

Brexit, the Marriage and Divorce.

Mundane astrology makes much use of charts drawn up for midnight, since this is the time most reasonable societies choose for drawing a line between old and new systems of government and law. This has the wholly unintentional effect of offering astrologers the convenience of certainty. It is less easy to get good data for the revolution. If we do not base our assessments on events that are known we are left to argue about which explosion was pivotal and whether we should draw up a chart for the couple of hours near the bang or the noon chart of the planning meeting, held two years earlier. (If we can believe our informant.) It seems to me that these, not insignificant difficulties, have resulted in the midnight charts of legal changes assuming dominance. This means we routinely accept that almost every country, political regime and international alliance on the planet may be described by the Sun at the IC. Sorry, I don't buy it. I have to hold up my hand and say I am not a mundane specialist. This is only partly because I don't buy it and I have seen some charts that appear to be an appalling mismatch for the place that they are supposed to describe. It is mostly because acquiring sufficient knowledge of politics to do mundane work properly has to be the most depressing pastime on the planet. The mundane work I have done has led me to the theory that these legislative charts will show more about the process of government than they do about people. Unfortunately, life being as it is, that is pretty well bound to make these charts rather more important and far reaching than they ought to be and I salute those who have spent several decades being depressed for the common good, who seek and apparently find answers to many questions within them.

The only chart I have seen astrologers using recently for the beginning of the alliance of Britain and Europe is midnight, 1 January 1973 when British membership actually came into effect. I submit that this is the convenient line in the sand, an inevitable conclusion to an earlier seed point. When were terms actually agreed by the two parties?

What follows is a quick and dirty attempt to find something closer to the real nature of this political marriage and perhaps some of the reasons why the divorce lawyers are now rubbing their hands in anticipation. A useful chart would seem to be that of the time Edward Heath, (British Prime Minister at the time) signed the Treaty of Accession. This was at an unknown time on 22 Jan 1972 in Brussels, Belgium. The data is from www.parliament.uk The BBC report of the time states the date was the 21st, I chose the official parliamentary version on the assumption that in 1972 the BBC commentary might have been added to the film after the event. The 22nd was a Sunday, signing a cheque, which proved trade had been conducted, was still frowned upon, this might have been a factor, or nobody cared much one way or the other.

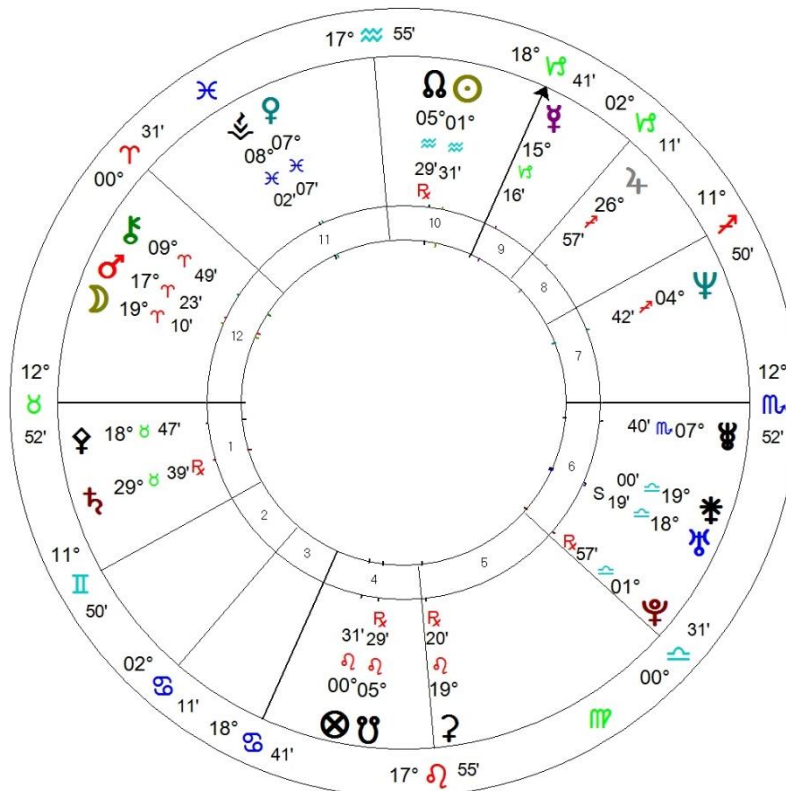
The treaty laid out the conditions of membership and the terms of Britain's entry. Ireland, Norway and Denmark also signed on the same day. It seems it is normal for such treaties to be ratified in some manner. This means there has to be formal acceptance before they become law in each country. If we believe Wikipedia all three of the other countries proceeded to hold a referendum on the issue. The people of Norway rejected the plan and did not join. Denmark and Ireland did. Wiki informs us that the referendum in Britain did not take place until 1975, two years *after* formally joining, (on Jan 1st 1973). To the best of my memory the issue was then a question of whether we should remain in the union. The official parliamentary website currently admits that prior to joining "Domestic opinion was strongly against membership and there were strong concerns over whether the terms negotiated were good enough". After the fact all adults were given their vote on the matter and then the government chose which areas of the country were actually included in the count. This novel method of consulting the people was not hidden at the time. I think it might have been declared a money

saving device. You may be shocked to learn that the British people voted overwhelmingly to stay in the Union.

It is true that The European Communities Bill was debated at length in parliament in 1972 following the signing of the Treaty and before formal entry to the union. I assume at some point there was a formal vote. I did not continue to search for it because in February of 1972 (after the official joining date) debate in parliament was still continuing. Records show that Enoch Powell, (considered right wing), argued that the normal procedures of the House of Commons had not been followed before the Treaty was accepted. Michael Foot, leader of the Labour (socialist) party, agreed with him. If I understand the matter correctly these procedures actually appeared to be required by law. The issue questioned by two gentlemen of opposite ideology concerned 'Ways and Means.' In layman's terms I take this to mean nobody had dealt with the matter of where the money was coming from to pay in to the common market. It seems it was never debated or stated whether taxes were to be raised or money diverted from elsewhere. Despite the fact that the records indicate parliament was an altogether more dignified and reasonable process than it seems now I could not face much of the several yards of, often technical and legal, discussion that followed, others may be interested. The suspicion remains that due process may have been skipped in order to do what was going to be done, whether we liked it or not. This seems to make the time of the Treaty more significant than it might otherwise have been.

I was not expecting it, I was not looking for it but it seems this may have been another archetypal Jupiter, Juno wedding. The groom is keen to increase his range, the bride is brought unwilling to the feast. For those who think I am forcing the symbols into shapes and places where they do not belong, it is worth remembering that the original alliance of these two Olympians was a political one. The myth grew from the actual historical conquest of the group who worshipped Hera (Juno) by the group who worshipped Zeus (Jupiter). The two were symbolically married to reduce the fuss.

Treaty of Accession



The chart is set for noon. I assume a day chart (1972 and nobody was wearing a dinner jacket at the signing party afterwards, given it was Sunday people may have been flying home in the evening.) Juno tends to represent either the bride or the underdog, the two used often to be the same. I have found in business and political situations that she frequently represents the unwilling party. If not actually unwilling she is still the one with least power and fewest choices. In this case the unwilling party appears to have been the British people. At the Treaty of Accession Juno is conjunct a stationary Uranus *in Libra!* Despite the myth she is not at her happiest in the sign, 'partnership' is what she had no choice but to accept and hope to make the best of. As an asteroid Juno can rule nothing but she certainly is ruled. In some senses, whatever the condition of Juno or Jupiter, she is always at his mercy. In this case she starts out allied to a symbol of rebellion and divorce. There is less chance she intends to go quietly to her fate.

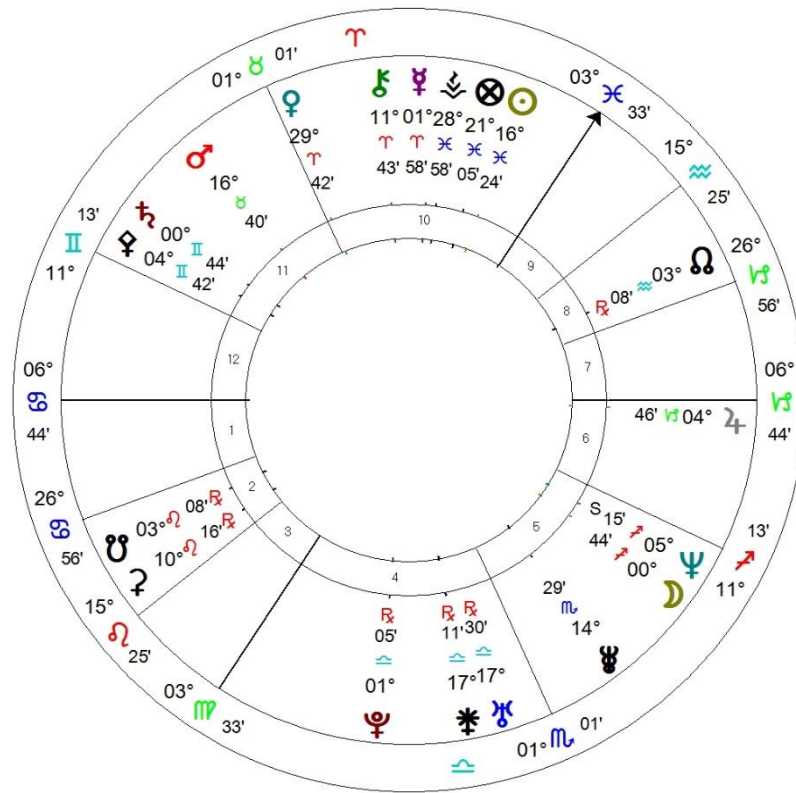
The asteroid also symbolises the nature of the 'marriage'. Here it is opposite the Moon in Aries, which is conjunct and ruled by Mars, in Aries. Could we get a much stronger set of symbols that might be read as the public's anger at the match? If the Moon was separating from the opposition, due to the time being significantly later than noon, then Mars was not and he still rules the Moon. The Sun and north node are in Aquarius, trine Pluto in Libra. Given the amount of anger in the underdog, we should not assume this is automatically a comforting trine. The combination of symbols may indicate the use of blunt force. The trine may also indicate that big business (Pluto) will not be impeded from entering the group, (Aquarius.) The Sun may represent the president of the union or some other politically interested party. Depending upon who this was, despite the fact that the sign may be appropriate for the head of a group, he may not have been as happy as one would like, he is in detriment. Britain had been refused entry in 1960 and fought hard for acceptance. This may have something to do with the subsequent lack of procedural nicety.

Jupiter, (representing whoever is keen for the deal because they are likely to benefit) is in rulership; in the sign associated with foreign lands. The king of the gods is looking out for himself (more than usual) and likely to get what he wants, at least in the short or medium term. Juno (with Uranus and Pluto) is ruled by Venus, in Pisces. Juno is bound by the relationship, (Venus,) which in turn is ruled by Jupiter. Ultimately, at this point, he also rules the political manipulation behind the match (Pluto) and contains the rebellion (Uranus). The treaty is signed and Uranus turns retrograde. It is unlikely that Jupiter symbolises Heath alone, or even certain Britons alone.

The chart below is the Treaty chart progressed to Close of Polls on June 23. 2016, (the UK Exit vote), due to the slow movement of progressions and the addition of the retrogrades Juno and Uranus are actually a little closer together than when they started, the rebellion is very much alive. Add to this the Moon is opposite Saturn to the minute! (This aspect will have held for two or three days around the time of the vote, so the inaccuracy of the original noon chart will not weaken it.) This is a powerful enough symbol of the people against the state, or more abstractly feeling against materialism, and all the similar pairings we might suggest. It has been said that nobody actually expected to leave the union and many of those who did vote to exit were making a token protest against what is seen as a harsh government. This opposition does little to argue against that idea. The potency of the symbolism and the exactness of the aspect suggests that the Accession Treaty is worth serious consideration.

Juno remains in Libra by progression but Venus is now right at the end of Aries and about to move into Rulership. Juno as the rebel has been angry a long time and may soon be getting some relief as her ruler gains strength.

Treaty Progressed to Close of Polls



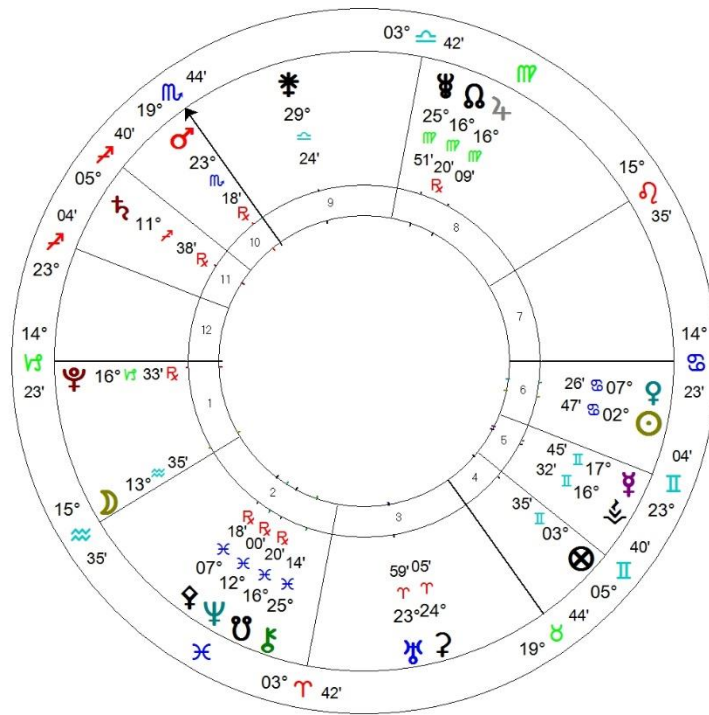
Meanwhile Jupiter has progressed into Capricorn, where he is in Fall. The king of the gods is significantly weakened. My research suggests this is a position that often indicates a serious economy of ethics and sometimes a disregard for law. Jupiter is ruled by Saturn. He wants status but what he wants has actually confined his actions and what he wants is also opposed by the people. I hesitate to suggest whom Jupiter most neatly represents, there seems to be a whole range of options and it should be remembered that the change of sign occurred years ago.

Interestingly Jupiter was also in Fall in Capricorn when Britain formally entered the Union in January 1973 and when objections were raised in parliament soon afterwards about whether the correct legal procedures had been followed before doing so.

We might also wish to note that at the time of the Exit vote Neptune has progressed to station in the Treaty chart and the Moon is about four months from being totally consumed by its foggy depths. Neptune is ruled by Jupiter. Additionally, barring retrograde motion, (I did not check) Mercury will gradually approach a trine with Neptune over the next two or three years. You fill in the blanks, I am quite partial to a bit of porridge but not three times a day.

In the actual Close of Polls chart (below) Uranus is in Aries, separating from opposition to its place in the Treaty chart. (The 40 year time span between the two events). Juno is transiting through Libra, just past a return from its Treaty position. This will have occurred seven or eight times in the intervening years but never when it was also opposite Uranus. Juno turned direct the day before the vote.

Close of Polls at Brexit Vote



It has been noted that Pluto at the Close of Polls sits on the Ascendant (of a chart with a known time) Pluto is also transiting back over the Treaty Mercury, which takes on added significance in a chart depicting the signing of a trade treaty. Pluto has formed, and is about to reform, a T square with the Mars, Moon and Juno, Uranus opposition. The treaty seems to have come to an end but nobody expects that we have seen the end of the ruthless wrangling that brought us to this point and nobody expects that it will all be conducted in public.