

Benjamin Franklin (Jan 17, 1706 NS, 10:30 a.m., Boston, MA¹¹), ☉ΔM, ♀◻M. This founding father of the USA was quite a character in his personal life, but perhaps his shocking womanizing, even in old age, was not so uncommon for his time. Literally shocking, however, was his clever invention, the lightning rod.

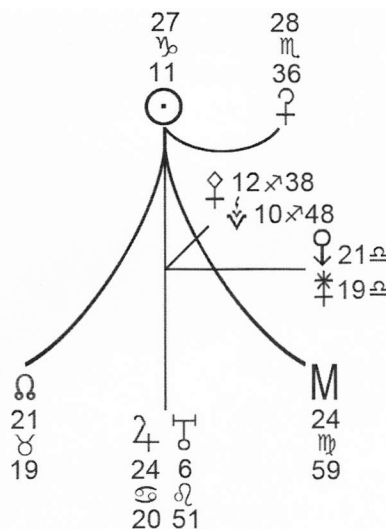


Franklin also reportedly captured electricity using a kite with a key attached to it. While Franklin does have ♀♂♃, which could account for his inventiveness, and ☉♂♃ if you allow almost a 10° orb, Franklin's work with electricity is more akin to Edison's, and therefore these two inventors confirm and support Makemake's claim to being a type of supercharged Uranus.

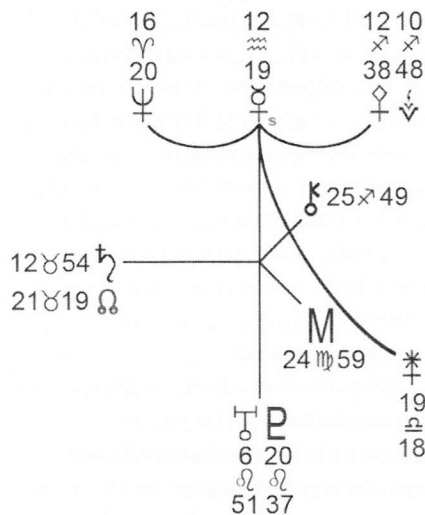
Why would we need 'another' Uranus, you might ask. Most astrologers would probably agree that Uranus' arrival was the answer to too much Saturn – Uranus' discovery heralded the American and French revolutions and the rise of the Individual, and it ushered in centuries of the key discoveries of science. Are we to understand that this new upstart, Makemake, makes Uranus look tame, even *saturnine*?

Of course no one would go that far, but if you think about it, isn't Uranus the mainstream 'universal mind'? What of those ideas that lie beyond the mainstream? If Uranus is physics, Makemake is quantum physics, literally. When German scientist Werner Heisenberg (♀27♌15 ♂M 21 ♂11) in 1925 declared that quantum particles behaved in a manner that was both particle-like and wavelike, Uranus and Makemake were square one another, in

Pisces and Gemini respectively. Albert Einstein (♀16♏59 ♂M 13♏49), who had the nerve to bring us warping spacetime just 20 years earlier, was outraged, calling quantum mechanics absurd and unbelievable. Of course he was upset. At the time, his theories were accepted and mainstream, and QM was out-of-the-box thinking. The



Above: Benjamin Franklin (Sun-Makemake)
Above left: Benjamin Franklin Drawing Electricity from the Sky (Benjamin West, c. 1816) Below: Benjamin Franklin (Mercury-Makemake)



solar system perfectly mirrored this situation with transiting ♃ (25♏31) ♂ Einstein's ☉ (23♏30), squared by transiting M (24♏54), as he wrote his famous complaint, "God does not play dice [with the universe]." ¹² In other words, Einstein believed he knew better (♃♂ his ☉) than the proponents of QM, but he soon found out that he did not (M◻ his ☉).

As much as astrologers have sniffed at the idea that Pluto is not a planet, grouping the Kuipers together provides valuable clues as to what these new large objects are about. Pluto and cohorts are outside the mainstream, outside the last 'social' gas giant. Pluto tries to control and manipulate because he has no societally-granted power. Makemake is Intellect that is outside society, outside the mainstream. Sometimes this supercharged Intellect is able to bring benefits to society, from the lightning rod at one end of the spectrum to quantum mechanics at the other. At other times, you have outbreaks of 'crazy', ideas or energy that cannot be easily absorbed and are therefore labeled criminal or at least undesirable by the society witnessing it. This theory pans out, as Makemake is found in shocking crimes and startling situations, and people with Makemake do surprise us with, if not criminal acts, certainly unexpected behavior.

No one saw it coming

Adolf Hitler (April 20, 1889, 6:30 p.m., Braunau am Inn, Austria¹³), ☉ (0♏48) ♂M (1♏55). The frustrated art student from Austria whose highest rank in WWI was corporal seemed an unlikely person to become German Chancellor and wildly popular with the German people. What was even more astonishing is what his leadership resulted in – Europe devastated, German cities in ruins, and the horrific sights of starvation and death in the concentration camps.

O.J. Simpson (July 9, 1947, 8:08 pm., San Francisco, CA¹⁴), ☉ (16♌35) ♂M (18♌16). Americans were stunned to hear that American football hero O.J. Simpson might be involved in the brutal knife-murder of his wife and her friend Ron Goldman. A Heisman-Trophy winner who not only enjoyed success in sports but also appeared in movies and TV commercials, Simpson was initially acquitted of the crimes, but later convicted in civil court.

Anders Behring Breivik (Feb. 13, 1979, 12:50

p.m., Oslo, Norway¹⁵), ☉ (24♌10)♂M (22♏57). He was convicted of murdering 77 people when he bombed a government building, then went on a shooting spree at a youth camp. Breivik committed his heinous acts on July 22, 2011, with transiting ☉ (29♁24)♂M (26♞06).

9-11-2001 Terror Attacks (first tower hit, Sept 11, 2001, 8:46 a.m., New York, NY¹⁶): ☉ (18♞50)♂M (17♞02). Who imagined Osama bin Laden would put terrorists on planes armed with simple box-cutters, and use them to destroy buildings on the U.S. mainland, taking 3,000 lives? Such evil genius is Makemake, and not only did Bin Laden have ☉ (19♁02)♂M (28♁02), 17 of the 19 hijackers had major birth configurations of either ☉/M (6) or ♂/M (4) or both (7).

As you can see, I agree with Chester-Lambert that Makemake can show up in disaster charts, but only for a particular type of disaster: one that strikes suddenly, with little or no warning.

Assassination attempt of Pope John Paul II (May 13, 1981, 5:19 p.m., Vatican City¹⁷), ☉ (22♁45)♂M (24♏06).

Mt. Vesuvius Eruption (August 24, 79AD, 1 p.m., Pompeii¹⁸), ☉ (28♏37)♂M (21♁03). Small earthquakes preceded the violent eruption but were not recognized as precursors to disaster.

Mt. St. Helen's Eruption (May 18, 1980, 8:32 a.m., Mt. St. Helen, WA¹⁹), ☉ (27♁49)♂M (23♏02) and ♂♄ (23♞22). The cataclysmic nature of the main blast was a shocking thing to behold.

Failure of St. Francis Dam (March 12, 1928, 11:57 p.m., Saugus, CA²⁰), ☉ (22♁30)♂M (24♏45). William Mulholland constantly tweaked the height of his dam near Santa Clarita, CA. Then one night, a loud crack sounded just before midnight, as the dam broke. More than 600 people drowned in the ensuing deluge.

Somali Pirates killed by U.S. Navy Seals (April 12, 2009, "dusk"²¹; 7 p.m. and Mombasa,

Kenya, used), ♂♄ (22♁18)♂M (24♏18)♂M (24♞15). Makemake is vital here not because the drama was at sea – it was the sudden end to the kidnappers' lives by three astonishingly accurate long-range shots. The pirates (♄ in Pisces) thought they were so smart (♄♄), but they didn't expect the precision marksmanship of the Navy Seals (♂M in Virgo).

U.S. Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776, 2:17 a.m., Philadelphia, PA²²), ☉ (12♁43)♂M (27♞43). Who in England in 1776 would have ever believed that the ill-equipped, rag-tag army of General George Washington (also ☉ 3♁19♂M 20♏10) would go on to defeat the greatest military force on the earth at that time, the British?

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Outbreaks of crazy in progression
Unabomber Ted Kaczynski (May 22, 1942, 10:45 a.m., Chicago, IL²³), was a mathematical genius and Harvard graduate who taught at Berkeley. His brilliant mind took a left turn somewhere and he began mailing bombs to people working in technology. Kaczynski's packages started killing people when his p.☉ (12♁23) ♂ p.M (12♁39) on December 11, 1985.

Lt. William Calley (June 8, 1943, Miami, FL²⁴; 7 a.m. used), U.S. army infantry, was convicted of murder for his part in the infamous My Lai Massacre on March 16, 1968, during the Vietnam War. At the time, Calley's p.☉ (10♁25) ♂ p.M (13♁42).

Sgt. Robert Bales (June 30, 1973, Norwood, OH, 7 a.m. used²⁵), U.S. army, was convicted of murdering 17 Afghan villagers on March 11, 2012. At the time, Bales p.☉ (15♏34) ♂ p.M (16♏57).

Herman Melville (August 1, 1819, 11:30 p.m., New York, NY²⁶), American author

who wrote his most famous novel Moby-Dick with his p.☉ (10♞00)♂p.M (9♁03). Now a classic, the book was poorly received at the time, as its dark subject matter led many to wonder if Melville had gone "crazy."

Nadya Suleman (July 11, 1975, 9:59 p.m., Fullerton, CA²⁷). Dubbed by the media "The Octomom," Suleman already had six young children when she conceived eight babies via in-vitro implantation. At the time of the octuplets' birth, Suleman's p.☉ (21♏19)♂ p.M (19♏13).

Edward VIII of England (June 23, 1894, 9:55 p.m., Richmond, England²⁸), in order to marry divorcée Wallis Simpson, abdicated the English throne on Dec. 11, 1936, when his p.☉ (12♏53)♂p.M (12♁09).

Hurricane Katrina (landfall in early hours of August 29, 2005, New Orleans, LA²⁹) blindsided U.S. President George W. Bush as the U.S. p.☉ (0♁12)♂p.M (0♁15).

Makemake in show business

Alfred Hitchcock (August 13, 1899, 3:15 a.m., London, England³⁰), ☉ (20♏07)♂M (19♁50). The "Master of Suspense" directed over 60 features, and thoroughly enjoyed scaring the pants off his audience. If Hitchcock could have sent an actual charge of electricity to each seat in the auditorium, he probably would have.

J.K. Rowling (July 31, 1965, 2 p.m. rect., Yate, England³¹), ☉ (8♏05)♂M (8♏13). English author of the Harry Potter books, which follows the adventures of young wizards. The first Harry Potter movie debuted on Nov 9, 2001, with ☉ (17♞)♂M (18♞).

"Weird Al" Yankovic (Oct. 23, 1959, 1:56 pm., Los Angeles, CA³²), ☉ (29♏44)♂M (3♏13). Famous for parodying popular radio hits, in 1984 "Weird Al" released a scene-by-scene takeoff of Michael Jackson's "Beat It," called "Eat It." The Grammy-winning single was recorded on

Dec 13, 1983, as ☉ (21♈)ΔM (29♌)
(plus the latter was ✕ his ☉).

Sublime Makemake

Then there are people who achieve what seems impossible, or who find themselves witnessing or creating the truly bizarre, even miraculous:

Neil Armstrong (Aug. 5, 1930, 12:31 a.m., Wapakoneta, OH³³), ☉ (12♌04)◀M (29♌52). Armstrong was the first human being to set foot on the Moon, and he did so when transiting M (12♌14) ◊ his Sun almost to the minute.

Edward Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. (Jan 20, 1930, 2:17 p.m., Glenn Ridge, NJ³⁴), Asc (26♌37) ◊ M (27♌36). The second person to walk on the lunar surface, Buzz is exclusively known by his nickname, and considering that M sits directly on his ascendant, it is totally apt. Buzz – the zapping sound of electricity!

Leonardo da Vinci (April 14, 1452, 9:40 p.m., Vinci, Italy³⁵), ☉ (3♌38)◊♂M (9♌09), known for his incredibly prolific genius.

Stephen Hawking (Jan 8, 1942, 2:35 p.m., London, England³⁶), ☉ (17♌39)◊♂M (12♌00). Contracting amyotrophic lateral sclerosis as a young man did not stop Hawking's great mind from plumbing the depths of our universe and rightfully speculating that black holes must exist.

William Shakespeare (April 23, 1564 O.S., Stratford-upon-Avon, England³⁷; 9:22 p.m. rect.), ☉ (13♌14)◀M (26♌13). Did Shakespeare write Shakespeare? Perhaps we will never be absolutely certain, but the person born on Shakespeare's birthday had transiting M (11♌38) begin a series of conjunctions to his Sun around March 3, 1592 O.S., when one of Shakespeare's earliest plays, 1 Henry IV, was produced.³⁸ That transit therefore coincided with the start of his magnificent career.

The United States of Makemake

No matter what time you use for the U.S. founding chart of July 4, 1776, the Sun is

tightly ☐M, as previously shown. In addition, most of the core founding fathers had M themes: Franklin (☉ΔM) and Washington (☉☐M), as already noted, plus Thomas Jefferson (☉♂M), John Hancock (☉☐M), Samuel Adams (☉♂M), and James Madison (☉☐M).

That is not all. A high percentage of U.S. presidents have ☉/M in major aspect. Except for the elder John Adams, every president had a major ☉/M contact until James Polk. Of all the presidents, the charts of 34 out of 43 have a major ☉/M theme. Here are the more recent M-themed figures:

John F. Kennedy (May 29, 1917, 3 p.m., Brookline, MA³⁹), ☉ (7♌50) ◊ M (12♌43). Kennedy put America on track to land on the Moon, a stunning achievement, and his assassination shook the country to its core. At his death, transiting ☉ (29♌43)ΔM (7♌34).

Richard Nixon (Jan 9, 1913, 9:35 p.m., Whittier, CA⁴⁰), ☉ (19♌24)☐M (6♌11). "Tricky Dick" was elected to two terms but forced to resign to avoid impeachment during the Watergate scandal. He resigned on Aug. 9, 1974, with transiting ☉ (16♌40) ◊ M (18♌02).

George W. Bush (July 6, 1946, 7:26 a.m., New Haven, CT⁴¹), ☉ (13♌46) ◊ M (17♌06). Who imagined Bush the younger would lead Americans to war in Iraq after the 9-11 attacks? When no

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weapons of mass destruction were found in Iraq, who would have believed he would be reelected? His father, George H.W. Bush, is also ☉ (21♌21)◊♂M (21♌35).

Barack Obama (Aug 4, 1961, 7:35 p.m., Honolulu, HI⁴²), ☉ (12♌32)◊♂M (4♌03). In barely two years, Obama went from a political unknown on the national stage, to being elected the first black U.S. president – and he did so with the middle name "Hussein," the last name of Iraq's bloody dictator and therefore as troublesome as if it were "Hitler" or "Stalin."

Makemake is not only prominent in the charts of key Americans; it is of critical importance in transit to the U.S. chart, and therefore an essential element to understanding and forecasting for the United States. With the USA a major driver of the world economy, we astrologers ignore Makemake at our peril, as these few transit examples hopefully show:

Pearl Harbor (Dec 7, 1941, 7:48 a.m., Pearl Harbor, HI⁴³) Transiting M (13♌01)◊U.S. ☉ (12♌43). Early in WWII, who imagined the Japanese air force would suddenly decimate the American fleet in just ninety minutes on a cloudless Sunday morning?

M◊U.S. ☉? **Reagan assassination attempt** (Mar. 31, 1981, 2:27 p.m., Washington, DC⁴⁴). Transiting ☉10♌59 ☐M 24♌20.

Previous M◊U.S. ☉? **San Francisco earthquake** (April 18, 1906, 5:12 a.m. ⁴⁵). Transiting ♂22♌54 ◊M27♌14.

Previous M☐U.S. ☉? **Electric Lighting demonstrated** (Dec. 31, 1879, Menlo Park⁴⁶ 12 p.m. used). Transiting ☉9♌42 ☐M 14♌12.

Makemake's discovery allows us to be prepared for the next major transit, M☐U.S. ☉ in 2026. Something tells me we will still be surprised.

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