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Twenty years after the tragic death of Princess Diana, astrologer, Cindy Naunton, revisits the life of the royal princess with the benefit of distance and hindsight - something that can bring clarity and objectivity.

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DIANA IN HINDSIGHT

It seems difficult to believe that 20 years have slipped by since the death of Princess Diana. Now, on this 20th anniversary of her death we are bombarded with documentaries, souvenirs, articles and books about her life. Let us look back astrologically too.



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The Day of the Funeral

Saturday September 6, 1997 - the day of Diana's funeral, was like no other before or since in London. Times given for the Funeral procession and the astrological correlations were quite astounding. Times which were arranged by the organisers of the funeral procession were: at 9.08a.m. the bells tolled as the funeral cortège left the Palace, the procession arrived at Westminster Abbey at 10.55a.m. and the journey ended at Althorp in Northamptonshire at 2.00 p.m.

An examination of these charts shows an astounding astrological synchronicity. When the bells tolled at 9.08a.m., Venus in rulership in House 1 at 23.17 of Libra, is within minutes of Diana's M.C., the high point in her chart (Chart 1).

The arrival at Westminster Abbey at 10.55a.m. has the Ascendant at 1 degree of Scorpio, straddled by both the Moon and Chiron. Surely this is a description of the mood and grief of the people at that moment. Certainly, Scorpio is a sign of mourning and death. Mars in Scorpio, ruler of the ascendant and dispositor of the Moon and Chiron, shows an underlying anger as well as grief (Chart 2).

By 2.00 p.m. when the procession arrived at Althorp, the Spencer family estate, the Ascendant has moved to 2.36 Sagittarius with Pluto tightly conjunct. This is the 'final journey' to the place of burial. As time has passed Diana's legend lives on in true plutonian style like the phoenix rising from the ashes. On the day of her funeral the planets paid tribute as the astrological clock recorded with accuracy the unfolding schedule. Although the plan-

et positions essentially changed little during the day, the Ascendant and M.C the fastest moving points, tell the tale (Chart 3).

What the Butler Knew

Paul Burrell, Diana's butler for many years, has written two books about his life in Royal service. He had worked for the Queen prior to his time with Diana. He perhaps had as much insight as anyone into the personal life of the princess. He clearly adored her.

When he wrote in 2003 and again in 2006, he was of the firm opinion that Diana would not have married Dodi. This has been restated by him in very recent TV documentaries about Diana's life. Burrell assures us that the person Diana truly loved was the surgeon Hasnat Khan. Khan however, was not sure that he could handle a public life as 'Mr Diana'. Both Diana and Hasnat Khan have cardinal sun signs: Diana a Cancer Sun and Hasnat Aries. Let us never forget the power of the cardinal signs. Diana appeared to be prepared to play the long game. I believe from information made public since her death, that her friendship with Dodi was possibly intended to cause jealousy, or create a diversion at the very least. If so, could it be that she overplayed her hand?

According to Burrell, on the evening of Diana's death, Hasnat Khan tried repeatedly to reach Diana by phone, but was unable to do so. How shocked he must have been at her death. He phoned Burrell in the days before the funeral. A visibly distressed Hasnat met Burrell. I quote from the book *The Way We Were*, p160.

Hasnat said "I could have saved her"..... Burrell continues, 'I knew exactly what he meant. This brilliant heart surgeon truly felt that had he been on the scene at that car crash in Paris, he not only could

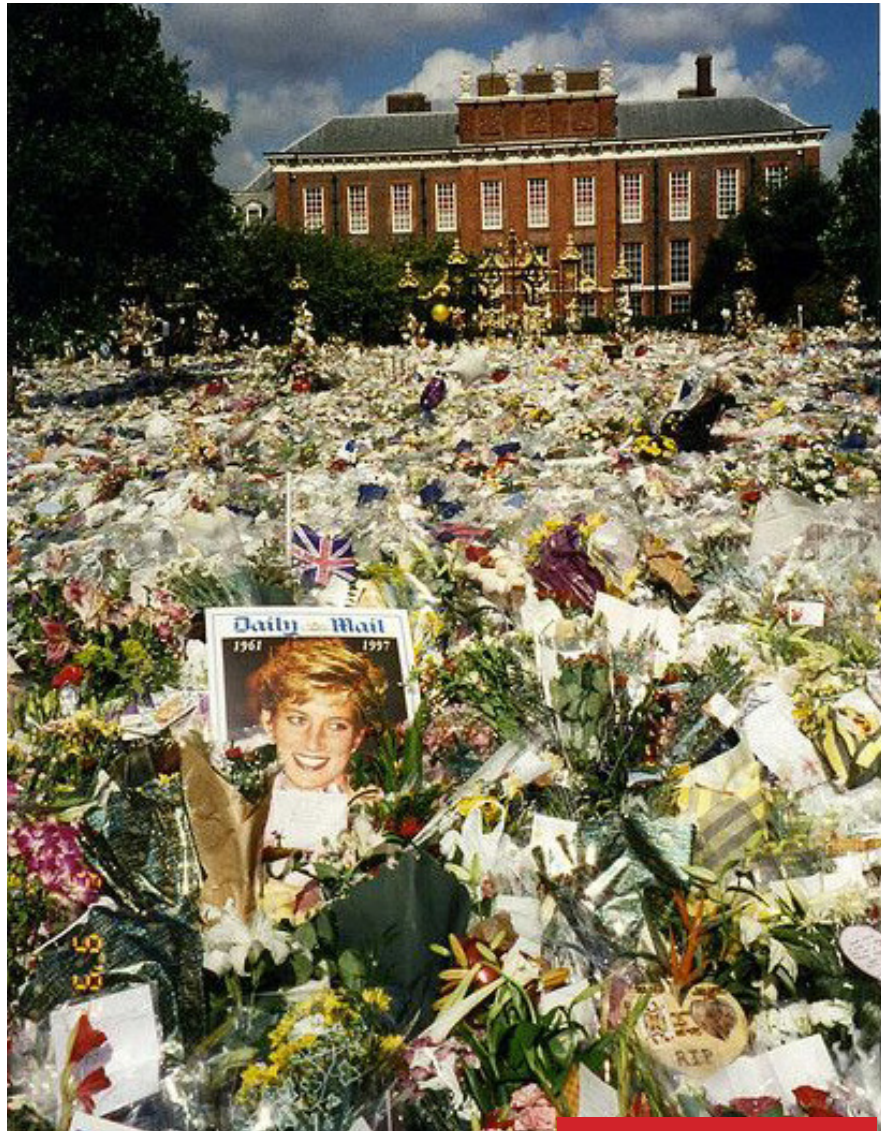


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Burrell continues ‘I told him what I had learned in the Paris hospital, and what the surgeons had said. He pressed me for details – needing to know more of what the doctors had done, how they had explained certain procedures. He was viewing her death through a surgeon’s eyes, absorbing and analyzing every detail. He became more and more upset that the car crash had happened in Paris and not London It is ironic that the one man she truly loved was the one man who believed he could have saved her life. But it was too late. Diana was dead.’

Could Surgery have saved Diana’s life?

The car crashed in the Alma tunnel, Paris at 12.24a.m. on 31 August 1997. Diana was declared dead at 4.00a.m. a few hours later. Initial reports state that Diana, although seriously injured had some awareness. Many have wondered whether it could have been possible to save her life. The short answer to this is that we will never know for sure. But let us consider some pointers from medical astrology (Charts 4,5).

Let us presume that it had been possible to surgically intervene after the accident and examine the charts for the time of the accident and the time of her death. These charts do throw a light on her condition at that time. Using the guidelines for surgery as given by astrologer Eileen Nauman in her paper *Medical Astrology Surgery Formula* we find the following guidelines and advice for

astrological configurations to avoid for successful surgery. The primary rule when considering surgery (and this would have been emergency surgery) is the position of the moon. Nauman advises that the moon should not be in the sign ruling the organ or system requiring surgery. The injury and death chart both have the moon in the sign of Leo which rules the heart and the cardiovascular system. Nauman continues, neither should Mercury be retrograde, and avoid surgery near an eclipse.

Further indications of surgery being risky or unsuccessful are retrograde planets, of which there were five. Three are traditional – Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn – and two outer planets Uranus and Neptune. The two transiting outer planets Uranus and Neptune were tightly conjunct Diana’s natal Saturn and Jupiter. These are also retrograde in Diana’s natal chart.

In particular, it is strongly recommended when having surgery to avoid Mercury retrograde. So here we have three immediate factors which would present a challenge to recovery: Moon in Leo, Mercury retrograde and an eclipse the next day. Note that the Sun was at almost 8 degrees of Virgo. Nick Campion mentions that 6-8 degrees Virgo is sensitive in many royal charts. (*Born to Reign*, Campion, p20.) The above astrological conditions on 31 August 1997 would not appear to have favoured recovery.

The ‘Death Trap’ Car

Another point which has come to light recently is an investigation into the car involved in the fatal crash. A headline screamed ‘Princess Diana’s crash car was a ‘death trap’.’ This news was revealed in a book *Who Killed Lady Di?* published in May, written by Jean-Michel Caradec’h. A recent Channel 7 TV programme *Search for the Truth* covered the same story.

The car involved in the crash on 31 August 1997 was a Mercedes S280 purchased in 1994 by Eric Bousquet for around 80,000 euros. Three months later it was stolen, crashed at high speed, during which it rolled several times. It was deemed a wreck and the owner was paid out. That was the end of that – or so the original owner thought until very recently. However, this was the very same car in which Diana and Dodi were travelling on that fateful night in the Alma Tunnel, Paris. At the time of Diana’s death the safety factor of the car was never investigated.

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Unbeknown to the original owner Bousquet, the car was rebuilt at a cost of around 17,000 euros and in 1996 went on sale at a Mercedes dealership in Paris. A company called Etoile Limousine bought the car for 40,000 euros and then leased the car to the Ritz hotel in Paris for use by its VIP guests. The Ritz hotel was owned by the Al-Fayed family, where Diana and Dodi dined just a few hours before the accident. The limousine company realised very soon that there was a problem. People who drove the car every day stated that it was unreliable and unstable. It handled very badly at speeds higher than 70-80 kph. The car was returned to Mercedes several times where it was passed as roadworthy. Why was the history of the vehicle not checked?

This car was clocked moving at 126-155 kph when it entered the Alma Tunnel where it crashed. The situation was not helped by the fact that the driver Henri Paul was found to have an excessive amount of alcohol and drugs in his blood.

By a strange coincidence, the car was sold in Paris to the Limousine company in 1996, 2 days from the date of Diana's divorce on 28 August 1996. And by a whim of fate the princess and the car 'collide'. Dodi's fateful exit strategy to create a diversion and leave via the rear of the hotel meant Diana's escape involved the jinxed car.

This may help explain some of the astrological activity at the time of Diana's death. By traditional methods, using profections, Diana at 36 had entered a 1st house year. As Sagittarius rises, Jupiter is Lord of the year. Diana was 36 years and one month at the time of her death, and had profected to her Saturn month at that date. So both Jupiter and Saturn were involved with her death (Chart 6).

It was no surprise to find natal Jupiter (retrograde), with transiting Uranus conjunct on the day of her death. No surprise there at the 'sudden death'. However, the fact that transiting Neptune was simultaneously conjunct her natal Saturn on the same day gave me cause to wonder and hinted of something that may be unknown or hidden. Maybe this revelation regarding the history and condition of the car in which she was passenger, gives information on how to interpret that particular transit.

During 2022 transiting Pluto will conjunct Diana's natal Saturn at 27 Capricorn. Now we know that Pluto has a habit of getting at the root of the matter and unravelling mysteries. It also happens that Diana's Solar Arc Pluto has just squared her natal Saturn in the last 2 years when the history of the Mercedes has been brought under scrutiny. In years to come we may discover further revelations surrounding that fateful night.

British Queens in History

The history of Britain records some outstanding queens who ruled for a lengthy period. These are, Elizabeth I, known as the virgin queen, who ruled for 45 years. Victoria, who came to the throne at the tender age of 18, ruled for 62 years, and gave birth to nine children along the way. Our current queen, Elizabeth II has ruled for a record 65 years and continues at the helm. Despite these outstanding reigns I have to wonder if in centuries to come, whether it will be the story of Diana, the Princess of Wales, who did not ascend to the British throne, whose legend will be remembered far longer that

the reigning queens mentioned. Elizabeth II may have the longest reign, but Diana has the most famous story. Could it be that Diana will eclipse them all?

By marrying into a family at the very top of the 'Rank of Fame', Diana was raised to a level where the impact of her tragic life would be written securely into the pages of history.

Worthy of mention is the eclipse on 21 August 2017 which falls on Diana's north node at 28.11 Leo, again bringing public attention to her life and untimely death. What is even more interesting is the Sabian symbol for that degree. Quoting from Lynda Hill's *Sabian Symbols* p149, the degree reads 'A mermaid has climbed to the rocky shore of a bleak coast, she awaits the Prince who will bring her immortality.' It would appear that her marriage to Prince Charles will bring her just that!

Now, 20 years on from her death, much has transpired that has cemented her place in history. Her sons are grown men of whom she can be rightly proud. Books contin-

ue to be written about her life and her picture still graces the covers of magazines. Movies such as *The Queen* and many other documentaries have appeared and continue to appear on our screens as the 20th anniversary of her death approaches. Her eldest son William is married with children of his own. But more than that, Diana's death changed the mystique of the British Royal family and carved an even deeper place for this royal family in history books.

The 'chapter of tragedy' which occurred 20 years ago has changed the monarchy forever. In particular, the effect of the trauma on the then very young princes William and Harry, the reaction of public grief, the shock to the royal family itself and the anger and grief of the British public at that time. Now the monarchy continues and is perhaps more popular than ever.

But the Princess, a troubled soul, a loving mother with compassion for those around her, will long be remembered. Diana demonstrated that she was clearly a 'hands on' person with a huge capacity for compassion. In this she differs vast-

ly from the 'touch me not' apparently emotionally frozen royals who live by the 'stiff British upper lip' credo. It is still current royal protocol not to touch the body of the Queen. Remember the 'Lizard of Oz' tale when Paul Keating dared to touch the royal body!

Diana herself quoting from *The Little Prince* once said: "I have to go now to the stars. And one day, when you look at the stars, you will remember me." Paul Burrell, *The Way We Were*.

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CHART ONE

Bells Toll
Natal Chart
6 Sep 1997, Sat
9:08a.m. BST - 1.00
London, United Kingdom
51° N30' 000° W10'
Geocentric
Tropical
Whole Signs
True Node

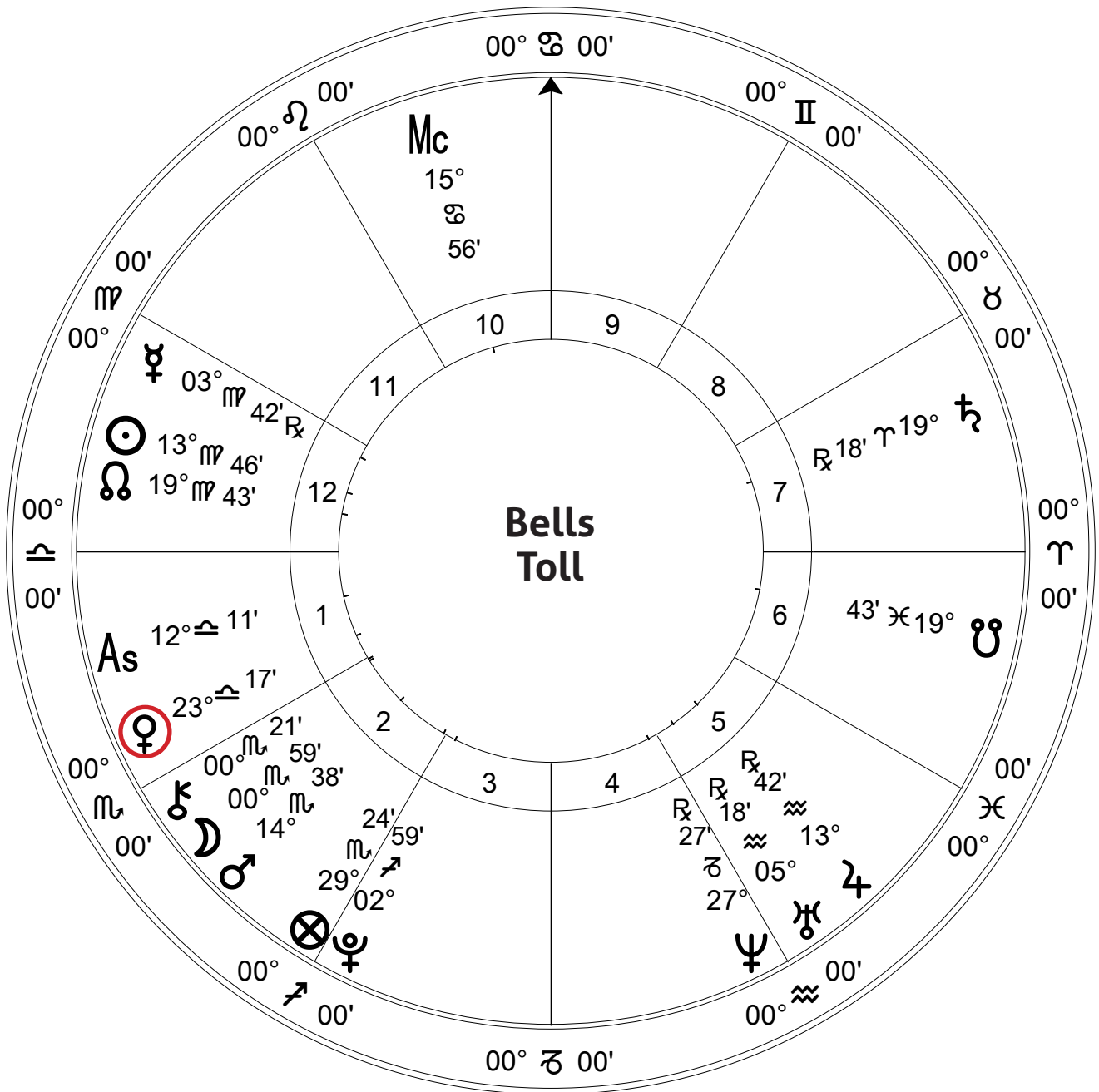


CHART TWO

Westminster Abbey
 Natal Chart
 6 Sep 1997, Sat
 10:55a.m. BST - 1.00
 London, United Kingdom
 51° N30' 000° W10'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Whole Signs
 True Node

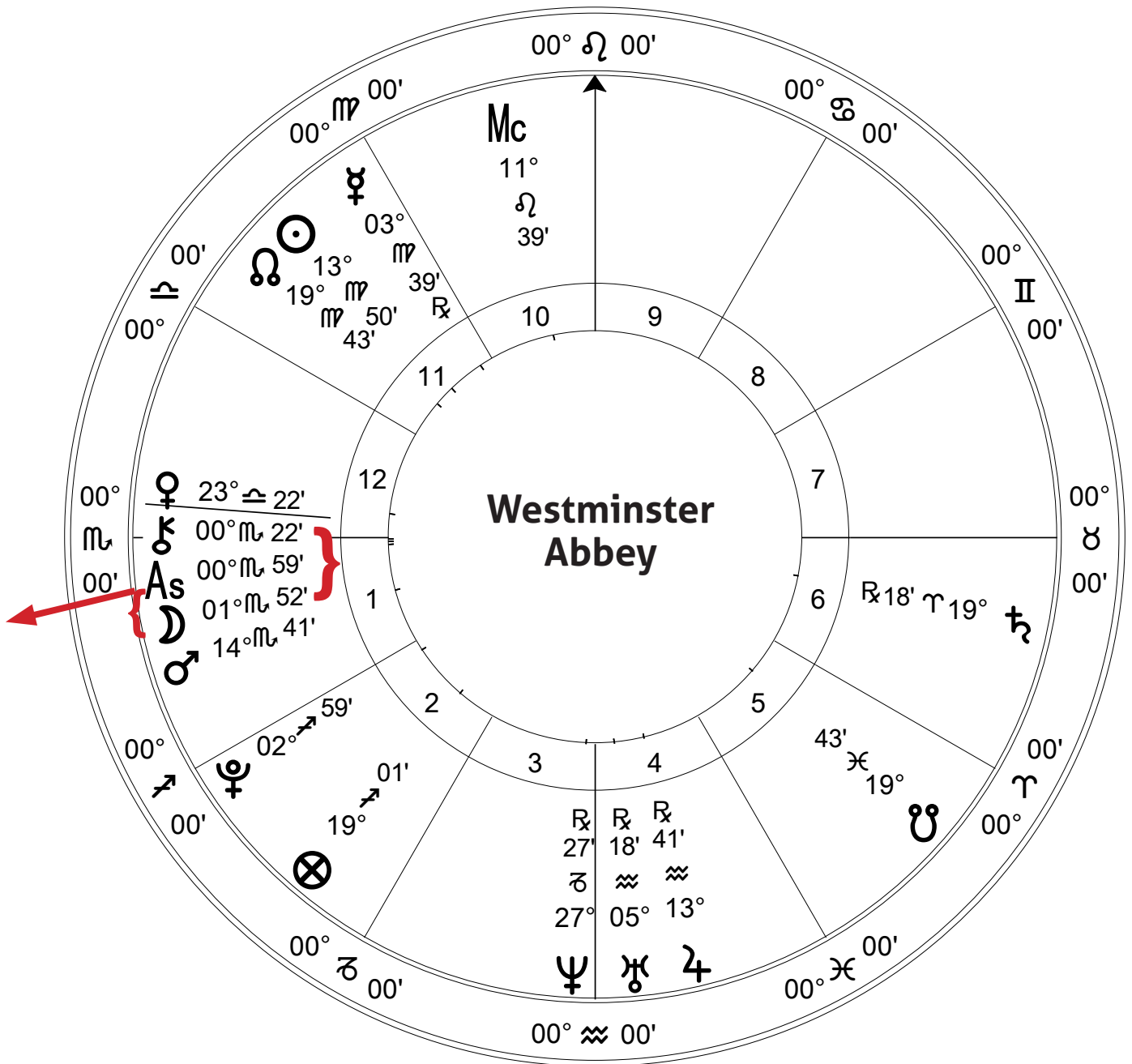


CHART THREE

Althorp
 Natal Chart
 6 Sep 1997, Sat
 2:00p.m. BST - 1.00
 Northamptonshire
 52° N20' 000° W50'
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 Whole Signs
 True Node

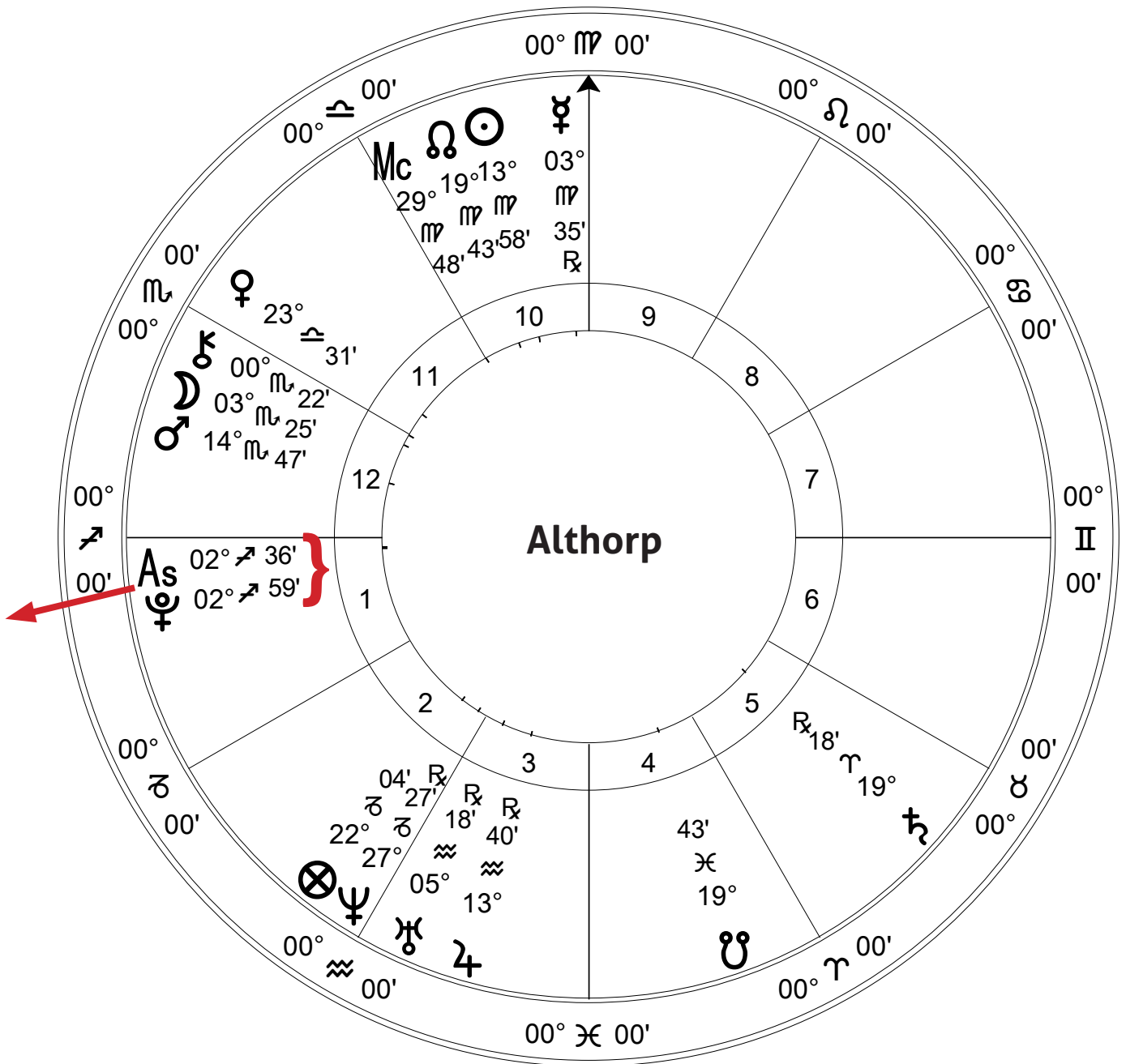


CHART FOUR

Accident
 Natal Chart
 31 Aug 1997, Sun
 0:24a.m. CEDT - 2.00
 Paris, France
 48° N52' 002° E20'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Whole Signs
 True Node

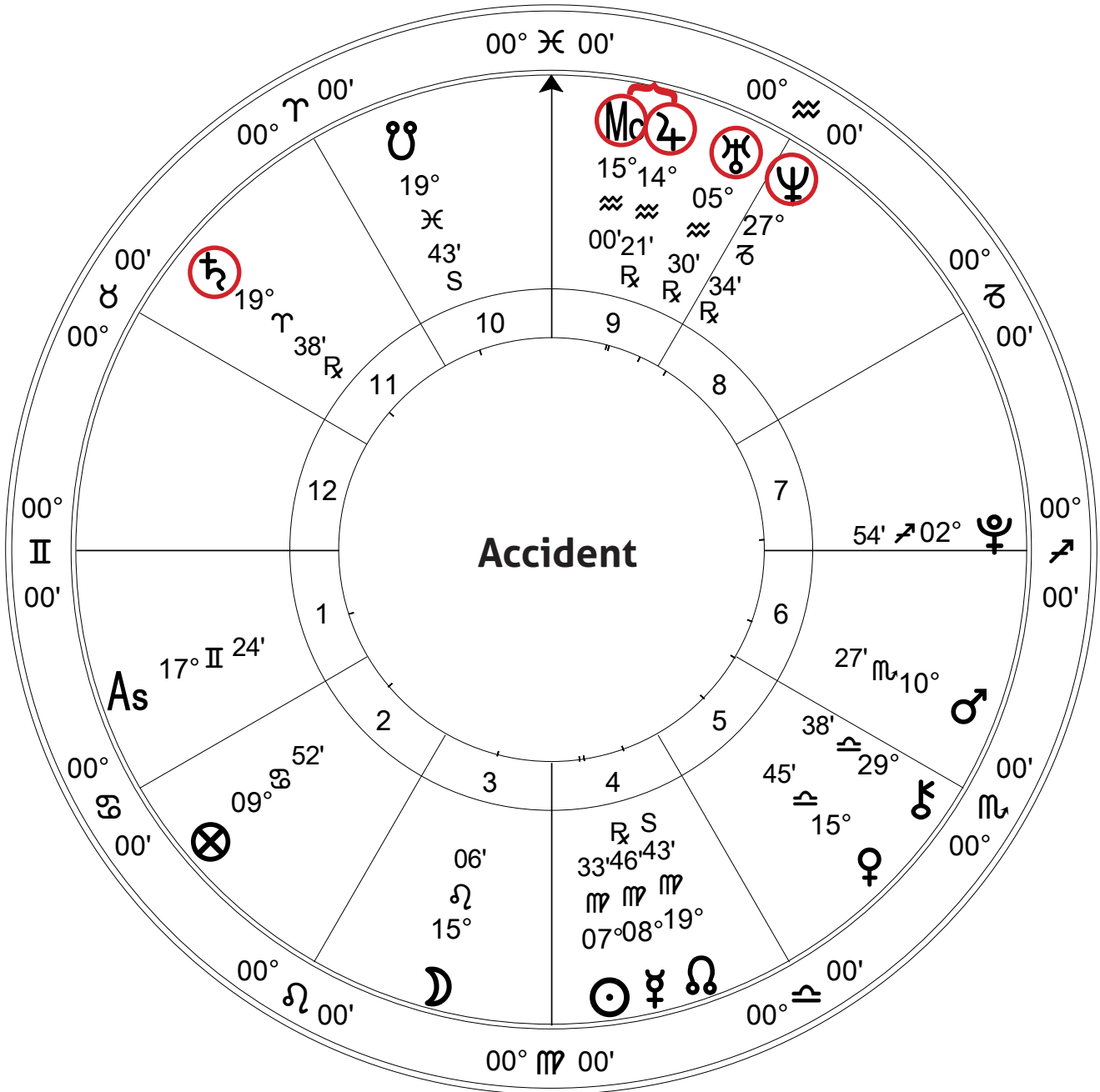


CHART FIVE

Death of Diana
Natal Chart
31 Aug 1997, Sun
4:00a.m. CEDT - 2.00
Paris, France
48° N52' 002° E20'
Geocentric
Tropical
Whole Signs
True Node

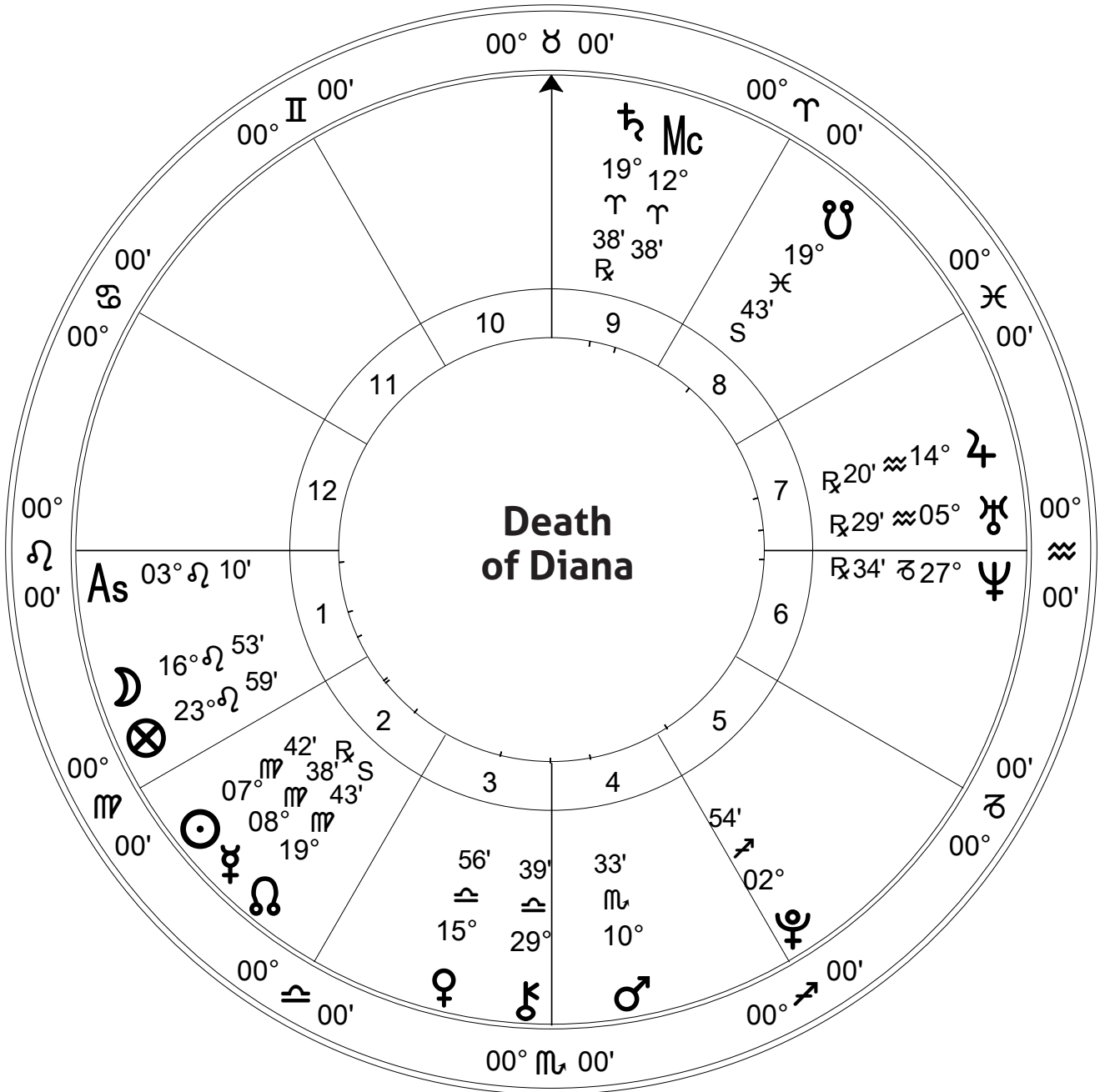


CHART SIX

Princess Diana
 Natal Chart
 1 July 1961, Sat
 7:45p.m. BST - 1.00
 Sandringham, England
 52° N50' 000° E30'
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Whole Signs
 True Node

