

# SMALL WORLD

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It's probably selective attention at work, but there seems to be such a strong Gemini theme to the current news. There has been the sad double involvement of twins in this month's shootings in Cumbria, twin babies were attacked by an urban fox in the London area, and following the awful crash of a school bus near Keswick, now there has been another which has taken the lives of three young people on a nasty bend near Barberton in South Africa. They were in a party from a college in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, studying animal management and welfare. Once again a town has suffered loss.

## Melton Mowbray and the bus crash

I have the Borough Council chart of Melton Mowbray - December 17<sup>th</sup> 1986 - in the new database. I have looked at the town's Q-chart for the day of the accident, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Melton's 'birth' time of 0h00 UT. Chiron is angular twice - transiting on the Q Ascendant with Neptune, and conjuncting the IC from Melton's chart. Chiron embraces a number of themes and they are nearly all here on June 10<sup>th</sup> - students, the wounded, and media coverage. (I have found Chiron consistently strong in the charts of journalists, whose job of course is to transmit information - though not always wisdom! - in common with teachers.) Mars brings the impact and its own pain to the 7<sup>th</sup> cusp, and Saturn has returned to the town's

Chart 1  
**Students' Bus Crash QP Mellon**  
Natal Chart (103)  
10 Jun 2010, Thu  
00:00 UT +0:00  
Melton Mowbray, UK  
52°N46'00"W53'

Chart 2  
**Mellon BC**  
Natal Chart (88)  
17 Dec 1986, Wed  
00:00 UT +0:00  
Melton Mowbray,  
52°N46'00"W53'

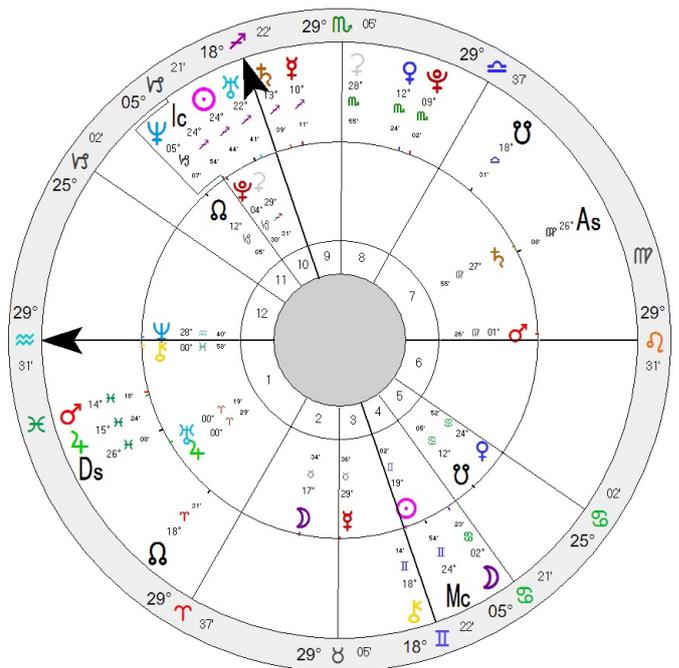
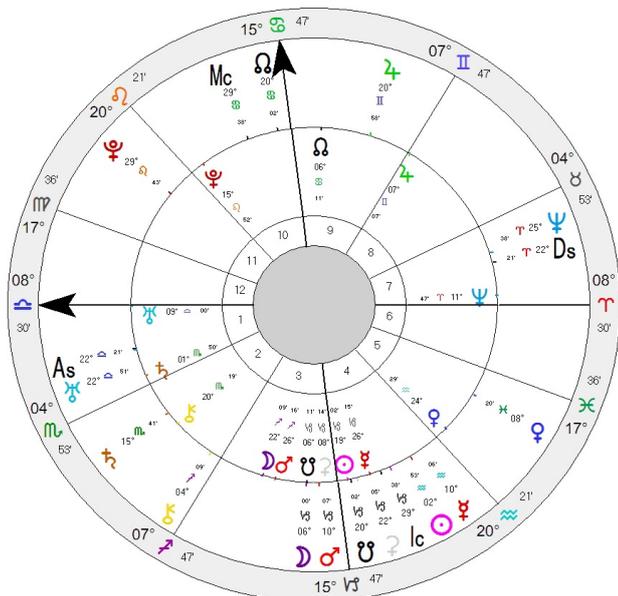


Chart 1  
**Woolton Bassett-sidereal**  
Natal Chart (108)  
16 Jan 1219, Wed  
00:00 LMT +007:36  
Woolton Bassett  
51°N33'00"W54'

Chart 2  
**Woolton Bassett**  
Natal Chart (110)  
16 Jan 1219, Wed  
00:00 LMT +007:36  
Woolton Bassett  
51°N33'00"W54'



Ascendant, casting its shadow of sadness. Saturn is also on Melton's converse daily MC.

## Wootton Bassett and the corteges

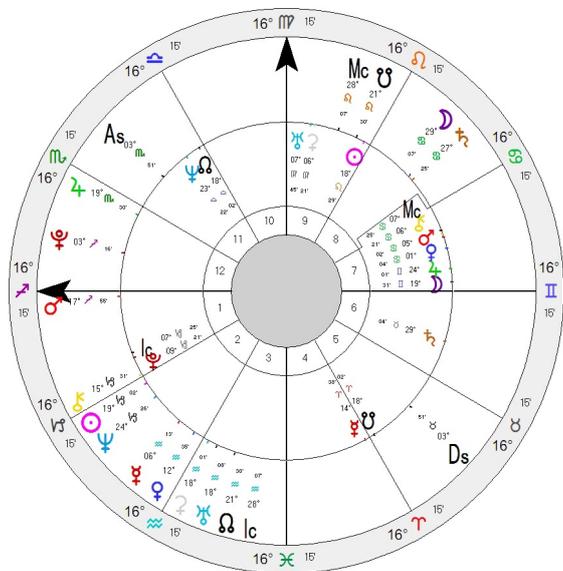
If you have read the piece on the events in Cumbria, you will hopefully have come to appreciate the usefulness of studying the 'births' of our towns and villages - and also that the symbolic time of 0h00

gives consistently effective results. So it's worth having a look at one or two other places with a lot of news coverage. Wootton Bassett, for example. It received its Market Charter on January 16<sup>th</sup> 1219. I can't actually remember when the scenes on its streets first hit our TV screens, but ever since the UK started losing soldiers in Afghanistan - and we first went in with troops in 2006 - the coffins have been coming back to Wootton Bassett and the population has turned out to pay its respects to those who have given their lives in the conflict. And with the crowds, the media. The historic element of these

all too frequent occasions demands a sidereal chart, and, above, you can see what happens when you combine the sidereal and the tropical charts for the military town. The sidereal Sun is in solemn Capricorn, joining tropical South Node and Ceres. Sacrifice and bereavement. The sidereal South Node and Ceres conjoin tropical Moon and Mars, all still in Capricorn. Loss and bereavement to a military community sacrificing its soldier sons. Unknown to 13<sup>th</sup> century astronomy, Uranus rises and Neptune sets: whatever changes, shocks or innovations impact on Wootton Bassett over the decades, whatever its involvement in mysteries, water, deceptions or other Neptunian things, media technology will invade its streets in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Chart 1  
Wootton Bassett-sidSR2007  
Vedic D12 Dwadashamsha (128)  
3 Feb 2007, Sat  
02:50:06 UT +0:00  
Wootton Bassett  
51°N33'00"W54'

Chart 2  
Wootton Bassett-sidSR2007  
Natal Chart (115)  
3 Feb 2007, Sat  
02:50:06 UT +0:00  
Wootton Bassett  
51°N33'00"W54'



In 2006 Britain sent troops to Afghanistan; month on month young men have died there. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 Wootton Bassett's sidereal Solar Return is exquisitely predictive of the effect on the town: with the dwad at the centre we can see immediately the dwad Asc on radix

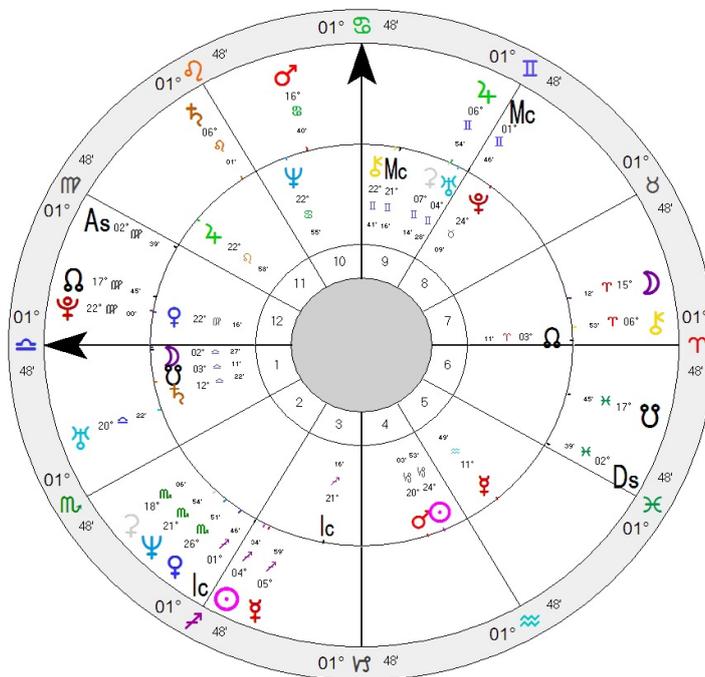
Mars in Sagittarius (overseas troops), the Mars/Chiron/MC conjunction in the dwad opposite Pluto focussing media attention on the town's army connection and changing its life, the dwad Moon 'setting' in Gemini, bringing the crowds out, the radix Moon/Saturn conjunction stoic in grief, the approach of radix Chiron to Sun that will bring more and more journalists with their camera teams to cover cortege after cortege as the small planet moves slowly over the degree of the radix sidereal Sun. And the dwad Sun of this Return is in the radix South Node - the pattern of sacrifice again. Over the following years not a lot changes - each Return has an angular Mars and strong Saturn and Pluto. Chiron moves onto the Sun and then eases away; the coffins still come home, but amid less media intrusion. When tropical Pluto reaches the sensitive Capricorn degrees in Wootton Bassett's chart, maybe cutbacks will diminish or even end the UK's involvement in the Afghan war, and life for the town will change again.

### Bridgend and the suicides

The Town Council of Bridgend in South Wales was granted its Arms on June 18<sup>th</sup> 1951. The County Borough Council, however, had to wait until December 21<sup>st</sup> 1977. I have no other data for Bridgend. You have probably been aware, if you live in the UK, that there has been an unprecedented

Chart 1  
Bridgend CBC-sidereal  
Vedic D12 Dwadashamsha (137)  
21 Dec 1977, Wed  
00:00 UT +0:00  
Bridgend, United Kingdom  
51°N31'00"W35'

Chart 2  
Bridgend CBC-sidereal  
Natal Chart (135)  
21 Dec 1977, Wed  
00:00 UT +0:00  
Bridgend, United Kingdom  
51°N31'00"W35'



spate of suicides among young people in the Bridgend area. Noone has been able to explain it satisfactorily to the best of my knowledge. I would expect Chiron to be implicated once again - but the Town Council chart is, as it were, mute on the subject.

But the County Borough Council for the broader Bridgend area, above - which after all is where we should be looking - has absolutely the right pattern. This is such a matter for public concern that it must be sidereal again, and here in the sidereal dward is a tight conjunction of Chiron with the Midheaven while its radix degree is near the dward Dragon's Head and so opposite the Tail with Moon and Ascendant. Near the radix MC is the dward conjunction of Ceres/Uranus. More loss. More family bereavement.

Now, all this doesn't have to presage such a tragic outcome of course. Both Ceres and the Moon are connected to environmental and domestic matters including food and drink; Chiron so powerfully in the spotlight can mean a strong concentration on all things educational, or as we have seen, the transmission of information through journalism and technology. It can also mean a dedication to healing. But for every healer there will be at least one sufferer. Chiron's own suicide, with Jupiter/Jupiter's eventual permission, was a leap of faith on his part to free himself from the unending torment of his unhealed wound. This is essentially what suicide is: a lonely leap into the unknown to escape intolerable psychic or physical pain. This Bridgend dward chart adds to the picture a Capricorn conjunction of Sun and Mars in the dward 4<sup>th</sup> trine dward 8<sup>th</sup>-house Pluto and quincunx dward 11<sup>th</sup>-house Jupiter. This suggests, among other possibilities, self-harm at home, death as deeply seductive, and social contacts as either an irritant or provocative. It has been suggested that the online community has fostered a cult of suicide, an idea which is not out of place in this pattern.

The question is - does coming to live or study in this part of the country put all young people at risk? Because they are moving into the ambit of a dangerous inceptional pattern? Would heightened awareness of this give people power to change their response to Bridgend's chart and re-interpret the energies? Or will Bridgend draw to itself those people who were always going to walk the path of suicide and enable them to take their own lives? With tropical Saturn on its sidereal Ascendant the area looks pretty depressing; this is not conducive to a more positive, life-enhancing attitude. What Bridgend needs is a real re-birth under a different, kinder, gentler sky. But with recession tightening its grip on every community this is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future.

### BP and the Gulf Oil

To the right is a tri-wheel with sidereal BP at the centre (begun as the Anglo-Persian Oil Company on April 14<sup>th</sup> 1909) with the tropical and sidereal charts of the time that the Louisiana Coastguard was notified that a BP off-

Chart 1  
BP (Anglo-Persian Oil Company) Sid'l  
Natal Chart (147)  
14 Apr 1909, Wed  
00:00 CT +0:00  
London, United Kingdom  
51°N 31°00'W 35°

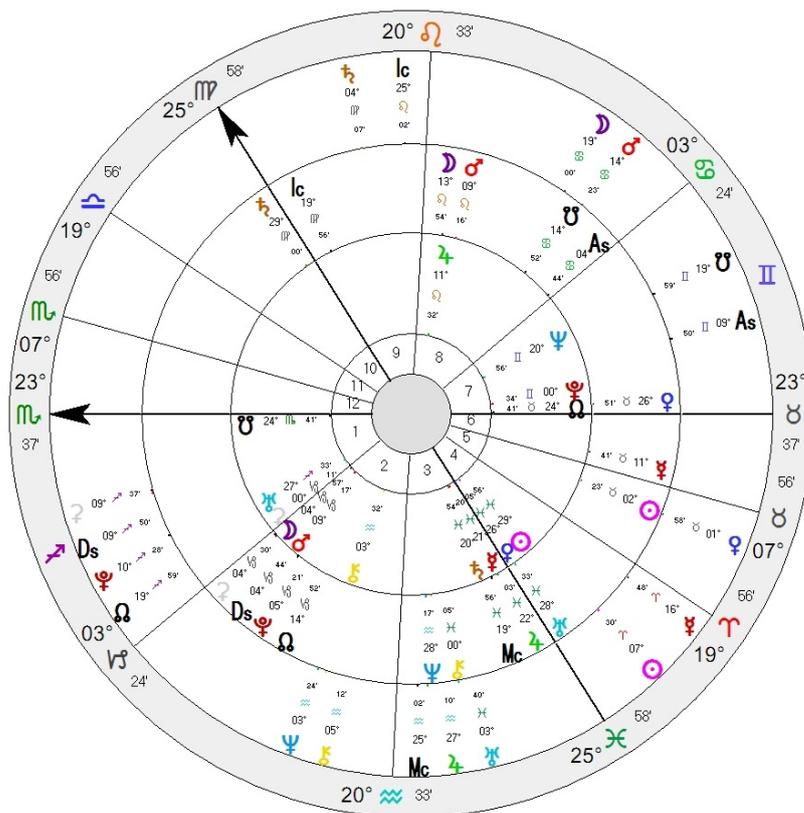
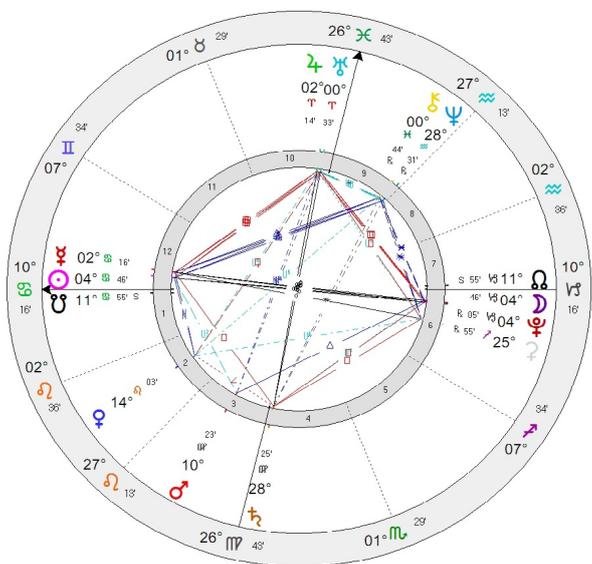


Chart 2  
Deepwater Horizon sinking  
Natal Chart (143)  
22 Apr 2010, Thu  
10:21 CDT +5:00  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
29°N 57°16' 09" W 04°30'

Chart 3  
Deepwater Horizon sinking-sid'l  
Natal Chart (145)  
22 Apr 2010, Thu  
10:21 CDT +5:00  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
29°N 57°16' 09" W 04°30'

shore oil-rig had sunk on the Gulf of Mexico after a fatal explosion on April 20<sup>th</sup>. And was about to spew billions of gallons of crude oil into the marine ecosystem. I've looked at the two symbolic charts for this historic company, sidereal 0h00 and tropical 12h00. Descriptively, there's no contest - 0h00 says it all. South Node rising in Scorpio is sinking wells that absolutely must not be for BP's own benefit or everything goes horribly wrong ... and, staggeringly, this is the very name of the drilling platform that has now caused the worst oil-spill catastrophe in history and near demise of BP: Deepwater Horizon !!! There is an unsurprising stellium in Pisces comprising a Sun/Venus and a Mercury/Saturn for a calculating, profit-making oil industry giant, and the Capricorn Moon is tucked between Mars and Ceres, drilling away into rocks and seas and any other environment it chooses as long as it keeps delivering the raw material for endless industrial growth.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rings you can see issues arising around oil and fires at sea where Neptune meets the sidereal MC and sidereal Mars is burning the tropical Cancer South Node. In ring 2 the tropical Saturn-Uranus opposition is colliding with BP's sidereal Sun as Pluto, Ceres and the Descendant hit the BP Moon/Mars when the fateful message comes in. Soon the Dragon's Head will whip over these same planets, after a lunar eclipse on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 hammers home the gravity of what this industrial accident has done. At New Orleans (the best I can do without GPS for an imprecise ocean spot off the Louisiana coast) this eclipse, Pluto and the Dragon are



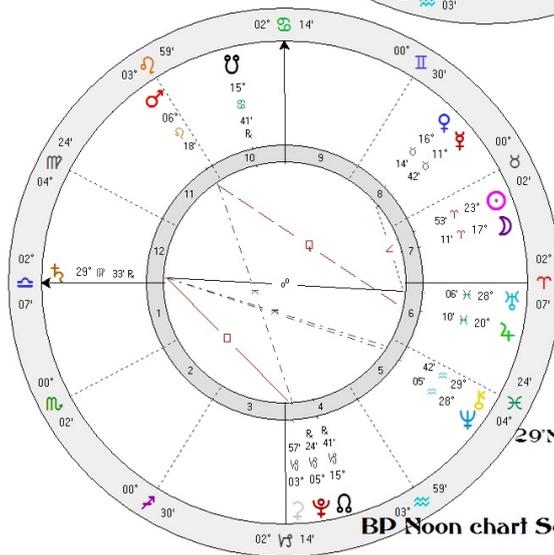
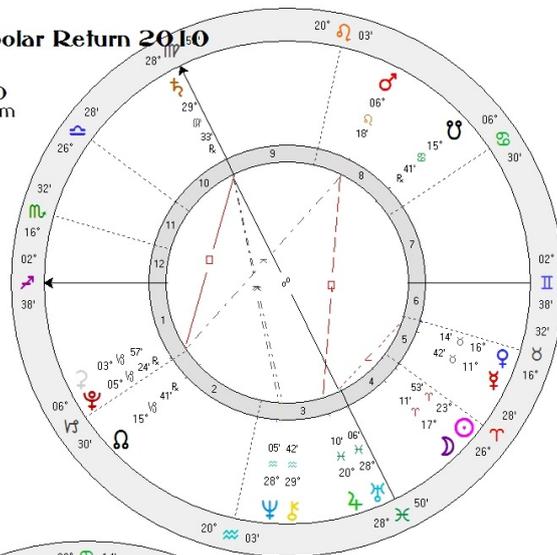
**Partial Lunar Eclipse (FM)**  
 Natal Relocated (1.55)  
 29 Jun 2010, Sat  
 06:30:21 CDT +5:00  
 New Orleans, Louisiana  
 29°N57'16" 090°W04'30"

stretched across the Asc-Desc as BP's Sun culminates opposite a returning, direct Saturn. The Tail of the Dragon rises in Cancer. We are again looking straight at Deepwater Horizon .

But instead of the sidereal, he tropical 12h chart of BP is the one whose Solar Return for 2010 screams disaster in the Gulf of Mexico: at London there is already the warning of a nasty surprise in store with Saturn on the MC and Uranus at the IC, but relocate to the Gulf off the Louisiana coast and this is where that planetary opposition is not only angular again - across the horizon - but accompanied by an environmentally crippling conjunction of Ceres and Pluto at the IC.

Returning to the eclipse, perhaps it holds out a shred of hope; its Midheaven will progress (at whatever rate eclipses progress? I have never tried!) and connect

**Bottom Left**  
**BP Noon chart Solar Return 2010**  
 Natal Chart (62)  
 13 Apr 2010, Tue  
 23:42:02 BST -1:00  
 London, United Kingdom  
 51°N31'00S°W35"  
 Geocentric  
 Tropical  
 Placidus  
 True Node



**True Node**  
 Placidus  
 Tropical  
 Geocentric  
 29°N57'16" 090°W04'30"  
 New Orleans, Louisiana  
 17:42:02 CDT +5:00  
 13 Apr 2010, Tue  
**Natal Relocated (65)**  
**BP Noon chart Solar Return 2010**  
 Upper Right

to the proactive Aries conjunction of Uranus and Jupiter, the rulers of the eclipse chart's 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> houses, Will there be a technological breakthrough over the summer, providing new and effective tools to stem the tide of oil and clean up the terribly polluted coasts and sea? By the next key Lunar Eclipse in December, which falls square to BP's Sun, the Uranus/Jupiter will be back in conjunction with that Pisces Sun, and Saturn will be out of the way. Pluto will not have finished with 2<sup>nd</sup>-house Moon/Mars however. Looks to me like an awful lot of litigation and settling-up to be done, leaving the petrochemical giant in shock and having to regroup, refinance and re-prioritise.

And we haven't even got to the transits of Pluto over the New Year point ... that is going to wallop every country, every town, every organisation that has chosen to start its collective life at the beginning of January, in early April, early July or early October. The list is massive. It includes many countries of the EEC, and Britain of course, the Queen (draconic Sun) and many of our institutions, already running into serious fiscal and environmental trouble. The USA and numerous countries around the globe are on Pluto's hit list. The transits over the archetypal Cardinal Points have begun to shake the world out of its complacency - but we ain't seen nuttin' yet!

### Jenson's Friend

I've chatted a fair bit in Small World about the Formula One Grand Prix(noisy, expensive, oil-gobbling - I know! But I do find it exciting!) and I don't intend to go on about it just now; but guessing when racing incidents are going to happen is entertaining, and it's rare for any planet to come onto an Angle during a race without a shunt, some weather, or a pit-stop drama. One hour and twenty minutes into the Canadian Grand Prix this month there was one moment that I had my eye on, the time that Saturn hit the Ascendant just before the Jupiter/Uranus set, and Ceres was smack on the IC. What actually happened wasn't an 'off', wasn't a crash, nor a blown engine or a burst tyre or a sudden deluge or debris on the track; what happened was that Jenson Button, the 2009 champion who had been running 3<sup>rd</sup>, pulled off the sweetest overtake on Fernando Alonso's Ferrari after hunting him down, lap after lap, resulting in a British '1,2' with Lewis Hamilton. We needed that after the UK's dismal performance in their opening World Cup game in South Africa! But this racing episode confirmed two things - first, if you're a Capricorn and generally behaving yourself, and bogeyman Saturn, your Sun-ruler, is also transiting trine your Sun, encountering him during a critical overtake can be a present from heaven! (Not so happy for the confident Fernando.) Second, Ceres on an Angle in an F1 chart (and maybe other competitive sports?) tends to favour the UK, her astrological twin (discovery January 1<sup>st</sup> 1801.) And Jenson has just collected an MBE from the Queen. Happy Saturn!



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