

Michel de Nostre-Dame: Nostradamus

(1503 – 1566)

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A prophet, a doctor, an astrologer? Is the question that we could ask ourselves. We call him Nostradamus, as he became known to posterity.

Where did he come from? What were his studies? Was he a scientist, a magician, an alchemist?

These are questions that have inspired writers and biographers, starting with his Almanacs. The first was published in 1550, and his book of *Prophecies* (1555), which have left a legacy of unconditional admirers and some detractors, who considered him a charlatan.

We know very little about his origins and about his life in general. Biographers have said that he was brought up as a Catholic Christian, something relevant in his time to be recognized socially. Possibly this is because his family of origin was aware of their survival, since they were Jewish converted to Christianity.

In fact, as an adult, Michel de Nostre - Dame never stopped attending Sunday religious services in Salon (Provence), where he lived with his children and his wife. Also, in his will, he left part of his fortune to Catholic churches in the region.

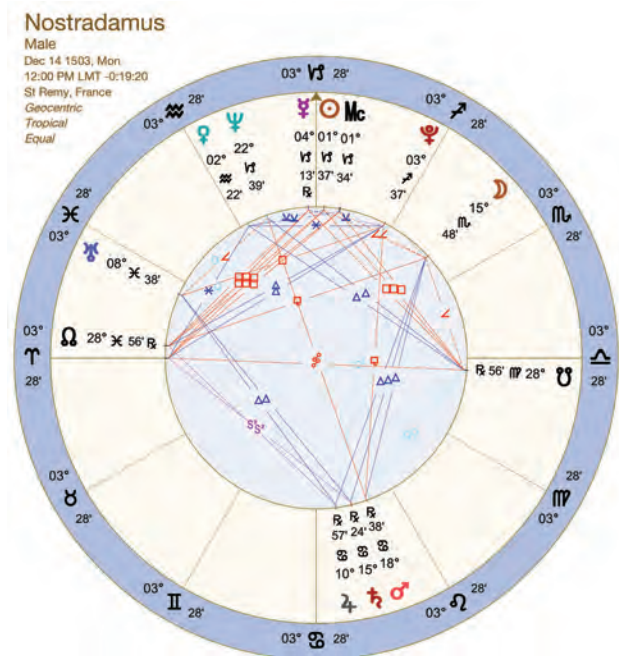
Academic training

His grandfather from Saint-Rémy, who was in charge of his education, sent him to study at the age of 15 in the city of Avignon, to learn the "letters and humanities" in a recognized school, where he stood out for his intellectual qualities, especially his brilliant "memory". Later he followed studies of Latin, grammar, philosophy, rhetoric, arithmetic and geometry, astronomy (astrology). He was considered by his teachers a prodigy student.

In 1521, he obtained his degree of "maitre-ès-art", something like a bachelor of science and humanities. Then, at age 18, he was sent to Montpellier to study Medicine, where he was considered a distinguished student for his intellectual abilities.

He called himself Nostradamus

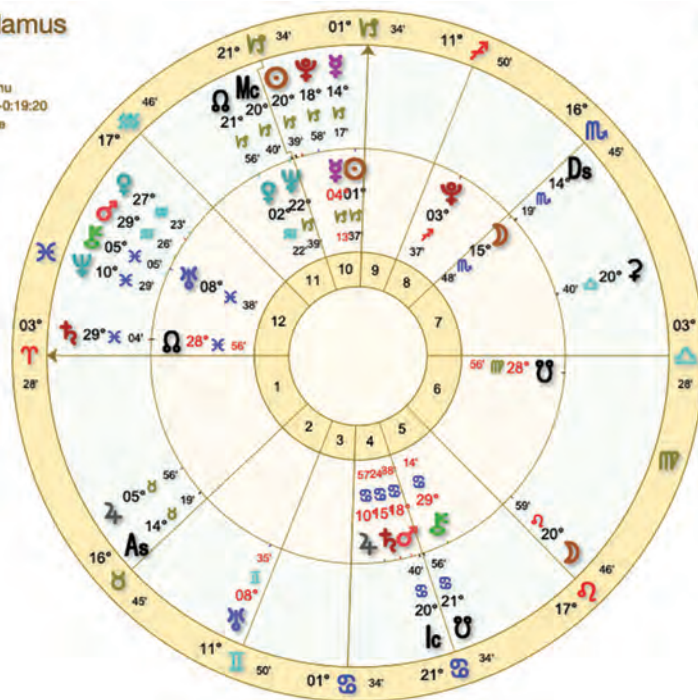
It was only in 1533 that he made his name Latinized, which was a fashion at that time. It was with this nickname that he applied for his doctorate in Medicine, which he was unable to finish. In the same period, he married and had two children, a boy and a girl, but he had to leave Agen where he resided, since he was accused of sympathy for the "Protestant Reformation". He was subjected to an investigation by the Inquisition in Toulouse. That forced him to abandon the city and take refuge in Bordeaux. Later, he returned in 1539 to find



Nostradamus natal chart

Nostradamus

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Chart 1- Pandemic enters France

the news that his wife and children had died during his absence, due to a plague. It made no sense for him to stay in Agen and he decided to go from there.

Pandemic / Pests

In 1526, (*chart 1*) a Pandemic enters France in the area of Narbonne, Toulouse and Bordeaux. Students were forced to leave the faculty to treat the "Fièvre pestilentielle" or bubonic plague. Nostradamus took up the issue seriously and proposed remedies. We verify that their indications were not very different from the ones they gave us in 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. He travels the cities for many months prescribing the procedures to be followed by the Municipalities in charge, where he indicates closing the taverns, taking the prostitutes

off the street, cleaning up the garbage and sending people to lock themselves in their homes. It should be noted that that year, eclipses were occurring on the Capricorn NN / Cancer NS axis in conjunction with the planet Pluto in Capricorn.

At the same time, the Nodes in the Capricorn / Cancer axes transiting with their Sun and Natal Mercury in Capricorn; while the South Node in Cancer made a conjunction to Jupiter, Saturn and their Natal Mars in Cancer. These aspects together with the North Node in transit through Capricorn, undoubtedly indicated a change and a transformation of what he as a medical student was doing. He had to drop out of medical school to dedicate himself to treating a Pandemic. It should be noted that this period the Jupiter / Saturn Conjunctions were occurring in water signs.

From 1365 to 1563 (according to a study carried out by Dr. J. Lee-Lehman), we observe in the birth chart of Nostradamus that Jupiter at 10° is next to Saturn at 15°. Where very recently a conjunction of Jupiter / Saturn occurred by transit in the sign Cancer. Also, Pluto is transiting Capricorn. Any similarities to the Covid-19 Pandemic?

Along with prescribing herbal remedies for the plague, botany was of special interest to Nostradamus. According to his Natal Chart, he has the Sun and Mercury in the Capricorn sign. Without a doubt, his interest in putting his scientific knowledge into practice led him to research herbs to make medicines that would help the population. The planet Jupiter (Exalted) in Cancer is opposite to its Sun. For many months, he carefully observed the composition of the herbs he used, taking into account the consistency in their preparation. Once calm arrived in the plagued towns, in 1529, he returned to Montpellier to obtain his Doctorate in Medicine with the great experience acquired in treating the sick. Later, according to his biographers, he was not allowed to obtain the title due to his practice as an apothecary, which was prohibited for medical students.

New plague

Finally, in 1543, (*chart 2*) he settled in the small town of Salon de Crau in Provence, where he hoped to find the desired tranquility. Again, in May 1546, another plague epidemic was declared in the Aix region called "chabon provençal" or black plague, since the bodies were covered with black spots. Many doctors came from various regions, who were not able to control it. The mayors and city councilors sent for Nostradamus. Upon arrival, he visited contaminated houses, hospitals, public places and decreed strict hygiene measures, such as cleaning

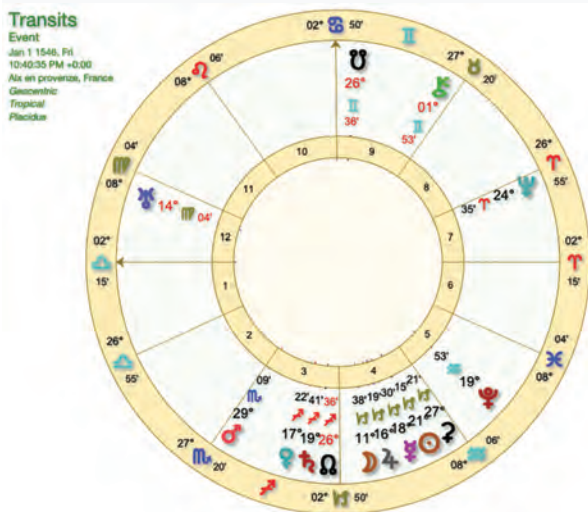


Chart 2 - "The Black Death"

the streets and walls with scented vinegar. In addition to cleaning the sewers. He sends everyone home and the street women back to "prison". He recommended the corpses to be burned, along with all their clothes, and the use of leather masks to avoid infection and launched a campaign to kill the rats in the sector.

That year (see chart on left) Pluto is in transit through Aquarius. Saturn transiting Sagittarius squares Uranus transiting Virgo. Jupiter is in transit through Capricorn. Would then be the square of Saturn towards Uranus, which could have triggered an outbreak of a new plague?

After 1547, with special hygiene measures and confinement of people, the plague began to diminish. This was how the entire city recognized and rewarded Nostradamus for his work. Later, he was called to Lyon where another outbreak of the plague struck the city.

Marriage

That same year, on November 11, 1547, he married Anne Pensart-Gemelle, a young widow of an honorable Salon family (chart 3). The couple settled in a Villa in the Ferreiroux neighborhood, which today has a plaque that says "The Prophet".

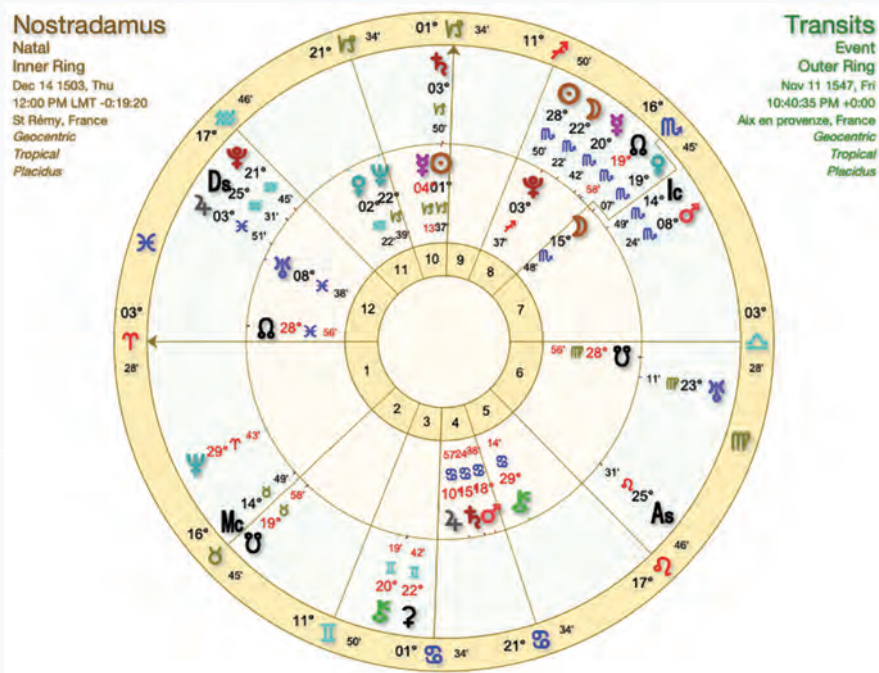


Chart 3 - Marriage

On the day of his marriage, according to his transits, Saturn was at his home in conjunction with the natal Sun in Capricorn, which would indicate the acquisition of long-term commitments. Venus was in transit through Scorpio making a conjunction to his natal Moon, while Jupiter in Pisces made a trine to its natal Jupiter in Cancer and would subsequently make this positive aspect towards Saturn and Mars.

As we can see in this transit, we see that Pluto, then transiting through Aquarius and the square of Saturn to Uranus in Virgo, had already disappeared, and both planets were in this period making a trine.

No doubt this marriage would be long-term and very beneficial and prolific for the master. He had 6 children with his wife and at the time of marriage he received a dowry from her family of 800 florins and 300 gold ècus from his grandfather Pierre de Nostre-Dame.

Publications

Once established, he installed an observatory on the roof of his house, which was directly connected to his bedroom. It is said that he slept only 4 or 5 hours, since he believed that a scientist should not separate his studies from observations of the sky.

In 1550, he published his first Almanac that he called Ephemerides, with calendars and yearbooks where he predicted beneficial and meteorological events. These were highly questioned by his medical colleagues of the time. However, he was so successful that he never stopped publishing his Almanac every year until his death.

In 1555, he published a treatise, "Traité des fardements et des confitures". The following year he published "Singulière receptes pour ententeir la santé du corp". Both texts were well known and widely disseminated among the aristocratic bourgeoisie. In them he gave recipes for how to brush the teeth, recommended doing it daily, even if they are in poor condition. It also advised to use a milk or cream to make the spots on the skin disappear, and created lotions (such as deodorants) to make the bad smell disappear from the body. There he taught, for example, that plums activate digestion and that lemon juice prevents skin blemishes, among other nutrition and healing tips through healthy eating. In these publications he gave advice to combat fever and some pests.

In his Natal Chart, (see *first page*) he has a Stellium in the sign Cancer, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, which is undoubtedly an indicator of his interest in topics related to food and healing through what we consume. The Moon in the trine Scorpio sign gives an account of his interest in the search for ways of healing through nutrition.

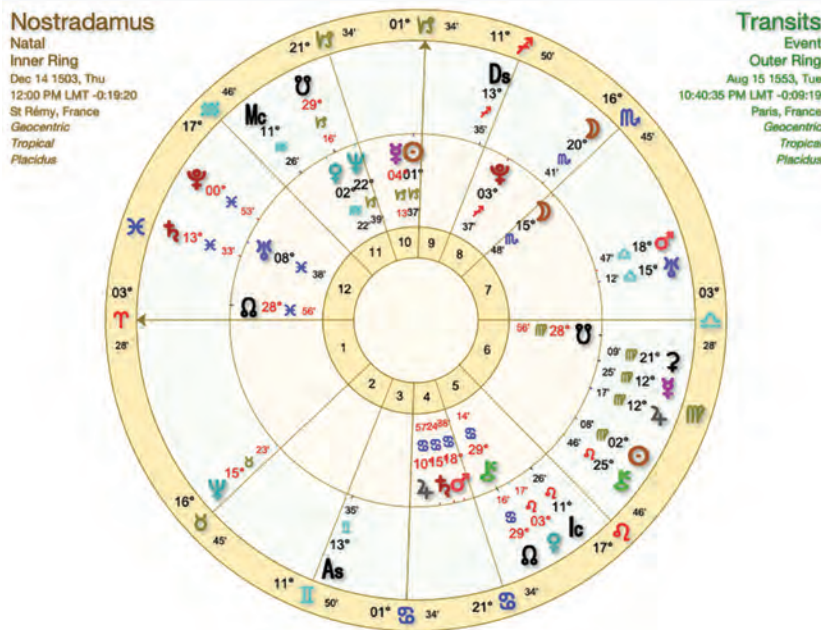


Chart 4 - Nostradamus enters Paris

His fame increased with the publication of his collection on May 5, 1555, *The Prophecies*, where he gave announcements of events that would occur in humanity. A copy came into the hands of Catherine de Medicis, who had him invited to court in Paris through the then governor of Provence, Claude Sassia.

Already being recognized for his achievements in the treatment of plagues, again in 1559, Princess Margaret of France, sister of King Henry II, asked for his advice to deal with a new plague that afflicted several cities and regions of France. There he used the same confinement methods and strict hygienic measures, (*much the same as the science - backed protocols used today during our current pandemic. – Editor's note*)

Journey to the Belle Lutece and the glory

His departure for the city of lights took place on July 14, 1553 (*chart 1 above*). He traveled four weeks to arrive in Paris on August 15. At the time he apparently had no money and he borrowed something for his accommodation from a traveler, and stayed at a hostel in Saint-Michel. Some days later he informed the queen of his arrival. Then the queen invited him to stay in a private hotel of the Archduke of Sens, with very bad luck since he had to stay in bed for 15 days due to a gout crisis. During this period, the king and queen never stopped caring for him, sending him money for his care and personal needs.

Unexpected situations could have happened to him with the conjunction of Mars to Uranus in Libra, making a square to his *Stellium* in Cancer. While Jupiter in Virgo made a sextile towards its *Stellium*, together with Saturn in Pisces a trine towards its planets in Cancer, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. It was the realization of a great opportunity to obtain the maximum recognition for his predictive abilities. And his psychic abilities are in turn enhanced with all the planets in Cancer activating his intuition, with a trine of Saturn towards the chart's natal Moon in Scorpio and sextile of Jupiter to its Moon.

When he was better, the queen invited him to Blois to do a study of the horoscope of his (her) children. Seven of them reached adulthood and three were crowned Kings of France. Nostradamus had a private meeting with the queen. He predicted to Catherine de Medicis that one of them will never be king, which history would prove right. Thus, also he predicted in a correct way the death of her husband King Henry II of France, who would be killed by a spear. One of the King's hobbies was to hunt and go to war, which worried Catherine a lot. His other great hobby was tournaments and finally happened that one of his contenders, a young Scottish captain, Gabriel Montgomery, wounded him with his spear in the chest and the broken splinters burrowed into his right eye and remained inside his brain, which later caused a serious infection and a brain abscess that would cause his death, as predicted by the Prophet.

Months later Nostradamus returns to Salon. Many there doubted his predictive abilities and called him a charlatan and an impostor.

His last meeting with royalty

On October 17, 1564, the Queen Mother María de Medicis traveled through France in search of peace, together with her children and the recently crowned King Francis II, barely 15 years old. He came to Salon seeking the advice, once again, of the notable Nostradamus. He was invited to be part of the royal procession to spend a few days with them, received the recognition of Charles IX and his brother the Duke of Anjou, who paid him 200 gold écus and gave him the titles of counselor and royal physician (*chart 5*).

We observe that, in the transits towards its Natal Chart, Pluto is in Pisces, making a Trine towards its *Stellium* in Cancer, the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. In turn, Pluto trines toward its natal Moon in Scorpio. While Mercury in transit through Scorpio is being applied to a conjunction to its natal Pluto in Sagittarius. Thus, also the transit of Uranus to natal Pluto in Sagittarius and Pluto by transit is conjunct his Natal Uranus. All these aspects in transit would indicate a recognition that is made public and that comes to light in an unexpected way, it was not something planned by Nostradamus. But he earned the recognition of all the people of Salon, where many still considered him a charlatan.

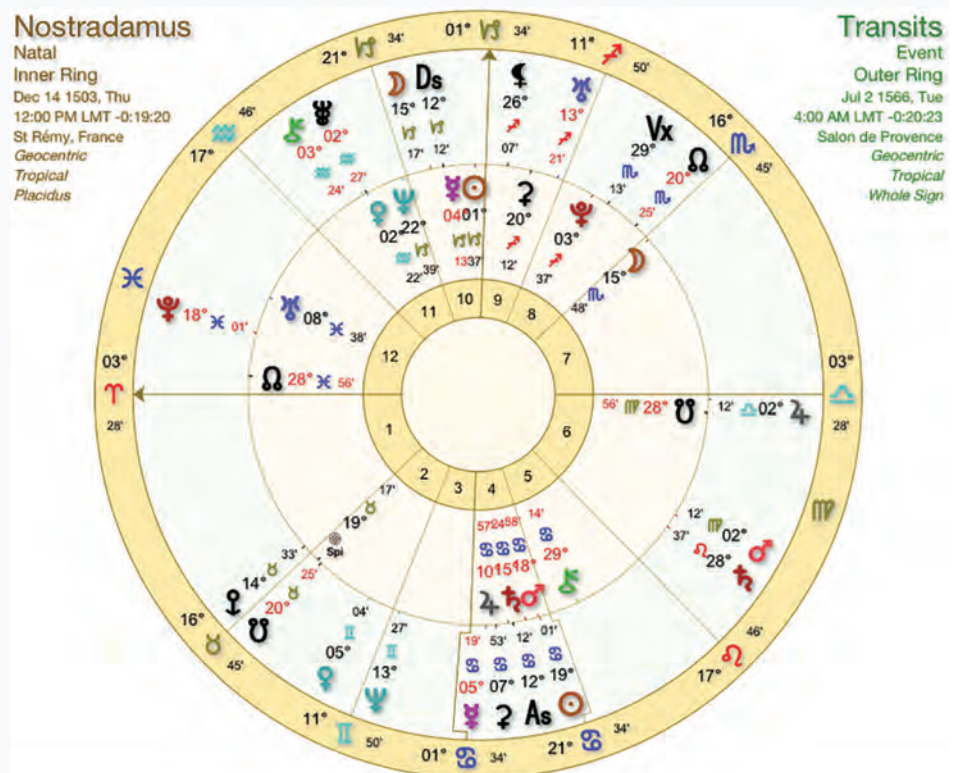


Chart 5 - His last meeting with Royalty

Sundown

On June 17, 1566, he made the notary come to make his will and left part of his fortune to Catholic religious organizations (Frères de L'Observance de Saint Pierre Canon, the church of Notre-Dame-des Pénitents Blancs, among others). We can see that their transits show a trine from Jupiter in Libra to Venus in Aquarius.

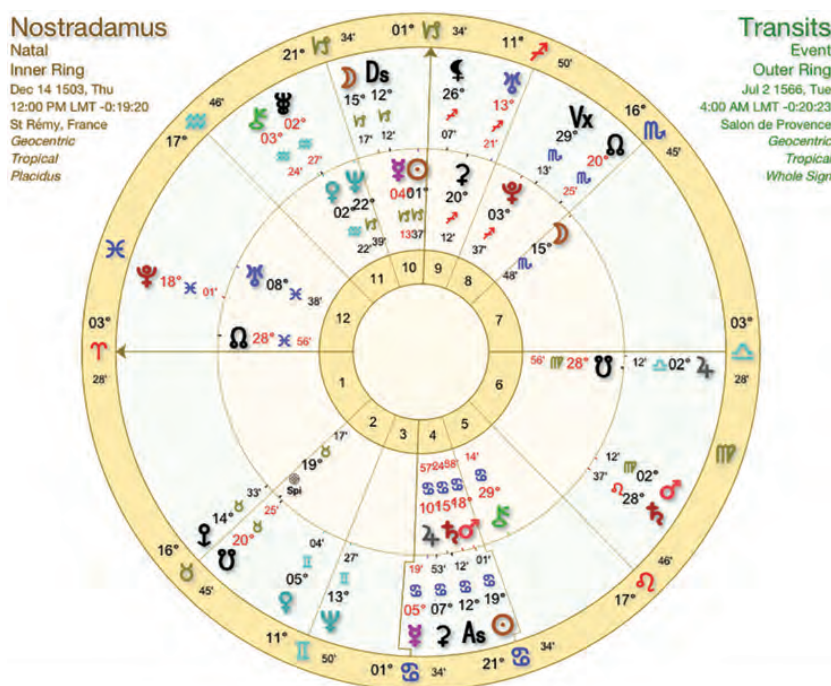


Chart 6 -Death chart

And Pluto trined his Mars. Along with Mars transiting Virgo trine to its Sun in Capricorn, his passage to the astral world was something he accepted with austerity, humility, and stoicism. [Chart 7]

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Biography:



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Was born in Paris, France, resides in Santiago de Chile. She studied theater, classical languages and literature, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Humanities and a major degree in Philosophy from the University of Chile, with a thesis on film semiology.

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On July 1, he made his confessor come with a letter where he announces:

"Tomorrow when the sun rises, I will no longer be there." So it was that the next day they found him dead on a chair at the foot of the bed. His funeral was performed with great pomp in the church of Saint-Francois de Cordeliers, with the wide attendance of all the notables of the region.

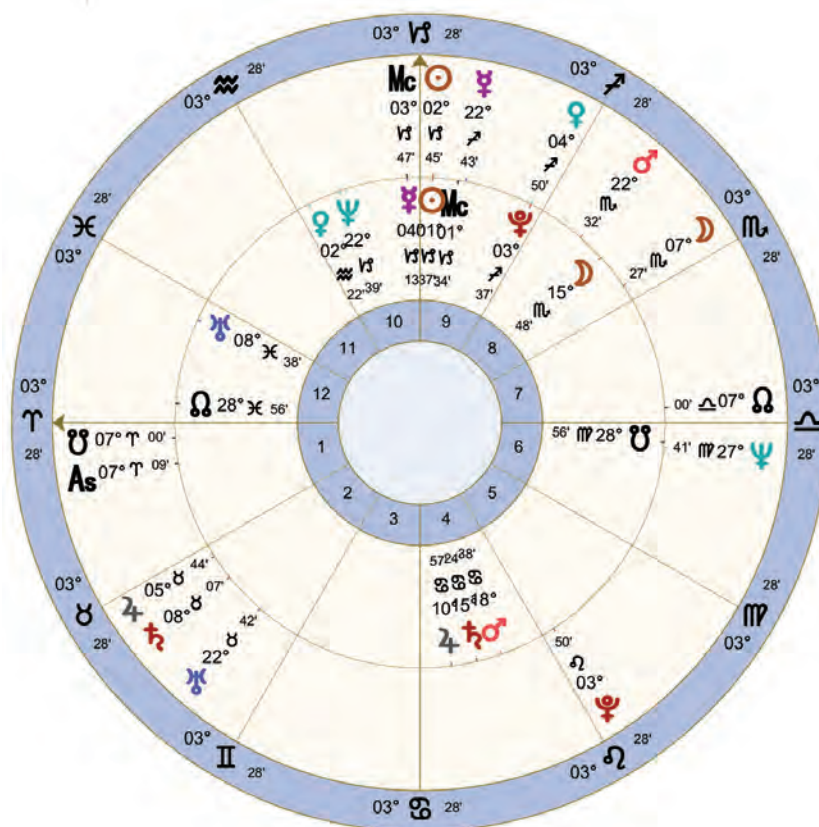
In his transits, we observe Mercury in conjunction with his natal Jupiter in Cancer, which would indicate that his funeral was widely publicized, so that all the people and notables of the region attended and paid tribute to him. It was a full moon day Sun transiting Cancer opposite Moon in Capricorn, a culmination. And in turn the Sun conjunct its Natal Mars -- change of course of action in his life, a cut, and an end.

Dr. Anthony Fauci



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Anthony Fauci was one of the lead members of President Donald Trump's White House Coronavirus Task Force. In the early stages of the pandemic, The New Yorker and The New York Times described Fauci as one of the most trusted medical figures in the United States. Currently Fauci is the Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden, officially appointed in 2021. (Wikipedia)

The natal chart of Anthony Fauci (outside) shows prominent features very similar to configurations in the natal chart of Nostradamus (inside) used in the article by Costanza Johnson. Their Suns are within 1 degree and 8 minutes of being conjunct in Capricorn. (Nostradamus' chart in Gregorian and Fauci's chart in Julian calendars.) Moons are both in Scorpio 7 degrees apart. Both have the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn. For Nostradamus, Mars sits with that conjunction making a stellium as one leg of a Grand Trine in water with Moon and Uranus. For Fauci, a fixed T-square has the grand conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn opposing the Moon with Pluto as the focus. Mars is in Scorpio exactly opposing Uranus. These reveal lifetimes in critical times of profound changes and challenges likely to include epidemics. In leadership roles (early Capricorn Suns) each served as a physician for epidemic situations, and despite personal vilification, received repeated success and honors while making a lasting, life-saving difference in their time by setting new standards in health protocols.



Inside wheel: Nostradamus, December 14, 1503
 (time unknown), in St. Remy, France
Outside wheel: Dr. Anthony Fauci, December 24, 1944
 (time unknown), in Brooklyn, NY