

Woodrow Wilson has been in the news lately, with the Black Lives Movement. His name was taken off a college at Princeton University. There is a back story to this, talked about extensively in his biography. I will address that in the timeline. To be clear, I had picked up his biography before this had happened. For me it was a passing interest in this man who had first proposed the League of Nations, to fill the long drives to and from the Kentucky Renaissance festival (to read astrology charts), that got me to pick up the CD biography by A Scott Berg. I knew little about Wilson other than the League of Nations, and was curious. This turned into an in-depth astrological study with a minor attempt at rectification. It contains some aspects and transits that we would agree with; those aha moments when you see a transit that fits the situation but it also contains some anomalies. I share both in the name of historical accuracy; it has been a fascinating study of our 28th president!

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The biography started with the information that his family documents dispute his birthdate of December 28th, 1856, stating that he was not born until after midnight on the 29th. This intrigued me to try to rectify the chart, and in the process, do an analysis of his chart.

“In December 1854, the Reverend Joseph Ruggles Wilson, a professor at Hampden-Sydney College, accepted a call to be pastor of Staunton Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wilson, his wife, Jessie Woodrow Wilson, and their daughters Marion and Annie moved into the Staunton manse in March 1855. One year and nine months later on December 28, 1856 the third Wilson child was born "at 12¾ o'clock at night" as his proud father recorded in the family Bible. The child was named Thomas Woodrow Wilson for his maternal grandfather.” <https://www.woodrowwilson.org/the-birthplace-the-manse>

The birth chart is thrown for the 28th or the 29th inasmuch as there was family written notes indicating that he may have been born the next day at 12:45 AM. The 12:45 AM is 14° 44' Libra. A biographer quotes the family 3 nights after Christmas. Depending on how his father was counting nights, that could be either. Both will be looked at, however before rectification, I am looking at the 28th, with the moon in Capricorn conjunct Mercury. This could explain a lifetime of nervous gastro-intestinal upsets, a prolific writer, however with undiagnosed possible dyslexia. It could also explain the propensity to be able to break down and cry after profound events.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson was a studious boy, with some learning difficulties. Though Wilson's parents placed a high value on education, he struggled with reading and writing until the age of thirteen, possibly because of developmental dyslexia. If we go with the December 28th 12: 45 AM chart, it would give him a Mercury Moon conjunction in Capricorn. Wilson developed oratory skills and perfect penmanship. I would go with the Mercury Moon conjunction giving him the focus yet the nervous energy. The moon Mercury could also explain his strong skills at oratory. He starts as a slow student with the reading difficulties, however in his first year of college he works very hard to enhance his oratory skills. In his father's parish he is standing at the pulpit delivering, not sermons, but the great political speeches of his time.

The placement in the chart also speaks to his home situation. He is born with the Saturn opposite his Sun and perhaps moon. His father was strict, yet educationally nurturing. It is written that he did not criticize Woodrow for the lack of reading skills, but allowed him to develop on his own. More on the opposition to Saturn later.

Neither moon placement in Capricorn (28th) or Aquarius (29th) would explain his strong romantic writings and approaches to four women in his life. His 2 wives, an infatuation early on with his cousin, and a possible romantic connection with Mary Peck. Either day and time still comes up as Libra rising, 14* to 15*, very feasible coinciding with very refined looks and apparently manners, and such outpouring of romantic feelings in his life, not explainable by either moon position, nor the Venus Mars in Aquarius.

The other pertinent passage that biographers look at is Wilson remembering the effects of hearing about the Civil War when he was 3 or 4 years old. His father's church was used as a hospital. Woodrow Wilson remembered war, and was very resistant to entering the WW I conflict.

He started college @ Davidson College 1873-4. Not much is written about his first year of college, but much is written about his years at Princeton.

Princeton: 1874 To 1879 At Princeton, he no longer exhibited any learning difficulties. He excelled in school and actually was able to convince his counselors to allow him to devise his own curriculum, which of course would consist mostly of political science. He was very active; He studied political philosophy and history, joined the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, was active in the Whig literary and debating society, and organized the Liberal Debating Society. He was also elected secretary of the school's football association, president of the school's baseball association, and managing editor of the student newspaper. He also studies varying thoughts about the South and the Civil War, and presumably develops a more open mind about slavery and human rights. He certainly graduates with a very liberal philosophy; however, we see later that he has not lost some of his racist tendencies.

Graduation from Princeton: June 1879. Here, Saturn is transiting at 14* Aries. This would (in rectification) indicate the efficacy of the time of birth at 0045. Saturn transiting the descendant in standard astrological lore indicates leaving the personal growth hemisphere and coming out into society with your accomplishments.

He enrolled in the Univ of Virginia Law school in the fall of 1879, where he was involved in the Virginia Glee Club and served as president of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society. At the time Saturn had been retrograding back into his sixth house to 8* Aries. This could indicate that a choice of schools or curriculums was not the appropriate path at that time. After poor health forced his withdrawal from the University of Virginia, Wilson continued to study law on his own while living with his parents in Wilmington, North Carolina. On June 30th 1880, Mars would have been opposite his natal Mars Venus in Aquarius. Besides the spate of poor health, this transit also corresponded with his first romance. Saturn was around 25* Aries and Jupiter would hit 14* Aries, on his 7th house cusp in June of that year. His cousin Hattie invited him to Ohio that summer for a round off parties. He asked for her hand in marriage, apparently very insistently, which she refused. This Jupiter on the descendant proposal seems to rectify the time of birth, but not the day, (i.e., moon position) ...

In late January 1881 Jupiter is going over his descendant, with Saturn back in the 7th as well. In April 1881 they conjunct at 29* Aries, then transit over his natal Pluto @ 3* R in Taurus. Wilson did take the **Georgia Bar Exam October 18, 1882,** and received his license to practice law in Atlanta. Jupiter is at 1* Cancer, retrograding that day. The practice of law did not suit him and he enrolled in Johns Hopkin's University. Perhaps a note about the transits of Jupiter and Saturn and the retrogrades in the 7th house, which is the entry into the upper quadrant, and society. He did not find law an acceptable career, but that does not make the pursuit a mistake; more of a course correction. It certainly enhanced his political career later. Certainly, his cousin was not the right choice...

In 1883, Wilson met and fell in love with Ellen Louise Axson. He proposed in September, but they agree to wait while he is in graduate school. Mars is transiting over his natal Saturn, Jupiter is at 25* Cancer as well in his MC, and Saturn goes retrograde in Gemini @ 10*, so delay for school makes sense.

In September 1883, Wilson also entered Johns Hopkins University, a new graduate institution in Baltimore modeled after German universities, for graduate work in political science and history.

His first widely read book, *Congressional Governance*, written in 1884 and published: January 23, 1885. Pertinent transits for the publication were: Saturn in his 9th, in Gemini, Mars coming close to his natal Mars, and Venus conjunct his sun @ 7* Capricorn. It is fairly obvious that with the transits in his 9th and 10th house during that year, he was peaking in his career motives early in his mid 20's, when many of us are still searching for our career. His doctoral dissertation, "Congressional Government," led to teaching positions at Bryn Mawr, Wesleyan, and finally Princeton. However, with Venus on the Sun transit, he immediately mails Ellen a copy with his love, for her support of the project.

Wilson hoped to become a professor, writing that "a professorship was the only feasible place for me, the only place that would afford leisure for reading and for original work, the only strictly literary berth with an income attached." In 1885 by October, Jupiter had moved over his supposed ascendant 12-14* Libra. That fall he takes a teaching position @ Bryn Mawr. This again fits an astrological tenant, that a Jupiter transit over the ascendant would be a new start, (even though in his case, he had not finished his PhD.) He taught at Bryn Mawr until 1888, then went to Wesleyan University in Middletown Ct.

In September of 1887 Uranus goes over his Ascendant, and stationed at 13* in June of 1888. He goes to Wesleyan College that fall. This could indicate a quick change; details were just that he felt restricted @ Bryn Mawr

First Marriage: June 24, 1885 Edith Axson and Wilson married. There are actually 2 rather difficult squares in the chart on that day, and an interesting opposition. Venus is in Cancer opposite Wilson's Mercury, possible Moon, Saturn at 28* Gemini is square Uranus in Virgo @ 28* still in his 12th house, and opposite Ellen's possible Moon Neptune conjunction in Pisces. Mars is conjunct Pluto @ 2* Gemini square to Jupiter in Virgo @ 3*. Ellen is artistic, and also had Saturn in Leo. She manages to raise 3 daughters, support Woodrow in his career, and continue her artwork. The untimed birth chart could be supportive of a 29th birth, as she has her N Node @ 4* Aquarius, close to where the moon would have been in Wilson's chart for the 29th.

Graduation from Johns Hopkins: 1886 His exact Saturn Return @ 10* Cancer. He never met all of JH's requirements, but was given a PhD anyway, mostly due to the publication of *Congressional Governance*. Again, a certain blessing from life not normally thought of with a Saturn Sun opposition.

Feb 1890 elected to Princeton's Chair of Jurisprudence and Political Economy. Uranus was still in his first house, not particularly aspecting anything, however I think more important was the Neptune- Pluto conjunction at 1* and 4* Gemini. The Neptune Pluto conjunction in 1892-3 would lead to educational developments country wide, along with general demographic changes from a rural to urban society. Woodrow Wilson's contributions to education at Princeton were landmark to these developments. At Princeton, as professor of jurisprudence, Wilson built up a strong prelaw curriculum. He was soon voted most popular teacher and became friend and counselor to countless students who were attracted by his warmth and high-mindedness. The below epitomizes his popularity as a professor.

His students at Hopkins and Princeton agreed: Wilson was a great teacher, with spellbinding oratory, a ready smile, and a bottomless supply of funny stories. In these JHU courses he helped train an extraordinary cohort of future scholars and civic leaders, including his future secretary of war, Newton D. Baker, and John H. Latane, later a distinguished historian on the Hopkins faculty. "As a youth I came under the spell of this man," Latane remembered. "His masterful personality, keen intellect, and incisive speech made a profound and lasting impression upon me."

In July 22 1896: Pluto hits his 9th house 13* 16' Gemini. During the sesquicentennial celebration of October 1896, he delivered the keynote address: "Princeton in the Nation's Service." Certainly, this lends credence to the accepted astrological dogma that 9th house is higher education, and administration, and he is noticed for his speech.

Meanwhile, he is entering his Uranus opposition; Mid Life Transition, 1896-1901 Wilson seems to not even feel the effects of at least the career side of midlife. Voted most popular teacher, on his way to becoming president of Princeton. Hardly a crisis. The Uranus transit would be in his 2nd house in September of 1896 in his 2nd house. Certainly, his income increases with the promotion. The Jupiter opposition is in November 1897 in his 12th House. (Look at family and publications.)

The Saturn opposition is January 30, 1901: 4th house possibly conjunct his moon. No mention in biography. Not much written on his mid-life transition. Certainly, the transition out of it becoming the President of the University is the perfect transition to the next step in a career.

Wilson is promoted to President of Princeton: This takes place in June 1902. Jupiter is at 17* Aquarius, conjunct his natal Mars & Venus. This could be noted in one's mid-life transition analysis of your clients, as a significant boost to what is more often wrenching change. Saturn 27* retro in Capricorn, ♃ 19* Sagittarius R, ♃ 0* Cancer.

Certainly, Saturn in the 4th house fits a new aspect to a career, and a beginning rise in stature heading back to the MC 14 years later. Having read many charts of mid lifers and Saturn transits in the 4th house, I wonder if he understands how blessed he is?

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A good time for a commentary on **Wilson's Saturn in Cancer**. Our traditional interpretation of that placement involves growth through family. Often the thought is that the soul needs to rebuild itself through family nurturance, yet Saturn being in its fall, there are often issues that have to be worked through with that family. Certainly, Woodrow had a tight family structure. His father encouraged education, he stayed in the family religion, and family continued to be important throughout his life. However, with both a Saturn Sun opposition and Saturn in Cancer, we sometimes think of difficulties, fighting oppositional forces, and issues with authoritarian parents or superiors.

Wilson did not seem to have any major dysfunctionality in the family structure throughout his life. Early family, his wife and children, extended family all seem fairly normal, within the parameters of a Southern Presbyterian family who survived the Civil War. His father was racist, and actually preached pro slavery based on the fact that the bible did not forbid it. Wilson remains quietly racist; if not actively so, then allowing racist policies in his government... This however is not deeply aberrant from any middle-class white family in that time period.

During the years at Princeton it is said that he doted on his daughters, reading to them. It is written that the family enjoyed great happiness, his letters to his wife whenever apart were loving and full of desire. Hardly a typical Sun Saturn opposition in Capricorn to Cancer.

Fourth house Saturn in Cancer issues could be home or housing. He is always housed by the church where his father preaches, by rented housing near where he is teaching. Teaching at Princeton, in February 1896 he does move into a house that they built. This does bring about some sadness when the promotion comes, as they sell the house. As president of Princeton he lives in the president's home. As governor of New Jersey, he lives in the governor's mansion.

Elected president of the United states in November 1912, I think he rents for a couple of months until residing in the White House, for 8 years. It is only after he leaves the White House, does he move into his 2nd owned house, and then he is helped by a collection of former cabinet and other politicians, as well as his reward from the Nobel Peace Prize. This relieved him of going into debt to have a home. He dies there in 1924.

He is never in difficulty for housing, or family love and support for his entire life, as far as I can tell.

He does fight many battles in politics, that is a conundrum that I will address toward the end of this assessment; however, it is apparent that from a domestic point of view, his life belies our usual interpretation of a Saturn in Cancer opposite the Sun. I think that the battles that he does have to fight in life give us new insight into this placement.

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Wilson proceeded to revolutionize education in general while re-organizing Princeton's curriculum. The promotion took place on June 9th 1902, at a ♀ Sun conjunction at 17° Gemini, and ♃ @ 0° Cancer. The Sun Pluto takes place in his 9th house. I think that this is indicative of the fact that he was in touch with the greater changes that were sweeping the nation in terms of education, and that he was in the right place at the right time. One could argue for the 29th birth as the Transiting @ 17° 14' Jupiter in Aquarius is closer to where the Mars Venus for that day. I would say inconclusive...

At any rate he tried to raise admission standards and to replace the "gentleman's C" with serious study. To emphasize the development of expertise, Wilson instituted academic departments and a system of core requirements. Students were to meet in groups of six under the guidance of teaching assistants known as preceptors.

To fund these new programs, Wilson undertook an ambitious and successful fundraising campaign, convincing alumni such as Moses Taylor Pyne and philanthropists such as Andrew Carnegie to donate to the school. Wilson appointed the first Jew and the first Roman Catholic to the faculty, and helped liberate the board from domination by conservative Presbyterians. However, he also worked to keep African Americans out of the school, even as other Ivy League schools were accepting small numbers of blacks. Wilson established academic departments but otherwise downplayed the Germanic model of the PhD-oriented research university in favor of the "Oxbridge" (Oxford and Cambridge) model of intense small group discussions and one-on-one tutorials. He hired 50 young professors, called preceptors, to meet with students in small conferences, grilling them about their reading. Later in his years at Princeton he loses a fight to reform the eating clubs, and keep a graduate school on campus. He starts to be disillusioned with the position, and goes through some trials, the first of which is in May, 1906 his first major stroke.

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His first stroke appears to be in the right occipital lobe, losing sight in his L eye.

Neptune is close to transiting his Natal Saturn @ 11* Cancer and Uranus retrograde is transiting his Sun at 6* Capricorn. He had already had incidents of what we now call TIA's (transient ischemic attacks) with temporary paralysis in his writing arm, so we cannot blame Uranus as a cause, but perhaps the conjecture can be that it could precipitate a negative pending event.

He also starts a possible affair with Mary Hulbert Peck. Contradictory historical accounts put the first meeting of Mrs. Peck, in Bermuda, in Feb 1907. Saturn is hitting his Neptune @ 17* Pisces, as Uranus is opposite his natal Saturn @ 11* Cancer and Neptune retrograde over his natal Saturn. Essentially, a Neptune Uranus opposition on his Saturn Sun opposition. This could turn even a conservative person upside down.

Certainly, this could precipitate some disillusionment with Princeton, as they would later that year cause him to withdraw his quad program, designed to equalize housing and dining in the college between rich students and middle class. His wife was having problems with her family, and the stroke may have been a wake-up call. This is perhaps an illustrative situation to be used in interpretation of transits that are: vague, can be overwhelming, but typical of Neptune. This also brings me back to the idea that so far, Wilson has not seemed to have much of the usual difficulty with the Saturn Sun opposition. Now, with Neptune on his Saturn loosening boundaries, and Uranus on his Sun, perhaps moon, he may well have activated and flirted with his Libra rising, Jupiter in Aries, Venus Mars in Aquarius outgoing and freedom loving nature. In actual history, most of his many (over 200) letters to Mary were bought up by Edith Wilson finally squelching any rumors of an affair.

If one needs an example of the disillusionment that the Neptune over a natal Saturn placement in Cancer can bring, a letter to her when WW was vacationing alone in Bermuda states: "I did not know how unhappy the attacks upon me by the Princeton men had made me till I got off by myself," he wrote on his arrival in Hamilton. "I am quite ashamed to find how much it has affected me. But I shall be all right before I write again – when I have got used to this friendless island and have ceased to be made unhappy by its haunting associations.... The place is infinitely bright and sweet and attractive ... and at every turn I am reminded of things unspeakably sweet and reassuring. ... It is a dear place! I shall love it all my life – as one of the places for me enchanted, filled with poetry and the eager pulses of life...."

As we see, WW has been rather unhappy and at war with the Board of Trustees for some time due to his quad plan. As mentioned above, the mutual transit of Neptune over his natal Saturn in his MC and Saturn on his natal Neptune accentuates the idea that Wilson was working from a sense of idealism, yet not: at the same time. He was fighting the Board to end the "Eating Clubs" at Princeton, trying to create a more egalitarian atmosphere, yet was working to keep African Americans out of Princeton. He was raised by avid Confederate sympathizers who thought the bible legitimized slavery. Perhaps Saturn has its limits as to how much it will allow Neptune to loosen boundaries, especially in Cancer? Perhaps Neptune painted the illusion that his racism was just?

I think that this transition shows the cracks in what might have actually been an overly disciplined Saturn placement, and show his humanity as well. I certainly do not think he was using Mary as an older man might, however with both Mary and his future wife, Edith Galt, he chose women in their mid-forties. To a developmentalist, such as me, they certainly corresponded with their mid-life transitions, at age 44. The supposed dalliance with Mary precipitated her divorcing her husband and moving to New York. Edith's husband had died, in her midlife transition.

He was already talking to the Democratic party in New Jersey in January of 1910, about running for governor. At any rate, with the Jupiter and Mars transiting over his now fairly well-established ascendant @ 12-14* Libra, things started to move quickly. In June, at the end of the school year, Saturn was transiting his Pluto @ 3* Taurus so one can assume that he knew that he was at the end of his usefulness at Princeton. His resignation from Princeton took place October 20th, 1910, with Jupiter again in his first house, and a Venus Mars in Libra at 16* to 18*, just past the assumed ascendant @ 14-15*. This pretty much affirms the ascendant, either day... Uranus was @ 21* Capricorn opposite transiting Neptune in Cancer, certainly a Uranian boost by governmental forces, perhaps beyond his personal impetus, however with the Neptune on his natal Saturn, the party bosses were not getting the obedient servant they thought they were. Wilson pre-empted Princeton and quit before being asked to go. Uranus was conjunct his natal Mercury @ 18* Capricorn, and his apparent abrupt resignation fits the chart at the time, however it was in the works many months previous.

The party bosses saw Wilson as someone naive about politics but with a very solid resume, a charming persona, and someone that they could manipulate. This proved not

to be the case, and Wilson managed to implement his progressive agenda in the first year, before the Republicans won the legislature in 1912.

I will leave the reader to look into the whole story, but important to our astrological assessment was the Saturn transit over his natal Pluto in his assumed 7th house.

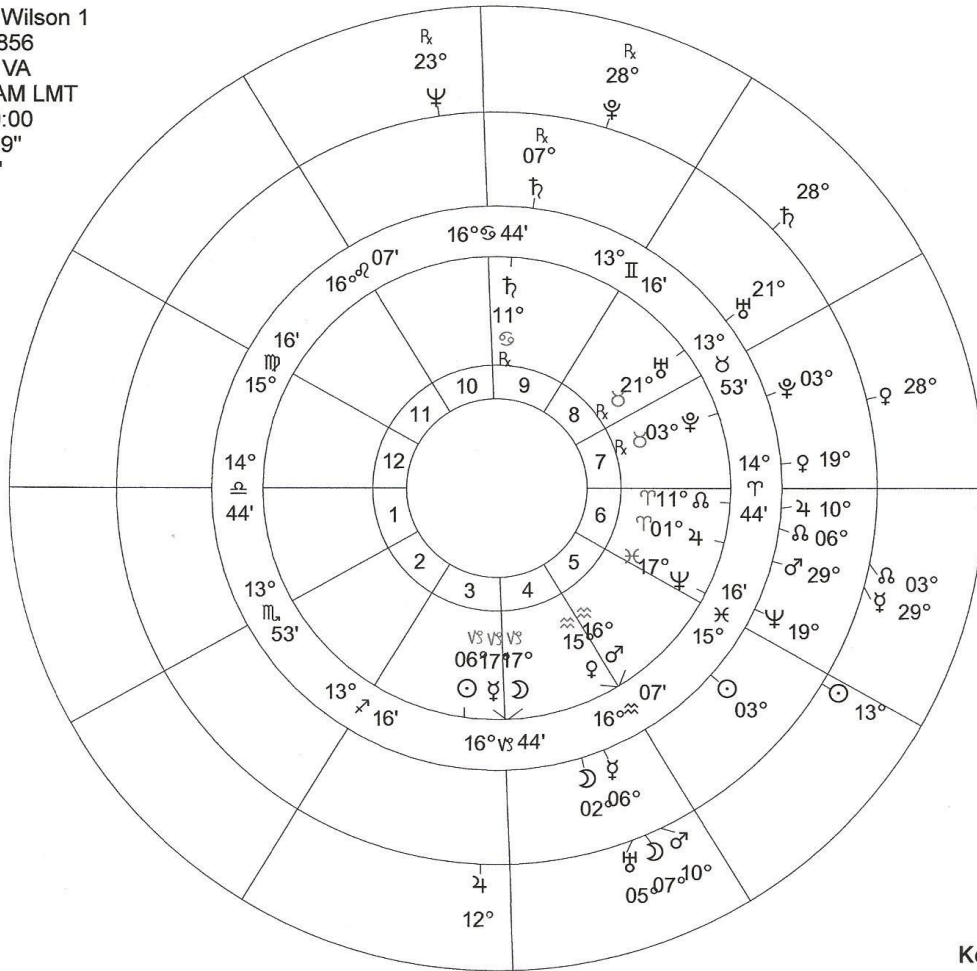
We think of the addition of Saturn to Pluto as more worldly, and more agreement with the Plutocrats. This was very much not the case with Wilson; perhaps offset by his 1^{*} Jupiter in Aries, and his planets in Aquarius. He puts into place anti-trust laws in New Jersey, known as the Seven Sisters Act. This only serves to chase them all to Delaware, where many firms are still to this day situated, but for our delineation purposes, it highlights balancing the rest of the natal chart with a current transit. In this case the most apparent is the natal Jupiter position, square his sun, and the progressive Mars Venus in Aquarius that turned the tables on the party bosses in New Jersey, yet with Saturn on his Pluto, he was able to use political power effectively.

Already, Wilson was being looked at for the presidency. In the election of November 5, 1912, not much in the way of transits were connecting with his chart. However, there is one major exception. Uranus is entering Aquarius, and would be 1^{*} away from conjunct his moon @ 0^{*} 46', if born on the 29th. However, on inauguration day, March 5, 1913, we see Uranus, Moon and Mars conjunct in Aquarius @ 5^{*}, 7^{*}, and 10^{*}, transiting over his progressed Moon Mercury @ 2^{*}, 6^{*} Aquarius, and Transiting Mercury @ 29^{*} Pisces conjunct his progressed Mars at 29^{*} and his natal Jupiter @ 1^{*} Aries. Truly a platform for his already established oratory skills, and his progressive but idealistic agenda. Jupiter is also opposite his natal Saturn, but in the middle of his planets and Sun in Capricorn, the sign of government.

If I look at Robert Hand's interpretation of Jupiter opposite the MC, it involves putting one's personal life in order. That makes sense with a 4th house transit. I guess one could see it as that, as Wilson and family are just entering the White House, and getting their feet settled, but the meaning is so much more. If we look at the meaning of a Jupiter transit opposite a natal Saturn, the opposing forces of expansion and contraction at the same time would make sense, however, what was the first year of Wilson's presidency like?

Capricorn.

Woodrow Wilson 1
 Dec 28, 1856
 Staunton, VA
 00:45:00 AM LMT
 Zone: +00:00
 079W04'19"
 38N08'58"



Geocentric
 Tropical
 Koch Houses

Chart #1 (Inner)
 Woodrow Wilson 1
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 Staunton, VA
 079W04'19" 38N08'58"

Chart #2 (Center)
 Progressed Chart
 Nov 05, 1912
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 Staunton, VA
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Chart #3 (Outer)
 Inauguration
 Mar 04, 1913
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 Washington, DC
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PI	Planet	Geo Lon	Rx
☾	Moon	17° vs 28'	
☉	Sun	06° vs 46'	
☿	Mercury	17° vs 10'	
♀	Venus	15° ≈ 54'	
♂	Mars	16° ≈ 18'	
♃	Jupiter	01° ♀ 12'	
♄	Saturn	11° ☾ 05'	Rx
♅	Uranus	21° ♂ 26'	Rx
♆	Neptune	17° ♃ 54'	
♇	Pluto	03° ♂ 45'	Rx
M	Midheaven	16° ☾ 44'	
A	Ascendant	14° ♁ 44'	

PI	Planet	Geo Lon	Rx
☾	Moon	02° ≈ 10'	
☉	Sun	03° ♃ 28'	
☿	Mercury	06° ≈ 50'	
♀	Venus	19° ♀ 47'	
♂	Mars	29° ♃ 50'	
♃	Jupiter	10° ♀ 46'	
♄	Saturn	07° ☾ 29'	Rx
♅	Uranus	21° ♂ 17'	
♆	Neptune	19° ♃ 30'	
♇	Pluto	03° ♂ 55'	
M	Midheaven	11° ♀ 47'	
A	Ascendant	28° ♁ 53'	

PI	Planet	Geo Lon	Rx
☾	Moon	07° ≈ 45'	
☉	Sun	13° ♃ 32'	
☿	Mercury	29° ♃ 38'	
♀	Venus	28° ♀ 26'	
♂	Mars	10° ≈ 16'	
♃	Jupiter	12° vs 20'	
♄	Saturn	28° ♂ 17'	
♅	Uranus	05° ≈ 42'	
♆	Neptune	23° ☾ 28'	Rx
♇	Pluto	28° ♀ 01'	Rx
M	Midheaven	08° ♃ 09'	
A	Ascendant	00° ☾ 16'	

Wilson introduced a comprehensive program of domestic legislation at the outset of his administration, something no president had ever done before. He had four major domestic priorities: the conservation of natural resources, banking reform, tariff reduction, and equal access to raw materials, which would be accomplished in part through the regulation of trusts. Wilson introduced these proposals in April 13, 1913 in a speech delivered to a joint session of Congress, becoming the first president since John Adams to address Congress in person. (These are quotes from Wikipedia, thanks...).

Hardly focused on his own personal affairs, and cognizant of his agenda perhaps with the progressed Jupiter even closer conjunct his progressed N Node, he bursts forth with a progressive agenda called the New Freedom Agenda, certainly a forebearer of the New Deal. (FDR is an Assistant Secretary of the Navy in WW's administration, and FDR looks up to Wilson and his ideals.)

Wilson proceeds to cut tariffs, then tackles creating the Federal Reserve on December 23rd 1913. Jupiter is around 22* Capricorn, and Mars is retrograde over Wilson's MC (Many folks love to hate this institution, as seen by many as a deep state or new world order control of our finances. I will stay out of that argument, however will keep an eye out for anything I try to implement with Mars retrograde on my midheaven ☺)

In this, a short article, I would have to cherry pick examples of his proposed legislation in his first term, to suffice to say he was our first progressive president, who was successful at much of his agenda, it is only in the subsequent election of 1920 that many of his policies including lowered tariffs are reversed...elections matter...

On August 6th, 1914, Woodrow's wife Ellen dies of Bright's disease. Jupiter is retrograde over his Venus and Mars, and Transiting Mars in Virgo is in his 12th house, and he falls into deep depression. His cousin helps him quite a bit during this time, and in March of 1916 he meets Edith Galt. I guess the most significant transit in his chart is that Mars is at 20* of Capricorn in his 4th house, just having gone over his Mercury Moon conjunction at 17*, if we are going with the 28th of December birth. I would tag this as one of the few significant rectifying transits that confirm the chart. However, what better time to mention that Woodrow Wilson, a Capricorn with a Saturn opposition, and a supposed self-contained Moon Mercury in Capricorn, four times in life has incredible outpourings of intense romantic feelings and writings directed to 4 different women.

First, to his cousin when he was age 24, summer of 1880... She rebuffed him, and he survived but this shows the depth of his initial passion. (This sounds more like me; a Libra with Venus in Scorpio and moon in Pisces! I thought I was highly emotional...)

Perhaps the depth of Capricorn, perhaps the passion of Jupiter 1 degree into Aries? The next love was his longest running wife, same passionate "I can't live without you" letters. The third was to Mary Hulbert Peck. You remember the transits; Saturn is hitting his Neptune @ 17* Pisces, as Uranus is on his sun and opposite his natal Saturn @ 11* Cancer and Neptune retrograde over his natal Saturn. Most of the letters were carefully scooped up by his second wife after his death, but the ones we do have, though written as a friend were still deeply emotional, and we don't know what the lost ones say... Finally letters to Edith; throughout 1916; the same deep romance and passion...

What I would say as an astrologer, is that there are only a couple of possibilities... That we have the time of birth way off, and he is Scorpio rising, (doubtful), or that our belief that the moon in Capricorn or Aquarius being reserved emotionally is way off, (also doubtful). Personally, as a Libra, I think it could be the Libra Rising over doing the romance button, but what do I know 😊?

At any rate, he marries Edith Galt after an up and down engagement during which he admits the affair with Mary. They are married December 18th, 1915. Sure enough, Venus is on his presumed moon Mercury at 18* Capricorn, Jupiter just past his natal Neptune @ 20* Pisces, and on his second Saturn return. That pretty much nails the birth date and time for me at the 28th, with Moon in Capricorn, even with all the romantic anomalies in his chart and life. Edith has Saturn in Capricorn @ 15*, with transiting Saturn at 14* retrograde Cancer. This is the second time he has "connected" with a woman in mid-life crisis...(Smart man?) 😊

On to the war.

The Great War is started in July of 1914. This is where we start to see Woodrow Wilson's commitments to peace formulate. Certainly, a N Node and Jupiter in Aries can go to war. It is in his other cautionary aspects that Wilson, (who grew up with the Civil War around him) knows the pain of war and resists such. It is interesting to note that in late 1914, Jupiter is going over his planets in Aquarius, with Uranus at 8* Aquarius, soon to also transit his Venus and Mars. By March of 1916 Uranus is conjunct his Venus/ Mars, and continues through Aquarius for the next couple of years. He develops his League of Nations and 14 points for peace.

April 6, 1917 Declaration of War. Submarine warfare sinking allied and American ships and the Zimmerman telegram, (Germany inviting Mexico to join in against USA) are the last straw. Some transits hitting his chart, N Node at 15* Capricorn, close to his supposed Moon Mercury, Venus on his N Node 10* Aries, Mars there as well at 6*.

He has had to have been pushed into war preparations in 1916, and has allowed many opportunities to ask for declaration of war to pass in the prior 2 years since the sinking of the Lusitania May 7, 1915. At that time, Venus and Mars again in Aries, Jupiter on his Neptune@ 20*, Uranus close to his planets in Aquarius. I can understand trying to keep and broker peace with Jupiter on his Neptune.

At any rate, America enters the war in 1917, and continues through the Armistice of November 11, 1918. Saturn has just gone retrograde @15* Cancer, 1* away from his assumed MC. Although he enjoys some of the popularity of the victory, General Pershing is actually the man to thank, (Jupiter, Moon, Venus in Leo) and the battle for Wilson in the peace conference has just begun.

In the U.S., Wilson is also embattled by women seeking suffrage. He does the right thing and speaks to Senate on September 30, 1918. ♃ has been transiting in Aquarius over his Mars Venus, and possible Moon. ♃ is transiting over his natal ♃. ♃ is @ 29* Leo. I would think that with all the idealism of the 14 points and the League of Nations, he cannot ignore women's rights. However, I think a deeper dynamic has taken place, with Jupiter on his natal Saturn. Earlier, I held that his Sun Saturn opposition from Capricorn to Cancer, (both in their respective falls) has not evidenced the usual struggles that this placement involves. There is no doubt that his family life was strict, but from his own quotes it was also loving and functional. I do not think that I have studied any other well-known person who evidenced such a blessed and easy rise to power. He certainly worked for that credibility as a political scholar, and deserved to have a chance at implementing his political vision on the American, however, I am not seeing a struggle with the Saturn in Cancer yet. However, with Jupiter transiting the natal Saturn and into his MC, I think Wilson is about to see a few of his inner demons projected into the world.

Paris Peace Conference, January 18, 1919: Mars has gone over his Venus Mars in Aquarius during the ocean voyage to France, Jupiter is on his Saturn, retrograding, opposite his Sun @ 7*. Saturn is at 27* Leo, opposite Uranus @ 25* Aquarius. It seems obvious that the rights of the aggrieved nations to regain lands and reparations would be in direct opposition to Wilson's ideals including the League of Nations, and a less punitive settlement with Germany. By March, Jupiter is conjunct Pluto in Cancer at 4-5*, and it is obvious that some of Wilson's ideals would be included in the peace treaty, including the League of Nations, however the other 3 nations that had actually been attacked would hold sway; the treaty ended with France and England gaining the most reparations; Italy less, and Russia had cut themselves out of the process since the Bolshevik's had made their own treaty with Germany.

Germany signs on June 28, 1919. The astrological effects that give us insight might well be the Jupiter on Wilson's natal Saturn, as the rights of nation states and justifiable retribution trumps his Aquarian ideals. We saw with the Neptune transit of his Saturn changes in his usual discipline, with a possible love affair, and generalized depression, (however situational). ♃ transited his Natal Saturn the year before becoming President of Princeton, and was on his Venus Mars in Aquarius. With Jupiter there he is certainly enjoying fame as the American President that saved the free world; however, the other countries actually prevail in retributions in the treaty, which only brings Germany back into war state in the '30's. The reality of what we may think of as the walls and borders of a local, parochial Saturn in Cancer come out with the Jupiter there, giving us insight into its effect in Capricorn. This has happened and is very demonstrative now with CoVid19. In the middle of a roaring world economy, with supply chains threading through many countries, we have had to close borders everywhere, and "protect our own". In Woodrow Wilson's chart, we finally see the limitations of the shadow of Saturn in Cancer that he has to face.

We often associate Saturn with the Jungian Shadow, the unconscious. As I have said a few times now, it is not very apparent that Wilson suffered the usual difficulties of a Saturn Sun opposition, both in the signs of their fall. However, the above disappointment with the European powers, prescient as it was, would go counter to his racial policies in the U.S. Many biographers differ in the level of overt racism they assign to Wilson. To some he was extremely racist, to others, he was *laissez faire*, allowing his cabinet to implement discriminative segregationist policies in government. Without making a quantitative judgement (on my part), it is certain that he must have been aware of the "Lost Cause" movements in the South, the rise of the clan, and lynching's. He obviously came from a Confederate sympathizing family, yet was extremely learned in government; this U.S. democratic republic, with its individual rights. He was certainly prescient enough to know that severe reparations suffered by the Germans would bring them back to war at a future point. He supported Suffrage for women. How is it then he could not see that allowing the country to sink back into severe repression and violence toward both the Native American and the African American would not come back to haunt our country again and again?

It could be that this was his Saturn Sun opposition. That Saturn in Cancer extends beyond the biological family. That it can be a group, a racial, a tribal unconscious that one seldom sees, but would have to confront to become a whole person. To extricate oneself from that group-think, to become truly independent of one's past and roots, is difficult for anyone. With Venus and Mars in Aquarius, and Jupiter @ 1* Aries, it is quite probable that Wilson was elitist, without thinking of himself as that.

The idea that one's Saturn placement could be transpersonal is not foreign to me, as a Sun Mercury Saturn Neptune conjunction in Libra. It is difficult for me to separate my individual consciousness from the liberal, free love, back to the earth consciousness of the "Flower Child" subset of the Hippie generation. I have to often step back and ask myself if my opinion is based on my own identity and experience, or my background in the '70's. It is equally feasible that with such a supportive cast of family and politicians around him, Wilson never confronted his own cognitive dissonances.

Woodrow Wilson suffers a major stroke on October 3rd 1919. He was out west, on a tour to try to sell the League of Nations and the Paris Peace Treaty to the country. The significant transit during this is a Mars opposition and, despite his symptoms coming on of headaches and TIA's, he felt that he had to be out there selling his program. He may have been right, the Leo-like personal presence was working, but his body could not take the strain. He has severe symptoms, returns to Washington to rest, but still has a stroke. This would have been a "right side MCA (middle cerebral artery) stroke" affecting his left motor skills, but not his frontal lobes (reason and logic) or speech (Left fronto/temporal lobe function). So, he was physically handicapped but able to still maintain some executive function with Edith's and his Doctor's help. The stroke was not told to the nation, and a strange masquerade commenced until the end of his presidency.

Edith and his Dr. Grayson start to "gate" the memo's and info coming into the White House. As Wilson starts to recover, his mind is sharp enough to dictate responses to necessary issues, while most of the time resting. He does appear on the balcony of the White House on occasion, to great support from still admiring crowds.

Meanwhile the Republicans (who are split into unreconcilables against the League, and those that could compromise,) continue to try to defeat the treaty with the League of Nations proviso. Wilson remains adamant that the agreement stays as written. Sadly, Republican forces were already gearing up to stop the treaty from being approved by the Senate. One biographer ascribes this stubbornness to his atherosclerosis starting to alter his thought process;

I am not inclined to agree. It is likely that Jupiter @ 1* Aries is that uncompromising idealist, being perfectionist. Or, it could be the stroke; no way to know for sure.

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Death: Feb 3, 1925. 11 :15 AM The chart below appears to be a fairly elegant passage chart. Wilson is said to have told Dr Grayson that he was a broken-down machine, and ready to go. He seemed to have a sense of peace at that time. Pluto is back transiting his natal Saturn in Cancer near the MC. It seems to say: you are done, go home, you have done your best. (My sentiments). Saturn exactly semi sextile the assumed 14* Libra rising, another little mark toward the accuracy of the chart. Jupiter opposite his natal Saturn, as it was on inauguration day a Jupiter cycle ago; putting one's personal affairs in order (Robert Hand, Planets in Transit), seems accurate this time. Sun conjunct his Venus Mars; crowds mourning his passing and admiring him. Finally, Uranus transiting his natal Neptune, punctuating his accomplishments of Cancer Capricorn governmental competence mixed with the positivity and naivety of the Jupiter in Aries, and the spiritual compassion for the common man that marked his presidency as progressive.

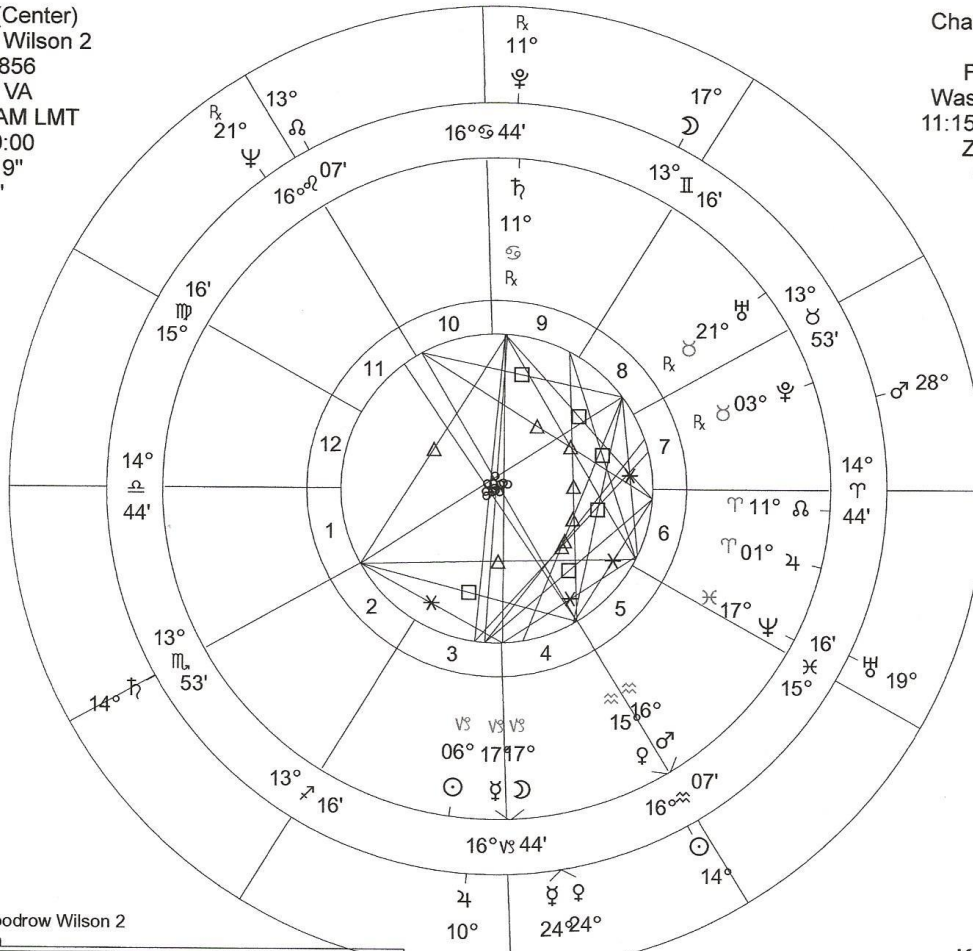
What is amazing to me about the man, the time and his presidency, is that in the months prior to his death and in the days before, there was such an outpouring of love and admiration for Woodrow Wilson. One biographer noted that there was a crowd of 25 thousand outside of his house on vigil. His funeral was...a quiet family affair at the Washington National Cathedral

Even earlier, in the years between the end of his presidency and his death he was greatly admired. During the funeral procession of President Harding, (died in office), crowds cheered him following the casket instead of Harding.

He was obviously seen as a great man, by much of the nation, and his passing was much grieved.

Chart #1 (Center)
 Woodrow Wilson 2
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Chart #2 (Outer)
 Death
 Feb 03, 1925
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 38N53'42"



Columns: Woodrow Wilson 2
 Rows: Death

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Woodrow Wilson 2

Pl	Planet	Geo Lon	Rx
☾	Moon	17° vs 28'	
☉	Sun	06° vs 46'	
☿	Mercury	17° vs 10'	
♁	Venus	15° vs 54'	
♂	Mars	16° vs 18'	
♃	Jupiter	01° ♀ 12'	
♅	Saturn	11° ☉ 05'	Rx
♁	Uranus	21° ♂ 26'	Rx
♁	Neptune	17° ♁ 54'	
♁	Pluto	03° ♂ 45'	Rx
♁	Node	11° ♀ 10'	
M	Midheaven	16° ☉ 44'	
A	Ascendant	14° ♁ 44'	
⊗	Part Fortn	04° ♁ 02'	

Fir	Ear	Air	Wat
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Crđ	Fix	Mut	
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Death

Pl	Planet	Geo Lon	Rx
☾	Moon	17° II 14'	
☉	Sun	14° vs 21'	
☿	Mercury	24° vs 36'	
♁	Venus	24° vs 39'	
♂	Mars	28° ♀ 53'	
♃	Jupiter	10° vs 37'	
♅	Saturn	14° III 01'	
♁	Uranus	19° vs 27'	
♁	Neptune	21° ♁ 24'	
♁	Pluto	11° ☉ 52'	Rx
♁	Node	13° ♁ 45'	Rx
M	Midheaven	27° vs 56'	
A	Ascendant	16° ♂ 36'	
⊗	Part Fortn	19° II 29'	

Fir	Ear	Air	Wat
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Crđ	Fix	Mut	
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On June 26, 2020, Princeton University removed Wilson's name from its public policy school due to his "racist thinking and policies." The Princeton University Board of Trustees voted to remove Wilson's name from the university's School of Public and International Affairs, changing the name to the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. The Board also accelerated the retirement of the name of a soon-to-be-closed residential college, changing the name from Wilson College to "First College."

This first post is a commentary on Princeton taking his name off a college. Yes, he was a racist. No more or less than any other politician of his time. What folks don't know is that he tried to bring an egalitarian equality to Princeton by abolishing the secret societies and housing rich kids with everyone else. He also whipped the school into shape, devising the curriculum of having prerequisites, declaring majors and still having classes in elective subjects. This is still the model for a liberal arts degree today.

My comment here is; he was a brilliant governmental scholar, with the flaws that most white men and politicians shared, that of discounting women's right to vote, and racism. But the story behind the story was that the board of trustee's @ Princeton hated his egalitarian plans to create equalized dorms in what he was calling the Quad, (Think A2 U of Mich). They voted his plan down so they could keep rich kids separate from us peasants, and are probably very glad to have finally gotten a chance to rub his face in the dirt 110 years later.

The original intent was to rectify the chart, since there is a dispute as to the day of birth. I found many instances of events in his life that confirm the time of birth as 0045. The rising is either 14*44' Libra or 15* 32' depending on the day.

1: Graduation from Princeton: Saturn is transiting at 14* Aries in his 7th house.

2: In late January 1881 Jupiter is going over his descendant, with Saturn back in the 7th as well. In April 1881 they conjunct at 29* Aries, then transit over his natal Pluto @ 3* R in Taurus.

3: In 1885 by October, Jupiter had moved over his supposed ascendant 12-14* Libra. That fall he takes a teaching position @ Bryn Mawr.

4: In September of 1887 Uranus goes over his Ascendant, and stationed at 13* in June of 1888. He goes to Wesleyan College that fall.

5: January 1910. The Jupiter and Mars transiting over his now fairly well-established ascendant @ 12-14* Libra. He is contemplating running for governor.

6: Resignation from Princeton took place October 20th, 1910, with Jupiter again in his first house, and a Venus Mars in Libra at 16* to 18*, just past the assumed ascendant @ 12-14*.

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So, I think the angles are fairly well proven, and were not in dispute anyway. What I did not find were many definitive markers of the day he was born, with those markers being events coinciding with the moon on the 28th @ 17* 28' Capricorn, conjunct his Mercury, or the 29th with the moon at 0* 46' Aquarius.

Pro December 28th Events:

First Marriage: June 24, 1885 Edith Axson and Wilson married. An interesting opposition. Venus is in Cancer opposite Wilson's Mercury, possible Moon.

Wilson meets Edith Galt. I guess the most significant transit in his chart is that Mars is at 20* of Capricorn in his 4th house, just having gone over his Mercury Moon conjunction at 17*, if we are going with the 28th of December birth. I would tag this as one of the few events that indicate the 28th as the birthdate.

They are married December 18th, 1915. Sure enough, Venus is on his presumed moon Mercury at 18* Capricorn, Jupiter just past his natal Neptune @ 20* Pisces, and he is on his second Saturn return.

Pro 29th Events:

Edith's (untimed) birth chart could be supportive of a 29th birth, as she has her N Node @ 4* Aquarius, close to where the moon would have been in Wilson's chart, hence a karmic attraction.

Wilson's Princeton promotion. One could argue for the 29th birth as the Transiting @ 17* 14' Jupiter in Aquarius is closer to where the Mars Venus for that day @ 17* 05', 6'. I would say this is inconclusive, as executive decisions always take a few days to be announced

The election of November 5, 1912, not much in the way of transits were connecting with his chart. However, there is one major exception. Uranus is entering Aquarius, and would be 1° away from conjunct his moon @ 0° 46'. June 9th is a Monday, and the decision could have been made days before...