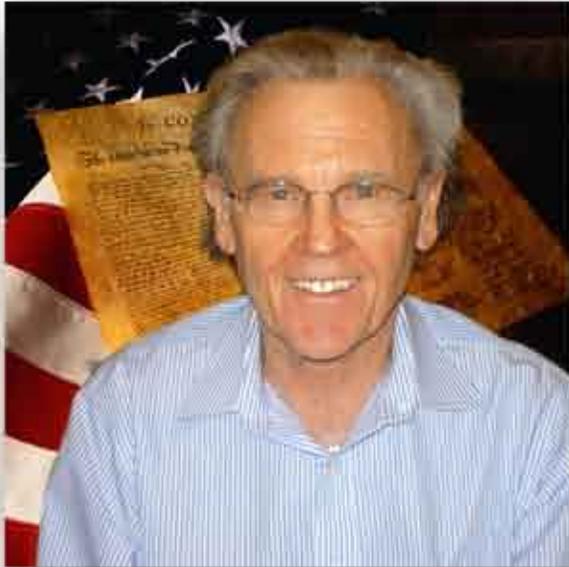




August Speaker Gene Johnson A Look At a New Birth Chart for The United States



It has been difficult to reach a consensus on a national chart for America based on the Declaration of Independence, for lack of definitive, first-hand testimony as to the exact time of events. David McCullough's 2001 book on John Adams provides new information that should finally put it to rest.

It's especially provocative that in writing his book, *John Adams*, McCullough was given complete access to the Adams family archive, the first scholar to be granted this privilege. What he found sheds new light on Adams's life and on the momentous events at the Continental Congress during the first week of July, 1776.

McCullough writes that "On July 2, the delegates gathered in the State House at the usual hour of nine o'clock...outside, rain threatened and at ten came another cloudburst like the day before. New York continued to abstain, but South Carolina...joined the majority to make the decision unanimous. The vote went rapidly." On July 4, McCullough writes that the discussion of the draft of the declaration appears to have continued through the morning until about eleven o'clock, when debate closed and the vote taken on the final draft.

For John Adams, the critical day for the decision to declare independence from Great Britain was July 2. He wrote in a letter to his wife Abigail, saying that "...The second of July of 1776 will be the most memorable day in the history of America and will be celebrated as the great anniversary of the nation".

During the past year and a half I have been doing extensive astrological research on this matter and have concluded that a July 2, 1776, 11:16 AM birth chart for America is very effective and responsive to events in American history. Moreover, I believe the signs and planetary placements in this chart present a realistic portrait of American life and culture.

In the honor of John Adams, I feel that it is most appropriate to name this The Adams Chart. I welcome the opportunity to share some of my findings.

-- Eugene Johnson

Gene's Biography

Gene lives in Farmers Branch with his wife and he has two married daughters. He received a B.S. degree in business administration from Mississippi State University, joined the Air Force and served in Thailand and Vietnam. After leaving active military duty and while living in San Antonio he had several life changing events and encounters, including meeting some Theosophists, finding astrology, meeting his wife to be and getting a scholarship to study Montessori in Bergamo, Italy. Upon returning to the States from Europe, Gene taught elementary Montessori classes in San Antonio, later in Mexico City and finally moving to Dallas to work.

He began his adventure with astrology in 1968, in a San Antonio bookstore when he picked-up an astrology book by Ronald Davidson, and not long after he had books by Dane Rudhyar and Marc Jones on his bookshelf. With his Sun in Aquarius and Moon Gemini and a splay planetary pattern Gene is an enthusiastic eclectic generalist and so over the years has read and studied a broad range of metaphysical and astrological literature. He was a student of Marc Edmund Jones and joined the Sabian Assembly in 1972 and has served as the mundane astrologer for the Assembly. Over the years Gene has practiced astrology semi-professionally and taught classes in natal astrology. For the last year he has been conducting research into the astrological patterns in American history. He hopes to complete this in book form in the not too distant future.

Please Join Us

When: Sunday, August 9th at 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Where: Stacy Home Furnishings Center Meeting Room / 3rd fl
1900 South Main Street Grapevine, Texas 76051

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HIGHLIGHTS

JULY MINUTES

A regular meeting of ASNT was held on July 12, 2009 in Grapevine, Texas with 17 members present. Saundra Williams, presiding for President Mira Cosic, who is in Bosnia, called the meeting to order at 1:40. Dee Emrich announced that she has get well cards for the membership to sign for Jeanette Gill and Donna Henson. Dee also introduced the 7 visitors in Donnas' absent. Priscilla Peers gave the June 2009 financial report. Melinda Noble read the June minutes and they were accepted as written. Sandee Soliz requested pictures that she can put in the newsletter. Dee read an e-mail about a possible Kepler software workshop in Dallas on December 19 & 20. The cost is \$50 per person. Dee requested interested members to meet after the meeting to discuss possibly requesting a date change from Kepler. Saundra introduced and gave a brief bio of our speaker Linda Sprague. Linda gave a very informative lecture on the Saturn Uranus opposition. We adjourned at 3:55.



July's speaker Linda Sprague

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Noble, ASNT SecretaryJuly

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Jeanette Gill

(January 25, 1929 to July 17, 2009)



Jeanette was born in Huntsville, Alabama on January 25, 1929 to Jesse Daniel and Lillie May Smith. She was the eighth child of ten amazing children. Her father passed when she was five and her mother followed him when Jeanette was ten, causing the younger children to be separated. At age ten she moved in with her aunt and uncle, May and Mayola Ray and was raised with her two cousins Sue and Dot Ray.

Jeanette graduated from Huntsville High School in 1947 with her cousin Sue and her future husband Harrison M. Gill. Jeanette and Harrison married June 12, 1948 and moved to Dallas, Texas where they have lived for 61 years. Jeanette was a homemaker and then managed an astrological book store and later worked in the banking industry while raising their daughters Kathy, Suzan and Chris. She retired in 1989 and spent time visiting her siblings and relatives in Georgia, Alabama, Colorado and North Carolina. She enjoyed line dancing with her special friends at the Farmers Branch Senior Center and spent many years with her wonderful friends of the American Federation of Astrologers. After a courageous year fighting Leukemia, Jeanette left us on Friday, July 17, 2009 to join our Lord, her siblings, her daughter Kathy and her great granddaughter Sarah Lynn in heaven. Jeanette Gill was also a long time member of ASNT and will be missed.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS and tentative topics:

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| September | Economic crisis with an intro by Kaye Shinker and a panel discussion |
| October | Mary Buckner "Tidbits of Astrology" |
| November | Susie Patterson -- subject undecided |
| December | Topic to be announced |
| January | Rebecca Eigen of Houston.
Topic to be announced |

Reminder in September 2009



For now, only one question per month will be answered with preference going to ASNT members. Get busy and send your questions to Donna Henson, email donnajehenson@yahoo.com or by mail, 3024 Dreeben Dr., Richland Hills, TX 76118-6239 giving your name, mailing or e-mail address and complete birth data (month, day, and year, time of day, and location of birth). Please specify the source of your time of day – AA – accurate data usually from a birth certificate, A – accurate data quoted from a person, relative, friend, or associate, etc. If the birth time is rectified or unknown, I will need to know that too. State your problem clearly and concisely although many of you will want to include a few sentences of background or explanation. Only written questions will be considered. Your chart will be used, but if you prefer not using your birth data or your name, please specify.

In the News... July 10 2009

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Farrah Fawcett was born right here in Corpus Christi on Feb 2, 1947 at 3:10 pm, and fully expressed her Aquarian humanitarian impulses by coming back to this city and helping to establish healing centers for women. She was a positive force for the woman's movement and remembered as a dear heart here on the south Texas coast.

Next to her Sun in her natal chart sits the planet Mars in Aquarius - she liked men who were rebels and deal breakers, and often violent and aggressive - Martians. Mars also gave her sex appeal and the desire to play both comedy and tragedy - she was not afraid to show us her least glamorous face. Her Moon and Ascendant are both in Cancer, which gave her an excellent connection to the public, ruled by the Moon. She looked like someone you would trust. You felt she would be your friend- that was her powerful Moon reaching out.

I went to college with a woman who also born on this exact day and year, but on the east coast. She and Farrah have the same 10 planets in all the same signs, but the times of birth are different and thus they have planets in different houses, or the sections of the astrological pie.

My friend hit her heyday as the candy lady running a sweets shop in Berkeley thirty years ago. That's when she took tap dancing lessons and did local shows with her group: Ruby and the Diamonds. It was a kind of magical place and time. But she didn't seem to need more acclaim or money as Farrah did. The kids and friends loved Ruby, her local shows seemed to be enough, and she stayed on the sidelines never sending a tape of her act to a producer in LA. Maybe she wished she had. She never spoke to me about wanting to be famous. I don't think she really wanted it.

This story points out that we all have free will in using the planets and energies in our birth charts. There is no other way to explain how a shy Virgo with Mercury Retrograde from Gary, Indiana could steal the hearts of millions worldwide.

Michael Jackson. Born: August 29, 1958. 11:53 pm.
Gary, Indiana. Gary, Indiana?

It's an unlikely place for an LA Super Star to be from. However, his chart is way beyond the norm, as you might expect. All due to a Sun Pluto conjunction in Virgo. He was a craftsman deluxe, Virgo's specialty.

Moreover, Pluto is hypnotic, sexy, and rules mass events/consciousness. Pluto is also the ruler of the media and fame. Michael's Moon in dreamy Pisces is how he felt inside and where the fantasy themes all came from. In some ways, he was Tinkerbell inside, he thought. I think he got lost in what was real or not as his Moon squares Saturn, blinding him to the costs of his actions.

He had a blast of Leo energy in his chart that reminds me of Mick (Rolling Stones). Venus and Uranus are conjunct in Leo with Mercury in Leo playing bass nearby in Michael's chart. Uranus rules your genius. Venus rules your art. They blend forces in a conjunction and fuel Mercury who communicates it. However, it's interesting to note Mercury was Retrograde when Michael was born. Mercury rules the hands, so only one glove. He knew from birth he was different in many ways. Part of him was shy; part of him easily outpranced Mick Jagger.

What killed him? His life. Neil Young nailed it: The very thing that lifts you up can kill you in the end. There is nothing in his chart to suggest death. In fact, he has transiting Pluto, the ruler of death, exactly trine/harmonizing with his natal Pluto - a time of coming to power and he was about to make a huge tour and a lot of money - Pluto.

The only stress marker in his chart at the time of his death was Saturn opposite his Moon, which shows up once every 29 years, often as health problems or problems with the family. Everybody I know has lived through it easily and most without any real trauma. However, if you are in bad health, then this will probably make it worse. That's the only quack in his chart and it wasn't even near exact. He chose to check out is my thought.

Death and birth are two things you cannot predict with astrology. The moment my mother passed away sweet Venus met the north node, the point of good karma, in the heavens. You would never predict death with that pair, but it did really describe her life.

She left with a kindness, a kiss. While dad had Neptune conjunct his ascendant when he just drifted away.
We are all different.

No two cases of the astrology at the time of a person's death are alike - as no two people are alike. There is no pattern and only God knows the timing.

Good bye, Farrah.
Good bye, Michael.

Thanks for leaving us something fine.

-Lance Ferguson

Lance Ferguson, an ASNT member from Corpus Christi and the author of that wonderful Skywatch newsletter we receive each month at the ASNT meetings. Lance is a consulting astrologer with over thirty years experience and a fascinating website: skywatchastrology.com. He says he's a hippie at heart with a Taurus Sun, Libra Moon and Leo rising.



You don't have a life, you are life

by Mira Cosic

"Be Fruitful and Multiply and Fill the Earth" - Genesis 1:28

According to the Bible, these are the words that God speaks to Noah after he and his family have left the ark and begun to settle the land again.

If this event truly occurred, it must have been happening in the summer, during the rulership of Leo, astrological sign of life, creation, sex and fertility. Leo is the creator sign of the Zodiac; it represents everything that we are inspired to craft, including art and design, from our flower gardens, our business enterprises to our children who are the most complex expression of our own genes and our persona. "Children", "fathers" and "life" are the words that you will frequently find in the news this month:

"Michael Jackson's mom will retain custody of the children", says L.A. Times. Michael's kids are going to stay with their grandma.

In the United States, August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Breastfeeding has long been known for its great nutrition, antibodies and health benefits for babies.

In other corners of the world some people do unusual things in order to secure their children's health: activists are trying to convince local officials in New Delhi, India, that they have to stop parents from performing a 700 year old ritual where hundreds of infants are dropped from the roof of a mosque. Parents believe that the 50 feet fall — which ends when the babies are caught in a bed sheet — will ensure good health and prosperity for their families. According to the Associated Press, "the ritual at the Baba Umer Durga, a Muslim shrine, is believed to have been followed for nearly 700 years, and each year hundreds of people, both Hindus and Muslims, take part in the ritual".

"Dallas girl, 12, arrested in sex assault of four children, ages 4-7", is another Leo-like title from Dallas Morning News. "A 12-year-old girl was arrested on aggravated sexual assault charges Sunday, accused of coercing four younger children to perform sex acts on one another. Dallas police say she told the children — two girls 5 and 7, and two boys 4 and 5 — that she would shut them in a closet all Saturday afternoon if they didn't do as she said."

Thomas Anderson, 75, of San Jose, has been arrested for molesting an 11-year old boy. Anderson has been working as a volunteer security guard for two professional soccer teams in Santa Clara County for the past two seasons.

A Massachusetts mother warned people about the dangers of the internet after finding her own child for sale through a link on the website Craigslist.org. "The family was unknowingly thrust into an international adoption scam", says necn.com. Is it safe for parents to publish photos of their babies on their Internet blogs?

Newspapers announced the shocking story about 33-year-old schizophrenic Otty Sanchez, San Antonio mother who decapitated and dismembered her 4-week old son, Scott W. Buchholtz, who she called "baby Scotty".

Unfortunately, during the time when Sun is in Leo, children get in focus and the news is not always bright. However, these events happen so that Leo can teach us about the value of life.

In Johannesburg, former President Nelson Mandela opened the fifth children's hospital in Africa. He said that this hospital was badly needed on a continent where millions who do not live to see their fifth birthday. Mandela turned 91 on July 18.

It is important to learn how to open your heart now, how to express yourself and articulate love and a positive approach to existence at this time. For some of us, this is going to be an inventive time when we are about to write our best stories, paint our most marvelous masterpieces, and enjoy life to the fullest. We are going to spend more time with our children and grandchildren, and we will take pleasure in the truth that life is a continuous adventure.

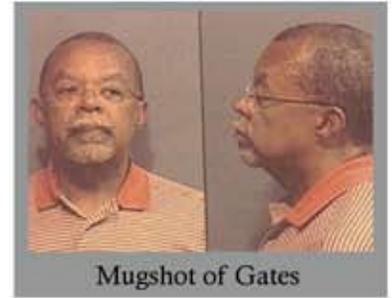
Leos are famous by being bighearted and affectionate, artistic and enthusiastic, tolerant, outgoing, truthful and loving, but as any other sign, Leo also has its shadow and people born under this Sun sign can be pretentious, sometimes selfish, bossy and nosy or inflexible.

Astrology books say that Leos are most effective when they are in a leading position. Their personal charisma and their talent for organization always put them in front of a crowd and these people with Sun, Moon or Ascendant in Leo know how to earn loyalty from those they lead. They have creative power to resolve many problems by going to the heart of the matter, many times certain that they can easily get to the top. In astrology, Leo represents fertility, love affairs, party and fun. Life is good; life is for us to enjoy. Let's have a party! Here, put the Hawaiian lei around your neck and have a beer!

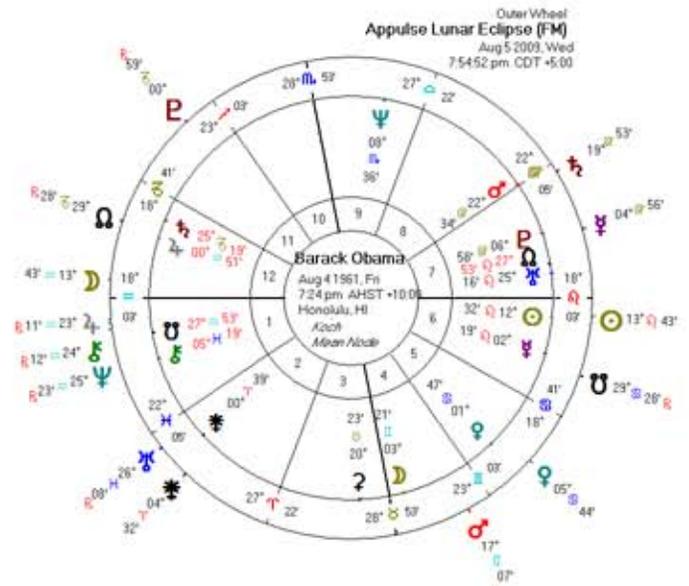
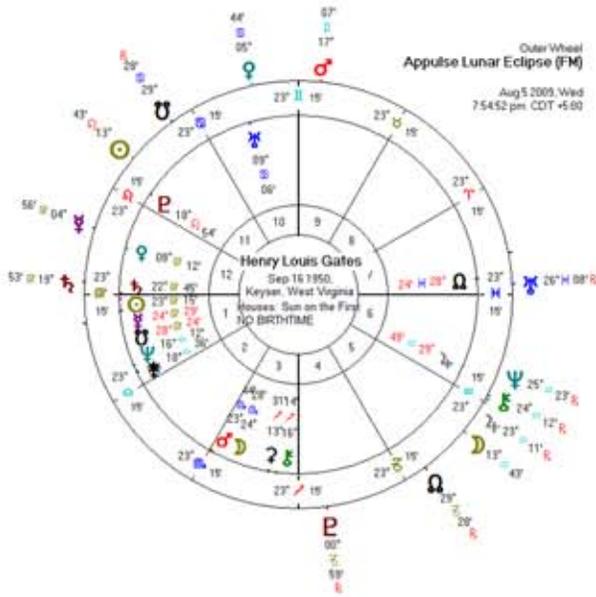
President Barak Obama, born as Leo, August 4th 1961. at 7:24 PM in Honolulu, Hawaii, recently threw a beer party at the White House where he has invited Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates (Virgo, born September 16th 1950) and the policeman who arrested him, Cambridge police officer Sgt. Jim Crowley. Gates is having Saturn return and Saturn transit over his natal Sun this year, no wonder he was involved in a police scandal.

After a 911 call, Sgt. James Crowley was investigating a report of a burglary at Gates' home near Harvard University, and he wanted to be sure everyone was in the house legally. Crowley asked Gates for his identification. Apparently, Gates was shouting at Crowley, calling him a racist, so the officer arrested him. This caused a big public scandal that you most likely read about.

Astrologically speaking, racism is under domain of Aquarius and Leo shadows, as "elite" signs. It is not a surprise that this event was taking place shortly before Obama's birthday, because both of these signs are very strong in his chart.



Mugshot of Gates



At the same time, the world is about to experience one more eclipse, an astrological event when the Sun and Moon get into an intense alignment with the Earth. People typically become very emotional when this occurs. On August 5th at 7:54 PM CDT, the Earth is going to witness a beautiful Lunar eclipse at 13° 43' of Aquarius, near Barak Obama's Ascendant. This means the President of United States is going to be in focus even more than is common. What is going to be the decision on healthcare? Saturn in Virgo asks for restrictions and redefinitions.

These days our ego, that in such a devious way tends to separate us from others, persistently asks: what are the unique qualities we have, are we way too different, are we one of the kind?

The questions should truly be: how creative and innovative can I be and what can I do to help humanity and this nation? Do I have what it takes; do I have a heart of a Lion? Do I know the value of Life?

Great spiritual teacher, Eckhart Tolle, said in one of his books:

"The truth is: you don't have a life, you are life. The One Life, the one consciousness that pervades the entire universe and takes temporary form to experience itself as a stone or blade of grass, as an animal, a person, a star or a galaxy. Can you sense deep within that you already know that? Can you sense that you already are That?"

Mira Cosic

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