



'ing Charles III is a man of many parts. He has served a lengthy apprenticeship preparing him for his role as King. Although he has enjoyed a life of great privilege he has in many ways experienced the reality of a modern life. His journey has taken him through absent parents, harsh schooling, high social expectations, media scrutiny, an unhappy marriage, divorce, scandal, sole parenthood, late marriage, political changes, dysfunctional family issues, climate change including care and concern for the environment. He is also a prisoner of the constitution. Now in his role as King his Coronation Day on 6 May 2023 was seen by millions around the world.

King Charles was born on 14 November 1948 at 9.14 pm, Buckingham Palace, London placing his Ascendant in Leo, Sun in Scorpio and Moon in Taurus. The House 10 placement of his Moon, within minutes of his Mother's Sun in steady reliable Taurus gives an early indication that he was a secure heir to the British throne which he would one day inherit and take over his mother's very public role.

That day finally came on 8 September

2022 with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. His coronation took place on 6 May 2023 when Charles had reached 74 years of age. He is sensitive, emotional and will make sweeping changes yet maintain the fundamentals of the monarchy. With the elevated Moon in a nocturnal chart it is no surprise that he developed a great interest in the environment, the land, growth of produce on his Cornwall

George VI. His father Prince Philip descended from both the Greek and Danish Royal houses. His Leo Ascendant falls in the sign of both leaders and royalty. He is a proud man yet a shy and sensitive soul who takes his role seriously.

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estates and the restoration of historic buildings to mention a few. He abhors modern architecture. Yet stolid Taurus allows him to keep the basic mandates of the monarchy intact. Taurus is a financially prudent sign as illustrated by his actions and statement to slim down the monarchy.

King Charles has an angular Scorpio Sun in House 4 following the family lineage of his father and grandfather King Both are well described by planets Mars and Jupiter in Sagittarius in Charles' House 5, the house of children. Jupiter in rulership represents William, now the Prince of Wales and heir to the throne, who has his Sun and Moon in Cancer the sign of Jupiter's exaltation, and his Ascendant in Sagittarius ruled by Jupiter. Mars in the same sign and house represents Harry, the younger son and the conflicts surrounding him in recent years. Harry is well described by Mars with his signa-

ture red hair and military career. His Capricorn Ascendant is in the sign of Mars exaltation and Mars rules his Scorpio Mid-heaven (MC) too. This same Mars is the ruler of Charles MC in Aries, which using whole sign houses, falls in House 9. Completing the story: public conflict with his second son who chose to relocate to north America during 2020 and proceeded to hurl accusations at the royal family. Further conflict erupted when the day chosen for Charles coronation coincided with his grandson's 4th birthday. Grandchildren too come under the jurisdiction of House 9.

The Coronation Ceremony

When the Royal couple arrived at the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey just before 11.00 a.m. the Ascendant of the moment was on King Charles natal Ascendant while the Moon at 24 Scorpio had passed his Scorpio Sun earlier that morning. Mercury in true retrograde style made itself felt by the late arrival of the Prince and Princess of Wales!

The crowning glory of the Coronation service of particular significance is that at the time of his anointing, Jupiter, the great benefic, was within minutes of an exact conjunction with the Midheaven of the day. Surely a mark of benediction and blessing. The music was glorious, the congregation happy and the glittering crowns were magnificent. Catherine, Princess of Wales was resplendent in her choice of apparel and headgear and held herself with great dignity. Her husband William, Prince of Wales paid homage to his father - a proud moment for them both, marking the hereditary continuity of the monarchy. Last, but certainly not least, was Penny Mordaunt the President of the Privy Council looking poised, confident and incredible in her role as first time female Sword-bearer to the King.

On the day itself, Saturn was in opposition to the King's natal Saturn across the Houses 2 and 8. Saturn brings a time to renegotiate and reassign responsibilities and to move forward in that awareness which brings to mind King Charles' words during his speech "I come not to be served, but to serve." This statement describes the energy of his Saturn in Virgo the sign of service. This thought can be extended to the 2/8 axis of 'I will serve (support House 2) until my death' (House 8). Currently Solar Arc Mars too is in opposition to his natal Saturn indicating the recent and ongoing conflicts both personal and public that the new King faces. Saturn will oppose his natal Saturn twice more this year in August and January 2024.

Astrological Observations

Profections are one of my preferred techniques to check the astrological landscape at any given time. In September 2022 when Charles, age 73, inherited the throne he was in a House 2 year ruled by Mercury and occupied by Saturn. Both planets are relevant and aptly describe his situation throughout that year – age 73. Saturn shows his grief at the loss of his mother and the end of an era, while Mercury indicates a change of name or title. Mercury is natally sextile his Saturn showing that the two events are linked. September 2022 as a profected month takes him to House 11, again Mercury ruled. On 19 September the day of the late Queen's funeral he has moved into House 12 – the house of suffering, ruled in his case by the Moon. The Moon associates with family and his elevated Moon shows his public emotional role at her state funeral. The same Moon that sits atop the late Queen's Sun in Taurus.

At age 74 King Charles profected into a House 3 year with Libra on the cusp. Venus in rulership in that house while the exalted ruler Saturn is in Virgo in House 2 (his profected House 12)

indicating his private mourning. By the day of his coronation, he has arrived at his Pisces month (House 8) ruled by both Jupiter and Venus. A happy day as Jupiter blessed his crowning on the Mid-heaven at the time of his anointing. Jupiter rules the metal and colour gold, of which there was an abundance on show.

We can extend the current astrological significators to his current Solar Return (SR) of 2022 where his SR Ascendant is conjunct Queen Camilla's Natal Sun and simultaneously his SR Moon at 3 deg Leo is conjunct her natal Ascendant. Charles SR Venus at 28 Scorpio is in exact harmonious trine aspect with Jupiter close to his SR Mid-heaven. These are all indications of what was so noticeably demonstrated that she is his support and strength. These interchanging energies reveal his need of her and his appreciation of the support role she has played in his life. Although in years past there has been criticism of her role as his second wife, she has clearly demonstrated that she has his best interests at heart. However, it cannot go uncommented that Charles SR Mars sits conjunct Camilla's natal Uranus, showing the current tension that lies behind their public celebration. Recall too, that earlier in the coronation week a man came to the palace gates wanting to harm King Charles. Mars is the ruler of his Mid-heaven.

Finally, King Charles is in his Progressed Balsamic Lunation phase, a time when the 'tide is out' and there are some issues obscured from sight. A whole new 29-year cycle will commence for him on 6 February 2024. A date that is very relevant being 72 years since his Grandfather King George VI died and his Mother Queen Elizabeth II ascended the throne.

In summary there are some challenges King Charles III will need to address over the next 12 months.

- An Eclipse the day before his coronation highlighting his House 10/4 axis the axis of personal versus public life.
- Solar Arc Saturn approaching a conjunction with his natal Sun.
- Solar Arc Mid-heaven approaching a conjunction with his natal Uranus.
- Transiting Saturn in opposition to his natal Saturn between May and January 2024.
- Working members of his family are aging and may not be able to carry out public duties indefinitely.
- A rebellious son and disgraced brother.
- A Nodal return across Houses 10 and 4.
- A New Moon phase commences on 6 Feb 2024.

From these indicators it becomes very clear that it is time for the monarchy to reinvent itself and move forward and adjust to the 21st century and a modern world. Not an easy task for an ageing, stolid King. To his advantage he has enjoyed a long period of preparation. The spectacular coronation ceremony was a time warp into rituals long gone from regular use, yet they brought a sense of connectedness to a diverse nation and commonwealth. A reminder of a history long passed yet still shaping beliefs, attitudes, and expectations. Let us take from these symbols that which is worthy and good while we strive to bring equality and recognition to all who inhabit planet

earth. May the stars guide King Charles and Queen Camilla to use their influence to change lives and make the world a better place.

Long live the King!

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