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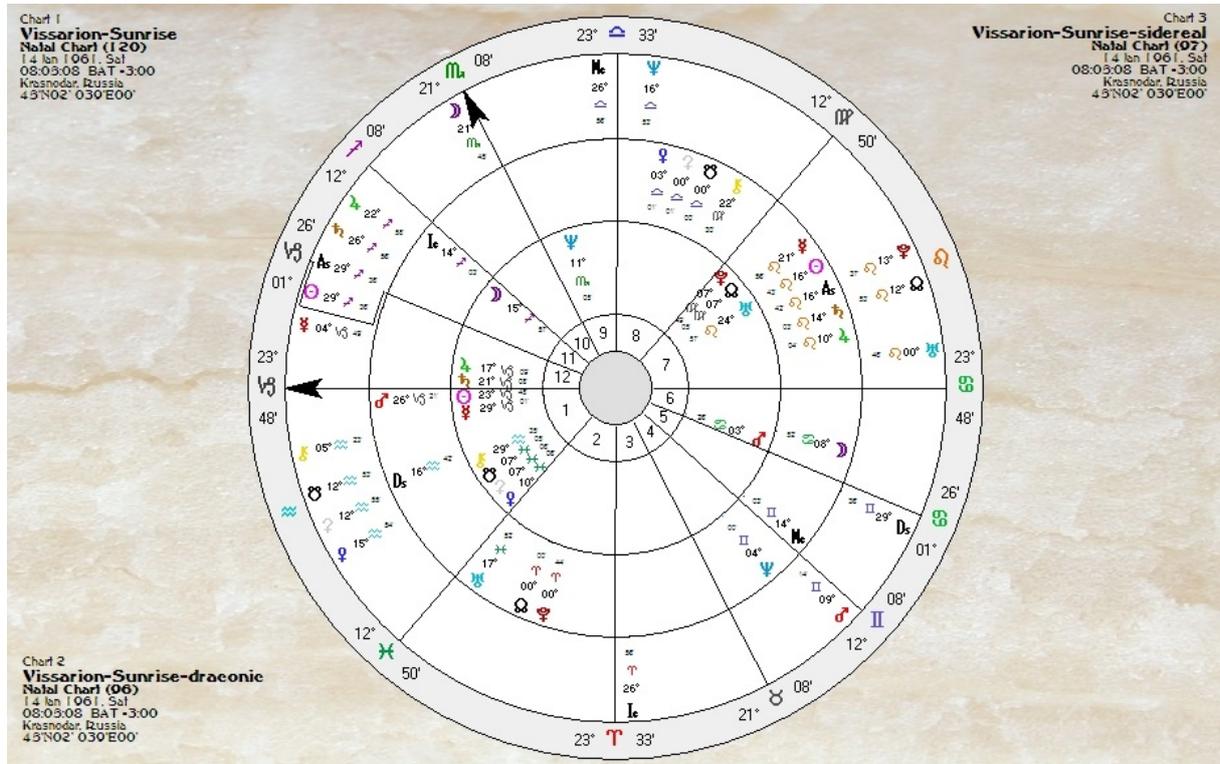
Now, here's the problem. I have come across a very unlikely St. Peter, several famous pharaohs, and my uncle George thought he was Jesus. So did a chap in Canterbury while I was living in Kent pre-millennium. While we were holding our absent healing sessions in the '80s I seemed to have visits from Arthur Conan Doyle and the composer Granados. Working on the nativities of Jesus and Our Lady, there has been a great deal of objective input from intelligence not my own (see the chapter in my book.) Gerard and I have had help from one particular discarnate mind who has found ways of confirming his identity on a number of occasions. A year ago I had a dream about an old, obscure incarnation of my own of which I had been completely unaware - and was able to google it after breakfast!

Reincarnation is a fascinating subject, and seductively glamorous to anyone with a taste for a little extra limelight. It opens up all sorts of questions for the astrologer: can we find the earlier chart? Does it progress to the current life? Does the reincarnatee fit the description? Do asteroids pin their ID on the birth and rebirth? Can we believe any of it?

When we got home from our Easter hols, waiting for us on disc was a Channel 4 documentary from March 30<sup>th</sup> thrillingly entitled 'A Long Weekend with the Son of God'. Tucked away amid the cold mountains and forests of Siberia is a growing community of several thousand people focussed on one man who twenty years ago had a revelation - that he was the Second Coming, the reincarnation of Jesus Christ. His name is Sergei Torop, an ex-cop with Red Army training. He now calls himself Vissarion. He gave his first public address in a hall in Minusinsk on August 18<sup>th</sup> 1991 and now presents himself to the world with long hair and beard and in robes of white or red that deliberately evoke ancient Galilee. He writes long letters to church leaders and heads of state, and his 'Last Testament' now runs to several handsomely red-bound, gold-embossed volumes. All this is available to download online, so the gentle, disciplined philosophy of peace, tolerance, religious unity and environmental care is accessible to all who want to read it.

Wikipedia, ever helpful, provides Vissarion's birthdate as January 14<sup>th</sup> 1961, in Krasnodar, Russia. (No time of course - I've used sunrise for convenience.) He subsequently moved East to Minusinsk in Siberia. You can imagine how intrigued I was to find out how his patterns might agree or contrast with those of the Nativity of May 7<sup>th</sup> 5 BC! Another well-grounded man, this time a Capricorn - and a very interesting sky: the Sun is

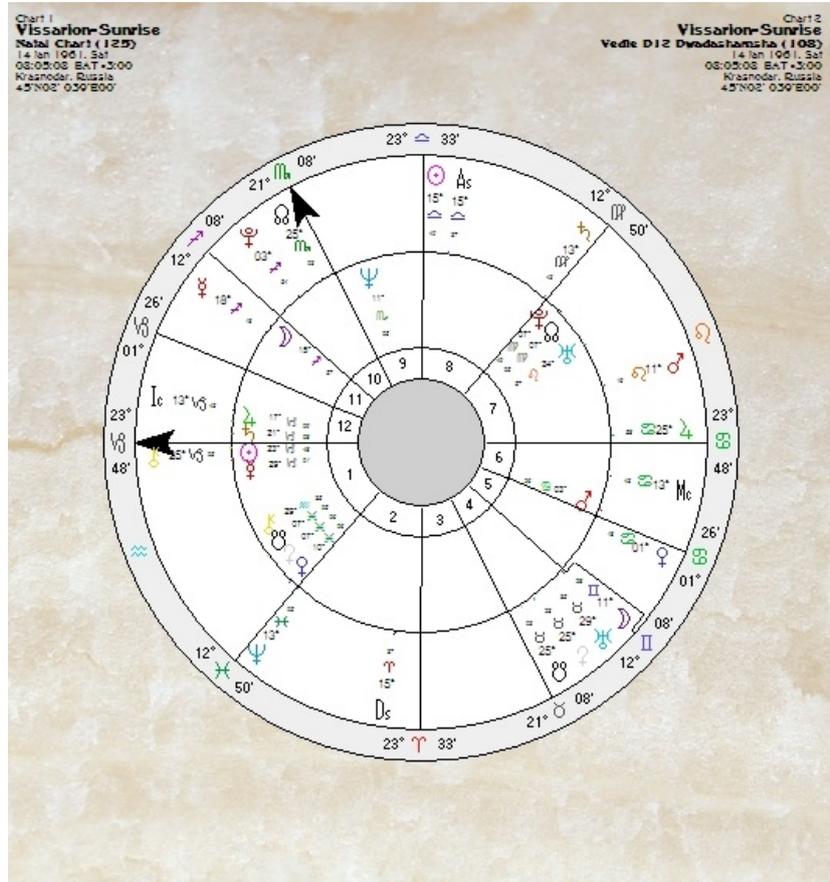
conjoined by Saturn, Jupiter and Mercury, very authoritative. But the Sun/Saturn is sesqui-square Pluto and the Dragon's Head, and there is a square between the Sagittarian Moon and Pisces Venus, which in turn is semi-square Sun. What is seriously missing is the Sun's benign geometry with the Outer Planets which is normally present in the chart of a true saint, avatar or mystic. There is the Pluto contact - but the possibility is that here we have not necessarily the Word of God but a fantasist and control freak. The problem is also raised in the helio chart - a Mercury-Neptune square (and I have one too) suggests excessive receptivity and the potential to be spiritually misled. Being aware of this makes one extra careful; the unaware may indeed be an idealist - but a deluded idealist!



The point is that Jesus as the incarnate Son of God was a perfect human being, and this reflects in the beauty of his chart both geocentrically and heliocentrically. Vissarion's chart is riddled with imperfections, which throws the whole Second Coming scenario into doubt. His South Node is in Pisces, the North in Virgo ... he is supposed to be cultivating his critical faculties and letting romantic fancies go. On the practical, ecological front he is doing very well, setting a fine example - but he is not applying self-criticism to the reams of print coming out of Sun City; the well-meaning letters are long-winded and pompous, the teachings are presented in quasi-biblical style in chapters and verses and lack the gritty pointedness of Jesus' reported remarks. He takes himself far too seriously. I can't imagine any leader receiving one of his earnest screeds giving up time to read it. Jesus was concise, colloquial, witty and very, very clever. He was also probably extremely funny! He could certainly hold a huge audience, and never as far as we know wrote anything down. He also mucked in with everyone else, slept rough as often as not, didn't go round telling the world who he was, but let his deeds speak for him. Sergei/Vissarion is presenting himself openly as the Jesus of our collective imagination, but also allowing his

followers to build him houses, a mountain-top temple (naturally - he's a Capricorn!) and a Testament that as far as I can see adds nothing to what several generations of sensitive, intelligent human beings have been trying to say to stave off the collapse of our over-inflated civilisation. Uranus is inactive; he is bringing nothing especially new.

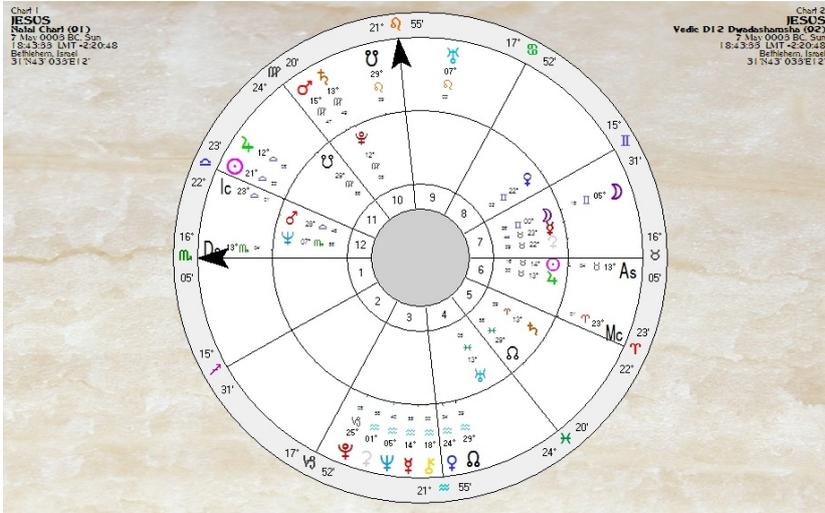
But rightly or wrongly, there is no doubt that his identification with Jesus Christ is very intense. When you set his chart for Jesus' birth-time (the synastry Q-chart) his inner dwad Sun in Libra is only a couple of minutes from that of Jesus. Interestingly the Sabian symbol for the 24<sup>th</sup> degree of Capricorn is "A woman entering a convent"; Lynda Hill summarises, "There may be a need to get away from the pressures of society and more time contemplating your inner thoughts and values. This may be a lonely passage and you may be disenchanted with the ... ways of society. ...



Dedicating oneself to the big picture. Spiritual retreat." And would you believe it, the asteroids Yeshuhua and Christa are exactly conjunct in Vissarion's sky at 19 Capricorn, only 4 degrees from his Sun! And Christen is in his North Node. Fides - faith - is on his MC. But of course there will be hundreds of people born around that time with the same asteroid conjunction, and they aren't going round saying they are the Second Coming. Just over a week earlier there's a gorgeous, exact trio of Sun, Jupiter and Mercury conjunct Yeshuhua/Christa by only a degree - what about the natives of that pattern? I mean, I've got the Sun conjunct Merlin ... BUT!.. Questions, questions.

And then there's the Draconic. He's a draconic Leo. So is Sai Baba, another Sun/Saturn with some dodgy constellations and very mixed reviews. Vissarion's sidereal N.Node/Pluto is also in Leo of course, aligned with the Sun etc and with Venus/Ceres opposite in sidereal Aquarius, so clearly his public role is to grow through embodying and teaching the power of love while offering a new communal way to manage a fragile ecology. This he and his following appear to be attempting with a good heart. But Leo does love to be the centre of attention, does love to play to the crowd, does love to dress up and put on a show - does love to be king.

The incarnate Taurean Jesus, however, was WYSIWIG - tropical and draconic identical, practising what he preached, no 'side' to him, as they say in the North here - unpretentious, matter-of-fact. Incidentally, I have only just realised that Ceres now appears in Solar Fire BC charts; when I was running asteroids back to the Nativity in the early '90s using the excellent DOS program "Dance of the Planets" Ceres was too



eccentric for me completely to trust the resulting position, even after many increasingly precise simulations. Now here she is, conjunct Mercury in Taurus in the 7<sup>th</sup>. And what was Jesus always talking about? What imagery did he continually use? Grain and bread, food and drink, plantings and harvests, seed and fruit!

This chart is constantly under test, even after 18 years, and it just gets better.

Sergei Torop certainly came to a flash-point in 1990 after he lost his job: you can see here the beguiling Mercury/Neptune in his Solar Return, and how Jupiter has progressed almost precisely onto his Sun. All this together with a p. opposition of Sun and Uranus! But despite his commitment to a gentle ecology and abstinence from the indulgences of the modern world, despite his sincere efforts to unify the religious traditions and convert our leaders, I am not persuaded that Vissarion is the Second Coming of the Christ.

