Rafael Correa, the President of Ecuador

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 Rafael Correa is politician and an economist educated in Ecuador, Belgium, and the United States. He was elected President of Ecuador in late 2006 and took office in January 2007. In the 2013 general election, Correa was elected President for a third time with 57% of the vote. Correa was a close ally of the late President Hugo Chávez of Venezuela. In response to Chávez's comparison of President Bush with Satan, Correa said that it was unfair to the devil.

 This is his chart. he was born on 4/6/63. The time of birth is from his Mother.1



 Neptune conjoining the Midheaven is the signature of one's idealized vision of a government, wherein harmony, service, and peace are based on justice, freedom, goodwill and the rule of law. With Saturn, strong in an angle, and in its own sign of Aquarius, he can attempt to make it a reality and thus achieve his ambition to serve and help the indigent in his country.

 Zip Dobyns was a great astrologer and researcher. She found that the houses are more important than the signs. When a planet is within 5 degrees of orb to the cusp of the following house, it can be considered to be in that house. A greater emphasis on the planets in the house gives a more accurate delineation of the chart. Therefore, I consider Neptune as in the 10th house, Pluto in the 8th house, Venus in the 2nd house and possibly Mars in the 7th house.

 Aquarius on the ascendant resonates with the aspirations of the New Age: brotherhood, freedom, humanitarianism, progressive beliefs, innovative technology, tolerance, and new economic, political and social systems. Pluto in the 8th house opposition Venus implies the death of old, outworn economic (Venus) systems, in order to make way for the new. Cautious Saturn endows responsibility, and structure. Dreams must become a reality only through practical planning and hard work.

 Saturn's sextile to Sun and Mercury potentized his ambition to dedicate himself to higher education (3rd house). Through a scholarship, he earned an economics degree at the Universidad Catolica Santiago de Guayaquil in 1987. He worked for one year in a mission at a welfare center, (Neptune) where he acquired some knowledge of Quechus, the language of the majority of the native pre-Columbian population. In addition to Spanish and Quechua, he is fluent in French and English. That being insufficient for his ambition to serve the people of his country, he received a Master's degree in Economics from the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois in the U.S. in 2001.

 He used television to daily report to the people his beliefs and actions.

 The emphasis of aspects to planets in the 2nd house (finance/values) to wit: Pluto opposition Venus, Mars quincunx Venus, and Uranus quincunx Jupiter, inclined him to study economics. Understanding finance and the markets, were keys to the major challenges of society.

 Sun in Aries and Mars in Leo are in mutual reception. They endow him with additional fire, strength, power and confidence. His Mars in kingly Leo and volatile planets in Aries (Sun, Mercury, Jupiter) know of no bounds to achieve success. His courage is formidable. Obstacles are as minor challenges brushed aside with the stroke of his impetuous words and actions.

 Sun quincunx Moon always denotes a strong, independent, forceful personality, which can be a blessing or a curse to his family and to society. It depends on the point of evolution of the individual and how the energies are used. He used the energies to fight for justice and for prosperity for the majority of the people, who were poor.

 Saturn square the Midheaven and Neptune implies that his career will have periods when political challenges seem insurmountable. Former despotic and corrupt Administrations had granted rights to multilateral oil corporations, that were detrimental to Ecuador. He accused foreign petroleum companies operating in Ecuador of failing to meet existing environmental and investment regulations. He announced that on July 26, 2010, Ecuador would enact reforms to a hydrocarbons law that aims to expropriate foreign-company operations, unless they sign service contracts increasing state control of the industry. Correa reminded oil companies that if they did not abide by the state's policies, they would have their fields nationalized and would be forced from the country.

 Uranus, the ruler of the ascendant is in the seventh house of others and also of open enemies. He had and has many. Correa pledged to shut down the U.S. military base in Manta. He threatened to default on Ecuador's foreign debt, and to suspend review of the country's economy by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Indeed, on April 26, 2007, he ordered the expulsion from Ecuador of the World Bank's country manager. He was accused of authoritarianism, nepotism and attacking dissidents.

 His Jupiter quincunx Uranus in the 7th house of open enemies did not endow him with the wise use of psychology, (Jupiter) when it came to relating to others (7th house). He called the Ecuadorian press: "a group of wild beasts"...mediocre, incompetent, inaccurate, lying...."

 When the La Hora newspaper published an editorial entitled: "Official Vandalism", he was so infuriated (Sun in Aries) that he retaliated. On May 10, 2007 he filed a lawsuit against the president of the board of directors of the Quito-based La Hora newspaper. The editorial said that Correa intended to rule Ecuador “with turmoil, rocks and sticks.”2 He was rebuked by the media for his repression of freedom of speech.

 The Moon sextiles Neptune and both quincunx the Sun. This aspect forms a "V", which is called a yod. The yod is the tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It is also called a "Finger of god" aspect, because it relates to **DESTINY.** The aspect can be activated by an eclipse on one of the planets or whenever a planet (or an angle) aspects one of the planets in the yod.

 Here is how it demonstrated in his life. In January 2007, progressed Moon (14+Aries) conjoined natal Sun (15+Aries). Moon rules the public and Sun signifies a leader. The Midheaven denotes career. This was when he became President of Ecuador. There was also a lunar eclipse on 9/7/06 at 15:05 Pisces, opposing his Moon, that activated it.

 He has a second yod with part of fortune (12+Cancer) sextile the midpoint of Pluto and the Moon (13 Virgo), with both quincunx the ascendant (12+Aquarius).

 The way to interpret a yod is to examine which houses are involved; the nature of the planets and their rulership.

 On 4/16/16 he was invited to speak at the symposium of the Vatican Pontifical Academy of Social Science. It focused on two major questions: economic. political and cultural changes over the past 25 years, and how Catholic social teaching has engaged the world so far and how it could do so in the future. 3

 The eclipse on 3/9/16 at 18:56 Pisces on his Moon, (15:43 Virgo) activated his yod. He also had an additional "Finger of god" aspect on 4/16/16: Progressed Sun (7+ Gemini) sextiled natal Mars (7+ Leo) and both quincunxed progressed Midheaven (7:58 Capricorn).

 He said at that symposium:

 **"The key question is who has the main voice in a society: elites or the majority? the market or society? The great challenge of the century is to achieve the supremacy of human beings over capital. The world order is not only unfair, it is immoral. Everything favors the most powerful and double standards are rife......."**

 (The American Candidate, Bernie Sanders, also spoke at that symposium. Bernie has four "Finger of god" aspects!)4

 Correa has succeeded in reducing the high levels of unemployment, poverty and indigence. The majority of the people admire Correa, because he identifies with them and not with the financial elite; but to date, Correa’s popularity remains controversial internationally and especially with the U.S.

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