

The Esoteric Role of Canberra Part 1

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Canberra is the heart of the nation. It is also a significant heart centre for the world. Years ago when a group of light workers were meditating on the banks of the Murrumbidgee river, an amazing and profound vision appeared. It was the era of Lemuria and the place of Canberra was then a centre to which souls from other dimensions and places in the universe came to incarnate on Earth. They were the seed of the new human race, and the souls guiding this process in the place we now call Canberra were helping to manifest a greater, divine plan for Earth. Blavatsky and others have referred to this process, and to the role of Lemuria. Australia is a remnant of that old place.

Eons have passed since then, and Australia slumbered in the stewardship of its aboriginal caretakers. Then came it's awakening with its new colonies, its federation of states, and its establishment of a capital city – in Canberra. The ancient magnetic heart centre was dormant until the new life arrived. Then, under the impulse of the ideals of nationhood, the mental stimulation of the requirements of government, and later the direct and conscious stimulation by lightworkers, the heart centre awakened once more.

Just as the heart centre that is Canberra was linked to the universe beyond Earth in Lemurian times, so it is now, for the ancient plan continues as the role is refreshed. The role is not to return to the heavens (just yet anyway), but to help fulfil the plan of bringing universal spiritual energies into manifestation on Earth, this time through the maturing human civilizations. There are other centres and places involved in this of course, but Canberra has a unique role. According to the master DK, world plans are prepared for ages ahead, and centres of energy are formed thousands of years before they are required.¹ Nothing is left to sudden eventuation, but all moves in ordered cycles and under rule and law. He says that this work can now be seen in North America and Australia. Additionally, he says every nation has its "magnetic point", which is the national heart and the basis of the national character, and that usually the chief city of a nation is built up around it. I believe that one such pre-formed centre of energy is Canberra.

A map of the heavens at Canberra city's birth gives the clue to how the spiritual consciousness is now at work through this place and its people. The map, a horoscope chart, is based on the inauguration date of 12 March 1913 and shows the harmonics of universal consciousness as they imprinted the etheric substance of Canberra at the time of its birth. These harmonics are the locations of and relations between the various planets, constellations and astronomical points, which are all centres of high consciousness. An examination of the chart shows both the personality and soul aspects of Canberra, and how it contributes to the vast evolutionary program for Earth.

In esoteric astrology the soul aim is depicted by the ascendant (rising sign), the personality qualities by the sun, and past inhibiting issues to be overcome (dweller on the threshold) by the moon. The midheaven is the self-conscious I am, while the soul point is the I am aim (not always conscious). Soul astrology also uses different planetary rulers to the normal,

¹ Alice Bailey, *Initiation Human and Solar*, pages 42&43.

everyday personality astrology², and they play a significant role in the soul purpose. What is remarkable for Canberra is that through its soul planetary ruler, its soul and personality qualities are directly connected, and these are also at one with the past in a direct line of influence or continuity. The planets governing these remarkable links of time and purpose are venus and uranus. This is explained more below, but the significant soul fact to be grasped now is that Canberra is spiritually directed by high love-wisdom (venus) and the progressive energy that unites the spiritual with the material (uranus) and manifesting as equitable and just universal brotherhood (beyond gender). This is an excellent basis for a centre promoting a spiritually ensouled civilization on Earth.

To explain this, Canberra's chart³ has Gemini rising, giving mercury as the exoteric ruler and venus as the important esoteric ruler. The soul keynote is "I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow", and this refers to the waxing of soul and waning of personality influences. For Canberra it also refers to the modern role and form of its heart centre waxing and the older form of the magnetic centre waning, a matter of continuity yet change of purpose only. Venus is conjunct the moon, providing the soul link to the past and its transformation to the current soul need. In personality astrology the moon also represents the public and the female principles, and Canberra's soul aim will also work through these.⁴

A tricky aspect of esoteric astrology is that for soul purposes the moon is said to veil either neptune, uranus or vulcan. In this instance it veils uranus. Remarkably, the venus conjunct moon (veiling uranus) in Taurus is also square to uranus in Aquarius, giving a "multiple" impact of uranus on venus, a very powerful influence. This is even more important when we see that the square aspect between venus/moon and uranus is bisected by the conjunction of sun and the midheaven in Pisces. This means that venus and uranus impact on daily personality events (sun), and upon self-conscious aspiration and hopes (midheaven). These are powerful harmonics requiring good soul alignment to manage well. The strong uranian influence provides the power of the first ray of divine will as it works through the seventh ray of perfection of manifestation, and this is exceptionally valuable for governance. Significantly, the sun is in the tenth house of career and governance, ideal for a capital city. In this cosmic pattern, uranus pushes the sun of personality until it aligns with the soul and the divine plan, through the heart centre.⁵

The location of venus and moon in Taurus in the eleventh house (the Aquarian or uranian house!), gives a meld of universal brotherhood and sound stewardship of Earth's resources as the field of operation. The love-wisdom of venus is universal love for all, intelligently applied and required now to build an inspired civilization in harmony around the globe and with all of nature. So how can Canberra assist with this? The ascendant gives another clue.

Gemini is a sign of teaching. Combining its rulers venus and mercury gives love with wisdom, intellect, mediation and communication. Blavatsky and Bailey say that venus is Earth's alter ego and spiritual archetype, the light-bearer for Earth. They say that humanity

² Appendix 1 gives these planetary rulers, and the key soul themes for each sign on the ascendant.

³ Appendix 2 shows the chart, with a midnight, day commencing ascendant.

⁴ However, the sun and moon are also in aspect in the chart, indicating a linking of male and female principles.

⁵ Conventionally, a capital city is assumed to be a "Head centre" for a nation. However, in the case of Canberra, it is truly a global Heart wisdom centre that has become a capital city. Its soul is ruled by Ray 2 working through Ray 5 (venus). Djwhal Khul in Alice Bailey's *Externalisation of the Hierarchy* p.85-6 refers to a similar situation in London being the heart centre for Great Britain, while also being the head centre.

that appeared in Lemurian times is under the influence of venus, which brought the souls of mind to Earth. The “brotherhood of light” is sourced in Sirius and influences Earth through venus. Gemini rising, ruled by venus, shows the spiritual link and exchange between our planet and the adepts of the divine plan for Earth.⁶ Canberrans should be particularly able to attune to the plan and bring it into intelligent activity for greater benefit.

Australia is uniquely placed “away” from other continents, relatively unscathed by power politics and economics, though part of the global community. We have an opportunity for uranian non-attachment, fair play, and concern for the wellbeing of the whole.⁷ It used to be said that Australia “punches above its weight” internationally, meaning our influence was greater than our economic and political size. This is our true potential, not just for Australia but also for Canberra as our city’s soul develops. This influence can be for any soul-infused activity, including government, academia, meditation, research, writing, conflict resolution, light working, etc. Esoterically aware groups in Canberra can have a role in consciously bringing forth the divine light and inspiration to help all groups and activities align with the soul. It is not necessary for an organization to attempt alignment of outer activities, but it is crucial that all seek an inner soul harmony and attunement to soul aim.

That aim for the magnetic heart centre that is Canberra is to help energise the divine plan for Earth.⁸ We are to contribute our energies towards educating and uplifting all peoples, to the intelligent sharing and stewardship of resources, and to the wise management of our planet. Martinus has reminded us that government is the extension of the religious impulse of love-wisdom beyond religion into the practical sharing and caring of the various programs of government.⁹ The enlightened governance of the world will be no more than the divine plan made concrete. In Lemurian times the heart centre cherished the new souls incarnating on Earth. Now the souls have grown up and must take forward the plan themselves. We all have a responsibility for this, and some lines of action are mentioned below. The chart of Canberra can give further insight.

From the personality perspective, the sun in the tenth house gives a self-confident capacity to direct one’s life work. From an esoteric analysis of the chart, mercury and the moon’s node (also called the dragon’s head) in the tenth house are significant to assist integration of soul and personality aims. Mercury is the mediator, the mind and therefore the conscious pursuit of intelligible “career” aims and activities. The moon’s node is the dragon of holy spirit energy offering release from certain karmas and expressing mostly in relationships and associations. They are in wide conjunction in Aries; the node has strong aspects to mars and pluto, and mercury aspects jupiter and saturn. The node and mercury both have easier aspects to the ascendant and to uranus. The interpretation of this is that life aim associations and transformations (node) involving the power of leadership (node in Aries and pluto in the first house) have enormous energy and impact (mars and pluto both aspecting the node). This involves radical public education and advocacy (pluto in Gemini) working with courageously applied higher principles for reform and freedom (mars in Aquarius in the ninth house). This is reinforced by pioneering mercury in Aries using the depth of focus of

⁶ The significance here of the Hierarchical ruler of Gemini being the Earth is that the adepts will work directly through Canberra for global upliftment. As the soul of Canberra develops, it will have an impact upon the whole world, not just locally or nationally.

⁷ Australia’s federation chart (1.35pm on 1/1/01 Sydney) is highly compatible with Canberra’s as it has uranus conjunct venus aspecting its Ascendant. Consequently, very similar themes apply.

⁸ The plan is outlined in the works of Alice Bailey. A summary is in www.progressions.info at chapter 10.

⁹ See his article *World Religion and World Politics* at www.martinus.dk

saturn in Taurus in the twelfth house linked to the expansiveness of jupiter in Capricorn in the eighth house. The saturn position reinforces the right use of Earth's resources as valued in the underlying divine plan. The jupiter position refers to the death of the old ways and expansion into the new as "heaven is brought down to Earth" and the divine plan is grounded.

The remaining soul influences of note are the aspects directly to the ascendant, stimulating the city's soul aspiration. The wide conjunction of saturn with the ascendant means that we must focus deeply and with perseverance on the aim of the Canberra heart centre, making it a practical reality. The strong aspect of neptune to the ascendant (but not to saturn) provides sensitivity to inspiration and higher guidance. This complements the harmonious aspect of neptune to the sun in Pisces (which is ruled exoterically by neptune) that enables great intuition in governance. The softer aspect of uranus to the ascendant reinforces the prominence of the uranian role. The soft aspect of the node to the ascendant indicates the importance of relationships and associations in bringing about the soul aim.

To summarise, all those souls who make up the city of Canberra, and who are in tune with its magnetic heart centre, can contribute to its radiant emanation of guided love-wisdom. This is a power that stimulates individual or group activities for the good as they promote the grounding of the divine plan on Earth. The love-wisdom is powerfully united with uranian spiritual direction, and supported by pure spiritual attunement. Teaching, writing, communicating, associations on both inner and outer levels, are avenues of exceptional potential. Canberra's great capacity for governance has a deeper meaning in the harmonies between city, nation, world, and universe in the evolution of lighted global politics, economics, education, and ecological wellbeing. The divine plan for life on Earth is beginning to manifest now, despite the scourge of human destruction. The power to good world governance as spiritual impulse comes from centres such as Canberra, even as regressive forces attempt to inhibit the progress. Light workers can strengthen the light of Canberra through meditation, channelling the light, enlightened behaviour, and participation in their choice of creative activities.

Bailey says that humanity has three major activities:

- Responsiveness to the inflow of spiritual energies, triple in nature, i.e., from the monadic plane of archetypes, from soul consciousness as sentient energy, and from matter as vital or pranic energy;
- Progressive development within the human kingdom; and
- The transmission of spiritual and soul energies "from above" to all forms of the human and lower kingdoms, and sharing this service with the higher kingdoms.

We are now taking forward the baton of the early Lemurian heart centre, aiming to transmit pure spiritual energy to vivify all life and progress on Earth. We have our role to play, and Canberra is a vital and inspired magnetic heart centre in which we can work effectively. This is because the energies of this centre can resonate with our own, helping to transmute and uplift our aspirations and activities to a higher frequency of insight and awareness. But we need to make that pure, saturnian effort. The inspiring energies of awareness are here for us. We can now take our part in the world plan as we attune to our own, and the divine, higher unity and purpose.

Ascendant Keynotes for the Soul

ARIES	I come forth and from the plane of mind, I rule
TAURUS	I see and when the Eye is opened, all is light
GEMINI	I recognise my other self and in the waning of that self, I grow and glow
CANCER	I build a lighted house and therein dwell
LEO	I am That and That am I
VIRGO	I am the mother and the child. I, God, I, matter am
LIBRA	I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force
SCORPIO	Warrior I am and from the battle I emerge triumphant
SAGGITARIUS	I see the goal. I reach that goal and then I see another
CAPRICORN	Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back
AQUARIUS	Water of life am I, poured forth for thirsty men
PISCES	I leave the Father's home and turning back, I save

Planetary Rulers

<i>Constellation</i>	<i>Exoteric</i>	<i>Esoteric</i>	<i>Hierarchical</i>
ARIES	Mars	Mercury	Uranus
TAURUS	Venus	Vulcan	Vulcan
GEMINI	Mercury	Venus	Earth
CANCER	Moon	Neptune	Neptune
LEO	Sun	Sun	Sun
VIRGO	Mercury	Moon	Jupiter
LIBRA	Venus	Uranus	Saturn
SCORPIO	Pluto	Mars	Mercury
SAGITTARIUS	Jupiter	Earth	Mars
CAPRICORN	Saturn	Saturn	Venus
AQUARIUS	Uranus	Jupiter	Moon
PISCES	Neptune	Pluto	Pluto

Source: Alice A Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, Lucis Press, 1951

The Canberra City Birth Chart

