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SHOCK AND AWE
AND NEPTUNIAN DELUSION

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So here come these guys who put on their go-to-church clothes when they go to work at the White House and Pentagon, where they perceive their work as being to collect tax money from the American people and invest it in a revolution to bring freedom and democracy to the Iraqi people.

Astrologically, it's interesting to note that half a cycle of Pluto ago (planet of revolution) the Russian Revolution was launched, leading to the creation of the Soviet Union. (See Chart #1) The stated aim of the Soviets was to transform Russia into a socialist society, a "worker's paradise."

The stated aim of the War in Iraq is to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq, but it's clear that few sentient creatures on the planet (outside the US information echo chamber) believe this is the real purpose. The real purpose is a neo-colonialist revolution. If it succeeds, it will create an investor's paradise. And not just in Iraq. The architects of this revolution have "re-mapping" the Middle East and beyond. As they see it, all God's children shall benefit from their idea of freedom to exploit resources and control democracy.

"You have the right to disagree, but if your disagreement becomes disagreeable, the police have the duty to arrest you."

Violent revolutions are famous for riding waves of reason-crushing passion. What seems exceptional about this Bush-led neo-con Israeli-lobby-boosted revolution is that most of the passion it has aroused is against the Mad-Hatter reasoning of its perpetrators. This was captured adroitly by freelance writer Peter Freundlich from New York in the following American Public Radio commentary:

"All right. Let me see if I understand the logic of this correctly: We are going to ignore the United Nations in order to make clear to Saddam Hussein that the United Nations cannot be ignored. We're going to wage war to preserve the UN's ability to avert war. The paramount

principle is that the UN's word must be taken seriously-- and if we have to subvert its word to guarantee that it is, then by God, we will. Peace is too important not to take up arms to defend. Am I getting this right? Further: if the only way to bring democracy to Iraq is to vitiate the democracy of the Security Council, then we are honor-bound to do that, too, because democracy, as WE define it, is too important to be stopped by a little thing like democracy as THEY define it. Also, in dealing with a man who brooks no dissension at home, we cannot afford dissension among ourselves. We must speak with one voice against Saddam Hussein's failure to allow opposing voices to be heard. We are sending our gathered might to the Persian Gulf to make the point that "might does not make right," as Saddam Hussein seems to think it does. And we are twisting the arms of the opposition until it agrees to let us oust a regime that twists the arms of the opposition. We cannot leave in power a dictator who ignores his own people. And if our people--and people elsewhere in the world--fail to understand that, then we have no choice but to ignore them. Listen. Don't misunderstand. I think it is a good thing that the members of the Bush administration seem to have been reading Lewis Carroll. I only wish someone had pointed out that "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking-Glass" are meditations on paradox and puzzle and illogic and on the strangeness of things--not templates for foreign policy. It is amusing for The Mad Hatter to say something like "We must make war on him because he is a threat to peace," but not amusing for someone who actually commands an army to say that. As a collector of laughable arguments, I'd be enjoying all this were it not for the fact that I know--we all know--that lives are going to be lost in what amounts to a freak, circular-reasoning accident."

One of the things that fascinates me about this presently unfolding war is that aspect of Neptune's realm called costuming. Dress George Bush up in second-hand Thrift Store clothes and leave him standing on a corner of any big city's Skid Row, and he'd be lucky if the loony bin got him before the next manic-depressive wino happened by. The same can be said for his "brain trust": Woffowitz, Rumsfeld, Chaney, et al.

Antiwar protestors of the Sixties made a stark contrast with the go-to-church costumes of that batch of war mongers by stripping nude, except for flowers in the hair, at what were called Love-ins. Others wore the

costume of the presumed enemy then: the black pajamas of the Viet Cong.

Now the US propaganda machine has managed to convince around 60 percent of the US population that Saddam Heissein was responsible for the attacks of 9/11--if you believe those polls, that is. Which not many Americans do. That brings up the costumes of the generic "Arab Terrorist," a get-up that looks like it's out of the movie "Lawrence of Arabia" to most Americans, most of whose knowledge of history comes from the movies.

Don't get me wrong: I don't think my fellow countrymen are stupid. Quite the contrary, I have seen plenty of evidence to suggest that my fellow countrymen are generally a lot brighter than their politicians. They are certainly brighter than their politicians presume. If they are presently appearing to "go along to get along," well, hey, everybody's gotta eat and pay rent. One way to accomplish that is to join the military and don the military costume. The neo-con controlled American media has done such a bang-up public relations job that you are now able to buy faux camouflage garb at your nearest shopping mall.

Eventually, I am sure, the romance of making war--oops, I mean, "bringing freedom and democracy to the Iraqis"--will go out of style. In fact, it is very likely to go as far out of style as those spectacular costumes worn by Nazi officers during World War II and their CIA-backed Chilean imitators 20 years later.

My natal Uranus is opposition my MC and years ago, I expressed this influence by buying a Russian military fur hat with a Red Star on it. I quickly learned that although it was excellent protection from freezing weather, it sent a misleading message. I can't rip the Red Star off without ruining the whole hat, so I carry the thing around in the trunk of my car in case I get stranded in a blizzard.

Costumes and their impacts on the sensibilities of we humans who imbue them with meaning are part of Neptune's realm. So it comes as no big surprise to find that when George Bush, dressed in his Sunday best, led the world into this new revolutionary adventure, the planet Neptune was opposition his Ascendant. And with Jupiter simultaneously conjunct his Ascendant, Neptune's deceptive influence was especially strong within him, and by extension colored this whole neo-con undertaking. If it weren't such a massive insanity and senseless blood-letting, it would be the stuff of musical comedy, eclipsing "Springtime for Hitler". (See Chart #2)

Moreover, Bush's Uranus in the 10th house (square his natal Jupiter in the 3rd) was caught with his Moon's Nodes between an opposition formed by Saturn and Pluto, the status quo in conflict with the next new thing. Calling himself a "compassionate conservative," it seems only Mad-Hatter-logical that Dubya would see it as his God-given duty to send the mightiest military the world has ever known on a mission to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq in the form of "shock and awe" bombing.

Did someone say "oil"? "Israel"? Hush, before you end up in an undisclosed location.

Assuming our planet and most of us will survive Bush and his neo-cons--and the inevitable backlash they will create--we will one day look back upon this time as among the maddest in history, if not THE absolute maddest of all time. Meanwhile, it's interesting to note that Pluto is now square where it was in 1965 at the height of the Vietnam War madness, when Pluto was also conjunct Uranus, with both conjunct the US Neptune. Being believers in linear time, the neo-cons will no doubt be shocked, shocked when the cycles of time bring them--as it brought the promoters of the Vietnam War--face to face with their fantastic Mad-Hatter delusion.

If it's true, as I believe it is, that the larger conflict we are now living through is between bygone autocracy and an emerging refinement of democracy, the future beyond the black smoke of war-torn Iraq today is bright with hope. Because one side-effect of this war is that people all over the planet are discovering, or rediscovering, their collective wisdom and expressing it, as in the quote from Peter Freundlich.

Chart #1

Inner Wheel
Russian Rev. 1905
Natal Chart (2)
 Jan 22 1905
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 Stalingrad > Volgogr
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Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node

Outer Wheel
Transits Mar 18 2003
Event Chart (5)
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Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node

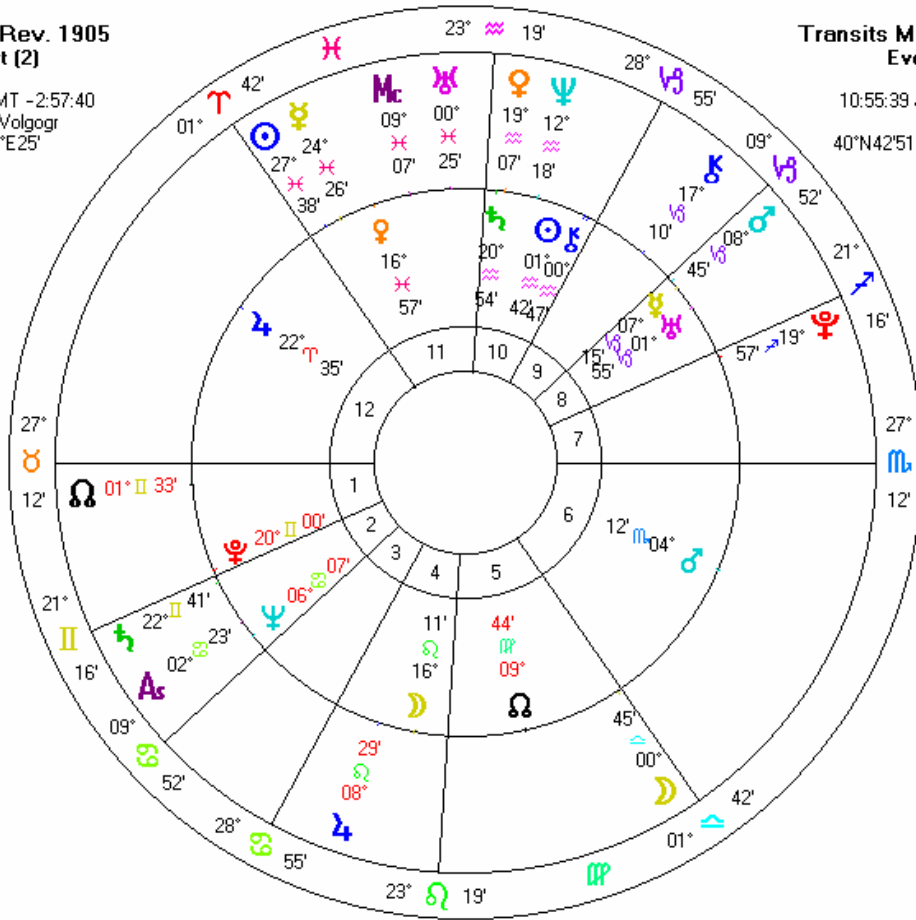


Chart #2

Inner Wheel
George W. Bush
Natal Chart (7)
 Jul 6 1946
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 New Haven, CT
 41°N18'29" 072°W55'43"
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node

Outer Wheel
Transits Mar 18 2003
Event Chart (5)
 Mar 18 2003
 10:55:39 am EST +5:00
 New York, NY
 40°N42'51" 074°W00'23"
Geocentric
Tropical
Placidus
True Node

