

Cosmic Views

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The Octo-Mom

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Born on July 11, 1975 at 9:59 pm in Fullerton, CA, this woman has drawn the attention of the whole world by her decisions and circumstances that are bizarre by any standards. Not surprisingly, to astrologers at least, she has a plethora of configurations in her chart that are extraordinary in their accuracy matching what she has revealed about herself.

For starters, what sign do we associate with motherhood? Cancer. And, of course, that is what she is. What house do we associate with children? The fifth. And that is where her Sun is. What do we associate with “the unusual”? Aquarius. And that is her rising sign. What aspect do we associate with “rebellion” and “independent behavior?” Sun Square Uranus. And that aspect is in her chart, although just at the end of allowable orb (at least what I allow). What shows “promising more than one can deliver?” (no pun intended☺)—in other words, excessive optimism about what one can do? Jupiter square the Sun. And she has that, too. Plus Jupiter is in Aries—a high regard for being “oneself.” “To thine own self be true,” could be Aries in Jupiter’s motto.

What about illusions?

The Moon is also a symbol of motherhood. Hers is in Virgo closely conjoining Venus in the seventh. There will be a kind of “humility” in her demeanor, as well as charm. And she pays close attention to details. However, they are both square Neptune, which is closely aligned with the MC. Not only does this show confusion and lack of concentration on career and jobs (Moon rules the 6th), but also very muddled thinking since Venus rules the third. Taken to its extreme, this can indicate outright deception. Venus rules the 8th too (other people’s money!), so there can be either muddled thinking or deception about that, as well; when you consider that Jupiter is in her second, she sees herself as financially well-off! In all fairness, she has potential for a lucrative career—Jupiter rules the MC and is posited in the second. But with Neptune involved, clarity of purpose in career is not strong.

But, saddest of all...

I mentioned that the Sun is in the fifth, which takes on shades of Leo and its attendant sureness of self. But in addition, it is closely conjoining Saturn, also in Cancer. This was triggered by solar arc (and secondary progression) when she was less than three years old. On a subconscious level something “clicked” that turned on a fear of **not** having children. When Saturn is in the fifth house, usually people are limited by the number of children they have, or they have great

responsibilities involving children. Often you find the parent of a disabled child or childlessness. Since these two are square **Jupiter**, it isn't a hard leap to see that excessive children could be the hardship here. Personally, I wouldn't have jumped to that conclusion because it can also indicate half a dozen other possibilities, but it does tell the story in this case. It is clear that this fear is deeply rooted in the subconscious. Saturn rules the 12th. It would be very difficult to uncover what is behind all this.

It is also easy to see that she'll get the financial help she needs since Mars, ruler of the second is trine to Moon and Venus, ruler of the eighth, and both are in the public seventh. It is said that wherever the ruler of the ascendant is by house, you gravitate to that over everything else. The ruler of her chart (the ruler of the ascendant) is in the eighth house—other people's money. She has already been living that way for a long time. Uranus is opposing Jupiter in the second, so she expects a lot of it! The south node in Taurus echoes this theme. It is in the third, so according to books on the subject (I haven't died and come back to be able to verify this), her lessons are about handling money, but also about her tendency to consider her own thoughts and decisions above all others. The north node in the 9th suggests she is learning to listen to other people and to consider the larger view.

January 26, 2009

Her chart was very active on this day, as we would imagine! The thing that amazed me was the activity involving the nodes. We are hearing a lot lately about getting more "scientific" in delineating charts, but when I see something like this, I have to wonder. The nodes traditionally indicate karma, and whenever I've interpreting them in light of spiritual development, it has always fit the person's main themes. In Nadya's case, on January 26, the progressed Moon was right on the north node within 13 minutes. Also progressed Mars was on the south node within 12 minutes. And by the way, they were on either side of them: Moon was applying and Mars separating. To me, that adds up to "exactness." When the pregnancy was beginning, solar arc Uranus was conjoining the north node. It was exact roughly 8 months prior to the birth—about the time she "did the deed."

To illustrate how delusional this was, solar arc Mars was opposing Neptune during the pregnancy, exact five months prior. This is confused or delusional behavior. And keep in mind that solar arcs are active for a year or more. On the day of the birth, the transiting nodes were aspecting this opposition. Plus, transiting Neptune is crossing her ascendant. Not only is it crossing her ascendant, but it is opposing her progressed Sun and solar arc Saturn. Saturn by solar arc will oppose her ascendant about 10 months after the birth. That indicates extreme fatigue. It is already within a degree, so she should now be feeling it.

A year before the birth, solar arc Pluto was opposing Mars. That is one of the most determined energies we have. "Obsessive" describes it. There is an out-of-sign square between Mercury and Pluto in her natal chart, so she habitually thinks obsessively anyway.

But, last, there is Ceres, the asteroid having to do with motherhood. It is natively conjunct the south node in the third—an indication of past life involvement in the role. It's in Taurus. Right now solar arc Jupiter is within a degree of the natal Ceres. With keywords, it literally could be translated, "excessive (enlarged, expanded) motherhood." Sometimes I think the universe has a sense of humor.

Natasha Richardson

I first noticed Natasha Richardson in *The Parent Trap*. I was so impressed with both hers and Lindsay Lohan's performances, I bought the DVD. For several years, (and even now) whenever I needed a shot of positive energy, I watched it again. So, when she died, I was especially saddened. She certainly had a great deal of humility; it wasn't until then that I found out she was from the Redgrave acting dynasty. Born May 11, 1963 at 5 pm in London, her natal chart Sun squares Saturn, which in turn opposes Mars, also square the Sun. This can squash confidence a bit—usually starting with dad! But, with a grand trine in fire between Mars, Moon and Venus, she would have been a very gracious, friendly person. Mars square the Sun, though, is impatient, and usually people with that can leap ahead or not look where they are going.

The “accident”

However, it isn't the natal chart I'm interested in now. It's the idea of accidents. Do they really exist? I haven't seen an “accident” yet that had nothing to indicate the event. There is always something!

Natasha had the Moon at 22:46 Sagittarius, and at the time of the accident, Uranus was square it within 3 minutes. Plus, the solar arc and progressed MC was within five minutes of the natal Uranus. And if her 5 pm time is off slightly, it could be exact! Both show a sudden, disruptive event. This position of the Moon is vulnerable because it is square the natal Uranus/Ascendant midpoint at 22 Virgo and the Saturn/Hygeia midpoint at 22 Pisces, also the position of transiting Uranus. Hygeia, remember, is the asteroid associated with health, and we all know Saturn well.

The progressed Sun was at 4 degrees of Cancer which conjoined her Sun/Mars midpoint. Solar arc Mars was at 3:26 Libra, the Sun just having passed square that point, but all of it triggered by transiting Pluto at 3:12 Capricorn and further triggered by two things: transiting MC at 12:30 p.m. at Montreal (the time finally correctly reported to be the accident time by a witness) was at 3:40 Aries and the Moon at that time quincunxing the Sun. The Moon was 3:09 Sagittarius, only two minutes applying orb for the quincunx. The transiting ascendant was square solar arc Pluto. In addition, solar arc Mercury was square the ascendant and transiting Venus conjoined the descendant, which could account for her dismissal of it all as not serious.

Retrograde return of a heavy planet

Many years ago I was struck by the death chart of a famous writer who shot himself—either Ernest Hemingway or John Steinbeck—forgot which. He had a heavy planet progressed back to exactly conjoin its natal position when he succumbed. Natasha Richardson's secondary progressed Saturn had retrograded back to exactly conjoin its natal position to the minute, 22:41 Aquarius. Jupiter by solar arc on this day was square that position from the 8th house. Two asteroids, solar arc Pallas at 22:25 Leo, and transiting Juno at 22:17 Aquarius, were aligning with Saturn, as well. I don't know what all that asteroid activity is about, but it just adds to the plethora of exact contacts—too many for this to have been an “accident.”

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