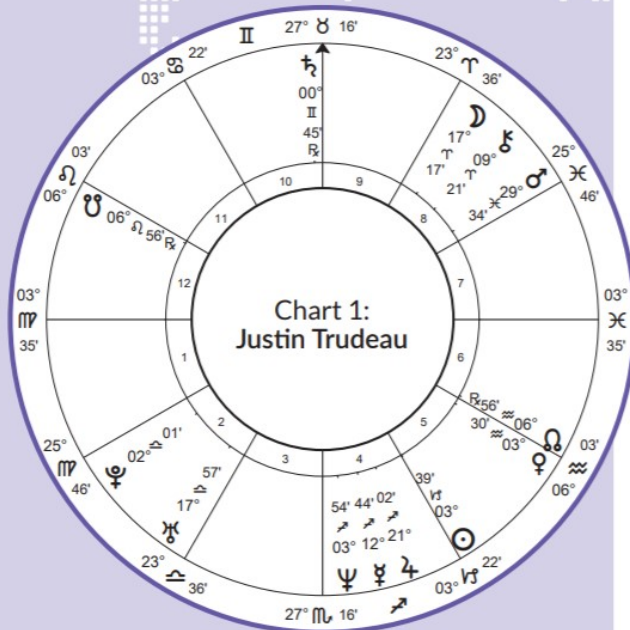


Charts in the News

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Justin Trudeau, December 25, 1971; 9:27 p.m. EST; Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (45°N25', 75°W42'); A: father's memory, as quoted in the press.

The Prime Minister of Canada is an enterprising Capricorn, driven by a me-me-me Aries Moon opposed by rebel Uranus. (See **Chart 1**, at left.) He needs to be a revolutionary leader, with strategy executed behind a mask of refined detail and correctness, thanks to a Virgo Ascendant.

Trudeau's Sun is the apex of a t-square with Mars opposite Pluto, both of which are at the Aries Point. (I use a 2° orb, whether applying or separating, to/from 0° cardinal.) Ambition and action can be supercharged, combative — possibly ruthless — and, thanks to the Aries Point, guaranteed to be noticed! Meanwhile, an air grand trine among Venus (values, social expression), Saturn (authority, control), and Pluto (the effort required to defend and maintain personal perspective) suggests self-sufficiency in matters of intellect. Trudeau doesn't need your opinion. He's got everything figured out fine, thank you very much. How might that affect his relationships?

Planets in contact with the angles of the horoscope command attention. Trudeau's 0° Gemini Saturn is on the Midheaven (MC), another flag for leadership potential. It opposes Neptune, and both square the Ascendant. Neptune adds a potential fog or other uncertainty to what is seen. Is he real, ideal, or unreal? This year of 2019 is demanding answers, as CNN reported on March 10:

"In the past few weeks, Trudeau has lost two of his star female cabinet ministers, both resigning with claims that his government has lost its moral compass. He is also defending himself against accusations of political interference with the top prosecutor in the land over a criminal case involving one of Canada's largest companies. Once regarded as the golden boy of Canadian politics, Trudeau is now fighting for political survival."¹

Trudeau's travails are making headlines around the world, coinciding with transiting Mercury stationing retrograde on his 9th-house ruler, Mars, at 29° Pisces. He is currently experiencing the second part of a focused squeeze, with transiting karma cop Saturn squaring his Moon-Uranus opposition three times in 2019: February 23, July 8, and November 23. (The first part of the squeeze was Saturn conjunct his Sun in 2018.) Yes, it's time to get real, as transiting Neptune has now separated from a lengthy and likely foggy square to Mercury, ruler of his Ascendant and 2nd house (money and values).

Adding to the potential for upsets and revelations: transiting Uranus squaring Venus (ruler of Trudeau's Taurus MC), on May 9 and November 23, 2019 and February 24, 2020. Offering a measure of potential protection: a Jupiter return, making three exact hits in 2019 (February 22, May 29, and October 19) before meeting up with his Capricorn Sun on December 18. The next federal election must happen by October 19. Stroke of luck or big blow-up? Jupiter can go either way.

All charts use Placidus houses and the Mean Node.