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**GEORGE W. BUSH  
FIRST INAUGURATION  
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**A study of the Inauguration chart of the George W. Bush's first term.**

## Abstract

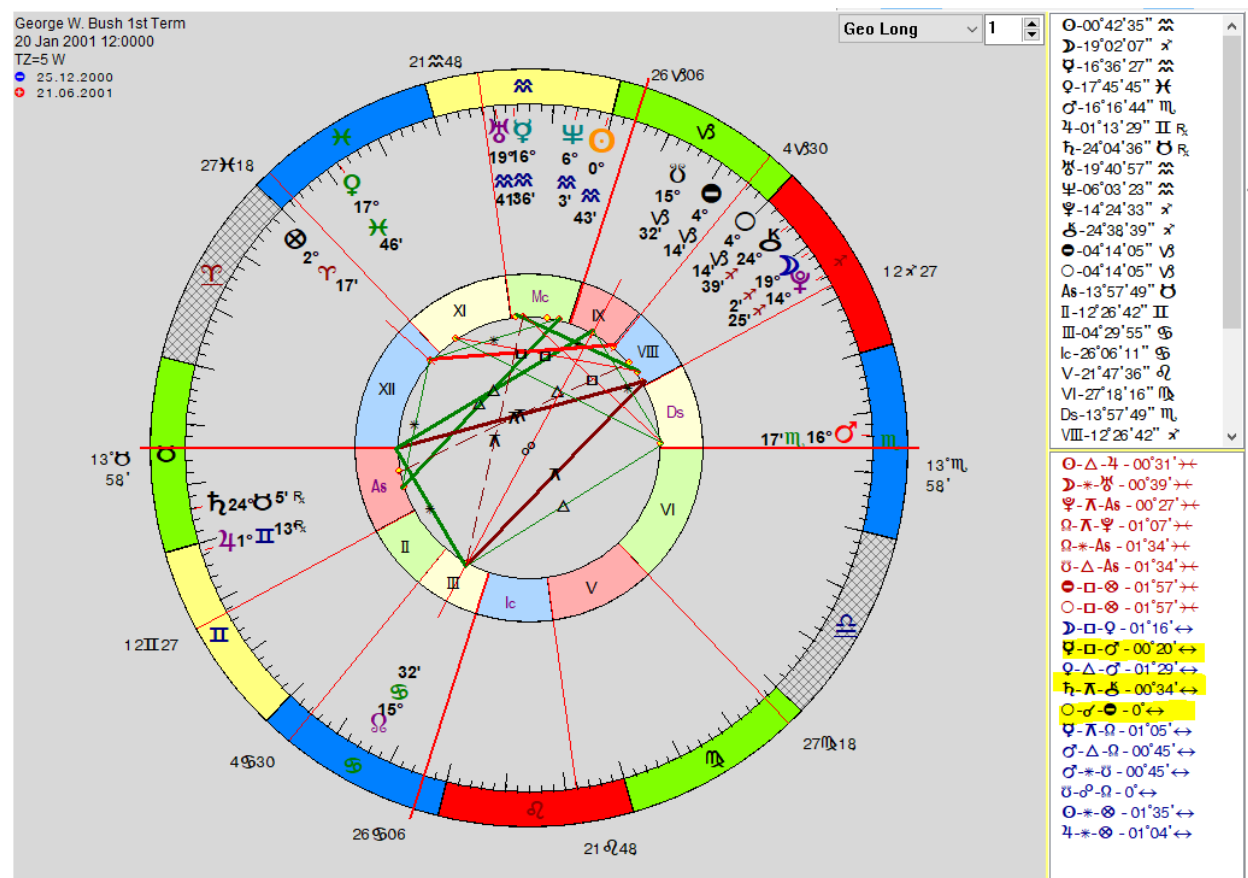
The Alpee's Astrological Investigators are examining the chart of the United States presidential inauguration to see if it can act as a stand-alone chart for the duration of that presidential term. Without looking at any other charts, we examine the significant events which occurred during that presidency to see how those transits, progressions, or solar arcs interact with the inauguration's chart.

## Method

Since the 1930s, the USA's President's inauguration has occurred at noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January after the election. Firstly, the chart will be examined to determine the status of the presidency. Subsequently, we look at the transits, etc., of significant events to the chart to see any correlations.

## The Inauguration

George W. Bush was elected the 43<sup>rd</sup> president of the United States of America in November 2000. He officially took office on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2001, at noon. All the charts of the presidential inaugurations, since 1933, will have a Taurus rising, a Capricorn Midheaven, and the Sun in Aquarius in the 10<sup>th</sup> house.



In Bush's first inauguration, the ruler of the 10<sup>th</sup> house is in the 1<sup>st</sup> house along with Jupiter. Saturn rules the government and the allies of the country. Jupiter rules the resources of the other country or enemy states and the 12<sup>th</sup> house of secret organisations. This suggests the government will do what they need

to do to advance the state. Saturn also rules the 9<sup>th</sup> house of foreign lands. The chart indicates foreign powers coming to the USA.

Nebulous Neptune is in the 10<sup>th</sup> house of government and is conjunct the Sun bringing about possibly cloudy or obscured dealings with leadership. Neptune could be issues around the validity of the election relating to the Florida results with the hanging chads et al.

Neptune and Jupiter are the rulers of the 12<sup>th</sup>, suggesting organisations like the CIA were a significant influence on this term. However, the 12<sup>th</sup> house is also that of hidden enemies who could impact the presidency. Neptune is also the natural ruler of oil. Oil seems to be the focus of this term. Mercury and Uranus were conjunct in the 10<sup>th</sup> house. Mercury rules the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of resources and the 6<sup>th</sup> house of military, implying both of these could bear on the term.

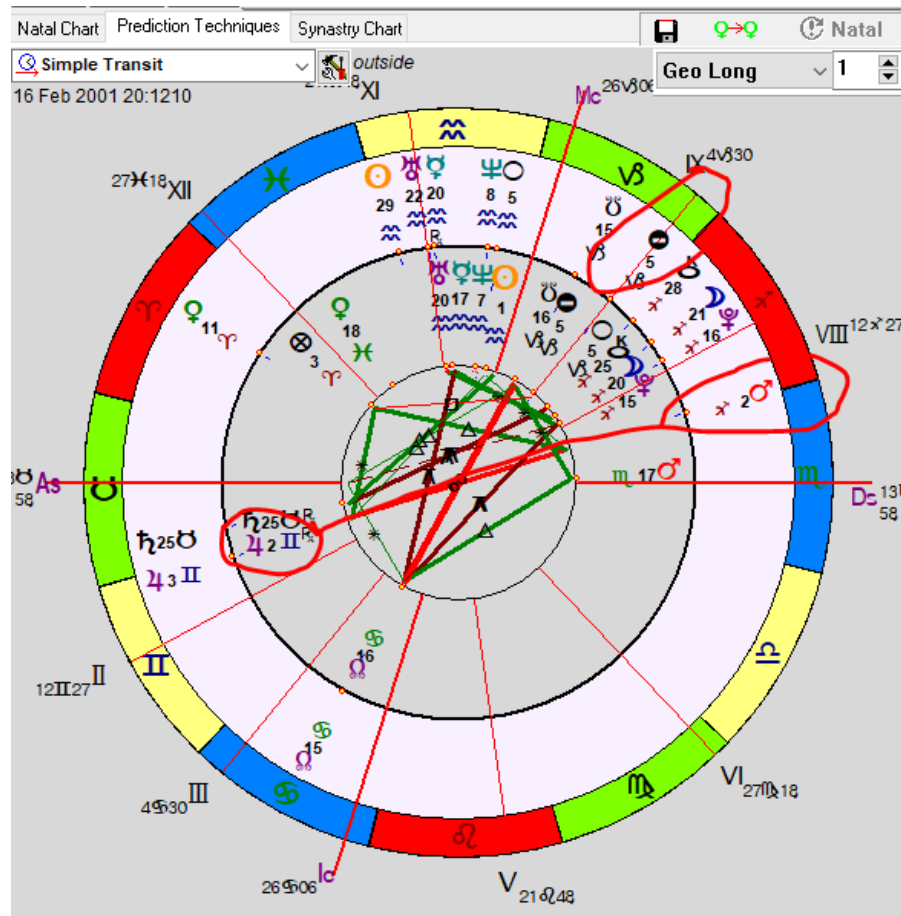
Mars, the planet of war, is in the 7<sup>th</sup> house of open enemies. Furthermore, it conjuncts the descendent or is opposite the Ascendant, which is foreboding and suggesting a significant conflict during this term. Mars is also squaring Mercury and Uranus, meaning a surprise armed conflict might occur during this presidency.

Eclipses portend serious, significant, or catastrophic events. The eclipse in this chart is on the cusp of the 9<sup>th</sup> house, suggesting there would be issues with foreign powers.

## On the 16th of February, 2001 - **Attacking Iraq**

U.S. planes attack various Iraqi radar sites to enforce a "no-fly zone." The White House claims these actions are routine missions. The no-fly restriction was leftover from George H.R. Bush's war on Iraq.

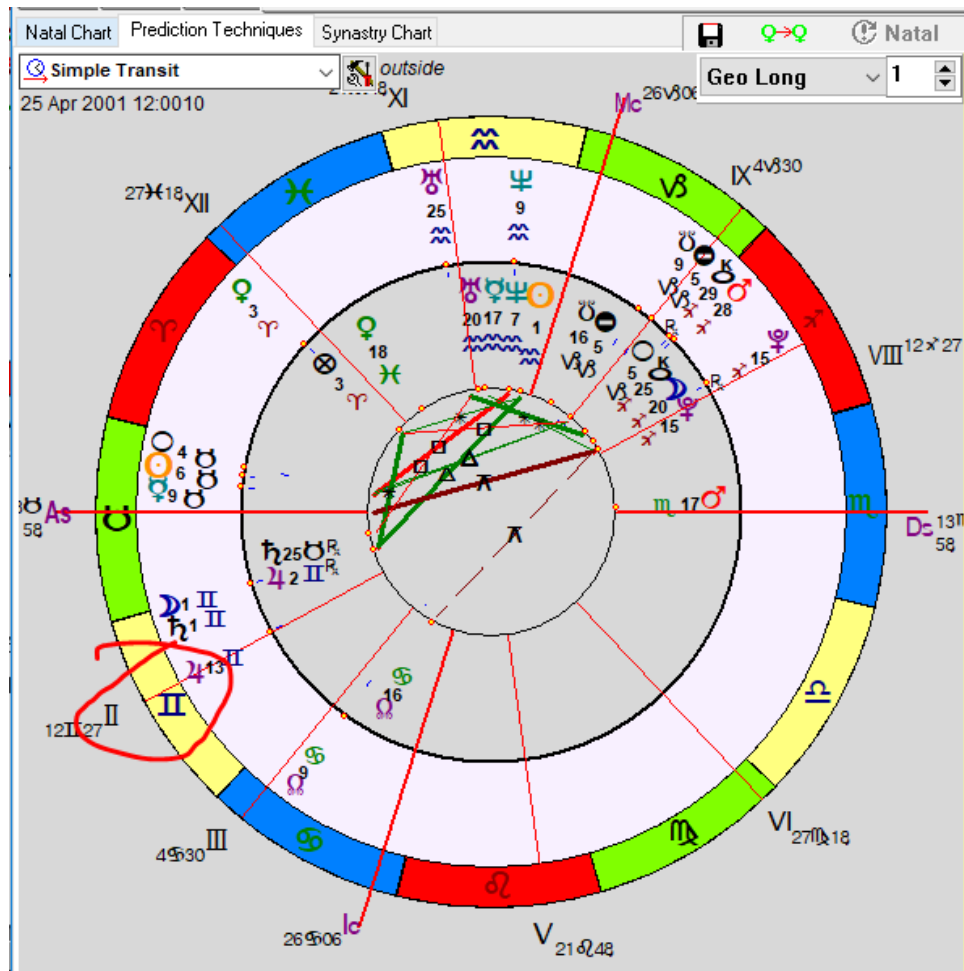
Transiting Mars was opposite Jupiter in the 1<sup>st</sup> house, and the previous eclipse was on the cusp of the 9<sup>th</sup> house. In a sextile position to the Sun, Mars suggests this action was for the President to flex his military muscles.



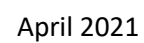
## The 25th of April, 2001 - The backing of Taiwan over China

### Bush backs Taiwan over China

President Bush officially pledges military support for Taiwan in the event China attacks Taiwan. What is notable is this is the first time an administration openly admitted this is the manoeuvre's intent. The Moon and Saturn are in a partile trine position to the Natal Sun.

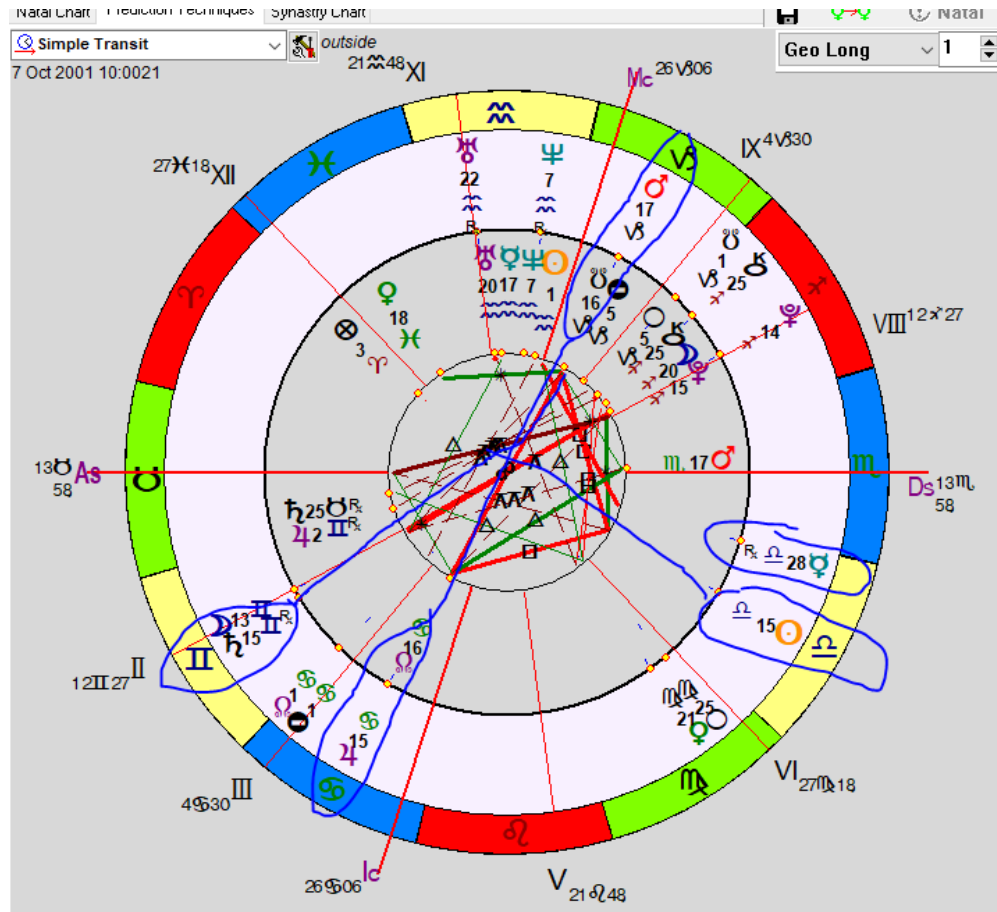






### The 7th of October, 2001 - *Operation Enduring Freedom*

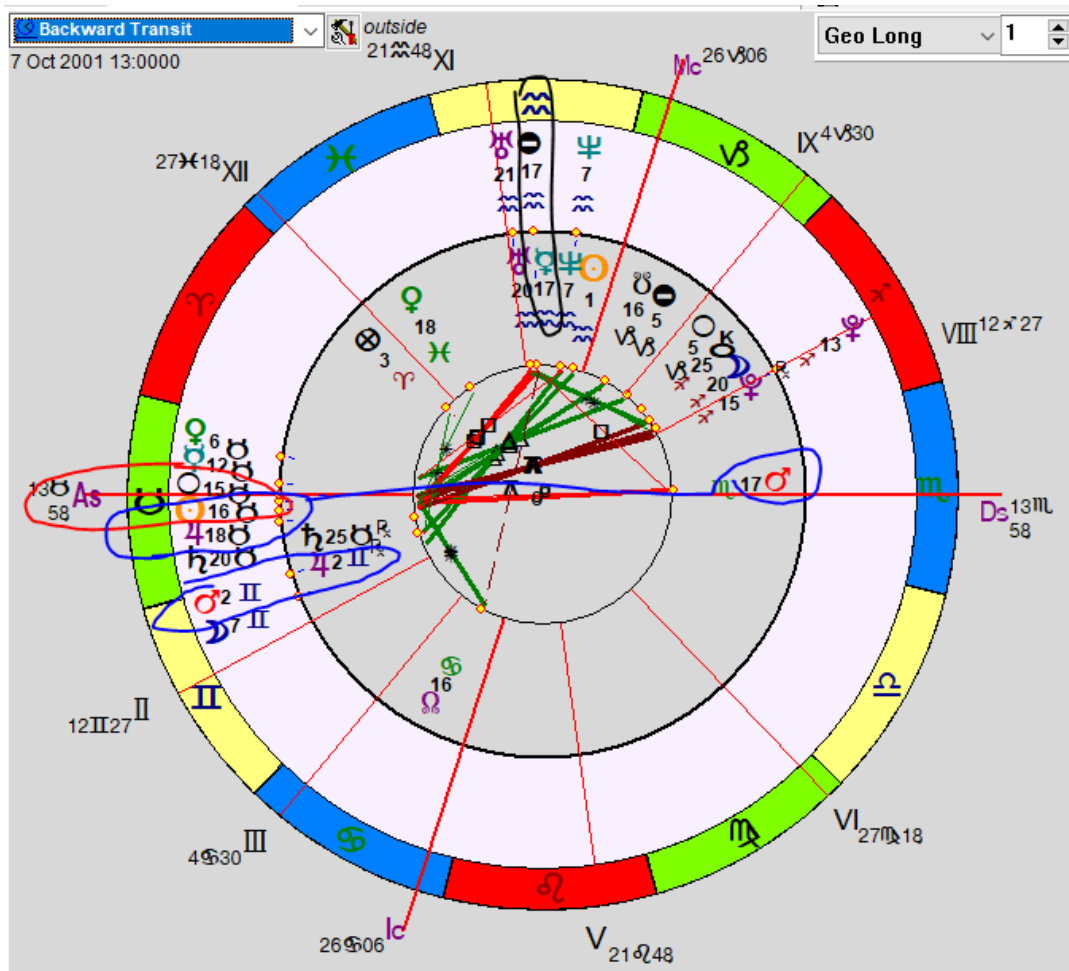
President Bush announces military action in Afghanistan: code-name *Enduring Freedom*. Transiting Mars is opposite transiting Jupiter conjunct the nodes with the transiting Sun in a square to them. Saturn, the ruler of the 10<sup>th</sup> house or President, is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> house of resources in a quincunx to the South Node and transiting Mars in the 9<sup>th</sup> house of foreign lands. Saturn is also exactly quincunx to the solar eclipse and the south node of the natal chart. Saturn can signify father, and this aspect implies he wants to finish what was started under Bush senior's, his father's, term.





However, the chart that is more telling is the converse transit chart for that day.

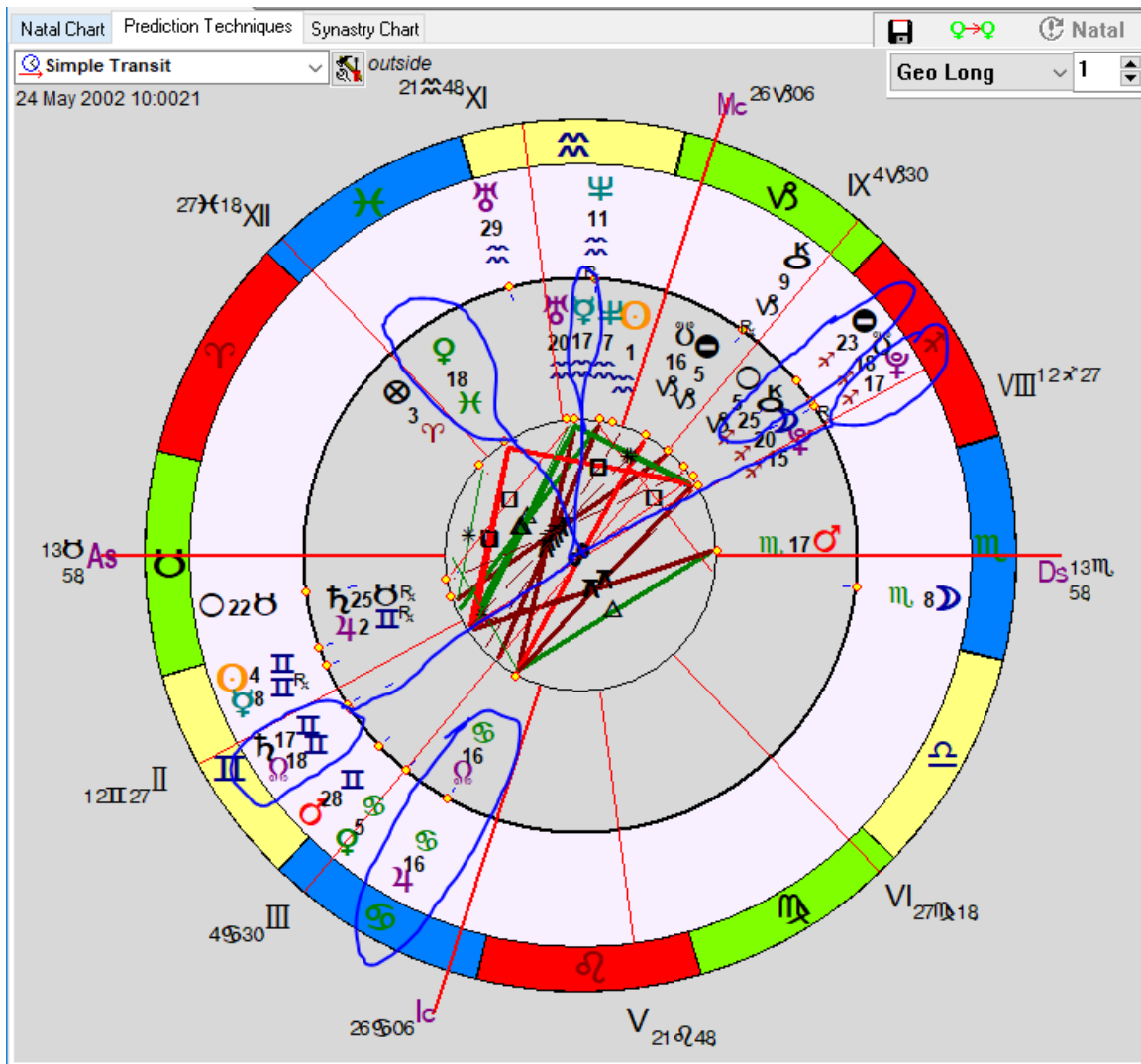
The previous eclipse would still be in the 10<sup>th</sup> house on natal Mercury. Transiting Mars (war) ruler of the 12<sup>th</sup> house and the 7<sup>th</sup> house of hidden and open enemies was precisely conjunct Jupiter in the first house. The transiting Sun and Jupiter were opposite natal Mars in the 7<sup>th</sup> house of enemies. The previous new Moon was right on the ascendant.



### The 24th of May, 2002 - [Bush-Putin nuclear treaty](#)

President Bush travelled to the Kremlin to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin to sign a nuclear arms treaty. They vowed to reduce their respective arsenals by two-thirds over the next ten years.

Transiting Pluto is opposite transiting Saturn, and both are squaring a conciliatory natal Venus. Pluto rules nuclear arms, and Saturn is about limitations. Venus is the planet of diplomacy. Jupiter, the planet of hope and the ruler of the 8<sup>th</sup> house of death, is conjunct the natal nodes.

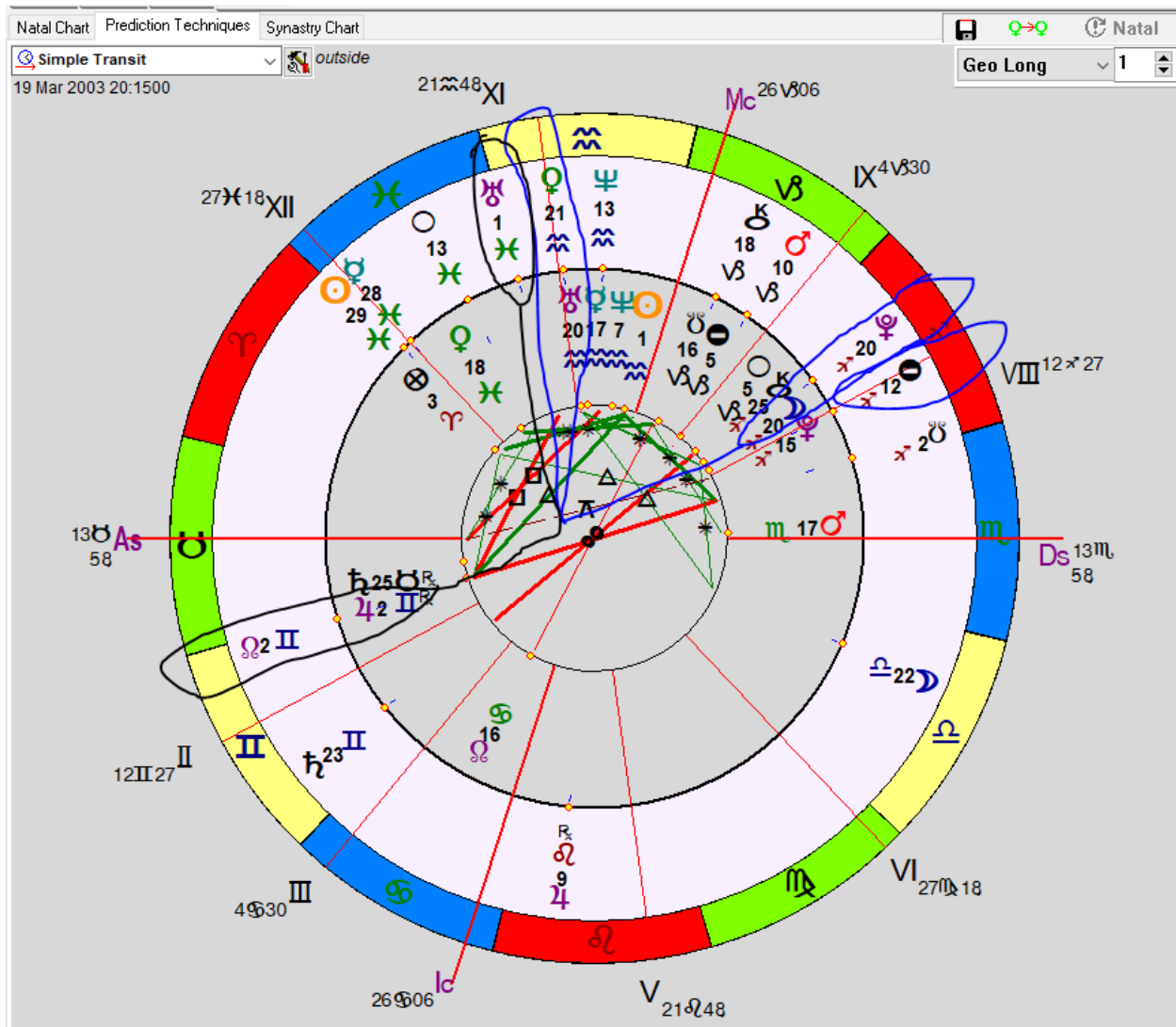


### On the 19th of March, 2003 - [Bush declares war with Iraq](#)

They issued a 20:00 deadline for Hussein to leave Iraq. Hussein defied the order resulting in Bush addressing the United States at 22:15 and declaring war against Iraq.

Transiting Pluto (secrets, death and power) is conjunct the natal Moon ruling the people and the 4<sup>th</sup> house of the land. It is in a sextile relation to Uranus and transiting Venus, the ruler of the chart. Uranus represents freedom, and that was the idea behind the war.

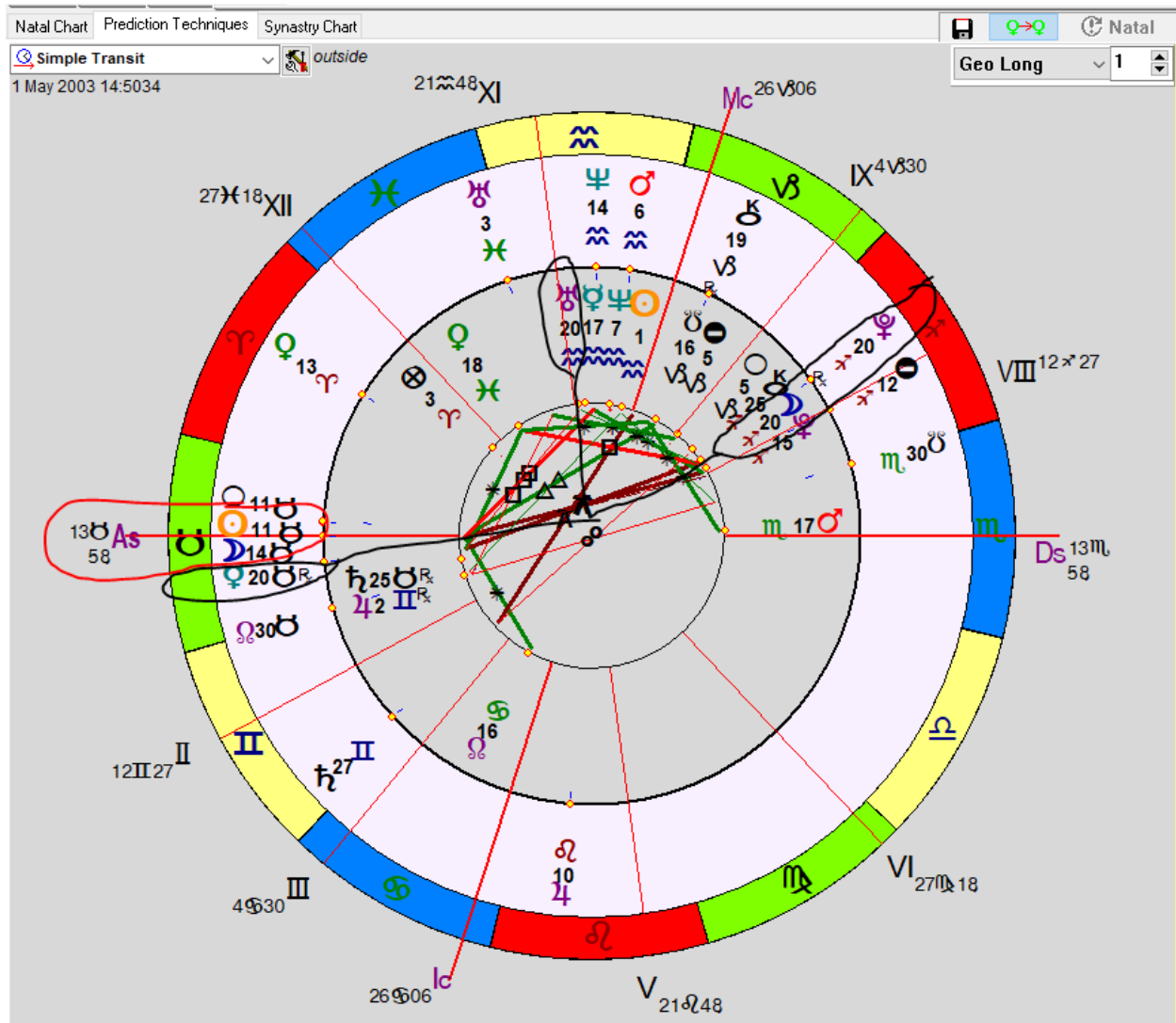
Transiting Uranus, the planet of freedom and revolutions, was squaring the nodes and the natal first house Jupiter.



### The 1st of May, 2003 - Bush claims "Mission Accomplished."

In a nationally televised address on board an aircraft carrier, Bush declares that major combat operations in Iraq are finished. In the background, there is a banner stating *Mission Accomplished*.

The Sun and Moon are on the ascendant. And retrograde Mercury is exactly square natal Uranus and quincunx the Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> house and transiting Pluto conjunct the Moon. Making an announcement like that when Mercury is retrograde and those aspects, while not horrific, it was viewed as an error.

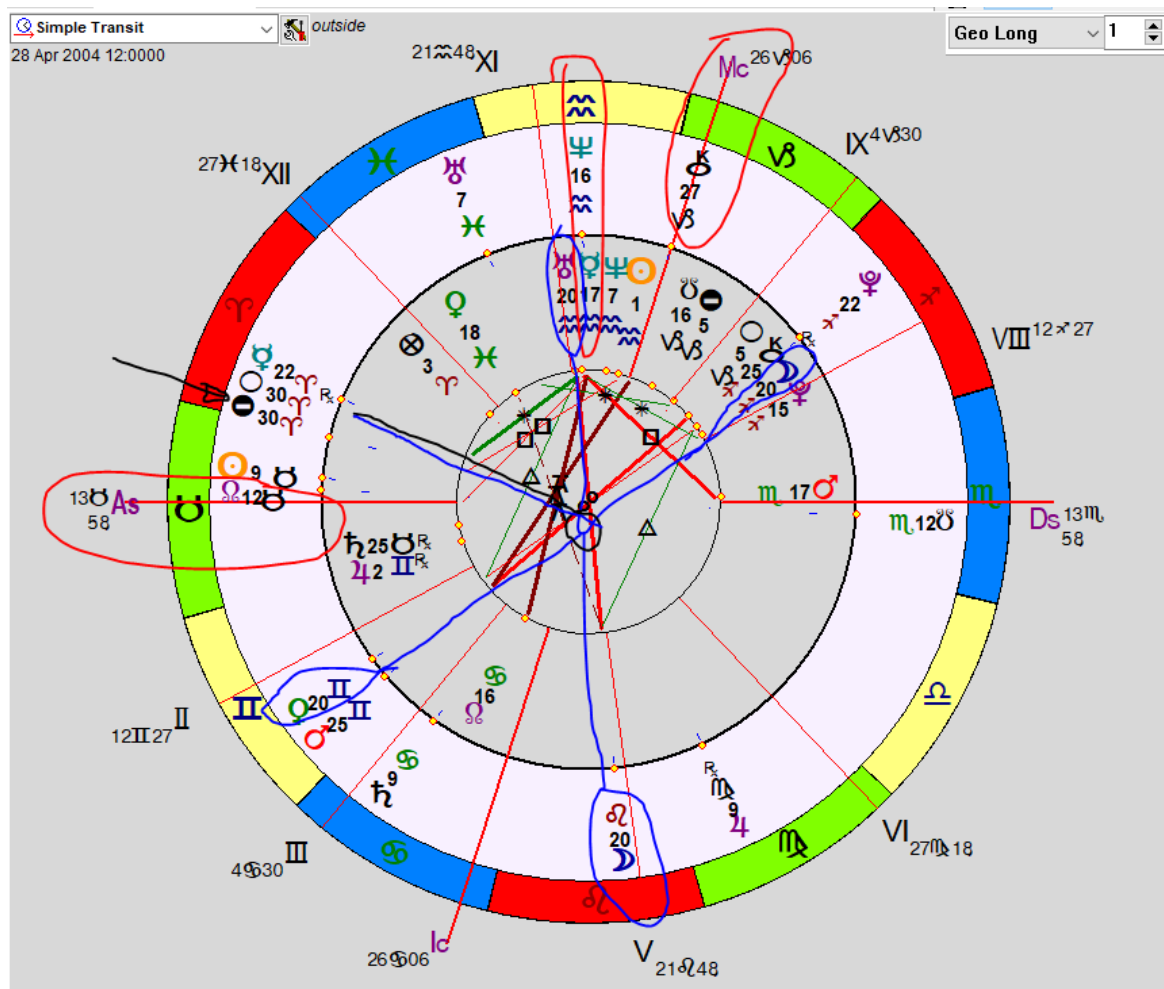


## The 28th of April, 2004 - U.S. abuse of Iraqi prisoners made public

CBS broadcasts photographs of U.S. Army abuse of Iraqi prisoners in Abu Ghraib prison, a facility on Baghdad's outskirts. Bush and other senior administration officials voice deep disapproval over these abuses.

The chart has several aspects happening:

- The previous eclipse squaring the Sun of the chart
- The transiting Moon's nodes are conjunct the Ascendent/Descendant axis
- Transiting Neptune (fog) is conjunct Mercury in the 10<sup>th</sup> house. Neptune rules the 12<sup>th</sup> house of prisons, conjuncting Mercury, the planet of communication in the 10<sup>th</sup> house for public view. 12<sup>th</sup> house also rules institutions such as the CIA.
- Transiting Chiron, the wounded healer and maverick, is on the Midheaven.
- Transiting Venus, the ruler of the 6<sup>th</sup> house or the army, is opposite to Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of taboos and death and atrocities.





## **Conclusions**

Based on the events in this example, it appears the Presidential Inauguration chart can reflect the term's events. The inauguration chart alone gives a flavour of how the term would unfold. Planetary aspects such as Mars on the descendant and Pluto conjunct the Moon in the 8<sup>th</sup> house of death are indicative of events such as 9-11 and the subsequent wars. The examples in this study show significant connections from the transits to the natal chart during the presidency.