



## Charismatic Leadership Patterns in the Chart

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Any leadership taken by force will be fought, whether it is resisted aggressively by the strong or passive-aggressively by the weak. The I Ching tells us that, for influence to be lasting, it is essential to win the hearts of the people you wish to influence. To win hearts, charisma is needed to inspire devotion and motivate action. What is charismatic leadership, and can you find it in an astrological chart?

A charismatic leader is one who is a skilled communicator — an eloquent leader who not only can articulate a vision, but is also able to connect with people on a deep emotional level, arousing strong feelings and inspiring others to follow their vision. Charisma itself can be broken down into two intelligences: emotional and social. On the emotional level, the charismatic person has the ability to express feelings spontaneously, genuinely, and in a controlled manner. They possess an emotional sensitivity and the ability to read emotions in others. On the social level, charismatic individuals are skilled and entertaining conversationalists, able to interpret social situations and carry themselves with poise and grace, fitting in with any social group.<sup>1</sup>

Beyond charisma, there is a transpersonal element to a charismatic leader. The vision communicated must motivate and inspire, provide developmental stimulation, and be considerate

of the needs of the people one wishes to lead. In order to reach masses of people, challenging each to develop their potential, there must be a personal connection to the collective forces of the generations.<sup>2</sup>

Not all charismatic leaders have all the elements of charisma. Arrogance and insensitivity can fell even the most entertaining and eloquent individual. Lack of emotional control — like flying off the handle — can destroy trust in leadership. In our exploration of the astrological patterns of charisma, the charts of three well-known and successful charismatic leaders reveal consistent planetary combinations for skillful communication, emotional sensitivity, and social awareness. In the following three example charts, we'll look to Mercury for Communication, the Moon for Emotional Intelligence, and Venus for Social Awareness.

**Winston Churchill** is a famous figure who is thought to be one of the great wartime leaders. Through his speeches and radio broadcasts during World War II, he inspired the British people to endure difficult conditions and to make sacrifices for a greater goal.<sup>3</sup>

A very skillful communicator, Churchill had Mercury in Scorpio dispositive his Gemini Midheaven, opposing his Pluto, and squaring

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Uranus. (See **Chart 1**, below.) The square to Uranus might have led him to be a bit arrogant in the beginning, with the opposition to Pluto signaling that he may have suppressed his opinions in the face of powerful opponents in his youth. Over time, however, he would develop into a man with brilliant insights and the ability to influence and transform opinions, using the power of his truth to sway the minds of his fellow citizens.

Emotionally, his Moon in Leo in the 11th house was quite adept at entertaining groups of people. He radiated the confidence necessary for being in the spotlight.

Socially, we look to Churchill's Venus, which sextiles Jupiter and trines Neptune. His social expressiveness was connected to philosophical and spiritual values, giving him an optimistic, romantic glamour and the ability to accept projections in a chameleonlike manner — useful for social control. Venus retrograde denotes an ability to forge inner beauty, while Venus aspects to Neptune convey a sensitivity to others.

**Mahatma Gandhi** was a recognized charismatic leader who inspired a country to raise itself up from poverty and assert its independence. Gandhi's Mercury in Scorpio in the 1st house conjunct his Ascendant gave him a direct outlet for expressing his thoughts. (See **Chart 2**, below.) Mercury in Scorpio can read between the lines and is directly connected to deep emotions, granting him the capacity to be a powerful communicator. Like Churchill, Gandhi also had the Moon in Leo, but it was in the 10th house. He knew how to hold people's attention and was very confident being in the public eye.

Socially, he had a Venus–Mars fusion in Scorpio trining Uranus, opposing Pluto–Jupiter, and squaring his Moon.

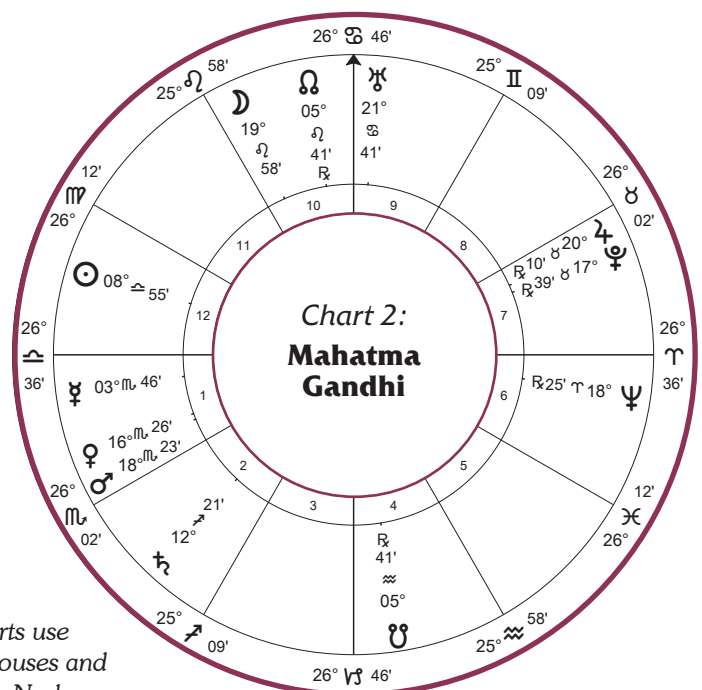
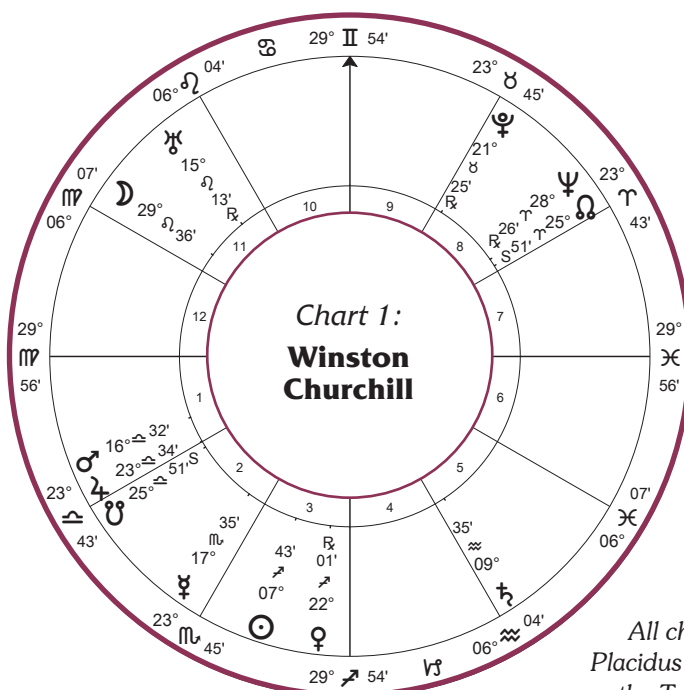
Early on, Gandhi must have experienced power struggles and conflicts in relationships, viewing all social interactions as a fight to the death. As he turned inward to reflect and develop, his Venus grew into the ability to create profound emotional connections with humanity to work for social reform.

**Martin Luther King, Jr.** was a charismatic spiritual leader who, through his peaceful approach and inspirational speeches, garnered a nation's trust in the integration of black people in America. He inspired us to look beyond petty differences toward a higher truth that transcended race.

Reverend King had Mercury in Aquarius, representative of a mind with universal ideals. (See **Chart 3**, facing page.) Mercury in the 10th house pointed to a destiny for communicating to the public. Minor aspects to Mercury — a semi-sextile from Venus and a semi-square from Saturn — encouraged political development. On the mundane level, Saturn rules government, and Venus rules political harmony. Mercury semi-square Saturn creates tension and challenges in communication, while Mercury semi-sextile Venus provides a hint of political finesse. That finesse, when developed, would help to mitigate the Mercury–Saturn tendency toward succinct and efficient wording, giving King the ability to communicate a peaceful path toward achieving goals.

On the emotional level, King's sensitive Pisces Moon trine Pluto and square Saturn fostered in him the ability to touch people deeply, often at great sacrifice to himself and his own needs.

Socially, King's Venus in Pisces was widely opposed Neptune, widely conjunct the Moon, trine Pluto, sextile the Ascendant, and trine the Descendant. His strength was in his consideration of others' needs; he inspired people to reach up toward higher ideals and made deep connections that found expression through his persona and his interactions with others.



All charts use Placidus houses and the True Node.



All three men were great communicators. With the exception of Winston Churchill, who made a career of writing before becoming Prime Minister, Mercury, the planet of Communication, was not as strong as their Moon-Venus qualities of emotion and relationship. All three men had aspects from one or more of the transpersonal planets (Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto) to the Moon and Venus. The most common aspect with these charismatic leaders is from Pluto to Venus and the Moon. The transpersonal aspects are necessary for providing a connection to the masses. Pluto will effect collective transformation and resonate deeply with the audience. Neptune creates a sensitivity to others, and Uranus confers the ability to inspire change.

**Chart Data and Sources**

**Winston Churchill**, November 30, 1874; 1:30 a.m. GMT; Woodstock, England (51°N52', 01°W21'); A: from memory; John Addey quotes a letter written by Winston's father.

**Mahatma Gandhi**, October 2, 1869; 7:11:48 a.m. LMT; Porbandar, India (21°N38', 69°E36'); A: quoted by Cyril Fagan.

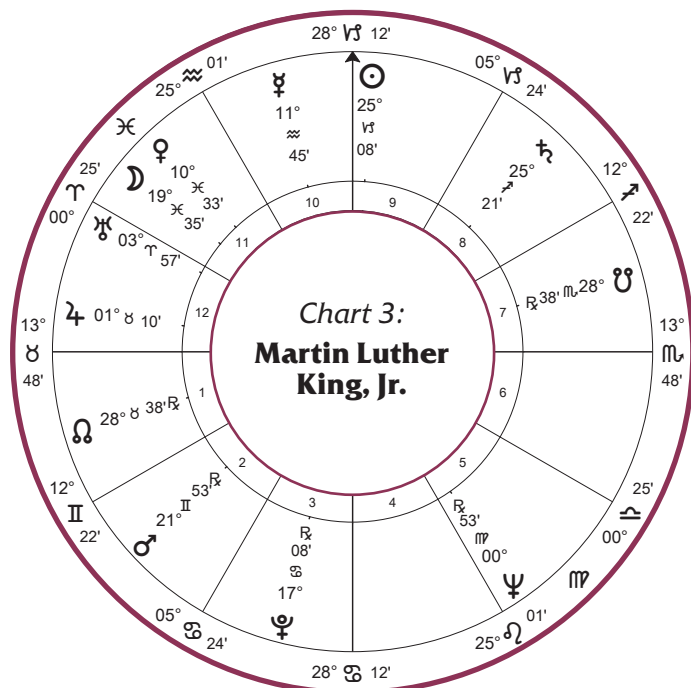
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