, this dictum would more realistically be called Saturn's Law, because that's how Saturn works when it's in a position to make, interpret and administer the rules, as in this case. (For reference purposes it should be understood that when Jupiter is natalized in a position as strong as Saturn holds in this chart, it repeals Murphy's Law in the life of the natalized entity.)

Because the universe is fundamentally benevolent, Saturn is very rarely in such a commanding position as it holds in this chart, and people are free to preempt or wait out such periods for natalizing anything of importance. In other words, the tragedy embodied in this future inauguration chart is avoidable simply by selecting a better day (and virtually *any* other day would be better than this one) for the new administration to take office. Additional reasons to do so are to be found in other aspects that Saturn makes in this chart, notably a sextile to Chiron applying by progression in both alignment (19.7 years) and transit (13.3 years) and in transit by semi-sextile/quincunx to the Jupiter/Chiron midpoint (21.3 years). These progressions are just as bad as those addressed above, given the rulerships of Chiron and Jupiter/Chiron.

Among other things, Chiron rules life and death, and the Jupiter/Chiron midpoint is symbolic of a charmed and fortunate (both Jupiter symbolisms) life (Chiron). For our purposes here, these are critical symbolisms. And given what we've demonstrated in this study about the influence on the life of the American nation of the presidential oath of office chart both during and after the president's term, the ominous implications of these progressions in combination with the others simply cannot be underestimated. And we're by no means done even in the geocentric dimension. Note that Saturn, Jupiter and their midpoint are all square a Mars-Uranus conjunction and the midpoint of those two planets. Jupiter is separating from these squares, but Saturn and Jupiter/Saturn are applying. One of the symbolisms of Mars and Uranus in combination is democratic (Uranus) action (Mars); another is orderly (Uranus) activity (Mars), which when so aspected by Saturn and Jupiter/Saturn strongly suggests a threat of both totalitarianism and chaos.

Still another symbolism of Mars and Uranus combined, both by aspect and through their midpoint, is military (Mars) aviation (Uranus) and aerospace (Uranus) warfare (Mars). Consider what has been the decisive means by which the U.S. armed forces have attained dominance over their adversaries over the past 60+ years, and the national defense implications of this capability being lost or severely disrupted (both Saturn & Jupiter/Saturn applying, especially at a turbulent angle). Today's American armed forces would not be functional in any effective way without the use of military (Mars) satellites and computer software (both Uranus symbolisms) for communication, navigation, battle management and basic weapon system functioning. Does anyone truly believe that a generation from today that technological dependence will have lessened any? Think about what the loss or disablement (both Saturn & Jupiter/Saturn symbolisms) of these capabilities would mean: a world war could easily be irreversibly lost before a shot was ever fired because of that alone.

The progressions associated with this alignment complete as follows: Saturn square Uranus, 28.1 years in alignment and 23.8 years in transit; Saturn square Mars, 23.1 years in transit; Jupiter/Saturn square Mars, 5.7 years in transit; Jupiter/Saturn square Uranus, 6.4 years in alignment and 6.1 years in transit; Saturn square Mars/Uranus, 23.5 years in transit. None of these progressions complete within the administration's term of office, but they are all building in intensity throughout that term, and all have the potential to bear poisonous fruit for the nation from the moment of the oath of office until they culminate. Now with this less than cheerful

examination of the critical features of the geocentric chart accomplished, it's time to turn our attention to its heliocentric counterpart.

What emerges as the most important alignment in the heliocentric chart is a Venus-Jupiter-Saturn-Uranus quadruple-parallel, with Saturn applying to Jupiter and to the Venus/Jupiter and Jupiter/Uranus midpoints, to Jupiter and Venus/Jupiter in transit and to Jupiter/Uranus in both alignment and transit. The progressed alignment of Saturn to Jupiter/Uranus takes a very long time – 139.8 years – to complete; the progressed transit completes in 57.6 years; that of Saturn to Venus/Jupiter completes in 41.6 years; and that of Saturn to Jupiter in 124.4 years. In addition to this, while Saturn and Jupiter are too far apart in longitude normally to be considered conjunct, they're not nearly too far apart for Saturn to eventually complete a progressed transit to Jupiter. In fact, the latitudinal parallel and the geocentric eclipse taken together suggest that the heliocentric alignment of these bodies should be considered effectively an eclipse as well, although a loose one. The longitudinal progression completes in 143.6 years.

We've already explained what Saturn applying to Jupiter means so we won't belabor it anymore here, but it is worth examining the implications of Saturn applying to Jupiter/Uranus, and especially to Venus/Jupiter. The Jupiter-Uranus enhancement in a natal chart is what we call the Super Fame Aspect and in any chart is symbolic of public acclaim, and also of potential success in any Uranus-ruled field, such as aerospace, broadcasting, entertainment, computer software and astrology. Saturn applying by progression to these planets' midpoint at any angle symbolizes loss and misfortune in these areas, and in particular the potential for infamy. Saturn is even worse when applying to Jupiter/Venus, which symbolizes leadership, honor and integrity, and selfless loyalty; in a worst-case situation such as this chart describes it can be symbolic of gross dishonor and betrayal. In this context think high treason, very possibly committed by the president personally or by someone critically positioned in the administration.

Jan. 20, 2021 and the American Demographic Time Bomb

Having gone to such lengths to expose the peril intrinsic to this prospective oath of office chart, it is incumbent upon us to show how it most plausibly would play out in the real world. Bear in mind that what we envision here is not a specific prediction because there are innumerable alternative scenarios that would be consistent with this chart, the common denominator being that they would all necessarily be horrendous. People have discretion both individually and collectively to respond as they choose to what life brings them, and the exercise of that discretion whether conscious or otherwise determines the actual course of events. However, in such a situation as this chart symbolizes, that discretion would have an aggravating or mitigating effect according to how it was exercised, but it would not change the essential overwhelmingly adverse character of the times that would be natalized by an inauguration on this day.

The one thing that can clearly be seen coming that is certain to constitute the defining background reality of the 2021 presidential term of office is what can be fairly called the American Demographic Time Bomb. Simply put, the largest wave of births in the nation's history took place from 1946 to 1964 inclusive, producing a group collectively known as the Baby Boom generation. Following this period the American birthrate dramatically declined, creating a demographic bulge in the composition of the population followed by a dip that represents the succeeding generation. This very large group is now collectively at or near the

peak of their careers and earning power and due to begin retiring en masse in less than a decade. In other words, a huge section of the population will cease to be productive and will begin liquidating their 401Ks and real estate holdings that have contributed immensely to the capital foundation underlying the long prosperity that first took flight during the Reagan years. At the same time, they will become net consumers where they had previously been net producers.

This will add a huge burden to entitlement programs at the same time that the national tax base will be negatively impacted by the decline of this group's huge contribution. And that tax base is really *all* that will be available to meet these obligations. The Social Security and Medicare trust funds that have been showing surpluses on their books for many years have had all the surplus money borrowed by the government on an ongoing basis to finance current operations, and actually contain *only* U.S. government and government-guaranteed debt securities (meaning taxpayer IOUs). The viability of the trust funds is directly proportional to the ability of the government to repay the debt that it owes them.

Significantly, the *2003 Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds Annual Report*, the most recent official study on the subject as of this writing, projects that it will become necessary to begin redeeming the government securities held by the Social Security trust funds in lieu of cash beginning in 2018 – even before the inception of the 2021 administration. The same report anticipates these trust funds being totally exhausted by 2042 (this depletion schedule assumes that the old age and disability trust funds are combined). In the case of Medicare, the government security redemptions are projected to begin still earlier – in 2013 – and the trust fund to be fully depleted in 2026. Now please review the progression schedule above – you will see that the progressions of the inauguration Sun eclipse Saturn complete in 1.3, 1.5, 3 and 3.4 years, and Saturn culminates conjunct/opposition Sun/Jupiter by progressed transit in 1.6 years. While not the only possible interpretation of how these progressions could play out if the inauguration takes place as currently scheduled, a default on this debt when they are all culminating would certainly be consistent with their symbolism, and that is especially true of the attendant social, economic and political impact of such a default.

Even more ominously, draconian cuts in national defense; law enforcement and public safety; non-entitlement social and other discretionary spending such as education, work safety and environmental protection, and infrastructure maintenance & modernization, all in order to avert such a default, would be equally well symbolized by such progressions. So would confiscatory income, payroll and/or other tax increases to fund all of these obligations, thereby decapitalizing the private economy, inciting a taxpayer rebellion and throwing the country into economic depression, massive civil strife, or both. So also would be currency inflation initiated to effectively default on these obligations through the back door by repaying them at face value in devalued money. And so would one or more hostile foreign powers picking such a moment of vulnerability to initiate war.

Compounding this impending vulnerability on the obligation side is the accelerating export of high-paying jobs, especially in manufacturing, to foreign countries in the developing world where personnel-related costs are vastly lower. Adding this to the shift in the population to an older demographic average, it is all too easy to envision the government's obligations to the elderly outstripping its ability to meet them within this time frame. Literally, fewer workers, with a large percentage making much less real income than their predecessors, will be called on to support more retirees and their own families at the same time, while lacking the resources to do so.

All of this is already beginning to happen, as the cost of the health care and medicine that the elderly always require continues to rocket ever more out of control as far as the eye can see, making this burden ever more disproportionate. At the same time, ever more Americans of working age and their children, together numbering in the tens of millions, are medically uninsured because of the increasingly prohibitive cost. The resulting cost of charity care by high-cost emergency care providers passed on to those who do have insurance or who can pay out of pocket further accelerates this insurance cost spiral.

There are other potentially extremely damaging eventualities that are realistically plausible, and could coincide with any of the others mentioned. For example, a point of both great national strength and proportionate vulnerability is the denomination of international oil contracts in U.S. dollars, which dates to 1973. This in effect has made the U.S. dollar the world's reserve currency and has insulated the United States for decades from what would have been the otherwise debilitating effects of continuous large trade deficits (meaning that the value of the nation's exports is lower than that of the goods it imports, thus depleting the national wealth). This is so because foreign assets denominated in American money work like American assets for purposes of capitalizing the U.S. economy. The proceeds of foreign nations' oil sales denominated in dollars are invested in dollar-denominated bank accounts and financial instruments, with the principal of these holdings thereby becoming available for financing the U.S. economy just as would the proceeds of trade surpluses deposited by domestic industries.

This has served the oil-producing countries as well as it has the U.S. because America has been both the safest place to put their money and a profitable one, given the combination of a strong economy and relative social & political stability compared to the available alternatives. Should the oil producing nations conclude that America was no longer a good risk, they would have the option of selling their product priced in another currency and banking elsewhere, which would pull the rug out from under the American economy and financial markets overnight.

Against this background is the anti-terrorism war, which because of the elusive and treacherous character of the threat is likely to linger at a low intensity for many years after the big battles are won, and certain to consume vast resources directly and indirectly over time. Nevertheless, on the political scene the current debate entirely ignores demographic reality, focusing largely on whether to further enlarge the government's already unsupportable future entitlement obligations, or to further reduce taxes, mostly for the wealthy, or some combination of both. And meanwhile, any genuine solution to the healthcare dilemma that lies at the core of the long-term demographic threat to social and economic stability continues to be sandbagged by a political impasse. This impasse is defined by the only so far non-negotiable imperative that all parties to it hold in common: that someone else's constituents and (especially) financial backers pay for the solution. It accurately reflects the general public's attitude on the subject – everyone wants a solution, and for someone else to pay for it.

All of this is happening with annual federal deficits approaching the half-trillion-dollar range (greater than the entire current wartime defense budget), which will rapidly escalate the cost of servicing the national debt. At the same time, the government competing for money in the credit markets with private business will at some point, due to supply and demand factors, drive up interest rates and with them the cost both of living and of doing business (not to mention government debt service). This by itself is a prescription for choking the growth out of the economy if it continues long enough, and combined with the entitlement and essential service obligations thus rendered un-fundable, for ultimately impoverishing even the world's wealthiest nation. Truly, the demographic time bomb is the elephant in the American national living room

that it is absolutely taboo to talk about – which is the best possible reason to make an issue of it here and in every other available forum.

The question literally has to be asked: What happens when all of the government's resources are legally mandated to cover entitlement programs and debt service, and the productive taxpayers, both business and individual, can't pay any more and make their own ends meet? How are essential services to be provided in this scenario, and in particular how are the nation's astronomically expensive ultra-high-tech armed forces to be supported? And that doesn't even consider what would happen were so much manufacturing to be exported that domestic industry could not produce essential defense materials such as jet engine components and computer chips in a national emergency. What if the foreign nations producing those materials refuse to sell them? This of course supposes that these products could be paid for if they were made available, which they obviously wouldn't be if the producing nations had become America's enemies. Obvious weakness of this sort would encourage exactly this eventuality according to historic precedent. And what would it do for social stability and public order were all of these economic and political nightmares to come true at once?

The likely consequences to the rest of the world of such an eventuality bear examination here as well. Consider for a moment what happened when the United States attained to economic and political primacy during the second Wilson administration and then turned its back on its responsibilities as the world leader, at a time when no other nation or combination of nations was disposed to assume them. The lesson here is that those most eager to fill such a power and leadership vacuum are by their nature the ones most intent on exploiting it to vile and predatory ends. During the 1930s and early '40s it was Adolf Hitler and the Japanese militarists who moved to exploit the global power vacuum that the United States created by its retreat into isolationism. The saving grace was that, though reluctant to use it, the United States retained the capability to respond effectively when the imperative to do so became inescapable. *In the type of scenario that we envision here, or any other that is consistent with the sky on the Jan. 20, 2021 inauguration date, that necessarily would not be the case.*

Whatever its shortcomings in execution, the United States has always championed human rights, personal liberty and representative democracy in the world simply because securing them for its own people is the purpose for which it was founded in the first place. These ideals are sacred to Americans and define the American sense of national identity. Power vacuums always get filled one way or another, and the people of the world would do well to consider who or what might fill the one that the fall or enfeeblement of the United States would create. History is anything but encouraging as to the likelihood that any force or combination of forces capable of filling such a huge vacuum would be of benevolent character.

There is no certainty of this type of scenario unfolding in any of the specific ways here envisioned, but there are countless variations and combinations that would fulfill the malefic promise of this chart, and one or another with equally bad or worse results *is* certain to come to pass if the president inaugurated in 2021 takes office on or close to Jan. 20. The type of crisis described here is by no means the worst possible (as for example a nuclear world war or an asteroid collision with the Earth, both of which we believe to be unlikely). But it is all too plausible given the current demographic/political situation and a continuation unchanged of present trends. And it is *absolutely* consistent with the Jan. 20, 2021 inauguration chart. The events here surmised would amount to the Perfect Saturnian Storm, which is exactly what the sky portends should the administration of that time be natalized on that day.

To be specific, it would be necessary to hold the inauguration before Dec. 21, 2020, or after Feb. 3, 2021 in order to strongly mitigate the worst features of this chart. The reason is that prior to Dec. 21, 2020, Jupiter would be overtaking Saturn by progression in both geocentric sub-dimensions, dramatically countering its malevolent influence, although in the heliocentric dimension Saturn will have been overtaking Jupiter by progression in latitude since March 26, 2020 and in longitude since Nov. 2, 2020. To have Jupiter applying to Saturn in both dimensions would require that the election of 2020 be held early enough so that the inauguration could be held before the election normally would. After Feb. 3, 2021, Jupiter will have fully separated from Saturn in both geocentric sub-dimensions, and every day after that will move the two farther apart, while the Sun and Sun/Jupiter will by that time be well removed from Saturn's influence.

The earlier dates in general would produce a better chart because of the geocentric influence of Jupiter over Saturn countering that of Saturn over Jupiter in the heliocentric dimension; Saturn will continue to overtake Jupiter in latitude until culminating on Dec. 5, 2022, after which both will separate from each other. However, it is not our purpose here to propose the date on which that particular inauguration would best be scheduled; rather it is our purpose to ultimately secure a constitutional change so that the best practical date of inception could be selected for *every* future administration, not just this one.

We are confident that with this inaugural chart eliminated in advance, the associated change in the public consciousness relating to the national destiny would likewise foster an honest and constructive approach to avoiding the demographically-based economic, fiscal, social and military trap into which the United States is now heading. Given the alignments in the sky during the 2020-2021 period, it is certain that no cheap and painless resolution is to be had, but a workable one that would avert catastrophe is entirely feasible. It *will* entail sacrifice, and the proportionally largest share will have to come from those most able to make the sacrifice rather than those who can afford it the least. The nation's leadership *will* have to be honest with the public about that. And they *will* have to be willing and sufficiently courageous to subdue *any* recalcitrant vested interests or constituent groups that put their own selfish objectives above the national safety and wellbeing, rather than sell out to some or all of them, which is what the currently scheduled inaugural date anticipates. All that is necessary is that the nation be aware of the need for this constitutional change, and be willing to enact it. Because we of the Magi Society alone are as of this writing fully aware of the need, it is our responsibility to bring it to public and official attention. It is up to the American nation to heed and act accordingly.

CONCLUSION

In this study we have established that the fortunes of the United States are to an astonishing degree linked to the inception chart of the presidential administration in power during any given period. We have further established that this inception chart is of much greater importance than who serves as president. If this were not so, we would not see the same president enjoy great success in one term of office followed by severe setbacks in another. Because it is natural for all people to learn and improve their skills at anything they undertake in the course of practice, a first term spent learning the ropes followed by a second more skillfully handled would be plausible, but not the reverse. If the skills of the president at doing the job were responsible for this anomaly, the second term should always show an improved outcome over the first, which is the opposite of what our results show. This is especially significant

considering that the examples of Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt here presented illustrate it so starkly – these two men were surely numbered among the very most talented, knowledgeable and devoted to the nation of any who ever served. The conclusion that the oath of office chart rather than the person of the president is the decisive factor is shown by this research to be inescapable.

We have in addition established that there is a clear pattern of favorable and unfavorable planetary alignments associated with the nation experiencing good or ill fortune both during and as a legacy of any administration's term of office, and we have clearly identified the essential elements of those patterns. Those patterns most importantly include Saturn's influence predominating over that of Jupiter in the chart being predictive of adverse fortune, and a corresponding predominance of Jupiter over Saturn influences being predictive of good fortune. Other alignments combine with these predominating influences to determine what areas of the national life are most effected and the details of how so.

Beyond this, we have demonstrated that the severity of the adversity associated with Saturn dominance in the oath of office chart is directly proportionate to the strength of that dominance, and that the power and relative permanence of the blessings associated with Jupiter dominance in the oath of office chart are likewise directly proportional to the strength of that dominance. Most crucially, we have demonstrated in the most graphic fashion the consistency of these patterns, which means that it is not only possible but also very easy and simple to look ahead and anticipate the outcomes of future presidential administrations using Magi Astrology. And by doing so, we have established that a minimally proper regard for the wellbeing of the United States and of the American people demands that this capability be made use of to ensure their safety and security. Not to do so when the capability both exists and is proven to be highly reliable as it is here would be akin to shutting down the National Weather Service and letting everyone take their chances with hurricanes, tornadoes & blizzards.

There is, however, a most fundamental difference between forecasting the weather and forecasting the future fortunes of the nation, and that is that we have no means of changing the weather; it is possible only to be better prepared to deal with it so as to avoid as much as possible being harmed by it. The weather is the work of nature, and through the instrument of nature, the work of God. Human beings are not in that loop apart from whatever they may do that has a long-term influence on climate change. It is possible to damage the ecosystem in a way that changes a lush environment into a desert, for example, as happened in Haiti, but it isn't possible to foresee a specific tornado a generation in the future and take effective steps to avert it. That is *not* true of our subject here. Human beings, in our view with a great deal of Divine guidance and inspiration, wrote the U.S. Constitution. Human beings crafted the amendments to that document that followed its adoption, in our view for the most part heeding the counsel of what Lincoln in his second inaugural address called "the better angels of our nature." The great genius of the U.S. Constitution is that it was from the beginning designed to be a living document that future generations were *intended* to adapt as necessary to fulfill its stated purpose:

... [T]o form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity

We have here graphically demonstrated what needs now to be done to adapt that illustrious document to continue to fulfill the nation's needs in these respects in the face of the

monumental challenges facing it in the near future. And the Constitution itself provides us with the means to do so by way of the appropriate amendment. The Perfect Saturnian Storm that we have shown to be headed toward the United States need never strike. The nation's people and leadership have it in their power to stop it in its tracks. Indeed, we are today at a crossroads that in its own way is not dissimilar to that faced by the nation's founders at its inception. At the time, Thomas Paine wrote, "We have it in our power to begin the world over again," and that first generation of Americans in a very real sense did exactly that. Today, with the mind-bending capability that Magi Astrology gives humanity to not only accurately anticipate but to *select* what the future brings, *we once again have it in our power to begin the world over again.* And we have here shown how that power needs now to be embraced and exercised in the right way to facilitate the greater good of all.

AFTERWORD

The overwhelming weight of evidence presented in this study makes clear that the wellbeing of the United States and of the American people, and by extension of the world, is in extremely grave peril if events now unfolding are permitted to run their present course until critical mass is reached a generation from today. It is abundantly clear that these events are presently unfolding in a way totally consistent with an unprecedented cataclysm that the sky on the scheduled presidential inauguration day of Jan. 20, 2021 not only anticipates, but demands if it is natalized as now mandated by the XX Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (passed by Congress Mar. 2, 1932, ratified Jan. 23, 1933). And it is equally clear that lesser such events in the past have transpired when the stars in the presidential oath of office chart were aligned in a way that fostered them, and not otherwise. Conversely, it is just as evident that when the stars in the oath of office chart were aligned in a way that favored it, great and bountiful blessings have flowed to the United States.

While for reasons of length the most prime examples were selected for presentation and analysis here, all 63 oath of office charts from the first Washington administration to the current George W. Bush administration were closely examined, as were the five future scheduled inaugurations up to 2021. If the results of that examination did not support our findings here presented, we would be presenting different findings, or none at all should no clear pattern have been evident. We are very well aware that securing a constitutional amendment of any sort is a Herculean task, and that one founded on astrological factors is by most people's lights currently beyond the pale. This is not something that we would undertake to do given the near-impossibility of it, were the clearly foreseeable consequences of not doing so not so absolutely compelling of this initiative.

It can and will be argued that an amendment such as we propose here does nothing to address directly the demographic, economic, political and military factors that are even now coming together to present the United States with the most formidable challenge to its very existence that it has ever faced. To this we reply that by natalizing the presidential administration of that time on a day when the sky contradicts the imperative to disaster, the attitudinal climate that is driving those factors on their current course can be shifted *in advance* to align with a much more benign scenario playing out.

We presented above how a different attitude on the part of the factions that reached the political impasse causative of the Civil War would have made possible a totally different and vastly more benign resolution to that impasse, consistent with the highest good of all interested

parties and of the nation as a whole. We did so because the even greater storm gathering in America's by no means distant future makes imperative that a resolution of similar type be arrived at. The key to that happening is the collective attitudinal climate, and that above all is what is so driven by the stars for good or ill depending on what kind of entity is natalized when a president takes office. It is essential for the people in their various communities of interest to be favorably disposed to such a resolution for it to be feasible; if they are not, as was preponderantly the case in 1861, then the situation builds to critical mass and erupts with horrific human consequences. Such a disposition consists at its essence of mutual respect and the willingness to be mutually kind and generous. That is what is so far not evident on any significant scale regarding the demographic time bomb on the part of the various interested constituencies. In the absence thereof, they all stand to be reduced to the circumstance of jackals fighting over a carcass – with the carcass being all that's left to them, and ever diminishing as it is consumed.

The alternative is for the national attitudinal climate to be shifted in a favorable direction by an act of concerted common will, and that shift can be accomplished by the Constitutional change that we are here proposing. An administration in 2021, or an earlier one if the change is enacted sooner, that is natalized on a day favorable to that purpose would be in a position to secure the participation from an enlightened (i.e. Jupiter-illuminated) perspective of all the effected communities of interest in crafting a solution that works at least tolerably well for all. This enlightened popular perspective is the indispensable imperative; should the various factions harden in their positions from a selfish (i.e. Saturn-driven) motive, the nation, its citizens and the whole world will all lose – disastrously in the most literal sense. It is that simple. And the sky that is natalized each time the nation installs a new head of state and the associated government will have an inordinately determining effect on which it will be.

The call to constructive action that we are issuing here is not grounded so much on a threat as on a promise. The threat we've clearly spelled out; the promise applies to all future generations in addition to the present one. That is the promise that properly utilized, Magi Astrology can guide not only America but the world clear of tragedies and crises such as the ones respectively recounted and foreseen here, and point the way to a future of personal liberty, individual and collective safety and shared prosperity for all of humanity. And so doing, it can reveal for all to experience and appreciate the meaning underlying the seemingly chaotic course of human history.

One of the valid complaints about Americans in general is that they lack a sense of history, their own as much as anyone else's. This isn't surprising given that this subject is popularly considered to be a hodge-podge of meaningless, irrelevant names and dates for rote memorization. Without clear, perceptible underlying meaning, that's really all that history can be; it can have no usefulness in the life of the present. Magi Astrology, as demonstrated here, is the key to changing all of that.

When the celestial patterns that have driven past history are recognized and properly understood, this insight is immediately applicable to understanding the events of the present and their significance, and strips the future of its opacity. It literally empowers people to make *correctly informed* decisions on the course to follow in their lives both regarding what best to do and when best to do it. And this is no less true for human communities at every level of scale from families to nations than it is of individuals. (That is why we have in this presentation been so generous with the names and dates of critical events that gain just such vital meaning and significance when examined with Magi Astrology. We most heartily invite all of our members reading this to do so and experience these wondrous discoveries for themselves, and share them

freely. And if you would like to become a member yourself and share personally in this experience, please click this [link](#) and send us an email.) It is a whole new level of opportunity, freedom – and responsibility – that we are here both inviting and challenging the people of America to pick up and embrace, and so to better not only their own lives and those of their loved ones and their nation, but the collective life of the whole human community.