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Tammy Faye

An American Original

(We don't need the last name to know who it is!)

By Carole Devine

Tammy Faye Bakker Messner passed from the earth plane on Friday, July 20, 2007 from inoperable lung cancer. Her birth data [3/7/42 at 3:27 a.m. C.D.T. in International Falls, MN] is pretty certain since it is from her birth certificate, so her chart is reliable. Whenever I do one of these retrospectives of a person's life, I'm stunned at how accurate it is and often wonder how much control we really do have. I'm relatively convinced that we have the choice of how to respond to our life script and can modify events dramatically by doing so, but that the events are pre-ordained by ourselves before we are born, either from our inclinations that cause inevitable results or events that we deliberately plan to help us evolve.

A Born Communicator

Tammy Faye had already been a communicator in a past life. Her Sun and south node in close conjunction in the third house indicates a rather parochial existence before with the emphasis on words, talking, gossiping or just being into the nuts and bolts of her neighbors' business. We could see that "down home" communication style in every appearance she made. She thought for herself in her past life (and this one) and didn't listen much to other people's opinions (north node in the ninth). Note that her autobiography was entitled *I've Got to be Me*. Her Mars/Uranus conjunction emphasized this need to be unique.

"Emotion" was her middle name. Sun in Pisces trine Moon in Scorpio (both very emotional) and the Moon square both Mercury and Venus—and **Venus opposite Pluto**—indicated extreme emotional expression with little ability to hide it. But, where, you ask, did the extreme make-up and false eyelashes come from? She had Jupiter in Gemini (another communication indicator) opposite the ascendant and square the Sun. She had a difficult time with boundaries—knowing when enough was enough. And if her inclination was to ignore others' opinions, then it would have been a given that she'd be extreme in some way.

Was She Deceptive?

We are all a collection of contradictory impulses, and most behavior comes from unconscious drives. Tammy Faye was born into a poor family, and her Saturn in Taurus shows a fear of poverty. In the fifth house and conjoining Uranus, she would have been

fearful also of sudden rejection or sudden loss, since Saturn rules the second house. She may have doubted her ability as a parent and would have thought that giving them material security would make her a good one. Venus in the second house and opposite Pluto can add obsession with “enough.” Given the lack of boundaries mentioned above, her judgment was not always the best. I don’t believe she was deceptive, but I do believe she just didn’t have good judgment about how to handle the tremendous bounty that she and Jim Bakker acquired.

Was Her Spirituality Sincere?

Sagittarius is rising. That is truthful with an inclination toward religion, and with Jupiter opposite, on a grand scale! South node in Pisces—or in the twelfth house, by the way— (especially with the Sun there also) is extremely sensitive to mankind’s plight. It indicates marked compassion with sometimes no ability to know when to say “no” to someone. She probably helped a lot of people we know nothing about.

The Fall From Grace

Jim Bakker’s tryst with Jessica Hahn was in December 1980, the “hush” money was paid out in 1985, but the scandal leaked out anyway, and Jim Bakker confessed to the Charlotte Observer on March 19, 1987. Tammy Faye’s chart shows distress over the hush money, and by the time the scandal broke, she was past the confusion stage. Saturn was transiting her ascendant just before and for months after the confession. It was the beginning of a new foundation in her life. With Saturn in the twelfth house the two years prior to the public knowing about this, she was very guarded and kept a low profile. When it was revealed, not only was Saturn on the ascendant (a classic indicator of a new beginning) but also progressed Jupiter was only minutes from the seventh cusp, meaning that day-to-day operations were now becoming public knowledge. As we all know, he went to prison for financial fraud.

Second Marriage

Tammy Faye married a builder of churches, Roe Messner, in 1993, but amazingly he, too, was convicted for financial fraud, as well. He went to prison in March 1996, and that was also the month that Tammy Faye was diagnosed with rectal cancer and had surgery for it. Now, a few words about health in the chart:

I’ve been keeping an eye on Hygeia, and asteroid connected to health. It appears in most cases to be active when serious health issues occur. Plus, events affect us healthwise when we are having problems assimilating them. In Tammy Faye’s case, remember that she is very intensely emotional. She has Moon in Scorpio which can absorb shocks and be in denial about true feelings. Plus, Venus opposite Pluto is similar. In her chart, also, natal Hygeia is closely conjunct her Mars in Gemini. She died of lung cancer (Gemini), and with Hygeia conjunct Mars the cause could be prolonged anger and possibly stifling words or being in denial. Pluto had been transiting opposite that conjunction just prior to her operation and Pluto/Scorpio rules the colon/rectal system. The Hygeia/Mars conjunction by solar arc was conjunct the Venus/node midpoint, opposite the Pluto/Hygeia midpoint, sextile Saturn and activating a couple other midpoints, as well. And to top it off, Hygeia, itself, was transiting the nodal axis. Her progressed MC was opposite Jupiter. Uranus was transiting opposite Pluto (it was an unexpected diagnosis) and Neptune was transiting square natal Uranus. Saturn was transiting opposite Neptune. Lastly, solar arc Pluto was approaching a conjunction to Neptune, showing that within two years, there would again be an issue, but most likely not made public. All of this activity would be very hard to absorb all at once, and it isn’t surprising that it might manifest in a health crisis.

The Passing of Tammy Faye

This was not unexpected. Larry King had recently interviewed her, and she was obviously extremely ill. Pluto had been transiting the ascendant for quite some time, but now it was quincunx Uranus, the planet that shows individuality, uniqueness and freedom. In her case, it was communication, since it ruled the third house. The quincunx is separation—leaving something behind—often astrologers say “an adjustment has to be made” but I think that is because two things are not “together” anymore. Pluto ruled her twelfth—the subconscious. The third house is the conscious mind. So, her subconscious detached from the conscious mind. In a way it is an adjustment, but maybe it was more of a melding than a detachment. Fascinatingly, progressed Saturn was exactly conjunct the midpoint of the Mars/Hygeia conjunction, progressed Hygeia was very close to opposing the ascendant, but transiting Uranus triggered it early by squaring the Hygeia position.

Tammy Faye said that she would go straight to heaven, and with progressed Jupiter (joy and expansion) opposing progressed MC (father) within one minute of being exact, I think it was a joyful reunion.

John Edwards

The time is somewhat speculative, but I’m comfortable with it. Born on June 10, 1953 at 7:02 am in Seneca, SC, John Edwards is running for president for the second time. Except for Vesta and Chiron, this chart is a bowl pattern which shows a person who feels cut off from a large segment of life. Most of the activity is in the last quadrant—a vision of the whole of humanity. What a seeming contradiction! However, when you consider that he has come from a lonely past life, maybe as a cleric, military man or shut-in, it is not easy for him in personal, one-on-one relationships, like marriage. It appears that he is more used to a lonely existence not having to consider anyone close by but perhaps working for a greater cause.

However, he was also used to respect and was most likely a VIP. He is learning compromise, fairness and relating one-on-one. The law was an excellent choice in profession. He has been considered not experienced enough in government to run for president, having just entered the Senate in 1999, but with the VIP past life unconscious self-perception along with Moon conjunct Jupiter, his self-confidence wouldn’t let that stand in his way.

Mr. Edwards has a very positive stellium in Gemini (good communicator) with most of it trine Saturn and Neptune—both in Libra showing further that relationships would be his lesson material. This is great for stability. Cancer is rising with Uranus close behind which indicates a very independent person who will follow his own inclinations. He’ll do things his own way. He truly believes in NOT categorizing people by ethnicity, income, education or any other cubby hole.

His home life is full of sacrifice and privation. Childhood had that experience, but he has also lost a beloved child in an accident, and now his wife has breast cancer. There is very little negativity in his chart except that his home life can limit some of his choices.

Right now he has an exact progressed Ascendant conjunct progressed Pluto within one minute of arc. Something stressful should be going on his personal life. Mars by solar arc will conjoin Pluto in two years which is a dramatic change in status. If in office, it can be an assassination attempt. This was the aspect in the US chart when OJ was accused of murdering his wife, and it kept our attention for a full year. There are at least half dozen indications that his life is altered dramatically within a year.

The Month You Were Born

I announced this before, but since it is a long term offer, I want to repeat it. **Until next August 1 (2008)**, if you order a service in your birthday month (excluding the correspondence course and paintings) you can have 20% off the price. It is an attempt to re-arrange client work to correspond more closely with solar returns. A solar return is included in most services, and since it is timed from birthday to birthday, it's easier for me to do it around your birthday. Otherwise, I have to do two of them, they then overlap, and I end up doing one twice when we get to the next year. (This is my moon in Virgo trying to be more orderly!)

There are no exceptions to this offer, so please don't ask for it if it is not the month of your birthday. **Of course, you can have a chart done any time you wish, but it would not be done for the discount.**

IMPORTANT CHANGES

The new website will be launched on or about July 31, 2007. As of that date, there will be changes in prices and services. Here's a list of the changes:

- The course price will go up by \$500 and all course discounts will be discontinued. I kept track of the time I spend on students, both preparing the course for each one and communicating and going over work sent in, and I'm making less than minimum wage with it. It is truly a labor of love and my favorite thing to do, so I welcome students regardless of the work to myself. **Chart prices will remain the same**, but I'm going to have to add postage costs again.
- There is a discussion board in place now for anyone to make comments or ask questions of a general nature. Students use it to ask questions, so people can learn a lot by just reading their posts. Please don't ask about personal charts.
- I am discontinuing parties altogether. I'm getting too old for that now, and since it was a marketing tool to build the business it is no longer necessary. However, in place of them there is a "sampler" chart for \$35 being offered to nervous people who don't know what to expect. It is for only new clients, and the \$35 is applicable to a longer chart later. The \$50 forecast is being eliminated.
- This newsletter will only be offered electronically. No more snail mail. This is because of the recent postage hike, but also because, at 68 years old, I don't have the energy I used to have for folding, stamping, etc. I've been writing and mailing this since 1986. It is my second most favorite thing to do, but I've found that my energy is best rewarded by online subscriptions and very little from snail mail. If those of you who have received it by mail wish to access it online, it will always be posted on the website just after it is written, and it can be printed from there. Everyone knows somebody with computer access. Send an email address, and I can notify you.

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