

Beazley, Howard & Costello: The Quest for Leadership

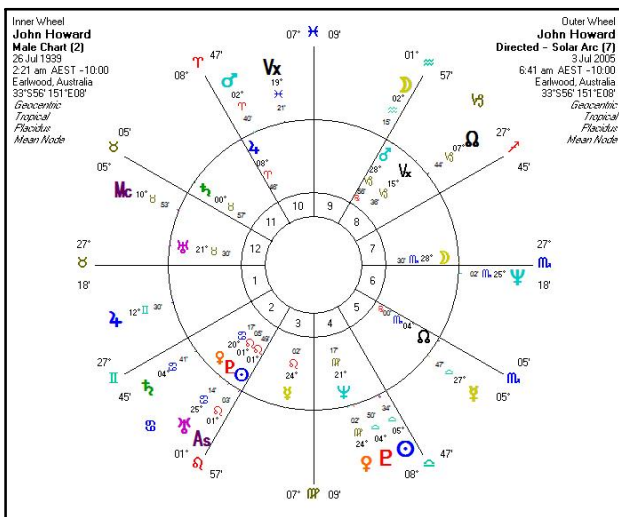
Introduction

The dictionary defines a quest as seeking...or searching. So it follows that, Howard is seeking to retain the leadership of the Liberal party whilst Costello seeks it...in fact he yearns for it and in typical Leonean manner he thinks its his birth right. Alternatively, Beazley, whose ambition far out weighs his competence, covets the leadership of the country! We live in interesting times! I need to tell you that this is not an exhaustive review of these men, merely a light hearted review that considers their key innate drivers and current focus using major arcs or transits if they are present.

Of course there is the perennial problem of birth times. The data used is from Solar Fire Deluxe and I have chosen to use 2.21am for Howard as used by astrologer Dennis Sutton. Costello's time is unknown but was given as 11.21am. A further time of 12.15pm was sent to Stephanie Johnson so at least we can watch to see what big bangs manifest and fine tune from there.

John Howard.

His Sun/Pluto conjunction in Leo suggests a deep intensification of ego needs and he is indeed a powerful player and with Moon in Scorpio of which the ruler conjuncts the Sun reinforces his deep intense, and I suspect, controlling nature.

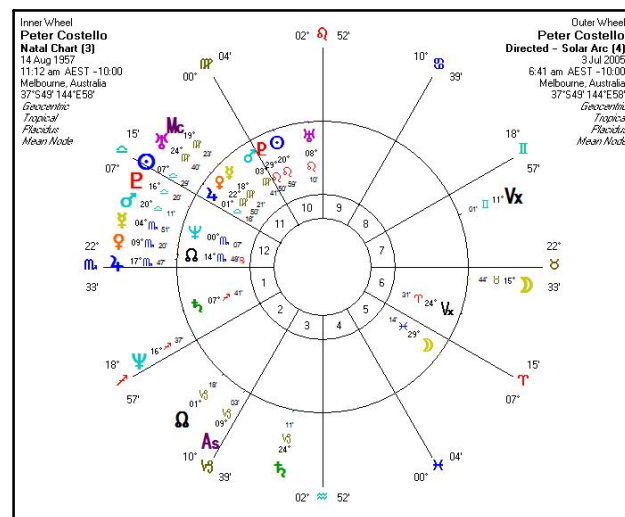


Of interest, is that using this birth time he lacks air and therefore 'lightness' and don't you get a heavy feeling when watching the man talk? Heavy in so much that he labours his points, is deliberate in his pronunciation of words, even his body language seems stifled.

Using Solar Arcs (SA), this horoscope seems to work. When SA Venus=Natal Nep his wife was ill. Back in March Uranus=MC which timed with Costello's rumblings about Howard's leadership and the intensification of the status of refugees. This transit will hit again October and December 2005 and January 2006 and I suggest there will be more challenges to his leadership. In October the Solar eclipse is at 10 Libra opposing his Jupiter in the 10th House, ruling his eight. Could this signal the beginning of the end for him? If he wants to stay in the game he will need to have his wits about him...more than usual.

Peter Costello (the boy who would be King)

Although it's wide I'd allow the Sun/Pluto as I think we do see a person so enamoured with power it smacks of qualities Plutonian! He is probably a very talented man yet the hemisphere emphasis. As suggested by Tyl, this configuration is predisposed with a psyche that feels as if events and circumstances often control him. This, coupled with the eastern hemisphere focus echo's that psychodynamically it's all about him. He wants what he wants and he doesn't particularly care about others. I think it shows. He openly lacks compassion and consequently, needs some serious coaching in how to connect with the general public as they will not care or understand any of his 'great' technical achievements. Unfortunately 'Joe public' gets to see the pompous, arrogant Leo, who thinks he's invincible Sun=Pluto who produces a supercilious grin of smug self righteousness every time he does something he thinks is beneficial i.e. the recent rumble about the leadership or when he delivered the budget. Will his loyalty to the party and Howard payoff? As Saturn transits his Midheaven will it bring with the rewards promised due to hard work?

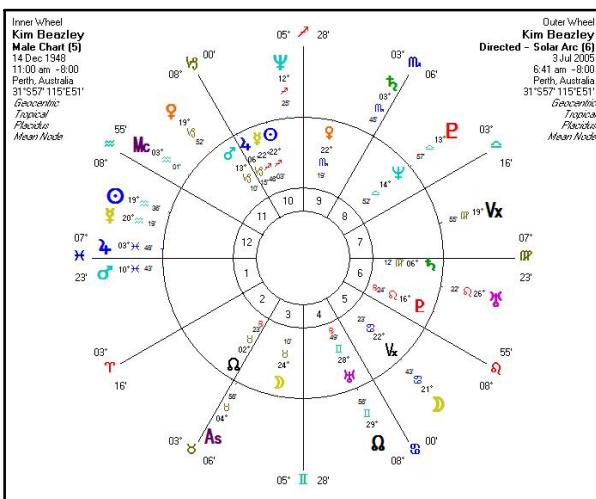


Howard/Costello (The Dynamic Duo)

This relationship is not made in heaven. Two ambitious men, in powerful positions will either manifest with creative dynamic tension producing endless possibilities or you'll see all the attributes of subversive sabotaging behaviours typically associated with game of politics and the acquisition of political power. You see, something happens to these people over time. They loose sight of their altruistic intent to build a prosperous nation and become caught up in the familiar ego based conflicts of a large organisational system and all the elements that encompasses. They become narcissistic and forget what why they were put into office. And so the voting public continue to vote governments out in Australia instead of voting them in. Think about it.

Kim Beazley

Our Kim tires to invoke those likeable Sagittarian qualities of spinning a good story but it all seems to fall on deaf ears. He has an interesting blend of Sun/Mercury/Jupiter opposing Uranus which could suggest a wonderful creative thinking ability provided he harnesses his dogmatism and manages the engagement process of others. Clearly he does not have this talent. This is echoed in the grand earth trine of which Tyl suggest presents as a major defence mechanism. It is in earth thus providing practical self sufficiency and reinforcing his, 'I'll do it my way' position. I think his underlying drivers become clear: my way is the only way. Although he can work well with people in particular women he is belligerent with his opinions Ur=Jup/Mer and is Qindecelle Mars. So he may be well intended but he seems to have so much trouble sustaining his momentum



This is a man who goes through the motions of obtaining agreement, even consensus, then does his own thing. When he was resurrected after Mark Latham's sudden departure from the ALP he said 'I will consult with he party' more to get the pulse on what needs to be done. Well that flies in the face of his recent reshuffle of the shadow cabinet when he made the decision unilaterally on who would do what, and did not consult the party.

Of interest at the time of his reappointment he had transiting Uranus=MC and Jupiter/ASC: a lucky break.

He also said he would have more women in leadership roles and although he might go through the motions of putting women in place he will expect them to toe the Beazley line.

Moving forward, with Pluto=Sun/Mercury he will drive for absolute power and be intolerant of those he perceives as

dissenters. This of course is a lesson about using power wisely and constructively and whilst intellectually he knows what to do; his day to day behaviour is the antithesis of this. He has Uranus=Asc the same time Howard has Uranus=MC, so both are in for some shake ups and they need to be prepared for the unexpected. If they would only come to us for coaching!

Moving forward I actually wonder about Beazley's health as he has Neptune Pluto and Pluto Neptune influences and Saturn coming up to inconjunct his moon. In addition SA Saturn will be squared by Saturn in Leo...not too good I'm afraid.

So who will win the quest for leadership?

I don't think much of Beazley's chances. People don't like his core he is not collaborating with the party and colleagues as he promised and appears to be going down the path of making unilateral decisions as described above. As further, evidence of poor strategic planning, he vehemently wanted to block the tax cuts of July 1st 2005, which would have seen thousands of Australians continue to suffer an almost intolerable tax system.

In relation to Howard/Costello the tax cuts will prove to be an excellent strategic move by the dynamic duo and sets up the base platform and spirit for the next election. Irrespective of what political persuasion you might be the dynamic duo as I call them, have been a very successful for Australia and they need to look very closely at the consequences if they split up.

With respect to who will win, its too early to call. I'd like an election date and then revisit their charts using tertiaries, eclipses and particular the progressed moon. However, I think Beazley is out and not with standing the ability to exercise free will if Howard is intending to retire he should come clean.

At least, watching the up coming transits will help us rectify birth times!