

# A BAD YEAR FOR CUMBRIA

## Part One - Floods and Tragedy

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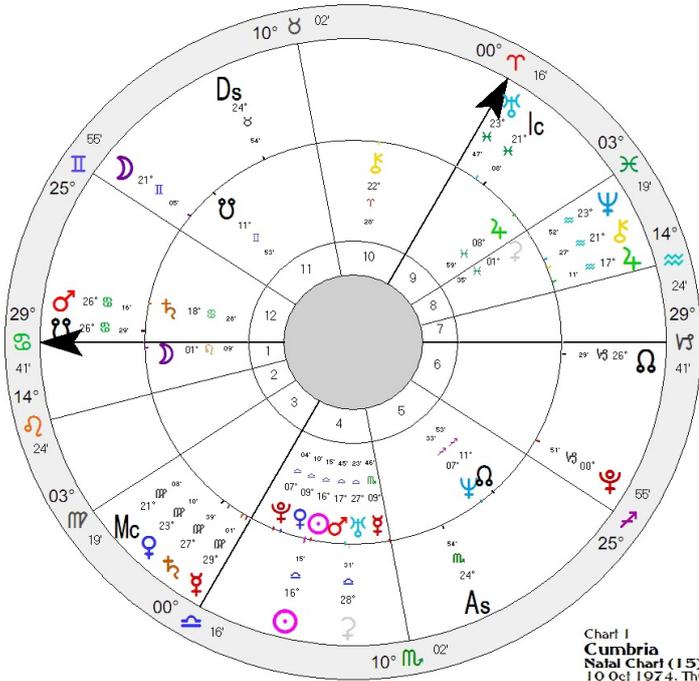


Chart 2  
Cumbria CC Solar Return 2009  
Natal Chart (19)  
9 Oct 2009, Fri  
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54°N54'002"W53'

As you can see, the Solar Return for Cumbria as mapped in the County Council chart of 1974 was not a happy one. The Dragon's Tail on Cumbria's Ascendant reminds us that eclipses were hitting our lovely Lake District (Solar Total on 22 July 2009 and Solar Annular on January 15 2010) and carrying with them from October onward the threat of a debilitated Mars in watery Cancer. And note that Cumbria MC: 0 Aries is right in the firing line of the unfinished transiting T-square of Uranus-Saturn-Pluto. Pluto already squares the Return meridian.

### THE LAKELAND FLOODS

When Saturn hit the Cumbria IC, (triwheel below) the Scorpio Sun met the Solar Return Ascendant, and the SR's converse progression brought Ceres to the Asc square Mars and the

South Node, devastating floods hit Lakeland. One man died on Workington Bridge as it collapsed under the surge of water, and Cockermouth is still barely functional. Only Keswick is nearly back to normal.

Then in May this year a bus crash near Braithwaite killed two schoolchildren and injured many more. The school bus was travelling between Keswick and Frizington, via Whitehaven and Egremont. These last three places would be in the news again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.

The eclipses had been hitting the Keswick Sun, Moon and MC - and Workington's nodes - at the end of Cancer-Capricorn, and the Asc-Desc of both Cockermouth and Egremont at 1 Aquarius-Leo.

What I want to show you is something really rather impressive - a series of patterns which very consistently match

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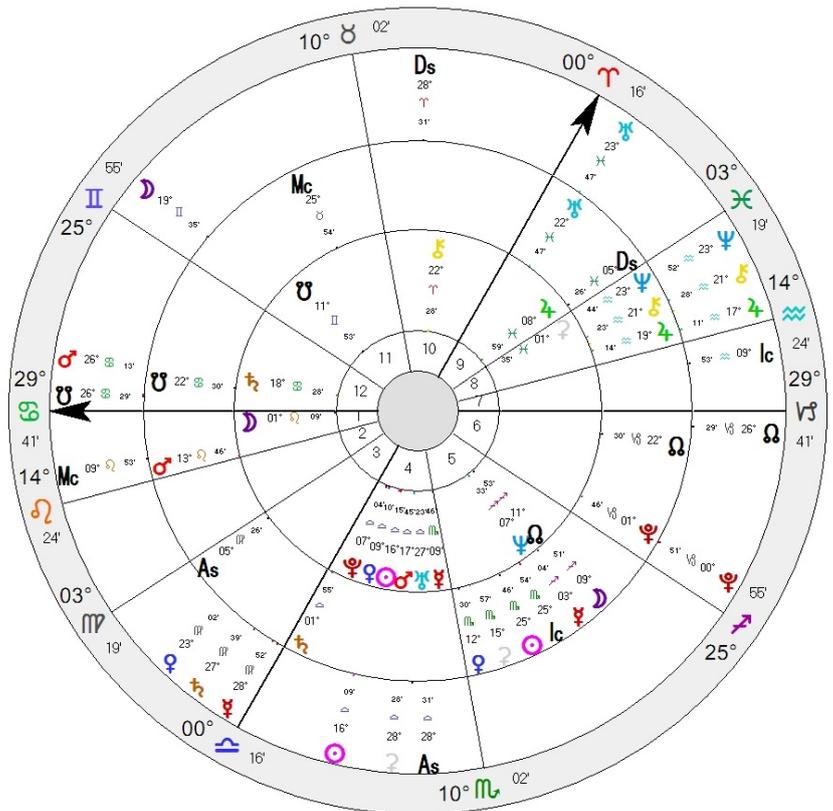
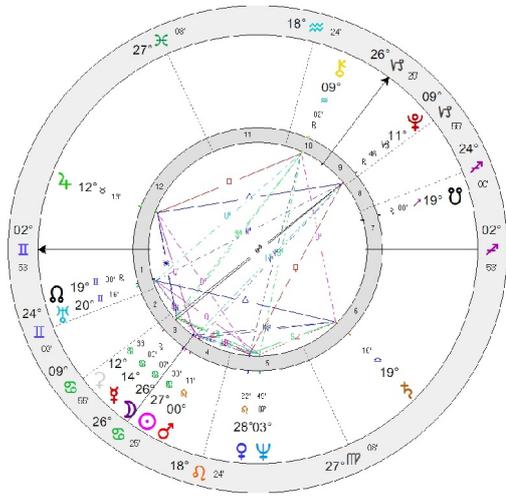


Chart 2  
Cumbria Floods  
Natal Chart (17)  
18 Nov 2000, Wed  
00:00 CT +0:00  
Workington  
54°N39'003"W35'

Chart 3  
Cumbria CC Solar Return 2009  
Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (18)  
Converse  
18 Nov 2000, Wed  
00:00 CT +0:00  
Cockermouth, England  
54°N40'003"W21'



**Keswick**  
Natal Chart (26)  
13 Jul 1270, Mon  
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Keswick, UK  
54°N37°00'3"W08'

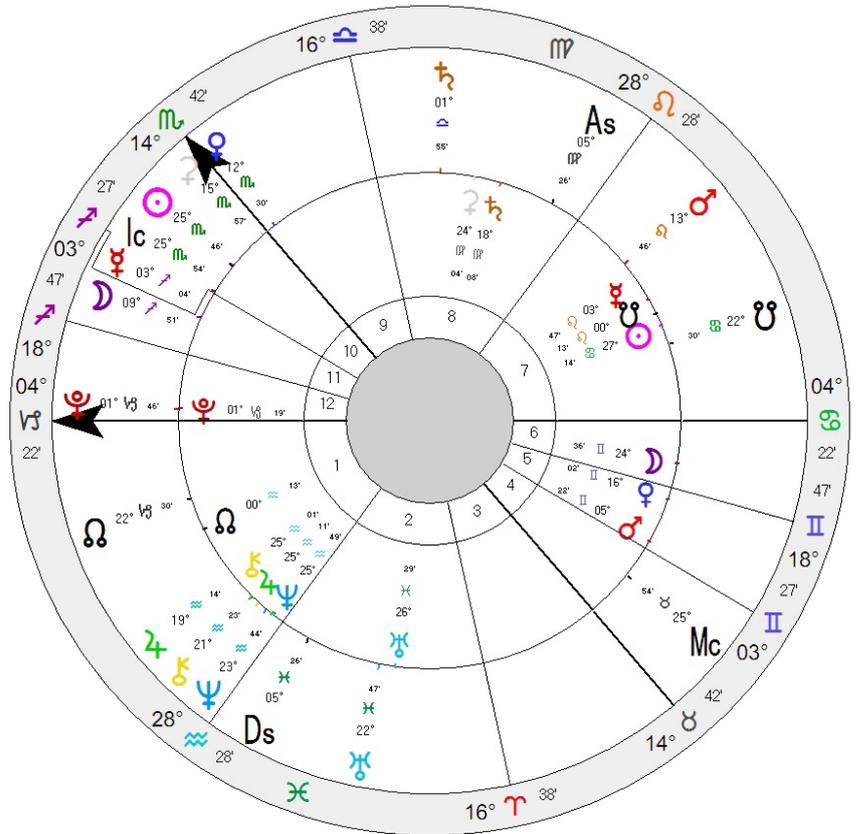
the events to which they refer. Roger Elliott was working along similar lines in the years before he left us, but didn't - as far as I recall - quite hit the mark. Working from the massive database of British town and village charts that I have been compiling over the past few months, and experimenting with these recent events, I have found that taking the Solar Return of the town, converse progressing this to the event, and then mapping the

**Chart 1**  
**Keswick Solar Return 2009**  
Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (27)  
Converse  
18 Nov 2009, Wed  
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Keswick, UK  
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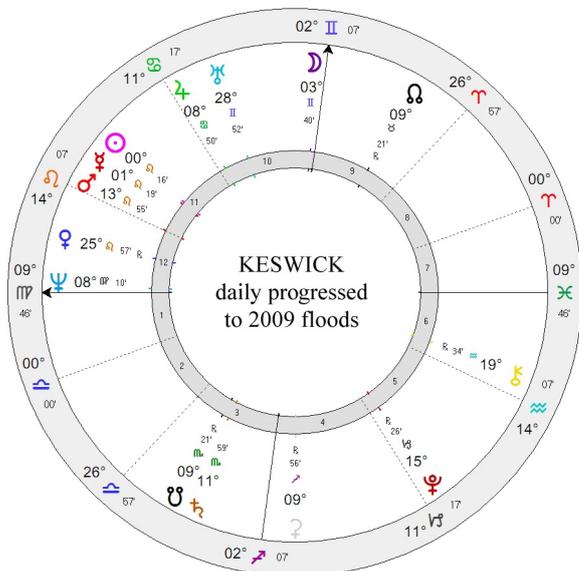
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Workington  
54°N39°00'3"W35'

event against this converse chart, consistently brings appropriate planets to the converse Angles. So here is Keswick, with the SRC Asc closing on Pluto, and the SRC MC on the transit of Ceres in Scorpio. Remember that the war between Ceres and Pluto resulted in environmental catastrophe when the queen of all growing things went into mourning for her abducted daughter.

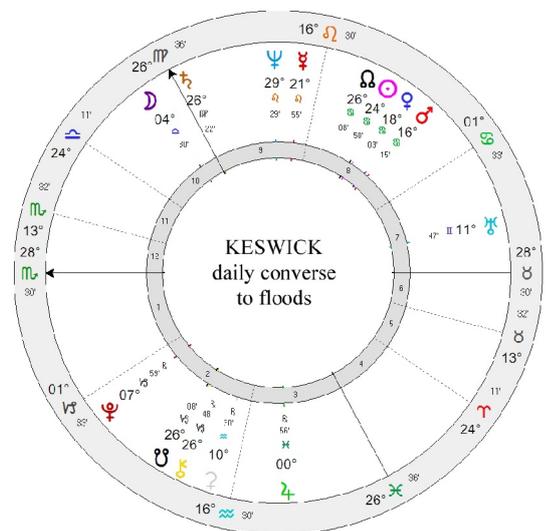
We mustn't forget simply to progress the 'natal' chart of Keswick, too! It's a sight to behold: the daily progressed pattern for



November 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 is Neptune rising and Moon on the Midheaven! That's wet. In the converse chart Saturn culminates, blighting business, and the converse Chiron and South Node have made it to Keswick's MC opposite Sun and Moon in very watery Cancer. You want to see Cardinal Water? Come and watch the Greta in



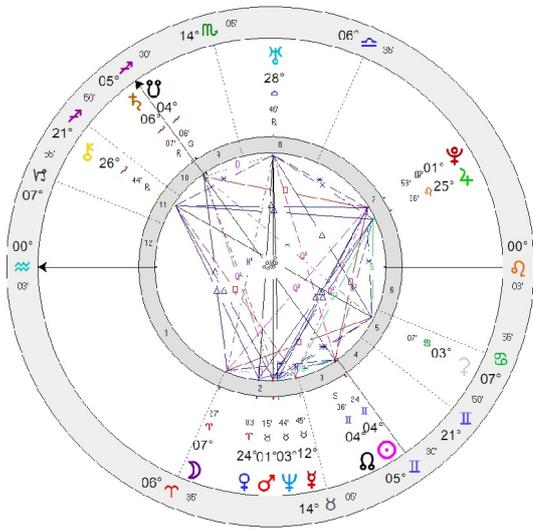
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Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (29)  
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00:00 LMT +0:12:32  
Keswick, UK  
54°N37°00'3"W08'



**Keswick**  
Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (28)  
Converse  
18 Nov 2009, Wed  
00:00 LMT +0:12:32  
Keswick, UK  
54°N37°00'3"W08'

spate! This is the second time it has overwhelmed Keswick in the last few years, and there were businesses still struggling to get back on their feet from last time.

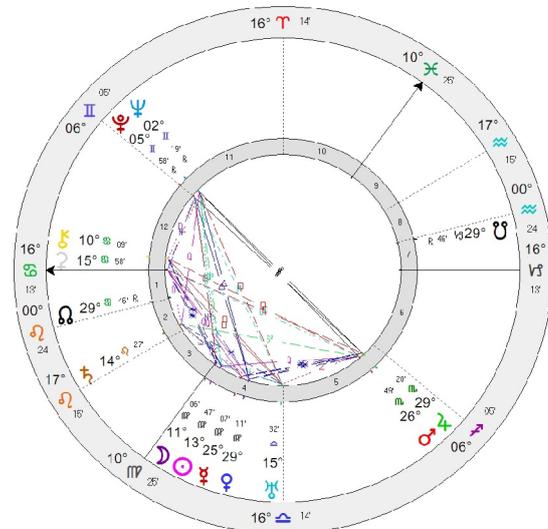
And we have Cockermouth, born to be famous for literature (Wordsworth was born there) with its Gemini Sun in the angular North Node. Taking the converse of its 2009 Solar Return to November 18<sup>th</sup>, the day of the terrible floods, the Angles are Cockermouth's own; the SRc Ascendant is with the Moon's North Node and the meridian collects both the SR Sun and Moon at the IC and the transiting Moon at the MC, which is on the town's 'natal' Saturn. Cockermouth is drowning in lunar water, and business has come to a halt. At the start of Flood Day the Asc was at 5 Virgo - on Cockermouth's SR Ceres.



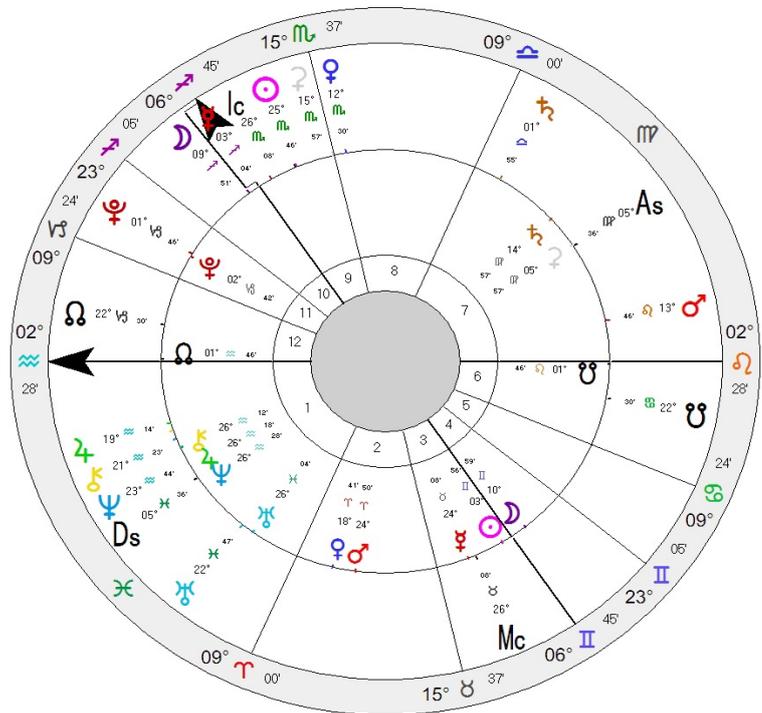
**Cockermouth 1**  
Natal Chart (32)  
19 May 1221, Wed  
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Cockermouth, UK  
54°N40'00.3"W21'

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**Cockermouth Solar Return 2009**  
Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (46)  
Converse  
18 Nov 2009, Wed  
00:00 BST - 1:00  
Cockermouth, UK  
54°N40'00.3"W21'

**Chart 2**  
**Cumbria Floods**  
Natal Chart (44)  
18 Nov 2009, Wed  
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Cockermouth, UK  
54°N40'00.3"W21'

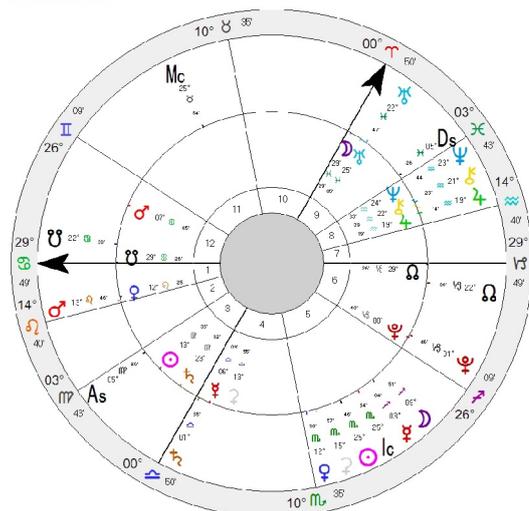


**Workington**  
Natal Chart (40)  
6 Sep 1888 NS, Thu  
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Workington, UK  
54°N39'00.3"W35'



**Chart 1**  
**Workington Solar Return 2009**  
Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (43)  
Converse  
18 Nov 2009, Wed  
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Workington, UK  
54°N39'00.3"W35'

**Chart 2**  
**Cumbria Floods**  
Natal Chart (45)  
18 Nov 2009, Wed  
00:00 UT +0:00  
Workington, UK  
54°N39'00.3"W35'



Workington was cut in half effectively when the deluge swept away its main road bridge and with it the local policeman. This town was 'born' with Ceres rising and a New Moon at the IC. (I always use 0h00 Local or Civil Time for the 'births' of places, as the Sun on the 4<sup>th</sup> cusp, the IC, is properly symbolic of roots and locality.)

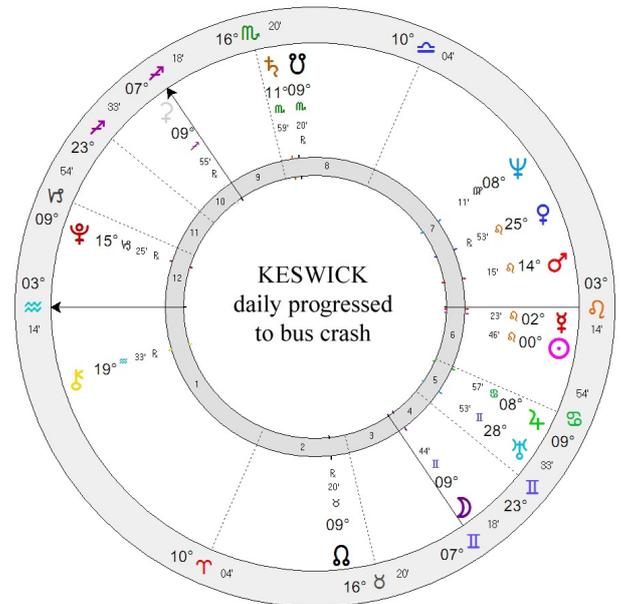
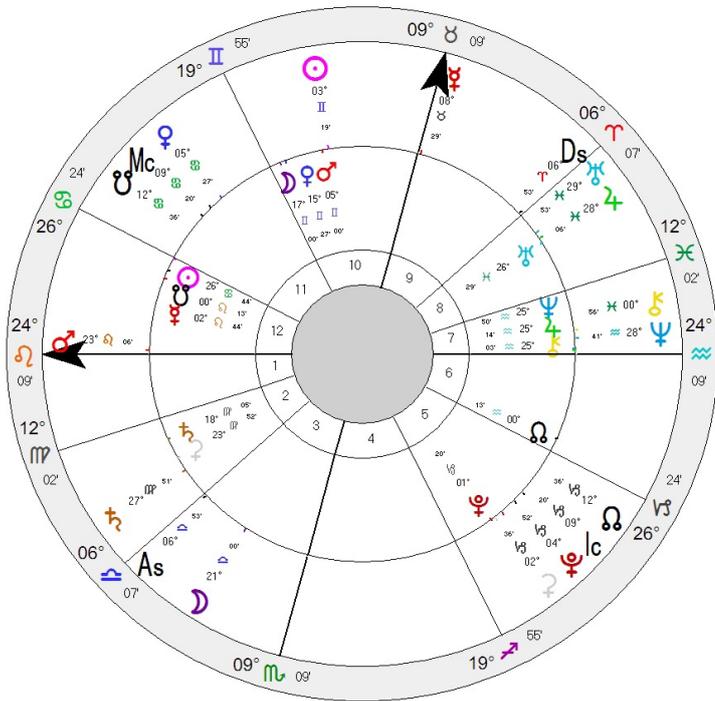
No surprise here to find yet again the SRc horizon lining up with the Nodes and the flood Moon on the SRc Midheaven. Transiting Saturn is on the SRc IC. Another Saturn conjunct meridian - another town whose business and social life is seriously interrupted through loss and broken communications that take time to rebuild and restore.

## THE KESWICK BUS CRASH

Chart 1  
**Keswick - SR 2009**  
 Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (20)  
 Converse  
 24 May 2010, Mon  
 13:45 BST - 1:00  
 Keswick, UK  
 54°N37' 003"W08'

Chart 2  
**School Bus Crash**  
 Natal Chart (25)  
 24 May 2010, Mon  
 13:45 BST - 1:00  
 Braithwaite, UK  
 54°N37' 003"W10'

We move on into 2010. On May 24<sup>th</sup> at about 3h45 pm a bus was carrying schoolchildren home from Keswick along the A66 when, approaching Braithwaite, it had to swerve to avoid a car. It hit another, somersaulted, and killed two of its young passengers - one on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many others were injured, several pretty badly. Again Keswick's 2009 Solar Return has been converse progressed to that moment, and here in the chart on the right is what was going on - the SRC Angles were caught up with Chiron, Mercury and Mars. The MC was with the transiting planet of travel and young folk, the Ascendant was right on the Mars transit, the planet of speed



**Keswick**  
 Sec.Prog. Q2 Mean Quotidian (47)  
 24 May 2010, Mon  
 15:45 LMT +0:12:32  
 Keswick, UK  
 54°N37' 003"W08'

and attack and metal and blood and pain. SR Chiron had met the SRC Descendant, bringing a day whose focus would be maybe on students, maybe on suffering ... in the event, both. And the early Gemini Sun that day was pushing on the Return's own Mars, doubling the Mars/Mercury energies. This was a truly tragic accident. Yet can we call it an accident? Did "the stars incline" only, or did they indeed "compel"? The loss of children is also shown in Keswick's daily progressed chart for May 24<sup>th</sup> 2010, in the poignantly exact Ceres-Moon opposition from Mc to IC and the setting Mercury involving a vehicle. In the daily converse a Moon/Saturn conjunction has almost perfected. There will be families in West Cumbria now with patterns of trauma in their developing charts that were always scheduled to emerge in the late Spring of 2010, and through which fresh growth becomes possible for the soul. If all these good people, caught up in such distressing events, had been given a 'Flashforward' months beforehand, would they - should they - be able to change them through the watchful exercise of free will? Is there a time-line where Chloe goes on home to enjoy the rest of her birthday and the Keswick school is spared its loss and mourning?

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Part Two examines the Cumbria Shootings of June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010.