

Malcolm Fraser

A Tribute to a Statesman



On 11 November 1975 the radio delivered a 'News Alert' mid-morning in Western Australia. The broadcast was interrupted to announce that Prime Minister Gough Whitlam had been sacked by the Governor General. I immediately phoned my husband to tell him the 'latest'. He relayed the news to his workmates who said "The little lady's got that one wrong. It just couldn't happen!" Well, we all know that the amazing events of that day came to be known as "The Dismissal". That day, Malcolm Fraser became the caretaker Prime Minister of Australia, and was formally elected in a landslide victory on 13 December of that same year.

The life of this great man came to an end in the early hours of 20 March 2015. A look at his astrology chart gives some interesting insights into the character and life of the man who served as Australia's 22nd Prime Minister from 1975 – 1983.

Viewed from the Traditional astrological perspective the chart has Capricorn rising with Saturn only 3 degrees away from the Ascendant – in rulership and retrograde. A strong Saturnian statement. Here we have a Cardinal sign rising, with its ruler Saturn conjunct the Ascendant. This reveals a strong person who meets the battles of life head on. A man of the land who has to also be able to adapt to life's changing conditions, indicated by Saturn being retrograde and sextile his Pisces Moon. The exalted ruler of Capricorn, the planet Mars is placed in the sign of its rulership Aries, in House 4. Here is a man who understands hard work and discipline. These are his foundations. Capricorn being a feminine cardinal sign, his world is full of needs for practical and physical security, which he must fulfill through his own actions and family values. The cardinal ascendant projects energy outwards so this is an active person and a high achiever. The strength of his ruling planets Saturn and Mars in angular houses indicate this is not a man to be trifled with. These planets have dignity and are angular and able to deliver their natal promise.

Triplicity Rulers as Time-lords

Using the Traditional method of directing by Triplicity Rulers we can examine the unfolding of his life in broad strokes. This method, as taught by Robert Zoller, is useful in gaining an overview of life's direction generally. We can also discover the strength and type of influences predominant at a given period of life. The procedure is this: determine whether the chart is Diurnal or Nocturnal from the positions of the Sun. Then consider the element on each house cusp, whether it is Fire, Earth, Air or Water. Divide the life into thirds (average life span 75 years). Then use the Dorothean triplicity rulers (see table below) which are presented in three categories of Diurnal, Nocturnal and Participating. If the chart is Diurnal with the Sun in houses 7-12 then use the triplicity lords in the order of Diurnal, Nocturnal and Participating according to the element. If the chart is Nocturnal with the Sun in houses 1-6 use the Nocturnal lord first, followed by the Diurnal and finally the Participating lord. The life force varies in each third of life according to the ruler's strength and position in the natal chart. This technique is especially useful when considering the triplicity lords of the Ascendant and MC, and can be applied to all house cusps.

Dorothean Triplicity Rulers

Element	Diurnal	Nocturnal	Participating
Fire	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>Saturn</i>
Air	<i>Saturn</i>	<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Jupiter</i>
Water	<i>Venus</i>	<i>Mars</i>	<i>Moon</i>
Earth	<i>Venus</i>	<i>Moon</i>	<i>Mars</i>

When using 'Whole sign' houses it can happen that the Mid-heaven (MC) does not necessarily fall in House 10. This situation applies here. As the MC falls in House 9, there is another dimension to his achievements and career in public life, as we must consider both House 9 and House 10. A House 9 MC indicates that education, travel and foreign affairs, humanitarian causes and other cultures are all part of the career pathway.

Applying this method of Triplicity time-lords to the Ascendant, MC and House 10 of Malcolm Fraser's chart we get a clear overview of his life force and direction. With the Sun in House 5 this is clearly a Nocturnal chart. Therefore the Triplicity Lords of the Ascendant in Capricorn will unfold in the following order: Moon, Venus and finally Mars, each ruling for a period of just over 28 years.

Period 1 1930-1958

The first period for House 1 is ruled by the Moon. This indicates a lot of change in the first years of life, also a great sensitivity and an active mind. Bear in mind that the Moon is also the Triplicity Lord of his M.C. placed in house 9. As the Moon rules House 7 other people would have a strong influence on his earlier life. During this 28 year period he receives his education at church schools and travels to England to receive further education at Oxford University. At age 25 he enters Parliament. These are all ninth house matters which affect him directly.

Marriage partners are shown through his Moon ruled House 7. Tammie is very accurately depicted by his Moon in Pisces, House 3 placement. She is literally a Sun sign Pisces (DOB 28 Feb 1936). Using derived houses and commencing at House 7, the Moon placement becomes derived House 9 which describes Tammie well. She is educated in a church schooling system. With the Moon being sextile Saturn from the house of its 'joy' we can assume that the marriage would be successful and that Tammie would add a soft touch to the disciplined Saturn which represents Fraser. He marries in 1956 at age 26, during this Moon triplicity period.

Period 2 1958 – 1986

Venus ruling the second period of his House 1 and MC, also happens to be the domicile lord of his House 10. Venus is also in aspect to his MC. During this period he achieved leadership of the Liberal Party and was Australia's 22nd P.M. between 1975 and 1983. Venus is placed in Gemini conjunct Jupiter in house 6, the house of service. This is not a strong placement, but we can note that he was always well dressed, well-groomed and well spoken. This was his period in the 'Limelight' and we can expect that he was well favoured by others. This is the period when the 'Dismissal' occurred and he certainly appears to have been favoured by the then Governor General John Kerr.

Period 3 1986 to his death is 2015

The final Triplicity lord is Mars which is well placed in rulership and angular in House 4. This indicates his strength, determination and outspokenness shown during the latter third of his life. He is also able to draw on experience as Mars occupies a foundation house. During this period he became very influential as shown by the many awards he received both from within this country and overseas. In 2000 he was awarded the human rights medal as well as many others. He labored continuously for the rights of the underprivileged.

With his MC falling in House 9, in the same element as his Ascendant, the same time-lords rule both these houses in the same time periods. He would therefore be perfectly 'at home' following his own beliefs, standards and ideals in his public life. When the MC falls outside House 10 we have another factor to consider as House 10, (ten signs from the ascendant) is still relevant to the Ascendant being the house of manifestation and achievement.

So let now us consider the Triplicity rulers for House 10 which falls in the Air sign of Libra. In a Nocturnal chart the Triplicity rulers in order are: Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter.

Period 1 House 10 1930- 1958.

These years are ruled by Mercury which is placed in House 5, retrograde and conjunct the Sun. Mercury is also the Domicile lord of the MC in House 9. He entered politics at an early age in 1955. He is well educated at Oxford University, all in preparation for his political career. Mercury is conjunct the Sun and both widely trine the MC indicating an early desire for leadership as well as showing leadership ability. Mercury so close to the Sun, although combust, is activated by the Sun the source of power. Further, Mercury is conjunct the Fixed Star Algol.

According to Diana Rosenberg, speaking of personal horoscopes, the influence of Algol is not necessarily malevolent and is often prominent in the charts of military or political leaders. This person will not be able to remain aloof from the sufferings of human experience. This Algol placement may compel them to confront and assimilate harsh aspects of human experience. They have a sense of how to be a figurehead leader. These people want to make a difference. They want to rescue people and groups of nations from their ills when in a position of power. They tend to believe in tough dictatorial absolutist leadership. In support of this statement it is worthy of note to repeat one on Fraser's quotes "*People die because they find living too painful.*"

Period 2 House 10 1958- 1986

During this time Fraser is in a strong position with Saturn as the Triplicity lord. He is in charge of his own destiny with Saturn on his Ascendant in rulership. It is during this period that he becomes Prime Minister. A role where he must be well disciplined and needs to make tough calls as a leader. Time is important. He is in the public eye and a recognized authority figure. Saturn is considered the ruler of structures and organisations. It was during this mid-life period that the Australian Institute of Multicultural Affairs was created. He understood the plight of refugees and did something about it. The Fraser government established migrant resources and was responsible for the development and establishment of SBS (Special Broadcasting Services) on radio and TV for different ethnic groups.

Period 3 House 10 1986 – 2015

The Triplicity lord in this period is Jupiter placed much more weakly than Saturn. Jupiter is in House 6, in Gemini the sign of its detriment. However Jupiter does gain some power by its aspect to the MC. After 1986 Fraser is heavily involved in human rights issues. With his natal Jupiter sextile his powerful Mars we find that he is very outspoken on topics regarding human rights. After his death Dr Nguyen of the Vietnamese community said *“Of all the prime ministers of Australia Malcolm Fraser is great, if not the greatest, in the area of human rights, of compassion and social justice. There was nobody who could match him in those areas like Aboriginal land rights, his strong stand against apartheid and his promotion of multiculturalism and especially taking the Vietnamese refugees”*.

End of life

While it is not my practice to seek to determine end of life indicators, with hindsight, it was revealing to examine events surrounding him at age 84, using just Profecions and his Solar Return for 2014.

Profecions use a technique where the chart is advanced by one house every year. Age 84 returns us to the Ascendant as the profected First house. The Lords of the year are Saturn as domicile ruler of Capricorn and Mars as exalted ruler. As previously mentioned, Saturn is conjunct his ascendant and natal Mars in Aries in House 4. The first house is about the life and vitality of the person and house 4 is the end of life. Both planets have strength in the natal chart. However Saturn is retrograde, meaning something is diminished or reducing in strength. By Profecion, using a house for each month and commencing at the Ascendant, in May 2014 we find that the period 21 February to 21 March 2015 corresponds to House 10 with Libra on the cusp. The ruler of Libra is Venus in House 6, a health house and the exalted ruler of Libra is Saturn placed on his natal Ascendant. He died during this time period.

Let us also consider his Solar Return (SR) for May 2014 at age 84. This has Aries rising. Mars the ruler of the SR Ascendant is placed in House 7 conjunct the descendant, in Libra, the sign of its detriment. This would indicate a decrease in his vitality. Amongst other things, House 7 represents his doctors, who are represented by the weak Mars indicating that they are apparently unable to help in his final illness. Further, the Lord of the year Saturn is placed in House 8 of the SR at 19 Scorpio, retrograde and disposed by the weak Mars. These are not good significators for life and health, as house 8 is the house of death. Both lords of the year are weaker in the SR than in his natal chart.

Note that the Natal Ascendant falls in House 10 of the SR exactly on the MC of the SR chart. Something of his personal life will come to the attention of the public during this year. The natal house rising in the SR is House 4, the end of life, so we are reinforcing his weakened life force. Using the method of Directing Ascensional times to the Lords of the year, we find that 20 March 2015, the date of death, was an activated Saturn date.

When we consider that Malcolm Fraser has Capricorn rising and its ruler Saturn conjunct his Ascendant it is not surprising that he is remembered for his statement *“life wasn’t meant to be easy”* for surely this was how his own life unfolded. However, I consider it a great pity that the quotation was not reported in its entirety. It is as if Malcolm Fraser speaks with authority and encouragement, as a parent speaking to his children:

“Life wasn’t meant to be easy, my child, but take courage: it can be delightful.” G B Shaw.

RIP Malcolm Fraser

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Solar Return, Malcolm Fraser, 21 May 2014, 3.02am Melbourne
(Whole sign houses used for both charts)

