

# CHARTINGA NEW DIRECTION

The release of the book Finding Freedom in mid-August 2020 has brought the Duke and Duchess of Sussex under intensified public scrutiny. The media has circulated a lot of speculation about the couple's future and viewpoints differ wildly. So let us consider the insights provided through their astrology charts.

Traditional astrologers assign House 10 to the mother, which aptly describes Diana, Prince Harry's mother from his astrology chart. The sign is Libra with the ruler Venus in this house too. Diana, the beautiful adoring mother, the mother so cruelly taken during his formative years, is a loss that Harry has struggled to come to terms with. When a parent is taken from the life of their young child a projection often occurs. We know Diana was not faultless, but to Harry she was the 'perfect mother'. This is an image that gained momentum in his mind as the years moved on while the private grief lingered. This same Venus in rulership is in square aspect to Harry's ascendant in Capricorn, so is a gift to him as well as a driving force. It speaks of a love of social events, compassion, pleasure, music, and food. It describes a man filled with charm who knows how to use it.

For example, remember Daphne Dunne? Back in 2015 when Harry was visiting Australia on military exercises he was quick to see an elderly war widow of 95, sitting in her wheelchair wearing the service medals of her late husband. Harry moved swiftly toward her and engaged her in conversation. She responded in delight as he gave her a hug. She met with him again on two more occasions in 2017 and 2018, once waiting for hours in the rain in her wheelchair outside the Sydney Opera House. Harry was quick to see her again and introduce her to Meghan, his newly pregnant wife. Such is his charm, magnetism and ability to extend the personal touch.

This is a man who wants, rather needs to relate. What drives his specific relationship needs? For this we look to the Descendant (H7) of the chart for clues. The sign on H7 of relationships is Cancer –

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the sign of 'family' and 'mother' ruled by the Moon. Harry's Moon in H5 indicates that he wants a relationship and children as the houses are linked. Diana, his mother, had the Sun at 9 deg Cancer so her Sun is conjunct his descendant adding to this projected archetype. Harry wants to marry a girl just like 'Mama'. From an astrological and energy perspective this propels him toward a woman with the qualities he associates with his mother. Along comes Meghan who initially fits the mandate with her Cancer Ascendant also conjunct Diana's Sun. She is a woman who knows how to nurture and make a man feel special. Furthermore, Meghan knows how to demand attention. Her Leo Sun in rulership exactly trine her Mid-heaven (M.C.) in Aries means she is noticed. She doesn't have to elbow her way to the head of the queue. The queue melts away before her. She is the 'queen' of her arena. As Harry reportedly stated to his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II, "What Meghan wants, Meghan gets". Well, almost everything! Not so with the Queen. By Sun sign the Queen and Meghan are Taurus and Leo respectively and both have Fixed Sun signs. And I mean fixed with a capital 'F'. The irresistible force meets the immovable object.

I refer to the reported incident where Meghan desired to wear the Queen's



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emerald tiara for her marriage to Harry. "Not so fast", was the Queen's response. Emeralds are the gem of Taurus and the 'Queen' obviously had other ideas. Maybe this seemingly small incident set the stage for much larger issues to surface as time went by. By placement, Meghan has Mars in Cancer (the place of its detriment) in hard square aspect to her Aries M.C. So, giving in graciously is not in her toolbox. While she is

driven and has high energy so too are her expectations. Any refusals will be taken personally and her reactions will be powerful.

People with a cardinal ascendant are high energy and high achieving types. They have great enthusiasm and determination. Harry too has a cardinal ascendant, his being in the sign of Capricorn gives him a strong drive and ambition.



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Here the couple are very much in sync. With the ascendant/descendant axis reversed the attraction can be magnetic as they each bring to the relationship qualities they seek in a partner. Remember the haste with which this relationship began and the warning and concern offered by Harry's older brother William? A warning that exacerbated the ongoing rift between the brothers.

Looking deeper, we need to consider how the planetary rulers of the ascendant and descendant of each person actually interact. For this, we must consider the Moon and Saturn the rulers of the ascendant/descendant as well as their exalted rulers Mars and Jupiter. From how they cross reference we can consider the practical application of the energies and probable longevity of this marriage. In Harry's chart the rulers suggest his expectations from a relationship are a partner who will provide him with loving care and a family (Moon H5) and follow the rules of his social standing and status (Jupiter H1). He will take his responsibilities seriously (Saturn MC) but find the freedom to pursue his own interests and compassion and help for those who suffer (Mars H12).

The same planets in Meghan's chart give a different scenario. She seeks a partner who will provide her a home and security (Saturn H4) while granting her the freedom to act and gain public attention according to her own rules (Mars H1). She wants a home base that is well appointed, beautiful and large where she can escape in privacy with her family (Moon and Jupiter H4). Meghan will be determined to raise her child in her own way (Mars H1 ruling H5). From this analysis we see some problems likely to develop.

Now let us consider and compare their backgrounds. This can be the place where relationships stumble and fail, depending on how they bridge the differences. Harry did not need to do anything to gain attention. By virtue of his royal parentage and his accident of birth, he gained entitlement to a life of honour and privilege. He grew up in one of the most famous families in the world. His father Prince Charles, being heir to the British throne. Although Harry would have a life of fame he was required to observe Royal protocols and uphold the expectations of royal duties and, above all, to bring



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honour to 'Granny' Queen Elizabeth II. From an early age Harry was conscious that he was not the heir, only the spare to the throne. This to some extent left him in 'no man's land'. It is a case of be ready in case you are needed. History shows that there is a precedent for the 'spare' to actively take the throne from as far back as Henry VIII to George V and his son George VI. In a real sense Harry was the insurance policy until William married and produced heirs. Where did that leave Harry? Out on the proverbial limb until along came his lustrous pearl. He did not miss his opportunity.

Meghan, now Duchess of Sussex, came from another realm altogether. Her background was conversely different. She grew up on the west coast of America, a bi-racial child reared largely by a single mother. Her parents gave her the opportunities they could and being a self-starter she grabbed these with both hands. Meghan is a multi-talented, hardworking, driven achiever and was determined to rise up in the world, despite her humble background. She applied herself to getting ahead in her early years by sacrificing personal pleasures to gain status through her achievements as shown in her astro-

logy chart with her Sun in Leo in exact trine aspect to her mid-heaven in Aries. She clearly aims for the top.

Meghan gained a higher public profile by entering the entertainment world. She became accustomed to having the camera trained on her and to develop a public persona. Here she could show both a caring and simultaneously

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charming nature. In short, she echoed Diana. But nothing gained her a higher profile than marrying into the world of the British royals to a son of the future King of England.

In a strange way the very names of Diana and Meghan are linked. The name Diana derives from the Roman goddess of the Moon, which in turn is the ruler of her Sun sign of Cancer. Meghan is a Welsh name meaning 'Pearl', the jewels

so favoured by royalty and the gem signifying both the Moon and the sign Cancer – the sign on her Ascendant. No doubt Harry felt that he had discovered a rare pearl. A pearl of great price and value. Yet as time has moved on what is the price Harry will have to pay for this treasure?

Behind the scenes (we are led to believe) things were not as rosy as the public were led to believe. Meghan was used to attention – but on her own terms. Prior to becoming part of the royal family she could go wherever she chose, dress however she pleased and answered only to herself. She was in for a shock as her friends have disclosed.

So what lies immediately ahead?

# Harry Solar Return 2020

At age 36 Harry returns by profection to a H1 year. He returns to the energies surrounding him at birth, reported to be a testing time for his parent's marriage. The Lord of the year is Saturn as well as Jupiter by virtue of occupying H1 and Mars by exaltation. With Saturn prominent and conjunct his natal mid-heaven he could find himself under a lot of pressure this year to resume his former position as a senior royal. With the help of the Covid 19 pandemic he has been literally severed from his homeland and family of origin for most of 2020. It would appear he will be forced to contemplate his royal future over coming months as arranged in the royal crisis meeting in early January 2020. This decision will have implications for both his marriage and royal status.

Harry's current Solar Return (SR) for 2020 brings Libra (the sign on his natal H10) to the ascendant with SR Mercury sitting close to that ascendant. He has no choice but to decide on his direction in life and future status. This must be carefully considered along with his title and the ongoing media interest in his



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family. These are all functions of Mercury. In Libra it will not be an easy decision. The profected lords of the year must also be considered.

Saturn placed only one degree from the SR Imum Coeli (IC) shows he will be carefully weighing up and considering returning to his homeland and royal responsibilities.

Even more relevant is the MC/IC axis of Harry's SR falls in the same position as Meghan's natal Asc/Dec axis of relationships. This bring the marriage under intense scrutiny and pressure. Note too that Harry's SR Sun is placed in H12 the house of suffering and unfinished business. The Sun trine Saturn clearly

shows this involves his family of origin and grandparents. His SR Saturn is also placed on Meghan's natal descendant which brings the marriage and its demands and responsibilities into focus too. It appears he will be torn between two loyalties during this birthday year. The IC being the place of the grandparents who by their very age alone must be some cause for concern.

SR Mars is retrograde in H7 square SR Saturn and the SR MC shows conflict with another and some form of separation. At best, he may divide his time between his family duties and his wife and son. Or he may choose to separate from his family of origin. Even this compromise is likely to be a cause of conflict as Mars

in H7 indicates conflict with either someone or some situation. To complete this picture Jupiter is also in H4 in fall and disposited by Saturn indicating that he will not spend as much time at home as he would like. It also hints at 'duty calls'.

The evaluation of Harry's SR clearly shows he is under enormous pressure and navigating a difficult year of disrupted energy. This may be just the tip of the iceberg in terms of his future direction.

# Meghan Solar Return 2020

Meghan is now age 39 and by profection has reached H4 with Libra on the cusp. The lord of the year is Venus and H4 is occupied natally by the Moon, Saturn and Jupiter all tightly conjunct so all must be considered. With the Moon conjunct Saturn the rulers of her natal ascendant/descendant axis it is a year to focus on her marriage, relationships, home life and brings up the possibility of spending time apart as Saturn by nature indicates separation, although not necessarily permanent. When we add Jupiter to the mix we could also consider an addition to the family. The lord of the year Venus in H7 in Gemini the sign of duplication is another indication that Harry is pulled in two directions. Meghan's SR Sun in

H9 falling in opposition to her SR Moon is another suggestion that the couple will be spending time apart, or at the very least having differing viewpoints. Natal Venus in the profected H12 will not be helpful to Meghan and she may feel people are working against Finally, Jupiter both turn retrograde H2, the place of money and support. Both may be in short supply as they have stated their intention to be financially independent. Age 39 will be a challenge for Meghan who may spend time alone and feel a lack of support.

# **Outside Factors**

Harry has many outside influences affecting him during the next year. His grandfather Prince Philip will celebrate age 100 in early June 2021. This is a remarkable and unique milestone in the history of the monarchy. The Queen has hinted that she may stand down at age 95, which is April 2021. The SR of both Harry and Meghan have the lord of the year in H7 inclining a strong focus toward their marriage. We must consider too the future and direction and head of the monarchy in the light of the Jupiter/Saturn

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conjunction in December which will activate the Sun of Queen Elizabeth II and the Moon of Prince Charles by square aspect. We are in a rapidly changing world. A world in which Harry will need to make decisive choices and consider his options carefully.

# **Transits**

Traditional astrologers considered transits to and from the lord/s of the year to be powerful and relevant. Saturn is opposing Meghan's Sun during April 2021 and July 2021. Uranus the planet of surprise and detachment will square her Sun in May 2021. Commencing May 2021 Harry will have illusory Neptune opposing his Sun and continuing to do so until January 2023.

Currently (mid-November 2020) Jupiter in conjunction with Pluto is transiting both the Queen's ascendant and Harry's Solar Arc ascendant. It has already been reported that Harry has been snubbed in the Remembrance Day celebrations held in Britain. The transit of Jupiter and Pluto completes a grand trine with Harry's H9 Sun and H5 Moon, so decisions he makes will affect his links to a foreign location and his child. Expect some powerful interaction between the Queen and Harry mid-November and over the coming months. Mars will square this same point around 18-20 December just before Christmas. As Jupiter is in fall and weak in Capricorn we can expect the outcome - at best a compromise - will not be fully satisfactory to either party.

While Diana became to many British the 'Queen of people's hearts' it is not so for Meghan, who, by default, has taken the role of Wallis Simpson the American who stole their king. Whether or not Meghan influenced Harry to move physically and emotionally away from his family of origin she will largely bear the blame.

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Meghan 4 Aug 1981, 4.46 am, Canoga Pk, California

Queen Elizabeth II, 21 Apr 1926, 2.40 am, London, England

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