

Horror in the Heartland

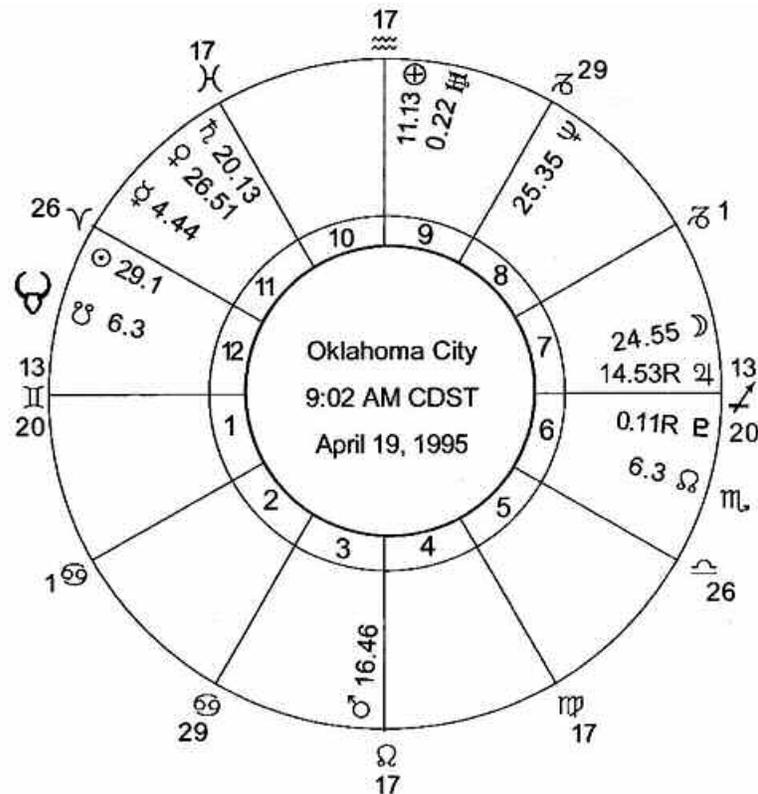
A DAY THAT shall live in infamy”—thus Franklin D. Roosevelt described the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor. Had he been alive when the Federal Building in Oklahoma City was bombed, he might have used even stronger words, for this outrage was of domestic origin.

It was not a “good” day for the nation. The closest aspects by transit are: transiting (tr.) Saturn opposite Neptune and square Uranus; tr. Neptune opposite Mercury, U.S. ruler; tr. Moon was quincunx to it. Moreover, tr. Uranus and Neptune form a midpoint configuration with U.S. natal Pluto: A configuration involving 3 malefics is serious. Tr. Venus trine to this is of little help.

It wasn't a “good” day for the State of Oklahoma. Tr. Uranus had come conjunct its Ascendant; Venus' transit over Saturn retrograde in its 2nd house could not nullify its effect.

As for Oklahoma City that day: Tr. Uranus and Neptune were in its 4th house of foundations; tr. Pluto in its 2nd sector of material resources, and applying retrograde to Mars therein and also square natal Saturn, ruler of the 4th.¹

After an event like this, there's nothing better than to set up an actual chart for the time and place and study it by the rules as set forth in *Here and There in Astrology*, by Ivy M. Goldstein Jacobson, pp. 185-215. Any chart is dominated by the planet nearest the MC. Here it is Uranus, strong in its own sign, just 16 degrees and 38 minutes from the MC.



Students of the Tarot know that 16 is the number of “lightning,” “accident or catastrophe.”² The event certainly can be described thus. Uranus also is the planet of earthquakes.³ After the bombing, the Federal Building looked as though it had been through one.

Uranus is also conjunct Neptune, planet of treachery, also a word descriptive of the event. This is amply confirmed by the fact that the Sun, Ascendant ruler Mercury, and the Dragon's Tail are all in the 12th house, its cusp conjunct a critical and closely square Neptune, and the South Node midpoint between Mercury and the Ascendant which it rules.

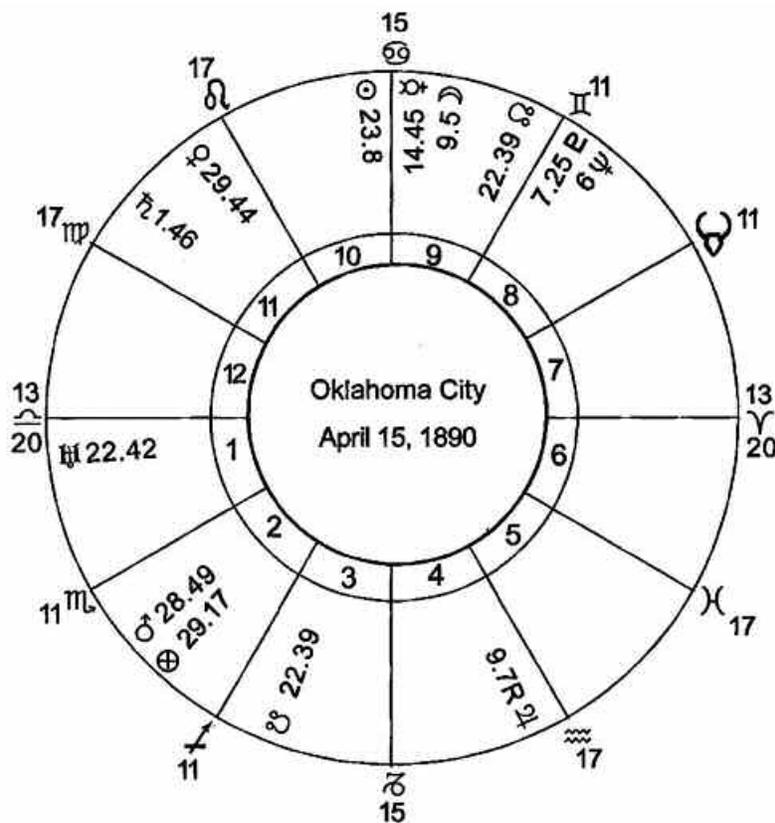
We also note that there are two planets in the first degree and one in the last degree of their sign. This can be ominous. The last degree of a sign is one of expiation; planets in the first degree have their solstice points there.⁴ It is also noteworthy that Pluto's solstice point is conjunct Uranus, increasing the negative potential of both.

All the cusps of this chart are held by the very same signs as in the U.S. natal chart; the respective ASC's and MC's are less than 2 degrees apart. The nodes are square. This event should serve as a wake-up call for America: the degree meaning of the South Node, which teaches lessons, is "Awakening."⁵

Though Mars in this chart is technically 14 minutes behind the I.C., its major influence falls in the 4th sector: In an event chart this always denotes violence. Dynamic Mars is in mutual reception with the solar orb of vitality, augmenting the destructive potential. The lunar orb is in its sign's last decan: the action had been for quite some time in the planning. It is in Sagittarius. Negatively, this sign can be overly independent—lawless! Half the planets, including both retrogrades, are in fiery signs, which, negatively, are easily prone to overdoing. All are in the houses of treachery (the 12th) and war (the 7th); the celestial portrait of the worst such act in the U.S. history is accurate.

The big question: Could astrology have foreseen an event of this nature? Yes! By means of an ingress chart. That is, one set for the exact moment a new season starts, and for the place of the occurrence. In this case, this means a chart for Oklahoma City and the exact start of the spring equinox of 1995.

If it is compared with the natus of Oklahoma City, one finds: Its Sun is in stressful quincunx to O.C.'s Mars (negatively, of violence) in its 2nd house of material resources; its Moon is conjunct to it; its Pluto conjunct, applying by retrograde; its Uranus and Neptune are sextile thereto, but in mundane charts even "helpful" aspects like sextiles, especially when formed with malefics, are not helpful.⁶ So what do we have? The two lights and the three outermost and very powerful planets are all posited negatively in relation to O.C.'s "natal" Mars. This is all the more serious since this Mars is square Venus, in a last degree, and it is ruler of the Ascendant.



More than just the Sooner State's capital city was affected. Its Mars is closely conjunct the MC and Sun of the nation's 46th state—the state as a whole suffered.

Senior readers may recall that during the 1960's considerable publicity was given the fact that by means of an ingress chart for the fall equinox of 1963, some astrologers under Lt.-Com. David Williams saw danger ahead for President Kennedy and sent a registered letter to the White House saying so. It is not known what happened to it, but the whole world knows what happened in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Ingress charts are effective.⁷

The question has been raised, Will there be more events like Oklahoma City, April 19, 1995? We read in Isaiah 21:11: "He calleth to me out of Seir,⁸ Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" And the answer? "The morning cometh, and also the night." (Verse 12) There are some "hard" aspects ahead in the U.S. chart, like Pluto approaching opposition to the Ascendant and Uranus. How to have the "morning" come rather than the "night"? "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray,

and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”⁹ □

—A Probationer

1. Oklahoma City has been described as “devoutly religious.” “Eyewitness News,” WBTW (Florence, South Carolina), April 30, 1995. Oklahoma is said to have a higher percentage of Evangelical Christians than any other state. Surely this is the best explanation for the beautiful community spirit revealed after the disaster.
2. *Tarot-Card Spread Reader*, Doris Chase Doane and King Keyes, p. 150.
3. *Astrology: the Space Age Science*, Joseph E. Goodavage, chapter 4
4. *Here and There in Astrology*, Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson, p. 30.
5. *The Sabian Symbols*, Marc Edmund Jones, p. 186.
April 19 has been said to have a violent past. In 1775, the American Revolution began that day. For years it has been observed as Holocaust Remembrance Day because on that day in 1943 the Jews in Warsaw, Poland, rose up against the Nazis. April 19, 1993 marked the Waco, Texas, disaster. A year before, U.S. officials had a shoot-out at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, with Randy Weaver, whose ideas are believed to be similar to those behind the Oklahoma City bombing.
6. *Astrology*, Else Parker, p. 121.
7. *The Way of Astrology*, Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson, pp. 137-153.
8. “Seir” means “horror.” *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary*, p. 579.
9. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

THE MAN CHRIST

He built no temple, yet the farthest sea
Can yield no shore that's barren to His place
For bended knee.

He wrote no book, and yet His words and
prayer
Are intimate on many, myriad tongues,
Are counsel everywhere.

The life He lived has never been assailed,
Nor any precept, as He lived it, yet
Has ever failed.

He built no kingdom, yet a King from youth
He reigned, is reigning yet; they call His realm
The Kingdom of the Truth.

—Therese Lindsey

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