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The correct horoscope of the United States is in dispute. This has been the case for a very long time – a situation that really hobbles astrological prognostication. As any astrologer knows, without a true birth time you can't be sure of the ascendant, and without that, you can't figure out the cusps, house rulerships, planetary placements, or the fast-moving Moon's position. And if you can't be sure of these, you can't determine many progressed positions, many Arabic parts (which often use the ascendant in their formulas, such as The Part of Fortune [ASC + Moon – Sun], and the Vertex [ascendant at 90 degrees, minus the latitude]), or even in what house a lunation (e.g., eclipse) occurs. Perhaps now, in this dramatic era, we can use logic in an attempt to resolve this dilemma.

A CONFUSING SITUATION

Several horoscopes are currently in use, each with its adherents. Four of the most popular are:

- **The Sibley chart** (7/4/1776, 5:10 PM LMT, Philadelphia, PA) which gives an ascendant of 12°21' Sagittarius;
- **Astrologist's Dane Rudhyar's rectification of the Sibley chart**¹ (7/4/1776, 5:13:55 PM LMT, Philadelphia, PA) which gives an ascendant of 13°10' Sagittarius;
- **The Gemini rising chart** (7/4/1776, 2:13 PM², LMT, Philadelphia, PA) used by Evangeline Adams which gives an ascendant of 7°14' Gemini³;
- **The Scorpio rising chart** (7/4/1776, 2:21 PM LMT, Philadelphia, PA) which gives an ascendant of 8°35' Scorpio.

Much has been written in support of these various "birth" times, and even in support of dates other than July 4th 1776.

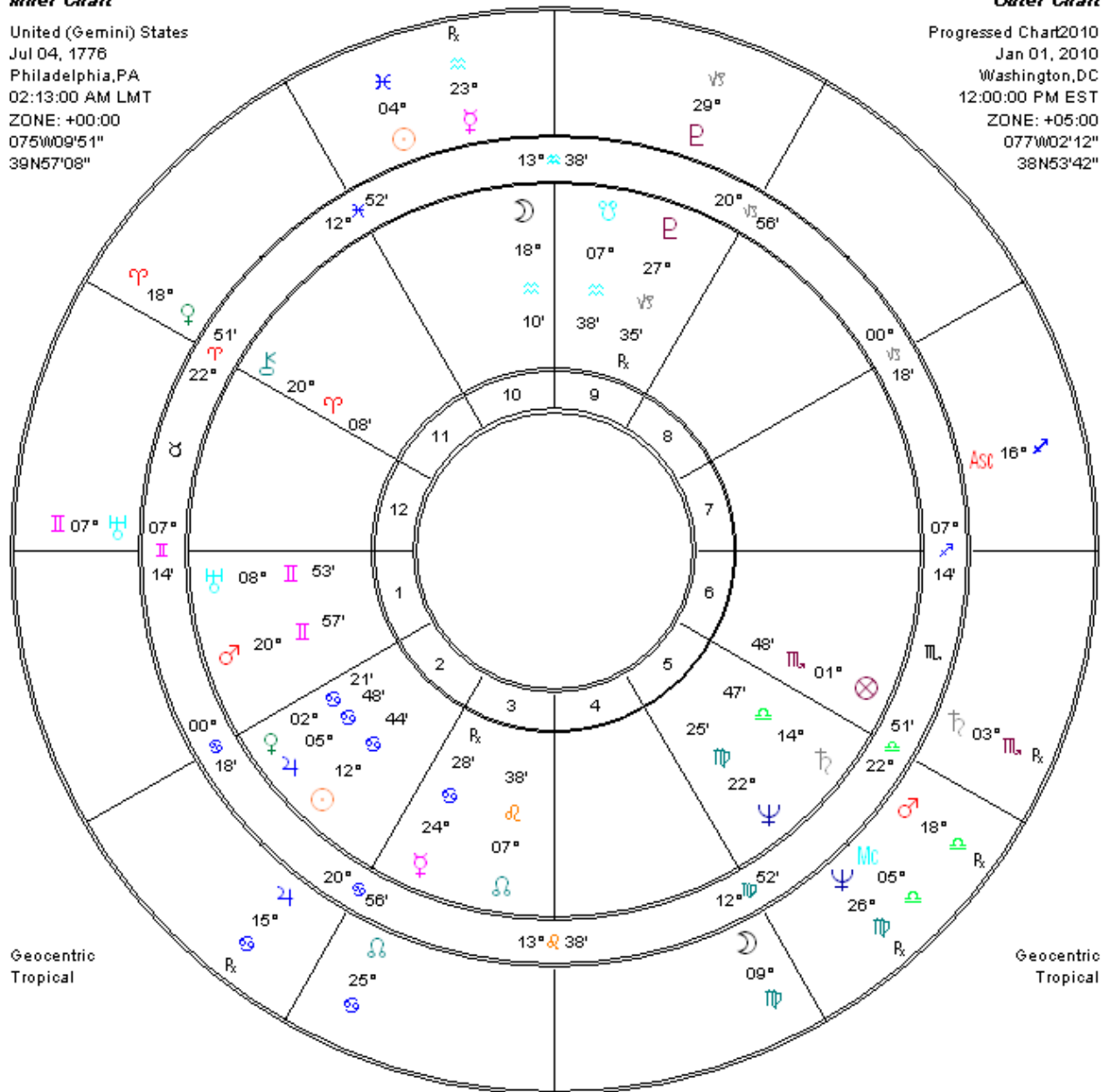
GEMINI RISING CHART

Inner Chart

United (Gemini) States
 Jul 04, 1776
 Philadelphia, PA
 02:13:00 AM LMT
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 075W09'51"
 39N57'08"

Outer Chart

Progressed Chart2010
 Jan 01, 2010
 Washington, DC
 12:00:00 PM EST
 ZONE: +05:00
 077W02'12"
 38N53'42"



United (Gemini) States

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☉	12° 43' 45"		+22° 51'
♀	24° 28' 17"	R _x	+17° 34'
♀	02° 20' 31"		+23° 31'
♂	20° 15' 02"		+23° 32'
♃	05° 47' 32"		+23° 16'
♄	14° 47' 12"		- 03° 31'
♅	08° 53' 24"		+21° 44'
♆	22° 24' 34"		+04° 10'
♁	27° 34' 36"	R _x	- 23° 43'

Progressed Chart2010

Pl	Geo Lon	R _x	Decl.
☾	09° 02' 31"		+11° 25'
☉	04° 34' 16"		- 09° 51'
♀	23° 01' 57"	R _x	- 10° 46'
♀	18° 37' 25"		+08° 02'
♂	18° 39' 24"	R _x	- 04° 26'
♃	15° 36' 27"	R _x	+22° 58'
♄	03° 16' 56"	R _x	- 10° 09'
♅	06° 59' 33"		+21° 28'
♆	26° 18' 35"	R _x	+02° 42'
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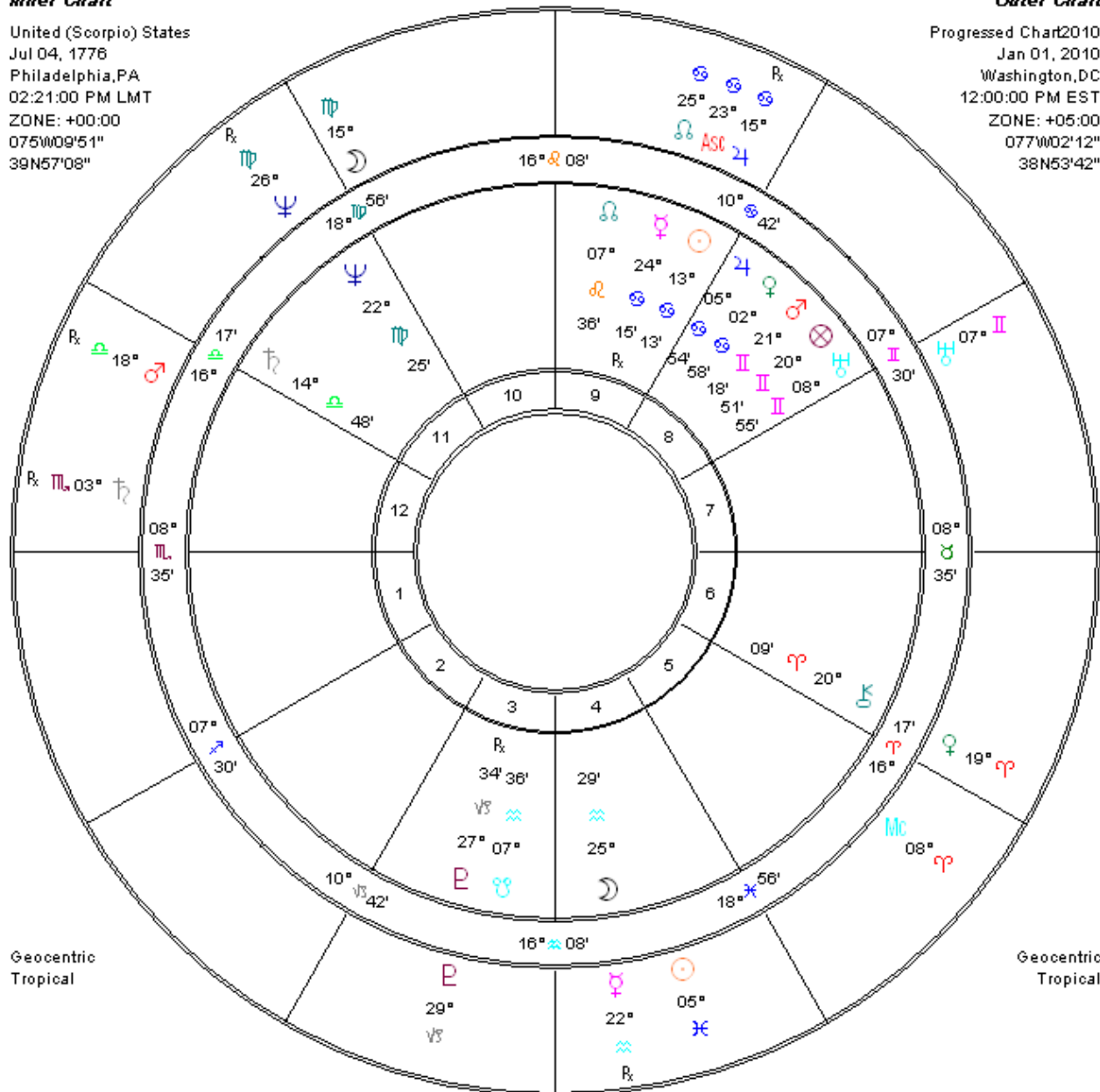
SCORPIO RISING CHART

Inner Chart

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United (Scorpio) States

PI	Geo Lon	R _z	Decl.
☽	25° 28' 36"		- 14° 39'
☉	13° 12' 40"		+22° 49'
♀	24° 15' 03"	R _z	+17° 30'
♀	02° 57' 41"		+23° 32'
♂	21° 17' 44"		+23° 34'
♃	05° 54' 24"		+23° 16'
♄	14° 48' 06"		- 03° 31'
♅	08° 54' 57"		+21° 44'
♆	22° 17' 05"		+04° 10'
♁	27° 33' 54"	R _z	- 23° 43'

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PI	Geo Lon	R _z	Decl.
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☉	05° 04' 40"		- 09° 40'
♀	22° 37' 50"	R _z	- 10° 58'
♀	19° 11' 28"		+08° 17'
♂	18° 38' 15"	R _z	- 04° 25'
♃	15° 34' 54"	R _z	+22° 58'
♄	03° 16' 17"	R _z	- 10° 09'
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Furthermore, even within these four main choices, there is dispute. For instance, Matrix Software⁴ lists 4:50 PM instead of 5:10 PM for the Sibley, quoting two sources; 2:13 or alternately 2:17 PM for the Gemini, quoting two sources; and 4:37 PM alternately for the Rudhyar chart, quoting one source. A disclaimer notes that some of these are “commonly accepted ascendant charts”. And any internet search will quickly produce even more possibilities!

So by this list alone, eight purported charts are presented for our nation. How can we possibly make correct predictions or gain insight under such a plethora of bewildering information? Since astrology does not have a world body to make judgments or issue a decision on such a matter, we struggle with this. But it seems to me that we have to come to a decision as to the most likely U.S. rising sign. Isn't it time to come to a consensus?

LET'S USE LOGIC – KEYWORDS, KEY EVENTS, & KEY RELATIONSHIPS

In truth, an entity is only “born” once. Its inception determines its rising sign, and thus its personality and chief behavior patterns. Such traits can be described by **keywords**, a term that's very familiar to any internet user nowadays. The keywords should fit the behavior traits of the entity.

Also, in the case of uncertain or disputed birth times, astrologers can use the tool of *rectification*⁵ to work backwards from **key events**, especially adverse ones, to reach reasonable conclusions. Whether a person, a business, or a nation, significant happenstances would be the touchstone; these events should be apparent in regards to the angles and/or the planets in order to verify the conclusion. Stations, progressions, directions, and lunations (eclipses) would be particularly illuminating.

Finally, **key figures** might reveal significant connections to the true ascendant chart. With individuals, for example, family patterns have been seen that link the exact degree of a mother's ascendant with one child's Moon and another child's Node, or that link a husband's ascendant with a wife's descendant, also exact degree. This kind of cosmic connection actually describes a karmic tie. In the case of a nation, its key personages would play important roles in the country's history – perhaps karmically mandated ones – and would be seen not only in the *synastry* between the two charts (i.e., natal convergences) but through progressions etc. during momentous times.

Therefore, it's my intention to set forth a logical argument for accepting, once and for all, what I feel must be the only true United States chart: the Sibley 5:10 PM ascendant chart that gives a 12°21 Sagittarius rising and a 1°03 Libra midheaven. Towards that end, I'll use keywords, a key event, and a key figure to do so.

KEYWORDS AS DETERMINANT

Keywords are descriptive little bytes that help to define an energy pattern – in this case, the energy pattern of a particular zodiac sign. They are like

snapshots or glimpses into the main characteristics of that sign. Like a whiff of a potpourri or a taste of a *mélange*, the compilation of a sign's keywords gives a nice holistic glimpse of that ascendant's flavor. Aside from any other theories, computations, applications, and so forth, let's therefore just look at the keywords for the three most popularly used ascendants: Sagittarius, Gemini and Scorpio.

Keywords for **Sagittarius** always include freedom, independence, optimism, friendliness, salesmanship, and candor; they are just, charitable, cheerful, outgoing, extroverted, adventuresome, and enthusiastic; they love to remain free-agents, to travel, to move towards a goal in the future; and they have the ability to promote. Words that apply include Big Sky, theory, philosophy, and The Open Road. As a sign, Sagittarius has rulership over ninth house matters such as spirituality, education, government, and law.

Keywords for **Gemini** include chatty, inquisitive, glib, versatile, witty, two-faced (dual), vivacious, exuberant, imaginative, adroit, analytical, fickle, fun-loving, changeable, restless, clever, ever-youthful, dexterous, easily distracted, nervous, savvy; they are unemotional, fidgety, neutral, and need variety. As a sign, Gemini has rulership over third house matters such as communications, relatives, gossip, mingling, the intellect, and story-telling.

Keywords for **Scorpio** include intensity, depth, secretiveness, magnetism, and power; they are dark, mysterious, silent, formidable, vindictive, ruthless, manipulative, penetrating, satiric, controlling, and psychic; they tend to attract crises and can be jealous, hateful, venomous, or cruel, but also soaring, transcendent, and healing; they hold energy in reserve. As a sign, Scorpio has rulership over the underworld, regenerative abilities, sexuality, the occult, death, birth, and the deeper mysteries.

To judge an entity's personality or behavior pattern is trickier than judging that of a human being, but nevertheless we can certainly see the obvious tie-in between the keywords of Sagittarius and the slogans of the United States: *freedom, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, independence, in God We Trust*, and *justice for all*. These, as any beginning astrology student can tell you, are not ideas representing Scorpio. Nor even really Gemini. Plain and simple, these are ideas that represent the traits of Sagittarius.

Just by reading through these lists of keywords, it's apparent that the United States has without doubt an amazing resonance with Sagittarian flavor. The Wild West. The car culture. Self-government. An ideal ("The American Dream"). We are a nation based on freedom; we will not be yoked; we are law-abiding and spiritual; and we are tasked with designing and completing a democratic vision (*"Of the people, by the people, for the people..."*). The very mission statement of The Declaration of Independence echoes with Sagittarian vision (*"We hold these truths to be self-evident... certain inalienable rights...native justice and magnanimity... voice of justice... with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence..."*.) Almost every keyword for Sagittarius that can be given is to be found in America's "personality". Whereas, the United States is not, and never will be, a dark and repressive police state

(Scorpic), nor does it have an ever-changing sophisticated yet fickle, dispassionate neutrality (Geminian). Instead, we are aimed at, and shooting for a goal.

This conclusion in itself could be the ultimate substantiation for arguing in favor of the true U.S. ascendant, but even if this was to “prove” a Sagittarius ascendant, it doesn’t authenticate the rising degree. There’s so much more to call up as reference.

THE SIBLEY CHART – SOME HISTORY

Having eliminated *through astrological logic alone* anything but a Sagittarius ascendant for the United States, we will next consider the two most popular Sagittarius ascendant candidates: The Sibley chart and the Rudhyar rectified chart.

Dr. Ebenezer Sibley was a British astrologer, physician, Freemason, and herbalist⁶. He was alive at the time of the Declaration of Independence, and may have known fellow masons who were signatories, including Washington, Hancock, and Franklin.⁷ Offering to posterity various times of 17:00, 16:40, and 17:15 Greenwich time, he is then corroborated by American astrologer John B. Early who wrote the comment in the margin of his 1776 Raphael's ephemeris for July, "Declaration signed 10.10 PM", which equates to 5.10 PM LMT in Philadelphia. Further corroborating this time is Thomas Jefferson's statement in old age that the document was signed "in the late afternoon" (which in those days meant "evening"), and John Adams' and John Quincy Adams' statements that they signed "late in the day."

By long consensus of these various possibilities, it has come to rest that the Sibley horoscope for the United States is as follows: July 4, 1776, 5:10 PM LMT, Philadelphia PA:

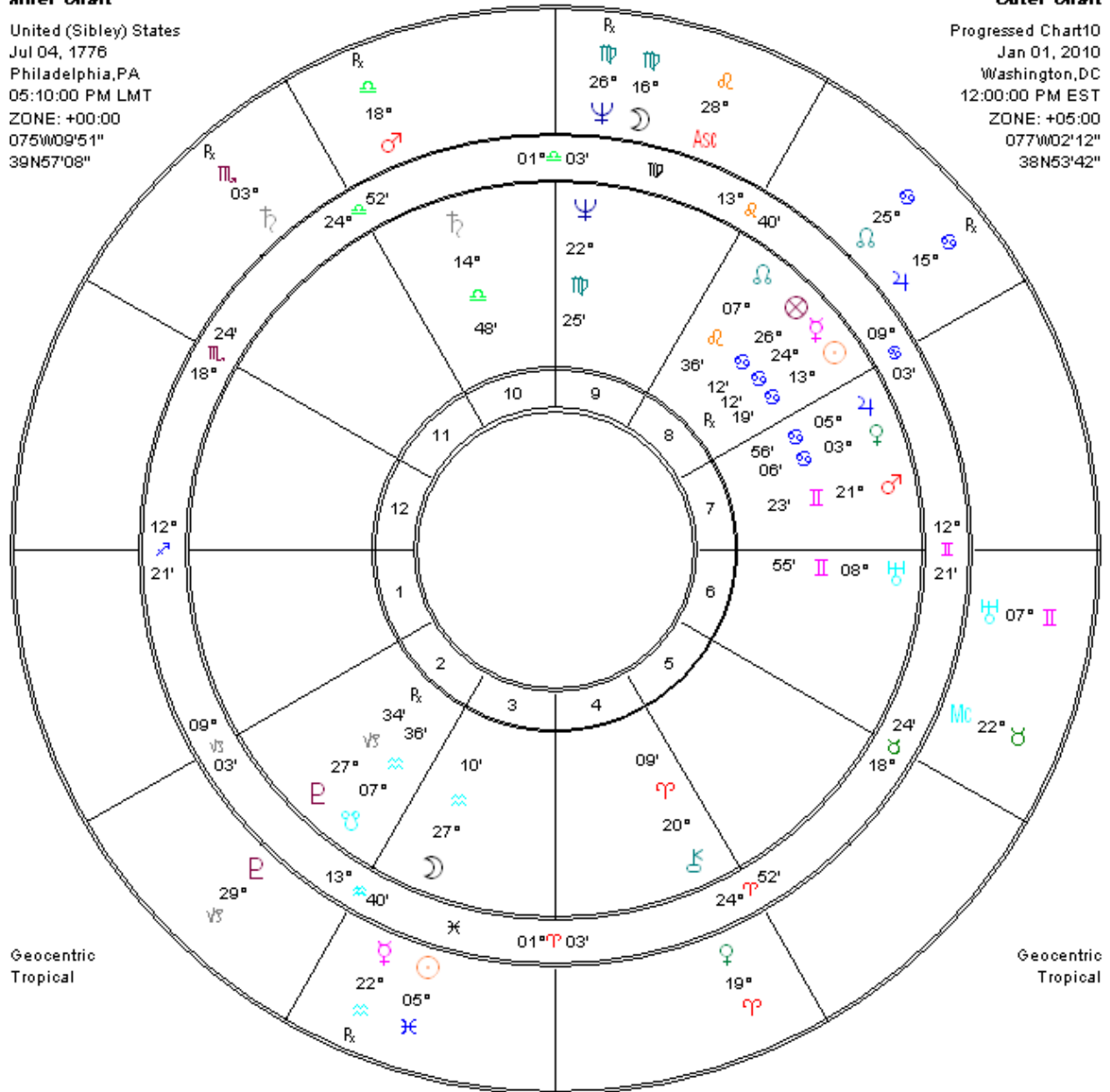
SIBLEY HOROSCOPE

Inner Chart

United (Sibley) States
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 05:10:00 PM LMT
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 39N57'08"

Outer Chart

Progressed Chart10
 Jan 01, 2010
 Washington, DC
 12:00:00 PM EST
 ZONE: +05:00
 077W02'12"
 38N53'42"



United (Sibley) States

Pl	Geo Lon	Rx	Decl.
☾	27° 10' 28"		- 14° 12'
☉	13° 19' 22"		+22° 48'
☿	24° 11' 51"	Rx	+17° 29'
♀	03° 06' 18"		+23° 32'
♂	21° 12' 33"		+23° 34'
♃	05° 55' 59"		+23° 16'
♄	14° 48' 19"		- 03° 31'
♅	08° 15' 19"		+21° 44'
♆	22° 17' 12"		+04° 10'
♁	27° 33' 45"	Rx	- 23° 43'

Progressed Chart10

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♂	18° 37' 57"	Rx	- 04° 25'
♃	15° 34' 32"	Rx	+22° 58'
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In fact, so entrenched in minds was this birth time that an engraving⁸ exists showing George Washington receiving this horoscope from none other than the Angel Gabriel:



George Washington receives United States horoscope from the angel Gabriel.

This horoscope gives an ascendant of $12^{\circ}21$ Sagittarius. The (fast-moving) Moon is at $27^{\circ}10$ Aquarius in the third house, and the midheaven is at $1^{\circ}03$ Libra. By the rules of rectification, this is a very significant horoscope, as we will see.

Dane Rudhyar, the famous astrologer, did not so much dispute the validity of Sibley's horoscope as attempt to fine-tune it. He did so by rectification, and concluded that a more exact time was 5:13:55 PM LMT which gives an ascendant of $13^{\circ}10$ Sagittarius. As a terrific astrologer, he had his reasons for reaching this conclusion.⁹ However, the lens of retrospect ion from the date of September 11, 2001 was not yet in his viewfinder at the time of his efforts.

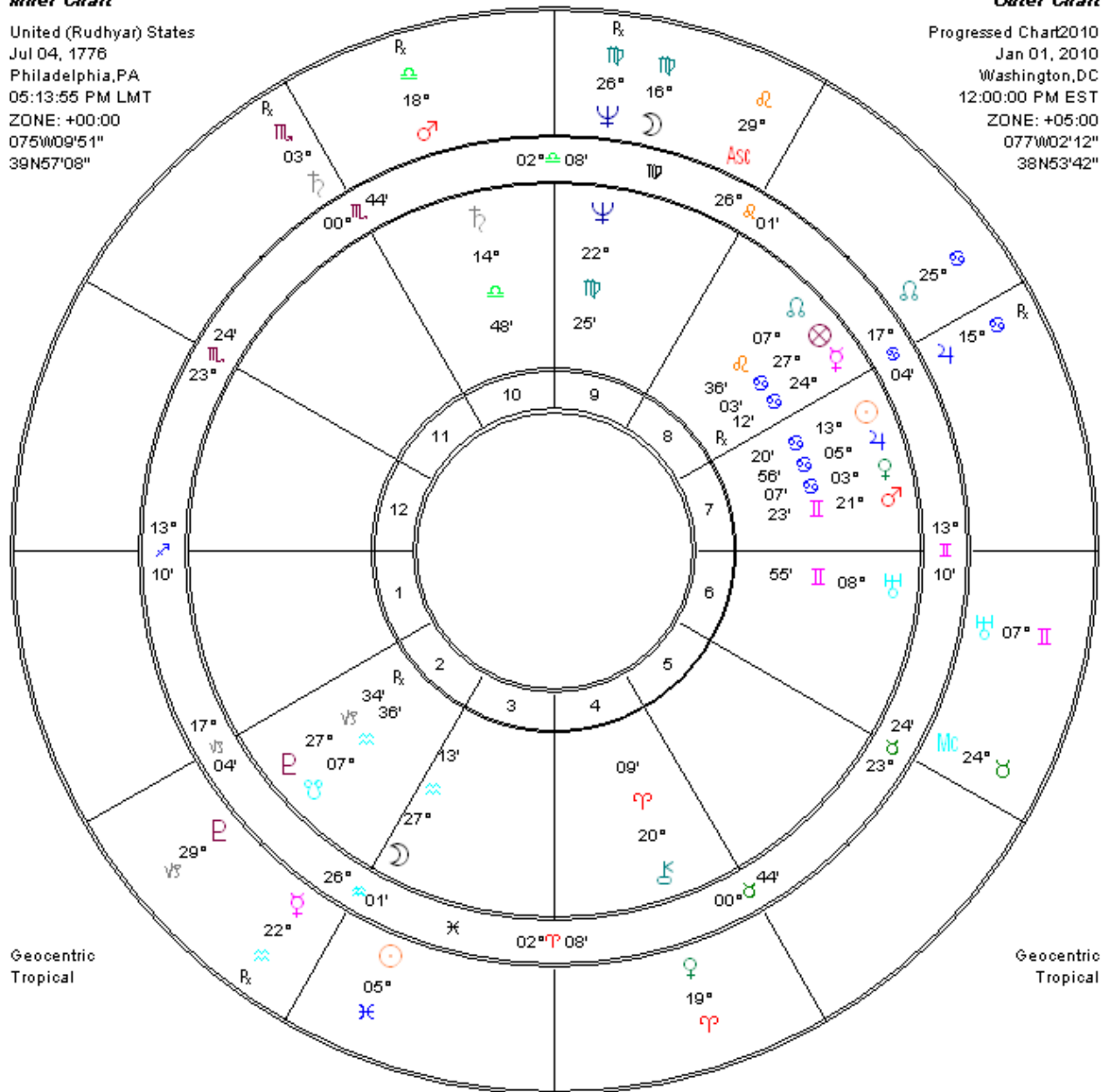
DANE RUDHYAR RECTIFIED CHART

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Outer Chart

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United (Rudhyar) States

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KEY EVENT AS DETERMINANT

9-11 was *the* defining date of U.S. history. After the Declaration of Independence itself, nothing else even comes close. Not even Pearl Harbor. Why? Because the 9-11 attack was a global event pitting radical Islamic belief against the ideology of Western society, which America has come to represent. The event was the bellwether perhaps of the so-called End Times, a titanic clash in which the fate of the world itself hangs in the balance; it was maybe even the precursor to Armageddon! Whatever one believes, however, 9-11 resonates with mighty historical impact and must be reckoned with regarding any rectified hindsight.

It has to glow in the U.S. chart like a neon billboard!

SIBLEY (INNER) & PROGRESSED SECONDARY (MIDDLE), WITH 9-11 (OUTER)

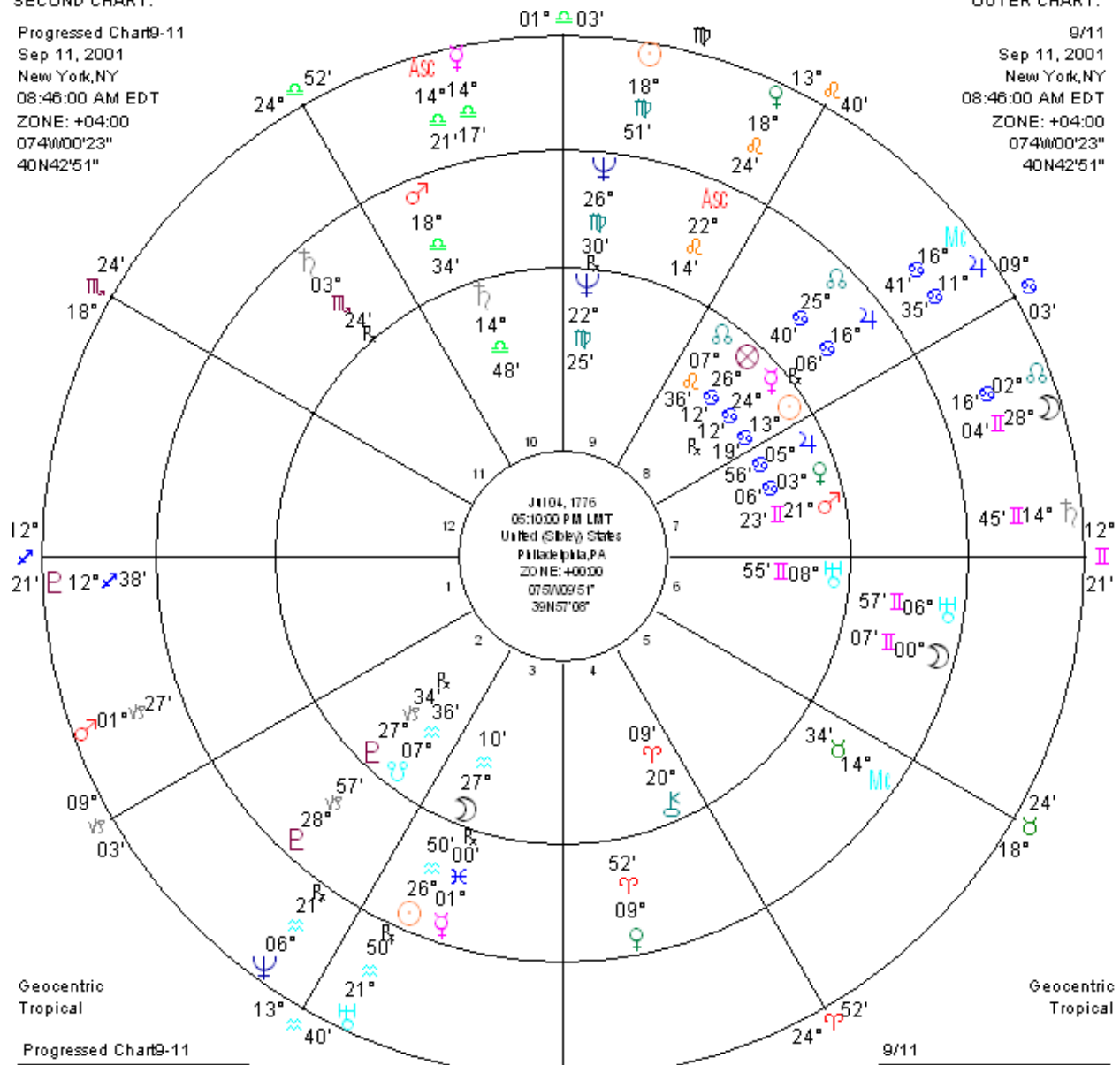
Here is the Sibley chart (inner), with a secondary progression to 9-11-2001 (middle), and the event day of 9-11 around the outer. (Note transiting Pluto's conjunction to the Sibley ascendant; the transiting ascendant/Mercury's conjunction to the Sibley Saturn; transiting Neptune's approaching conjunction to the Sibley South Node; and the Sibley's progressed Sun's approaching conjunction to its own Moon.)

SECOND CHART:

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OUTER CHART:

9/11
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 40N42'51"



Progressed Chart9-11

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☽	01° ♌ 00'	Rx	- 07° 43'
♀	09° ♌ 52'		+04° 06'
♂	18° ♌ 34'		- 04° 29'
♃	16° ♍ 06'	Rx	+22° 54'
♅	03° ♎ 24'	Rx	- 10° 13'
♁	06° I 57'		+21° 27'
♃	26° ♎ 30'	Rx	+02° 37'
♁	28° ♏ 57'		- 23° 35'
♁	25° ♍ 40'		+21° 02'
♎	14° ♏ 34'		+16° 14'
♏	22° ♏ 14'		+14° 07'

United (Sibley) States

☾	27° ♋ 10'		- 14° 12'
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☽	24° ♌ 12'	Rx	+17° 29'
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9/11

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♂	01° ♏ 27'		- 26° 48'
♃	11° ♍ 35'		+22° 44'
♅	14° I 45'		+20° 47'
♁	21° ♋ 50'	Rx	- 14° 57'
♃	06° ♋ 21'	Rx	- 18° 34'
♁	12° ♏ 38'		- 12° 12'
♁	02° ♍ 16'		+23° 25'
♎	16° ♏ 41'		+22° 24'
♏	14° ♏ 21'		- 05° 39'

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On August 23, 2001, Pluto made a station direct at 12°32 Sagittarius. This conjuncts the Sibley ascendant within only 12 minutes of degree. The actual attack took place a mere 19 days afterwards, on September 11, 2001, beginning at 8:46 AM EDT. On 11 September 2001, Pluto was situated at 12°37' Sagittarius. Transiting Mars was at 1°27 Capricorn in a very tight square to the Sibley midheaven, ruling its fourth house (the land) from its natal seventh (enemies). This is the neon signpost one would expect to see.¹⁰

Rudhyar's rectified chart has a slightly later ascendant (13°10 Sagittarius), and a slightly later midheaven angle (2°08 Libra). Therefore, although he did excellent calculations in his attempt to pinpoint the correct birth time, it simply remains more likely than not to refer to a chart – the Sibley – that stays tighter to these crucial degrees.

Conversely, it is impossible to see any reflection of 9-11 at all in the Scorpio rising chart. Its angles are 8°35 Scorpio as its ascendant, which was untouched by much of anything on the date of the attack other than a square from Neptune, and 16° Leo on the midheaven, which if anything was receiving a trine from the Pluto transit! That's not the picture of a consciousness-changing, earth-shattering event in the nation's psyche.

The Gemini chart, having 7°14 Gemini rising (that somehow must have escaped unscathed from a much earlier transit to its descendant in 1999!), has a 13° Aquarius midheaven that would have received merely a good aspect (sextile) from the Plutonic event of 9-11. This chart, although fulfilling the revolutionary qualities of the birth of the United States (Uranus conjunct ascendant – a factor often cited in proposing its hour), fails to show the multitude of powerful noteworthy patterns that the Sagittarius rising demonstrates. The Sibley chart, for example, not only shows 9-11 in flashing neon lights, which should be definitive in and of itself, but activates the opposite sign (descendant) of open enmity by reference to the iconic image of the Twin Towers (Gemini, where Mars is located in the Sibley seventh).

FURTHER REASONS

Other factors in the Sibley chart support its choice.

Factor One: one of the main weaknesses of the United States regards its energy supply (Mars square Neptune). Reliance upon supplies of oil from the Mid-East is what has debilitated us since the advent of the combustion engine. Oil is Neptune, and foreign countries are the ninth house. In any 1776-Fourth-of-July chart, Mars is squared to Neptune which is reflective of that weakness, but in the Sibley chart Neptune (fuel, oil) is found in the ninth house (foreign) ruling the third (cars) while Mars (energy) is found in the seventh house (open enemies).

Factor Two, the Sibley chart gives a midheaven of 1°03 Libra¹¹ (close to the World Degree of 0° of the Cardinals), which Saturn is now transiting. Saturn is natively placed in the Sibley tenth, which reads as a test of authority, while being exalted in Libra, the sign of fairness. America is nothing if not the fair and just

“World Cop”, a role it certainly plays in its influence throughout the globe. Faced with limiting restrictions and great responsibilities, we are perhaps at our greatest challenge in this role now (Saturn’s transit to our midheaven). Can America handle the task laid in its lap?

This transit will continue through mid-August 2010, and will be a means to test (rectify) this birth time, as will the upcoming transits of Uranus to the Sibley IC and its Solar Arc Node between July 2010 to February 2012. Unfortunately if accurate, this pattern can bring a sudden disruption of services throughout the land, especially regarding transportation and the supply chain (Uranus in the Sibley sixth, ruling the third); or else it can bring a news-making uprising of the populace regarding unemployment (fourth house/homeland; third house/media; sixth house/the job market). And maybe both. Consider this, then, as a great rectification device for the Sibley since non-Sagittarius rising charts do not give these degrees on their angles.

Factor Three, since the Moon is the fastest moving item in any horoscope, it will be found in different houses and at different degrees in various charts depending on what ascendant is chosen. In the Sibley chart, the U.S. Moon falls at 27°10 Aquarius in the third house. The recent super-conjunction of Jupiter, Chiron and Neptune on that degree is brilliantly portrayed by the election of the first African-American president, whereby some descriptive words include *expansion, healing, and idealism*, but since Neptune remains at that degree throughout the entire four-year administration leading to 2012, so do the words *pervasive anxiety, false hopes, and disillusionment* aptly fit! Either the U.S. Moon is at this 27 degree mark getting this transit, or it is not. If it is, and the truth of this time frame applies, then further proof is gotten of the validity of the Sibley chart via the continuation of confusion, vagueness and disillusionment until Neptune gets past 27° Aquarius, i.e., toward the end of Obama’s term. And as further emphasis, the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico¹² following an event on an off-shore drilling rig certainly underlines the issues surrounding oil, energy, the ocean, confusion, and anxiety. That it occurred near to the date of a Neptune station retrograde at 28° Aquarius on May 31st is still further testament to the accuracy of the 27° Aquarius Sibley Moon. What could illustrate this more than a recent headline: “Anxiety grows over oil spill”¹³. Conversely, the Gemini chart, with Moon at 18° Aquarius, would have required the events described as *national anxiety, misguided idealism, misplaced trust, weakness, and oil spills* to have occurred already, as early as 2006 (when Neptune first touched 18° Aquarius).

Factor Four, solar arc directions (as are secondary progressions) are calculated based upon the birth chart. Thus, the solar arc Moon’s position in any year depends upon the birth time. The Sibley chart’s solar arc Moon is now at 19° Libra, but in summer 2009 it was at 18° Libra, the degree of the U.S. progressed Mars in the very visible tenth house. The Tea Party Movement (people’s anger) began on Tax Day, April 15th, of 2009. The Moon (the populace) rules the Sibley eighth house (taxes) from its third (news, communications, neighbors, i.e., town halls), a very obvious tie-in.

Factor Five, in the Sibley chart, Pluto is at 27° Capricorn in the second house. When transiting Pluto recently entered Capricorn and opposed Venus, there was a cascade of overspending such as TARP (Toxic Assets Recovery Program), bailouts, and many issues relating to finances. Whereas Pluto opposite Venus often has a financial connotation, it's even more emphasized when the money houses are directly involved. A primary cause for anger against the current administration is its perceived *overspending*. Senior citizens (aging is a keyword of Capricorn, which happens to rule the Sibley second) are leading this fight because of their concern about the effort to greatly transform (Pluto) healthcare (Venus, ruler of the Sibley sixth).

Factor Six, unlike the results shown with either of the non-Sagittarius charts, the Sibley chart of Inauguration Day 2009 reveals the U.S.'s progressed ascendant at 27° Leo which is the exact degree of Barack Obama's Node. Not an accident! More likely, a proof of this true horoscope.

KEY FIGURE AS DETERMINANT – OBAMA AND THE SIBLEY CHART

Sometimes there is such obvious synastry between two horoscopes that a key personage can confirm the correctness of the uncertain birth time. Having been elected under an outer planet's transit (Neptune) to a possible key personal planet (the Sagittarius ascendant's Moon), President Obama is just such a figure. Let's see if his horoscope can prove or disprove the Sibley accuracy.

First, let's narrow things down by observing conjunctions and oppositions.

Obama has nine significant conjunctions and one opposition to the Sibley chart: 1) his Moon is conjunct the US Uranus; 2) his South Node is *exactly* conjunct the US Moon; 3) his Mars is *exactly* conjunct the US Neptune; 4) his Saturn is conjunct the US Pluto; 5) his Jupiter is conjunct the US Pluto; 6) his Venus is conjunct the US Venus; 7) his Venus is conjunct the US Jupiter (these latter two are in large part why he got elected); 8) his Mercury is conjunct the US Node; 9) his Sun is conjunct the US Node; and 10) his Uranus is *exactly* opposite the US Moon. This is a noteworthy amount of contacts between any two charts, thereby describing an important relationship. Of these ten aspects, the three nodal contacts are karmic (numbers 2, 8, and 9), and three others are favorable (numbers 5, 6, and 7) which surely helped him gain office. However, four aspects are difficult (numbers 1, 3, 4, and 10).

Of the karmic patterns, Obama's South Node is at 27° Aquarius which is in an exact conjunction to the Sibley Moon – a karmic tie to the nation. Regarding Election Day November 4th 2008, Obama's progressed Venus was at 27° Leo conjunct his Node exactly, and thus opposite the Sibley Moon exactly, while his progressed Node was at 25° Leo conjunct his Uranus exactly, and thus opposite the Scorpio ascendant's Moon. Either one gives a strong picture of a fated tie, and a very significant karmic representation of Obama's own words in which he expressed feeling "destined" for that election. Furthermore, on Election Day the Sibley U.S. solar arc descendant – a calculation that is dependent on the rising

degree – is found at 3° Leo, again significantly important, being conjunct the degree of Obama's Mercury – a second image of a fated tie. Neither the Scorpio ascendant nor the Rudhyar chart give this result.

Regarding the difficult synastry, Obama's Uranus is at 25° Leo; as such, it is in a tight opposition to the Sibley, Rudhyar, or Scorpio ascendant's Moon at either 25° or 27° Aquarius. A combination like this causes the Uranus individual to bring constant upset and disturbance to the calm of the Moon entity, which would be the nation; it is a very emotionally volatile aspect between any two charts. That seems to be the current order of the day! Barely weeks have gone by without an emotionally charged disturbance, such as controversial acts, unpopular legislation, or perceived weakness or laxity in response to security or environmental threats. Thus will the pattern, if ongoing during Obama's tenure, persist in causing turmoil to appear to be the norm, and serve as determinant to eliminate the much earlier Moon of the Gemini rising chart (although, at 18° Aquarius, that Moon is still within orb of an opposition to Uranus – just not as tight and definitive).¹⁴

It is only the two Sagittarius rising charts (Sibley or Rudhyar) that give the Moon's position at 27° Aquarius. He was elected to office under a Neptune Station near that degree of Aquarius, and serves under an exact four-year transit to it. Neptune comes from either chart's ninth house of legislation and government, and rules either's second house of earnings and self-worth. Some common effects of Neptune transiting one's Moon are worry and uncertainty. Gullibility and duping are also possible. The Neptune we speak of is the nation's. You can be the judge of this.

Next, Obama's Mars at 22° Virgo in his eighth house is exactly conjunct the U.S. Neptune. Whereas in the Gemini chart Neptune falls in the fifth house of entertainment, and in the Scorpio chart, it falls in the eleventh house of organizations, neither is very applicable to Obama's key role in our nation's destiny, nor to proving his role as a determinant of a rising sign. In the Sagittarius rising charts, however, this conjunction occupies the U.S. ninth house, calling forth activity relating to finances and legislation, a correct description of the focus and motivation of this administration to date.

Finally, Obama's Saturn at 25° Capricorn falls on the U.S. Pluto, always a restrictive aspect. While Saturn can structure the Plutonian transformation, it will impose lots of limiting discipline too. In the Sagittarius ascendant charts, this conjunction occurs in the second house – economic pain. Some would agree that Obama's policies, actions, or non-actions – for better or worse – have slowed the economic recovery.

(Another key personage in American history that might play the role of rectifying an uncertain birth time would be Abe Lincoln, whose rising sign, according to *The Circle Book of Charts*, is "around sun-up", giving an estimated 25°-27° Aquarius natal ascendant conjunct either of the Sagittarius ascendant chart's (Sibley or Rudhyar) Moons at that key degree, ditto his Sun at 23°

Aquarius, and whose own Moon at 27° Capricorn falls exactly on the U.S. Pluto *in the Sibley twelfth house of heavy karma.*)

A CONCLUSION

Using the three key determinants (keywords, key event, key figure), the Sagittarius ascendant charts work best. The keywords between that sign and the U.S. slogans are a match. The Gemini ascendant's Moon at 18° Aquarius is too early – everything that's happening now would have already taken place in 2006 when Neptune transited 18° Aquarius. Neither the Gemini nor Scorpio angles show enough signage regarding 9-11. Recent events concerning oil, global power, idealism, the Tea Party, senior citizens' anger, anxiety, and overspending are best seen in the Sagittarius ascendant charts. And Obama's significant conjunctions to the July 4th 1776 chart of the U.S. fit both the houses and rulerships of the Sagittarius rising charts better than the other two.

Both the Rudhyar and Sibley are very close and fit the events, keywords, and personages, but between them I favor the Sibley over the slightly later Rudhyar mainly because the Sibley ascendant of 12° Sagittarius is closer to the Pluto Station preceding 9-11 and the Sibley midheaven of 1° Libra is closer to the world degree of 0° Libra (with Saturn in its tenth) which defines our role as "fair and just World Cop".

TESTS OF THE SIBLEY'S ACCURACY

The Sibley chart can be proved or disproved by some forecasts regarding the remarkable plethora of astronomical activity in the spring and summer of 2010, much of which, by the time this article is published, may already have taken place. For example:

- On May 30th transiting Saturn station direct at 27° Virgo would rule the Sibley second house from its tenth, and occur in its ninth, bringing likelihood of a slowdown of the economy and matters pertaining to our world role, healthcare laws, unemployment, practical details, and the GNP, after which serious and realistic steps can be undertaken;
- On May 31st transiting Neptune station retrograde at 28° Aquarius would rule the Sibley intercepted third from its ninth, and occur on its Moon/progressed descendant in its third house, bringing likelihood of confusion and/or idealism regarding neighborhoods, foreigners, laws, anxiety, emotionality, and alliances (which sounds like borders and immigration laws), which would then turn into a long drawn-out tangle;
- Between July 5th and August 3rd, as the Cardinal T-Square kicks in via Uranus stationing retrograde at 0° Aries, and Saturn/Mars conjuncting the Midheaven, which have rulership over the Sibley third from its sixth, the second from its tenth, and the seventh from its fourth respectively, it would bring the likelihood of a forced effort to overcome the economic slowdown, and make changes on the job front. Transportation, healthcare, alliances, and the internet might all be involved. Fire (Aries,

Leo) and air (Libra) might all play a part in such efforts. Additionally, on September 14th, not long afterwards, Pluto from the Sibley second ruling its twelfth, stations direct against the midheaven (a square) and Venus (an opposition), indicating tremendous but still-hidden monetary pressures forcing system-wide reorganization of the status quo regarding finances (e.g., an expensive extension of Unemployment Insurance) to reconcile the limitations of rules and regulations encountering a restless and angry populace. Much of the tension inherent in this pattern lasts through April 2011.

- On a more positive note, the U.S. solar arc Jupiter has begun to conjunct the Sibley Moon at 27° Aquarius in its third, a year-long aspect. Jupiter, of course, would be the chart ruler from its Cancerian seventh, while the Moon in question would be the ruler of the eighth house from its third, bringing likelihood of improvement in mood, stock market, automotive industry, and cooperation (especially financially) with allies. Rather than envy us, the world might begin to see America's well-being as a global force for good, and this positive direction could become a thrust that would continue to knit the world together.

WHAT'S AHEAD THEN?

Under the assumption that the Sibley chart is the true U.S. chart, what can be seen regarding our destiny? Let's zero in particularly on those features that tie into this chart's angles, cusps, houses, progressions, and Moon because that's what rectification is really all about.

Recently as of this writing (in May 2010), the progressed Moon conjoined solar arc Pluto in the ninth, ruling the eighth; the result was a world financial crisis (Greece's near-bankruptcy, a 1,000-point drop in mere minutes in the world stock markets) and a subsequent transformation of computer trading software rules.

Shortly after, by late May 2010, Neptune then stationed on, and reconjoined, the natal Moon in the third, an aspect that lasts through February 2011, which is keeping us emotionally anxious yet hopeful about global matters, oil, transportation, and the ocean. Between July to November 2010, confusion and worry are emphasized by the progressed Moon's conjunction to Neptune/progressed Neptune in the ninth. However, by mid-June beneficial aspects are seen as solar arc Jupiter conjuncts the progressed descendant in the third, ruler of the chart (good news, fortunate for alliances) while transiting Jupiter conjuncts the IC, perhaps producing growth in real estate once more. But with Neptune clouding the progressed descendant point, Jupiter's beneficence might just create another "bubble" in the housing market. A strong correction is demanded by early August as Saturn reconjoins the midheaven, chastises overspending (squares Venus), demands discipline and responsibility, and by mid-September forces a contraction of any unrealistic effervescence (squares Jupiter).

Since early May 2010, as Mars left the eighth house of finances (where it had resided during its retrograde since September '09) and entered the ninth house, a refocusing takes place away from Wall Street, banks, Bernie Madoff, Goldman Sachs, and the like, towards global governing, foreign alliances, and legislative efforts. On June 4th, Mars conjunct the progressed ascendant at 28° Leo in the ninth has evoked a very dramatic period, perhaps countering a foreign threat.

The eclipse cycle, in Capricorn and Cancer since July '09, having emphasized the economy (second and eighth houses), by the end of 2010 has swung round to Sagittarius and Gemini, shifting emphasis to our needs versus "others" (first and seventh houses) – perhaps a kind of xenophobia that could be marked by border wars.

A seesaw pattern of overspending returns by October 2010 (Pluto opposite Venus, second to eighth houses), perhaps encouraged by Jupiter conjunct Uranus and stationing retrograde trine Fortuna in the eighth by October, lasting through January 2011, a lovely picture of expansion and luck! However, we are at the risk of undertaking too great a project during this time-frame (Pluto opposite Jupiter), markedly straining our available resources.

However, by December 2010 we will get serious about our world role (a Saturn return in the tenth) since no other country would be able to keep together either world government or world economy (Saturn rules Capricorn second).

In 2011, Obama's progressed Jupiter at 27° Capricorn will conjunct the Sibley Pluto in the second while his progressed Sun at 1° Libra will conjunct the Sibley midheaven, all of which indicates that he could certainly help to restructure the finances of the nation during a difficult period, and has an important mission to achieve provided that his unorthodoxy or radicalism (hard Uranus-Moon two-way aspects) doesn't upset and destabilize the nation he is trying to serve.

A healing period will be ushered in by 2011 (progressed Venus conjunct Chiron in the fourth), helped by innovative progress and fresh humanitarianism (solar arc Uranus trine the midheaven). As the solar arc Node begins to leave Pisces in 2011, sacrifice ends and salvation draws to a close; under its conjunction to the IC in 2012, a new story begins.

In 2012, the progressed ascendant leaves Leo, concluding the great drama, and then the solar arc Moon trines Mars, bringing back strength and empowerment to the nation.

HAPPY ENDING

So with the Sibley chart especially, it looks like our national tale has a happy ending after all.

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¹ *The Astrology of America's Destiny*, Dane Rudhyar, 1974.

² <http://www.astrology.co.uk/news/USA.htm>: "Nick Campion in his Book of World Horoscopes points out that records suggest that delegates were asleep around 2AM in the early morning."

³ <http://www.astrology.co.uk/news/USA.htm>: "Up until 911 [2001], the most popular chart for the USA was for 02:13 AM, attributed to Evangeline Adams in 1920s. The horoscope results in 7° Gemini Rising. This was used by Jim Lewis in his Astro*Carto*Graphy book of Maps as well as other eminent astrologers." NOTE: AstroDienst uses a time of 2:17 AM for this chart.

⁴ <http://www.astrologysoftware.com/resources/articles/getarticle.asp?ID=107&orig>

⁵ According to The Larousse Encyclopedia of Astrology (1977, Librairie Larousse), "Many methods of rectification are employed, all of them controversial, subject to error, and highly dependent on the skill and experience of the astrologer. Many modern astrologers study transits, progressions, and directions to and by the ascendant and midheaven in an attempt to isolate sensitive degrees that recur with significant frequency at the time of major events.... Such events include honors, promotions, changes of residence, marriage, birth of children, death of parents, accidents, operations, and illnesses... [A famous astrologer] finds adverse events to be more useful, especially [those] most often associated with Saturn, Pluto or Neptune."

⁶ This, from Answers.com: "Ebenezer Sibley, British astrologer, magician, and practitioner of herbal medicine, was born on January 30, 1751. He had a conservative upbringing in a Calvinist Baptist church and later attended the Aberdeen Medical College. He studied orthodox medicine, but also had an interest to study animal magnetism under Franz Anton Mesmer; he joined Mesmer's Harmonic Philosophical School. Then Sibley also taught himself the basics of occultism. In 1784 he joined the Freemasons... Sibley is best remembered for two books. In 1784 the first volume of his four-volume magnum opus, *The Complete Illustration of the Celestial Art of Astrology*. It summarized the work of the previous century of astrological writing and became a steady seller for the rest of Sibley's life in spite of the reviews. *The Conjuror's Magazine*, the only occult periodical in England at the time dismissed it as derivative. The final volume, concerning magic, that appeared in 1792, presented an interesting variation on Emanuel Swedenborg's vision of the spiritual world. According to Sibley, spirits live in another world that is neither heaven nor hell. Magic can summon only the evil spirit. Good spirits watch over humans, but do not respond to any summoning. Sibley went on to highlight seven good spirits that watch over human affairs and noted seven corresponding wicked spirits. He noted that since God had removed his wrath through Christ, these seven spirits made but few appearances... The same year that his fourth volume was published, Sibley also completed *A Key to the Physic and the Occult Sciences*, a systematic statement of his occult philosophy. Like

Mesmer, he suggested that the world was animated by a universal spirit, the operative agent in both astrology and healing work. This spirit works on matter and can be used by the magician for his purposes. This understanding would become standard for magical thought through the century and anticipates the more heralded work of Éliphas Lévi. Also included in the *Key*, published a supplement to the famous work on herbal medicine by Nicolas Culpepper... Ebenezer's brother Manohah Sibley became a prominent Swedenborgian minister... Ebenezer Sibley styled himself an "astro-philosopher." He claimed to have cast the horoscope of the forger-poet Thomas Chatterton, and to have predicted his fatal end, such as "death by poison." Among various successful prognostications made through astrology, Sibley claimed to have foretold the American War of Independence in a symbolic picture in his book. Sibley was sufficiently enterprising to design a small notebook for astrologers, engraved from plates but with blank spaces for recording the positions of various planets and noting horoscopes."

⁷ <http://www.astrology.co.uk/news/USA.htm>: Quoting, "The Sibly Horoscope responds to key events. The most convincing evidence for me was that transiting Pluto (within half a degree) was on the USA ascendant (opposite Saturn in Gemini) at the time of the 911 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington DC on September 11th 2001. For many who doubted Sibly's chart, this highly significant moment in US history with the most significant transit (dependent on the time) proved to be much more convincing than the alternative US horoscopes. Pluto transiting the ascendant can result in a personal crisis that threatens the very existence of the body in question... The Sagittarian ascendant fits a popular image of America as the cowboy, the adventurer, the great outdoors and an approach that is often seen by others to be larger than life. To a visitor, everything in America appears huge on first impressions: the distances, the Malls, the cars and the extravagant portions in restaurants."

⁸ Frontispiece of Dane Rudhyar's *The Astrology of America's Destiny*.

⁹ http://www.khaldea.com/rudhyar/aad/aad_frontispiece.shtml: "**A USA chart with 13°10' Sagittarius rising is of key importance today** because the outcome of the unprecedented US Presidential Election of 2000 was not decided until late evening, 13 December 2000 - at that moment the slow-moving planet Pluto occupied 13°06' Sagittarius, and 36 hours later Pluto transited the US ascendant."

¹⁰ Other strong signposts included transiting Saturn, having crossed an angle (the descendant) a month earlier, soon to station direct just past it only 15 days hence and cross it two more times, and transiting Uranus soon to approach a conjunction to the 27° Aquarius Moon.

¹¹ It should be noted that the 1973 Oil Shortage occurred under Pluto stationing at 1° Libra.

¹² 1:30 AM on 13 April 2010 off the coast of Louisiana

¹³ Journal-News, May 5, 2010.

¹⁴ On the other hand, the U.S. Uranus (in any July 4th 1776 chart) conjuncts Obama's Moon, making the aspect a two-way street; the nation disturbs Obama's calm as much as vice versa! This is not an easy Presidency!