INTRODUCTION TO ASTRO CARTOGRAPHY
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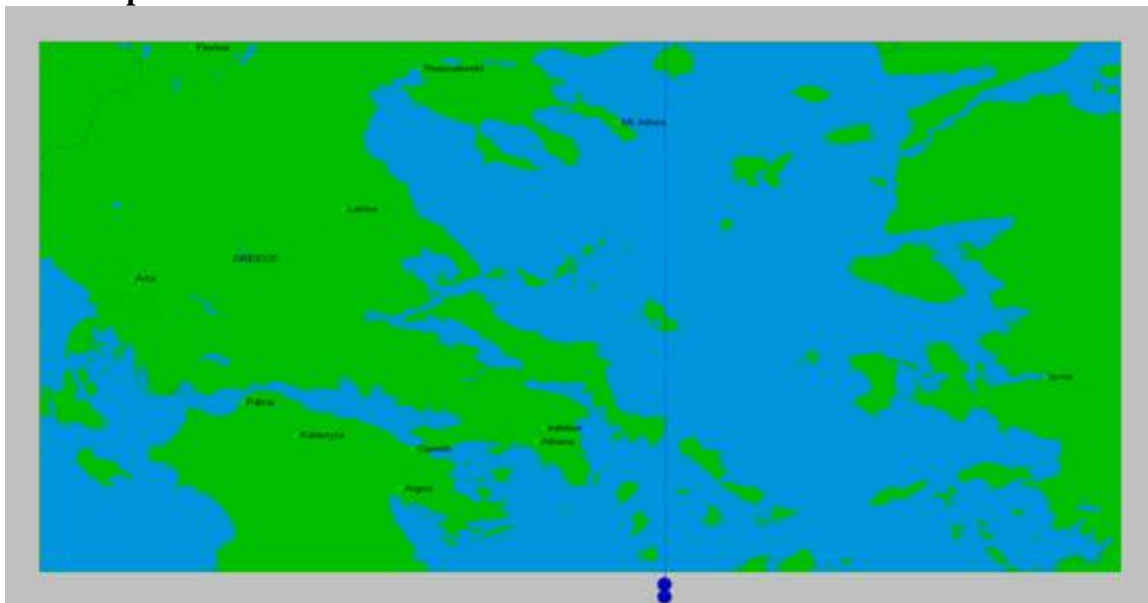
A horoscope is erected for a time, data, and a place. The planets remain in the same position in space despite the place of birth. However, the positions of the planets within the horoscope shift as the location changes. Setting up a chart in New York City puts the planets in different positions than does setting up a horoscope in London. If a person wishes to know how he or she would experience Tokyo, for example, the person's horoscope can be set up for the same time and date of birth, but for a different location. The planets in the 12 houses of the relocated horoscope tell us how the person will experience Tokyo.

Having a planet at one of the four angles of the horoscope (the ascendant, descendant, Midheaven, or IC) makes the planet very powerful. Thus, Jupiter on an angle at a given location would bring out the generous and beneficial side of this planet at that place. Mars would make one more aggressive, Venus would make one more receptive, and so on.

Jim Lewis, my old friend and teacher, developed the concept of Astro Cartography maps, or ACG in order to more easily see where these places on earth are without having to set up horoscopes for many locations. This method displays the planets in the horoscope as lines on a map. Thus, one can see which locations are denoted by various types of planetary energies.
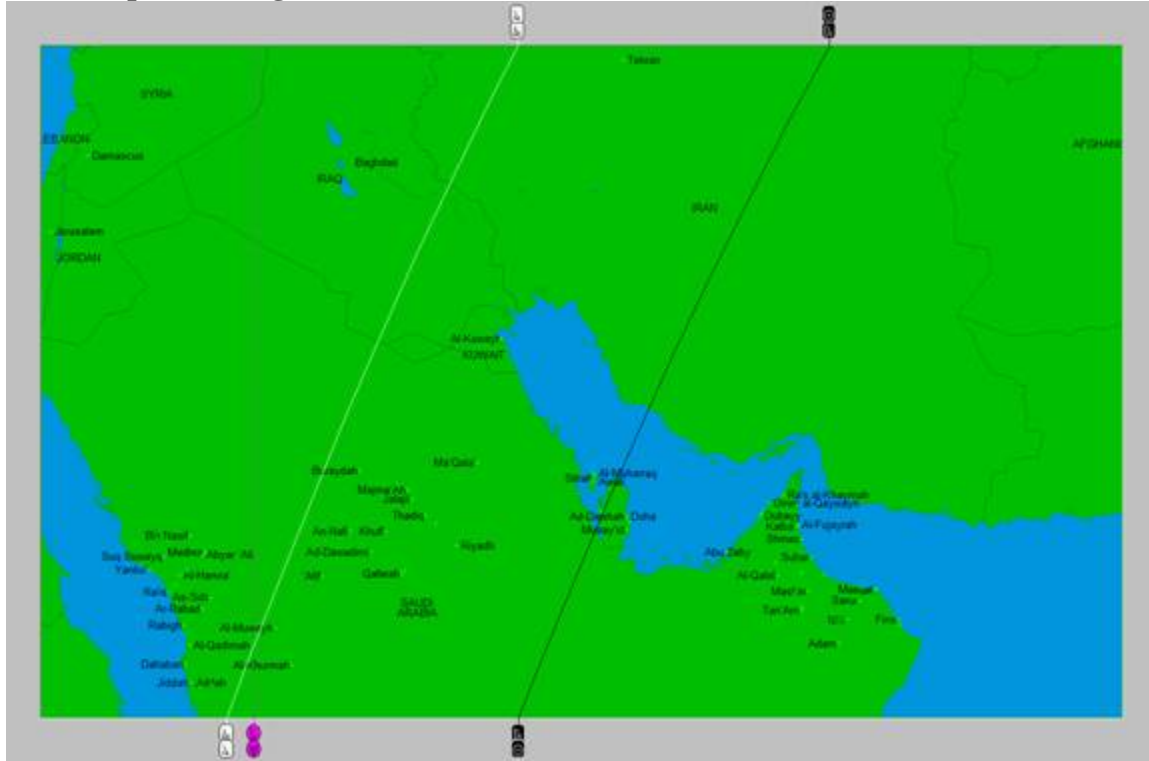
In the map below, we see the ACG map for Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis for Greece. The dashed line to the east of Athens is one of her Jupiter lines. This planet represents wealth and abundance, and she married the Greek tycoon, Aristotle Onassis. Thus, this location was a great source of wealth for her.
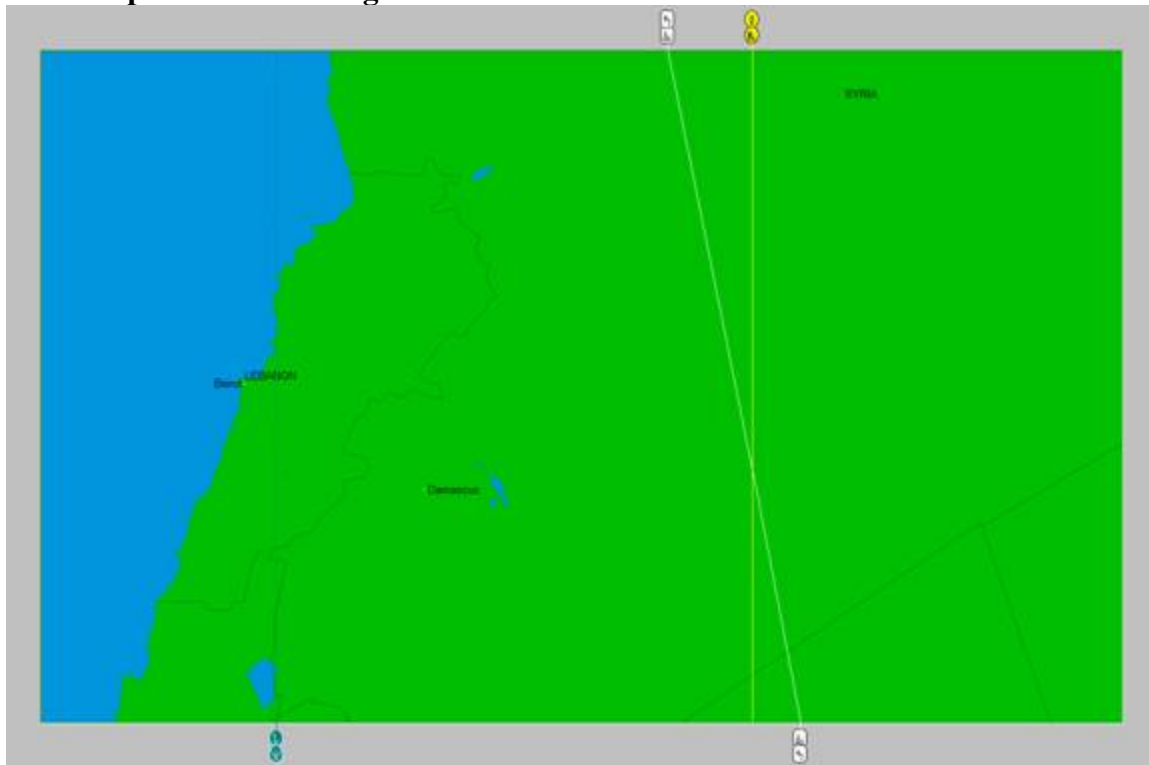
ACG Map of Jackie Onassis

Below we see the Jupiter line (white) and the Sun line (black) for the birth chart of the first President Bush. These favorable lines are strong in the Middle East where he was seen a victor in Gulf War 1.
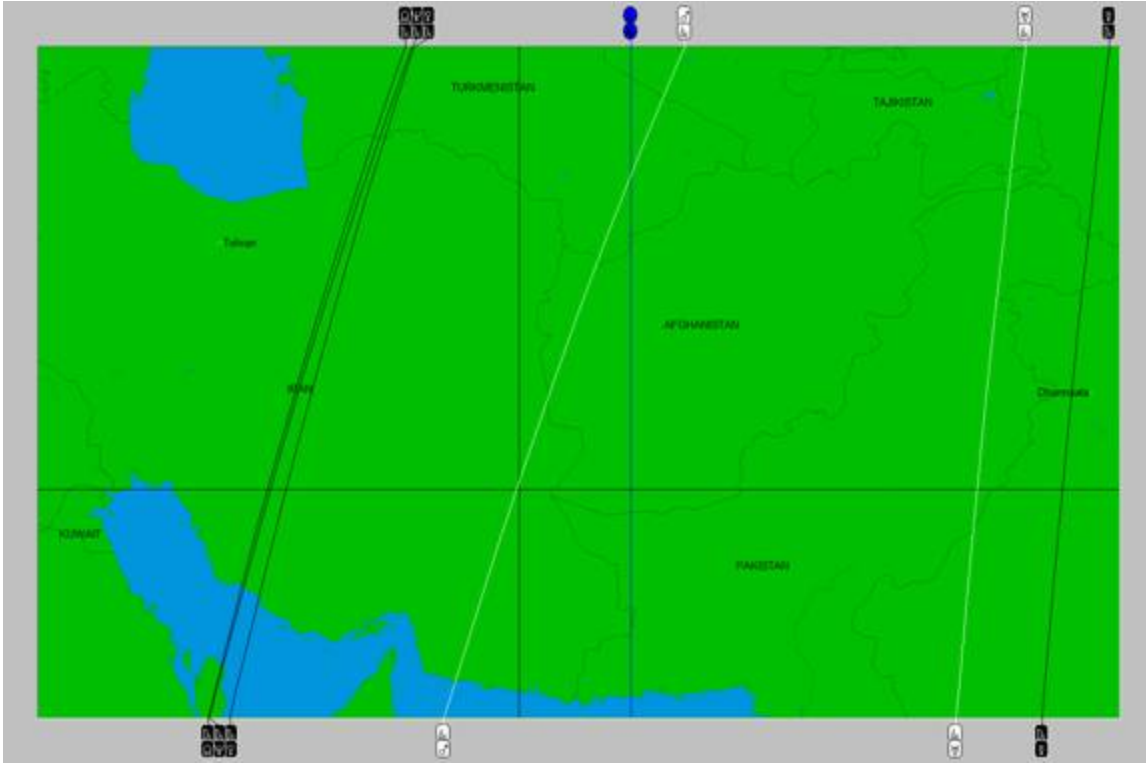
ACG Map for George Bush I

The next map depicts a difficult combination. The faint vertical blue line in Lebanon is President Reagan's Neptune line. This can be a sign of deception and lack of clarity. (Two US presidents had their Neptune lines running through Vietnam: Kennedy and Nixon. Johnson had his Mars line (conflict) running through that country. The three got bogged down there.) Returning to the map below, the slanting white line is the Saturn line, usually symbolic of blockages and difficulty. The yellow vertical line is his Mercury line, representative of communications. Intersections of lines combine the energy of the planets at that location. Lebanon was the site of the truck bomb attack that killed 250 marines during the Reagan presidency.
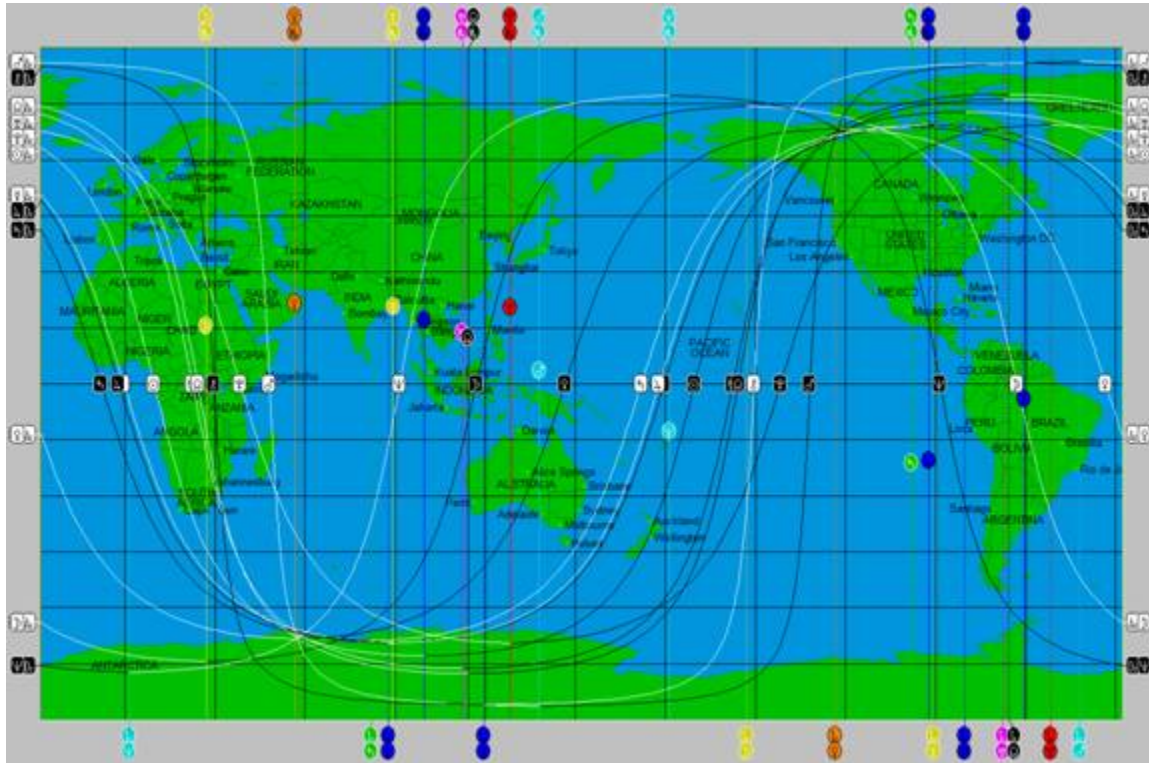
ACG Map for Ronald Reagan

Here is another example. President Carter's Mars and Neptune lines both ran through Iran, where US hostages were taken and where his rescue attempt failed.

Pluto lines can be dangerous for presidents as we can see with Kennedy who was assassinated near his Pluto line. Gerald Ford's Pluto line ran through San Francisco, where he was shot at twice.

A complete ACG map for the world is depicted below. With such a map, we can see how Barack Obama will experience different regions of the world. There are four lines for each planet, so there is a complex of lines.

ACG maps are helpful in the determination of whether one would want to move to such an area. The Venus line of my wife runs through Abu Dhabi, so her experience of the UAE was most pleasant and harmonious. She was invited to appear in fashion shows and enjoyed her life there.

We do not necessarily have to travel to these areas in order to experience them. We might meet with or deal with individuals from an area under a line. An ACG map will tell us where we might successfully market or do business. A friend with an international firm had stressful lines running through England, a country in which he could not establish his business and where he met much resistance.

ACG maps can be established for people, cities, countries, etc. Contact us for more details.