

ECLIPSE NEWS 1

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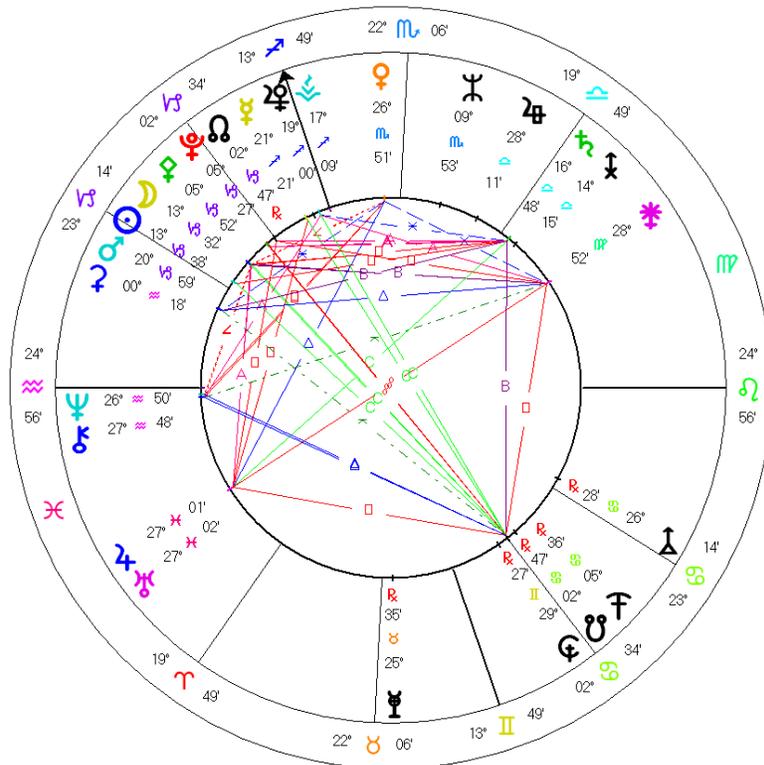
Eclipse Note 1: Sports fans are aware that the Dallas Cowboys coach, Wade Phillips (June 21, 1947), lost his job on November 8, 2010. His natal Sun at 29 Gemini will be eclipsed by the upcoming December lunar eclipse conjunct the Uranian planet Hades. Here we see that the event can precede the eclipse.

Eclipse Note 2: The upcoming January 2011 solar eclipse suggests conflict between Iran and Israel. This conclusion is supported by the lunar eclipse and by the Mars cycle chart.

The October new Moon was a lunar eclipse at 14 Libra. Solar eclipses can have an effect up to 90 days in advance, and the next one is on January 4th, 2011, at 13 Capricorn. This lunation-eclipse combination warms up the degrees at 13 cardinal, and the eclipse keeps these degrees hot into 2011. Any planets in this degree area will be energized.

Chart 1-January. Solar Eclipse

Solar Partial Eclipse
Natal Chart (18)
Jan 4 2011
9:50 am CET - 1:00
Vienna, Austria
48°N 13' 016"E 20'
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node



The first national entity that comes to mind is the Islamic Peoples Republic of Iran with the Sun at 11 Aries. The solar eclipse on October 3, 2005 at 10 Libra opposed the Iranian Sun. That eclipse, as well as this lunation, is conjunct Zeus, the hypothetical planet from the Hamburg School that symbolizes fire, explosions, machinery, and weapons. The October 2005 eclipse began the missile crisis as the world told Tehran to stop their nuclear program. Eclipses opposite

the Sun reduce one in power, but the March 29, 2006 eclipse was conjunct the Iran Sun giving them the power to refuse the world's demand. This lunation is likely to re-ignite the Persian nuclear flame. But the upcoming January eclipse at 13 Capricorn opposes the USA national Sun at 13 Cancer. This suggests that world affairs run against USA interests. The partial eclipse shadows the Mideast, Africa, and southern Europe. An A*C*G map shows that Mars is on the MC through Iran as well as the eclipse itself, cutting through the eclipse shadow. This implies aggression at this point on the map.

Chart 2-January 2011 Eclipse Path

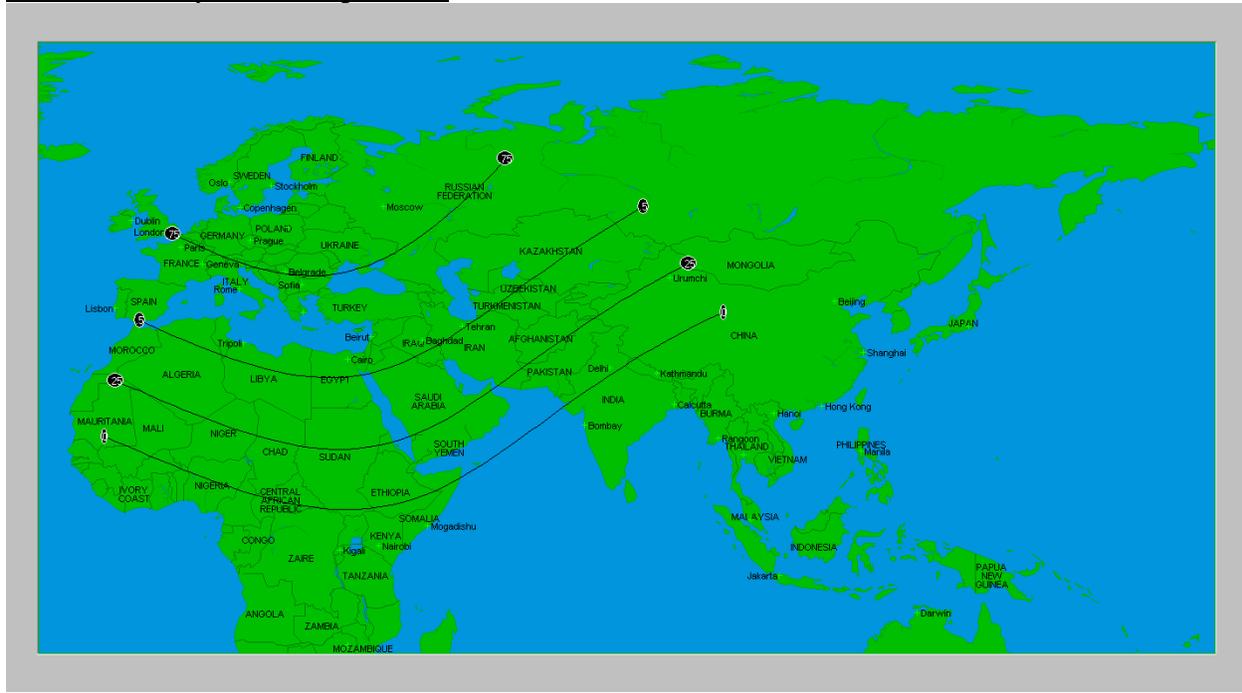
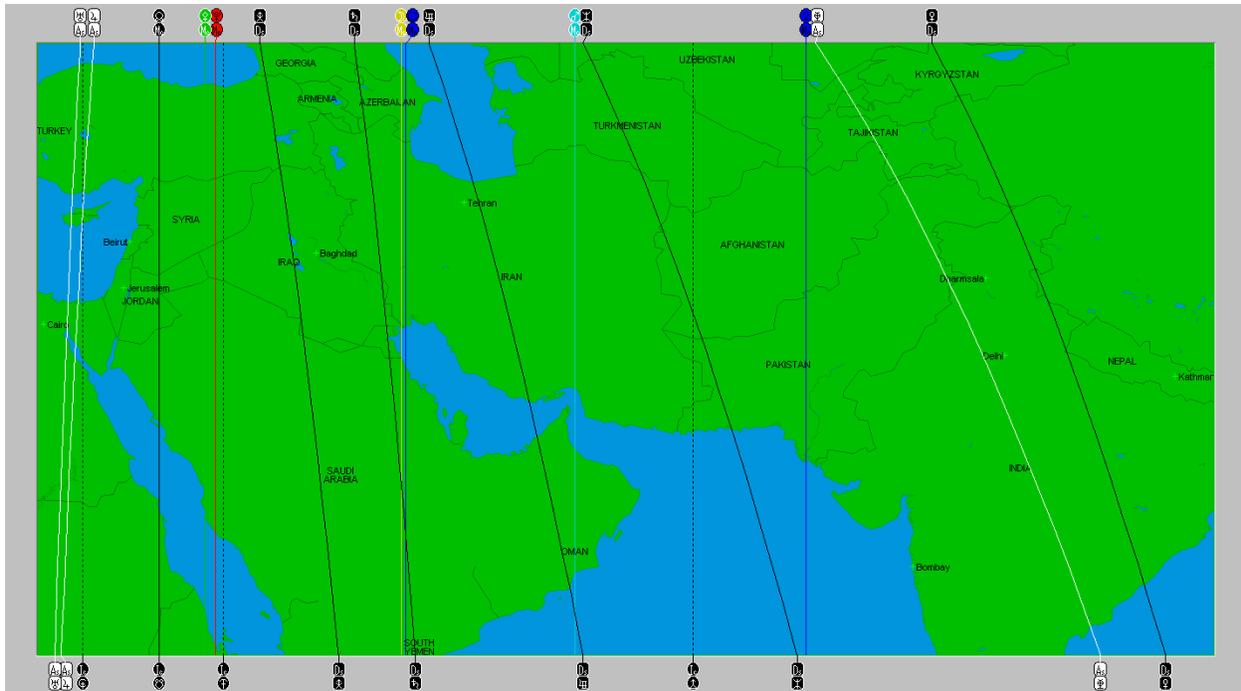


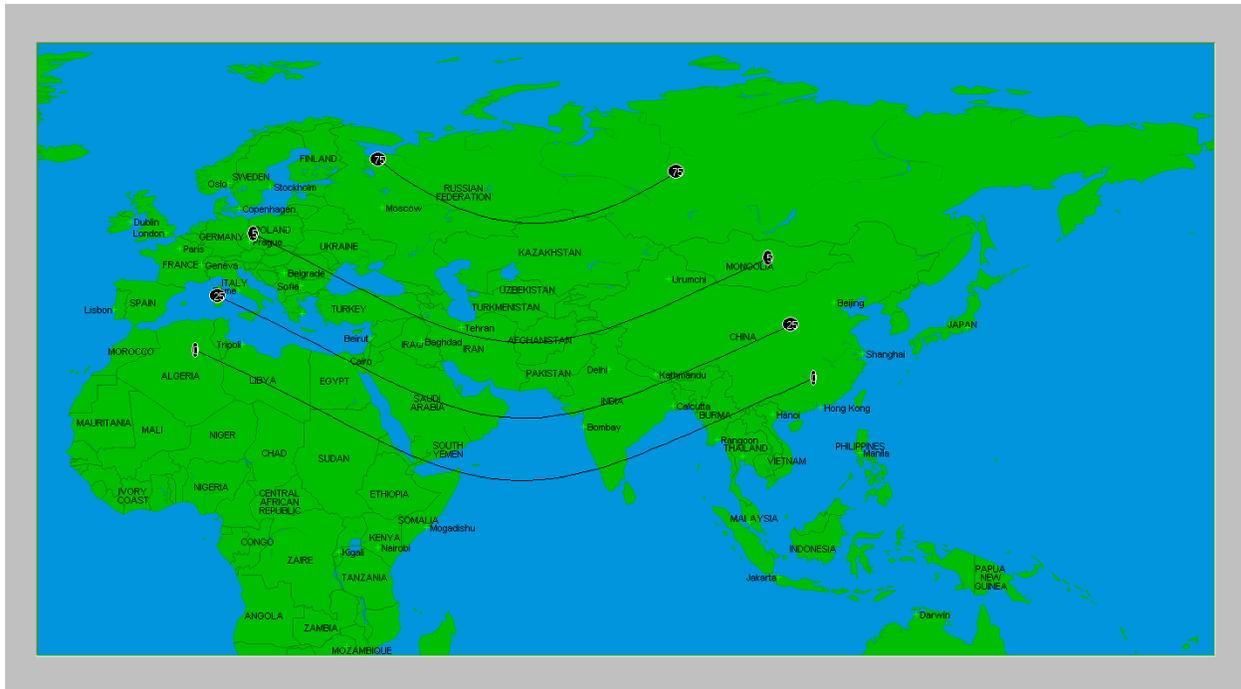
Chart 3-January 2011 Eclipse ACG Map



To gain more information, we look at the past eclipses that are related to the coming 2011 eclipse. The last time that this degree had a solar eclipse was on January 4, 1992 (Metonic Cycle-19 years). It was at this time that the Cold War was officially declared to be over, but the war in Bosnia (also under the path) broke out. On December 24, 1992, the last eclipse in this 18-year Saros cycle (151) occurred. We also must look 3 Saros eclipses ago (3 times 18 years=54 years ago) to the eclipse of December 2, 1956. We do so because eclipses in the same Saros cycle have shadows that slip back 120 degree on the surface of the earth per each eclipse. After 3 eclipses in the same cycle, the same area on earth is under the path of the eclipse. In 1956, this same Mideastern area was darkened as Egypt closed the Suez Canal. Israel, England, and France invaded to re-open the waterway.

Oddly enough, this eclipse carries another message with it: it is the birth eclipse of Ahmanadinejad of Iran, (born October 28, 1956). So he is tied into the series of eclipses. The upcoming December lunar eclipse opposes his progressed Sun, so the planetary tide runs against him. And, his progressed Sun at 29 Sagittarius is only a degree from one of the world points, so he is on center stage. He is not alone there; Israel's Netanyahu has his progressed Sun at the same degree, and his progressed Sun is square his progressed Mars. Working the national horoscope of Israel into the mix, we see that progressed Mars is at 29 Virgo, square progressed Uranus at 28 Gemini, and near the progressed MC at 1 Libra 45. All these planets are piling up on the world points, and transiting Uranus will turn direct at 26 Pisces in December, moving forward to ignite these shared degree areas. We can expect sudden and rash action over the coming months.

Chart 4-December. 2, 1956 Eclipse Path



It appears that there will be a renewed crisis over Iran. The USA and Russia are likely to differ over the resolution. The eclipse of last summer landed on a key degree relating to Russian history, suggesting a change in leadership and in direction. That eclipse was conjunct the degree of the July 1945 eclipse that began the Cold War, and the January 1992 eclipse coincided with the declaration of the end of the war. Moscow and Washington are likely to clash.

Last summer's eclipse opposed the Mars in the 9th house of the US President's inauguration chart and the coming January eclipse is conjunct the Red Planet. President Carter also had Mars in his inauguration chart 9th house, and he also had Persian problems. Transiting Saturn will station in January conjunct the USA progressed Mars and opposite the USA progressed Venus, so America is under an unfavorable influence for both war and peace. Israel is likely to clash with Iran.

The fuse to the Iranian crisis will likely be re-ignited now. The December 2011 eclipse is energized by transit on September 30th when the Sun squares the Node by transit and on December 25th when Mars moves over the eclipse degree at 13 Capricorn.

Confirmation from the Mars Declination Cycle

There is a shift in a cycle as Mars passes through 0 declination from south to north. This measure derives from the cycle charts of Elbert Benjamin in The Doctrine of Mundane Astrology (1935). The cycle chart is constructed by calculating the horoscope for the moment when the planet transits from south to north declination. This chart is set for the locality in question. Only transits and progressions of the planet for which the charts are set are considered. (Benjamin writes 'progressions', but the planets move too slowly to consider only this one technique over a two-year period.) For Mars, we would set a new chart about every 2 years. Mars always reaches this point when it is in early Aries. I began to cast A*C*G maps for these charts in 1990. The Mars lines on the maps have proven to be an indicator of strife. Because the chart is set for the

zero declination passage, the Mars ascendant-descendant line is largely vertical, as is the Midheaven-IC line.

The previous cycle commenced on April 25, 2009. The Mars line ran through Pakistan and Afghanistan. In retrospect, we can see how effective this technique has been. On April 4th, 2011 Mars begins its new cycle. Mars in this horoscope is at 1 Aries conjunct Uranus at 2 Aries. The pair is square Pluto at 7 Capricorn. The midpoints of Mars, Uranus/Sun midpoint equals Pluto. So this horoscope has an explosive combination. The Sun is conjunct Jupiter in Aries and both oppose Saturn and the Uranian planet Zeus in Libra. There are 5 planets in Aries, and these planets run across the 6th house cusp for the chart set up at Washington. Thus, the chart has a martial and a military flavor.

Let us look at the ACG map set for this horoscope. Mars-Uranus are on the MC on a line running from Tokyo in the north south through the middle of Australia. Mars-Uranus are on the ascendant on a line running through Russia in the north and directly through Tehran and on down through the Gulf States, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen. It also runs through the ocean off of Somalia. The pair is on the descendant running through western Canada. Although the Mars cycle line has left Pakistan, the strife may only decrease moderately. The reason is that this country has an unstable national chart with many planets in the early degrees of cardinal signs. There are 3 charts for the country:

Pakistan 3/23/1940 Sun at 2 Aries
Pakistan 8/15/1947 Mars at 0 Cancer
Pakistan Republic 3/23/1956 Sun at 2 Aries

The Mars-Uranus conjunction on April 3rd will ignite this trio. Conflict between the government and Al Qaeda or spillover from any action in Afghanistan or Iran is likely.

Chart 5-ACG Map of 2011 Mars Cycle Chart

Cairo, the Suez Canal and Tehran. The path ends in Russia. Trouble began to brew in this area when Israel intercepted boats that were running their legal blockade, and their boarding soldiers were attacked. At the time of this writing in June of 2010, Iran is planning to send naval vessels through the Suez Canal to accompany the next group of blockade runners. Note how the Canal was of great importance in 1956 and suddenly fate places it in the spotlight again in 2011!

This solar eclipse opposes the 13 Cancer USA national Sun. An eclipse opposite the Sun tends to reduce one in terms of prestige and power. In fact, the USA natal Saturn is at 14 Libra, so the eclipse-transiting Saturn square is overlapping the same natal Sun-natal Saturn square. This square is symbolic of American role of global policeman. It appears that this role will be tested. The January 26 Saturn retrograde station at 17 Libra is only 1 degree short of the USA progressed Mars at 18 Libra. This is unfavorable for any aggressive actions. The USA is likely to feel compelled to action by world events, but the results are unlikely to be favorable if Washington chooses to act. Let us hope it does not turn out as the failed Iranian hostage rescue did one Saturn cycle ago during the Carter administration.

There are two modern horoscopes for Iran. The first is set for March 21, 1935 when Persia changed to the modern name. The second is set for the establishment of the People's Republic on April 1, 1979. The first horoscope has the Sun only 12 minutes short of zero Aries, so the natal Persian Sun catches all of the action at the cardinal points. The second has the Sun at 11 Aries and Pluto at 18 Libra. Thus the solar eclipse is roughly square the natal Sun and Saturn is stationing on natal Pluto. In the converse progressed chart of the 1935 horoscope, the Sun is at 13 Capricorn, the degree of the solar eclipse.

The December lunar eclipse was on the national Sun of Kuwait. This is likely to somehow draw this tiny Gulf state into the maelstrom that will swirl through the Middle East.

The conflict between Iran and Israel will likely escalate. April 1st and 6th are two the most important dates upon which to expect a major event in this direction. The embers are likely to continue to smolder throughout 2011.