#### THE LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

### A brief history

Aotearoa New Zealand is a part of the Commonwealth and thereby linked to Europe via Great Britain. The connection to Europe started in 1642 when Abel Tasman, a Dutchman, set sail for New Zealand and sighted the west coast of the South Island. He anchored in a bay and attempted to land but had an intense encounter with local Māori where he lost four of his men he carried on further north.







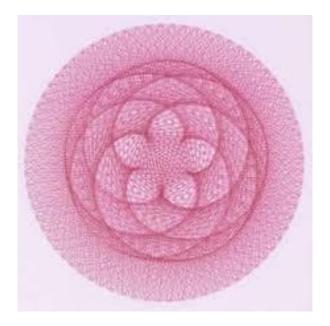
Cook

There was nearly a French connection as many of the early settlers where French. They set up a colony in Akaroa near Christchurch. There were many French whalers, and later on there was a prominent French Catholic bishop, Pompallier, who was quite influential, particularly in the Treaty of Waitangi. However the rays and astrology of France do not easily align with the known astrological rulers and proposed rays of New Zealand and the British got in first before the French could expand further.

The connection with Europe was grounded when Captain James Cook set out to explore the southern hemisphere. The Royal Society of England tasked him with going south to observe the transit of Venus which was to take place and would be visible from the South Pacific. It was thought at the time that by observing this transit and making measurements they would be able to calculate the astronomical unit, the distance from the earth to the sun, and thereby understand the size of the solar system. Other missions were also sent off from Britain to other parts of the world to add to the collection of data.

The transit of Venus across the sun is a relatively rare event. They always come in pairs 8 years apart about every 120 years. After 1769 there were transits in 1874 and 1882, then in 2004 and 2012. The orbit of Venus over time makes the pattern of a five pointed flower each time it approaches the sun. Back in the 16 and 1700s there was no split between astronomy and astrology, the likes of Kepler and Galileo were astronomer-astrologers. It's unlikely the Royal Society of

England and James Cook had this approach and were purely looking at things astronomically, but the symbolism of this being the motivating reason is interesting nonetheless.





The ulterior secret mission that was given to Cook by the Royal Society was to discover Terra Australis Incognita, the great southern continent that was thought to balance the land mass of the northern hemisphere. This was an idea proposed by Aristotle and Ptolemy put the image of this proposed continent into maps. In the process Cook discovered many islands and mapped the outline of Aotearoa and observed the local people, flora and fauna along with the botanist Joseph Banks. People predominantly from Great Britain started arriving consistently which greatly increased the population of New Zealand. This lead to the death of many of the indigenous people, the Māori, through disease and subsequent wars.

In 1840 a treaty was signed on behalf of the British Queen and the Māori chiefs of the majority of tribes (not all signed) which became known as the <u>Treaty of Waitangi</u>. Its intention was to try and bring law and order to the inhabitants of New Zealand and protect the Māori people. Many of the newcomers were whalers and brought with them alcohol and unruly behaviour. New Zealand is the only nation state to have such a treaty and is seen as a treaty of peace that is much talked about in 2023 and there is great momentum for constitutional transformation to be reached by 2040, the 200 year anniversary of the signing of the treaty, as it's not fully embedded in the political system and there is also much opposition. There are around 70% of NZ who identify as New Zealand European and around 16% who identify as Māori, although there has been much intermingling of the two races over the years. So for whatever reason, the British races established an outpost in New Zealand which has evolved to where it is today.

### Blue Books

There are only three references to New Zealand throughout the blue books. The first points out that it is a place where members of the New Group of World Servers are found.

Esoteric Psychology II page 650

### "2. The New Group of World Servers

"...there is a Plan for humanity and that this Plan has always existed. ... Today there are a sufficient number of men and women in the world, adequately developed, so that they can contact it and work in connection with it. ... it is to be noted that there is upon our planet a group of men and women belonging to every nation, who are definitely upon the Path of Discipleship and because of their status, they are all of them as definitely serving the race. They are subjectively welded together into a body, which we have called the New Group of World Servers, for lack of a better name. ... Prominent members of this group are to be found in every country in Europe, in China and Japan, in North and South America, and in South Africa. In Australia, New Zealand and other countries not enumerated above, members and servers of this group are to be found.

Additionally, Blavatsky and CW Leadbetter say that the 6<sup>th</sup> root race will start to emerge on the West Coast of the United States (California), Australia and New Zealand. One aspect of note is the "trans" phenomena that is common among the younger generation in New Zealand or gender fluidity, perhaps a hint of the more hermaphroditic people that the 6<sup>th</sup> root race may evidence when it emerges more. It was noted by William Meader that the first expression of a particular new wave of energy manifests more on the lower end of the spectrum or may be somewhat distorted. This aspect of society is one cause of tension in the culture war around whether it is a distortion or part of the natural evolution of humanity.

A second reference states there will a preparatory school in NZ.

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5. Sweden -------Russia

6. New Zealand------Australia

In terms of their being a preparatory school, there are four others based in Europe and one in the US, linking Europe, the US and New Zealand as outposts of the European/British influence. A pioneering attempt was built in Akaroa near Christchurch in the early 2000s lead by Lawson Bracewell. A temple based on sacred geometry was built and a teaching space set up. It is stated that the schools will materialise when the causal body of the country is ready. The temple site is occupied by two esoteric workers, Julia and Orest Tarnawsky who study the teachings, take full moon meditations and teach mainly young people there. Julia is Australian and Orest is a Germanborn Ukrainian who also spent a long time in Australia. Another school was set up in the North Island at Highden. There is also a small group in Nelson that meets regularly though with no physical space specific to them.







The third reference gives the astrological rulers of New Zealand, being Gemini as the soul ruler and Virgo as the personality ruler.

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"...in the British Empire there are several major and distinctive sections which are themselves definitely governed by certain ruling signs; therefore, before giving the rulers of the capitals, I would like to indicate the influences which control the British Empire through the medium of its component parts; they are an important factor in present events, owing to the major and powerful nature of the part Great Britain is playing in the present situation. As you will have noted **Great Britain is ruled by Gemini and Taurus**, and consequently the principles of multiplicity and integration are simultaneously present. Duality, triplicity (England, Scotland and Wales) and also differentiation are the conditioning aspects of the empire. **Under the major control of Gemini and Taurus you have the following potencies active:** 

	Egoic Ruler		Personality Ruler	
Australia	Virgo	$6^{th}$	Capricorn	10th
Canada	Taurus	2nd	Libra	7th
India	Aries	1st	Capricorn	10th
<b>New Zealand</b>	Gemini	3rd	Virgo	6th
South Africa	Aries	1st	Sagittarius	9th

1. **GEMINI**. This is the great symbolic constellation of the Two Brothers, expressing the interplay between the dualities. Because it is governed by Mercury and Venus, you have the light of the intuition and of the mind blended together into one illuminated whole, typical of the fusion of spirit-matter and the demonstration of their essential oneness. Gemini, as you know, is the sign of divine interplay and it is the life of the Father (of spirit and of will) which flows through the Two Brothers, through the polar opposites, making them one in reality though two in manifestation. Their real nature as the "elder brother and the prodigal son" is revealed by the intuition when it takes hold of the mind. But it is the will to love which governs the relationship and which finally brings about divine synthesis. (Esoteric Astrology page 626)

DK makes the statement:

"These countries are related to the mother-country through their planetary rulers, and in this statement you have a definite hint conveyed. The zodiacal signs relate, but the planets are more influential at this stage of evolution."

The esoteric ruler of Gemini is Venus, so Venus is an important planet for New Zealand and was the instigating reason for Cook travelling to the Southern Hemisphere. As DK says, Great Britain's soul ruler is Gemini with a Taurus personality, ruled on the mundane level by Venus, a strong influence for both Great Britain and New Zealand. Gemini is the only sign that is influenced solely by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ray. This perhaps indicates both Great Britain and New Zealand have some kind of synthesising role in the realm of ideas in relation to the plan.

We also know Venus is seen as the 'sister' planet to the earth, its complementary planet. Many of the higher qualities emanate from Venus. This is where the spark of mind of humanity originated.

"Venus is the most occult, powerful and mysterious of all the planets; a. Its relation with the Earth is the most prominent; b. It presides over the natural generation of men; c. It is called the 'other sun'; d. It is the Earth's primary or spiritual prototype." (Secret Doctrine II, H Blavatsky, 33-35.) (Esoteric Astrology, A.A Bailey 673)

"To understand the relation of **Venus** and the Earth, I would have you ponder on what I earlier gave in A Treatise on Cosmic Fire. ... The entire relationship has been summed up in the words: The planet **Venus** is to the planet Earth what the higher Self is to the Personality. Remember that the planet **Venus** is one of the seven sacred planets whereas the Earth is not. This statement involves, as you can see, a deep mystery of relativity, of interplay and of eventual revelation. This revelation as to the relation of the Earth's alter ego to the world of human life will only be revealed at the third initiation, at which time all glamour and illusion is dissipated and 'the light which shines through the eye of the Bull will be unimpeded' and carry light into the darkness." (Esoteric Astrology, A.A. Bailey 383-384)

"It is not permissible to say much about this mystery, that 'Venus is the Earth's alter ego', nor is it advisable, but certain ideas may be suggested which—if brooded on—may result in a wider grasp of the beauty of nature's synthesis, and of the wonderful correlation of all that is in process of evolution. Perhaps some idea may be gained if we remember that, in an occult sense, Venus is to the Earth what the higher Self is to man." (Treatise on Cosmic Fire, A.A. Bailey 298) (emphasis added)

Going back to Cook, he has a prominent Venus in his astrological chart, it being exactly conjunct Mercury and Uranus, square the Moon, square Saturn (Aquarius) and sesquisquare Jupiter. (27 October 1728 11.27 am, Marton, England). He was a Quaker, a pacifist with humanitarian and altruistic values. The conjunction of Mercury, Venus and Uranus suggests an enlightened and inclusive mind.

The previous Venus transits of 1519 and 1526 were at the time of Magellan who set sail to prove the world was not flat, an advancement in the world consciousness at the time. During the transits

of 1761 and 1769, the southern hemisphere was discovered to the northern hemisphere and knowledge of each hemisphere was shared between the two, so north and south were linked.

My sense is that that New Zealand can take the Gemini impulse and ground the synthesising principle of Venus and embody the relating of ideas to the etheric level, to ground it in a practical way. Rather than the nature of the integration of East and West, this can be seen as an integration of North and South, or highest and lowest, how the esoteric and exoteric interact, how spirit and matter combine. The interaction of the 1<sup>st</sup> aspect (impulse from Great Britain) and the 7<sup>th</sup> aspect (New Zealand) and expressing via the 2<sup>nd</sup> aspect (the vibration of Gemini that resonates with the two).

One possible example of this is Peter Jackson, the New Zealand director, having a lifelong fascination with JRR Tolkein and the Lord of the Rings brought the books to life in the early 2000s through the trilogy movies. One could speculate Tolkein was an initiate with a strong 7<sup>th</sup> ray influence. Phillip discusses him <a href="here">here</a> and <a href="here">here</a>. Peter Jackson and his wife Fran Walsh created the movies based on the books and were filmed predominantly in New Zealand. New Zealand has been likened to Middle Earth. It's possible that New Zealanders are predominantly from the earth chain? The Wellington airport, New Zealand's capital, features Gollum atop the building and Gandalf flying inside.





The national symbol is the Kiwi which is a flightless bird. There were several birds that were flightless, including the now extinct moa bird. This is symbolic again of the grounding of ideas, making ideas practical and imbued in the etheric field that I believe will be part of the soul nature of Aotearoa New Zealand. Without focusing on the black and white, traditional approach that some Kiwis have, the Aquarian values of inclusivity, acceptance of diversity, egalitarianism, are potential soul qualities.





### Rays

New Zealand's rays are speculated as 2 and 7. Aside from whether they are correct, there is a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> ray influence in the astrology with both Virgo and Gemini being ruled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> ray. The 7<sup>th</sup> ray can be seen in the pedantic bureaucracy, in the "number 8 wire" practicality, in the prevalence of the common sense, an organised approach to groups. We are etherically sensitive people and there's an etheric vitality in the land. There is a hole in the ozone layer above NZ so the sun's rays penetrate strongly through. So in this way perhaps the Gemini/Venusian impulse has a way to manifest and express more via the 7<sup>th</sup> ray. As the 7<sup>th</sup> ray grows in potency in the world it's likely New Zealand will be more visible on the world stage where we would become active in more than just the All Blacks and sporting prowess, which New Zealanders are known for. Rugby is a game which is prevalent and very highly valued in New Zealand and perhaps could be seen as a way to ground the masculine into the 7<sup>th</sup> ray nature of NZ and make them practical and skilled at navigating the material world.

Another expression is the granting of legal personhood rights to features in nature. In 2014 the Ureweras, a national park, was granted <u>legal personhood</u> with all the rights that go with that, including the physical and <u>metaphysical properties</u> as understood in <u>mātauranga Māori</u> (Māori scientific knowledge). It followed in 2017 with the Whānganui river being granted the same legal status. This could be seen as an example of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ray coming together, maintaining the holistic, meaning, values, principles in connection with the etheric/physical. The Māori people inherently have a spiritual understanding and connection to the land. They are very ritualistic and all of their tikanga, (ways of being, protocols), inherently have spirituality imbued within them. As people from Britain/Europe came to settle here they have gradually come to be imbued with the energy of the 7<sup>th</sup> ray and thereby help to anchor the 2<sup>nd</sup> ray impulse on the planet. If one were to assign a chakra to NZ it could arguably be the base chakra. (I recommend the movie <u>King Arthur</u> with Clive Owen that perhaps embodies the sense of the indigenous people from Britain).

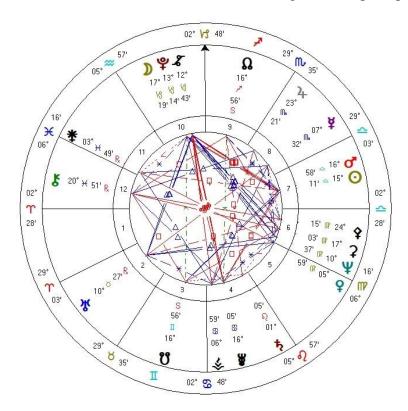
Gemini relates to the etheric body. <u>Aotearoa</u>, the Māori name for New Zealand, translates as the long white cloud. It relates to the white clouds the Polynesian navigators saw when they first came to Aotearoa. The symbolism hints at overlaying the land from the sky, the realm of ideas and through Venus and Gemini, New Zealand can blend and manifest its particular note in the symphony of humanity.

Other symbology is New Zealand consists of two main islands. Names of places and tapu or sacred sites are now spoken off as dual with both their Māori and English names, ie Ōtautahi Christchurch, Te Whanganui-ā-Tara Wellington, Aoraki Mt Cook. This is a continuing trend with the growth of people learning te reo, the Māori language, the other main, as yet not as visible, language.

## Chart

True to the nature of a mutable and Gemini country there are several NZ flags and several charts that can be used for New Zealand. My sense of the two that are favourable, the Treaty of Waitangi chart and the Cook's landfall chart. Graham Ibell, an experienced astrologer in New Zealand, a few years ago proposed the chart of when James Cook first set foot in New Zealand as an appropriate chart for New Zealand. Having reviewed both charts in light of major events in New Zealand's history (Rainbow Warrior bombing, White Island eruption, Mosque shootings), my

sense is the <u>Cook's landfall chart</u> seems appropriate, or at least I feel more esoteric, as it indicates the first meeting of Europeans and Māori. The Treaty of Waitangi chart was a chart that cemented the relationship between Māori and Pākehā (newcomers, foreigners) and perhaps more exoteric.



In any case, both have an Aries ascendant. New Zealand is known for it's **pioneering spirit**. It is the first major country to see the sun as it is +12 GMT. There can be an aggressive aspect to the nation, we have high rates of violence and regrettably one of the highest rates of child abuse in the world. **Independence** – Kiwis are an independent lot which perhaps stems from many of the first settlers were dissatisfied with the control of the aristocracy or the class system in the UK and wanted to make a life for themselves which has coloured the psyche of NZ. New Zealand is more on the labour side of the capital/labour dynamic. We also have one of the highest rates of small businesses in the world. New Zealand has a **feminine** nature, perhaps the Virgo influence. The natural environment is prominent, women are generally strong, and perhaps New Zealand can bring a feminine layer to the parent, royalty-based, 1<sup>st</sup> ray colonising nature of the British Empire.

There are several world firsts that have been achieved either by New Zealand or by New Zealanders.

- Te Whiti o Rongomai and Tohu Kakahi they espoused non-violent resistance culminating in an event at <u>Parihaka</u> on 5 November 1881, it is said they communicated with Ghandi prior to his non-violent stance in India.
- On 19 September 1893, New Zealand became the first country to give women the vote spearheaded by Kate Sheppard who lead the suffragist movement which then spread around the world. Her parents came from England.

- Ernest Rutherford was a physicist who obtained a Nobel prize in 1908 for his work. He is named the father of nuclear physics and produced the first artificially induced nuclear reaction in 1917. His parents were from England and Scotland. He worked in both Canada, another commonwealth country, and England throughout his career.
- Sir Edmund Hilary first to climb Mt Everest in May 1953
  "The attempt today to climb Mount Everest is amazingly symbolic, and it is being watched with much interest by the Hierarchy, for in this effort we see the attempt of humanity to achieve the top of the mountain whose height has hitherto defeated all efforts. But—and this is the matter of moment and of interest—when humanity emerges into the light and relative glory of the new civilisation, they will at the same time conquer this last remaining summit. That which is of the densest materiality and which is the consummation of earthly grandeur will remain—but it will be beneath the feet of humanity." (Esoteric Astrology pg 158)









Like Gemini, New Zealand is a relatively unstable place, it lies on the Pacific Rim and there are often earthquakes, the land is fertile and arable. Likewise the New Zealand psyche can be seen as relatively unstable. Unlike places like North America or Australia with large land masses, we are not such an extroverted or confident nation, we tend to be overly modest and self-deprecating, and more practical and hands on in nature than academic and heady. With Gemini and Virgo being mutable signs we are flexible, adaptable.

We are surrounded by water, which could be symbolised as the unconscious rather than conscious mind, and there are many lakes, some very deep. This is suggestive of a deep feeling nature in the NZ psyche and more as introverts and more comfortable with the inner than the outer. I have been fortunate in travelling extensively and I notice how much non-verbal communication we observe and use in our judgements and attitudes as we sense and feel a lot through etheric/feeling sensitivity.

In terms of the fixed stars present in the chart, the ascendant is conjunct <u>Deneb Kaitos</u> which is the tail of the whale in the Cetus constellation. Whales are seen as very significant in Māori culture. They are seen as wisdom holders and represent the depth of wisdom and a deep knowledge and use of sound. The constellation Cetus can be seen as the sea monster which, like the hydra, must be overcome. Because of New Zealand's nature it is in some sense like going to the underworld and people can have a transformative experience while living there. At the bottom of the world it can be seen as symbolic of delving into the unconscious realms somewhat. The mythological character of the underworld is female, Hine Nui ki te Po and can be seen as somewhat similar to

Hades in the Greek pantheon. The influences of Deneb Kaitos are said to be inhibitions, restraint, self-destructive, melancholic – all of which relate to the Kiwi psyche – and that people are great at initiating new projects and ideas. (Vivian Robson, Eric Morse).

The sun is conjunct Algorab in the crow constellation - a lesser magnitude star so not of great influence and the conjunction is wide.

*European and indigenous integration – The Treaty of Waitangi* 

My sense is that a nation can manifest its soul by it being grounded in its indigenous people. It could be said written communication and academic education may have been brought from Europe to indigenous nations through colonisation but the negative effects are now clearly evident due to the force and disregard for the people who are intimately connected to the land and overlooked their expression of mind. In 1840 a treaty was signed between the chiefs of the majority of tribes in New Zealand (not all signed) and the British representatives. It was called for as many people who had come from Britain were causing problems and there was a high degree of lawlessness, Kororāreka Russell had become known as the "hellhole of the Pacific" so the Treaty was hoped to instil some order.

New Zealand is the only nation state to have such a treaty with its indigenous people. One of the features of the treaty is article 4, which gives religious freedom for all people in New Zealand, Māori and newcomers alike to worship in whatever way they chose. This was a unique and progressive position for its time and was instigated by the French Catholic Bishop Pompallier who, perhaps not so altruistically, wanted the influence of the Catholic Church to remain. Nevertheless, this is similar to the second of the four freedoms articulated by Franklin D Roosevelt 100 years later in the context of humanity, freedom of religion. The initiate FDR, though born in the world centre of New York, spent a lot of time between the ages of 2 and 15 in Europe and learned French and German as a result, so gained some of his education in Europe.

There is a movement in New Zealand that is aiming for <u>constitutional transformation</u> by 2040, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Treaty. It has been promoted by one of the foremost NZ thinkers, <u>Moana Jackson</u>, a <u>lawyer</u>, educator and activist. The goal is to have the Treaty as the constitutional foundation of New Zealand, which is it is not currently, we're still dominated by British Westminster system.

In the understanding of te ao Māori (Māori world view) given to my by Rev Maurice Gray, the world is seen through the lens of the elements as Earth relating to the African region (Hawaiki Pamamao), Water to the Americas, both North and South (Hawaiki Roa), Air encompasses Europe/Asia (Hawaiki Nui) and fire to the Pacific rim and Oceania area (Hawaiki), the region most prone to volcanic and earthquake activity. Therefore from this lens Eurasia could be seen as the area where the mental body emanates and its focal point is in terms of humanity. From this perspective one could see it as the focal point for the location for the current battle occurring on the mental plane, one could argue the epicentre of the conflict is being acted out in Ukraine.

Going back to the governing link between Great Britain and New Zealand is the sign Gemini. The only colonised country mentioned by DK as having a Gemini influence is New Zealand, though there may be others. The Māori new year, Matariki, begins in New Zealand with the

heliacal rising of the Pleiades. This occurs in the month of Gemini usually around the new moon. It spans a period of weeks where the Pleiades set and then rise over the horizon several weeks later. It's a time of celebration, of recognising the dead and envisioning the future.

#### Sedna

The newly discovered planet <u>Sedna</u> enters Gemini in June 2023. Sedna was discovered in 2003. Each newly discovered planet represents a new level of consciousness that humanity is apparently ready for. It's of particular importance for Gemini countries that <u>Sedna</u> is entering Gemini on this year for a few months until it retrogrades back into Taurus in November this year. My sense is this will likely affect the Gemini nations quite strongly, including Britain and New Zealand, as well as the general etheric field. This has not occurred before due to its 11,406 year orbit.

The myth of Sedna is an Inuit goddess who was an independent spirit who did not want to marry. Her father arranged for her to marry a suitor who took her away to an island. The husband was actually a bird-man and treated her badly. The father came to rescue her in a boat and as they escaped the husband used his power to create a storm. Fearing for his life the father threw Sedna off the boat. She clung on to the boat and tried to get back in the boat, yet her father chopped her fingers off and she sank to the bottom of the ocean where she became a goddess and ruled over the sea creatures, her fingers becoming seals and marine creatures.

It is seen as an impersonal feminine energy. Alan Clay, a New Zealand astrologer, has written a large book on it. In his view Ceres is a higher octave of the moon and Sedna is a higher octave of Ceres. So through that lens one could possibly say it's a hierarchical level of the feminine. He sees it as a transpersonal nurturing of our spirituality. Crises occur in order to transcend. Mitch Horowitz sees it relating to feminine healing and to do with environmental issues. Maria Rodriquez believes it would be the ruler of Virgo.

Astrologers are still getting a feel for what Sedna is about based on research and observing patterns, but it seems to create crises and stimulate reaching a higher or deeper consciousness. (Here is Kiri Te Kanawa singing Tarakihi, a Māori folk song. This was sung at the dawn of the new millennium and, despite the audio quality, is a powerful performance and perhaps gives a sense of the expression of the feminine at the entrance of Sedna into New Zealand-ruled Gemini, the inauguration of a new energy as she moves into Gemini). This will be a huge shift for humanity, as is Pluto moving into Aquarius. Various astrologers have made speculation about how Sedna in Gemini will manifest but there is concurrence that it will be a lot to do with artificial intelligence and a transformation in human consciousness.

It is noted also that Great Britain is ruled by Taurus on the personality level and China is ruled by Taurus on the soul level. Sedna was in Taurus for about 60 years from 1965–2023. It was conjunct the fixed star Algol from mid-2016 to March 2020 would have a strong impact on both, perhaps more obviously Great Britain as the personality rulership. Algol is seen as a malefic star but also with high spiritual rays emanating from it. It relates to Medusa turning people to stone by looking at them. It influenced the Covid experience, which penetrated into the physical Taurean level, literally into the DNA of humanity. In relation to China, the pandemic emanated from there and strongly affected the nation. Both Sedna and Algol relate to death, and there has

been much talk of the influence of the dark forces through propaganda, big pharma and those seeking to maintain duality and power. This period spanned the Brexit period, also with much propaganda, and also the disruptions in the Royal family with Prince Andrew and Mexit.

Sedna is also currently conjunct Alcyone which is mentioned several times in the blue books as the star of individuality and is related to the Pleiades. It will also be back at the anaretic degree of Taurus from December 2023 to April 2024 which again may be an powerful period for humanity.

"9. "The sun (i.e. the solar system) has Alcyone in the Pleiades for the centre of its orbit." (S.D. I. 545.)" (Esoteric Astrology pg 669)

"Note: The Pleiades as the central group of the Bull and **Alcyone**, one of the 7 Pleiades, is supposed to be the **star around which our universe revolves**." (Esoteric Astrology pg 679)

The influence of Sedna and its connection to the Pleiades is likely to affect the nations ruled by Gemini as it begins its transit through Gemini. Those rulerships are: Poland and USA (personality rulership), Belgium, Great Britain and New Zealand (soul rulership). Some suggested themes may be transformation of consciousness, particularly in relation to the feminine, growing knowledge of the etheric body, growing knowledge of sacred sites on the earth and leylines, greater knowledge of the subconscious realms coming into mainstream, a focus on the ocean and purifying it.

In December 2024 the north node will conjunct the New Zealand ascendant, square the sun and Chiron will be square Moon. In July 2025 Uranus will be in Gemini, Pluto in Aquarius and Neptune in Aries. Neptune will conjunct New Zealand's ascendant and sextile both Uranus and Pluto. The next few years should be a progressive time for New Zealand and stimulating of its soul nature.

Viktor, a Hungarian astrology, notes that Sedna was opposing Pluto in the 90s at the time of the dissolving of the Soviet Union. He predicts that Russia and China will rise on the world stage during the Pluto-Sedna trine (2023 to 2025). He gives his interpretation on <u>Sedna in Gemini</u>.

In the NZ Cook's landfall chart it is at 14 degrees of Pisces which is square the nodes and completes a grand cross with it being oppose Ceres and Neptune. This gives Sedna a strong impact in the NZ chart. This is a very feminine aspect with the nodes of the moon, Sedna and Ceres involved. Both Neptune, Sedna and Pisces relating to the ocean. New Zealand is a strong affiliation with the ocean, being surrounded by water. Water can relate to the subconscious and often people have a transformative experience when they visit New Zealand, it can feel like a trip to the underworld. The equivalent of Neptune is the god of the ocean, Tangaroa in Māori lore. So with Neptune and Ceres opposing Sedna it amplifies the ocean symbolic theme in the New Zealand psyche, the waters of the subconscious.

This strong placement combined with the impending transit of Sedna through Gemini indicates a shift in consciousness perhaps related to the subconscious or unconscious realms. In order to manifest the ideas and  $2^{nd}$  ray impulse and embody them, the shadow nature of a person or nation is seeking to be recognised and mastered. So there is likely to be a consciousness shift in New Zealand over the coming few years. And with Great Britain being influenced by the entrance of

Sedna into Gemini, perhaps this colonising nation may need to recognise the shadow and balance the colonising karma. It is possible that New Zealand will become a republic and release more of the attachment to the Mother England and mature in its consciousness.

We can of course aid in the process by focusing on the plan and being the bridge as the New Group of World Servers. Gemini relates all the energies together and NZ and Great Britain potentially have some role to resolve dualities on the world stage.

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