

Thoughts on the Eclipse

As the eclipse of 11th August approaches, it is hardly surprising that speculation with regard to its possible effects is hotting up. So, throwing the cat in amongst the pigeons, this is my brain storm session on this last eclipse of the millennium.

This is the first eclipse visible in the UK since the nineteen-twenties. If it is true that an eclipse is most strongly felt in the countries where it is visible, then this upcoming eclipse will have great significance for the UK and the rest of Europe. And of course, we are not necessarily looking at the actual day, as effects can be felt months before, and several months after the exact date.

The eclipse itself meets up with Mars, Saturn, and Uranus to form a grand cross in the fixed signs and it therefore links in very nicely with, for example, the horoscope of Tony Blair (May 6th 1953, 06.10, BST, Edinburgh). Tony Blair's horoscope has also very close links with the UK chart of January 1801 (which is of course the chart for the union of England, Scotland and Wales with Ireland). As we know, eclipses generally affect nations and rulers, and not individuals (this is what most astrologers agree on). So, what are the possible effects of this eclipse ?

The fixed signs are related to values, so this grand cross might be related to the breakdown of traditional structures. Saturn in Taurus makes me think of economics, and it's transiting the UK's eighth house (other people's or the nation's money). Could this be Britain in relation to the Euro ? A crisis over the pound seems inevitable. Meanwhile the rest of Europe wonders who coined the word Euro anyway (it sounds peculiarly English, and does not have a German or French ring to it !). A European Identity Crisis is on the cards !

Devolution or Independence

Coming back to Britain: could this eclipse be linked with a further disintegration of the UK ? Will Scotland be happy with its parliament, or will it push ahead for full independence ? The astrologer Wemyss associates 6-7 degrees of the fixed signs with oil. Scotland's oil is a definite source of income for the UK, there are big oil refineries in Wales too, so there is a UK link. Although the eclipse does not fall exactly on either of these degree areas, Uranus is at fifteen degrees just a few days prior to the eclipse, and Mars is there too a few days before that ! The Welsh and Scottish assemblies are already hot topics in British politics (e.g. who will head the Welsh assembly, the Welsh people's choice, or Tony's choice ?). Someone told me recently that there are even strong moves by local groups in Cornwall to resurrect Cornwall as an independent state !

There are plenty of hot potatoes around in the UK at the moment, and in Europe also, so could this be the build up to the eclipse, as signified by the long transit of Mars in Scorpio ? Is Mars the herald ?

The Mars Ingress Chart [see chart](#)

The ingress chart for Mars into Scorpio shows Mars square Sun, Mercury and Neptune, and opposite Saturn. During this Mars period communication would seem to be a key issue connected in particular with hidden motives and intrigues. Certainly during the recent meeting of the EU leaders to discuss the common agricultural policy for the coming six years, the economic agendas of the individual members stood in the way of agreement. Could there be a break-up of some sort, or will liberalism and good will win the day ?[2]

The Eclipse and Blair

Turning back to Tony Blair's chart: this eclipse is hitting his MC/IC axis, it activates his Sun/Moon square and the Sun is opposite a lingering Mars transit in the sixth house. What a planetary cocktail !

So the million pound question, can Tony push through for full monetary union and hold the UK together ? If I were his physician I would advise him to watch his health, but then as an astrologer his two T-squares, versus two trines and a Gemini ascendant, tell me that this guy thrives on tension. With the transitting Nodal axis opposing his natal Nodal axis, his mission will come into sharp focus at this time.

My guess is that Tony's where he wants to be (transitting Uranus in his 10th, trine his fifth house Neptune/Saturn conjunction, transiting Neptune is trine his Mars in 12th). He certainly has a great deal of political freedom (in view of his large majority in the House of Commons). This man has vision remember, "...things are gonna get better, are gonna get better....", and is a master at gauging public feeling (Moon conjunct MC: his initial speech after Diana's death moved half the nation to tears). So, my wild guess: before Saturn leaves Taurus, Britain will have signed up for full monetary union, the Scottish Nationalists will be pushing for more, and Tony might just need a few extra body guards.

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[2] (Editor Adrian Duncan's comment: Got this before the meltdown of the European Commission and Jacques Santer's resignation in March)