

JUNO First Lady of the Gods

by Frances McEvoy

Juno, fourth largest of the asteroids, was the third to be found, after Ceres and Pallas, in the year 1804. Crossing the ecliptic in Virgo and Pisces, it has a highly elliptical orbit, with a 48 year cycle, returning to nearly the same degree of the zodiac on the same day of the year at that time. Within that larger cycle of 48 years, Juno has a repeating pattern in Libra of every 9-9-4-9-4-9-4 years, with Juno entering Libra in the Fall, making stations in January or February, moving retrograde until May or June, turning direct and moving all the way through Libra until late Summer or early Fall. The cycle repeats exactly after 48 years.

Juno entered Libra in late November 1984 and made a station February 4, 1985 at 13 degrees of that sign, and will retrograde back into Virgo April 19, making another station at 27 degrees Virgo May 18. It reenters Libra in June near the Summer Solstice and moves quickly through that sign, entering Scorpio in October.

Previous years when Juno was in Libra for an extended time were 1901-02, 1910-11, 1919-20, 1923-24, 1932-33, 1936-37, 1945-46, 1949-50, 1958-59, 1967-68, 1971-72 and 1980-81.

Juno is very much at home in Libra, and several eminent astrologers expressed the opinion that this asteroid is the real ruler of Cardinal Air. Ronald Reagan was born with Juno making a station at 23 degrees Libra, and the importance of marriage in his life is well known. His wife, Nancy, was born with Juno retrograde in Capricorn, just past her midheaven, her most elevated planet, and the handle of her bucket chart, opposite a stellium of Sun, Moon, Mercury, Mars, Pluto and Pallas in Cancer.

Hubert Humphrey and Charles Lindbergh were also born with Juno stationary in Libra. Others with Juno in Libra include Lucille Ball, Robert Taylor, Ginger Rogers, Rita Hayworth, Aly Kahn, Lauren Bacall, Pierre Trudeau,

Shah Mohammed Reza of Iran, David Brinkley, Yul Brynner, Robert Redford, Peter O'Toole, Joan Collins, Goldie Hawn, Sylvia Plath, Marlon Brando, Doris Day, Margaret Sullivan, Merle Oberon, Linda Christian, Carroll O'Connor, Jean Harlow, Princess Anne, Peter Duchin, Maria Callas and Maureen O'Sullivan.

A planet is strongest when making a station, as in the case of Reagan, or when rising, elevated, conjunct the Sun or conjunct the nodal axis.

Juno, or Hera as the Greeks called her, was the wife of Jupiter (Zeus), and the only married woman among the Olympians. Homer wrote of her as a jealous, vindictive woman who was jealous not only of the other women in Zeus' life, but also of his children by other women. Nancy Reagan has been depicted as jealous of Maureen, her husband's daughter by Jane Wyman. Juno's rage was directed at other women rather than toward her unfaithful husband. Marriage was sacred to her, and she was not a particularly loving mother even to her own children. It was the role of wife that interested her, and also her social position as Queen of Mount Olympus. In astrology Juno seems to represent the need to have a mate, and also the need to have the marriage recognized by society.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was born with Juno in Scorpio stationary direct, just above her ascendant, and her marriages to John Kennedy and Aristotle Onassis brought her into the limelight. She would not have become famous except for the men she married. Her mother-in-law, Rose Kennedy, also was born with Juno stationary direct in Scorpio on her ascendant. Rose had Ceres stationary direct on her ascendant as well.

Eleanor Roosevelt had Juno conjunct Mercury and Uranus in her tenth house, which described her role in her husband's life. Even though the marriage was strained after his love affair with Lucy Mercer, Eleanor became his mes-

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senger and adviser after he became paralyzed from polio. A distinguished lecturer, author and indefatigable traveler, she inspired him and influenced his liberal thinking.

Betty Ford, wife of Gerald Ford, had Juno conjunct her Sun in Aries. It is not surprising that so many First Ladies have Juno strong in their charts, as these women would not have become known if they had not married famous men. Rosalynn Carter had Juno in Cancer parallel her Sun and Neptune in Leo, and her husband called her his "secret weapon". Jimmy Carter had Juno rising conjunct Saturn in early Scorpio.

Cathryn Grant Crosby, second wife of Bing Crosby, had Sun conjunct Juno in Sagittarius, rising in her chart. Marriage to Bing brought her fame and fortune, and she has expressed her jealousy of Princess Grace of Monaco, for whom she felt Bing carried a torch even after they each married other people.

Clare Booth Luce, wife of publishing tycoon Henry R. Luce, was born with Juno right on her ascendant in Sagittarius.

Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain is another strongly Juno woman, born with that asteroid conjunct Jupiter in Aquarius and both rising in her first house. Her marriage to her cousin, Prince Philip is doubtless quite important to her. She also has Ceres conjunct her Leo Moon in the seventh house.

Actress Debbie Reynolds has Juno conjunct Pluto in her midheaven, square Uranus in her seventh, and she has suffered in public from the treatment she received from her first husband Eddie Fisher.

Will and Ariel Durant, famous writing team of historians, both had Juno near their midheavens. Will had Juno in Scorpio as part of a stellium in that sign which included Sun, Mercury, Ceres and Pallas. Ariel had Juno in Sagittarius conjunct Saturn, and Will was her high school teacher whom she married at age 15. They died a few days apart at ages 96 and 83.

Buckminster Fuller is another man who enjoyed a long, happy marriage and died a few days before his wife at near ninety years of age. Buck had Juno retrograde in Capricorn in the ninth house, opposite his Sun-Jupiter conjunction in Cancer and sextile his Moon in Pisces.

Elizabeth Taylor and Ted Kennedy,

born five days apart, both have Juno in Cancer square Venus and Uranus in Aries. Elizabeth has Juno in her midheaven, Ted in the seventh house along with Pluto. Author John Updike, born three weeks after Elizabeth and Ted, also had Juno conjunct Pluto in Cancer, and wrote a best selling novel, "Couples", about marital infidelity.

Opera singer Joan Sutherland has Juno in early Pisces in her tenth house, and her husband, Richard Bonyng, is her pianist and coach.

Poetess Elizabeth Barrett Browning, who wrote the famous lines, "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways", to her husband, poet Robert Browning, had Juno exactly on her ascendant, opposite her Venus on the descendant. Her love and marriage to Browning helped her to overcome ill health, and she lived with him in Italy fifteen years until her death. Together they wrote their best poetry.

Writer Mary Shelley, wife of Percy B. Shelley, had Juno conjunct Venus and Mercury. She eloped with Shelley two years before his wife died, wrote her best work during her eight years with him, and after his death edited his letters and poems.

Psychic writer Jane Roberts, who authored the Seth material, had Juno rising conjunct the South Node in Scorpio, with Sun and Jupiter on the North Node in Taurus, on the descendant. Jane's books were actually written by her husband, Robert Butts, who took down all she said while in a trance state. Without her husband it is doubtful if she would have been able to give tangible form to this material.

When Juno is conjunct the moon's nodes marriage seems particularly fated, and the nature of marriage is indicated by other planets in conjunction or opposition. Pluto in conjunction or opposition to Juno seems particularly karmic.

Three young women born in late July 1952 with Juno in opposition to Pluto on the moon's nodes all lost their husbands by death or divorce when they had progressed new moon's which triggered the natal Pluto-Juno opposition.

This small asteroid can give more information than anything else in the chart about the importance of marriage to the native. Frequently a person will marry someone whose Sun is in the same sign as her or her natal Juno.

