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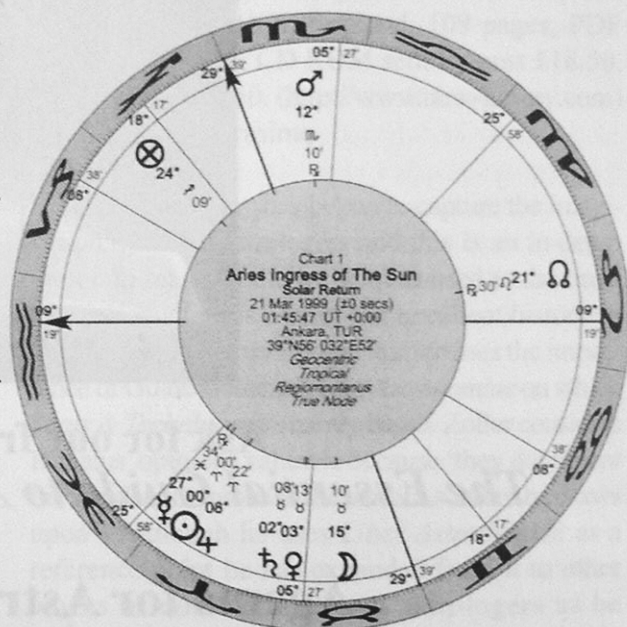
Anton Grigoryev on the 11 August 1999 eclipse and the Turkish earthquake

A major earthquake occurred in Turkey on 17 August 1999, a few days after the 11 August 1999 eclipse. One of our readers asked why the eclipse did not show the timing, using Ptolemy's method of evaluating eclipses. Anton took time off his busy astrological schedule to explain why.

The eclipse of 11 August 1999 in Ankara, Turkey began at 9h58m UT and ended at 12h45m UT; duration was 2h47m, and the middle of eclipse was at 11h22m UT. The eclipse is in the ninth house of the chart (11 August 1999 11h22m UT, Ankara), and therefore the effects of this eclipse should begin in some months.

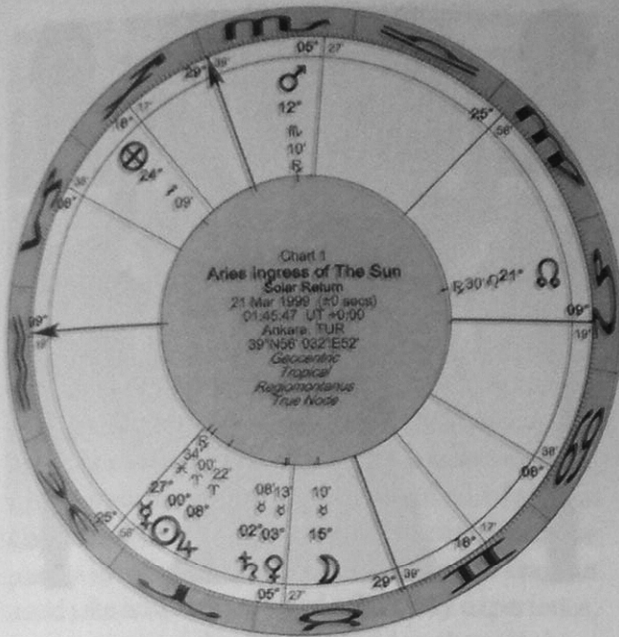
There was an earthquake in Turkey at 17 August 1999. Should we regard this earthquake as the effect of the eclipse? No, if we follow the method of Ptolemy. But the earthquake did happen, nevertheless, so there should be some other testimonies of this event.

Let's follow the usual method of traditional mundane astrology, and take the chart of Sol's ingress into Aries (21 March 1999 1h46m UT, Ankara). The Ascendant of this chart is in a fixed sign, so the chart will be for the whole year. We can note that the Dragon's Tail is placed in the Ascendant—the ill-fated testimony. Saturn is the lord of the year, it is in Taurus, is occidental and peregrine. When Saturn is the lord of the year and is occidental, it denotes the possibility of an earthquake. 'Again, if he be Occidental, there shall be Earthquakes during that Revolution' (William Ramesey: *Astrologia restaurata*, book IV, sect. II, chap. XV). Even more so, when he is in Taurus, the earth and fixed sign—'also Tribulations, and Sorrows in the earth, destruction of Houses, Cities and Towns, also Earthquakes' (idem). Especially, in that part of the country, which is shown by the sign and the part of heaven, wherein



Saturn is placed. Taurus signifies south-east, and the third house signifies north-east, so taking these testimonies together we get the possible earthquake in the eastern part of the country.

Saturn is conjunct Venus, it is in her own domicile, but she is the lady of Imum Coeli and of Libra, which sign is intercepted in the eighth house. The Moon is the natural significatrix of common people, and she is also the almuten of Imum Coeli. She is afflicted by opposition of Mars, and Mars also afflicts the ascendant by square. There is also a sextile of Jupiter to the ascendant; Jupiter is in the second house, and is the lord of the eleventh house (house of friends) and of the second house (house of assistance).



annual revolution. Thus this New Moon 'turns on' the opposition Moon-Mars in the chart of annual revolution, and Saturn, the lord of the year and significator of earthquake in the chart of annual revolution, plays his part as well. **AG**

Let's go back to 11 August 1999. We should remember that it was not only the eclipse, but the New Moon as well. And because the next syzygy before annual revolution in March 1999 was a New Moon, we must pay special attention to New Moons in that year. In the chart of the New Moon of 11 August 1999 11h08m UT, Ankara, we can see that Mars, the lord of the Ascendant, is in the unfortunate twelfth house and is afflicted by Saturn. And Saturn is on the place of the Moon in the chart of