

FAA Dynamic Exam 2003 SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSES

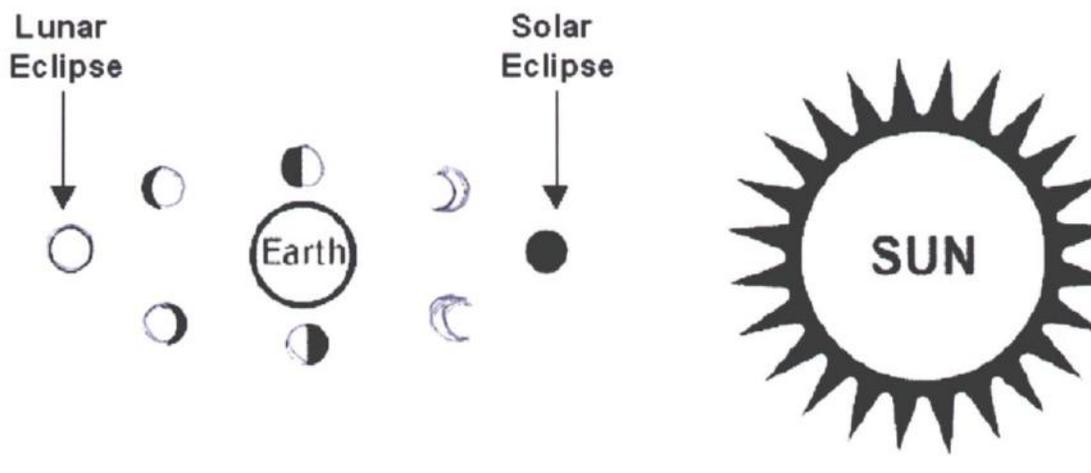
Alan was born at 1730 hrs on 5th September 1971 in Sydney. His Ascendant is about 11 degrees Pisces.

Investigate all possible Solar and Lunar Eclipse effects on his natal chart from January 2003 to December 2007. List all the eclipses for this period and identify which ones are likely to impact on his life most strongly? Speculate on what sort of effect they may produce.

Include in your work reference to the Saros Cycle to which each important eclipse belongs. Include in your answer any charts that you think are relevant. Distinguish clearly between the effects of a Solar Eclipse and a Lunar Eclipse.

Credit Level Essay – Submitted by Lois Rolfe

Alan -17:30 hrs September 1971, Sydney NSW
33s52 151e13, True Node, Koch Houses



Eclipses hold a certain mystery, especially in past times. From Babylonian times man has understood that an eclipse is a positional relationship between the Sun, Moon and Earth. All three bodies are in a straight line. This energy of this alignment enters the field of the Earth at a particular zodiac degree, and if these sensitive degrees appear at important positions on the birth chart, then the person is likely to be uniquely moved by the eclipse energy.

Eclipses occur when the orbit of the Moon around the Earth intersects the Earth's path around the Sun, the ecliptic. We call the path of the Moon its nodal axis, (north or south node) so the Sun is only aligned with this twice a year as the Earth orbits the Sun.

Being new and full moons, they have the nature of new beginnings, culminations and endings. Because they connect with the lunar nodes, they carry extra significance, as they are a re-balancing of our relationship with the Sun and Moon. If we consider the South node representing the Moon, the past, and the North node the Sun, the future, we could say that eclipses are a time of re-balancing past and future. Due to the tendency to fall into unconscious habit patterns when meeting the South Node, eclipses conjunct this point may be quite challenging. Those conjunct the North Node are less conditioned by the past (whether solar or lunar) and may offer more opportunities for rapid change.

In a Solar eclipse the moon blocks the Sun's light. This suggests that lunar forces (feeling, memory, returning to the past and inner instinct) take precedence over will (the Sun).

During a lunar eclipse the shadow of the Earth (present time, practical matters) passes over the Moon. It is a reminder to step out of the past, let go of subjective feelings and deal with issues more objectively.

Ancient astrologers tended to view eclipses as negative events since they often brought changes that upset the existing order of things. We can now see that although they bring change, often sudden and radical change, there are also signal opportunities for growth if we understand the nature of the change and utilise the increased energy wisely. The very nature of change is to leave the past behind as the new circumstances take over.

The Babylonians recognised that eclipses occurred in Series. These series were named Saros Series or Cycles, meaning repetition or to be repeated, and that each saros series produces a solar eclipse every 18 years.

Each Solar saros series eclipse starts as a partial eclipse at either the North or South Pole at between 15deg and 18deg in front of the nodal axis. Every 18 years when it occurs, it moves closer in orb to the nodal axis, so that after approximately 650 years the eclipse will occur conjunct the axis, a total eclipse, and then continue their journey away from the axis. Each Series has a number and is named either North or South, depending on where it started. We experience one North and one South series each year, and each series contains 71 to 73 eclipses as it works its way from one pole to the other. At any given period there are about 42 saros series active, half running from North to South, and the other half from South to North Pole.

The numbers allocated to each series is the actual years in which the series will produce an eclipse. Those with corresponding numbers may have started at very different times, but are numbered similarly because their 18-year patterns coincide so that their eclipses occur in the same year, within six months of each other.

As it is possible to calculate the exact moment that the very first eclipse of a series occurs, we can cast a birth chart for it and derive some understanding of the nature of and themes associated with the series. When the eclipse occurs on a planet or angle degree on a person's natal chart, it is said that the person will experience the nature of the eclipse in question through the expression of that planet on that degree. While this may be so,

it's necessary to take into consideration the point's aspects on the natal chart as an indicator as to how the person may handle the new energy coming in via the eclipse. And further consideration must be given to the house axis involved, as the indicator of the area of life the eclipse is likely to be played out.

I have relied on the results of the research provided by Bernadette Brady in *The Eagle and the Lark* as to the family each eclipse belongs to, and the nature of each eclipse.

So now let us look at Alan's birth chart and see what influence eclipses might have on him over a five-year period.

2003

Saros Series 5 North

Sun/Moon 19 deg Libra

Mars = Mercury/Uranus

Creative, intuitive, innovative nature

May 16 South Node Lunar 24 Scorpio

May 31 North Node Solar 9 Gemini

This pair of eclipses has a powerful impact on Alan's chart. Although they fall across his 3rd/9th house axis, they pick up his Cross of Matter, Jupiter/Saturn opposition, square Mercury, Sun and Moon, and Falling exactly on the IC, one would expect a major turnaround in his life, possibly an ending of an existing relationship or the start of a new one, change of residence and/or change in career and work. Matters concerning parents, relatives may call for attention. Higher learning may be required, possibly connected with career matters. A very significant time for Alan, and it may be a good idea for him to remember what was happening in his life 18 years ago when this series was last activated.

The previous Solar eclipse was December 4 2002 at 11 deg Sagittarius, opposite this one, so obviously is connected. What he experiences at this time would have had its origins in December 2002, and this period is a continuation of that, or rather the next stage in the process of unfoldment.

Saros Series 5 New South

Sun/Moon (22deg Cancer) = Mercury/Venus

Node = New Moon/Jupiter

Joyful, happy, sense of good news, falling in love, beneficial

Nov 9 North Node Lunar 16 deg Taurus

This North Node Lunar eclipse forms a square to Alan's nodal axis, but trines his Sun/Venus conjunction from the 3rd house. There could be good news arrive from long distance, good relations with siblings, possibly a new awareness of old problems. This eclipse looks very favourable for communication in a relationship, decisions being reached.

Nov 23 South Node Solar 1deg Sagittarius

In close conjunction to Alan's Neptune/Jupiter and widely opposing his Saturn, he may meet his 'hearts desire' and fall madly in love! Or with the Saturn involvement, perhaps an engagement or marriage announcement may be the outcome.

2004

Saros Series 6 North

Sun/Moon 27 Taurus quincunx Neptune

Node = New Moon/Saturn

April 19 North node Solar 29 deg Aries

Emphasis is on Alan's second house now, and an awareness of what he truly values could lead to a change in income or employment. Interestingly, this eclipse quincunxes Alan's Neptune as well as his Pluto, forming a yod, so there may well be a feeling of fatedness, that 'this is meant to be'. This suggests the possibility of disillusionment, and decisions being made to change course, especially in what he owns and what he is prepared to share with others.

May 5 South Node Lunar 14 deg Scorpio

Falling in his eighth house, Alan may want to change the way he handles money and resources in a partnership, re-evaluate investments and issues of giving and receiving money may emerge. As this eclipse trines his natal Moon, I suggest that it will have a favourable outcome for him.

Saros Series 6 South

Sun/Moon 21 Pisces conj. Venus = Uranus/Node

Pluto opposite Mars

October 14 South Node Solar 21 deg Libra

A potentially powerful eclipse again falling in his eighth house, not aspecting sensitive points on the chart, but suggesting power struggles concerning joint resources, being forceful. Sexuality issues and secrets may emerge, psychological changes may be necessary.

October 28 North Node Lunar 5 deg Taurus

Further emphasis in Alan's second house of income, employment and values. He may consider a job change or develop a new income-producing skill. I suspect the latter, as this eclipse does not have strong aspects to personal points, although self-esteem may become important in the fall-out from the previous eclipse.

2005

Saros Series 7 North

Sun/Moon 15 Libra = Pluto = Mars/Venus

April 9 North Node Solar 19 deg Aries

Again emphasis on the second house, this time a north node solar where the Moon overpowers the Sun, so there is a theme of letting go of what is not valued. It is conjunct Venus at 21 deg Aries, suggesting relationships will be an important issue, although it could also be financial. There could be financial shortfalls, overextended credit and it may be that Alan's finances will need to be restructured. Old habits must go.

April 24 South Node Lunar 4 deg Scorpio

As the Sun is the more powerful factor here, a renewal of solar will and purpose overrides the Moon, and the complexes from the past can now be eliminated. As this eclipse falls in Alan's eighth house, it would be reasonable to suggest that the difficulties he has been experiencing, whether they be emotional, financial or personal power based, may well start to improve.

October 3 South Node Solar 10 deg Libra

I would discuss with Alan what natal Chiron opposite Uranus might mean to him as this opposition is being activated by this pair of eclipses. It suggests that he may have reservations about relinquishing his freedom because of a perception that in doing so he will lose himself. By this time his Chiron square Chiron will have passed, so the events triggered by these eclipses should bring a new understanding of his value of himself and what he has to offer in a shared relationship. Of course, he may also have to address habits he may have with over-use of credit cards!

As the Moon is receptive to the Sun in this eclipse, Alan should be able to release and examine new feelings, and find a new sense of purpose and determination in addressing any issues that have been problematic.

October 17 North Node Lunar 24 deg Aries

Reactions to events and demands from the previous eclipse must now be integrated. One would hope that this will be the time of resolution of the past two years where Alan has experienced change and development in second/eighth houses. If a relationship has been foundering, this should be the time of its final demise. Or if finances have been the main focus, he should now be in control of his budget and should be able to work his way out of debt.

2006

Saros Series 8 North

Sun/Moon 4 Gemini = Uranus = Mercury/Venus

Pluto = Venus/Saturn = New Moon/Node

Mars = Mercury = New Moon/Neptune

March 15 South Node Lunar 24 deg Virgo

This eclipse conjuncts Pluto in Alan's seventh house. Given the nature of the eclipse with its Venus/Saturn and new moon/node nature, and that a south node lunar releases the power of the Sun, I would suggest that Alan will meet a new partner. He has a strong need for a deep and meaningful relationship natally, and this might well be the time when the right person comes along. This will be a time of facing and understanding psychological complexes in a rational way, and because it is in the seventh house it will probably involve a 'significant other'.

March 29 North Node Solar 8 deg Aries

Although this eclipse technically falls in Alan's first house, it is conjunct natal Chiron at 12 deg Aries in the first house and forms a quincunx to his natal Sun at 12 deg Virgo in his seventh house. This may well be a testing time for Alan as he addresses relating patterns that may have painful origins, and subsequent self-esteem issues may arise. He

may be fearful of being abandoned again, and he may also be compelled, through the other person, to consider that he may have tendencies to be domineering in relationships.

September 8 North Node Lunar 15 Pisces

This will be a very important time for Alan as the north node lunar eclipse fall exactly on his Moon and Ascendant and opposes his Sun in the seventh. Events will present themselves to enable him to face his 'demons', own his own woundedness and recognise his innate need for relationship. Perhaps he will find himself setting a wedding date, or at least publicly committing himself to a relationship. This eclipse is like a culmination of the process that started in 2003 with Saros series 5.

He may also make changes to his physical appearance, and/or hygiene or health routines that will enable him to move further toward his goals.

There could be some issues arise surrounding his parents too, such as helping them integrate their differences.

September 22 South Node Solar 29 deg Virgo

Empowerment would be a keyword for this eclipse as it conjuncts his own Pluto and sextiles his Jupiter. It is probable that through whatever events the eclipse brings, Alan will see quite clearly just how far he has come in his own personal development over the past three years. A sense of security and fulfilment should accompany this eclipse.

2007

Saros Series 9 New North

Sun/Moon 28 Leo

Venus = Mercury = Mars/Pluto

Mars = Uranus/Pluto

A physically expressive eclipse, has a nature of physical effort and possible sudden violence. Taking affirmative action.

March 4 South Node Lunar 13 deg Virgo

The Moon conjunct the south node brings forth the Sun as the most powerful factor, and in this instance the nodes and the eclipse are conjunct Alan's Sun/Moon opposition.

Combining the Sun with the Mars = Uranus/Pluto nature of the eclipse, it appears that this is much energy focussing on his seventh house.

The balance between self and others will need to be examined more closely, and Alan may find himself evaluating a relationship to determine its suitability for his continued growth.

My guess is that the Sun will win out here and he may find that he is dominating the relationship and with a new awareness take positive steps to accommodate the needs of his partner.

March 19 North Node Solar 28 deg Pisces

In exact opposition to natal Pluto (28 deg Virgo in the 7th house), occurring in the first house, this eclipse potentially could reflect Alan's emotional neediness, dependency needs and emotional insecurities. It coincides with transiting Pluto square Pluto, so it would be a fair guess that he will be looking at where he is going in life versus

relationship needs. He may decide to end a relationship or make a concerted effort to understand his partner's needs.

Saros Series 9 New South

Sun/Moon 25 Cancer

Mercury = Saturn = Neptune

New Moon = Venus/Pluto

Concerned with the bringing to the surface of long-term worries about loved ones.

Health issues may arise.

August 28 North Node Lunar 4 deg Pisces

An eclipse in the twelfth house can bring about a withdrawal from society, and can stimulate a need to develop spiritual and artistic capabilities. Time spent alone may be an outcome.

4 deg Pisces forms a square to Alan's Jupiter/Saturn opposition, so I would suggest that he may stop work for a while, or could even spend some time in a hospital or institution of some sort, a retreat from society.

September 11 South node solar 18 deg Virgo

The seventh house is again emphasised, and emotional issues are again under the spotlight. Letting go of old relating patterns will be necessary, this time envy or jealousy may have to be confronted.

It appears then that Alan is facing at least five years of changes within himself, his values, self esteem and how he relates to and shares with others. It will be a transformative time for him as very sensitive points on his chart will be triggered, and the first and third quadrants of his chart are awakened.

He will be much wiser about who he is and what he can offer to others once this period is over.

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