

EMILE ZOLA

the Vindicator of Justice

**by**

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 Emile Zola was born1 on April 2, 1840 in Paris, France. His father was an Italian engineer. He built the Zola Dam in southern France. His mother was French. Zola was a famous successful French author. When he accused the French military staff of convicting an innocent man, to wit: Alfred Dreyfus, Zola was convicted of criminal libel. This is his chart.



 When Zola was seven, his father died. Progressed Mars was quincunx to the Midheaven. the aspect means, he separates from his parent.

 What in the chart discloses his destiny as a successful writer?

 His Midheaven (26 Virgo) is in the Taurus decanate2. Venus, the ruler of Taurus is exalted in Pisces in the third house (writing). Neptune, the ruler of the third house (writing) is sextile to his Sun, Moon and Pluto. In addition Jupiter, the ruler of his ascendant in Sagittarius is in sextile aspect to Venus. It is also co-ruler of the third house (writing). The Sun rules the 9th house (publications). It has many favorable aspects. Saturn (career) trines Mercury (writing). Those are all strong indications for his inclination to write. Venus conjoining Uranus adds an unconventional, humanitarian, freedom-oriented flavor to his work and opinions.

 3As a political journalist, Zola did not hide his dislike of Napoleon III, who had successfully run for the office of President under the constitution of the French Second Republic, only to misuse this position as a springboard for the coup d'etat that made him emperor. Zola had freedom oriented Sagittarius rising. The ruler of his third house of writing, Neptune, was in the sign of independence-loving Aquarius.

 On May 31, 1870 Zola married a seamstress, Alexandrine, who called herself Gabrielle. She might have been a prostitute. She stayed with him all his life and was instrumental in promoting his work. The marriage, however, remained childless. (Mercury, the ruler of the 7th house (relationships) trines Saturn, the co-ruler of the 1st house.) In 1888, Alexandrine hired Jeanne Rozerot, a seamstress, who was to live with them in their luxurious home. Zola fathered two children with Jeanne. After Zola's death, the children were given his name as their lawful surname. Saturn (as parent) trines Mars, the co-ruler of the 5th house of children. Venus the other co-ruler of the 5th house trines Jupiter (Zola) the ruler of the ascendant.

 During his early years, Zola wrote numerous sho*rt* stories and essays, four plays, and three novels. After his first major novel, *Therese Raquin* in 1867, Zola started the series known as Les Rougon-Macquart about a family under the Second Empire. It traced the "environmental" influences of violence, alcohol, and prostitution which became more prevalent during the second wave of the Industrial Revolution. The series of 20 books, examines two branches of a family - the respectable (that is, legitimate) Rougons and the disreputable (illegitimate) Macquarts - for five generations. The Sun rules the 9th house of publication. It is sextile to Neptune, the co-ruler of the 3rd house. He is destined to be a financial success, as Neptune is in the 2nd house of income. Five planets in Aries endowed him with tremendous energy. He was a prolific writer.

 From 1877, with the publication of *l'Assommoir,* Émile Zola became wealthy. The ruler of the 2nd house of income, Saturn, trines Mercury (writing) and the Sun sextiles Neptune in the 2nd house of finance. He was established as a successful author in 1880.

 In 1894 Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish officer, was accused of treason for giving military information to Germany. He was convicted by a secret court martial and sentenced to life imprisonment in that 'hell hole' on Devil's Island in French Guiana. Later, when it was revealed that the real traitor was Major Esterhazy, the highest levels of the French army, instead of admitting their error, imprisoned the new head of French Intelligence, Lt. Colonel Piquart, who brought the matter to their attention. Documents were forged to make it seem as if Dreyfus was guilty. Zola, with five planets in the sign of fiery Aries and audacious Sagittarius rising, was ready to take on the fight for justice.

 The country was bitterly divided between the military establishment and the Catholic Church on one side and the liberals and intellectuals on the other side.

 In 1898 Zola published on the front page of the Paris daily "L'Aurore" *J'accuse.* In that letter, Zola accused the French military staff of knowingly convicting an innocent officer, because he was Jewish. Zola, himself, was brought to trial for criminal libel on February 7, 1898, and was convicted on February 23, 1898. (Sun, ruler of the 9th house of law, quincunxes Jupiter (Zola) the ruler of the ascendant.) Rather than go to jail, Zola fled to England. After eight months he was allowed to return to France in time to see the government fall. The people recognized corruption and religious bigotry in government.

 Zola said of the affair, "The truth is on the march, and nothing shall stop it."

 Alfred Dreyfus was allowed by the widow of Zola to attend Zola's funeral in 1902. Dreyfus received a gunshot wound in the arm. There was an assassination attempt on his life. This reveals the level of pride, arrogance, ignorance, intolerance and religious bigotry at that time. In 1906, Dreyfus was completely exonerated and readmitted to the military with the rank of Major.

 Zola died on 29 September 1902 of carbon monoxide poisoning caused by an improperly ventilated chimney. Later it was revealed that it might have been murder on the part of the chimney sweep. Thousands attended Zola's funeral. He was the fearless hero and the vindicator of French Justice.

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References

1Emile Zola was born on April 2, 1840 at 11:00 PM in Paris, France; time zone: 00:09:20 (LMT); 002E20'; 48° N 52'. Lois Rodden rating AA.

2A decanate or decan is one third (10°) of a 30° arc of a sign. It has a sub-influence according to the trilogy or element it is in. If a planet is at 26° Virgo, the first decanate of the sign, Virgo, has an influence. The second decanate in the Earth element, going counter-clockwise, is Capricorn. The third decanate in the Earth element going counter-clockwise, is Taurus. Taurus is the 3rd decanate of Virgo.

 3[**Émile Zola** - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89mile_Zola)