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SIDEREAL CANCER
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“Wear your character as lightly as you would change your hat” is a saying at Chicago’s Second City, but it also really relates to the outlook of the Moon sign. Sidereal Cancers (July 16-Aug 16) are the ones wearing the funny hats—to distract and direct attention to them and their coterie of eccentric characters. We can become a bit-player in their sanguine, albeit very romantic, daily soap opera. Cancer wears the hat to disarm predators, attract mates, and bemuse onlookers, but also, for adornment. They like to shroud themselves in the colors of their moods. Cancers rule by seduction, histrionics and artifice, they win emotional manipulation games and staged confrontations. All of their energy is bound into this Kabuki play. The hat may be sexy, absurdist or denote rank, but the process is as serious as cancer. The hat transcends a Cancer into a powerful amulet, while obscuring his or her intentions. Cancers can subtly draw attention away from themselves and towards their objective, by staging the theatrics to win us over; to pull us in, to direct attention away from themselves and their moods. Cancers rule by seduction, histrionics and artifice, they win emotional manipulation games and staged confrontations. All of their energy is bound into this Kabuki play. The hat may be sexy, absurdist or denote rank, but the process is as serious as cancer. The hat transcends a Cancer into a powerful amulet, while obscuring his or her intentions. Cancers can subtly draw attention away from themselves and towards their objective, by staging the theatrics to win us over; to pull us in, to disarm us and make us pliable. The hat is needed to obliquely empower Cancer, one of their main remedies for their deeper, unscripted insecurities. Cancers are the actors of the Zodiac. Their emotions range from mother love, the basic elements of faith and hope. So let them wear their fun.
Your Psycho Boss by Ivana

**Aries: April 15**
Selfish, aggressive douchebag oblivious to everyone’s needs but his own. Copes by screaming and throwing his fists in the air.

**Taurus: May 16**
Fat, lazy indulgent slob. Refuses to hand you that folder because she “doesn’t feel like walking around the desk”.

**Gemini: June 16**
Two faced? Stop complementing this master bullshitter with a multiple personality disorder. Instead of helping out his employees he earns his living by being glued to his phone and talking about irrelevant crap.

**Cancer: July 16**
Hormonal bitch whose PMS lasts 31 days a month. Likes to work with family members who she thinks are always right and you are always wrong no matter what.

**Leo: August 16**
Insecure little boy who spends all his time explaining to his employees how amazing and talented he is. Thinks his responsibility in his business begins and ends with saying “I’m the boss” all day long.

**Virgo: September 16**
Never satisfied perfectionist nitpicky worrier who doesn’t have a life outside of work and is pathetic enough to be proud of it.

**Libra: October 16**
Lazy indecisive incompetent sloth convinced that his relationship and appearance come before anything related to work.

**Scorpio: November 16**
Sick manipulative witch. Quite literally. Thinks sex and black magic are great methods for getting a promotion. Watch your back.

**Sagittarius: Dec. 16**
Big mouthed opinioned asshole who thinks it’s his mission in life to convert you to his religion. Hypocrite who spends the time he should be working gambling and doing his mistress while fronting as a good husband and father.

**Capricorn: January 16**
Sick perfectionist workaholic who finds the ultimate inspiration in Stalin and takes pride in making her subordinates miserable. Feels joy only when she makes those beneath her suicidal.

**Aquarius: Feb. 14**
Unstable aloof wacko who thinks that helping one employee means stepping on ten others. Eccentric more preoccupied with socializing than doing his job. Always, ALWAYS right.

**Pisces: March 15**
Indecisive spineless weasel. Unprofessional, lazy delusional liar, suck up and fuck up. Cannot spell work, does not want to try. A disorganized mess of a boss who makes his employees miserable because they never ever know what’s going on.

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**Random Commentary**

**CANCER, CARDINALISM AND BREASTS**
The Cardinal signs—Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn—are complex because they incorporate the ideas around them into their own energies, and each Cardinal sign is a unique blend of the self and a proposed objective or attitude. The Cardinals live to persuade and elucidate. They have a message that must be projected along with the self, maybe even, in some cases, in place of the self. Cancer displays their beliefs with the same vigor as self-promotion—the two are often superimposed.

Cancer rules the breasts, and a woman’s Cancer Sun or Moon sign can mean full breasts, all else being equal. But the Cancer’s connection to breasts is OUR attitude about them. Men see them as affirmation of sexual desire. However stupidly, men feel the larger the breasts, the more libidinous the woman. Cancers, like most women, see them as a fashion foundation, the main attraction in a three ring circus. Like a hat, an eye-catching prop.

Far from seeing breasts as telegraphing sexual readiness, Cancers regard them as working appendages. Cancer tends to desexualize the breasts and objectify them with an original purpose; as form follows function.

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“**In the morning I wipe my brow/ Wipe the miles away/ I like to think I can be so willed/ And never do what you say/ I’ll never hear you/ And never do what you say.**”
—Barry Sanders, July 16, 1968 (1º Cancer)

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**Speculating in generalities is hard work, but someone has to do it**

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**SIDEREAL STARTING DATES**

These dates vary slightly according to year, consult your natal chart for exact placement

Aries April 15
Taurus May 16
Gemini June 16
Cancer July 16
Leo Aug. 16
Virgo Sept. 16
Libra Oct. 16
Scorpio Nov. 16
Sagittarius Dec. 16
Capricorn Jan. 16
Aquarius Feb. 14
Pisces Mar. 15

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NATURE IS CRUEL
Cancers represents the natural order of things, the phases of the Moon, the flow of seasons, the cycle of life and redemption. Yet the inexorable grind of natural events can only be explained as soulless, in complete disregard of all human hopes and ideals. It's on Cancer to rectify the two extremes. They can cultivate an understanding of the boundless passions of humankind and the infinite coldness of the oceans. Cancer is ruled by the sea, its tides, and the Moon, which rules over all of them with a mournful autocracy. There's always danger and drama in the life of the Cancer, and sometimes intuition, camouflage and their hardened defences can't prevent attacks from potential enemies. Cancers observe that nature loves diversity and hates stasis, and is fluid like Shiva, creating and destroying with the same busy hands. They ride the waves like the Marvel superhero, the Silver Surfer.

That paradigm faces every Cancerean mood: how to navigate the dialectical forces of nature without losing traction. Cancers can make us visualize the person that they want to be, they suggest it; we affirm it. This helps them solidify their hold on reality, which they see as relative and subjective. How well they succeed reflects the quality of their acting abilities and persuasion. Surely, they are more Sidereal Cancer film and stage actors by far than any other sign, except perhaps Pisces. Cancer wants fame bad, but sometimes has to settle for notoriety. Cancers Michael Richards, Barry Bonds, Jerry Falwell and Whitney Houston all suffered near-fatal falls from grace; yet they have all been since reabsorbed into the cultural man; they're all too much loved to be thrown away. With Cancer, love itself becomes the enemy of rational thought. Growth becomes an instrument of invasion.

CANCER LESSONS
 Cancer is the message that unconstrained growth can be evil; we can be killed by life. Cancer can grow even in the most hostile environment, for no other purpose than to dominate, the way a vine dominates the side of a building. Like its medical cousin, Cancer wants to rule through critical mass, wants to invade every cell; Cancer is imperialism of the heart. This behavior in human Cancers is only brought on by fear, the basic insecurity of their heart.

PLANETARY DIVERSIONS
The Moon phases directly affect Cancer: The shrinking moon drains Cancer of vitality. The new moon is a new start, and Cancer's stature grows in sync with the waxing moon. When the moon is full, Cancer is confident, capable of great action, theatrics and sometimes a great foolish delusion. This also is true for people with a Cancer Moon or other luminary planet in Cancer: The Moon may be volatile, but it's very sexy. With a non-penis-fetishist female sexuality, Cancer has fulsome appetites, the sign of the Queen who takes a young lover; possibly her son, possibly a god. It's part of the Cancer charisma that all these secrets are classified and held close to the heart. Cancer men are the few words-and more action oriented guys. Robert Mitchum, James Cagney and Billy Bob Thornton are examples of tough-guy Cancers with a heart.

CANCER VS GEMINI
Is Cancer nicer than Gemini? Cancer does have a fully functioning heart, and so people like them better. People liked Sidereal Gemini Tom Cruise, but he had a series of public meltdowns. This won't happen to Sidereal Cancers—they are too well protected by their body armor. Even Cancer Machine Gun Kelly had his bevy of admirers. However,
Western Tropical astrology is a full sign too far ahead. Some Cancers are Cancer in any system; if their birthdays fall between the 16th and 21st of July. However, If you were born between July 16–Aug. 15, you’re really a Sidereal Cancer; NOT a Leo, as you’ve been told. Being miscast your entire life must have given you heartburn; all that Leo bluster is just not in your Zodiacal repertoire. There are subtle and glaring differences in these archetypes: Cancer represents the maternal family, it’s cycles and fertility, and all its passing generations. Leo represents the predator family; its ranking and imperatives. The Cancer family is driven by the needs of cooperation and mutual support, the Leo family is based on the power at the top and the acquiesce of the group. Cancer has an open mind and develops a great tolerance and compassion for the frailties of others. Leo can be haughty and derisive of weaklings. As symbolized by grapes on the vine, Cancer reaches out for sustenance, in bursts, or waves, in simple efforts to find greater security in expansion, peace of mind through growth. Cancers are guided by the Goddess Moon, with indefatigable, empathic, unconditional love of her children. When the Moon wanes though, Cancers can drop the love like a hot potato, and opt instead for a highly developed sense of self-protection, and resistance to the group. Cancer’s head may control the locomotion, but the Moon controls the emotions, and they just get swept away. It’s this intimate bond with our closest cosmic body that makes you humble but happy. What the Moon takes away, it will return, in full measure. Being a part of this cycle is Cancer’s greatest strength, a true tenacity and a life-grip on the pulse and flow of time itself. No wonder Cancers are often experts at organization and management, a natural venue for their natural-born instincts for collaboration. If this at first does not compute, then, let’s run astrological archetypes and see if something sticks:

**The Real Geminis**—born after June 16th, are volatile, skittish, unemotional and can shockingly alter personalities according to an ancestral fight-or-flight instinct:

**The Real Cancers**—born after July 16th, are emotional, nurturing, secretive, and change their minds according to the Moon’s phases; Cancers sell motherhood.

**The Real Leos**—born after Aug. 15th, are autocratic, egotistic, animalistic, who abide only by the rules of the pride and its separate division of labor. Or not. There are always exceptions: in some cases, there are extreme versions of any sign. For Cancer, the dialectic originates from Moonbeams, which switches Cancer from hopeful to helpless and back again at regular intervals.

**Too much of a Good Thing**
Cancer can go overboard. Even love can be toxic. Cancer will, and can, love their children—human, animal, or inanimate—to death if they become too obsessive. The only way for them not to smother is so spread their love around. It’s just as well that Cancers are very open-minded, they can love anyone, no matter how gross or humble. Cancers can delay judgement, they prefer the emotional quality of mercy to the expectations of reality. Cancers are more consistently willing to stay monogamous because the development of character is important to them. They require, above all, a sense of security and safety, and they are willing to work and grow in order to get it. events can snap back painfully on Cancers when they do let their guard down.

Cancers can be bad, very bad. If they’re not getting into trouble, they’re helping us get into trouble. They’re shifty. They can be very mean and passive aggressive while they protect themselves. They rely on the suspension of disbelief in many of the sales pitches they have and will give over the course of their lives. They are full of intrigue and need cohorts. They are often paid to misrepresent things, and willingly do, very well on stage and in the boardrooms, too. This evil, “bad Mom” is typified by double-Cancer Benito Mussolini, a ruthless manipulator and serial liar. His private life, replete with multiple wives, children and mistresses, is quite the Cancer cult-of-personality run amok and rewarded with a gory death.

**REAL MOM, MEDIA MOM**
Cancers are often connected to motherhood and the Moon in prime directive, but actual nurturing is very often lacking in Cancers, who prefer to sublimate their maternalistic urges for the greater good. Cancers want to be loved by all humanity. Many Cancers sacrifice parenthood altogether to offer their services to a larger, but less demanding, audience.

Triple Cancer Sally Struthers was spokesperson for Child Fund International, in so doing, she expanded her range from her own daughter to all children, calling upon everyone to be a good mother. Cancers can take motherhood from the micro to the macro. Some Cancers, male or female, do provide nurturing and maternal love, but others can be absentee or even a cruel mother; Cancers who are involved in career and fame often have no time for their own brood. Cancer Men often exhibit these tendencies; they cannot bear being upstaged by their own offsprings, and remain childless, or are purposefully detached from their children. Some, like double Cancer David Spade, cling to their own childhood, and resist taking responsibility for their own kids. Double Cancer Rose Kennedy had with a reputation as less of a mother and more of a superior officer. She ran a quasi-military operation and forced her retarded daughter to have a frontal lobotomy. On the other hand, Cancer can be a mother hen, like triple Cancer Carlos Santana, with a Leo Moon, who cultivates and supports a expanded family entourage that includes old friends, recording artists, former wives and assorted kids. Significantly, some Cancer women, like early feminists Annie Oakley and Amelia Earhart, eschewed kids altogether to advance a cause, in this case, equality for women. The mother love here is spread to all humanity.

**CANCER: THE PEOPLE’S SIGN**
What gives Cancer an uncanny knack for the feelings of the group? How is it they can sense its mood swings and even use propaganda and subterfuge to influence the outcome? An open mind and high degree of tolerance makes Cancer the sign of the masses—the spiritual affirmation of humanity. Yet Cancer is the also a true sign of rugged individualism. Cancer understands the mass in its yearning for individuality. These inherent Cancer strengths are mysterious and surprisingly versatile. It’s a respect for the inner child and one’s developing character that makes Cancers so sensitive to the needs of each and every individual. Differences work cohesively with integration as passing phases of the Moon and bring resolution of our fears and desires. Cancer works indirectly, circling a problem obliquely, like the crab’s sideways movement. And like an angry protective crab, Cancer will attack the flanks rather than give ground.

**WATCH OUT!**
The big health problem for Cancer is **water retention**—sluggishness—in both males and females. Excess liquids of all kinds can hurt Cancer. Booze (Purines), tea (tannics), coffee (caffeine), or soda (sugar) are bad, but even too much water, if not processed as sweat or urine quickly, can be excessive for Cancer people. Milk and dairy products, the feel-good foods, lay like swill in the bowels.

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Cancers are susceptible to a volatile water absorption rate, which rises and falls with the Moon's phases as well as the amount of sodium in the diet.

Endema is a hazardous condition; when out of control it can lead to serious health problems. Cancers can too easily adjust to abnormal levels of water retention, feeling as if it were a natural consequence of life cycles, rather than a result of a vitamin deficiency and a mineral imbalance.

CANCER HEALING SYSTEMS

The balance of intercellular fluids is the way to restore the joy and security of glowing health to Cancer. Salt is the source of life, so you can't and shouldn't eliminate it. If your body gets bloated because of moon-cycle-caused water retention, just counter it with a hefty B-complex vitamin, one that supplies at least 100 mgs of vitamin B6. This particular vitamin and extra potassium (50-250 mgs a day) will prevent and help eliminate water retention. All Cancer organs are probably overworked as a result of the retention of fluids and the gunk floating around in it. If you can, give the stomach, liver, and kidneys a vacation with a monthly 24-hour fast. And get off your ass—walk, run, swim. Take a quick baking-soda infused bath, take a cold shower to restore the skin to a tight, alkaline condition.

CANCER POWER FOODS

Discover the mother of whole grains, millet. A steaming bowl of this venerable, hearty porridge every morning will lift your spirits and serve your cells energy carbohydrates for days. Also look for anything containing natural sources of potassium: seaweed, dandelion greens, parsley, cabbage, rice bran, lima beans, endive, watercress, cucumbers, mushrooms. Bananas, avocados, melons. Cancer metabolism is the key to a clean burn of food. The Cancer must have physical activity. Sweat should be the final ingredient in all recipes, as in vigorous exercise to burn it off.

CAPRICORN VS CANCER

Cancers can learn a lot from Capricorn, (and vice-versa) two opposites in the Zodiac. Both signs have big ambitions and leadership aspirations. Cancers can do everything that Capricorns can do; achieve long term objectives and delay gratification; but they can do it with style. While Capricorns are the bones and virtue of structure, Cancers can make even a desert bloom like an oasis. If Cancers could get their priorities sorted out like Capricorn, they'd be more credible. Cancer can do indirectly, adroitly, what takes Capricorn a direct assault. Cancer can lead the group but must develop the emotional dissonance that comes to Capricorn as second nature. Capricorn represents a painful, masculine, learning system, Cancer wants a maternal, flexible, intimate one. Life with Cancer can be like a circus tent, while Capricorns want to run everything like a hedge fund. Luckily both signs are attuned to their respective job description and their affinities; hey, it's a job!

MIND/BODY

Cancer is one of the signs that can readily detach itself mentally from its own body. So they have little faith in the body's healing abilities, and waste their loyalties on lost-cause or faddist health regimes. They can panic at (or ignore!) signs of illness. They have a tendency to repress stress and anxiety under layers of secret ruminations and deceptions. It's a desperate need—but failure to achieve—control of the environment that causes this anxiety. Since the only place control can be complete is in a dreamscape, Cancers become experts in creating one. The body is not subject to fantasy, but rather physical law, and not to listen to it is to desecrate it. The Cancer has a captive audience of its own body, a congregation of all its disparate personality offshoots, and the act of self-love can be a tour de force performance.

"My job in this life is to give people spiritual ecstasy through music. In my concerts people cry, laugh, dance. If they climaxed spiritually, I did my job. I did it decently and honestly." —Carlos Santana, July 20, 1947

"The TV business is uglier than most things. It is normally perceived as some kind of cruel and shallow money trench through the heart of the journalism industry, a long plastic hallway where thieves and pimps run free and good men die like dogs, for no good reason." —Hunter S. Thompson, July 18 1937

"Communal well-being is central to human life." —Cat Stevens. July 21, 1948

You can either look at things in a brutal, truthful way that's depressing, or you can screw around and have fun.—David Spade, July 22, 1964

"I grew up in the Bronx where you would stay up late with your girlfriends, just being silly in our bedrooms, whatever. And I was always the clown." —Jennifer Lopez, July 24, 1970

"Doing a film in that period, and having to really celebrate what they were back then, how they sat and how they spoke. You know, what the etiquette was back then for a lady. All of those things are like putting on a wig and transforming yourself, which I love." —Charlize Theron, August 7, 1975

"I looked on child rearing not only as a work of love and duty but as a profession that was fully as interesting and challenging as any honorable profession in the world and one that demanded the best that I could bring to it." —Rose Kennedy, July 22, 1890

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad." —Aldous Huxley, July 26, 1894

"It is all very well to copy what one sees, but it is far better to draw what one now only sees in one's memory. That is a transformation in which imagination collaborates with memory." —Edgar Degas, July 19, 1834

"All the things I love is what my business is all about." —Martha Stewart, August 3, 1941

"My memory of my mom is a wine glass in one hand and a cigarette in the other. She was a runway fashion model, and she was quite a glamorous woman." —Loni Anderson, August 5, 1946

"God intended woman to be outside as well as men, and they do not know what they are missing when they stay cooped up in the house with a novel." —Annie Oakley, August 13, 1860

"What's the worst that can happen? If it doesn't do well I can put on my big girl panties, deal with it and move on." —Halle Berry, August 14, 1968

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Enter Pluto. Insecurities and addiction to power precede logic. Pluto rules the underground, so its positive influence is rarely as obvious as its negative. One of Pluto’s negative manifestations is that it makes some people in a position of power feel insecure. They feel powerless, too; so they rob their subordinates of power to make themselves feel better. Only spiritually evolved individuals know the path to power is to empower others. The effective leader is a positive manifestation of Pluto, equally powerful but a less obvious force of change.

All of us must strive to develop all the planets’ energies in the most positive way; and when we don’t, we land on the other side of the equation. With Saturn and Pluto in the picture, it’s always a painful side to be on.

The bad economy escalated bullying; but the same force behind the power of bullies is now behind a growing opposition. The present series of Saturn-Pluto squares expresses the last ditch effort of bullies to hold on to power. As we move into a long-term Saturn-Uranus-Pluto T-square, employees’ demand for respect and equality will increase to the boiling point and so will their unwillingness to take the same crap a minute longer. Push is coming to shove—someone will fall from grace and it won’t be just the workers.

Abusive employers are spiritual lizards—no offense to lizards—and they are too blind to see that the power they use to destroy the lives of their employees (Pluto) is the same power their employees will use to fight back.

I watch in awe as employers with their Pluto out of whack turn into chicken shit puddles when met with a forceful spirit of opposition that their abuse created in their subordinates.

Tyrants can dish it but they can’t take it. The one undocumented trait that bullying employers all have is being terribly out of touch with reality. It escapes their notice that nobody stays in power forever. However irritating it may be to watch bullies abuse their employees, it’s all the more entertaining to see the tables turn on them when they finally land on their face …after falling from a very tall tower.

Your job, even if you’re the boss, (especially if you’re the boss) is to

- Cultivate a strong sense of security and confidence (Saturn) within yourself by cultivating a strong sense of security and confidence in others, and
- Empower yourself (Pluto) by empowering others.

If you indulge in abusing your subordinates and cooking the books without a care about thousands of people who will lose what they spent their entire lives working for, Saturn and Pluto will make sure that you personally end up “cooked” yourself and that the rest of us will have a blast watching the comeuppance.

Next time you go to your workplace, the workplace you own, or manage, you might want to curb your enthusiasm. You have forgotten that without your employees you’re a joke, and I’d be happy to remind you.

Because really, that’s all you are.

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Unemployment and job pressures are on the rise. So is corporate fraud; and so is something else rarely talked about, but also a direct result of a poor economy: workplace bullying. Employers’ abuse of power over their subordinates has become epidemic, and is far one of the nastiest side effects of the contracting job market, where workers are finding it harder than ever to get a paycheck.

Power abuse in the workplace has always been around, but current unemployment rates and fear of job loss among those still employed help escalate the abuse of power to despicable proportions. This increase also coincides with an ongoing Square between transiting Pluto and Saturn. This hard aspect between such two relentless forces; change and control, defines the limitations of power. Misuse of power is a Plutonian problem and fear is the Saturnine problem that enables it. Since there’s a flip side to every coin, both planets represent abusive behavior and its consequences; something lost on bullying employers who think they can get away with power-tripping on their subordinates without a backlash.

Numerous companies lose money because of high turnover caused by employee lack of ability or lack of desire to contribute, due to ongoing emotional abuse. Yet, abusive employers still bully, thinking that nothing will ever change.

This ultimately is their downfall. Some bosses are blind and some pretend not to see that the only certainty is change itself. Change transforms even the most hardened position. Every single person has Saturn and Pluto in their chart and every single person is subject to their transits. Pluto’s mission is to make sure that no one ever gets away with murder. If you ever found yourself at the mercy of an employer who has none, take comfort. It doesn’t matter if they die warm in their bed, everybody in the thrall of this transit gets a taste of their own medicine, their just desserts.

Saturn’s placement in our chart is our point of insecurity. We, however—not Saturn—determine how we are going to deal with it. Dysfunctional Saturn manifests as effort to make those we target, like our employees, feel insecure. An emotionally and mentally balanced individual builds his or her own confidence and security by enhancing those qualities in his or her employees.

It is much easier it is for a business to make a profit when its employees feel empowered. Never mind how emotionally disturbed bullying employers are, they appear to be straight-up stupid not to make the connection.

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After eight horrific years with sociopath mass murderer George Bush—a heartless Gemini scumbag—America had a dream. The only thing that could heal the world was love, and a compassionate, calm, loving mother. Hillary Clinton, a scary Scorpio mom, was rejected. Instead, Capricorn Oprah provided us with a male equivalent; a family man, a traditionally religious and morally upstanding community leader; a straight shooter and eloquent populist hero. Our myth of the good mom was born.

The myth of the moral politician
Cancer Barack Obama became what we wanted him to be. He was ready to take on our best intentions, he looked and acted the part of our dream-come-true, a cool customer, who could unite us and win over our enemies. Dapper, debonair, articulate (we thought); the oratory of MLK; the soul of Malcolm X; the politics of Dwight Eisenhower, and the humor of Will Rogers. This was one dream that we could all agree on, and, thanks to a bottomless pit of money provided by Goldman Sachs (and BP), and a team of wily professional hacks and handlers, lo and behold, the myth indeed came true. Our savior had materialized; God really did like America.

Reality is SUCH a drag
A Sun Neptune aspect is all about the yearning to be what you’re not—the positive side of which would be striving to be great, to heal the world. When Neptune is squared the Sun, it means the inclination to delude and disenfranchise, like media hype; to mislead, lull and rip people off. Obama and Jung have the square. With it, one can be the perpetrator and the victim. Sun-Neptune makes us believe the myth and drown in our own fantasy. The aftermath is the true meaning of depression—in this case, an economic situation that implodes our reality, denies us our dreams, and rips the ingenuity out of us like a sacrificed heart to a stone god.

Going down with the ship of state
As a Cancer-Neptunian leader, Obama is pretending to be the leader we need, but political failure is inevitable. Already we see a man who has aged 10 years in the 19 months he has been in office. A Taurus Moon square Uranus makes him very slow to adapt, inwardly resisting the very changes he promises. Of the many hats he wears—to look like a good mom—he will never be the courageous reformer we needed him to be. It takes more than a dream. He never had solutions, only rhetoric, which was written for him. No wonder he gaffs every time reporters catch him out of character—his Cancer Mercury opposes a Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. When he shows himself, it’s his arrogance and anger; he squelches inquiry, so he nor anyone else can disclose the true nature of his hapless, rootless, bankrupt regime. Instead of slaying the dragon, he wants to kill the whistleblowers.

Obama’s Grand Trine
Obama has had a powerful Grand Trine of Moon, Mars and Jupiter/Saturn to protect him from reality. He is the vessel of our inspiration and energies. He’s a façade of what we want in a leader. Would a real Good Mom torture people and pursue an imperialist war? We’re asking too much of a guy with nothing to give. Can reform occur alongside a dying structure? Obama weaves a spell, YES. But he is bluffling. There is no savior, no shining knight in armor, no hybrid progressive politician to save us. We’re already doomed by our failure to acknowledge our previous failures.

Getting out before he gets caught
The question for Obama now is, how can he withdraw into his shell? He’d rather resign in disgrace than be exposed for the pulp worm that he is. He might very well go insane in office, which is a common hazard for war-making presidents.

A philandering Nazi doktor
Cancer avatar and guru Carl Jung also used his Sun-Neptune square to manipulate the “collective unconscious”—one of his own concepts—not for political power, but for pussy. Jung was a classic pimp scammer who used his genius to con his female patients into having sex with him. A distant father and unstable mother damaged Jung’s ability to love, and he propped up his rampant misogyny with mysticism, astrology, religion and the I Ching, anything he could lay his hands on to bamboozle his clients into awe and submission. Jung was the talisman for the bevy of whacked out gurus that appeared later; in the 1960s and 70s, using his concepts, to juice a new generation of true believers and suckers. Jung’s expertise was psychology and mind control. He used some valid concepts for evil and personal gain.

In falling health and drifting in and out of schizophrenia, Jung spent the last years of his life fortifying his home into a castle, into which he withdrew until his death in 1961. Obama and Jung were both foisted on us as liberals, humanitarians and nurturing leaders, when, in fact, they are both frauds, motivated by egotism and both put into power by a socially reactionary power structure. In any case, we ended up with the Bad Mom instead of the dreamt-of Good Mom we had hoped to find in either of these poseurs.