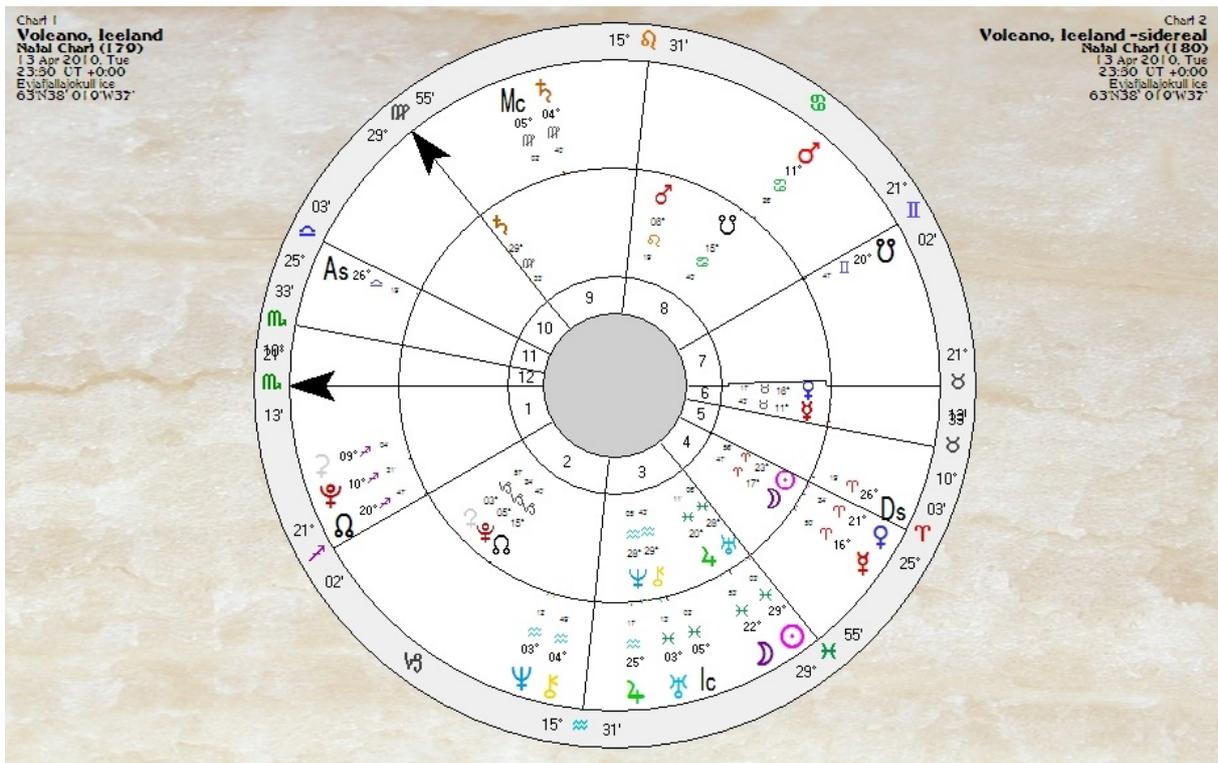


## SMALL WORLD - April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 - UNDER THE VOLCANO

It can hardly have escaped most people's notice that the dreadful earthquake that hit Qinghai last week and the apocalyptic eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano occurred within hours of each other. The media never seem to make these connections; when Gaia shrugs her shoulders her whole body vibrates. I am sure the venerable and still sprightly James Lovelock is paying attention! According to the Times of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April, "Geophysicists in Iceland were alerted to tremors below the peak of the volcano ... just before midnight on Tuesday. They were far stronger than some last month, and the released magma melted a hole through 650 feet (200 metres) of ice covering the crater." You will need to know the volcano's coordinates: 63N38, 019W37.

Here is the pattern at 23h50 local time, my unedited rough guess at the start of these ominous rumblings. As is my habit, the sidereal is mapped with the tropical for an event

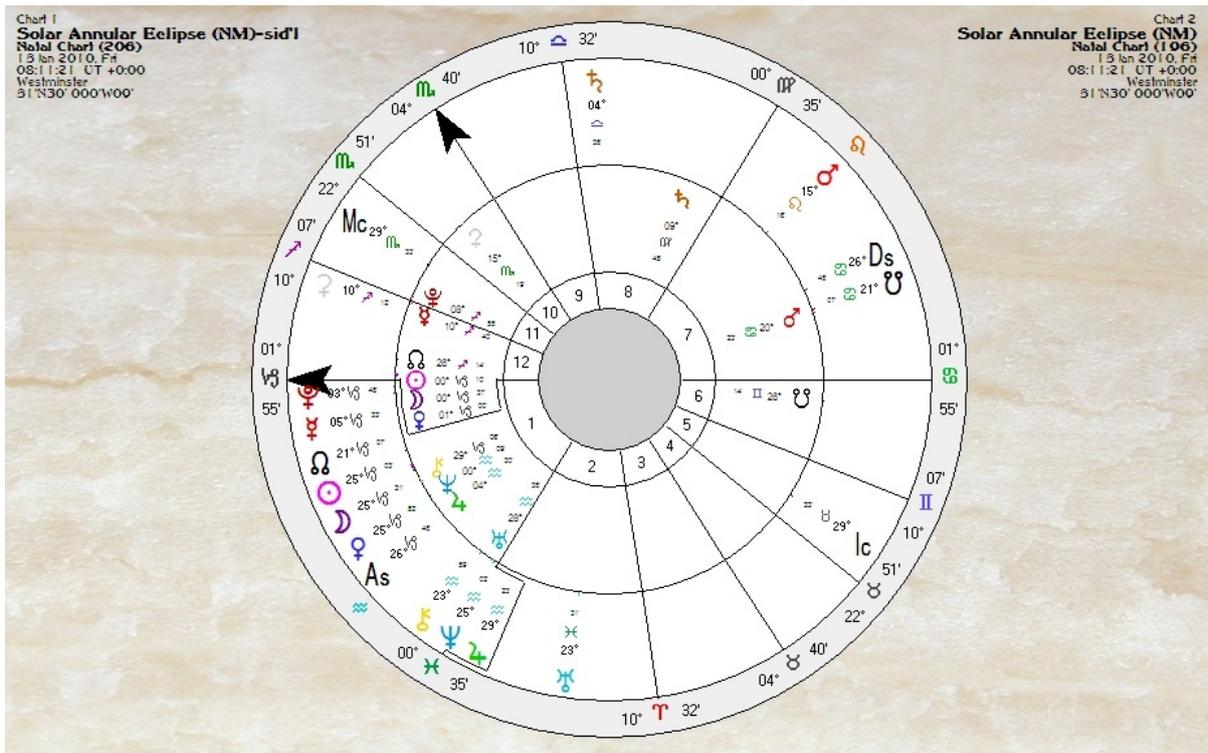


which has historic significance. Look what has happened to the nearly new Moon - its sidereal position is conjunct tropical Jupiter and Uranus, opposing Saturn from IC to MC, piling stress upon geophysical stress.

And all this late mutable strain is falling exactly square to a critical Gemini/Sagittarius opposition that links both of Iceland's charts. The arbitrary noon chart for its first stage of sovereign independence from Denmark on December 1<sup>st</sup> 1918 gives an Ascendant/Mercury conjunction in 29 Sagittarius; the ceremonial inauguration of the new Republic in Reykjavik on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1944 took place at 14h00 - with the Sun at 26 Gemini, Saturn at 29, and a Midheaven of 3 Cancer. 2 Libra was rising. Not only is this axis literally in the line of fire, but the Angles are taking a repeated battering from the current Saturn/Ceres-Pluto square in Libra-Capricorn. The question is, how long is this eruption going to last?

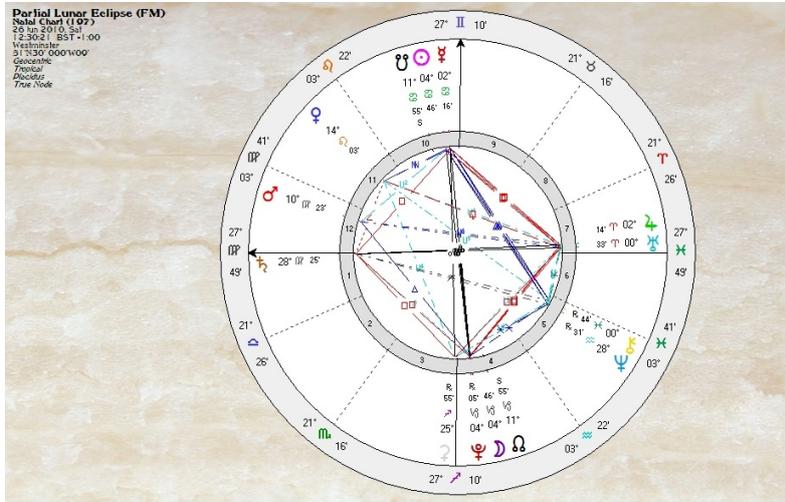
The last time Eyjafjallajökull blew its top on December 19<sup>th</sup> 1821, activity continued on and off for over a year, until January 1<sup>st</sup> (please note! see later!) 1823. ( And you will find a chart for that 1821 eruption at the end of this missive.) Right - look at the pattern. Saturn doesn't clear the degrees around the mutable-cardinal cusp until August. Pluto is hanging around Iceland's Angles until late autumn. Ceres is active till June, and again in September and October. Uranus won't get completely out of the way until at least the beginning of 2012, making a thorough nuisance of itself all this year and most of next year, 2011, with some extra help from Jupiter from now till October and from New Year through February 2011 when it thunders through late Pisces/early Aries squared by the transiting nodes. And guess what? Through 1821-1823 the very same degrees of the cardinal cross were being constantly hammered by a square of Uranus (plus Neptune, initially) and Pluto! This time Pluto is transiting that Uranus and Uranus is transiting the earlier Pluto. QED. So it looks as though Eyjafjallajökull may be true to its track record; certainly there will be major disruption in Iceland for many months to come.

With so many airlines completely grounded as a result of the gargantuan ash-cloud now spreading over Europe at flight altitude, the impact on the UK, Europe, and all countries linked to the EU by trade and tourism is simply enormous. It's effectively global. All this points up the significance of the Cardinal Cross as symbolic of the world and humanity as a whole. When major patterns hit this cross, we are all in it together; occupied by planets and Angles or not, we all have this sensitive double axis in our charts. It is taking a massive hit, forcing the rich nations out of the indulgent habits of the past 20-odd years to re-think the economic survival of the human family in a threatened environment. Pluto is having the biggest say in this, supported by Ceres who feeds and nurtures us, with the eclipses moving rapidly back through Cancer-Capricorn toward the critical axis.



There were warnings for Westminster in January when the sidereal degrees of the annular

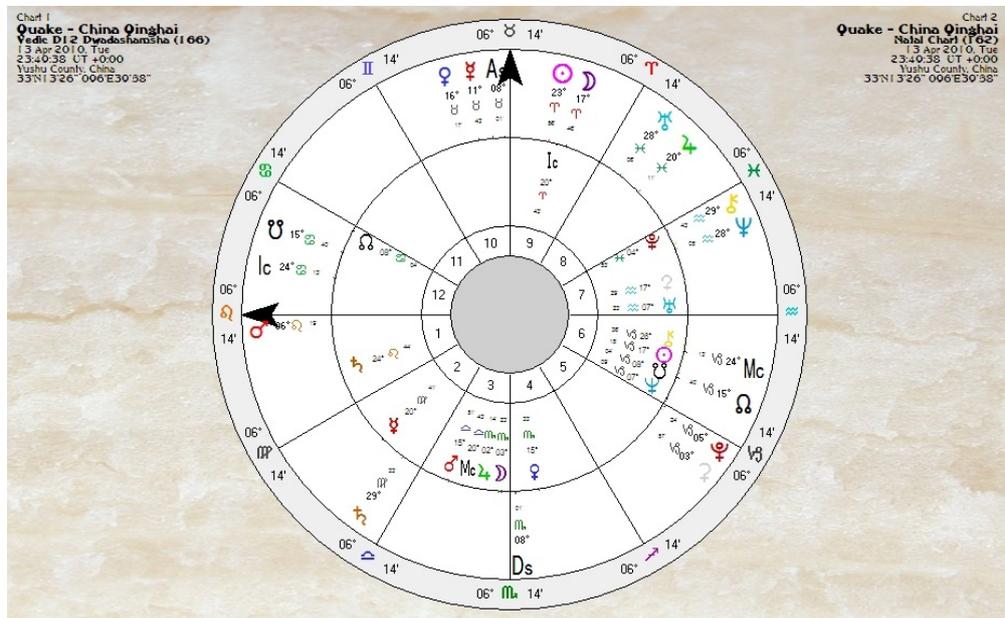
Solar eclipse on the 25<sup>th</sup> fell at 0 Capricorn, resonating with the eclipse's rising Pluto and Mercury. And of course there have been all kinds of scandalous upheavals in Westminster which now needs an army of new brooms to sweep it sufficiently clean. That New Moon and angular Pluto have been doing their stuff. But the most dramatic eclipse pattern for the UK comes up in June at the partial lunar eclipse of the 26<sup>th</sup>. Just look at this one -

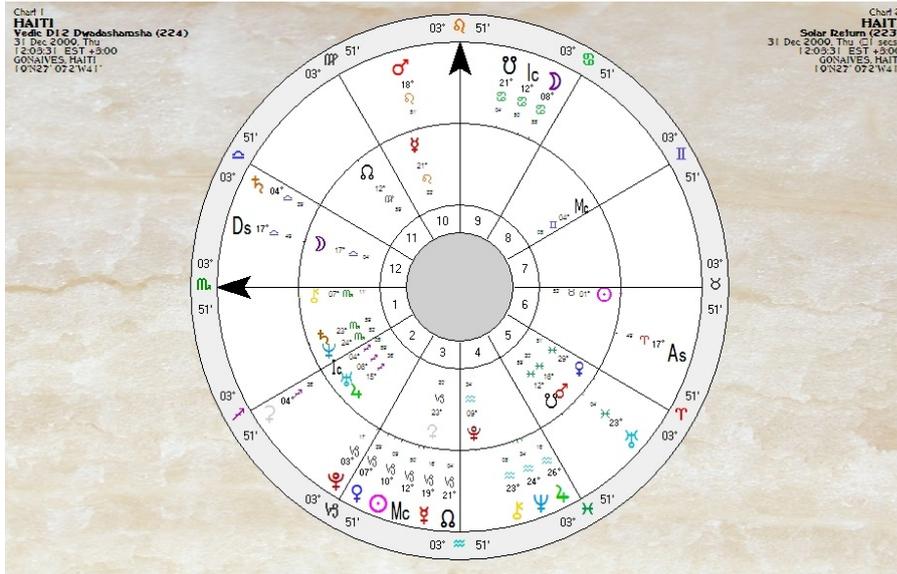


How's that for a serious cosmic invitation to change? It coincides with the Dragon's Head biting into that crucial degree-area animating all things New Year - and there are so many! Nations, communities, businesses, concepts ... we are drawn to begin things at the start of the new civil year like magnets, and even Ceres was discovered on January 1<sup>st</sup>, at the same time as the modern

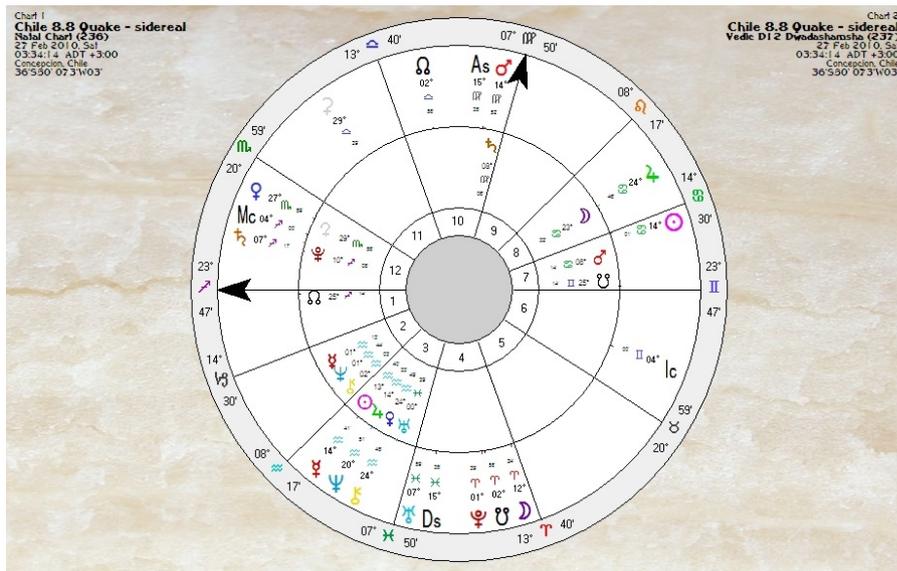
United Kingdom was born. Thus the fate of the UK and the fate of the world's economy/ecology are forever inextricably linked. I have written about this before, in the Small World online blog. Since then my list of '10-cardinal' groupings in the current firing-line, including of course the entire European Economic Community, the Republic of China and Haiti, has mushroomed. All of these have already been rocked by the partial lunar eclipse of New Year's Eve 2009, and will be hit intermittently by Pluto between March 2012 and the end of 2013, after which Uranus will square them and it will be Pluto-time in the USA. How much of the economic and life-style impact will be a consequence of what is happening now, we shall have to wait and see. It should be far-reaching. But now is when the planetary exam-papers are slammed down on our collective desks, and we have a set time in which satisfactorily to complete them!

This now includes making do with less in order to help those who have nothing. In the first few months of this year three

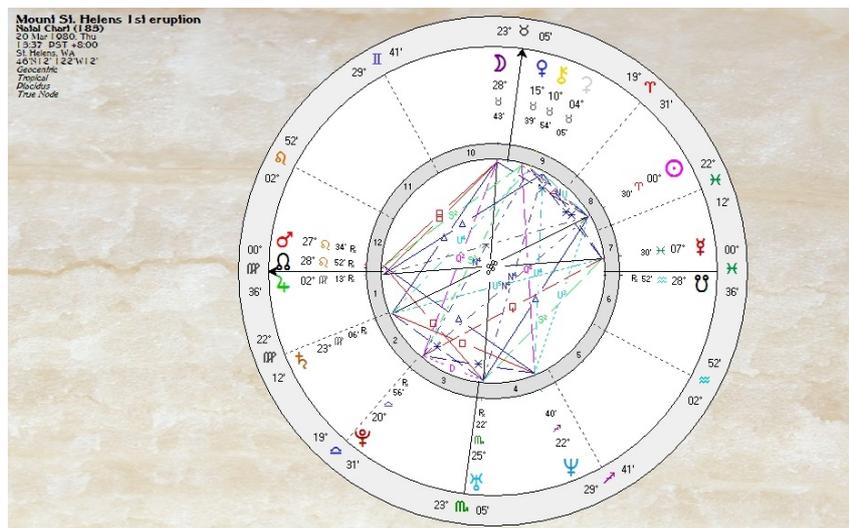




nations have been rocked by major earthquakes - Chile, Haiti and China - leaving thousands of men, women and children homeless, damaged and bereaved. In reverse order, here are the three charts showing the contacts between radix and dwad - in Chile's case in the sidereal. Each has occurred at a time during the day when there is a conjunction of dwad Uranus and an Angle. Going back to the volcano, its first eruption - surprise! - happened as the IC met Uranus in coelo, and the same thing happened on March 20<sup>th</sup> 1980 when Mount St. Helens woke up after



her centuries-long sleep. This is a lovely chart for a Big Bang waiting to happen! (Better, it has to be said, than the chart of the huge explosion that blew the entire top and side of the mountain away in the May and coated large swathes of North America in fine ash. Astrology is about first moments, always!) But the massive explosion happened when Uranus had moved back onto the 23 Scorpio IC of the first eruption, and at the same time Jupiter retrograde met its Ascendant at 0 Virgo. A very big bang!

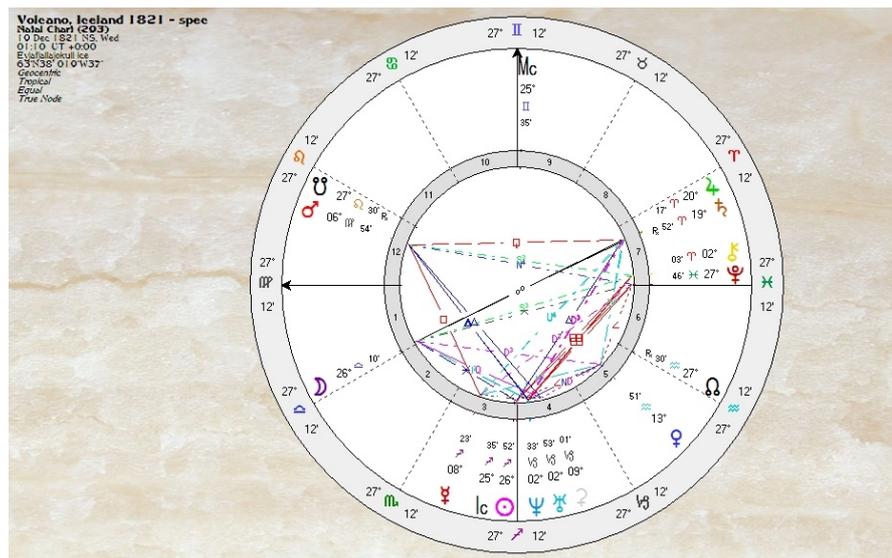


Please note a curious coincidence (?) - the initial smaller eruption of Eyjafjallajökull a month ago happened on March 20<sup>th</sup> - the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mount St. Helens! - and of course the Sun position is 0 Aries, and being hit by the dramatic T-square. Further recourse to the Icelandic Earth Sciences website NORDVULK gleaned more data on this precursor to the main event: seismic tremor was detected at about 22h30, and at 23h52 came the "initial visual report of th eruption" when fire was seen issuing from the vent. Charts with dwads again come up with the goods - the very first activity gave us the hoped-for dwad Uranus/MC conjunction lined up with the radix Nodes, and that fire lighting up the midnight sky came with a lovely cluster of dwad Mars/Desc/N.Node in the roaring Lion, while dwad Pluto met the radix IC. Nice bit of hot lava there.

The same flurry of internet foraging yielded more information on the mid-April eruption; apparently a swarm of tremors hit the mountain at 23h00 or thereabouts on April 13<sup>th</sup>, then around midnight the eruption moved into another phase. After 1 am, in the early hours, Eyjafjallajökull burst its icecap and began shooting immense clouds of thunderous ash into the heavens. These times are pretty vague - I had hoped to find something carefully observed and properly logged, the kind of data a girl can do dwads with. It may be out there somewhere! So I'll stick to my guesstimate for the time being - it's a cracking chart.

Here's the other goodie - a spec chart for December 19<sup>th</sup> 1821, as promised. Just look at the degrees of the squares between Sun/Neptune/Uranus and Pluto/Chiron. Here's the pattern I mentioned right at the beginning - and what's more, involving the Sun, squaring volcanic Pluto on the cataclysmic day. And now being walloped by Uranus and Saturn. Again and again.

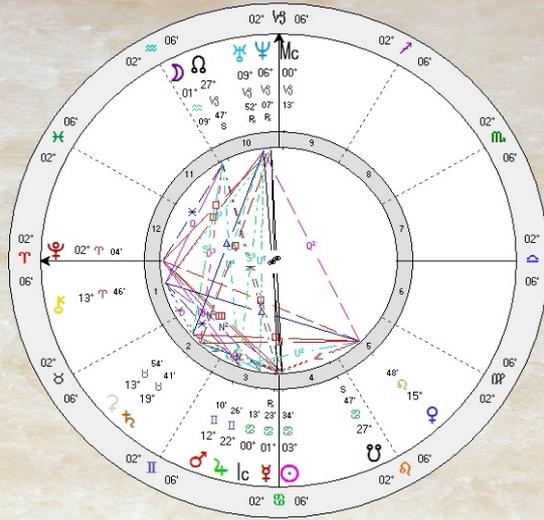
After Eyjafjallajökull had finished on New Year's day 1823, her neighbour Katla woke up with a vengeance in June, on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Again here is a spec chart - simply to show you the remarkable repeating patterns we have here; yet again the mountain thunders as the Sun squares



Pluto, by now in the early degrees of cardinals. Pluto is now on its way back through 3 and 2 of Capricorn, and both Saturn and Uranus will shortly be heading over the cusps again. Observers may well worry that Katla will follow Eyjafjallajökull, extending the disruption for many months to come. I would anticipate that major activity will be intermittent with lava and ash flows at their height when the outer planets aspect the sensitive axis and inners or the Lights join them.

The widespread effect on Europe is immediately visible in the transits' impact on the chart of the EEC, which came into being at 0h00 CET in Brussels on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1958;

**Kollo Volcano 1823 - spec**  
 Natal Chart (399)  
 20 Jun 1823 15:56 Thu  
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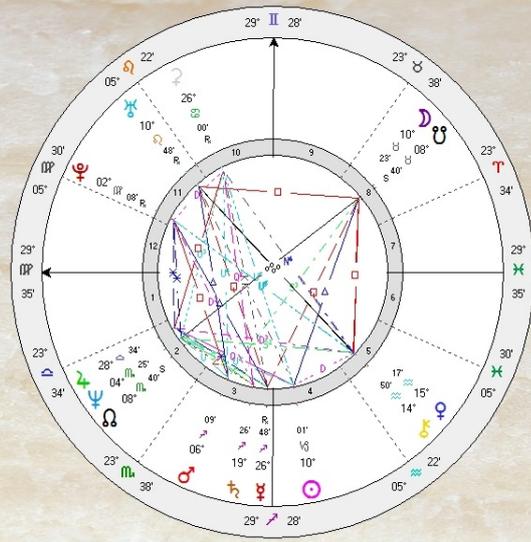


inevitably the Sun is at 10 degrees Capricorn with Pluto bearing down on it - and the Angles fall at 29 of mutables again. Nothing is going to settle down until Saturn has turned around and left Virgo well behind and Uranus has finally finished with the volatile cusp of

Spring.

For the moment, Saturn has begun to lift off the pressure, but Uranus sticks around through most of May, still causing upset. When Saturn gets back to Virgo 27 and stations, it will be perilously close again to squaring the European Mercury in Sagittarius so the current travel issues and all their ramifications

**EEC Natal Chart (318)**  
 1 Jan 1998 Wed  
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 50°N 50° 00"E 20"  
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 Tropical  
 Placidus  
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will need some serious sorting. Not until July this year do the problems and frustrations besetting the European community begin to ease a little... but Uranus hammers away until the autumn (when Saturn first squares the EEC/UK etc Sun) and then again in

February/March 2011. Oh we do live in Interesting Times! Next March Uranus and the Nodes square up in 29 mutables, preceded by a scary total lunar eclipse on the winter equinox right on the Asc/Desc at Westminster, with Mars on that New Year degree. Volcano or no volcano we are going to be in a collective pickle for some time to come. **Pam Crane.**

**Total Lunar Eclipse (FM)**  
 Natal Chart (331)  
 21 Dec 2010 Thu  
 08:13:27 UT +0:00  
 Westminster UK  
 51°N 30° 00'W 00"  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Placidus  
 True Node

