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Turkish Delight

I missed seeing you all at the last meeting. I left Edmonton in March 11th with several good aspects in the sky, none of which stimulated my own personal chart. I never had a favorable aspect to my chart until my last day in Istanbul, Sunday, March 23rd when T.Mars sextiled my Moon. That was truly a day of wonders as I wandered the Spice Markets of the Asian side of Istanbul with a dear friend/astrologer from Boston and her niece who was teaching school in Istanbul. But I get ahead of myself.

My companion from Boston, Monica Dimino, is also an international lecturer and also on the ISAR Board of Directors. We make a very unusual pair, me with my OOB Mars and a very Cardinal chart, and her with no fire and mutable angles. She feeds on my energy and I enjoy her opinions born and fostered

from over 40 years of client work. She is however a Gemini with an Aquarius Ascendant that fits very nicely into my Aquarian Sun and Aries Ascendant.

This was my 2nd year attendance at the Balkan International Conference in Belgrade.

Many attendees are students of the Kepler School in Belgrade that has over 200 students, some in the classroom, some via the internet, and some in outlying areas. The directors/teachers of the school, Aleksandar and Lea Im-siragic are exceptionally good astrologers with a curriculum that has been approved by the ISAR Certification Committee (of which I am chairperson). Many of these students will soon have completed all modules of the international certification program including a specified body of knowledge, an ethics course and test, 3 electives, and the final Competency Exam, and will be able to add ISAR.CAP designation after their name.

Four representatives from schools in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kiev were also at the conference and we had a very successful meeting as these people are anxious to develop the ISAR.CAP certification for their students and we discussed how this could be done.

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**More Turkish Delight by Chris McRae (continued from page 1)**

Ray Merriman, the ISAR President spear-headed the discussion, backed by myself, the ISAR Vice-President.

Since my aspects were not very good for this trip with nothing too disastrous to prevent me from going, I nevertheless felt I had to be careful but the best laid plans of mice and men are often altered by our astrological activity. On the very last day of the Belgrade conference, I was being called up on the stage unexpectedly, and the heel of my shoe caught on an electrical cable that was stretched across the floor in front of me. I went down and caught my ribs and shoulder on a sharp step. As many of you know from experience, the pain was excruciating making it hard to breathe but I managed to give my unscheduled speech.

Lea has a PhD in biochemistry or something similar, and quickly gave me the appropriate medication. On that same day, someone had stolen my digital camera out of a zippered pocket. With Jupiter squaring my Ascendant and Mars opposing my MC, it was more of an inconvenience and additional expense than disastrous.

So on I went to Istanbul where I had 5 wonderful days of sight-seeing ahead of me. I simply had to buy another camera. Istanbul is indeed a very exotic city full of history stretching back to the earliest habitation of man. Here and there we could see decaying old city walls of another era that were left to link the past with the present. I visited ornate ancient mosques with awesome tile designs on ceilings and walls, the Sultan's palace with several tons of gold gilding everywhere one looked, his harem, now empty, and the cisterns of an ancient plumbing system; I visited the ancient Grand Bazaar where items on sale in over 4,000 stalls bogged my mind, the Spice Bazaar with its delicious smells, and saw women weaving silk carpets by hand. The food was such as I had

never eaten and will crave many nights in my dreams.

I had been asked to do a Geodetic workshop for the students of another highly successful Eastern European school. That was my reason for being there. They had 3 interpreters spelling off each other throughout the day as I weaved my way through my workshop. I knew they could read our chart symbols so I had much material on a power point presentation which helped a great deal. Many of these astrological students were highly accomplished in other fields. Two were lawyers, one was a doctor, and several were engineers. They were nevertheless devoted to the learning of astrology.

I was given the birth data of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, a modern Turkish hero, and when we put it on the Geodetic wheel of Turkey, everyone in the room gasped with delight to discover why this man was so revered in the history of modern Turkey by how his chart fit into the Geodetic of where he landed for his first assault against the long standing, antiquated, repressive Ottoman Empire. I will present this as a separate article to this message.

I have been asked back to Istanbul which may be possible if it can fit into other plans that are also gelling with 3 schools in Russia, one in St. Petersburg, one in Moscow, and one in Kiev. How all this will develop in the coming months remains to be seen. I am not keen to return to Russia but I would return to Turkey in a heartbeat. Geodetically speaking, my Taurus Moon is in the 10th, my Sun is conj the 7th cusp, and my Jupiter/Uranus conjunction is in the 9th, conjunct the cusp. My host in Istanbul was Hakan Kirkoglu, who is also a fellow Aquarian.

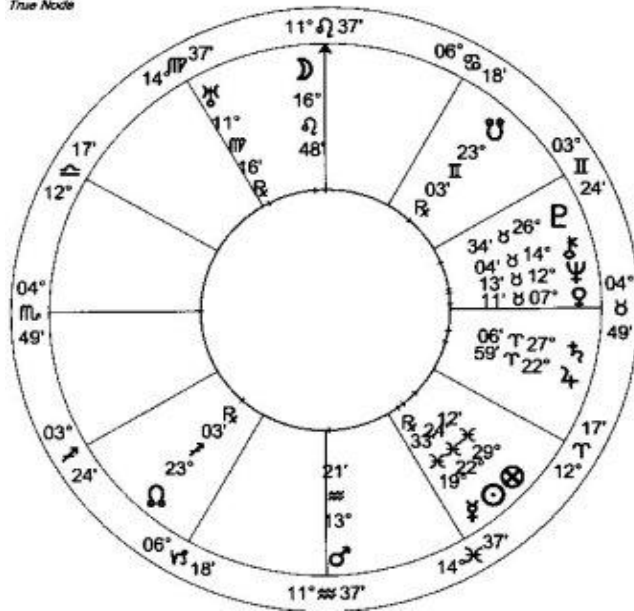
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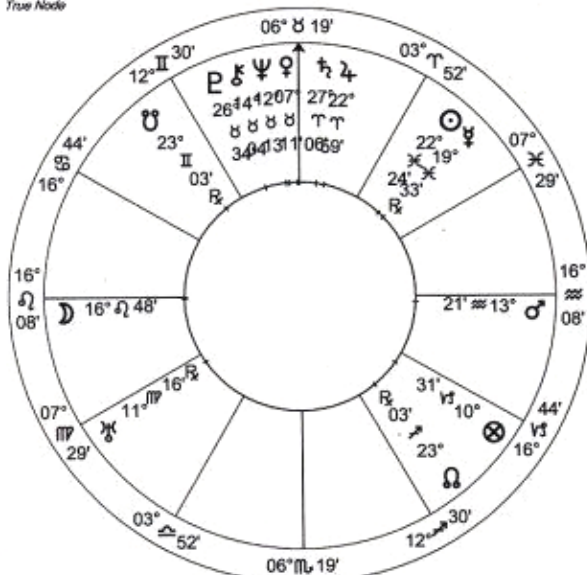
Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, 1881—1938
 March 12, 1881 in Thessaloniki, Greece, 9:34 pm
 First President of Turkey

MUSTAFA KEMAL ATATURK 1881 – 1938

Ataturk
 Natal Chart
 Mar 12 1881 NS
 9:34 pm LMT -1:31:44
 Thessaloniki, Greece
 40°N38' 022"E56'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



Ataturk
 Geodetic (Long.)
 Mar 12 1881 NS
 9:59:12 pm -1:56:56
 Samsun, Turkey
 41°N17' 036"E20'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



The history of Turkey is varied, from earliest tribal nomads roaming the countryside to the formation of the powerful Ottoman Empire that lasted from 1299 to 1923 when it was liberated by a man known simply by the Turks as ATATURK. The name means Father of the Turks. No other nation on earth has loved a leader as much as the Turkish Nation loves this man. Indeed he stands as one of the great leaders of history. Tributes have been offered to him by such world statesmen as Lloyd George, Churchill, Roosevelt, Nehru, Kennedy and many others. In 1933 he spoke these words: "I look to the world with an open heart full of pure feelings and friendship."

As a general waging war against the Ottoman Empire, on May 19, 1919 he landed in the Black Sea port of Samsun to begin the War of Turkish Independence. Victory was achieved on April 23, 1920, and a new republic was formed with Ataturk as the first President.

During his reign Turkey was changed beyond recognition. Previously it was a primitive state where few were educated, life expectancy was short due to epidemics, there were few stretches of paved roads, and it was an unruly nation. Few leaders of nations achieved so much in such a short period, transformed the life of a nation as decisively and given such inspiration to the world at large. His sweeping reforms were unparalleled in any other country encompassing political, social, legal, economic, and cultural changes. He was admired worldwide as a peacemaker, an humanitarian, and a visionary. Today, due to this remarkable leader, Istanbul is a thriving modern metropolis as are many other parts of Turkey.

His chart is quite remarkable in some respects with the Grand Fire Trine with the North Node, Moon and Jupiter/Saturn conjunction. The North Node indicates a destiny linked with carving out something new, following a new path, or breaking new ground, either in a small personal way, or a large Sagittarian way, as indicated here. Neptune, his Sun Sign Ruler is also Apex a T-Square, linked to the Grand Trine. The 20-year Jupiter/Saturn Cycle often indicates a change in economic or social structure, wherever it is required.

Now, let's take a look at Ataturk's Natal chart into the Geodetic Cusps of where he landed on his journey of liberation. Note how close to the MC Venus, its ruler, is posited, and the Moon on the Ascendant. Mars is within 3 degrees of the 7th cusp and Uranus is within 4 degrees of the 2nd cusp. The Jupiter/Saturn conjunction is in the 9th house. It is a good example of destiny or impact a person can have with a tight contact with its Geodetic location.

Reference: *The Geodetic World Map, AFA 1988 Publication, American Federation of Astrologers. Data: Ataturk; Geodetic (Long.) Mar 12, 1881 NS, 9:59:12 pm -1:56:56 Samsun, Turkey where he landed ... 41°N 17' 036" E20'*



Program For April: Presented by Robert Corre **Please Register Immediately!!!**

April 18 - 19, 2008
A Special Presentation by :

Robert Corre, world-renowned astrologer

April (Friday) 18, 2008 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (upstairs)

April (Saturday) 19, 2008 9:00 am - 3:30 pm (downstairs)

at Kingsway Legion 10425 Kingsway Avenue Edmonton
(across from the Royal Alexandra Hospital)

You won't want to miss his presentation on Friday evening titled: "Good Girls, Bad Girls", an analysis of the charts of prostitutes, and the importance of the ascendant. This will lead into the all day Saturday workshop feature on Practical Skills and the Art of Synthesis.

Cost:

EAS Members (Friday) April 18 - No Charge

EAS Members (Saturday) April 19 (includes lunch) - \$ 25.00

Non Members (Friday) April 18 - \$10.00

Non Members (Saturday) April 19 (includes lunch) - \$ 50.00

Non members that register for both Friday & Saturday ~ Cost is \$ 55 (includes lunch on Sat)

Register on Line - <http://www.astrologyedmonton.com/robertcorreregister.htm>

Deadline for Lunch and Advanced tickets is April 11/08 (head count required to order lunch for Saturday)

Robert Corre's lectures are based on the astrological methods of the 17th century astrologer Morin de Villefranche as was taught by Zoltan Mason of New York. This approach stresses seeing the chart as a whole integrated unit. We teach the interpretation skills required to create an image of the person and to detect their motivations and drives.

For further information on Robert Corre and his astrological insights, please visit his website: <http://www.forumonastrology.com>



Astro Forecast: "Aries" *Written by Inge Lohse*

March 21 to April 19

A cardinal fire sign of positive polarity ruled by Mars. Key Phrase: 'I am'

The Sun in Aries heralds new beginnings, and starts new cycles. This is your first clue that spring is in the air. Aries is represented by the ram, who forges full steam ahead with the winds of courage at his back. Arians are friendly in a very forthright, direct manner. They greet you with a firm handclasp and an instant smile. You will rarely get to be group activity leader when there is an Aries in the group. The sun becomes very competitive in Aries. Energetic, enthusiastic and enterprising, Aires are never satisfied to watch, they need to be physically involved, at the beginning, preferably.

Forecast 2008 to 2009

Pluto is moving out of Sagittarius in 2008 and will bring some subtle changes into your life when it permanently enters the sign of Capricorn by the end of the year. From the sign of Sagittarius Pluto trined your Sun in Aries, giving expression to your fire energy and you dared to do it all. You have been travelling in the fast lane since 1995 and you were able to use the power of Pluto to your advantage. All that will change as Pluto makes its way through the sign of Capri-

corn. Pluto will square your Aries Sun. This irritating process will take about 16 years. A square is about conflict arising from different points of view. This aspect will take you to places filled with obstacles. Aries loves a challenge. Aries need to explore what life has to offer. Aries look for the unbeaten path to meet new people and have new experiences.

Uranus, the planet of surprises, entered the sign of Pisces in 2003, right next door to you. Uranus will stay in Pisces until 2010. So, you how are you getting along with your neighbor. You should be well acquainted by now -- or -- not! Either way, you have noticed the constant changes in the world around you. Your radar should be on full alert and you should be prepared for all eventualities.

Sensitive Neptune, is sextiling your Aries Sun from the sign of Aquarius. Neptune entered Aquarius in the spring of 1998 and will stay until 2012. Opportunities just keep knocking at your door. Decisions! Decisions!

Constructive Saturn entered the sign of Virgo in September 2007. You had best be looking for the brake pedal, there is a traffic jam ahead. Virgo is about logic and caution. Virgos meticulously plan ahead. This presents a problem for an independent, free thinking en-

terprising Aries. Aries is about action, Aries motto is: 'JUST DO IT'. Aries rarely stops to ask questions or directions. Well, it is time to get the map out and read it. Saturn puts up road blocks and speed limits. Pay attention and your efforts will be reward.

Optimistic Jupiter entered Capricorn in December 2007 and will be joined by powerful Pluto in January 2008. Capricorn is about achieving your goals. Aries is about being there first. Jupiter is about vision, seeing the big picture. Aries is ruled by Mars, which is about getting the job done. This could be a match made in cosmic heaven - IF and ONLY IF - you manage to keep your Aries impulsiveness under control. IF you allow yourself to get carried away with your enthusiasm, you may go overboard and overextend yourself. This aspect is about control and knowing when to stop and change direction to avoid the potholes.

Summary: Use your imagination to create your dream. Use your intuition to avoid the road blocks. Make a list, check it twice. Test drive every opportunity wearing a hard hat and seat belt. The better you know your limitations, the more you will achieve success. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

Inge Lohse



What's Coming Up....

April 18th & 19th , 2008 **Robert Corre Presentation**

April 25, 2008 **Deadline** for the May Newsletter. **Please** send any articles or information to Karin at this time.

May 9, 2008 Next meeting of the EAS.

Membership Information:

The EAS welcomes all like minded Astrologers and Astrology Students to become a member and enjoy the fellowship. Our year is from Nov. to June and Sept./Oct.

EAS MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- Attendance at all monthly meetings
- Reduced fees at events hosted by the EAS
- Voting privileges
- Access to EAS library books, tapes and archives
- EAS monthly Newsletter 10 issues per year.

(Members only can serve on the Executive committee)

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