

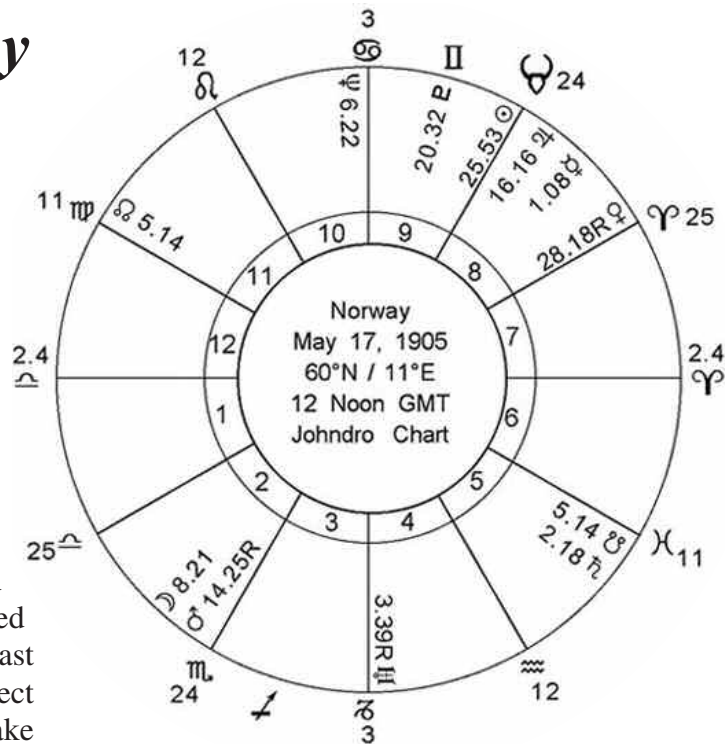
With Love from Norway *Norway at 94*

OF COURSE the Norwegian people date back many times 94 years, but the present Norwegian kingdom is but 94: after the Napoleonic Wars (1799-1815), the country was “given” to Sweden. But as the Aquarian Age began to dawn about 3-1/2 decades later,¹ the longing for liberty gradually wafted northward and Norway’s secession from Sweden was achieved peacefully, as shown by the chart. The Moon’s last transit was over Neptune, and since the aspect between the two is a harmonious trine, we take Neptune’s positive keyword for mundane astrology, *idealism*. And considering the many wars that have been waged over secession, it can certainly be said that Norway’s peaceful emergence was a highly idealistic event.

We also note the Sun in peaceful Venus-ruled Taurus, in the 9th house of the higher mind. Moreover, Venus of peace is in the 8th house of change, retrograde—contrary to the usual: there had been a highly unusual, peaceful change. Venus rules the Libra Ascendant, and that sign’s third degree is idealistic.²

Neptune of idealism dominates, being closest the M.C. This watery orb is exalted in watery Cancer. Neptune also rules the sea, so paramount in Norway’s experience. Its countless fjords grace its coastline, which may well be the longest of any country relative to its population and area. Prior to the advent of the airplane the quickest route between many of its localities was by sea .

Norway’s re-emergence could of course be



called a rebirth. Astrologically this points to Pluto. The alpine coast is extremely plutonic.³ It is also extremely complicated; things extreme and complicated are plutonic. Little wonder the books tell us Norway is a Pluto-ruled Scorpio nation.⁴

And Pluto is tremendously powerful in Norway’s natus. It disposes the Moon and Mars; it is septile of destiny (51 degrees plus small orb) to the Mercury-Venus conjunction; biseptile the Ascendant; it is in midpoint configuration with Sun and Mercury, tying all three together; it is in a Ring with Mercury, Venus, Mars. In charts where Neptune is strong, one must look for subtle hints; this makes the minor aspects significant, especially when they are numerous, as here.

Saturn of destiny is in the 5th house of hidden destiny, in Pisces of destiny, conjunct a critical degree: Norway has been given a difficult destiny. “Norway invented winter.”⁵ It is neither very fertile nor especially rich in minerals. Yet through

Pluto in the sector of the higher mind—reinforced by Mercury in the 8th, a mind set on regeneration—wealth is produced. Mars is in its own sign and middle degree in the sector of material resources. Norway’s merchant fleet is “fourth largest in the world.”⁶ Yet it had to be rebuilt, regenerated, both after World War I and II. The country also has “valuable manufactures.”⁷ The two orbs in the wealth sector are trine—easy flow. Because of its seaward-directed efforts, Norway has become world’s 9th largest gas producer and 3rd largest petroleum exporter.⁸

While numerous nations have been unable to attract the Olympic Games even once, Norway has hosted them twice, in 1952 and 1994—no small feat for a nation with such a small population.

The Moon represents the people; with the lunar orb in Scorpio, they certainly are resourceful enough to make the very best of difficult circumstances, a shining example to others. “There are no circumstances, however unfortunate, that clever people do not extract some advantage from.”⁹ Surely resourcefulness can be equated with being “clever.” Prosperity assuredly is desirable for a nation, if acquired honestly and used properly. Albeit nations, like individuals, do not live by bread alone. There is also the moral or spiritual factor. Two of the New Age planets, Uranus and Neptune, are angular and tied to the interior orbs; Pluto is very active and also the sign signature: all undeniable New Age influences.¹⁰ Pluto’s strength also tells of the need to “serve the universe.”¹¹

Norway certainly has done this. During World War I, though suffering a food shortage due to belligerent blockades, it accepted and fed thousands of children from war-ravaged nations. After that war, no one in all Europe toiled harder to help feed, house, and eventually return refugees to their homes than Norway’s famous son, Fridtjof Nansen.

After World War II, during which it suffered many casualties, Norway took a most active part in peacekeeping efforts, which it is still doing today. The United Nations’ first secretary-general was Trygve H. Lie. Then in 1993, when all the world viewed on TV the handshake at the White House between Israel’s Itzak Rabin and the PLO’s Yasser

Arafat, not nearly enough was said about the fact that had it not been for Norway hosting the secret talks that led up to history’s most famous handshake, it would not have happened.¹²

There are numerous patterns in a chart that indicate whether its owner is of advanced spiritual development. Of course every chart has at least one. Here the most obvious and basic is the Locomotive—all planets with 240 degrees. Its owner tends to be “self-driving” and has “an exceptional flow of energy.”¹³ “Cold climate is responsible for the energy; all contemporary civilizations have originated in the Northern Hemisphere, whereas those in the southern one were imported.”¹⁴ The Ring, already referred to, deals with deep/psychic matters.¹⁵

In addition we note a Mystic Rectangle: two pairs of planets a sextile apart and opposite each other. Here, the sextile of Moon and Uranus is opposite the Mercury-Neptune sextile, which refers to gifted or talented understanding.¹⁶ There’s also a Cat’s Cradle: five planets producing four sextiles and four trines. The orbs involved are Moon, Mercury, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune. This enhances creativity.¹⁷

Individuals as well as nations can be divided into two basic groups, part of the problem or part of the solution. Can there be any doubt to which category Norway belongs? □

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