



## To Really See Putin, Use Dwarf Planet Glasses

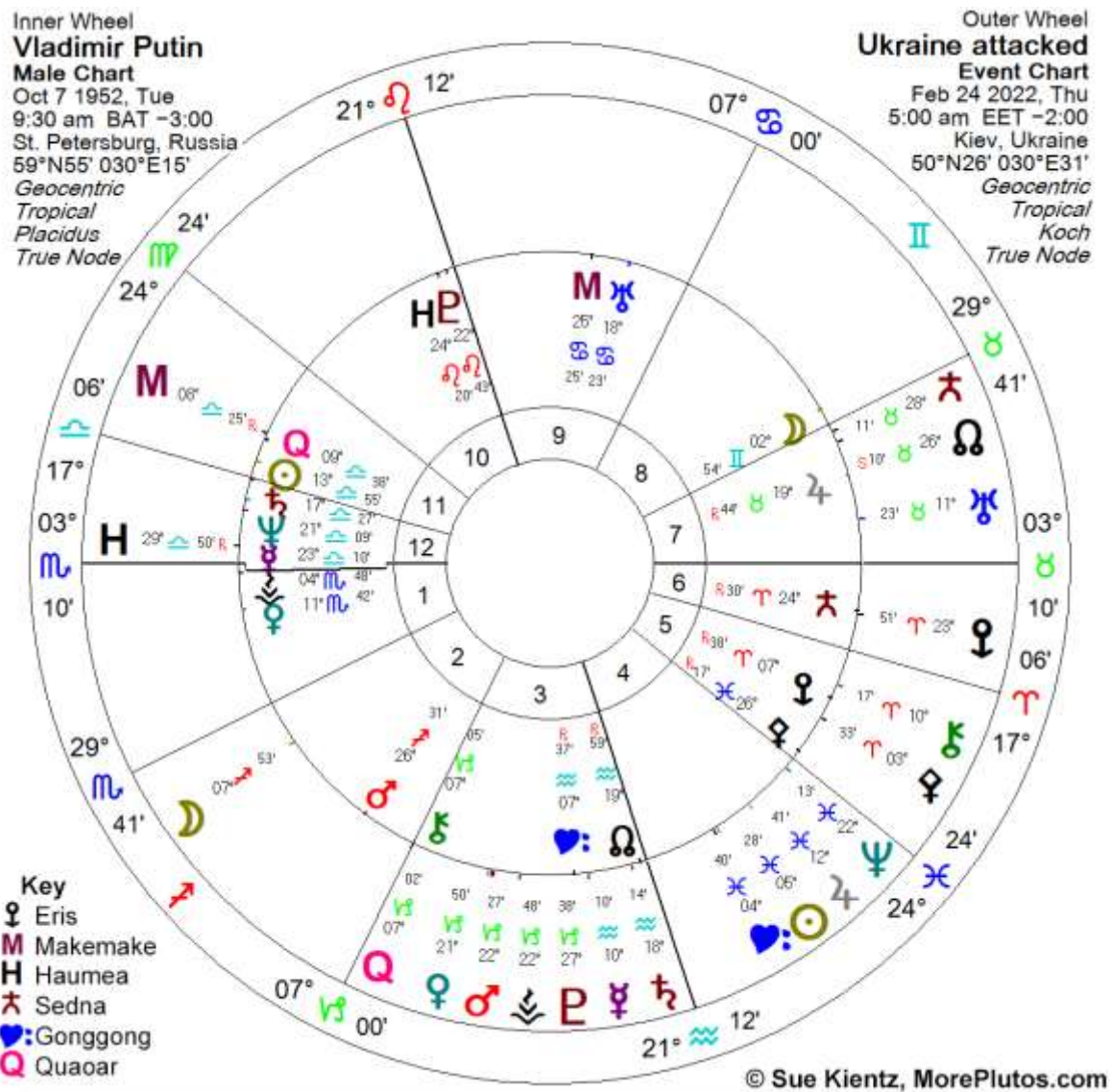
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It's been hard to understand the current march to war in Europe. Astrologers usually feel they can get the inside story, but when Putin gave his ultimatum on January 20 that NATO countries promise Ukraine will never join the NATO alliance, he did so at Mercury Rx (6 Aquarius) semi-square Neptune (21 Pisces) – was he serious? – and Venus Rx (12 Capricorn) square Putin's Sun – was he feeling unloved and misunderstood? The only war signal was transiting Mars (27 Sagittarius) conjunct his Mars, yet Uranus (10 Taurus) was sesquiquadrate that, almost suggesting this a whim. Mars sesquiquadrate Uranus also mirrored the fellowship of anxious nations aiming to counter Putin's fantastic desires. Saturn (14 Aquarius) trine his Sun sounded like he might be reasonable, practical, but now we know he's turning back the clock, seeking to reassemble the Soviet Union's empire.

In the weeks that followed, Venus stationed square Putin's Sun, opposite the USA Sun. Mars had left overreactive Sagittarius to conjunct Venus, as Jupiter sextiled Uranus – all rather soft, reconciling aspects, not suggesting war or violence. Was this a big bluff? Then Mars squared Putin's Sun and opposed USA's Sun, as troops assembled at Ukraine's borders, like ominous ravens perched on the jungle gym in Hitchcock's *The Birds*. "Just training exercises," Russia insisted. We will not invade. We're willing to talk.

As Mars and Venus approached large asteroid Vesta, more troops arrived. Vesta in hard aspect often points to imminent natural or man-made disaster, as people prepare to "clean up" and support victims.(1) As Mars passed Venus and took the lead (February 16), Putin insisted he was withdrawing, yet next day no withdrawal. Rather Mars marched on, headed for what appeared to be the point that real suffering would start with Mars conjunct Vesta exactly on Friday, February 25, the day this article was submitted. As usual, the Moon (7 Sagittarius) triggered the pair a day early (see chart).(2) Expect bombing and casualties to increase on Saturday, February 26, as Mars exactly squares Eris, a figure that brings violence (Mars) to people unlike oneself (Eris).(3) Russian troops will detain Ukrainians, killing or imprisoning them because they're Ukrainian, people without a "real" country, since Putin declared Ukraine has never been a real country. Putin claims he will "de-Nazify" Ukraine yet he acts like the most notorious Nazi, Hitler, eager to gobble up Poland in 1939.



The weekend of February 26–27 begins the subjugation of Ukraine, as the Mars-Vesta-Venus conjunction wades through Capricorn, square to Eris and forming a grand cross with Putin’s Mercury (23 Libra) square Makemake (25 Cancer), the latter the cause of his unpredictable, unreliable behavior.(4) As the triple conjunction joins this celestial crossroads, there is no more talking with Putin, who was “open” to negotiating, if you accepted his terms. All this time, from January into March, transiting Uranus opposed his Venus, signaling he has no ability to relate, to see the other side, to bend to warnings or cajoling. Others are ruining his “well laid” plans and should get out of the way or they shall be blamed for any bloodshed or destruction.

Perhaps Putin is playing at war and might suddenly draw back, insisting he’s only protecting his “new” satellite republics, as if that would be believed. Putin is a risk-taker, with his Sun conjunct Dwarf Planet Quaoar, representing play, gambling, experiment, and chance.(5) Putin’s progressed Sun is trine Pluto; possibly he’s making a theatrical show of his military might, followed by partial retreat and the claim that the world is simply overreacting.

Whether he attempts to make off with just parts of Ukraine or he swallows it whole, the transiting planets tell a darker story. Mars separating from square Eris will bring scenes of Russian inhumanity beaming into our living rooms and onto our phones. Mars-Vesta-Venus conjoin Pluto at 27 Capricorn beginning March 3. That’s when Venus pushes past Vesta at last, as if trying to intervene, as perhaps many are — not just representatives of

world governments, but Russians of all kinds in the street or privately, perhaps those moneyed elites, the oligarchs and families now under sanctions, are questioning the wisdom of Putin's bizarre, expensive war (that's another view of transiting Uranus opposite his Venus, which is exactly matched by his progressed Jupiter opposing his natal Venus in secondary progression).

During this first week in March, look for signs of some break in the madness. After Mars, Venus reaches Pluto as both sextile President Biden's Sun, and transiting Sun closes in on Jupiter, the latter trine Biden's Mars.(6) Transiting Mars trines deep-space Dwarf Planet Sedna, a beacon of patience, suffering, hopelessness, and stiff determination(7) – which happens to be negatively affecting Putin's Sun in sesquiquadrate (that will ring him up not just now but into 2023).(8) The NATO alliance will hold, isolating Putin and Russia. The nearing Sun conjunct Jupiter doesn't favor Putin; that's Joe Biden's theme (his natal Sun/Venus trine Jupiter). Putin (Sun opposed Eris) who treats people as disposable, now faces Eris opposed his Mercury, as a world of Eris stand against him.

After Mars passes Pluto, it squares Dwarf Planet Haumea. Will this be increased bloodshed, escalated bombing and devastation, as one so often sees with Haumea-Mars hard aspects?(9) Or will a difficult decision be made? As Mars reaches this watershed moment with powerful Haumea, harbinger of massive change — whether death, birth, healing, or vast destruction — Venus catches Mars. Both move away from square Haumea and pass into Aquarius, Venus brushing past Mars at the first celestial minute, the same degree where Jupiter and Saturn united only 14 months ago. Sunday, March 6, in Moscow and Kyiv, sees Sun exactly conjunct Jupiter. Pluto (with Vesta) still firmly sextiles Biden's Sun/Venus. Relentless Sedna remains inching to exact sesquiquadrate with Putin's Sun, with Saturn (19 Aquarius) square Putin's Jupiter (19 Taurus). Maybe this won't be the end of the crisis, or anything particularly encouraging in the news, but astrologers do have a window no one has. They have the power to see something may be shifting in someone's mind, if not in his frozen heart.

#### Notes

(1) [http://moreplutos.com/articles/VestaCanWarnofDisasters-SueKientz\\_AFAJournalofResearch-vol15.pdf](http://moreplutos.com/articles/VestaCanWarnofDisasters-SueKientz_AFAJournalofResearch-vol15.pdf)

(2) CNN reported that troops moved into Ukraine about 5 a.m. Kyiv Time, February 24, 2022.

(3) Eris as Otherness/Connection: [http://moreplutos.com/articles/Eris-SueKientz\\_AstrologicalJournal-Sept-Oct2014.pdf](http://moreplutos.com/articles/Eris-SueKientz_AstrologicalJournal-Sept-Oct2014.pdf)

(4) For more on Makemake, see [http://moreplutos.com/articles/Makemake-SueKientz\\_AstrologicalJournal-Nov-Dec2014.pdf](http://moreplutos.com/articles/Makemake-SueKientz_AstrologicalJournal-Nov-Dec2014.pdf)

(5) See Quaoar chapter, Kientz, Sue. *More Plutos* (Indianapolis: Dog Ear Publishing, 2015).

(6) Biden's natal wheel: <http://moreplutos.com/articles/JoeBiden.jpg>

(7) For more on Sedna, see [http://moreplutos.com/articles/Sedna-SueKientz\\_MtAstrol-Feb-Mar2015.pdf](http://moreplutos.com/articles/Sedna-SueKientz_MtAstrol-Feb-Mar2015.pdf)

(8) Sedna is also semi-square the USA Sun (13 Cancer 19) and opposite Biden's Venus (28 Scorpio 33) but these get their last pass in next few months, also as USA's progressed Venus opposes p. Saturn, therefore correlating with inflation and our slow emergence from the pandemic. Putin's Sun (13 Libra 55) gets hit another few times as it's nearly at 14 Libra.

(9) For more on Haumea, see <http://moreplutos.com/articles/Pluto&Haumea-for-NCGR-News-WebVersion.pdf> or Haumea chapter in *More Plutos*.

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