

OMG, Omicron?

by Sue Kientz

Image Caption: Positions of mutations in the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant compared to the original strain, showing amino acid substitutions (yellow), deletions (red), and insertions (green). In this trimeric structure, two monomers (gray and light blue) have their receptor-binding domains in the "down" conformation while one (dark blue) is in the "up" or "open" conformation. "Top" view is looking toward the membrane and shows the receptor-binding domains. Mutation data source from WHO. Author: Opabinia regalis (Wikimedia)

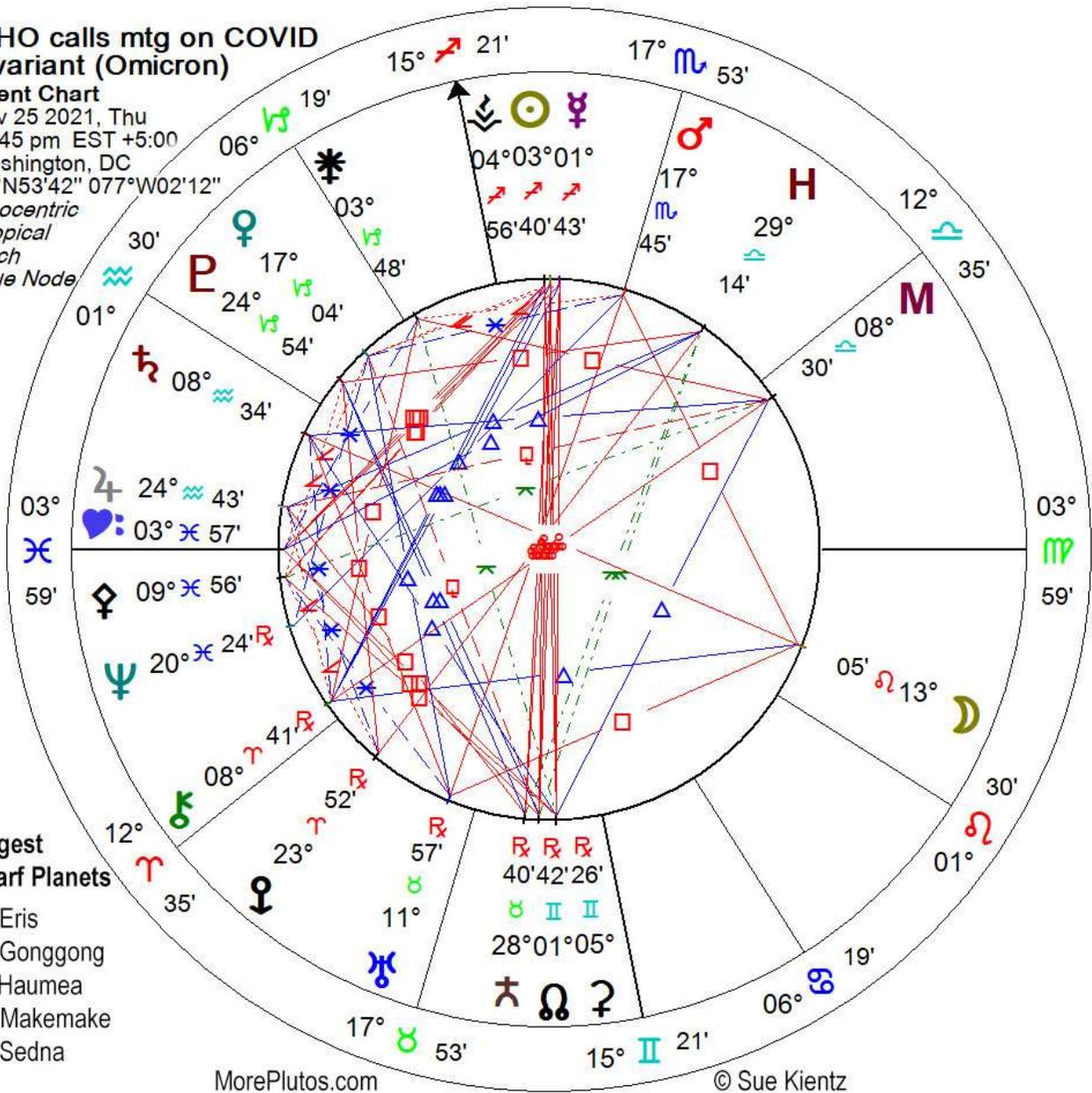
Late Thanksgiving day, those of us who get into bed and look at our cell phones one last time, checking email and maybe the news, got unwelcome breaking news about a COVID variant emerging in South Africa which has spread to Hong Kong and Botswana(1), and now is infiltrating many countries since the initial announcement. This variant, labeled Omicron, is said to be worse than the Delta variant, as it's even more contagious and "the most heavily mutated version we have seen to date"(2). At the same time, details are scant on if the differences in this mutation will make it immune to current vaccines or whether infected people will have a worse or milder case of the illness than the prevailing Delta strain.

So what can Astrology tell us about this sudden development? Inspecting the chart of the Thursday news report, I was somewhat heartened to find that we are likely not facing a mega cataclysm (unlike how the stock market reacted the day after). My approach is to include the largest Dwarf Planets discovered in the last 21 years in my chart work, as they enable a unique, fine-grained view. What it told me was this. While we have a few anxious weeks ahead while more information is gathered, we have no reason to get upset, panicked, and/or head for the hills. Rather, keep wearing masks in close quarters to others (especially strangers) and be sure to get fully vaccinated with one of the more successful vaccines (Pfizer or Moderna in USA), plus the booster if you're eligible. Here's why I think things won't be so dire:

In the below chart, the most prominent figure is Sun/Mercury/Vesta in early Sagittarius, square Dwarf Planet Gonggong on the ascendant. Largest asteroid Vesta appears in charts where people are suddenly scurrying around, busy because they are in, sense, or expect a disaster, although it does not equate that one is certainly upon them.(3) Conjunct Sun and Mercury, action/effort (Vesta) is front and center (Sun) and preying on people's thoughts and conversations (Mercury). With square to Gonggong, people are ready to jump out of their skins. Gonggong is prominent in the charts of people who are extraordinarily sensitive, either a positive trait (compassion) or over-sensitive (like people who cringe at loud or repetitive noises, or are thin-skinned, overreacting to casual comments).

WHO calls mtg on COVID variant (Omicron)

Event Chart
 Nov 25 2021, Thu
 12:45 pm EST +5:00
 Washington, DC
 38°N53'42" 077°W02'12"
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Koch
 True Node



The Sun/Mercury/Vesta stellium, moving tighter together through Thanksgiving weekend, was closely semi-square large asteroid Hygeia, representative of health concerns. No wonder many have felt anxious, worried, and preoccupied by scary news about the worldwide virus mutating to something very bad (although we don't KNOW if that's true yet), while armies of people in science, health care and government have sprung into action to tease out what it all means. Indeed, as the stellium approached square second-largest asteroid Pallas, ICU and health-care support heroes were already preparing for another possible COVID siege(4).

But what we don't see is Sun/Mercury/Vesta opposing something difficult like Saturn, Uranus, Pluto, Haumea, or Makemake (the last two very formidable of the large Dwarf Planets). The opposition to Ceres in Gemini does not cast a daunting shadow, and Dwarf Sedna, while often portentous, is not involved, rather fading in relevance. As you read this, Mercury will have squared Neptune (December 7) with Sun following soon after (December 11), with few scientists or government officials not yet able to say definitively what the score is with Omicron and how its spread will affect our lives.

Meanwhile, last week (beginning November 29), as the Sun's mini-stellium began to pull apart, Mercury then Sun formed sextiles to Dwarf Planet Makemake at 8 Libra 33 and Saturn at 8 Aquarius 52, and trines to Chiron at 8 Aries 37. Rumors and anecdotal reports began trickling out: most of the hospitalized were unvaccinated, symptoms were less serious, and then Israel on Tuesday November 30 said their vaccines appeared to work against Omicron.(5) Where there were breakthrough cases, symptoms were mild. This wasn't the full data as yet, but as Makemake brings surprises, and Saturn supports the status-quo, these have been good omens. The trine to Chiron seems to promise minimal pain and suffering.

Looking ahead to after the squares to Neptune, Mercury then Sun trines Dwarf Planet Eris in Aries (we will get a handle on this new "other" in our midst, the Omicron) and sextile Jupiter in Aquarius. Mercury will trine/sextile those celestials December 9-11, with the finale being the Mercury sextile Jupiter (Wow! What could be better? Sounds positive at least). The Sun forms the same combination (trine then sextile) from December 15-19, the sequence ending just past the full moon in Sagittarius-Gemini. Mercury and Sun additionally sextile Dwarf Planet Haumea a few days after their Jupiter sextiles. Haumea, indicative of sweeping change, suggests an update to the vaccines or it could be as simple as changing people's minds or behavior. Perhaps the shock of a complicated variant emerging could get many avoiding vaccination to finally comply.

This analysis focuses on major angles between planets because, with Dwarf Planets included, you have finer detail and so don't have to depend on house placement or other techniques that require an iron-clad timed chart. Dwarf-enabled Astrology is like using a camera with a high density of "pixels" -- the more pixels, the more clarity. The same is true with more planets; you get a clearer picture of the solar system/Earth social system correlation.

Time will tell if this timeline is correct. Meanwhile, until mid December, keep your mask handy and make sure you're vaccinated – especially if you still need that first dose.

An earlier expanded version of this story was posted on Facebook on Saturday, November 26, 2021, before anything positive was in the press; see <https://www.facebook.com/MorePlutos/posts/4780187642011467> . Also included were mid-sized dwarf planets, e.g., Orcus, Varda, Salacia, and others. It's all looking good!

Notes

(1) <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/11/25/who-calls-special-meeting-to-discuss-new-covid-variant-from-south-africa-with-large-number-of-mutations.html>

(2) <https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/26/africa/new-covid-variant-discovered-south-africa-b11529-intl>

(3) Vesta *can* warn of disasters in some cases; see http://moreplutos.com/articles/VestaCanWarnofDisasters-SueKientz_AFAJournalofResearch-vol15.pdf

(4) Look at the USA July 4, 1776 chart, 5:10 p.m. Philadelphia, progressed to January 1, 2020, to see progressed Sun conjunct progressed Pallas. This isn't Pallas the weaver, it's Pallas Athena the Warrior, fighting for right cause. In our case, it's our valiant health care workers on the front lines of COVID-19.

(5) <https://www.jpost.com/health-and-wellness/coronavirus/covid-1st-data-about-vaccine-efficacy-against-omicron-expected-tuesday-687392>

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